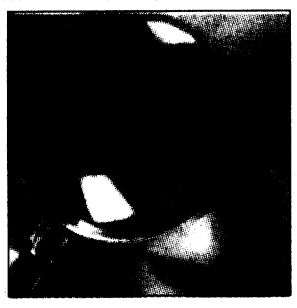
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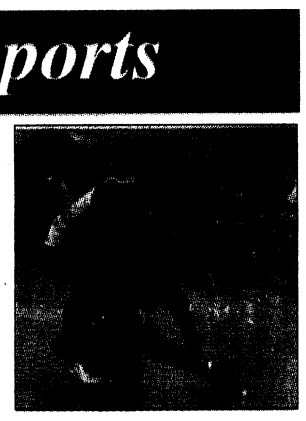
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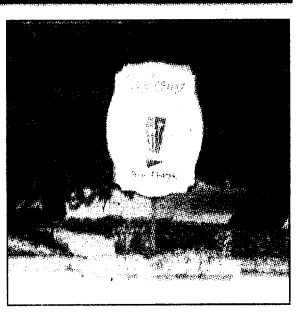
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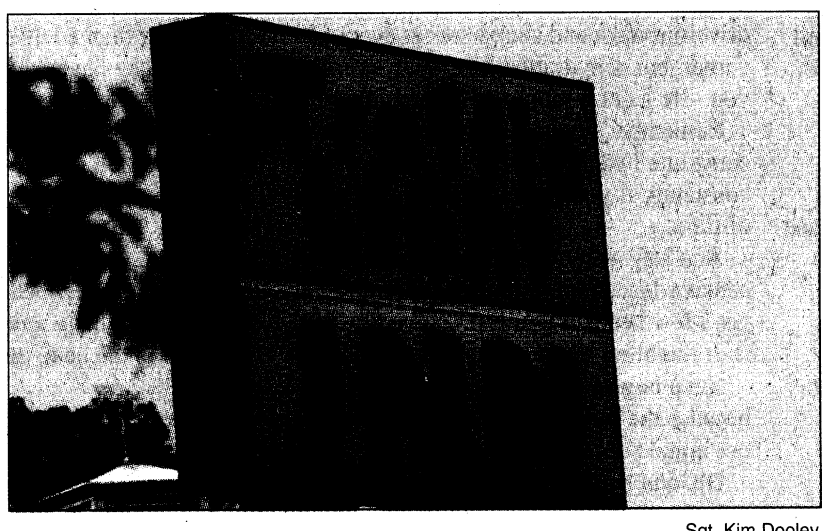
Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, ordered that eight Columbus establishments be placed off-limits to service members last week.

The CG issued the order after five of the establishments' business practices were reviewed by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

The off-limits establishments are:

- **Gold Lounge**, 3613 Victory Drive
- **Traffic Light Inn**, 2210 Fort Benning Road
- **Cellar's Lounge**, 3456 Victory Drive
- **Candlelight Motel**, 3456 Victory Drive
- **Coach's Corner**, 3709 Gentian Boulevard
- **Memory Lane**, 1812 Midtown Drive



Sgt. Kim Dooley

The Traffic Light Inn is one of eight Columbus establishments declared off-limits to Soldiers last week.

- **Ponderosa Motel**, 3668 Victory Drive
- **G&C Boom Boom Room**, 2102 Cussetta Road.

The Ponderosa Motel, Boom Boom Room and Memory Lane are temporarily off-limits, pending review by the AFDCB, said Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, Fort Benning's provost marshal and president of the region's disciplinary control board.

These businesses have been placed off-limits in response to reports of criminal activity in and around them, including drug trafficking, prostitution and violence, he said.

The AFDCB advises the commanding general and provides recommendations for "eliminating conditions which adversely affect the health, safety, morals, welfare, morale and discipline" of service members, according to Army Regulation 190-24, Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Boards and Off-Installation Liaison and Operations.

The board for this region includes service members from Fort Benning, Maxwell Air Force Base, the Marine Logistics Base and the Columbus Naval Reserve Center.

It also includes representatives from a number of military and civilian agencies, including law enforcement, legal counsel, equal opportunity, consumer affairs organizations and alcohol and drug abuse agencies. Fort Benning's board also includes advisors from

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Secret Agent Man



Spc. Nikki St.Amant

Special Agent Mark Jackson, 86th MP Detachment, Criminal Investigation Command, dusts a car window for fingerprints Tuesday morning. See page A-17 for the story.

Forces hand over Saddam

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — The coalition officially transferred legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 other high-profile detainees to Iraq Wednesday.

Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi requested the transfer Tuesday, calling it an important step as Iraq takes control of its affairs after gaining sovereignty from the Coalition Provisional Authority Monday.

"We Iraqis believe that to truly be in control of our affairs and our own future, we must be in control of the destiny of the people we believe most responsible for so much of the suffering the Iraqi people endured over the past 35 years," Allawi said.

Saddam was expected to be charged by an Iraqi investigative judge Thursday. Salem Chalabi, head of the Special Iraqi Tribunal, said Saddam and the other detainees will physically remain in U.S. hands until the Iraqi correctional service is ready to accept them.

"The multinational force has agreed to this, and they will keep them for the Iraqis, but Iraq

See **SADDAM,** A-16

Spouses create informal support group

Group designed for 2nd Inf. Div. spouses, parents

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It's like a bad dream that just got worse.

Picture this. You've been stationed at Fort Benning for a few years. Your spouse goes to the Advanced NCO Course, and he and 35 others get orders for Korea. So you put him on a plane April 20, and on May 19, the 2nd Infantry Division receives a deployment order for Iraq.

What do you do?

If you're Marsha DeFelice and Lauren Huston, you get right to work.

DeFelice raised a red flag to her husband when she found out about the deployment. That red flag — no family readiness group.

Normally, the spouse would continue to be part of the FRG of the unit her husband just left, but the two ladies say that's not going to be good enough for them. They're trying to get the word out about an informal FRG they're starting to help 2nd Inf. Div. spouses in the tricommunity.

DeFelice spent more than eight years on active duty and said past experience in a rear detachment showed her just how important the FRG is.

> "I don't care if they're in Timbuktu. I just want them to be able to contact someone."
>
> **Lauren Huston**
> 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division spouse

But for her, it's a lot different dealing with the emotions of having her husband leave for Korea, and now preparing to deploy.

She's guessing that there could be several hundred 2nd Inf. Div. families in the area and wants to try to gather them up and build their own support group.

Huston said they're also looking to help the single Soldiers.

"Their parents have no lines of communication with anyone," Huston said. "They won't be on a list to get information."

Huston has been through only one deployment in her husband's 17-year career. She weathered his deployment to Operation Desert Storm in 1990 with the 197th Brigade at Kelley Hill. The

See **FRG,** A-16

Some like it hot

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



I've been in the South so long, I consider myself a Southerner, and as such, I have little patience with complaints about the food, the language or the weather. The road runs both ways, you know.

Oh, I've been known to bellyache, "Boy Howdy, it's hot," but that's a far cry from maligning the entire Peach State as I heard the other day -- "I haaate Georgia, it's so hot." This from a Yankee who vacations every year in Florida. Go figure.

And those who try to explain why the heat here is so much worse than the heat where they come from really get on my last nerve. You know what I'm talking about — "It's a different kind of heat. It's drier (or muggy, or humid or toxic, etc.)."

Word to the wise, newcomers, it's hot down here. Get used to it, get over it and get a handle on it. Try to remember that six months ago, you envied us and six months from now, you will *be* one of us, drawl and all.

In the meantime, keep your cool. Complaining won't help a bit, but drinking lots of water will.

I strongly suggest you keep a case of bottled water in your car. It'll get real warm, sure, and chances are you won't need it, what with drive-throughs and shoppettes at every corner, but dehydration can sneak up on you. Be a good scout and be prepared.

Remember, soaking in a pool does not constitute hydration. It's best to sip water constantly if you're outdoors for any length of time.

And stay away from the alcohol, which actually leads to dehydration. Besides, you get a few beers in you and you're likely to start rambling about where you came from.

Keep bug spray and sunblock handy, because the bugs and the sun like to hang out in the South. They were here first.

Oh, and by the way, keep your clothes on. A half-naked body is not necessarily a cooler body. In fact, the opposite is often true.

You'll notice many of the locals wear hats and light-colored, loose-fitting cotton pants and long-sleeved shirts. They're protecting themselves from sunburn and the cotton actually absorbs heat and perspiration.

Keep a good eye on your kids, too. It may be true that the little ones handle the heat better than adults, but it's only because they have better attitudes about it. They waste very little time complaining when it's play time.

It's your job to keep them slathered in sunblock and make sure they drink plenty of water. Ditto for pets — lots of water and shade.

Well, gee, I feel better. Sorry to unload. I hope you'll hang around long enough to get used to the heat, the language and the food.

Welcome to the South, it's a wonderful place to be.

We're glad to have you.

It's your time, why not share it?

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



There was a time — not all that long ago, actually — that I was unselfish … well, less selfish, anyway. I lived my life in gratitude, aware that many of the blessings in my life came from the good works of other people. Some strangers, some friends.

And I repaid those blessings — at least, I tried.

For the anonymous donors who funded my scholarship my last two years of high school, I tutored kids and helped out at the library.

For the parents who gave up their freedom to raise my sister and me when they were still only teenagers themselves, I offered free child care for young couples without much money or time together.

For the grandmother who inspires me so much and taught me long ago to pursue learning and experience and knowledge, I volunteered at veterans and nursing homes and cared for a woman with Alzheimer's.

For the Soldiers doing the "tough stuff" overseas while I enjoy the relative safety and freedoms of my homeland, I baked cookies and raised money and wrapped care packages for deployed Soldiers and families of deployed Soldiers.

It was a sense of duty, a need to feel like I'd earned the things that had been given to me, that first got me started volunteering. And I loved it — the people I met, the people I helped, no matter how miniscule my contribution, the feeling that I'd actually done something for someone else.

I felt good about myself — not smug or self-satisfied, mind you. Just … good. The good that comes from doing something for no reason other than that you can and you want to.

And then, one day, I was too busy. I found excuses — I was too tired, I had too much work to do, I couldn't miss rugby practice again, I wanted to see my friends, I had a date, and so on.

It wasn't so much that I didn't care anymore — I felt guilty and promised myself I would get back on the right track. But then, my calendar stayed full, and my world stayed in its tiny orbit — right around me.

Of course, the good things didn't stop coming just because I stopped giving them. Nope. I didn't get off that easy.

The "old boys" in the rugby club kept right on helping out the club every way they could — from organizing its tournaments to keeping up its grounds to managing its finances — whether I showed up to help on grounds maintenance days or not.

The shelves stayed stocked by volunteers at the Sayers Library where I borrow books and movies even after I failed to follow through on my vow to read during Sayers' weekly story hour.

Thousands of people went to all kinds of trouble to raise money for cancer — a disease that has and will again affect my family — while I scribbled off a check instead of taking my fund-raising for Relay for Life seriously.

The list goes on. Some of you may have added to it. Some of you may not. But every single person on this post benefits in some way or other from the hard work and good intentions of the volunteers in our community.

And after a shameful hiatus, I, too, will make the time to be one of those people.

Even if it's just an hour a week or one day a month, I'm going to expand my orbit.

If you want to do the same, there are plenty of opportunities to make a difference both on Fort Benning and in the tricommunity.

Whatever your passion or interests, there's something out there you can do that won't feel like a chore.

For more details, see B-1. It's by no means a complete list, but it could give you a place to get started.

One holiday that never loses its flavor

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



There are holidays you love, and those you can do without. Take Halloween, for instance. You loved it as a kid because you got lots of candy as you traipsed around the neighborhood in your little bunny outfit. But it's one of those holidays you dread as a parent, isn't it?

And then there's Christmas — getting lost under the broad backside of that jolly old elf, Santa.

But for me, the Fourth of July is one holiday that just hasn't lost any of its bang through the years. If anything, it serves as a gentle reminder of just how fortunate we are to be Americans. It's a holiday I just don't skip, because no Independence Day celebration is better than one on a military installation, whether it be Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine or Coast Guard. Make no mistake, those whose serve in our armed forces are the most patriotic people in the country, and I'm certainly thankful for their service.

Although it may seem a little quirky that we celebrate the Fourth before the Fourth at Fort Benning, I'm going to take advantage of that. It actually gives me a chance to hear one of my favorite pieces of patriotic music — all 16 minutes of it — again on Sunday.

You know it, you love it, but you probably hated it as a kid. You may have been embarrassed by your parents whistling it or waving their arms, wildly conducting that "air" orchestra in front of your picnic blanket. It's a classic. It's Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*.

I have it playing in the background right now — mood music of a sort. I'm ready to hear it again and again.

But ironically, this piece, although patriotic, has nothing to do with our War of 1812, sometimes called the Second War of Independence. No, indeed. Tchaikovsky wrote it for the dedication of the Church of Christ the Savior in Moscow, a church erected by public donations to commemorate the Russian victory over Napoleon in their War of 1812. It has parts of the Russian and French national anthems, Russian chants, and themes of marching armies. If you listen closely, you can identify them if you're not hypnotized by the conductor's wand like I usually am.

So how did it become the crowning piece in American Independence Day celebrations and fireworks displays? Well, some guys in Boston were trying to find a way to revitalize the Boston Pops summer concert series. In 1974, they threw in the *1812 Overture* and, as they say, the rest is history.

Concert goers apparently liked the new format, complete with cannons, church bells, patriotic songs and fireworks. Boston was the first to incorporate the overture into its Fourth of July celebration, and cities across the country followed suit.

Yes, America has great patriotic composers. We'll hear their songs on post, and we'll hear them again on Sunday. And there's nothing wrong with borrowing a patriotic song from another country. I can picture the Russian people celebrating in the streets of Moscow more than 100 years ago to the strains of Tchaikovsky. They must have felt so free, so empowered and so grateful to their army.

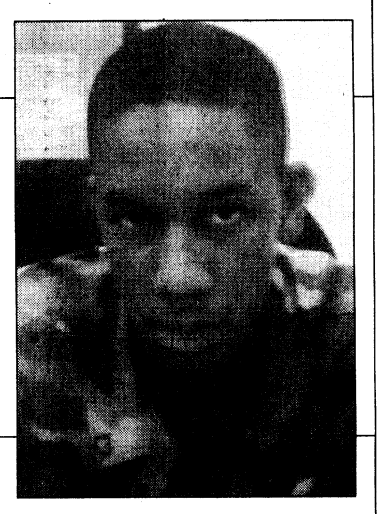
You've seen me on York Field, even if you didn't know it. I was that shadowy figure on the picnic blanket, waving my arms, wildly conducting the band while my family tried to act like I didn't belong to them. I'm an American, I'm free, and I have hundreds of Soldiers to thank.

VARIOUS VOICES

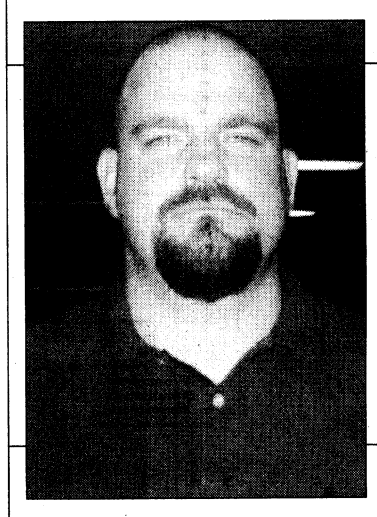
How do you cope with the Georgia heat?



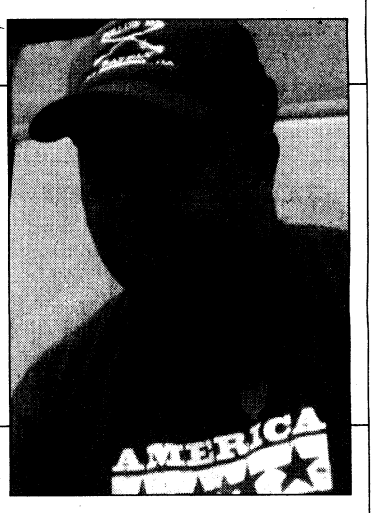
Spc. Stewart Davis, Henry Caro Noncommissioned Officer Academy — "Hydrate! And any work you do outdoors, try to do in the early morning or late afternoon."



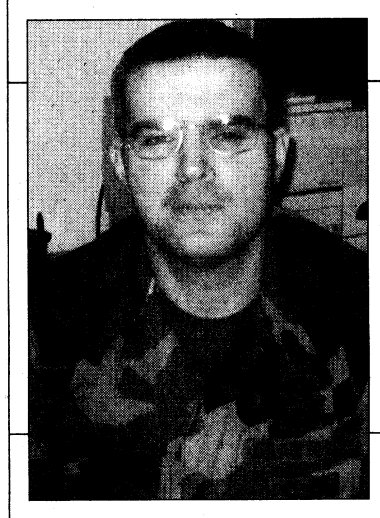
Pfc. Omar Davis, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I usually try to stay inside on the weekends until about 7 p.m., because the heat is no longer at its high."



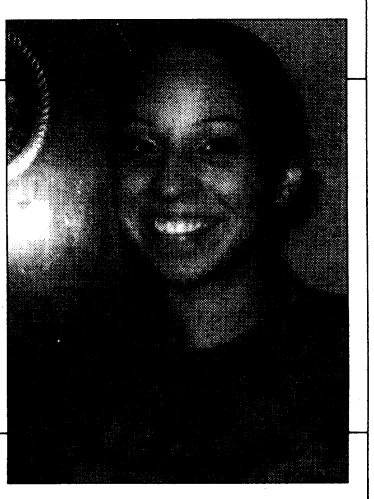
Geoff Wollin, Directorate of Intelligence and Security — "I dress appropriately, drink plenty of water and other fluids and take breaks inside, out of the heat. And remember sun screen!"



Hutching Day, civil service member — "Stay in a cool, air-conditioned building and drink plenty of water."



Air Force Staff Sgt. Gregory Oglesby, 342nd Training Squadron — "Stay out of the heat during peak hours, drink water, use sunblock and wear loose-fitting clothes."



Marine Pfc. Crystal Salinas, Marine Corps Detachment — "To protect myself from the Georgia heat, I remember to stay well-hydrated and wear sunscreen to prevent sunburns."

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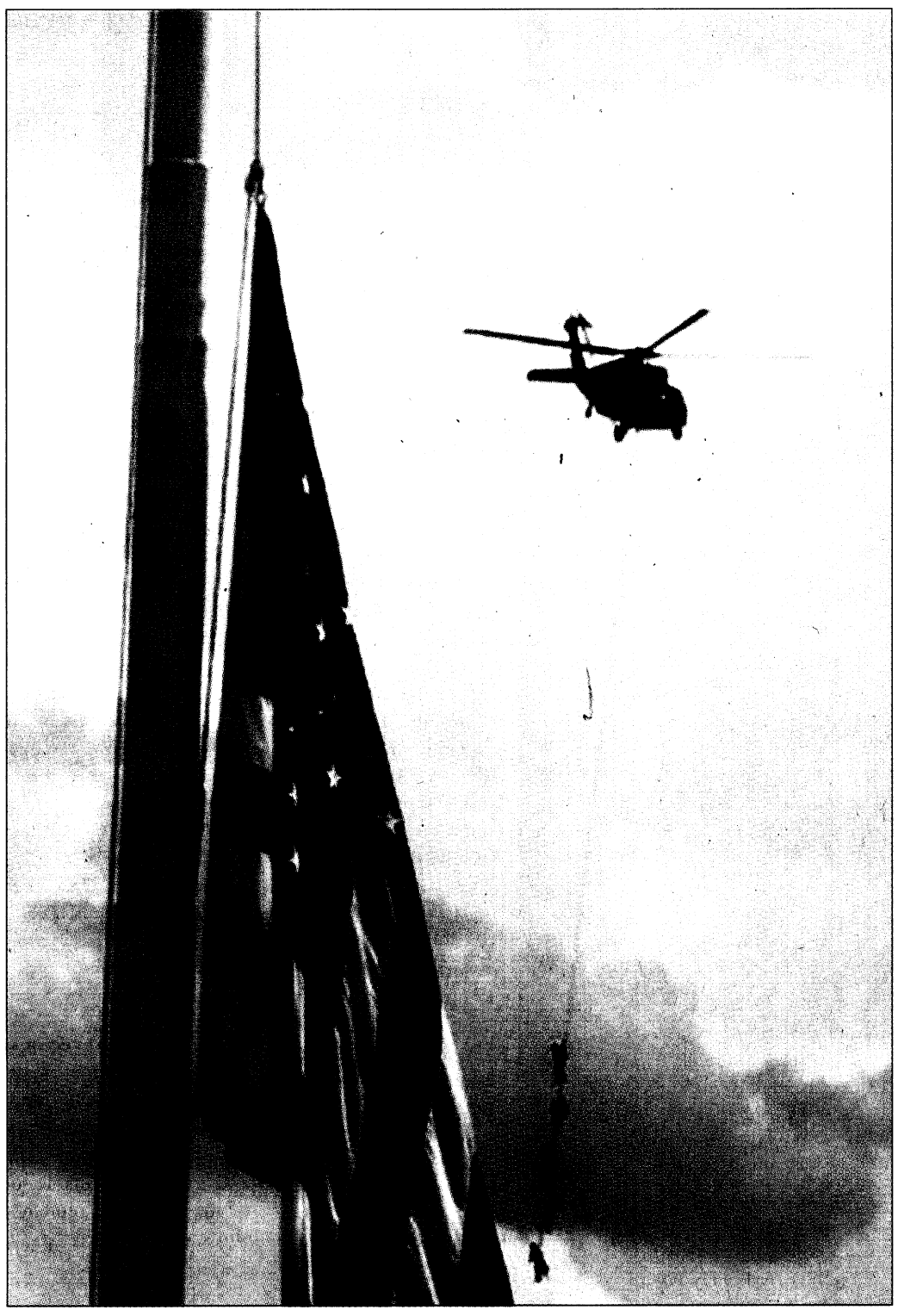
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Hangin' out



Jill Christensen

Rangers practice extraction from York Field Wednesday afternoon in preparation for their SPIES and FRIES demonstration at the post's Independence Day celebration Thursday.

BOSS conference to be at Benning for first time

Program betters life for single troops

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade Public Affairs

Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers will hold its annual conference July 13 to 15 at Uchee Creek. This will be the first year Fort Benning has hosted the annual Armywide conference.

At last year's conference, Fort Benning won second place for Best Event and first place for Best Installation in the large installation category.

The purpose of the conference is "basically to put a name out there for BOSS," said Spc. Matthew Gobble, BOSS president.

It's a way to let single Soldiers know about the program and to find out what they want to get out of the program, he said.

Discussions at the conference will include problems Soldiers might have with BOSS, quality of life for single Soldiers, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities and facilities, and suggestions for activities and trips Soldiers would like to submit for consideration, Gobble said.

BOSS, in existence since the early 1990s, was formed to ensure that single Soldiers are given the same treatment as married Soldiers.

It has since expanded to include the "three pillars": community service, recreation and leisure, and quality of life.

"BOSS is there to look out for the well-being of single Soldiers," Gobble said.

"Besides morale, it's just a good way to keep the Fort Benning community together," said Spc. Anita Masihenazare, the newly-elected BOSS president.

If a single Soldier is pulling more duty than a married Soldier, BOSS tries to resolve that issue, Gobble said.

BOSS also organizes trips for single Soldiers to various locations, such as Disney World and white-water rafting in Tennessee.

It helps Soldiers save money and gives them a chance to get out of the barracks, Gobble said.

"BOSS has been helping out a lot with getting new things for Soldiers on Kelley Hill," said Spc. Patrick Morgia, a Soldier assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment.

BOSS has taken an active role in helping Soldiers on Kelley Hill acquire new barracks, said Morgia, who is also a volunteer for BOSS.

The costs for those new barracks have been approved as part of the millions of dollars the post received for military construction

In addition, BOSS takes an active role in the community.

Events such as the Easter Eggstravaganza, an Easter egg hunt held at the commanding general's house for on- and off-post families, and organizations like Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit volunteer program that helps build houses for the less fortunate, are just a few of the ways BOSS interacts with the community.

BOSS members also took part in last year's Lee Ann Womack concert, at Wetherby Field.

The group supervised the VIP tent where distinguished guests, such as the winners of a meet-and-greet contest, watched the show.

Upcoming BOSS events include the Special Olympics Master Bowling Tournament at AMF Peach Lanes July 17 and 18 and the Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp July 24 through 30.

"Our volunteers will spend a week straight at the camp being buddies with the kids there 24 hours a day," said Sgt. 1st Class Katheren Quinn, vice president of BOSS.

Masihenazare emphasized that BOSS is all about volunteers.

"We are a volunteer organization," agreed Gobble. "We're always looking for volunteers. The number of trips we take and events we take part in depends on the number of volunteers (we get)."

If Soldiers have any suggestions or questions, they should attend the conference, Gobble advised.

For more information about BOSS, the conference or volunteering for the program, please call 545-6800.

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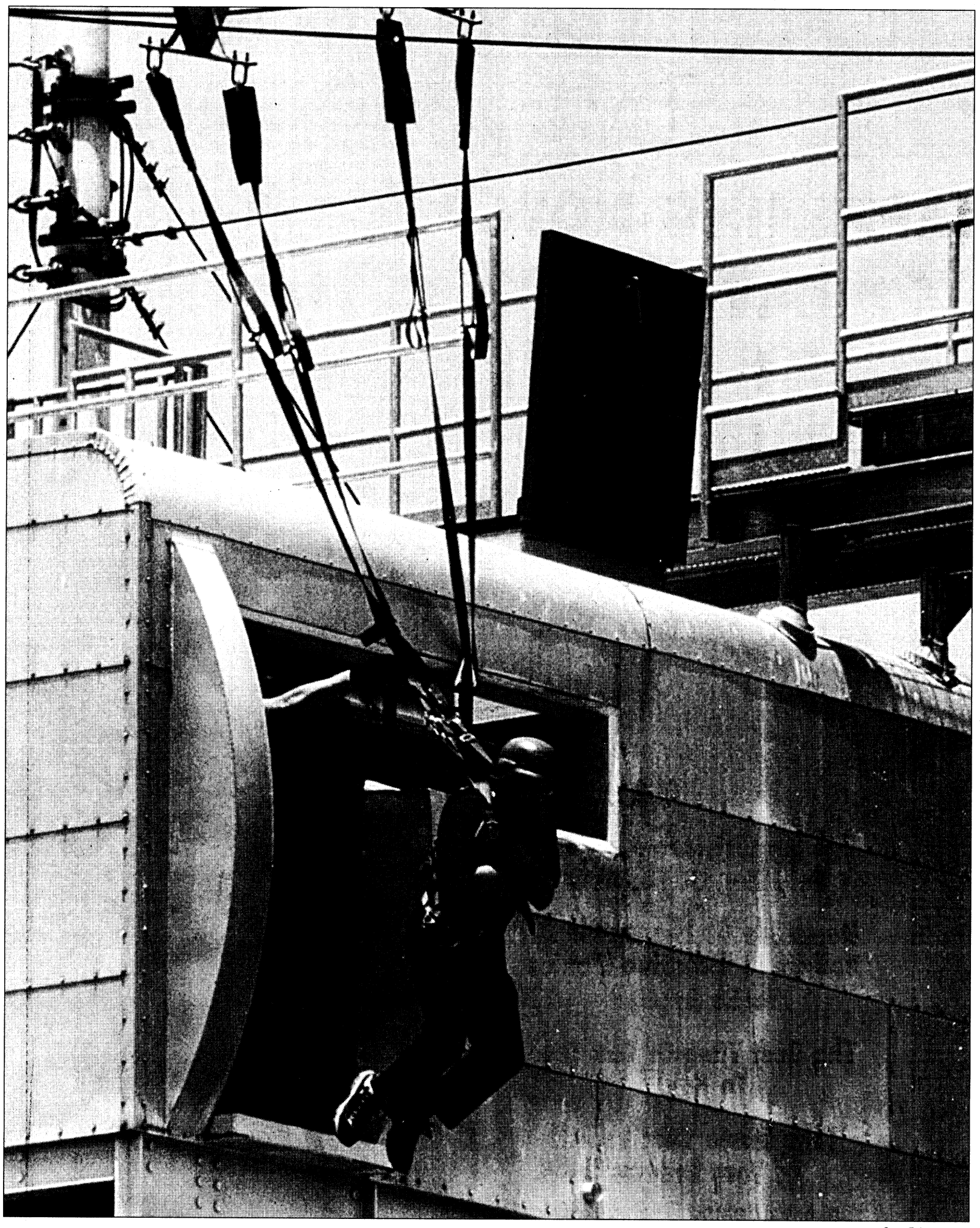
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Benning chaplains to host Clergy Day



Spc. Brian Trapp

Norman Drummond, Valley Rescue Mission, takes his turn on a 34-foot tower during last year's Clergy Day.

Civilians to glimpse military life

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade Public Affairs

Fort Benning will hold its second annual Clergy Day July 15.

Clergy Day is an event exclusive to Fort Benning, during which civilian clergy from around the area are invited to come on post to get a sense of what their military counterparts do.

"The purpose of Clergy Day is twofold, really," said Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin, chief of chaplains at Fort Benning. "Number one is to help our local clergy in the civilian community understand what our mission is as military chaplains. Number two is this is a type of recruiting tool — a modified tool, if you will. Once they're aware of what military chaplains do, they may take an interest in joining the military. It's really more of the first than the second."

"This is an important event that helps build communication with the community," Cocklin said.

The day will start at 8:30 a.m. with a gathering and reception at The Infantry Center Chapel for the civilian clergy and staff members from churches around the Columbus and Phenix City area.

The clerics will then receive a welcome and recruiting briefing from Cocklin before heading off to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, where they will receive an orientation and briefing.

After that, they will depart for the 29th Infantry Regiment, where they will view a Stryker and a Bradley Fighting Vehicle display and receive a brief.

They will get a chance to get inside the Bradley and take a look around, Cocklin said.

From there, the civilian clergy will head to Sand Hill, where they will eat lunch at the 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment Dining Facility and talk with Soldiers attending basic training.

"They should leave Sand Hill thinking, 'Hey, I've got a pretty good handle on what goes through a Soldier's mind now,'" Cocklin said.

After lunch, the group will head to the Chaplain Family Life Center. There, they will receive another briefing before returning to TIC Chapel.

"Last year, we had about 40 civilian clergy participate," Cocklin said. "We expect around the same number this year."

Civilian clergy will walk away from this event with a more profound understanding of what a Soldier and military chaplain does, said Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Revell, the project officer for Clergy Day.

A Soldier does not control his schedule and can be deployed at any time, Revell said. Hopefully, this event will help local clergy understand and be more sensitive to Soldiers and their families needs, he said.

"I like to compare it to drinking from a fire hose," Revell said. "They will definitely get a taste of what it is like to be a Soldier, what it is like to be a military chaplain. The faucet will be turned on full force."

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

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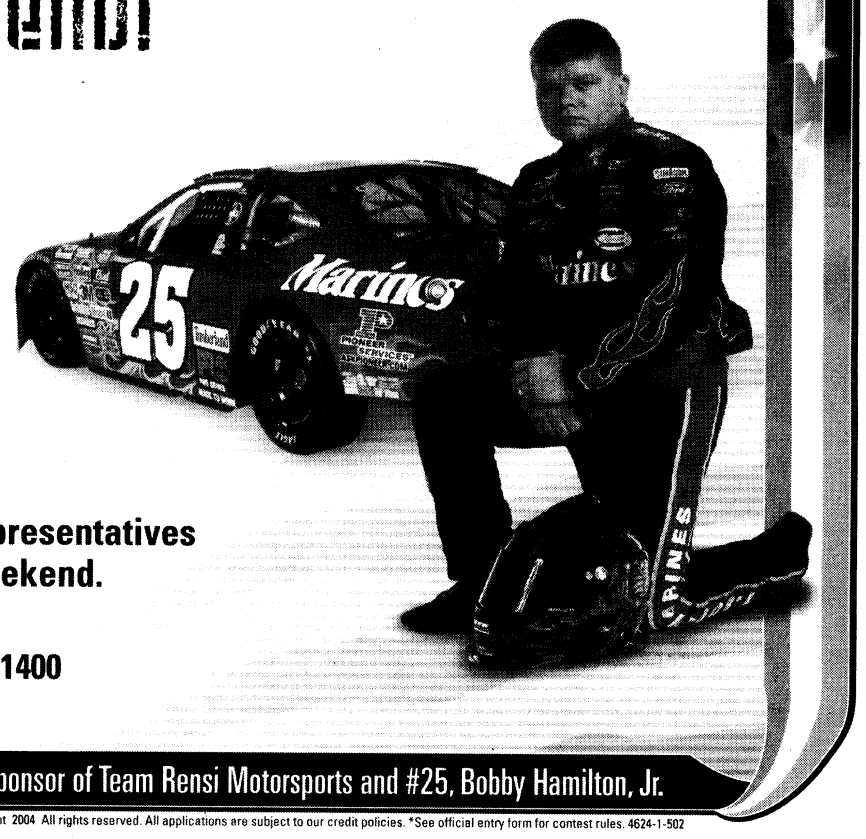
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Soldiers help rebuild Iraqi universities

Spc. Bryan Kinkade
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Completed renovations on Baghdad University and al-Nahrain University were celebrated during ribbon-cutting ceremonies June 24 by the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment.

The $600,000 projects were completed by Iraqi contractors hired by the battalion's Company A, attached to an Arkansas National Guard unit, 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment.

"It feels good," said 2nd Lt. Robert Kotecki, the company's civil affairs and information operations officer. "It's a sense of accomplishment."

The Baghdad University renovations focused on the front entrance of the campus. They included a parking lot for 80 buses, plumbing and gardening improvements, and new walkways and lighting.

Before the lot was constructed, buses would park on the side of the road, the head engineer for the Karada District, said. Traffic jams would occur frequently, so the university's president made a plan to fix it.

The fountains at the campus entrance were also fixed, after not working for 14 years.

Baghdad University is considered the most prestigious university in Iraq, with more than 70,000 students attending the satellite campuses.

After the first ceremony, the unit took off to the al-Nahrain University. The university received a new political science building, complete with air conditioning, fluorescent lighting, bathrooms, and an amphitheater for lectures.

"The building was started before the war, but it was pretty much a skeleton structure," Kotecki said. "The floor was littered with anti-aircraft rounds when we first got here."

The al-Nahrain University, formerly the Saddam University, was an elite school for Ba'ath Party children, Kotecki said.

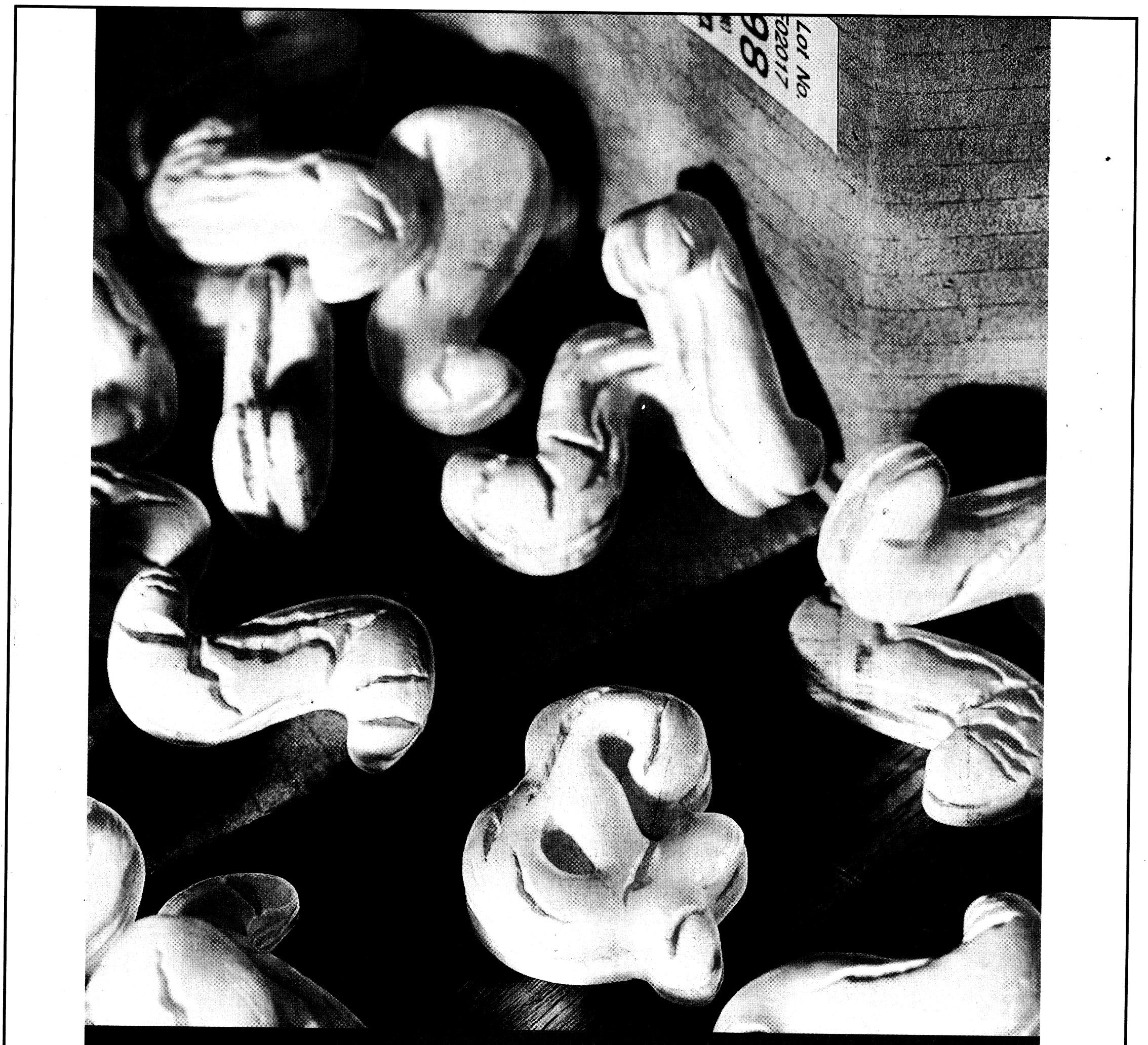
At each university, Lt. Col. Kendall Penn, the 1-153 INF commander, cut the ribbon for the ceremonies. After the al-Nahrain University ribbon cutting, the Soldiers were treated to a feast of Arabic food and sodas.

Editor's note: *Spc. Bryan Kinkade serves with 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs.*



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Lt. Col. Kendall Penn, commander of 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, and the Baghdad University president cut the ribbon in front of the campus June 24.



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Upcoming changes of command

The **2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment,** will change command at 9 a.m. Wednesday 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.

Reclamation sale hours

The reclamation sale hours at Building 224 will be 8 a.m. to noon July 9. Building 224 is on Upton Avenue.

For more information, call 545-1104 or 545-1972.

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.

Women's Equality Day luncheon

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Retirement application package

If you are considering retirement, the Army Benefits Center-Civilian strongly recommends you submit your retirement package application package to the ABC-C within 90-120 days in advance of your intended retirement date. A timely submission will help ensure a timely first annuity payment from the Office of Personnel Management.

To learn more about the retirement process, visit the ABC-C Web site at www.abc.army.mil.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a $3,700 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for the larceny of three U.S. government Outland Mercury boat motors from the boat storage yard at Uchee Creek Campground. The box was stolen between 10:30 a.m. June 17 and 9:10 a.m. June 18.

The assistance of the local community is being requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s). Anyone with information concerning this individual should contact the CID duty agent at 545-8916b or the Military Police at 545-5222. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 545-4887 or 545-5424 or see your unit personnel NCO.

USAMU teaches classes

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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.

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

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All good things must come to an end: DOT chief retires to 'drive Miss Daisy'

Brown says goodbye to green suit

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

"Eventually, the Army is going to tell you you have to leave. And as you walk out the gate, and the gate closes behind you, know that you will be replaced by somebody else."

And so Col. Robert W. Brown, born an Army brat in Chateaureaux, France, in 1956, summed up a 26-year career on the eve of his final day as an infantry officer and the director of the Directorate of Operations and Training.

Brown said he feels he owes it to his wife, Sheila, to settle down.

"I don't think she knew what she was getting herself into," he said.

The two met in May 1978, right here at Fort Benning in the old Custer Terrace Officers' Club

Sheila blew off his offers to dance claiming, "I'm here with my friends."

Brown, who is accustomed to getting what he sets his sights on, rounded up a male friend for each of Sheila's companions, so she would have no excuse not to cut the rug with the 6-foot-tall lieutenant.

A year later, the two were married and the Columbus native, who swore she'd never marry a Soldier, was off on a journey that would span a quarter of a century and more than 20 household moves.

Finally, the couple is back at Fort Benning and putting down roots — at least for a while.

"I promised her I will not move her for a minimum of 10 years," Brown said. "And then we'll consider a move, or maybe not."

Moving, pulling up roots, separations from loved ones — such are the sacrifices of service, but the former Army brat said there were some great moments in his more than two decades as a Soldier.

Brown, a Virginia Military Institute grad, said everything that came after his dream assignment as the commander of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan., was gravy.

"I had 1,000 Soldiers and was surrounded by great leaders," he said. "It felt like such a close family. The best assignment is battalion command — loving your Soldiers and training your Soldiers hard."

After aspiring only to become a lieutenant colonel and battalion commander by the 20-year mark, Brown said his tenure as the director of DOT was special in that it afforded him the unique opportunity to impact the entire Army.

But even as the nation struggles through a difficult period of conflict and turmoil around the globe, Brown said he doesn't really feel guilty for making the choice to retire.

"I've got two sons in uniform," he said. "It wasn't planned that way, but I feel like a piece of me is still (in the Army) in a different form."

Brown's oldest son, Josh, 23, graduated from Ranger School in May and is currently an armor lieutenant stationed along the demilitarized zone in South Korea.

Twenty-year-old Jacob decided he wanted to be an airborne Ranger and left the University of Florida after his first year to have Brown enlist him in the Army. He is currently assigned to a Special Forces group.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Col. Robert Brown, director of the Directorate of Operations and Training, pulls mementos off the wall of his Infantry Hall office Tuesday, before retiring Wednesday.

Brown takes being a good father to his two Soldiers and youngest son, 11-year-old John Robert, seriously.

He said he doesn't fill his scarce free time with golf or hunting like so many of his colleagues.

Instead, he fills Saturday mornings with soccer games, many days with Boy Scout activities and his evenings with rough-and-tumble wrestling sessions as a bedtime wind-down.

Any time left over after parenting John Robert goes to Sheila, who makes sure that when the work week is over, family becomes number one.

"It's whatever Sheila wants to do," Brown said. "She likes to go antiquing and I'm the driver. I'm driving Miss Daisy."

And so Brown has brought Sheila home at last, where the E.A. White Elementary School teacher can be close to the family she has missed all these years.

That same urge to feel connected carries over into even Brown's taste in movies, he said.

"*We Were Soldiers* is probably my favorite movie," he said. "It is filled with little pieces of Fort Benning. From the towers to the houses — my house looks just like that — to the hangar scene; all over Fort Benning you see little things that are in the movie and that, I guess, gives me a comfortable feeling of connectedness. And, of course, the main character in the story is a battalion commander. I can really associate with everything he went through, because, like I said before, there's nothing like being a battalion commander."

And what will Brown do now that he has shed his green suit and combat boots?

He will stay in Infantry Hall, working as a liaison between the infantry, the Army and Boeing Corporation on military technology.

"I'm not really leaving," he said. "I'm just changing uniforms. This new job lets me keep my hands in things and still impact the Army. So, I'll be around."



Capt. Eric Dent

Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, Hawaii, practice immediate action drills at Forward Operating base Ripley, Afghanistan. The unit is assigned to Task Force Linebacker and is working alongside the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Infantry troops rally with Marine unit in Afghanistan for Task Force Linebacker

Capt. Eric Dent
Army News Service

FORWARD OPERATING BASE RIPLEY, Afghanistan — Army infantrymen recently joined the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in its continuing combat operations in central Afghanistan.

The 22nd MEU (SOC) is operating under the moniker Task Force Linebacker, and its mission is to disrupt Taliban and anti-coalition militia networks in southern and central Afghanistan. There they have operated for nearly three months, recently gaining notoriety for their success in what is considered the traditional heartland of the Taliban.

Lt. Col. Terry L. Sellers, the battalion commander of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, said his Soldiers are ready to join the fight.

"Our guys have been wanting a piece of the action," said Sellers, referring to the recent weeks of fighting in which the 22nd MEU (SOC), along with the Afghan National Army and provincial Afghan Militia Forces, have killed or captured nearly 100 enemy fighters. "I think they'll do a good job for the 22nd MEU."

Sellers' battalion is part of the 25th Infantry Division (Light), which deployed from Hawaii and has worked extensively in the Ghazni province prior to joining the MEU.

While in Ghazni, the battalion worked with the Provincial Reconstruction Team to help bring legitimacy to the coalition and central government. The PRTs implement civil-military operations to help rebuild the war-torn nation.

"We are excited about joining Linebacker and it's been an easy fit so far," said Sellers.

With the addition of the Army battalion, Task Force Linebacker has more combat power and will be able to operate deeper into regions where coalition forces have not had a substantial and lasting impact, officials said.

Task Force Linebacker, under the command of Marine Col. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., has operated extensively in Oruzgan and northern Kandahar Provinces since late April.

McKenzie welcomed the additional rifle battalion. He stressed that while election efforts are growing exponentially in Linebacker's area of operations, there is much work remaining in both the combat and the civil-military arenas.

"I believe conditions are ripe for NGOs [non-governmental organizations] to come in and help the people of the Tarin Kowt bowl," said McKenzie. Tarin Kowt is the provincial capital of Oruzgan.

He also stressed that it will take continued aggressive efforts to keep the region safe.

That sounds good to Sellers.

According to him, "We have several great missions and look forward to executing them to a high standard."

In addition to the Army's 2nd Bn., 5th Regiment, Task Force Linebacker consists of not only the 22nd MEU (SOC)'s command element, Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 6th Marines, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced) and MEU Service Support Group 22.

For more information on the 22nd MEU (SOC) and Task Force Linebacker, visit the unit's Web page, located at www.22meu.usmc.mil.

Editor's note: *Capt. Eric Dent serves with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit in Afghanistanand initially posted this article with the Marine Corps News Service.*

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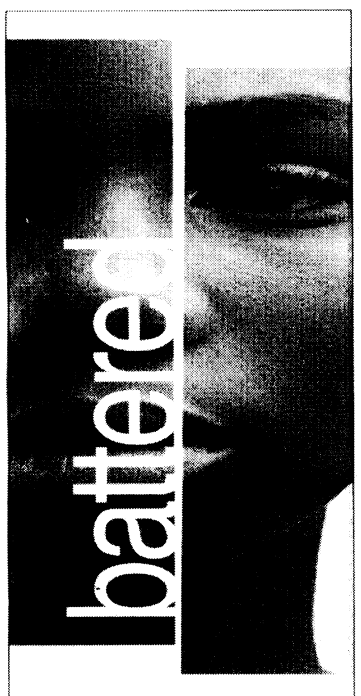
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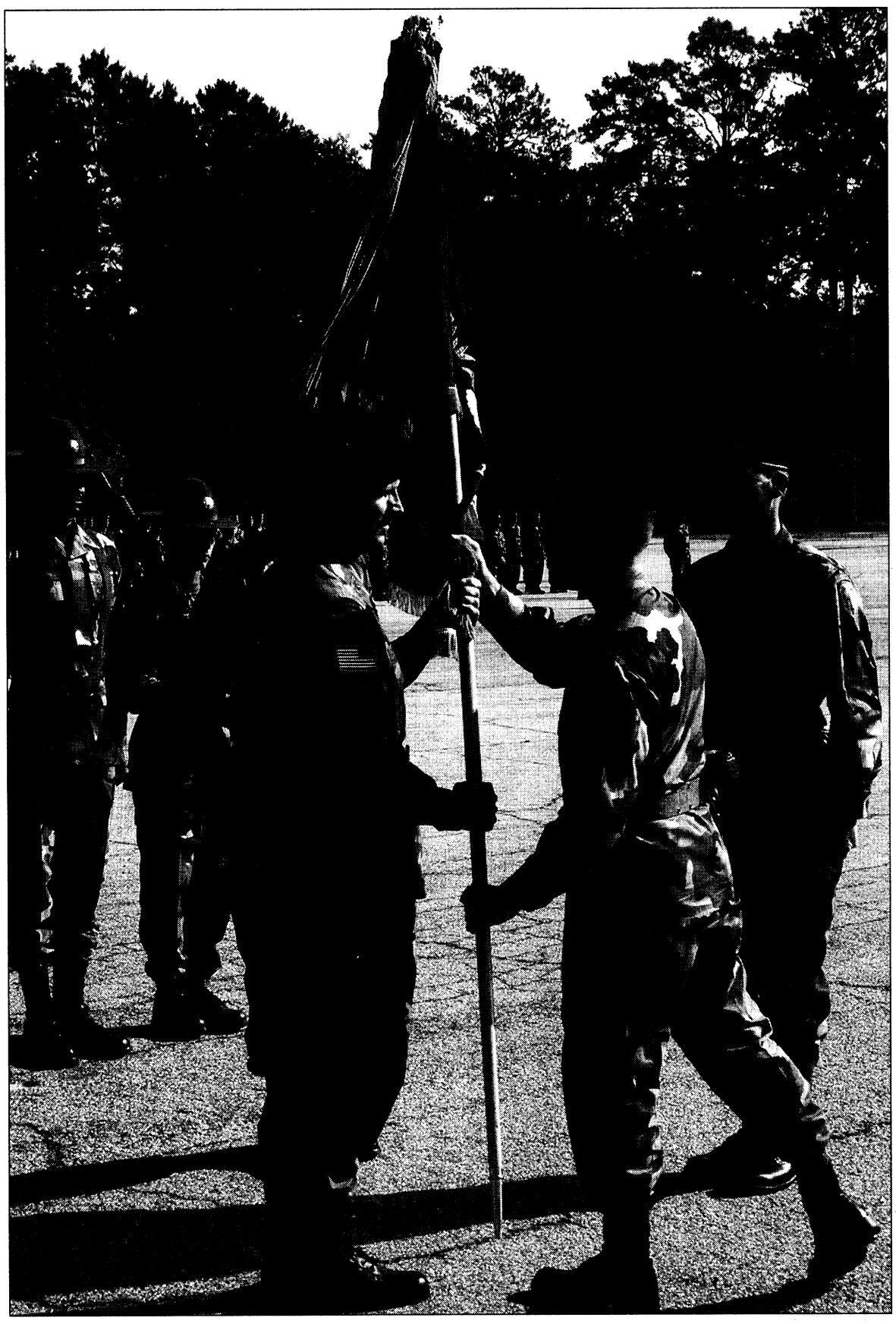
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'Mailed Foot' welcomes new leader



Lt. Col. Scott Hickenbottom, left, accepts the 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment guidon from Col. Brian Baldy, Infantry Training Brigade commander as outgoing commander, Ltc. Col. Allen Smith looks on.

Melissa House

ITB battalion changes command

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The guidon of the only battalion of the 54th Infantry Regiment changed hands in a ceremony at Sand Hill Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Allen Smith relinquished command to Lt. Col. Scott Hickenbottom on Kanell Field, marking another chapter in the history of the "Mailed Foot" battalion.

The battalion's motto commemorates the march from the Voges Mountains to the battle in the Argonne Forest and back to Southern France during World War I.

Col. Brian Baldy, commander of the Infantry Training Brigade, led the traditional transfer-of-power ceremony, calling it a great day for the Smith family and a significant and momentous day for the Hickenbottoms.

Baldy said he imagined what was going through Smith's mind as he passed the guidon, reflecting on both the good and bad days and the "vital institution he contributed to so enthusiastically."

"The Mailed Foot battalion is better in every respect and undertaking," Baldy said. "It has shown great improvement and better capability. (Smith's) vision, perseverance and hard work ensured that."

Baldy described Smith as a "pre-eminent team-builder" and said the ceremony was made easier knowing Smith and his wife, Donna, would continue to be part of the ITB. Smith will become the deputy brigade commander.

Baldy said the unit is fortunate to have Hickenbottom, a proven infantryman, ready to accept the challenges of battalion command.

"There in front of you — the Soldiers — the rewards of the job," Baldy said. "Enjoy the five companies out there. They'll be six by October. Our country needs your leadership."

Smith said he thought he'd be nervous for the ceremony, but hearing a formation of Soldiers singing cadence pass by the field put him at ease.

Smith gave special thanks to his three command sergeants major for their lessons on caring for and leading Soldiers, saying they were all "nothing less than 100 percent supportive." Smith's 16 company commanders and 12 first sergeants during the two years of command, he said, were exceptional.

But after attending his last crossed rifle ceremony with the newest infantrymen Monday night, Smith made special notice of the drill sergeants.

"None do a better job of teaching and training the men of the battalion to become Soldiers," Smith said. "Perhaps one of the most rewarding aspects of command was to watch drill sergeants ply their trade."

He told the Soldiers to stand tall, look proud and remember their training as he left the battalion in Hickenbottom's hands.

Hickenbottom, a native of Texas, enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1984 and received his commission from the Officer Candidate School in 1986. He has served with the 8th Infantry Division in Germany, the 82nd Airborne Div., and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regt. His most recent assignment was with U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii.

Hickenbottom said although Tom Brokaw described the World War II Soldiers as "the greatest generation," each generation has the opportunity to answer (the nation's) call.

"You are answering the call with the same bravery, dedication and distinction as generations past," he said, and describing command, "I can think of no job more important or more rewarding."

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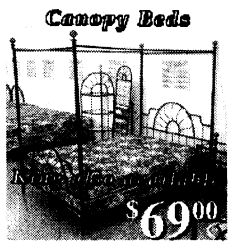
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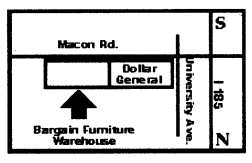

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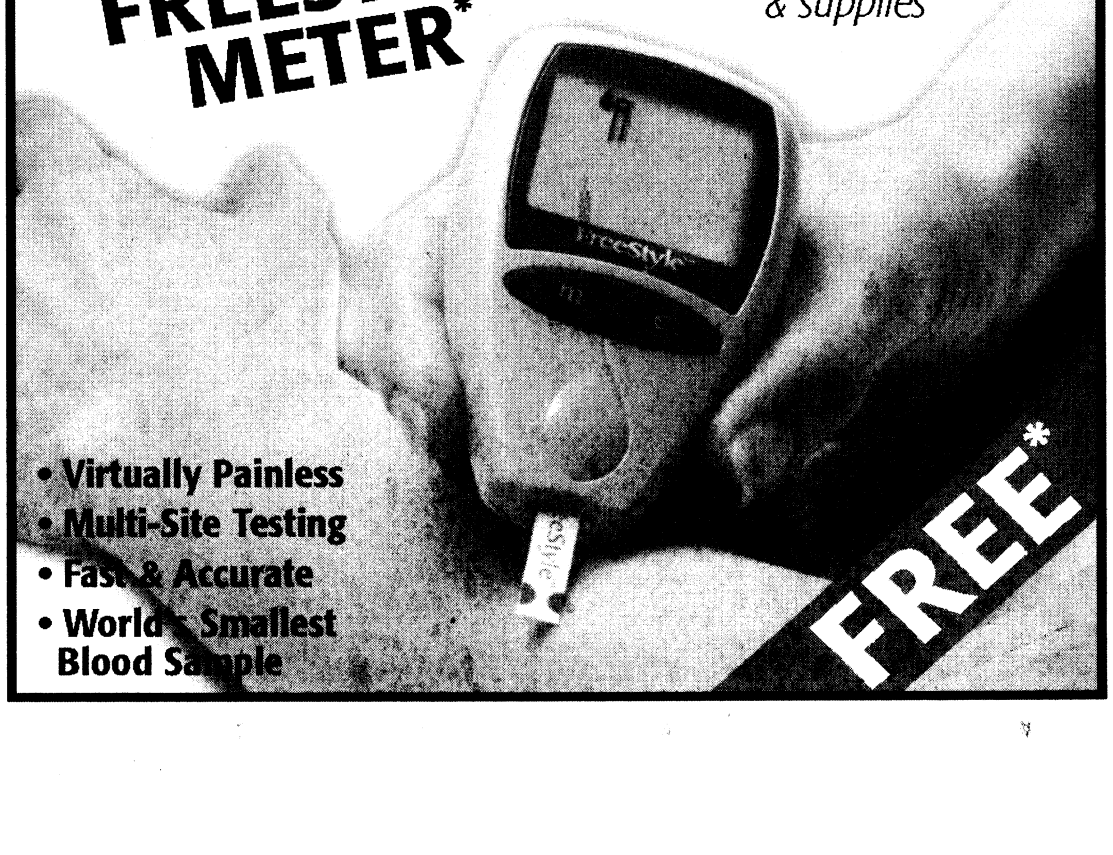
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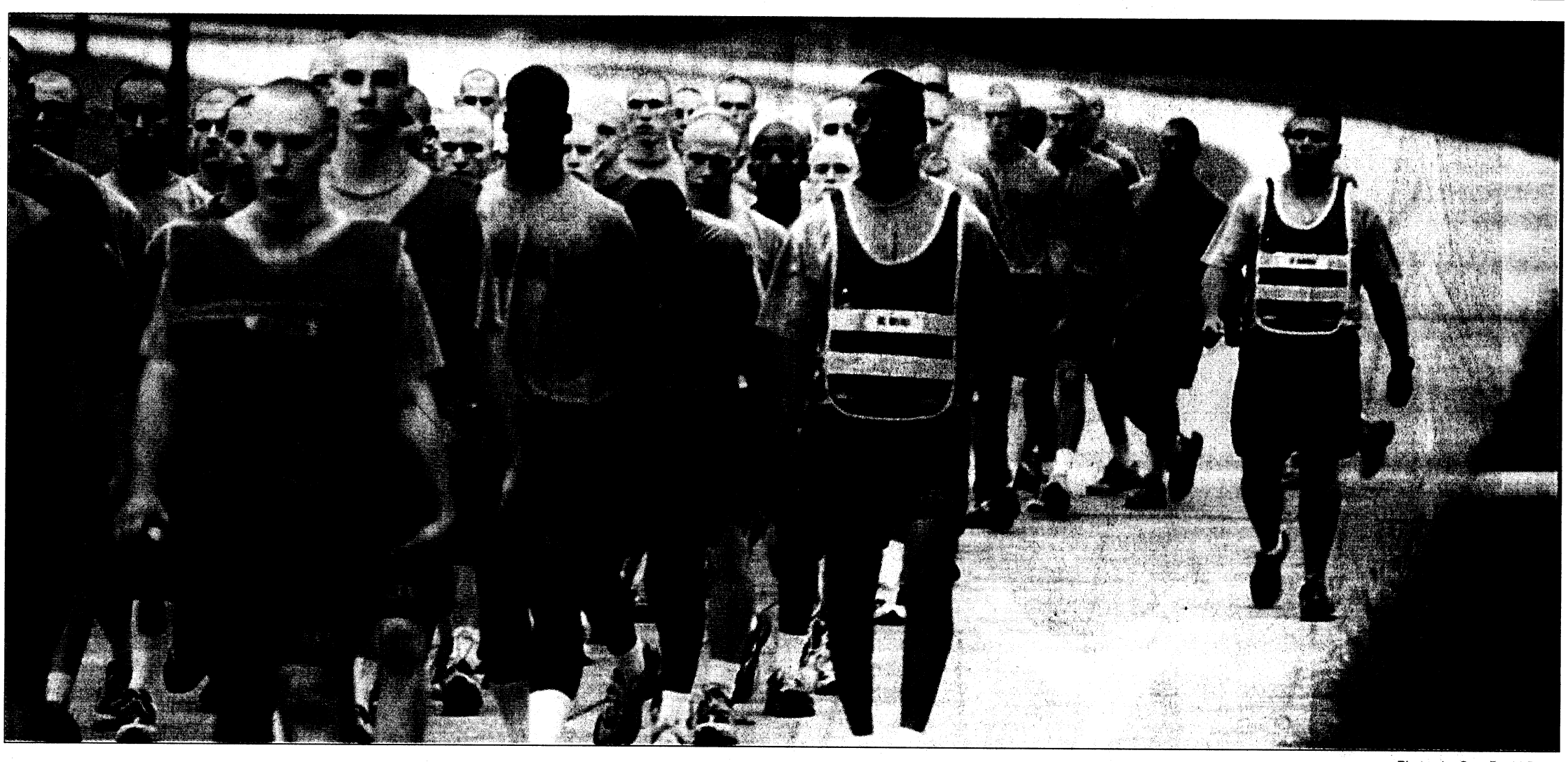
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Second Platoon drill sergeants, Sgt. 1st Class Walter Meeks Jr. and Staff Sgt. Lance Amsden, march their Soldiers back to the barracks after physical training.

ITB drill sergeant spills secret of success

NCO builds Army one-by-one

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

What is it that makes a Soldier a drill sergeant?

Some say it's the hat. Others say it's an attitude.

Capt. Darren T. Spears, E Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, commander said it takes a physically fit, dedicated, motivated and competent NCO to be a drill sergeant.

Maybe they are all right, but one drill sergeant said the secret to success lies in compassion, understanding and a higher purpose.

"It's not about the hat for me; it's about the Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Walter W. Meeks, 2nd Platoon senior drill sergeant.

"Turning civilians into Soldiers is probably the greatest responsibility in the Army," he said. (A responsibility best left in God's hands, according to Meeks, who is also an ordained minister.)

He said the reason the responsibility is so great is because, with the way things are going right now, most Soldiers are leaving here and going directly into harm's way.

"Before I am anything, I am a man of God," he said. "So I try to look at everything in a spiritual sense."

While the E Co. Soldiers are still in red phase, which means they are under complete control of the drill sergeants, Meeks and his comrades emphasize the importance of performance and attention to detail with what Meeks calls "retraining."

Others may know this method of training as "scuffing-up" or "smoking," which essentially means the Soldiers do exercises while the drill sergeants yell at them.

This may seem like a conflict of interest for a man of the cloth, but Meeks said his faith helps him stay focused and grounded when dealing with stressful situations — such as the first steps of turning civilians into Soldiers.

"Nothing (the privates) do will make me upset with them," Meeks said. "I understand they are going to make mistakes, but I don't tell them that."

Meeks said he doesn't let the Soldiers know much about himself during the first few weeks, because they may try to gain sympathy from him.

He compared his drill sergeant facade to acting, saying he plays a role when he has to, but when the scene is over, he leaves the attitude behind.

"I just flip the switch and forget about it," he said.

Being able to forget about the stress at work and separate it from family life is a necessity as a drill sergeant, Spears said.

"They have to take advantage of their time off, because they work such long hours," he said.

As the sixth of 10 kids, Meeks has a strong sense of family and said he uses that to his advantage, both at home with his three children, and at work.

After training a couple cycles of Soldiers, Meeks said he was about to give up being a drill sergeant because he felt he should be fighting alongside the Soldiers he served with in the 1st Cavalry Division. Then one day, he got a letter from the brother of one of the Soldiers he trained.

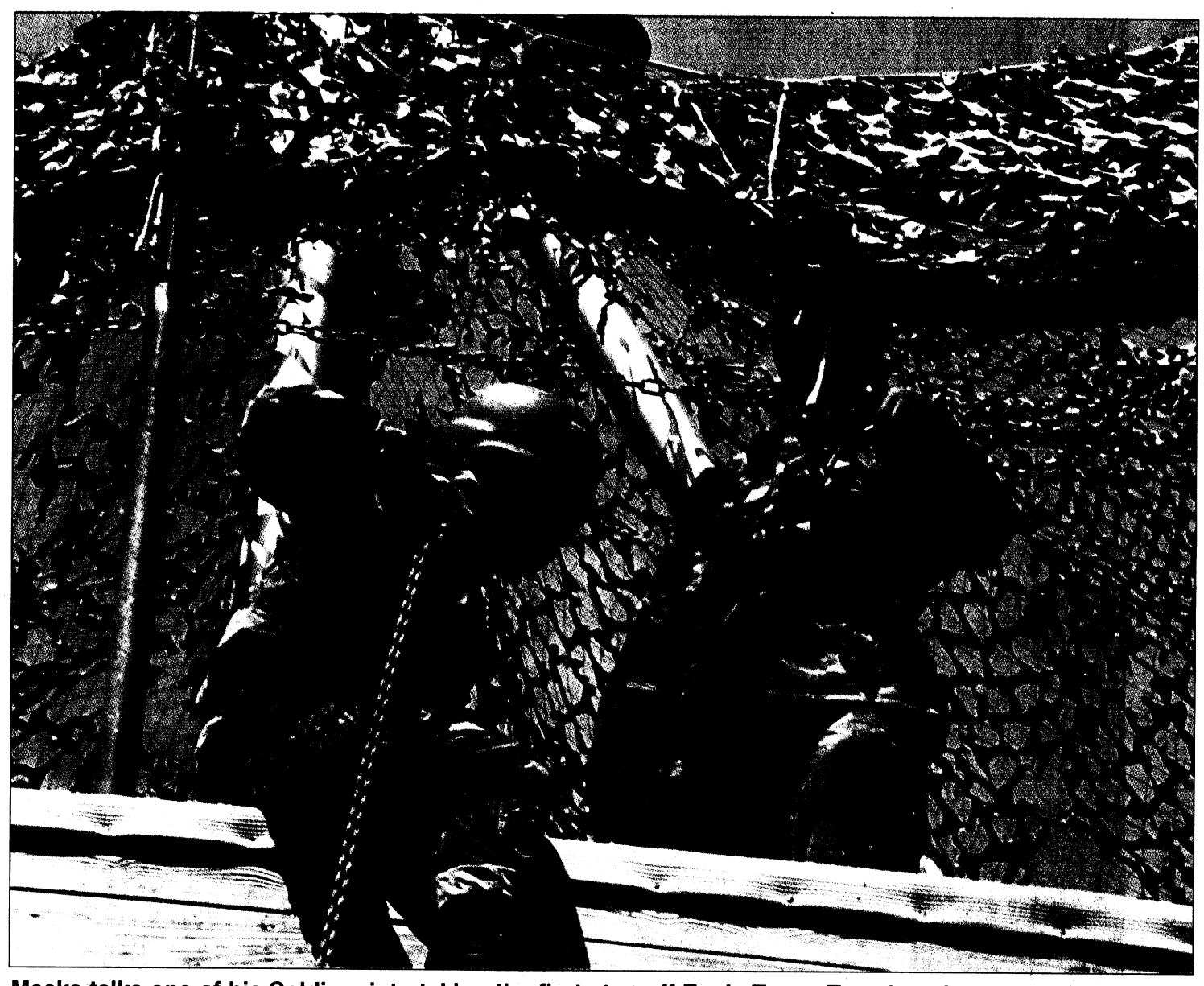
The Soldier's family was dead set against him joining the Army because they had strong Christian beliefs and were afraid of what type of people he would be mixed up with in the Army.

The reason for the letter was that the Soldier went home after graduation and talked about Meeks in a spiritual way, rather than just as a drill sergeant.

The Soldier's brother said it was comforting for the family to know that a man with Meeks' values was training their loved one and that they were all praying for him.

Meeks said the letter showed him there was a need for people like him on the drill sergeant trail, and told him his orders were coming from a higher power.

"Part of me still wanted to be over there (in Iraq), but 'the trail' was the will of God," he said. "I know now that I can make the greatest difference in the war on terrorism by being a drill sergeant."



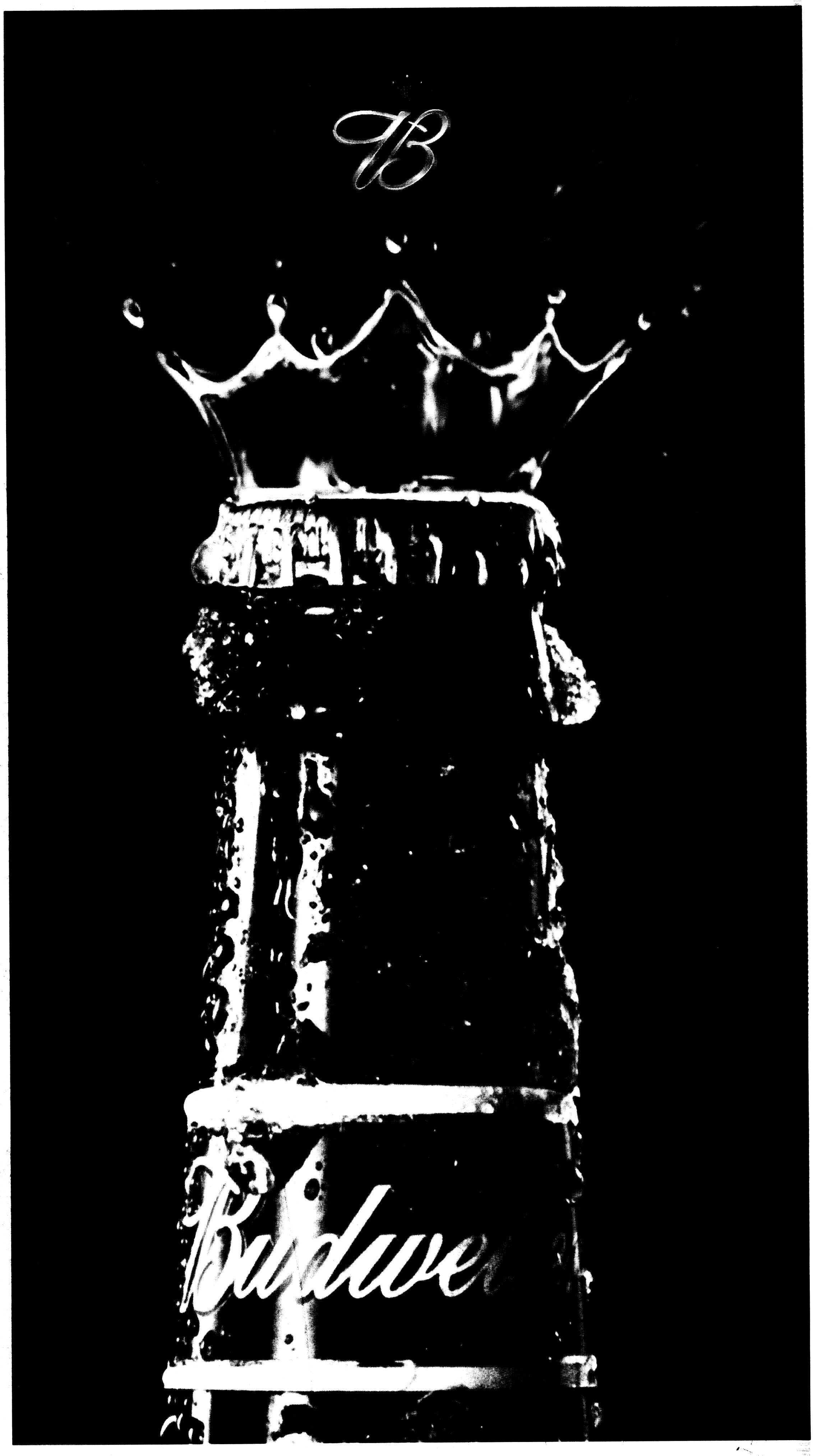
Meeks talks one of his Soldiers into taking the first step off Eagle Tower Tuesday afternoon.



Meeks holds a Soldier's feet to correct his form while doing sit-ups.



Meeks checks a connection after attaching a Soldier's rappelling harness.


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Intel briefs to give Soldiers 'cutting-edge' look at enemy

Info to reach troops at all levels

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning Soldiers are getting up-to-the-minute insights into the enemy's tactics against American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq from the post's Directorate of Intelligence and Security.

Geoff Wollin and Staff Sgt. James Drummond, military intelligence analysts, have developed a briefing that will reach Soldiers at all levels – from advanced individual training to students in NCO Education System courses.

A separate briefing is offered to the officer pre-command course.

The two-part briefings address the contemporary operational environment and the tactics, techniques and procedures, or TTPs, of enemy forces many Soldiers are likely to encounter on the battlefield or experience in the near future.

Each briefing contains constantly updated "lessons learned" from the troops already on the ground in both theaters and the most current intelligence available.

"What we learn this week will be in next week's briefing," Wollin said. "This isn't a stovepipe analysis from the rear echelon – we're receiving this information straight from the field."

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From teaching Soldiers how to avoid improvised explosive device ambushes to detecting possible suicide bombers, the information is geared to help Soldiers at all levels.

"We're taking the brief and morphing it for the audience," Wollin explained. "We're making it relevant to the level of the Soldier. There's a big difference between a sergeant first class and a Soldier who's been in the Army for two weeks."

Regardless of rank or experience, though, the intent is the same, Wollin said.

"Soldiers need to be proactive, not reactive," he said.

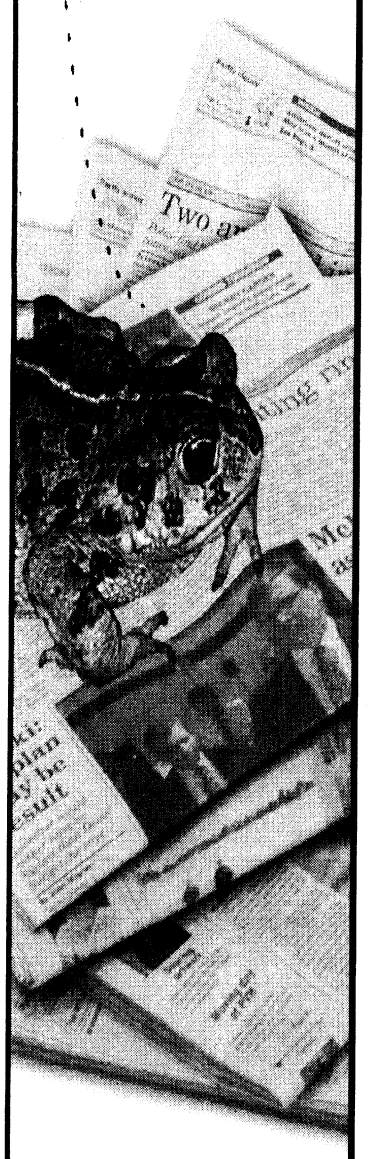
"We need them to survive," Drummond added, "to come back home alive."

The analysts have already given the brief to one Advanced NCO Course class and one Basic NCO Course class. They're scheduled to implement the brief into the Primary Leadership Development Course around August and will soon make their way out to Sand Hill to brief Infantry Training Brigade and Basic Combat Training Brigade Soldiers, as well.

"This information is very important," Drummond said. "A lot of these Soldiers will leave basic, go to their units and go straight to Afghanistan or Iraq."

For a new Soldier on the ground with very little training, he said, it will help to have the information in the briefings in the back his mind.

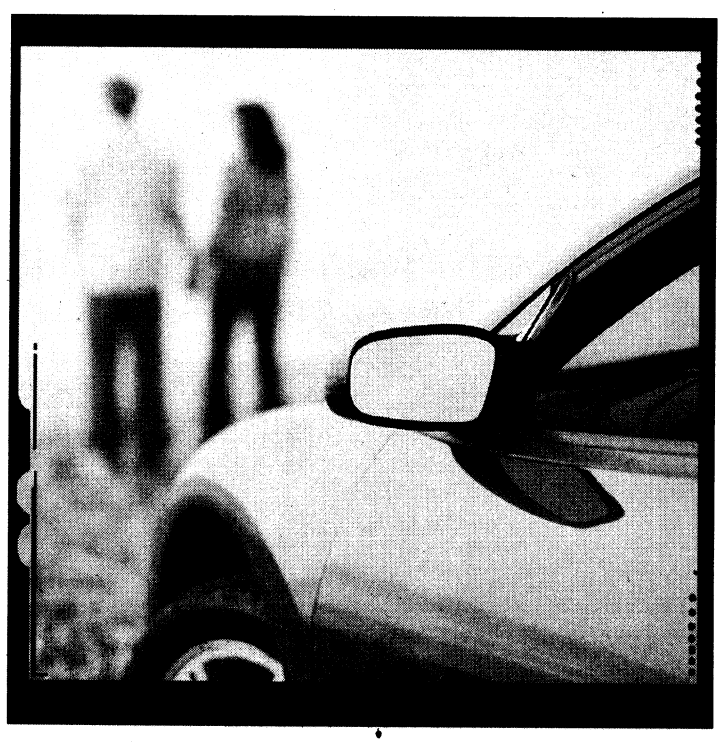
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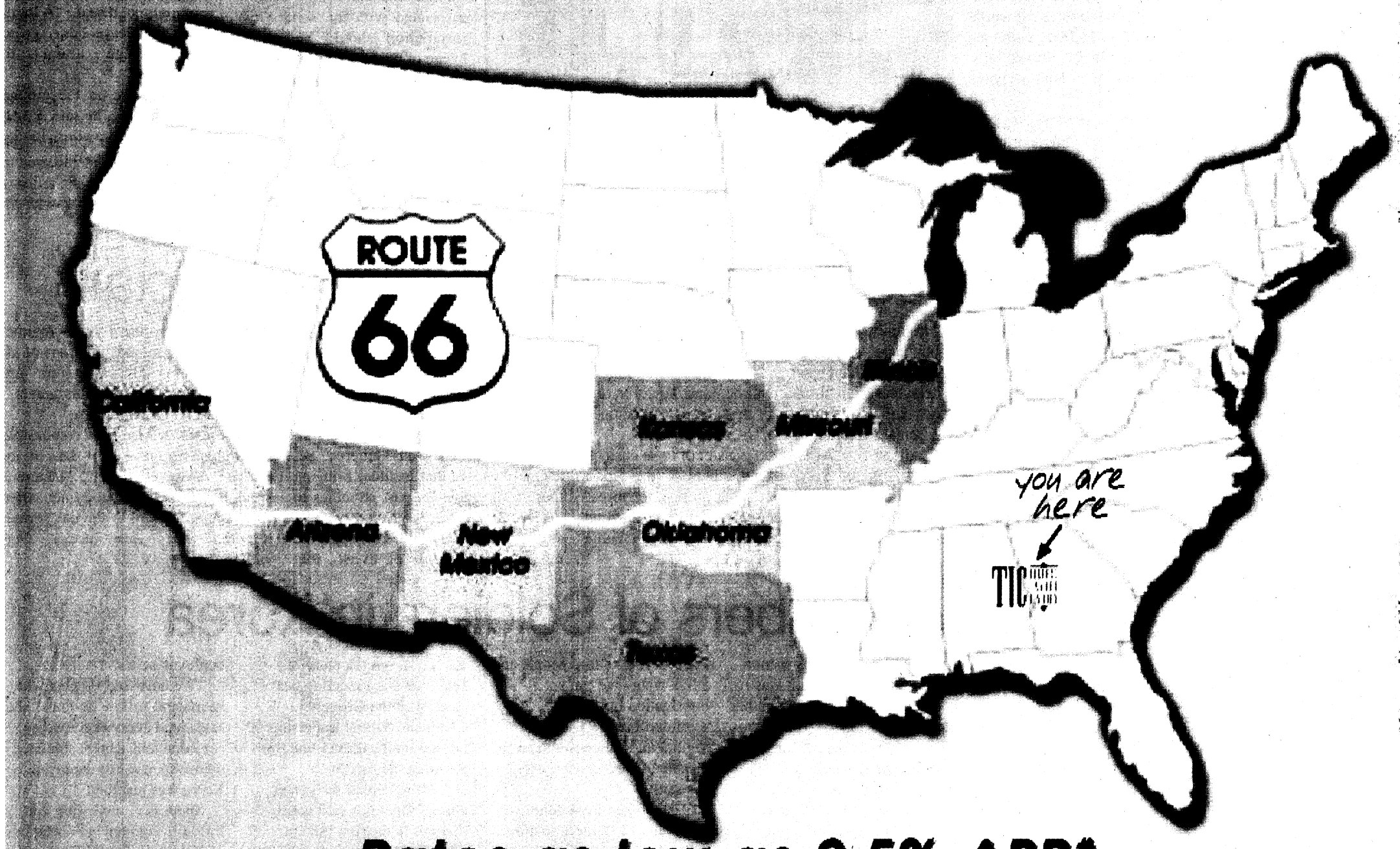
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Businesses: Ruled off-limits to Fort Benning Soldiers

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the Chamber of Commerce.

The board meets monthly to evaluate businesses with illegal or "questionable" practices, Finnegan said, examining "a laundry list of things" when deciding whether or not to recommend placing an establishment off-limits.

The overall concern is to help maintain the discipline and welfare of service members, while also preventing them from being exposed to or victimized by crime-conducive conditions.

The board opens an investigation concerning a business following either a complaint lodged by a service member or based upon civilian and military crime reports. The board conducts the investigation and decides whether a recommendation to the CG is warranted. If so, the business comes before the board to present reasons why it should not be recommended to the CG to be placed off-limits and what measures it intends to take to rectify the board's concerns.

"These practices don't have to be outside the law," Finnegan explained. "For instance, a car dealership could sell a car worth $3,000 for $6,000 with an interest rate of 28 percent. It's legal, but it's not a good practice."

Businesses reviewed by the board are given the opportunity to meet with post officials and correct their practices, Finnegan said.

If they opt not to appear, or fail to change their practices, the board places them off-limits to service members.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Coach's Corner is one of eight Columbus establishments declared off-limits.

"This is for the protection of Soldiers, to keep them from putting themselves in an environment where they can get into trouble and to keep them from becoming victims," he said. "And it's not a voluntary participation."

The CG's order is a lawful order under the Manual for Courts-Martial.

"Service members are prohibited from entering establishments or areas declared off-limits ..." according to AR 190-24. "Family members of service members and others associated with the service or installation should be made aware of off-limits restrictions."

Finnegan said Fort Benning and tricommunity law enforcement officials will conduct a joint patrol of the establishments, starting as early as this weekend.

Service members caught at the establishments will be turned over to their units, and commanders will determine appropriate punishment, he said.

Soldiers should be aware, he added, that disregarding the order is disobeying a lawful order.

Consumers may report businesses with illegal or unethical practices.

To report such a business, members of the Fort Benning community can make a formal complaint with Army Community Service, Finnegan said.

They can also seek legal advice through the Legal Assistance Office, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, located in Building 5, or go to the military police station and talk with an MP investigator.

Saddam: To face prosecution by independent judiciary

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will keep the legal custody," Allawi said. The agreement is formalized in a memorandum of understanding between Iraq's Ministry of Justice and Multinational Force Iraq.

Allawi said the accused will be "afforded rights that were denied by the former regime" as their cases are heard by an independent judiciary.

"The accused will have access to legal counsel, and they will have the right to appoint legal counsel," he said.

If unable to pay for their legal counsel, it will be free of charge, he said.

Saddam and the other detainees "may not be compelled to testify against themselves and may remain silent" during the proceedings, Allawi said.

Although legal proceedings are underway, Allawi acknowledged that the judicial process "will take some time," likely not beginning "for a number of months." But he assured reporters that the process will be fair and open.

"Justice will be done, however, and the process of these cases will be open for all to see," he said.

Allawi said transfer of legal custody of Saddam and others of the "most notorious and high-profile detainees" to Iraq represents a big step as Iraq enters "a new era" — its second within the past 14 months.

"Last April, Iraq began an era free from Saddam Hussein," he said. "We Iraqis are grateful for the coalition action that liberated us from the former dictator's tyrannical grip."

With the sovereignty transfer, Allawi said, Iraq has entered yet another new era that includes bringing those responsible for past atrocities to justice.

"More than 1 million Iraqis are missing as a result of events that occurred during the former regime. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis of all religions and ethnic groups are believed to be buried in mass graves," he said.

"Those we believe most responsible for Iraq's suffering will face Iraqi justice," Allawi continued. "I know I speak for my fellow countrymen when I say I look forward to the day former regime leaders face justice, God willing."

FRG: To help family members of Soldiers in Korea

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difference, she said, is the FRG was here for them.

According to the 2nd Inf. Div. Web site, "Family support groups and services will increase to help family members in the Republic of Korea and the U.S. by providing support, information and liaison with organizations who can help families while their sponsors are deployed."

Right now, the women say they aren't getting much in the way of support from the unit in Korea, but Huston said she understands that the training their husbands are doing in Korea right now is most important.

Sgts. First Class Joe Huston and Steve DeFelice are assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div., and both work in the operations section.

So Huston decided it was her job to help. She's given her contact information to the Soldiers in the operations section and given them permission to pass it on to anyone else in the company. And DeFelice is developing a "Strike Force" Web site to help pass information.

"We're just missing one thing," Huston said. "Wives. We're trying to find people and a link where we can get information from.

"I don't care if they're in Timbuktu. I just want them to be able to contact someone," she said.

The women have gotten a van-load of FRG information from Army Community Service and have the Chaplain Family Life Center's on board to help set up a support group for spouses in the area. DeFelice has a meeting next week with the Officers Candidate School leadership, her husband's former unit, to see what the can do.

"We're behind the power curve," DeFelice said noting that this is the first time in more than 50 years that the division has deployed anywhere. "Usually the FRG is up and running long before deployment.

"We have 2nd ID pins with hearts and yellow ribbons," she said, "and everywhere we go, someone tells us that someone whose spouse just deployed to Korea was just there."

Spouses of deploying 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers interested in joining the informal FRG can contact Huston and DeFelice at 681-9477 or e-mail them at strikeforce6_wife@yahoo.com.

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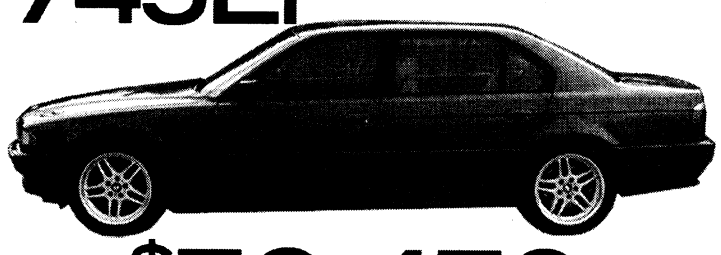
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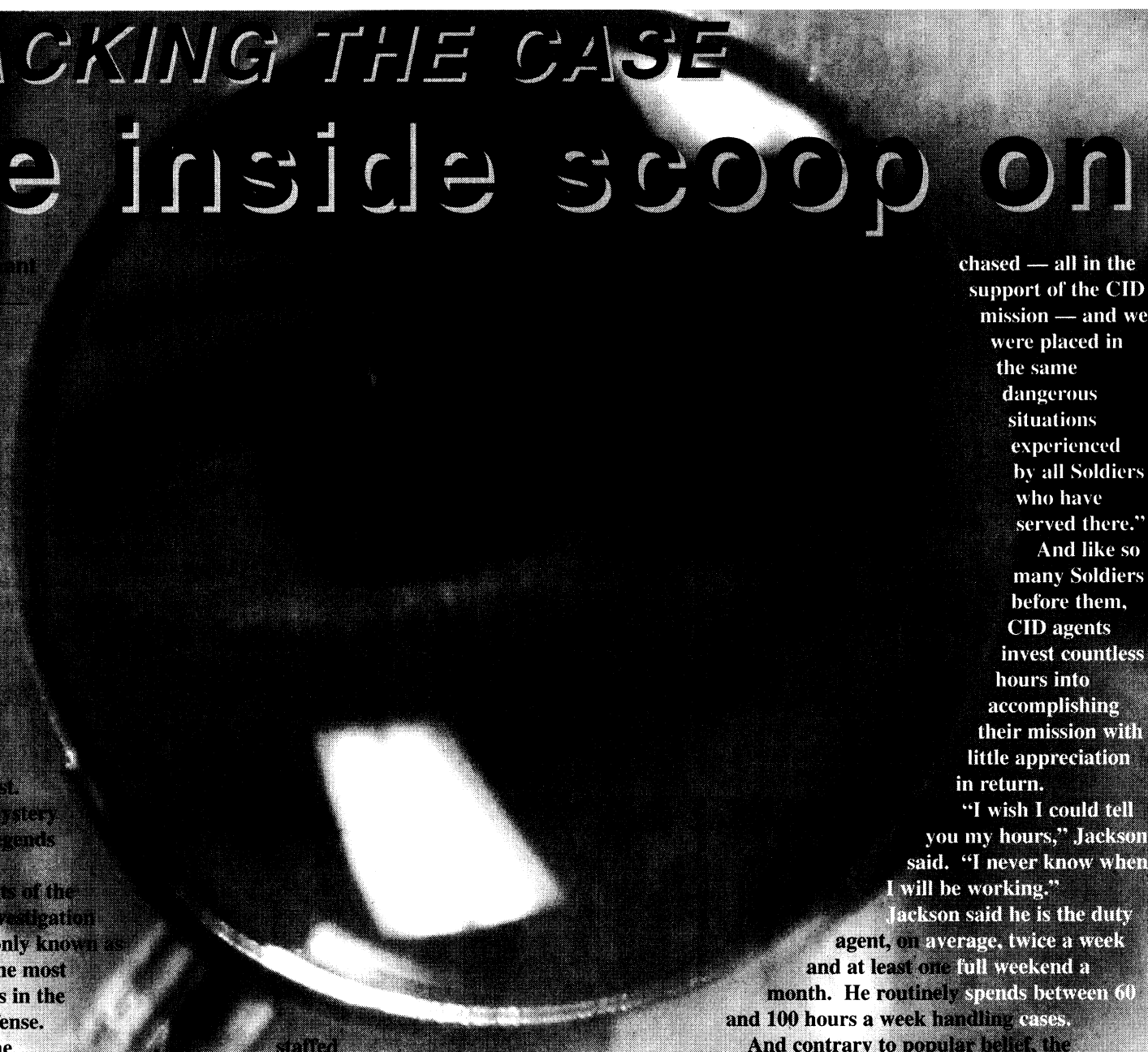
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The inside scoop on CID



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He co[illegible] be th[illegible] Soldi[illegible] standing next to you in formation. He goes deep undercover into units to catch unsuspecting Soldiers at the worst. He has long hair, earrings and wears street clothes to look like a civilian and trap Soldiers doing the wrong thing off-post. He is swathed in mystery and shrouded by legends and rumors.

The special agents of the Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, have one of the most misunderstood jobs in the Department of Defense.

"I always find the urban legends about CID amusing," said Special Agent Mark Jackson, 86th Military Police Detachment (CID). "The unit infiltration one is one of my favorites. I remember my drill sergeants years ago telling me about CID agents in units. I'm not saying it never happens, but it's not common, and we do so much more than that. Even if we do go undercover into a unit, it's not to wait for someone to mess up; it's because there is a possibility of criminality. I have a list of active investigations that grows every day and a wife and family at home who would appreciate it none-too-much if I were to spend all of my time waiting for a crime to occur.

Jackson said the foremost CID mission is to investigate all serious crimes that have an Army interest. These crimes include, but are not limited to, homicide, suicide, accidental and undetermined causes of death, larceny of government and personal property valued at more than $1,000, sexual assaults, like rape and indecent assault, child abuse, arson, forgery, fraud — basically, felony level crime.

But the list of duties doesn't stop there.

CID also performs Secret Service-type protective services for many Department of Defense and senior Army leadership, Jackson said.

He said these security missions are carried out by the Protective Services Unit, based in Fort Belvoir, Va.

And to handle new-fangled crime in cyberspace, CID has a computer crimes unit, which specializes in catching computer crooks and criminals — both military and civilian — who use the Web for illegal purposes.

The Major Procurement Fraud Unit, staffed by both civilian and military agents, many of whom are former active-duty agents, has offices worldwide investigating fraud involving the billions of dollars the Army invests in procurement and contracting, Jackson added.

And just as any other major law enforcement agency, CID has a full-service forensic laboratory, which is the only such crime lab in the DoD and provides service to all branches of the military and other DoD agencies.

There are a lot of differences between CID agents and your run-of-the-mill gumshoes, though.

"At CID, we do it all," Jackson said. "From the moment we are notified of a crime, we do everything. We identify the victims, process the crime scene, collect evidence, apprehend subjects, conduct all interviews, attend all autopsies, write all reports, testify in courts, both military and civilian, coordinate with other law enforcement agencies, participate in multi-agency task forces and the list goes on.

"We cover so many things other agencies delegate to specific units. We are our own *CSI*. We are the detectives. We are the interviewers and interrogators. We are the evidence custodians, and we are also Soldiers."

Soldiers who deploy just as any other would. When the country is at war, as now, they don the same sand-colored BDUs as everyone else.

"Our mission doesn't just change in combat — it grows," Jackson said. "I spent 10 months in Afghanistan and, along with four other agents, investigated terrorist incidents, fatal traffic and training incidents, provided protective services and processed crime scenes in the middle of hostile areas. We were rocketed, sniped, ambushed and chased — all in the support of the CID mission — and we were placed in the same dangerous situations experienced by all Soldiers who have served there."

And like so many Soldiers before them, CID agents invest countless hours into accomplishing their mission with little appreciation in return.

"I wish I could tell you my hours," Jackson said. "I never know when I will be working."

Jackson said he is the duty agent, on average, twice a week and at least one full weekend a month. He routinely spends between 60 and 100 hours a week handling cases.

And contrary to popular belief, the sleepless nights of slaving over crime scenes and endless days of paperwork and interrogations aren't to put away just anyone an agent can get his hands on.

"It's inevitable I'll be called a 'blue falcon'," he said. "That's fine. The work I do as a CID agent transcends the accusations that CID somehow doesn't support Soldiers, but ultimately, that's exactly what we do. The only people who will disagree with that are those who have run into us on the wrong side of the law."

Jackson said he wishes Soldiers would understand that CID agents are on their side.

"I would ask Soldiers who read this to ask themselves if they really want a murderer, child molester, drug dealer or thief in their units; whether they want to depend on a criminal to protect them in combat," he said. "That is why we are here — to weed those few bad Soldiers out of the massive majority of good Soldiers. My job is to seek the truth."

And for those who wonder what kind of person it takes to sign up for a job as a CID agent, it takes a special one.

"This job is not for everyone," Jackson said. "The hours are erratic. The crimes we investigate are the most heinous things people can do to one another. We are universally misunderstood and the myths surrounding us are as untrue as they are entertaining.

"You need to be able to to take criticism and hostility and turn the other cheek. You must be able to be hated and show no hatred in return," he said. "You must be able to deal with death and horrible injuries. You must be intuitive, self-motivated, educated and willing to carry a firearm at all times. You must be willing to drop your personal life the moment the phone rings and go to work and your integrity must be beyond reproach."

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> Criminal Investigator

And that's not all.

If you want to be a CID agent, you have to have, or be able to get, a top secret clearance, have 60 hours of college credits, have one year of civilian law enforcement experience, six months of military police experience or serve a six-month internship at a CID office, graduate the Apprentice Special Agent Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., make it through a one-year probationary period and be either an E-4 or E-5 non-promotable, among other requirements according to the Criminal Investigation Command's Web site.

So after you wade through the smoke screen, CID isn't Army Enemy Number One. CID agents aren't out to get you. These super sleuths are hard-working, dedicated Soldiers who go above and beyond the average call of duty to protect from crime the Soldiers, family members and civilians who serve the nation and bring justice to those guilty of criminal activity.

"This is a rewarding job, but it can be frustrating and emotionally devastating," Jackson said. "We deal with people at their absolute worst and must maintain a face of absolute objectivity and professionalism. We have a responsibility to the victims of crime, their families, the Army, the government and our nation to do at least that much. I am sworn by solemn oath to do so. I carry a gold badge in my pocket that means nothing if it does not remind me of my commitment to truth and justice."

For more information about the Criminal Investigative Division or becoming an agent, go to www.cid.army.mil. To report serious crime or for answers regarding local CID issues, call the Fort Benning CID office at 545-3984.

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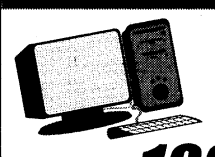
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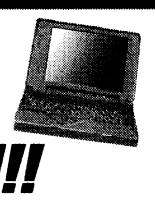
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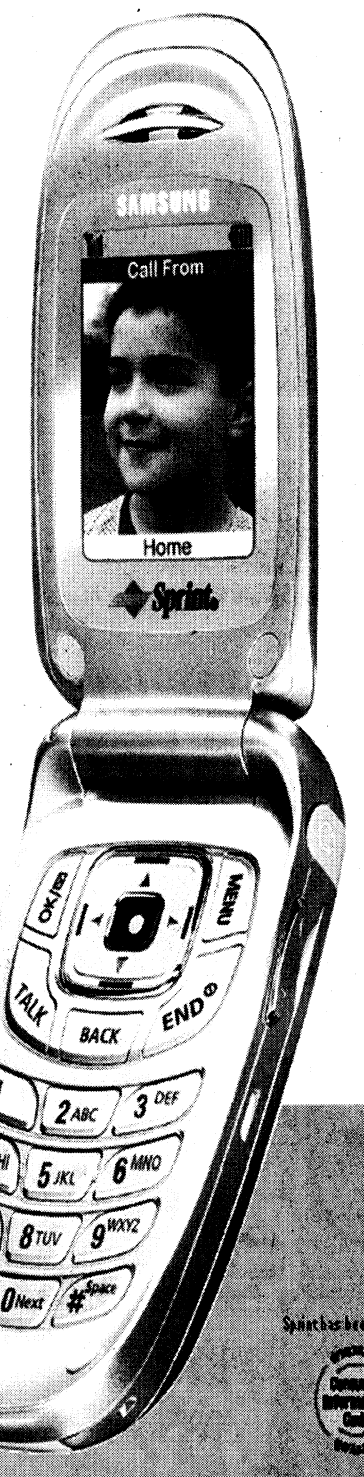
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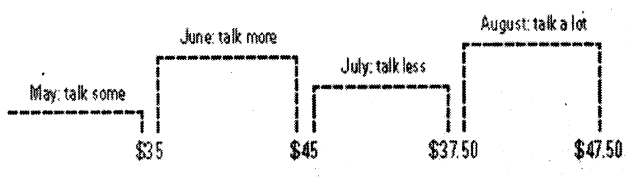
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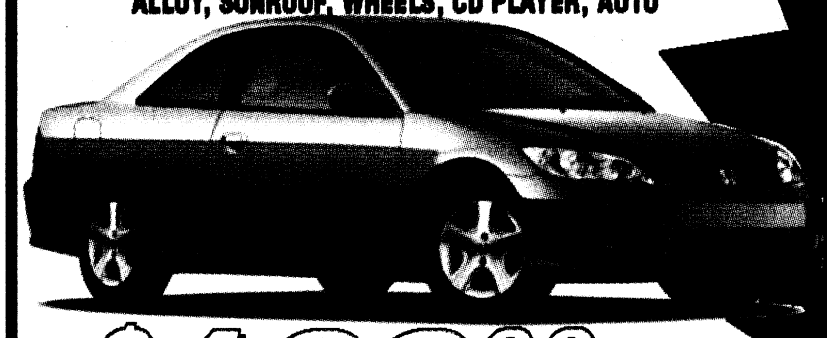


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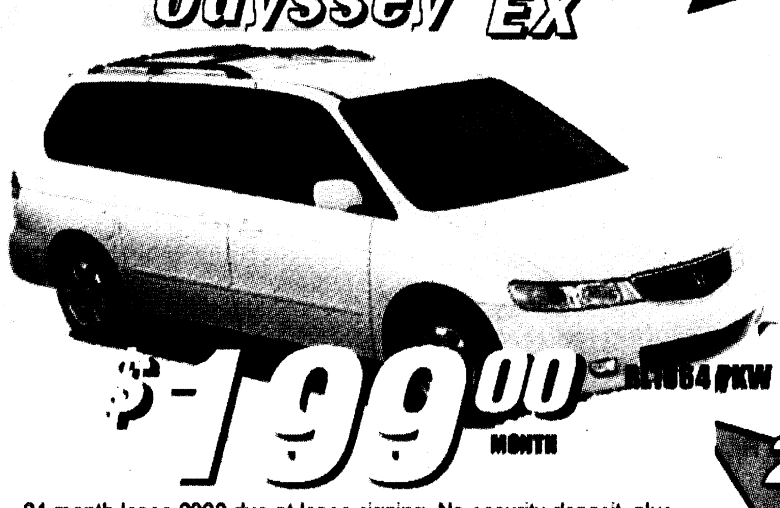
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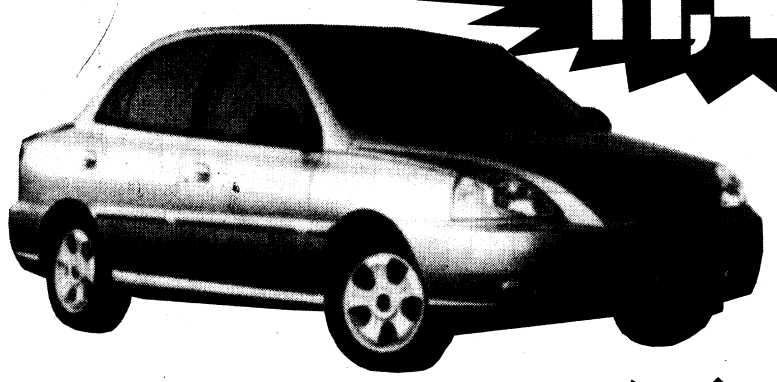
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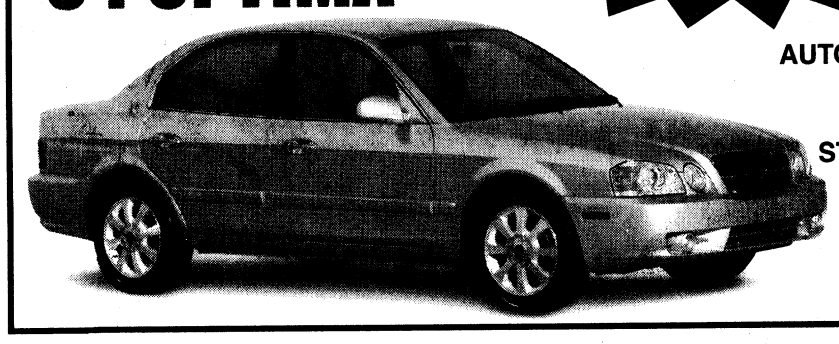
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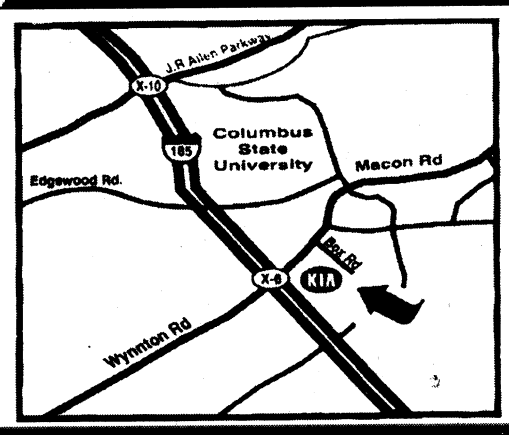
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Miracle Workers

Volunteers shape the world

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give."
- Winston Churchill

Take a look around you. Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley once called Fort Benning a place where miracles happen. Can you see it?

It's at the hospital, where no matter what the weather — thundershowers, heat waves, even snow — drivers shuttle passengers back and forth from the far reaches of the parking lot to the shelter of the entrances. In the Intensive Care Unit, where an ambitious, young girl — not even out of high school yet — does whatever she is asked to do to help patients and staff alike.

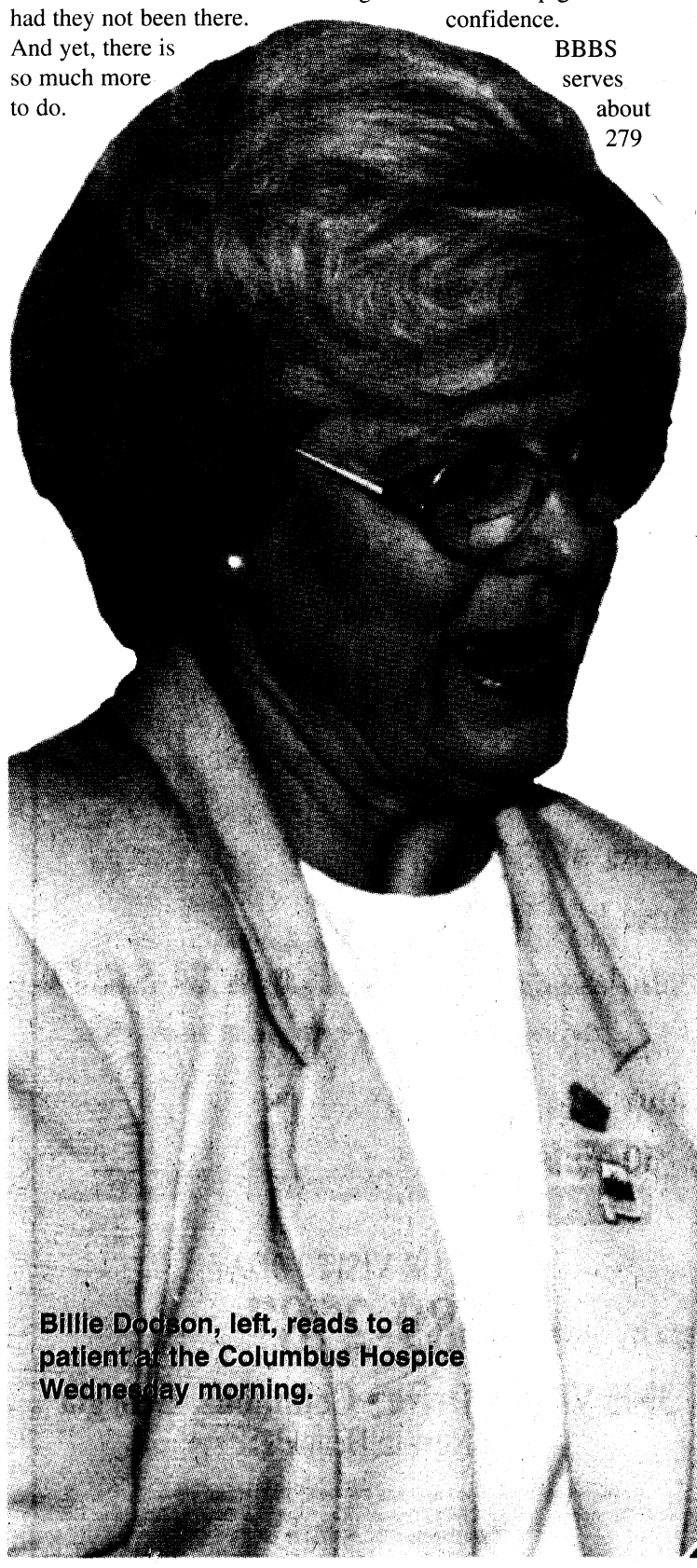
It's at the new skate park, the hard work of a post youth who had a vision. A teenager who wanted to do more than complain about what was "wrong" with Fort Benning. Instead, he set out to fix it. He started a petition and collected more than 300 signatures, so that kids would have a safe, legal place to skateboard.

The miracles are everywhere you look on this post — in schools and libraries, at the Vet Clinic, in Soldiers' Plaza, at the museum and the golf course and the fitness centers.

And they're out there, too, in the surrounding communities mentoring children, building homes, improving the community.

And just how do those miracles happen? In a word, volunteers.

Each one makes a difference with their hard work, a difference that would be missed had they not been there. And yet, there is so much more to do.



Billie Dodson, left, reads to a patient at the Columbus Hospice Wednesday morning.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbus

The oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the U.S., BBBS matches volunteers with children who need positive role models — "at-risk" kids, said Derric Jackson, the Columbus program's director.

"They're children from low-income families, single-parent families and high-crime areas," Jackson explained. "Some of them are being raised by their siblings or have a parent incarcerated or are very transient … any combination of the above."

Volunteers become a big brother or sister — a buddy — for the children, he said, "hanging out" with them on a weekly basis just playing games or watching movies or everyday things, like walking the dog or washing the car.

"It gives them a normalcy, a consistency they don't have in their everyday lives," Jackson said. "You just share with them a positive influence."

That positive influence makes little brothers and sisters 52 percent less likely to skip school and 46 percent less likely to start using drugs. It also motivates children in the program to improve their school performance and attendance, achieve better grades and develop greater self-confidence.

BBBS serves about 279 children locally, but even so, the program still has more than 40 children on its waiting list, Jackson said.



Courtesy photo

Then Capt. Douglas McBride, left, befriended Ryan Cozbey through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbus. Children in BBBS are 52 percent less likely to skip school and 46 percent less likely to start using drugs. Columbus' program currently has more than 40 children on its waiting list.

Volunteers — especially big brothers — are desperately needed.

To volunteer, you must be at least 16 for the on-site mentoring in schools, and at least 18 for the community-based, one-on-one program. Volunteers must own their own vehicles,pass a state and federal background checks and a home inspection, spend at least three hours a week with the child and intend to spend at least a year with the same child.

But most importantly, Jackson said, "volunteers must love children, care and want to make an impact on a child's life."

For more information or to become a big brother or sister, call 327-3760.

Army Community Service

If you think they've got all the help they need, just ask Megan Foley, president of Fort Benning's ACS Volunteer Support Association. She'll tell you differently.

"We can always use more help," she said.

ACS volunteers support the Financial Readiness Program, the Food Locker, Army Family Team Building and the office in general, Foley said. Much of it is clerical work, but work that the agency depends on.

But why volunteer with ACS?

"ACS has so many programs that help so many people on Fort Benning," Foley said. "It helps Soldiers and their family members. It teaches you how to make Fort Benning a home — like it did for me."

To lend a hand at ACS, call 545-4043.

Columbus Hospice

"You get more out of it than you give," said Terri Roberts.

She should know. Now the volunteer coordinator for Columbus Hospice, Roberts was a volunteer before she took the position and knows firsthand what a positive experience volunteering with hospice patients can be.

"A lot of people are scared away at first," Roberts said, explaining that all of the hospice's patients are terminally ill and have been given around six months to live — although many of them live beyond that prognosis.

But the relationships you form with the patients and their families when you volunteer with the hospice is too rewarding to pass up, she said. And contrary to what many might think, it's not depressing.

"Not all of our patients are bed bound," she said. "In fact, some of them are agile and all over the place."

Hospice patients are anywhere from 3 months to 102 years old, Roberts said, and most of them just need a friend, someone to listen and spend time with.

The patients are spread across the community — some in their own homes, some at the hospice and some in nursing homes. Some of the patients have no one else to come visit with them. Roberts said volunteers sit with the patients, read to them, visit with them and provide them with companionship.

Volunteers are required to undergo background checks and drug screening and to participate in eight-hour training. After that, they're required to attend three in-service classes a year, continuing education classes that last about an hour. The hospice also asks that volunteers make a one-year commitment.

The next eight-hour training will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Sept. 10 and from 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 at the Columbus Hospice. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Volunteers must pre-register.

For more information about the hospice or to volunteer, call Roberts at 243-0044.

Court Appointed Special Advocates

CASA isn't your typical volunteer opportunity, and it isn't for those pressed for time. But it is an opportunity to make a difference for children at what may be the most crucial time in their lives.

CASA volunteers work as court-appointed advocates for children in state custody, or foster care, said Mattie Hall, program director.

Volunteers conduct research on one to two cases at a time, interviewing the children, their teachers, families, friends — anyone who can shed light on what's best for the child. They then use this research to make a recommendation to the judge as to the best placement for the children.

Volunteers must be at least 21 and commit for a year. They must complete an application, submit two business and one personal recommendation, and undergo a background check. They must participate in 40 hours of training – 30 hours in the classroom (once a week for 10 weeks) and 10 hours of court time — and they must be sworn in by a judge. Volunteers then take 12 hours of training per year.

"This is for people with a passion, a sincere caring, for the well-being of children," Hall said. "And you see it through from the beginning to the end. It's so wonderful, because they know you're not looking for any payment. You're just looking out for the welfare of a child."

A large percentage of the children in state's custody are males, Hall said, so male volunteers are sorely needed to become a positive influence in the children's lives.

To volunteer with CASA, call 323-3687.

American Red Cross

"The well is deep — we haven't had a volunteer we couldn't find a position for."

So says Darla Gibbs, a Red Cross volunteer for more than two years now.

If you're not quite sure what you can do to make a difference, or even what there is to do, Red Cross is the place for you.

Volunteers attend a mandatory Red Cross orientation, which is held at 9:30 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Once they've completed the orientation, "they say where, and we work on it," Gibbs said, explaining that the Red Cross tries to get volunteers where they want to be.

"Their time is theirs," she said. "They pick and choose where and when they volunteer. All we ask is that they go when they say they will and call if they can't make it."

Volunteers are placed all over post, she said, from the hospital to the Veterinary Clinic to Golf Course.

To volunteer with the Red Cross, call 545-5194.



Get Outta Here



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.*

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

I won't lie — I wasn't exactly excited to find myself in Columbus for the four-day.

I was looking forward to getting out of town, just getting away for a few days, but the powers that be had other plans.

After a little research, though, I realized maybe being "stuck" in Columbus this holiday weekend won't be such a bad thing.

There are all sorts of Independence Day festivities scheduled in the tricommunity and surrounding areas.

I'm sure you've heard of Thunder on the Hooch — we'll just call it Thunder (for brevity's sake, of course). Despite its name, Thunder has gotten nothing but rave reviews from the people who've been (the ones I know, anyway).

Thunder has everything from free rides and face painting for the kids to a watermelon-eating contest, an All-American Pie Contest and the Great American Duck Race. There will also be live music, food, the whole works.

And, of course, no Fourth of July celebration is complete without fireworks.

Thunder kicks off at 1 p.m. Word to the wise — no alcohol is allowed at this event.

Of course, if you are looking to get out of town, but not too far, there are plenty of semi-nearby places offering some celebration or another.

Callaway Gardens will host its annual Surf and Sand Spectacular. With circus performances, beach games, music, miniature golf, picnicking, shuffleboard and swimming are just the beginning.

There will also be helicopter rides and Callaway's newest feature, the Iceberg Island Floating Playground. And don't miss the music and dance of the Swingin' Medallions ... or the fireworks over Robin Lake.

Meanwhile, Westville — Georgia's 1850s town, will "explode with excitement" as visitors enjoy an old-fashioned Independence Day Celebration Saturday and Sunday.

Westville will serve up an old-fashioned barbecue Sunday, complete with entertainment.

Celebration games such as the sack and three-legged races, greased pole climb and watermelon seed spitting contest and vintage baseball games begin at 1:30 p.m.

And in keeping with tradition, an anvil will be blown into the sky with black powder every hour on the hour.

It's only $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, college students and military and $4 for children in grades K-12.

For more info, call (888) SEE-1850 or visit www.westville.org.

And if you're looking for some heavy-duty adrenaline rushes and don't mind standing in line most of the day, head up to Six Flags over Georgia in Atlanta.

The park is offering "military apprecation" through Sunday with half-price tickets for service members.

There will be fireworks every night through Sunday, too, so it will still feel like the Fourth of July.

If you're just not feeling in the mood for the crowds, gather up a grill and some friends and have a barbecue.

But no matter where you are, don't forget to appreciate your freedom to do whatever it is you feel like to mark the Fourth of July.

BIRTHS

Boys

Connor Angelus Roberts — born June 16 to Christina and Spc. Chadwick Roberts.

Logan Aaron Dupre — born June 16 to Tamara and Staff Sgt. Wilson Dupre.

Joseph Anthony Seward — born June17 to Michong and Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Seward.

Preston Charles Bradley — born June 17 to Heather and Spc. Robert Bradley.

Brody Nathaniel Rabon — born June 20 to Heather and Staff Sgt. Lynwood Rabon III.

Kevin Mark Richardson — born June 21 to Manuela and 1st Lt. William Richardson.

Carlos Ja'Len Verdejo — born June 21 to Angela and Sgt. Carlos Verdejo.

Elias Christian Jones — born June 21 to Chenna and Sgt. Antwoine Jones.

Johnathan Alexander Holtz — born June 21 to Barbara and Sgt. Shon Holtz.

Brian Anthony Sanchez — born June 21 to Joni and Sgt. Phillip Sanchez Jr.

Luke Edward Sedlock — born June 23 to Emily and Capt. Edward Sedlock.

Casey Joseph Watkins — born June 23 to Bethany and Maj. Mitchell Watkins.

Girls

Amy Helene Ward — born to June 15 to Rhonda and Lt. Col. Geoffrey Ward.

Aliyah Maria Savage — born June 16 to Jessica and Sgt. Frederick Savage Jr.

Marissa Renee Tatum — born June 16 to Samantha and 2nd Lt. Todd Tatum.

Madison LeAnn Day — born June 18 to Ann and Pfc. Darren Day II.

Claire Ho Ferrance — born June 18 to Yong Suk and Capt. Richard Ferrance II.

Kaitlyn Alyssa Garcia — born June 22 to Dina and Sgt. Edwin Garcia.

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Surbaugh — born June 23 to Melody and Sgt. David Surbaugh.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

MACH holiday schedule — The Fort Benning MEDDAC will be closed today through Monday. All clinics will be closed today through Monday.

The Main Outpatient Pharmacy will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday.

The Refill Pharmacy will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and closed Saturday through Monday.

The Emergency Room will remain open for emergent care.

For more information, call 544-2041.

Volunteers needed — Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday's American Red Cross Great American Duck Race. All volunteers will get an "egg-cellant" t-shirt and will have lots of fun.

Call 323-5614, or call Darla Gibbs at 545-5194 to sign up.

Yard waste, refuse pick-up — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing Monday.

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. Refuse and recycle collection for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and July 9 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

July 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, July 6, 13 and 20. Call 545-4041 to sign up.

• A Diabetes Lifestyle Seminar will be offered through the Internal Medicine Clinic from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday and July 22.

• A Headache Class will be offered through the Neurology Clinic from 9 to 11 a.m. July 13.

• A Child Car Seat Class will be offered from 2 to 4:30 p.m. July 15 through Community Health Nursing. Call 545-4041 to make an appointment.

• Weight loss classes are offered every Monday 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 10 to 11 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. Call for an appointment.

• A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

EFMP volunteers needed — The Fort Benning Child and Youth Services program is planning to offer 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.

If you have an interest or need more information, call the ACS EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

School screenings, sports physicals — MEDDAC Family Practice and Pediatric Clinics offer school screenings and sports physicals by appointments from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 27.

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.

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 submitted 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.

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Fund to help Marine family — Marine Staff Sgt. Fernando Martinez was seriously injured in a car accident 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 condition.

A fund has been set up to help the family with expenses incurred during Martinez's hospitalization.

If you have any interest in helping the family, send donations to:

McCoy Federal Credit Union
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Orlando, Fla. 32859

If donations are made by check please be sure to write 118106 behind the check.

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.

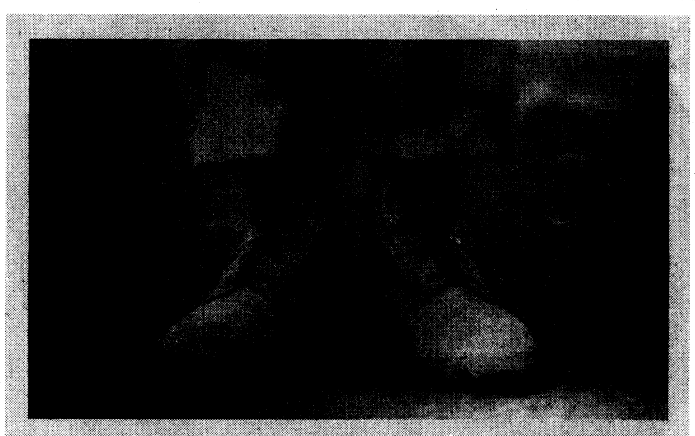
For more information and an application, call program director Mattie P. Hall or volunteer coordinator Cynthia Walker at 323-3687.

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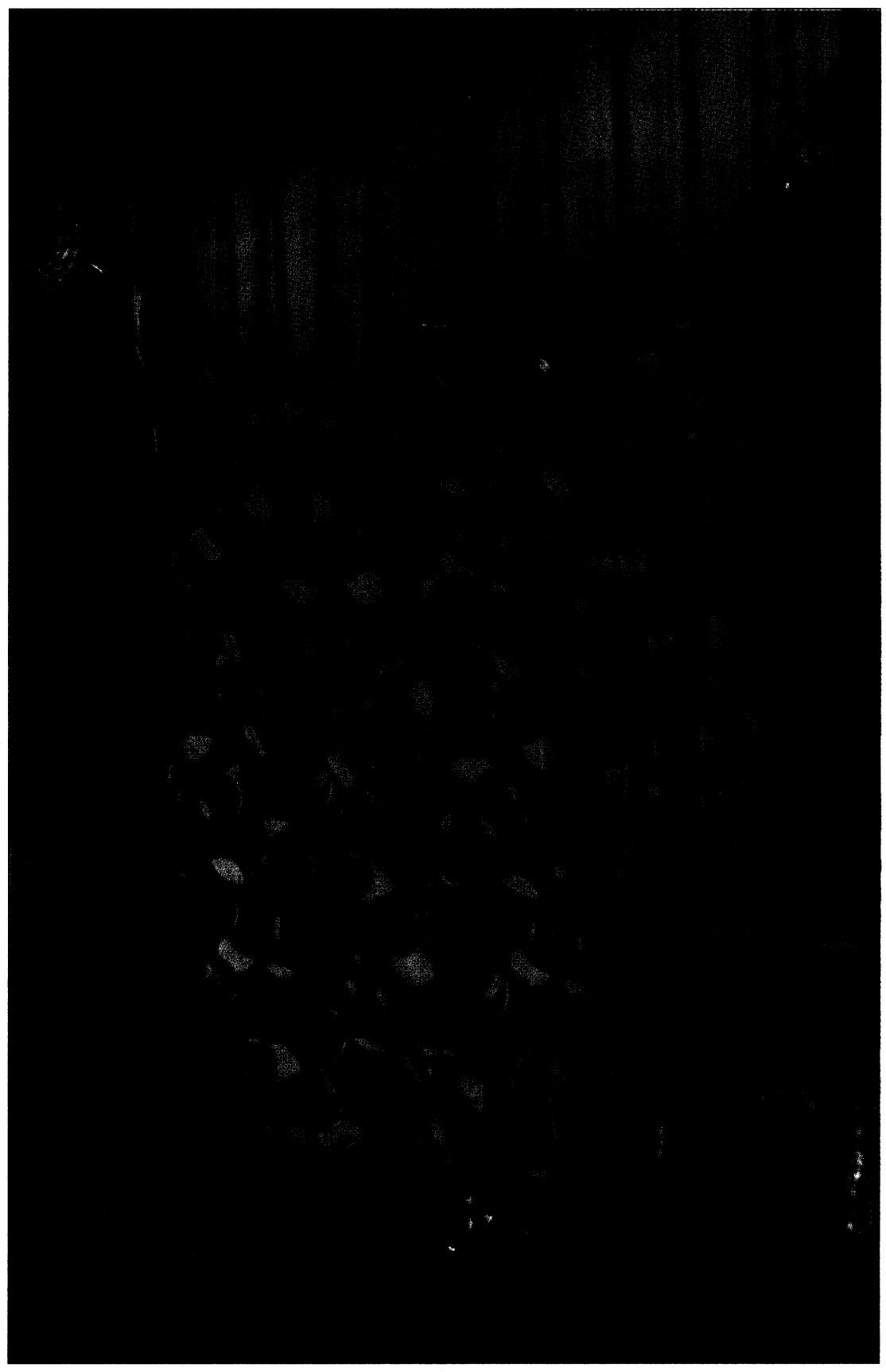

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Wednesdays are wonderful at Columbus Museum

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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The African Dance Connection's drummer demonstrates Koma Village drum beats.



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

A member of The African Dance Connection demonstrates a dance from Africa's Koma Village at Columbus Museum's Wonderful Wednesday program.

They sing, they dance, they travel and chant. Yep, Columbus kids do it all — with a little help from the Columbus Museum and its annual summer program, Wonderful Wednesdays.

Never one to shy away from a chance to "culture" children, the museum has a line-up sure to appease every artistic bone in the body with weekly presentations through the end of July.

This week's program, Koma Village, featured The African Dance Connection, a "charismatic group of dancers and drummers."

Amidst the deafening cries of "JUMBO!" — the word for hello in Koma Village — children learned about Koma's language and lifestyle.

"We're an educational museum, and this is a great way for the children to be introduced to culture," said Jennifer Sillitto, the museum's public relations coordinator.

The upcoming programs cover the gamut, Sillitto said, including music, dance and story-telling. It's all there. The children even learn a bit of geography during their "travels" to different times and places.

"The programs just help to make the kids aware of (what else is out there)," Sillitto said.

Offered free of charge, the programs are offered at 10 and 11:15 a.m. each Wednesday in the museum's Patrick Theater. Even with seating for 300, both performances are almost always filled to capacity. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are required for groups of five or more children and are limited to a maximum of 25 guests, including adults.

Call the museum's Education Department at 649-0713 ext. 39 for reservations.

This summer's schedule is:

Wednesday — A.R.T. Station Children's Theater presents "How the Skunk Got His Stink."

July 14 — Cathy Kaemmerlen-Gotcha! presents "Trickster Tales From Around the World."

July 21 — Piccadilly Puppets Company presents "Garden Party."

July 28 — Will Moreau Goins presents "Georgia's Ancient Past: American History through Native American Eyes."

Wonderful Wednesdays will be an "educational delight" for children, Sillitto said, but it will also get them in the door at the museum, where there is plenty to see every day of the week.

Complete with a special exhibit called Transformations, Columbus Museum aims to be child-friendly.

"So many times, when they go to a museum, they aren't allowed to touch anything," Sillitto said. "But we have a hands-on area just for them."

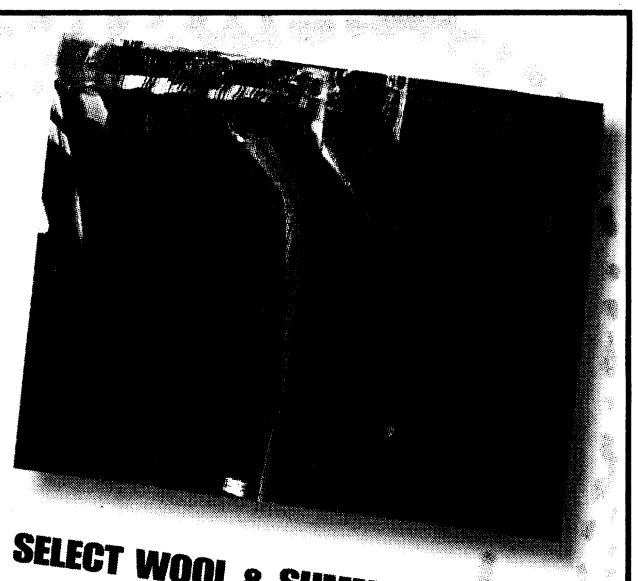
Transformations is a place they can explore things like sketching and color wheels.

And best of all, Sillitto said, "it's always there, and it's always free."

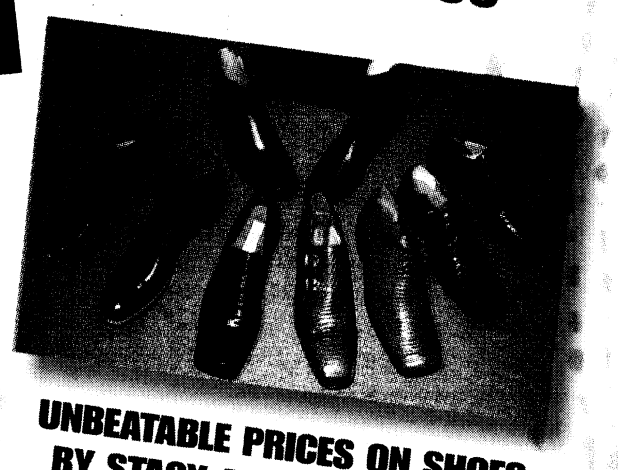
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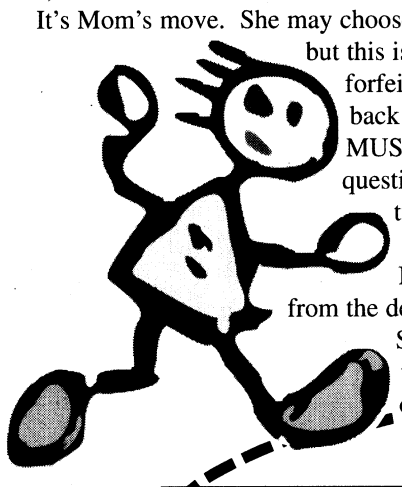
Hey, if you play your cards right, the rest of the summer will be a breeze.

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Welcome to the ultimate bored game. The rules are simple. Two or more players are required, and one, usually the oldest, will be called the Mom (pronounced Mooooooooom.) Sorry, there are no players designated "Dad" in this game, but dads are welcome to watch, smile and divert any questions/complaints/observations to Mom.

Any player other than the Mom can start the game with a question, which must begin like this: "Mom, why can't I .....?" or a statement, which must begin like this: "Mom, I'm so ....." (bored, hot, tired, about to throw up, etc.)

It's Mom's move. She may choose to pass (read: ignore) but this is not recommended, as forfeiting a turn diverts play back to Player One, who MUST repeat the question/statement twice and twice as loud.



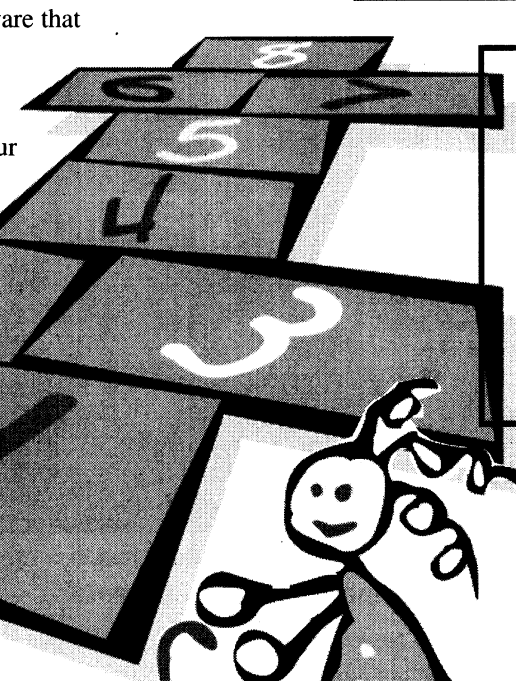
At this point, the Mom selects one card from the deck marked "Parental Strategy" and follows the instructions printed on the card (i.e. hide, call grandma, feign sleep). The Mom should be aware that none of these strategies will work for more than 30 minutes.

At this point, Player One will select an accomplice, Player Two, Player Three or Player Four or Players Two, Three and Four. Players Accompli will repeat Move One in unison, or if so inclined, in round (think *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*).

At this point, the Mom must quickly select a card from the deck marked "Diversionary Tactics." Read the instructions on the card (i.e. divvy up chores, turn on TV) and shred it, because any half-wit knows those tactics never work.

At this point, Players Accompli may employ any number of strategies listed in the *Children's Universal Book of Vices, Volume 1,* copyright 525 B.C., including, but not limited to, sulking, sighing, moaning, crying and flailing.

The Mom may now select from the deck marked "Summer Countdown" and choose any one of these activities to drive away the doldrums and put a hasty end to the bored game. Play ends when school starts, and everybody wins.



START

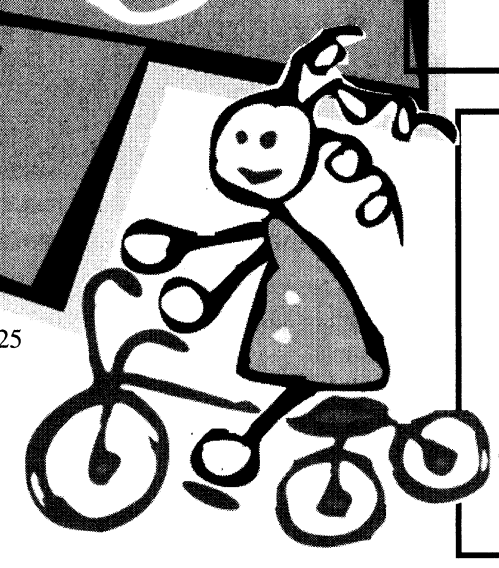
the rest of your summer off right by planning day trips and activities sure to keep the kids happy till school starts again. Here are a number of suggestions to get you started.

1

Hit the trail — the **McBride Nature Trail,** that is. It's a one and a half-mile walking trail that begins and ends at McBride Elementary School on Custer Road. Pack a picnic, a camera, bug spray and plenty of water.

2

Visit **Oxbow Meadows**, just outside Fort Benning on Lumpkin Road. Oxbow is an environmental learning center, but hey, the kids will love it anyway. Explore the wetlands and woodlands of the Chattahoochee flood plain, touch a turtle, visit a beaver habitat or take a nature walk. For more information, call 687-4090.

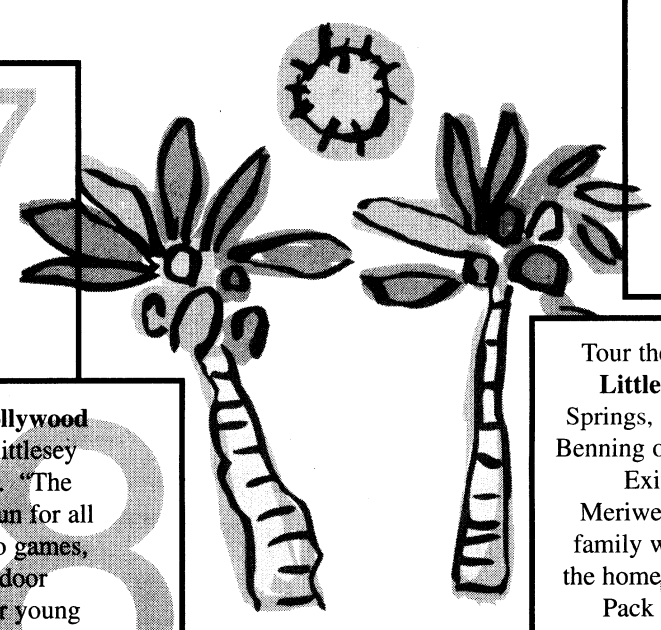


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Amuse 'em with a museum. **The National Infantry Museum**, on Baltzell Avenue, is a treasure trove of relics from the infantry archives. Sound terribly unappealing to the kids? Take them on a scavenger hunt to see if they can find Calculator the Dog on the first floor, jump towers on the second, and a *Raiders of the Lost Ark* jeep on the third.

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Still bellyaching? Tell them to take a hike! Hike the **Historic Trail**, which encompasses 26 sites around Fort Benning's Main Post, starting at the National Infantry Museum, where you can pick up a map for your self-guided tour.

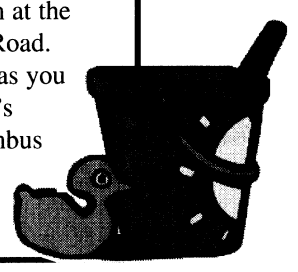


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Tour the White House — **FDR's Little White House** in Warm Springs, Ga., 45 miles north of Fort Benning on Alternate 27 (Manchester Exit off Interstate185) in Meriweather County. The whole family will enjoy walking through the home Roosevelt loved so dearly. Pack a lunch and stop by the president's favorite picnic spot atop Pine Mountain.

6

Head inside to the air conditioning. Wile away a few hours with a good book while the kids explore the hands-on activity room at the **Columbus Museum** on Wynnton Road. Explore Columbus history — free — as you and the family tour the museum's Chattahoochee Legacy. The Columbus Museum also showcases great artists of local and national distinction.



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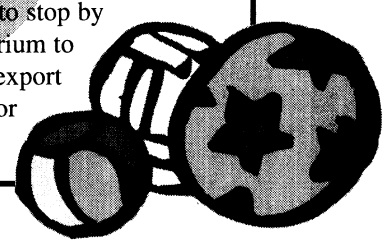
Callaway Gardens, in Pine Mountain, offers a new attraction this summer at Robin Lake Beach — Iceberg Island, a floating playground for children 6 and older. While you're there, be sure to see the garden's butterfly sanctuary, the Victory Garden, the Sibley Horticulture Center and the Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center. For more information, call (800)282-8181.

8

The **Coca-Cola Space Science Center**, 701 Front Ave., offers out-of-this-world fun for the whole family. The center hosts an ever-changing array of activities designed to intrigue your star-struck child's imagination and feed his curiosity about space travel. To see what's happening today at the space center, call 649-1470.

9

Plains, Ga., is a great place to spend a day, and the cost is peanuts! This tiny town is home to former President Jimmy Carter. You can go inside his boyhood home, walk the halls of the school he and Rosalynn attended and tour various sites along this free eight-mile, self-guided tour. Pick up a guide at the Plains Welcome Center before you start your day. And be sure to stop by The Peanut Emporium to sample the other export Plains is famous for — peanuts.



10

Picnic at any one of the area's scenic, family-friendly parks. **Cooper Creek**, on Milgen Road, has walking trails, playgrounds, bike trails, fishing ponds and ducks. **Lakebottom Park**, on 17th Avenue, has playgrounds, walking trails and a concession stand. **Flat Rock Park**, on Warm Springs Road, is a great place to picnic. The kids will love climbing the rock formations. Be sure to take a camera.

11

Take the troops to lunch at the area's most unusual fast food restaurant, **Burger King**, on Wynnton Road. Housed in a rambling old renovated home, this BK is tastefully decorated with vintage photos and relics from Columbus' early days. It's classy dining with fast food fare and a painless lesson in local history.



12

Mann, oh Mann. **The Mann Museum** in Opelika, Ala., boasts 35,000 square feet of North American wildlife exhibits, including record-setting Polar Bears and grizzlies, and many hands-on displays. Ever rub a wolf the wrong way? Now you can. Mann Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday — except Wednesdays, when it's closed — and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Alabama time is one hour behind Georgia time, so plan accordingly. Admission is $7.50 for adults, $5 for kindergartners through high school, and $6 for seniors. For more information, call (334)741-7776.

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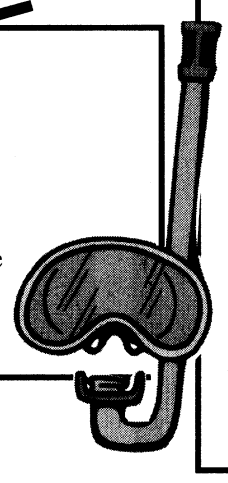
For a "reel" good time, take them fishing at Fort Benning's **Russ Pond**. Pack a picnic and a good book, so you can relax while the kids feed the fish.

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Go west. **Westville**, "where it's always 1850," in Lumpkin, Ga., is a living history village, reconstructed from original homes, shops and offices, and populated by curators dressed in period costumes who do a bang-up job of portraying merchants, teachers, farmers and shop-keepers from the 19th century. Westville is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Free tickets are often available at the O'Club, the NCO Club or Afterhours.

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Take a stroll along the Chattahoochee. **The River Walk** meanders 10 miles from Fort Benning to downtown Columbus. Cyclists are welcome.



16

Make a big splash before school puts an end to summer fun. Take a short drive to **SurfSide Water Park** in Opelika, Ala., and spend the day floating down the lazy river or sailing in the 640,000 gallon wave pool. Or brave one of the four water slides — two flumes and two 70-foot curly-Qs. Cost of admission at SurfSide ranges from $14.95 to $16.95, $14.99 with your military I.D. For more information, call (334)821-7873.

17

Plan a return trip — or two or three. That's how long it takes to hike the 23-mile **Pine Mountain Trail**. Stop by the visitor's center in the village of Pine Mountain for a trail guide, and spend a few hours traipsing through forests beneath cool Georgia pines.

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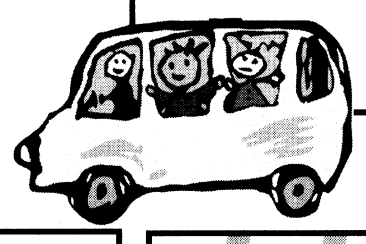
Spend the day at **Hollywood Connection** on Whittlesey Road in Columbus. "The connection" offers fun for all ages, from movies to games, putt-putt golf, indoor amusement rides for young children and a game room for the older crowd. For more information, call 571-3456.

19

Have a ball. Take the kids **bowling** at one of Fort Benning's two bowling centers. Weekdays are the best time to get a lane. It costs $1.25 per person per game between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. — a bargain in anybody's book. For more information, call 682-7777.

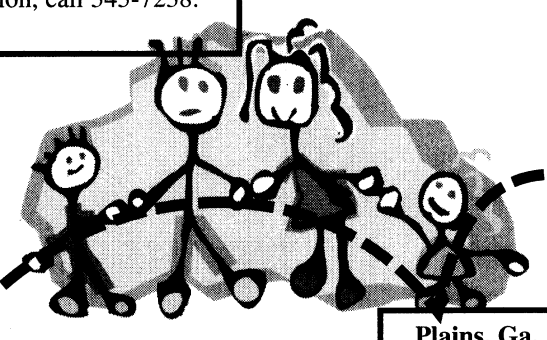
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Visit **Providence Canyon**, "Georgia's Little Grand Canyon," seven miles west of Lumpkin on State Road 39C. Hike a scenic three-mile trail around the canyon rim or take the more challenging seven-miler, which will lead through a maze of canyon floors. Or just stand on the edge of the canyon, throw your arms in the air and yell "Summer's almost over!" at the top of your lungs. That's no echo you'll hear. That's other parents.



21

Fort Benning's own **Uchee Creek** offers lots of fun for the whole family. Rent a cabin or pitch a tent, rent a boat or fish from the bank, but save time for the swimming pool, which features a mushroom fountain. For more information, call 545-7238.



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Freedom is a gift from God to be celebrated

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stanley E. Puckett
641st Area Support Group

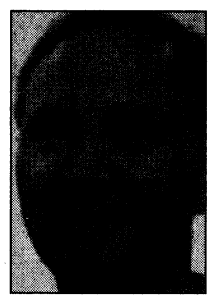
July 4th is a time for celebrating our nation and the rich history and traditions of freedom and faith. Americans routinely celebrate these traditions together. Indeed, many Americans see freedom as necessary to true faith, and faith as necessary for the true exercise of freedom.

As our nation celebrates the Fourth of July, many Soldiers will attend, and in some cases, will be recognized in holiday celebrations. Many of our Soldiers have made great sacrifices for our freedoms, and certainly all of our Soldiers have done their duty to our nation and it's traditions of freedom. For those who are people of faith, I would like to challenge you with Jesus' words about duty and faith in Luke 17, verses 7-10.

In Luke 17:7-10, Jesus tells a parable of a master and his servants. The servants work all day in the field, and then serve the master his meal before they are fed. The servants then observe that they are "unprofitable servants because they have done only their duty."

Many of us would see this as a harsh observation, even for the servants to make of themselves. Many of us like and even expect recognition for our accomplishments, even in the arena of our faith. Jesus' words lead us to

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several conclusions about how we as people of faith should look at our duties and our faith.

First, Jesus made sure to put a master and servants in the parable. Implied in the parable is the fact that the master provided all of the servants' needs, including the opportunity to "do their duty" in serving him. Employment was a precious thing in Jesus' day; having a master to provide you with work was a great blessing and a gift from God.

The opportunity to "do our duty" to a free nation is a great gift from a loving God and should color our view of our duty to our country. No matter how small or how great our sacrifice and our service has been this last year, the very opportunity to do that duty is a gift from God, and an event that should move us to exercise our faith in recognition of God's goodness.

Second, the very freedoms we celebrate as a people and protect as individuals doing our duty are a gift from God.

There are people of faith all over the world that live in societies where there are few personal freedoms; many of them who do not even have the freedom to openly worship and express their faith.

Even though Americans for 250 years have fought for and protected the freedoms we enjoy, these freedoms are still a very precious gift from a loving God.

As we celebrate July 4th and the freedoms associated with our independence, let's be sure we stop and thank God for his love and provision, and especially for our nation and our freedoms.

As people of faith we will celebrate the freedoms we enjoy this July 4th. As people of faith we will recognize those who have sacrificed for those freedoms.

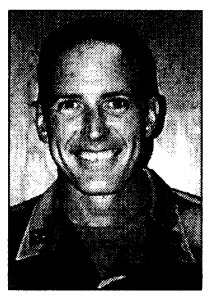
Beat the boredom monster, have some laughs this summer

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Now that it's full-fledged summer, you know there are no three words that can strike fear in the heart of any parent as quickly as a well-whined, "Mom, I'm booooorrrreeeddd." What's a parent to do? Well, in addition to the latest copy of *The Bayonet* and all the suggestions and help that Youth Services and MWR provide, here are a few suggestions to help get your son's brain and rapid-eye movement disengaged from a case of severe X-Box and your daughter extracted from her third viewing of the *Brady Bunch*'s 24-hour marathon!

Michael Ross, in Focus on the Family's *Breakaway* magazine, recommends the following steps for the teenage terminally bored:

No. 1 — Turn off the tube. You can do it. Punch "off" on the TV remote, crawl out of the recliner and plunge into a summer of outrageous possibilities. Once you've taken this step, you're ready for bigger challenges.



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No. 2 — Vary your routine. Rearrange your bedroom. Rearrange your parent's bedroom. Rearrange every room in the house! Listen to a different radio station. Start your own radio station. Call radio station request lines and dedicate songs to "Stella Gigglebomb" or "Polly Esther Pants."

No. 3 — Be spontaneous. Aim to do something on the spur of the moment at least once a day for a week. Try this: Go to a mall hair salon and get a totally different haircut. Take a "cash-free eating" tour with a group of friends. All you need is a car and an appetite. Vow to spend the afternoon munching all kinds of stuff — without spending a dime. Visit grocery stores, shopping centers and those mega bulk-food warehouse places, sampling every free item in sight.

No. 4 — Get involved. Open a world of opportunity by donating your time and talents. Become a volunteer. Where? Serve as a member at your church's vacation Bible school or day camp. Volunteer to help the elderly or shut-ins. Check out ACS, Red Cross ... you name it!

No. 5 — Set goals. Make a list. Jot down things you want to accomplish over the summer. Memorize scripture. Maybe even read some books of the Bible that you've possibly never heard of. (You know, the ones with the pages stuck together.)

Learn a new sport. Try soccer or handball or swimming. Also, prepare now to make the school chess team or marching band in the fall.

Chart your family tree. Dig out some old family photos from that chest in the attic. Learn more about your family's history. Do you have any famous ancestors? Did anyone immigrate from another country? (Another planet, maybe?!)

Let books lead you on new adventures. Read Thoreau's *Walden* and spend a night alone in the woods. Read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, then build a raft. Read *Julius Caesar*. Afterward, make plans to conquer the world.

No. 6 — Do something crazy. Don't make the whole summer a constructive experience. Be wacko .. go a little crazy ... do something silly. Pick a few ideas from *Breakaway's* "Lunatic List." Warning: The suggestions that follow are strictly reserved for our card-carrying, certifiably "bored-outta-my-skull" members (Er, ah — that's you!)

- Have a picnic in a laundromat.
- Put up a fake Christmas tree in the living room.
- Eat lunch at McDonald's in your little brother's Halloween costume.

Want more coaching on how you and your family can beat the boredom monster? Give me a call at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 or come see me at 11 a.m. Sundays at the CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel on Kelley Hill. I look forward to meeting you.

Clergy Day
July 15
For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Revell at 545-3766.

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

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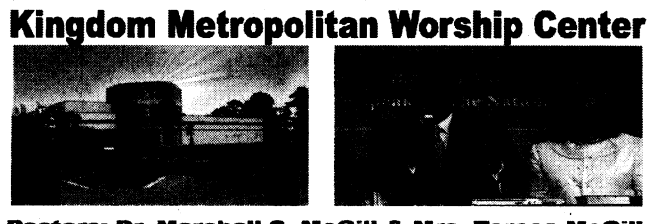
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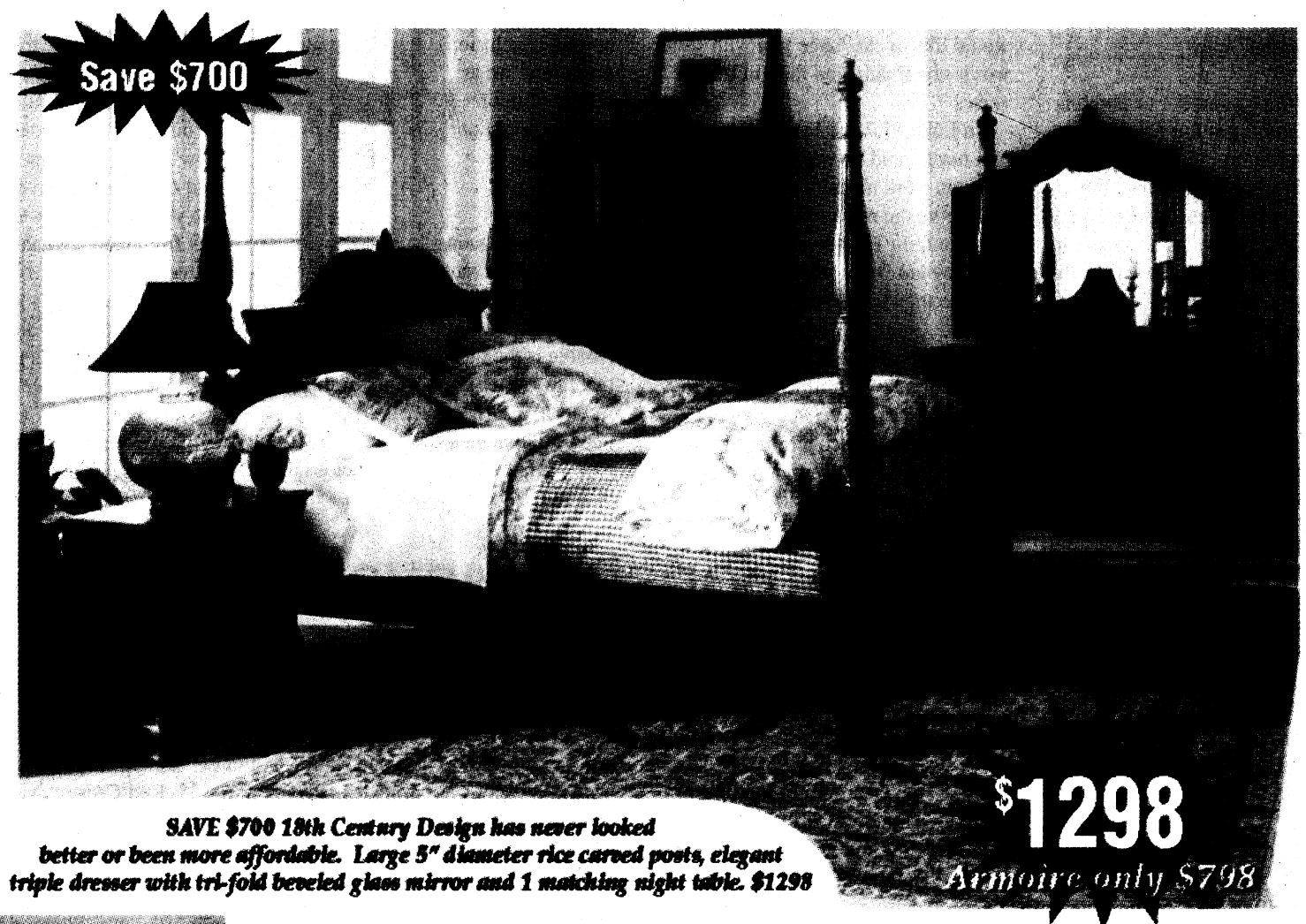
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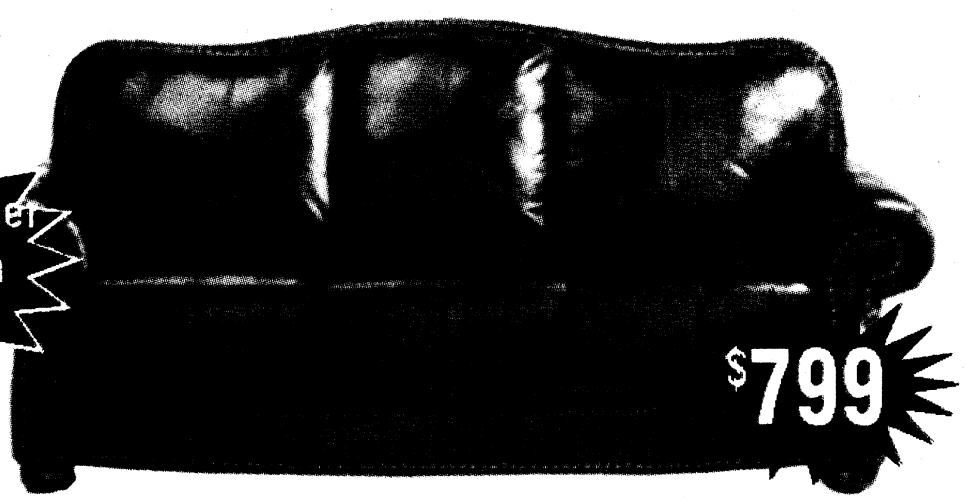






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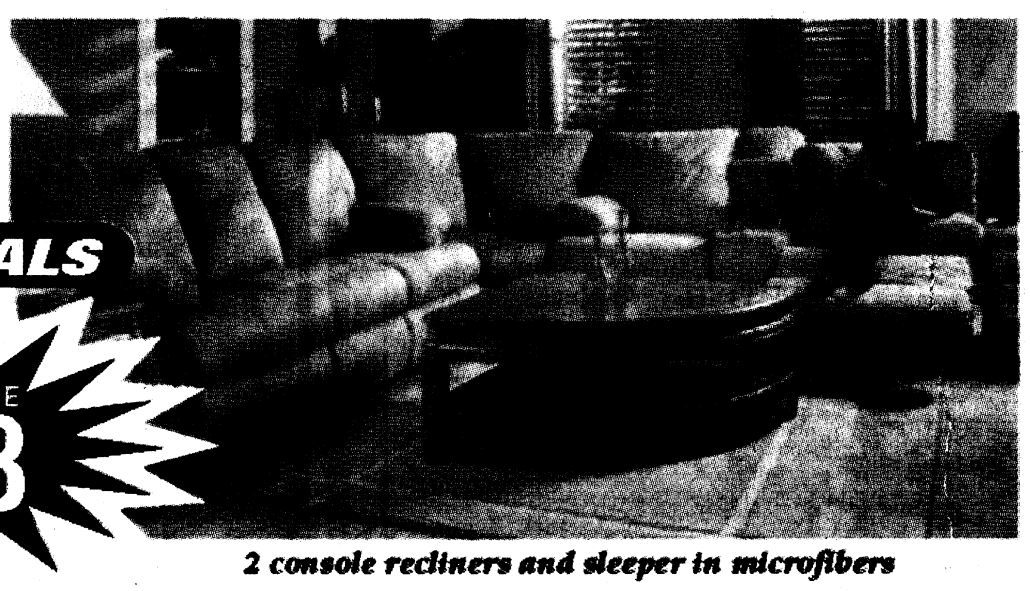


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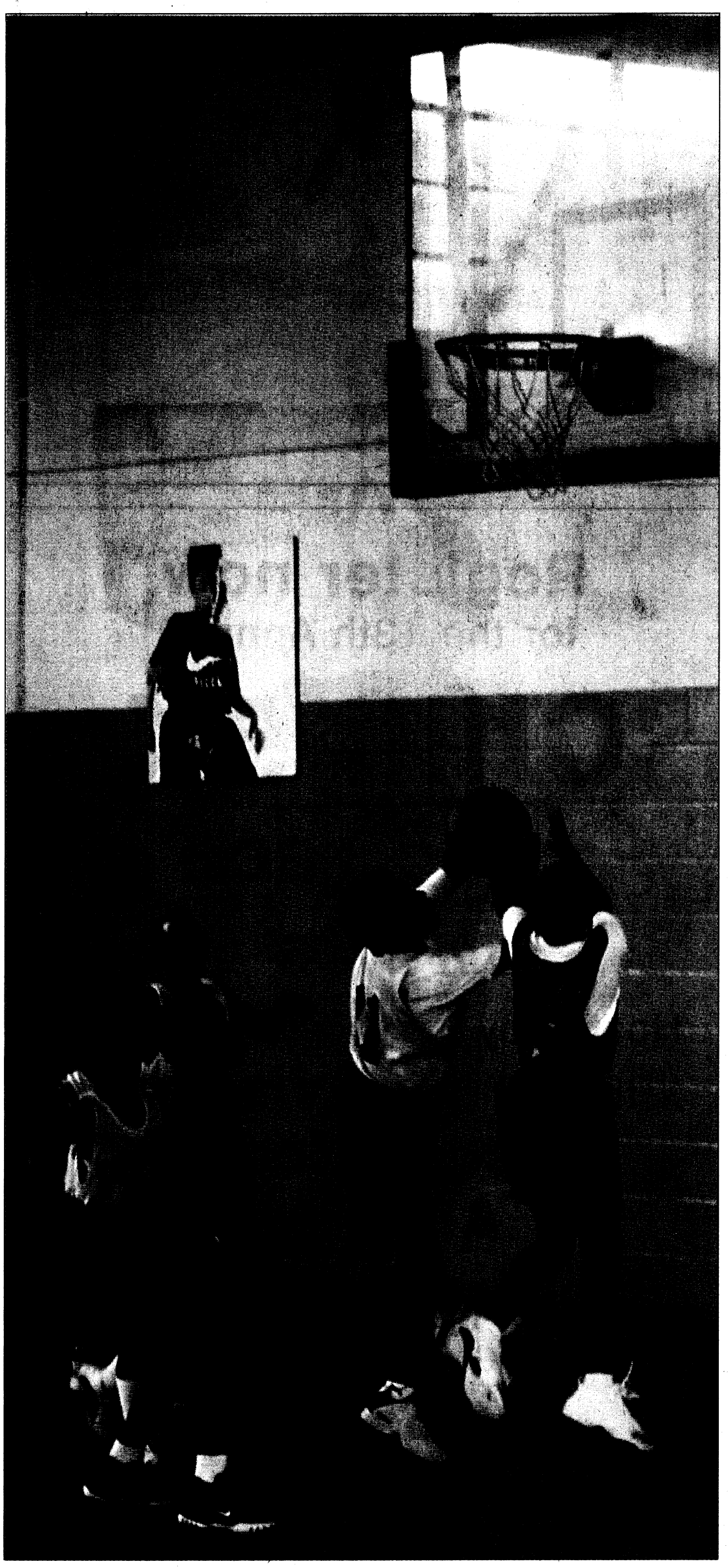
SPORTS



Photos by Spc. David Foley

Anthony Obaner, Bulldogs' coach, gives his team a pep talk after the third period of Tuesday's YS basketball game.

Bulldogs, Timberwolves face off



Jacoby Cannon deflects a two-point attempt by Christian Manzo early in the second period.

Both teams prove worthy on defense

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

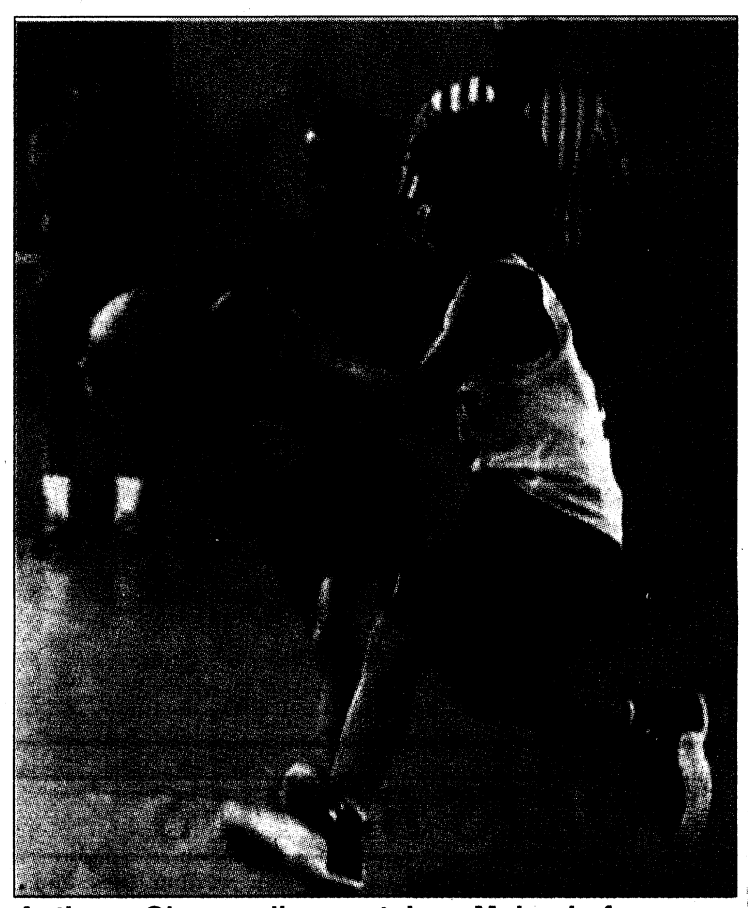
The Bulldogs and Timberwolves met in an 8-8 deadlock during Youth Sports Basketball action Tuesday night.

The Timberwolves took an early lead, scoring half their points in the first quarter, allowing the Bulldogs only one basket.

But the Bulldogs weren't about to roll over and let the Timberwolves keep the lead, they came back strong in the second quarter and returned the favor as Anthony Obaner and Brandon Nash each dropped one in the bucket.

Timberwolves' Christian Manzo kept his team above water, sinking one off the backboard to tie the game at six with three minutes left in the half.

The Bulldogs weren't able to break the tie until late in the third quarter with a lay-up from Jordan Jennings, gaining a two-point lead. The Bulldogs' defense held off several attacks by the Timberwolves, allowing them to hold on to the lead for most of the fourth quarter. But just when it was looking like the game was over and the Bulldogs were going to walk away with a victory, Jose Molando slipped one in the hoop and tied the game with 15 seconds to go.



Anthony Obaner slips past Jose Molando for a layup attempt.

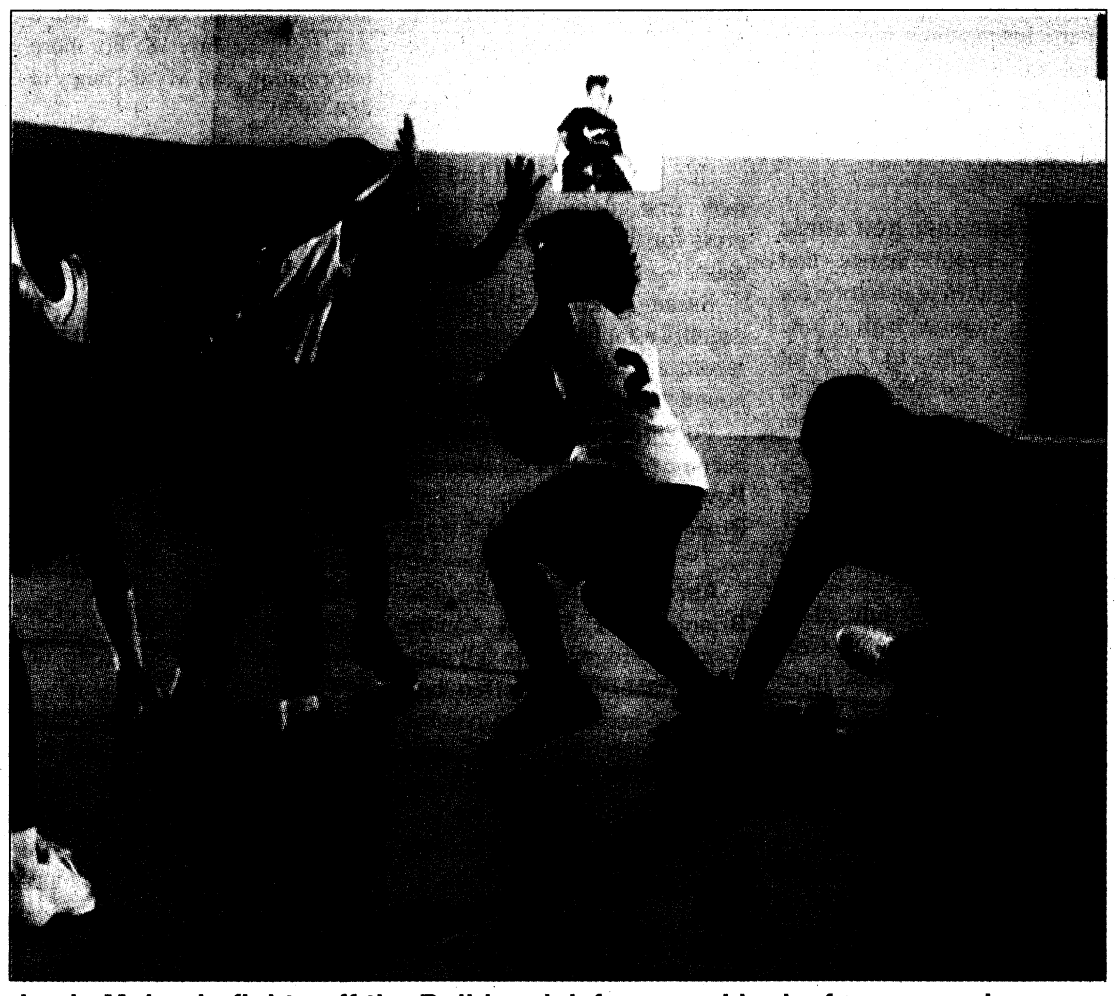
Even though neither team was able to walk away with bragging rights, both coaches said the game was a success.

"This was a great game," said Hugo Manzo, Timberwolves coach. "The kids put a lot of effort into it, and it really shows. Both teams played great defense — the score shows that."

Manzo said he was happy about the comeback, but he was happier that the children were focusing on the fundamentals and playing good basketball.

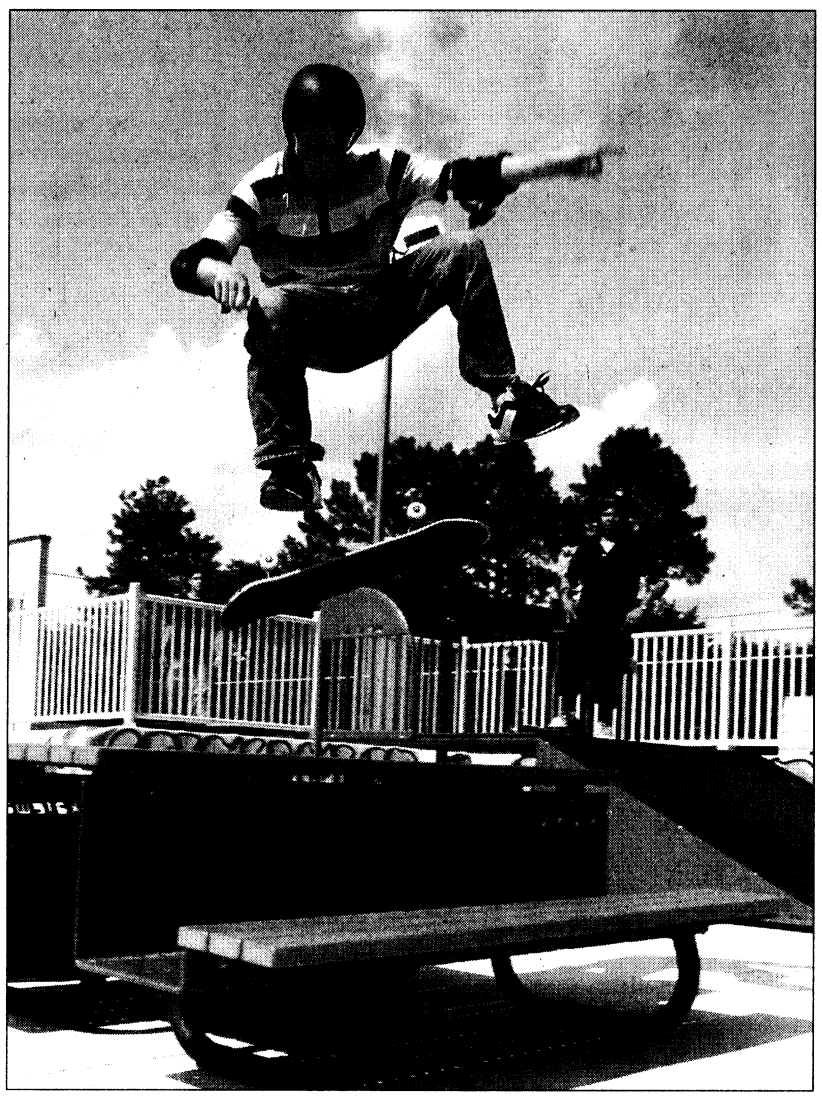
Anthony Obaner, Bulldogs' coach, agreed with Manzo.

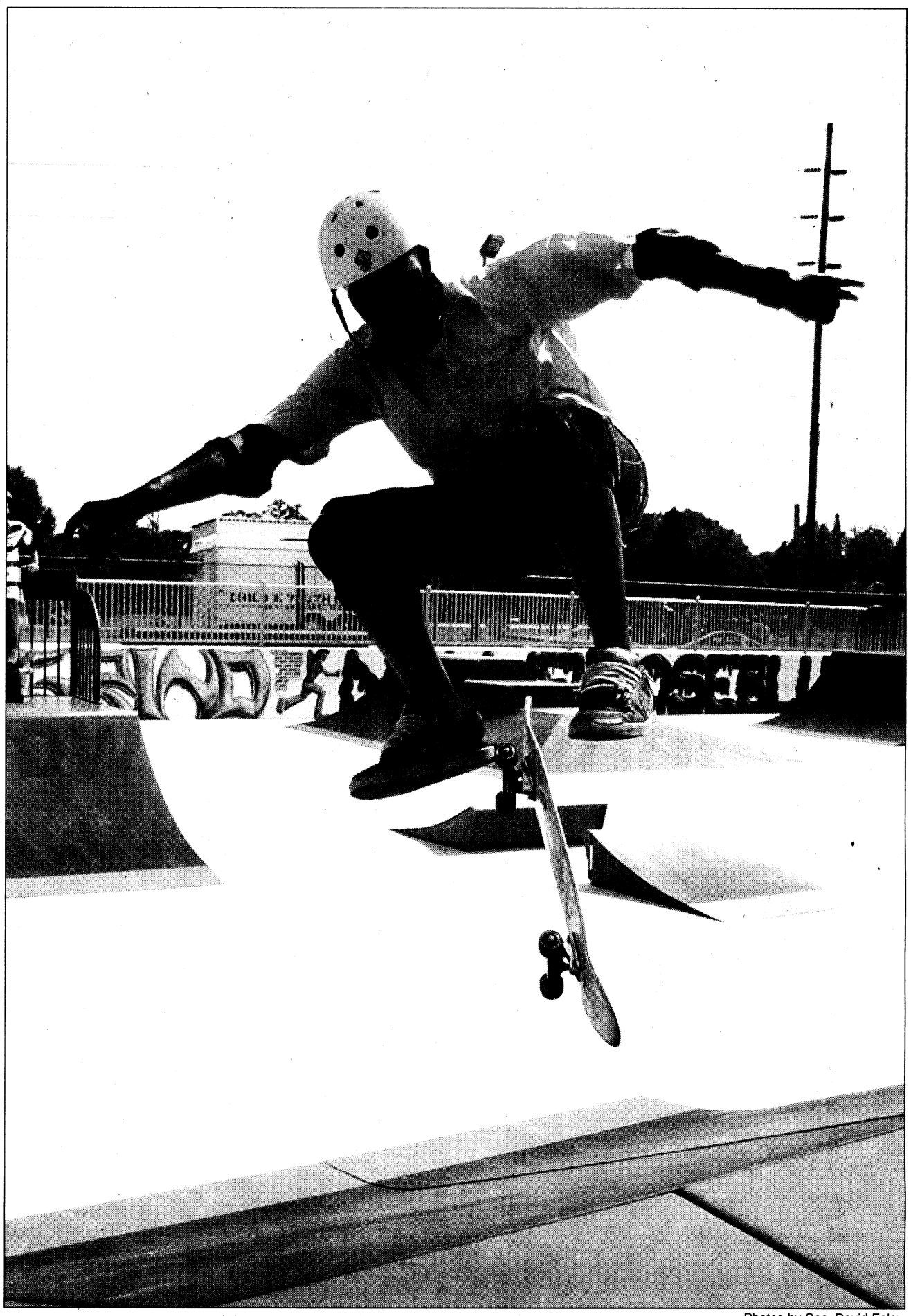
"That was a good game," Obaner said. "These kids are at an age where they really want to play hard. But the biggest thing is that they get something out of it."

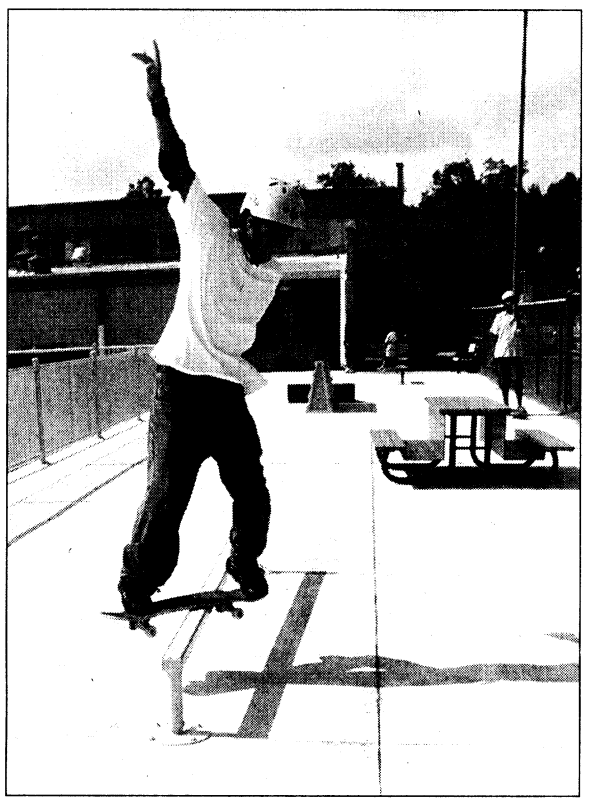


Jamie Molando fights off the Bulldogs' defense and looks for an opening.

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TOP LEFT: Cliff Patton kickflips an air over the picnic table in the Child and Youth Services skatepark. TOP RIGHT: Dannon Rogers performs a hardflip on the wedge ramp in the park. BOTTOM LEFT: Andrew Paulino makes good use of one of the rails in the street portion of the skatepark.

Photos by Spc. David Foley

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Youth Soccer Camp registration — CYS Sports and Fitness will hold registration for Youth Soccer Camp, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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. Monday through July 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 Powerlifting 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, call Broadwater at 544-2660.

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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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, call Jim O'Donnell at 644-2066 or 569-5057.

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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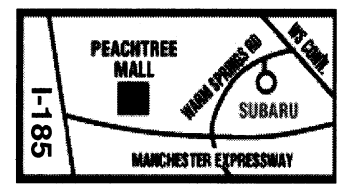
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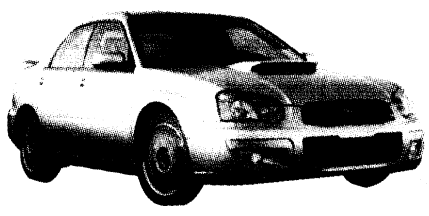
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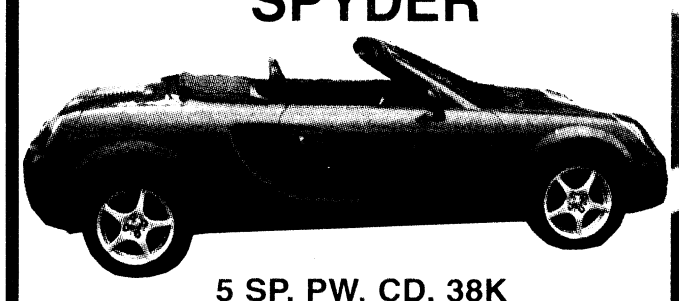
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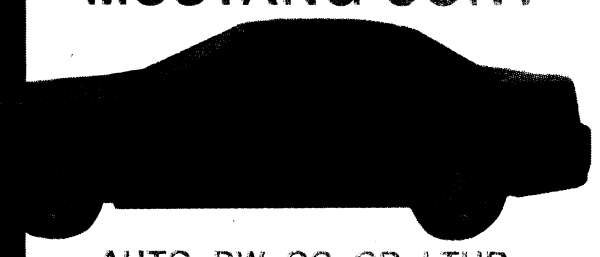
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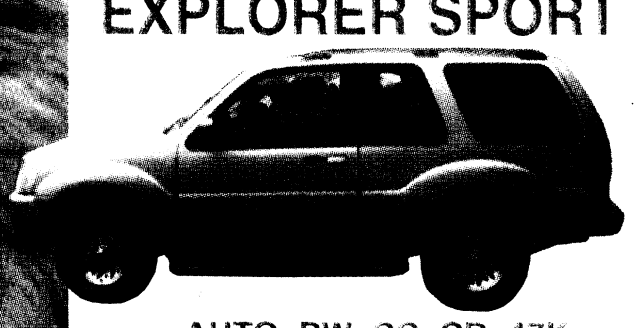


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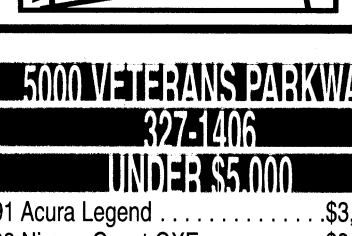
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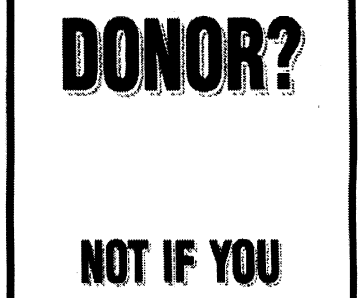
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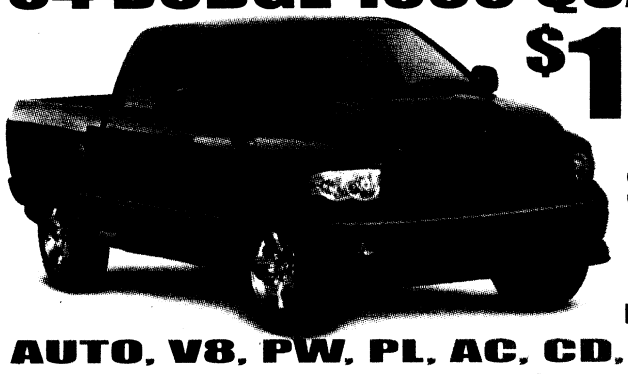
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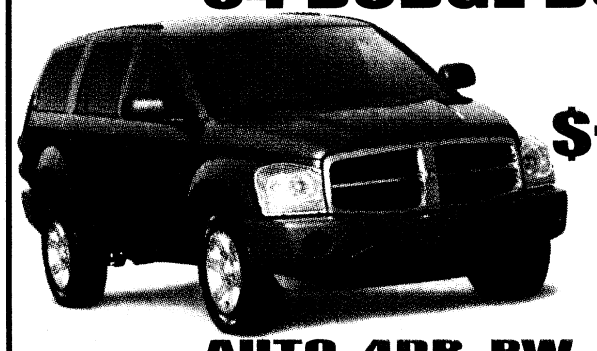
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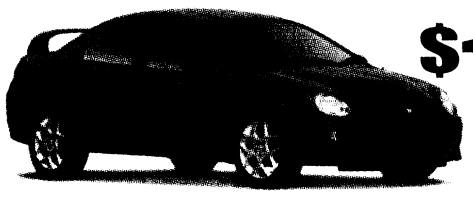
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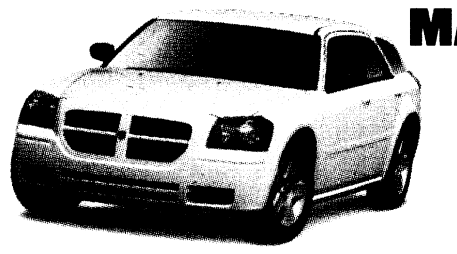
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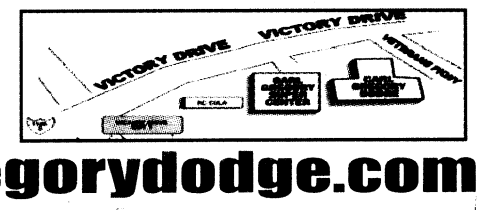
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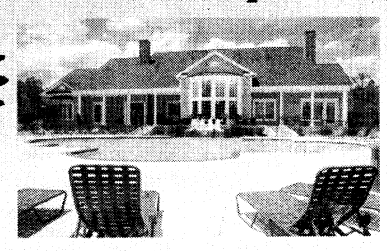
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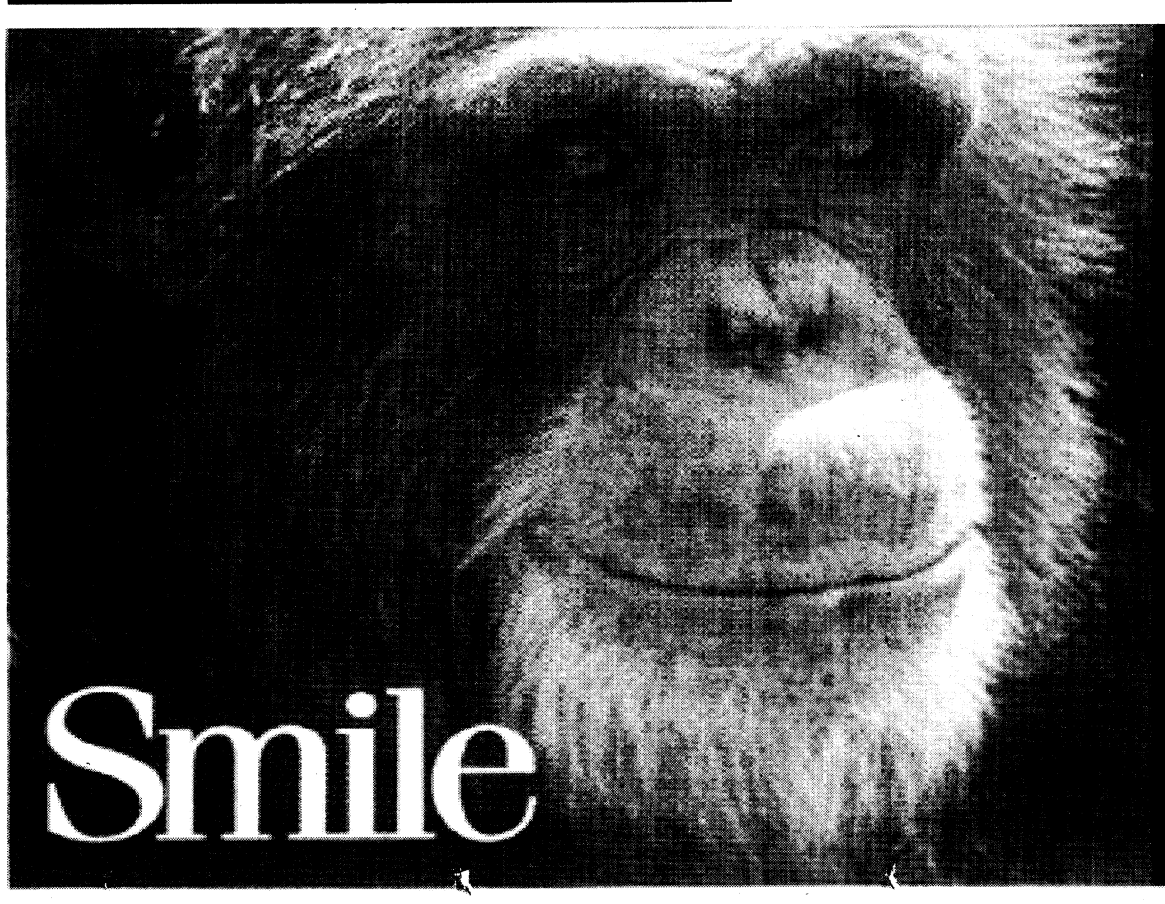
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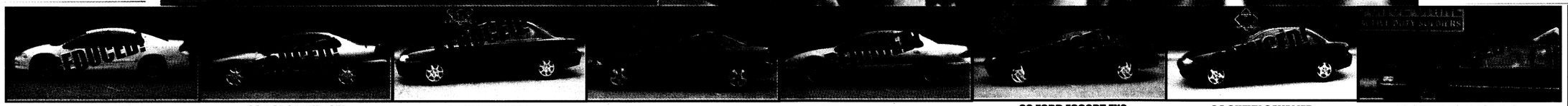
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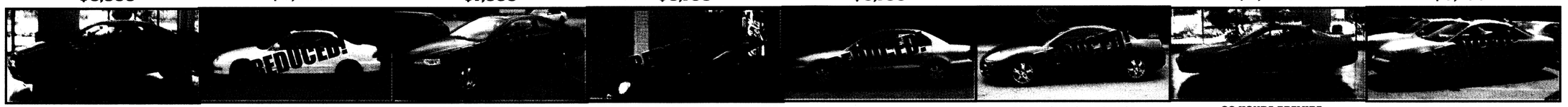
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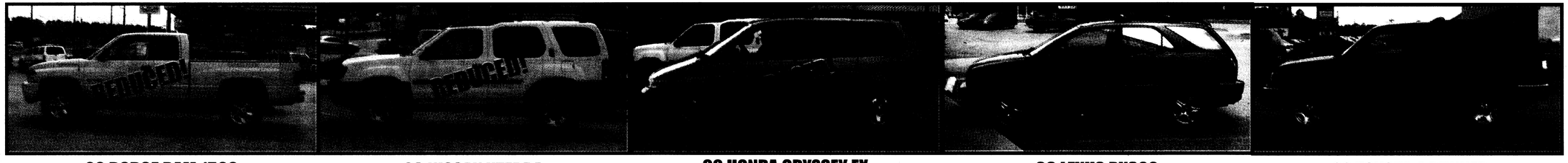
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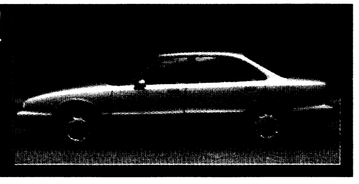
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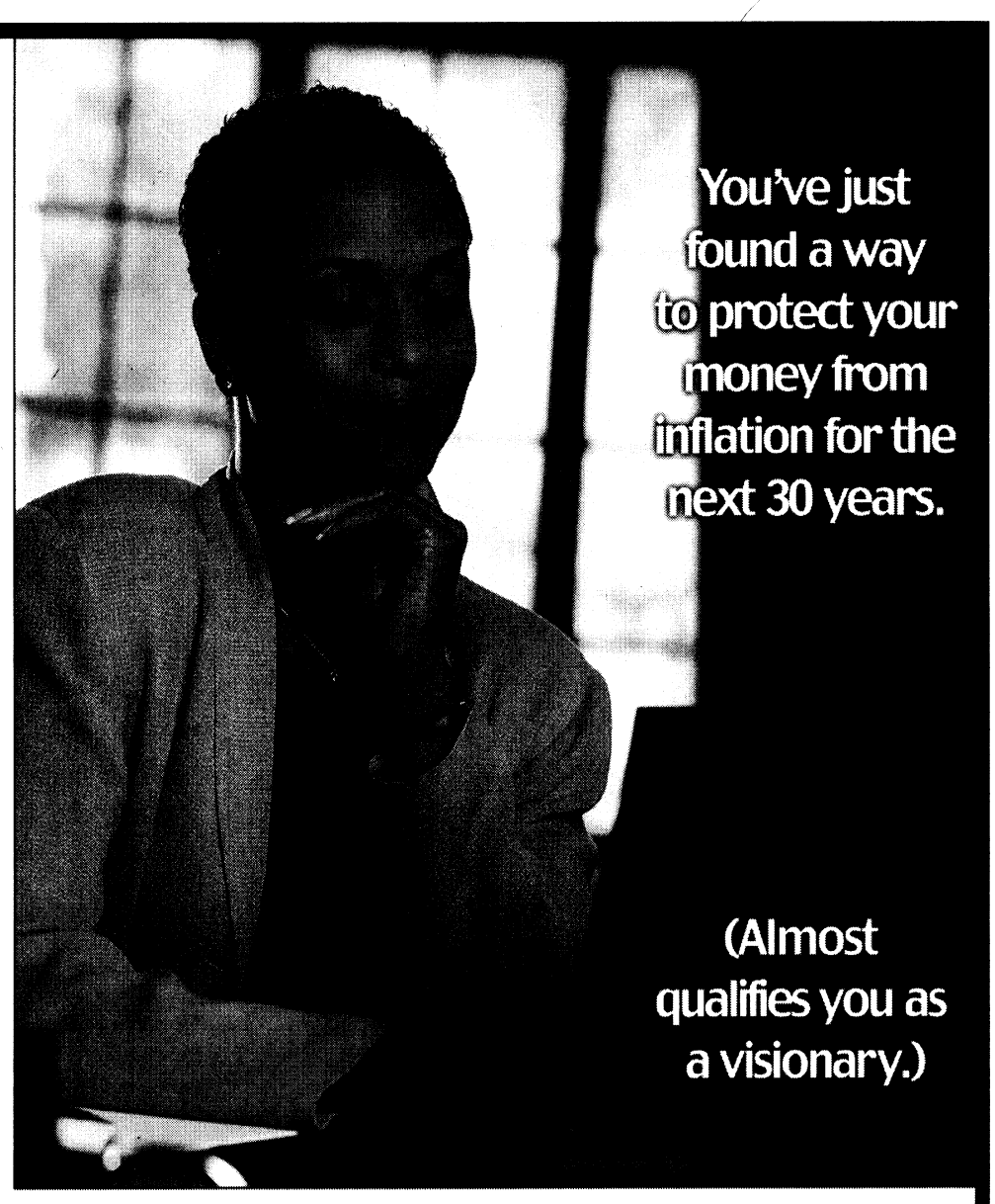
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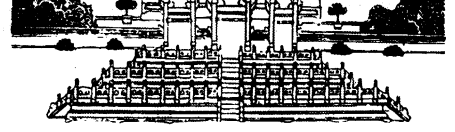
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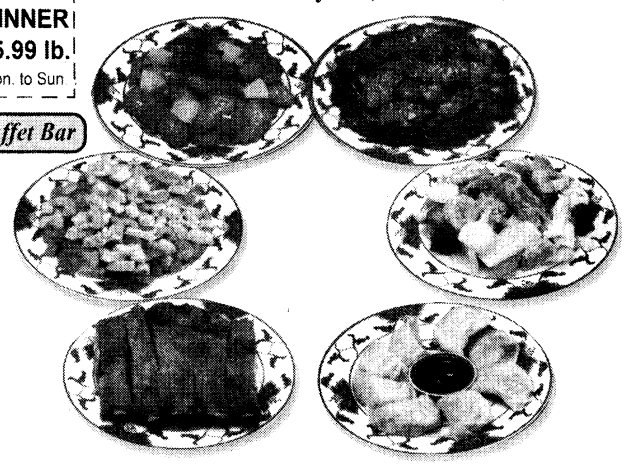
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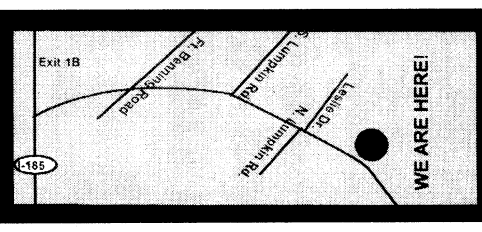
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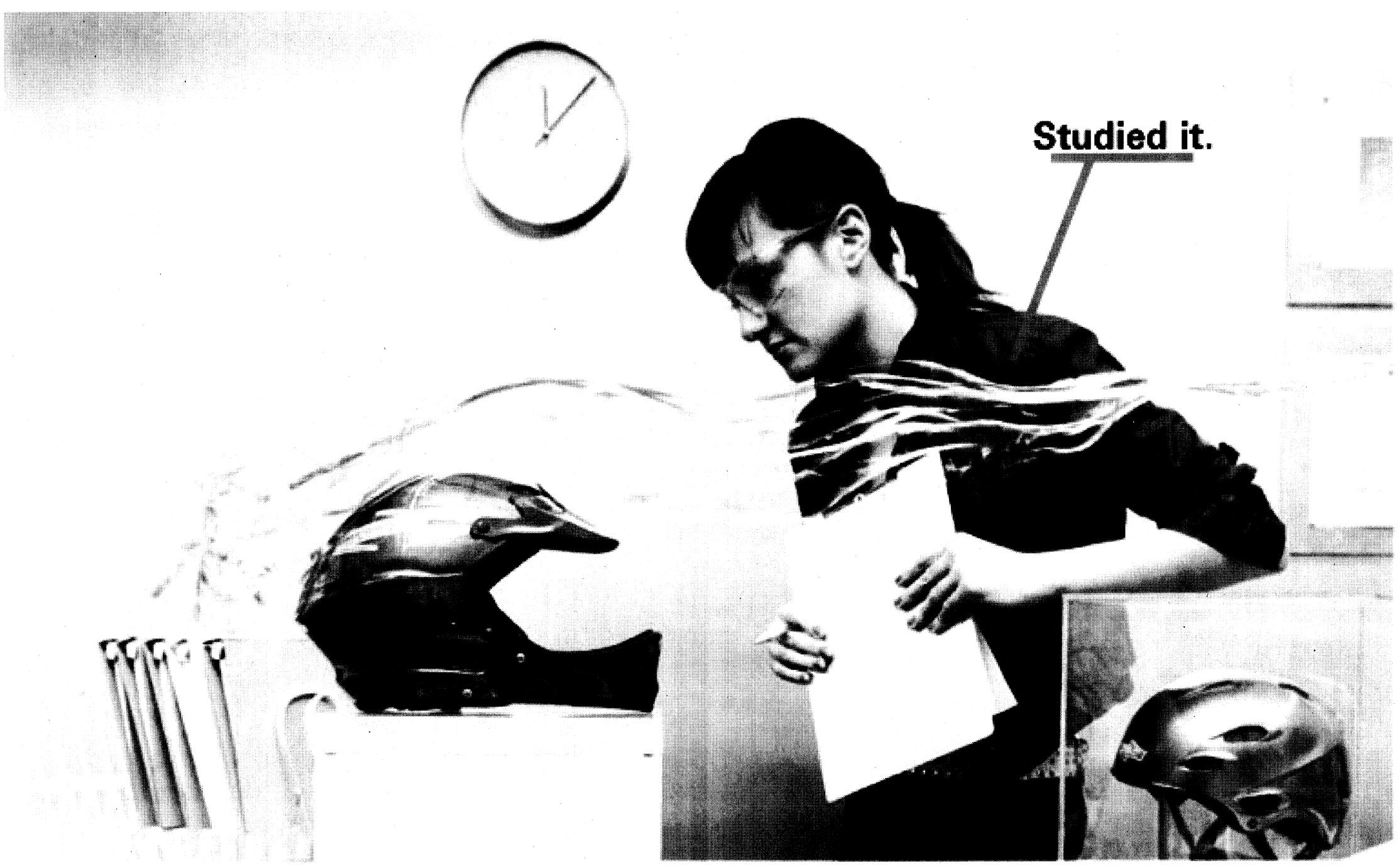
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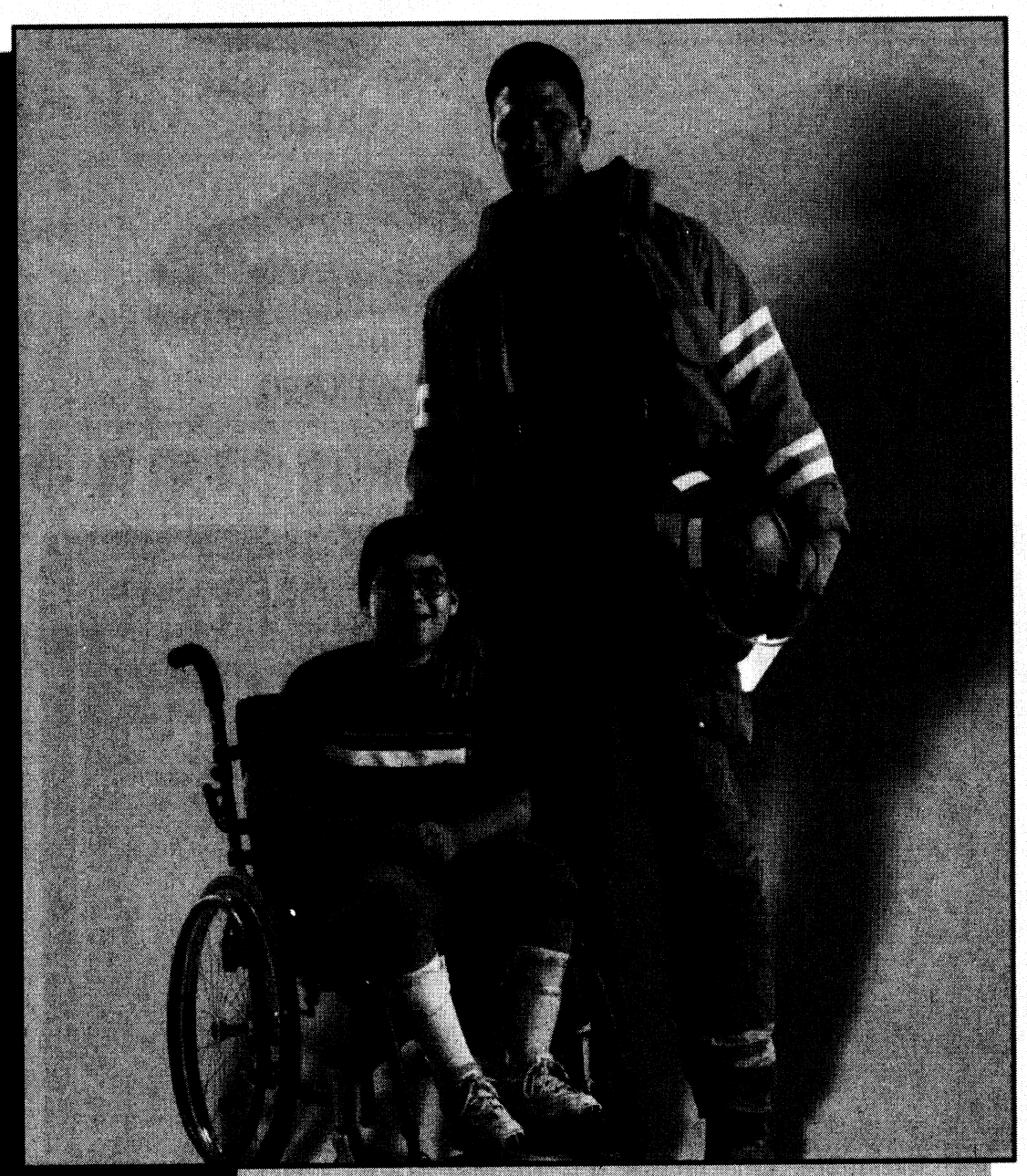
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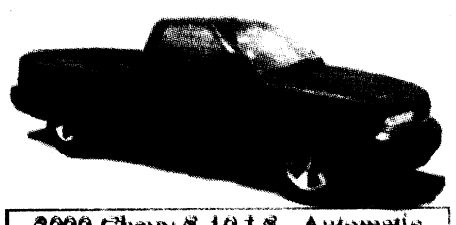
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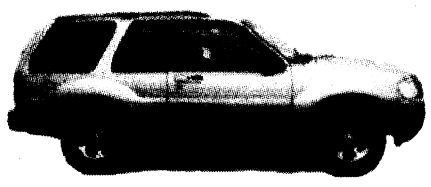
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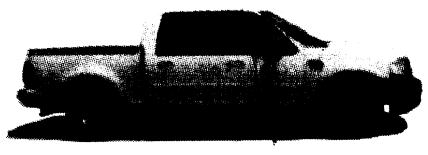
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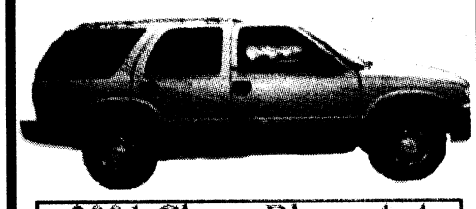
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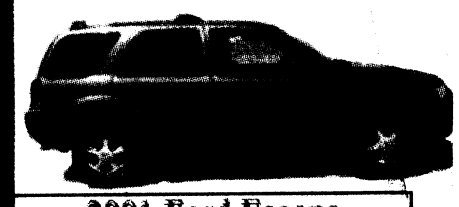
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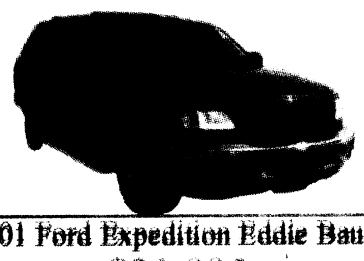
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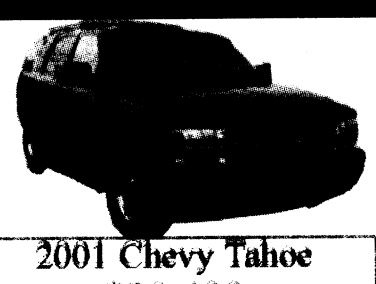
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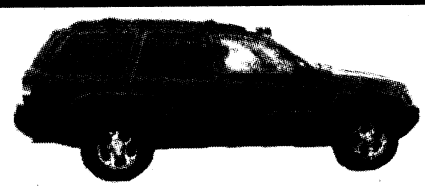
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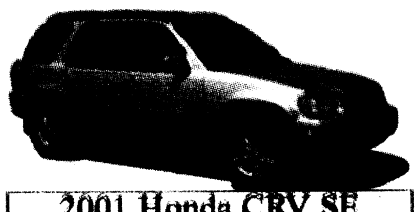
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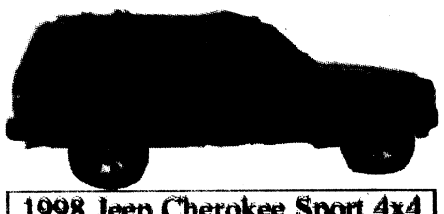
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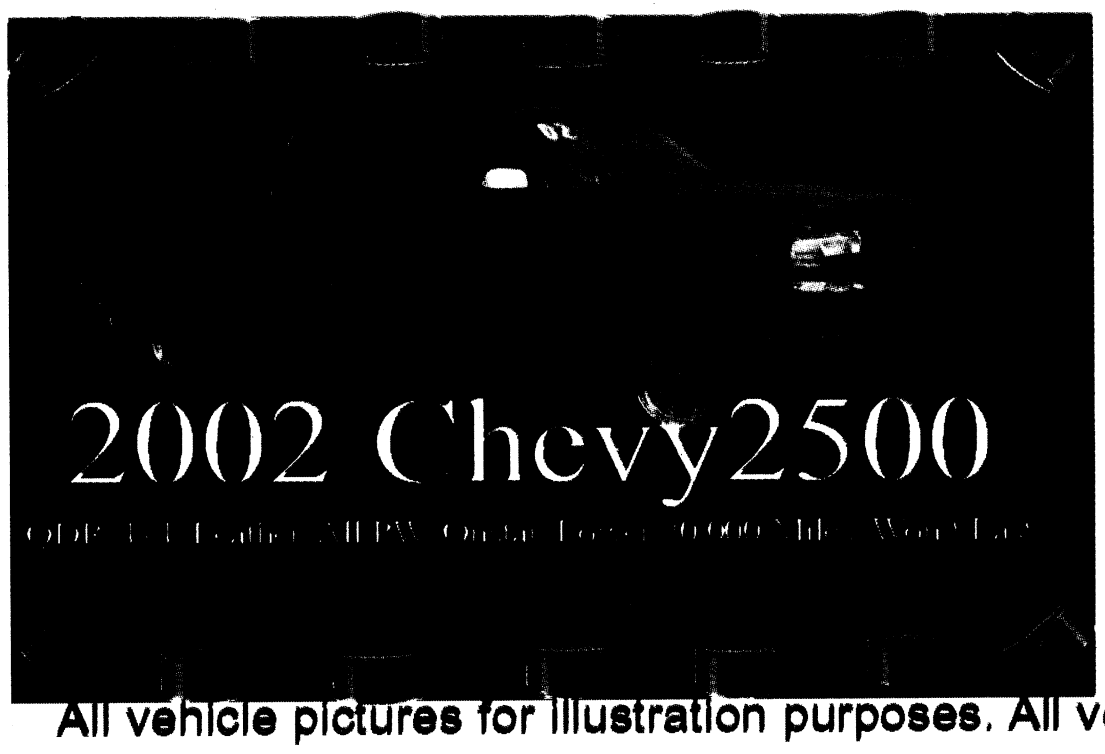
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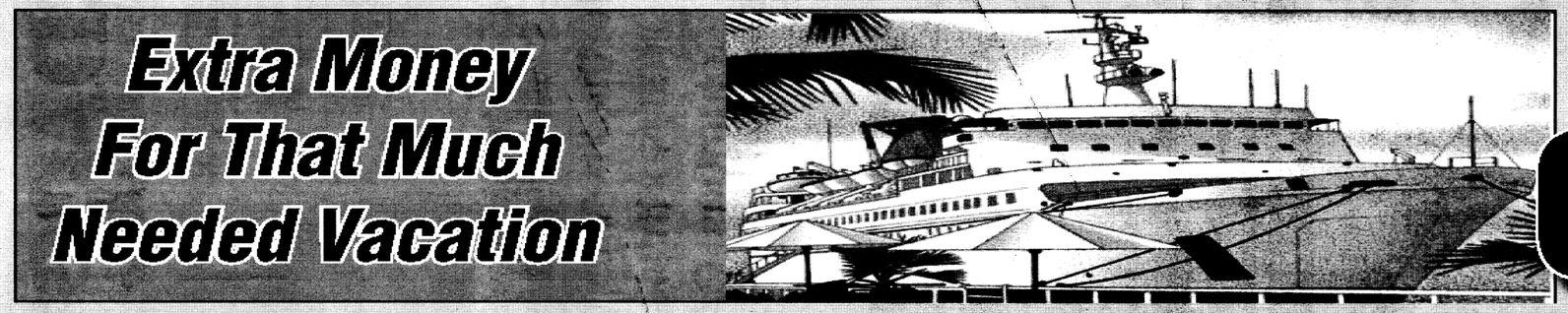
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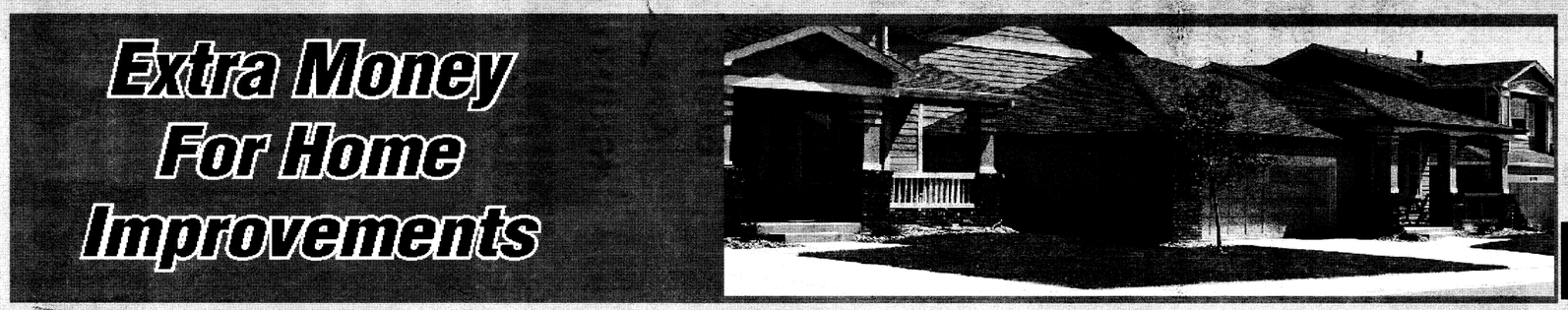
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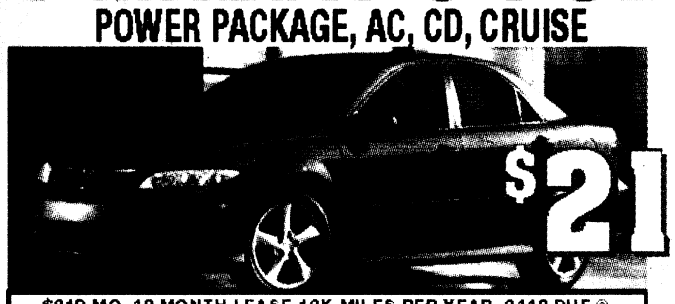
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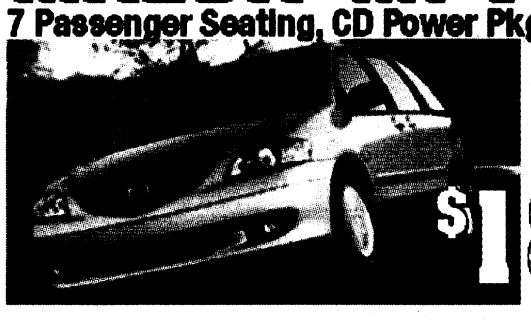


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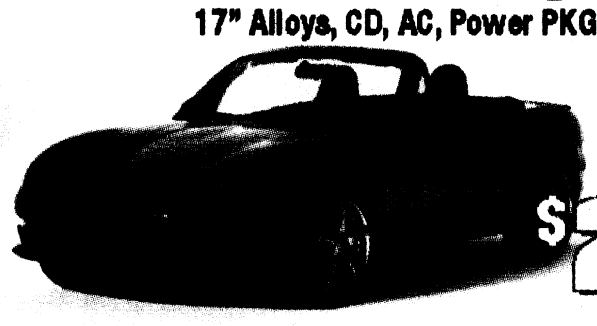


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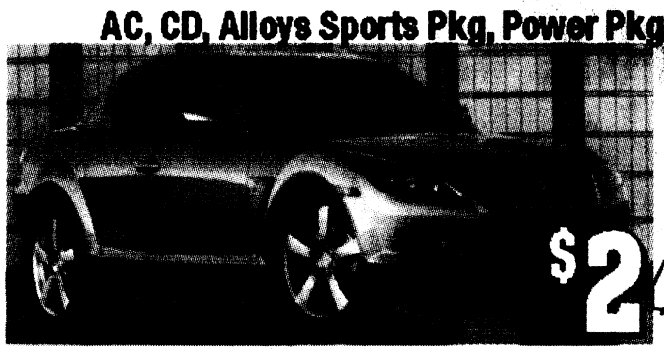


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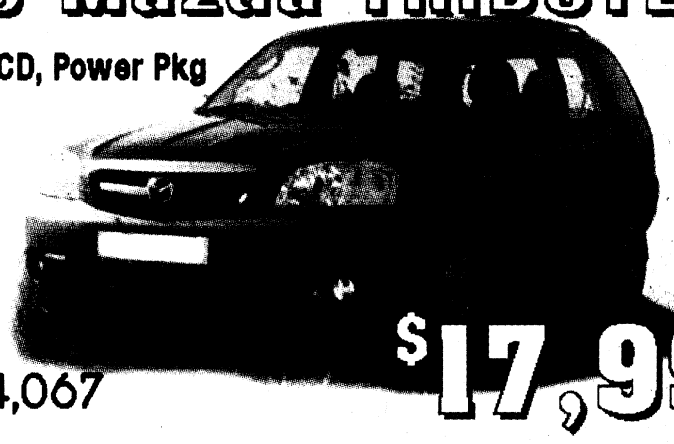


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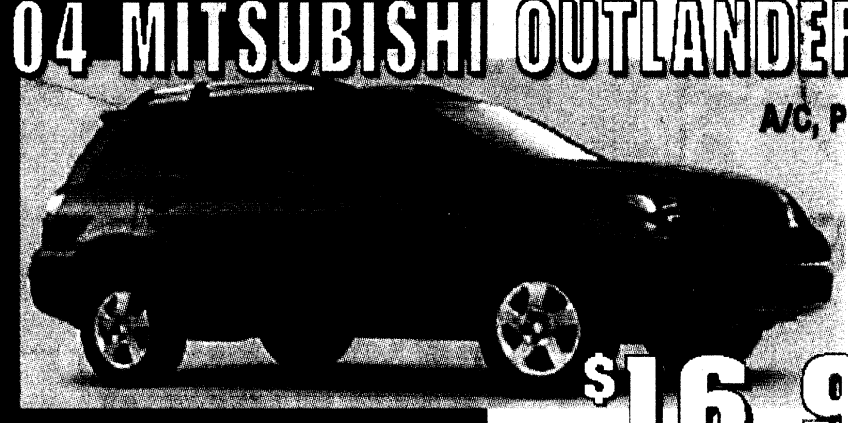
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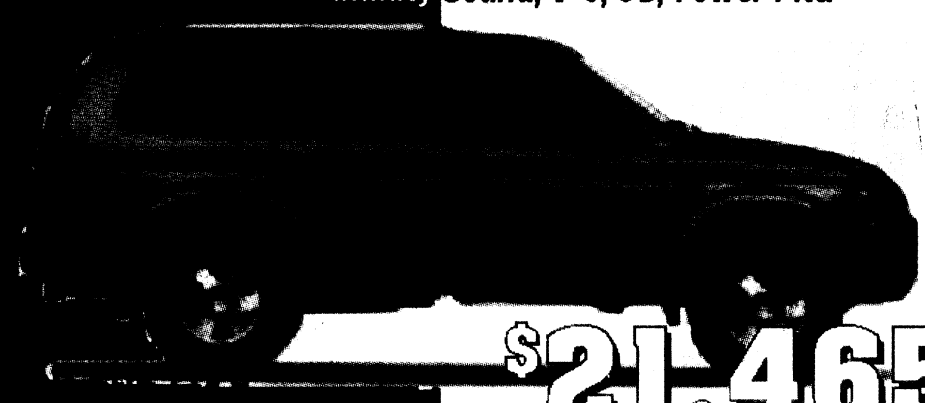
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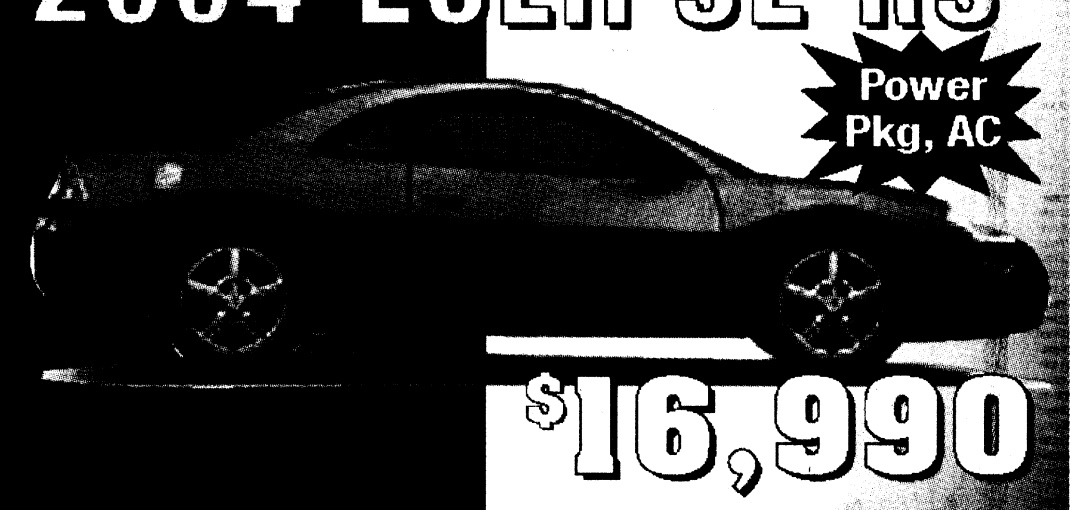
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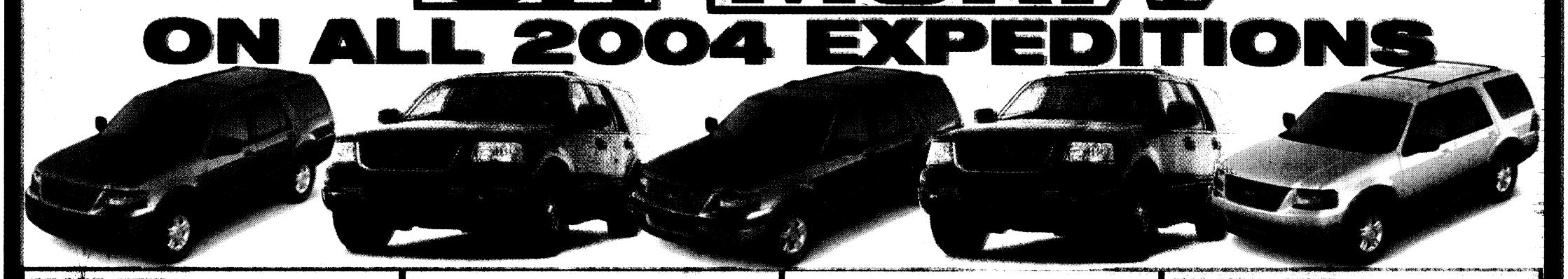
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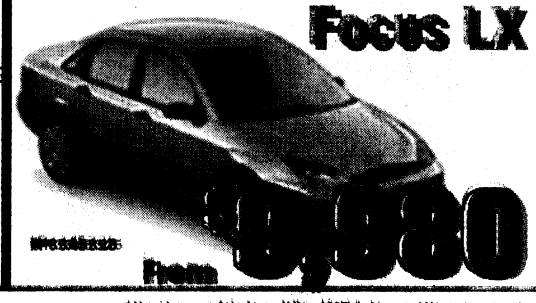
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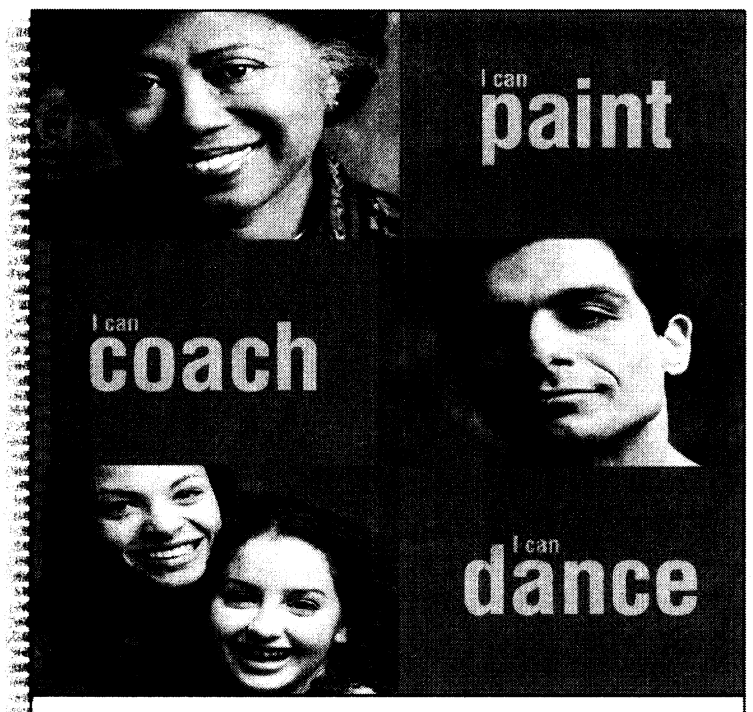
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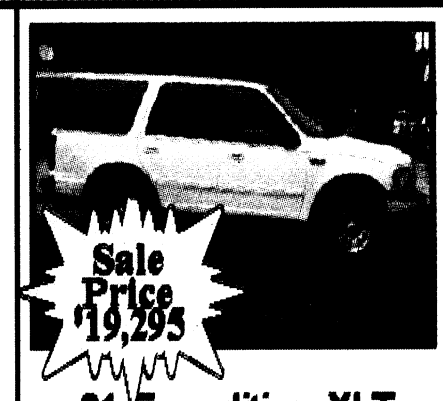
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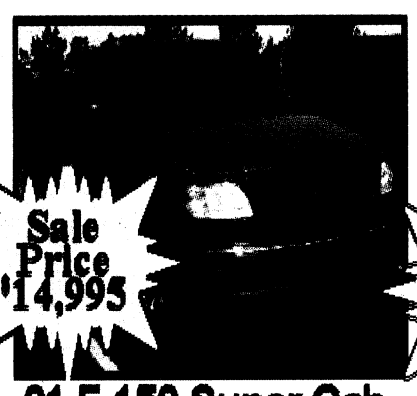
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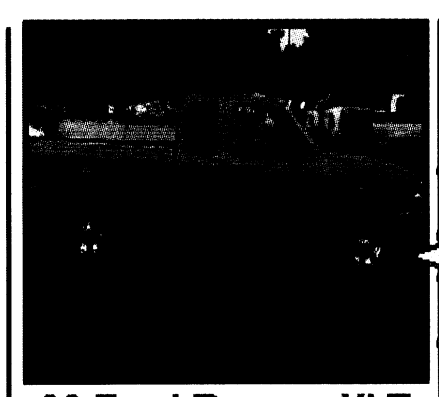
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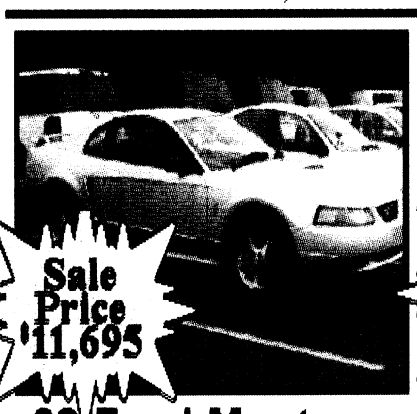
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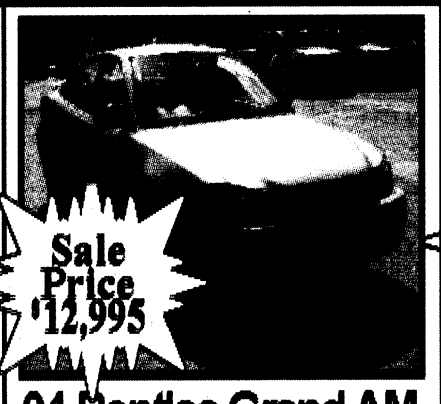
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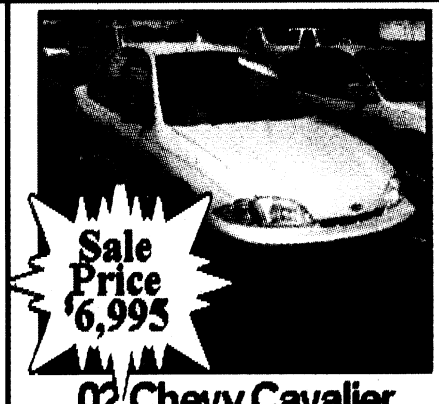
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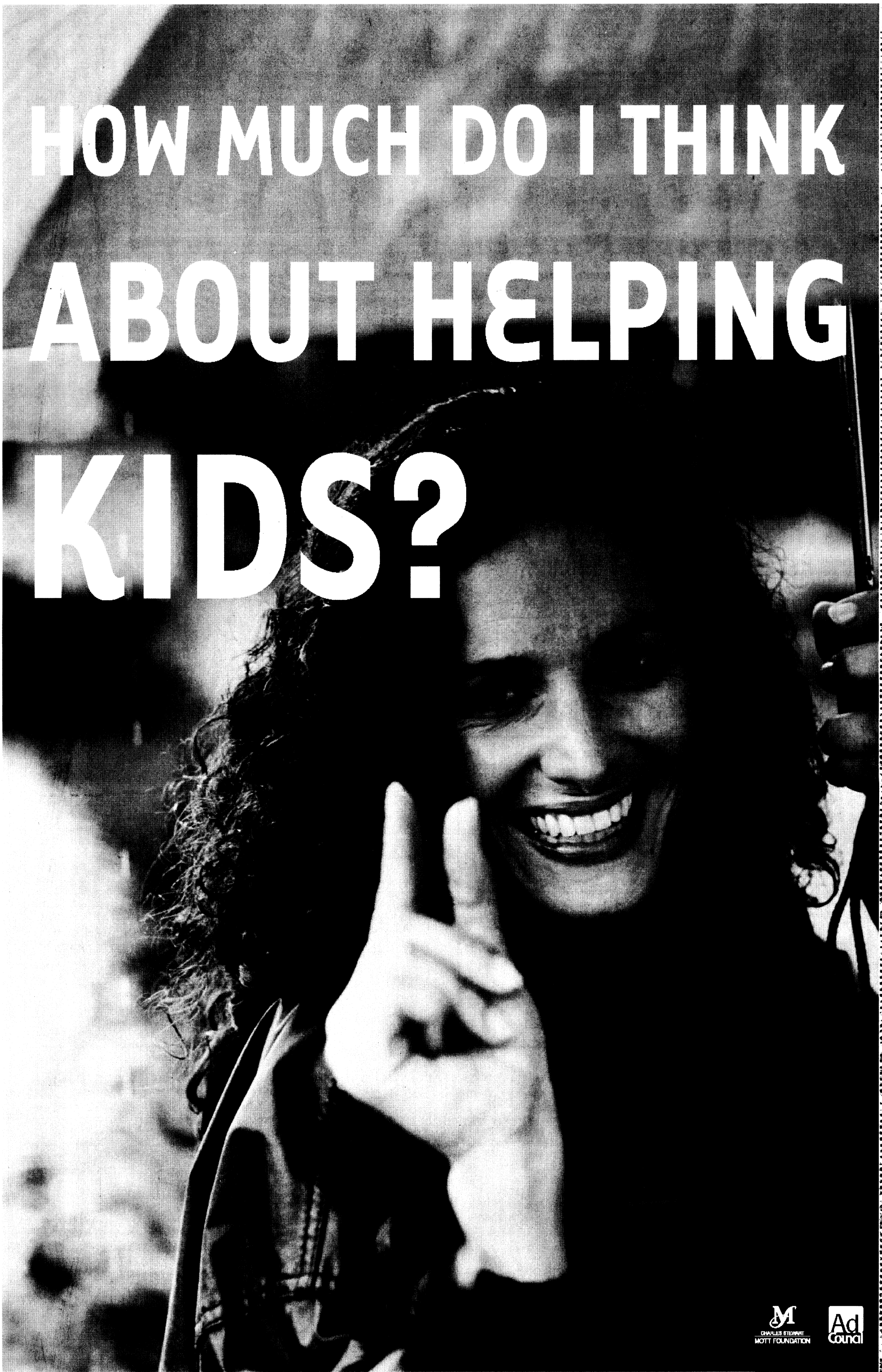
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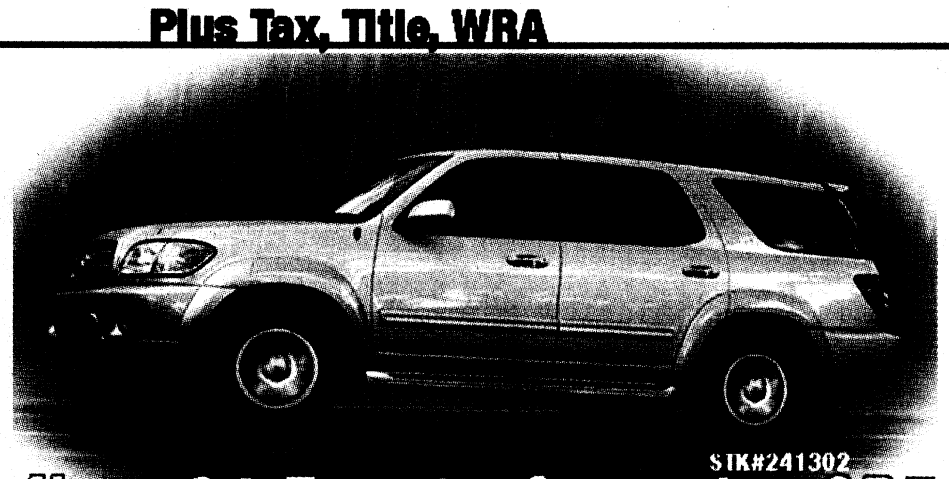


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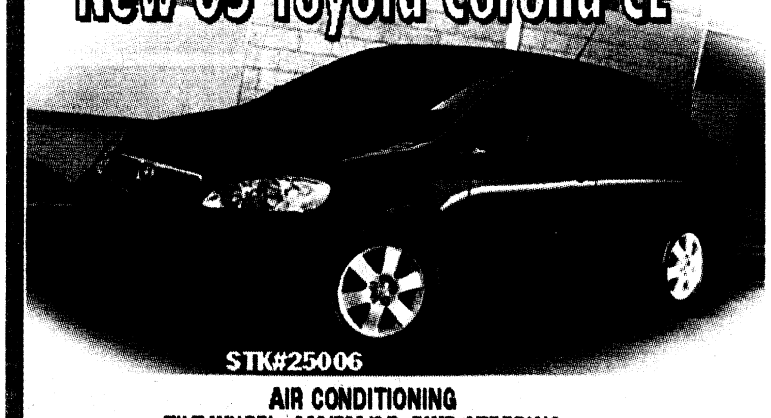
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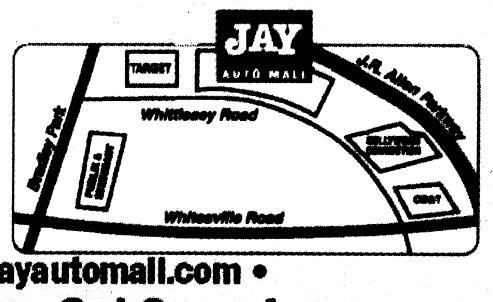
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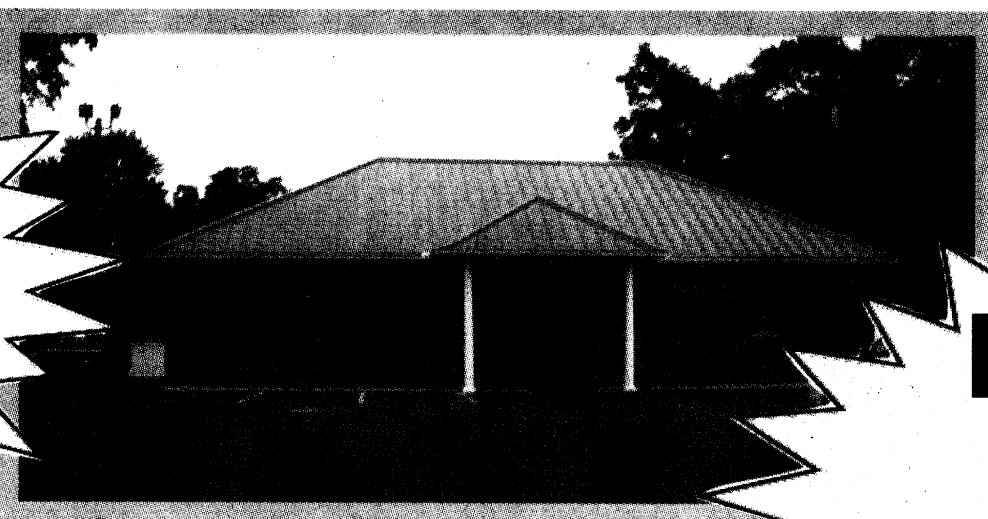
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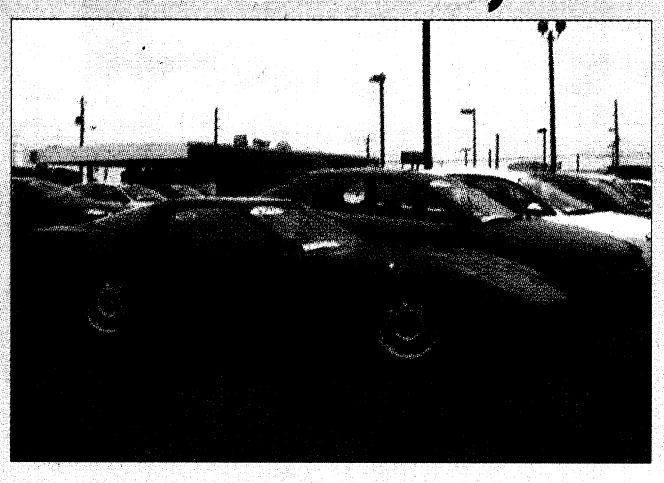
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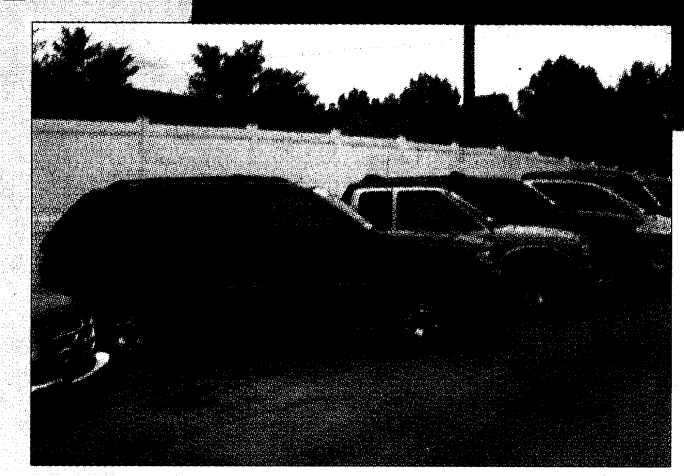
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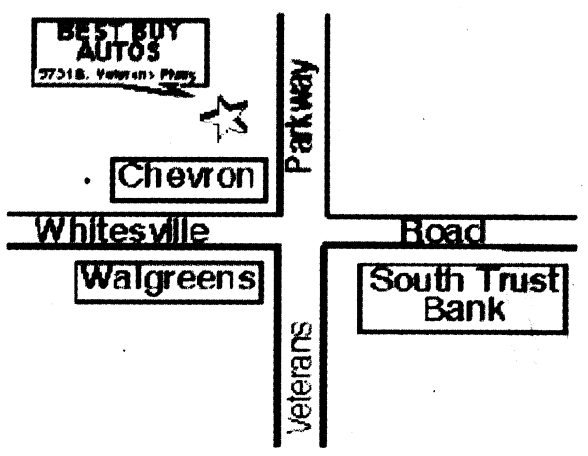
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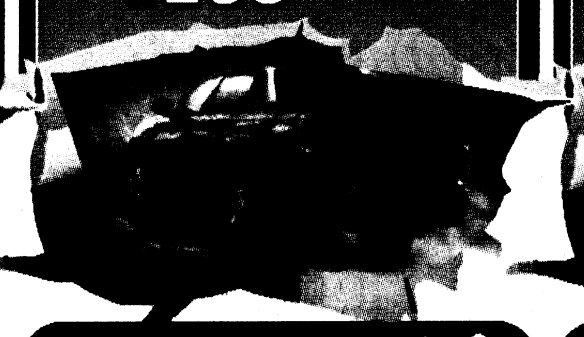
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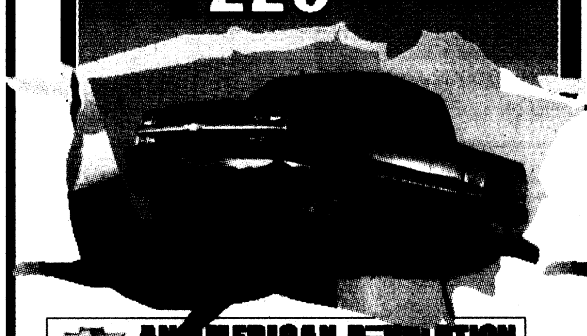
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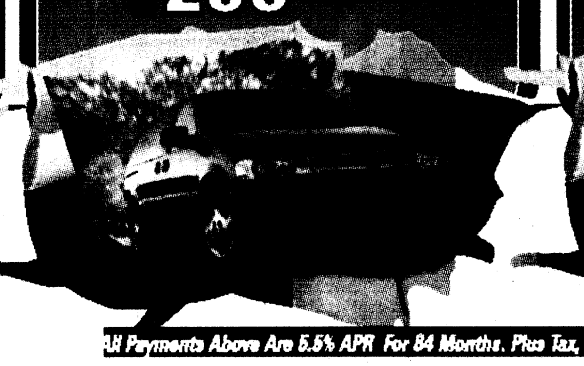
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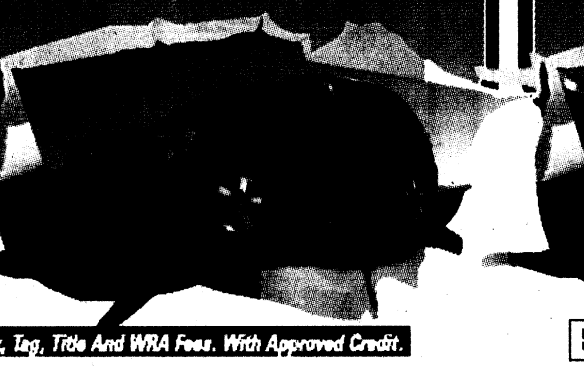
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Drill sergeants come home

BCTB NCOs return from deployment

Melissa House
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The foyer of Hanson Barracks at Sand Hill was decked out in red, white and blue July 1 as families waited to start their Independence Day weekend with a bang.

Eight drill sergeants from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, returned from a six-month deployment to Iraq, where they plied their trade training Iraqi soldiers.

The men missed birthdays, anniversaries, and crises. And many of the wives had to deal with a deployment for the first time.

Tiffany Cox kept in touch with her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Cox, by phone and e-mail and said a close group of wives helped her get through the deployment.

"We prayed for each other," Tiffany said. "And when we heard from one husband, we'd call each

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Melissa House

Sgt. 1st Class Lars Harstad, a drill sergeant, shares a moment with his daughter, Emma, 3, after returning home July 1.

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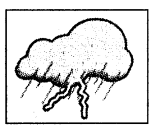
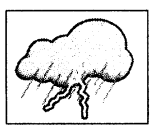
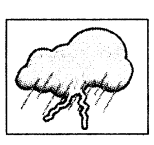


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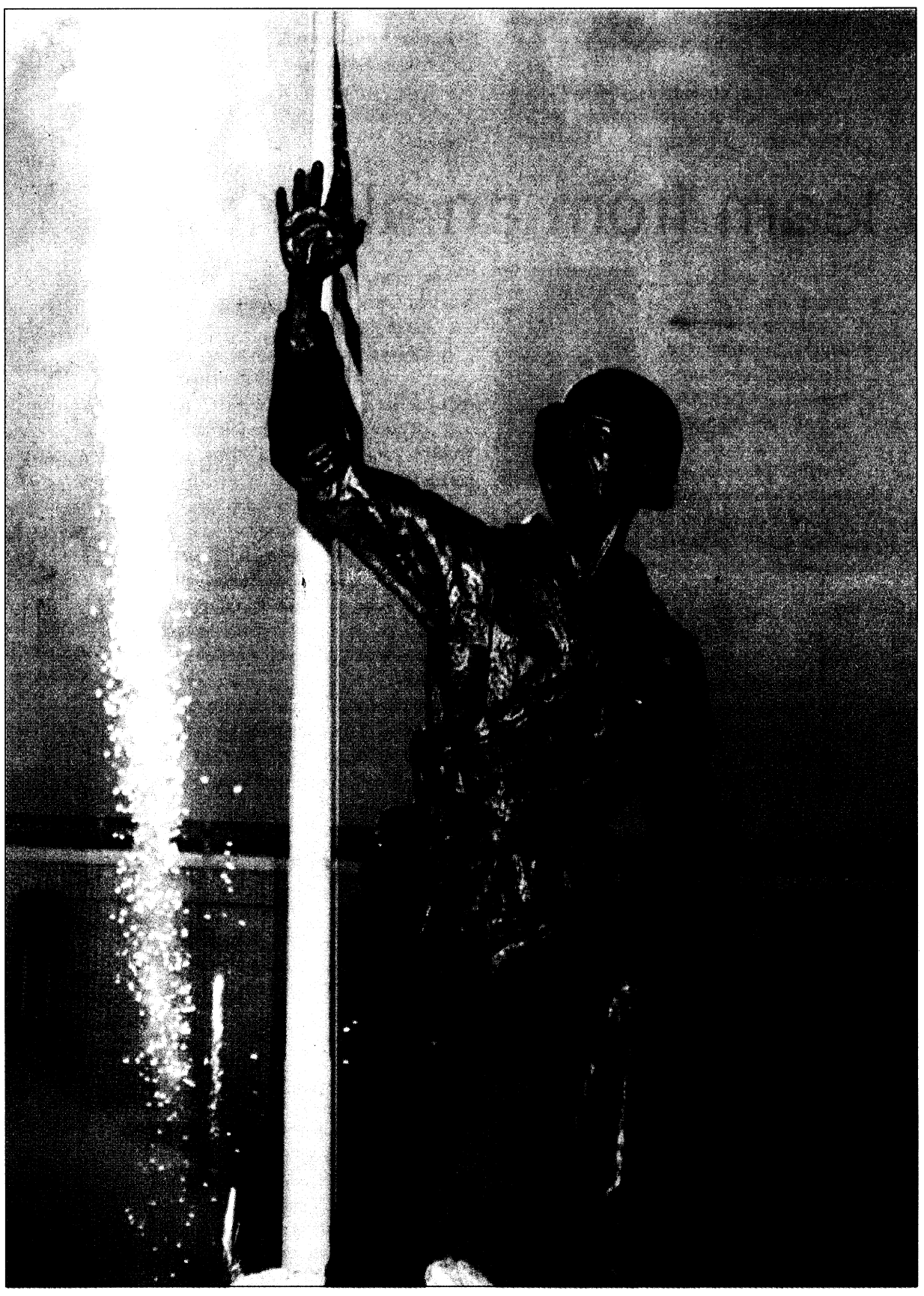
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Bridgett Siter

Fireworks mark the end of the unveiling ceremony for the new Follow Me Statue at Infantry Hall. After a five-month hiatus, the statue was unveiled during the post's Independence Day celebration July 1. See the story on A-3.

Ranger Soldier of Year chosen

75th Ranger Regiment Public Affairs

The 75th Ranger Regiment named Spc. James K. Campbell, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, the regiment's Soldier of the Year recently.



Campbell

"This award was established to recognize the very best of a unit," said Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, president of the Soldier of the Year board. "Specialist Campbell has identified himself as the very best Soldier in the 75th Ranger Regiment."

The annual competition is a two-day event, which includes a physical fitness test, a written exam, a written essay event, day and night land navigation courses, hands-on common task tests and an oral board.

The regiment conducts the competition annually to foster a spirit of competitiveness.

Campbell, 20, was also 3rd Battalion's Soldier of the Month, Quarter and Year. He has deployed once in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards include the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon.

Rangers induct 17 into Hall of Fame

Annual event honors Rangers, Ranger supporter

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Seventeen people were inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame Thursday, including the first American Soldier executed in Vietnam, the man who introduced the Army to pugil stick training, the Japanese-American Soldier who discovered the Japanese were developing an atomic bomb, and one who never wore a uniform.

"Their stories are amazing, every one," said retired Staff Sgt. Maj. Emmett Hiltibrand, a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, who has served on the Ranger Hall of Fame selection committee for the past four years.

"Every time, I say, 'This is it. I'm not doing it anymore.' When you have 21 or 22 or 23 packets of guys who are absolute heroes, it's too hard to narrow it down," he said. "But it's an honor to see them get their due, and that's what keeps me coming back."

Every year since 1992, members of the various military units and associations, including the Merrill's Marauders Association, the Ranger Training Brigade and the Ranger Regiment Association, consider a number of nominations and select three to submit to the selection board. For the most part, inductees are former Rangers who have been separated or retired from the service for at least three years. There are exceptions.

"It's humbling. I look around and I wonder, 'Do I measure up?'"

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. George Horvath
Ranger Hall of Fame inductee

Take, for instance, Paul Vorhees, who became only the second honorary inductee in Hall of Fame history who has never actually served in the armed forces. Vorhees is best known for his contributions to the Army and Fort Benning through Ranger Joe's, the supply store he started in Columbus with his father more than 40 years ago.

Vorhees, an ordained minister, has

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FOLLOW ME!

Vet's 'model' service doesn't end with career

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Retired Maj. Eugene Wyles is a bona fide hero, but it has little to do with the fact that he modeled for the Follow Me Statue back in 1959.

That may be his claim to fame around here, but in Olla, La., Wyles has long been considered a hero larger than life, certainly larger than his 4,000-pound bronzed likeness.

"He's always out front, leading the way. That's not just a saying to him; he lives it. He always has. I'd follow him anywhere," said Wes Platt, a long-time friend of Wyles.

Platt and a number of others traveled a great distance to help their friend celebrate the July 1 unveiling of the refurbished Follow Me Statue.

Wyles was 17 years old, the son of a crippled sharecropper, when he joined the Army in 1950 and shipped off to Korea. He enjoyed the challenge of Army life and made rank right on schedule. When he hit a glass ceiling in his MOS some eight or nine years later, he decided to attend Officer Candidate School. That's where Maj. Gen. Paul Freeman recruited him to model.

The rest is history, they say, but the truth is, history is a natural editor, and much of Wyles military record remains obscure. I found it in faded news accounts and a dog-eared scrapbook put together by one of Wyles' fans.



Wyles served two tours in Vietnam, including a stint as an advisor to a remote village. There he received a call from his commander one night. A nearby village was surrounded by Viet Cong, in danger of being overrun.

Wyles was ordered to lead a contingent of Soldiers into the village and stave off the attack, which he did. He called in firepower all night long, and come dawn, reinforcements arrived. Success came with a heavy price.

"I was feeling quite proud of myself," he recalled.

"Then they started bringing in the dead children. It changed me. We did what we had to do, but nobody wants to see innocent children die."

Wyles remained in the village for six months, during which he spearheaded a toy drive back in the states. Weekly shipments of toys and clothes were delivered to the Vietnamese children.

When he returned to the states, Wyles started a youth camp for orphaned Native Americans on a reservation in Montana. He raised three of his own and nearly half a dozen foster children.

"Why did I worry so much about the kids? I guess it all started that day in the village," Wyles said with a shake of his head.

At 71, often crippled with arthritis, Wyles is past the age of child-rearing. These days, he focuses his efforts on raising money for local charities and people in need.

He's a gifted songwriter and musician and some of his early work, mostly war-related Vietnam-era ballads, garnered national attention — even an invitation to appear on the *Ed Sullivan Show*.

These days he performs with The Swamp Gang, a regional country-western band that frequently performs benefits. Right now, he's making plans to help a local retired police officer who lost his leg to diabetes.

I dare say, Freeman could not have known how appropriate his choice was when he selected young Wyles to model for the Follow Me Statue.

But the battle-scarred, grizzly infantryman epitomized — continues to epitomize — the kind of up-front, selfless service characteristic of a model American Soldier.

You could learn from an alcoholic

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

If the whole world was made up of alcoholics, maybe it would be a better place.

Before everyone gets upset, I don't mean *practicing* alcoholics — I mean members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bear with me, ladies and gents, bear with me!

So much of the conflict in the world, between nations and individuals, centers around religion, money and plain egocentricity. Imagine a world where people aren't perfect, but stop to take an honest look at themselves on a day-to-day basis. They not only admit to themselves they are wrong, but admit it to others and actively pursue making amends for wrongs done as if their lives depend on it!

Imagine a world where no one cares what religion you are as long as you believe or are willing to believe in something, anything greater than you!



Imagine if everyone decided to just let it be, if you will. No more trying desperately to control every minute detail of our lives. Imagine the freedom of trusting and accepting that there are reasons and purposes behind all the things that happen to you in life, even though you can't always see it!

That is how the members of AA live for the most part. They have 12 steps they live by that demand self-inventory, amendment of wrongs done, tolerance and humility.

Those steps not only do for alcoholics what no other treatment center, medication, doctor or clergyman in the world could do by getting them sober and keeping them that way, they ask for a complete change in attitude and lifestyle.

I have heard recovering alcoholics say a hundred times, "Alcohol isn't the problem, I am the problem."

If only we could all learn to look at ourselves and fix ourselves instead of trying to fix symptoms of our own creation.

If only we could all learn tolerance, honesty, both with self and others, and personal improvement.

I bet if we all spent as much time working on bettering ourselves and improving how we treat each other and the way we look at life, all the things in life that we let drag us down or control us, like money, jealousy, stress and our perceptions of others, would all become not quite as important.

So maybe one of these Saturdays, I'll go catch one of AA's open meetings and try to learn a thing or two from those who know far more about change than I do.

Care to join me?

Hello? Hello? Can you hear me now?

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

I finally did it. The bane of my existence, and I bought not one, but two. Everyone has one, and you can't go five minutes in any store without hearing one. Think of *Fur Elise* or *The Mexican Hat Dance*. Ahh, now you get it. Cell phones.

Why do I hate cell phones? Many, many reasons. First, there are some trends I like to buck — mullets and ruffled 80s skirts, to name a couple. Second, I find cell phones extremely annoying, although not as much as the people who use them anywhere and everywhere.

You know, you've seen these people, those who are apparently talking to someone on Mars because they have to shout, and they are usually the person sitting next to you on an airplane, in front of you in a line or just somewhere you can't escape.



But the absolute worst case of cell phone abuse is drivers talking on their phones. I've been behind people I'm sure have just left the bar, swerving, not using turn signals, usually doing about 20 miles under the speed limit. Just as I'm about to race home to call the police, they turn a corner and I see the culprit — a cell phone. Duh, of course.

Come on now, people! They make these handy things called headsets, and they plug right into your phone, so your hands are free to drive! How innovative.

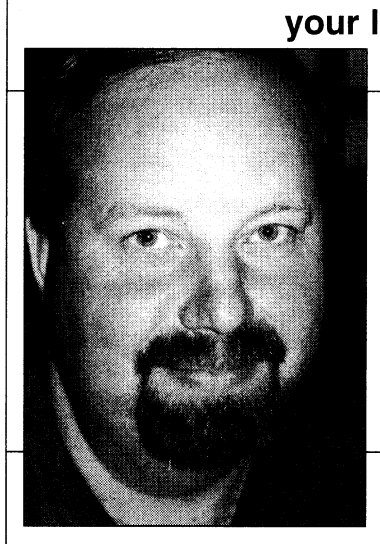
I also recommend a good ol' rubberband; wrap it around your head and secure your cell phone under it. Several states have implemented a law that requires drivers to use headsets. It's about time, and I hope more states follow suit.

Cell phones aren't all bad. I don't have mine so I can call everyone I know while I'm driving so I'm not bored. I have it for convenience and peace of mind. I mostly drive around post, but if something should happen and my car breaks down, I have a lifeline to help. If I'm out shopping and my husband needs something, he can call me. But — and this is a big but — I keep my ringer low or put it on vibrate so as not to announce to everyone I have a call.

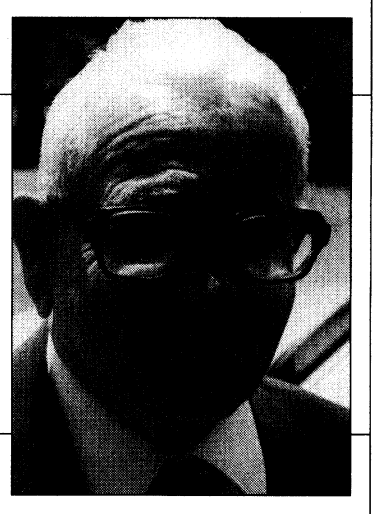
Cell phones are here to stay, and will be doing our taxes for us before long. If we all just use a little courtesy, as in any area of life, they will become less of a nuisance and I can stop yelling at the guy in front of me to put the phone down and drive.

VARIOUS VOICES

How did your military service or the service of someone you know affect your life?



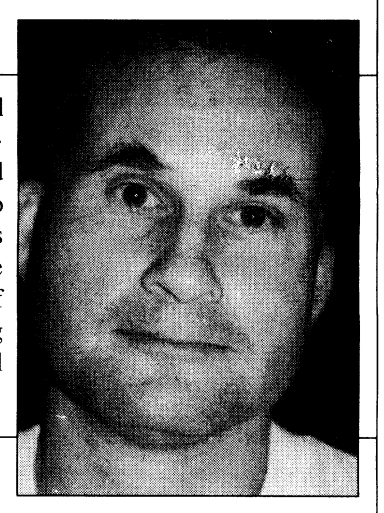
Scott Crousore, veteran of Desert Storm, Air Force — "Obviously, I have a greater sense of pride in my country than if I'd never served. But the skills I learned and the experiences I went through set me up for where I am today — the job skills, of course, but the discipline, too."



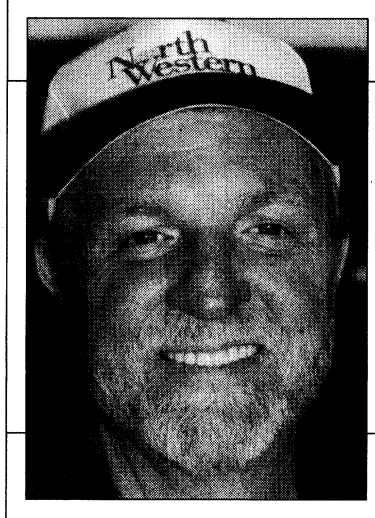
Retired Master Sgt. Alton Ford, Columbus — "I was headed down a bad path, and coming into the military straightened me out. It gave me discipline. It was beneficial in every way."



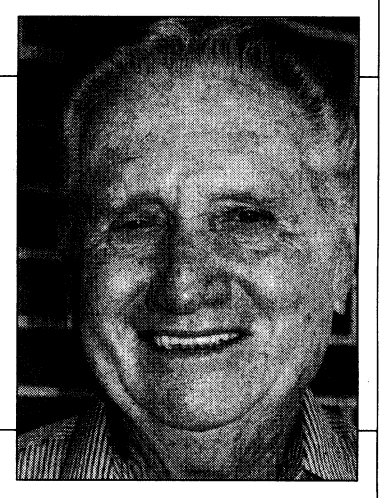
Aerika Lewis, Navy veteran — "The major thing it did was help me pay for school, but I wouldn't have had the discipline to succeed and the sense of responsibility I have now if I hadn't served. I also think I have a much greater sense of pride in America."



Retired Staff Sgt. Michael Westbrook, Columbus — "My father served in World War II, so it was an honor to follow in his footsteps. It was a privilege to serve, and there will always be a sense of connection to something greater than myself. I'll always be a part of the Army."



Keith Davis, son of a retired Soldier — "My dad was a hard-core first sergeant. He taught me right from wrong. There was no gray area. He gave me discipline, and I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world."



Will Turrentine, former Soldier — "Back in 1947, there wasn't nothing going on. I was 17 and looking for something to do. I went to Germany with an ordnance unit, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I'd go in tomorrow if they let me. Those were good memories."

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Climbing out of the bottle

Alcoholics succeed one step at a time

NCO stays sober 19 years using AA's "Big Book"

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

When retired 1st Sgt. "John E. Smith" was still a "drunk" on active duty in 1985, he woke up in a pool of vomit and blood on the floor of a barracks room.

His commander was about to relieve him of his responsibilities, his wife was about to divorce him and his children were afraid of him.

For the six-time Purple Heart recipient, that was the bottom.

"Alcohol did for me what nothing else in the world could do," Smith said. "It made me stronger than, faster than, smarter than, sexier than, you name it, better than anything and anybody.

"If I hadn't sobered up when I did, I probably would have ended up dishonorably discharged, homeless, divorced, involved in someone's murder and, most likely, I would have been dead within five or six months."

Smith said his journey through alcoholism started at 15 and carried him through young adulthood, three tours in Vietnam and most of his military career before that day in April when, for just a moment, the fog lifted, and he realized he needed help.

That morning, Smith got up, washed up, walked downstairs and told his commander he wanted help.

He went to the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Office, the Army's alcohol and substance abuse program at the time, met Yvonne Wilbanks, a counselor there. During Smith's initial counseling session she told him, "I think you need a miracle."

That night, he went to his first Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, and more than 19 years later, he's still sober and working the steps.

Millions of members of AA have been privately battling addiction to alcohol since 1935, when founder Bill W. began secretly meeting with other alcoholics in an effort to succeed where all other remedies had failed.

Committed to maintaining the privacy of its members, the group has no membership rosters or registration — the only requirement is a desire to stop drinking, according to the *Alcoholics Anonymous* manual, better known as the "Big Book" to its members.

This devotion to anonymity is a welcome safe haven for Soldiers concerned about the impact alcoholism may have on their careers.

And just as any task in the military has manuals directing the accomplishment of the mission, the Big Book is AA's.

It outlines the path AA members take on their road to and through sobriety, offers members' stories and tackles hard issues, like atheism in a secret society that is based on spirituality.

In this manual, the 12 steps to sobriety are laid out and examined. These steps provide not only the blueprint to get to sobriety, but to living the rest of life sober, as well.

Those 12 steps are what saved Smith's life.

"I had never surrendered in my life at all," Smith said. "Surrender was not in my vocabulary. And giving my will over to someone and something else was very difficult for me."

With that surrender, he said, he began a new life based on self-honesty, humility, making amends for wrongs done and helping other alcoholics as laid out in the 12 steps.

The journey through life as an alcoholic trying to live by the steps in AA is never made alone, Smith said. He was surrounded by other alcoholics who helped guide him down his path to living sober.

Sponsors like those Smith had are an important part of AA. They are individuals who can walk newcomers through their difficult early times and help keep old-timers on the wagon. Their service to other alcoholics is part of their own recovery as laid out by the twelfth step.

Once a recovering alcoholic reaches that twelfth step, it isn't a magical cure for the lifelong disease.

Sobriety is a constant reflection on all of the steps. They are constantly reaffirmed, reworked and re-examined throughout the course of an alcoholic's life, Smith said.

"I am always only one drink away from a drunk," he said.

For those who aren't sure whether they need help or not, as Smith once was, he offered blunt advice.

"Stop the (lies). (Lie to) me, (lie to) your friends, but don't (lie to) yourself. Get right with your innermost self and get right with God," he said. "Go out and try some more drinking and see where that gets you. Get honest with yourself. See if you have control."

Smith's reference to getting right with God may prove daunting for those who have conflicts with religion and the existence of God.

AA recognizes that conflict and actually has an entire chapter in the Big Book dedicated to agnostics and atheists.

"When, therefore, we speak to you of God, we mean your own conception of God," it reads.

The second step is the first to confront those who have conflicts in the realm of religion and spirituality.

By saying they "came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity," it describes the mere willingness to believe that something, anything, a doorknob even, has the power to do what most alcoholics can not do with just will power alone.

It is this flexibility for each person to somewhat shape their own recovery which helps so many accept what at first may seem to be an attempt to "save" or religionize someone who may not believe in a traditional "God," Smith said.



He said those looking for help don't have to believe in God, they only have to be *willing* to believe in something greater than themselves and the rest will come.

"If you work the steps and you learn how to live them properly, you'll stay sober one day at a time," Smith said.

Wilbanks, who still works in the Army Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program here, said Soldiers, family members and civilian employees can attend AA meetings on post Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m.

"AA is completely anonymous and has no cost," she said. "AA is not associated with any program and the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking."

For those who recognize they have a problem, AA has a huge network of members who are available to help. Meetings happen worldwide, several times a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

"I would encourage anyone who has problems with alcohol to attend an AA meeting and see what it has to offer in their road to recovery," Wilbanks said.

Non-members are permitted to attend open meetings to determine if AA is appropriate for them.

For a local schedule of meetings or for more information, call the AA district office at 327-6078 or AA's referral service, 24 hours a day, at (800) 207-1264.

Plug-in air fresheners could cause house fires

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Army Safety Office has issued a warning to Soldiers and their family members to be on the look-out for possible fire hazards in their homes.

One major concern is that Soldiers may still be using plug-in air fresheners that have been recalled.

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the S.C. Johnson Company has recalled 2.5 million Glade Extra Outlet Scented Oil Air Fresheners.

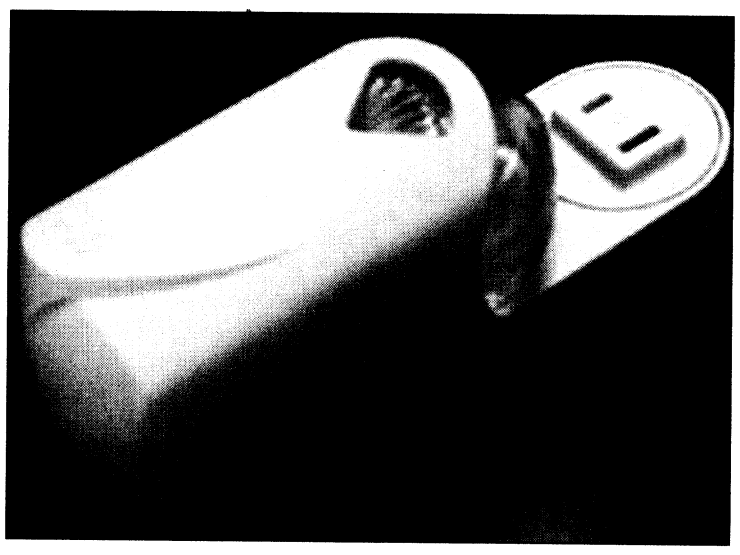
According to a press release from the CPSC, two types of the plug-in style air fresheners were determined to have manufacturers' defects, which may have contributed to a number of house fires.

The press release states that the Sky Breeze and Mystical Garden scented air fresheners have a unique rotating plug-through outlet that allows other electrical devices to be plugged into the same outlet.

The rotating outlet reads, "15 Amps Max" on the front and has a yellow disk on the back. The Model number for the units is "SCJ079" and will be printed on the back.

"If you think you have one of these, take it out immediately and call the company to see if it is one of the (products) that has been recalled," said Scott Wolfson, CPSC spokesman.

Wolfson said the products were sold to grocery and retail stores nationwide between January and April of 2002, but the threat is still there.



Courtesy photo

The S.C. Johnson Company has recalled 2.5 million Glade Extra Outlet Scented Oil Air Fresheners.

"This is the type of product that can linger on shelves and in homes for several years before they get used," he said. "We are still hearing reports of fires that may have been caused by these devices, but the way they are made, they are completely destroyed, so it is hard to prove the product caused it."

Wolfson said he wanted it to be clear that the defect is limited to two specific models, and the rest of the products are considered safe.

Regis Beighley, Fort Benning's safety manager, said most household fires can be easily prevented by keeping an eye on what gets plugged into the wall.

"Twenty-five percent of all fires in the U.S. have to do with electrical shorts," Beighley said. "Electricity is essentially bottled lightening and can be very deadly.

"We get complacent," he said. "We are around electricity all the time, so we don't really think about it."

Beighley said any kind of appliance will eventually wear out and can be a hazard, so people should keep an eye on everything they have plugged in.

"Any electric appliance that is malfunctioning, getting dim or blinking should be un-plugged immediately," he said.

To find out more about the recalled air fresheners, call S.C. Johnson at (800) 571-0920 or visit its Web site at www.scjohnson.com.

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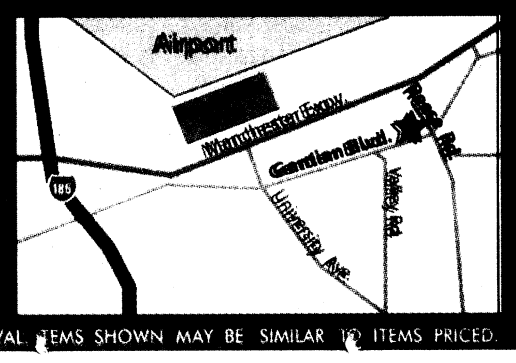
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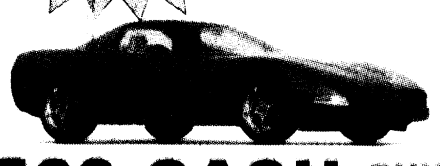
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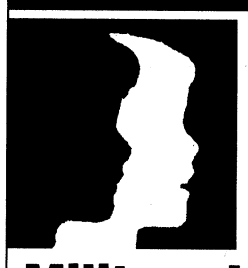
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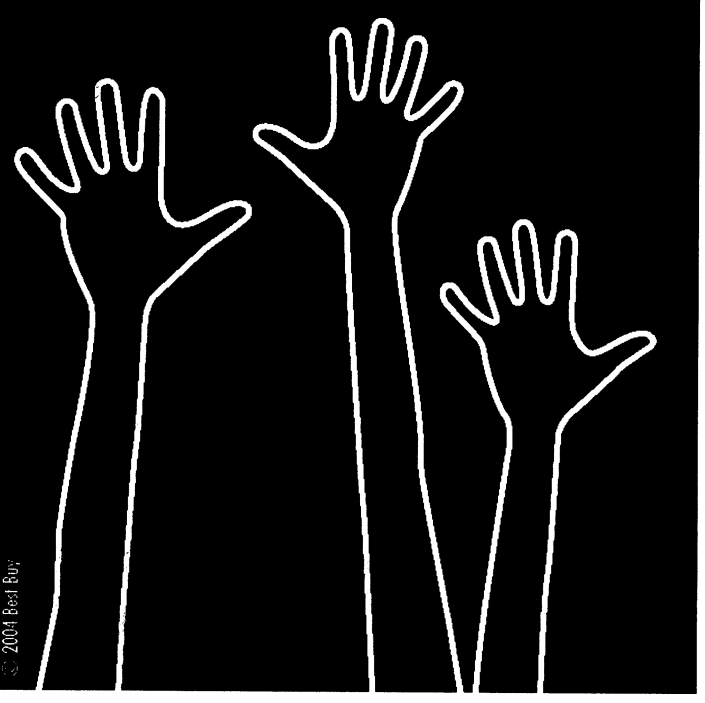
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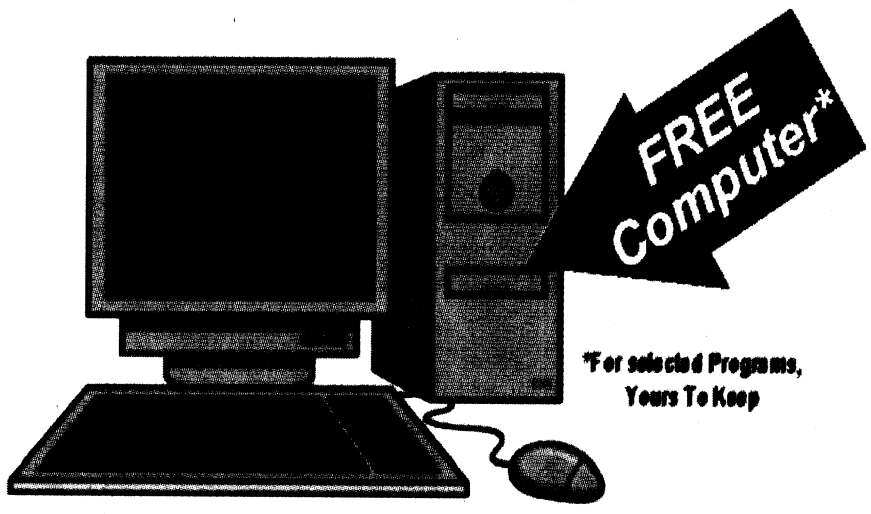
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New commander promises to keep 'Pioneer' standards 'tough as always'

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The 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment colors were passed in a change of command ceremony at York Field Wednesday morning.

Outgoing commander and West Point graduate Lt. Col. Gregory C. Kane will head to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., where he will be the chief observer/controller for light and airborne infantry operations.

"As I leave, keep this in mind — we are a nation at war. We are facing a dedicated and ruthless enemy," Kane said. "Our resolve, our standards our never-ending, critical self analysis to get better and our unsurpassed American spirit can, and will, defeat our foes.

"As members of the Pioneer Battalion, you produce the most formidable weapon on today's battlefield — the American infantryman. You are taking the fight for freedom to the enemy, and you will win this war. Never lower your standards. Our Soldiers and the American people are depending on you."

Incoming commander Lt. Col. Mark L. Edmonds arrived from service with Joint Task Force Six, counter drug and homeland security operations, and said he will continue Kane's policies of taking care of Soldiers and expecting only the best out of his unit.

"Command is the ultimate responsibility bestowed upon a leader in our Army, because of the commander's duty to Soldiers and families," Edmonds said.

> "You are taking the fight for freedom to the enemy, and you will win this war. Never lower your standards."
>
> **Lt. Col. Gregory C. Kane**
> **Outgoing commander, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment**

"Kane was great," said Pfc. Clint Josias, D Co., 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt. "I just hope this new, incoming commander can be just like him."



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Lt. Col. Mark L. Edmonds accepts the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment colors from regiment commander Col. Frank Harman, as outgoing commander Lt. Col. Gregory C. Kane, right, watches Wednesday morning on York Field.

Affirmative claims recoup Army cash

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When four service members were hospitalized following an accident near Atlanta June 15, an Army program facilitated by the U.S. Army Claims Service and authorized by federal laws and statutes stepped in to ensure their medical bills will be paid by the person or company responsible for the accident instead of the government.

The Department of Defense spent $27.2 billion on health care in 2003, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

One of the USACS' affirmative claims program's missions aims to reduce those costs as much as possible by working to have parties responsible for injuries to Soldiers pay for needed medical attention.

According to the USACS Web site, affirmative claims have recovered more than $34 million for the Army.

Since 1992, Fort Benning has recovered almost $5 million, said Connie Lalka, a paralegal with the Fort Benning Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Lalka has been processing affirmative claims for 15 years.

Walt Parker, the supervisor for affirmative claims at the USACS headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va., said the program is a good thing for the Army, even though the claims can be time-consuming.

"Funds reclaimed through affirmative claims are returned to the unit affected or the installation and used for repairing damaged property or improving the quality of living on post," he said.

Lalka said any active-duty Soldiers, family members or retired military personnel who are injured or involved in an accident that results in damage to government property are required to cooperate fully with the local affirmative claims office.

"If you are injured in an accident, you will likely receive a report of injury form from the affirmative claims office to determine if a claim will be made for the reasonable cost of hospital care, including ambulance service, provided to you," she said.

Lost wages, resulting from the injury of a service member caused by a non-military party through wrongful or negligent acts, are returned to the installation operation and management account supporting local commands and activities, Lalka said.

Although medical bills are the largest percentage of the funds affirmative claims works to recover, damages to government property by third parties are also a significant factor.

"The Army likes to think of itself as a business," Parker said. "Any business works to recover as much money as possible when losses are caused by outside establishments or individuals."

While reports of survey are used to collect on losses and damages to government property caused by service members and government civilian employees, Lalka said that when the damage or loss occurs outside the scope of employment, the claim is treated as an affirmative claim.

Lalka said the affirmative claims program is important to the Army because it returns much needed funds to the installations affected by the injury of service members and their families and the damage of government assets by outside parties.

"Affirmative claims is taking care of your own people," she said.

For more information, or if you are in an accident that results in medical treatment or damage to government property, call Capt. Claudine Andola at 545-2285.

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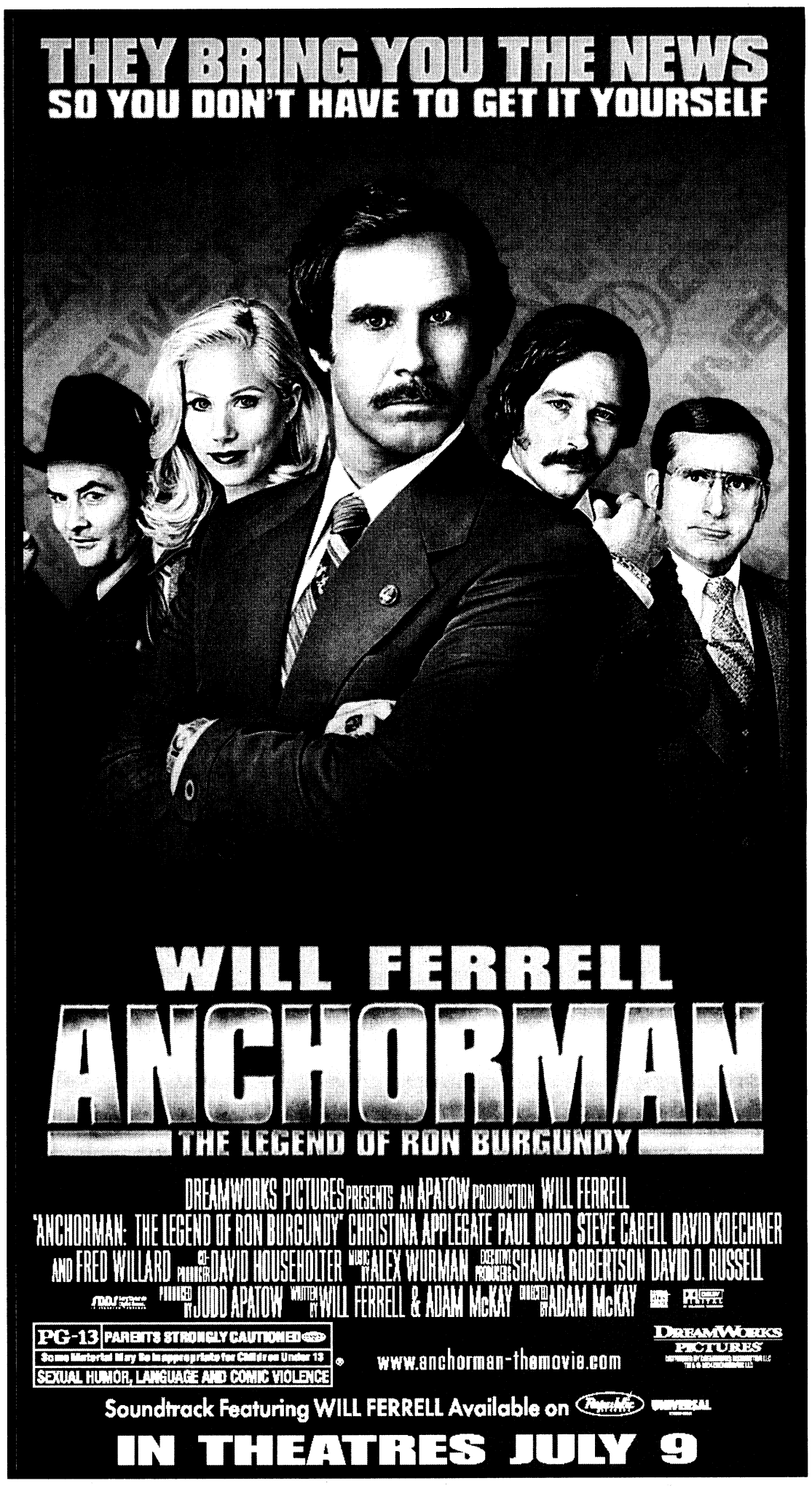
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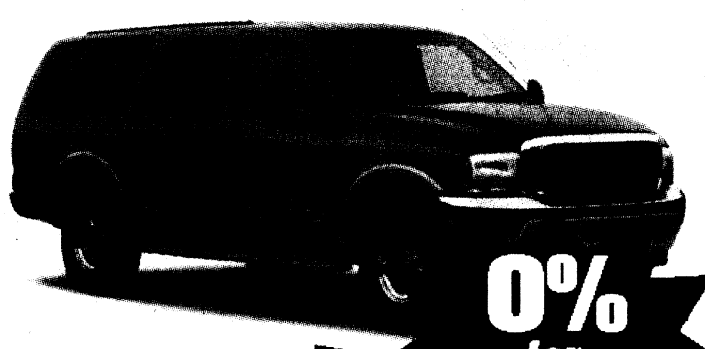
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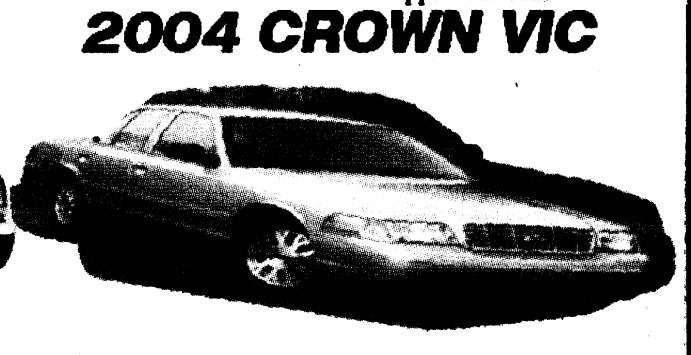
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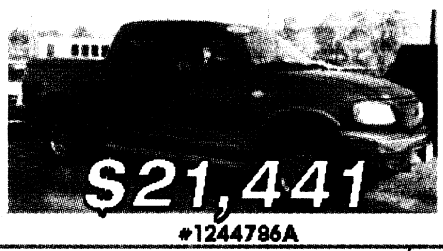
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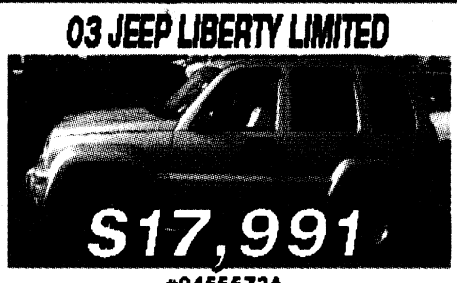
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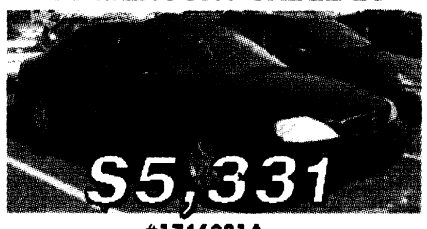
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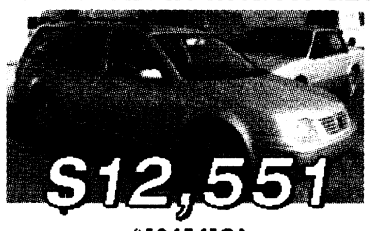
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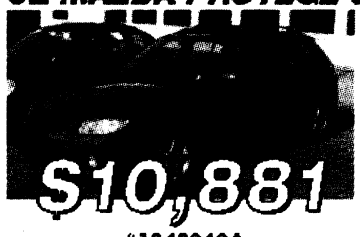
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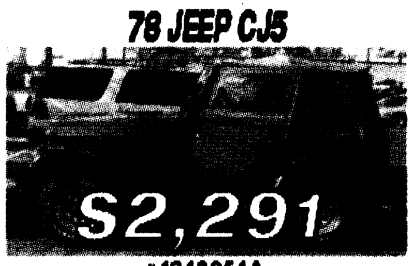
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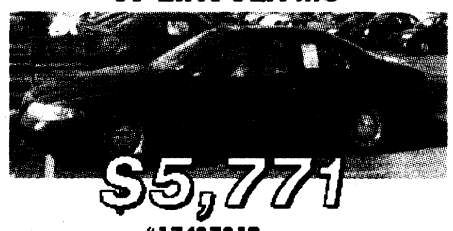
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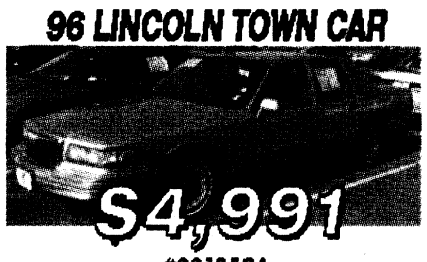
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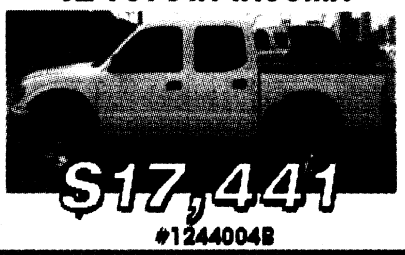
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New bronze Infantryman dedicated at ceremony

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It's not that 71-year-old retired Maj. Eugene Wyles doesn't recognize himself in the bronze figure of the Infantryman perched atop the statue in front of Infantry Hall.

That's him, all right, at 26, a Korean War vet with nine years of service under his belt. As an officer candidate, he posed for hours on end several days a week for six months and took a lot of grief for it from the Officer Candidate School cadre.

Nonetheless, when Wyles was plucked out of Ranger School and brought back to Fort Benning for the dedication of the statue back in 1960, it wasn't his face he saw when the Infantryman was unveiled.

And that hasn't changed.

"I don't even think of it as me. I never did," said Wyles, after a newly-cast bronze statue was unveiled July 1 during the annual Fort Benning Independence Day celebration on York Field.

"When I look at it, I see everyone who's ever given their lives for this country," he said. "I see my buddies who didn't make it back alive, and the older I get, the more that haunts me."

Maj. Gen. Paul Freeman, then the post commander, commissioned the statue in 1959. Two Soldiers, Spc. Karl Von Krog and Spc. Manfred Bass, designed and sculpted the figure. Bass has since earned international recognition for his work, including designs for Macy's in New York.

The statue, dubbed The Infantryman, originally stood near OCS. It was relocated to its present location in 1964 and became known as the Follow Me Statue when President Gerald Ford referred to it as such during a visit to post to celebrate the Army's 200th birthday in 1973.

The statue was made of fiberglass and a bronze-impregnated epoxy, which eventually showed signs of age. About five months ago, it was shipped off to Loveland, Colo., to be recast in bronze.

The "vintage" statue will likely be displayed at the new National Infantry Museum when it's completed.

More than 10,000 people, including former Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh and Wyles, who served two tours in Vietnam and received two Purple Hearts, were on hand for the unveiling of the new statue last week. In the sea of faces, Wyles saw the faces of his comrades long ago and the Soldiers serving today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

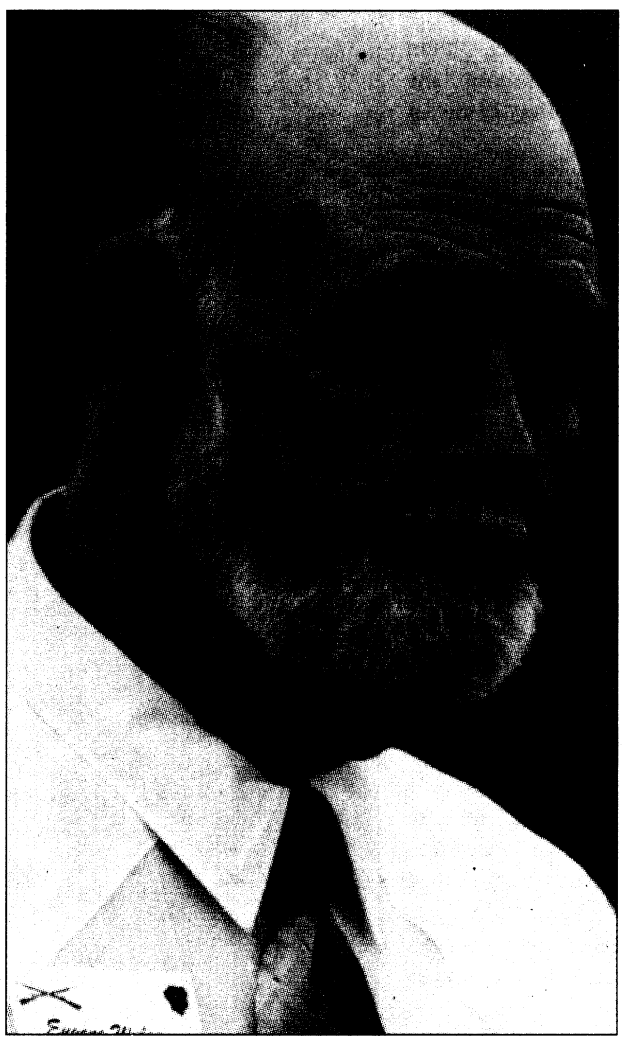
"It was chilling. I don't have words to describe how I felt," Wyles said of the ceremony, which included a fireworks display emanating from behind the statue.

"I stood up there with those distinguished men and I looked up into all those faces … It shook me to the core. I thought about all those Soldiers. I want them to know I'm praying for them. I'd be with them in a minute if the general would sign me up."

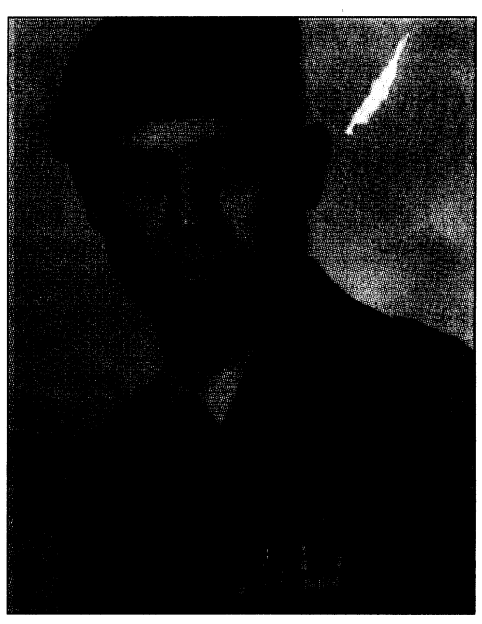
Wyles said he was "honored but mostly surprised" when a Fort Benning official contacted him to invite him to the ceremony. After all, the Army had given him up for dead back in October.

"My pension payments stopped, and when I called to ask why, they said, 'Mr. Wyles, it says here you're dead,'" Wyles laughed.

"Well, I'm not dead, and I'm sure glad I've hung around long enough to see this. This has been the grandest experience of my life."



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"When I look at it, I see everyone who's ever given their lives for this country. I see my buddies who didn't make it back alive, and the older I get, the more that haunts me."

Retired Maj. Eugene Wyles,
model for Follow Me Statue in 1959

Whatever the name, statue depicts 'ultimate weapon'

There's been much confusion about the correct name of the 12-foot-tall, bronze fellow standing sentry in front of Infantry Hall. The statue in its entirety is officially called the Follow Me Statue, and the figure perched on top is the Infantryman. It isn't — never has been — Iron Mike, though often as not, that's what he's called. Iron Mike resides at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The statue's name has actually evolved. "Follow Me" stuck after President Gerald Ford used the phrase while visiting Fort Benning in 1973.

But retired Maj. Eugene Wyles is quite likely the only person alive who can attest to the title Maj. Gen. Paul Freeman figured to use when he commissioned the sculpture in 1959. Freeman studied a number of possible models before choosing the likeness of 26-year-old Officer Candidate Eugene Wyles from Louisiana.

Wyles can't be certain why he was chosen, but he speculates: "I'd been in nine years. I'd served in the Korean War. I was old and ugly."

More than likely, it had something to do with Wyles' rugged good looks. At 71, Wyles' Native American heritage is still evident in his broad shoulders and chiseled jaw.

Shortly before the July 1 unveiling of the new-and-improved Infantryman, Wyles clearly recalled Freeman's desire to immortalize what he called "The Ultimate Weapon."

"That's what he called it," Wyles said. "He told me, 'Candidate Wyles, no matter how advanced we get with technology and all, we'll always rely on the infantryman. He is our ultimate weapon."

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ITB Plus-up officially underway

Reservists activated to train troops

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

In efforts to support the global war on terrorism, the Army plans to add 37 new infantry battalions by the end of fiscal 2007 — a feat that will require training 30,000 new Soldiers.

To accommodate the surge of new Soldiers, the 1st Brigade, 84th Infantry Division (Institutional Training), which is composed of U.S. Army Reserve drill sergeants, was activated in May for a 365-day tour at Fort Benning.

Two companies from the 84th were tasked out to 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, and 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, where they stood up F Companies for both battalions.

The other two reserve companies rotated eight of their 24 drill sergeants with eight active-duty drill sergeants to enhance efficiencies within the reserve component companies. The eight reserve drill sergeants were assigned throughout the Infantry Training Brigade in other battalions.

The new unit, which took over Building 3105, (former home of 1st Bn., 38th Inf. Regt.) is now 1st Bn., 329th Inf. Regt., complete with 12 drill sergeants, a commander, a first sergeant, an executive officer, a training NCO, supply sergeant and an armorer for each company.

The Reserve Soldiers spent two weeks in a drill sergeant certification program that familiarizes them with Fort Benning's Infantry Training Brigade's procedures, then moved on to prepare the building for the first cycle of Soldiers.

Capt. William Similo, A Co., 1st Bn., 329th Inf. Regt., commander, said creating a new battalion from scratch was quite a challenge.

"Even our active-duty counterparts usually get assigned to a unit that is already up-and-running — a working machine, if you will," Similo said. "We started a battalion 'cold,' which is a whole different thing."

Maj. Kevin Rushing, 1st Bn., 329th Inf. Regt. executive officer, said the unit is about to pick up its third company of new Soldiers and there have been no major problems.

"The biggest challenge was setting up the building," he said.

The building was renovated and brought up to standard, then had to be sterilized before any Soldiers could move in. So far, the new battalion is training about 400 Soldiers and is on track to train more than 1,000 by January 2005.

The Soldiers are getting the same training as any other battalion in ITB, Rushing said. In fact, they don't even know their drill sergeants are Reserve Soldiers.

"They are all wearing the 'Follow Me' patch and are active duty Soldiers," he said.

Behind the scenes, however, all of the cadre are still adapting to the active-duty lifestyle, Similo said.

"We are still learning how to pace ourselves," he said. "Before, we were used to two-to-three-week missions, running at full throttle. So we had to adjust for the long haul."

Similo said one of the good things about his company being activated for the year is that he is learning a lot about his Soldiers and how they flow.

"Theoretically, I've seen the entire cycle, just pieces at a time," he said. "Now we are looking at the big picture and dealing with things we haven't had to deal with before when we were only here for a few weeks at a time."

Similo said he plans to remember the challenges he and his Soldiers faced so he can help the next wave of Reserve Soldiers know what to expect.



Spc. David Foley

Sgt. 1st Class Dale Kessler, a 1st Platoon drill sergeant, checks a Soldier's weapon to ensure it is not loaded as he leaves the firing line. Kessler is one of the Reserve Soldiers who were activated to increase training on Fort Benning. He and his comrades started a new ITB battalion on Sand Hill.

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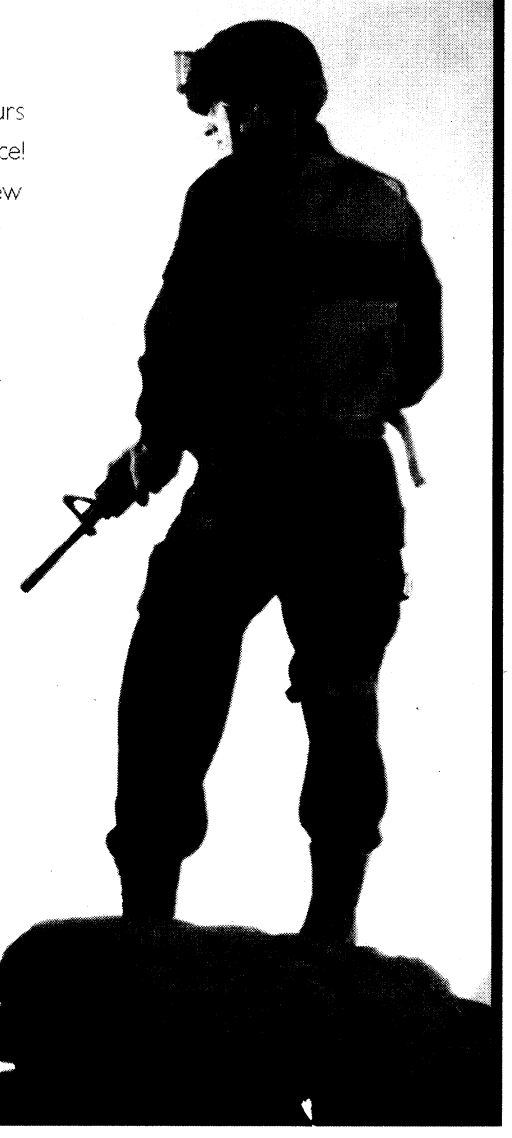
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Telling the Army story...

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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Yes, it's true, photojournalism is a job in the Army, a 46Q to be exact. There aren't very many of us, but you'll see evidence of our existence on every installation Armywide, almost anywhere American Soldiers are deployed and in the civilian media, as well.

Depending on where an Army journalist is stationed, their duties will change, but the mission is always the same — to tell the Army's story.

Whether it's Soldiers, veterans, family members, government employees or the civilians who help keep the Army rolling along — they're all part of the Army's ongoing story.

And it's our job to share that story with the Army community and the outside world.

• Army newspaper staff

Wouldn't you know it — the staff of *The Bayonet* is a perfect example of an Army newspaper staff.

As of now, we don't deploy. Our mission is to write, photograph, edit, build and publish information important to Fort Benning and its surrounding communities.

The paper is the commander's "mouthpiece," so to speak — his main command information channel to communicate with an audience of literally tens of thousands of people.

Our job is to address issues that affect the members of those communities within certain limits. Safety issues, policy changes, technological developments, deployments and redeployments, and social issues, like alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, date rape and racism — they all make an appearance in the pages of *The Bayonet* from time to time.

And in almost every issue, you'll find Soldiers and civilians who've gone above and beyond and earned a name for themselves as volunteers or Soldiers of the Year or by earning awards and decorations. We also spotlight community events — sports games, clubs and social activities.

The Bayonet has a distribution of 17,000, reaching across the country. Many Soldiers' families access the Web site to learn more about their troop's environment and maybe even catch a glimpse of him while he's in basic training or while he's getting ready to head out overseas.

On some installations, Army journalists also help coordinate Army participation in major events, like parades and festivals, in surrounding civilian communities.

Today, the word is that during the next few years, photojournalists will be "phased out" of garrison positions and replaced with civilian contractors.

Instead of working on post publications, most of them will be assigned to mobile public affairs detachments.

• Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

I've met many Soldiers who were skeptical of the idea that journalists deploy in the Army, but it's actually quite common.

In fact, pretty much anywhere you'll find American troops on the ground, you'll find journalists.

Members of small units — usually around 8 or 10 troops, including a commander — MPAD journalists' duties usually include news production or release activities, media relations activities and command information programs.

They produce newspapers, newsletters, daily news sheets and photographs for the troops on the ground and the American public back home.

MPAD Soldiers usually produce some sort of publication to detail what other Soldiers in the area are doing with their days.

They also produce publications for the troops with news from back home — especially sports. This can be a significant morale boost for Soldiers who aren't able to access the Internet or call home to their families regularly.

Their coverage of Soldier activities is also sent back to the states where it is published in several different military news outlets.

This coverage gives families back home a clearer picture of what their loved ones are up to and allows them to get a better understanding. And who knows? Maybe they'll see their Soldier smiling back at them.

Of course, you can't tell the story of the Soldiers on the front lines without visiting them for yourself. Journalists overseas are in as much danger as most of their fellow Soldiers, and all to bring their stories home.

Deployed journalists are also heavily involved in escorting the civilian media and protecting the security of Soldiers by laying out ground rules for non-military journalists.

One of their main missions is to help the civilian media get the story. From issuing them protective gear and training them how to protect themselves while in a "hot zone," MPADs get civilian journalists prepared for the harsh realities that await them on their assignments.

They also teach embeds (journalists embedded, or assigned, to accompany units on missions) about security issues related to the release of information that could jeopardize the welfare of Soldiers. Think Geraldo Rivera.

The Army's journalists are responsible for communicating the commander's messages, boosting morale among the troops they serve and sharing with the world the stories of our Soldiers' and civilians' good works and successes.



Editor's note: *212 Ways To Be A Soldier is a new weekly section highlighting different Army MOSs. To submit ideas for this or any other section, call The Bayonet at 545-4622.*

NCOs: Return from deployment training new Iraqi troops

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other to share the news."

She admitted the hardest part was not knowing when the men would come home, and she preferred not to know exactly what her husband was doing.

Her friend, Cheryl Harstad, took a different approach. She wanted to know exactly what the drill sergeants were doing.

"At times, there was stuff they were in that really scared me," Cheryl said," but I just had a feeling they would all come home."

And Cheryl has learned to trust those gut feelings. Her son, Eric, 8, has beaten cancer, like she knew he would, and Sgt. 1st Class Lars Harstad walked up the sidewalk, just as she planned.

Sixth-grader Rylleigh Harstad said her father's deployment went by faster than she anticipated, although she really missed having him throw her around their pool. She saved pictures from art class to show him, and played games with her three younger siblings to take their minds off missing their dad.

Almost 10 minutes after hugging her dad for the first time, Rylleigh was crying in Cheryl's arms as her dad gave an interview.

"She didn't realize how hard it was until now," Cheryl said.

Brandon, Thomas and Josh Wright were a little more stoic, but no less excited. The teens waited patiently for their dad, Sgt. 1st Class Hubert Wright, who had been deployed to Iraq several times before. The boys said this deployment was easier than the first, but they had a few anxious days when they were told their dad was missing.



Melissa House

Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Cox is reunited with his wife, Tiffany, and daughter, Taylor, July 1.

"Their communication satellite got blown up," Brandon said, "and they moved to a new place so he wasn't able to tell us that he was moving."

Thomas, 15, admitted that he was worried about his father the whole time he was in Iraq. Now that he's home, the boys have a few plans for him.

"We'll let him relax for a few days," Thomas said, "and then we're looking forward to beating him down."

Lt. Col. Jesse Ward, battalion commander, stepped in a few minutes after his Soldiers had been reunited with their families.

"There'll be no speech," Ward said. "I'm glad to see you home."

Antonio Cox said it was wonderful to be home and was ready to get reacquainted with his wife and 4-year-old daughter, Taylor. He said morale for the drill sergeants was high during the deployment.

"We knew we would be able to help the Iraqis learn to defend their own country," Antonio said.

Lars Harstad said he was confident the Iraqis would do well with the training they had given them. One man they trained, he said, had fought in the Iran-Iraq War.

"He told us he no longer fought for one man (Saddam Hussein)," Lars said. "Now he fought for all men."

Company commander, Capt. Chris Colster, said the Soldiers would have several weeks of leave before returning to work. Those who stay on at Sand Hill, he said, would be spread throughout the battalion.

Event: Honors exemplary Rangers, supporters

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long been a major supporter of Fort Benning Soldiers and their families and a major financial contributor to the annual Best Ranger Competition.

In 2003, he traveled to Iraq at his own expense to visit the troops.

Staff Sgt. Harold Bennett's oldest sister and youngest brother attended the ceremony. The Communist National Liberation Front claimed Bennett's execution in 1965 was a retaliatory move against the South Vietnamese government. More than likely, his brother said, Bennett was killed because he couldn't be beaten down.

"He was a man of faith, and when he believed something, he didn't back down. He gave them a real hard time," said Dick, the youngest of nine Bennett children.

All four boys joined the military and all five girls married servicemen. Dick, who emulated his older brother, joined the Rangers and served twice in Vietnam.

"We were an Army family, but (Harold) was a Soldier's Soldier," he said.

Indeed, the elder Bennett volunteered on Christmas Day of 1964 to lead a seven-man Ranger expedition to rescue American captives. Four days later, Bennett was captured.

He quickly developed a reputation as a troublemaker, berating his guards and refusing to cooperate. He tried three times to escape.

"The enemy could not break him," Bennett's biography read.

Retired Lt. Col. Christopher Gooch often put his career before his family. He admitted as much and tried to make amends before his death a decade ago. The eight family members who attended the Hall of Fame ceremony bore no grudges.

"He put his life's blood into the Rangers. He loved it," Maj. Damon Gooch said of his father, the man for whom Camp Darby was once called "Gooch's Gulch." There he designed and developed the Darby Queen confidence course.

Gooch was also responsible for much of the development of the Ranger's Camp Merrill in the North Georgia mountains, and he introduced pugil stick training while serving as chief of the Combat Conditioning Committee at Fort Benning.

"He never told us all he did. He never talked about it," his son said.

"His work is seen everywhere, but he tried to stay behind the scenes. He gave all the credit to the Rangers."

Tech. Sgt. Grant Hirabayashi enlisted as a military intelligence specialist with Merrill's Marauders before Pearl Harbor, when Japanese-Americans were suspect in the eyes of the American government. His family was forced from their home in Washington into a relocation center in Missouri.

Still, Hirabayashi volunteered for hazardous duty and intercepted and interpreted Japanese orders, making it possible for the Marauders to anticipate enemy activity and tactics.

It was Hirabayashi who learned of plans for an atomic bomb while interrogating Japanese prisoners.

Hirabayashi is only the third Japanese-American to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, a roster that numbers nearly 200 and includes the likes of Abraham Lincoln, Robert Rogers and Nathan Hale.

The 2004 Ranger Hall of Fame inductees are:
Tech. Sgt. John A. Acker
Tech. Sgt. Grant Hirabayashi
Retired Lt. Col. Robert Bayne
Chief Warrant Officer Charles Caruth
Retired Brig. Gen. James Herbert
Capt. Roger Brown
Retired Lt. Col. Walt Sanders
Retired Lt. Col. Christopher M. Gooch Jr.
Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmie W. Spencer
Retired Maj. James Gavin Storter
Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Francisco G. Magana
FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III
Retired Gen. Carl W. Stiner
Staff Sgt. Harold G. Bennett
Capt. George Massey Gividen
Retired Command Sgt. Maj. George Horvath
Paul E. Vorhees, honorary

"There's a legacy in this room that just won't quit," said retired Gen. Carl Stiner, himself an inductee.

"It's humbling," said another, retired Command Sgt. Maj. George Horvath.

"I look around and I wonder, 'Do I measure up?'"

Never leave a fallen comrade behind



Photos by Pvt. James E. Lewis

Pvt. Jude Pierretoussant, a Soldier with B Company, carries fellow Soldier Pvt. Gabriel Perez during first-aid training.

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade Public Affairs

"I was in the Outback Steakhouse with my wife and kids," remembered Capt. Patrick McCarthy, commander, B Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Regiment, "when this civilian contractor who had just returned from Iraq began choking.

"I performed the Heimlich maneuver and mouth-to-mouth on him until the paramedics arrived," he said. "It kept him alive long enough for him to reach the hospital where, unfortunately, he died later. The really sad part was that nobody else in the restaurant did anything."

Maybe if they had taken part in the first-aid training that McCarthy's company participated in this week, that wouldn't have been the case.

B Company got some hands-on, first-aid training Tuesday and Wednesday, learning everything from how to evaluate a casualty to how to correctly perform a variety of carries, such as the saddlebag, litter carry, fireman's carry and the two-man carry.

Day one of the training was all classes, said Staff Sgt. Prince Zawolo, a B Company drill sergeant.

After that, it was all about hands-on training and practical application, he said.

"This training is important for so many reasons," Zawolo said. "It's something that Soldiers need to know when they're on the battlefield. It's the first (medical) aid a Soldier will receive before medical help arrives. It can literally save a Soldier's life."

This training is vital for every Soldier to know, McCarthy said.

Should a Soldier ever become a casualty, he needs to know that his buddy will be able to take care of him properly, he said.

"This training's been very interesting, and I can definitely see it having practical applications in the field," said Spc. Ryan Duffy, a B Company Soldier.

"I'm glad to be learning this because it could potentially save my life or my buddy's life one day in the field," he said.

Duffy, who had no previous experience with first aid, said his favorite part of the training was learning all the different carries, though he didn't exactly love the "I love you" carry.

"I was carrying my partner in the 'I love you' carry, and there was a lot of weight positioned on the front of my body," Duffy said. "It was too difficult to hold him and I dropped him."

"First aid is essential for Soldiers to know," said Staff Sgt. Eugene Broadus, a B Company drill sergeant. "When I was in Iraq, Soldiers used this training every day. Soldiers had the knowledge to keep wounded comrades alive until medical help arrived."

These Soldiers are doing stuff that Soldiers in the field are doing, Broadus said.

"Unfortunately, the only true test for first aid happens when an incident occurs," McCarthy said. "Memory kicks in and the Soldier either remembers what to do or not."

"If these Soldiers take this training they're receiving seriously, they will be able to save someone's life," Zawolo added.



B Company Soldiers practice the two-man carry during first-aid training Wednesday.



Soldiers from B Company practice taking a wounded comrade to safety using the litter carry.

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COMMUNITY



Photos by Bridgett Siter

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Santellanes, of the Silver Wings parachute team, descends to York Field during the team's spot jump July 1.

Benning celebrates Independence Day in style

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning's Independence Day celebration was every inch the soiree it promised to be — complete with celebrities, crowds, music, entertainment, a little history in the making and a fireworks demonstration of epic proportions. In fact, about the only thing missing was the red carpet.

The festivities drew thousands of visitors from the tricommunity to York Field July 1.

Jag Star, a rock band, helped kick off the event with rousing renditions of some of today's most popular songs and some originals.

The act was followed by a Korean martial arts demonstration, featuring a host of pint-sized fighters.

Not much later, the crowd was wowed by the Ranger Training Brigade's FRIES and SPIES demonstration on Stewart Field.

"Are those people falling out of the helicopter, Daddy?" an awestruck little boy asked his father during the Ranger's daring demo.

"No, son," he answered with a chuckle. "They're just showing us how they do their job."

"Ooh ... so *that's* what they do all day."

Maybe not *all* day. But the Rangers definitely practiced enough to pull it off to precision and set the tone for another aerial expo.



One junior martial artist gives another encouragement before their demo July 1.

Fort Benning's Silver Wings performed a spot jump, landing right on target on York Field in front of the yet-to-be-unveiled Follow Me Statue.

And of course, no Benning bruhaha is complete without the Infantry Center Band. Iron Mike, the band's rock group, played crowd-pleasing favorites as the skies darkened over Fort Benning, leading up to the evening's main event — the unveiling of the Follow Me Statue. Well, its fraternal twin.

The new statue — a bronzed replica of the original, which has graced the entrance to Infantry Hall since 1964 — was revealed after a five-month hiatus.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, the commanding general, former Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, and retired Maj. Eugene Wyles, the model for the original statue, joined forces to remove the cover from the statue. They were aided by the youngest Soldier at the event, Pvt. Siles Evans, of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Regiment.

And just as the statue came in to full view, fireworks exploded in the background.

LEFT: A contented observer enjoys the aerial displays at Fort Benning's Fourth of July celebration July 1.

The Follow Me statue hunkers in the foreground of the post's fireworks extravaganza after its unveiling earlier in the evening.

Get Outta Here



Sick of sitting around looking at the walls? 'Get Outta Here' appears in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Ever miss the days when your biggest worry in life was getting that stubborn straw into your Capri Sun without ripping a hole in it? I know I do. I long to relive my childhood.

Time being the cruel thing it is, I can't really do that. But I can take pleasure in the simple things that used to delight me. And if you're looking to leapfrog back in time, there's plenty to do …

Bug out. There's nothing like playing with bugs to take you back to "the old days." And Oxbow Meadows will be more than helpful in this endeavor with its Insectival Sunday afternoon. Entomologists will show tarantulas, emperor scorpions and other bugs. And to top it off, chocolate-coated crickets will be available to munch on. It's from noon to 4 p.m., and it's only two bucks. Why not?

Chuck E. Cheese! I've heard a wicked rumor that Columbus' Chuck E. Cheese only allows adults in if they are accompanied by a child (isn't that ironic)? But I'm not positive. Even if that's the rule, you can stalk down someone with kids, and I'm sure they'll be more than willing to let you adopt them for an hour or two. Chow down on pizza, play skee-ball (my favorite!), beat out all the little kids for tickets and just enjoy playing games for a while. And if Chuck E. Cheese won't work out, there's always …

Dave and Buster's. The closest one I know of is in Atlanta, but it's so worth the drive. This place is an arcade to beat all others. And best of all, it's for adults. They serve food and alcohol. And they have more games than I could ever list. From video games to basketball to virtual reality — they've got it. It would be an awesome place to start your night before heading out to Buckhead. WARNING: Hefty price tag. Last time I went to Dave and Buster's, I spent almost $100. Granted I was there for hours, but still …

Read into it. If getting out of town isn't going to happen for you, don't sweat it. There's still plenty to do around here. Raid Barnes & Noble or any other book store's children's book section. My sister and I had a blast a few years back going through all the story books we used to love when we were little. It's nostalgic. If you're a guy, that probably doesn't appeal to you. But what about all those comic books you used to read? Have you really gotten over that?

Mini-golf. I don't know about you, but mini-golf was pretty much a staple in my monetarily-challenged family when I was growing up. It was guaranteed that at least once a month, we were going to end up at the nearest putt-putt. True, it would be better if you could drive around in one of those golf carts. But hey, it's still fun.

Toys "R" Us. I'm sure most of you remember the Tom Hanks movie *Big*. And you probably know exactly which part I'm thinking of right now. He wanders into the toy store and ends up playing an animated game of laser tag with some kid, running around the store, and then he hops on that huge piano on the floor and plays *Heart and Soul*. Remember that?

Toy stores are awesome. They have video games and bouncie things and board games and action figures and dolls and all the toys you had when you were little revamped and reworked and repackaged. It's such a trip down memory lane to walk into that place. And you'll be more than likely to find a pint-size playmate to share the fun.

Go for a walk. Take off in any given direction with no destination in mind. Preferably with a large animal that will half-drag you through your little adventure walk. (Of course, being the grown up that you are, you'll bring a baggie, too).

And while you're out there, climb a tree or two. I completely forgot how much I used to love that as a kid until a strange urge overtook me, and I shimmied up a tree for the first time in probably 10 years.

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July 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 and July 20. Call 545-4041 to sign up.

• A Diabetes Lifestyle Seminar will be offered through the Internal Medicine Clinic from 8 a.m. to noon July 22.

• A Headache Class will be offered through the Neurology Clinic from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

• 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 Monday 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 10 to 11 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. Call for an appointment.

• A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends 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.

EFMP volunteers needed — The Fort Benning Child and Youth Services program is planning to offer 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.

If you have an interest or need more information, call the ACS EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

School screenings, sports physicals — MEDDAC Family Practice and Pediatric Clinics offer school screenings and sports physicals by appointments from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 27.

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.

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.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street. The purpose of the letter is to allow for a higher priority on submitted 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 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. Call 687-4830

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander would like to recruit volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force which will 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 Dependent School System, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

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Fund to help Marine family — Marine Staff Sgt. Fernando Martinez was seriously injured in a car accident while riding in the Atlanta Airport Shuttle Service recently.

His is now hospitalized at the Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and is listed in critical but stable condition.

A fund has been set up to help the family with expenses incurred during Martinez's hospitalization.

If you have any interest in helping the family, send donations to:

McCoy Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 593806
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If donations are made by check, please be sure to write 118106 on the back.

Port Columbus summer camp — The Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum will offer "School of the Sailor," a day camp for children ages 9 through 14.

The dates are Monday through July 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.

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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.

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.

Membership is free of charge.

To enroll, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

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.

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'Young professionals' get fun, art, culture through group

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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Band members play at a Young Contemporaries event. The group consists of "young professionals" ages 21 to 40, seeking art, culture and new friends.

Getting bored with restaurants, movies and the bar scene? Looking for something a little more refined? Never fear. The Columbus Museum has a fun and exciting solution — the Young Contemporaries.

The Contemporaries are a group of "young professionals" interested in learning more about the arts, said Jennifer Sillitto, the museum's public relations coordinator. Members are anywhere from 21 to 40 years old.

The group is intended to involve young adults in the museum's programs by organizing educational activities and hosting fun parties, said Susan Lawhorn, the museum's director of institutional advancement.

For instance, in April, Lawhorn said, the Contemporaries held Metal Mania, a "lively and entertaining event that allowed members ... to enjoy cocktails and snacks as they engaged in a hands-on learning session" with a Columbus State University metal and jewelry instructor.

And on July 22, the group will celebrate with a summer fiesta. The event will focus on the museum's exhibition *Redefining Georgia: Perspectivas en Arte Contemporáneo*.

Erica Mohar, the museum's assistant curator of art, will lead the Contemporaries on a guided tour of the "fascinating" exhibit, which will feature the work of six Latino artists who now reside in Georgia, Sillitto said.

"(The exhibit) will include paintings, installations, photo-documented performance and drawings by some of the most respected living artists," Lawhorn said.

Not to mention the "fabulous food" provided by El Zapata.

The fiesta is a great opportunity for new members to join in on the fun and "enjoy margaritas, Coronas and culture" at the Columbus Museum, Lawhorn said.

The event will be from 7 to 10 p.m. July 22 at the museum. The cost is $10 for members and $15 for non-members.

To become a member of the Contemporaries, you must be a member of the Columbus Museum, Sillitto said. Museum memberships start at $35 per year. Yearly Contemporaries dues are $10 per person or $15 per couple.

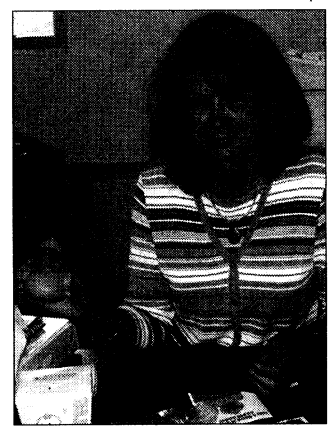
The Columbus Museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road.

For more information, call 649-0713.

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> Director of institutional advancement

Post employee wins duck race

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



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Janie Pearson shows off the duck that won her $9,999 at the Great American Duck Race Sunday.

Janie Pearson had plenty of reasons to keep celebrating this week — even after the Fourth of July fireworks had long since faded.

The Fort Benning quality specialist arrived at work Tuesday morning, checked her voicemail and discovered she was the grand prize winner of Sunday's Great American Duck Race.

Her prize? $9,999.

"I've never won anything like this in my life, so I really wasn't expecting to win," Pearson said Wednesday morning, still in shock.

The duck race is an event at Columbus' annual Thunder on the Hooch Independence Day celebration that benefits the lifesaving services of the American Red Cross.

Tricommunity members can "adopt" a rubber ducky for $5 in the weeks leading up to the race. The ducks are then launched on the banks of the Chattahoochee, and the duck that wins the race wins its owner the prize money.

When Pearson bought a "quack pack" with five ducks for $25, she wasn't planning to see a return. Instead, she was just helping out the Red Cross.

After all, there are at least 10,000 ducks in the race each year.

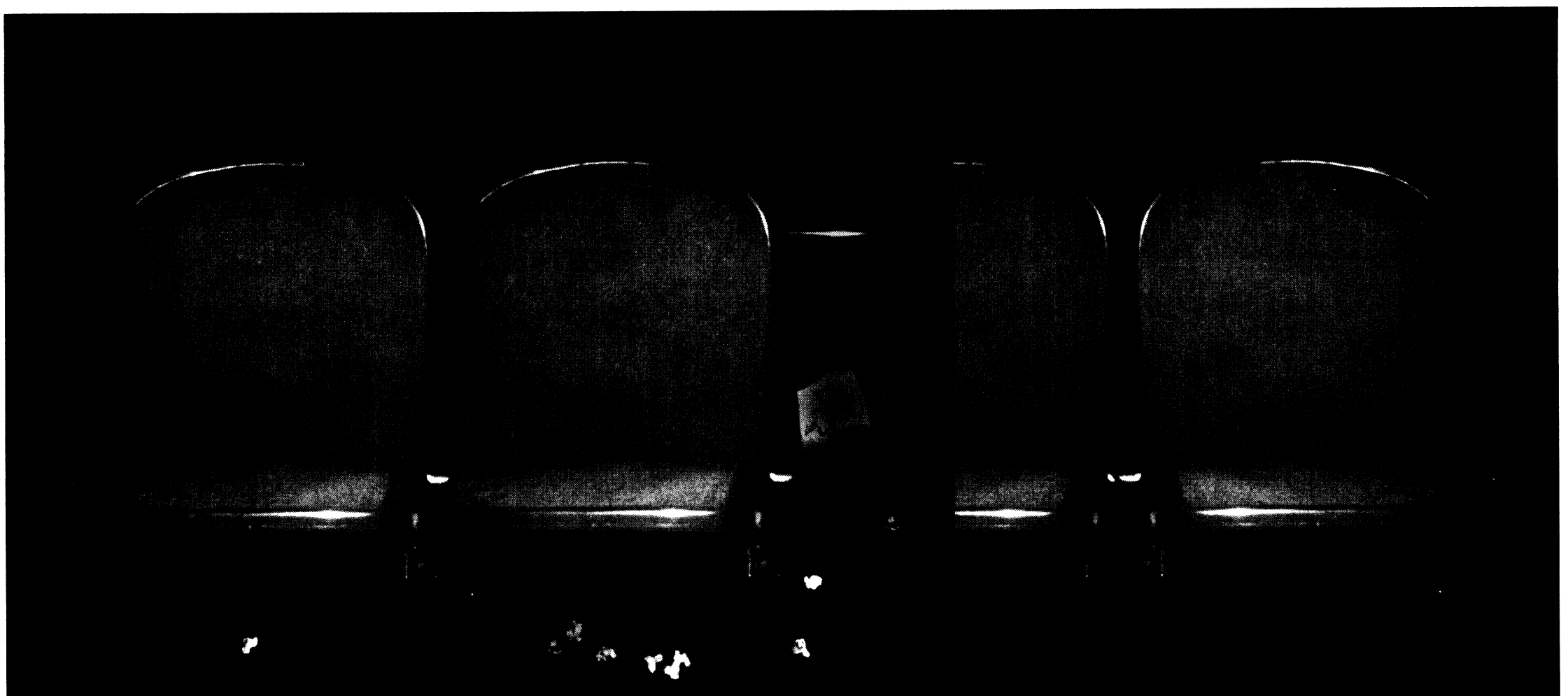
"When I watched the news (after the race), I saw the name *Jamie* Pearson, and I just thought, 'No, that couldn't be me,'" Pearson said.

So she put it out of her mind and thought nothing more of it ... until the voicemail, that is.

Now, the grand prize winner is almost $10,000 richer, and she knows where part of the money will go.

"I recently adopted my sister's cocker spaniel, and she required surgery to remove a cancerous tumor" she said. "So part of that money will go to pay the vet bill."

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Benning to host Army Concert Tour July 31

Honky Tonk Tailgate Party to headline

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning will host a country music concert at 6 p.m. July 31 on Wetherby Field. The Miller Light Army Concert Tour, the second to hit Fort Benning in the last few years, will be open to the public.

There will be no checkpoints or parking fees.

This year, Honky Tonk Tailgate Party will headline, with special guest Cowboy Crush.

Honky Tonk Tailgate Party consists of four country music stars — Rhett Atkins, Darryl Singletary, Chad Brock and David Kersch — all of whom have had individual hits.

Cowboy Crush is an all-female country band boasting such hits as "*Cry Baby*" and "*He's Coming Home*" — something that should be a big hit with the basic training Soldiers, said Jim Shoemaker, program coordinator.

Refreshments will be available throughout the concert at prices well below what they would cost at a civilian concert, Shoemaker said. The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation keeps prices down, because they can cut about $30,000 off the top of their expenses since the Army already owns a "top notch" stage that can be set up by Soldiers, he said.

"That's what MWR does," Shoemaker said. "We make it so Soldiers get a good show at a good price."

Last year's concert, which featured Lee Ann Womack, "was a complete success," said Brian Smith, chief, Marketing Division, DMWR, . "I think everyone there thoroughly enjoyed it."

More than 5,000 people attended the Womack concert, and this year's show is expected to have an even larger turn-out, including Soldiers from Main Post, Kelley Hill and Sand Hill, as well as civilians from the local community.

"We encourage everyone to attend," Smith said. "Bring blankets or lawn chairs, and make it a family event. This will really be a lot of fun for everyone."

Tickets can be purchased at Omega World Travel, Bill Heard Chevrolet, and online at www.benningmwr.com. Individual tickets are $15 in advance, $20 the day of the show. Family and group rate tickets are available.

For more information, call 545-3328 or visit DMWR's Web site.



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Honkey Tonk Tailgate Party, the headline act for this year's Army Concert Tour, includes four country artists who have all had individual hits. Cowboy Crush will also perform.

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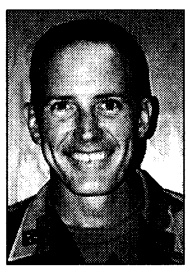
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These are the words with which they closed that revolutionary document:

"For it is with firm reliance on the protection of divine providence (God), we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

I'm always moved by stories of selfless sacrifice — stories in which people "lay it all on the line" and risk all they have for the sake of the cause.

Did you know that our national birthright is saga of selfless service?

The 56 selfless men who signed the Declaration of Independence weren't mere politicians, bloated with their own rhetoric — they were statesman who knew that if they succeeded, the *best* they could expect would be years of uncertainty, hardship and struggle in a fragile union of colonies learning to become states. And if they failed, they faced the stark reality that each would dangle at the end of a hangman's noose as traitors to the king.

Of the 56, few were long-lived. Five were captured, tortured and executed by the British. Twelve had homes and land from Rhode Island to South Carolina sacked, looted, burned or occupied by the British.

Sons of the rich died alongside sons of the poor, and even nine signers of the Declaration of Independence — 25 percent of those who remained at that point, 25 percent of the most powerful and influential men in the New World — not wild-eyed pirates with little to lose, but substantially secure men of means, persons of affluence and influence, paid the highest price they could, leaving behind widows and children in the War of Freedom.

They died young, fighting adversity, so that we might grow old in prosperity.

Let's pass on what our ancestors in Lexington and Concord knew then, and what our Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan are fighting for now: Freedom is never free.

Say thanks while you can

Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe
Garrison Chaplain

Last Saturday, I flew to Washington, D.C., for the ordination of two retiring military chaplains as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

A former parishioner from my parish at Fort McNair, D.C., picked me up at Dulles Airport, and we adjourned to a local hotel for a wonderful breakfast and had a chance to catch up on the comings and goings of mutual friends.

As we still had some free time, he suggested a short stop at the World War II Memorial.

"You only have five to 10 minutes to look around," he said, "but that will give you a good first experience and you will be able to say you have been there."

I jumped out of the car and started to walk down the right side of the entrance toward the Lincoln Memorial.

Along both walkways are magnificent murals of military scenes and war industries. I was particularly impressed by the mural showing airborne troops about to jump. The exquisite detail in each mural is breathtaking. You feel like you are there waiting to follow the last jumper in the stick.

I passed by many of the murals with just a quick glance, as my time was short and I wanted to take in as much as possible.

When I reached the pool with the shoots of water rising from various positions, I could still see the Lincoln Memorial in the distance and marveled at how the architect achieved harmony with the surrounding memorials by designing the pool below ground. I saw the names of the states and territories on columns with the wreaths of victory. And then I saw the wall with the 4,000 golden stars, each representing 1,000 American military personnel who gave their lives during the conflict.

The memorial site was overwhelming. I knew I would have to return someday soon to slowly absorb the impact of the quotes about significant battles that truly changed the course of history ... and our lives today.

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But so far, I have only described the stone and mortar of this memorial. As I stood there trying to take it all in, one of maybe 2,000 people moving around the pool, I noticed some people in wheelchairs, wearing black caps with gold writing. Each cap simply said "World War II Veteran." As I watched them look at the murals, their faces grew tight, and heads slowly nodded as their minds matched the realities and horrors of long ago to the images on the wall. Yes, their courage and heroism had been recognized and honored by a grateful nation, speaking to each individual who experienced that war.

But the best was yet to come. As I watched with admiration and respect, one or two strangers would slowly approach and, having made eye contact, introduce themselves with a handshake and a few words, to express their thanks and appreciation for what these men and women had done for our country.

The faces of the WWII vets softened and turned to smiles as younger Americans paused to honor members of "The Greatest Generation" with a word of gratitude and respect.

As I looked closer, I am sure I saw tears of joy and humble satisfaction for the part these WWII vets played in defeating the evil designs of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

The Veterans Administration notes that 1,000 WWII vets die each day. In the not too distant future, *Taps* will sound for the last member of "The Greatest Generation."

But their deeds will live on forever.

In the meantime, if you get to visit the World War II Memorial, and spot any WWII black hats, take a moment to stop and thank them for a job well done.

If you know elderly family members or friends who served in WWII, drop them a note to express your appreciation for their service to their country in its time of need.

Take the time to call them. We owe it to these WWII vets to say thanks while we still can.

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

— Proverbs 15:1

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

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Saturday Mass

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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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Saturday Worship Service

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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
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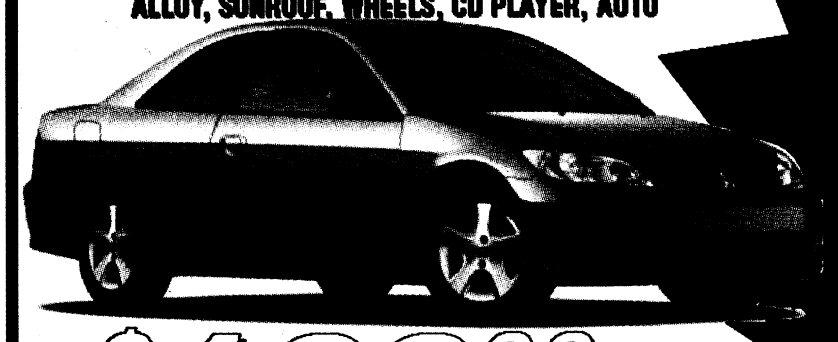
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The Champs Team takes aim during the junior archers' competition during the Realtree Archery Challenge in Tennessee last year.

Uchee Creek to host archery tourney



One of the professional archers at last year's ASA Coushatta Shootout draws in on a 3D target.



This deer is just one of many different animal targets used during the 3D archery competition.

Nation's best archery pros to attend

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Thousands of people are expected to converge on Fort Benning to watch some of the best archers in the country compete in a national archery tournament Aug. 3 through 8.

The Cabela's Archery Challenge Pro/Am Tournament will be held at Uchee Creek, and will be one of the largest events on Fort Benning, said Cliff Hughes, Uchee Creek manger.

"This is right up there with the Soldier Show," Hughes said.

"This is a very professional, high-end, high caliber event," said Brian Smith, DMWR marketing division chief.

"Anyone with any interest in archery whatsoever should attend," Smith said. "They will get a chance to see the premiere archery tournament in the country for free."

More than 2,000 archers are expected to compete, and the Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation is preparing to accommodate about 5,000 people, including a variety of hunting supply vendors, Hughes said.

"The competition is designed to test the archers' hunting skills," Hughes said. "But it has other advantages, too."

The 3D style contest has four classes, including women's and children's events.

The archers will move down "lanes" through the woods until they come across a shooting point marked by a stake.

Once the archers reach each stake, they will locate one of the foam targets, which will be hidden in the woods. They will then try to hit the bull's-eye.

After they shoot their arrow, they mark their score on a card like a golfer would and move to the next stake.

Hughes said the targets can resemble any animal, like turkey, deer, alligators, bears or even gorillas and dinosaurs; Based on the animal, the 10-ring (bull's-eye) can be as small as a dime or a quarter, and the target can be up to 50 yards away.

Just to make things a little more difficult, Hughes said some of the targets will be positioned in such a way the archers can only see small parts of the animal and will be forced to shoot at it through thick brush or branches.

There will also be long-range and indoor competitions which will provide spectators with a lot more visibility than the "lane" competitions, Hughes said.

The event will be free and open to the public.

For more information, call 545-1248.



One of the most visible events at this year's competition will be the long range target contest.

Benning marksman goes back to Olympics

Three-time competitor aims for gold

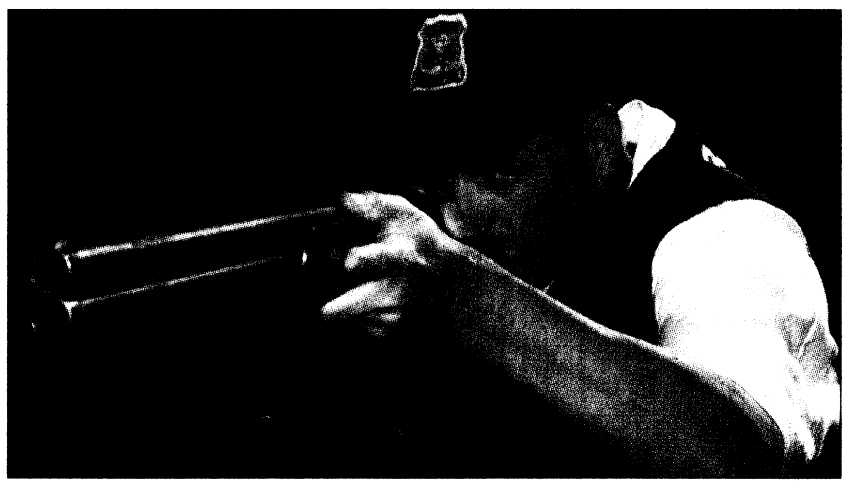
Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Sgt. 1st Class James Todd Graves aims to bring home the gold from the Olympic skeet competition in Athens, Greece, Aug. 21 and 22. The 41-year-old career infantryman already has a bronze medal lying somewhere around the house.

"It's not put up on the mantel or anything like that," said Graves, who earned the medal in 2000. "It's looking pretty rough right now. I let the kids handle it, let them wear it."

Given the opportunity, Graves would let them wear his gold one, too. It's not that he wouldn't cherish it, mind you, but the medal, in and of itself, isn't nearly as important as what it represents.

"If a kid wants to hold it and touch it and put it around his neck, and it inspires him or her to dream and maybe go on to do great things — that's what it's all about," Graves said. "It doesn't do anybody any good tucked away in a drawer some place."



Graves

It was a ribbon that inspired Graves more than 30 years ago. The Laurel, Miss., native was on his way to town with his dad when he spotted a crowd in a field. Curiosity led him to watch, then join the trap shoot competition. He went home with the third-place prize and a new passion.

"What is it they say — the rest is history? It lit a fire in me. I knew what I wanted to do," Graves said.

Graves was well on his way to success as a professional trap shooter in 1984 when he enlisted in the Army and joined the marksmanship unit.

He's never regretted the unconventional route he's taken to get to the top of his field.

"The Army has the best facilities, the best equipment and the best coaches. I owe everything to the Army," he said. "I'll stay as long as they'll let me, and you'll never hear me complain."

No, Graves isn't complaining, but he isn't satisfied either. The three-time Olympian, who won gold at the 2002 World Cup Finals, won't be satisfied with anything less than gold.

"I left the last time pleased with the bronze, but then you sit around and ponder about it and you're not so pleased any more," he said. "It's not the same as gold. I'm not going to be happy with just making the finals."

Graves said he'll go to Athens with the same mentality he maintains whenever he competes. He'll hope for "a little bit of luck," and he'll keep everything in proper perspective.

"I've got a neighbor who's about to deploy for the third or fourth time," he said. "I know I'm doing my job and he's doing his, but let's face it, we're at war. That pretty much puts all this in perspective. I'm no prima donna, but I'm here and they're there, and I try to keep that in mind. Everything I do, I dedicate to them, and if I win a gold medal, it's for the Soldiers."

CLOSER LOOK

Skeet shooters move through a semicircular range with eight stations. Targets are thrown at least 65 meters on either side of the range at 55 mph. Competitors hold their 12-gauge shotguns at hip level until the targets appear and can fire one shot per target.

The gun: Skeet guns have open chokes, which spread shot pellets at a wider radius. The barrels measure 26 to 30 inches.

Course of fire: Men shoot 125 targets in five rounds of 25 over two days. Three rounds are fired on day one, two plus the final on day two.

Perfect match score: For men, 125 is perfect. For women, 75.

Finals: After the 125-target match, the top six shooters advance to a 25-target round. Medals are awarded based on match plus final scores.

Clothing, equipment: Shooters wear vests with extra padding where the gun is shouldered. Glasses are worn for safety and to enhance target tracking ability.

Bowling for Columbus

Volunteers needed to help athletes

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade Public Affairs

The annual Special Olympics Master's Bowling Tournament is scheduled for July 17 and 18 at the AMF Peach Bowl Lanes in Columbus.

This will be Columbus' fourth year hosting the tournament for special-needs athletes 22 and older.

The tournament expects to draw anywhere from 800 to 900 participants this year, said Myra Tinney, the event's volunteer coordinator.

And with so many athletes volunteers are badly needed, she said.

"We need around 300 volunteers to help out," Tinney said. "This is a statewide event, so we'll have athletes coming from all over Georgia.

"Right now, we only have roughly 100 to 150 volunteers," she said.

Volunteers can expect to perform numerous duties at the tournament, Tinney said. They're needed for everything from making sure athletes are bowling in the correct order to helping keep score.

There are three shifts available for volunteers to help out during the tournament: from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from noon to 6 p.m. on July 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on July 18.

Tinney said she believes that volunteering for the tournament is a great way to give back to the community and also help provide the special-needs athletes involved in the tournament a chance to achieve their goals.

"Personally, it makes me feel good," said Candace Olesin, a tournament volunteer.

"I feel like I'm truly part of the community when I'm helping out like this and volunteering my time for a good cause," she said.

Olesin, who was a volunteer at last year's tournament, believes the tournament is a good way "for me and other people to see people with a disability in a new light," she said.

"It gives you a chance to learn more about different people," Olesin said. "I wouldn't say that I had preconceived notions coming into this, but I had no idea they were such good bowlers.

"The athletes were really sweet, really excited and really good bowlers," Olesin said.

"It's a great opportunity to come out and help these athletes have a fun day," Tinney said. "It's very important to help these athletes to participate in their capacity.

"We encourage everyone to come out and show their support and cheer them on," she said.

"Don't be afraid to volunteer," Olesin said. "I was leery at first. I walked in alone and I didn't know anyone, but all the other volunteers were really nice and, of course, the athletes were great.

"I would tell everyone to just try it once," she said, "whether by yourself or with someone else, whether this event or another."

For more information about the Special Olympics Master's Bowling Tournament or to become a volunteer, call Myra Tinney at 464–4950 or send her an e–mail at myrastinney@yahoo.com.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Youth Soccer Camp registration — Child and Youth Services Sports and Fitness will hold registration for Youth Soccer Camp, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., ending today 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 Monday through July 16 on French Field.

Participants must have CYS membership cards and pay a $65 camp fee.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Briant Wells closure — The Briant Wells Fitness Center will be closed Monday through July 16 to paint the inside, install new filters in the swimming pool and install new ceiling fans and lights.

Youth summer golf clinic — Child and Youth Services Sports and Fitness will have registration for the Youth Summer Golf Clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through July 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.

CYS Soccer, Football and Cheerleading registration — Child and Youth Services is holding registration for Football, Soccer, and Cheerleading from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday July 26 through Aug. 6, in building 359.

Coaches are also needed.

For More information, call 545-2079 or 545-3582.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for certified aerobics instructors.

For more information, call 545-1940

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, call Broadwater at 544-2660.

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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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, call Jim O'Donnell at 644-2066 or 569-5057.

Football fields closed — All of Columbus' football fields are closed for maintenance through Aug. 15. These fields include Lakebottom and Rigdon Park.

For more information, call Philip Naylor, Parks Manager, at 653-4189 or 653-4190.

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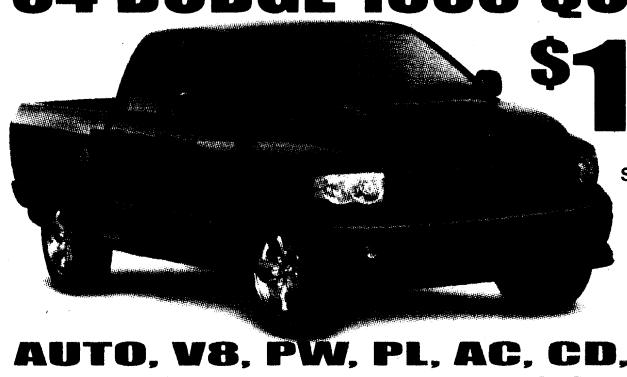
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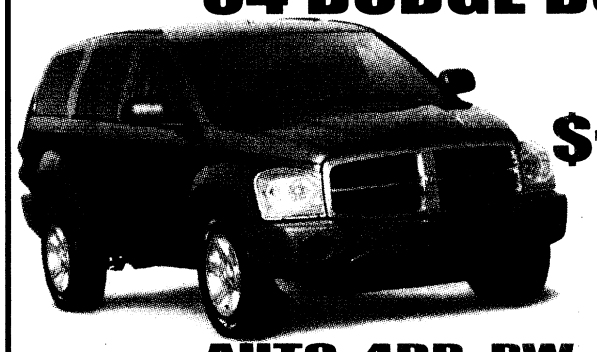


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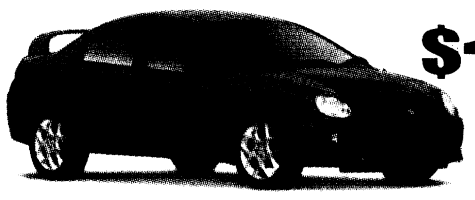


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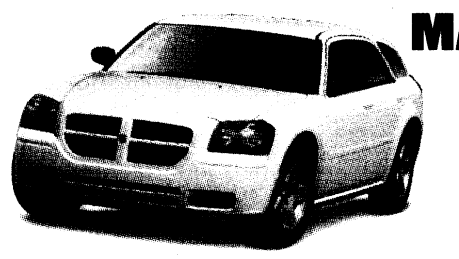
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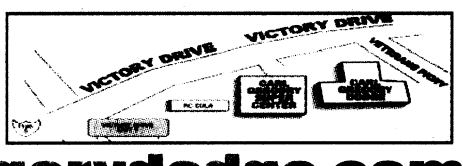
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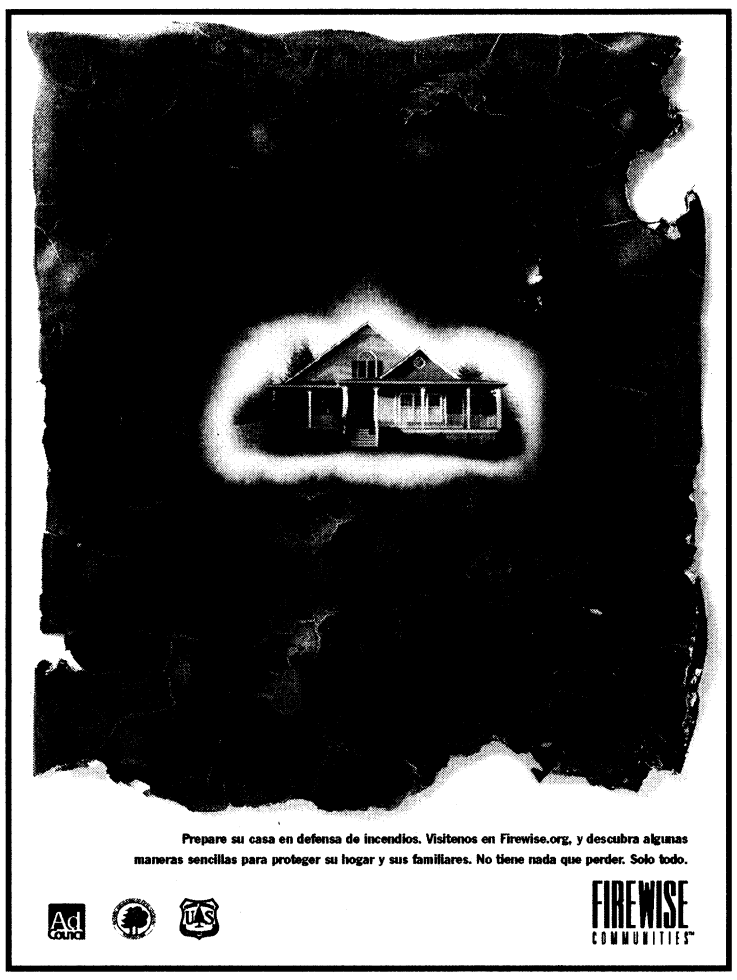
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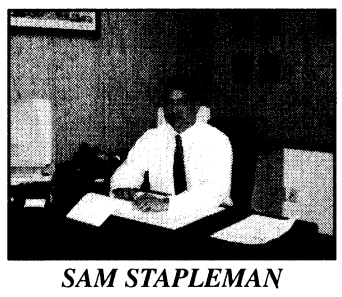
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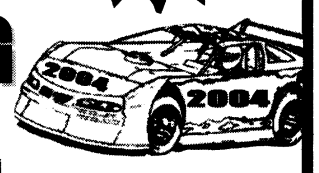
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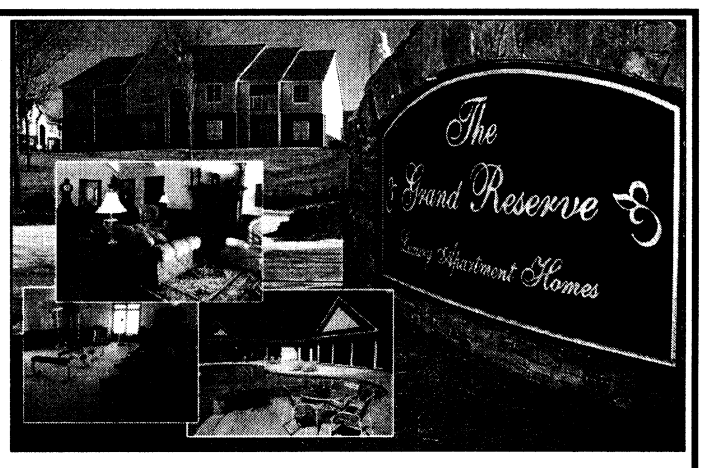
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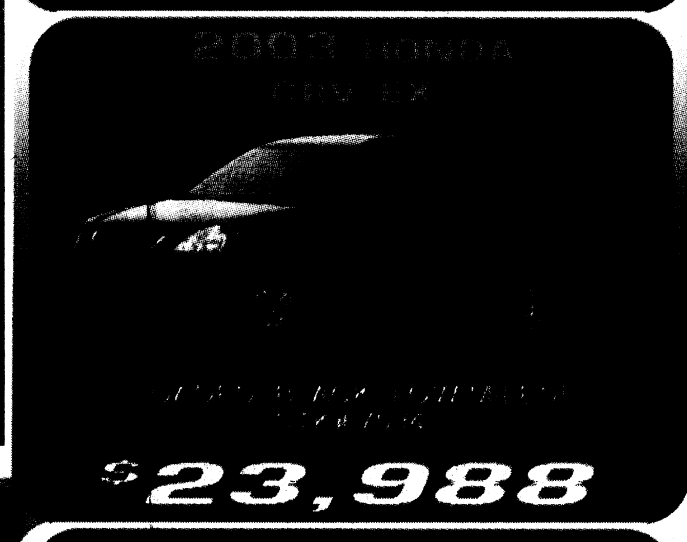
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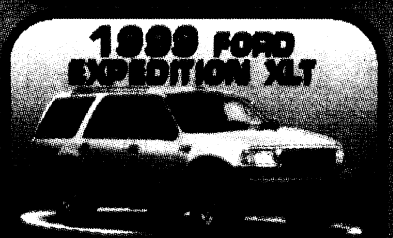
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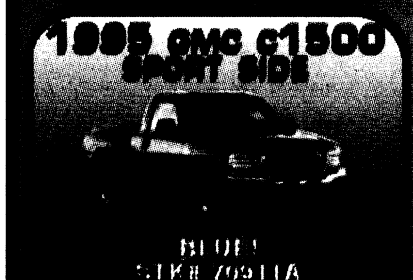

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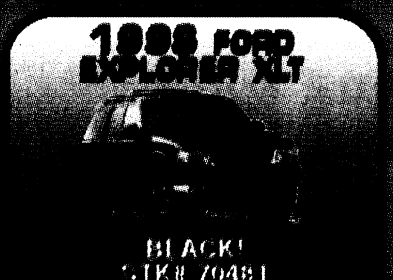

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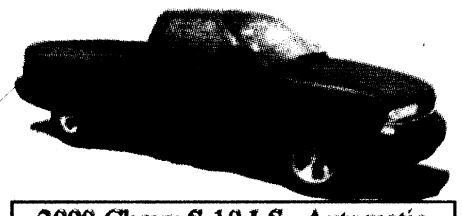
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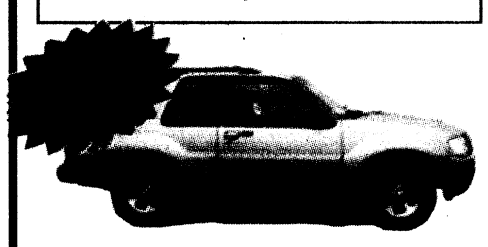


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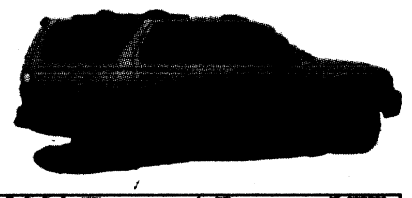


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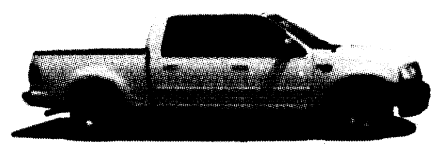


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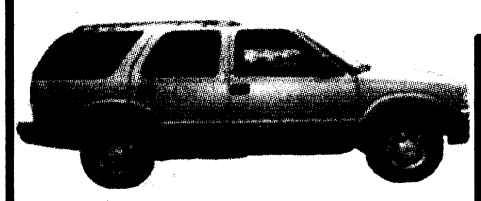
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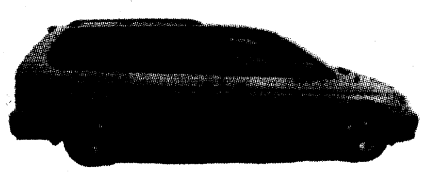
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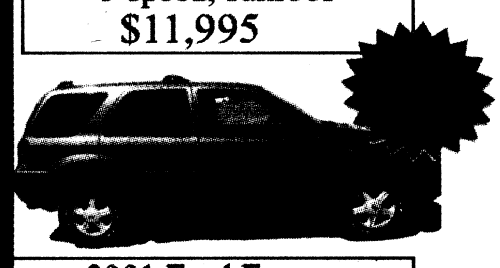
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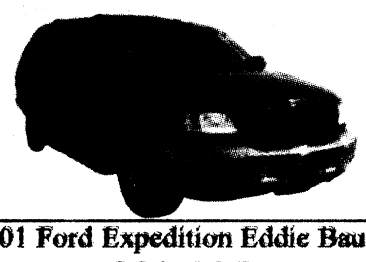
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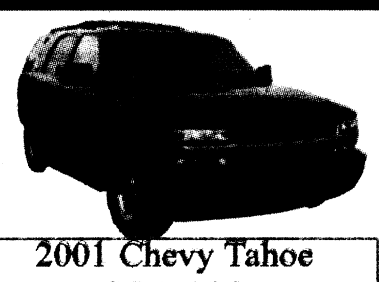
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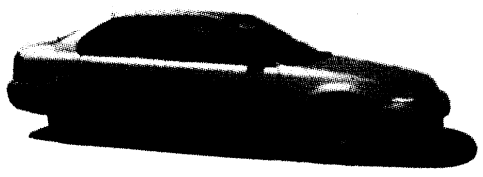
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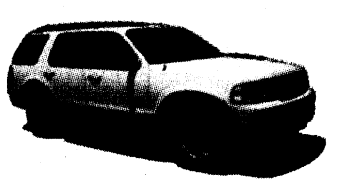
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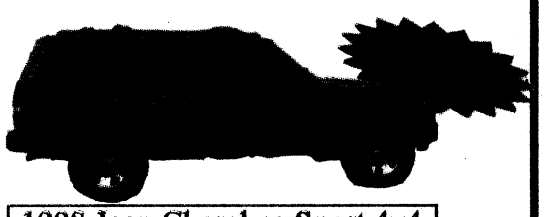
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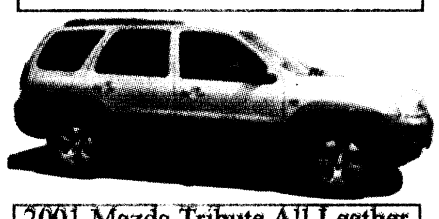
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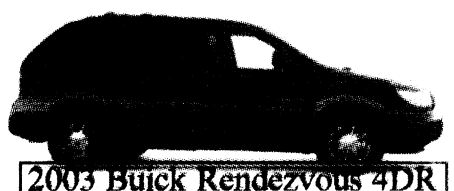
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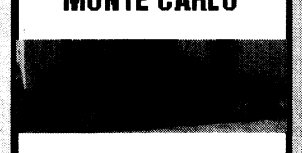
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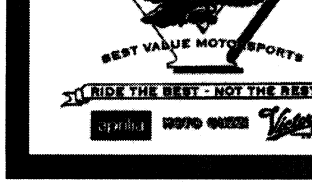
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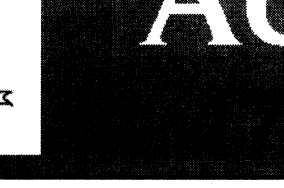
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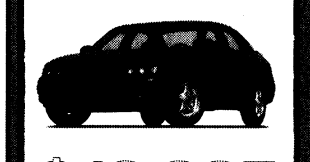
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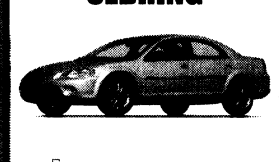
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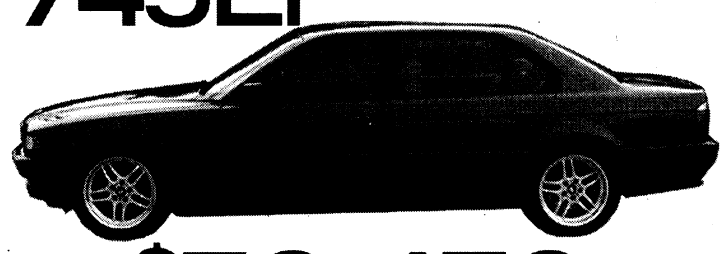
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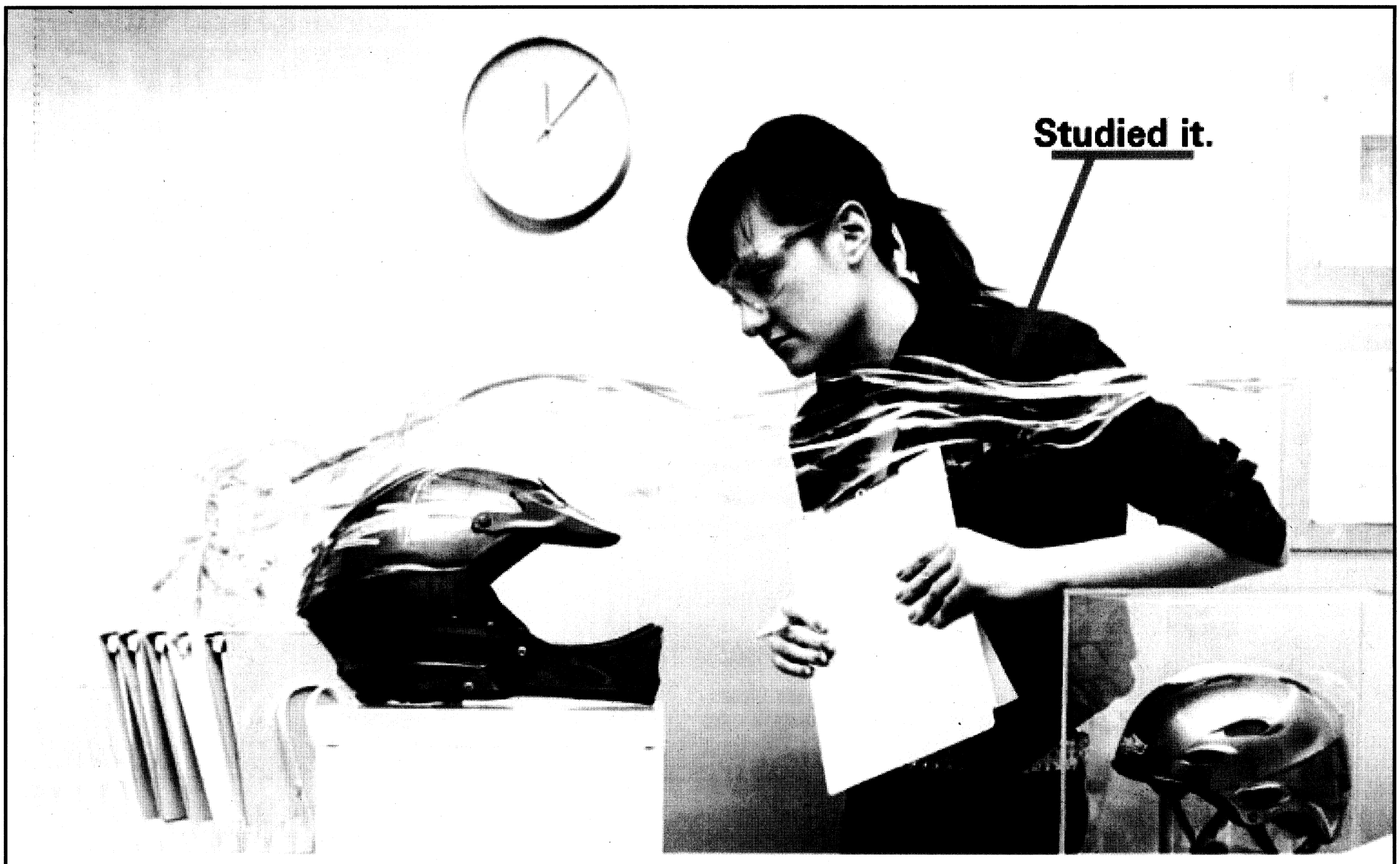
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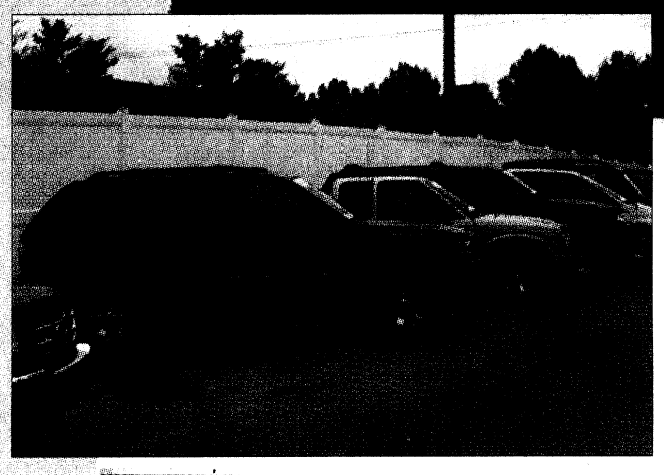
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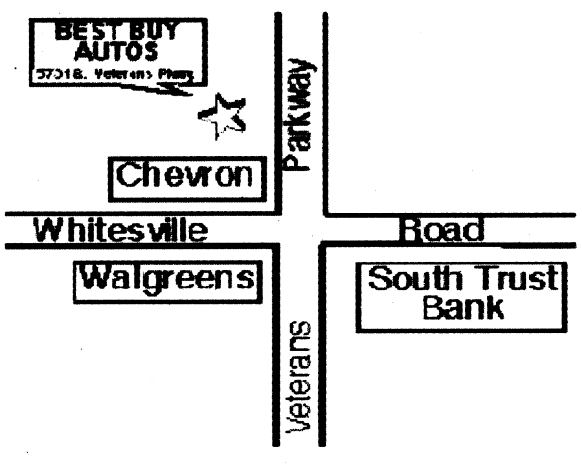
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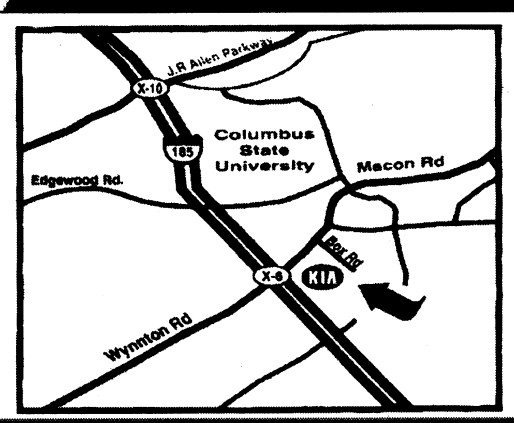
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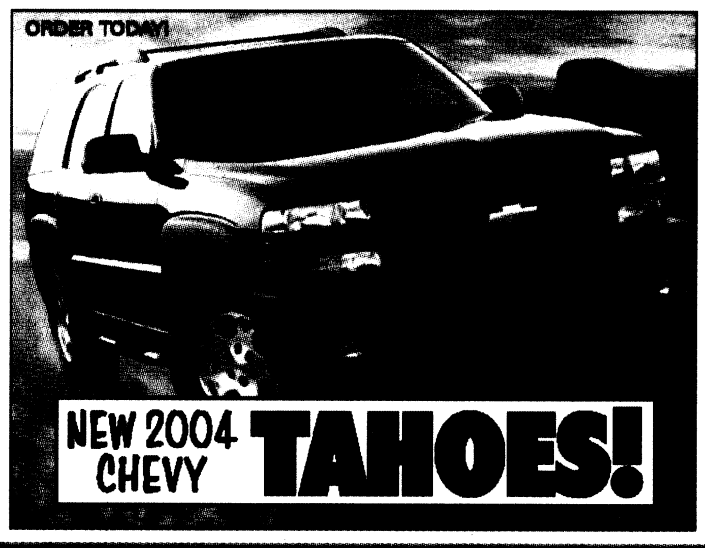
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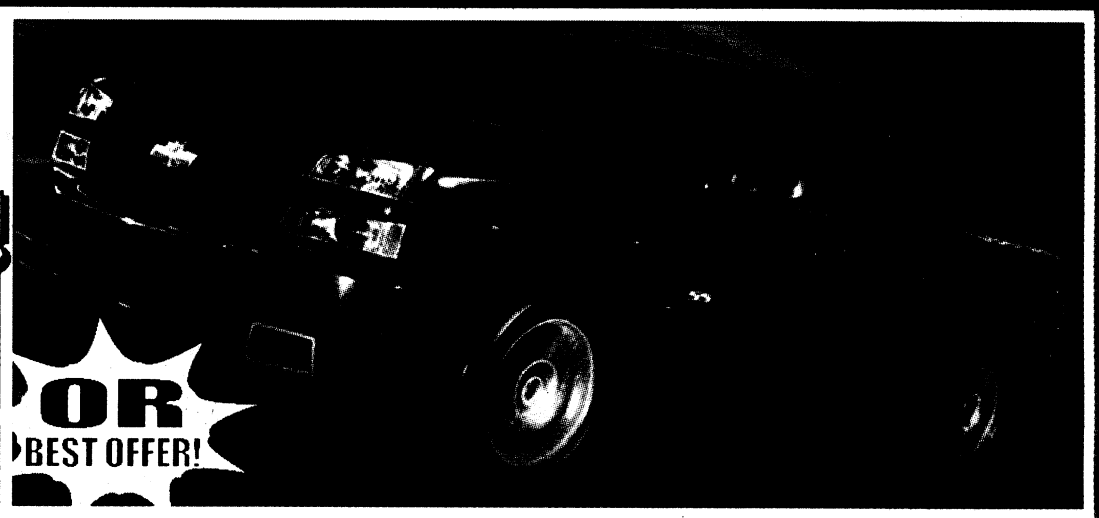
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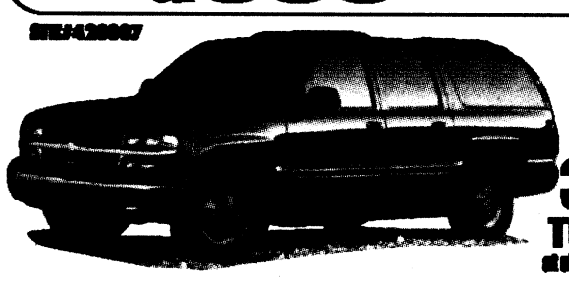
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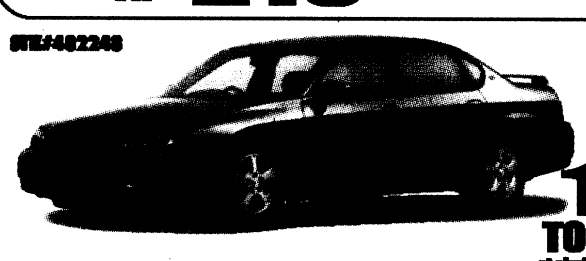
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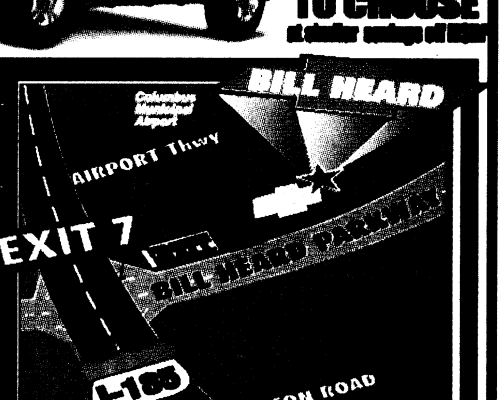


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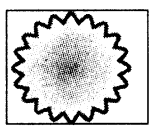
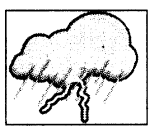
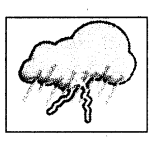
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Patrols round up troops in off-limits businesses

11 Soldiers apprehended during weekend

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Eleven Fort Benning Soldiers were apprehended at off-limits establishments last weekend.

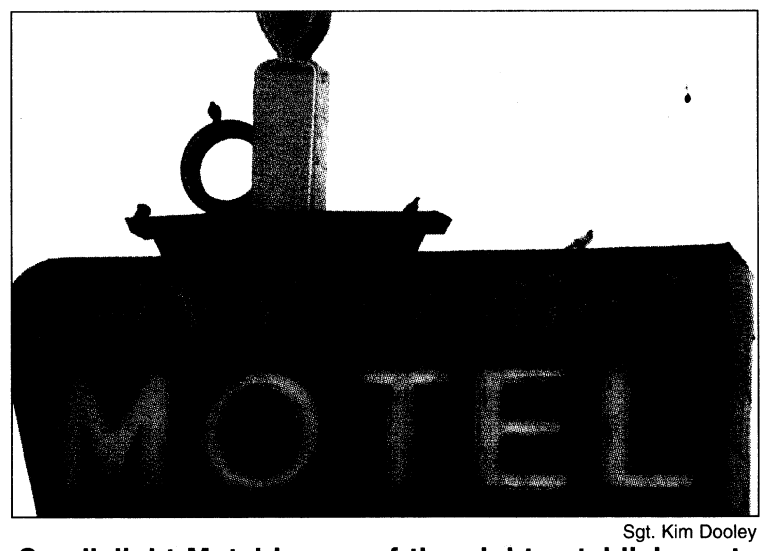
The Soldiers were charged with violating a lawful order under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said Capt. Kevin Pelley, provost operations officer. They were later turned over to their commands for further action.

There are currently eight off-post establishments officially restricted in a memorandum signed by the commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley.

Those establishments are:

- Gold Lounge, 3613 Victory Drive
- Traffic Light Inn, 2210 Fort Benning Road
- Cellar's Lounge, 3456 Victory Drive
- Candlelight Motel, 3456 Victory Drive
- Coach's Corner, 3709 Gentian Boulevard
- Memory Lane, 1812 Midtown Drive

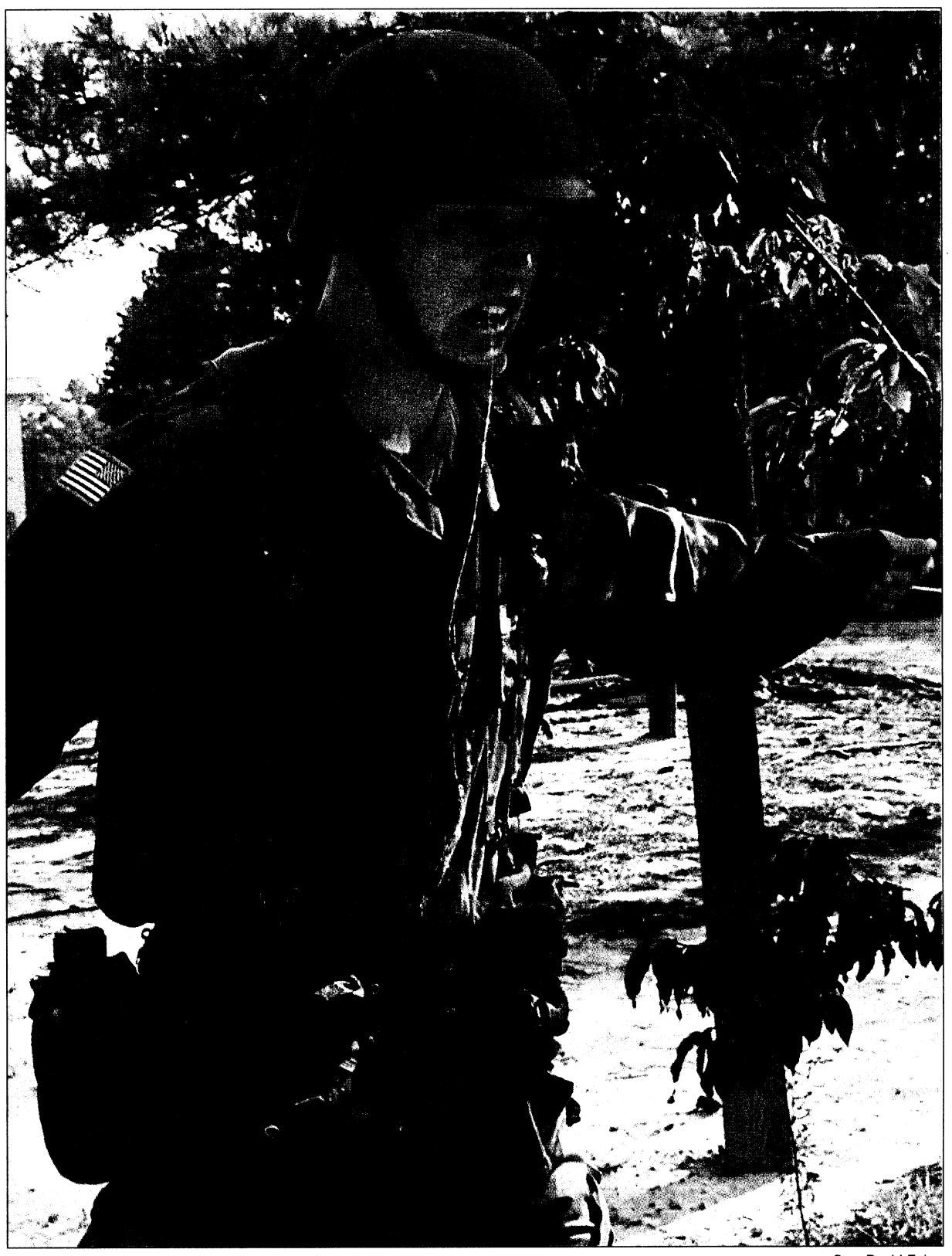
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Sgt. Kim Dooley

Candlelight Motel is one of the eight establishments off-limits to service members.

Nothing to sneeze at ...



Spc. David Foley

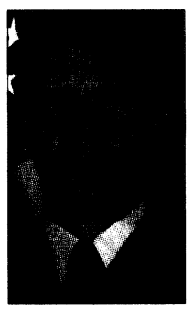
Pvt. Matthew Hopkins, a Soldier with B Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, exits the gas chamber on Sand Hill during the unit's NBC training Wednesday morning. For more on NBC training, see A-11.

Post greets deputy CG

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning family will get a little bigger with the addition of a new deputy commanding general today.

"This feels like a homecoming, even though I've never been stationed here as permanent party," said Col. James C. Yarbrough.



Yarbrough

"This is more special than you realize," Yarbrough said. "My dad commanded a unit here when I was about 13, my grandfather retired here and my first child was born in Martin Army (Community Hospital)."

Yarbrough who was born in Columbus, Ga., in 1957, said he always wanted to be a Soldier and he is living his dream.

"Every day for the last 25-plus years has been great," he said.

"I joined the Army because I wanted to be around and lead Soldiers," he said. "I enjoyed watching my father, and I wanted to do it myself.

"There is nothing more

See **DCG,** A-19

Army hires FRG assistants for units

Assistants to lighten load for leaders

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Overworked family readiness group leaders have help on the way with the creation of two family readiness group assistant positions with 3rd Brigade and the 36th Engineer Group.

Forces Command FRG assistant positions are paid positions filled through Resource Consultants Incorporated, a FORSCOM contractor, said Cheryl Goliday, the post mobilization and deployment outreach coordinator.

"This was a way to allow for some continuity within FRGs," she said. "I want to emphasize these positions are not intended to take the place of FRG leaders, but to assist them."

The positions will be filled by people who are not affiliated with the unit to provide greater continuity for the FRGs, she said.



Livermore

Evelyn Livermore is resigning from her position as president of the Community Life Mayors to become the FRG assistant to 36th Engineer Group. She is also the FRG site manager and said the two new positions will alleviate some of the overwhelming stress FRG leaders face while juggling homes, children, jobs and the families of Soldiers in their units.

"The positions were created per the request of FRG leaders who needed someone who has direct access to resources on post," she said. "Part of my job is to attend town-hall meetings, Enlisted Spouses' Club meetings, and to coordinate with the Red Cross and other agencies on post to gather information."

See **FRG,** A-19

THAT'S THE TICKET

Don't I deserve a jackpot?

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Almost every night, as I'm drifting off to sleep, I play a little fantasy in my mind. Not *that* kind, mind you. Uh-uh, my fantasy is about winning the lottery — a real stretch for someone who's never bought a ticket, but a sweet dream, nonetheless.

And just what would I do with millions of dollars at my disposal?

Well, I can tell you what I wouldn't do. I wouldn't waste it on the excessive mansions or ridiculously expensive cars or overpriced handbags I see in *People* magazine every week. That kind of excess doesn't sit well with me.

But there are things I would love to do and see that a multi-figure allowance would allow me to.

I would travel. Everywhere. Maybe a year or two on the road in the U.S., exploring every big city and notable town on the map. Then, off to the Eurorail, stopping off all over Europe. Then, maybe hop a flight to Asia and wrap it all up with a trip to Egypt — my dream destination, whether I'm wealthy or not.



And I'm not talking lying around on the beach, either. I'm talking the full tour — every ruin and fountain and festival ...

I would learn. Not that I can't do that now, but God knows I would be a happy girl if I had unlimited funds to take every college course and culturing class that interested me on a whim, whether I needed it or not. Languages (I want to learn Spanish, Italian, French and American Sign Language and actually use them at some point before I die), arts, cooking, photography, exercise, sewing, you name it.

I would buy a home near my family and a home near my honey's. Just nice, normal houses. Oh, and I would decorate them to the hilt — but I'd do it myself. (Well, let's be honest, he'd do all the hanging and hammering and hard labor, but you get my drift.)

And I would share my riches. Because, really, when you're spending $3,000 on a shirt or a pair of shoes, are you not really crying out for help, because you have so much money you don't know what to do with it all? (Ahem, celebrities.)

I'd shower gifts on my loved ones, people who love me just as much on my meager salary now as they would if it suddenly exploded into an endless series of zeroes.

I would give something even more significant than my time (not that that's not enough) to the community — free day care centers for single parents or low-income families, maybe an employment agency for women who find themselves on their own after years spent raising kids and taking care of the home. Things of that nature.

I would send kids to college and pay for them to spend a semester overseas. I know how badly I wanted to do both, and how long it's taken me with college costs and time constraints what they are.

Ooh, and I'd buy our local rugby team their own hang-out, complete with a sound-proof room for considerate singing of rugby songs, a self-cleaning floor for all those messy beer spills, a room for playing rugby video games, a mechanical bull, a pool for cannonball contests ...

See ... don't I deserve to win the lottery? How about buying me a ticket?

Much ado about mutton

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Dear Big Daddy,
I hope this letter finds you well. It's long overdue, and for that I apologize. I've meant to write sooner, but what with the kids and the job and all — you know how it is.

I suppose I should introduce myself. I work with your granddaughter, Erin. She calls you Big Daddy. She calls me Bridgett. I hope you'll do the same.

Erin wrote a very touching tribute to her grandparents some time ago, and in it she attributed these words to you: "The world is 99 percent ignorant." I keep your quote taped to my computer and reference it frequently.

Lately, Big D — may I call you Big D? — I've been reading a lot about (and from) the 99 percent. They get a lot of press, you know.



Just the other day, I got a phone call from a friend, a former Soldier, who recently settled in a village in the Blue Ridge Mountains — a tiny town known for its history, its hospitality and its art. It's a college town. It's also what we right-wing conservative types call a pocket of extreme liberalism, borderline hostile and filled with blatant Bush-bashers.

My friend meets with sneers and jeers when she reveals her former occupation. "You were a sheep," she's been told, and "I really don't think you should tell people you were in the Army."

My friend, who served with the engineers in Iraq, recently went to the theater to watch the latest Michael Moore flick. (Have you seen it? Me neither.) She was disturbed by the behavior of the audience, which hissed at the on-screen Soldiers and applauded the Marine who used his 15 minutes of fame to lambaste the president and swear he'd never go back to Iraq.

The audience bought it all — hook, line and sinker — never questioning the inconsistencies, unsubstantiated "facts" or Moore's motives. (Did I mention they called *her* a sheep?)

I thought about you, Big Daddy, when I hung up the phone. What do you think? It sure looks like we're losing ground, doesn't it?

I can't give an unbiased opinion about a movie I've never watched. Nor do I feel the need to see it. I'll read the papers and watch the news with skepticism and make up my own mind about the war. I admit, sheepishly, I've occasionally allowed "Hollywood" to tell me how to wear my hair and how long my skirt should be, but I'll be dipped and sheared (and sold for mutton) if I let it tell me how to vote.

There are an awful lot of open minds with empty heads out there, Big D. I imagine you from time to time, shaking your head at this epidemic of ignorance. Somehow it makes me feel better.

Well, that's all for now, Big Daddy. Thanks for letting me bend your ear. Erin tells me you've been under the weather lately, so I'll keep you in my prayers. You hang in there, hear? We can't afford to lose even one of the 1 percent.

Parental guidance suggested

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Remember how I used to throw a fit when you kicked off your tennis shoes without untying them? I do it every night now. Just thought you'd want to know.

Love, Mom.

That four-line e-mail put a smile on my face for the rest of the day.

My mom is the greatest. She always finds some way to brighten the world around her.

Sure, she's a little eccentric — she can be downright weird at times, but I wouldn't change her for the world.

She always finds a way to make me smile, whether she is adding strange names she finds in the obituaries to the list she has been compiling for the last 10 years, making up hilarious fake headlines for every unusual situation that happens to her or those around her, or sending me newspaper clippings any time an animal larger than a rabbit gets loose on the streets of my hometown. You'd be surprised how many rhinoceroses, bulls and monkeys break free to run wild through Lafayette, La.



Through my years of wild teenage rebellion, she never gave up on me, even when everyone else did.

She was the greatest soccer mom ever, with her enormous sun hat, cooler of drinks and oranges, and an outfit that included a soccer logo on every piece of clothing — even her socks.

In her eyes, I was the greatest soccer player ever, and she never let me think otherwise.

My dad and I didn't get to spend a whole lot of time together when I was growing up, but he is and always will be the best dad ever.

I hated his incessant tirades about the importance of finishing everything on my plate, picking up dirty laundry, separating the utensils in the dishwasher by type and size and, of course, the importance of frugality.

Now, I just look at him and smile when he stands at the sink mumbling to himself about the laziness of the generations who followed him, because now that I have two ankle-biters of my own, I find myself standing on that same soapbox, lecturing until I am blue in the face. I miss riding in his truck, which always smelled like coffee and an old greasy toolbox. It was a work truck and my dad is the epitome of a worker.

He always finds time in his life to help everyone he knows. He builds decks, puts in windows, installs tile floors and garage doors, digs ponds and anything else he can do to keep his hands busy.

He used to let me ride along with him when I was little, and as I handed him tools, he'd preach to me about the importance of doing things the right way — never cutting corners.

At 60 years old, he can still wrestle me to the ground and he never minds hunkering down with me to look for the elusive frogs and goldfish in his pond.

He is my gentle Superman.

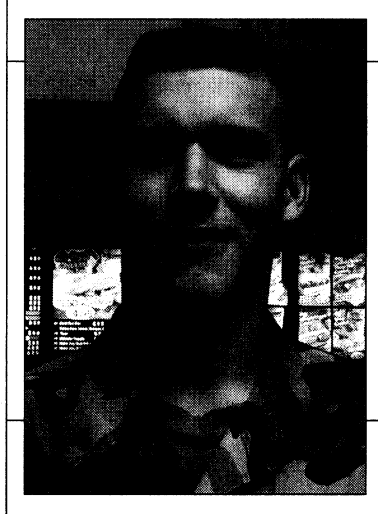
I miss my mom and dad so much, and wish I hadn't spent most of my life pulling away from them, so eager to be my own master.

Life is so short. Don't let it slip by. Cherish every moment you have with the ones you love.

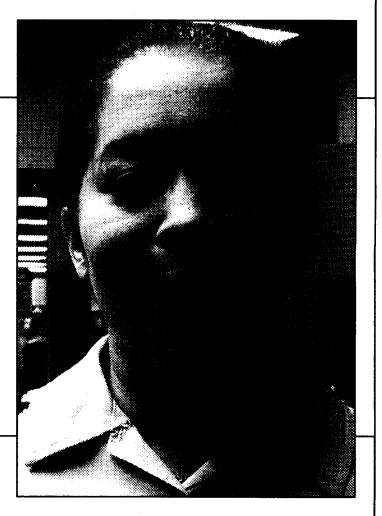
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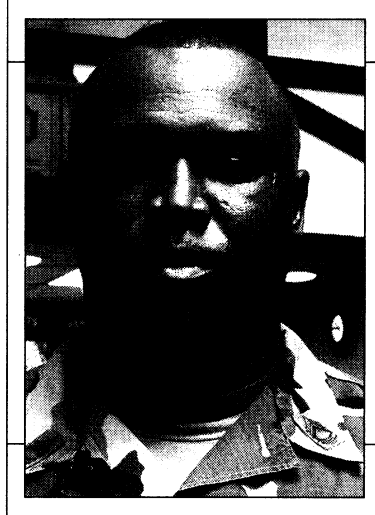
What would you do with the money if you won the lottery?



Cpl. Matthew Bohling, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I'd probably buy a cabin on Big Lake in Alaska and get that 458 Lott rifle I have been wanting — after I pay off all my bills. I'd put whatever's left over in stocks and bonds."



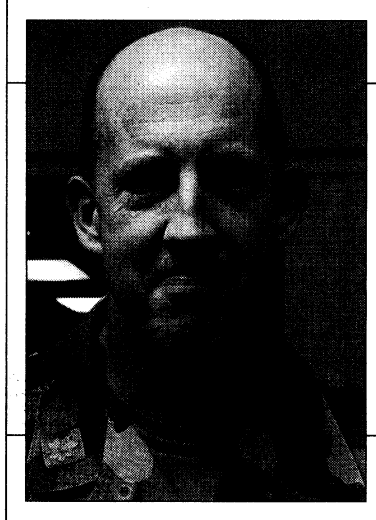
Maj. Cecilia Glover, MEDDAC — "I'd probably contribute a large portion to World Vision and my family and buy a big house in San Diego."



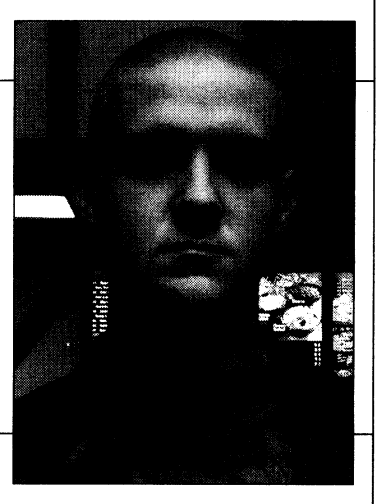
Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Johnson, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment— "I really don't know. I'd give some to the church, help people out; and I would retire for sure. I'd put my son through school, but I wouldn't go buy a Rolls Royce or million-dollar house."



Tammy Lozano, family member — "I would buy my mom a new house and set up a trust fund for my kids."



Chaplain (Maj.) Harry Rauch, 3rd Brigade — "I'd take what I needed and spend the rest on my family and friends."



Pvt. Brian Turner, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I would invest and travel."

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Benning to host aerial robotics competition

Post selected as event site for second year

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning will host the 14th annual International Aerial Robotics Competition at the McKenna MOUT site Sunday through July 23.

This is the fourth mission, or challenge. Each "mission" challenges the competitors to tackle some of the most demanding applications of aerial robots.

Fort Benning was chosen as the site for the competition after submitting a proposal to the event's organizers and being selected over several other world-renowned scientific organizations. It will be the second year the competition has been held here.

Officials expect 10 teams from colleges, universities and institutes from the U.S. and Canada to try their hands at this year's mission. The competition is open to all members of academia.

To win the competition, participants' machines must accomplish a demanding mission, broken down into four levels, said Mike Barnes, of the Robotics Branch, Soldier Battle Lab.

In the first level, the teams' robots must fly over a distance of three kilometers, beginning at a designated starting point and ending in a hover or orbit around a designated final way point — all without human intervention. The machine must hit up to four other way points visited along its path.

During Level II, the robots must identify a target structure within McKenna, then find an entrance into the structure. The machines must use their sensors to find the open portal without human intervention.

Teams proceeding to Level III will relay reconnaissance data derived from their robots operating within the target structure back to the starting point. This mission may be accomplished by sending the robot into the target building or by deploying a sub-vehicle from the robot.

Level IV requires teams to successfully complete Levels I through III in less than 15 minutes.

This will be the second year students have attempted to accomplish the four levels of the mission, Barnes said. But this isn't unusual.

"It normally takes about three or four years for participants to accomplish a given mission," he said. "Some teams are still attempting just to fly. One or two have been able to do that, as well as to identify the building. But no one has actually gotten in the building and conducted the reconnaissance to find a specified target."

Barnes said Fort Benning's selection as the site for the competition is fitting.

"The goals of this program mirror ... what the Army is trying to do to increase its force capability," he said. "These students are supporting the global war on terrorism by helping to identify cutting edge technology that may very well fulfill infantry requirements (in the future)."

And the relationships created with these students through the competition are equally important, he said.

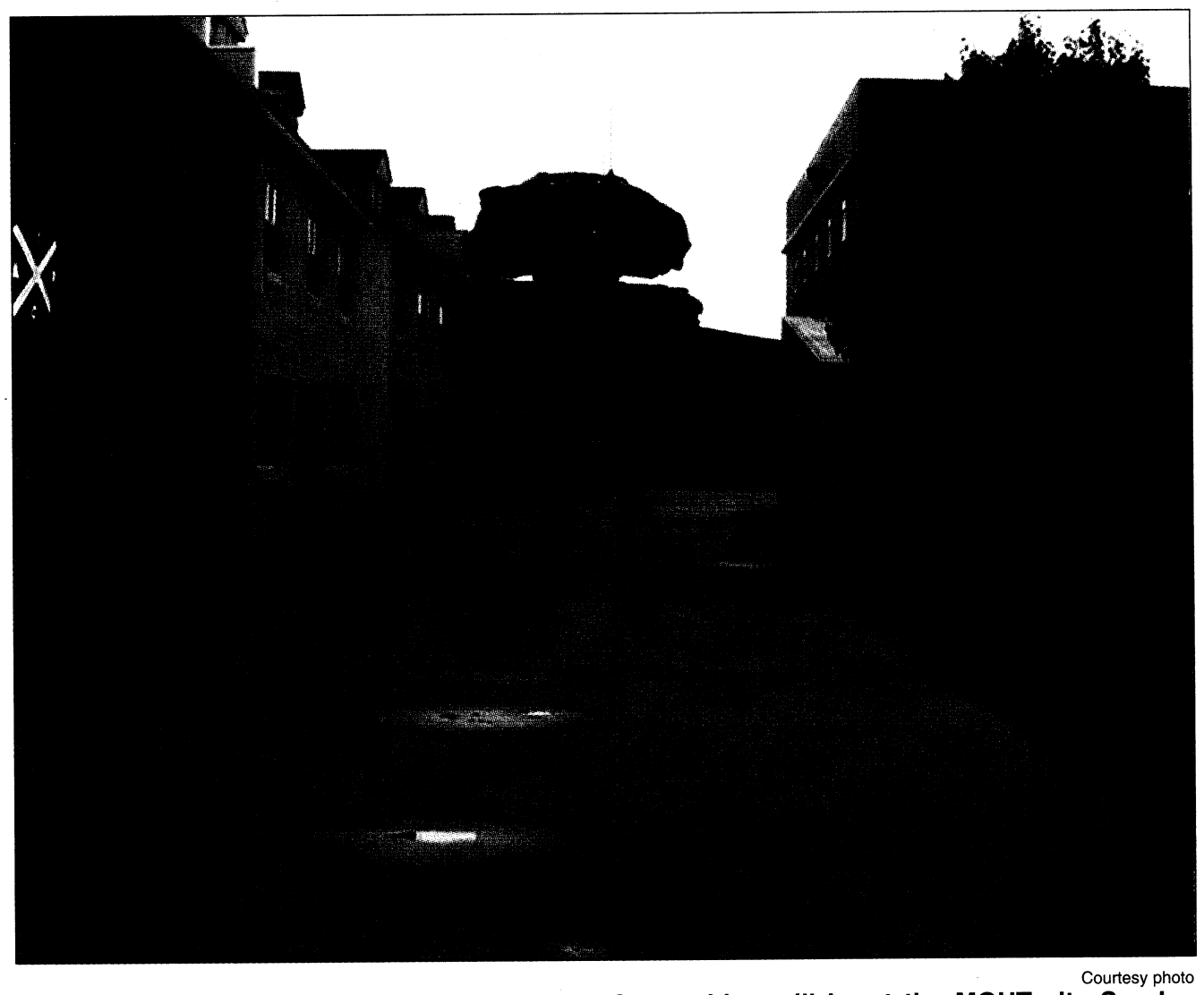
"This competition helps build ties with the present and future members of industry, academic and scientific communities," he said. "The competition helps them understand the importance of what they do from a Soldier's perspective — how important it is to the evolution of the future force.

"Hosting this prestigious event also helps to establish Fort Benning, the Infantry Center and the Soldier Battle Lab as the focal point for cutting-edge robotic experimentation, demonstration and competitions."

Teams will be judged on their innovative concepts, the effectiveness of their machines, as well as the elegance of their design and craftsmanship of the air vehicle and sub-vehicle design and the safety of the design to bystanders.

Any team that accomplishes all four levels of the competition will win a jackpot. Each year of the mission, $10,000 is added to the prize, bringing this year's total to $20,000.

For more information about the competition, call Barnes at 545-5989.



Courtesy photo

The 14th annual International Aerial Robotics Competition will be at the MOUT site Sunday through July 23. During the competition, robots will need to perform complex missions.

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Mike Barnes
Robotics Branch, Soldier Battle Lab

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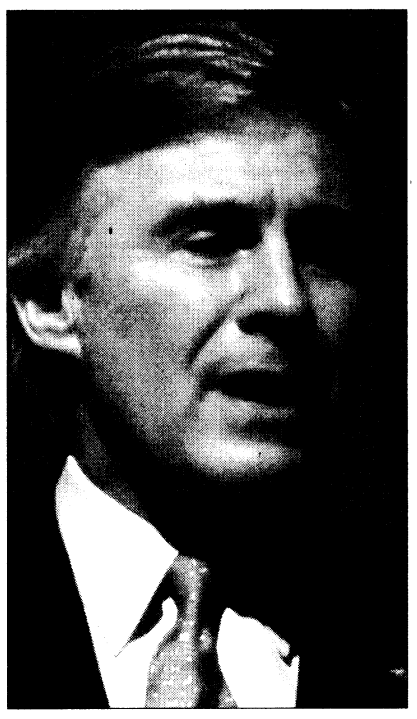
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Medal of Honor recipient speaks to Soldiers

Bucha is 'epitome of warrior ethos'

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Bucha recounted the story of one of his Soldiers, Pfc. Calvin Heath. Bucha told him to feign death and promised he'd return for him in the morning. Heath laid across his lieutenant so the enemy wouldn't know the leader was still alive, and in the morning, the North Vietnamese sat on them and ate breakfast.

Medal of Honor recipient Paul Bucha shared his thoughts on leadership Tuesday with Soldiers and guests gathered in Marshall Auditorium.

Bucha, a 1965 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, earned a master's in business administration from Stanford University before reporting to Fort Campbell, Ky., and departing for service in Vietnam with D Company, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment.

"Paul 'Bud' Bucha epitomizes what we're all about — warrior ethos and the Soldier's Creed," said Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, as he introduced Bucha and described the events of March 18, 1968, near Phuoc Vinh.

Bucha and his company were conducting a reconnaissance when they came under fire from an enemy battalion. Bucha crawled forward and destroyed the enemy bunker with grenades.

Through the night, he consolidated his company into a defensive position, directed his men to feign death, and called in close air support. Exposed to sniper fire, he used flashlights to direct the evacuation of three helicopters full of severely wounded Soldiers and led recovery efforts for the dead and wounded after daybreak — all while wounded himself.

"He exhibited the leadership traits we hold dear," Freakley said.

Bucha began his remarks by offering thanks to the Soldiers in the audience — thanks from his children, the man who sat next to him on the plane and the people of the three charitable foundations he works with — the Intrepid Air and Space Museum, the Fisher House and the Fallen Heroes Fund.

"This country owes you," he said.

Bucha said he knew he was invited to speak because of his medal, then took it from his pocket and unrolled it. He told the audience that, if he lined up all of the Medal of Honor recipients on the stage, they would look like anybody and everybody.

"They look like us," he said. "They are. They are you."

He said it was merely a confluence of time and events that earned his medal — "a time when a person finds himself in a position to say, 'No — I refuse to accept that which destiny has in store for me, and then do something about it.'"

Before the medal, Bucha said, there was no distinction between him and any of the other Medal of Honor recipients, just that which was within them.

"Within each of us resides the potential to change the world," he said.

He said his personal hero is Rosa Parks, who had the guts to say no as she sat in row nine of the bus.

"The world has changed since then," he said. "She reached for her potential. The mistake is that it takes a medal to respect it."

Bucha offered five elements he said are the fundamentals of leadership — absolute integrity, confidence, competence, compassion and awe.

Absolute integrity

"It's no accident that military schools have honor codes," Bucha said.

"An essential element for leadership is trust. Without trust no one follows, and without followers, there is nothing to lead."

He cautioned the Soldiers that which is legal is not always right and challenged them to aspire to what is right.

Confidence

No leader, Bucha said, wins by himself. Sometimes he has to say "put it on my shoulders."

Whether the Global Positioning System or calculator is working or not, leaders need to have the confidence that they are right, that they are at the place on the map where they think they are.

Later in the program, Bucha said he told his Soldiers to trust in him and he would bring them home.

"I went to Vietnam not to liberate a country, but because I thought 164 kids had a better chance at coming home if I was their company commander."

Competence

About competence, Bucha said schooling is important.

Leaders need to know "everything they can about everything they can," from their organic equipment to equipment they might someday touch.

"Know it. Study it," he said. "That takes work, but when you're competent, you have the luxury of the fourth element — compassion."

Compassion

Bucha said every life lost in combat is cause for tears. Out of compassion, comes teamwork, and out of teamwork, a unit.

Compassion, he said, means being available to listen to the shortcomings of others and not weeding out people when they crack.

The night of March 18, 1968, Bucha remembered thinking that the place he was in — a place with no name, just coordinates — was a "hell of a place to die." He was beginning to crack. Then his radio telephone operator told him the unit was kicking the hell out of the enemy, and the "crack" disappeared.

He told the Soldiers he had his low moment and they will have theirs.

Awe

The last element, awe, Bucha said, is more appropriate to the audience than any other group.

"There will soon be people whose lives will be entrusted to your competence and your hands," he said. "You are responsible for someone who others feel is the most important person on earth.

"Once they're yours, they're yours for life."

He recounted the story of one of his Soldiers, Pfc. Calvin Heath. Bucha told him to feign death and promised he'd return for him in the morning. Heath laid across his lieutenant so the enemy wouldn't know the leader was still alive, and in the morning, the North Vietnamese sat on them and ate breakfast.

Later, Heath went AWOL, and his actions that night went unrecognized.

Heath came to Bucha 30 years later asking for help. Bucha said he took care of Heath then, and Heath received the Silver Star he deserved, the Purple Heart and his veterans benefits.

"He was mine in the beginning," Bucha said, "and mine today."

But Bucha said not a day goes by that he doesn't question what happened those few days in Vietnam when his company of 164 became 89. Sixty-four of those 89 were wounded, and he lost 10.

"I have 10 names on the wall," he said. "I question my decisions. Could I have done something better?"

Bucha fielded questions from the audience about training and motivating Soldiers and developing subordinate leaders, telling both serious and humorous stories.

He learned appearance had a lot to do with leadership when he signed in to Fort Campbell with his uniform wrong. His battalion commander asked him "what" he was and sent him outside to stand by a tree all day, saluting everyone who walked by.

"I was the silly guy in low quarters with his rank and branch on the wrong collars," he said.

He reminded the Soldiers that being a leader is a 24-hour-a-day job.

"Take the time to do even the smallest things right," he said. "Know what you do and be careful doing it, and be willing to do it yourself."

Bucha said he speaks to a variety of groups during the course of a year, but the most meaningful are Soldiers like the ones in the audience Tuesday.

"They're the kids who will (deploy) or who have done it," he said. "I see in them what I saw in my guys."

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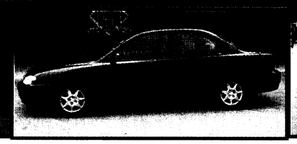
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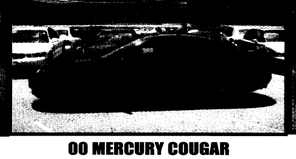
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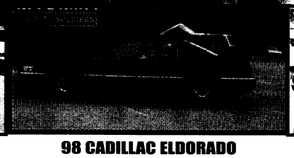
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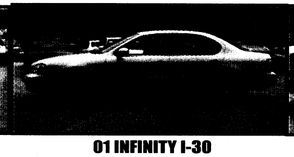
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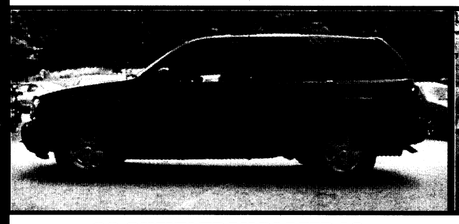


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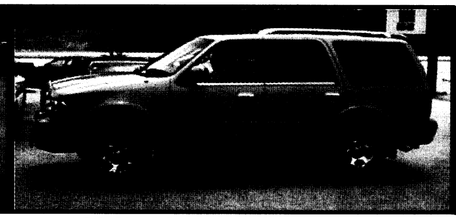
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Hawaii gets approval for Stryker

Vehicle key to 25th ID SBCT transformation

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii — U.S. Army Pacific officially approved a Stryker Brigade Combat Team for Hawaii.

When it returns from its current deployment in Iraq, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) will begin the transformation into an SBCT.

"We owe (Soldiers) the best possible training, the best possible equipment and the best possible technology not only to do their jobs for their country, but to protect their lives, and the Stryker Brigade does exactly that," said Lt. Gen. James Campbell, commander of U.S. Army Pacific. Hawaii's SBCT will be the fifth of six planned SBCTs.

The first two are based at Fort Lewis, Wash., and there will be one each in Louisiana, Alaska and Pennsylvania. Only one is currently operational — 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, based at Fort Lewis — and it is currently deployed to Iraq.

The Army's second SBCT — 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division — recently underwent its operational capabilities evaluation. It is expected to be certified by the Department of Defense as operationally ready sometime this summer, and will eventually replace 3rd Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., in Iraq, officials said.

Why a Stryker

When Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, the U.S. and coalition partners responded by sending thousands of troops to the region.

However, many units sent to the region were heavy armored units based on Cold War strategy and took weeks, if not months, to get to the Middle East.

As one of his first actions after taking office in 1999, former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced that the Army would transform so that would never happen again.

Based around the 19-ton, eight-wheeled Stryker vehicle, SBCTs are designed to bridge the gap between the Army's heavy and light units.

The Stryker can be deployed by C-130, C-17 or C-5 aircraft, and be combat capable upon arrival in any contingency area.

Lt. Col. Gerald Schmitz, 25th Inf. Div. deputy chief of staff for transformation, said the SBCTs are designed to give the Army a capability it doesn't currently have.

"It's a force that's more rapidly deployable, more tactically mobile, more tactically lethal and has significantly increased visibility of what's going on on the battlefield," he said.

Before this transformation process, the Army was based on the World War II model, with heavy divisions and light divisions, Schmitz said.

"We needed something that was a little more strategic and mobile," he said.

The vehicles have robust armor protection, can reach speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour, have common parts and self-recovery capabilities, and also have a central tire inflation system, which means the tires can be shot out and the vehicle can still run on them.

SBCTs have about 3,600 personnel and include three infantry battalions, a cavalry squadron, an artillery battalion, a support battalion, a military intelligence company, an engineer company, a signal company and an anti-tank company.

The Stryker vehicle has 10 variants including the Infantry Carrier Vehicle, Mobile Gun System, Anti-tank Guided Missile Vehicle, Reconnaissance Vehicle, Fire Support Vehicle, Engineer Squad Vehicle, Mortar Carrier Vehicle, Commander's Vehicle, Medical Evacuation Vehicle, and an NBC Reconnaissance Vehicle.

Impact on Hawaii

The Hawaii SBCT will have a significant impact on both Oahu and the Big Island, bringing about 800 additional Soldiers and about 300 more tactical vehicles to the state.

There are 28 construction projects tied to the SBCT, including several range complexes at Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

There are also plans to construct roads that link Schofield Barracks to both Helemano Military Reservation and Dillingham Military Reservation. Drum Road, which connects HMR to the Kahuku Training Area, will also be improved. On the Big Island, the road from the port at Kawaihae to PTA will be improved so vehicles that are transported to the island on ships can easily make it to PTA.

"The purpose of those road projects is to get a majority of our military traffic — tactical wheeled vehicle traffic — off the civilian highways and give us access to these training areas so we don't disrupt the traffic flow," Schmitz said.

The Army is also looking to purchase about 1,400 acres of land next to Schofield Barracks and about 23,000 acres on the west side of PTA.

As far as concerns that the SBCT will damage the environment, Schmitz said the study that was developed during the last couple years to address the SBCT coming to Hawaii has taken into consideration all the environmental impacts.

As a result, the Army has developed a number of measures that will mitigate the areas that might be impacted.

Campbell said the Army has spent more than $50 million in Hawaii in the past five years on environmental and cultural mitigation.

"In the same spirit of commitment to this environment ... we are prepared to spend up to $40 million over the next five years to mitigate any environmental impact in the fielding and training of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team," Campbell said.

Despite all the precautions, Schmitz believes there is a misunderstanding of what the Stryker actually is.

He said a lot of people have the perception that the Stryker is similar to a tank or Bradley, which are track vehicles.

"They have this image of tanks and Bradleys rolling across the open terrain and tearing up roads," Schmitz said. "In fact, really, the Stryker is a troop transport vehicle more than anything. It's another form of moving Soldiers on the battlefield, offering greater protection than what they have right now."

Schmitz believes that once people actually see a Stryker and understand its mission, they will have a different impression.

Proven in combat

Two Soldiers from the SBCT that is currently deployed to Iraq were on hand at last week's announcement. Sgt. Benjamin Herman, a team leader from C Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, and Spc. Christopher Hegyes, a scout from Troop C, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, spoke with reporters to help dispel some myths and give firsthand accounts of the Stryker's performance in combat.

Herman, who was accustomed to the life of a light infantryman, said the best thing about the Stryker is the transportation it provides.

"You get to the fight fresh and ready to fight," he said. "You're not humping 25 or 30 miles and getting worn out."

Both Soldiers also touted the vehicles' ability to move to a conflict quickly, and most importantly, quietly.

They said Iraqis call them "ghost riders" and "ghost Soldiers" because they show up and deploy their Soldiers with little noise or warning.

"We would show up and kick in their door and that's when they would know we were there," Herman said.

In addition to the armor, the Strykers in Iraq have been fitted with a cage that protects it from rocket-propelled grenades.

Hegyes can attest to the protection afforded by the Strykers. His vehicle was hit by an IED, and he was the only Soldier to be injured, a wound to his leg.

Stability in a time of uncertainty

Once the 2nd SBCT returns from Iraq next year, it will move quickly into transformation, officials said.

After recovery from the current deployment, the Soldiers will go through nearly two years of training on the new equipment and tactics.

Stryker vehicles will start arriving in the summer of 2006, and the SBCT should be operational in 2007.

There are a number of options and bonuses being offered for Soldiers to re-enlist to be a part of the SBCT, Schmitz said.

One of the biggest incentives, he said, is stabilization for about two years.

While the rest of the Army will continue to deploy to support operations around the world, Soldiers of Hawaii's SBCT will be stabilized until the new unit becomes operational.

"Those Soldiers who come back will either get out of the Army, or they'll PCS to another organization," Schmitz said.

"If they PCS to another organization, say the 10th Mountain Division or the 101st Airborne Division or any one of our other Army divisions," he said, "there's no guarantee that six months later, they won't be back in theater somewhere."

Those who are part of the SBCT will be stabilized in Hawaii for about two years and most likely will not deploy anywhere other than training exercises.

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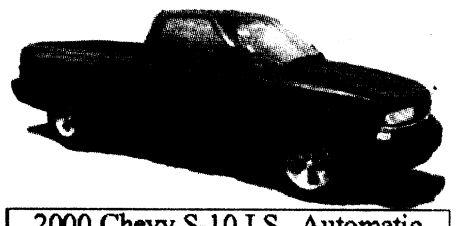
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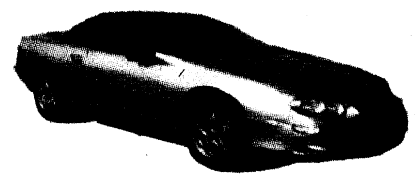
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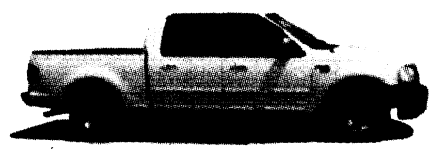
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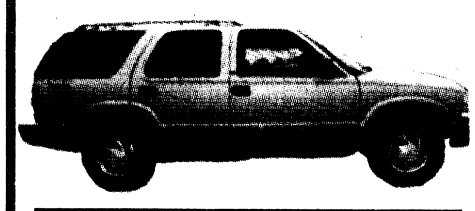
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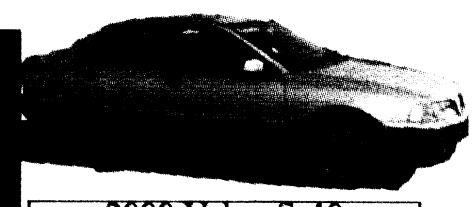
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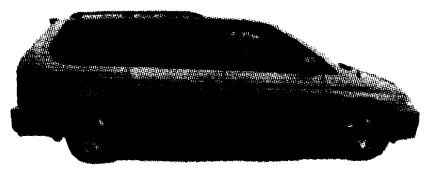
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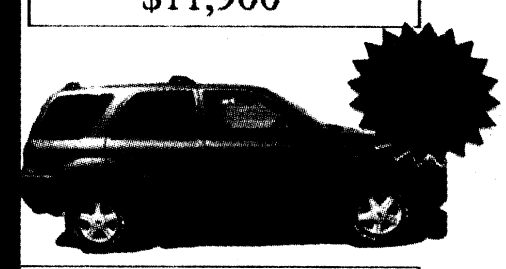
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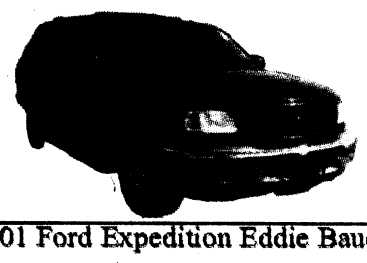
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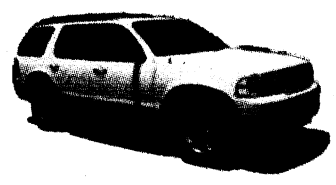
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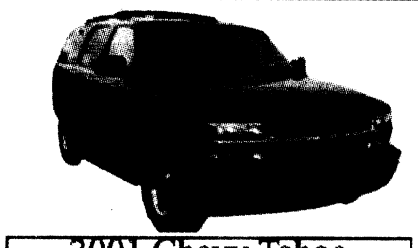
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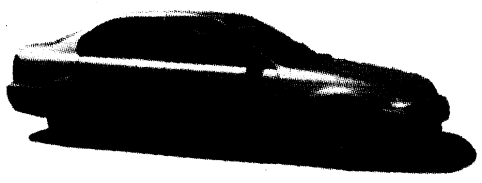
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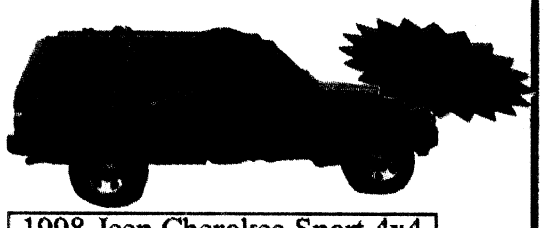
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Warrant officers shed 'Rising Eagle' for insignia

Change to better integrate troops into Army ranks

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Army's Warrant Officer Corps marked its 86th birthday with a historical step July 9, trading in the "rising eagle" insignia it has borne since 1921 for individual branch insignia.

Fort Benning's 36th Engineer Group marked the change with a ceremony Monday morning.

Col. James Brooks, group commander, pinned the new insignia on six of the unit's 13 warrant officers and "inducted" them into the Army's ordnance and quartermaster corps.

The change is necessary as the Army moves toward a modular and more joint and expeditionary design and was recommended by a warrant officer leadership study.

Symbolism is important — so much so that changing the insignia warrant officers wear should reflect a better integration of warrant officers into the Army, Army G1 Lt. Gen. F. L. Hagenbeck told an Army News Service reporter last week.

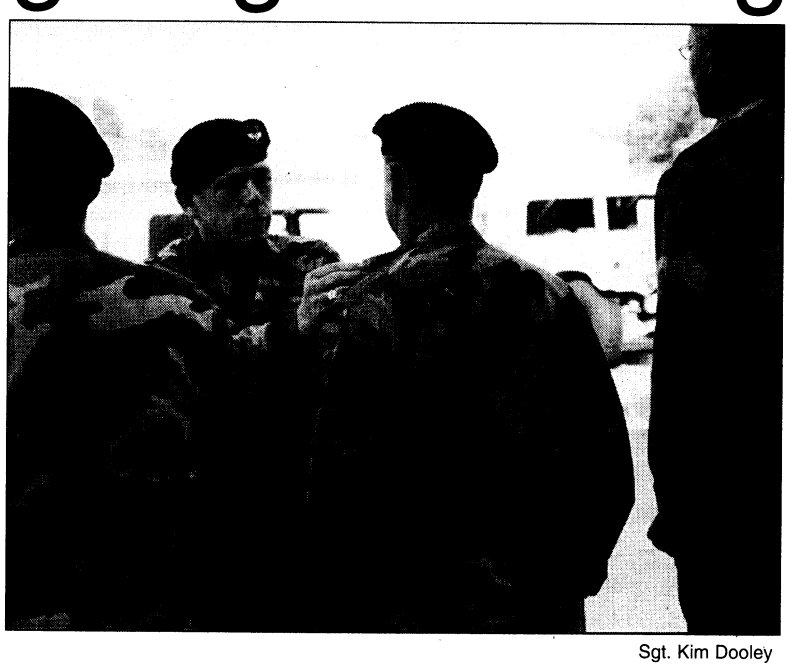
The old warrant officer insignia — a brass eagle standing on a bundle of arrows, enclosed in a wreath — will still be worn by warrant officer candidates and junior warrant officers who have not yet completed their branch training as a means to honor the lineage of the Warrant Officer Corps, according to personnel officials.

"The Army is transforming, and as you can see, it is transforming in everything we do," Brooks told his formation at the ceremony.

"But no matter what they wear on their collars," he continued, "we can't do without our warrant officers."

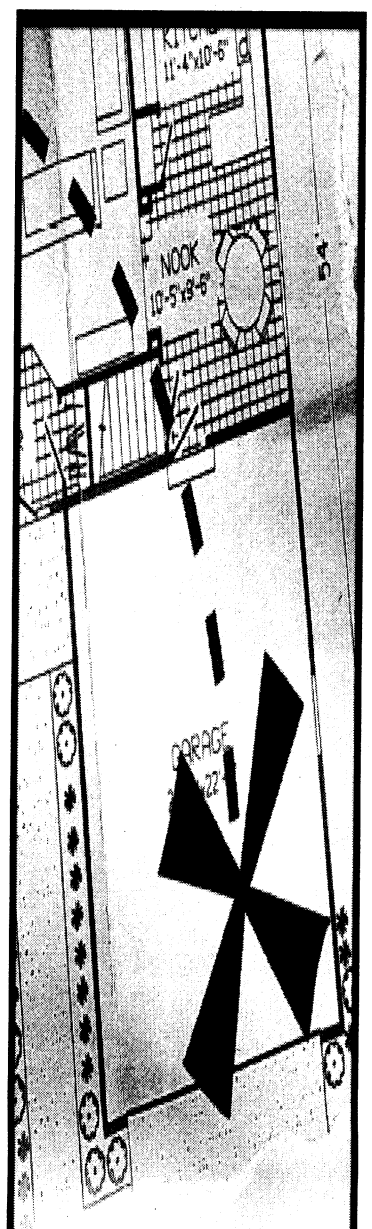
Brooks said warrant officers are the key to maintaining technical proficiency.

"There is no doubt in my mind that these gentlemen add great value ... to the combat readiness of our Army," he said.



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Col. James Brooks, 36th Engineer Group commander removes a warrant officer's "Rising Eagle" Monday.



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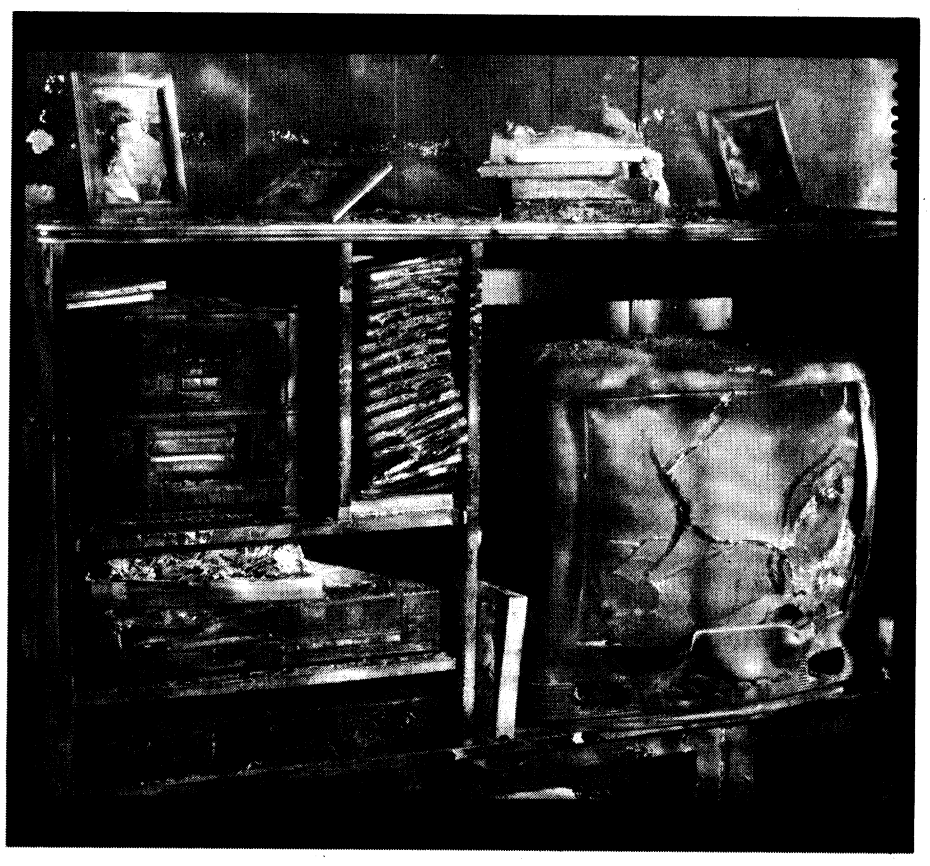
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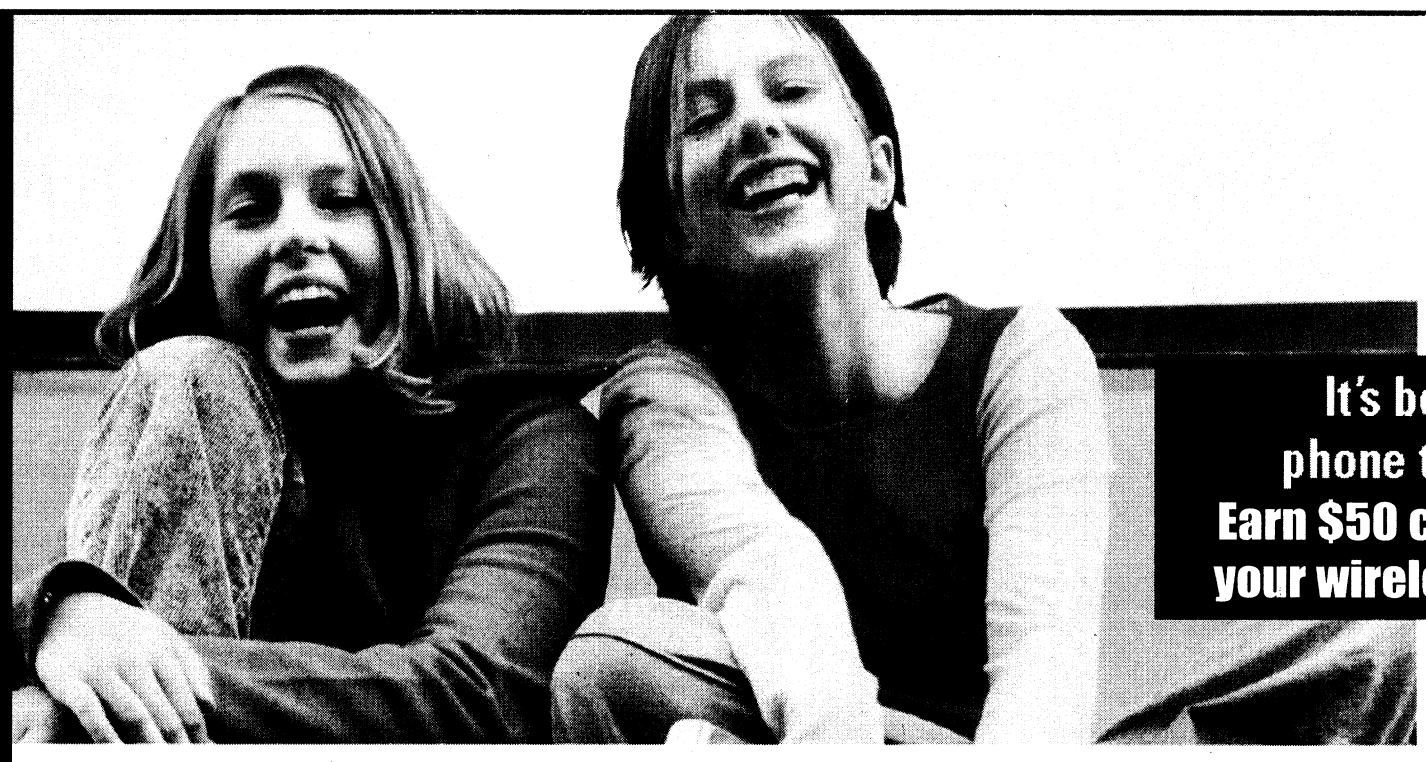
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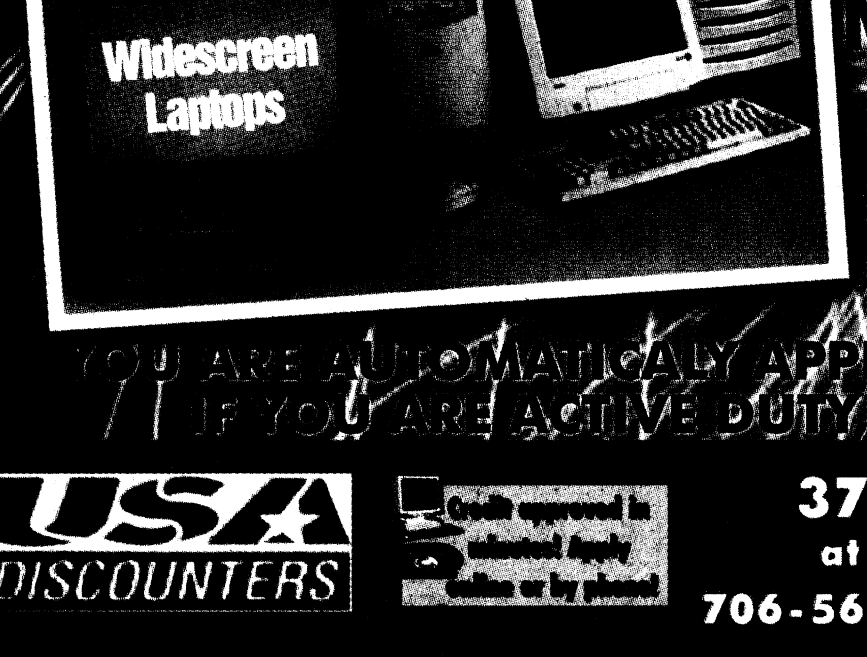
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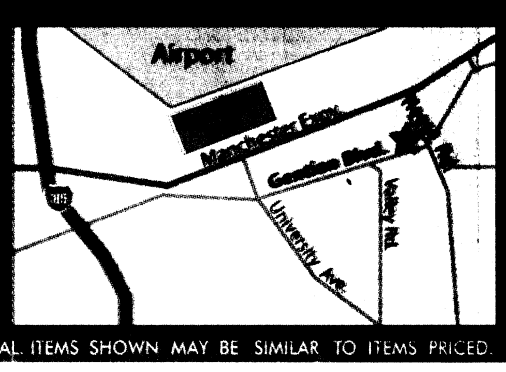
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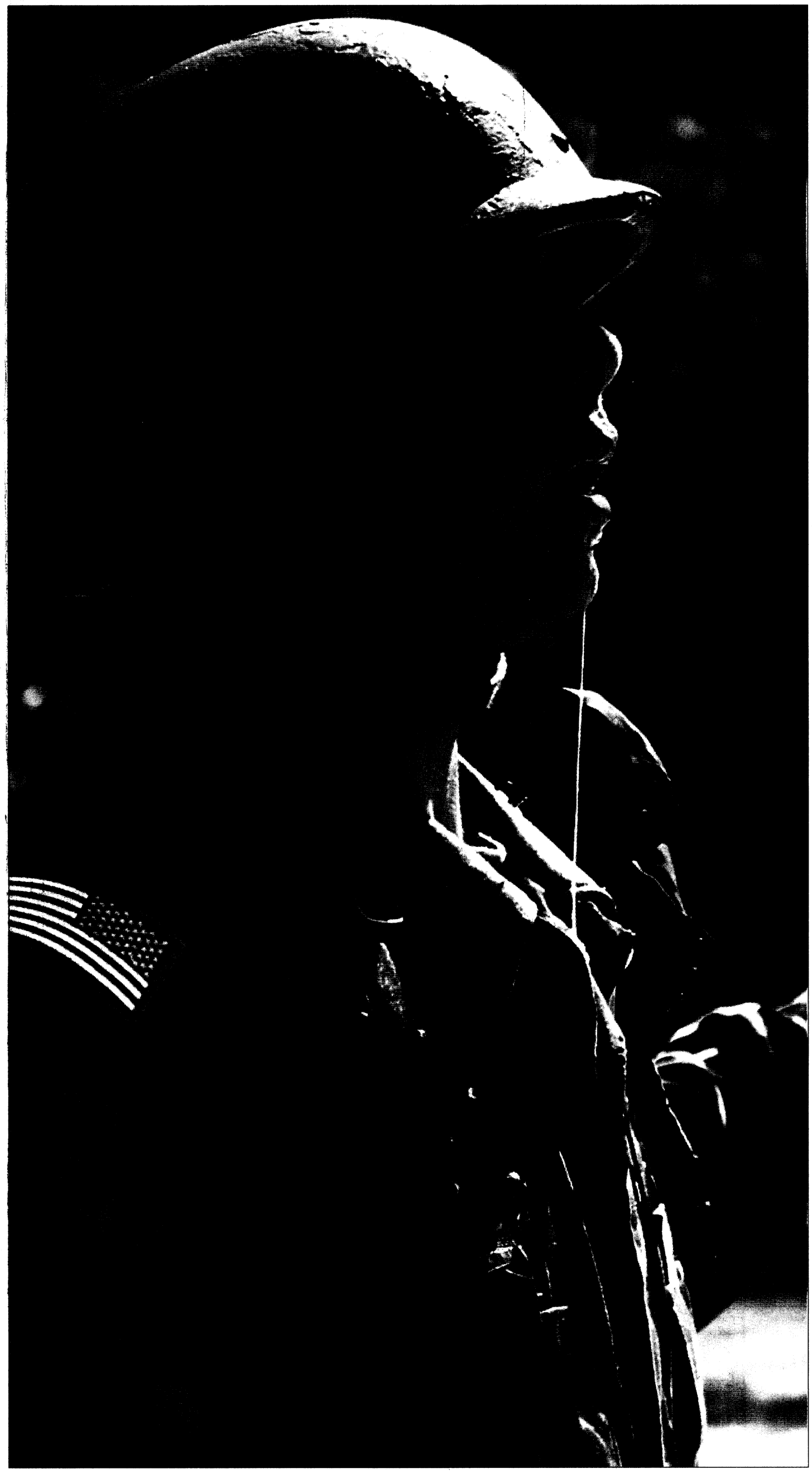
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A group of soldiers exit the NBC chamber after experiencing the effects of CS gas (tear gas) during NBC training Wednesday morning.

BCTB Soldiers get first taste of gas



Trainees learn importance of protective gear

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Hundreds of Basic Combat Training Brigade Soldiers got their first taste of CS gas (tear gas) Wednesday during the second day of NBC agent training.

On the first day of training, the Soldiers learned the right way to carry, don, wear, and clear their protective masks, and what to do in chemical environments.

However, no amount of classroom training can teach the Soldiers what it is like to inhale CS gas and show them the effectiveness of the M-40 protective mask.

The troops looked a little uneasy as they lined up in front of the door, but most of them said they were looking forward to the experience.

"I'm excited because I want to see how it is, but I'm also dreading it," said Pvt. Orlando Naraine, B Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment. "I heard a lot of people throw up and others pass out."

After an initial briefing, the Soldiers approached the NBC chamber and one of the cadre simulated a chemical attack and gave the gas alarm signal which tells the Soldiers to don their protective masks.

Once they were wearing their masks, the Soldiers lined up at the chamber door and filed in. Once inside, they stood shoulder to shoulder along the walls while drill sergeants instructed them to move their heads up and down and side to side.

"We have them do simple exercises inside the chamber, such as turning their heads right and left, so they can see that they are still able to function with the masks on," said Staff Sgt. Eugene Broadus, a drill sergeant with 3rd Platoon. "If a Soldier is not confident in his equipment, he is not going to be effective on the battlefield."

Once the Soldiers started to get comfortable with their masks, the drill sergeants told them to pull the masks away from their faces to break the seal.

After breaking the seal, each Soldier had to reseal his mask and clear it to get the CS out.

Then, after all the Soldiers had cleared their masks, they lined up facing the door and removed their masks before they could leave.

Broadus said they make the Soldiers take off their protective masks before leaving the chamber so they can see what they were missing with the masks on.

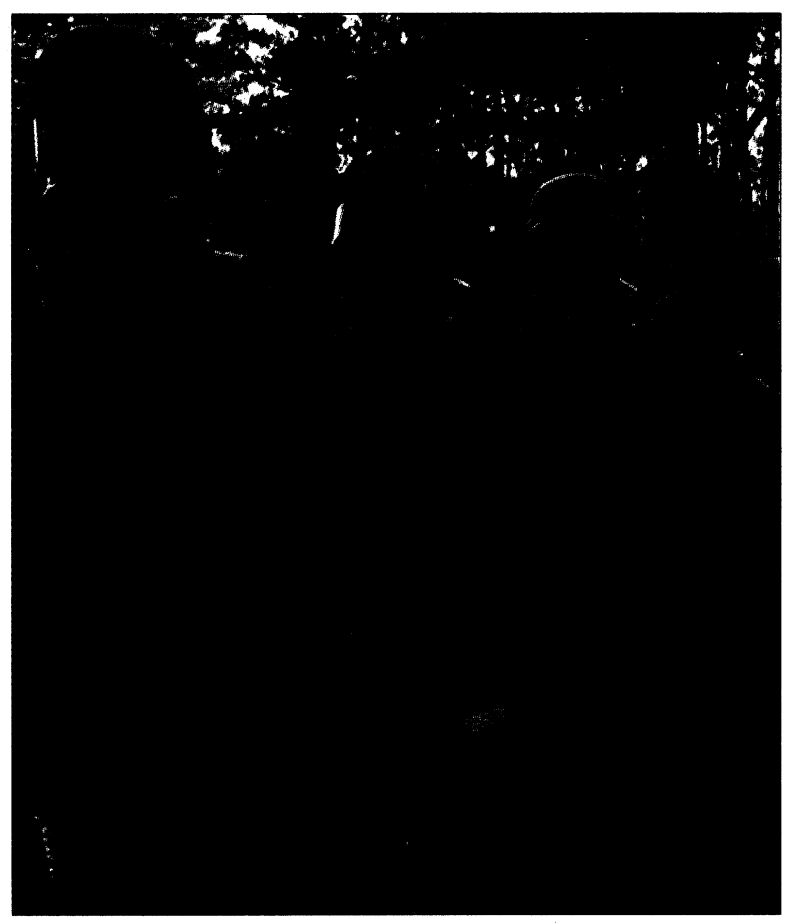
Pvt. Timothy Prevo said the gas wasn't as bad as he thought it would be, but he wasn't ready to run right back in.

"I thought I might throw up or choke on (the gas) but I didn't," Prevo said. "My skin was burning but that wasn't that bad.

"What got me was the burning in my eyes. That was a real shock," he said.

Capt. Patrick McCarthy, B Company commander, knows the importance of this training for new Soldiers in today's battlefield environment.

"The probability that terrorists will use biological and chemical weapons is high," he said. "This stresses the importance that Soldiers are trained in chemical defense and, more importantly, it builds confidence in their equipment."



Pvt. Jason McCord takes in some fresh air after getting acquainted with the effects of CS gas.

Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, wait their turn to enter the chamber.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Changes of command

The **3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment**, change of command is 7 p.m. today 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. Wednesday 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. The 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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The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3 in Building 359. For more information, call Lane Brown at 317-3529, ext. 25.

Reclamation sale

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Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 8-04, Aug. 6
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

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Women's Equality Day Luncheon

The Women's Equality Day Luncheon will be 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 545-6665 or 545-6596.

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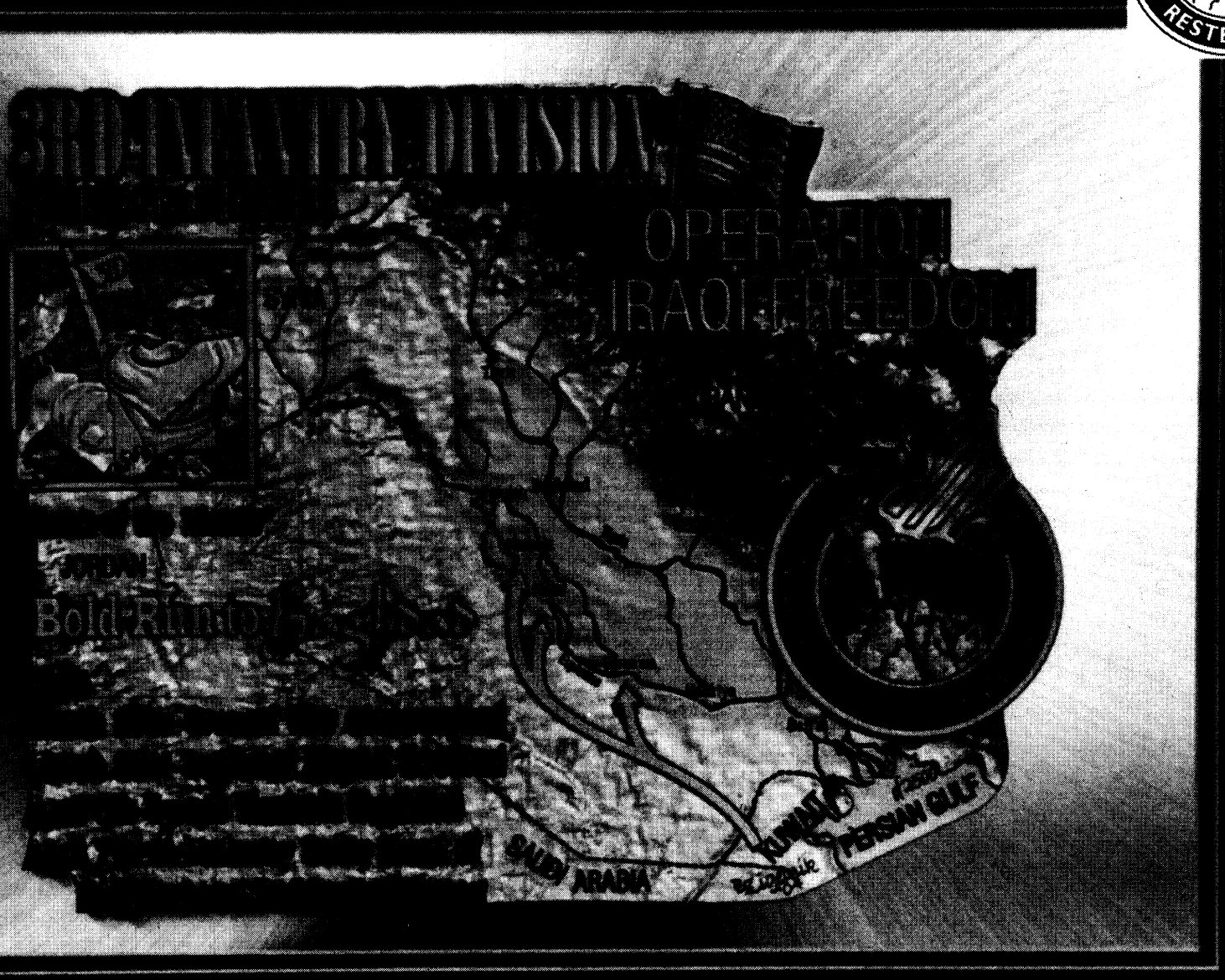
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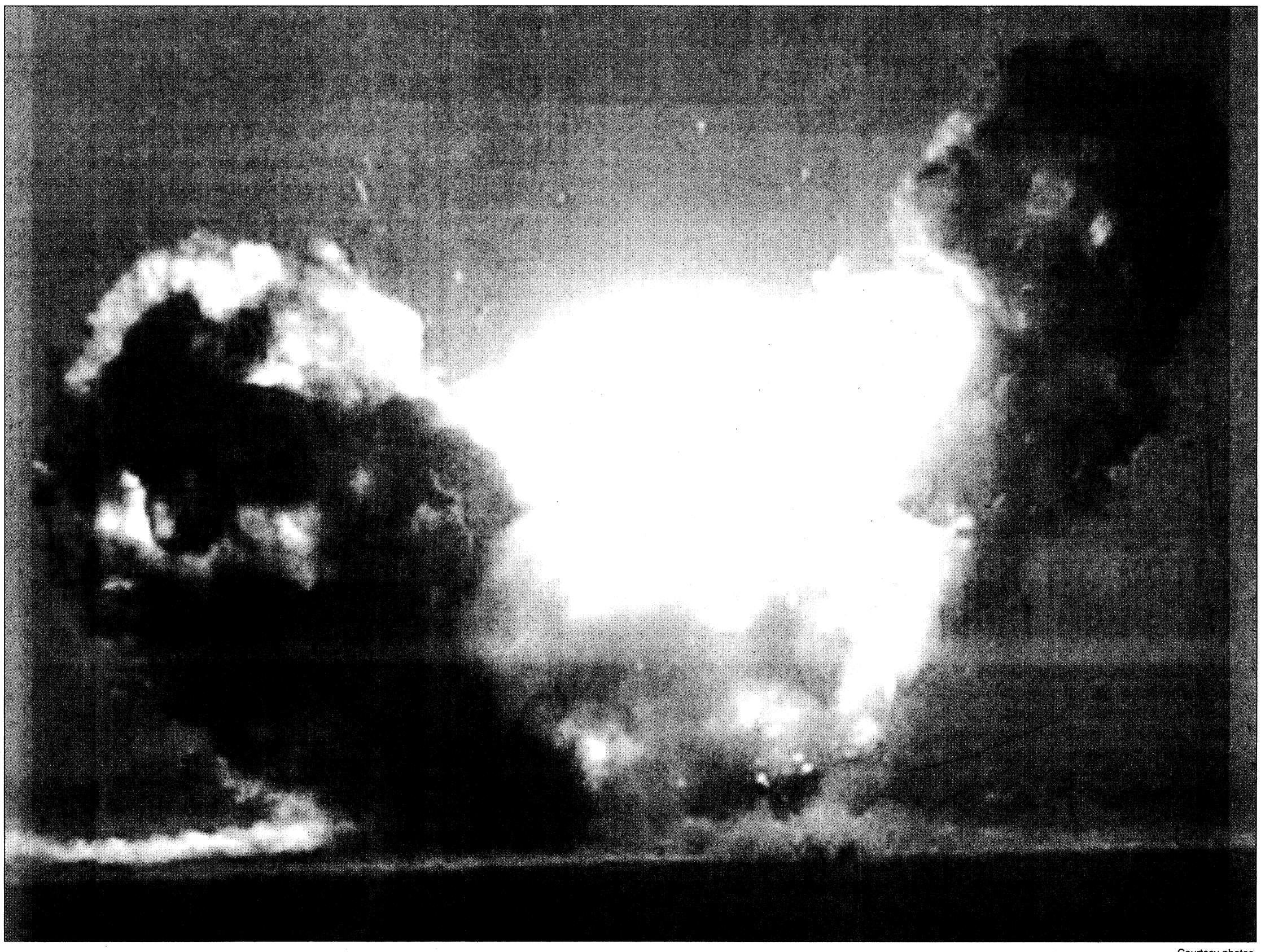
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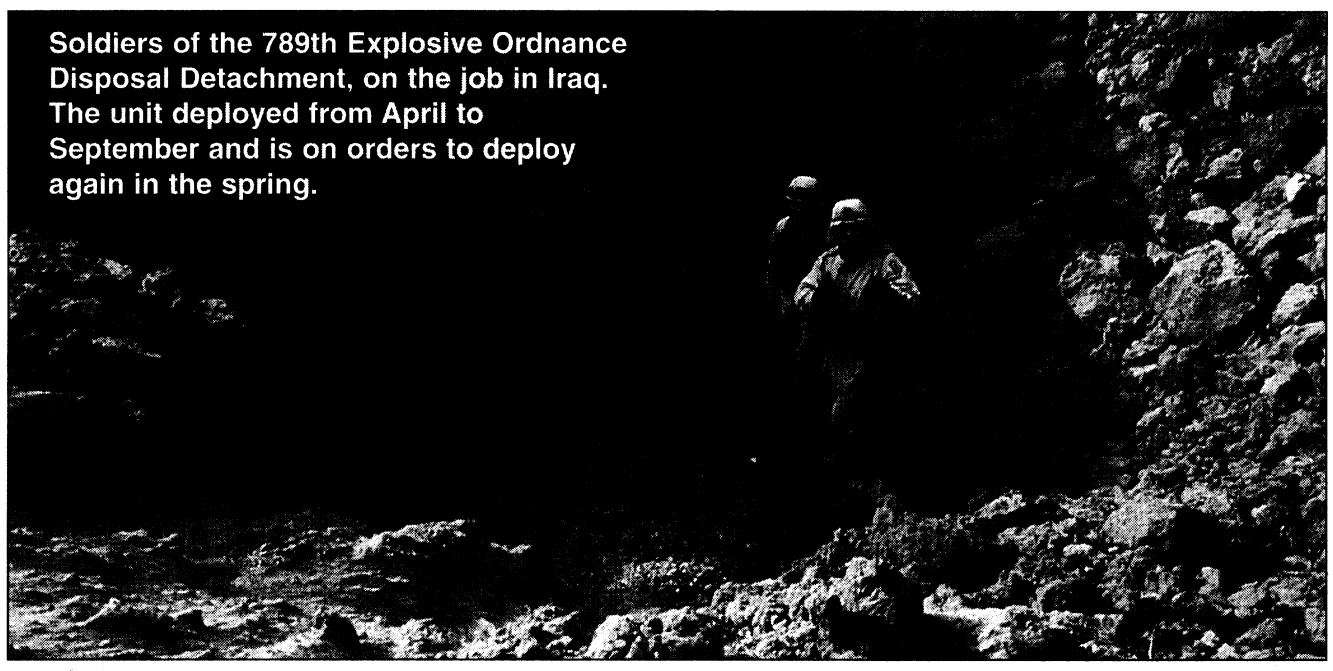
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Soldiers of the 789th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, on the job in Iraq. The unit deployed from April to September and is on orders to deploy again in the spring.

"This is the safest job in the Army," insisted Sgt. Jason Wojnar, or "Wojo the Great," as he is known to his teammates. "You know exactly what you have to do, and you know exactly how the ordnance functions. There aren't any questions. You know if you do it right, everything will be fine. And you know if you do it wrong, well …"

Well, then it will be a different story — and not one with a happy ending. In fact, in Wojnar's field, mistakes can be explosive … literally.

Wojnar is one of 19 Soldiers in Fort Benning's 789th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment and one of only 700 enlisted EOD troops Armywide, a number that is only getting smaller, if you ask 1st Sgt. Larry Cushing, the unit's first sergeant.

Split up into about 41 "conventional EOD companies" — 37 stateside and four overseas units — EOD Soldiers do a lot with a little wherever they go.

"We eliminate possible (unexploded ordnance) hazards that could affect troops, so they can stay focused on their mission," said 789th team leader Staff Sgt. Richard Lundmark, summing up the EOD mission. "We protect public safety and Soldiers, and we save lives and property."

What the former infantryman fails to mention, is that in order to do this, EOD troops work grueling hours, investigating possible explosive hazards, determining the method of disposal for valid devices, disarming or detonating devices, all while maintaining the safety of anyone in their working area.

And that isn't just when they're deployed. Even when they're "resting and recouping" at their home stations, EOD units are responsible for a designated "geographic response area," Cushing said. And with the current optempo, EOD companies often find themselves covering each other's areas while their sister units are deployed.

Right now, the 789th is responsible for supporting military and civilian agencies in 56 counties across Georgia, Alabama and the Florida panhandle. The company's Soldiers are spread across the region.

That is nothing new, Cushing said. In fact, it's rather unusual for the first sergeant to have all his Soldiers together — even on deployment.

"We don't sit around together back at base camp," Cushing said. "We're fragmented out — I'm at one location, and the teams are located elsewhere out there, operating independently, working on their own in support of that specific command."

During the 789th's recent deployment to Iraq, from September to April, Cushing dispatched two-man teams to support designated units for the duration of the deployment. Once his teams left to cover those units, he only saw them during frequent visits to the field with his commander.

Each team consists of a staff sergeant and a junior Soldier who support an entire brigade. Because of the shortage of EOD personnel, the teams spent seven months on a three days on, three days "off" schedule, Cushing said — that's three days responding to possible improvised explosive devices (IEDs are considered the most strenuous calls) and three days responding to unexploded ordnance, or UXO, a less threatening task.

"There was no day of those seven months when these guys could say they didn't have anything to do," Cushing said.

Staff Sgt. Melissa Kennedy and Spc. Josh Deverse covered 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, for the first three months, switched over to the division's 2nd Brigade in the "green zone," then moved to support the 82nd Airborne Division in Fallujah, Iraq, after an EOD Soldier from a sister unit was killed.

Kennedy said she worked, on average, 12- to 16-hour days. And even when she wasn't on mission, she was on call for IED reports 24 hours a day.

Her fellow Soldiers shared similar schedules.

The Soldiers of the 789th performed 2,469 successful missions during their tenure in Iraq. They stopped counting a month before coming home, Cushing said.

All this, he said, and he was the unit's only injury. The 16-year EOD veteran took a 13-foot nose dive off the top of a CONEX, but aside from a gash on his forehead and some injured pride, he fared just fine.

Despite the success of the unit, it comes at a price, a price the Soldiers pay.

"For a full seven months, you're tense, you're on edge — you sleep but you don't rest," Kennedy said.

As if the pressure of dealing with a potentially fatal device isn't enough, the EOD teams must contend with other stressors, as well.

While they're working, the Soldiers "getting shot at" by enemy troops and dealing with civilians and Soldiers in their operational areas — many of whom often are "naive or just won't listen," ignoring the EOD Soldiers' instructions and requests, Lundmark said.

The stress and lack of rest can take a toll on the troops, Kennedy said, and that physical and mental exhaustion adds to the danger an EOD Soldier faces on a mission.

"That's why an EOD unit can't stay (deployed) for longer than seven months," she said.

But even while they confess the tough aspects of their chosen profession, the Soldiers of the 789th laugh and joke and light up as they share some of the highlights of their deployment.

"I was blowing up 3,000 pounds of 122 millimeter rockets on Christmas Eve," said Staff Sgt. Brad Borgelt, grinning. "In what other job can you do that?"

The troops also get the opportunity to rub shoulders with "VIPs," both overseas and at home, providing EOD support for high-ranking officials, like the president and the vice president. Sometimes it's just another last-minute mission ("Four days is really good notice," Kennedy said.), and sometimes it's an exciting opportunity.

Cushing escorted President George W. Bush during one of his visits to Iraq, and a team was sent to support President Ronald Reagan's funeral.

Whatever their mission, EOD Soldiers deal in a dangerous profession.

Despite that, Kennedy quickly dismissed the question of fear.

"You just don't think about it. Period," she said firmly.

Lundmark agreed.

"You respect it, but you don't fear it," he said. "You just get to the point where you get confident in what you're doing."

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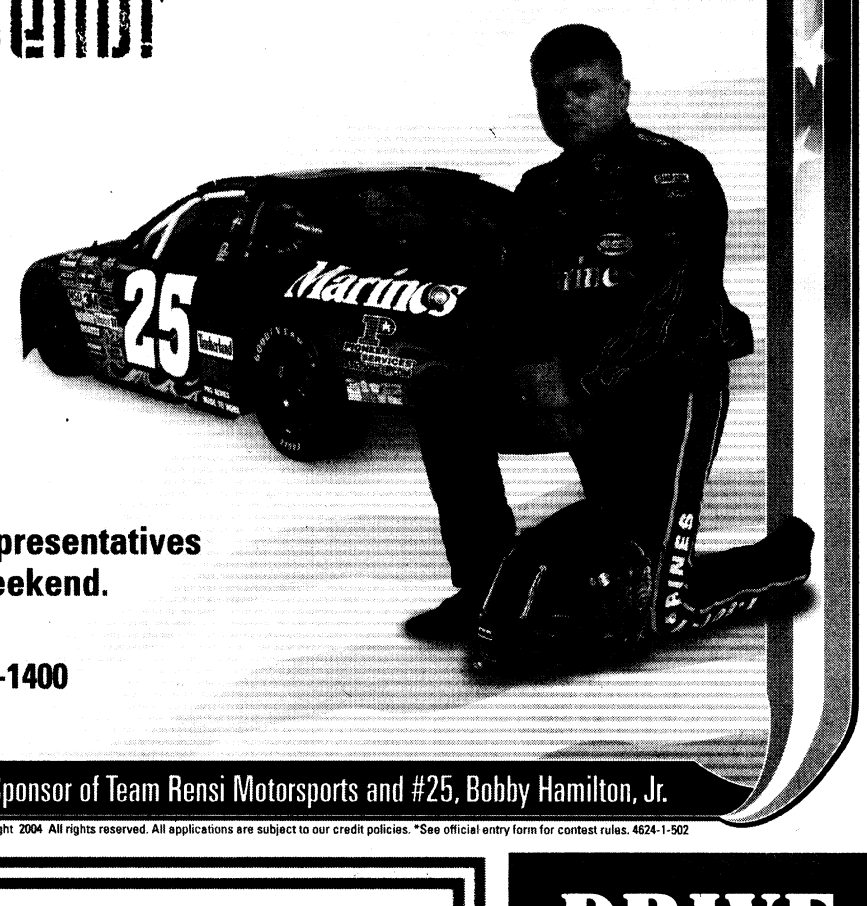
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NCO finds love, bride on Sand Hill

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

There was no fanfare or excess. No flower girls or ushers. No huge reception and no church.

Just a man, a woman, a battalion chaplain and love, sweet love.

When Sgt. 1st Class Jim Warren took Anna Marie Stanger's hand in marriage July 9, all that mattered were the vows and the fact they solidified their commitment only feet from the very place they met.

Oddly enough, that place was outside Albanese Barracks on Sand Hill.

Even odder than the location of their wedding are the circumstances of the couple's introduction.

Warren, a Reserve Soldier with the 84th Infantry Division in Michigan, was activated in February 2003, and was working as the training NCO for D Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, when a basic training Soldier by the name of Corey Stanger needed help getting his mom from Kansas to Fort Benning for a family day visit in October.

Warren offered his assistance, and when Stanger produced his mother's business card, which bore a picture of the free-lance model, he said, "Wow, she's right up my alley. If she lived around here, I'd date her."

Warren helped with the travel arrangements, including loaning Anna his car, and the rest was history, the two said.

"We had our first date on my second trip to Fort Benning and decided to stay in touch," Anna said.

After several visits here and in Kansas, Warren proposed to Anna March 12.

By the time the couple got around to arranging the details, all the churches on post were booked.

Anna said even though she would have been happy to have the ceremony just about anywhere, 2nd Bn., 54th Inf. Regt., holds a special place in her heart. The cadre's help during Corey's time in the unit and their friendship with Warren endeared them to her.

"The military has always been such a big part of (Warren's) life and who he is," Anna said. "I thought it would only be fitting, guests or not, to get married right there at the barracks."

"We just had a little ceremony with the cadre and families I got to know during my year working there and followed it up with a small reception in the dayroom," Warren said.

"The air conditioning was on in the dayroom, and that was all I cared about," Anna said, laughing.

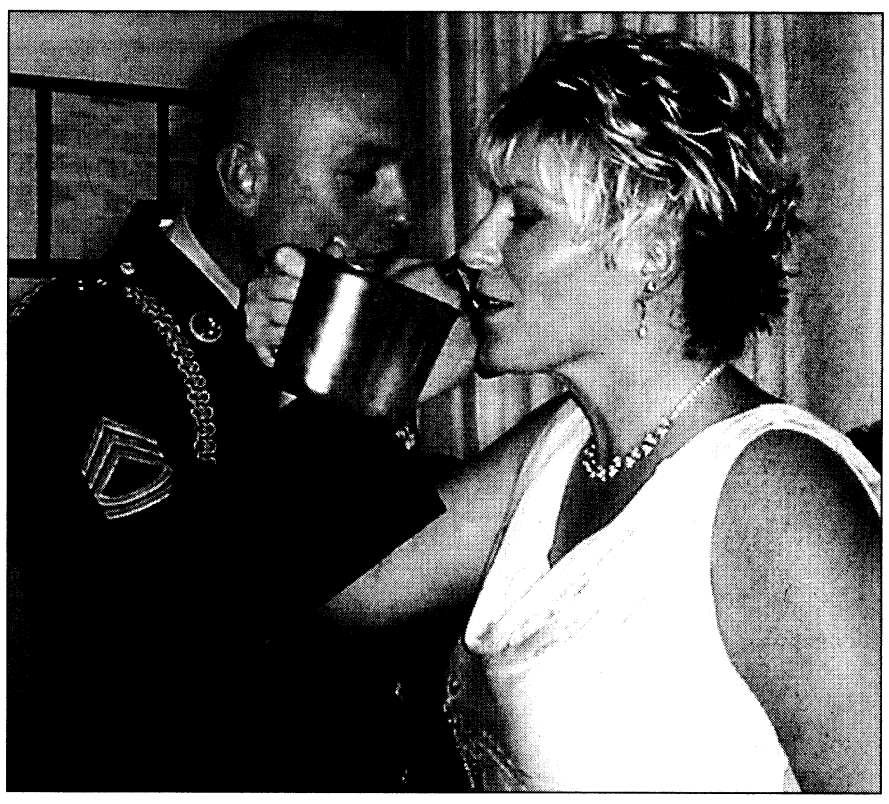
"Everything was last minute with this wedding," she said. "Nothing was finalized until the week of the ceremony, and even the toast was unplanned."

The two spontaneously decided to use canteen cups for their couple's toast — another symbol of the role of the military in their relationship, Anna said.

The hastily arranged wedding had its glitches. The musical scores started at all the wrong times. Only two of the seven children Anna and Warren have between them could attend. And because Warren, who deactivated in February, recently started a new job, the couple didn't have a long Hawaiian honeymoon awaiting them after their impromptu nuptials.

Despite all that, the couple is happy and has no regrets about their decision to drive on with the ceremony.

"With all the difficulties, all the stress and anxiety with everything that is going on with the war, this is a nice story to be a part of," Anna said.



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Sgt. 1st Class Jim Warren and his bride, Anna Marie Stanger, toast each other with canteen cups at their wedding July 9.

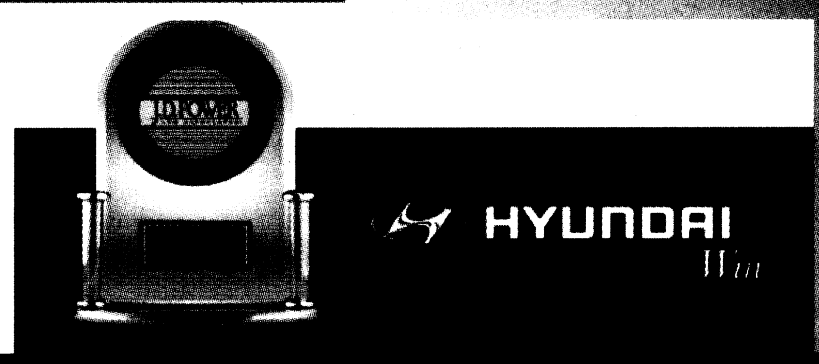


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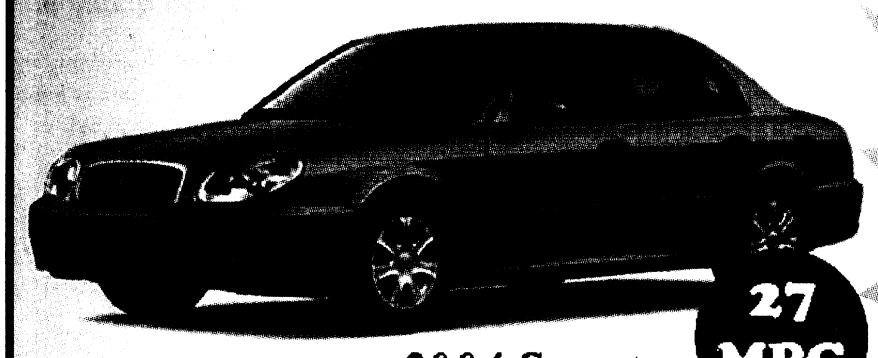
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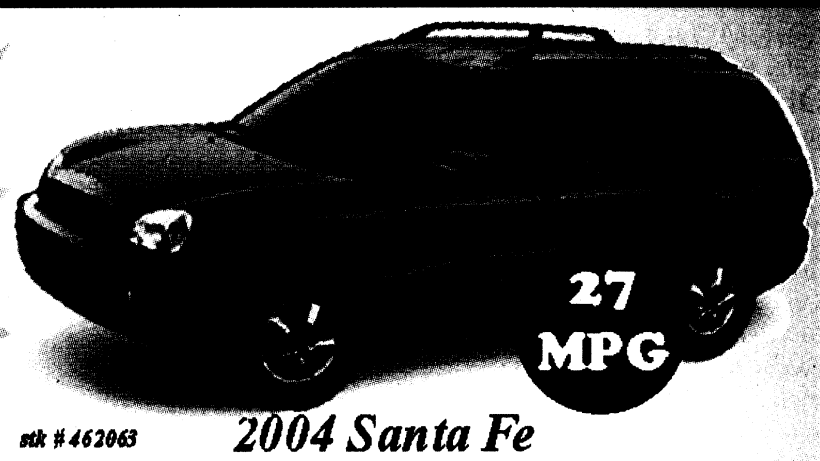


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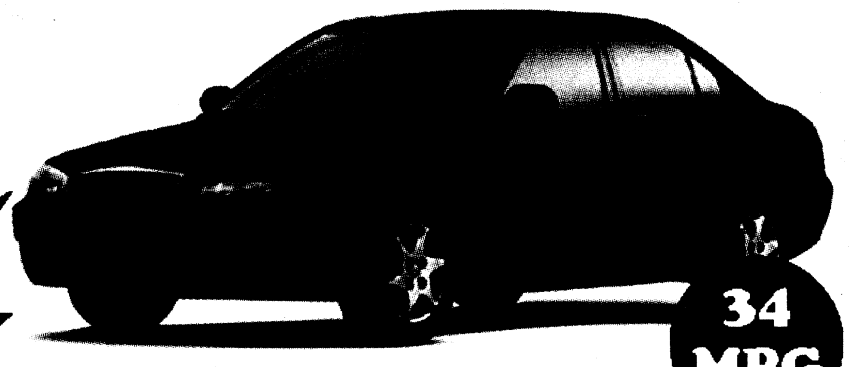
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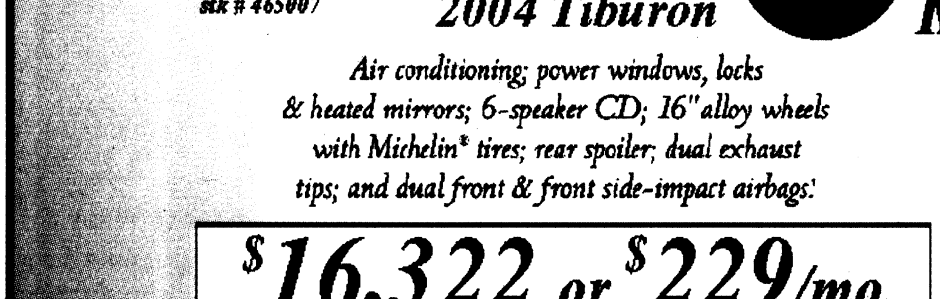


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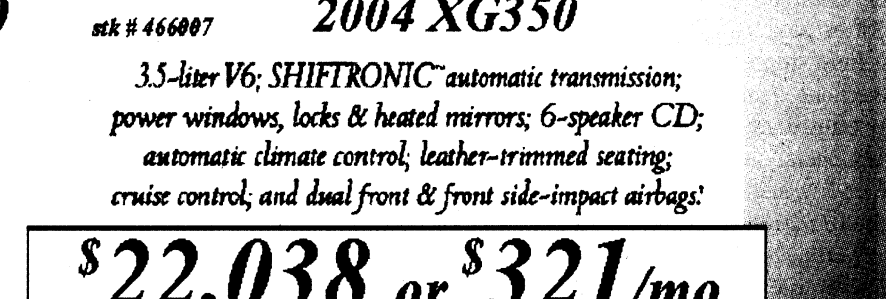
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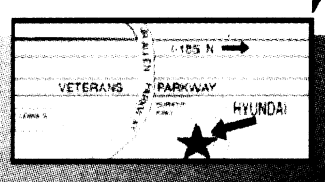
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Fort Benning bids farewell to 2145th GSU

Unit mobilized more than 10,000 troops

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning bid farewell to the 2145th Garrison Support Unit July 7 in a ceremony in Marshall Auditorium. The 2145th GSU provided support for deploying units on post since Jan. 21, 2003.

During the past 18 months, the unit, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., mobilized more than 10,000 Soldiers and demobilized more than 3,000.

Garrison Commander Col. Rick Riera led the ceremony.

"I bet you guys didn't think this moment would ever come," Riera said. "But this is a bittersweet moment, because when I got here, you were here, in the fray, preparing Soldiers to go fight."

Approximately 250 Soldiers left Fort Benning Tuesday with the thanks of the installation's many agencies.

"You came through when Fort Benning needed you," Riera said. "The strength of your unit is the people with exceptional talent who are dedicated and hard working."

Riera said the unit earned recognition for the post as the best in both mobilization and demobilization, moving more Soldiers with less overhead.

"You are quality people and did the best with what you had," Riera said. "And since we are a nation at war, I fully expect to see the 2145th at Fort Benning, coming back home to once again train Soldiers to deploy and do our nation's bidding."

Col. Daniel Schultz, 2145th GSU commander, said the unit considers itself part of Fort Benning because their mission is to support the post and function as a troop command. As long as the unit remains organized as a GSU, he said, it will continue to support in whatever way it can.

"It's been a long eighteen months," Schultz said. "But through hard work and cooperation, it's been successful."

Units that mobilized through the 2145th spent 30 or more days at Fort Benning and completing all of the training requirements.

Schultz said morale in his unit was high, as they were close to home and able to easily stay in touch with their families.

Their biggest challenge, he said, was making the transition from a civilian to a military mentality and helping the units who processed through here make the transition to active duty as well.

The Soldiers will now make the transition back to their civilian careers, Schultz said.

"We're in the Reserves because we like the climate and the environment of the military," he said. "Going back to the civilian side — you miss that."

The 2145th took the opportunity to show their thanks to the Fort Benning agencies that worked closely with them, presenting plaques and certificates. At the end of the ceremony, Maj. Kenneth Carter, the 2145th personnel officer, expressed his thanks to the members of his unit for their job well-done.

"We may not have deployed outside the country," Carter said. "But we came under fire every day."

The 641st Area Support Group from St. Petersburg, Fla., took over from the 2145th and expect to be at Fort Benning for a year.

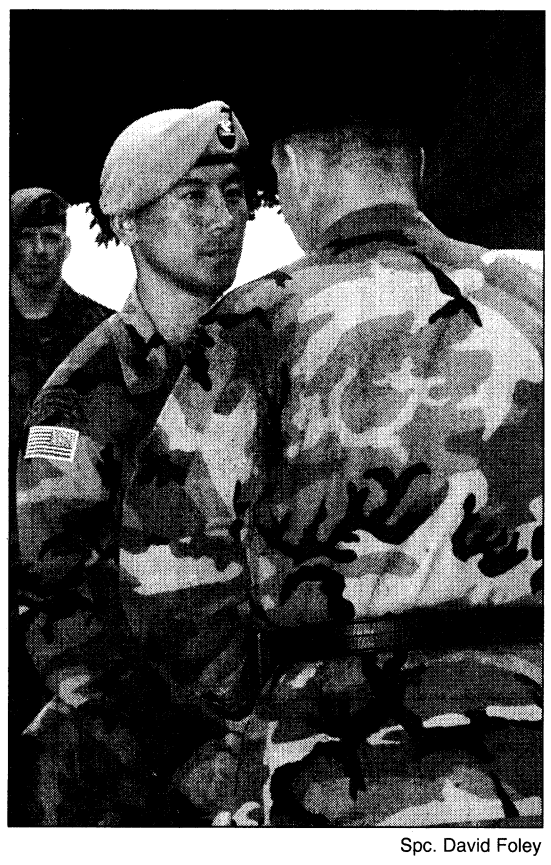
The unit has 31 Soldiers and will provide command and control for the mob/demob effort.

Many jobs done by 2145th Soldiers have been turned over to post agencies.

RTB changes command

Rangers welcome new commander

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff



Col. K.K. Chinn accepts the Ranger Training Brigade guidon from Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, in a change of command ceremony Tuesday at the Ranger Memorial.

Spc. David Foley

Col. William G. Kidd, commander of the Ranger Training Brigade, bid farewell to Fort Benning Tuesday during a ceremony at the Ranger Memorial, as he handed over the reins to Col. K.K. Chinn.

"I am the luckiest man at Fort Benning," Kidd said. "Lucky to have been in an environment with such great leadership ... Lucky to have been in the company of these great Rangers ... and lucky to live in a country that has such great men defending her."

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commander, said Kidd is everything one could want in a leader, and "hats off to the Ranger Training Brigade for what you've done and what you represent."

Freakley said Kidd will be missed, but the RTB will be in good hands with Chinn, a proven combat leader who knows what it takes to train rangers who can lead in combat.

1st Sgt. David Kachel, RTB Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, knew Chinn when he was assigned to 4th Ranger Training Battalion from 1999 to 2001, and said he is going to be an outstanding commander.

"He has a huge experience base and will be a tremendous asset," Kachel said.

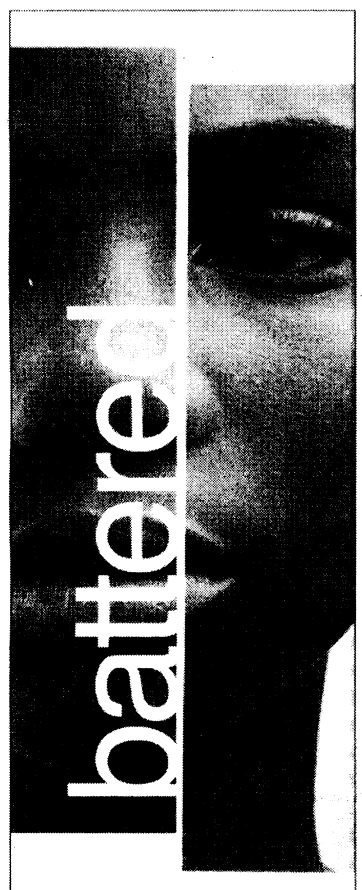
Chinn said it is a great honor to be given the opportunity to lead the RTB, but it comes with great responsibility.

Chinn, whose last assignment was as the deputy commanding officer of the 75th Ranger Regiment, is returning to Camp Rogers with his wife, Val, and two children.

He is a graduate of West Point, the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

He is also a graduate of the Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Infantry Mortar Platoon Course, Air Assault School, and the Jungle Warfare Training Course.

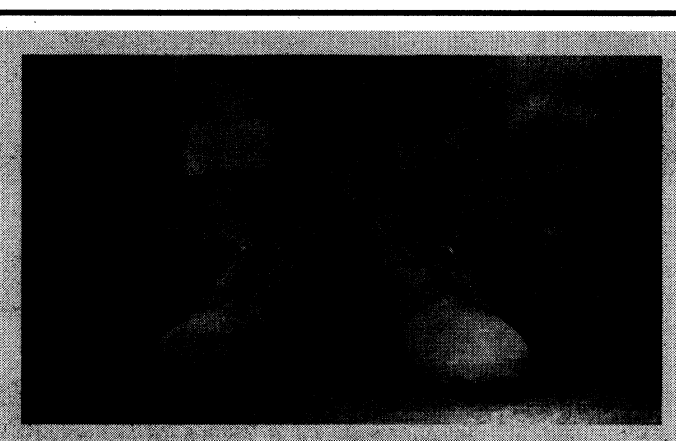
Chinn deployed in support of Operation Urgent Fury, Operation Just Cause, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.



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507th welcomes new leader

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Lt. Col. Sean McCaffrey salutes the reviewing party after assuming command of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, Tuesday.

Command of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, passed from Lt. Col. Aidis Zunde to Lt. Col. Sean McCaffrey Wednesday.

Three jumpers from the Silver Wings parachute team led the ceremony, landing on target in front of the reviewing stand.

"This is a great day to celebrate the accomplishments of a great battalion while standing on the hallowed grounds of Airborne Walk," said Col. Mark Ritter, commander of the 11th Infantry Regiment.

Ritter said the Soldiers on the field represent all those throughout Zunde's command who trained more than 32,000 paratroopers, jumpmasters and pathfinders and the riggers who packed more than 160,000 parachutes.

"They did this all safely," Ritter said. "While producing flat-bellied, steely-eyed Soldiers our nation needs."

He said the simple but powerful change of command ceremony served as a reminder to both officers that command is a privilege to be cherished.

Ritter praised Zunde as a commander of leaders who led from the front, a man who took the battalion back to Normandy for the first time in 60 years, re-instituted the Silver Wings and injected rigor back into airborne training.

"The effect of his efforts will be felt by all of the armed forces," Ritter said, "long after he leaves for his new job in Washington, D.C."

Zunde said his change of command marked "another great day to be a paratrooper" as he spoke about Eubanks Field and the Airborne Walk with its aircraft, memorials and monuments to past and present airborne units.

"They tie us to our heritage," Zunde said. "They're a legacy of courage, sacrifice and great deeds of honor of those before us."

Zunde thanked the staunch supporters of the airborne community — the veterans and members of the test platoon.

"They have been our inspiration and our conscience," he said. "We strive every day not to disappoint them. They are true heroes."

Zunde said his team trains a division worth of paratroopers each year, in a tough "zero-defect environment."

"Each time they exit, they affirm their faith in the riggers, the black hats and the jumpmasters," he said.

The unit, he said, is fortunate to have McCaffrey on board to take the battalion and its colors to new heights.

"It has been a privilege and honor to lead this battalion and stand with its Soldiers," Zunde said.

McCaffrey, who last stood on Eubanks Field 20 years ago as an airborne student and a third generation paratrooper, said he is humbled and pleased to take command of the battalion.

"I will work to prepare the greatest paratroopers, jumpmasters and pathfinders. Our country surely needs these Soldiers now," he said.

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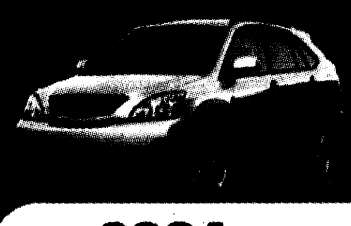
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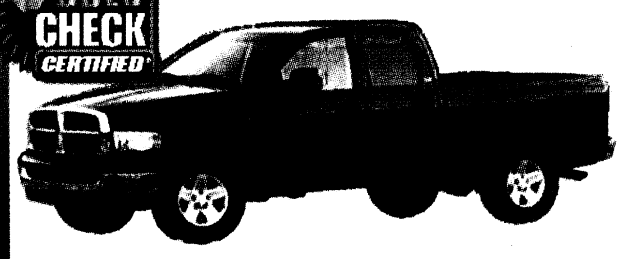
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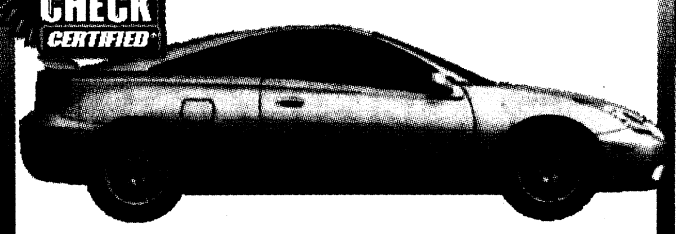
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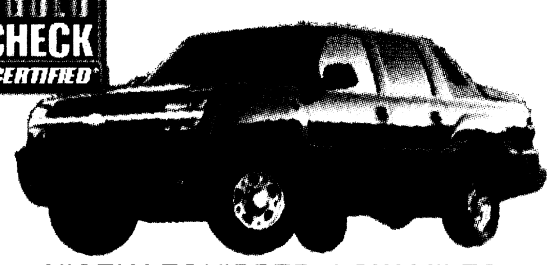
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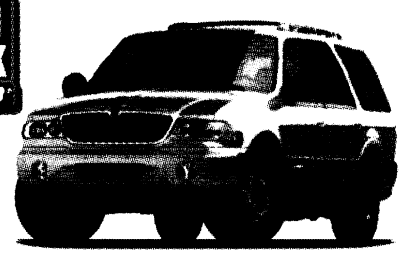
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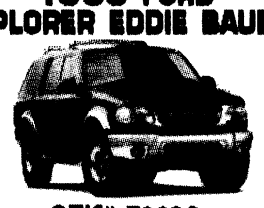
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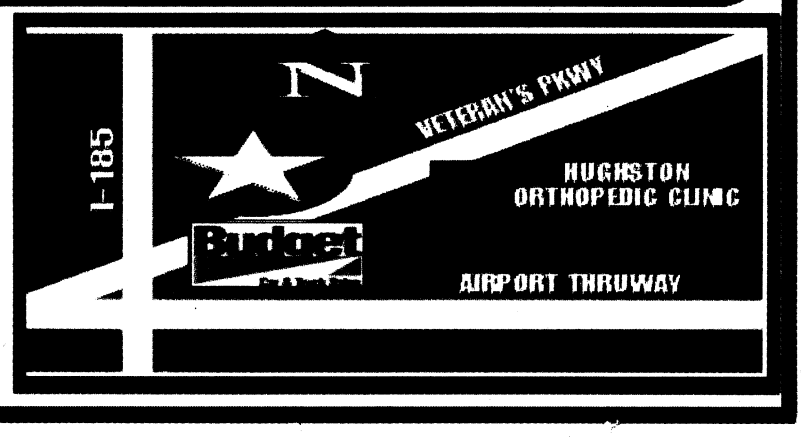
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Venues: In Columbus area remain off-limits to troops



Sgt. Kim Dooley

The Traffic Light Inn is one of eight local venues Post Commander Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley ruled off-limits recently, per recommendation by the regional Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

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• Ponderosa Motel, 3668 Victory Drive

• G&C Boom Boom Room, 2102 Cussetta Road.

Three of the eight establishments are temporarily off-limits, said Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, Fort Benning's provost marshal and president of the region's Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

These businesses have been placed off-limits in response to reports of criminal activity in and around them, including drug trafficking, prostitution or violence, he said.

The Soldiers caught at these establishments during the weekend were apprehended by a joint patrol of military and Columbus policemen, Pelley said.

Those patrols will continue and will be expanded in the future, he said, to occur at random hours throughout the week.

Soldiers picked up at these establishments will be searched, cuffed, taken to Fort Benning's MP station for processing and held until they are picked up by their first sergeants or commanders, Pelley said.

Their names will also appear in the blotter report, which goes to the garrison commander, the deputy chief of staff and the commanding general.

The standard response among the Soldiers rounded up this weekend was, "I didn't know," Pelley said.

"Commanders absolutely have to get the word out to their Soldiers," he said. "It's very important to ensure the Soldiers are informed and understand the importance of avoiding these establishments.

"This isn't to punish Soldiers; it's to protect them."

DCG: To assume second in command at Benning

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gratifying than being around infantry Soldiers," Yarbrough said.

Yarbrough won't be formally welcomed as Deputy CG and Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Infantry Center and School until 4 p.m. today, but he's been running at full steam since his boots hit the ground at Fort Benning July 6. He has spent most of his time meeting with commanders and post officials, learning the role each plays in the big picture.

He said he is chomping at the bit to jump right in and support the team effort.

"I've had great discussions with the CG, commanders and staff during the few days I've been on Fort Benning," he said. "And the CG has given me an azimuth."

Yarbrough said he hit the ground running to support the CG's top priorities of training to standard and supporting the Army's transformation.

Yarbrough brings with him experience from both combat and garrison environments, including a recent deployment to Afghanistan.

"The most valuable attribute any senior leader can bring back to Fort Benning is the recent experience of being assigned to field units," he said.

"The infantry and the Army are both going through incredible transitions to adapt to what the country expects of them in the future."

Yarbrough said Fort Benning is clearly the most exciting place to work in the Army right now because of the critical importance of ensuring we continue to provide the world's best infantry Soldiers and leaders to do our nation's work.

Although Yarbrough is focused on the future of the Army, the past is not lost with him.

"The tradition of excellence at Fort Benning has existed for decades," he said. "It has been providing the best Soldiers and leaders in the world.

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> Incoming deputy commanding general

FRG: Assistants to aid unit readiness group leaders

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That information is firepower for beleaguered FRG leaders, who often haven't been on post long enough to develop a network of contacts and can't always be everywhere all the time, Livermore said.

And it isn't only the families that benefit from effective FRGs, Livermore said.

"If the Soldiers are happy, they are going to support the unit a lot more," she said.

Even though the two assistants are assigned to specific units, Livermore said she doesn't want other FRGs or units to feel as if the FRG assistants are unavailable to help with problems.

"Anyone who has questions or needs help can call me," she said. "I am always available to help."

FRG assistants will coordinate with rear detachments and civilian enterprises that have services available to military families and will coordinate formal training for volunteers and command personnel.develop a network of contacts and can't always be everywhere all the time, Livermore said.

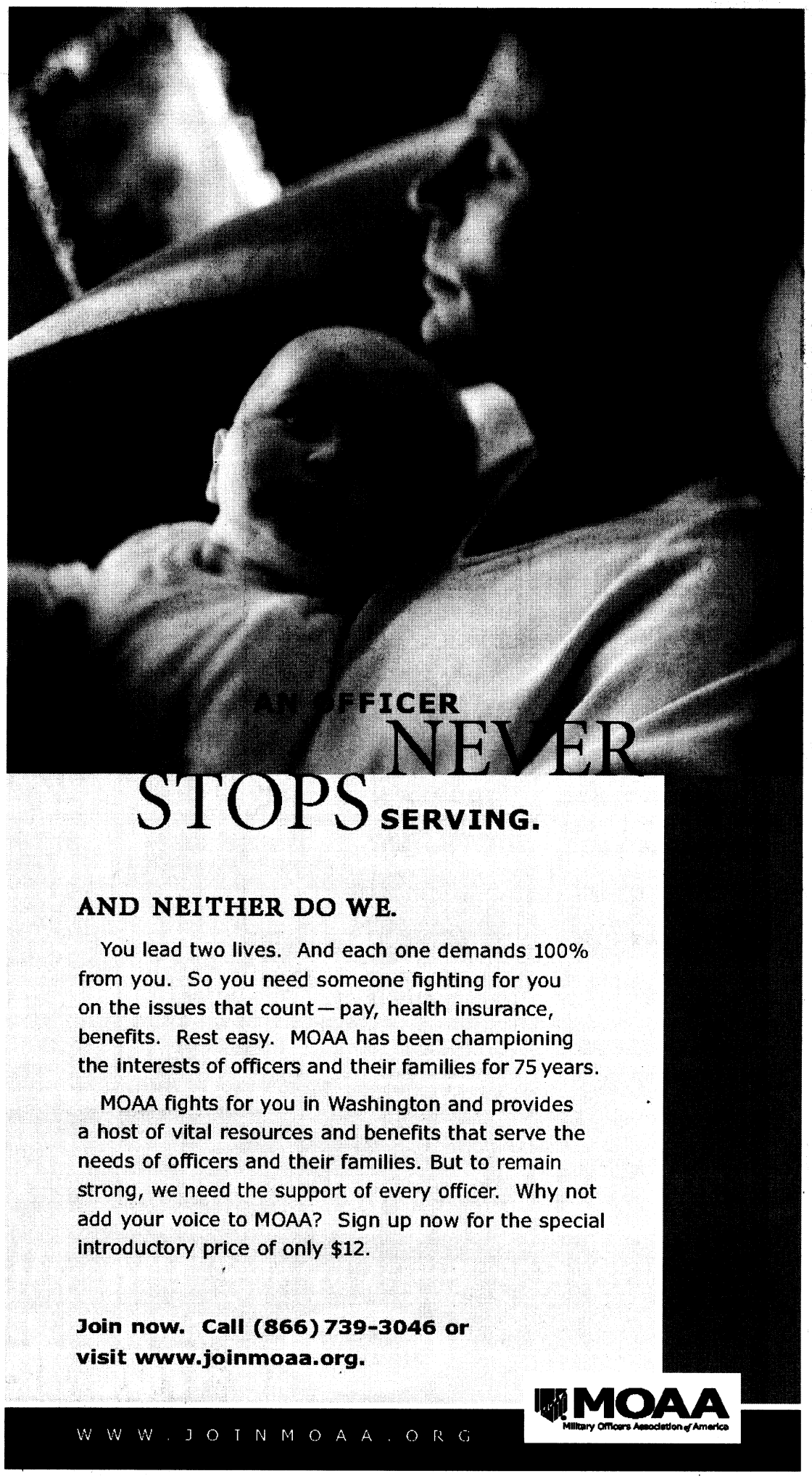
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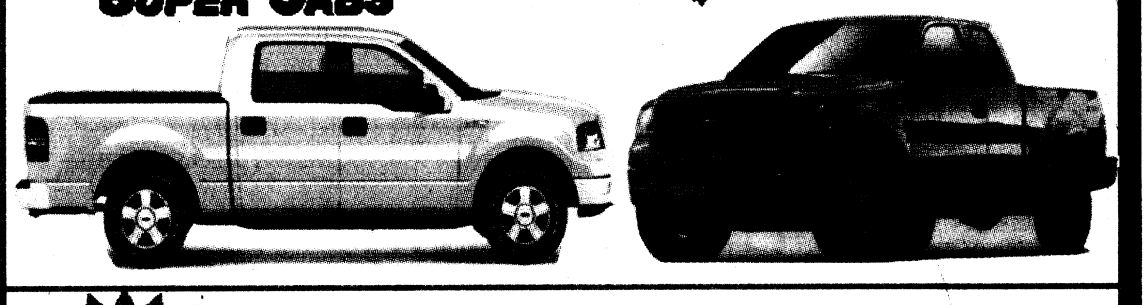


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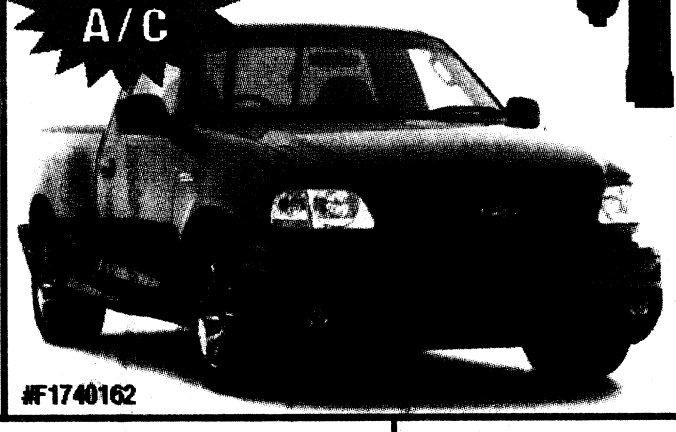
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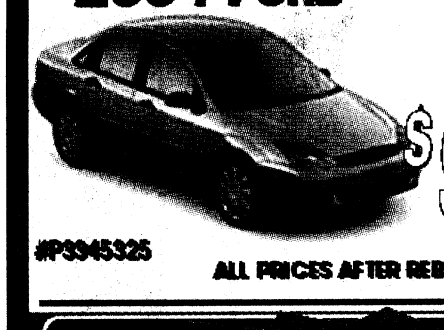
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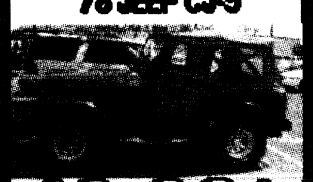
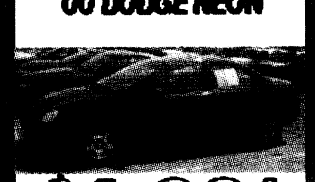
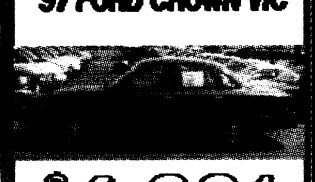
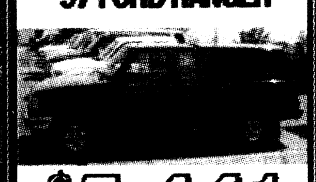
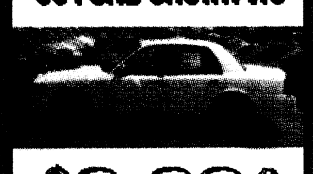
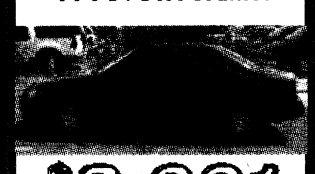
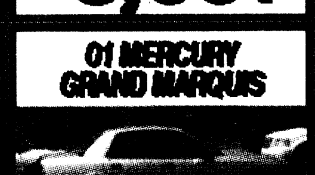
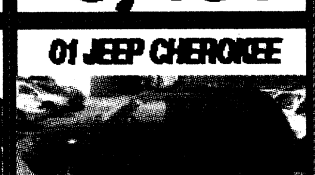
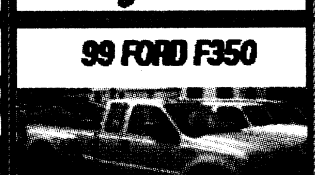
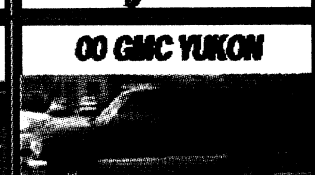
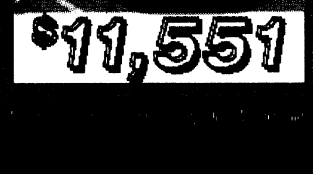
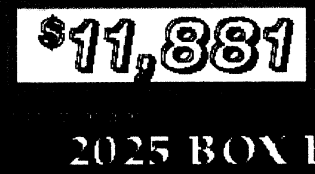
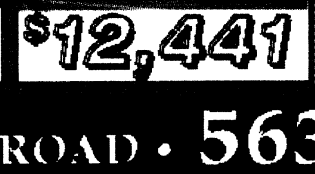
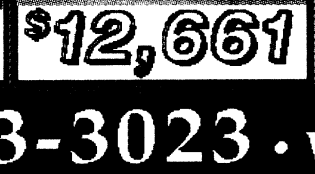
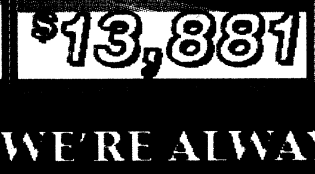
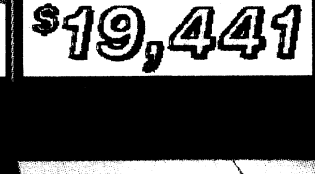
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Book fund to reach Columbus kids

Parents honor fallen son by continuing dream

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Five months ago, retired Marine Sgt. Maj. David Tainsh and his wife Deborah's worst fears were realized. David's son, Sgt. Patrick Tainsh, was killed in Iraq Feb. 11 when a homemade bomb detonated near his patrol. He was 33.

Determined to keep Patrick's dreams and passion alive in the wake of his death, his parents founded the Sgt. Patrick Tainsh Memorial Books for Children Fund in his name. The goal is to help promote early childhood literacy in Muscogee County by providing books monthly to children up to 5 years old, David said.

"Patrick loved reading and children," Deborah said. "(He) died contributing to the dream of a better life for the children of Iraq."

Patrick deployed to Iraq with "Eagle Troop," 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Division, from Fort Polk, La. The humvee machine gunner and scout was due to return home in just over a month when he died.

Deborah remembered an e-mail she received from her stepson before his death.

"He mentioned his disbelief at the poverty that the 'monster' Saddam had caused the children," she said.

It disturbed him to see innocent youngsters suffering, and it was that concern that inspired his parents to start the book foundation.

"We cannot think of a better way to honor Patrick's wonderful, caring spirit."

Deborah Tainsh
stepmother of Sgt. Patrick Tainsh, killed in Iraq Feb. 11

"We cannot think of a better way to honor Patrick's wonderful, caring spirit than to take steps to enhance the lives of our own community's children," Deborah said.

The foundation focuses on early childhood literacy and preparing children for kindergarten and academic success.

Statistics show that the number of words in the vocabulary and language skills developed by a child between infancy and 5 years will affect his academic and life skills for the rest of his life, Deborah explained. A child who can't read at grade level by the end of third grade will likely remain behind, and statistics show nearly 70 percent of people in jail can't read beyond a fourth-grade level.

"We want to be champions and recruit more champions in efforts to help our children before they get left behind," she said. "And local early childhood educators ... believe that getting books into children's hands on a regular basis at pre-school age is a must to begin building their curiosity and love for books."

In partnership with a program called Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Patrick's fund will provide one book a month to local children until their fifth birthday.

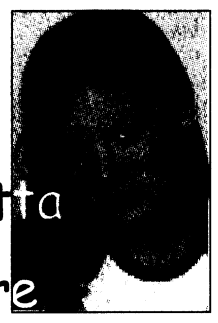
Although the program is currently only available to children who reside in the 31903 zip code, David said they hope to expand the fund to reach children in other areas.

"Having a book mailed to a child's home each month will create excitement for the child and the parent," Deborah said. "And further, we believe that providing books at no cost to families will confirm to them how much their child is valued by the community."

Families can sign their children up for the program — and enjoy a children's book party — at the Benning Park Supercenter from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 24. They can register for free books and a library card for the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System, enjoy free refreshments, meet Curious George and the Red Hat Lady

See **FUND,** B-3

Get Outta Here



Sick of sitting around looking at the walls? 'Get Outta Here' appears in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The circus is coming to town, and despite a lifelong aversion to clowns, I am stoked to go see these performers in action.

I think I've been to the circus once in my entire life and was entirely too young to remember anything except the overheated tent and picking peanut shells off the bottom of my sandals. Needless to say, I don't think it was "The Greatest Show on Earth," or rather Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey, as I'm sure it's better known.

Bad memories aside, this year's circus — which is coming to the Columbus Civic Center Wednesday through July 25 — promises to be everything my first and last one wasn't.

After doing a little homework on the Internet, I finally got the line-up for next week's show, and I've gotta tell you — you don't want to miss it.

Crazy Wilson, a rather bold daredevil even by daredevil standards, will master the Pendulum of Pandemonium, a whirling wheel that will carry Wilson 42 feet in the air. On top of that — well, OK, not on top of the pendulum, silly — he'll hop inside a steel sphere that holds a bunch of speeding motorcycles to perform some daring (or downright crazy) feat in Motorcycle Mania.

He has another act in there, too — something about jumping from a trampoline to the high wire ... I don't know. But it sounds almost dull compared to the first two.

Then, of course, there's the Farfans, "thrilling" trapeze artists who promise to execute dual triple somersaults in the air (madness!), which has never been done at the circus before, apparently.

The China Acrobatic Troupe will thrill you and make you crane your neck to figure out how in the h-e-double-hockey-sticks they do that. Hailing from the Beijing International Arts School, the troupe is complete with 13 acrobats,

See **GOH,** B-3



Mason Dade, 2, left, points out an insect of interest to his mother, Michelle, and his sister, Madison, 6. The Dades were among the hundreds of visitors who converged on Oxbow Meadows Sunday for the nature center's sixth annual Insectival.

Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Insect mania strikes Oxbow Meadows

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Things got a little "buggy" at Oxbow Meadows Sunday afternoon during the nature discovery center's sixth annual Insectival.

Part of Oxbow's Second Sunday Series, the Insectival gave community parents, children and nature lovers alike the chance to get up close and personal with their creepy, crawly counterparts.

The event featured an array of insects and "insect relatives," like spiders, ticks and scorpions; exhibits courtesy of Auburn University students and Callaway Gardens; an informational presentation by the college's Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology professor, Dr. Wayne Clark; arts and crafts, face painting and more.

All in all, the bug bash was a fun way to educate the public, said Jill Whitling, Oxbow's public outreach coordinator.

"A lot of kids have only heard about or read about these (creatures) in books," Whitling said. "But here, they're able to see them in person and touch them. And the parents get into it when their children get excited, so we offer something for both children and adults."

And indeed, it was a fun family outing. Take, for instance, 7-year-old Cody Stafford and his dad, Russell.



Brigitte Toon paints a butterfly on 3-year-old Katherine Scifers' face at Oxbow Meadows' Insectival Sunday.

The pair perused the outdoor insect displays, pointing out bugs of interest and asking questions of the staff ... until they came to the African millipede.

Cody stood back while his father handled the long, black insect and watched fearfully as it crawled along his hand.

"You want to hold it?" Russell offered, but Cody shook his head adamantly and backed away.

But curiosity got the best of the grade schooler after a bit.

"He was scared to hold him at first — I had to talk him into it," Russell said after Cody returned the millipede to its home. "But he was brave."



The African millipede was one of many insects on display.

And it's a good thing. Aside from his own backyard, Oxbow Meadows is pretty much the only educational exposure Cody is going to get to the great outdoors in the local area.

"We're the only nature-based center in Columbus, period," Whitling said. "And pretty much the only one south of Atlanta that does public programs."

Those programs include the Second Sunday Series, which offers demonstrations, presentations and hands-on education on a variety of nature-related topics, including upcoming programs on Native American skills, falconry and fur-bearing animals.

During the Native American skills demo, primitive skills specialist Ben Kirkland will explain and demonstrate the survival techniques used by different groups of Native Americans across North America.

The falconry expo will detail the art and science behind the sport of falconry in a slide-illustrated program by local falconer Ricky Schomburg. Event-goers will be introduced to the birds, their equipment, training methods and the history behind this ancient hunting technique.

And in October, Greg Waters, a wildlife biologist with the Department of Natural Resources, will give Oxbow visitors a little insight into fur-bearers, like bobcats, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, beavers, river otters and other furry friends.

Sunday Series programs are offered on the second Sunday of each month, usually from 2 to 3 p.m. The programs are generally free or $1-2.

For more information about the series or the variety of other programs and tours Oxbow offers, call 687-4090.

ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Claudine M. Andola
Office of Staff Judge Advocate

Q: I am an active-duty Soldier residing on post. During a recent thunderstorm, the electric power was fluctuating on and off, which caused damage to my television, DVD, VCR and computer. The wind was blowing really hard and blew a tree onto my car . Is there any way I can be reimbursed for the cost of repair to my television, DVD, VCR, computer and car? Can I file a claim?

A: According to Army Regulation 27-20, Chapter 11, damage to, or loss of property by fire, flood, hurricane, or other unusual occurrence, or by theft or vandalism may be considered when it occurs at your quarters.

Department of the Army Pamphlet 27-162, paragraph 11-5c(3)(a) states that storms, power surges and power outages are not unusual occurrences, and damage caused by such incidents is usually not compensable.

However, claims that electrical or electronic devises were damaged by a power surge may be paid when lightning has actually struck the claimant's residence or objects outside it, such as a transformer box, or when power company records or similar evidence show that a particular residence or group of residences were subjected to an unusually intense power surge.

It is virtually impossible to distinguish damage caused by a mechanical defect from damage caused by a power surge merely by inspecting the item.

Therefore, a repair firm's statement or a claimant's honest belief that the loss occurred as a result of a power surge during a storm may not be sufficient to show what caused the damage.

Moreover, in areas such as Columbus, subject to frequent thunderstorm or power fluctuations, claimants are expected to use a surge suppressor to protect delicate items, such as computers, VCR, DVD players and televisions.

While falling trees limbs are not an unusual occurrence, it is unusual for a large, healthy tree or a significant portion of one, to fall. If a tree limb should fall onto your car or any other personal property at your residence, take a picture of the tree on your item and call the military police to file a report of the incident.

You may come in to the Claims Office and obtain the requisite forms to file a claim for your damaged items.

For answers to similar questions, call the Claims Division at 545-2285 or refer to our Web site at http://www-benning.army.mil/SJA.

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

July MACH classes — The U.S. Army Medical Activity offers the following classes:

• An Expectant Parents Class from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Call 545-4041.

• A Diabetes Lifestyle Seminar through the Internal Medicine Clinic from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday.

• Weight-loss classes are offered Mondays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.

• A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

• A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.

• Active-duty weight classes are offered Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.

• A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.

• A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.

• A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends household goods to Soldiers and their families awaiting receipt of household goods or preparing to PCS. The lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

EFMP volunteers needed — The Fort Benning Child and Youth Services program is planning to offer a special needs summer camp. The CYS and the Exceptional Family Member Program needs volunteers to be camp assistants and buddies for participants.

For more information, call the EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

School screenings, sports physicals — MEDDAC Family Practice and Pediatric clinics will offer school screenings and sports physicals by appointments from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 27. Screenings include immunization record review, immunization and a 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.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative mailed surveys to family housing residents. The cut-off for responses is July 30.

For more information, call 545-0667.

EFMP information sessions — The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold information and support resource sessions the second Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m., Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza. EFMP family members are encouraged to attend to share information. Educational video tapes can be viewed on the following dates:

• Aug. 11 — Asperger Syndrome

• Sept. 8 — Three R's for Special Education (Rights, Resources and Results)

For more information, call 545-7517.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street. The letter allows for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests. This affects occupants of Iron Triangle, the "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 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 will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call 687-4830.

Educational Task Force — Volunteers are needed for a new Educational Task Force, which will deal with issues affecting military families and students. The task force will be comprised of parents who have students in the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Alá.), Phenix City, Fort Benning, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

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. 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.

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 a unit first sergeant or commander, the client can select a two-day supply of food.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for military spouses to interview for a new publication, *Military Spouse Magazine*, which begins publication in August. She is looking for 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.

Food program — The Department of the Army sponsors the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no charge to enrolled participants at the centers listed, 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.

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Columbus Hospice yard sale — The Columbus Hospice will hold a yard sale Saturday. Donations and volunteers are needed.

For more information, call 569-7992.

Sears military special — Sears Portrait Studio is creating hometown scrapbooks with portraits of customers, families and friends. Scrapbooks will be distributed for Thanksgiving to troops in all branches serving overseas.

Free studio sessions and four free 3x5 portraits will be offered Saturday through July 23 to consumers who want their portrait in a scrapbook. After July 23, every customer who makes a purchase through Aug. 15 will receive four free 3x5 portraits by mentioning "Thank Our Troops."

Sears Portrait Studio offers free portrait sessions and 20 percent off all in-studio and online portrait purchases through Dec. 31 to customers with a military ID.

For more information, call Robyn Frankel at (877) 863-3373.

Health Matter class — Health Matters of St. Francis will offer "Helping Your Child Achieve a Healthy Weight" from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday. This class, led by registered dietician Dianna Thomas, will emphasize teaching children to make healthful decisions. The cost of the class is $10 for one or both parents and includes the book *If Your Child Is Overweight*. Parents should plan to attend without children.

For more information or to register, call 596-4170.

Safe food training — The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will offer the course ServSafe: Serving Safe Food, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 27 and 28, Aug. 10, 11, 17 and 18.

The training will be located at the Columbus Consolidated Government Annex at 420 10th Street. It is open to managers and persons-in-charge at grocery stores, delis, etc. Registration requires a prepayment of $125. For more information, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

Japanese student picnic — Columbus State University, The International Network and members of the Japanese community will hold a picnic for Japanese exchange students at 6 p.m. July 27 at the CSU clock. The general public is invited for this potluck event.

For more information, call Merlina Salamanca at 323-9505, Kalei Givens at 297-0891 or Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357.

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. Tickets are $20 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.

Fund to help Marine family — Marine Staff Sgt. Fernando Martinez was seriously injured in a car accident while riding in the Atlanta Airport Shuttle Service. His is hospitalized at the Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. A fund has been set up to help the family. Send donations to:

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New state laws require child booster seats

Children younger than 6 must be in booster seat

Carol Ball
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and SAFE KIDS of Georgia

Effective July 1, Georgia parents are required by law to take an extra step to ensure the safety of their children.

The new law requires children younger than 6 to be restrained in a car seat or booster seat when in a motor vehicle.

The seat should be appropriate for their weight and height and used according to the manufacturer's instruction.

The law was signed by Gov. Sonny Perdue in May.

Children should graduate from a standard car seat to a belt-positioning booster seat when they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches tall. Booster seats can be affordably purchased at many discount retail stores.

Booster seats can reduce a child's risk of serious injury or death from motor vehicle crashes by 59 percent. In fact, children who only use seat belts are four times more likely to suffer serious head and brain injuries than those who use belt-positioning booster seats.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, only 10 to 20 percent of children who should use a booster seat actually do, accounting for a large number of preventable injuries and deaths.;

Vehicle safety does not end when the booster seat is removed. Children of any age should always be properly restrained.

More than 60 percent of children killed in motor vehicle crashes are completely unrestrained.

Children do not fit an adult lap and shoulder belt until they are about 4 feet 9 inches tall. Your child is ready for a safety belt when:

- He is tall enough to sit without slouching and can keep his back against the vehicle seat with his knees completely bent over the seat edge
- His feet rest flat on the floor
- The lap belt is low and snug across his upper thighs and the shoulder belt crosses the center of his chest and collar bone.

Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta and SAFE KIDS also recommend that parents frequently double-check that all restraint devices are installed and used correctly.

According to a survey by Children's, 96 percent of parents believe their child safety and booster seats are installed properly. However, nearly 82 percent are not.

Always refer to the car seat and booster seat instructions and the vehicle owner's manual for correct use and installation information.

CLOSER LOOK

The new law, which went into effect July 1, requires extra safety measures to protect children in motor vehicles. To keep child passengers safe:

- Children younger than 6 must be restrained in a car seat or booster seat when in a motor vehicle.
- Children should not graduate from a standard car seat to a belt-positioning seat until they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches tall.
- Children should not graduate to an adult lap and shoulder belt until they are about 4 feet 9 inches tall.
- Your child is not ready for a safety belt until the is tall enough to sit without slouching and can keep his back against the vehicle seat with his knees completely bent over the seat edge; his feet rest flat on the floor; and the lap belt is low and snug across his upper thighs and the shoulder belt crosses the center of his chest and collar bone.

A parent whose child rejects booster seats should set an example by buckling up. Children are less likely to resist using safety precautions if their parents use them.

For more information about child passenger safety and the new law, call Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at (404) 250-KIDS or visit www.choa.org or www.safekids.org.

GOH: Three-ring adventure

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ranging from 10 to 22 years old. And ooh, when I saw the pictures, all I could think was, "Good God, that looks like it hurts."

And who doesn't want to see all the cute, little animals. There'll be lions ("majestic male lions," that is) and amazing elephants (who knew a pachyderm had talent?).

There's a free pre-show available to ticket-holders, The Three-Ring Adventure. An hour before the show you can meet the star elephants, experience Clown Alley up close and try on performers' costumes.

Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through July 24, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. July 24 and 2 p.m. July 25.

Tickets are $12 for the last six rows in the upper level, $17 for lower and upper level, $22 for VIP and Telescopics and $27 for VIP floor seats.

There is also a military discount available — $5 off $12 and $15 tickets for any performance. For the discount, tickets can be purchased at Omega World Travel or at the Columbus Civic Center with military I.D.

Tickets are on sale now. Visit ticketmaster.com.

Fund: To expand literacy

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and take advantage of face painting.

The park is located at 1441 Benning Drive. For more information about the book party, call 689-1331.

To contribute to Patrick's fund, send donations to:

The Patrick Tainsh Books for Children Fund

The Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley Inc.

P.O. Box 1620

11 10th Street

Columbus, GA 31902-1620

Checks should be made payable to either "The Patrick Tainsh Books for Children Fund" or to "The Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley," including a note on the memo line that they are meant for Patrick's fund. $27 will purchase 12 books for one child, and $135 will purchase 60 books.

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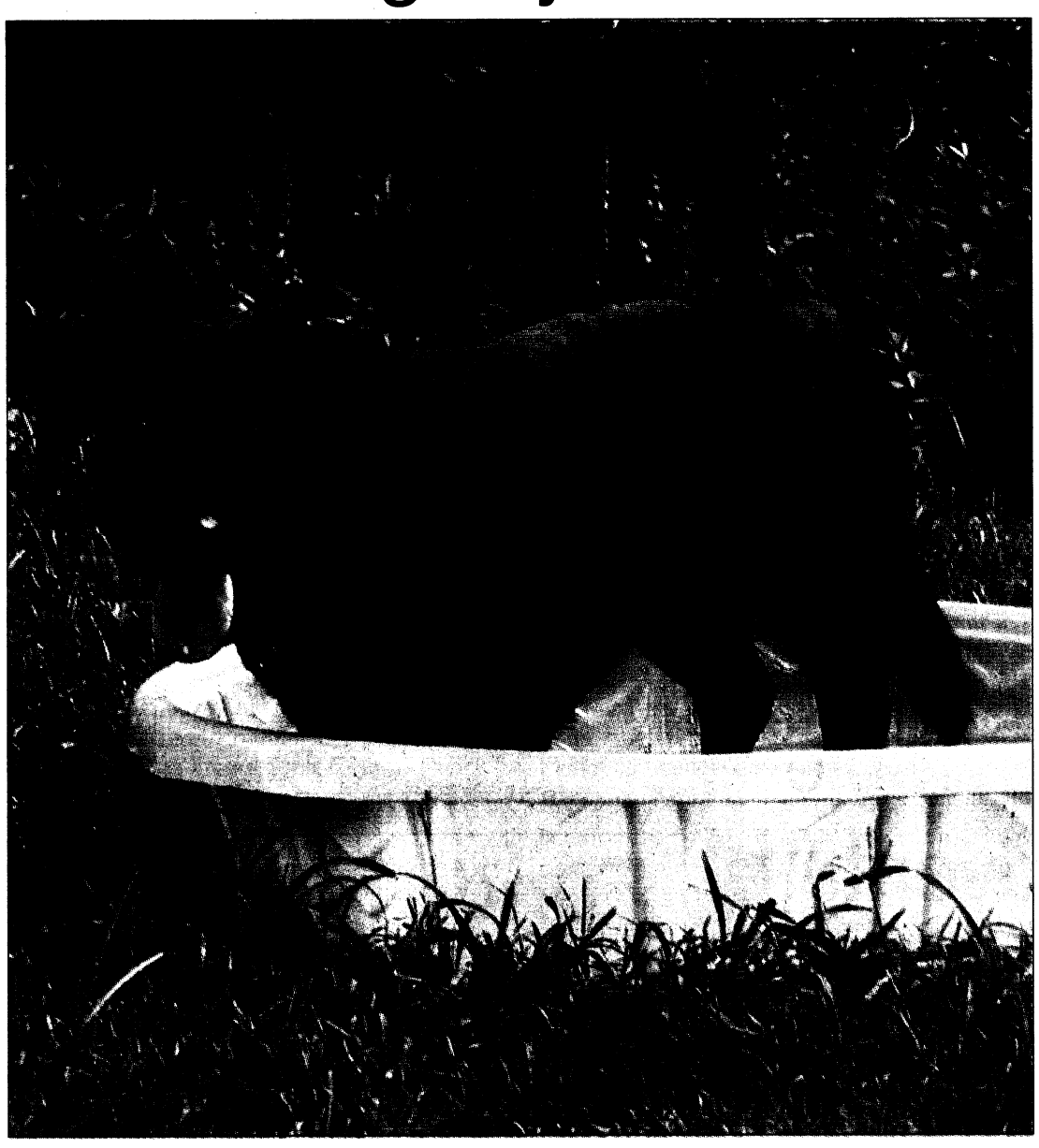
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GET THE FACTS READ THE BAYONET.

Protect pets from dog days of summer

Dogs need adequate shelter, water

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff



Spc. David Foley

Protect your four-legged friends from the summer heat by ensuring they have shelter and shaded water, which should be changed regularly.

The dog days of summer are here, literally.

With temperatures constantly in the 90s and heat indices in the 100s, pet owners should take precautions to keep their pets safe.

Fort Benning regulations state that in warm weather, pets should not be left unattended in cars.

Veterinary technician Megan Tompkins, of the Fort Benning Veterinary Clinic, recommends not taking pets in the car if they don't need to go with you.

"Dogs don't have glands to secrete sweat. They pant and their skin temperature goes up. Short-nosed dogs, like bulldogs and pugs, are more susceptible to heatstroke," Tompkins said.

Pet owners who keep their animals outside need to ensure they take proper safety precautions, especially in the sun and heat.

According to USAIC Regulation 40-18, animals kept outside need to have adequate food, water and shelter. Sgt. 1st Class Patricia Thomas, Bouton Heights and Davis Hill Community Life NCO, said animals need to have a shaded area and fresh water daily.

Tompkins also recommended that animals have a sheltered area in the yard, especially where the water is kept.

"Watch your backyard, how the sun rises and sets, and move the water accordingly. A doghouse provides shade and does keep the animal cooler than being in direct sunlight."

Tompkins said the easiest and most inexpensive way to keep dogs hydrated is to buy a small kiddie pool and fill it with water daily. Pet owners who suspect their dogs may be overheated can check by feeling inside the ear flap or the pads of the feet.

"Although dogs don't have sweat glands, they do secrete moisture through the pads of their feet. A dog that has a dry nose does not necessarily have a fever — it's a myth," she said. "Dogs that are panting excessively, are lethargic or collapse need to be hydrated and taken to a vet immediately. Also, rubbing alcohol can be applied to the ear flap and pads of feet to cool off a dog," Thompkins said.

Owners should also refrain from taking dogs for long walks during the day.

"Dogs should get limited exercise during the heat of the day," Thompkins stated. "Walk them early in the morning or late at night, when the humidity isn't as bad."

People who see an animal without adequate necessities should take action.

"Call Animal Control. Call someone," said Sgt. 1st Class Caesar Harris, Bouton Heights and Davis Hill Community Life NCO. "Don't let these animals be abused. It's not fair to the animal."

Residents of Fort Benning who see abused or neglected animals can call the Community Life Office at 545-3069 or the military police at 545-5222.

Pvt. Murphy's Law



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Show God thankfulness for mercies and graces

Be grateful for independence, blessings

Chaplain (Capt.) Patrick R. Basal
U.S. Army Garrison

If you have had occasion to read any business magazines in recent years, you have undoubtedly seen an ad that goes something like this: "In business you don't get what you deserve; you get what you negotiate."

That may be true in the business realm, but it is not true in the spiritual realm. If we got what we deserved, we would be far worse off then the proverbial "man up the creek without a paddle." As the poor wretched sinners we are, we would be eternally separated from our heavenly father.

Moreover, if we got what we negotiated, we would have to find stronger words than "bankrupt," "destitute" or "pauper" to describe our condition. The reality is that we have nothing with which to successfully negotiate with God.

In Mercy, God withholds from us the judgment we so justly deserve.

In Grace, God bestows upon us blessings so rich and abundant that eternity itself will not provide time to exhaust the telling of them.

Let others negotiate with God based on their good works. Their end will be disastrous.

Wise men fall prostrate before a holy God who is a consuming fire and appropriate the grace of God, which comes through faith in our Lord and savior Christ Jesus.

REFLECTIONS

The month of July when we celebrate our nation's declaration of its independence is upon us.

Above all of those things for which we should celebrate, we should give thanks not for what we deserve or what we have negotiated for, but for God's unmerited favor bestowed upon our nation and upon us.

In 1840 Alexis de Tocqueville wrote *The Democracy of the United States* about the reason for America's greatness.

"I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests — and it was not there," he wrote.

"I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public schools systems and in her institutions of higher learning — and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution — and it was not there.

"Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"

Our pulpits have proclaimed righteousness and goodness, while seeking God's unmerited favor until now, but that does not negate our responsibility of appropriating the grace of God.

As President Andrew Jackson lay dying, he pointed to the Bible on the table by his bed and said to his companion, "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."

Not only does our republic rest on the Bible, but our lives rest on it as well. For God waits to hear from us, and if we show our thankfulness for his mercies and grace, he will gladly see us through all our troubles, and bestow abundant blessings upon our nation and us.

What better way is there for us to walk through life then by giving thanks and glory to our Lord who loves us and cares for us.

We must never forget that saying thank you is comely. It may be a little thing but it is never a small thing.

So while we still celebrate our independence this month let us say, "Thank you, Lord," for his abundant grace and mercy toward our nation.

Make moving a memorable experience for the whole family

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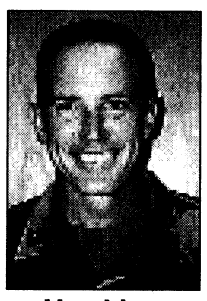
"But Mom, Dad .. I don't want to move!" If you're part of a family in the military, then it's just about this time of year that you may have fingernail scratches on your front porch from children who may not be as excited about moving as you are!

Fortunately, precious few moves prove terminal for our children, but there's no denying that departing for, or arriving from, a PCS can be some of the choppiest waters your family may face.

In a book titled *But Mom ... I Don't Want to Move*, Susan Miller gives some great tips to help calm the waters at your quarters and bring about smoother sailing:

Have a good good-bye

• Have your children make a list of everyone they want to say goodbye to.


Hawkins

Then, you can either buy or make an address book (this can be a special project) for names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays and other things to remember about each friend.

Don't forget that some friends might have e-mail addresses, too.

They can send "e-hugs" to stay in touch!

• Gather to celebrate good friends and good times.

This could be anything from a pizza party, a sleepover, a "build your own ice cream sundae" party, or an open house. It might be easier if you don't call it a farewell party.

• Remember your child's friends with a small gift of friendship or have a picture taken for remembrance. One of our moving friends made a picture magnet of their children for our refrigerator.

• A handmade gift from your child is especially meaningful. Make a bookmark with a special handwritten message and a picture as a keepsake. You can have it laminated at a printing store.

Come together while you drive away

• Be a focused listener. Go easy on asking a lot of questions as you drive. Turn off your cell phone. Make calls when you stop for a break. This is the time to focus on your kids.

• Tune in their music. Take this opportunity to discuss the songs and lyrics. Designate a time for personal electronics.

• Point out things of interest along the way. They can be great conversation starters.

Celebrate!

• Buy some helium balloons and tie them on the mailbox.

• Open a bottle of sparkling cider and let everyone "toast" to the family's arrival, new home and new beginnings.

• As you walk from room to room in your house, pray God's blessings over each room.

Specifically pray for the activities, family and friends that will become a part of your home. This can be a meaningful time for everyone in the family.

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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.	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

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

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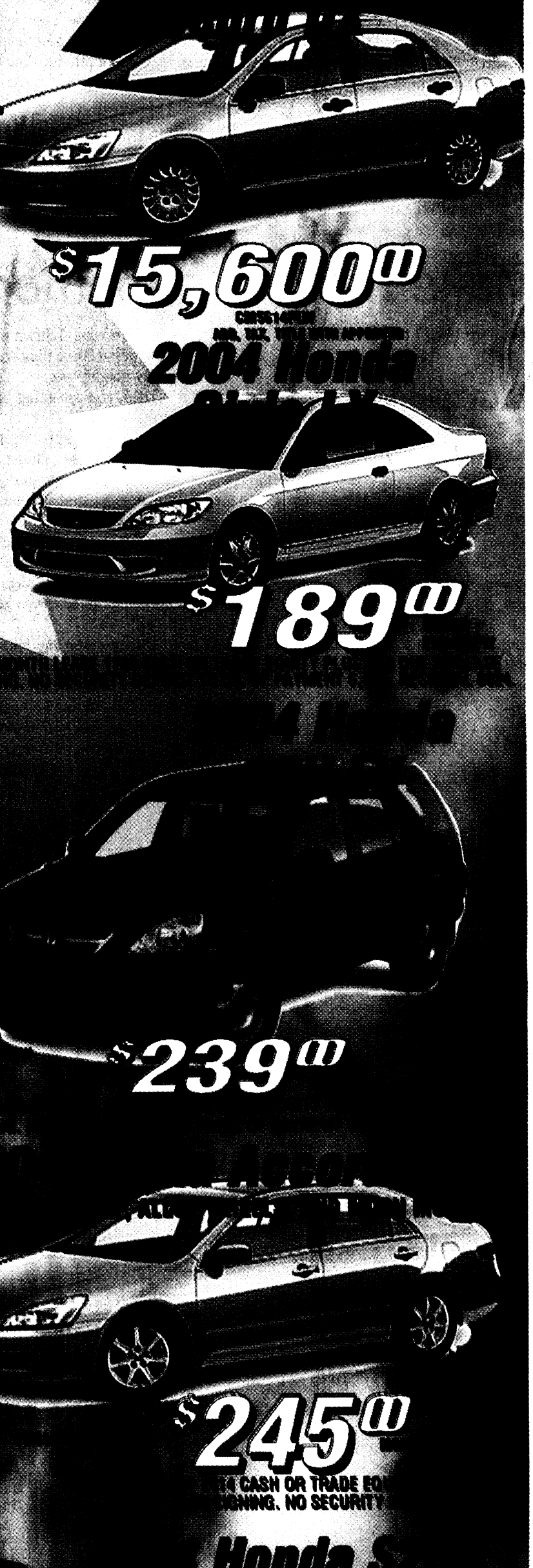
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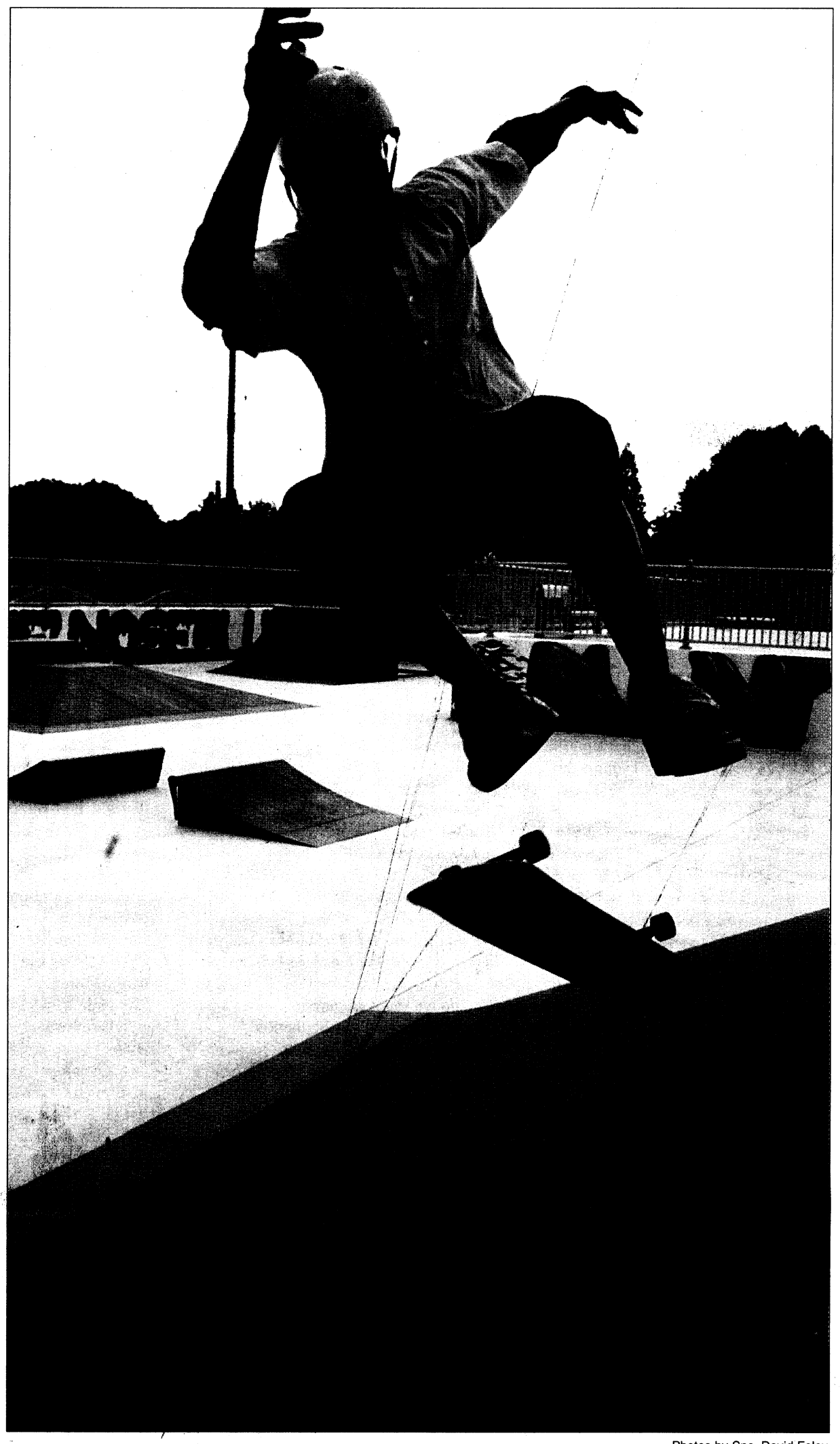
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Cliff Patton takes flight over the pyramid at the Child and Youth Services Skatepark June 30.

Photos by Spc. David Foley

Dannon Rogers performs a shove-it kickflip on the wedge ramp at the CYS skatepark June 30. The skatepark will host skateboard competitions July 31 and Aug. 14.

CYS to host free board competition

Event open to post, community

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Child and Youth Services will host a free skateboard competition at the new CYS skatepark July 31.

The competition will be open to all children between the ages of 10 and 18, whether or not they're affiliated with Fort Benning.

Christi Miller, CYS sports specialist, said, "Opening the competition to the public gives everybody a chance to see what we have to offer, and it lets the outside world know we are here.

"I am looking forward to this competition," she said. "I think it's going to be big."

Dorrie Wagner, child and youth program assistant, said she expects the competition to be a success because it will be free for spectators and competitors.

"In fact," she said, "they can show up with nothing but the shirts on their backs and still compete."

CYS has skateboards, knee and elbow pads, helmets and inline skates to loan competitors.

The competition will be divided into three age groups, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. Each skater will make three runs and be judged in three categories — overall, sickest trick and consistency.

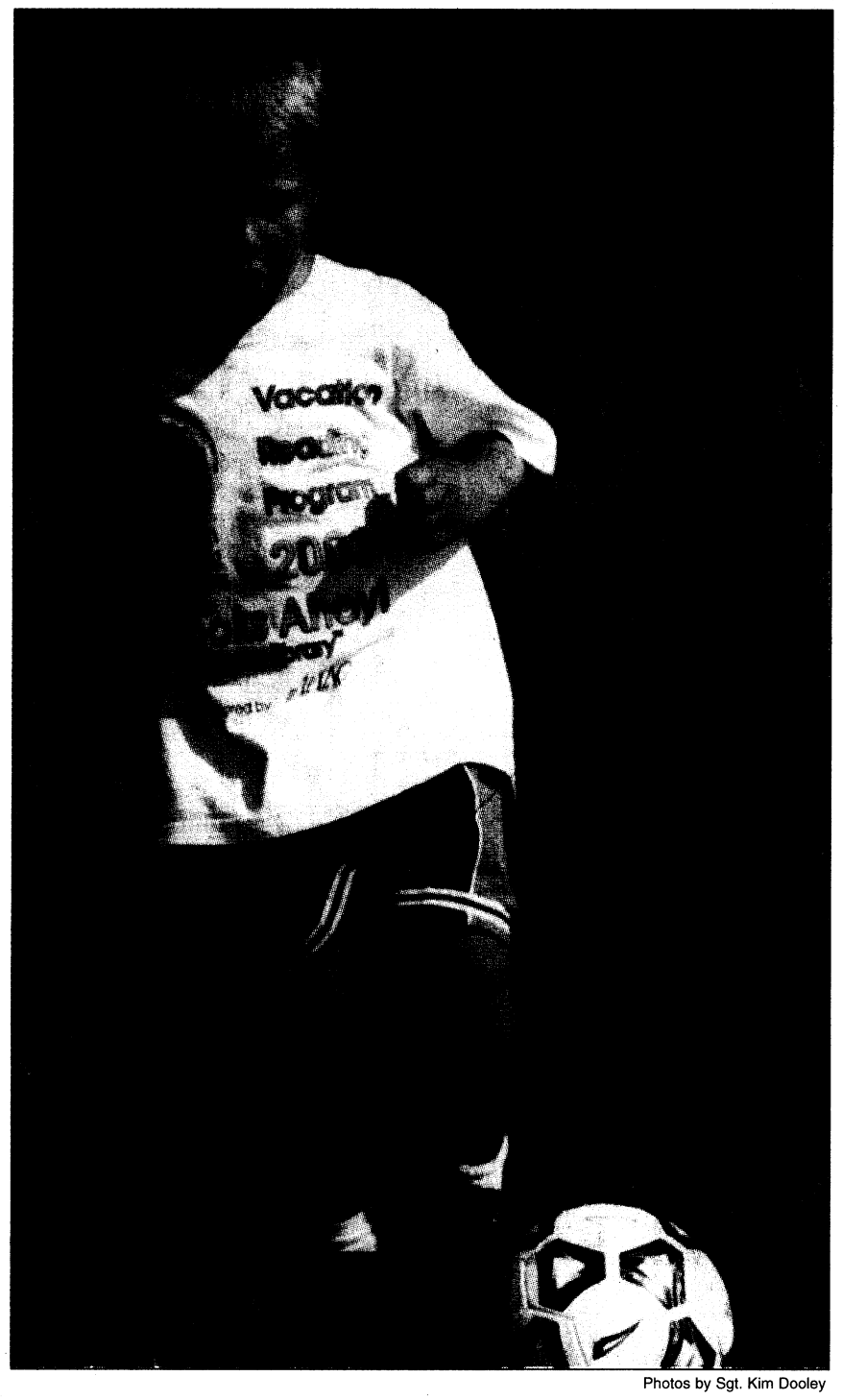
While the "sickest trick" category is basically self explanatory, Miller said the "overall" category is based on the skater's variety of tricks and the use of the park as a whole.

The "consistency" rating is based on the skater's ability to make tricks flow smoothly and appear effortless.

"A lot of kids are excited about this," Miller said. "And we have quite a few good skaters here. I've seen what some of them can do, and they are really good."

There will also be a competition Aug 14. Competitors must register by July 28 for the July 31 competition, and by Aug. 11 for the Aug. 14 competition.

For more information or to register for the competitions, call Miller at 545-3540.



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Noah Miller, 5, braves the heat during practice at the Child and Youth Services Soccer Camp Tuesday morning. About 11 children participated in the weeklong camp, which took place on French Field.



Brandon Orloff, 5, gets a running start before kicking the ball back into bounds during a game at soccer camp Tuesday morning.

Post kids step out for soccer

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

If there's one thing Chloe Hoffman knows, it's that she *loooves* soccer. Maybe not as much as school, but it's close.

Her feet fresh to the field, Chloe's only been playing for about a month now, but to hear her talk, you'd think the Child and Youth Services Soccer Camp she attended this week was the highlight of the 6-year-old's summer.

"We do drills and run and warm up and play games and kick the ball around!" she exclaimed during Tuesday's practice.

"I'm not a very good goalie," she said, "but I'm good at running and having fun."

Chloe and about 10 other post youths between the ages of 4 and 15 turned out for the weeklong camp, which was held on French Field.

There, the campers learned technique, rules of the game and a little bit of teamwork, too.

Mason Trimble — who's 7 *and a half*, by the way — loved the practices. But he was really excited about the memorabilia he took home at the end of the week.

"I like soccer, because I like to score goals and win trophies," he said.

And the one-month soccer veteran got just that.

"We get a trophy and a medal and a certificate for coming and doing soccer all day!" he said.

Meanwhile, 5-year-old Noah Miller was happy just to play.

"The best part is rolling the ball," he proclaimed. "But it's so hot!"

Shooter brings character to Olympic team

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Dulohery is a man of character. *Lots* of character.

"Isn't that what they say — failure builds character? I've got lots of character built up," said Dulohery, who's toted around baggage filled with near-misses and lost opportunities since 1992, when he missed his first shot at the Olympics. Barely.

"By one target — one shot," he said, with a shake of his head. "I've come so close so many times."

Indeed, Dulohery suffered the same fate in 1996, missing by one target. And he missed his chance at the 2000 Olympics because his father was critically ill.

Now the 39-year old shotgun shooter is packing his bags for Athens, Greece, where he'll represent the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit next month at the 2004 Olympics.

"This is it, finally. The big show. It's kind of a release of all the failure," he said, then abruptly checked himself. "I hate to use the word failure. It felt that way, but there were a lot of successes along the way."

Like the bronze medal he earned at the World Cup finals in Italy last year, the silver he brought home from the World Championship skeet competition, and the golds he won at the Golden Bear, Maple Leaf and Mighty Missouri matches. The list goes on and on.

The tale of Dulohery's career reads much like his road to the Olympics. Lot's of ups and downs.

He was a sophomore at Central Missouri State University in 1985, when a soccer injury altered his course in a big way. Dulohery took up shooting again, a skill he learned as a child from his father, a competitive shooter.

When he placed well in his first collegiate competition with a gun he borrowed from a teammate, the AMU coach offered him a slot on the team. But the business major had other plans.



Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Dulohery will head to Athens, Greece, to represent the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit in the Olympics.

"I envisioned a company car and a fat expense account," he said. "It didn't work that way."

Dulohery tended bar after college and racked up a hefty balance on his credit cards. His auto insurance lapsed right before he was involved in an accident, one that caused more than $20,000 worth of damage.

"I like to share this story with kids who don't have any direction in their life, kids who think they can't make it," he said.

"I was despondent. My dad pretty much told me to take responsibility and grow up. I had no idea what I was going to do. Then I remembered that AMU coach."

The rest, as they say, is history. The debts — they're history, too. What remains is a deep appreciation for his dad's tough love and the opportunities the Army has afforded him.

"I love what I do, and I'm one of the most fortunate people on the face of the earth to do what I do," he said.

The prospect of competing in the Olympics has Dulohery nearly "jumping out of his skin," but it's tempered by a small sense of guilt.

"In light of what's going on in the world and everything that's happened since 9-11, yeah, I feel a little bit guilty having it so good," he said. "I just hope that I can do my job, that I can perform half as good as they've done over there."

Kleenex, anyone? I'm a Red Sox fan

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

I love sports. Football and baseball are my favorites, and, having grown up in Massachusetts, I follow the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots.

Being a Patriots fan has been easy — they've won two Super Bowls in the past three years. Being a Red Sox fan, on the other hand, is like being a glutton for punishment, year after year after year.

So why do I torture myself so? Good question. I remember being a little girl, going to my grandparents' house on the weekend, and watching the Red Sox with my grandfather. I figured if my grandfather liked the Red Sox, then I should, too. The rest of my family are Red Sox fanatics, so it just fit.

We fans know that one day, hopefully in our lifetime, we will see the Sox win the World Series. It's been a long time since



1918, the last time they won. We were this close last year. Game 7 of the American League Championship Series, and Yankee Aaron Boone dashed our hopes for yet another year with an out-of-nowhere home run. Which brings me to another point, obviously one I can't not talk about — the New York Yankees.

I won't speak for all Red Sox fans, but the majority of Sox fans hate the Yankees. Hate is a strong word, but here it is fitting. Why do we hate the Yankees? Just like most of us learned to love the Red Sox, it was ingrained in us from birth, we were taught to hate the Yankees. It goes hand in hand. Love the Sox, hate the Yankees. And most Yankees fans hate the Red Sox, love to rub salt in the wound of not winning as many championships as they have. I have one thing to say about that — money. It makes sense that if you have more money, you can buy better players.

And then there's that silly curse. I refuse to believe that just because Babe Ruth left the Red Sox to play for the Yankees we're "cursed."

So why do I and countless other Sox fans continue to follow the proverbial underdogs? Loyalty.

We know we can win the World Series; we just don't know when. We know we have the talent — Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz and Curt Schilling were just picked for the All-Star team and have continually performed well.

So while it is not easy being a Red Sox fan, it is rewarding in its own way.

I don't jump on and off the bandwagon of whatever team wins. I follow the highs and lows and wear my Red Sox gear with great pride and even have the Red Sox logo on my checks.

Hey, we've always got the Pats.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Briant Wells closure — The Briant Wells Fitness Center will be closed today for maintainance.

Youth summer golf clinic — Registration for CYS Youth Sports and Fitness' Youth Summer Golf Clinic ends at 1 p.m. today at the registration office, Building 359.

The clinic is open to family members, ages 8-17, of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians. Participants must have a CYS membership card.

The clinic will be Monday through Wednesday at the Fort Benning Golf Course. Cost is $20 per child. For more information, call 545-3582.

off post

Special Olympics volunteers — The 2004 Special Olympics Master's Bowling Tournament will be Saturday and Sunday at the AMF Peach Lanes in Columbus. Volunteers, 16 or older, are needed. Shifts are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 464-4950.

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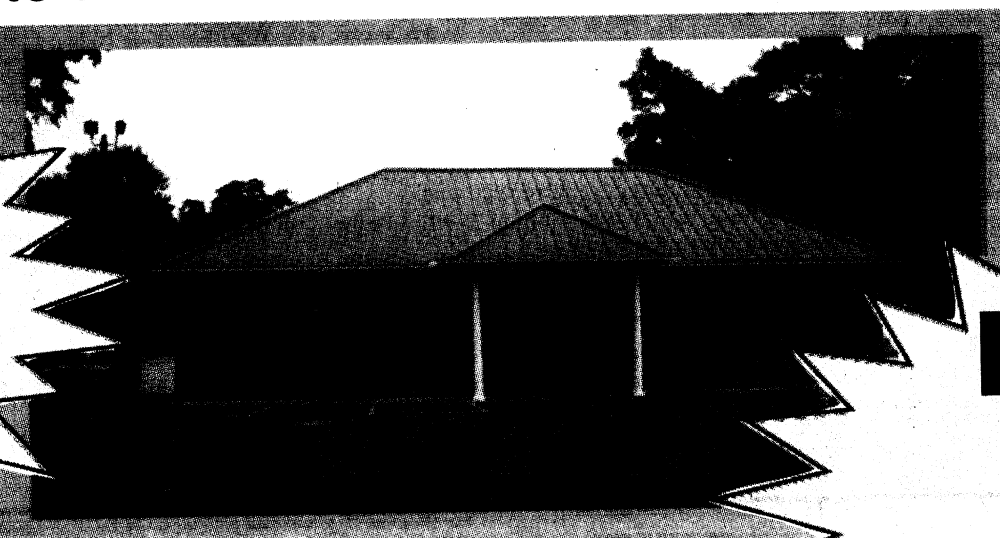
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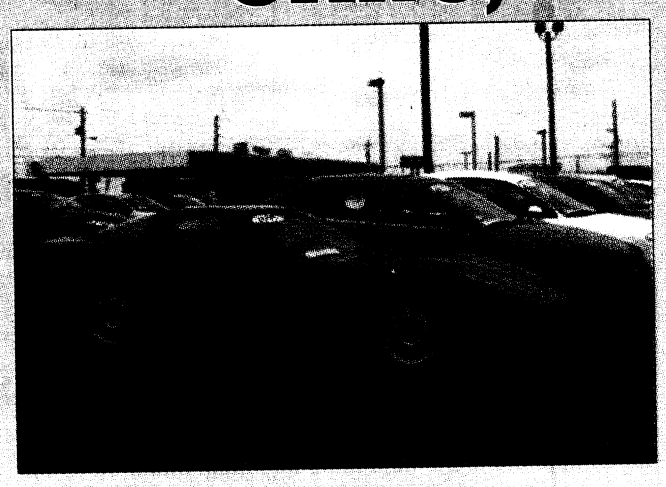
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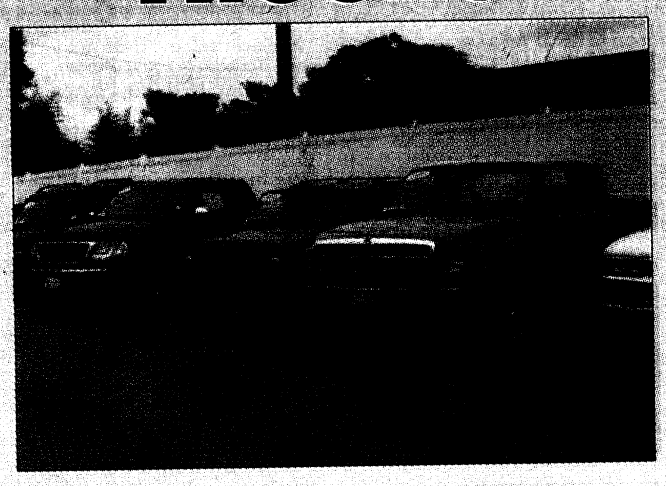
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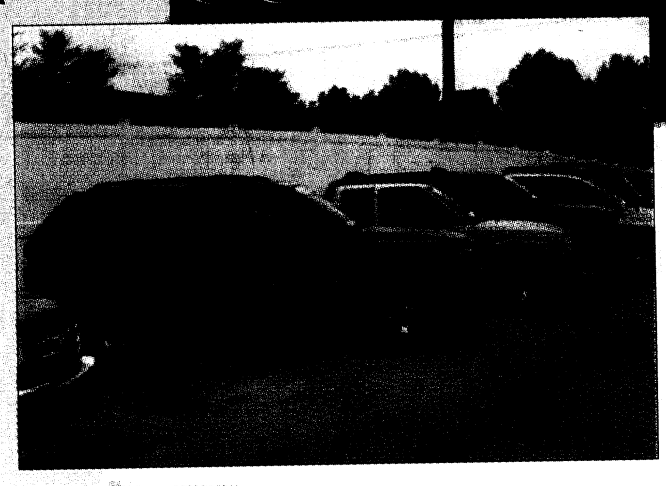


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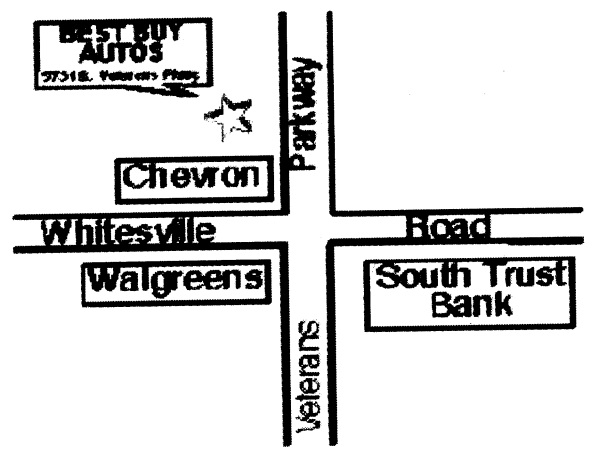


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00 Chevy Malibu LS 4Dr, auto, air, pl, pw, CD, $4,000 . $0 Down, $72. month, 72 months, 6.9% APR, + TTT, WAC. 866-686-2326 (F23)

04 Chevy Venture Quad door LS Van dual air, Cd, pl, pw, $15,999 $0 Down, $288 month 72 moths, 6.9% APR, +TTT, WAC 866-686-2326 (F16)

98 Chevy Malibu LS 4dr, air, pl, pw, $2,995 866-686-2326 (F16)

01 Kia Rio- Auto, air, 30+ mpg, yellow-green, excellent condition $4200 (706) 566-7678 (F23)

Suv's/Trucks and Vans

85 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4 Black, good body, two new tires on rear, new callipers, pads, and rotors. Needs carburator $500. OBO 706-687-2206 (F16)

00 Jeep Cherokee Laredo, 44k, cd, auto, execellent condition, Must Sale! $14,300 obo. Call 706-325-6665 (F16)

01 Ford TRK F-150 Lariat package 4x4 Green Quad Cab , bumper grill, taneau top , running boards , clean 45K $22,800. OBO. 706-687-1469/706-545-3991 (F23)

01 Honda Odyssey EX, 5dr, 57K, great condition, dealer serviced, $16,900 (706)320-9987 (F23)

02 Kia Sedona Mini-van, Blue/silver, loaded, exellent cond. new tires, V-6, 39K, asking $14,500 OBO Call 334-855-2278 Leave message.

00 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR, LOADED, 5.4L.V-8, 300HP, GOLD/TAN LEATHER, CAPTAIN'S CHAIR SEATS, LOCALLY OWNED, NON-SMOKER, NEW TIRES, LOW MI., 2WD, 4DR, AUTO, AIR BAGS, ABS, ALPINE SOUND SYS. W/6CD CHANGER, COLD AC, KEYLESS ENTRY W/ALARM, PW, PDL, PS, PB, TILT STEERING WHEEL, AUTO SEAT ADJ., VERY SHARP, EXC. COND., IDEAL FOR LARGE FAMILY, TOW HOOK-UP, BACK-UP SENSORS, & MORE, $23,995, 706/568-1447, COLUMBUS. GIVE "BUZZ" A BUZZ. SUBMITTED BY COLONEL, US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES, RET., DONALD M. "BUZZ" McKAY, JR. 5112 E. TIMBALIER CT. COLUMBUS, GA 31907. HM. PH. 706/568-1447. (F23)

01 Chevy Silverado X-Cab LS, buckets, console, pl, pw, CD, one very fussy owner $14,750 BUY HERE - PAY HERE. 866-686-2326 (F16)

04 Chevy Trail Blazer LT, Extended, power, heated seats, XM radio, on-star, awesome, smells like new $18,900. BUY HERE, PAY HERE 866-686-2326 (F16)

00 Chevy Suburban LT, duaal air, on-star, power, heated seats, nicest 00 model in the south! Barely driven , used for family travel only. $16,999 866-686-2326. (F16)

00 Chevy Tahoe 4 dr, LS, finished in luscious platinum metalic with flawless dove leather, every service receipt, previous owner name on request $10,900 and worth much more, loaded of course. 866-686-2326 (F16)

98 Chevy Silverado pw. V-6, auto, air, pl, pw, cd, elderly driven $7,999 866-686-2326 (F16)

97 Chevy S-10 LS Ext. Cab, pl, V-6 auto, air, CD, $5,950. 866-686-2326 (F16)

01 Chevy Suburban LS, dual air, pl, pw, power seats, $17,500 WORKING LADIES CREDIT. 866-686-2326 (F16)

01 Chevy Silverado Z71 V-8 auto, air, pl, pw, CD, beautiful 4X4 $14,950. 866-686-2326 (F16)

99 Chevy Silverado Z71 4X4 Ext. Cab p/w, Gorgeous platinum over beach buckets, console, on-star, finest Delco CD sound! Looks and smells like new $12,850 866-686-2326 (F16)

98 Chevy Venture Quad Dr, Van, dual air, LS pkg, Disney entertainment model, dual air, $4,999 866-686-2326 (F16)

01 Chevy S-10 Pw, V-6 , 5 speed, CD, all power, elderly owned, $7,500. Young people finance. 866-686-2326 (F16)

03 Chevy Silverado 3500 series one Ton Daully , loaded, mint! $16,800 866-686-2326 (F16)

04 Chevy Tahoe LS 4dr, Pewtor over graphite! Eveeery GM option $29,999 866-686-2326 (F16)

96 Chevy Silverado X-Cab pw, Gorgeous one owner , complete service file , loaded, $6,500 866-686-2326 (F16)

99 Chevy Tahoe 4dr, LS, dual air, pw, pl, CD, $9,850 WORKING LADIES CREDIT No co-signer needed. 866-686-2326 (F16)

01 Chevy Tahoe LT, 4dr, Beautiful flame red, all books and records, still looks and smells new, perfect music system $16,750 866-686-2326 (F16)

99 Chevy Suburban LS, dual air, CD, all power, see to appreciate! $7,999. BUY HERE- PAY HERE. 866-686-2326 (F16)

86 Jeep CJ soft top runs great, $2,000 866-496-2326 Cash only. (F16)

03 Buick Century 4 dr, auto, air, pw, pl, No credit check with down payment PREACHER'S CAR $9,500 866-686-2326. (F16)

02 Buick Rendazous SUV loaded, 4X4 pl, pw, CD, $13,999. 866-686-2326 BUY HERE-PAY HERE (F16)

99 Cadillac El Dorado, flawless, heated leather seats, concert hall sound system, elderly owned. $11,999. BUY HERE-PAY HERE. 866-686-2326 (F16)

04 Dodge Ram 1500 (4) 17" OEM Wheels and Tires $800.00 or O.B.O Call 706-561-5426 p.m 706-545-6461 a.m. Cell 706-615-6362. (F23)

Motorcycles/Atv's

00 XR70 Motorcycle. Excellent Condition. $800 Call 683-9703. (F16)

00 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster XLC with 2,500 miles; like new with lots of extras. Asking $6000. Call 329-8203 (F16)

01 suzuki Katana 750 with 5,500 miles never laid down with 2 mathching helmets and jacket. $6,500 O.B.O call Joe 269-838-8917 (F16)

77 Chevy Nova must sell 350 small block, hydraulics alarm . Call 689-1200 leave message. (F16)

02 Suzuki RM125 dirt bike, barely ridden, super condition, price includes complete gear, $2,400. Call 334-297-0608. (F23)

99 Ducati 996 less han 70000 miles $9,000 OBO Call Corey 334-614-0224 (F23)

01 Kawasaki ZX9R 12,750 miles over $3000 invested plus new custom paint, riding jacket, gloves, and shoes, helmet matching the bike. Many extras plus have all the originals factory parts asking $7500 OBO Call Bryan 689-3848. (F23)

03 Softail, Custom Built, Harley 1340cc V twin engine, less than 1500 miles, flaming red, 5 speed, lots of chrome, titled & registered, must see to appreciate; $14,500 obo; 569-645 566-1076 569-5295 (F23)

Towing Services

Towing Long Distance fully insured. Call for best rate. Suburban Towing 222-649-7919 (PJ7)

Towing Items

Blue 0x10" Drop Receiver $75.00 OBO Call 682-5279 leave message. (F23)

Utility Trailers

Draw Tite Hitches, Sprayed Bed Liners, Trailer Repairs, Parts, Trailers and Hitches, 596-0380. (PTFN)

Auto Accessories

4 Mustang GT rims 16 inch 5 spoke, 5 lug. Excellent condition. $250 Call HM 706-687-7829 or Cell 706-464-4515. (F16)

(4) Kaizer IV 22 inch Chrome Rims with tirtes Exc. cond. Rims will only fit 6 Lug vehicles , $2200 OBO Call Morgan 229-942-4445 (F23)

Michelin Tires four 265/70R/17LTX/AS less than 200 miles $450. OBO 682-9828 (F23)

Businesses & Services

FREE FILING
The Fort Benning Tax Center is now open for business on an appointment basis. Please call during the following business hours to schedule an appointment
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 (FTFN)

New in Columbus German Groceries & Deli, 5078 Veterans Parkway Open Mon-Fri. 11a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (P16)

FCC Home has openings in Custer Terrace . Call Leslie @ 682-9955. (P6)

Electronics & Appliances

1 set Kenmore washer and dryer **only** $179. Guaranteed. Free set up and delivery. 464-3245. (PTFN)

Washer and Dryer match set:
$199.95 & up.
Refrigerators **$135 & up.**
Stoves **$150 & up.**
All appliances very clean.
FREE delivery & warranty.
Unwanted appliances pickup free.
Joe's Appliance
4216-A Hamilton Rd. **653-0906**
and/or
1014 13th St. Phenix City, AL **298-0080**
(PTFN)

Washer and Dryer - both $150. Portable Dishwasher - $100. All good condition. Call 683-9703. (F16)

Frigidaire Portable Dishwasher. 2 years old, good condition, white. $200. Call 322-9190 (F16)

Pioneer Home theater system ,children's toys, various vhs movies, graco playpen,computer software,etc. call for prices. 706-689-7747 (F16)

Mitsubishi BIG Screen TV 100.00 obo (706)687-6857 (F23)

19"tv $25, microwave like new $30, VCR $20, food dehydrater $20. call 682-8511 (F23)

Whirlpool Super Capacity Washer and dryer, white, $250/pair. (706) 320-9987 (F23)

Whirlpool washer and dryer, new condition, paid $750 three years ago when new, asking $325 OBO. Please call 464-7425 or 544-1213 (F23)

Sony 32" HDTV Only 1 yr old. Great picture. HDTV capable. TechCraft stand included. $800. Call 570-2869. (F23)

Furniture

Three piece black metal coffee table set with glass tops, excellent cond. set includes coffee table and two end tables , asking $75 OBO. Call 706-536-3629 lv. message. (F23)

Computer Desk new $30. OBO. Call 682-4646 (F16)

Baby crib and dresser/changing table combo made by Bassett. Solid furniture that is in good condition. Light cherry wood. It's perfect for a boy or girl. Call 685-0079 or 536-4005 (cell). (F16)

3 piece Over Stuffed Couch, Love Seat and Chair. Good Condition. Jackal Fabric/Brown $400. Kitchen/dining room glass table with 4 High top Fabric chairs $50 Call HM 706-687-7829 or Cell 706-464-4515. (F16)

Antique Kitchen Buffet, oak, two drawers, 2 cabinets, $100 obo. Call 569-1047. (F16)

3 piece sofa, love seat, chair, Blue, great condition, must see, $300 OBO. Call 297-8360 or 325-9399. (F16)

Kids Daybed, black with blue fabric $ 100.00, wooden toy bench $ 30.00, 3 ceramic molds $ 3.00 each. Call: 568-1891 (F16)

Green recliner Lane massager $150.00 Curio Cabinet $100.00. Call 568-0588 (F16)

Jenny Lind bed w/ mattress, sheets, & padding. Good condition. $50 568-0133 (F23)

Tan Sectional Sofa with pullout bed and 2 recliners Good cond. $350.OBO Call (706)687-6857 (F23)

3 Pc Shrunk/Entertainment Stand light oak color w/glass doors and shelves, also wine glass racks A MUST SEE $400. OBO 687-8887 (F23)

Wood grain Cosco crib and sealy mattress for sale, hardly used, like new. $175 value asking $60. If interested call 706-464-7843. (F23)

China Cabinet beige and gold color $150., chain link fence $75., conference work table $40. Call 706-687-1469 (F23)

Two 4ft by 2 and 1/2ft shuffle board table and foos ball table for sale $50 dollars for both. Call 706-687-1959 or Cell 402-578-5587 (F23)

White wood/metal kitchen table and four chairs. Must pick up yourself. $30 Please Call 568-6930 (F23)

Futon for sale in great condition $80.00 call 706-689-2781 (F23)

Noah's Ark Crib Set Includes comforter, side bumper, head bumper, dust ruffle, curtain, light switch plate, border and diaper stacker, excellent cond. $40 for all 507-2701 (F23)

Music Lessons

Music Lessons offering piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, sax, oboe, mandolin Call 665-3747 (P16)

Wanted

Looking for Twin size Bed in good condition. Please call 325-5569. (F23)

New young military family in need of household items that you may not need anymore. Please call 687-7541 (F23)

Help Wanted

$20,000+ POSITIONS! Amusement rental company seeks Equipment Manager, Office Manager, and 4 full time delivery personnel immediately. Part time labor also needed. Clownin' Around Inc. 576-5768 (P16)

***The Bayonet* is seeking writer to work appox. 20 hrs per week. Experienced perferred. Fax resume to 682-3268 (FTFN)**

The Bayonet is seeking a full time sales representative. Excellent salary plus commissions, mileage reimbursment. Sales experience needed. Please fax resume to 706-682-3268. (FTFN)

$250 to $500 a week Will train to work at home. Helping the US Goverment file HUD/FHA mortgage refunds. No experience necessary . Call Toll Free 1-866-537-2907 (P30)

Deli/Bakery Associates Military Deli and Bakery Services seeks Deli/Bakery Workers and cake decorators for the Ft. Benning Commissary. Starting pay is $8.82 W/ bonus potential. Excellent Costumer Service skills required. Benefits include paid medical, holidays, vacation and 401(A) To apply Call Gaye Starnes at 1-800-739-8730 ext. 5185190, Fax resume to 850-936-4285, E-mail BobStarnes@aol.com or apply in person at the Commissary Deli/Bakery. Equal Opportunity Employer (P16)

Earn up to $500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. INFO 1-985-646-1700 DEPT. GA-2239. (F16)

Attention Military Spouses Dominos needs Drivers. Call 689-5533 or 464-5324 (F16)

The Fort Benning Thrift Shop has an open position for bookkeping, experience required. You may pick up applications during hours of operations Tues-Wed-Thur. 10-2p.m. Mil ID required. (P23)

English Classes

English As a Second Language Classes-Free By Muscogee School District. Mon and Wed night, 6-9. Bldg. 4, Rm 453 (Infantry Hall) Speak, Write, Learn Citizenship. Contact Myrtle Chalkley@ 545-4562. (F16)

Day Care

A Special Place Home Day Care Center 3 openings for childcare Ages 6 wk-5 years. Please Call 562-8160 (P23)

Galaxy Child Care Registered Home (Off Floyd Rd.) M-F 6a.m.-6p.m. Call 563-3941. (P23)

FCC Home openings available please Call Laniese @682-9540 anytime. (P23)

Miscellaneous

Murray 3.5 Lawn Mower $30., Briggs & Stratton Lawn Mower $35., Torro Electric weed eater $5., Black & Decker Electric Edger $5., Ryobi gas powered weed eater $20., Crafstman gas powered weed eater $20. , JVC VCR w/ remote $5., Quasar VCR $5., Cosco Infant /toddler car seat $5., Evenflo sightseer booster seat $5., Graci stroller $5., Call 687-2206 (F16)

One-hundred foot chain-link fence with one gate $150. It's already pulled up & ready for you to take away. Call 685-0079 or 536-4005 (cell). (F16)

Step 2 push buggy $5, reclining patio chairs without cushions (get new cushions on clearance) $3 each, crock pot $5. Call 685-0079 or 536-4005 (cell). (F16)

Radio Shack Full Size Keyboard with Stand, custom tone synthesizer, 2 way memory, 100 rhythms, 200 tones, $75 obo. Call 569-1047. (F16)

Moving sale: various area rugs, German sleeper sofa, $30, white wicker furniture. Call 689-9449. Main Post area. (F16)

Original VHS Disney movies for $10, call 221-4669 (F16)

Military Kevlar Helmet for $40, call 221-4669 (F16)

Side by side refrigerator $175, floral couch and ottoman $350, bunk bed $100, Love seat /twin hideaway $75, dresser $50, oak entertainment center $50, 2 living room upholstered chairs burrgundy $75 ea. 2 just purchase loveseats very nice paid $1200. sell for $850. for both many other items! Please call 315-1087 or stop by Saturday Morning July 10th! (F16)

Rug for sale. Beautiful "oriental" rug-green&rose colors. 7'10" x 11'2" 100% olefin, made in Egypt. N/S home. $150 obo. 687-6973 (F16)

Charcoal grill, large cooking area, great condition, $25.00 Call 334-297-0608. (F23)

Treadmill - Sears Pro-Form J4 Spacesaver; time /distance /speed /calories /fat calories / speed control zones, adjustable recline, user's manual included, paid $500. sell for $300. cash only. Call 706-689-0921 (F23)

Rug 12x21 with pad used in base housing only 12 months, neutral cream/tan color, paid $390, asking $225. Oak Table w/5 chairs $125. 18 Cu. Ft Refrigerator Freezer w/ice maker 2yrs new $250 obo. Red metal bunk bed (tube type) twin/full with full mattress $125. 628-5119. (F23)

TREK BIKE $100.00, 2 OLD PRIMITIVE ROCKING CHAIRS $100.00,MISC.INQUIRE. CALL 706-562-0363. (F23)

Tree Lounge Bow Hunter Special, with leveler combo pack, jumbo knobs, gun holder, safety cable, body belt, manual and video. Purchased for $565.last hunting season, will sell for $425. Call 685-0410. (F23)

Kurzweil Mark 10 Digital Piano, Oak veneer,like new, software included, $2500. 706-320-9987 (F23)

Baby swing $15.00, Carrier $15.00, Toy Gym $5.00, Boy clothes 12- 18 mo$?,Nike, Kswiss, & Tommy shoes 3-4 $5.00 ea Call 325-5559 (F23)

Mort Kunstler Civil War Signed / Numbered Prints several titles to choose from. Priced well below secondary market prices. Call 593-0093. (F23)

2 Hot water heaters for $50.00 each, 2 Space Heaters for #50.00 each, and 1 large Window Air Conditioner for $100.00, call 327-0614 (F23)

Pool For Sale 18' X 4' Sand N Sun Pool, Pump, Ladder, Ground Cover and Debris Cover $175. Call 565-6001. (F23)

White short sleeve wedding dress size 26 has been preserved with vail. bought for $600. asking $300. contact Deanna@689-2743 (F23)

150 Ft. chain link fence w/ gate fence is one year old and in good cond. asking $200 OBO still installed so you can see fence. Call 689-3848 (F23)

SnugTop Canopy fits 1994-2001 Dodge Ram 1500 short wide box white , brake light, sliding tinted windows, fully lined, interior light, removable cargo tie down rack. Exc. cond. $1000. OBO Call 682-9828 (F23)

Treadmill by Denise Austin, has calorie counter, pulse rate reader, plus more. Folds up for easy storage. sell for $80. Call 683-1971 (F23)

12x22 Beige Carpet, Twin Captains Bed/Mattress, children's clothing, cardio glide, medium to large goldfish and algae eaters. Please call 685-3249. (F23)

For Sale Home Stereo System $150. OBO, Sports trading cards, 2XQueen size comforters. 689-2864 (F23)

Pets, Pets Items, Etc.

"Any pets sold for $150 or more will be a paid ad. No exceptions "

IS ANYONE MISSING A GREAT DANE Young male, Blk/grey markings, owners Name is Judy Sheefer with Kodak, Tenn. dog tags. Found the dog in Harris County in my back yard. Please Call Sally Taft 706-643-0966. (F23)

AKC Cocker Spaniel puppies, 2 males, 3 females Blk/White champion pedigree $300. each. Call 322-1023 (P16)

Dog House, Large Igloo for 75 to 100lbs dog. Like New! $45. today. Cost over $90. when new. 685-1409. (F16)

We are missing a black and white Rat Terrior with a stub tail. His name is Tex and he is missing from the Mc Graw manor housing. He is micro-chipped and we miss him very much. Please if you have found him or have any informa tion, please call (706)689-0728. (F16)

Fun loving miniature Daschund female. All shots full grown. Call for more info. 706-536-0979 (F16)

Miniature Dachshund for sale, AKC papered and ready to breed, good dog and great w/ kids $140.00 Call 334-732-1445 or 706-577-0911 (F23)

2 yr old hound mix to good home with yard. great with other animals and kids. 683-9184 after 5pm (F23)

Family fun mini Daschund female . All shots and papers. I'm moving no pets allowed. Call for info 706-536-0979 (F23)

One year old pure bred female rottweiler, spayed, beautiful, very sweet, weel socialized with kids, caaats, other dogs, loving and playful, crate traained and housebroken , for $125 to a good home . Call 706-536-6329. leave message. (F23)

Free to good home. Two adult cats. Two 5 month old kittens. And five 6 week old kittens. Must get rid of. Found out son is allergic. If interested, please call 689-4021, if no answer please leave a message. (F23)

Yard Sale

Multi-family yard sale, furniture, books, DVDs, CDs, military items, BDUs, pet supplies, candles, too much to list! Sat. July 17 from 7:30 til noon, Gaines Circle, McDonald Manor (on main post behind the Fire Station across from Doughboy Stadium) Follow the signs. (F16)

July 17th Clothes, baby items, candles, computer equipment, military gear and much, much more! 141-D Magrath St. (McGraw Manor) (F16)

HUGE Moving Sale! Everything in furniture, baby items, collectible baseball cards, and much much more. This is a yard sale you don't want to miss .133 A Kessler Dr. Ft. Benning located in Custer Terrace Sat. from 7-2p.m. (F16)

Yard sale Bouton Heights 4-A Sargent Ct lots of misc. indoor and outdoor items, 3 pc. shrunk with glass doors and glass rack $400, OBO a must see July 17 th 7-1p.m. (F23)

Multi-Family Yard Sale. 17& 18 July at 7249 Stone Creek Lane. Across from Flat Rock Park off of Warm Springs Road. Designer name clothes, furniture, brand new items, and much more. 8 am-4 pm. (F16)

Saturday, July 17th from 7:30 am until noon. Multi-family yard sale, furniture, books, DVDs, CDs, military items, BDUs, pet supplies, candles, baby boy clothes , black metal glass top coffee table set, too much to list, Gaines circle, McDonald Manor , No early birds please. (F16)

Moving Sale Teaching supplies, handcrafted unique entertainment center, home decor Sat. July 17th, 144 Gillespie Loop in McDonald Manor, Fort Benning (F16)

Yard sale at 120-C Brostrom st. mcgraw manor everything must go. clothes, cerwin vega speakers, rokford woofer, mountain bike. and much more. (F16)

Yard Sale! Trampolin $75, gas weed eater XT 250 $40., teenage girls clothes, adult clothes, boys clothes, toys dishes, movies, and a variety of other things. Located in Indian Head Terrace aaat 139 Bryant st. 8-12. If interested in trampolin Call 685-3237. (F16)

Rv's/Boats

1997 Sandpiper, 5th wheel camper. 29.5 feet long, living room slideout. Really good shape. Retail $12K+, selling 10.5K with hitch and brake controller. Call 628-5119. (F16)

1991 Hydra Sports model 1750, 17.5 feet long with 1989 Mercury 135 outboard motor. Fishing pole rigs around outside rail. Really good shape. Boat Motor and trailer retail for $8K+. Selling for $7,200. Call 628-5119. (F16)

Homes & Land for Sale

Lease to Own
Low money Down!
3BR/2BA mobile home furnished w/ appliances! 4 miles from backgate, Military will move on PCS move!
Call **888-9563.** (FTFN)

I WILL BUY YOUR HOUSE or make your payments. **AVOID FORECLOSURE** .CALL 888-3357 (PN26)

Home for Sale 3Br, 2Bath, Ceramic tile in Kitchen, large utility shed, privacy fence along w/ large lot, Located in Smith, AL. Evergreen Subdivision. $98,000.Call 706-681-9719 or 653-5373. (P23)

For Sale by Owner 3Br, 2Bath, huge fenced yard, shed, covered patio, extra large 2 car garage w/ in wall air compressor system, central h/a, new paint, you choose new carpet color, garden tub in MBA, fireplace and professional home theater system in GR, tile in kitchen and laundry rm, security system, lanscape lighting, fridge satys, tons of storage. Seller will pay closing costs. Call 334-732-1445 or 706-577-0911. (F23)

Home for Sale 2 Br, 2Bath, living room, dinning room & kitchen a whole, new carpet, new paint, new vinyl floors, electrical & plumbing updated, lg. yard, and garage $60,000. Show by Appt. only Call 334-298-9684 (P23)

3 BR/2 BA, Eat-in Kitchen, Dining Room, Great Room, Tiled/Carpeted Floors, Fenced Yard, Storage Building. $99,900. Call (706) 575-4350. (F23)

SEEING IS BELIEVING! A UNIQUE ONE OF A KIND HOME wont believe until you see it! 4 Br, 3 Bath, 3500+ sq. ft on 1/2 acre near TSC. Amenities too numerous to mention , bring In laws, teens. Seller to pay closing cost w/full offer . 100% financing available. Open daily 1-5p.m. $198,900, with additional 1/2 acre lot $210,000. 1810 S. Seale Rd. 334-298-6739. (P23)

Lost and Found

Found Property, If you are missing any items please contact INV Lombard at the Military Police Station at 545-3031/3041 (FTFN)

Homes for Rent

Benning Hills S/D 3908 Commander Dr. 3BR, 1.5Bath, LR, DR, Den, C/H/A, Fen yard, shed, $600 Rent, $600 Security. Call 706-561-3330 (P16)

Wesley Wood S/D 5552 Valleybrook Rd. 3Br, 1Bath, LR, DR, C/H/A, Fen yard $600 Rent $600 Security. HAPP Welcome. Call 706-561-3330 (P16)

Andrews Road Area 443 Bernard Drive 1BR, 1Bath, LR, C/H/A, Fen yard $225 Rent, $300 Security. Call 706-561-3330 (P16)

442 Mellon Street 2Br, 1Bath, LR, C/H/A, Fen yard, $325 Rent, $400 Security HAPP Welcome. Call 706-561-3330 (P16)

Phenix City's Finest 1807 18th ave. 2Br, 1Bath, LR, DR, Carpets, C/H/A, Fen yard & More $500 Rent, $500 Security. HAPP Welcome (P16)

Moving to DC? Townhouse FOR RENT; 3 BEDROOMS, 2 ∏ BATHS; 3 FINISHED LEVELS WITH 2 CAR GARAGES, 5 MINUTE WALK METRO, ALEXANDRIA $2,100 PER MONTH. CALL 443-621-3104 (F23)

GREAT FAMILY HOME OR RENTAL ! 3 BR, 1 1/2Bath, all brick, 1/2 acre, carpet, back access. Seller will pay closing costs with full offer , 100% financing available, open daily 1-5p.m. See at 1808 S Seale Rd. 334-298-6739. (P23)

Harris Co. New Duplex Home 3Br, 2Bath, 1510sq. 2 car garage, all appliances, fireplace, close to schools, yard maint included. $770/ $770. Dep. 706-289-5917 or 561-7224 (F16)

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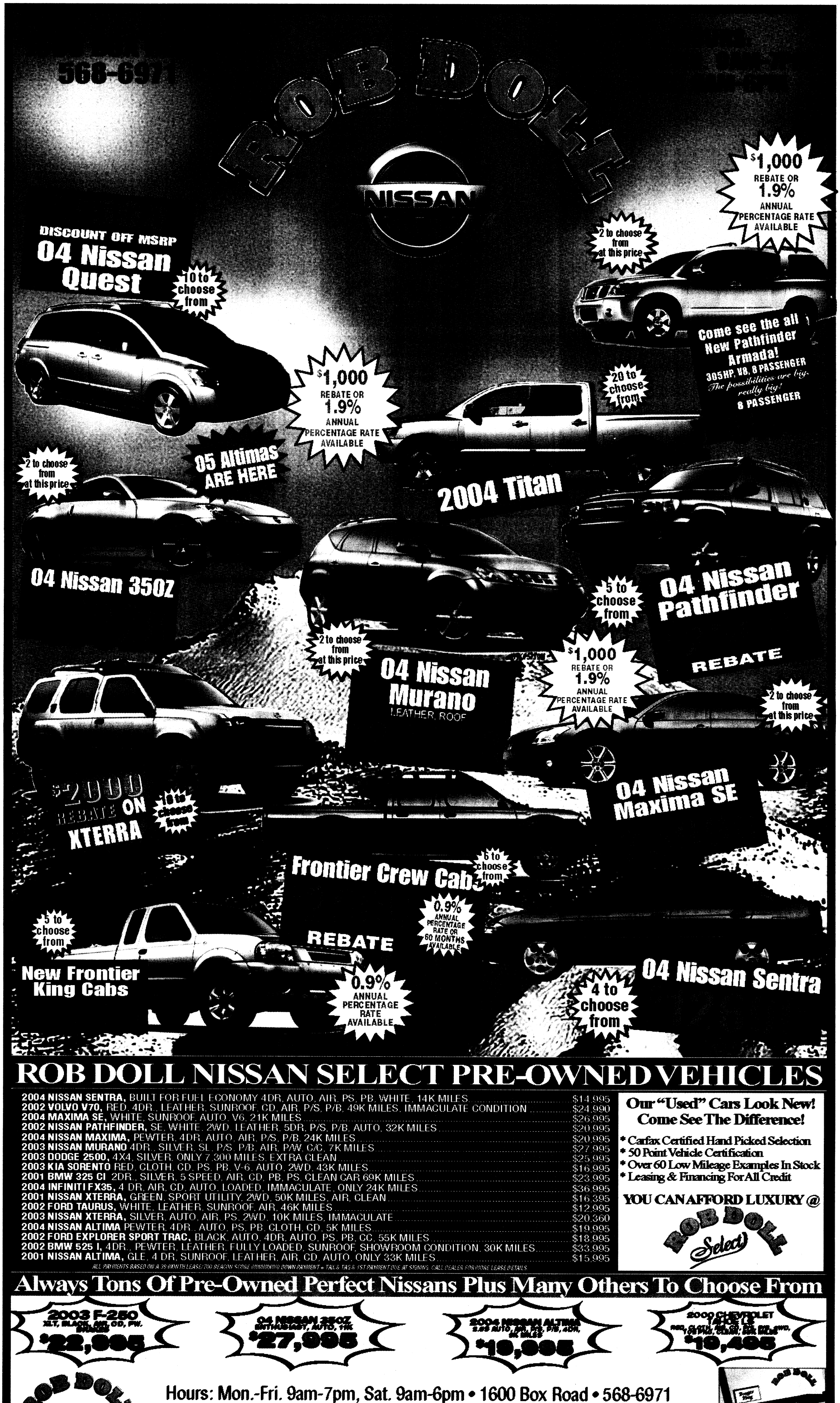
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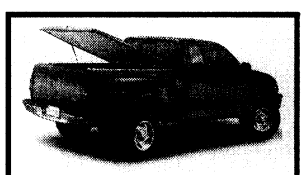
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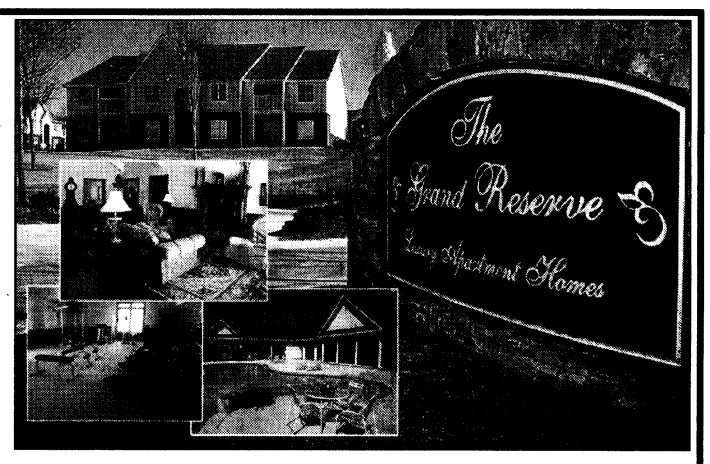
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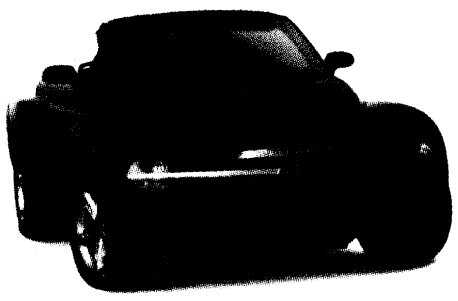
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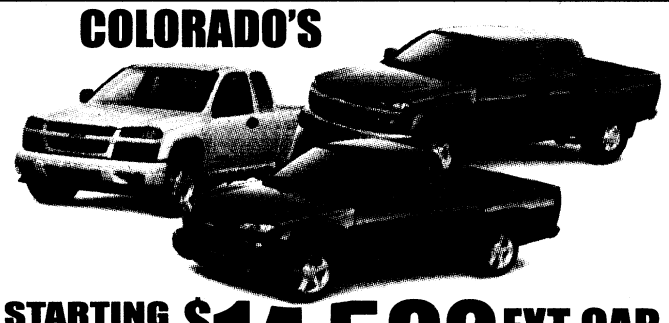
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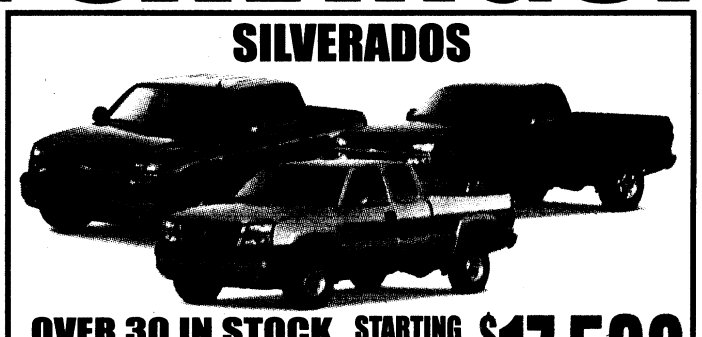
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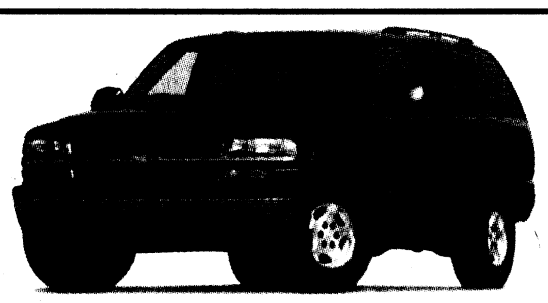
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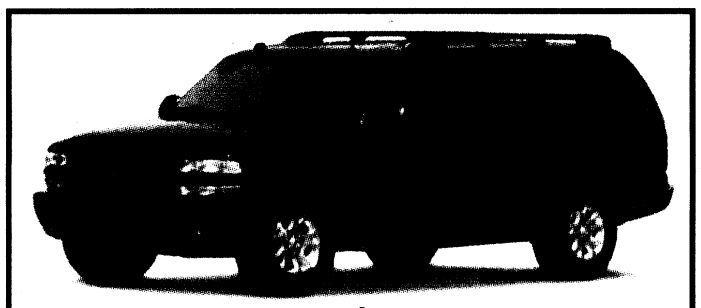


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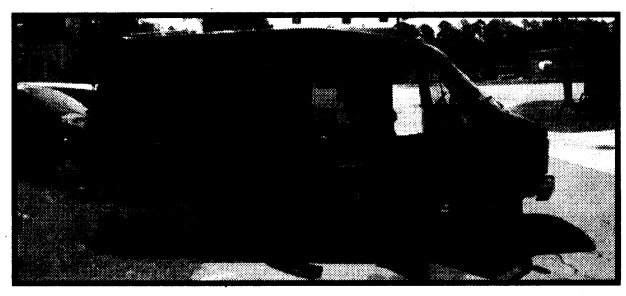
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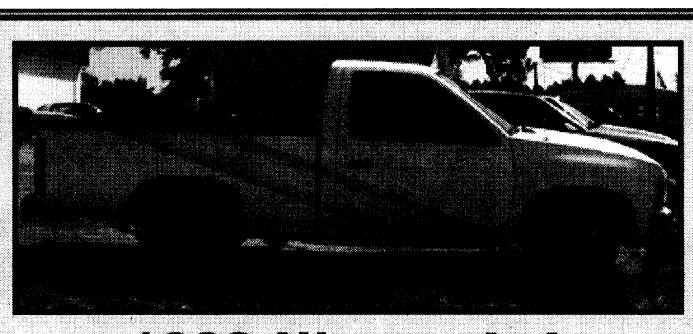
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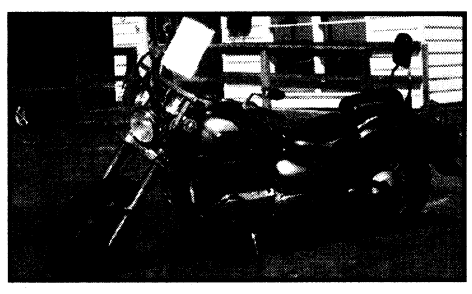
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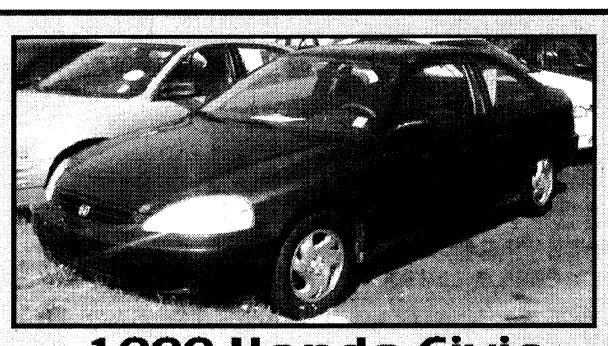
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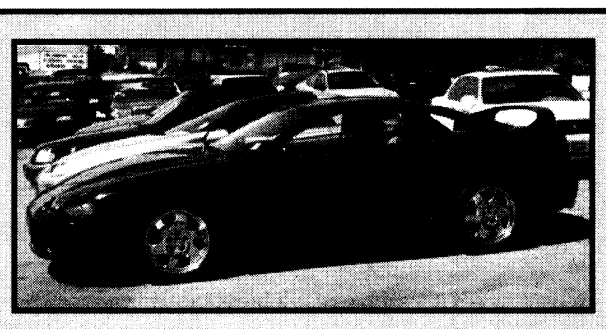
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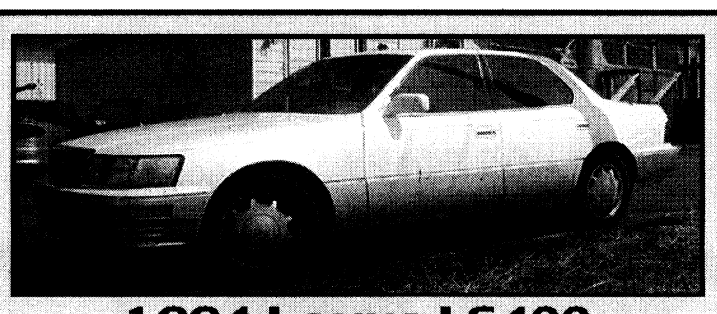
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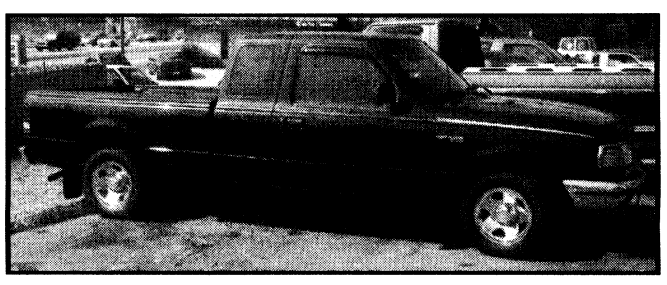
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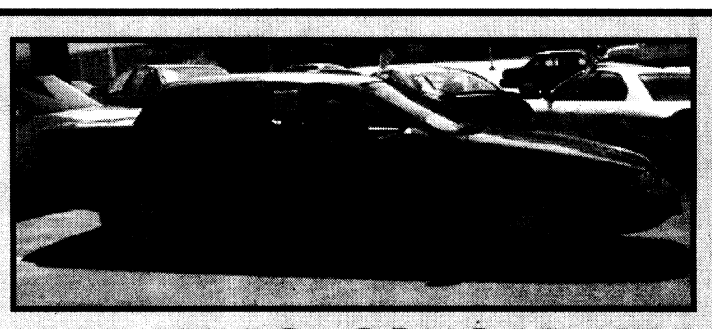
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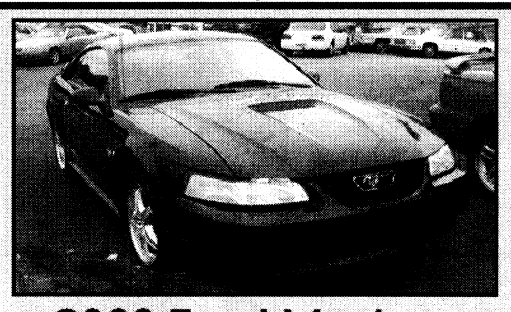
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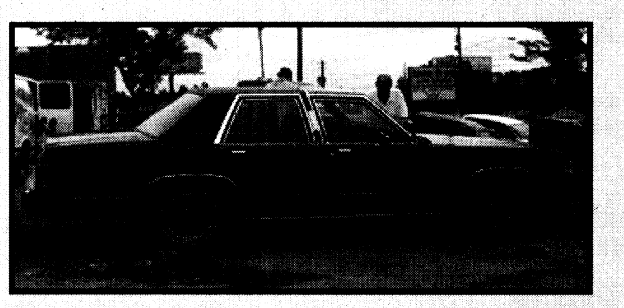
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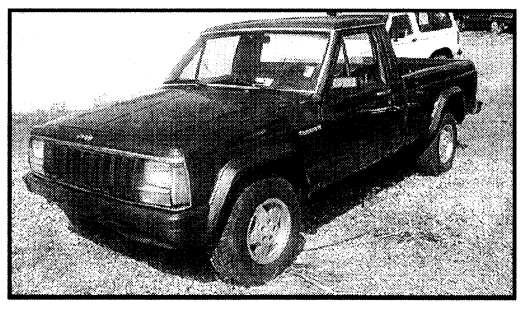
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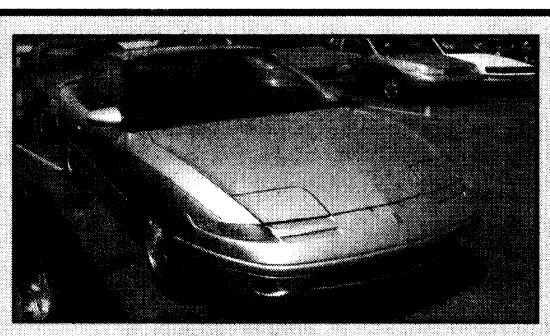
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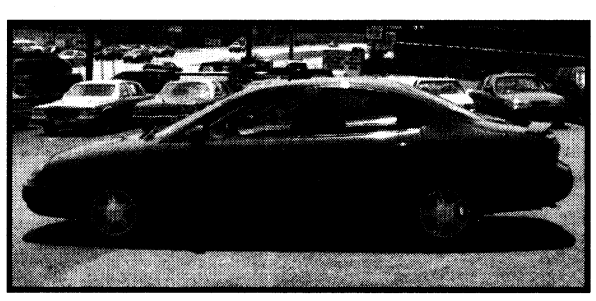
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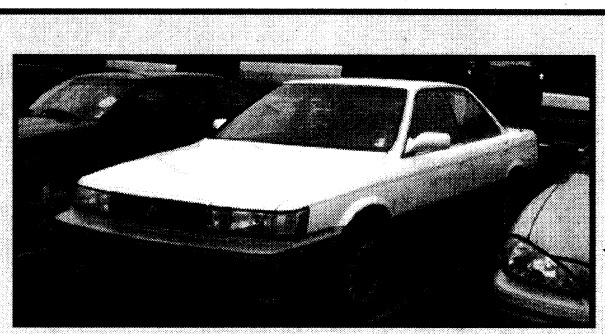
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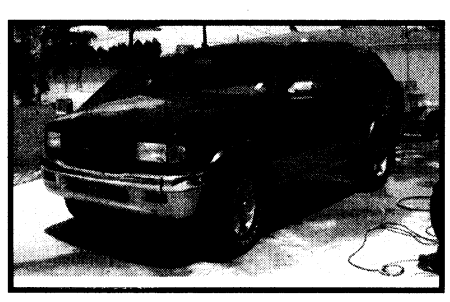
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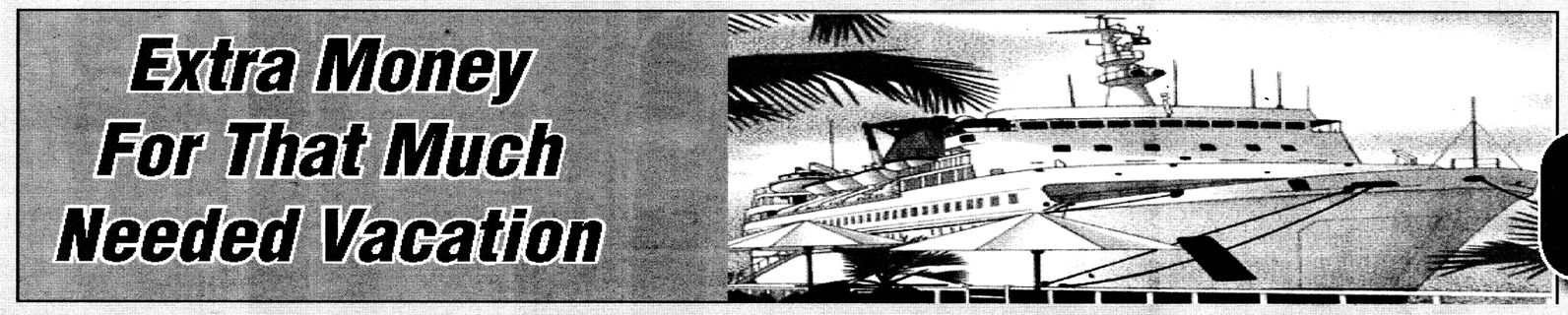
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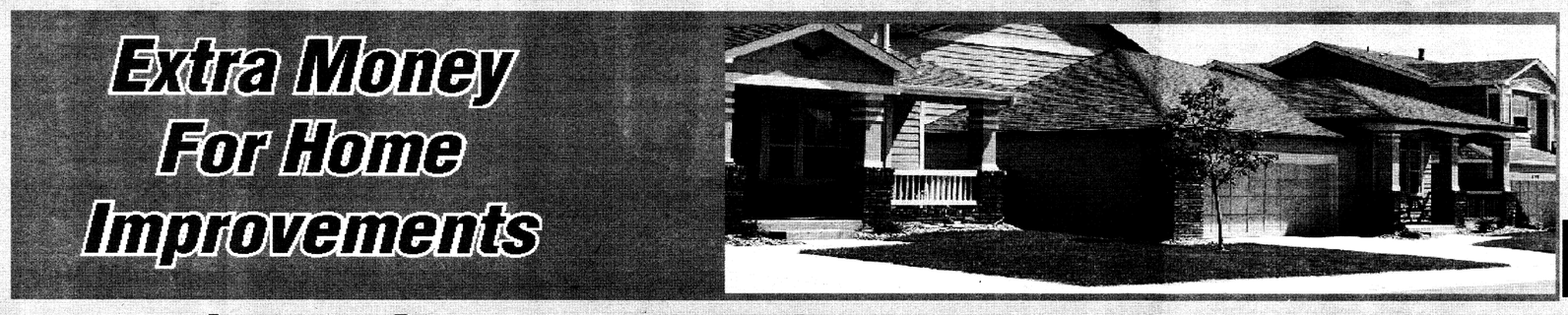


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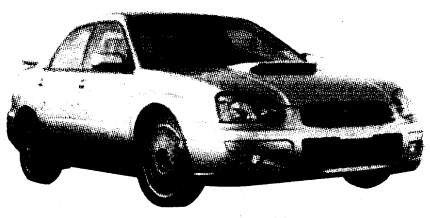
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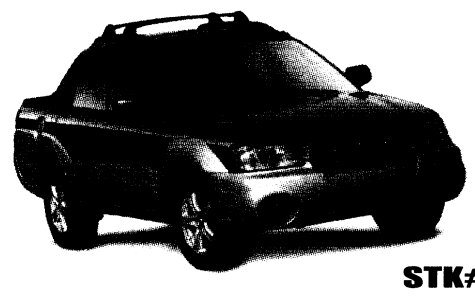
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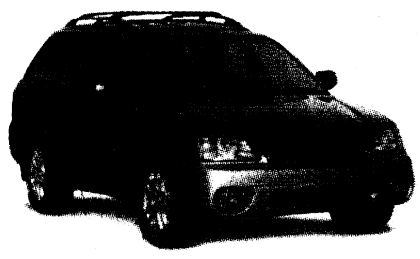


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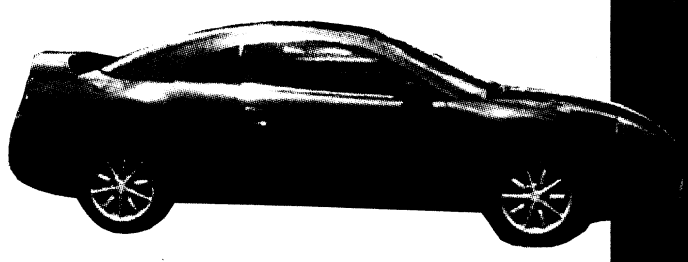
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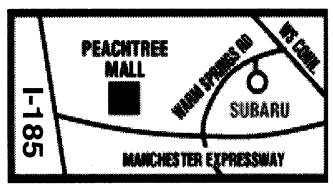
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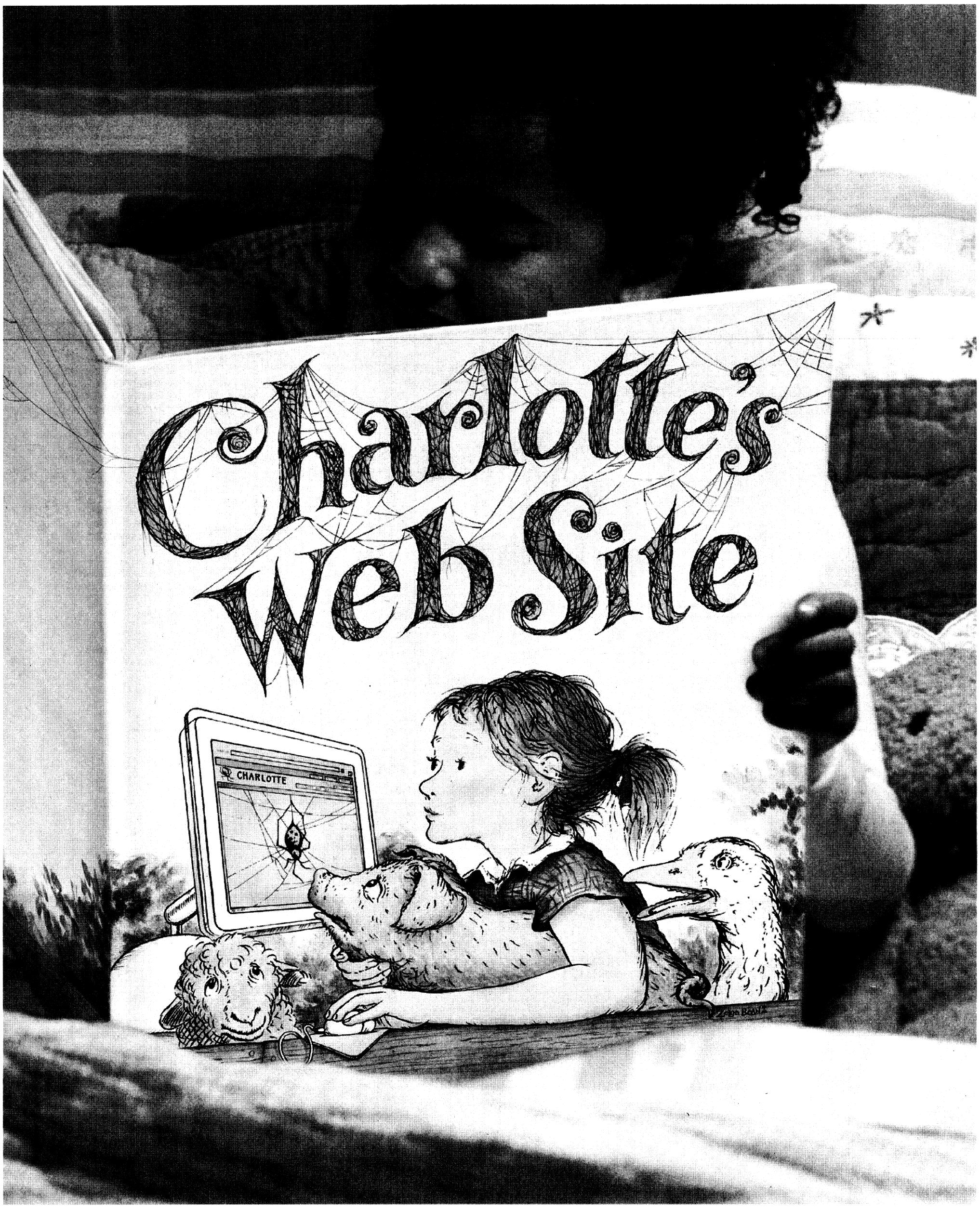
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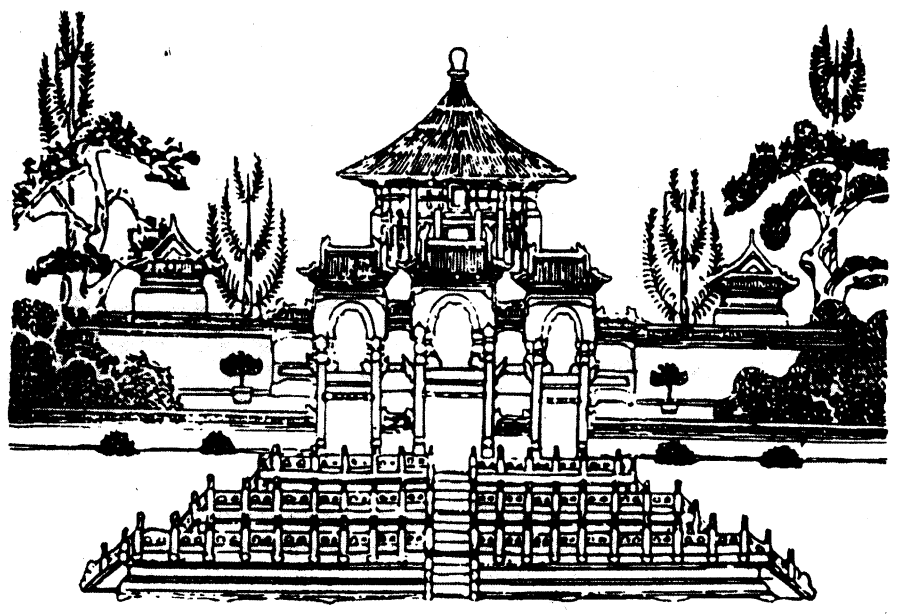
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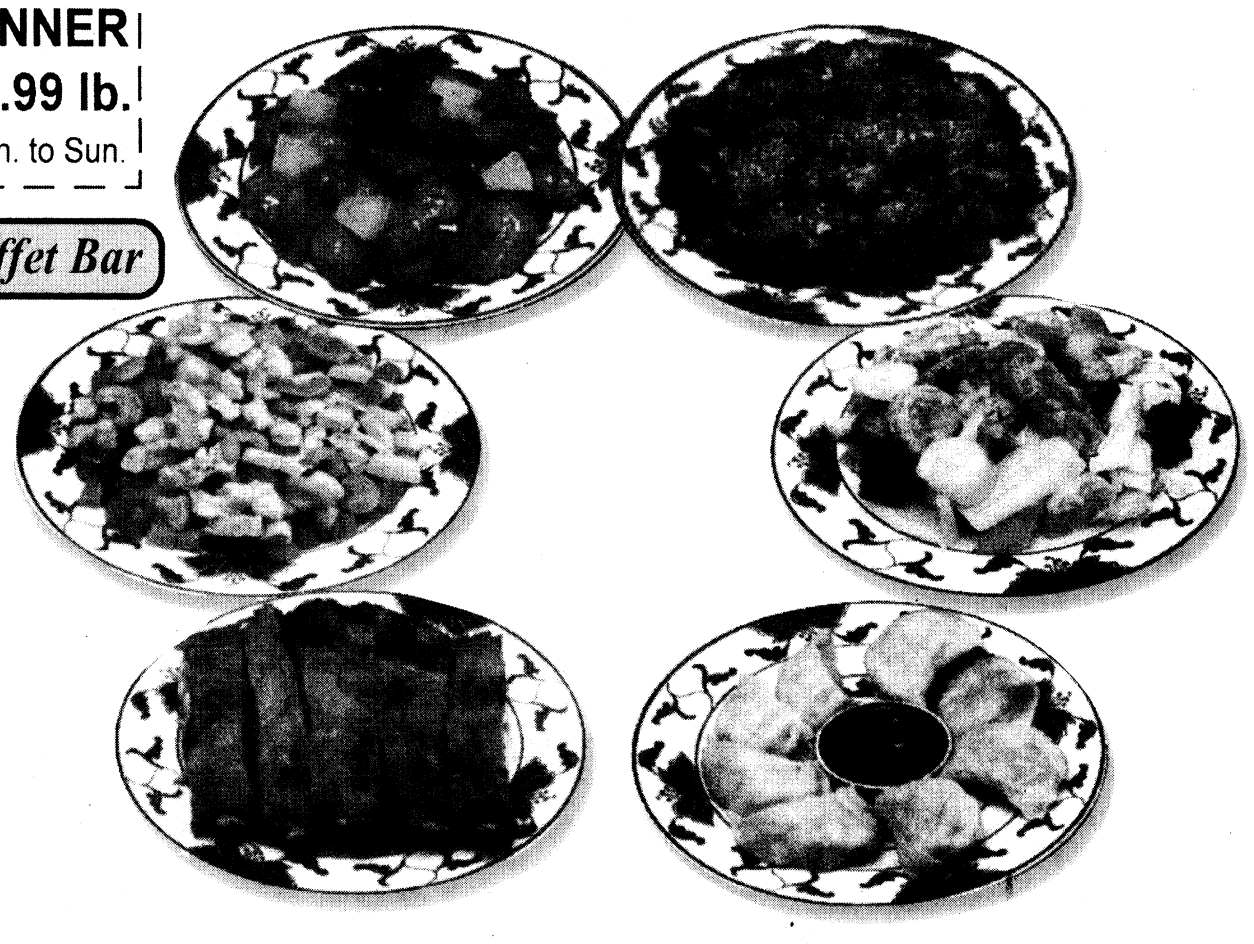
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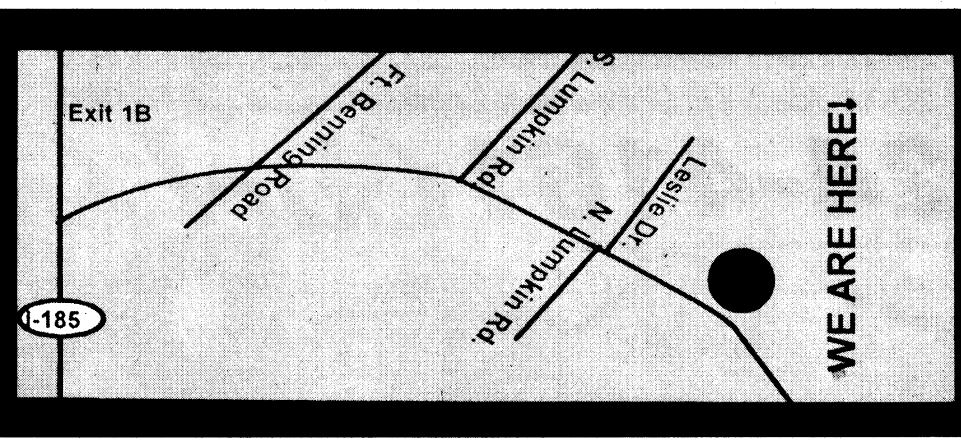
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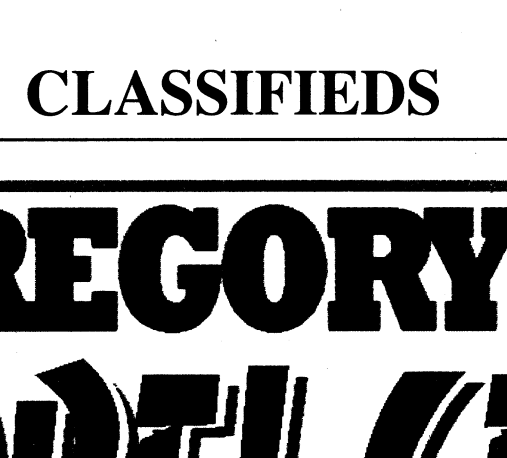
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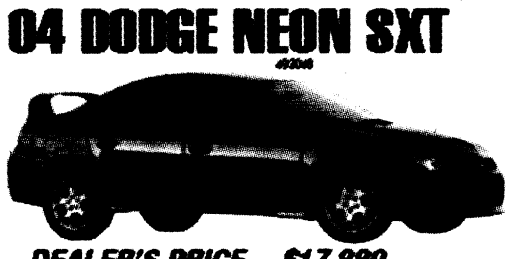
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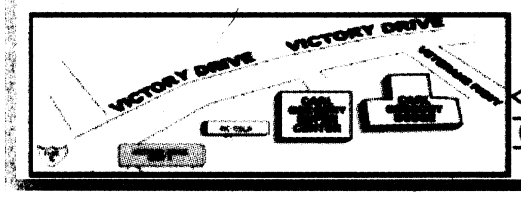
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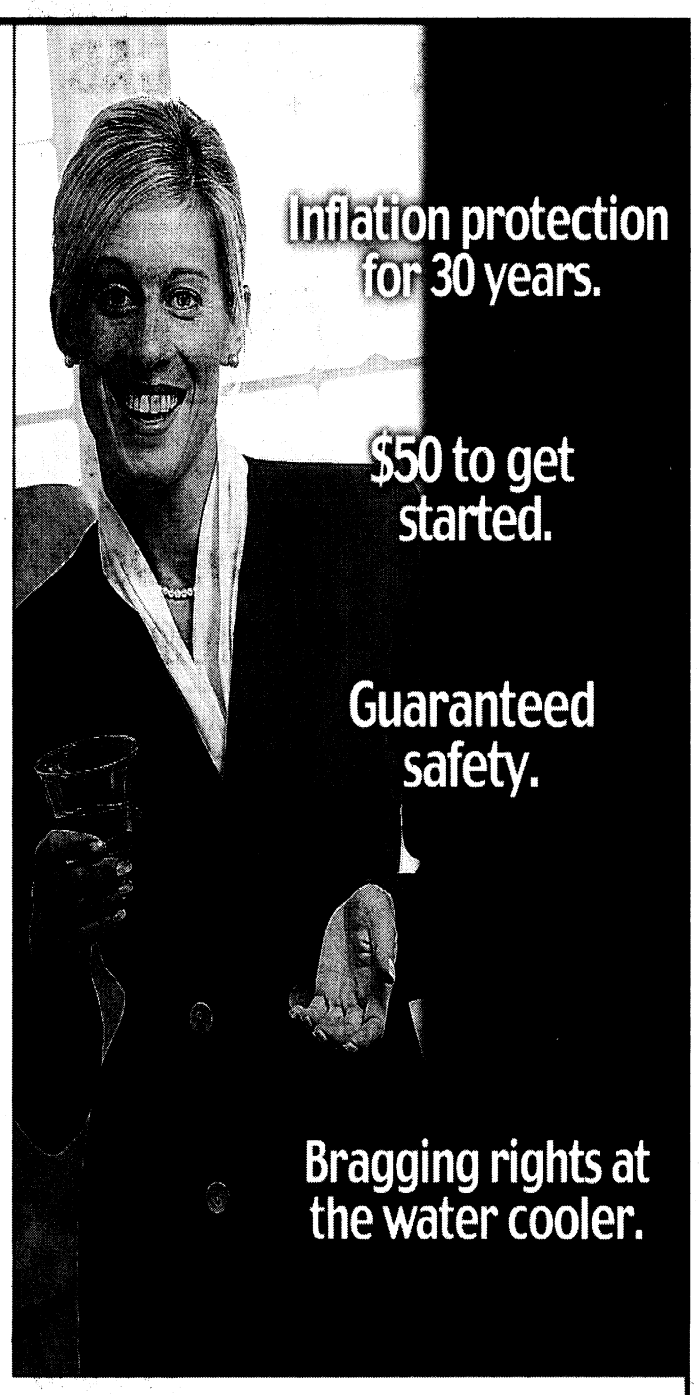


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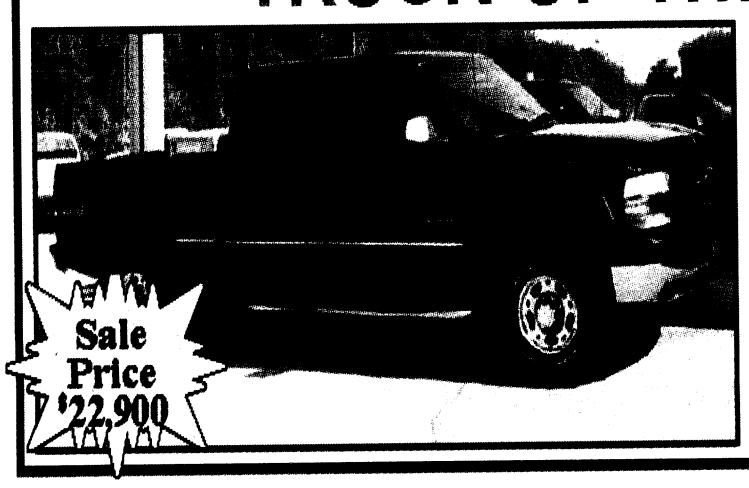


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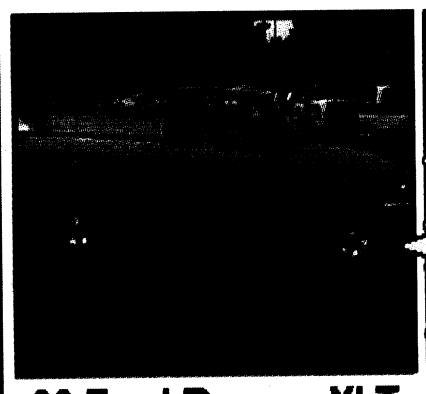
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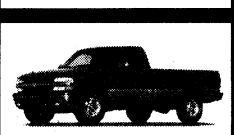
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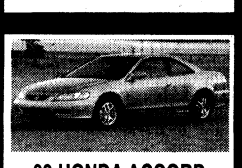

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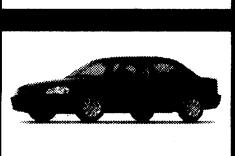

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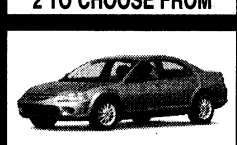
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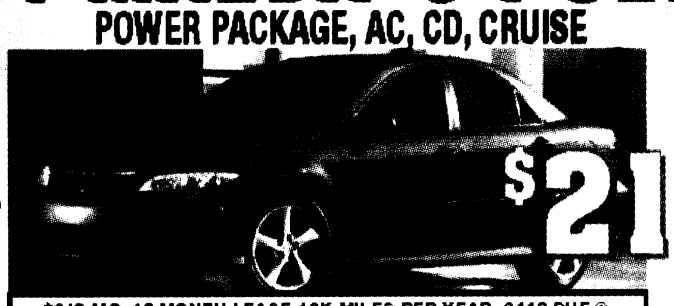
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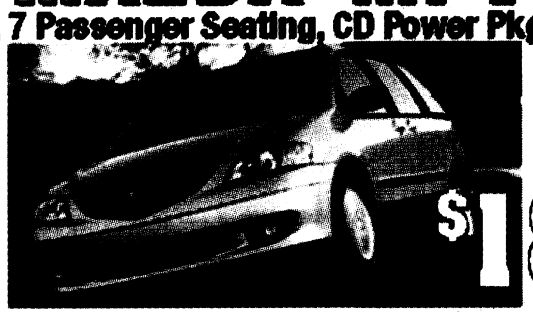


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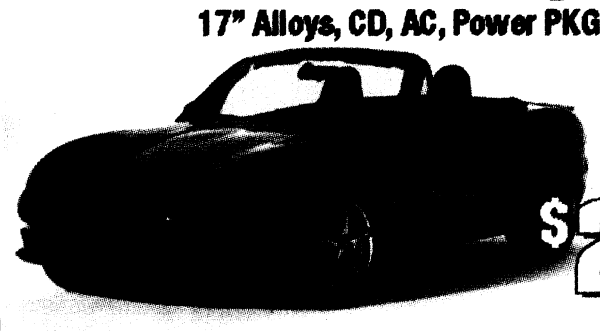


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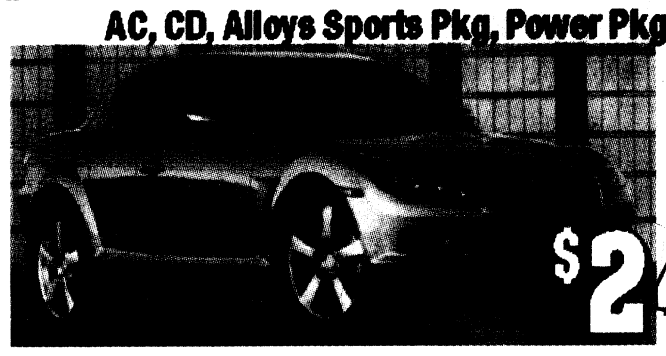


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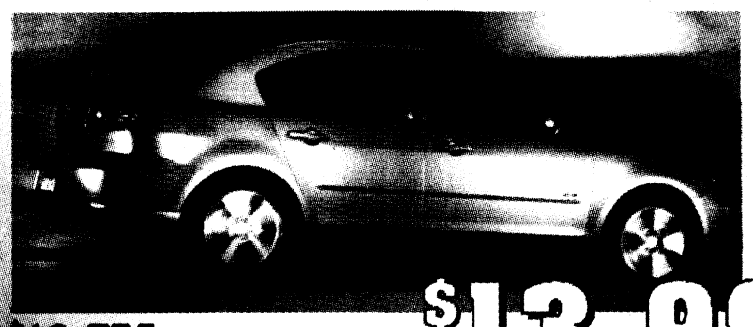


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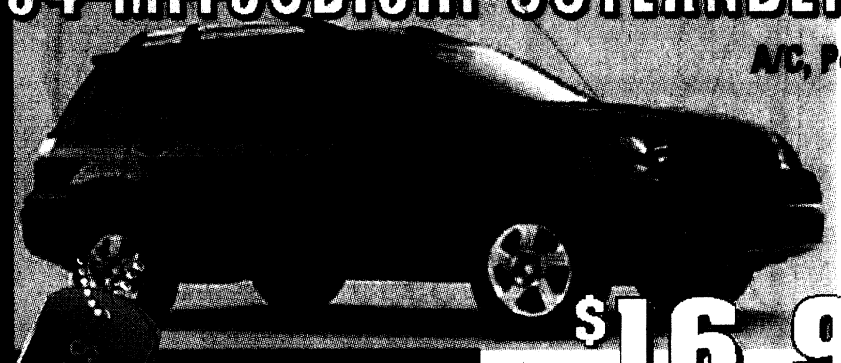
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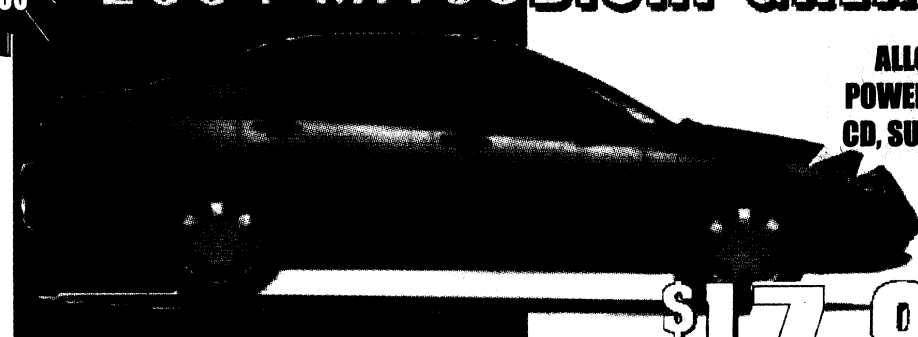
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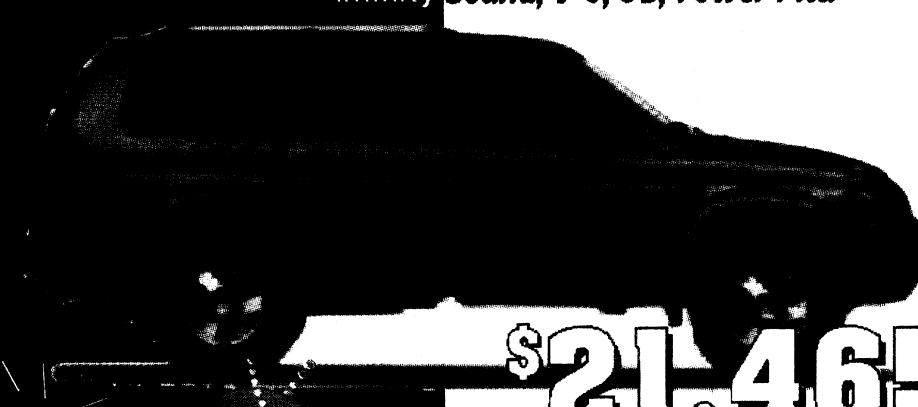
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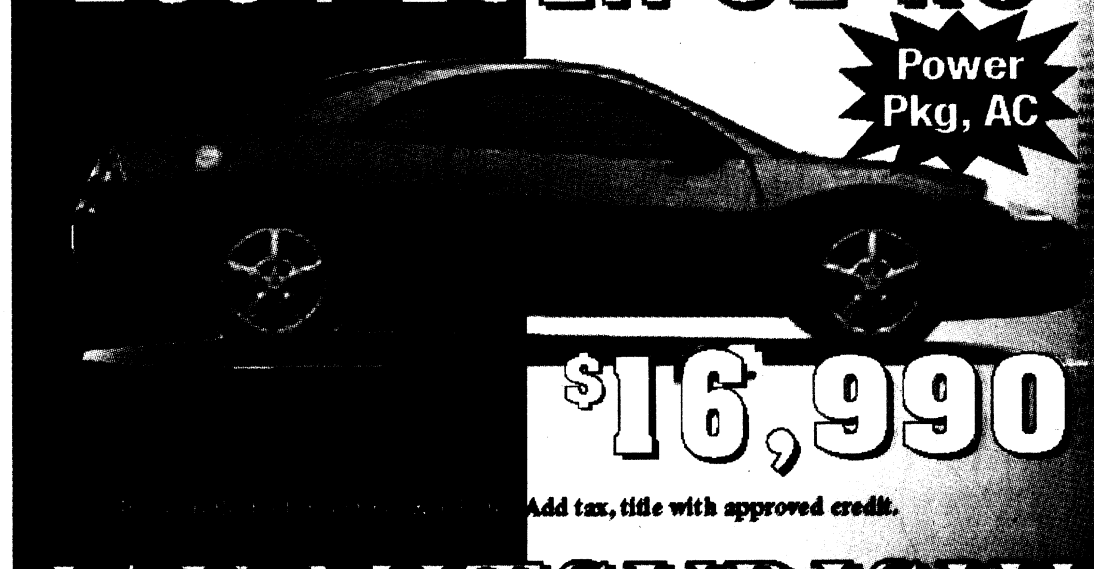
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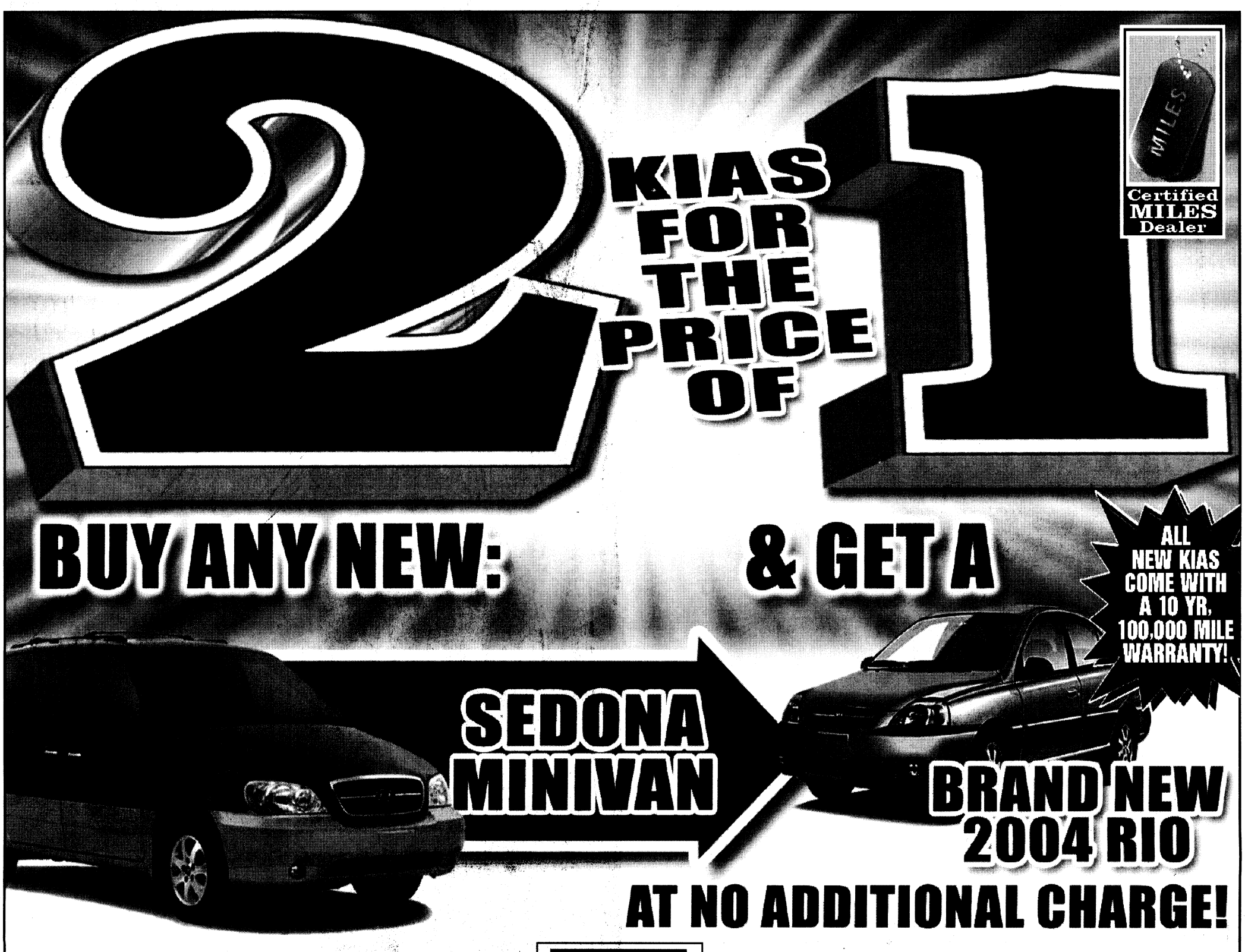
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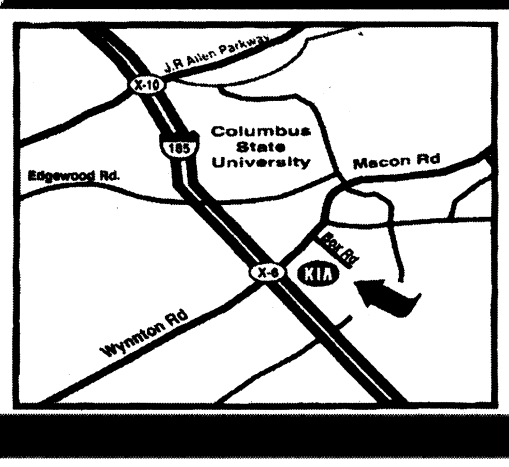
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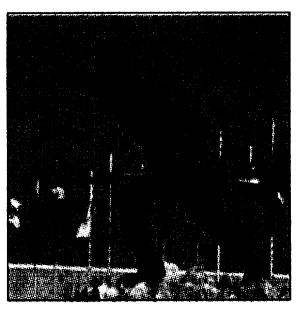
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Army hits retention mark

All divisions at 100 percent in spite of war

Courtney Hickson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The active Army is at 100 percent mission accomplished for its retention rate for the third quarter.

In addition, said Brig. Gen. Sean Byrne, chief of Military Policy, G1, in a media round table July 16, all 10 divisions are at or above 100-percent retention. He also said the aggregate number of the Army is 100 percent.

When units have Soldiers deployed, those units often have lower retention rates, but when Soldiers return to the post, those numbers rebound.

Byrne said some of the reasons for the increase are the Soldiers are getting re-involved in the post and discussing their situations with their families.

When Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne returned home, their retention numbers increased 9 to 10 percent, he said. Additionally, the Army surveys Soldiers as they return from deployment and Byrne said they have been getting good feedback.

"There may be some talking, but Soldiers aren't walking," Byrne said.

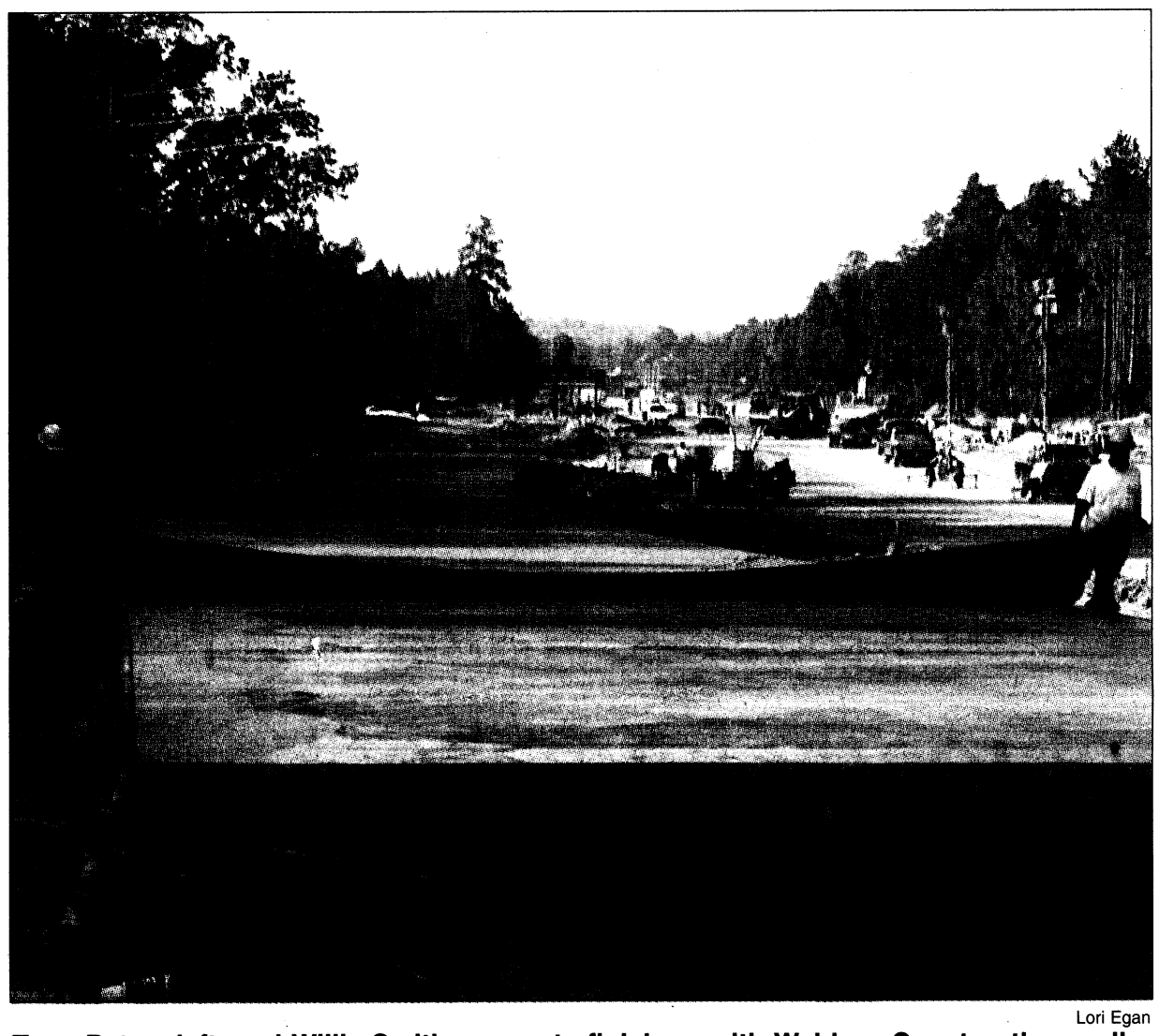
The Soldiers impacted by the Stop-Loss are counted as eligible for re-enlistment and the Army is actively pursuing them to re-enlist. There were about 9,500 Soldiers impacted by Stop-Loss, Byrne said.

In order to compete with the civilian sector, the Army offers bonuses and competitive wages. A

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Men at work



Lori Egan

Tony Bates, left, and Willie Smith, concrete finishers with Waldrop Construction, pull a fabric drag across the concrete to provide texture to the surface.

Rain delays construction

I-185 ACP to open in September

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

If June had normal rain conditions, Fort Benning commuters would be using I-185 with its five new incoming lanes in late August.

But the 14 inches of rain on the construction site has hampered the construction efforts, said Capt. Mindy Rosito, project officer for the access control point construction.

"We can't pour concrete in the rain," said Tammy Johnson, quality control chief for Conner Brothers, one of the companies working on the project. "If we keep the rain away, we'll be all right."

If it rains more than half an inch, sub-grade work can't be done. The dirt has to dry out first, Johnson said.

"We can't control the weather ... but the construction is progressing as planned," said Billy Birdwell, chief of the Public Affairs Office for the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

And according to the contract, construction is currently on schedule, Birdwell said.

Johnson, who has been working on the site since February, said they've been working weekends since March. And this week, they've been pouring concrete as early as 4 a.m.

"We need the cooler temperatures to place the concrete," Rosito said.

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Command suspends local shuttle

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Columbus Shuttle, a van service that provides service locally and to and from the Atlanta airport, has been suspended by the Army Surface Deployment and the Distribution Command as an authorized carrier for Department of Defense travelers traveling on official orders for one year as of July 14.

During a random inspection, the SDDC found that Columbus Shuttle did not comply with SDDC regulations.

Its suspension was put into effect because of its failure to meet the SDDC regulations, including not properly drug testing its drivers and not conducting the required safety training, said Ron Johnson, installation transportation officer.

"This suspension does not affect the concession contract with Morale Welfare and Recreation or any (un)official leisure travel," Johnson said.

Soldiers may use the shuttle for leisure travel. The suspension only prohibits official travel.

Although the suspension notice was sent to all installation transportation officers and travel offices Armywide, there is no way of letting all Soldiers know, Johnson said.

"Soldiers will not be penalized for unknowingly using the carrier during official travel," Johnson said. "Those Soldiers will still be reimbursed as part of their travel voucher."

Dog handler receives Purple Heart, ARCOM

Retired Soldier, dog, honored 37 years later

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It was *the* dog's day of summer. As the temperature on Sacrifice Field inched toward 90 degrees July 16, a crowd gathered to pay tribute to a man and his dog, retired Sgt. 1st Class Harry Wilson and Duke, the German shepherd that routed a platoon of Viet Cong soldiers during a search and destroy mission near Phan Thiet, Vietnam, in 1967.

Both Duke and Wilson, a dog handler with the 25th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog), were injured in the fray. Wilson was shot in the leg and medevaced to a hospital in Japan, where he was told he would receive a Purple Heart.

He never saw the medal, and he never saw his dog again. Duke was one of 248 dogs killed in action during the Vietnam War.

The loss of his companion haunted Wilson for years. The loss of paperwork needed for Wilson to receive his Purple Heart haunted his wife, Kathy.

Three years ago, she took on the big dogs, hounding Pentagon officials monthly. Finally, last week, in a ceremony in the shadow of the War Dog Memorial, Kathy's efforts paid off.

"We're here to set the record

See **VETERAN,** A-11



Bridgett Siter

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Harry Wilson receives the Purple Heart he earned in Vietnam in 1967.

Sit, stay, unload dishes

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Kids are a lot like dogs. Seriously. Just hear me out. It all boils down to one word. Training. We potty-train, crate-train, obedience-train and job-train, don't we?

I came across a few simple principles for successful training.

• Show exactly what to do, help do it.

• Consistency is important.

• Correction should be forceful enough to stop unwanted behavior.

• You don't need to yell, scream or shout.

• You have to mean what you say.

Of course, this list came from my guide to raising a puppy, but I'm sure I've heard these same principles spouted by the likes of child-rearing experts like Dr. Spock and T. Berry Brazelton.

And as I deal with the unscheduled and unconstructed days of summer leading up to another deployment, my kids and my dog are back in training.

You've heard the saying "idle hands are the devil's tools." It's true.



And as dog trainers say, dogs, especially working breeds like my Australian and German shepherd mix, need to have a job, or two, or three.

There aren't any cattle or sheep here for her to herd, so we've substituted obedience training and tennis ball and squirrel chasing, as her "jobs." She's happier when she's out doing them, and I don't have to listen to her doggie sighs or deal with destructive behavior, like chewing. She's well-trained, and I've established myself as the alpha female and leader of the pack.

Now, with more than half of the summer over, I'm in trouble. I've followed the principles with the dog, but not with the kids. I'm yelling and making empty threats as I try to deal with misbehavior rooted in boredom because I've let their training slide.

While my husband was deployed, we had a great chore chart. We followed it and there was minimal weeping, wailing or gnashing of teeth.

Just as a well-trained dog is happier and less likely to misbehave, so too, are children. So we're back in training. Our habits will be like the proverb says – "like cobwebs at first, cables at last."

And as noted author Steven Covey said, "Habits are consistent patterns which reveal our character and determine our effectiveness in life."

It will only take a few, hard-working weeks to get back in the chore habits. After that, there should be smooth sailing.

We'll be making beds, loading and unloading the dishwasher, vacuuming, hauling trash, caring for pets. I'll have to show them what I want done, help them do it and leave them to excel. I'll be consistent, concise, soft-spoken and quick to praise.

Practice will make permanent. And just like the dog brings the ball over for one more throw, I'll eventually hope to hear the kids say, "Mom, I've finished my jobs. Is there anything else I can do?"

Chores — who needs 'em?

Cayce Shannon
Bayonet volunteer

One of the main goals for parents to teach their children is the art of running a household, or more precisely, how to complete chores.

A task I sometimes have trouble with.

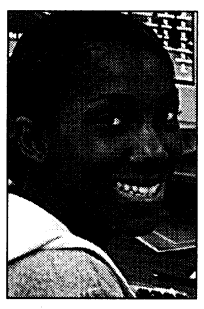
Wash the dishes, wash the clothes, fold the clothes, cook, clean my room, take out the trash, feed the dog, clean the bathroom. Pretty simple tasks right? Wrong.

OK, OK, I don't have to strain to get my chores done, but I always seem to miss something.

Take this scenario: My friend calls to ask if I want to go to a party. I say yes, slam the phone down and get ready for a fun night.

The time goes by fast, but I am dressed and ready to go when my friend arrives. As I try to say goodbye to my parents and head out the door, I hear, "Have you folded the clothes yet?"

My friend leaves for a night out with friends while I fold clothes.



Why do I need to fold clothes?

I want them to be messy. It's easier to pick out something to wear without rummaging through the clothes.

I am again foiled by the great power of responsibility.

Another problem — I don't know why I need to know how to cook. That's why the microwave was invented, wasn't it? The microwave can heat up anything. (Well, almost anything. I've had a few explosi ... I mean accidents, but I'm more careful now.)

Doing chores around the house is not all bad. I love the warm tingling (although it might be the state of exhaustion) produced in my soul after cleaning the house, knowing I took the time and completed the task.

Plus, it also makes family life easier. I can't even count how many times my parents have scolded or grounded me about forgetting to do simple chores.

I can hear them now — "How do you expect to live on your own if you can't even do something as simple as taking out the trash or washing the dishes?"

Even if my parents are teaching me responsibility, it doesn't mean I have to like it.

I still have two more years before I'm 18 and hiking out into the real world. Therefore, I can still make mistakes and learn from them.

As much as I dislike chores, they'll surround me for the rest of my life. I might as well listen to my parents and get what needs to be taken care of finished.

Then, I can have time to accomplish other goals, such as becoming a journalist and working for a major magazine or newspaper.

Hey, who knows, maybe by that time I'll have enough money to hire a maid. Problem solved.

Time to get ready for school

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

Sharpen your pencils and break in those new shoes — the new school year is just around the corner.

While most kids don't want the summer to end, my 5-year-old is counting down the days. When we found out the first day of school is Aug. 10, he took his calendar off his wall and circled the date, then asked me how to spell school. Every day, we count how many days left until school starts.

While he's excited about school starting, I have mixed feelings. He's my only child, my baby, and I have a certain amount of trepidation knowing he'll be in school all day. We had great practice last year with preK, which prepared both of us, but the idea of dropping him off in the morning and picking him up in the afternoon makes me sad. I'm not sure if it's that my baby's growing up or because this is the start of his school career. Either way, I'm sad.



But Fort Benning is making things a little easier for parents with several Sneak-A-Peeks and various other programs before school starts. Here is a schedule from the schools:

• Dexter Elementary — Meet and greet, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 9

• Faith Middle School — New student orientation, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 2; Class schedules for sixth grade will be available from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 9, schedules for seventh and eighth grade will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 6

• Loyd Elementary — Parent and student orientation Aug. 9. Call 545-7276.

• McBride Elementary — For preK students, a Sneak-A-Peek is 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 9, and students in kindergarten through third grade can attend Right Start, a chance for parents to meet Principal Del Hicks, then meet with teachers afterward.

• Stowers Elementary — Pre-K students will have a Sneak-A-Peek from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 9

• White Elementary — Students will have a Sneak-A-Peek from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 9

• Wilson Elementary — Students will have a Sneak-A-Peek from 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 9.

CORRECTIONS

The July 9 edition of *The Bayonet* incorrectly reported Anna Marie Stangle Warren's and her son Corey's last name as Stanger. Sgt. 1st Class Jim Warren worked as the training NCO for C Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment. The date of the proposal was March 27 not March 12, and only three of the seven children in their family were able to attend the wedding.

In another story, Evelyn Livermore is stepping down as a Community Life mayor for the Bouton Heights-Davis Hill Housing area. She will remain the president of the Community Life Mayors Association.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader thanks military for protection, liberty

I am writing to relay my heartfelt gratitude and love to all those stationed at Fort Benning.

I am not a diplomat or government official. I do not hold membership in any important organization. I am just a college student.

I am the son of a Vietnam veteran formerly stationed at Fort Benning (rest his soul).

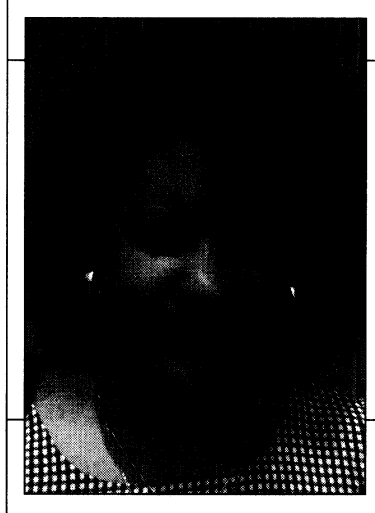
I am an American that has grown tired of those in this country who don't understand your mission. I don't just mean Iraq, I mean from one end of the earth to the other. I mean the missions and directives that the general public have no idea about.

Preserving freedom and the American view of the world is very important to the way *all* Americans live their lives. I think sometimes those who don't understand the U.S. military's role in the world are not quite as intellectual as they think they are.

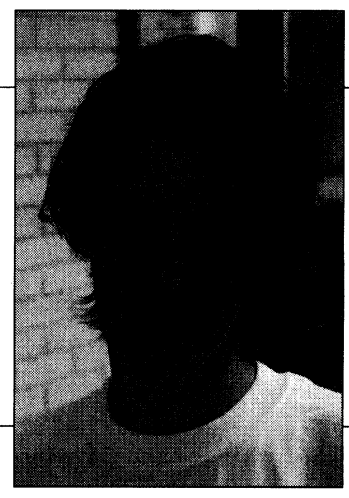
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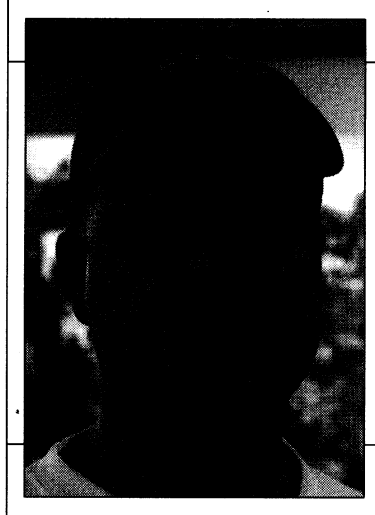
How do you involve your child in the basics of running a household?



Noemi Padin, family member — "They do chores. It shows them responsibility."



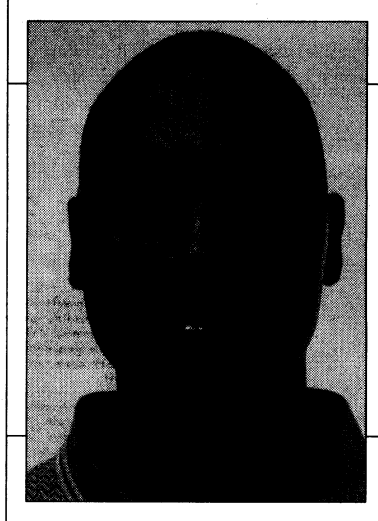
Melissa Everett, family member — "We do everyday thing — games, chores. We teach them the value of money by giving them an allowance, and they help prepare food."



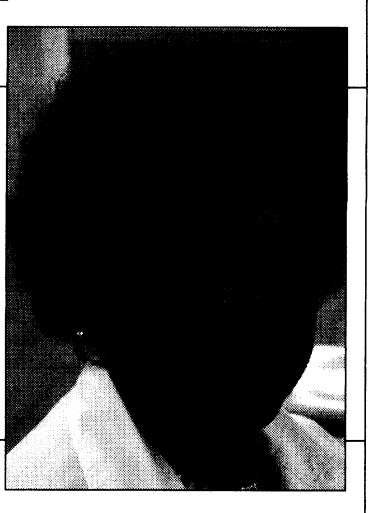
Petty Officer 2nd Class Brad Gust, en route to Rota, Spain — "Involve them with chores. They clean the family room."



Sgt. 1st Class Hector DeJesus, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment — "Make my kids responsible for their own area — their bedrooms, their bathroom — and then I check it. Once they're used to it, chores are no problem."



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Miller, Ellerslie, Ga. — "Set a good example first. If I want them to show responsibility, I must set he example. Do the chores together first and then let them do them on their own."



Beverly Thompson, family member — "My four girls and boy learned to cook. They had their duties — laundry, the yard and helping with siblings."

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Al-Anon: Offers hope for friends, family of alcoholics



Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Driving down the road today, I realized I was feeling pretty good. I'm working on my recovery program, going through the 12 steps. I'm growing all the time, and I'm really starting to like the person I am becoming.

The thought that one day I'll emerge from this journey as a positive, optimistic and peaceful person is all the motivation I need to keep me focused on my recovery. I finally realize that it's not up to me to keep my alcoholic sober, safe or anything else. It's up to him and his higher power. It is such a relief to have this responsibility lifted from my shoulders, where I never should have placed it to begin with.

Sachel P.
Al-Anon member

Sachel is one of millions of friends and family members affected by alcoholism in the U.S. and one of the uncounted ranks that turn to Al-Anon for help.

Alcoholics have Alcoholics Anonymous to turn to when they are ready to start working their way toward sobriety.

Family and friends who struggle through years of devastation because of the disease often go to Al-Anon looking for help in recovery, whether or not the alcoholic gets or stays sober.

"We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid in recovery," said Buddy T., the About Alcoholism Web site guide and an Al-Anon member since 1987.

"Al-Anon has but one purpose — to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the 12 steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.

"The Al-Anon family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems," Buddy said.

He said Alcoholics Anonymous founder Bill W. was amazed aat the number of wives' groups that had formed alongside AA groups as he toured the country in 1950. His wife, Lois, and her friend, Anne, organized the framework of Al-Anon based on those groups in 1951.

"The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend," he said. "There are no dues for membership, and we are not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization or institution."

It is this self-reliance and an absolute commitment to the anonymity of its members that lets Al-Anon function as a globally effective tool for managing alcoholism as a relationship problem, he said.

Membership rosters are not maintained and only first names are used to preserve anonymity, he said.

"We guard, with special care, the anonymity of all Al-Anon and AA members," he said. "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities."

The basics of the Al-Anon program mirror those of AA, he said.

"Al-Anon uses the same 12 steps as AA," Buddy explained.

"Study of these steps is essential to progress in the Al-Anon program. The principles the steps embody are universal and applicable to anyone, whatever his or her personal creed may be. In Al-Anon, we strive for an ever-deeper understanding of these steps and pray for the wisdom to apply them to our lives."

Al-Anon hosts meetings, some closed to the public and others open, holds conferences and publishes literature aimed at helping the family and friends of alcoholics learn to cope with the situation and help with recovery for both themselves and their alcoholics.

The 12 steps Buddy refers to challenge members to come out of denial, admit there is a problem and follow a difficult course of self-honesty, courage and spiritual growth.

If you or someone you know might be one of the 37.2 million people suffering with the second-hand affects of alcoholism, you aren't alone and Al-Anon can help.

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Shaw sets safety standard

Agency logs 1 million man-hours with no accidents

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As the Army is working toward a 50 percent reduction in accidents, it may be able to take notes from one of Fort Benning's contractors.

Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure Incorporated was presented an award at the Officers' Club July 14 for logging 1 million man-hours without a single accident that resulted in lost time.

"(This) is a significant accomplishment," said Patrick D. J. Kenny, Shaw project manager. "In the last year, our overall incident rate has been reduced 50 percent."

With more than 1,000 employees, including three sub-contractors, Kenny said that is no small task.

"We have very few jobs sitting behind a desk," he said "There are so many places there can be accidents."

Kenny said almost every job at Shaw can have a high risk factor, since their employees work with electricity, operate motor vehicles and heavy equipment and use power tools.

Even when an employee contracts a rash from poison ivy or sumac, that is considered an accident, he said.

With that taken into consideration, Shaw hasn't been totally accident free, but there haven't been any accidents that were so severe the employee needed to miss work.

Kenny said the most serious accident Shaw has had since they've been on Fort Benning happened as a result of an employee tripping over the leg of a picnic table, injuring her arm while on lunch break.

Kenny said he owes the success to Shaw's intensive training program.

Bruce Bundt, Shaw health and safety coordinator, said Shaw is firmly committed to executing the Fort Benning support services contract in a safe, efficient manner and in compliance with all applicable safety, health and environmental regulations.



Courtesy photo

Derrick Cason, a Shaw employee, cleans a wall at the Fort Benning cemetery using diluted muriatic acid.

"The most valuable resource we have is our people," he said. "While quality and productivity are critical to our operations, they will never take precedence over the safety of personnel or protection of the environment.

"Our goal is to provide an injury-free work environment where facilities and projects are free of recognized hazards, and people, equipment and the environment are not placed at unreasonable risk of injury or damage," he said.

"Our mission is to be the industry leader in safety performance.

"We will accomplish this through continuous improvement to prevent or reduce the potential risk of harm to personnel, property and the environment," he said.

To accomplish this goal, every employee receives the appropriate training, equipment and other resources necessary to complete assigned tasks in a safe and efficient manner.

It is a condition of employment with Shaw that our employees work safely and follow established safety rules and procedures, anything else is unacceptable.

608th Soldiers help man Benning ammo points

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The 608th Ordnance Company is currently performing an inventory of Fort Benning's ammunition supply points before its Soldiers join ranks with the civilians who ran the ASP during their yearlong deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While the 608th was overseas manning the only Corps ASP in Iraq, Department of Defense civilians were hired to carry out the tasks of the ASP until the Soldiers returned.

This transition from civilians to Soldiers is off-setting the current Army trend, which involves taking Soldiers out of garrison environments and replacing them with civilians, said Sgt. 1st Class Luis Perez, 3rd Platoon platoon sergeant.

Keeping the 608th in the ASP, a garrison environment, ensures Soldiers maintain a standard of proficiency in their jobs and will help ensure an outstanding performance the next time they deploy, Perez said.

"Now that we've returned from our deployment, we have more experience in both combat and garrison environments," Perez said.

"We're stronger now as a unit, and we'll offer more to the ASP than before our deployment," he said.

The 608th ran the ASP for the larger part of the past 25 years, said Jerry Gaylor, ASP manager.

"Currently, we're trying to reintegrate them into the fold of the ASP so the Soldiers continue to get the training at the ASP level," Gaylor said.

> "This is a partnership, military working with civilians. It's one team, one fight at the ASP."
>
> **Capt. Gerardo Pulido**
> Commander, 608th Ordnance Company

While run by civilians, the Directorate of Logistics managed all civilian employees.

Now that Soldiers will be working with civilians communication becomes very important.

"This is a partnership, military working with civilians," said Capt. Gerardo Pulido, 608th Ordnance Company commander. "It's one team, one fight at the ASP."

By Aug. 1, the 608th will be fully integrated into the ASP.

By Aug. 6, there will only be 12 civilians working at the ASP.

"The civilians who have worked at the ASP since we've been gone have done an excellent job," Pulido said.

The ASP will retain 12 of the temporary employees, along with the nine permanent employees at the ASP to provide experience and manpower needed when the 608th deploys again.

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K-3/4
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K-4
This program is for all children (regardless of residency) who are 4 years old on September 1, 2004. It is the extension of the K-3 program with the phonics-based A-BEKA reading and writing program added.

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School transportation is available for 20 schools in the Columbus-Phenix City area.

School-age Transportation includes the following schools: In Columbus: Double Churches, Blanchard, Midland Academy, Clubvew, Brookstone, Allen, River Road, Reese Road, Matthews, Britt David, Johnson, and Waddell. In Alabama, Smiths Station Primary, Elementary and Intermediate.

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DENTAC welcomes new commander

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Col. Robert Lutka passed the Fort Benning Army Dental Activity guidon to Col. Conrad Bodai during a change of command ceremony in front of Love Dental Clinic Wednesday morning.

Lutka has been assigned to the Army Medical Department Center and School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

During the ceremony, Lutka complimented his staff of Soldiers and civilians for their outstanding accomplishments during his command, including processing thousands of Soldiers who needed dental work to meet deployment standards.

"You made more dentures and partials, and performed more procedures in one week than is usually done in a year," Lutka said.

Lutka gave his best wishes to the Bodais, urging them to take good care of "the world's best dental activity" during their time in command.

Col. David Carr, Southeast Regional dental commander, said that won't be an issue, as Bodai comes highly qualified.

"These are two exceptional leaders," Carr said of Lutka and Bodai. "They represent the very best that DENTAC has to offer."

Carr complimented Lutka for his achievements while in command of the Fort Benning DENTAC, saying, "Bob, as we say in Indiana, 'ya done good.'"

He also said Bodai has an excellent track record and has made great strides while in command of the Europe Regional Dental Command.

"He and Brenda are a perfect fit for this command at Fort Benning," Carr said.

Bodai said he has two core commitments to fulfill while in command of the Fort Benning DENTAC.

His first commitment is to ensure that Soldiers continue to get the same "world-class" dental care that Fort Benning has been providing so they will be dentally fit to perform their duties.

His second commitment is to ensure that the Soldiers in his command become proficient and maintain proficiency in their warrior skills.

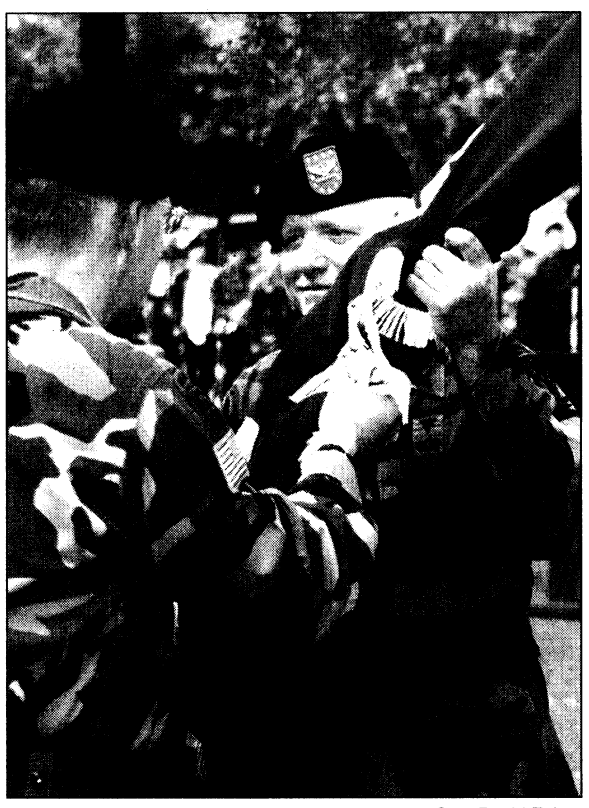
Bodai said he plans to fulfill both by being "people-oriented and mission-focused," in his command.

Bodai, who was born in Budapest, Hungary, immigrated to the United States with his family in 1956.

He earned his doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1977, entered active duty and completed general practice residency at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. Since then, Bodai has been stationed at various installations spanning the globe from Central America to South Korea.

His awards include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

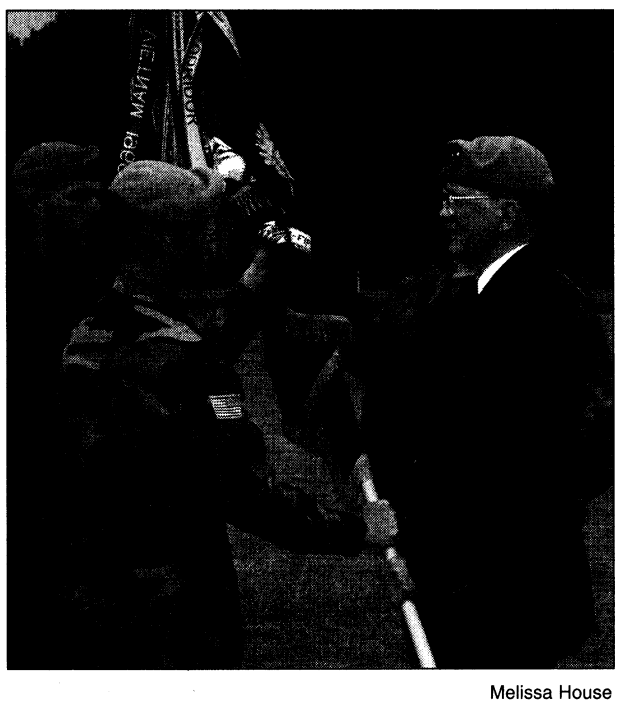
Bodai and his wife Brenda have three children, Alyson, David and Sean.



Col. David L. Carr, Southeast Regional dental commander, passes the Fort Benning DENTAC guidon to Col. Conrad Bodai, the incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at Love Dental Clinic Wednesday.

Spc. David Foley

3rd Ranger battalion guidon changes hands



Melissa House

Incoming commander, Lt. Col. John Castles takes the guidon from retired Col. Ralph Puckett, honorary colonel of the regiment.

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Friends of 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, gathered at York Field July 16 as Lt. Col. Paul LaCamera relinquished command to Lt. Col. John Castles.

The battalion draws its lineage from the famed Darby's Rangers and Merrill's Marauders.

Retired Col. Ralph Puckett, the honorary colonel of the regiment, delivered remarks for the regimental commander, Col. Craig Nixon, who was at Martin Army Community Hospital awaiting the birth of his fourth child.

The formal passing of responsibility from commander to commander, Puckett said, acknowledged the LaCameras contributions and welcomed the Castles back to the Ranger community and Fort Benning.

"The global war on terror is a close-in fight for the Ranger Regiment involving sustained combat operations in multiple countries,' he said, "something I believe is unprecedented.

"From the mountains of Afghanistan to the urban sprawl of Baghdad, the Rangers before you have captured and killed some of the world's worst terrorists," Puckett said. "They have paid the price of loss and injury of their most precious resource — our young Rangers."

LaCamera led the battalion during three combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, including three combat jumps and a number of complex, joint operations and more than 1,000 raids.

"He has demonstrated unparalleled operational competence," Puckett said. "He is a Soldier's Soldier and peerless as a warrior."

Puckett said LaCamera's wife, Theresa, represents the strongest part of the Ranger community — the wives and families.

"We are disappointed that (the LaCameras) must go," Puckett said, "but we look forward to seeing them again."

LaCamera will return next summer to take command of the 75th Ranger Regiment after completing the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

LaCamera said it was difficult to write his speech, trying first to enlist the help of his family.

"The great Americans in front of you have been writing it for me, and have been forging it into history with pride, pain, sacrifice, loss, joy and honor," he said. "Their faces have changed over the two years, but their motivation and mission remain the same."

LaCamera counted himself lucky to have served as their commander and thanked the Soldiers for all they have done and all they will do in the future.

His words of advice to Castles were, "try not to blink or it will pass you by."

Castles, a graduate of the University of Virginia, comes to the battalion after commanding the 3rd Bn., 325th Airborne Infantry Regt., Fort Bragg, N.C. He has served in 2nd Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash., and with 75th Ranger Regiment, HHC, as the regimental supply and executive officers.

"It is a great honor to be partners now with you," Castles said. "My service to this unit will be inspired by those who have served through the years. I assure you and your families will get my best as we meet future challenges."

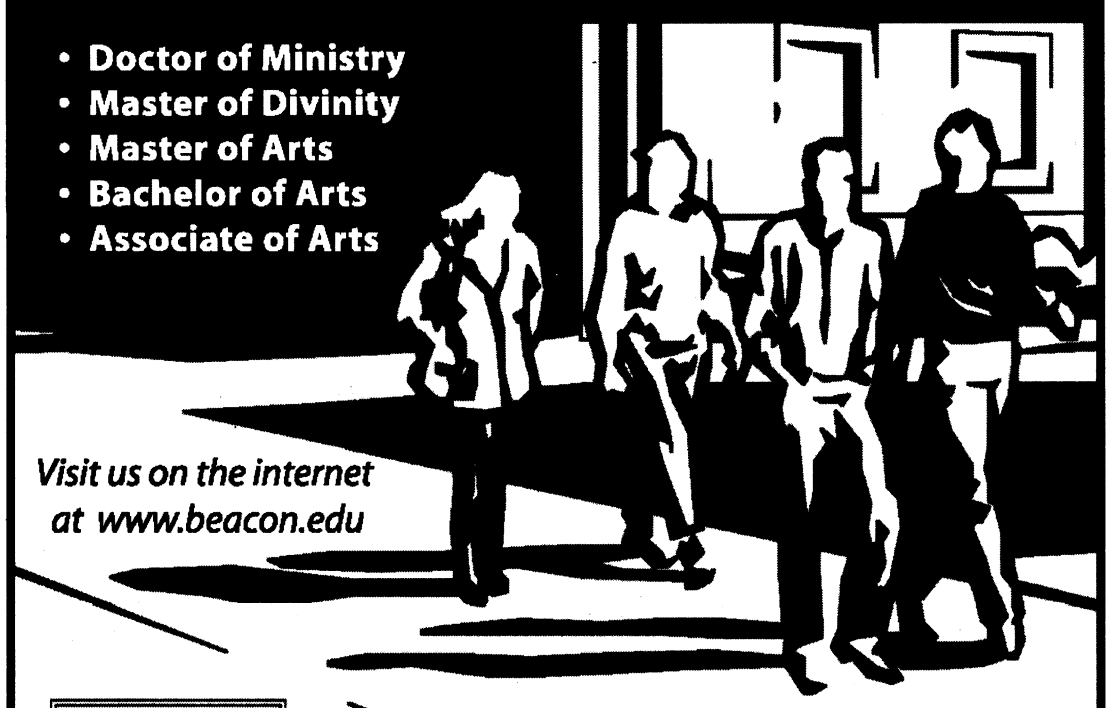
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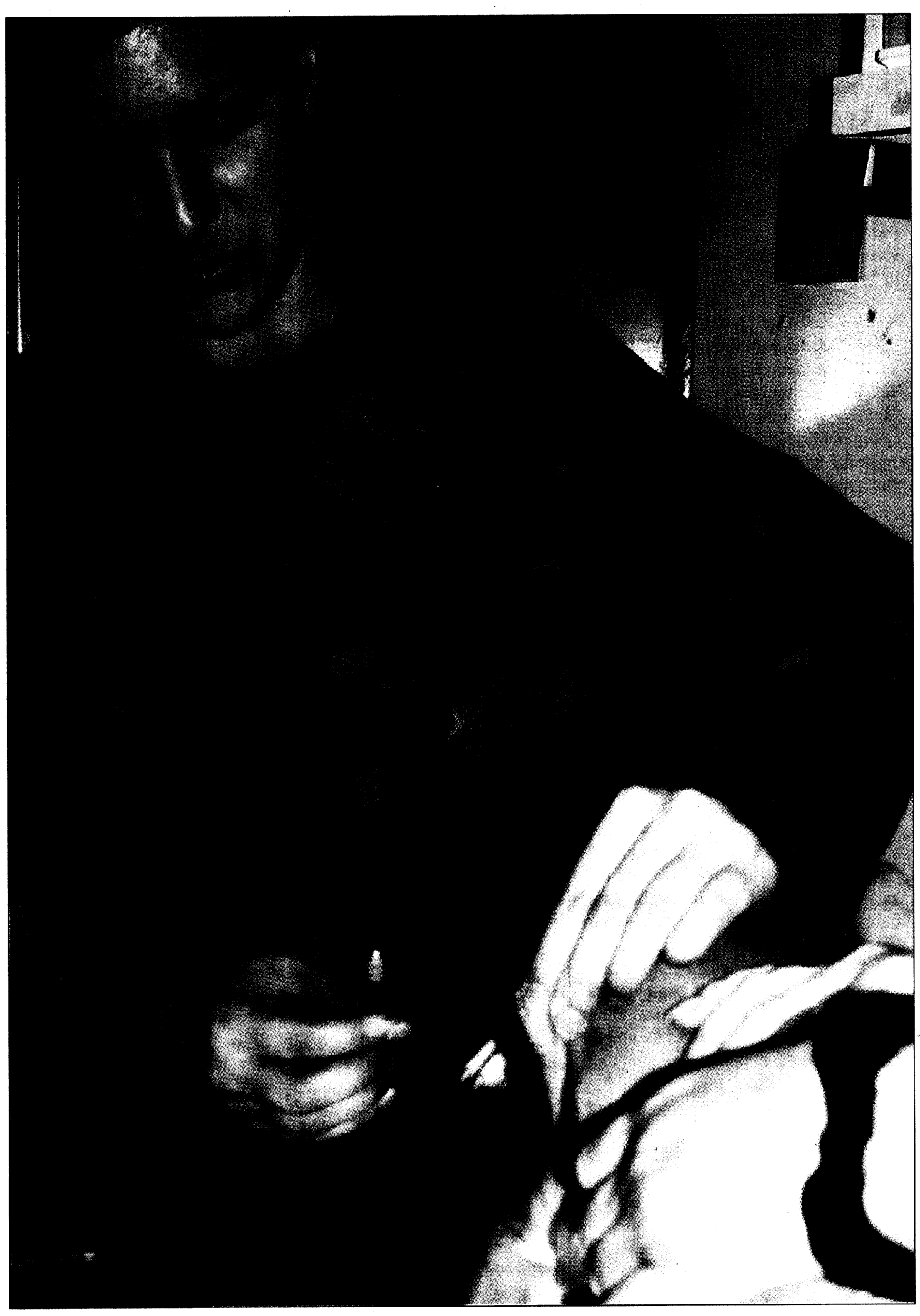
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ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Vet techs care for vital service members



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Spc. Jill Barrierre, an animal care specialist at the Fort Benning Veterinary Treatment Facility, gives a patient its saline injection Tuesday morning.

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Amidst the racket of yelps, barks, growls and howls, a young Soldier sweats in the Georgia humidity, nose scrunched against the assault of a night's worth of potty breaks by 20 or more dogs as she tackles the daunting task of cleaning the kennels and feeding and watering the raucous bunch.

So begins the day for Spc. Jill Barriere, an animal care specialist assigned to Fort Benning's Veterinary Treatment Facility.

"Sometimes all the noise bothers me, but you get used to it after a while," Barriere said.

"Our number one mission is the medical support of military working dogs," said Sgt. Martin Garcia, also an animal care specialist at the Vet Clinic.

He said the dogs, valued at $40,000 each, get top-notch medical care that rivals that of their human counterparts.

"We recently had a dog that got a consult to Auburn University to see a specialist," he said.

How many Soldiers do you know who get referrals like that?

Garcia said the 91T mission is important.

"We are supporting bomb dogs right now that are working in Iraq, and there are 91Ts deployed with Special Forces units helping to control the spread of zoonotic diseases in the livestock populations of several needy countries," he said.

He said most veterinary technicians don't deploy, but the stateside mission is valuable, as well.

Military working dogs are expensive, highly trained Army assets that depend on exceptional fitness and health to perform their mission in law enforcement and protective services, he said.

Despite the importance of the mission, the animal care specialist field is small. Garcia said most posts have civilian contractors that handle veterinary treatment facilities.

Fort Benning is one of those that is assigned military animal care specialists, because the treatment facility here is responsible for not only the working dogs assigned here and the pets of Soldiers, but for several Army installations, Air Force bases and Marine detachments in the Gulf Coast area, he said.

The Army is the only branch that has animal care specialists. These specialists bear the responsibility of providing care across the board for all Department of Defense working animals and lab animals.

The DoD uses animals for experimentation in several capacities following federal guidelines.

Barriere's messy morning task was part of the animal care specialist's secondary mission to provide routine care to Soldiers' personal pets on a space-available basis.

The Fort Benning Veterinary Treatment Facility has hundreds of active patient files at any given time.

These furry friends require immunizations, preventive medications for parasitic infections, minor surgeries, like spayings and neuterings, and care for minor injuries and illnesses.

The post Vet Clinic also provides boarding and initial medical care for all strays captured on installation property.

The animals are given immunizations, spayed or neutered and placed for adoption, whenever possible.

Veterinary techs have their hands in a wide variety of activities, Barriere said.

"I do something different every day," she said. "I may be working a clinic and giving shots one day and then spend the next day taking care of all the strays."

Though military animal care specialists are not currently certified, Garcia said that is something the Army is working to change.

"In nine weeks, we learn everything a civilian tech learns in a two-year course to get certified," he said.

During training in the Animal Care Specialist Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, techs are flooded with lessons in animal anatomy, basic diagnostic laboratory services, pharmacology, anesthesiology, surgical procedures and veterinary pathology and disease.

Barriere said she plans to capitalize on the training the Army has already given her.

"This is what both of my parents do," she said.

"I thought the training was interesting, and even though the actual job isn't exactly what I thought it would be, I'll probably stay in the field."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Upcoming changes of command

The **2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment,** will change command at 9 a.m. Tuesday on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Robert Freehill. The 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.

Voting Assistance Program

The Fort Benning Voting Assistance Program will set up a voter registration and information kiosk inside the Main Mall Post Exchange from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through July 30.

For more information, call 545-7218.

Chain e-mail

A chain e-mail is going around Fort Benning, and it must be stopped. The Joint Ethics Regulation prohibits the use of Army systems to send chain e-mail. The problem is compounded when recipients "reply all" with a "stop sending" message. Send chain e-mails to your trash folder. Do not reply.

The senior commander or director will be notified when an employee or Soldier uses the Army system to spread chain e-mails.

For more information, call Paul Yates at 545-3467.

Columbus Shuttle suspension

Columbus Shuttle, a local van service that provides service locally and to and from the Atlanta airport, has been suspended by the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command as an authorized carrier for DoD travelers on official business for one year. The suspension went into effect July 14.

Travelers on business on official travel orders should not use Columbus Shuttle for transportation service.

For more information, call Ron Johnson, Transportation Officer, at 545-4788.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3 in Building 359.

For more information, call Lane Brown at 317-3529, ext. 25.

Reclamation sale

There will be a reclamation sale from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 6 at 224-A Upton Avenue. Purchases can be made by cash only.

For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

Ranger graduations

Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 8-04, Aug. 6
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

Graduations are preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

The Women's Equality Day Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at Fort Benning's Officers' Club. Tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-6596.

Retirement package

If you are considering retirement, the Army Benefits Center-Civilian recommends you submit a retirement application package to the ABC-C 90 to 120 days before you intend to retire to ensure a timely first annuity payment from the Office of Personnel Management.

To learn more, visit the ABC-C Web site at www.abc.army.mil.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a $3,700 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for the larceny of three U.S. government Outland Mercury boat motors from the boat storage yard at Uchee Creek Campground.

The box was stolen between 10:30 a.m. June 17 and 9:10 a.m. June 18.

The assistance of the local community is requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s).

Anyone with information concerning this individual should contact the CID duty agent at 545-8916b or the Military Police at 545-5222. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Freight office moves

The Transportation Freight Office has relocated to Building 1836, across from its former location, Building 280.

Hatch Act

The deputy secretary of Defense identifies prohibitions relating to political activities 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

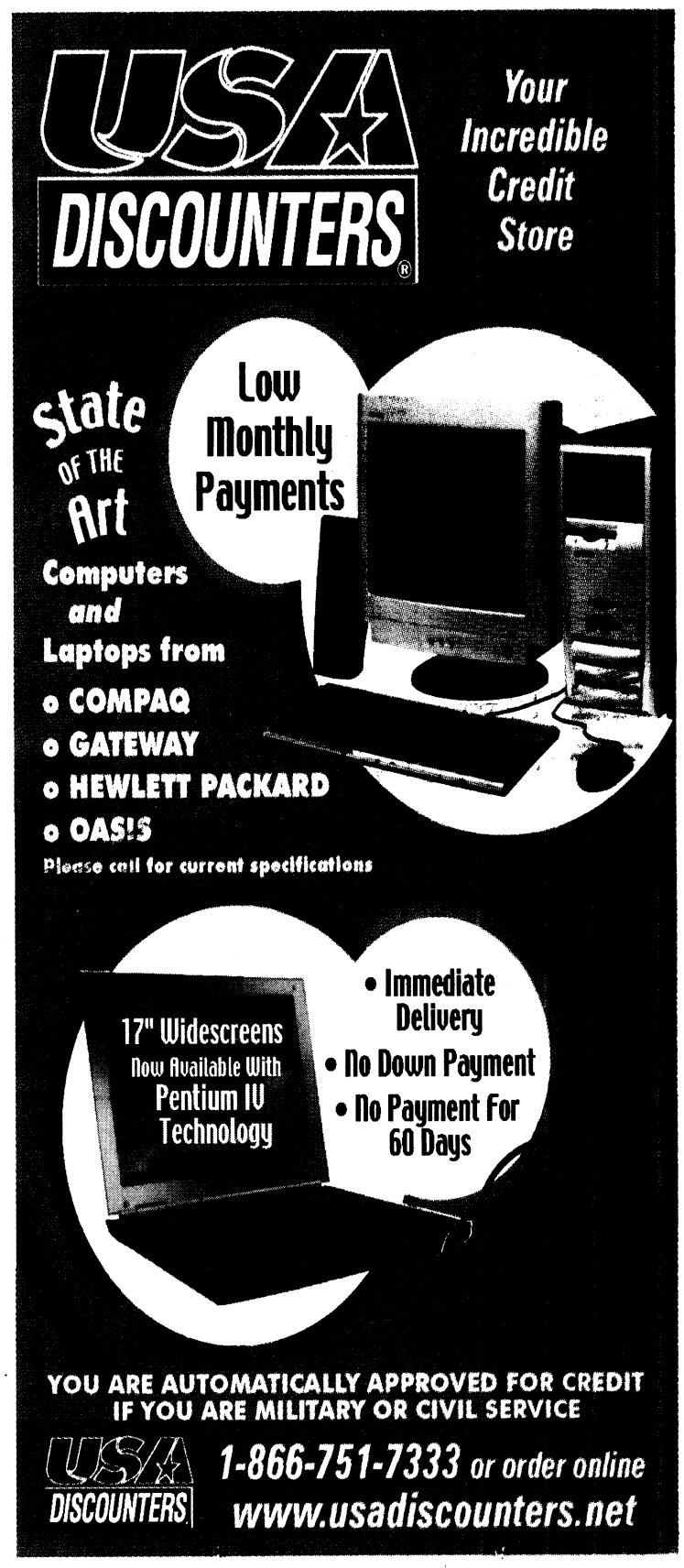
To be eligible for absentee voting in the 2004 elections, you must be registered to vote. Complete a federal post card application and mail it to the state where you vote.

To get the FPCA, contact your unit voting assistance officer or download it from www.fvap.gov.

EOD recruiting

EOD recruiters are looking for Soldiers who are looking to make the move and become explosive ordnance disposal specialists.

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ON THE BRAIN

ADHD can cause trouble for adults

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Everyone locks their keys in the car. Everyone goes on a shopping spree now and then or forgets to pay a bill on time. Everyone falls short of their goals sometimes. Everyone daydreams or zones out every now and then. But not everyone experiences these things on a day-to-day basis.

Chronic absentmindedness, impulsiveness, poor attention span, racing thoughts, daydreaming and a pattern of unachieved goals and potentials may be a sign of a valid, treatable medical condition.

Better known as ADD or ADHD, attention deficit and hyperactive disorder is a childhood-onset disorder affecting between 3 and 5 percent, or roughly 2 million, children in the United States, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

But what many people don't know is between 3 and 5 million adults are affected by ADHD, and many of them have never been diagnosed, according to the NIMH.

So, how is it that so many adults are stumbling through life not knowing what about them is different from other people or how to fix it?

Dr. Santo Triolo, a local expert on both child and adult ADHD, said that many children grow to adulthood without ever being diagnosed because accurate diagnostic services for a condition like ADHD are, typically, not available to lower-class and some middle-class families.

He said many individuals who develop ADHD as children and are not treated end up in the penal system or on the fringe of society and may go untreated throughout their lives.

Triolo also said there is no such thing as adult-onset ADHD.

The symptoms of child and adult ADHD are almost exactly alike.

The only difference is adults internalize the hyperactivity symptom as they mature and are able to better control the physical aberrations of the disorder.

"Adults tend to lean more toward hyperactivity between the ears," Triolo said.

The hyper running around and uncontrollable physical effects of the disorder in children can manifest itself in adults as an unending stream of disordered thoughts and daydreams, often affecting sleep and focus.

The NIMH lists other symptoms like distractibility, failure to meet potential, lack of attention to detail, forgetfulness, impulsiveness, thrill-seeking through high-intensity activities, procrastination and a pattern of starting projects vigorously but never finishing them.

Triolo said the effects of untreated ADHD can be disastrous.

"Many of my patients are extremely bright, but never fulfill their potential," he said. "They fall short in performance at work and in their relationships. Spouses and family have a very hard time dealing with the untreated symptoms of the disorder."

Triolo said families can be destroyed over time by impulsive spending, reckless behavior and absent-mindedness.

There is hope, though, he said.

Once a person has been diagnosed, Triolo said, current treatments are effective and address not only the pathology of the disorder, but the whole person.

Triolo's approach is three-pronged and begins with education, which he said is the most important aspect.

"Education in this sense doesn't mean college," he said. "It means learning about yourself and the affects this disorder has on you. It is about learning to anticipate problems the disorder will cause in day-to-day life, and it is about teaching those around you, as well, so they can learn to help you."

The second part of treatment is psychotherapy and treatment of secondary symptoms, Triolo said.

"Psychotherapy is where we get down to the nuts and bolts of cognitive functioning," he said. "It is where we develop techniques to counter ADHD symptoms, such as forgetfulness and impulsivity. Every person's lifestyle is different, so it is always tailor-made for the individual.

"The affects of ADHD can often cause secondary problems, like depression and anxiety, which should be addressed as part of an ADHD treatment plan," he said.

The third part of Triolo's treatment is medication.

"Medication, with education and psychotherapy, is effective in the treatment of ADHD," he said.

"These aren't new, designer drugs; they have been around for a long time," he continued. "Some have been modified for slow-release to increase their effectiveness, but for the most part, these are time-tested treatments."

If you exhibit symptoms of ADHD and think you may have it, get help. And if you think you know someone who has it, help them help themselves.

For more information, go to the NIMH's Web site at www.nimh.nih.org, or schedule an appointment at Martin Army Community Hospital and talk to a doctor.

Symptoms of ADHD

From the American Psychiatric Association

If an individual exhibits six or more of the following symptoms of inattention that have persisted for at least six months to a degree that is appropriate for their age, he or she may have attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder:

Inattention

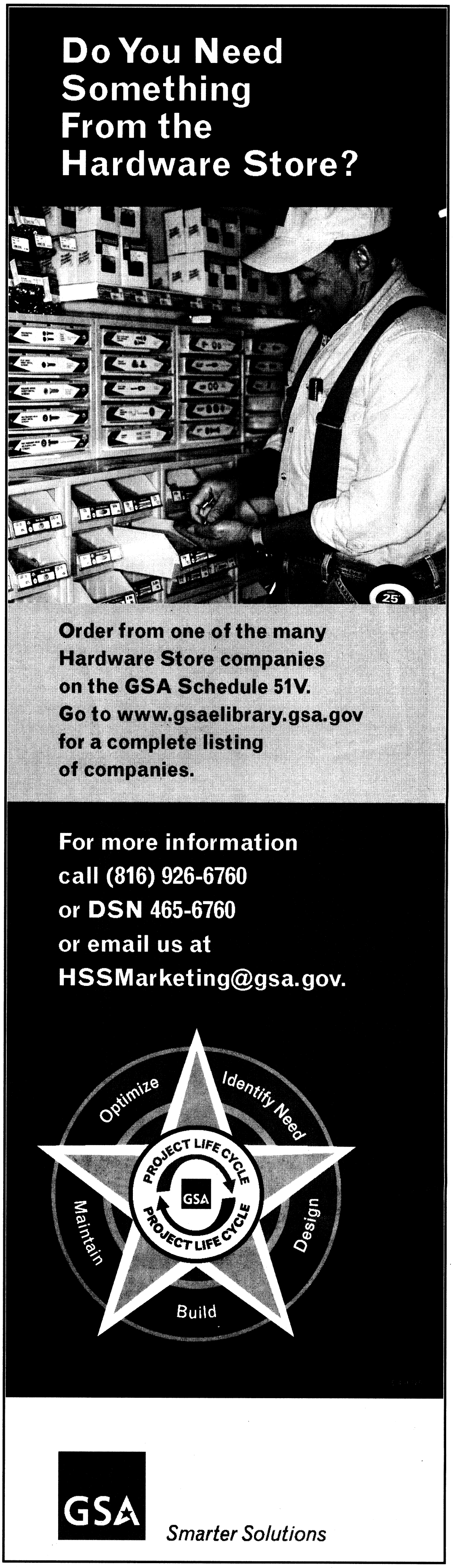
- Often fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork, work or other activities
- Often has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities
- Often does not seem to listen when spoken to directly
- Often does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork, chores or duties in the workplace (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand instructions)
- Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities
- Often avoids, dislikes or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained mental effort (such as schoolwork or homework)
- Often loses things necessary for tasks or activities (e.g., toys, school assignments, pencils, books or tools)
- Is easily distracted by extraneous stimuli
- Is often forgetful in daily activities

Hyperactivity

- Often fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat
- Often leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining seated is expected
- Often runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which it is inappropriate (in adolescents or adults, may be limited to subjective feelings of restlessness)
- Often has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly
- Is often "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"
- Often talks excessively
- Impulsivity
- Often blurts out answers before questions have been completed
- Often has difficulty awaiting turn
- Often interrupts or intrudes on others (e.g., butts into conversations or games)

Blood drive

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Progress evident in war on terror, Rumsfeld says

Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press service

WASHINGTON — The United States and its coalition partner nations are making progress in the war against global terrorism, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"We are unquestionably putting a lot of pressure on the extremists who are conducting these terrorist acts around the world," Rumsfeld told National Public Radio's Juan Williams during a July 16 interview.

The U.S.-led, anti-terror coalition of 80 to 90 nations, he said, is sharing intelligence and making it harder for the terrorists to move money. The coalition is also making it harder for the terrorists to recruit and retain people.

"We're making it harder for them to communicate with each other, harder for them to move between countries," Rumsfeld said.

The coalition has also brought down the Abdul Qadeer Khan network that was trading in nuclear materials and technologies, the secretary said. Khan, the father of Pakistan's gas centrifuge program, was removed from his post as advisor to Pakistan's prime minister for providing nuclear technology, components, and equipment to Iran, Libya and North Korea.

Rumsfeld said that "Libya has come forward and decided to forego weapons of mass destruction."

America is safer today, he said, than it was on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists hijacked four jetliners and attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Many terrorists have been captured or killed, and more information about their activities has been gleaned.

The United States has focused significant resources on protection.

"We have a much better protection system, for example, at our airports," Rumsfeld said. "We have a much higher level of vigilance and awareness on the part of the American people."

The United States is safer today because of the steps that have been taken, but there is no "perfect safety" when people are determined to kill other people, he warned.

"Now, the reality is that a terrorist can attack at any time, at any place, using any technique," Rumsfeld said. "And it is physically impossible to protect every location against every conceivable type of attack, and it's particularly difficult for free people."

If terrorists cause Americans to give up the freedoms and benefits of a free society, he stressed, "then the terrorists have won."

USAMU hosts CG's M-9 pistol training

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit hosted an M-9 shooting clinic and qualification for 17 officers and NCOs of the U.S. Army Infantry Center July 12 at Phillips Range.

The Soldiers' instruction included proper grip and stance, aiming and draw mechanics and stressed the importance of preparation.

"The most important thing they got out of the clinic was a better understanding of the amount of training it takes to be proficient with a weapon, not just be able to qualify with it," said Sgt. 1st Class Aaron L. Hampton, NCOIC of the USAMU Action Shooting Team.

"They also found out that the way that your kit (load-bearing equipment) is set up is very important in a hostile environment," he said.

After the clinic, the participants headed to Parks Range for hands-on instruction and live-fire drills with the M-9 pistol, followed by an M-9 qualification course.



Paula J. Randall Pagán

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, left, listens to Sgt. 1st Class Aaron L. Hampton's instruction.

The participants included the post commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley. After the qualification, the shooters competed in the Commanding General's Top Gun Challenge Match, which was won by Lt. Col. Tom Desrosier, 11th Regiment deputy commander, who also won the award for having the highest score in the qualification.

Lt. Col. Alan Neyland, commander of 1st Battalion, 11th Inf. Regt., who coordinated the event with the USAMU, said the 11th Infantry Regiment plans to make this an annual event and hopes to get more participation next year from throughout Fort Benning.

The participants agreed the training was very beneficial to them and said they would like to attend future clinics and competitions.

Freakley commended the USAMU for the clinic, calling it "tremendous"" and thanked the unit "for what you're doing for our Army."

USAMU Commander Lt. Col. David J. Liwanag invited the commanders and sergeants major to the All-Army Small Arms Competition in March, which he said will provide excellent training on both the M-16 and the M-9.

Rumsfeld: Draft not needed

Recruiting and retention efforts working

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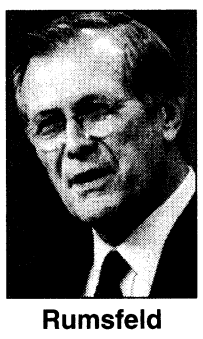
WASHINGTON — "We do not need a draft," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in a July 16 interview with National Public Radio.

The all-volunteer force "has worked brilliantly for our country," he said.

Asked if he would rule out the idea of reinstituting a draft, Rumsfeld replied, "I'm not the government of the United States. I am just one person. But if you ask me personally would I rule it out, the answer is 'absolutely.'"

Noting that there are a lot of inequities in any draft, he said, "I would argue vigorously against reinstituting a draft."

The secretary pointed out that in the 1960s, he was one of the first members of Congress to introduce legislation to create an all-volunteer force.



Rumsfeld

The military's current recruiting and retention efforts are working well, Rumsfeld said.

"The Air Force is way above where it should be and is in the process of trying to reduce some of (its) numbers," he said. "The Navy's about where it wants to be, and the Marines are where they want to be."

There are one or two areas in the Army where retention "has not been as good as one would have anticipated," he said, and defense officials are carefully watching these areas. If necessary, he added, military officials can "increase incentives and reduce disincentives."

At present, Rumsfeld said, the armed forces have nearly 2.5 million men and women: 1.4 million in the active force and the remainder in the National Guard and Reserves. He predicted that any recruiting and retention shortfall would be "in the low few thousands."

The secretary noted that the number of Individual Ready Reserve members called to active duty "is a very modest number."

Letters went out July 6 to 5,674 members of the IRR, Soldiers who have completed an active-duty enlistment but still are within eight years of when they entered the military. All enlistees agree to an eight-year commitment, usually served in a combination of active, reserve-component and IRR service.

Of those who received the letters, Army officials said, roughly 4,000 will be brought to active duty.

Most of those will be in the specialties of military intelligence, engineers, truck drivers, and other combat service support forces.

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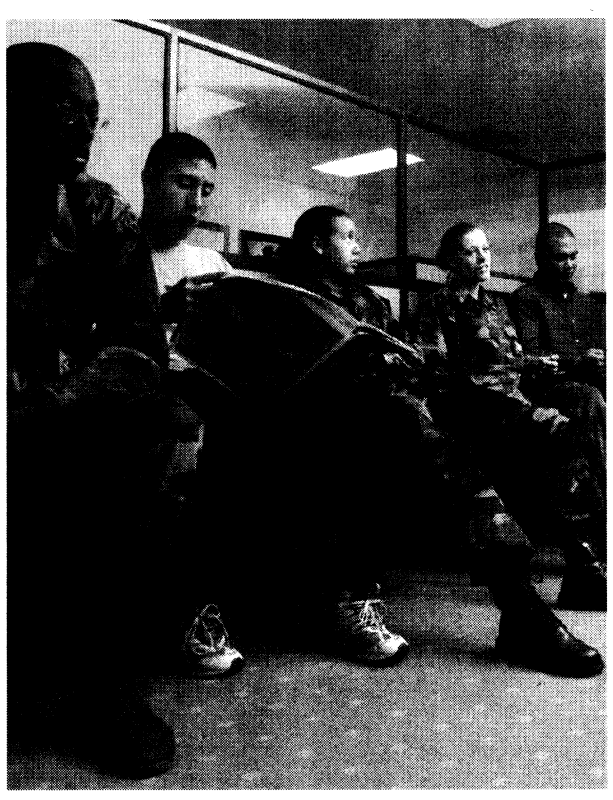


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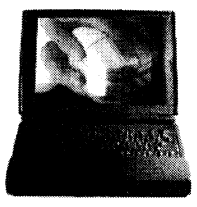
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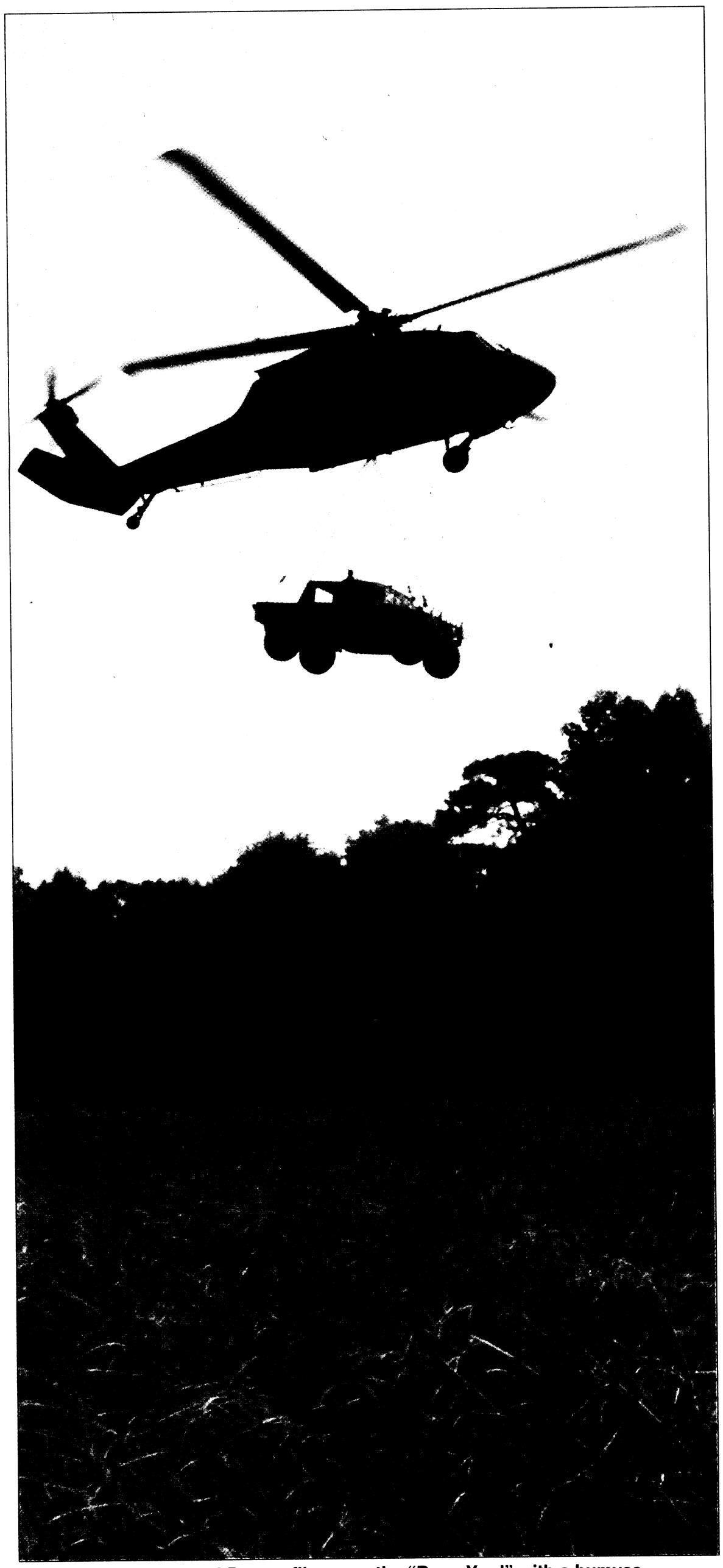
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Photos by Spc. David Foley

Pfc. Michael Davis, 104th Transportation Company, left, and Pfc. Mario Sottosanti, 598th Transportation Company, get clear of the Blackhawk after hooking up the harness on a humvee for an air lift during sling-load training Tuesday morning.

13th CSB conducts sling-load training



Soldiers learn vital transport skills

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

When something absolutely, positively has to be there right away, the Army has ways to make it happen.

Soldiers with the 13th Combat Support Battalion spent Tuesday working with Flight Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, practicing one of the key methods of getting supplies to the front lines quickly and safely.

Soldiers from both units worked together to secure several pieces of equipment to a Blackhawk helicopter during the sling-load exercise.

Soldiers from the 598th Maintenance Company and the 104th Transportation Company fastened harnesses to a humvee, a pallet of MREs and a storage container and called in the aircraft for pick-up, cycling through each item three times throughout the day.

"Sling loading is a faster way of getting supplies from one destination to another," said Spc. Alberto Newcomb, who has participated in the training several times before. "As a 92A (warehouse specialist), this is an important part of my job."

"When we are deployed in Iraq, we need to do a lot of sling loading to get supplies from Southern Iraq to places in Central Iraq, like Baghdad," he said.

Newcomb said most of the supplies his unit ships out are transported by truck, and there is a big difference when it comes to sling loading supplies — a difference that gets the Soldiers' hearts pumping.

"This is a rush," said Pfc. Michael Davis, who was getting his first taste of sling-load training.

"This is going to go under the list of crazy things I've done in the Army," Davis said. "But I am looking forward to more of this."

"The main thing here is that we want the Soldiers to be confident, and this helps them build their confidence," said Lt. Col. Matthew Higginbotham, 13th CSB commander.

Higginbotham said the training the Soldiers receive on Fort Benning will help them with missions during their upcoming rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., and help them maintain proficiency for future combat deployments.

The 13th CSB wasn't the only unit to benefit from the training. Warrant Officer Eric Barnett, a new pilot with Flight Company, said by helping the 13th CSB conduct sling-load operations, he and his comrades also had the opportunity to expand their experience.

Warrant Officer Richard Payton and Barnett both needed to perform sling-load training before they could be qualified at readiness level 1, which basically makes them combat-ready.

Barnett, who graduated from flight school in February, said most of the missions he and the other pilots fly are in support of the Rangers' training missions and involve transporting Soldiers for exercises like SPIES and FRIES, which doesn't require much sling loading.

Barnett said the exercise was a win-win situation, because the pilots and the Soldiers on the ground were able to get qualified at the same time.

One thing Barnett stressed was the amount of trust involved in sling-load operations.

"We have to trust they are rigging the equipment properly, because if one rope is too long, it can throw the load off balance, and we have to trust they are honest with the weight of the equipment," he said.

The Soldiers on the ground also have to trust the pilots and the crew because they are standing directly under the aircraft as they hook up the harnesses.

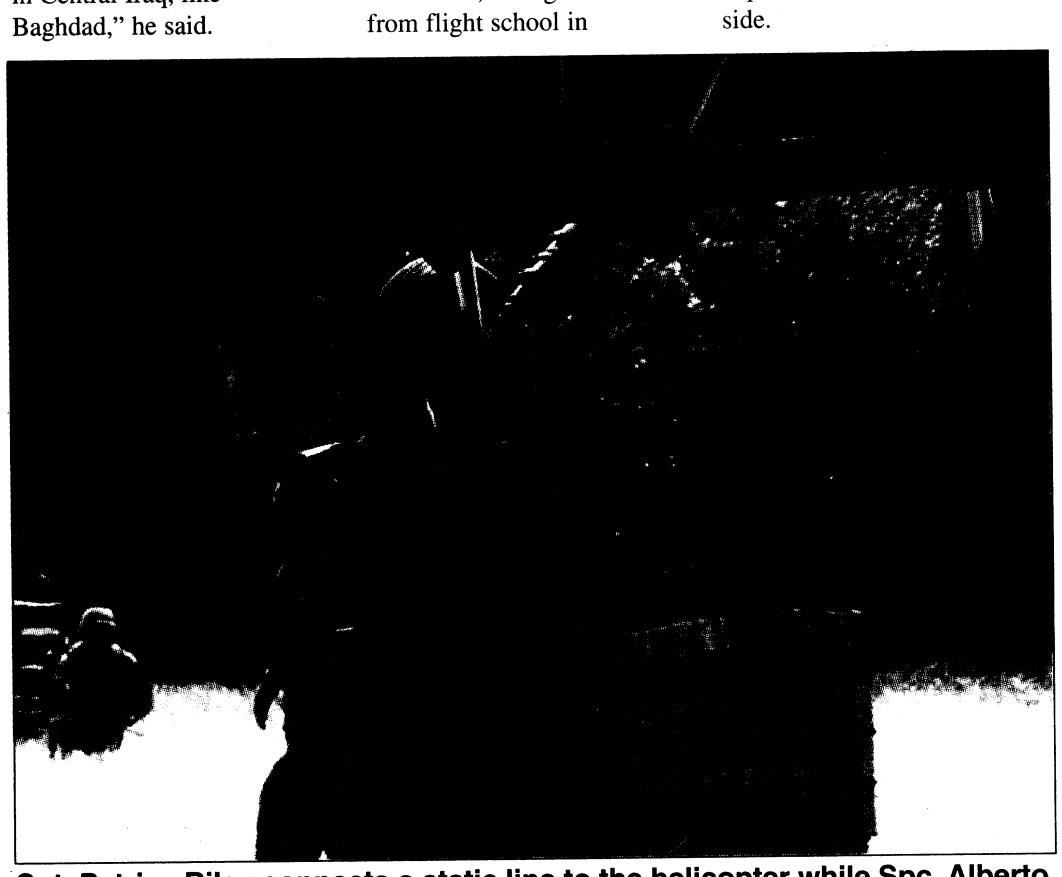
Master Sgt. Charles Lowe, NCOIC of the exercise, said safety was the most important issue during the training.

"I stress safety over and over to the Soldiers," he said. "We incorporate safety into everything we do out here."

The Soldiers trained all day Monday preparing for the hands-on training they received Tuesday, which let everyone know where they needed to be and what they needed to do.

Lowe also made sure each soldier who was sling-loading for the first time had an experienced Soldier at his side.

Warrant Officer Richard Payton flies over the "Bone Yard" with a humvee.



Sgt. Patrice Riley connects a static line to the helicopter while Spc. Alberto Newcomb fastens the cargo hook during sling-load training.

Retention: Army calls up IRR Soldiers for deployments

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little more than half of the military occupational specialties qualify for bonuses at re-enlistment time.

The average bonus is $4,200 for someone who re-ups for three years and $8,300 for six years and the Army also offers various programs with enlistment.

"You are not going to find a more patriotic group of young Americans," Byrne said.

About 5,600 Inactive Ready Reserve Soldiers were recently notified they were being called to active duty to fill around 4,400 requirements. There may be the need for more Soldiers in the future, Byrne said.

The IRR Soldiers received a mailgram telling them they are being called to active duty and another packet would arrive with their orders 30 days later.

At that point, they will be told where to report, go through an intensive screening and then receive common task training.

If IRR Soldiers have been out of the Army for a while, they will get current military occupational specialty training.

They will then report to an installation to join their units, 60 to 90 days before deployment.

The Army is also trying to provide predictability for Soldiers.

"We try to get the Soldiers together 90 to 100 days before so they are doing things collectively," Byrne said. "They deploy as a unit and come back together. The focus is on the unit."

This predictability will allow Soldiers to have full knowledge of when they are going to deploy so they can be with their unit before deployment. This will also allow for greater unit stability.

The effort to create predictability is to allow Reserve Soldiers and National Guardsmen called to active duty enough time to work with their employers.

Byrne also spoke briefly about the Reservist and National Guardsmen having employee rights, full benefits and job security.

Lt. Col. Richard Guzzetta, a National Guardsmen, said as members return from Iraq, they are working very closely with the communities to welcome them home properly.

He also said there are more than 400 family assistance centers to aid families of National Guard Soldiers while they are deployed.

ACP: Construction hampered by rain

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The concrete pour is usually completed by 8 a.m.

But before the concrete could be placed, the ground needed to dry in order to compact the dirt so that the GAB, graded aggregate base, could be laid.

The GAB helps support the concrete road, Rosito said.

When the old concrete was pulled up, there were places that the concrete was actually floating, she said.

During the first three months of construction, most of the work done was underground, Rosito said.

Storm drain pipes were installed, drainage ponds were built and the road widened.

"It looked like nothing was going on, if you're not in the construction business," Johnson said. "But day to day, progress was being made."

CLOSER LOOK

As of Wednesday, the contractor is ahead of the revised schedule for completion of the I-185 site and remains ahead of schedule for overall contract completion, according to Jack Bartholet, area engineer. The entire access control point contract is on a very aggressive and tight schedule for completion of all sites. The contractor's early completion date for I-185 was Aug. 23. That date became impossible because of the rain in June and first week of July. Reassessment of the completion dates at all sites are:

- I-185 — Sept. 28. This date allows for one more week of unusually severe weather and one week of unforeseen problems in construction.
- Sand Hill — Aug. 27. This date doesn't allow for bad weather or construction problems.
- Eddy Bridge — Sept. 28. No allowances.
- Benning Road — Will start construction one week after I-185 completed. Complete Feb. 21, 2005. No allowances.
- 1st Division road — Will start construction one week after I-185 completed. Complete Feb. 5, 2005. No allowances.
- Custer Road— Start construction after completion of Benning Road. Complete June 20, 2005. No allowances.

Passersby should see evidence of the progress when the checkpoint canopy is placed within the next couple of weeks, Rosito said.

And commuters can look forward to using the I-185 access control point by late September.

If the weather holds.

Veteran: Dog handler receives recognition, awards after 37 years

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straight," said Col. James Yarbrough, Fort Benning's assistant commandant.

Moments later, Wilson was awarded the Purple Heart and an Army Commendation Medal with a V Device for valor.

The second award came as a surprise to Wilson, who said he bears no grudge for the long wait.

"I'm not bitter, no," he said, as he addressed the small crowd of friends and fellow former Soldiers. "I was in the military 21 years — I know we lose paperwork.

"I've never really been worried about the Purple Heart. The real reason I'm here is for the dog. I wanted him to get the recognition he deserved," said Wilson, who retired in 1982. "Duke's going to be with me until the day I die. I think about him every day. That's how important he was to me. This is for Duke."

Yarbrough said it was fitting to honor Duke and his handler at a time when working dogs are once again proving invaluable on the battlefield. Lloyds of London, he noted, insures scout dogs in Afghanistan for $50,000 each.

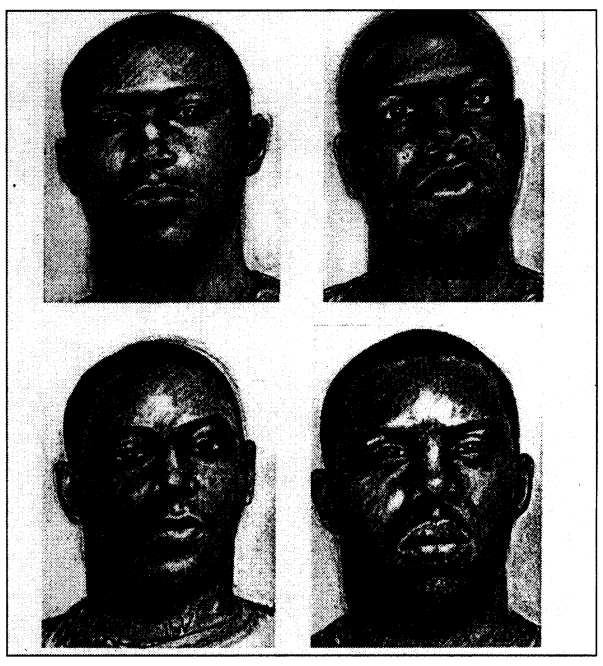
"Scout dogs are a very small population ... a scarce commodity ... but they're always on point, always in the operation," he said. "When it comes to detection, they're better than any battlefield technology, bar none."

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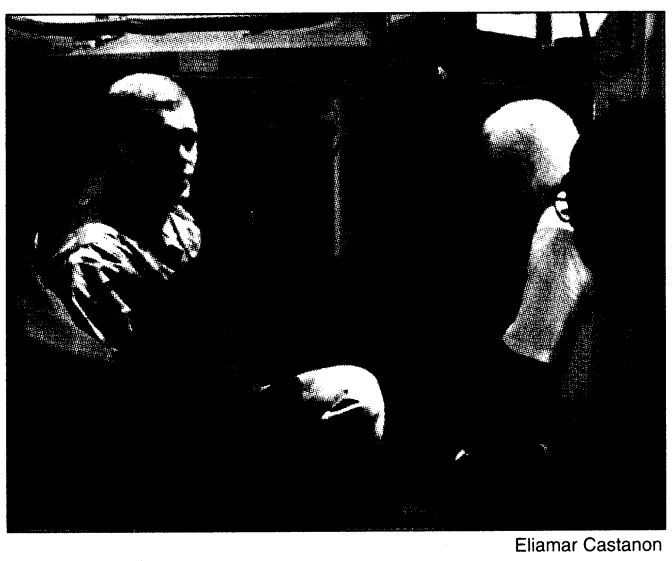
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SECTION B

Post chaplains host Clergy Day



Eliamar Castanon

Clergy from the tri-community area get a look at the inside of a Stryker during this year's clergy day, July 15.

Event promotes military, civilian teamwork

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

More than 30 years ago, the Rev. Orville Whitacre Jr. took the physical required of all young men and women joining the Army at the time and waited for the call to active duty.

After 38 years, Whitacre, along with many other clergymen and women, finally got "the call" — an invitation to Fort Benning to promote camaraderie between the civilian clergy and the Army chaplaincy.

More than 30 men and women from the tricommunity attended Fort Benning's annual Clergy Day July 15 at The Infantry Center Chapel.

"The event is uniquely designed to foster relationships between civilian and military clergy," said Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Revell, 11th Infantry Regiment chaplain. "We both minister to the same constituency, and this event also gives us the opportunity to tell the Fort Benning story and familiarize the civilian clergy with the military."

Revell said there is a profound interest in the military chaplaincy from the civilian side as to what chaplains do and how the military works.

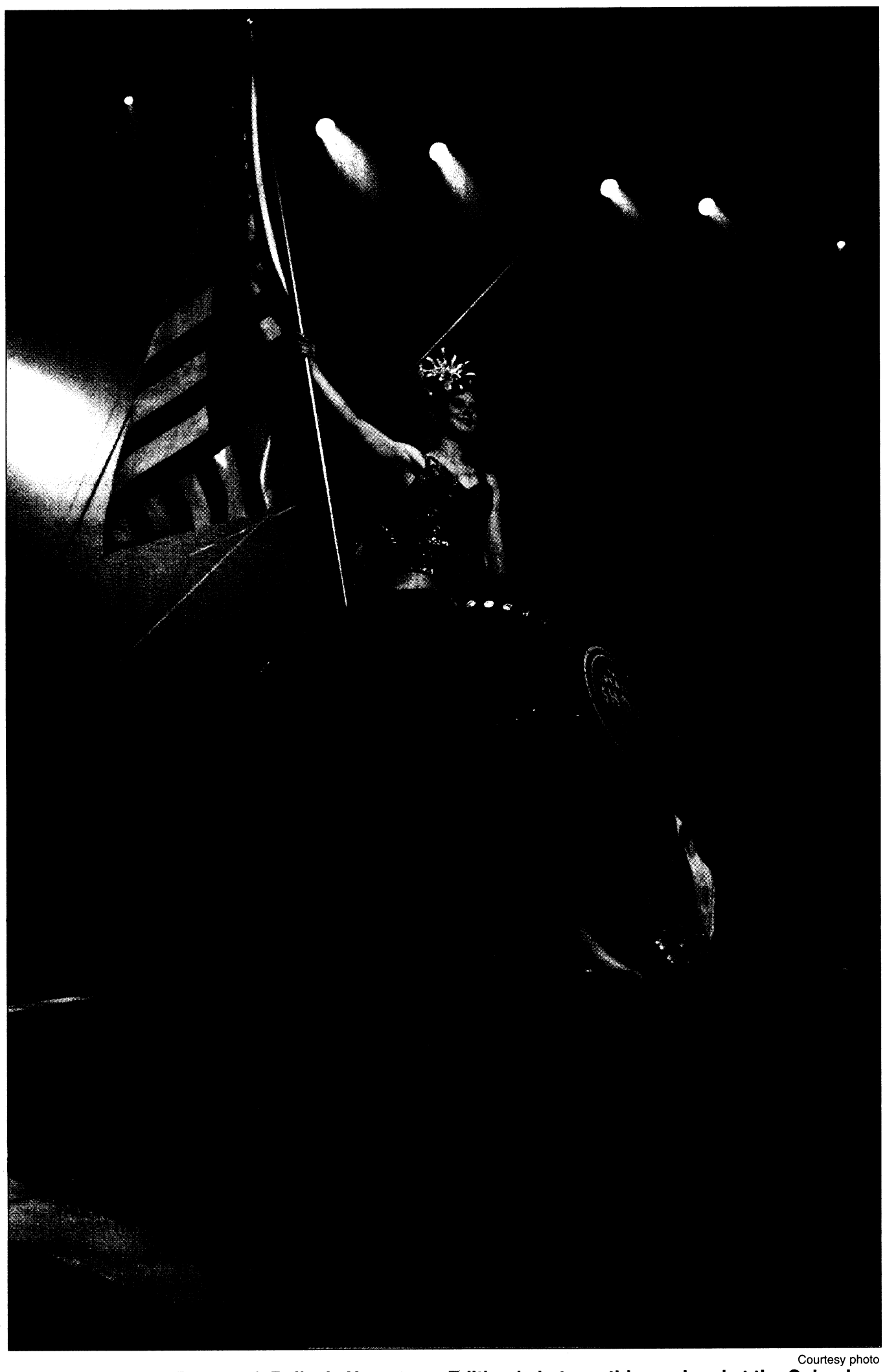
To help eliminate the mystique, Clergy Day exposes, educates and recruits civilian clergy.

The guests began their visit with an introduction to Fort Benning by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ruben Colon, deputy post chaplain.

The presentation covered Fort Benning's history, mission, units, training, the importance of the installation's mission as a power

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Ringling Bros. circus comes to town



Courtesy photo

Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey's Hometown Edition is in town this weekend at the Columbus Civic Center. The venue is offering a military discount to ID card holders.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Prepare for the ultimate in fun and entertainment this weekend.

Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey's Hometown Edition began performing at the Columbus Civic Center Wednesday and will continue through Sunday.

The Hometown Edition, which just began this year, is a condensed version of Ringling Bros.' renowned three-ring circus, said Brian Newman, production manager for the Hometown Edition.

The smaller size of the circus allows it to visit smaller venues and towns that have been skipped over in the past, because their venues and amenities couldn't accomodate the size of the three-ring edition, he said.

"We've basically taken all three rings and squeezed them down into one," Newman said. "But we definitely haven't scrimped on the quality of our acts."

Steeped in the 134-year Ringling Bros. tradition, the Hometown Edition features performers who walk the high wires, swing from trapezes and perform with elephants, horses, you name it.

The Extreme Espanas will demonstrate their sky-wheel act, performing tricks and feats inside, outside and atop a hamster wheel of sorts, Newman said.

Then there's the Thunderdome act, during which three motorcyclists race their bikes inside a globe less than 14 feet across, reaching speeds of up to 70 mph.

The Flying Tabares will perform their award-winning, high-flying trapeze act, as well.

"The Tabares are the winners of the Golden Clown in Monte Carlo — that's the circus equivalent of the Academy Award," Newman explained.

And you won't want to miss Hercules, the circus' strong man, who will catch a cannonball fired from a cannon and hold a 75-pound weight over a running chain saw, drop it, then catch it again before it hits the chain saw, all with one hand.

Meanwhile, clown Jon Weiss will wow the audience with his daring feats, balancing anything from a running chain saw to a 12-foot A-frame ladder on his chin.

Newman said the reduced size of

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Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

WARNING: ESTROGEN-CHARGED RECOMMENDATION TO FOLLOW.

Right, so, I love rock music. Not so much the flaky, peppy, I'm-30-but-I-think-I'm-still-in-high-school genre. More the heavy, loud, frightfully angry, bang-your-head-against-the-wall rock music.

All that aggression, energy and just complete frustration channeled into something I can listen to and sing (translate: scream) along with ... I know, I sound nuts. But it's kind of a relief to hear a song that speaks to you and lets you know you're not alone out there.

Unfortunately, there are very few female rock artists that I would consider respectable. Not every girl can scream till her throat is raw and still appease my ears.

But every now and then, the bitter, sarcastic, jaded girl in me likes to hear herself and all her daunting female experiences in those songs.

So, I allow for the occasional "soft" or "pop" rock artists to creep into my CD collection.

And one that will soon join those few is a somewhat new release from Jen Foster.

She's no stranger to the Columbus scene, so you may have heard of her. But if you haven't, she's definitely worth checking out.

And you'll have that chance next week, when she visits The Loft on Broadway.

I haven't heard many of her songs — actually, just a few clips here and there. But her lyrics are pretty impressive, if you ask me.

Think sedated, pre-I'm-so-in-love-with-Van-Wilder Alanis Morrissette.

Jen Foster's songs are

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Terminally ill boy's wish to come true at Benning

Child 'star' to open in post Army concert tour

Paulette Brown
Make-A-Wish Foundation

ATLANTA — Frankie Pickard, an 11-year-old from Coweta County whose wish to be a country music star was granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, is continuing to live his dream.

His highest-profile performance is approaching: A concert at Fort Benning July 31.

The boy will perform alongside current country music stars and in front of thousands of military personnel and civilians.

Frankie will open for country music star David Kersh at Wetherby Field as part of the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour's Honky Tonk Tailgate Party. Kersh was so inspired by Frankie's story that he volunteered to sing back-up for the young star when he performs.



Frankie

Frankie's original CD, *Open Heart with a Country Beat*, hit the Atlanta airwaves last June, and he has spent the past year recording more songs and performing nationally.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to granting the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions, made Frankie's wish come true by allowing him to collaborate with professional songwriters and musicians on his first single, Eva, a tune written about his "then" girlfriend.

After producing the CD, Make-A-Wish surprised Frankie with a CD release party at the Hard Rock Café in downtown Atlanta, where he walked the red carpet along with his bodyguards, stopping to sign autographs for fans and posing for the paparazzi.

Make-A-Wish made sure his rise to "stardom" was as true to life as possible and provided him with a personal stylist, photographer, publicist and even an entertainment lawyer. Frankie's wish experience culminated with an honorary induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

Since his three-day wish experience officially ended, Frankie has become a local celebrity and received national exposure and media attention.

He has performed at Make-A-Wish

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BIRTHS

Boys

Anthony Emilio Cerezo II — born June 24 to Spc. Debbie and Anthony Cerezo.

Diego Emmanuel Peralta — born June 24 to Valerie and Maj. Rodney Peralta.

Jonathan Alexander Schwind — born June 24 to Samanntha and Sgt. Eric Schwind.

Kaleb Bradley Ellis — born June 25 to Kristin and Spc. Donald Ellis.

Richard Andreas Cansler Jr. — born June 27 to Denise and Sgt. Richard Cansler Sr.

Daniel Austin Chaney — born June 27 to Sgts. 1st Class Denise and Danny Chaney.

Morgan Austin White — born June 30 to Mary and Sgt. Colin White.

Damon Eric Carter — born June 30 to Amanda and Spc. Joshua Carter.

Terren Jermaine Nicholas — born June 30 to Yolanda and Sgt. Joseph Nicholas.

Girls

Marissa Faith Loveless — born June 23 to Leah and Pfc. Daniel Loveless.

Keilani Marie Collazo-Ortiz — born June 28 to Keila and Capt. Enardo Collazo.

Jaida Calean Robinson — born June 29 to Andrea and Spc. James Robinson.

Grace Holland Davis — born June 29 to Susan and 1st Lt. Matthew Davis.

ZaNiah Richon Martin — born June 30 to Bridget and Sgt. Tory Martin.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

School screenings, sports physicals — MEDDAC Family Practice and Pediatric clinics will offer school screenings and sports physicals by appointments from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday. Screenings include immunization record review, immunization and a 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.

School registration — Fort Benning Schools would like to remind everyone to drop by their assigned school and register or verify registration for the coming school year.

The first day of school is Aug. 10. Returning students must bring in verification of housing, their sponsor's ID card and an updated shot record, if necessary. New students should bring proof of housing, school records or provide their last school's address, a military ID, a shot record and Georgia School Screening, if applicable.

For more information, call 545-7276 or check the Web site www.ddess.org/benning.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the global war on terrorism, current technical difficulties and Medical command requirements for upgrading services, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks.

MACH will assist patients in getting an appointment with a network provider for any required medical services they cannot accommodate. MACH asks patients to use a network provider for any acute or wellness appointment if they must be seen within the next month.

For appointment needs, patients can still use the CARE line at 544-2273. Patients can leave a message for their provider to refill current prescriptions or to receive test results.

Christmas in July sale — Bit of Benning will hold a Christmas in July sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 31. Bit of Benning offers a wide variety of unique items, including Polish pottery, Votivo candles, baskets, linens and a new line of pewter giftware.

There will also be complimentary warm Gluhwine and Christmas cookies available to shoppers.

July MACH classes — The U.S. Army Medical Activity offers the following classes:

- Weight-loss classes are offered Mondays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Weight classes for active-duty Soldiers are offered Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends household goods to Soldiers and their families awaiting receipt of household goods or preparing to PCS. The lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative mailed surveys to family housing residents. The cut-off for responses is July 30.

For more information, call 545-0667.

EFMP information sessions — The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold information and support resource sessions the second Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m., Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza. EFMP family members are encouraged to attend to share information. Educational video tapes can be viewed on the following dates:

- Aug. 11 — Asperger Syndrome
- Sept. 8 — Three R's for Special Education (Rights, Resources and Results)

For more information, call 545-7517.

TOPS meetings — The Fort Benning Chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Afterhours Club, Building 2502 on Indianhead Road.

For more information, call Diane at 562-9505 or Gorgia at 568-7111.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street. The letter allows for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests.

This affects occupants of Iron Triangle, the "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 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.

Educational Task Force — Volunteers are needed for a new Educational Task Force, which will deal with issues affecting military families and students. The task force will be comprised of parents who have students in the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

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 a unit first sergeant or commander, the client can select a two-day supply of food.

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Sears military special — Sears Portrait Studio is creating hometown scrapbooks with portraits of customers, families and friends.

Scrapbooks will be distributed for Thanksgiving to troops in all branches serving overseas.

Free studio sessions and four free 3x5 portraits will be offered through today to consumers who want their portrait in a scrapbook.

After today, every customer who makes a purchase through Aug. 15 will receive four free 3x5 portraits by mentioning "Thank Our Troops."

Sears Portrait Studio offers free portrait sessions and 20 percent off all in-studio and online portrait purchases through Dec. 31 to customers with a military ID.

For more information, call Robyn Frankel at (877) 863-3373.

Safe food training — The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will offer the course ServSafe: Serving Safe Food, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11, 17 and 18.

The training is held at the Columbus Consolidated Government Annex at 420 10th Street, and is open to managers of grocery stores, delis, etc. Registration requires a prepayment of $125.

For more information, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

Japanese student picnic — Columbus State University, The International Network and members of the Japanese community will hold a picnic for Japanese exchange students at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the CSU clock. The general public is invited for this potluck event.

For more information, call Merlina Salamanca at 323-9505, Kalei Givens at 297-0891 or Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357.

Peachtree Mall creates "The Scene" — Peachtree Mall is partnering with Pepsi for "The Scene" July 30, an award-winning back-to-school teen event. "The Scene" showcases 'scenes' from the lifestyle of today's trendiest teens.

At "The Scene," teens will be able to spin the Pepsi prize wheel to win prizes, including one $500 shopping spree.

All events will be held in court areas of the mall.

Check in at one of the main mall entrances at 6 p.m. for details.

For more information, call 327-1598.

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. Tickets are $20 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.

Girl Scout Kick-Off — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council will hold their annual Membership Kick-Off event from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Time July 31 at Oasis Church International in Phenix City.

For more information, call 327-2646 or (800) 326-8912.

Port Columbus summer camp — The Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum will offer "School of the Sailor," a day camp for children ages 9 through 14.

The camp runs Aug. 2 to 6. Cost for the five-day camp is $125.

For more information, call 327-9798.

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.

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For more information and an application, call program director Mattie P. Hall or volunteer coordinator Cynthia Walker at 323-3687.

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.

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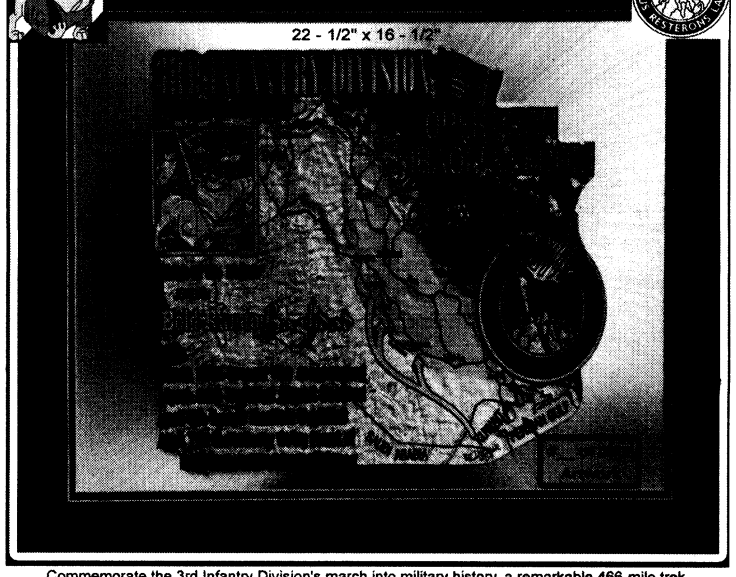
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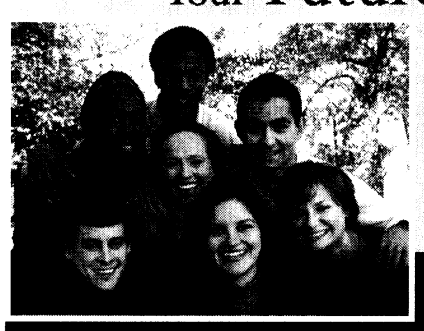
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Since 2000, Marsha Collins has worked to make Fort Benning's Exceptional Family Member Program the best it can be. And she has the program's accreditation certificate hanging above her desk as proof that the program is set up to provide what families need.

The EFMP has been around since the late 1970s, but enrollment in the program wasn't made mandatory until 1986. The program is designed to provide a comprehensive and coordinated approach to services for families with special needs with medical, educational, community, housing and personnel services. Collins is able to provide families with a variety of services, including information, referral, resources, and respite care.

Although Collins said she doesn't see all of the more than 1,300 Fort Benning families enrolled in the program, she establishes and maintains their files.

"Many Soldiers don't understand what (EFMP) is and what it means," Collins said. "But enrollment is important for children or spouses with asthma, food allergies, or (medical conditions) needing specialists."

Collins said she is part of a committee of representatives of post agencies that meets quarterly to talk about problems, ensure that Soldiers are in-processed correctly and that the programs standards are met. Her special needs resource team meets weekly with representatives from the Early Intervention Program and Child and Youth Services to discuss needs of family members going into child-care services. There, the team discusses plans that need to be implemented.

For example, Collins said, the community health nurse would identify any training needed to help workers care for a child with a seizure disorder. The staff would learn what might trigger the seizure, so they could try to keep the child away from the triggers.

She also has a database of off-post services she can refer families to, and has a memorandum of agreement with the Chaplains' Family Life Center for help with support groups.

As the parent of a special needs child, Collins recognizes the importance of support groups.

"When the doctor says you should seek support and counseling," Collins said, "it's a good idea. You have to get yourself strong. The problem won't go away."

So Collins has developed the EFMP information and support resource exchange session held the second Wednesday of every month.

In June, the exchange addressed new ideas for special education and gave information about understanding the special education system and new law. July's session was devoted to educating preschoolers with special needs and the Aug. 11 topic is Asperger Syndrome, a higher-end neurological syndrome that affects social and sensory skills.

Collins has mapped out topics through May 2005, covering everything from attention deficit disorder and asthma to straight talk about autism.

The exchange is important, but Collins said the best support groups are actually parent-driven, even with as few as three people. She also has a library of print and video resources available for parents.

Collins holds a master's in educational counseling and worked for many years as a drug and alcohol counselor before returning to Fort Benning from Germany. She said she wanted to "homestead" here because of her own special needs child, working at first as a relocation specialist until she felt the need to do something different. She got into the EFMP program because of her counseling experience and her desire to help families.

Collins thought her job change in 2000 was "timed just right," coming on board just as the Army Community Service accreditation process was coming into play, helping her learn a lot about the EFMP and its many standards.

The current accreditation is valid until 2006, at which time Collins said they will complete the process again.

"The accreditation has helped improve access for those with disabilities," Collins said. "Gyms, bowling alleys – everyone should have access to services. It's a good thing for Fort Benning."

Collins also refers families to off-post recreational programs for their special-needs children like Challenger baseball and TOPSoccer. Collins has been personally involved in Challenger baseball in Columbus for many years and considers it a good, inexpensive program.

This year, at the request of many parents and from the commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, the EFMP will offer Camp Follow Me, a day camp for special needs children held on post.

The 18 volunteers for the camp and five Fort Benning staff members went through orientation on July 14, where they received an overview of working with the children and learned about behavior management, CPR and first aid. Although Collins said enrollment for this, the camp's first year, was low, she expects it will grow.

For more information about the EFMP program, enrollments, or services, call 545-7517 or 5516. More information can be found at www.efmconnections.com

CLOSER LOOK

Exceptional Family Member Program facts:

- Enrollment is mandatory for any child or adult with any physical, emotional, developmental for intellectual disability that requires special treatment, therapy, training or counseling, and information must be updated every three years
- Enrollment in EFMP does not adversely affect selection for promotion, schools or assignment
- Installation EFMP managers work with families, providing them with information and referral, advocacy, respite care and relocation assistance

Wish: To come true for child at Benning DMWR concert

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events across the country, been a guest conductor for the Gwinnett Philharmonic, and opened for performers Glen Campbell and Joe Nichols. He is scheduled to perform at the NFL Hall of Fame induction ceremony this fall.

"The past year has just been incredible for me," said Frankie, who suffers from a life-threatening heart condition and has endured multiple heart surgeries.

Frankie's family believes that his wish has had a positive affect on his health.

"Frankie was supposed to have another transplant a few months after his wish," his mother said, "but his doctors said he was doing so well that they have postponed the surgery indefinitely."

Although there is no data to prove a connection, many doctors believe the emotional impact of a wish does have a positive effect on a child's medical condition.

"When Frankie is on stage, he is at his happiest and he is in an entirely different world," his father said. "He lives off the energy he gets from the audience."

To download Frankie's song and video or to e-mail him, visit www.wish.org/Frankie.

Gates at the Army concert tour open at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7. Tickets are on sale at Bill Heard Chevrolet, online at www.benningmwr.com, or on post at Omega World Travel, the Officers' Club, or DMWR office in Building 2783.

Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the gate. A limited number of family four pack ticket packages are available for $50 and must be purchased in advance. The concert is open to the public.

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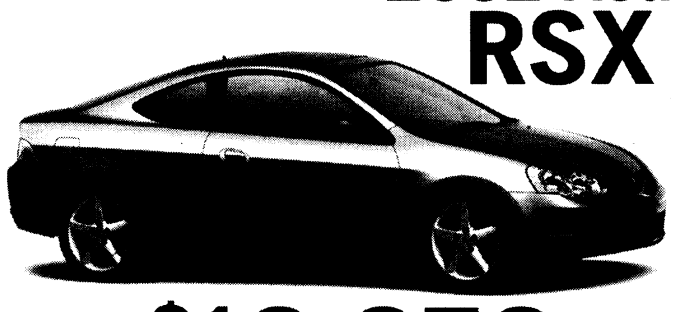
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Circus: Comes to town

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the circus will allow the audience to more thoroughly enjoy the performances.

"It really focuses the attention of the audience and lets them pay attention to what's going on in the ring," he said. "At (the three-ring circus), you sometimes feel like you've missed something if you look away for a moment to see something else."

The Hometown Edition is also Ringling Bros.' most interactive show, he said.

The edition includes an opportunity for ticket-holders to get up close and personal with the performers an hour before the event during a pre-show and involves the audience right up to the end of the show.

"This is a great chance to get out, relax and just have a good time," Newman said. "I see the show every night, and I still love it. I promise you, you'll leave smiling."

Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through July 24, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. July 24 and 2 p.m. July 25.

Tickets are $12 for the last six rows in the upper level, $17 for lower and upper level, $22 for VIP and Telescopics and $27 for VIP floor seats. Children ages 2 and older must have a ticket.

There is also a military discount available — $5 off $12 and $15 tickets for any performance. For the discount, tickets can be purchased at Omega World Travel or at the Columbus Civic Center with military I.D. Tickets are on sale now. Visit ticketmaster.com.



Courtesy photo

Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey's Hometown Edition will be in town this weekend.

GOH: Jen Foster at The Loft

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acoustic, and there are definite messages there. There are the same feelings that I and probably every other chick on Earth who's ever been in a relationship or just simply *existed* can identify with.

All those inner struggles girls go through — finding your self-worth; being torn between being free to do your own thing and being grounded in a relationship; getting over a break-up; sacrificing all these things about yourself to become this domestic goddess for whoever and seeing it blow up in your face; trying to live up to other people's expectations ...

Not to say that guys don't go through some of this stuff, too, but I think it's fair to say the sexes deal with it differently. And it's nice, it's a relief, to hear a woman put those experiences into something as tangible as music.

Now, I'm not touting her as the perfect female artist or anything. Like I said, I've never actually seen her perform. And there are a few times in her songs, that I've heard, when she almost sounds like she's whining (her voice, not her lyrics).

But I'm going to see her at The Loft Wednesday night. And you should check her out, too. It's free, so you've got nothing to lose.

And on a scale of one to 10, I think she'll be awesome.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Show starts at 9 p.m. And in case I didn't mention this, IT'S FREE.

Clergy: Visit Benning chaplains, see Army life

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projection platform and the mission of the chaplaincy.

"The Soldiers are trained to kill; that's their job," Colon said during the briefing. "They get up every day to do their job just like you do. They're trained to kill, but they are also human beings. We're here to link arms during this time of war."

Whitacre, now a reverend at the White Rock Assembly of God in Phenix City, said 5 percent of his congregation is military retirees.

"We're here to help one another," Whitacre said. "They can use all the help they can get. I am very proud of the military and am willing to do whatever (I can) to support them."

Disappointed at not being called up to serve his country 38 years ago, Whitacre said he would love to be a part of the chaplaincy — it's his patriotic duty.

During the visit, the clergy members visited the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and the 29th Infantry Regiment, where they got an up close look at the Stryker and Bradley vehicles.

The clergy then traveled to Sand Hill, where they dined with Infantry Training Brigade Soldiers asked them questions about their experiences in the Army.

Their final stop included the Soldier's Chapel and the Chaplains' Family Life Center.

"The high tempo of Soldiers give civilian ministries the opportunity to fill the void of religious support for them and their families," Revell said.

"The chaplaincy has to consolidate everything because of its resources," he said.

"People want to hold on to what home looks like, so they sometimes go outside the military chaplaincy to find it. The better civilian clergy understands the unique transitional needs of military families, the better they can address those needs," he said.

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The movie *Saving Private Ryan* begins with an older gentleman walking in a cemetery looking for a particular tomb. He looks wobbly. He looks frail and tears begin to roll down his cheeks.

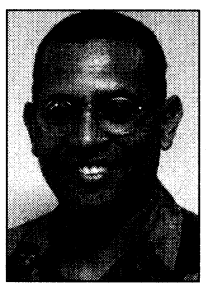
All of a sudden, the audience is sent to the beaches of Normandy in the middle of one of the most vicious and deadliest battles of World War II. As the images shock and sadden us, several names flash on the screen. The name Ryan appears a couple of times. Many good men died that day.

But Pvt. Ryan was not among them. However, the Army decided that since Pvt. Ryan's brothers had died in battle, it was time for Ryan to come home.

A squad was sent to find him. A courageous school teacher, Capt. Miller, led the men to find Ryan. After much search and sacrifice, they found Ryan.

One more battle had to be fought. Miller was mortally wounded, and as he fired his .45 at an oncoming tank, Ryan reached the man who had given so much to save him.

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Miller whispered on Ryan's ears the words that would mark him for the rest of his life — "Earn this."

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All of us have experienced a gracious act from someone else. Most of us do not know what it means to have someone die on our behalf. But like Ryan, who found himself before the cross of the dead man, all of us will one day give an account to God for our lives before a different cross.

Would we find a witness who can say to us the words Ryan's wife said to him, "You have been a good man?"

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Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
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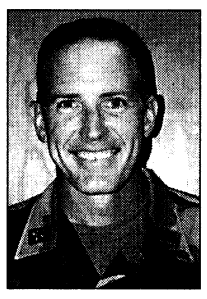
Do you remember the comedy classic *City Slickers*, with Billy Crystal? How about Crystal's rough-and-tumble-trail-boss-mentor Curly?

Right before he dies, Curly has a heart-to-heart with Crystal's character about the meaning of life.

He holds up his weathered, darkly tanned finger in Crystal's face and tells him "there's one thing that worth living for."

Crystal, exhausted by the pounding of his trail ride and anxious for an answer, sidles up next to the dying man and pleads, "What is that one thing?"

"That's for you to figure out!" Curly slyly replies — and then comically kicks the bucket!


Hawkins

Have *you* found that "one thing?" Curly knew that everyone lives best for a purpose, and that everyone needs to know what that purpose is.

I heard from one of our Fort Benning wives this week, Heidi Hovan, who had great things to say about "the benefits of believing." You see, she found out what was worth living for in her faith — her relationship with God.

What are the benefits of believing for you and your family? Heidi reminds us, they are "the four C's":

• **Confidence.** Confidence says we can walk tall, proud of who we are and what we stand for. When we have faith, we have confidence because the one we believe in has already won that confidence. Colossians 1:15 says that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God." He has already merited our confidence just because he's God!

• **Connection.** We all desire connection with either someone or something, don't we? When we yield our lives to Jesus, then we're able to have a real, vibrant connection with God. And when we're connected with God, we get the power to connect with others around us (our mate, our family, our friends, etc.). How's your power?

• **Continuity.** In Jeremiah 29:11, God promises to give our lives a purpose if we have faith. This is exactly what Crystal's character craved! We have direction and a purpose. We can then give our lives continuity. Our thoughts, our actions, decisions and relationships "stay on azimuth" when God is "magnetic North" in our lives.

• **Conviction.** When we have faith in God, his presence helps guide us. We begin to realize that we have convictions, and going against God disrupts his plans for us and hurts us in the process. This conviction acts like a rudder to keep us on path and help us achieve the purposes God has for us.

Believing is good — believing together is even better!

Chapel is a time to celebrate the "one thing" you believe in with others who are all tracking the same direction. Life isn't a solo sport!

So enjoy the benefits of believing and circle up with other members of the team this week at a chapel or a church of your choice. It'll do your family good.

And if you're looking for a casual, contemporary service that targets the real day-to-day needs of young Soldiers and families, then come out and see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill — it's open to everyone!

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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.	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

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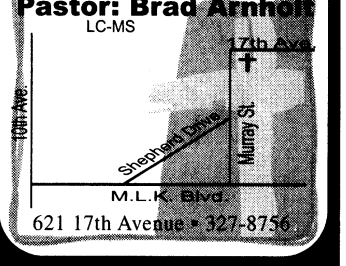
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1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
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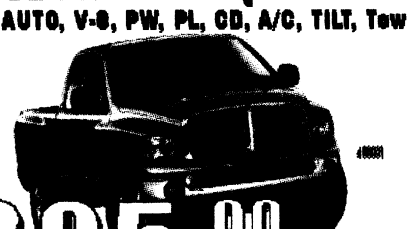
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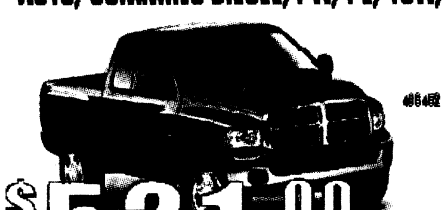
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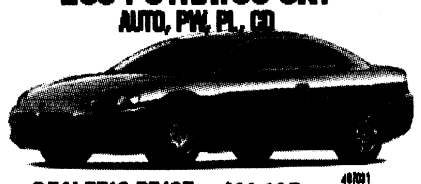
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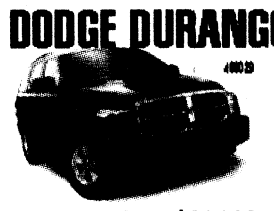
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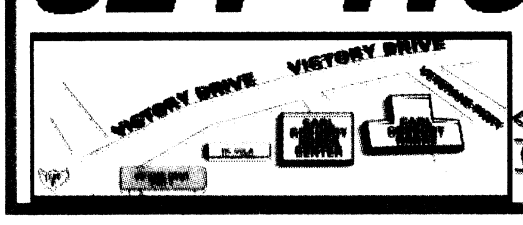
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SPORTS



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Paintball enthusiast Travis Higginbotham shows required gear. The new Fort Benning paintball course is currently under construction.

DMWR paintball course opens soon

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The opening of a post recreational paintball course by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is scheduled for mid-August.

Once opened, the course, which is located behind the Afterhours Club on Anderson, will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Safety equipment is required, including long-sleeved shirts, long pants and closed-toe shoes. Masks will be provided by the facility, as well as all other equipment necessary for participation, said Richard Martin, the director of community activities.

Costs are expected to run about $30 for an all-day session, Martin said. That fee includes equipment, field use charges and 500 rounds of paintballs.

Players must be at least 4 feet tall and 10 years old, he said, and all players must receive a mandatory safety briefing.

Martin said the playing area is approximately the size of two football fields and will be netted off.

Blow-up barriers and other gaming structures will be installed in the next few weeks.

The facility comes at the request of the Fort Benning community, Martin said.

"People were already playing on their own," said Cliff Hughes, recreation program manager. "They were paying too much for materials, driving too far for them. There was no designated area and no safety measures."

Martin said the paintball facility will be another way for residents to enjoy the outdoors and encouraged those interested to attend the grand opening when it is scheduled.

"A portion of the proceeds from paintball fees will be returned to the MWR fund for reinvestment in Soldier and community programs," he said.

For more information, call 545-7978.

CLOSER LOOK

The post recreational paintball course grand opening is scheduled for mid-August and is located behind the Afterhours Club:

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CYS to host skateboard competition on post

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Child and Youth Services will host a free skateboard competition at the CYS skatepark July 31.

The competition will be open to all children between the ages of 10 and 18, whether they're affiliated with Fort Benning or not.

"Opening the competition to the public gives everybody a chance to see what we have to offer, and it lets the outside world know we are here," said Khristi Miller, child and youth program assistant.

"I am looking forward to this competition," she said. "I think it's going to be big."

Chelsea Beyer, 13, an avid skateboarder, said the skatepark is a really good place for people to skate and compete, even if they're just beginners.

"I go to the skatepark all the time, and I'm surprised it's not as crowded as I'd expect it to be," she said.

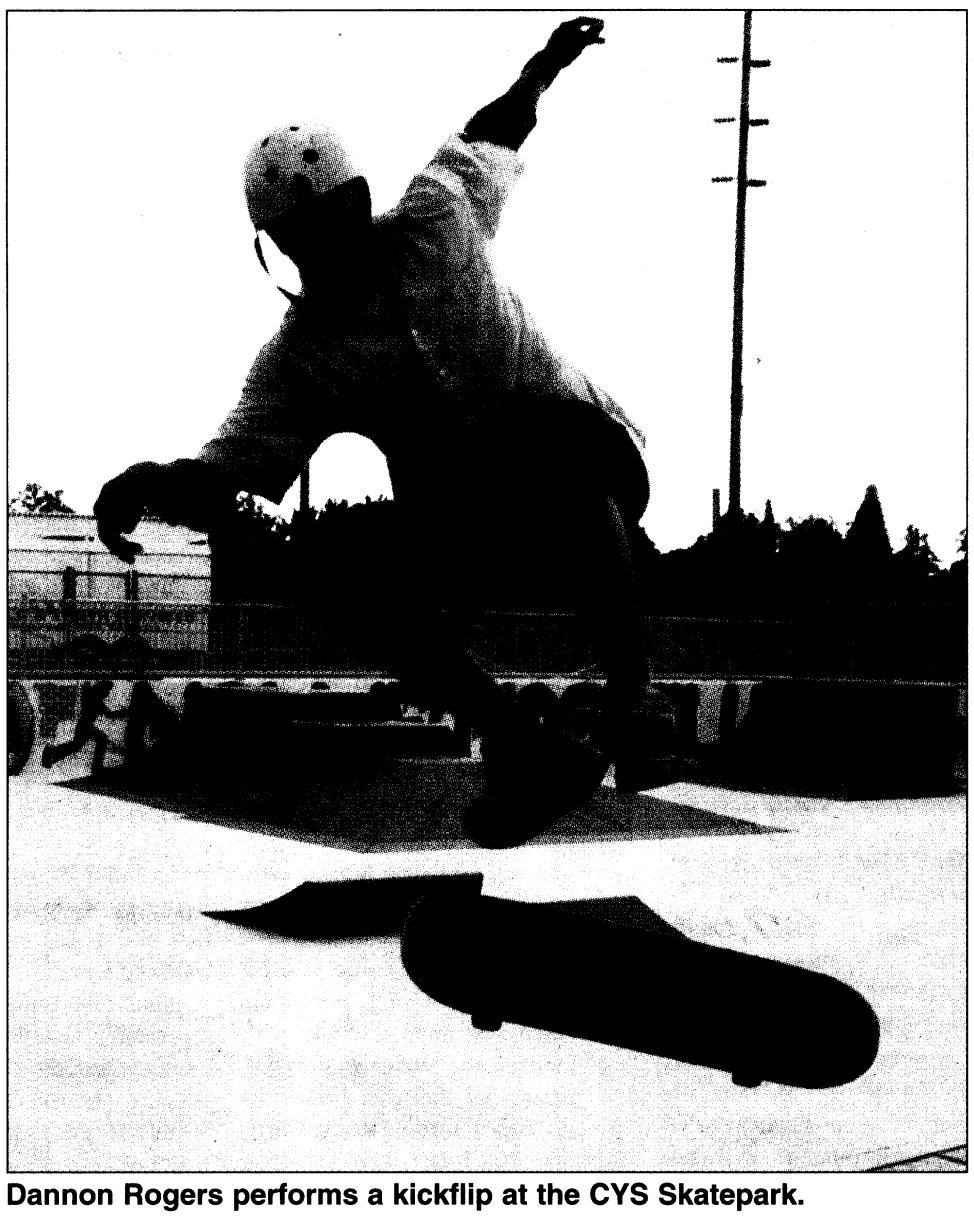
For skaters who don't frequent the skatepark and do not have the required equipment, CYS has skateboards, knee and elbow pads, helmets and inline skates to loan competitors.

The competition will be divided into three age groups, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. Each skater will make three runs and be judged in three categories — overall, sickest trick and consistency.

While the "sickest trick" category looks for the coolest trick, Miller said. The "overall" category is based on the skater's variety of tricks and the use of the park as a whole.

The "consistency" rating is based on the skater's ability to make tricks flow smoothly and appear effortless.

"A lot of kids are excited about this," Miller said. "And we have quite a few good skaters here. I've seen what some of them can do, and they are really good."



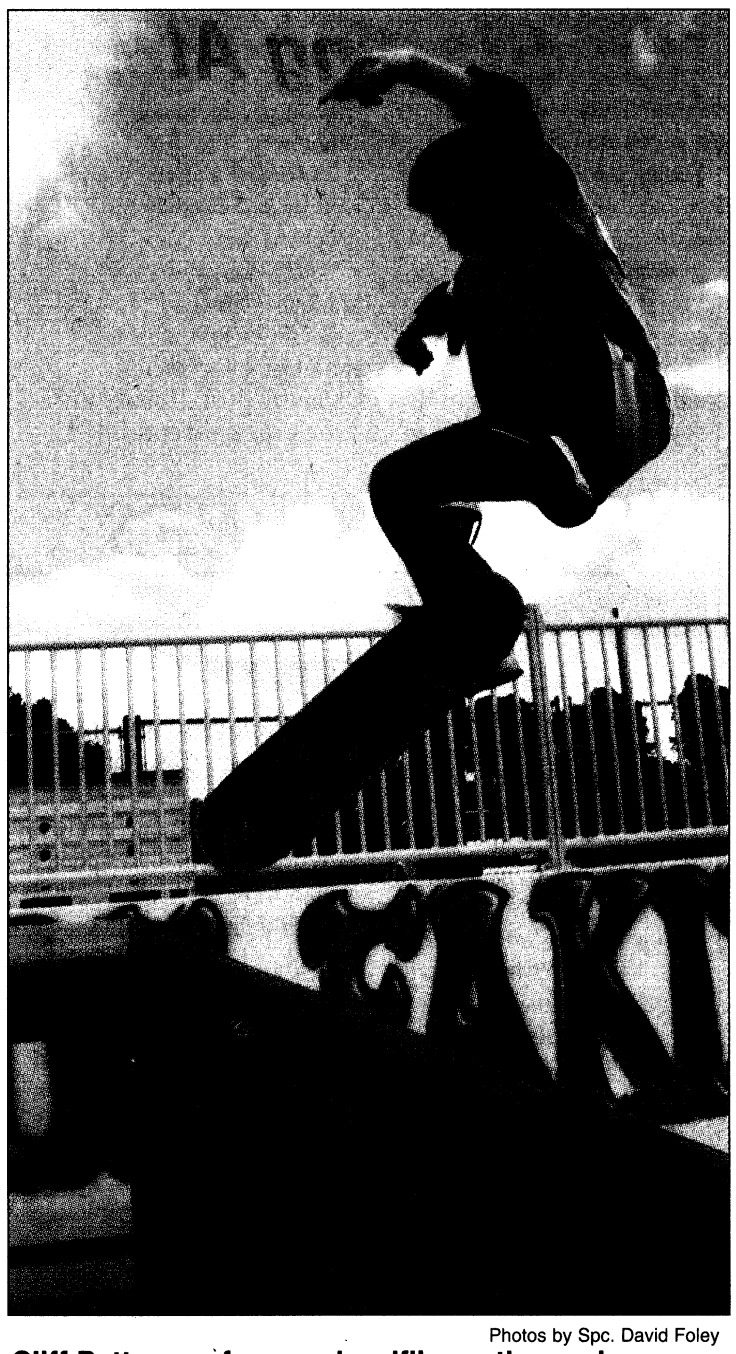
Dannon Rogers performs a kickflip at the CYS Skatepark.

"I've competed in competitions before," Beyer said. "They can be nerve-racking but mostly they are really fun."

Beyer will not be able to make it to the July 31 competition, but there's still a chance for her to show off her tricks at the next competition Aug. 14.

Competitors must register by July 28 for the July 31 competition, and by Aug. 11 for the Aug. 14 competition.

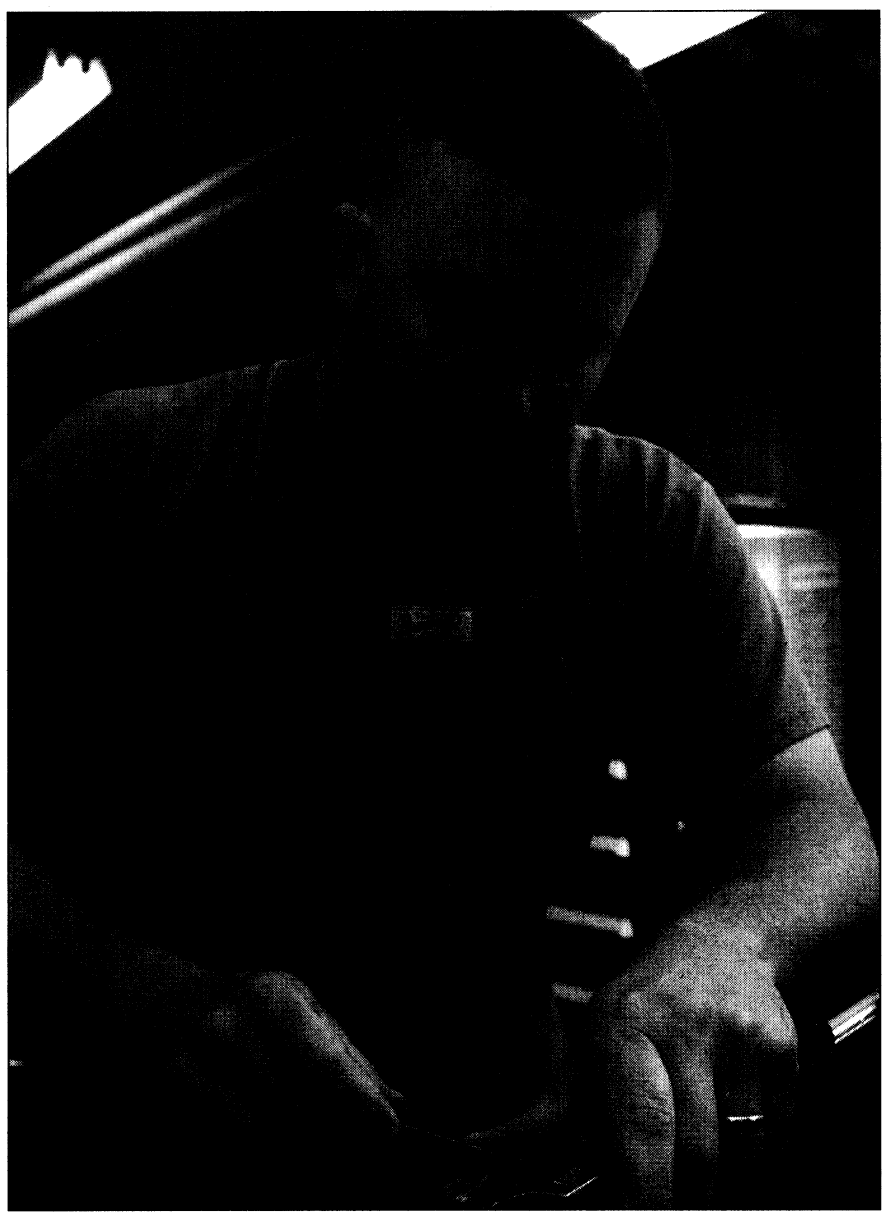
For more information or to register for the competitions, call Miller at 545-3540.



Photos by Spc. David Foley

Cliff Patton performs a hardflip on the wedge ramp at the CYS skatepark. The CYS Skatepark will hold a skateboarding competition July 31.

Gunsmith finds peace in quiet



Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gartland, a gunsmith with Fort Benning's U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will accompany the unit's shooters to the Olympics in Athens, Greece, next month.

Skilled Soldier earns trip to Olympics

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He who gets the gold gets the glory. But he who gets the glory knows who to credit.

"The gunsmiths are the real unsung heroes," said Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski, who'll represent the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit in the International Pistol Shoot at the Olympics in Athens, Greece, next month.

When Szarenski's pistol broke at the World Championship two years ago, one of the team's nine gunsmiths came to the rescue.

"They don't get a lot of press, but we're really thankful for them," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gartland doesn't care much about getting press. The 39-year-old international gunsmith said he's not "the front page type." He's more the hunting and fishing type. The farming type. The quiet, outdoor type.

"I don't get real excited. I don't jump up and down about anything," Gartland said of his impending trip to Greece, where he'll stand ready to make any necessary repairs for the AMU's seven Olympians. "But I'm glad to be selected. That says a lot."

Gartland, who lives on a farm in Buena Vista, Ga., with his wife, Gennie, took a two-year hiatus from the Army after his first enlistment to study gunsmithing at the Colorado School of Trades in 1989. Gunsmithing was a natural fit for the Kentucky native who grew up hunting and learned early how to modify and improve his own guns.

And the AMU was a natural fit for a gunsmith who recognized quality weapons when he saw them.

"The Army has the best, the highest level, top-of-the line equipment and facilities," he said. "If you want to work with the best, this is the place to be."

Gartland was selected to accompany the team to Greece because he's among the most senior gunsmiths in the shop, the basement warehouse where thousands of guns are repaired, modified and improved for the AMU's 75 marksmen.

"There are a lot of guys just as deserving as me who never got to go," he said. "The timing's just right for me."

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> U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit international gunsmith

Gartland shirks praise, but his skill has not gone unnoticed. He's often selected to accompany the team to international competitions, his work with the M-9 pistol earned him recognition with the Department of Defense, and his modifications are credited for helping the Army's Service Pistol Team win the Interservice and National Service Pistol championships.

But Gartland's hoping his work will *not* be recognized at the Olympics, where everything goes right if nothing goes wrong.

"I'll be there if I'm needed," he said. "But hopefully I won't be needed."

Bowling tourney success

Volunteers make difference for athletes

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Peach Bowl Lanes became a deafening cross between a bowling alley and a pep rally this weekend.

The Columbus venue was home to the Special Olympics Masters Bowling Tournament Saturday and Sunday.

More than 730 mentally retarded athletes from around Georgia competed in the annual tournament, helped and cheered on by coaches, friends and volunteers.

And about 370 volunteers turned out to help at the event, said Myra Tinney, volunteer coordinator for the tournament.

Their hard work paid off.

"The event was a total success," Tinney said. "The best we've ever had."

Tinney said the tournament allows the athletes not only to compete against their peers, but to get a feeling of satisfaction that they're able to participate in normal activities and that they're supported by the community.

And it's volunteers who give the athletes the support and encouragement they need, she said.

Staff Sgt. Salina Hernandez, vice president of Fort Benning's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, said she and several other members of the club volunteered to show their support for the community.

"It was to show that we're Soldiers 24-7, that we're able to help out when and where we're needed," she said.

Hernandez said the tournament ended up being a "wonderful experience."

"I was glad I went," she said. "Just being able to help out with people who just need a little bit of encouragement ... It was a great thing to be a part of."

Spc. Jason Alvarado and a few other troops from Fort Benning's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers spent their Saturday afternoon assisting wheelchair-bound competitors with ramp bowling and cheering on more able-bodied athletes.

"It's such a great program — everyone just has fun," Alvarado said.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit ammunition specialist has participated in Special Olympics events before, when he was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and said he thoroughly enjoys each event he helps out at.

"I enjoy giving me to this program," he said. "It just gives me that great feeling of knowing that I'm going out and doing something good."

Alvarado said a defining moment for him was when Jerrick, a ramp bowler he assisted, won a Silver Medal.

"When he got that medal, it felt good to know I had helped him," Alvarado said. "I felt like I did something good with my weekend."

But more importantly, he said, he learned something this weekend.

"Spending time with Special Olympics athletes is a good learning experience," he said. "They have no worries, and they're happy — they show us that we can all come together as a team and just have a great day."

Special Olympics hosts several events throughout the year.

In November, there will be another bowling tournament, this one local and for mentally retarded children.

In December, Columbus will host a Special Olympics basketball tournament.

For more information or to get involved with Special Olympics, call 653-6050.

NCO makes Olympic team, will race walk in Athens

Tim Hipps
ASACFSC Public Affairs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sgt. John Nunn earned an Olympic berth Saturday with a second-place finish in the 20-kilometer race walk in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team Trials at Sacramento State University.

Nunn, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., completed the early-morning trek in 1 hour, 26 minutes and 23 seconds.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Kevin Eastler, a missile combat crew commander stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., also made Team USA for the Athens Games by finishing third in 1:28.49.

New York Athletic Club's Tim Seaman, a three-time national champion and U.S. record-holder in the event, won the race in 1:25:40.

Around the 11-kilometer mark, Nunn pulled away from fourth-place finisher Curt Clausen of NYAC.

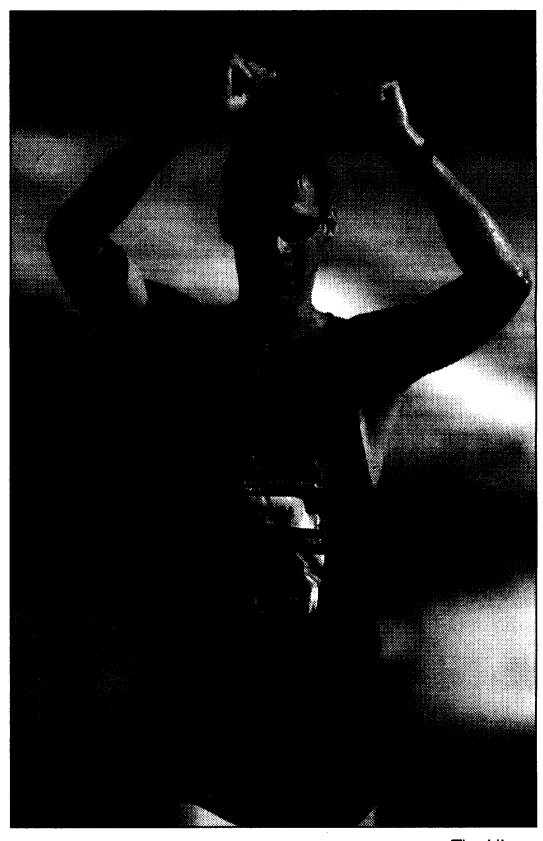
"I sensed when Curt fell off of me that if I could just hold this pace, there was a good chance that I could finish in the top three," said Nunn, who later passed Eastler. "When I went by Kevin, he said: 'I just don't have it today. It's just not working.' At that point, I said to myself, 'I've got it.'

"It doesn't actually hit you until you've finished the race," Nunn said of earning a trip to Athens.

"I was getting a little excited with less than two kilometers to go, and with one kilometer left, my arms started to cramp up. I just tried to relax," he said.

Nunn said he tried everything in his power to catch Seaman. When he realized the leader was out of reach, his thoughts turned to his family waiting at the finish line. His father, Les, a retired Air Force captain, and mother, Jeanie, were there, along with his wife, Leah, and their 5-month-old daughter, Ella.

"I definitely couldn't have done this without my wife," said Nunn, 26, of Evansville, Ind. "She's my biggest supporter, and she's made a lot of sacrifices over the last four years. She's been the ultimate team player."



Tim Hipps

Sgt. John Nunn, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, reacts to earning an Olympic berth with a second-place finish in the 20-kilometer race walk in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in California.

Nunn also applauded his extended family in the Army World Class Athlete Program.

"WCAP has bent over backwards with giving me the opportunity to chase my dream and to help make it a reality," he said.

Nunn said representing the Army will make the trip to Greece extra meaningful.

"It gives me a bigger sense of pride than just representing the country," he said. "I went to sergeant's school and met guys who had either come back from Iraq or were going over to Iraq. That kind of put some things in real perspective about the opportunity that I've been given within the Army, and that I am obviously still a Soldier first and at any point in time could go when called."

Nunn also senses a need to represent race walkers, a misunderstood group of athletes who use different sets of muscle groups than runners, with one foot always touching the ground.

"It's an oxymoron," said Nunn, who never has drawn more than one red flag in a race. "You're trying to keep one foot on the ground at all times and landing the foot with a straight leg. With running, you're working your quads and calves by pushing and pumping. With walking, it's all reverse, it's your hamstrings and shins.

"All the while, you're trying to walk as fast as you can, getting down well under seven minutes a mile. It takes a long time to get used to it."

Nunn began race walking as a youngster with his family but said he "despised" the sport. He eventually rediscovered race walking and earned a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Nunn's appreciation for race walking skyrocketed when he began beating runners on a regular basis.

"Some of the road runners get upset and some of them realize it's really not a joke," he said.

Nunn predicted that he'll need outside help to reach the Olympic podium Aug. 20 when he competes.

"I think it would have to be on my best day and everyone else's worst day," he said. "It's going to be extremely tough with my personal-best of 1:22:31; the top person in the world is walking 1:17, so they are going well under four-minute [per mile] pace."

Nunn trains with Seaman and Clausen at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.

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CYS registration — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will conduct registration for football, soccer and cheerleading registration from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Aug. 6 in Building 359.

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For more information, call 545-1940.

Fort Benning Powerlifting 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, call Broadwater at 544-2660.

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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.

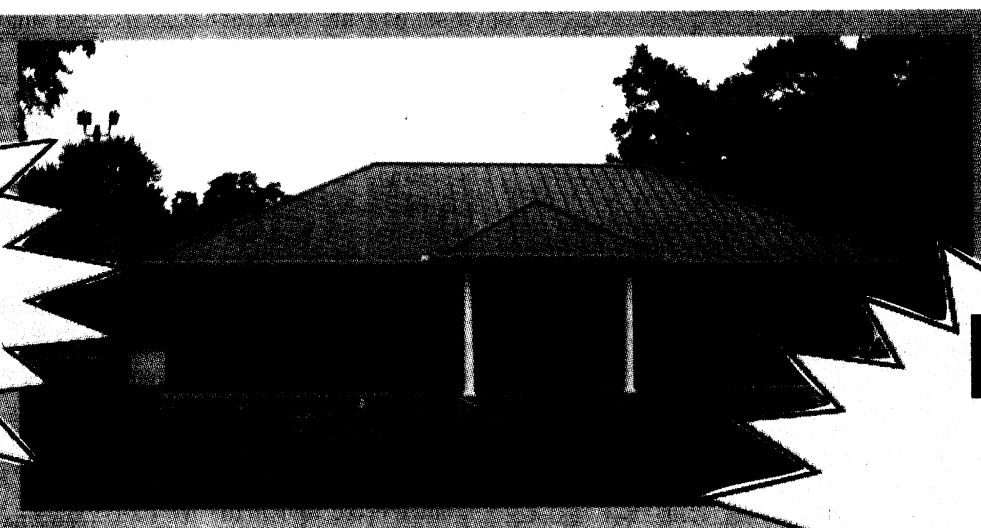
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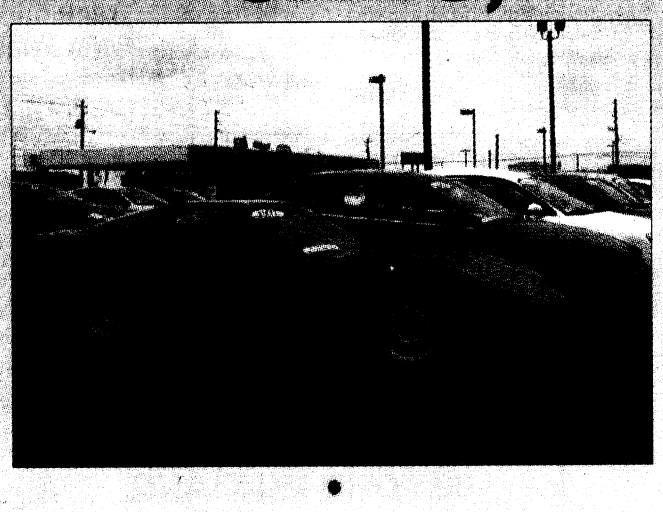
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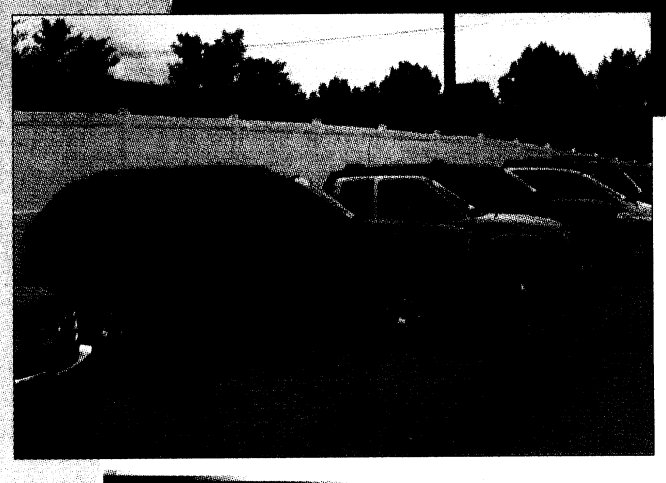


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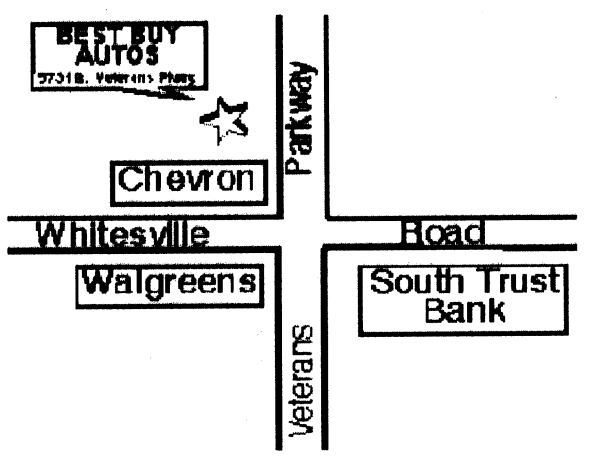
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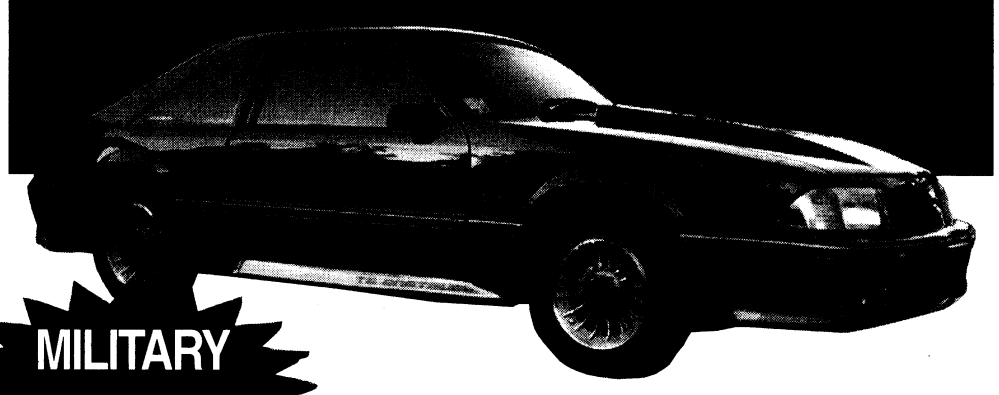
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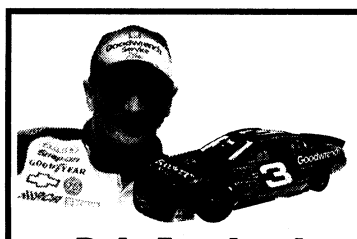
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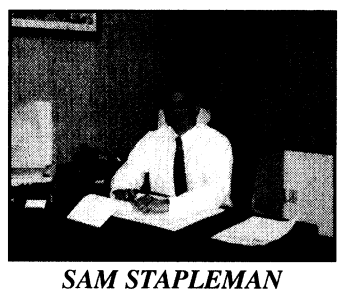
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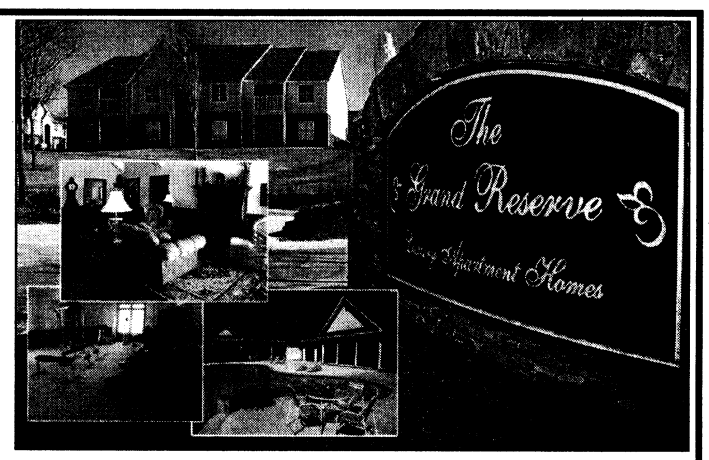
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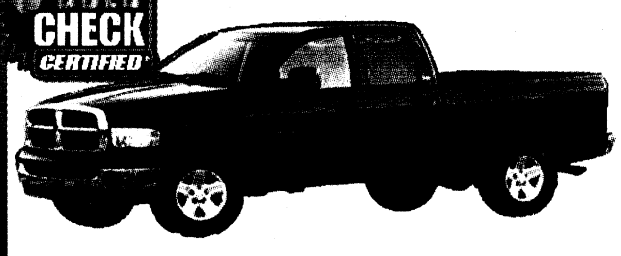
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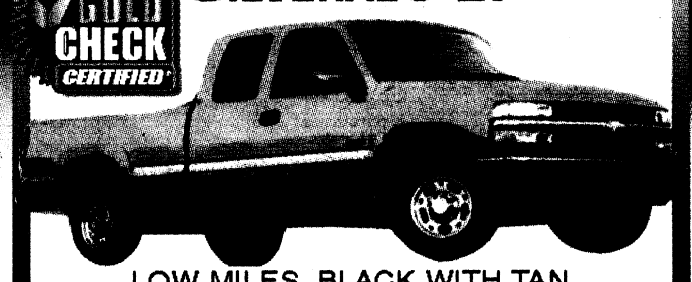
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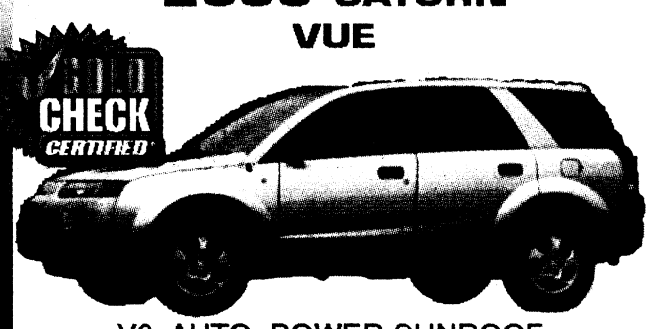
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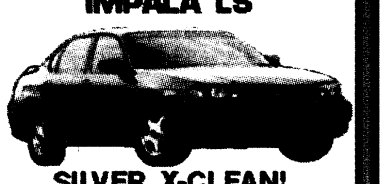
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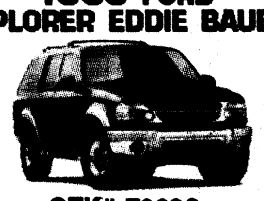
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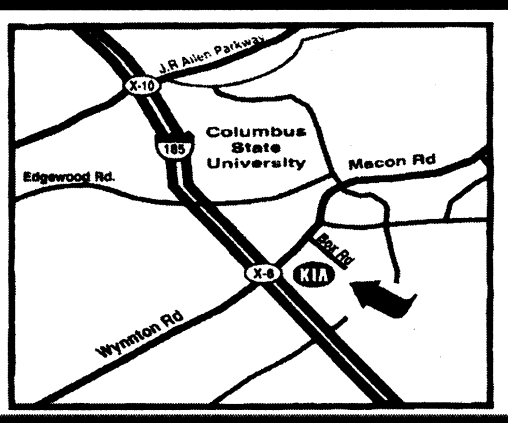
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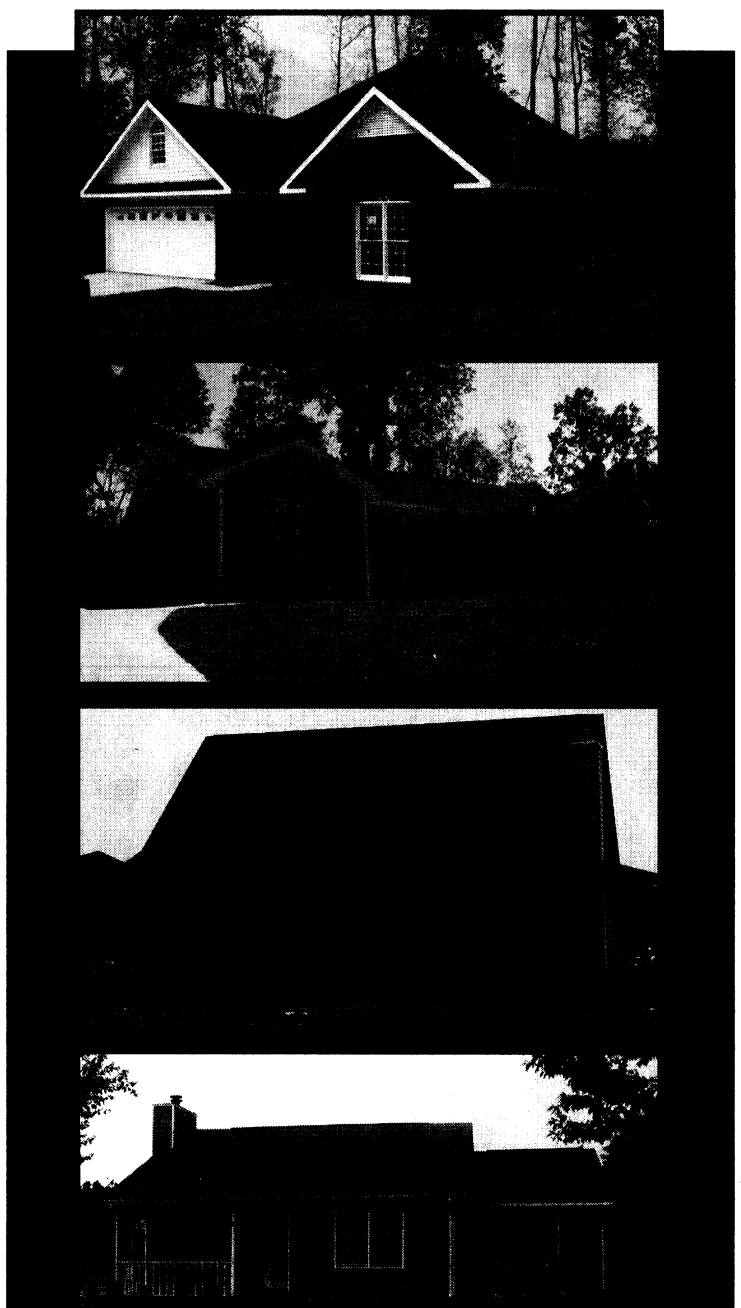
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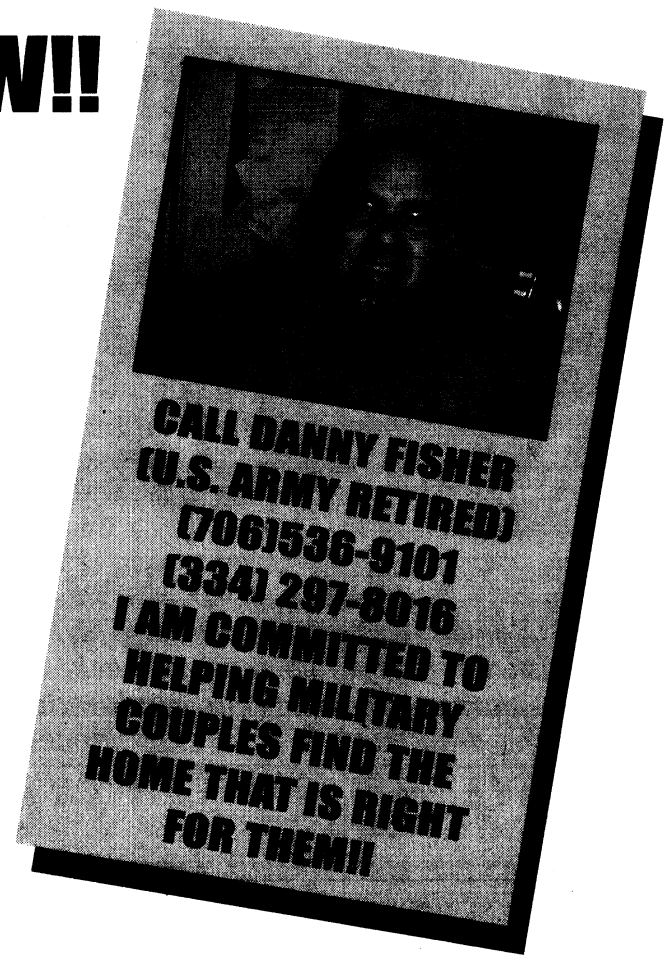
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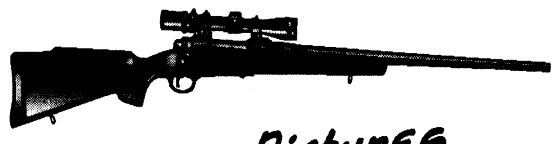
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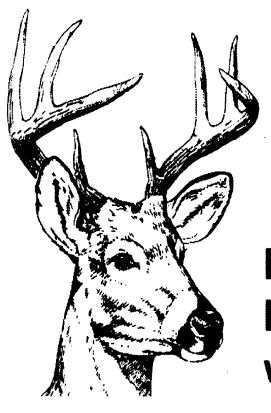
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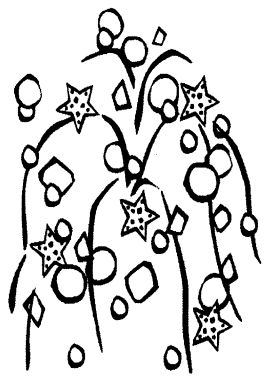
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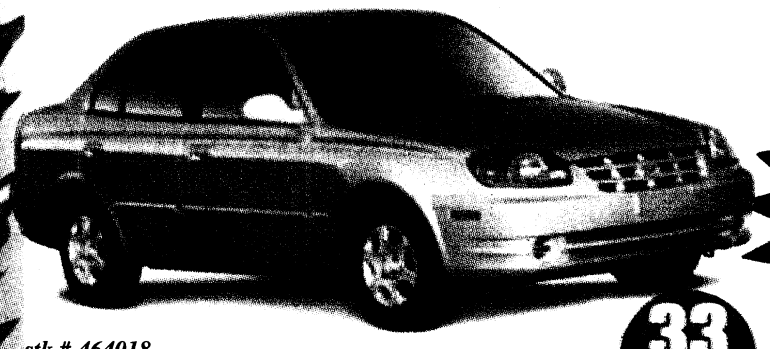
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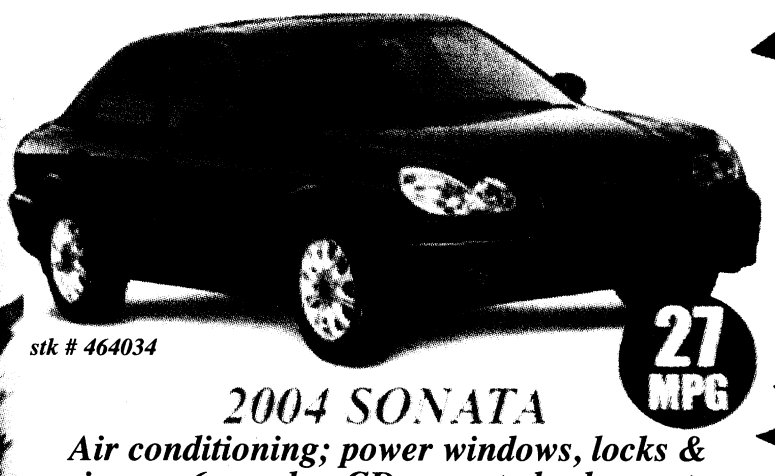
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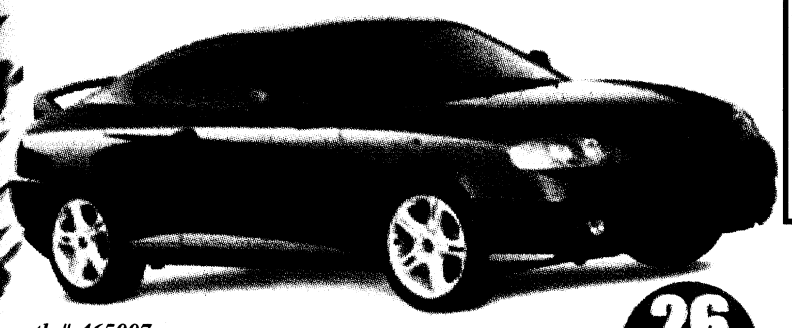
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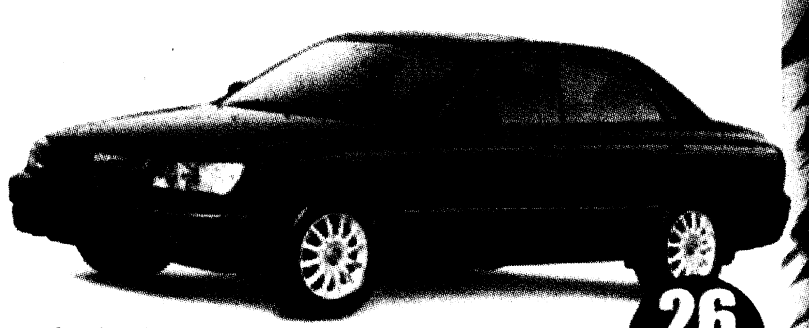
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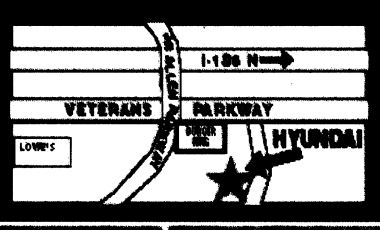
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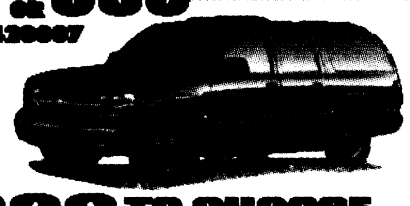


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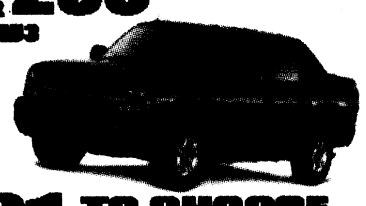
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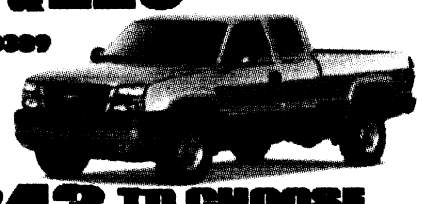
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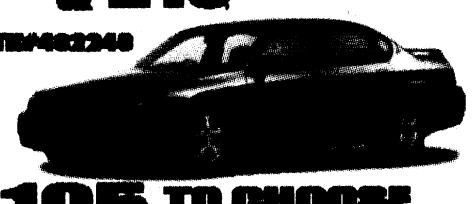
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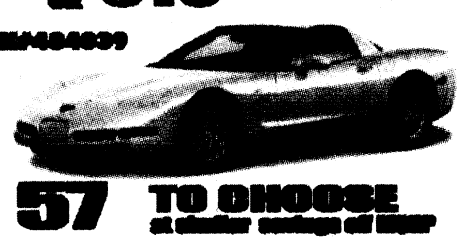
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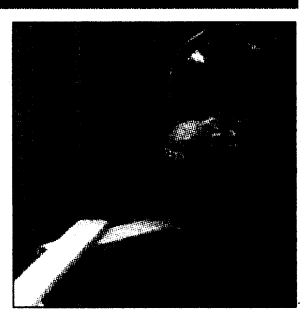
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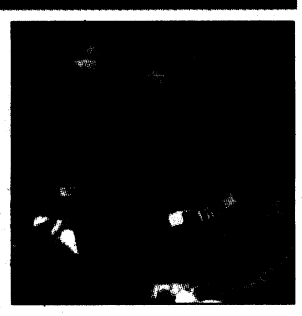
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Friday — high 90, low 70

Saturday — high 92, low 70

Sunday — high 89, low 70

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Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker talks with a group of lieutenants during his visit to Fort Benning.

CSA visits Benning troops

Schoomaker shares wisdom with post Soldiers

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker took a break from the Army Training and Leadership Development Conference and spent Wednesday morning observing training and talking with Soldiers.

Along with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Ken Preston, post Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley and post Command Sergeant Major Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, Schoomaker visited Simpson Range and spent time with Infantry Officer Basic Course lieutenants.

The lieutenants were conducting basic rifle marksmanship training in preparation for qualification Thursday.

In an impromptu talk with about 20 lieutenants, Schoomaker asked about hometowns, alma maters and units the students will be assigned to upon graduation.



Schoomaker takes a break from the Army Training and Leadership Development Conference to fire an M-4.

He then discussed the importance of the training they will receive in the course.

"The training you will get here will stick with you if you pay attention," he said. "Open your eyes and focus. This is a great Army you have joined, with great officers and noncommissioned officers, but the nation has a big job for you to do."

He talked about the units the students will be joining in the field and discussed some of the schools the students will attend.

"All the units I've heard today are some great outfits and you will be teamed up with some great Soldiers, but I am sure you are a little worried about what it will be like," Schoomaker said. "You are probably wondering how it's gonna be the first time you step in front of your platoon or what your first platoon sergeant and Soldiers will be like. I think you will be happy."

He said it won't be easy for young officers in times like these, but if they work hard and train hard, they will succeed.

"Your Soldiers and NCOs are going to expect you to come in and step up to the plate," he said. "They will expect you to fulfill your responsibility to lead and command, and they will expect you to do what is right.

"Now understand, they won't expect that you know everything, but they will not want to feel like

See **CSA,** A-3

Post to get new BCT

Addition to bring 3,800 more Soldiers

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As the Army goes through one of the largest transformations in history, the days of big divisions are numbered.

According to a Department of Army press release, modular, multifunctional, self-supporting brigade combat teams, previously known as units of action, are the way of the future.

The maneuver teams will be classified into two categories: heavy and light.

Fort Benning has already seen changes in the 3rd Brigade as the 3rd Infantry Division transformed into a heavy brigade combat team last year.

Plans are now underway to stand up an infantry brigade combat team on Fort Benning.

This means the post will house an additional 3,800 Soldiers.

The 5th BCT, 25th ID, will be a part of the 25th ID for the next few years, and will wear the 25th ID patch indefinitely, but the division will eventually be split up into BCTs and will fall under one of six to eight "units of execution," which are as of yet unnamed.

"Fort Benning is honored to be selected as one of 10 installations to receive a new infantry brigade combat team," said Col. Charles Cornwell, Fort Benning chief of staff. "This is a clear indication that the Army recognizes Fort Benning as an installation that knows well how to lead, train and care for Soldiers and their families.

See **BCT,** A-15

CLOSER LOOK

Brigade combat team temporary designations are:

- Fort Polk — 4th BCT, 10th ID
- Fort Lewis — 2nd Cav. Rgt. (Stryker)
- Fort Richardson — 4th BCT, 25th ID
- Fort Bliss — 4th BCT, 1st Cav.
- Fort Benning — 5th BCT, 25th ID
- Fort Riley — 6th BCT, 25th ID
- Fort Bragg — 4th 82nd AD
- Fort Hood — 4th BCT, 4th ID

3rd Brigade gets orders

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade Public Affairs Office

The "Sledgehammer" is heading back to Iraq.

The 3rd Brigade will deploy to Iraq in the coming months, but the exact date is not certain, Col. Steven Salazar, 3rd Brigade commander, said during a press conference July 23.

"We will be going sometime between November and February," Salazar said. "The mission analysis process and the requirements in the theater will determine the exact times."

The brigade is currently gearing up for a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., from Aug. 2 to 28 in preparation for its time in Iraq.

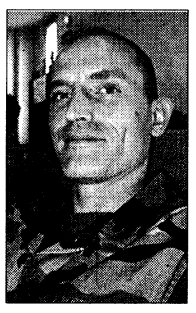
"The brigade expects to be deployed for approximately one year," according to a press release issued by Salazar on July 23. "However, there are no guarantees. The situation on the ground and the needs of the theater commander will ultimately determine

See **BRIGADE,** A-15

HALL MONITOR

It's a dirty job, but I'll do it

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff



When I heard about Courtesy Patrol starting up on Fort Benning, I was ecstatic. Well, until I found out what it really was.

Don't get me wrong — I think it is a great idea to have Soldiers enforcing general guidelines on post, because I can't stand to see a Soldier in uniform with his hat on backwards or wearing his PT uniform with one leg pulled up to the knee.

And nobody wants to hear the latest pop album mixed with the rattle coming out of the trunk of some guy's '72 Pinto.

But my pain goes a lot deeper than that. Where is the courtesy patrol in everyday life? There used to be one that followed everyone around and guided them to do the right thing.

You may know it as a conscience, or Jiminy Cricket for the younger ones. I know it as my mother's voice in that tone that only a drill sergeant can rival.

I say used to be because, with the exception of a few good Samaritans, I don't see anyone listening to their conscience.

I know I'm not the only one, because my wife got a call the other day from an elderly lady trying to get in touch with her grandson. My wife, being the good Samaritan she is, was polite with her and even offered the suggestion that she may have misdialed.

Presumably, the woman was too shocked to speak at the time, but she called back about 15 minutes later to say how nice it was that my wife was polite to her.

Hearing the sincerity in that lady's voice told me there is something wrong with the world today.

I wish everybody could be on courtesy patrol all day every day, on- or off-post.

So while I'm on my soapbox, I'll give you my top 10 ideas of rules that my courtesy patrol would enforce.

1. Don't drive slower than the guy behind you in the left lane.

2. Don't make the rest of the world wait behind you as you are waiting for someone to leave their parking spot.

3. Hold the door open for the person five steps behind you.

4. If someone held the door for you, say thank you.

5. Let people get off the elevator before you get on.

6. Don't leave your car at the gas pump while you are inside shopping.

7. Don't stop to talk with your buddy in the middle of a busy walkway.

8. Don't litter.

9. Don't talk through the movies.

10. Don't blow your nose in the middle of a restaurant.

Are these really so much to ask?

Thank a vet, young and old

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff



We see them and walk right by. If we stop and chat, we only say hello and thank you and good bye. But how many of us actually stop and listen to their stories?

I'm talking about our veterans. To be more specific, a D-Day veteran I just met.

"Harley, like the bike, Reynolds, like Burt," is how he introduces himself.

This man changed history. History that had already been written, published and distributed.

He's been in several books and a PBS documentary, retelling his accounts of what happened during the D-Day invasion on Omaha Beach.

He knows the story well and he sets it straight — after all, he was the first man to cross the barbed wire on Omaha Beach 60 years ago, the first man to cross to the German side. And he's got his buddies to prove it.

Harley was at Fort Benning to visit an old friend of his. Not another D-Day vet, but a Desert Storm vet, Sgt. 1st Class Kip Reitz, with 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.

The two met in France a few years ago and have kept in touch ever since.

"There's an unbreakable bond between two men who have been to combat," Harley said.

With the changes the Army is currently undergoing, many of us will eventually see combat — young Soldiers and old.

Like Harley, we'll have stories — about our buddies who were hurt or of those who were braver than the rest or of those who never made it home.

Harley is a man with a story. A good story, at that. He'll tell it to anyone who'll listen and, as Soldiers (and possibly future combat vets), many of us should.

During my two hours with him, he showed more love for this country and the Soldiers who are now defending it than anyone else I've ever met.

It's nice to hear that there are people out there who still have faith in Soldiers and believe what Soldiers do has to be done.

"I hold Soldiers in the highest esteem of all the people I know. Fighting Germans is nothing compared to being in Iraq," he said.

He watches the news, he reads the papers, but he still believes that Soldiers are good country-lovin' folks, just doing a job that needs to be done.

So all of you who are out there and need a little boost on your morale, just sit down and talk to men like Harley.

One thing I admired about Harley was his constant appreciation for his fellow veterans, especially those who were in battle with him at some time or another throughout his military career. He knew he couldn't have made it home without them.

He's told his story to several reporters and he said no one ever acknowledged them the way they should have been acknowledged — by name. He's never been able to properly thank them for everything they did.

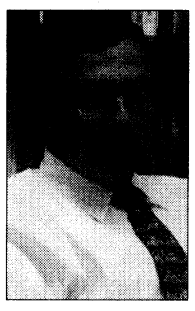
So for Harley and myself, I will say thank you:

Jim Haughey, Frank "Chip" Ciarparelli, Steve Cicon, Lawrence Makler, Arthur Schintzel and Richard Swanger. Thank you for everything you've done.

And to Harley, it was a pleasure to meet you and feel free to stop by any time you're in town.

Off-limits status business as usual

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office



When the command placed eight off-post business establishments off-limits earlier this month, there were two reactions: "It's about time," and "Soldiers are adults and should be allowed to go where they want to when they're not on duty."

First, placing businesses off-limits is nothing new. It's been around about as long as there's been an Army.

Commanders place businesses off-limits because it's their duty to maintain good order and discipline and look out for the welfare of their Soldiers.

If a Soldier is being ripped off by some loan company or an automotive shop, he's not going to have his head in the game when he's training for combat.

If a Soldier is hanging out where drug use is rampant and prostitutes freely ply their wares, what kind of condition is he going to be in when he returns to post?

Yes, Soldiers are adults. Yes, they can make their own decisions when they have their wits about them, but after a couple of beers, things might not be what they seem.

I wonder if those who are in favor of allowing Soldiers to frequent clubs where there is regular violence, drug use and prostitution would try and dissuade their adult sons or daughters from going to places like that.

Fort Benning is not trying to put establishments out of business. It is trying to get businesses to clean up their acts, to make their establishments vice free and safe.

Then there are those business owners who complain that their businesses are crime-free, that all the criminal activity is taking place in the parking lot. Well, hello, who owns the parking lot?

If these establishments take such actions, they are removed from the off-limits list. And everyone benefits — not only do Soldiers have a reputable place to go, but so do members of the community.

And as for their charge, "It's the Soldier who causes all the trouble," then the commanding general's response — "I guess we solved their problem for them, didn't we?" —suffices.

Also, the command doesn't take placing businesses off-limits lightly. There is a process. The Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board advises the commander on such matters.

The one at Fort Benning consists of representatives from post and other military installations — the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base, Warner Robbins Air Force Base and Maxwell Air Force Base. Representatives from surrounding law enforcement agencies sit on the board, as does a representative from the Better Business Bureau.

When the board receives a complaint from a Soldier — a landlord took advantage of him, a transmission shop charged him twice the estimate — an investigator is sent out to get both sides of the story.

If the board determines that a business is systematically taking advantage of Soldiers, that business will be invited to appear before the board and show why it shouldn't be placed on the list.

Also, the command can place a business temporarily off-limits without a board hearing if it learns of flagrant misdeeds or safety concerns.

Motels and bars are not being singled out.

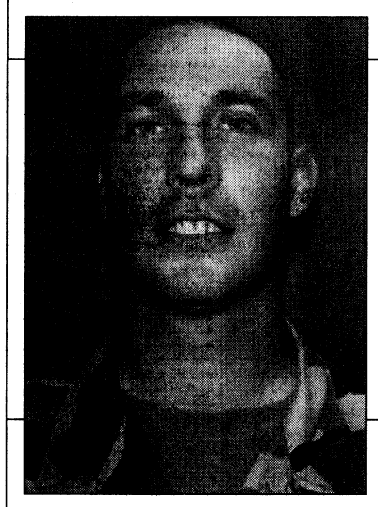
Car dealers have been placed on notice when they are found to be charging excess interest on car loans or when it's been discovered that their repair shops are doing shoddy work or charging for work that doesn't need to be done.

A slum landlord was warned when he began charging Soldiers for preexisting damage. A dog trainer was placed off-limits because he abused his animals.

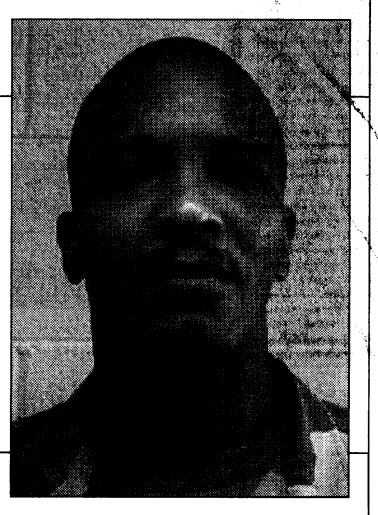
The tricommunity is a great place to live and raise a family. But as in all communities, there are folks and businesses who don't play by the rules. If putting those establishments off limits turns things around, who can argue with the results?

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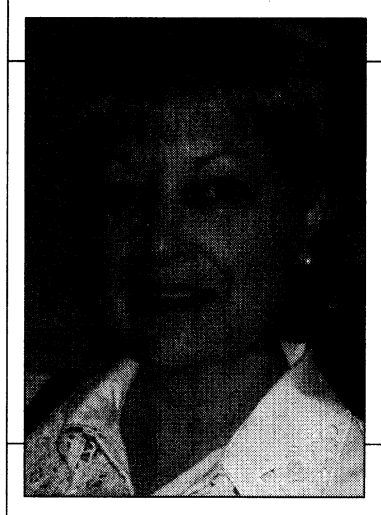
What was your first summer job and what did you learn from it?



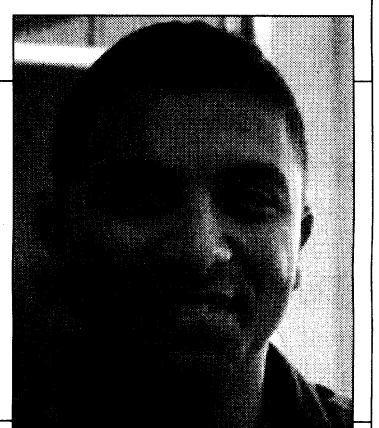
Sgt. Eric Nettle, U.S. Army Infantry Center — "My first summer job was at a Christian summer day camp. I built playgrounds and played with the kids. It was like being a big brother. I learned that kids love being around you and will imitate everything you do."



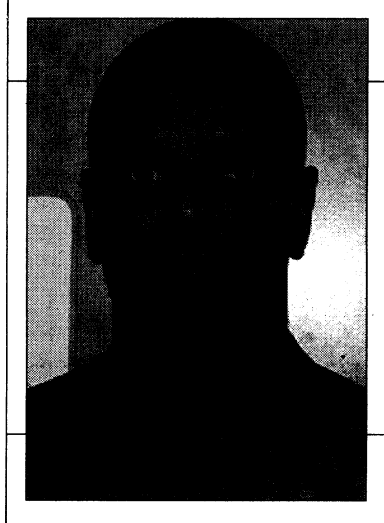
Staff Sgt. Rodney Dortch, U.S. Army Garrison — "My first summer job was doing maintenance in an apartment complex. I learned to be responsible and to manage my money well. To this day, those are two good habits I keep."



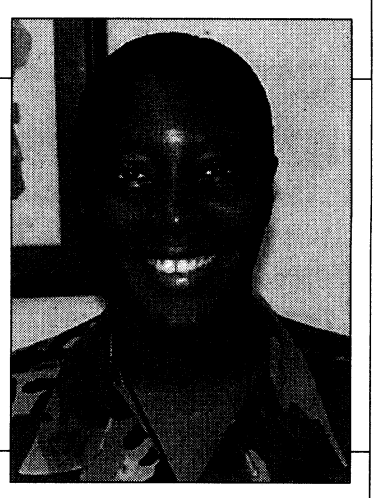
Deborah Quick, Fort Benning — "My first summer job was with a supply unit in Germany. I learned patience. Also that it's best to do a job right the first time."



Capt. Manuel Martinez, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "My first summer job was landscaping with my uncle. I learned that if I didn't want to be out in 100-degree weather, I'd better go to school and get an education."



Marine Master Sgt. Lonnie Lewis, Marine Corps Detachment — "My first summer job was a paper route. I learned responsibility."



Staff Sgt. Stephanie Brooks, U.S. Army Garrison — "My first summer job was at a YMCA. I learned that it can be hard to take care of kids, especially when you're trying to coordinate things for them to do. But it was really fun."

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Schoomaker visits Soldiers during his visit at Fort Benning.

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they have to pull you around by your nose, so take what you are learning now seriously."

Schoomaker discussed the certainty of war and danger and commended the Soldiers on their sacrifices.

"All of these units we have talked about have either seen combat in the last two years or will shortly after you arrive," he said. "Believe it or not, this is a great opportunity for you. Thank you for your service, and we are very, very proud of you."

Schoomaker and several other officials spent part of the morning conducting familiarization training and a live-fire exercise with the prototype XM-8 weapon on Easley Range.

They also visited the Combatives Course where they were briefed on tactics and instruction methods by the course instructors.

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> **Gen. Peter Schoomaker**
> Chief of Staff of the Army

Schoomaker unveils new professional reading list

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker released a new Professional Reading List July 23.

The list, which can be found at the Center of Military History Web page, www.army.mil/cmh, is broken down into four sub groups based on a leader's responsibilities, whether enlisted or commissioned.

"The Professional Reading List is a way for leaders at all levels to increase their depth of understanding of our Army's history, the global strategic context, and the enduring lessons of war," Schoomaker said.

"The topics and time periods included in the books on this list are expansive and are intended to broaden each leader's knowledge and confidence. I challenge all leaders to make a focused, personal commitment to read, reflect, and learn about our profession, and our world," he said. "Through the exercise of our minds, our Army will grow stronger."

Books range in timeframe from the Peloponnesian War to the hunt for al Qaeda and in context from personal memoirs of command to commentaries on the impact of centuries of armed conflict.

Among the books included are John Keegan's *The Face of Battle*, the *Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant*, Stephen E. Ambrose's *Band of Brothers*, Lt. Gen. Hal Moore's *We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young*, Rohan Guanarana's *Inside al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror*, and Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*.

Army Air Force Exchange Services military clothing sales stores and a few main exchanges will have the publications on hand for purchase. Additionally, Army installation libraries will make the volumes available to interested personnel.

The complete list of books in the first sub-group, for cadets, Soldiers, and junior NCOs, includes:

• The Constitution of the United States, available online at http://www.house.gov/Constitution/Constitution.html.

• *Centuries of Service: the U.S.Army 1775-2004* by David W. Hogan Jr., an easy-to-read pamphlet that describes the many missions of the U.S. Army during the course of its history.

• *The Face of Battle* by John Keegan brings to life three major battles: Agincourt (1415), Waterloo (1815) and the First Battle of the Somme (1916).

• *For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America* by Allan R. Millett and Peter Maslowski, a single-volume study that covers the American military experience in peace and war from 1607 to 1975.

• *Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne from Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest* by Stephen E. Ambrose, based on journals, letters, and interviews with 101st Soldiers.

• *We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young: Ia Drang — The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam* by retired Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway, is a firsthand account of the November 1965 Battle of the Ia Drang by the commander of 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry.

• *If You Survive: From Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge to the End of World War II, One American Officer's Riveting True Story* by George Wilson, is a young officer's account of the costly fighting from Normandy to the German frontier in 1944.

• *Touched with Fire: The Land War in the South Pacific* by Eric M. Bergerud covers the land battles of the South Pacific fought between July 1942 and early 1944 on the Solomon Islands and New Guinea.

• *Closing with the Enemy: How GIs Fought the War in Europe, 1944-1945* by Michael D. Doubler describes how the U.S. Army had to overcome many tactical problems, from the thick hedgerows of Normandy to the streets of German cities.

• *Patton: A Genius for War* by Carlo D'Este provides new information from family archives and other sources to explain why the general is regarded as one of the great modern military leaders.

• *In the Company of Heroes* by Michael J. Durant is a firsthand account of how this Black Hawk pilot was shot down and taken prisoner during military operations in Somalia in 1993.

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Insurance agents, investment advisers use Army functions as means to end

Solicitors prey on Soldiers at military events

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

In her 14 and a half years with Fort Benning's Financial Readiness Program, Ann Pratcher has heard the "rumblings" before.

But when CNN called her last week for a comment on *The New York Times* articles alleging that Soldiers are being tipped off by insurance agents and investment advisers through military briefings and functions, it was the first time the FRP manager had ever learned of a specific company.

The article, one in a four-part series written by Diana Henriques that ran July 20 to 24, featured Spc. Nicholas Stachler, who as a 19-year-old basic training Soldier on Sand Hill, unknowingly purchased life insurance during what was supposed to be a personal financial classroom briefing.

"As he remembers the class and as base investigative records show, two insurance agents quick-stepped him and his classmates through a stack of paperwork, pointing out where they should sign their names, where to scribble their initials. They were given no time to read the documents and no copies to keep," according to the first article, "Basic training doesn't guard against insurance pitch to G.I.'s."

Shortly after graduating basic training, Stachler deployed to Iraq for 11 months, thinking he had arranged to have $100 a month allotted to an Army-endorsed savings plan or mutual fund. In fact, he was paying premiums for an insurance policy.

According to the article, Fort Benning authorities first learned of the improper briefings early last year when a Soldier requested help in canceling his policy.

And although Fort Benning is part of a coordinated investigation to follow up and make sure this doesn't happen again, Pratcher said, she is still confused about how this could have happened in the first place.

For one, she said, off-post professionals shouldn't be conducting any kind of financial briefing anywhere on post. Fort Benning has specific people designated for that duty.

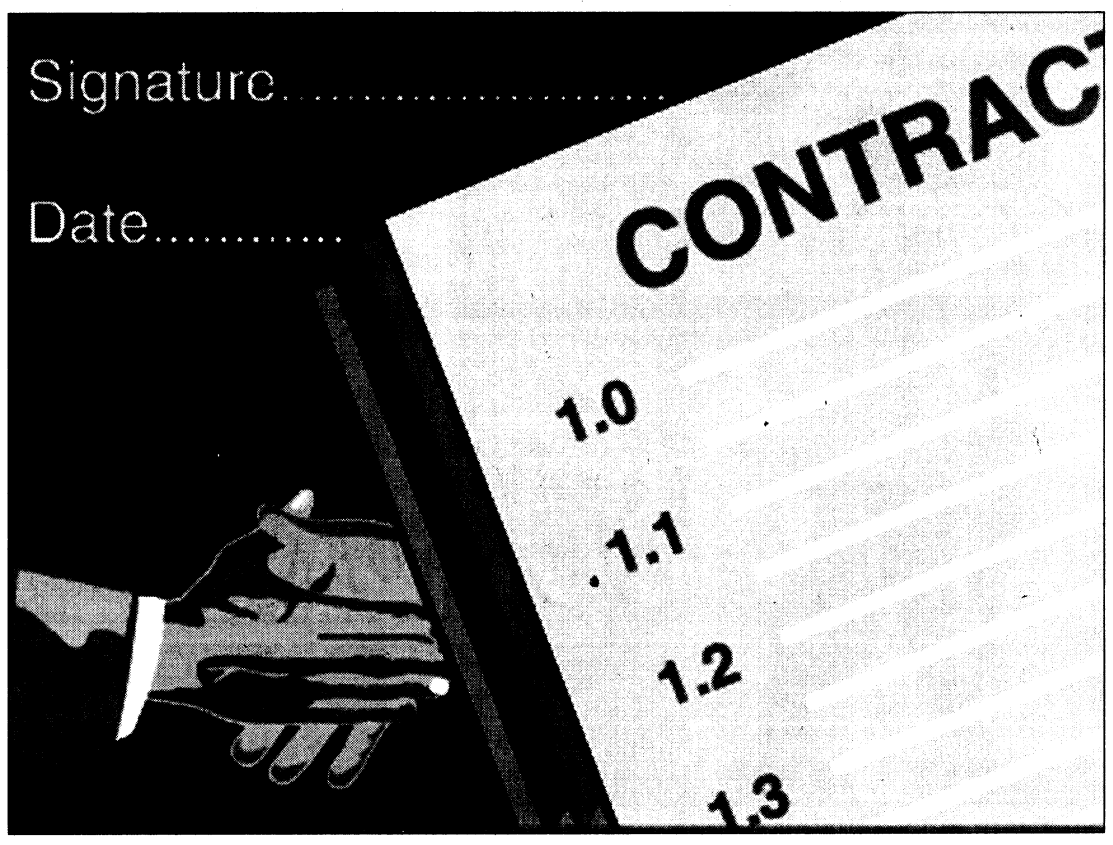
Secondly, the military has very specific rules prohibiting agents from soliciting any basic training Soldier in a "mass" or "captive" audience.

But perhaps most importantly, "you should never sign anything you haven't read and fully understood," Pratcher said, adding that no Soldier can be forced to sign anything without being allowed to read it first.

"Anyone not willing to allow you to do that isn't someone you want to do business with," she said.

Another problem with illegal solicitation at military briefings or functions is the impression it gives Soldiers, Pratcher said.

"It's a great influence. When they see something



advertised in *The Bayonet* or in a (Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation) newsletter, they think it's sanctioned by the military," she said. "And it's the same thing here. Even allowing these (agents) into our classrooms and functions influences the Soldiers."

Although the Army's strict solicitation guidelines don't allow for handing out business cards at military functions — even by event sponsors — agents' presence and involvement can be an influence, she said.

Adding to that influence, a large number of agents who deal with Soldiers are former military themselves or approach the Soldiers through the troops' leaders, which can also sway them.

And it's the leadership's responsibility to protect the troops from these situations, she said. But Soldiers can do their part to avoid the trouble Stachler and many others have run into with scheming insurance agents.

In fact, Pratcher said, the key to fighting these incidents and to stopping the problem is education, period. Educating leaders about how to prevent these situations and what to do should they occur and educating Soldiers about how to protect themselves.

"My recommendation is to determine what your needs really are, and if you feel like you have a need for more insurance (than you have through the Army), you really need to do some research," Pratcher said.

Pratcher has spent years preaching the importance of researching into commercial life insurance, agents and companies. Every first-term Soldier receives the brief upon arrival at Fort Benning. She gives classes to units and organizations. And she distributes fliers that are supposed to be handed out to "every student on Fort Benning, from basic training on up."

But many Soldiers fail to get the message.

"We get into this quick-fix approach, and it always leads to problems," she said.

"The faster you try to do something, the more likely you are to not end up with something good for you."

Anyone purchasing insurance should take the time to investigate first. And there are plenty of avenues to do this, she said — the state insurance commissioner, insurance company rating services, the state attorney general's office and especially the Better Business Bureau.

Pratcher offered several other tips for insurance shopping:

- Ask for an insurance buyer's guide.
- Ask for a policy illustration. Better yet, get several and compare.
- Ask about the "cooling off" or "free look" period.
- Ask about licensure, company affiliations, professional designations and professional organization membership.
- Contact the BBB to see if complaints have been filed against the agent or the company.
- When buying a policy, make the check out to the insurance company and get a receipt.
- Review your policy application carefully and correct any errors immediately.
- Review your policy at least annually, or when major life changes occur (marriage, children, etc.)
- Don't be rushed into a decision, but don't continue to put it off.

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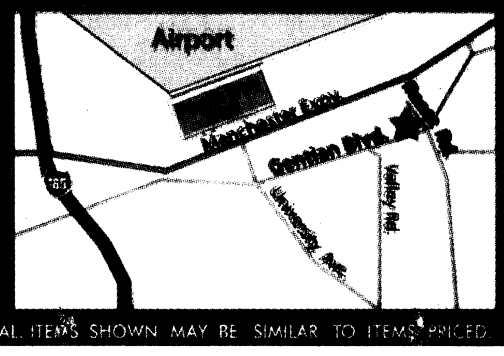
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Institute's BoV plans spring meeting in D.C.

Members also discuss two new courses

Spc. Adrian A. Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's Board of Visitors held its first of two meetings scheduled for the '04 calendar year at the Institute July 16.

This meeting by the federal advisory committee served as a housekeeping session during which the board, composed of members of Congress, religious leaders and military regional command representatives, elected official positions, discussed fiscal and curriculum issues, as well as assessed the progress of recommendations made during previous visits.

Though, at first, the meeting seemed to steer toward the mundane functions similar to that of a suburban school board, there was some contention regarding the proposal to hold future organizational meetings in Washington, D.C.

Foremost opposition to this proposal came from the Rev. Denis St. Marie, BoV member and mission director for the Cleveland Diocese.

"We are a Board of Visitors to WHINSEC, not to Washington," St. Marie said.

That statement seemed to imply the same concern that others on the board voiced — that the BoV could lose its effectiveness if legislating institute actions from afar.

Countering that point was Ann Norris, a representative for Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-Calif.), who is a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Norris said that she agreed with the proposal because it would lend greater accessibility for members of Congress to personally attend meetings.

With a vote, the proposal to conduct the Spring 2005 session in Washington, D.C., while keeping the annual session at WHINSEC passed.

The annual session is a three-day event in which the BoV drafts its annually mandated report to the Department of Defense and Congress.

The next session will be between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15.

Other key points of the meeting included the re-election of Dr. Steven Schneebaum, partner, Patton Boggs LLP, and human rights liaison, as BoV chairman and Dr. Charles Risher as the vice chair.

In regard to the progress of previous recommendations, WHINSEC's Executive Liaison Officer Ken LaPlante updated the board on curriculum translation from Spanish to English and the transformation of the Command and General Staff Officer Course to the Intermediate Level Education, which he said were making "steady progress."

The cost for the ILE transformation and its first iteration is estimated at $6 million, said WHINSEC Commandant Col. Gilberto Pérez.

Pérez, who also addressed the board, spoke about the addition of more English-language iterations of current courses and the addition of two new courses: the Peace-Keeping Planners Course (CMS-11) aimed at producing qualified planners for peacekeeping operations in cooperation with U.S. counterparts, and the Counter Narco-Terrorism Planners Course (TAC-12) with an emphasis on interagency and multilateral planning.

Another issue planned for debate at the annual meeting is the proposal to draft a recommendation along with the Board's Annual Report to Congress to unlink the American Service Members Protection Act (Article 98) and the International Military Education and Training (IMET) grant funds because of the negative effect it is having on foreign enrollment to the institute and, in general, the negative effect on U.S. foreign policy toward the promotion of human rights and democracy.

Since the linking of Article 98 and IMET, enrollment to the Institute has dropped 17 percent, according to LaPlante.

This prompted a remark from U.S. Southern Command representative designee Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin about the "unintended consequences of handcuffing (Article 98 and IMET) together."

"We need to be able to continue to reach out to countries like Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador to ensure security cooperation in our region," said Griffin.

The discussion is slated for further debate at the annual BoV meeting.



Spc. Adrian A. Lugo

Fort Benning Commander Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley discusses enrollment concerns with members of WHINSEC's Board of Visitors at Ridgway Hall July 16. The general was appointed to represent the Training and Doctrine Command's Commander, Gen. Kevin Byrnes.

Pershing's Own *Hero for Today* tops classical charts, sales to build museum

Courtney Hickson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) has a chart-topping CD; *Hero for Today* has reached number nine on the Billboard Top Classical Albums.

For the week of July 8, the CD by the Army Band and Chorus was ranked number nine, but this is not the first time this CD has been on the charts.

When it debuted, *Hero for Today* came onto the charts at number 15 the week of June 26.

There have been 7,500 CDs sold so far, said David A. Sellers, director of marketing at Altissimo! Records.

Hero for Today is a joint effort between Altissimo! Records and the Army Historical Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the American Soldier.

A part of the proceeds from *Hero for Today* will be donated to the Army Historical Foundation.

Director of Marketing for the Army Historical Foundation David Lewis said the foundation began talks with the Army Band Alumni Association to look at a way to bring Army Band music to the market.

The Army Historical Foundation licensed its name and logo to Altissimo! Records and will receive a part of the royalties.

The money will go to building the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

Lewis said this project is a "win-win" situation for all parties involved because it allows the foundation to get its name and purpose out to the public.

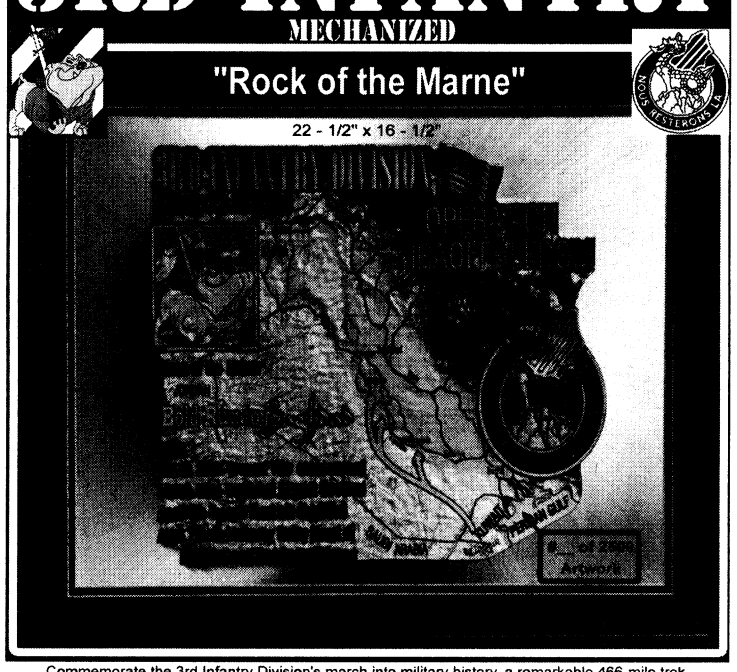
In order for the museum to be built, the foundation needs to raise more than $200 million.

The Army has already budgeted for $90 million in addition to land and infrastructure support, Lewis said.

The museum is on schedule to be completed in 2009, Lewis said.

The CD has a mix of patriot songs, including: *Heroic Fanfare, Hymn To The Fallen* (From *Saving Private Ryan), A Hero For Today, Battle Hymn Of The Republic, America The Beautiful, God Bless The U.S.A., Here's To America, The Last Full Measure Of Devotion, We Were There, This Is My Country, Ragged Old Flag, The Flag Still Flies High, God Bless America, The Armed Service Medley, The Stars And Stripes Forever* and the song *Duty, Honor, Country.*

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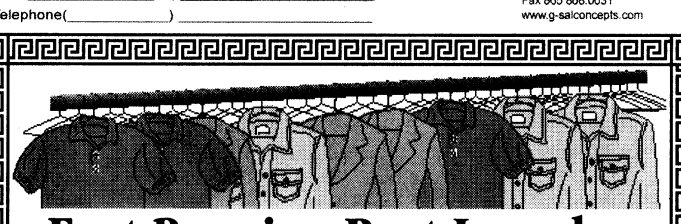
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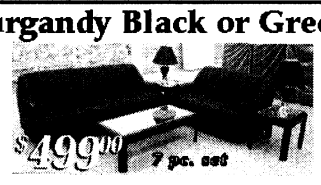
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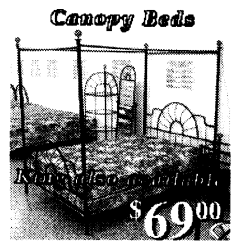
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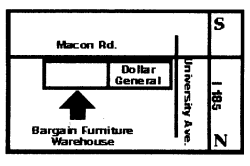


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Sniper School takes invaluable training to troops in Korea



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Sniper School instructors oversee about one-third of a 36-man class as they train in Korea. Eight instructors traveled to Korea last month and conducted mobile training for Soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, before the unit deploy to Iraq. Sixteen of the students graduated.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It was supposed to be a cycle break. But as the cadre of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — better known as Sniper School — wrapped up classes at the end of June, it was anything but.

Eight of the unit's instructors were on a monthlong mission to Korea, taking Sniper School to Soldiers of 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

(The rest were left behind to finish out ongoing classes and prepare for incoming students.)

Despite the long hours and missed reprieve, the mobile training was essential to 2nd Brigade, which is scheduled to deploy to Iraq in the coming months.

The unit had a large number of Soldiers it wanted to send through, said Staff Sgt. Brian Brink, one of the instructors who traveled to Korea. But in the midst of deployment preparation, it wouldn't have been possible.

Bringing Sniper School to them, instead, allows more Soldiers to attend and saves the unit money, Brink said.

"They paid to bring us out there, but the expense is much less for them to bring eight of us to Korea than to send 40 of their guys here," he said.

And the training is invaluable to troops bound for the battlefield. From weapons familiarization to range estimation, target and stalking exercises, and tactics training, Sniper School students hone a host of skills that will help them in theater, whether they graduate or not, Brink said.

Of the 36 Soldiers who began the course, only 16 graduated with the actual skill identifier, he said, but even Soldiers who failed out continued to train for the duration of the class.

"Whether it's mobile training or here at Fort Benning, you still finish the course," he said.

This allows the students to continue to receive vital training and improve their skills.

"They'll still be more lethal in their jobs and in Iraq," he said.

With only three weeks to finish a five-week course, the training in Korea was all day, seven days a week, but that was actually a benefit for the students, Brink said.

"There were no distractors — their sole focus was sniper training," he said.

Although it was the first mobile training for Brink, who has only been at the Sniper School since March, he said traveling to train isn't exactly unusual.

Instructors went to Iraq last year and will conduct mobile training for 3rd Infantry Division later this year.

National Infantry Foundation selects designer for exhibits

Cyndy Cerbin
National Infantry Foundation

The National Infantry Foundation selected Christopher Chadbourne and Associates of Boston to design and develop the exhibits at the new National Infantry Museum and Heritage Park.

The new facility, which is to be located on a 200-acre site connecting Fort Benning and the City of Columbus, will be a national place to remember, honor and preserve the legacy of the U.S. Infantryman.

"The sheer grandeur and import of the stories the museum will tell is both infectious and sobering," Chadbourne said. "We're honored to play a part in this noble mission."

The National Infantry Foundation selected CCA from a field of 10 candidates from across the country and Canada.

"Each of the firms was highly qualified," said National Infantry Foundation Executive Director Ben Williams. "But we really connected with Christopher Chadbourne. His firm excels in scripting compelling stories and supporting those stories with creative media and meaningful artifacts. Chadbourne understands we want a museum of people, not things."

CCA's team will begin work immediately, in close collaboration with the architect hired to design the building, E. Verner Johnson and Associates.

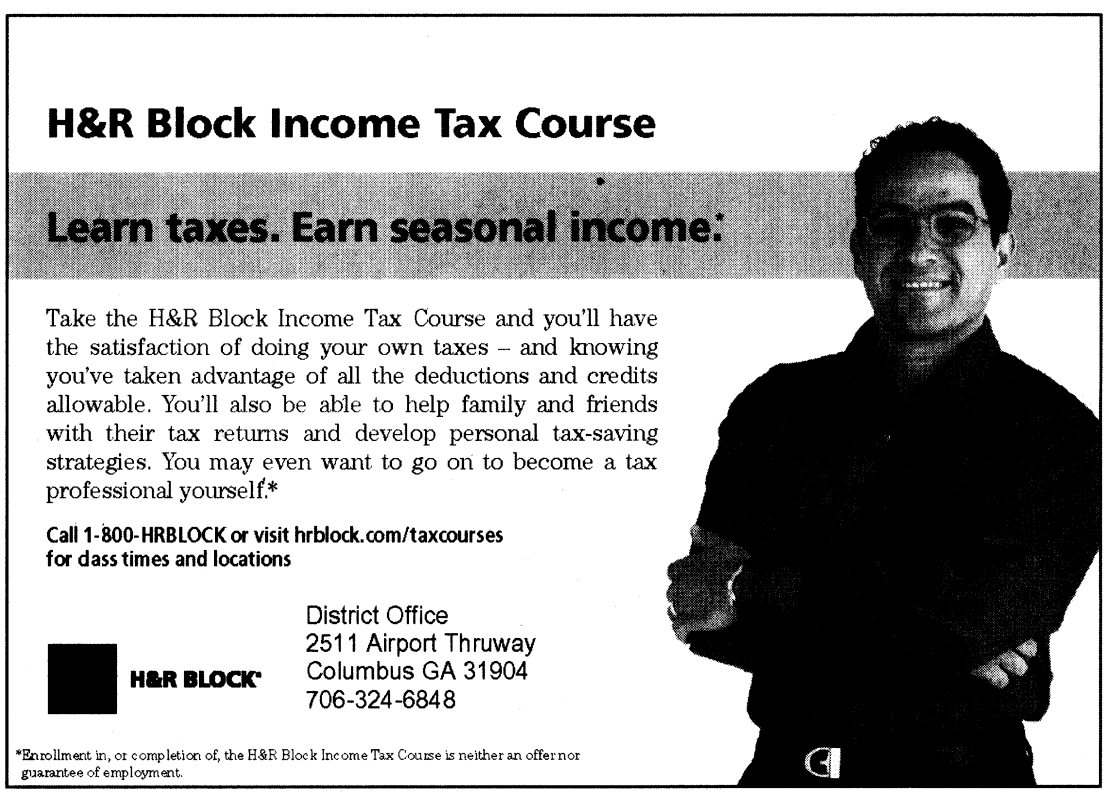
Christopher Chadbourne and Associates' work can be found in museums, visitor centers, themed attractions and educational environments throughout the world. Some of its projects include the "Americans at War" exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, the German U-Boat U-505 exhibit for the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington, D.C., the visitor centers at the Grand Canyon and Old Faithful at Yellowstone National Park, and the Great Platte River Road Archway over Interstate 80 in Kearney, Neb., which was featured in the Jack Nicholson movie *About Schmidt*.

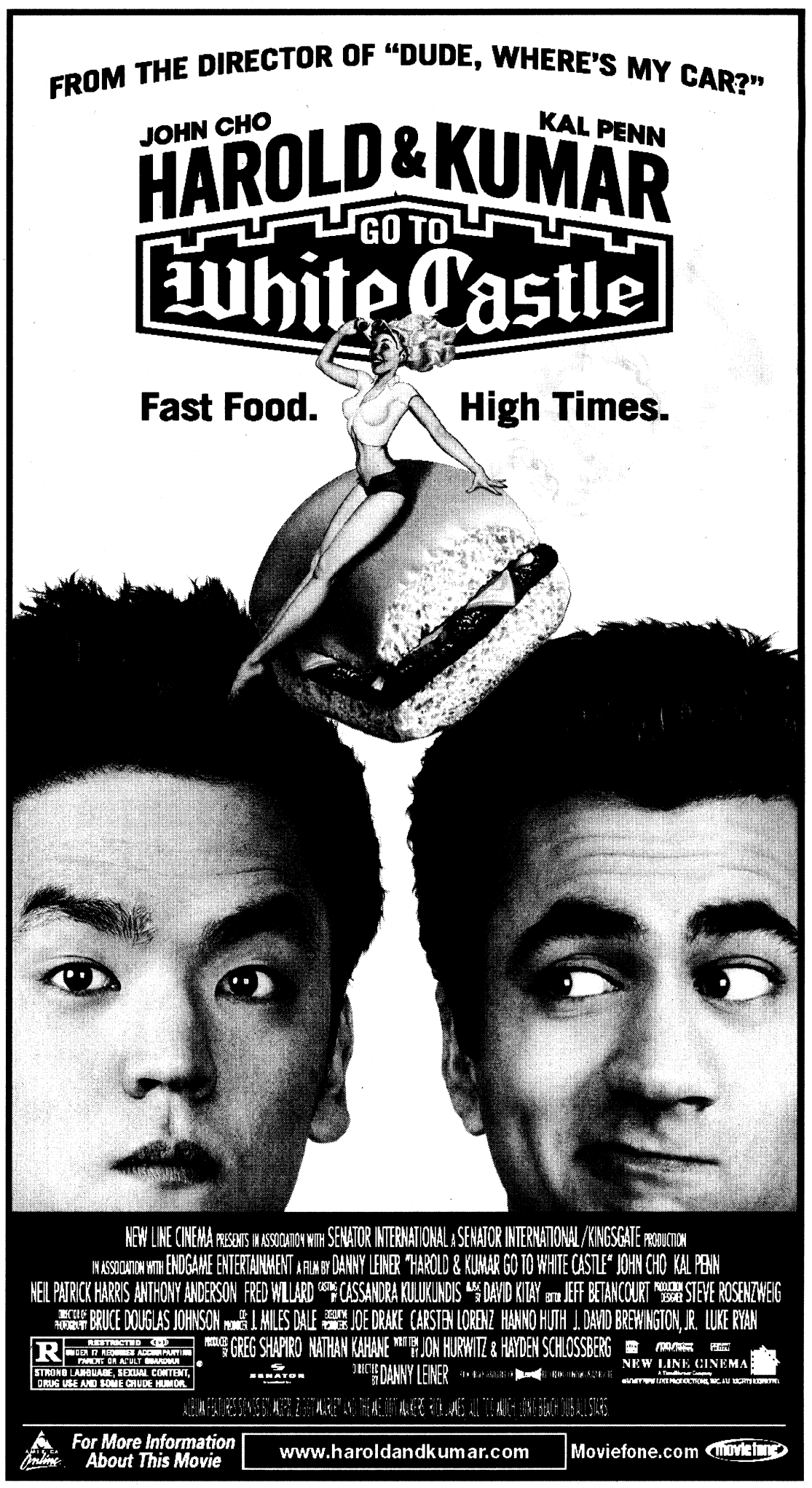
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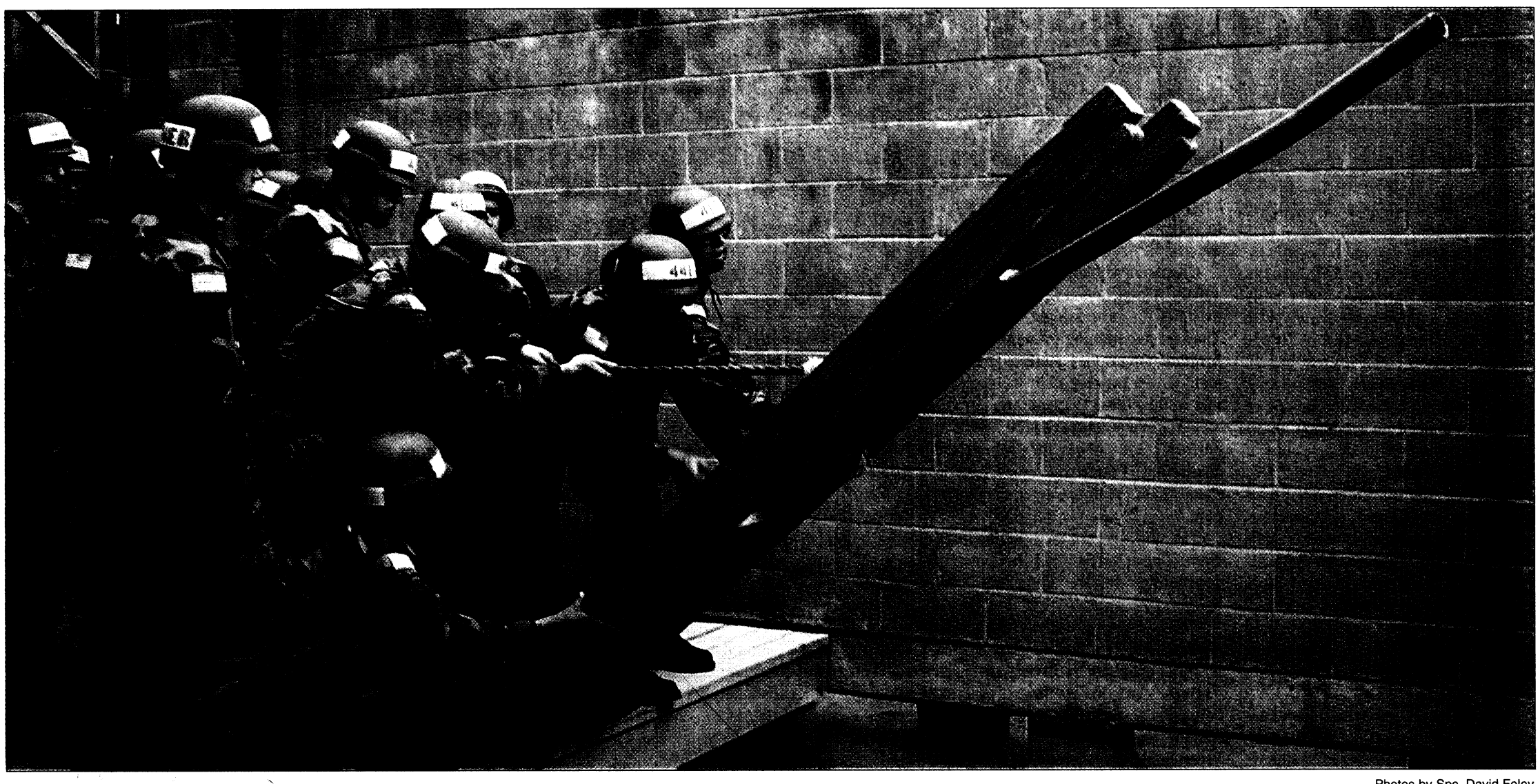
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Soldiers from 4th Platoon work together to lower a ladder across the water obstacle while negotiating the Leader Reaction Course Wednesday morning.

Troops learn value of teamwork

Leader Reaction Course builds cohesion

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Hundreds of Soldiers got their first test in teamwork at the Leader Reaction Course Wednesday.

The Soldiers of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, tackled the obstacles at the LRC in their second week of Infantry training.

"The course is the Leader Reaction Course, but we are not looking so much for leadership skills at this point because these are new privates," said Staff Sgt. Jerome Colon, a 2nd Platoon drill sergeant. "We are just focusing on teamwork."

The company was divided into groups of 18 Soldiers and each group had to work together to work through the obstacles.

Each obstacle has a scenario that forces the Soldiers to devise a plan and act on it to achieve certain goals while avoiding certain parts of the course and staying out of the water.

"Ultimately, this is a training exercise designed to foster teamwork and espirit de corps," he said.

Most of the obstacles required Soldiers to use boards and ropes to traverse the water, and each scenario only had one right answer.

For added motivation, cadre hooked up a stereo system and played music and battlefield sounds while the Soldiers worked on their tasks.

Pvt. Stephen Klein said he loved the hands-on training.

"It's the best way to learn," he said. "The sounds help keep us motivated and remind us that we need to rush to get things accomplished, and the water makes it more realistic and gives more of a sense of urgency.

"This has been the most intense and most fun training we've had so far," he said. "We did the confidence course already and it was more physical, but this is more mental, which makes it more challenging."

Some of the teams picked up the clues and traversed the obstacles with little effort while others struggled to succeed.

By the end of the day, nearly all the Soldiers had plunged into the water at least once, but they still got a moderate thumbs-up from their first sergeant.

"They are doing real good," said 1st Sgt. Maurice Jackson, "a lot better than the last group.

"Once they figure out who is in charge, they can negotiate the obstacles," he said. "The problem is they all want to take charge."

Wet or not, all the Soldiers seemed to have a good time at the course, and Jackson said he could already see the changes taking place.

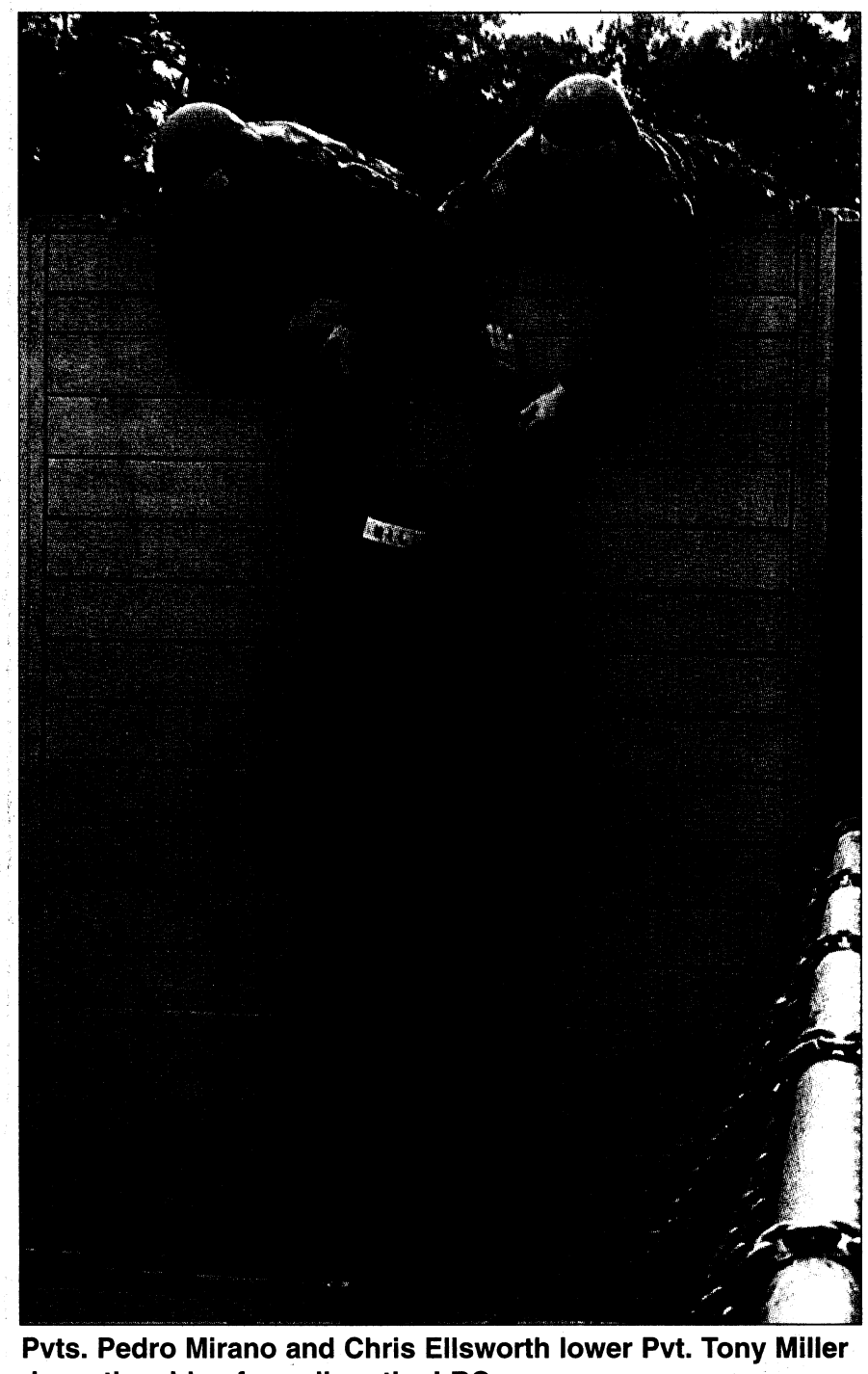
"They will have more confidence and teamwork after the training they receive today," he said.



Pvt. Brian Wick tries to float his way across one of the obstacles with a little help from his comrades.



Pvts. Kenny Lippert and Auson Barney realize how much weight a wooden plank can hold.



Pvts. Pedro Mirano and Chris Ellsworth lower Pvt. Tony Miller down the side of a wall on the LRC.

Center counsels, trains, betters Army life

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

"The batter is up at the plate swinging, and the team is in the dug-out making and taking notes and giving him suggestions."

For Chaplain (Maj.) Mike Strohm, going through the Chaplain Family Life Center's training for Family Life Chaplains is like baseball. "It's a quality experience and a great benefit for families and Soldiers," Strohm said.

Fort Benning is home to one of two Chaplain Family Life Training Centers in the Army and will graduate a class of chaplains Thursday.

Through the program, chaplains earn a master's degree in counseling, learn to integrate their counseling skills with their theology and learn the skills to teach, coach and mentor other chaplains on pre-marriage, marriage and family wellness counseling, said Chap. (Maj.) Tom Waynick, supervisor in training at the Chaplain Family Life Training Center.

The 15-month program is a three-way effort between the Fort Benning Chaplain Family Life Training Center, Columbus State University and the Pastoral Institute.

"The chaplains who come here for this program are in mid-career and already have experience in counseling," Waynick said. "Our job is to make a good thing better and help the overall Army family."

Chaplains who train in this program, mostly majors, attend CSU to earn their master's in professional counseling. They receive training from the Pastoral Institute, where they learn to integrate their school training with theology — that is, they bring God into the mix.

Part of their course requirement is to perform 300 hours of supervised counseling. That is where the Chaplain Family Life Training Center comes into play.

The students earn their 300 hours of counseling at the Family Life Center by counseling family members and Soldiers.

"The exciting thing for Fort Benning Soldiers and families is that all these chaplains receiving advanced degrees in counseling practice counseling and the family health training on post, said Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Frederich, director of Chaplain Family Life Training Center. "The net result is that there are up to fifteen additional counselors working here than on most Army installations."

> "This is a great program for those who feel called and have even the slightest interest. It's one of the diamonds in the Army that nobody knows about."
>
> **Chaplain (Maj.) Carl Rosenberg**
> Family Life Chaplain in Training

Waynick said most of the time Soldiers may get an appointment the next day.

Families grant permission to have the team assist in their treatment. The team approach means there are some interesting dynamics to counseling sessions, including two-way mirrors and taped counseling.

Soldiers who are worried about confidentiality should not be concerned, Waynick said. Everything said in the center absolutely stays in the center.

"We don't care if you've robbed a bank, smoked dope or gone AWOL," Frederich said. "We're here to help, not report."

All counseling is strictly confidential. In fact, a Soldier's mere presence at the center is not released unless it's authorized by the Soldier.

Strohm is one of three chaplains graduating Tuesday, along with Chaplain (Maj.) Carl Rosenberg and Air Force Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Widow.

The program isn't only for Army service members, Waynick said. There are also civilians who do internships at the center and the Navy has shown interest in the program as there are only two schools that offer it.

"This is a great program for those who feel called and have even the slightest interest," Rosenberg said. "It's one of the diamonds in the Army that nobody knows about," he said.

After the completion of the course, the chaplains will go to other installations to be in charge of Chaplain Family Life Centers and help enrich unit chaplain pastoral capabilities, Waynick said.

The Chaplain Family Life Training Center offers more than counseling for families.

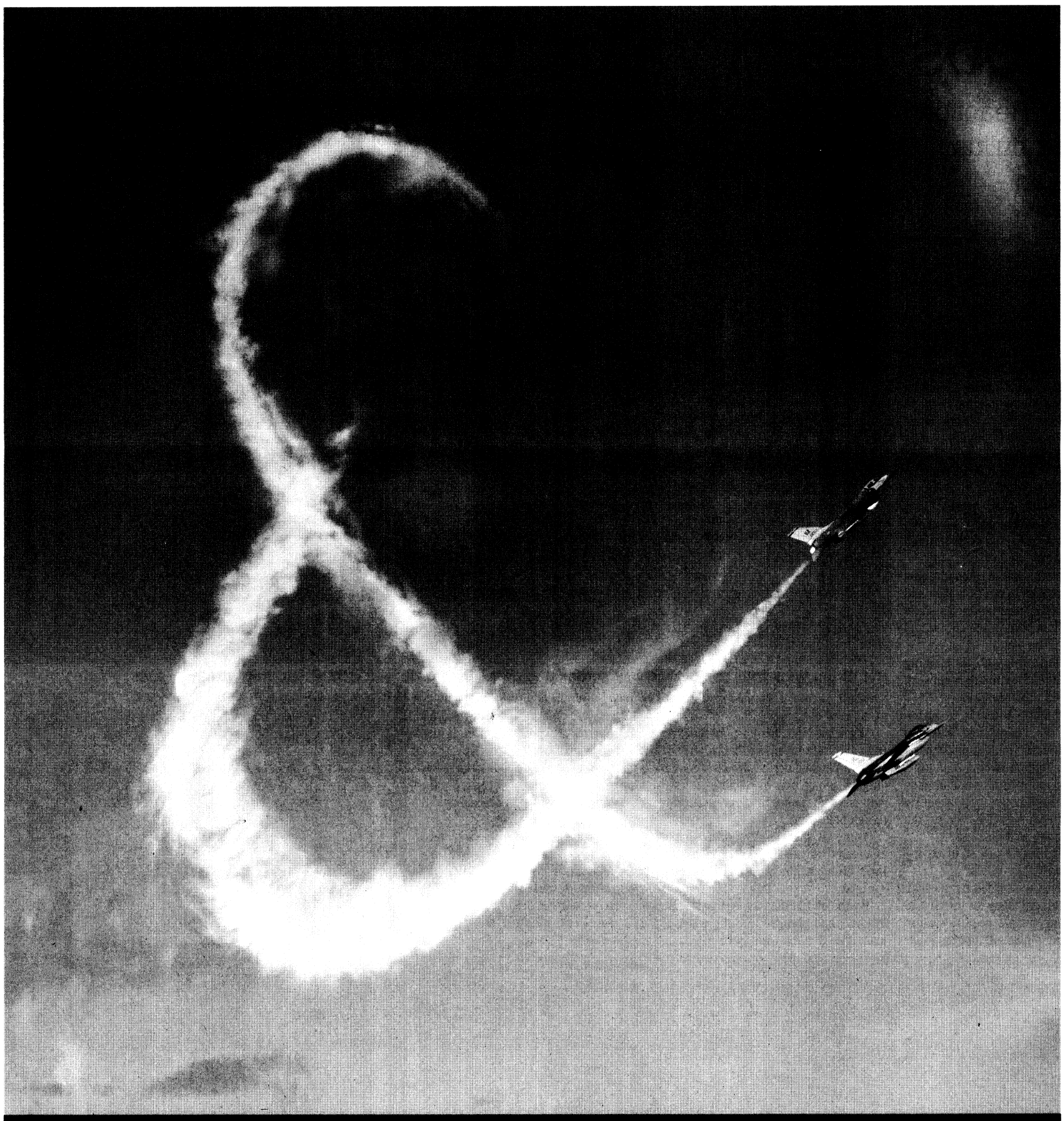
The center is helping chaplains across post to present a new program for single Soldiers called *How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk*.

"It's called Family Life, but singles aren't left out," Waynick said.

The Chaplains Family Life Training Center offers pre-marital, marriage, divorce recovery, blended family, communication, conflict resolution, parenting, anger and stress management, and spiritual counseling.

Although it's recommended that Soldiers go to their unit chaplain before calling the Family Life Center, Waynick said Soldiers may call and make an appointment themselves.

For more information on the Chaplain Family Life Center's programs, call 545-1760.



Patriots change commanders during Tuesday ceremony

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

During the 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, change of command ceremony, Lt. Col. Robert Freehill said goodbye to Sand Hill as he handed over command of the battalion to Lt. Col. Randolph White Tuesday.

Col. Brian Baldy, Infantry Training Brigade commander, spoke to the Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 58th Inf. Regt., about Freehill's dedication to the Infantry Training Brigade.

"Over the past two years, Freehill provided thousands of skilled and confident Soldiers for every infantry and Special Forces unit in our Army," Baldy said.

"Robert made a positive impact in every area possible in the Patriot Battalion. In every endeavor, he guided the unit to vast improvement and better capabilities."

With a resounding HOOAH! the Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 58th Inf. Regt., motivated Freehill before he said goodbye to his Soldiers.

"That's what I came here for — that's exactly what it's all about," Freehill said. "I've been humbled by the privilege of leading and commanding this battalion for the past two years. A battalion whose sole purpose is to transform civilians into Soldiers."

Freehill thanked all the drill sergeants and the battalion cadre for their hard work in training the infantrymen of the future.

"Training is what it's all about," Freehill said. "You truly have the best job in the Army. Thank you."

He also thanked his wife, Mary Elizabeth, and their five sons, Robert, Thomas, Jonathan, Charles and Timothy, for their support.

For White and his wife, Freehill had few, but strong words.

"It's awesome; training awaits," Freehill said.

Speaking of his new Soldiers, White said they had "common names, but uncommon characters."

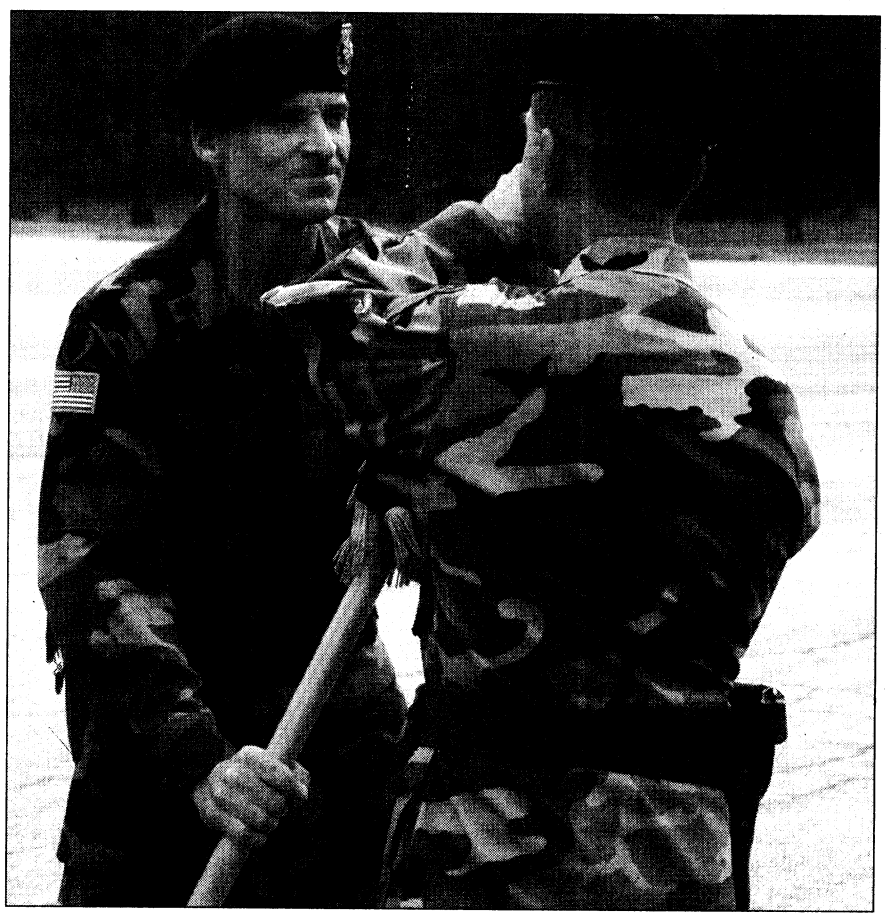
"These men before you will soon go forward and carry out a time-honored infantry mission," White said. "They will go forward and successfully execute national policy for the final 300 to 500 meters — the essence of the infantry mission."

Freehill's next assignment is with Southern Command in Miami.

White's last duty station was at the National Military Command Center in Washington, D.C. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the U.S. Naval War College Command and General Staff School.

His awards and decorations include the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, an Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, a UN Medal-Haiti, Overseas Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

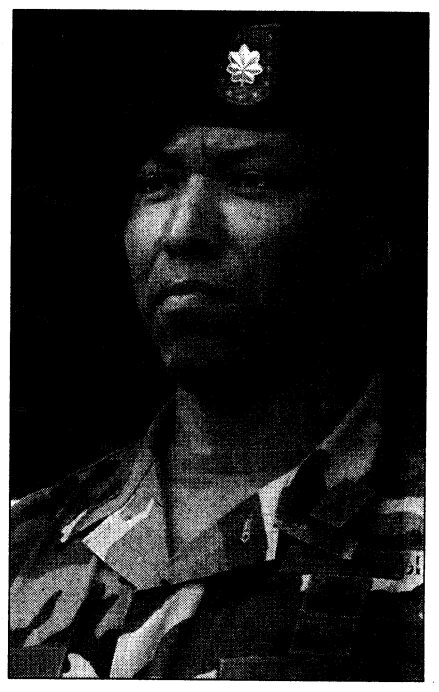
He is married to Velma Elena, and they have one son, Randolph III.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Lt. Col. Robert Freehill, outgoing commander of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, hands the guidon to Col. Brian Baldy, Infantry Training Brigade commander, during the change of command on Kanell Field Tuesday.

Incoming commander



Lt. Col. Randolph White was born August 1963, in Pittsburgh.

He was the distinguished military graduate of Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., in 1986 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry.

He plans to do his best in preparing Soldiers to serve in the infantry.

Students to see changes in TDY pay

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Soldiers visiting Fort Benning to attend military schools may be in for a bit of "culture shock."

The post implemented a Department of the Army initiative July 11, which provides students traveling from other installations meals, lodging and limited transportation for the duration of their stay in place of the per diem they once received.

"The bottom line here is that when someone comes here TDY to train, we'll provide them room and all their meals — there will be no money transaction," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager.

Instead, the installation will keep track of how many students they house and feed and for how long; then it will be reimbursed by DA, Walls said.

Currently, the Soldiers' home stations provide students $63 for lodging, $36 for meals, and $3 for incidentals each day. The students also receive $2 per day for laundry and dry-cleaning services after seven consecutive nights.

The Soldiers pay for lodging, meals and transportation requirements with their government travel card, then file a settlement voucher when they return home. They are then responsible for ensuring that funds from their settlement are appropriated to pay off their travel card debt.

Under the new program, students will only be reimbursed for meal costs incurred on weekends and federal holidays, Walls said. They will also receive limited in-and-around mileage and taxi reimbursements.

Students without privately owned vehicles will also be allowed $42 for taxi fare each week.

The students will be housed in on-post lodging or, in some cases, a contracted hotel outside of Fort Benning. Their weekday meals will be taken at post dining facilities.

The Soldiers will still file settlement vouchers when they return home, but only for reimbursement of weekend and holiday meals, incidentals and vehicle mileage as appropriate.

The Armywide initiative, which was successfully piloted at Fort Gordon, Ga., and Fort Lee, Va., will be invisible to the majority of Fort Benning's schools, where students are already provided lodging and meals, Walls said.

The majority of Soldiers who will be impacted will be infantry lieutenants who come to post for back-to-back courses, Walls said. They can spend as long as nine months TDY at Fort Benning, training and working in "blackbird status" while waiting for their next course to begin.

Although he admits this program "may not be popular" initially with those affected, Walls said it will ultimately save the Army millions of dollars, reduce credit card charges and improve student management.

Program developers hope to reduce the cost of housing, feeding and transporting the students.

It will also reduce the number of individual government travel card transactions, which is expected to "drastically" reduce credit card misuse and delinquent accounts.

That said, the transition will not be without its challenges.

"We're giving scrutiny to this to make sure that it doesn't negatively affect the quality of life for students here and that it won't interfere with their training," Walls said.

Another concern is ensuring that the installation doesn't end up losing money from its budget to implement the new program.

"But our primary concern here is the Soldiers and their training," Walls said. "We don't want either to suffer."

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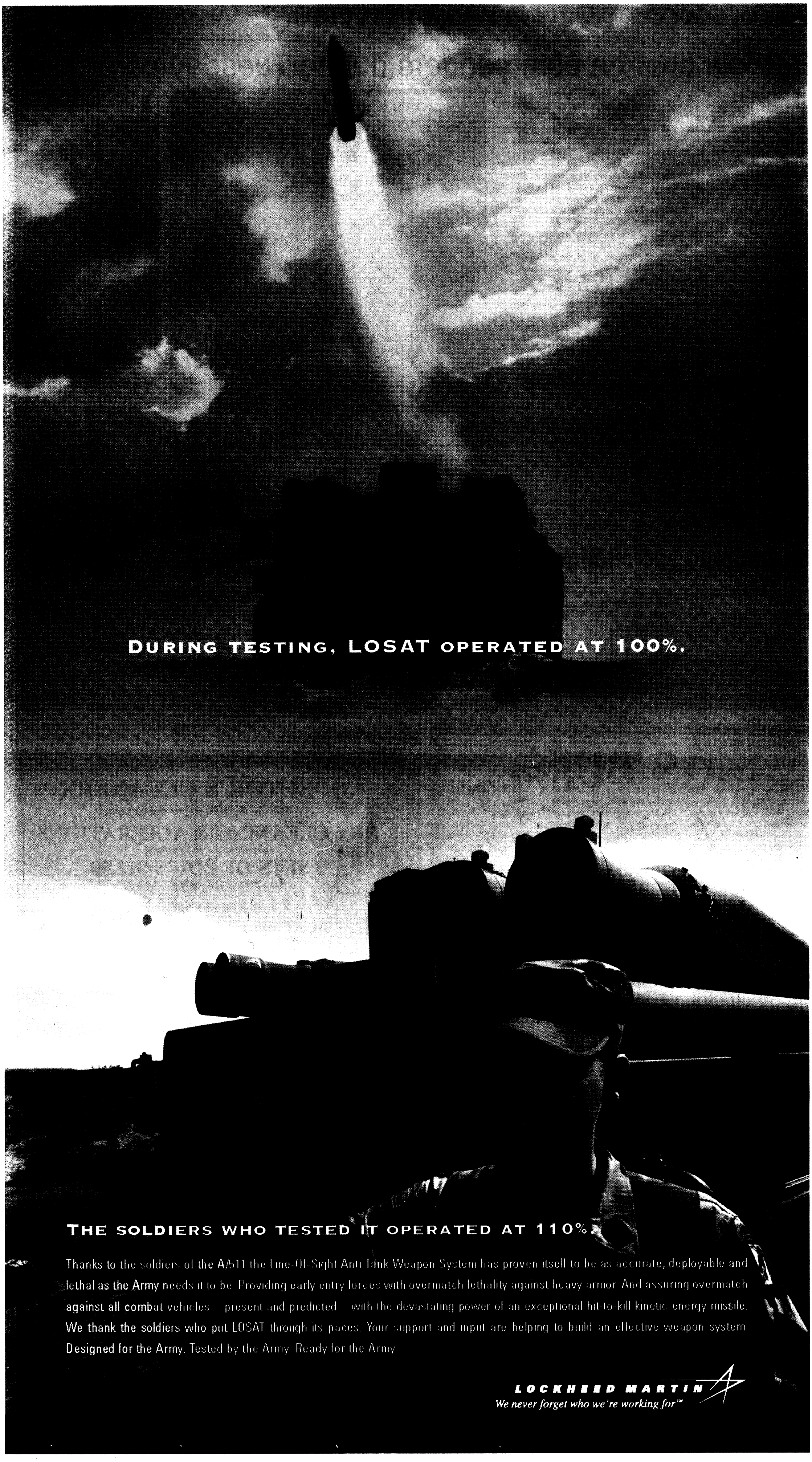
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BCT: To bring 3,800 additional Soldiers to Benning

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"It also shows confidence in the support our Soldiers, civilians and families receive from the Chattahoochee Valley," he said. "This will be a significant impact on the area as we bring in 3,800 Soldiers over the next two years."

An environmental impact team is working with the Directorate of Public Works to determine the impact the additional Soldiers will have on Fort Benning, and find ways to accommodate their needs.

"We are looking at family housing, community support, transportation (roads), utilities, training facilities, recreational facilities and even chapels," said Patrick Chauvey, chief of environmental programs management.

"All that should be taken into consideration when you are adding roughly 4,000 troops," he said.

So far, BCTs have stood up at Fort Benning, Fort Stewart, Ga., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Drum, N.Y., Several more will be stood up throughout 2005 and 2006, including the 5th BCT, 25th ID.

The goal of the transformation is to have brigade-sized units stationed all over the globe that can deploy as a piece or as a whole to any theater in the world, said Alan Farr, Directorate of Concepts, Analysis, Integration Division Combat Developments.

The Army has been sending divisions into theaters of war, which sometimes creates an overkill effect, Farr said.

By using brigade combat teams, the Army can send self-contained elements wherever needed.

They can simply add another brigade or take one away, depending on the operational situation, he said.

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One of the benefits to BCTs is they are self-contained, which makes the units much more effective on the battlefield, Farr said.

"This will increase their communication and intelligence gathering, logistical support and required operational capabilities because they don't have to wait for higher headquarters to send them the information or operational assets they need," he said. "They will contain the necessary capabilities, such as engineers, support, signal, military intelligence, MPs and indirect fire as organic assets within the BCT, allowing the commander to react to a multitude of situations and take action."

The transitional process for the active component is scheduled for completion by the end of fiscal 2007, and the Reserve and National Guard components should be transformed by 2010.

As the first unit of action, 3rd Infantry Division has paved the way for the rest of the Army. The unit is still feeling some growing pains because of the changes, Farr said. The whole unit has had to learn a new way of functioning, while preparing for impending deployment.

"For the ground-pounding infantryman, nothing has really changed," he said. "But on an operational level everything will change."

Brigade: Receives orders to deploy in support of OIF

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the length of our deployment."

Two of the 3rd Infantry Divisions's brigades will be attached to the 42nd ID, a New York National Guard unit that will be assigned to North-Central Iraq. The remaining brigades under 3rd ID command will be stationed in or around Baghdad.

There has been no decision yet as to which brigade will fall under which command, Salazar said.

The order came as no surprise to the Soldiers of 3rd Brigade.

At the end of February, they received a written warning order for the division to prepare for deployment to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

But even with the advanced warning, it is still hard for some family members knowing their loved ones will be gone for an extended period of time.

Chante Hughley said she's nervous for her husband, Spc. Freddie Hughley, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, going to Iraq.

'We watch the news constantly, and there's some really scary stuff going on over there," Chante said. "I wish he could just stay home.

> "I'm not necessarily excited to be going, but we have a job to do. I trust my command. If they tell me that deploying is what's best for our country, then I'll do what they think is best and not complain about it."
>
> **Pvt. Johan Echaniz**
> 3rd Brigade

"I'm trying to get a grasp on the situation. I don't think I'll ever be fully prepared for him to go, but I know he has to. It's his job," she said.

Freddie, who will deploy to Iraq for a second time, agreed.

"Basically, it is a job," Freddie said. "But it's a job that's not finished yet in Iraq, and we have to finish it."

When it comes to his family, Freddie said he is trying hard to put their minds at ease about his leaving.

"I'm trying to spend as much time as possible with them and give them everything they want," he said.

"My family are the ones who are paying the ultimate price for this deployment. The way I look at it is, if they can take it then I can take it," he said.

Some Soldiers, however, are looking forward to the deployment, or at least the money that comes along with it.

"The money for going over there is going to be great," said Pvt. Johan Echaniz, 3rd Brigade. "It's tax free, and you get paid more for hazard pay and all that.

"That's huge for a single 21-year-old Soldier," he said. "The money I'll come home to after the deployment will be nice."

But Echaniz does have his worries.

"I'm worried about the length of time we'll be over there," he said.

"Also, the stress of the situation worries me," he said. "It's going to be pretty rough having to work seven days a week sometimes with no days off.

"I'm not necessarily excited to be going, but we have a job to do," he said. "I trust my command. If they tell me that deploying is what's best for our country, then I'll do what they think is best and not complain about it."

"Everyone in our Army is determined to accomplish this mission," Salazar said. "Now it's our turn."

We are properly trained, properly equipped and we will be successfull," he said.

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Upcoming changes of command

The **Infantry Training Brigade** will change command at 9 a.m. Tuesday 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. Wednesday at York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Alan Neyland. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Marlon Blocker.

Voting Assistance Program

The Fort Benning Voting Assistance Program set up a voter registration and information kiosk inside the Main Mall Post Exchange from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

For more information, call 545-7218.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in Building 359.

For more information, call Lane Brown at 317-3529, ext. 25.

Reclamation sale

There will be a reclamation sale from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 6 at 224-A Upton Avenue. Purchases can be made by cash only.

For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

Ranger graduations

Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 8-04, Aug. 6
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

Graduations are preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

Motorcycle Safety Training

The next Motorcycle Safety Class will be held Aug. 19.

For more information, call 545-3267.

National Airborne Day

The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment will celebrate National Airborne Day Aug. 20 in conjunction with a graduation.

For more information, call Greg Rogers at 545-1006.

Warrant officer board

The last warrant officer selection board of the year will be held Sept. 13. Minimum requirements include a MOS of 14E, 14T, 14J or 27X, four years field experience in MOS 14E or 27X or five years field experience in MOS 14T or 14J.

Forward completed application no later than Aug. 15 to Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Attn: RCRO-SM-A, 1307 Third Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-2725.

For more information, e-mail wo-team@usarec.army.mil or visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant.

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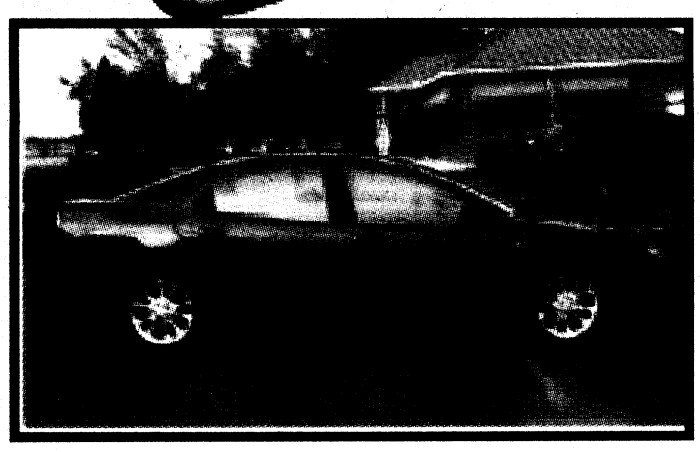
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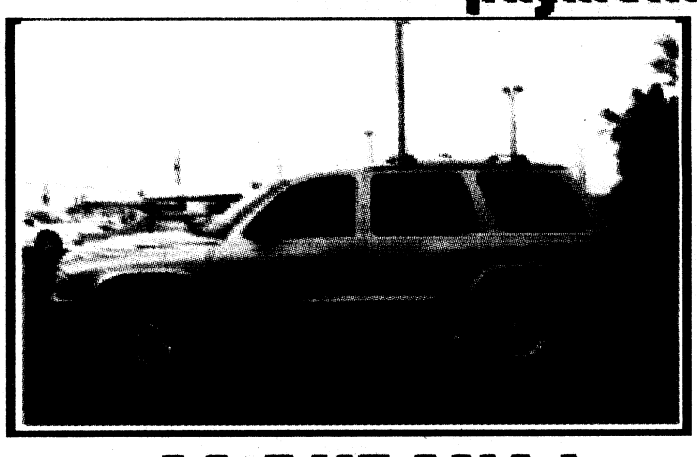


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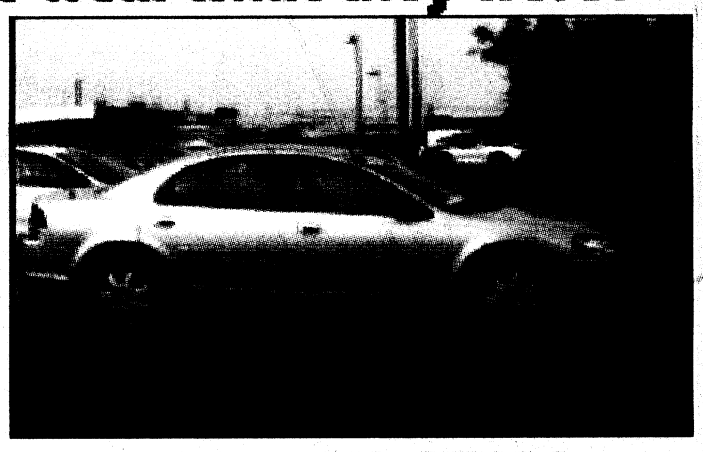
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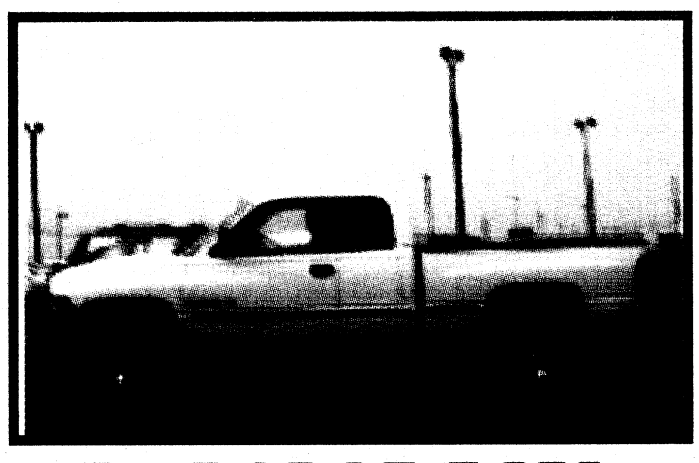
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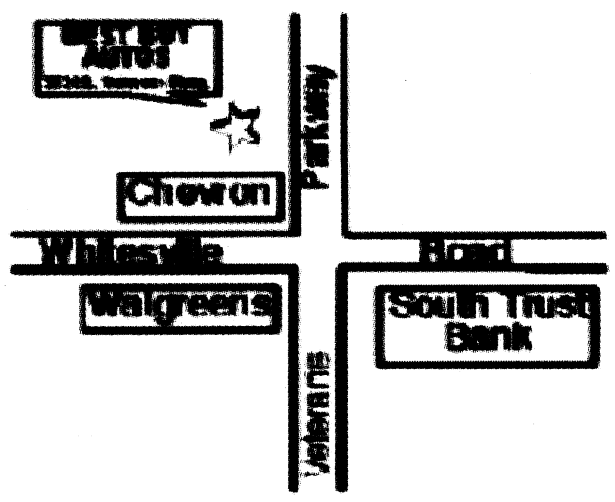


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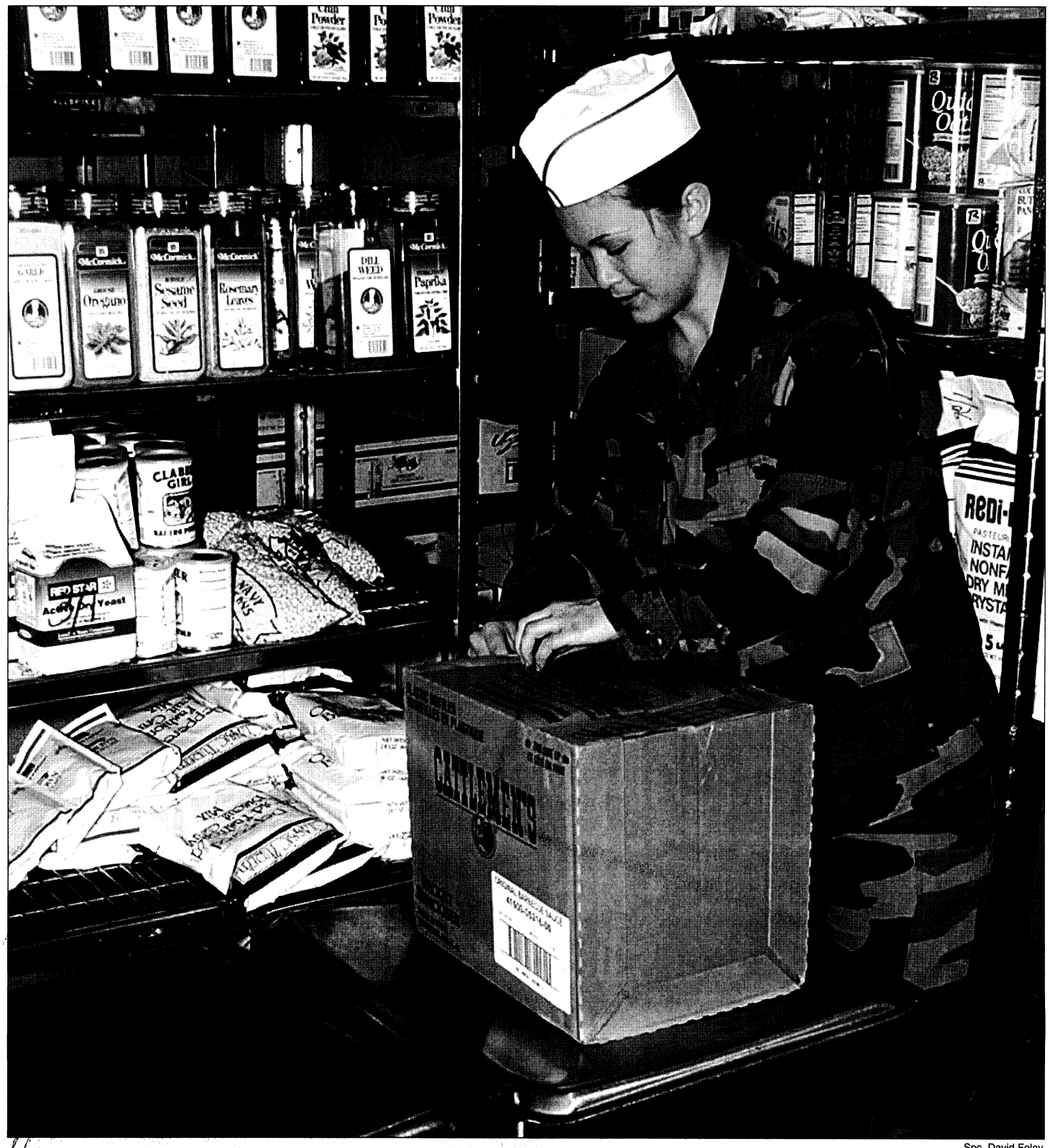


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This former Army catch phrase may not mean much to some Soldiers, but for an Army cook, it is the recipe for success.

While most Soldiers are showing up for their morning PT formation, the Army cooks at dining facilities have been hard at work for more than an hour.

These mess-hall mechanics are on the job at 5 a.m. preparing to feed an army — literally.

They pull out all their equipment, turn on the flames, put out the fruit and spread the smell of freshly cooked bacon by 6:30 a.m.

All this before most Soldiers are ready for breakfast.

The Soldiers who staff the Warrior Inn Dining Facility, for example, prepare three meals a day for about 450 to 500 Soldiers.

"It is long and tiring and can be stressful if you let it get to you, but you can still have a good time and enjoy your job," said Spc. Angela Davis, 63rd Engineer Company. "The best part about it is the camaraderie.

"We work with people from a lot of different companies," she said. "So you learn to work together."

In spite of the long hours and hard work, cooking does have its benefits, said Sgt. Roddrick Burns, 104th Transportation Company.

"I love being an Army cook," he said. "It's a passion of mine. It helps you learn good skills, and when you get out of the military, it sets you on a good foundation.

"It also gives you a chance to be creative and come up with new dishes," Burns said. "If you put something into it, you get something out of it."

Cooking in the Army isn't always the steady grind of the work week.

Each year, installations from all over the world send teams of Soldiers to the Culinary Arts Competition, where they represent their posts by preparing gourmet foods, carving ice and chocolate sculptures, and creating all sorts of tasty treats.

Just as every coin has two sides, so does the life of an Army cook.

Cooks don't get to shun their duties as Soldiers.

"We are Soldiers like everyone else," Davis said. "We still train and go to the motorpools to take care of our equipment.

"You have to be trained in garrison, and you need a totally different type of training for the field, too," she said.

Davis said the job of actually cooking the food is a little easier when deployed because the food in the field is usually partially prepared when they get it, but there is a lot to know about working as a cook in a field environment.

"The equipment is definitely different," she said. "And when we went to Iraq, it was at least 120 degrees in the (mobile kitchen trailer)."

Regardless of the situation or the landscape, these Soldiers have one continuous overarching mission.

"We feed Soldiers and make sure they have healthy, nutritious food and a good variety," Davis said.

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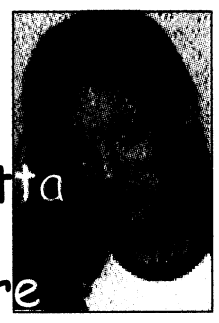
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SECTION B

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

So, I have a confession to make. After years of boycotting country and making fun of all my friends and family who actually listen to it, I did the unthinkable. I programmed two country stations in my car. And I listen to them. I even sing along.

I know ... shocking. Well, it would be if you knew me and my death metal ways.

But it's not really my fault. I gave a friend a ride and actually let him touch my stereo, and after about 15 minutes, I was hooked. It's actually kind of a contagious disease, because another friend suffered a similar fate in his truck at my hand.

See, I always thought country was horribly depressing. Enduring road trips with my parents, listening to old-school, my-wife-left-me-my-dog-got-run-over-by-a-truck songs during my childhood left me in serious need of some Prozac.

But I was wrong about country music. It's actually kind of ... fun. Driving down the road (going the speed limit, of course), windows down, hair whipping all over the place, sun's out, not a care in the world. Singing along with Dierks Bentley about "that little white tank top sittin' right in the middle by me" ... With Big and Rich and their parody (at least, I hope it's a parody) *Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy*.

I can't help but smile. Kind of a switch from screaming along with Rage or Three Days Grace.

Not that I've given up my rock roots by any means, mind you.

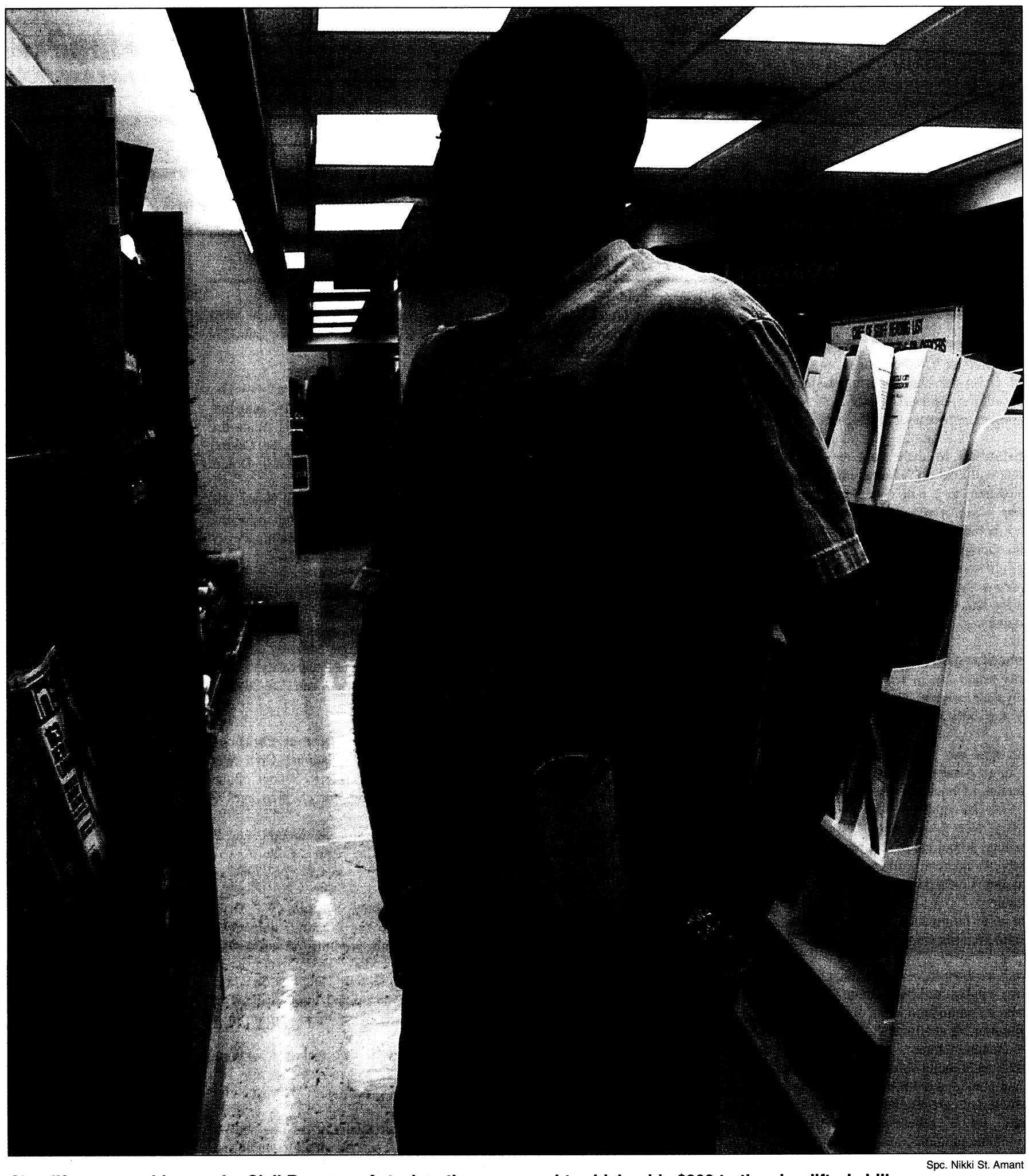
But the point is, country is actually not quite as horrendous as I once thought it to be.

And I think you might agree if you were exposed to it, say, this weekend at Fort Benning's Miller Lite Army Concert Tour at Wetherby Field.

This year's concert will open up with an all-female band called Cowboy Crush — sure to be a big hit with all you male types. You might know their most recent hits, *Cry Baby* and *He's Coming Home*.

Then comes the headliners, Honky Tonk Tailgate Party. Now this is no ordinary band ... in fact, it's not really a band at all. It's four country stars who got together just for the sake of this tour. You can look forward

See **GOH**, B-4



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Shoplifters are subject to the Civil Recovery Act when they are caught, which adds $200 to the shoplifter's bill.

Shoplifters pay heavy price at AAFES

Arrest, fine just part of process

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

It may seem innocent enough, maybe it's a dare from a friend, and hey, it's just a pack of cigarettes. But what a shoplifter at the Main Mall Post Exchange might not see is the extensive surveillance, the subsequent apprehension and being led away in handcuffs.

This is what will happen to anyone discovered to be shoplifting at the Main Mall PX, said acting manager Barbara Beaudin.

"There's no secret when you're arrested for shoplifting," she said. "You exit the PX in handcuffs in full view of everyone."

What shoplifters might also not know is that the Civil Recovery Act was instituted in Army Air Force Exchange Services stores in March 2002. To recover damages, the Civil Recovery Act adds another $200 to the shoplifter's bill.

"It's not worth it," Beaudin said. "Say you steal a can of Copenhagen snuff. Instead of just paying the $3.35 for it, you end up paying $203.35. In addition, it ties up a lot of people, including the military police and our employees."

AAFES gives a portion of its funds to the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and shoplifting is detrimental to that fund.

Shoplifters are given notice of the Civil Recovery Act. If it's not paid, they receive a second notice, and if the shoplifter still fails to pay, their privileges — including check cashing and using their STAR card — are revoked.

Parents should also be aware that they are responsible for their children and whatever crimes they may commit, no matter how small they may seem.

"We had two boys whose parents trusted them to walk around the PX by themselves, and they proceeded to start opening packs of baseball cards, trying to find a particular player. The parents were disappointed in their kids, and on top of that, had to pay for every single pack opened," Beaudin said.

Linda Wright, loss prevention officer, said ID card-holders are responsible for their guests.

"The ID card-holder is ultimately responsible for who they bring in the store with them," Wright said. "Whoever gets caught shoplifting will be arrested and given notice of the Civil Recovery Act."

Beaudin also pointed out that there are various forms of shoplifting.

"If someone blatantly defaces a product, they will pay for it. Ticket switching (where someone takes a lower priced ticket and replaces it on a higher priced item) is stealing, and that person will be detained for shoplifting," she said.

Georgia church gives back to Benning Soldiers

Parishioners adopt 3rd Brigade troops

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade PAO

It was February 2003, and Angie Doerlich couldn't take it anymore.

"I would sit in front of the television and just cry," said Doerlich of her feelings of helplessness during the first days of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It was heartbreaking watching the men and women in our military leave their families to deploy," she said.

Doerlich went to a local strip mall, walked into a recruiting station there, stopped at the first desk she came to and said to Staff Sgt. Chris Long, "I want to help."

And help she has.

Soon after, Long helped Doerlich get in contact with Theresa Sanderson, wife of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment's commander at the time, Lt. Col. Jeffrey R. Sanderson, and Doerlich began the process of giving back to Soldiers she sees as giving their all for their country.

> "The coolest thing was that they didn't even know me and were still looking out for me. It was a real morale booster."
>
> **Sgt. Mitchel Schultz**
> 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment

"I just wanted to show my appreciation for Soldiers serving our country," Doerlich said.

Together with her church, Duluth First United Methodist Church, located two hours from Columbus, Doerlich touched the lives of many Soldiers, both deployed and at home, through fund-raisers and an adopt-a-Soldier program.

"While I was in the desert during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the church would send me care packages and write me letters," said Sgt. Mitchel Schultz, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt.

"The coolest thing was that they didn't even know me and were still looking out for me. It was a real morale booster," he said.

When Schultz returned from Iraq, members of Duluth treated him to a dinner at a local restaurant, he said.

"They've continued to stay in touch with me," Schultz said. "They'll call just to make sure I'm doing OK.

"The members of Duluth are really caring people. They're doing it for the Soldiers, not for publicity or anything like that," he said.

See **CHURCH**, B-4

ASK THE JUDGE

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: Is it possible to get married without ever saying "I do?"

A: It may be, under the rules of a "common law marriage."

Common law marriage is currently recognized in 11 states and the District of Columbia. In Alabama, for example, where common law marriage is recognized, a couple must meet four requirements: Parties must have the capacity to enter into marriage, agreement or consent to be married, public recognition of the marriage, and "consummation" (having intimate relations).

If all four are met, the parties are legally married.

Common law marriage can be confusing, because the parties may not know all of the requirements and when they have met them. Because there is no marriage license or certificate for a common law marriage, Soldiers may have difficulty in proving they are married under common law.

Common law marriage may seem less formal, but it is just as binding as a regular marriage. It is not like "living together," where the parties can simply "break up" and go their separate ways. Once married under common law, the parties remain married until divorce or death. There is no such thing as a "common law divorce."

Suppose that after meeting the requirements for a common law marriage in Alabama, you move to New Jersey, which does not permit common law marriages. Are you still married?

The answer is yes. A state will honor a common law marriage from another state, even if the new state does not permit them. Moving to another state does not "unmarry" you.

Anyone with further questions on this subject should call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative mailed surveys to family housing residents. The cut-off for responses is today.

For more information, call 545-0667.

Christmas in July sale — Bit of Benning will hold a Christmas in July sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Bit of Benning offers a wide variety of unique items, including Polish pottery, Votivo candles, baskets, linens and a new line of pewter giftware.

There will also be complimentary warm Gluhwine and Christmas cookies available to shoppers.

School registration — Fort Benning Schools would like to remind everyone to drop by their assigned school and register or verify registration for the coming school year.

The first day of school is Aug. 10. Returning students must bring in verification of housing, their sponsor's ID card and an updated shot record, if necessary. New students should bring proof of housing, school records or provide their last school's address, a military ID, a shot record and a Georgia School Screening, if applicable.

For more information, call 545-7276 or check the Web site www.ddess.org/benning.

CYS auditions — Child and Youth Services will host auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *The Wiz of the West*, starting at 10 a.m. Aug. 9 at Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

Those auditioning should arrive at 9:30 a.m. and plan to stay for two hours. Some of the selected cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

About 50 roles are available for students who are dependents of military or DoD civilians. All eligible students entering grades one through 12 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparations are necessary. Selected cast members will rehearse four hours each day, Monday through Friday.

Two performances are scheduled at 3 and 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

For more information, call 545-3070.

EFMP information sessions — The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold information and support resource sessions the second Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m., Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

EFMP family members are encouraged to attend to share information. Educational video tapes can be viewed on the following dates:

- Aug. 11 — Asperger Syndrome
- Sept. 8 — Three R's for Special Education (Rights, Resources and Results)

For more information, call 545-7517.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the global war on terrorism, current technical difficulties and Medical Command requirements for upgrading services, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks.

MACH will assist patients in getting an appointment with a network provider for any required medical services they cannot accommodate.

MACH asks patients to use a network provider for any acute or wellness appointment if they must be seen within the next month.

For appointment needs, patients can still use the CARE line at 544-2273. Patients can leave a message for their provider to refill current prescriptions or to receive test results.

August MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

- Weight-loss classes are offered Mondays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Weight-loss classes for active-duty Soldiers are offered Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

TOPS meetings — The Fort Benning Chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Afterhours Club, Building 2502 on Indianhead Road.

For more information, call Diane at 562-9505 or Gorgia at 568-7111.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends household goods to Soldiers and their families awaiting receipt of household goods or preparing to PCS. The lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street. The letter allows for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests.

This affects occupants of Iron Triangle, the "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 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 will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call 687-4830.

Educational Task Force — Volunteers are needed for a new Educational Task Force, which will deal with issues affecting military families and students. The task force will be comprised of parents who have students in the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

off post

Peachtree Mall creates "The Scene" — Peachtree Mall is partnering with Pepsi for "The Scene," an award-winning back-to-school teen event today. "The Scene" showcases scenes from the lifestyle of today's trendiest teens.

At "The Scene," teens will be able to spin the Pepsi prize wheel to win prizes, including one $500 shopping spree.

Check in at one of the main mall entrances at 6 p.m. for details or call 327-1598.

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. today at the Central High School Cafetorium, 2400 Dobbs Drive, in Phenix City.

Tickets are $20 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.

Girl Scout Kick-Off — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council will hold their annual Membership Kick-Off event from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Time Saturday at Oasis Church International in Phenix City.

For more information, call 327-2646 or (800) 326-8912.

Port Columbus summer camp — The Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum will offer "School of the Sailor," a day camp for children ages 9 through 14.

The camp runs Monday through Aug. 6. Cost for the five-day camp is $125.

For more information, call 327-9798.

Sears military special — Sears Portrait Studio is creating hometown scrapbooks with portraits of customers, families and friends.

Free studio sessions and four free 3x5 portraits will be offered through today to consumers who want their portrait in a scrapbook.

Every customer who makes a purchase through Aug. 15 will receive four free 3x5 portraits by mentioning "Thank Our Troops."

Sears Portrait Studio offers free portrait sessions and 20 percent off all in-studio and online portrait purchases through Dec. 31 to customers with a military ID.

For more information, call Robyn Frankel at (877) 863-3373.

Free dogwood trees — Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during August.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with planting instructions.

To receive the trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Dogwoods, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31, or join online at arborday.org.

Safe food training — The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will offer the course ServSafe: Serving Safe Food, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 10, 11, 17 and 18.

The training is held at the Columbus Consolidated Government Annex at 420 10th Street. Registration requires a prepayment of $125.

For more information, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

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.

ACS Job Fair — A job fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 at VFW Post 665, 1824 Victory Drive (across from Dolly Madison Bakery).

This job fair is geared for military veterans, military retirees, DA civilians, family members and any other job seeker

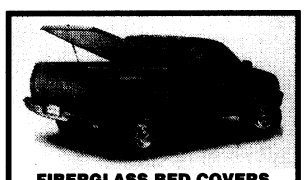
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CrossRoads chapel offers contemporary message

1st Lt. Kevin Hovan
Chaplain's Office

We all probably think of something a little bit different when we think of going to chapel or church.

Some of us may think of a very reverent atmosphere in a chapel adorned with stained glass windows and regal chords being played on a grand pipe organ.

Others may equate a chapel service to a simple room with piano music playing the songs of the "ole time religion that's good enough for me."

Still others may consider a good chapel service one in which people "jump a pew" while others are more for quiet reflection. Since we don't all think of chapel the same way, Fort Benning wants to make sure that it provides many different chapels for many different types of people

I recently attended a new service that's started on Kelley Hill (but it's open to everyone on post). It's called CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel, and it is specifically designed to meet the needs of young Soldiers and young families.

When I walked in last Sunday, though I walked in to a standard chapel with regular hardwood pews, there was an "energy" that pleasantly surprised me. People were milling about and chatting, greeting friends and neighbors — and there were lots of guests checking it out, just like me.

The folks at CrossRoads made me feel welcome and comfortable — they were nice, but not too pushy. Another thing that caught my attention was the music playing over the sound system. It wasn't centuries-old hymns or decades-old gospel music ... it was contemporary Christian music, with a beat and rhythm much like you'd hear on a pop radio station.

I couldn't believe it — the chapel service began with a funny video clip from *VeggieTales*, from the story of David and Goliath. Seeing young David, an asparagus, wearing Saul's armor and preparing to meet Goliath, a pickle, was a funny way to engage the audience over the serious topic of "body armor."

Chaplain (Maj.) Stephen Hawkins, the CrossRoads team leader, (dressed in jean shorts and a polo shirt) then welcomed everyone and announced that they were in Part Two of a message series entitled "Don't Date Naked," (referring to how we are to wear the "armor of God" to protect and enjoy our relationships).

Needless to say, I knew it was a different kind of chapel!

As we worshiped, we sang songs just like those that were playing before the service. They used acoustic guitars and drums and even mentioned they were looking for electric guitarists, keyboardists and other band members.

Right before Chaplain (Capt.) Derek Murray got up for his talk on how to build a successful relationships, we watched a multi-media show of an Operation Iraqi Freedom Soldier telling his story of how body armor saved his life. It was more of a talk and an interesting conversation than a "sermon," and Chaplain Murray closed with some practical tips on winning in your dating life.

I've gotta admit, his talk kept my attention, gave me some practical tools and challenged me at the same time.

When asked about why CrossRoads was started, Chaplain Hawkins replied, "Well, we discovered young Soldiers and families were staying out of chapel in droves, so we asked them why they didn't enjoy coming. They told us that they couldn't relate to what was being said, the messages and the music were boring, they didn't want to or have clothes to dress up, and they thought we were hypocrites and money hungry. So we listened to them and tried to build a chapel for young Soldiers and families who don't normally go to chapel — we've been amazed at the response! I'd say we're just trying to meet the needs of non-churched folks by providing timeless truth in a way that is casual, contemporary and relevant."

Based on what I saw, I'll be back. And I'd encourage anyone who'd like to connect with God and connect with a great circle of friends to check out CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel, too!

Their services are at the Kelley Hill Chapel and open to everyone postwide at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Count, save your pennies

ACS Financial Readiness Program

Count Up to Wealth is a 10-week campaign to promote saving as the first step in building wealth.

It starts with a kick-off rally from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Macon Road K-Mart.

The idea is to save something every day by putting change or dollars into a container. At the end of the 10 weeks, take the money saved to a financial institution and put it into a savings instrument (savings account, CD, savings bond, money market, etc.)

The hope is to get every child, youth and adult who lives or works in the greater Columbus area involved. This is a special opportunity for individuals who live or work on Fort Benning to identify themselves, so they may break out the amount of money we save.

The Count Up to Wealth Campaign begins with the kick-off rally and runs through the week of Oct. 10.

Sign up at the rally Saturday, or, beginning the week of Aug. 1, by phone or on the Web.

The phone number to sign up is 225-3859. The Web site is www.columbusga.org; you will be directed to the Count Up to Wealth link.

To sign up either by phone or on the Web, you will give your name and phone number; be sure to say or type B in front of your phone number (B 555-5555, for example) so we can keep track of how much Fort Benning folks save. You will then be asked how much you will save in the 10 weeks. If you save $1 every week, you will save $10, and if you save $1 every day, that $70. Each week you will log in or call in the amount you have saved that particular week. Be sure to put the B in front of your phone number when you report your savings each week.

There will also be workshops throughout the city each week. One of these will be the "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken for a Ride" seminar on post Sept. 28.

Watch next week's *The Bayonet* for a complete list for the 10 weeks. There will also be more events in the month of October, so keep an eye out for those.

For more information or to ask questions, call the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485.

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Church: Gives back to Soldiers

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"I am glad to be able to help these Soldiers and glad to be a part of this," she said. I can't sign up for the Army, but I can do this."

Duluth sent more than 800 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Soldiers in 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., held food drives that helped fill the Kelley Hill Chapel's pantry with food — not once, but several times — and even filled a pick-up truck's bed with diapers for families of less-fortunate Soldiers.

Duluth's current fund-raiser is aimed at helping furnish the family readiness group deployment center room at Kelley Hill's Recreation Center. They hope to collect tables, board games, art supplies, a toy cash register, and G- and PG- rated movies for children.

The fund-raiser is going well, having already supplied a television, VCR and movies for the children to use, Doerlich said.

Duluth's future plans include food drives in November and December to help support 40 Soldiers' families during Thanksgiving and Christmas, Doerlich said.

> "At the end of the day, I feel great doing this. It's something I can give back to the Soldiers who've given so much for our country. If there's any kind of comfort Duluth can give troops, especially when they're deployed, we'll do that. Anything to show our appreciation for what these Soldiers do for us."
>
> **Angie Doerlich**
> Member of First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Ga.

"The Duluth First United Methodist Church has made a real difference in Soldiers' lives here at Fort Benning," said Col. Steven Salazar, 3rd Brigade commander.

Originally, Duluth was focused on helping the Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., but as evidenced by the current FRG fund-raiser, that's changing.

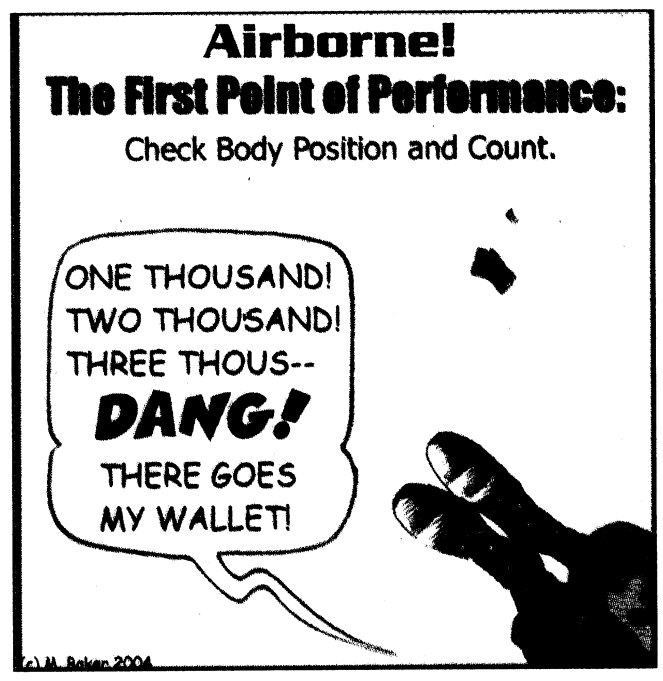
Doerlich said the church wants to expand efforts to help as many units and Soldiers as it can.

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People interested in helping the Duluth First United Methodist Church's efforts can call Doerlich at (770) 476-8754 or (404) 316-8183.

Pvt. Murphy's Law



Editor's note: *Pvt. Murphy's Law was created by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Baker.*

GOH: Hey, it ain't so bad

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to the musical stylings of Rhett Atkins, Darryl Singletary, Chad Brock and David Kersch, all of whom probably need no introduction.

So, despite my decades-long aversion to country music, I am sincerely, whole-heartedly forsaking my pride and recommending that you check out this concert and discover just what I did — that, hey, it ain't so bad.

The Miller Lite Army Concert Tour will kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday on Wetherby Field.

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REFLECTIONS

Thursday was the 229th anniversary of the creation of the Army chaplaincy by the Second Continental Congress.

The same Congress authorized chaplains for the Navy on Nov. 28, 1775. The Air Force received authorization for chaplains July 26, 1949.

The Army Chaplain Corps comprises the largest military chaplaincy in the world. As of January, there were 1,369 Army chaplains on active duty, of which 112 were Roman Catholic, eight Jewish, seven Muslim, six Orthodox Christian and 1,236 Protestant.

The basic motto of the chaplaincy is, "For God and country."

World War II marked the greatest transformation of the Chaplain Corps in two centuries. From 140 regular Army chaplains on active duty in December 1941, the Corps expanded to include 8,141 chaplains on active duty in December 1945.

At the direction of Gen. George C. Marshall, the Army constructed 1,532 cantonment chapels during the war, created the rank of major general for the chief of chaplains and brigadier general for the deputy chief of chaplains, relieved chaplains of duties not directly related to their profession as clergy and included chaplains in airborne units.

Chaplains jumped with their fellow paratroopers into Sicily, Normandy, Holland and Germany. Between 1861 and 1975, six chaplains received the Medal of Honor.

More than 3,400 other chaplains received combat decorations, including 27 Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Stars, 67 Legions of Merit, 719 Bronze Stars and 109 Purple Hearts.

Chaplains have traditionally provided noteworthy leadership for the government and for their religious denominations after their military service.

One chaplain, Andrew Hunter, who served in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812, became one of the founders of the U.S. Naval Academy. Another, Abraham Baldwin, was a signer of the Constitution of the United States. Chaplain Edward Neill was a private secretary to Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson and later U.S. consul to Dublin. Chaplain William Pile became governor of New Mexico, a U.S. congressman and, later, minister to Venezuela. Dr. Isaac Tichenor was a college president in Alabama and later secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. He was credited with helping to organize 10,000 churches in his lifetime.

Some 24 former Army chaplains have been consecrated bishops in their denominations since 1865. One of these became the first Roman Catholic Archbishop of Saint Paul, Minn.

Chaplain Ignacio Ramirez, post chaplain at Monterey, Calif., in 1850, was the first Hispanic chaplain to be commissioned.

Chaplain Henry M. Turner, 1st U.S. Colored Troops, 1864, was the first black chaplain to be commissioned.

Chaplain (Capt.) Alice Henderson Harris, 1974, was the first female chaplain to be commissioned as an Army chaplain.

At Fort Benning, in the field next to The Infantry Center Chapel, we honor the memory of four Army chaplains who gave their life jackets to Soldiers and sailors after the U.S. troop transport Dorchester was torpedoed off Greenland in 1943.

Many of the survivors witnessed the calm bravery of the four chaplains: Rev. George Lansing, a Methodist minister; Rabbi Alexander Goode; Rev. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister; and Father John Washington, a Catholic priest. The men helped others to safety and then prayed together, arm in arm as the ship went down. These four men came to symbolize interfaith and understanding, selflessness and heroism.

On a commemorative postage stamp issued shortly after their death was the citation "These immortal chaplains: Interfaith in action."

And so for 229 years, in peacetime and in war, Army chaplains have sought to bring worship, sacraments, spiritual counseling and pastoral ministry to military service members and their families.

May our nation continue to honor that "freedom of worship" clause in the Bill of Rights by continuing to support a robust Army chaplaincy to meet the spiritual needs of all in the years to come.

Family dog teaches new tricks, unconditional love

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

It was the evening of July 4, and the Hawkins family enjoyed a wonderful time at the fantastic "Thunder on the Hooch." When we returned to our house, our lovable and docile 105-pound Baxter-the-Wonderdog (a handsome jet-black, oversized Labrador Retriever) must have gotten spooked by the neighborhood fireworks' cracks and pops, because he had knocked a picket out of the fence and was gone for what we figured was "a night out on the town."

We weren't overly concerned because our gentle giant of a dog was known to roam in the 50 acres of woods right behind our house, always plopping right down next to his food bowl by daybreak. Always — except that night.


Hawkins

It was about 9 a.m. the next morning when my wife found him, thrown to the curb on Macon Road, still and silent, and very much gone.

She wept. I wept. Dalton wept. Lauren wept. And then we dug a hole behind our house next to the stream he loved and the shade he enjoyed, and buried a mutt who was very much part of our family for eight years and brought us incalculable joy.

What is it about a dog that can make a Green Beret bawl and a family grieve so deeply? What is it this cordial canine taught me about how to love? Four things:

• **Nuzzle daily**. Wouldn't love grow more easily at your house and mine if we didn't let the events of the day infect our ability to just nuzzle when we walk through the door and spot each other?

• **Forgive quickly**. Dogs have short memories. They get mad, I suppose, but they get over it, don't they? No matter how out of sorts I might have been, I could always count on the unconditional forgiveness of Baxter.

• **Play often**. Baxter never got dulled to the excitement of a good "fetch," a good ball toss or a good walk. Do you still "play" with your spouse the way you used to? Are you having fun with your children the way you used to?

• **Remain loyal**. I've had some doubts in my life, but I've never doubted that Baxter held more affection for me than anyone else in the world.

It's been said, "To hurt deeply means that you have loved deeply." Well, let me sign off with a smile, saying that the Hawkins family loved a dog named Baxter very deeply. Baxter, thanks

The Chaplain Family Life Center offers individual, couple and family counseling.
For more information, 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.	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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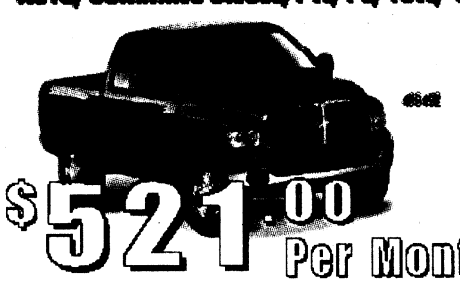
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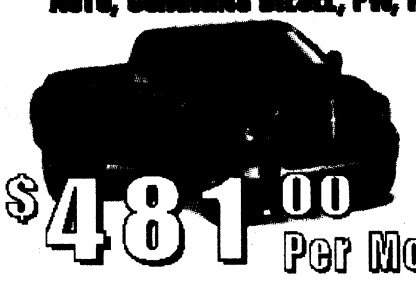
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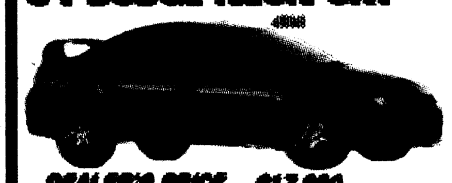
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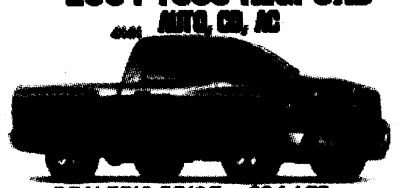
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Spc. Nikki St. Amant
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The 5th Ranger Training Battalion rallied to separate the men from the boys during the annual Marauder Day competition at Camp Frank D. Merrill outside Dahlonega, Ga., July 22.

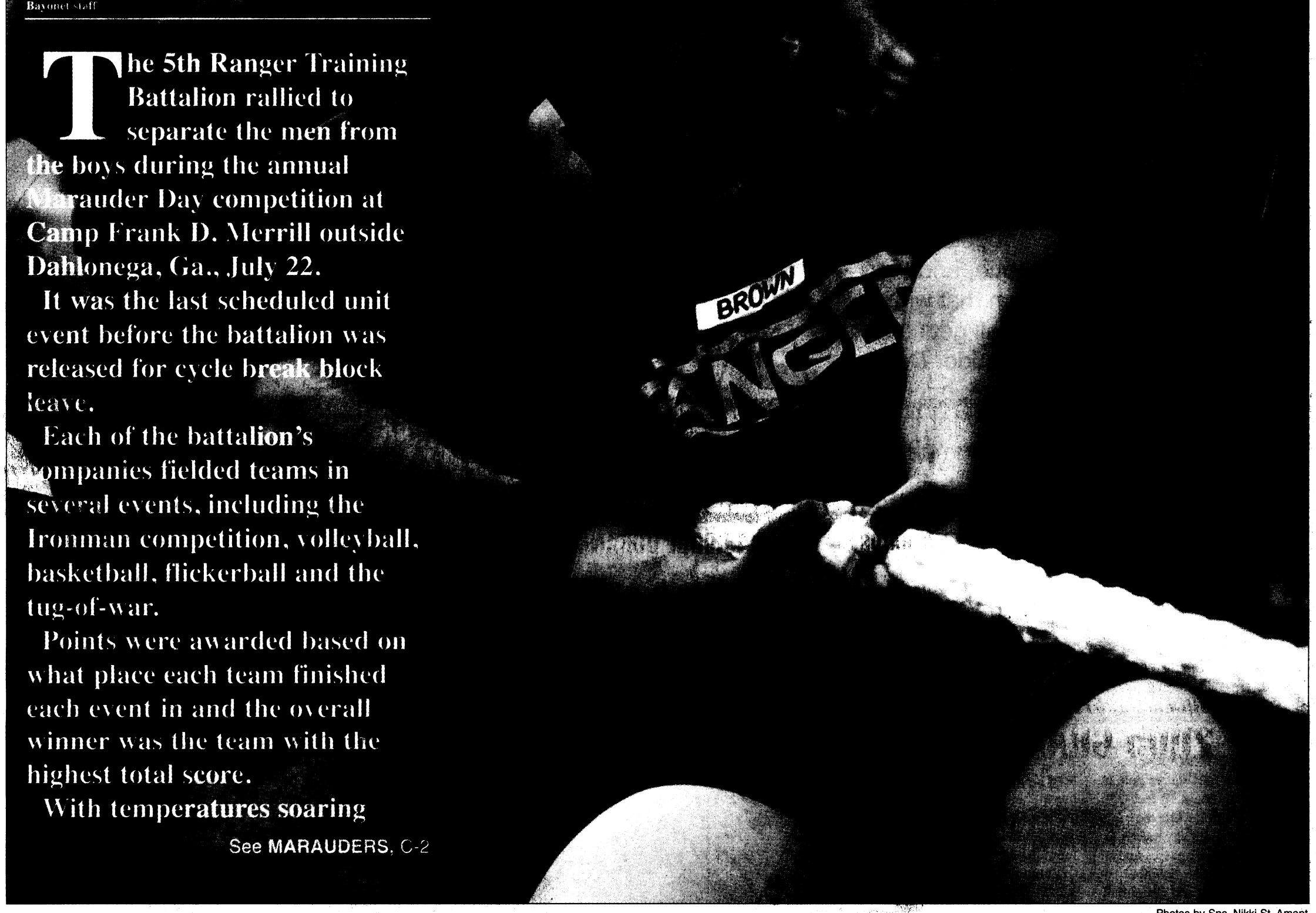
It was the last scheduled unit event before the battalion was released for cycle break block leave.

Each of the battalion's companies fielded teams in several events, including the Ironman competition, volleyball, basketball, flickerball and the tug-of-war.

Points were awarded based on what place each team finished each event in and the overall winner was the team with the highest total score.

With temperatures soaring

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Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Spc. Brian "Tiny" Brown, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, puts his back into it during the final Marauder Day event July 22, the tug-of-war. A fellow Ranger, Sgt. 1st Class Jay Howell, B Company, offers encouragement as the more than 200-pound Soldier heaves on the rope.



Staff Sgt. Beau Stecklein, B Co., tries to gain control of the ball as Staff Sgt. Juan Trevino, A Co., zeroes in on him for a tackle.



A B Co. Ranger looks for an escape route as A Co. closes in around him during the first flickerball match of the day.



Staff Sgt. Santiago Dyson, HHC, gets primal as he digs in his heels during the tug-of-war event. HHC lost this event to A Co., but won the overall Marauder Day competition. HHC's guidon will bear the Marauder Day streamer until next year's competition.

Olympic shooter relying on skills, some luck

Repeat contender represents AMU, family in Athens

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Try this: from a standing position, raise your right arm straight out, chest high, and hold it steady for two hours without moving.

Now tell me competitive shooting isn't a sport.

"A lot of people say what we do doesn't qualify (as a sport), but it's incredibly hard," said Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski, an international pistol shooter who'll represent the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at the Olympics in Athens, Greece, next month.

Szarenski will shoot one-handed for nearly two hours at a time in two events, air pistol and free pistol.

"It's all about patience and technique and consistency," said the 36-year-old Michigan native, who came in 25th in the 2000 Olympics.

Like other athletes, shooters have to train constantly, and like other Soldiers, AMU shooters must do PT daily. Still, they can suffer through slumps.

"Sure, sometimes it comes down to a little bit of luck — whose day it is — but when you're running with the big dogs, you can't have a mediocre day. You can't have a mental glitch," said Szarenski, who joined the AMU in 1992. "You've gotta stay confident."

Szarenski believes his confidence was shaken by the "hype and hoopla" surrounding the Olympics in 2000.

This time around, he's feeling a little more sure of himself.

"I'm less intimidated. I haven't changed anything really, my technique or anything, but I've competed a lot more," he said. "I've trained with these weapons since 2001, and my execution is more consistent."

With all that training and experience — and the confidence that comes with it — Szarenski relies much less on "crutches" he once used.

"Oh, I was real bad. I was superstitious. I wore my Popeye T-shirt under my shooting clothes every time I competed," he said. "I wouldn't leave the house without petting my dog. And when I was a rifle shooter, I never — never — washed my sweatshirts. They were so bad they could walk by themselves."

Szarenski no longer believes "in all that nonsense." It's all about the training, he said, and focus. When he gets to Athens, he'll concentrate on "what a good shot feels like."

"You have to visualize it, feel it and think about it every waking moment."

Szarenski, who earned a gold medal in the Pan-American Games last year and is a three-time member of the World Championship team, is the youngest of five boys. The oldest competed on the West Point team and another was a gunsmith for AMU. His father shot competitively in the '60s. And Szarenski met his wife, Amy, at AMU, where she was once a shooter.

"It's a family thing, I guess. It's addictive," he said. "It's all I ever wanted to do, and even when I was a kid, I knew the Army was the way to go. Nothing else compares."

Marauders: Competition crowns champ til next year

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quickly into the upper 90s, heat exhaustion and dehydration were big concerns in performance as many players competed in multiple events.

Ironman competitors tackled tough challenges, facing a grueling series of tasks, including canoeing, ruck runs, rappelling, the Prusik climb, a physical fitness test, qualification ranges, a written test and a road march.

"Ironman is like a one-day Best Ranger Competition," said Sgt. 1st Class Dan Barnes, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th RTBn.. "It's meant to be fun, but it is really, really tough."

Many Ironman competitors completed the event and hit the field in time for a game of flickerball.

Flickerball is a mixture of football, rugby and basketball, Barnes said.

During two 15-minute halves, two nine-player teams attempt to move a football down the field by continuously passing the ball without taking more than three forward steps and holding possession to less than 10 seconds.

Once the ball is in the scoring area, players have to throw it through a two-foot square hole in a wooden backboard 10 feet above the ground, while the opposite team uses any means to strip the ball, block passes and take the ball handler down.

"Marauder Day and flickerball are all about having a chance to take out some NCOs and officers," said Spc. Jason Yoder, HHC. "It's the one day rank doesn't matter."

1st Sgt. George Henry, B Co. first sergeant, was taken out in the company's first flickerball match of the day with a knee injury, but said Marauder Day is a day for winding down and strengthening bonds within the unit.

"It's about building team cohesion within the battalion," he said. "We work hard, we play hard and, in the end, it's all fun."

Barnes said fun is what the Ranger cadre need as they wrap up another cycle and prepare to go on block leave, before returning to a record five back-to-back cycles.

Each cycle is three weeks long and is based around rigorous mountain training and tactics.

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> **Sgt. 1st Class Dan Barnes**
> 5th RTBn.

For the unit to be returning to fifteen weeks of training with no break between cycles is almost unheard of, Ranger Training Brigade commander Col. K.K. Chinn said.

"It is fun and it's good for raising morale," said Spc. Brian Kirby, HHC. "During cycles, we work all the time supporting Ranger students, but I love it up here. This is a pretty close-knit bunch."

"I feel like this is family, even though I haven't been here that long," Yoder said.

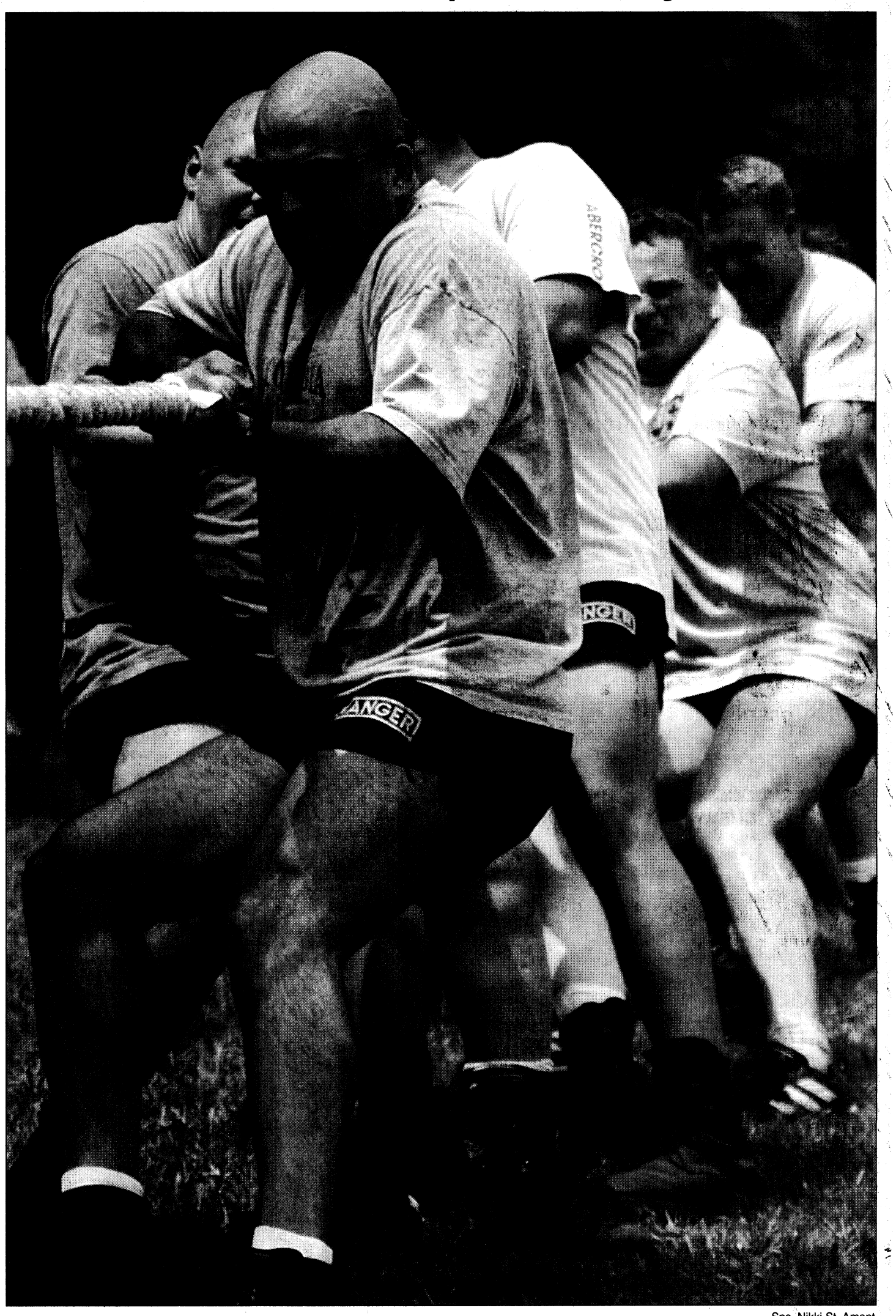
Barnes said Marauder Day is a tribute to the unit's namesake — Merrill's Marauders.

Maj. Gen. Frank D. Merrill commanded a unit composed strictly of volunteers during operations in Burma during World War II. His Marauders took on only the toughest missions, facing a daunting 90 percent chance they would return home in body bags.

And while the stakes may have changed for the modern-day Marauders, the competition remains fierce, fast and furious.

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HHC, triumphant in the end, took home the chest-thumping rights in this year's competition.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Rangers of A Company, 5th Ranger Training Battalion, struggle as they fight for ground in the tug-of-war event during the July 22 Marauder Day tournament.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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CYS registration — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will conduct registration for football, soccer and cheerleading registration from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Aug. 6 in Building 359.

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Dog Day Afternoon — The Rifle and Pistol Club will present Dog Day Afternoon, a pistol, CQB, shotgun and d-marks rifle match at 3 p.m. Aug. 7.

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For more information and to pre-register, call 689-3371, e-mail brpc@knology.net or visit www.rpcrange.com.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park will start special hours for adults Aug. 8.

Operational hours for adult ID card holders who are at least 18 and out of high school will be 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays. The skateboard park will not be open to youths Sundays and Mondays.

There is no charge for adult usage of the park.

Users are required to wear a helmet and sign a release form.

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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.

Football fields closed — All of Columbus' football fields are closed for maintenance through Aug. 15, including Lakebottom and Rigdon Park.

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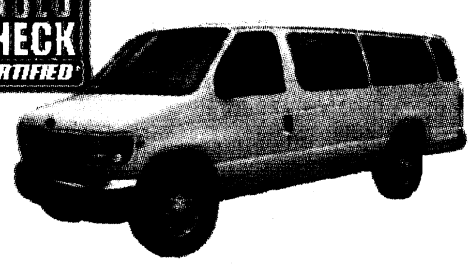
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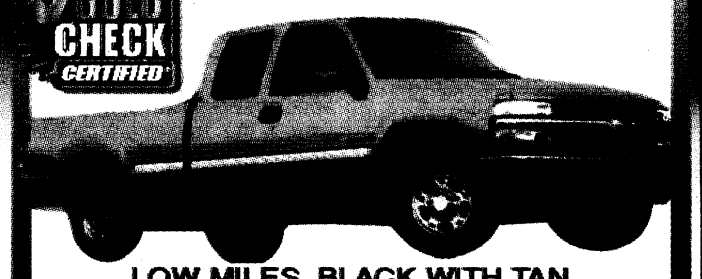
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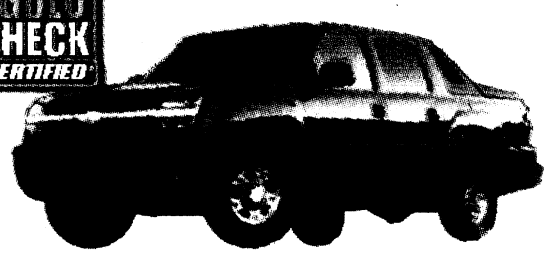
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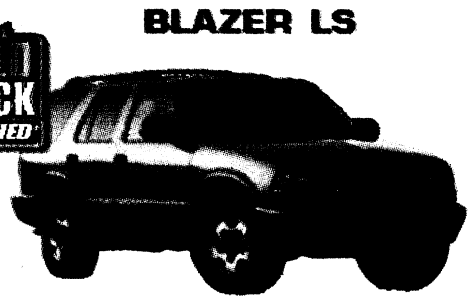
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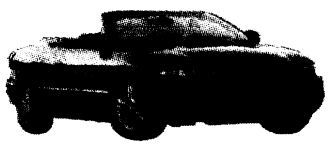
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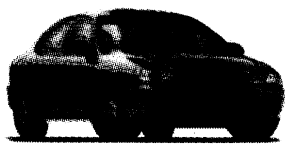
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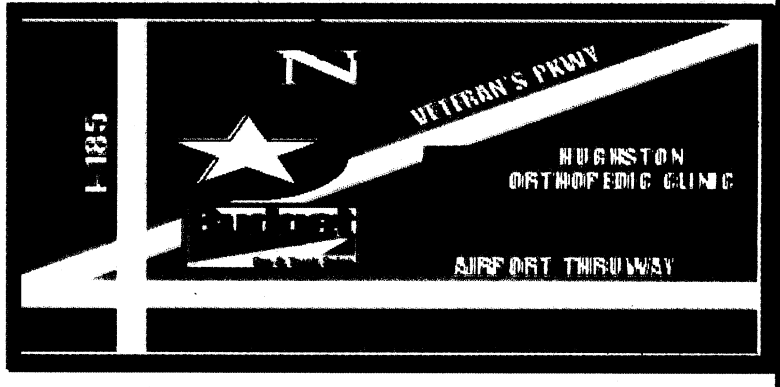
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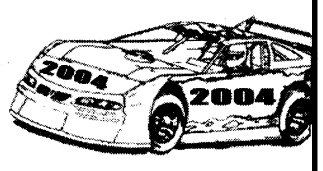
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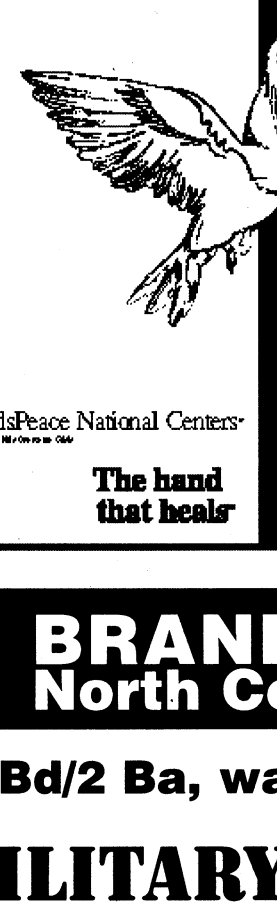
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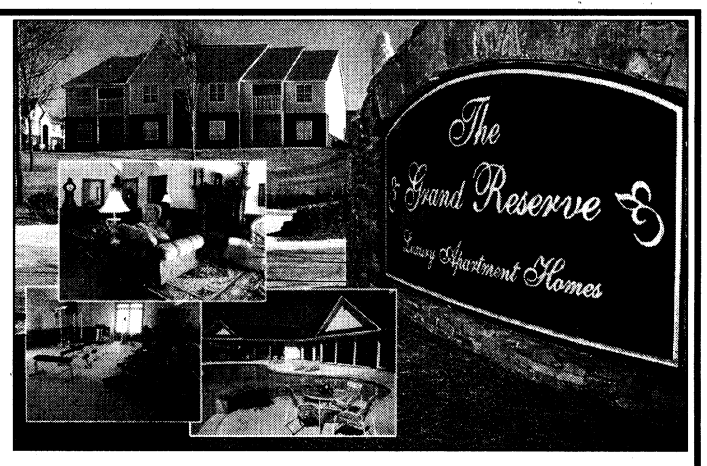
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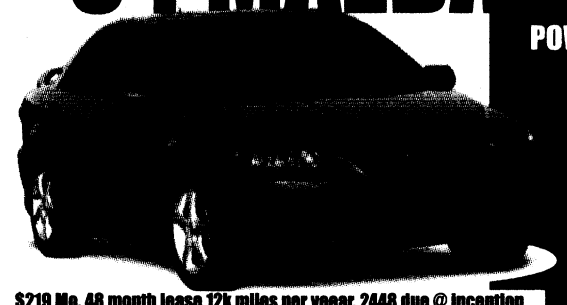
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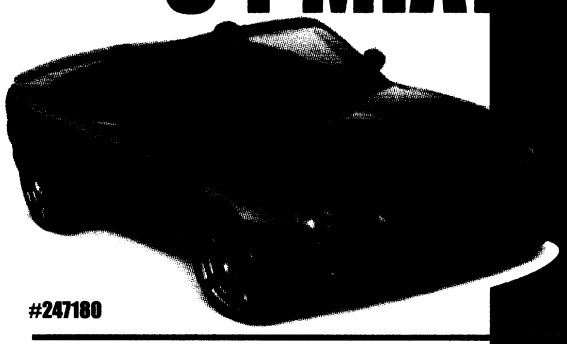
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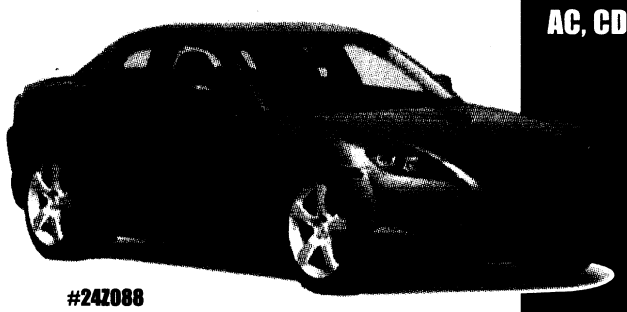
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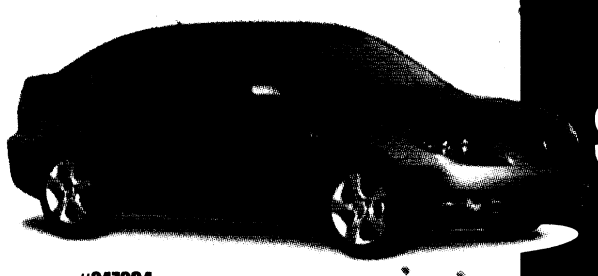
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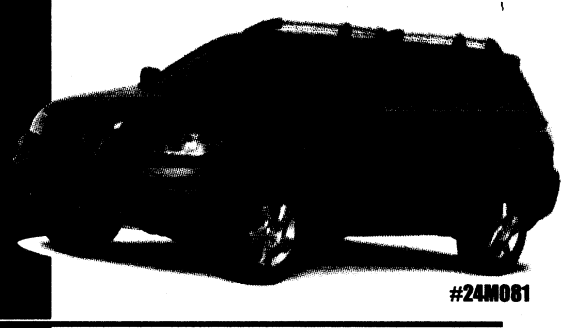
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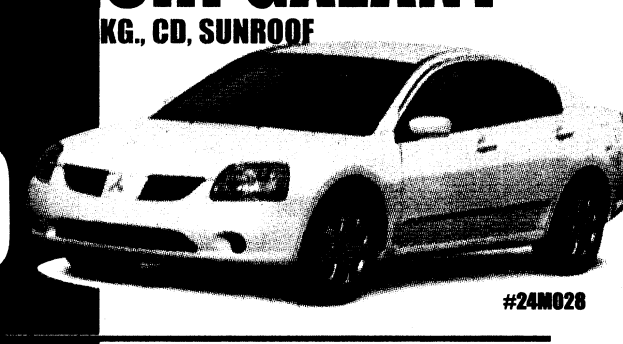
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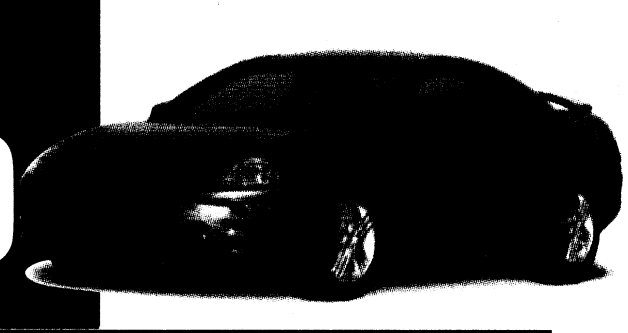
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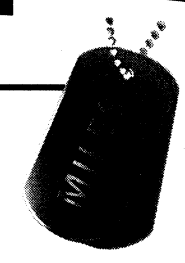
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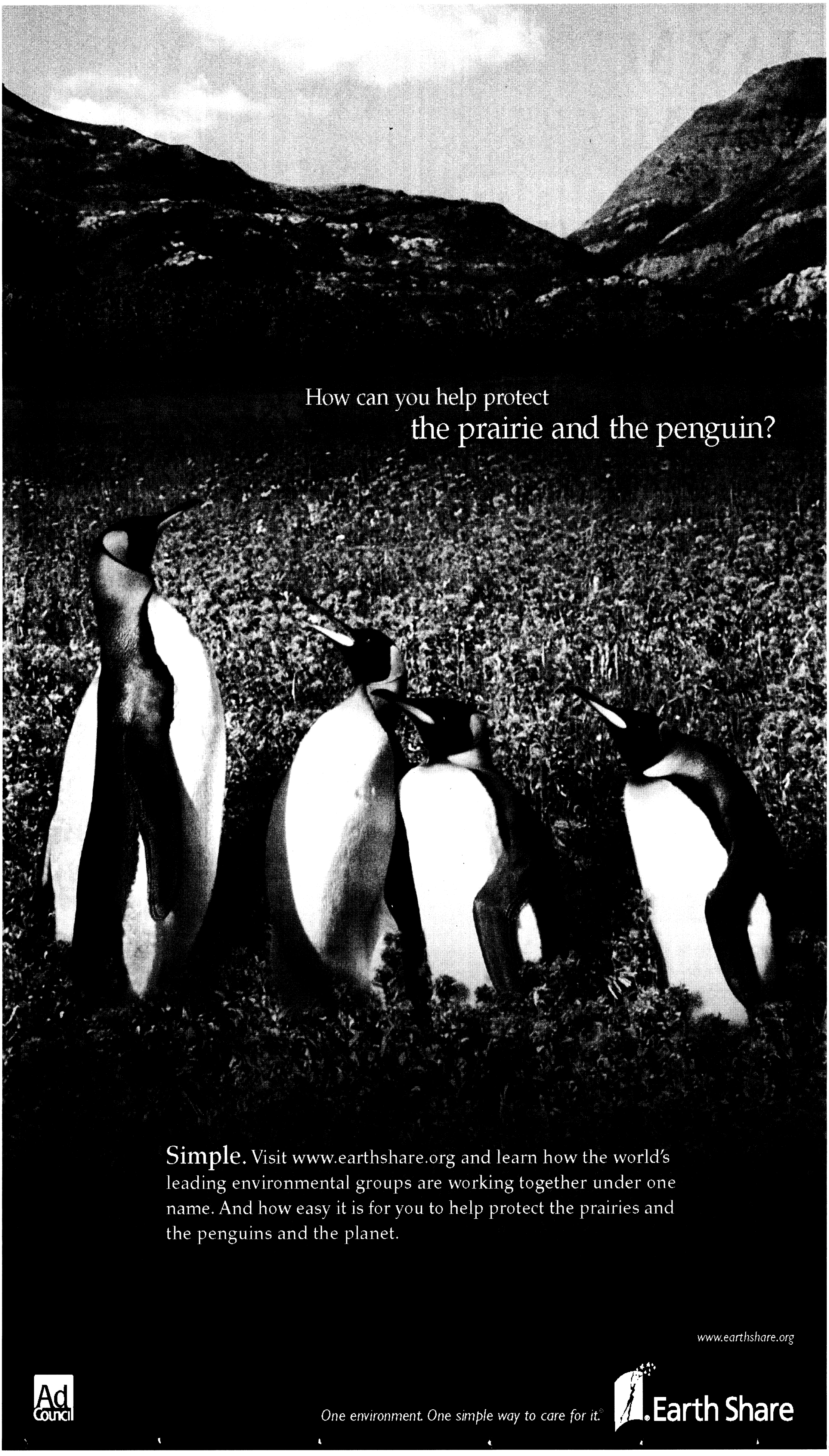
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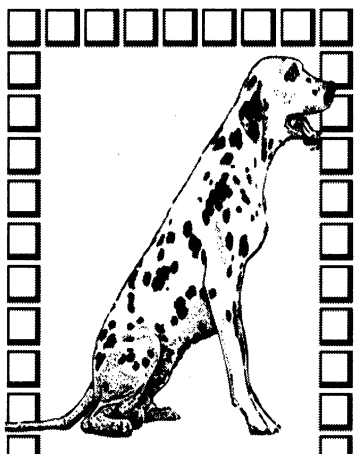
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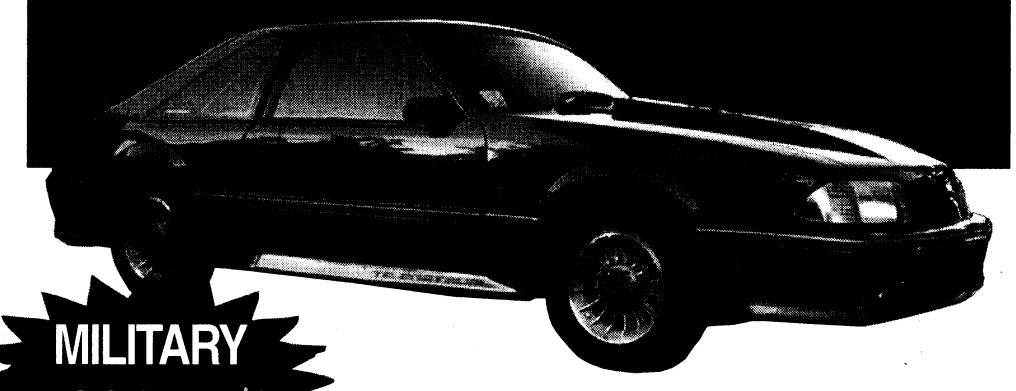
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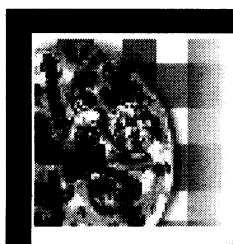
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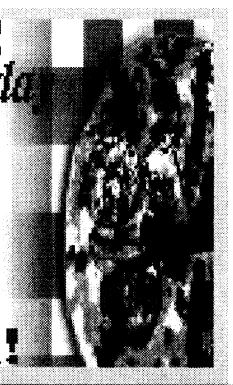
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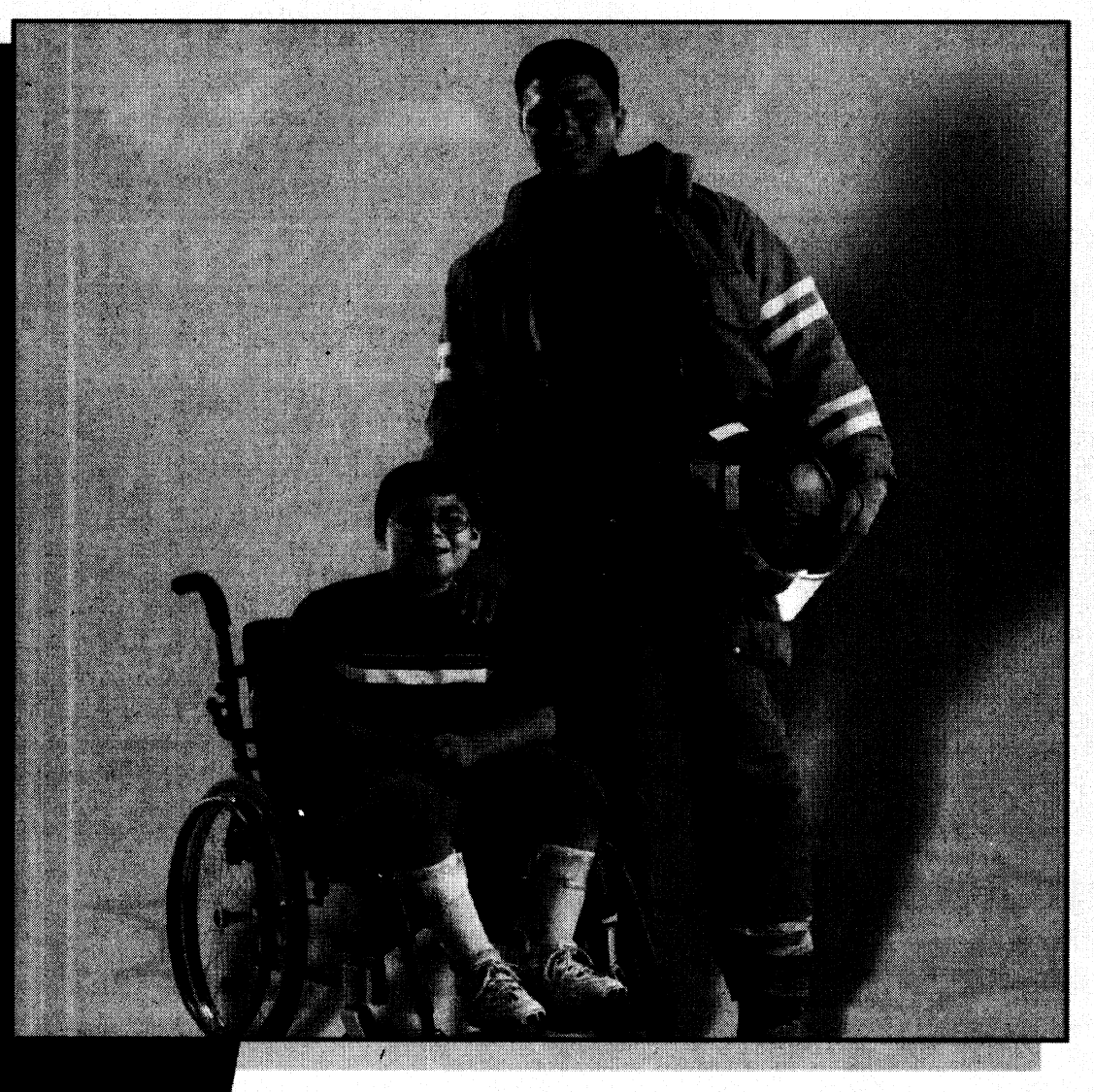
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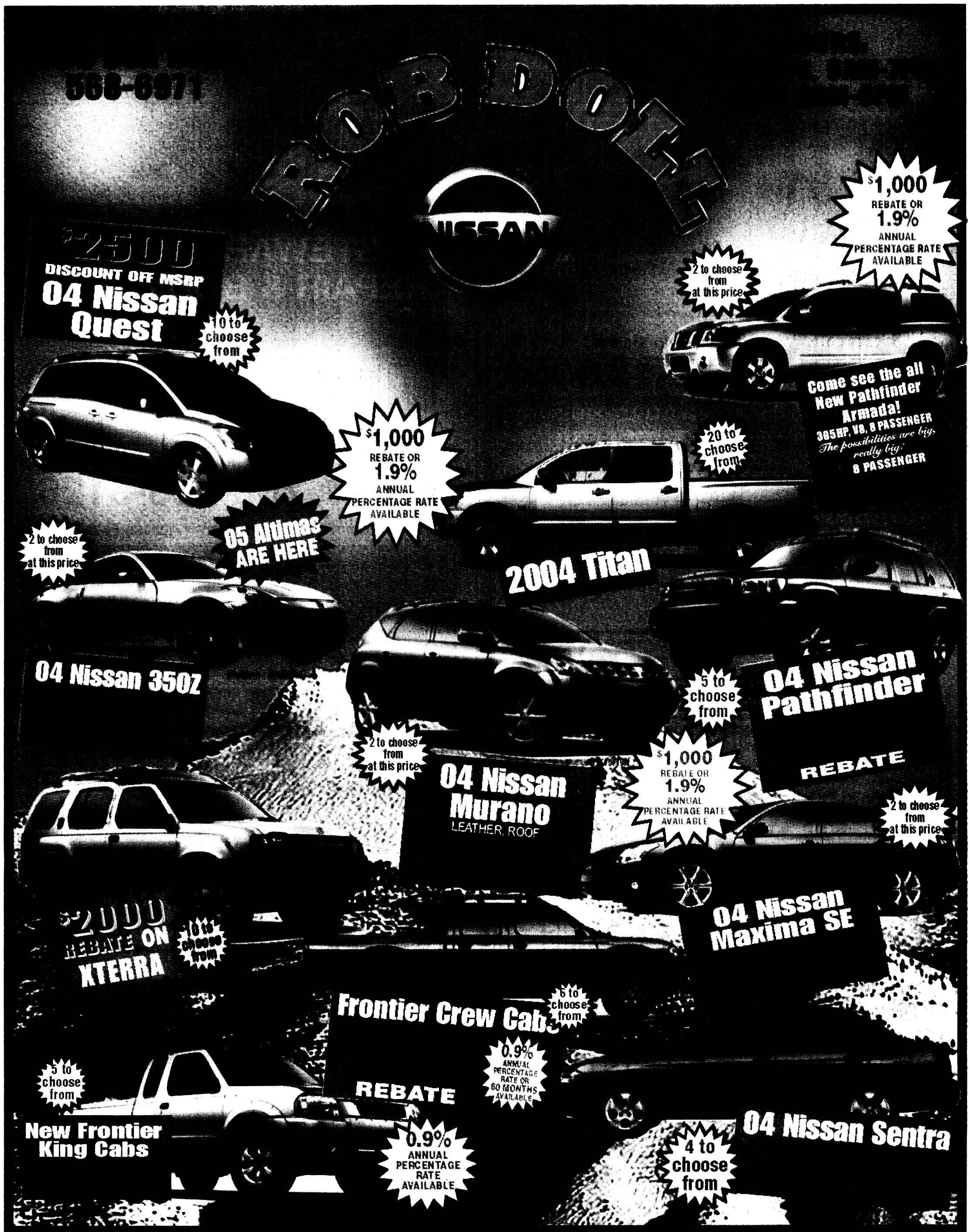


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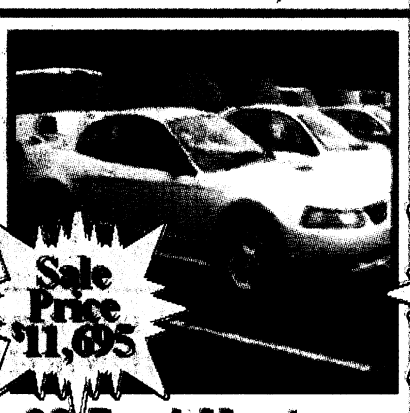
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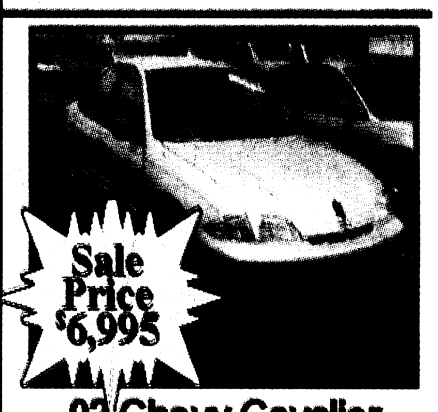
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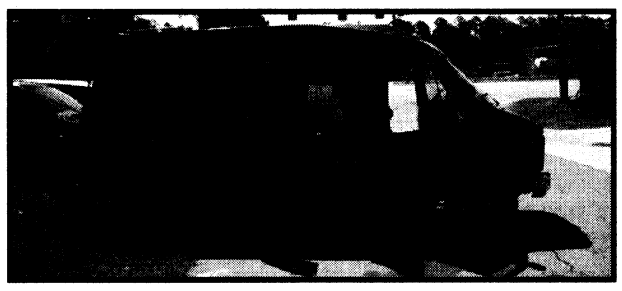
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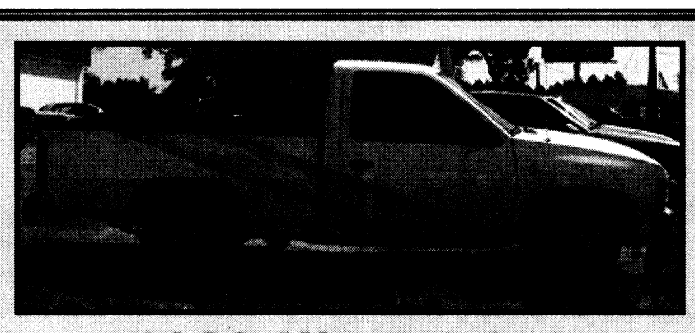
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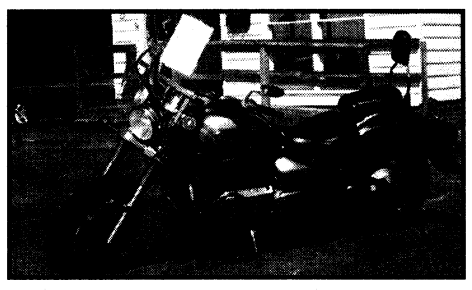
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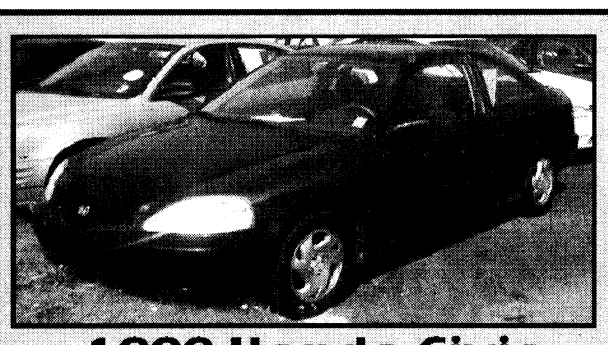
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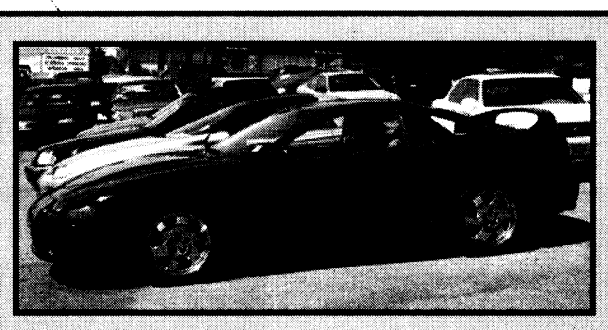
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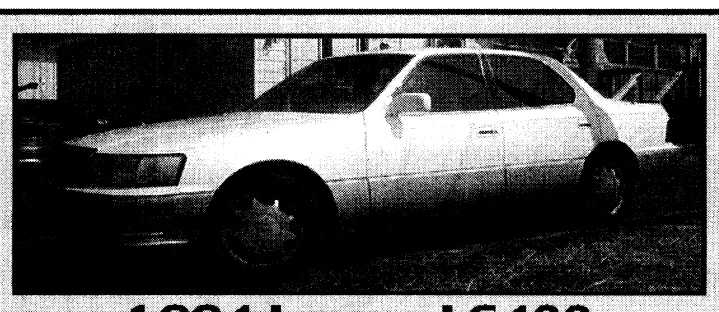
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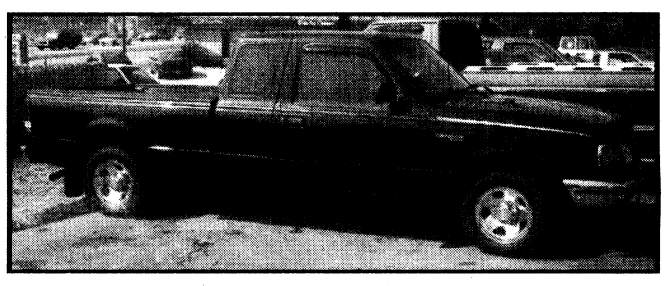
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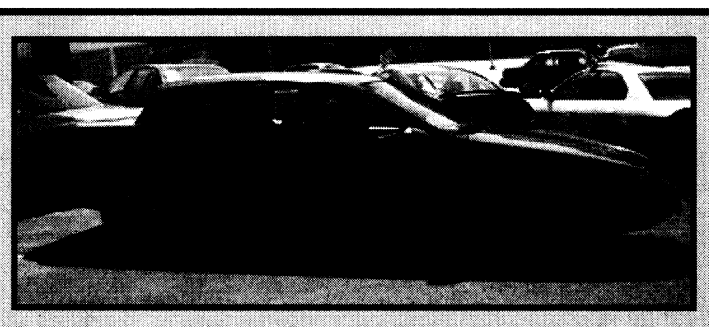
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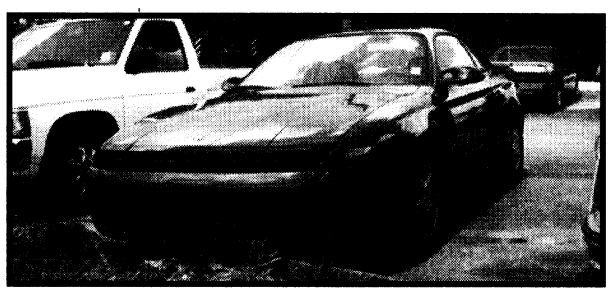
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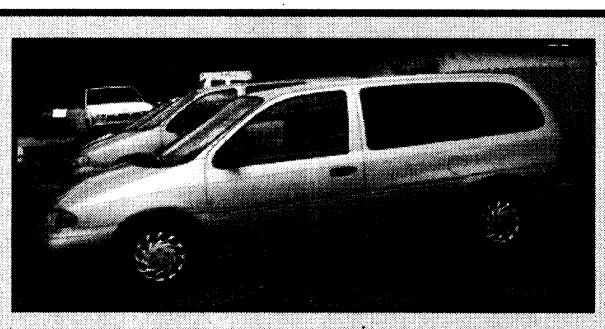
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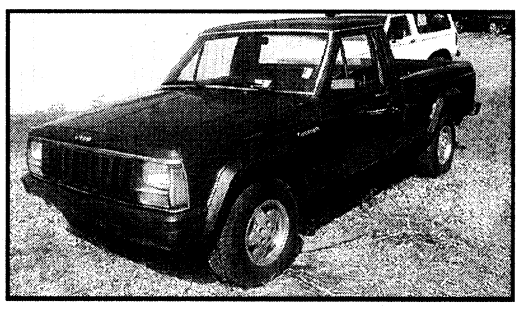
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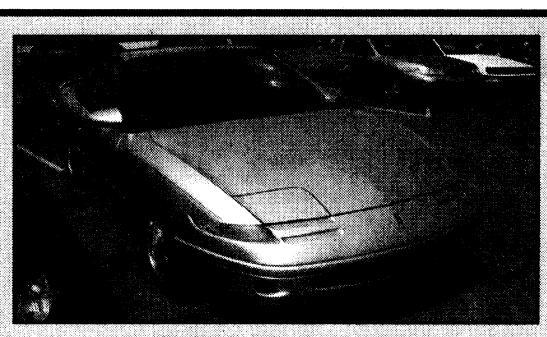
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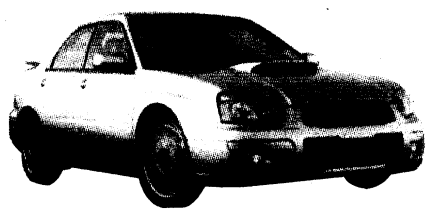
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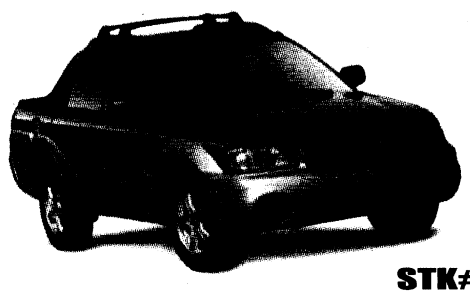
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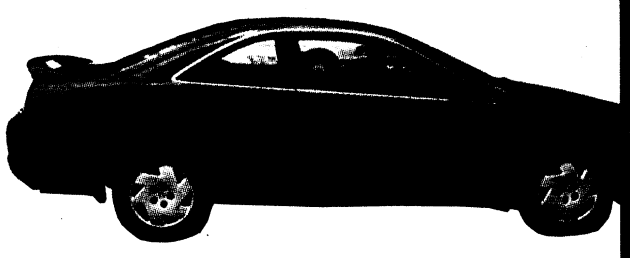
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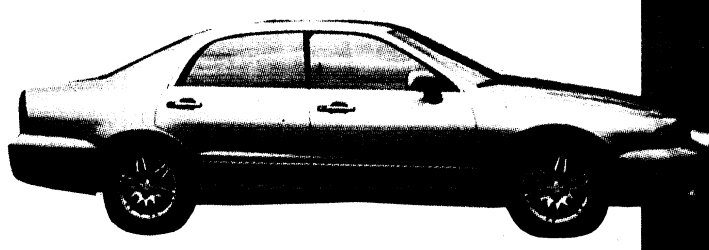
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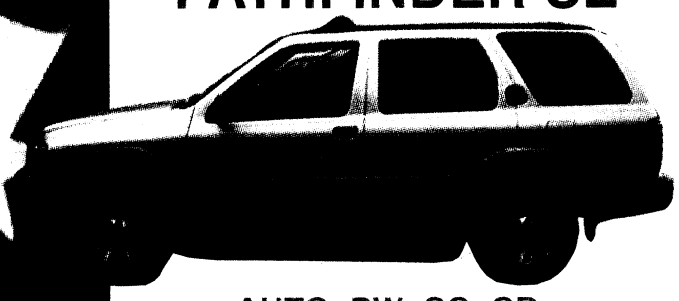
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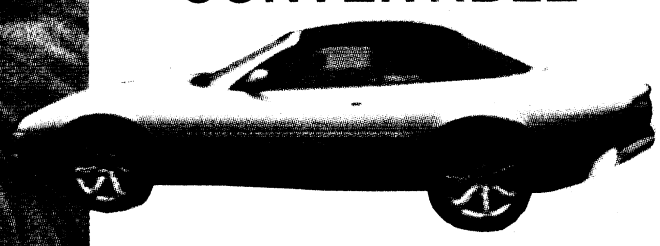


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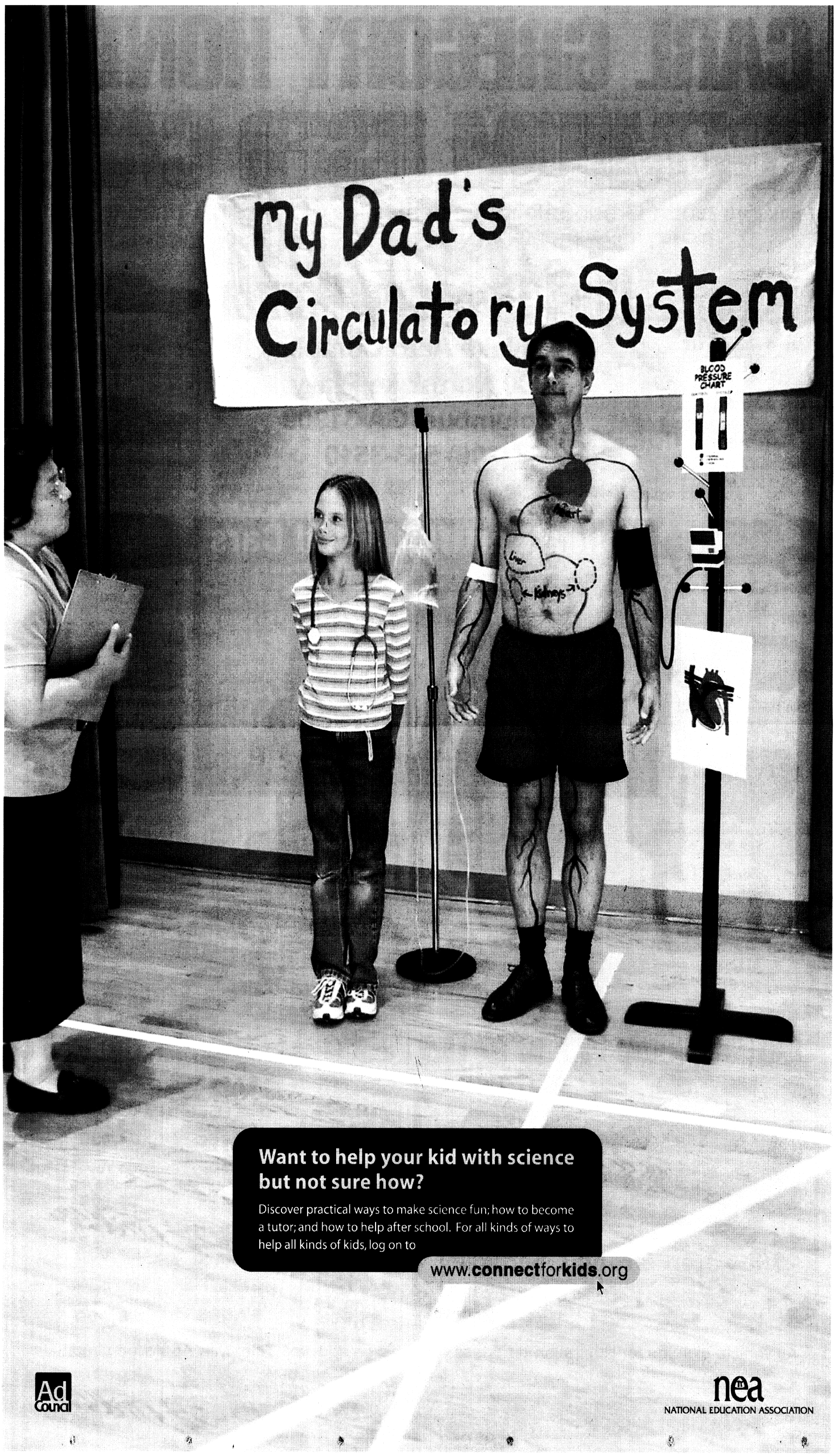
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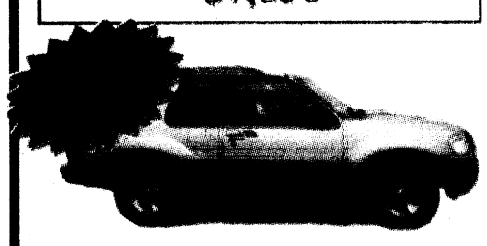
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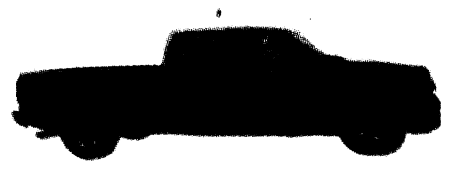
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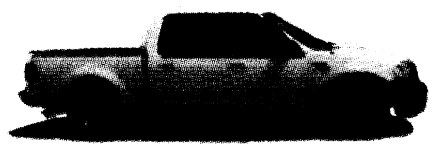
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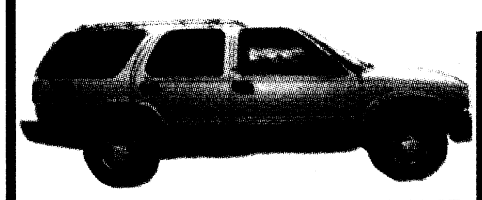
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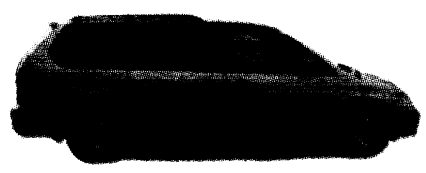
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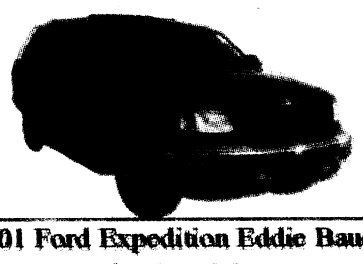
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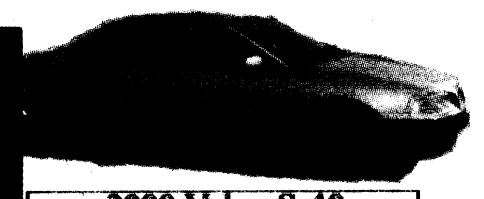
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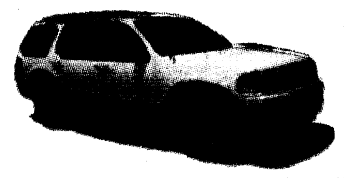
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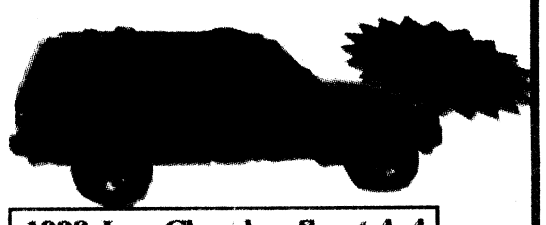
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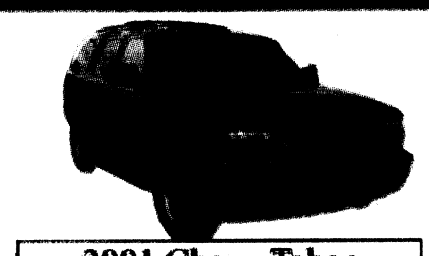
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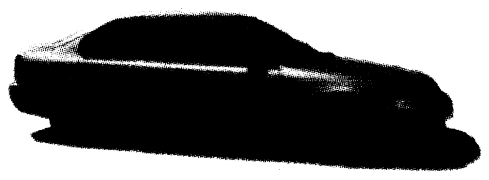
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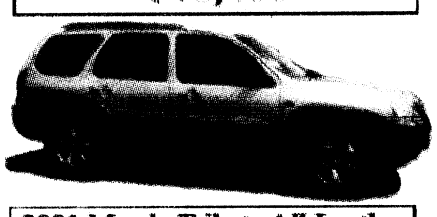
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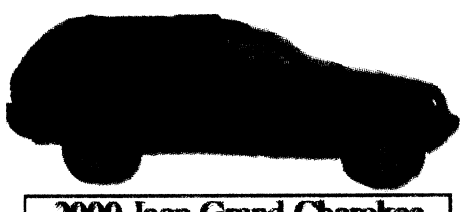
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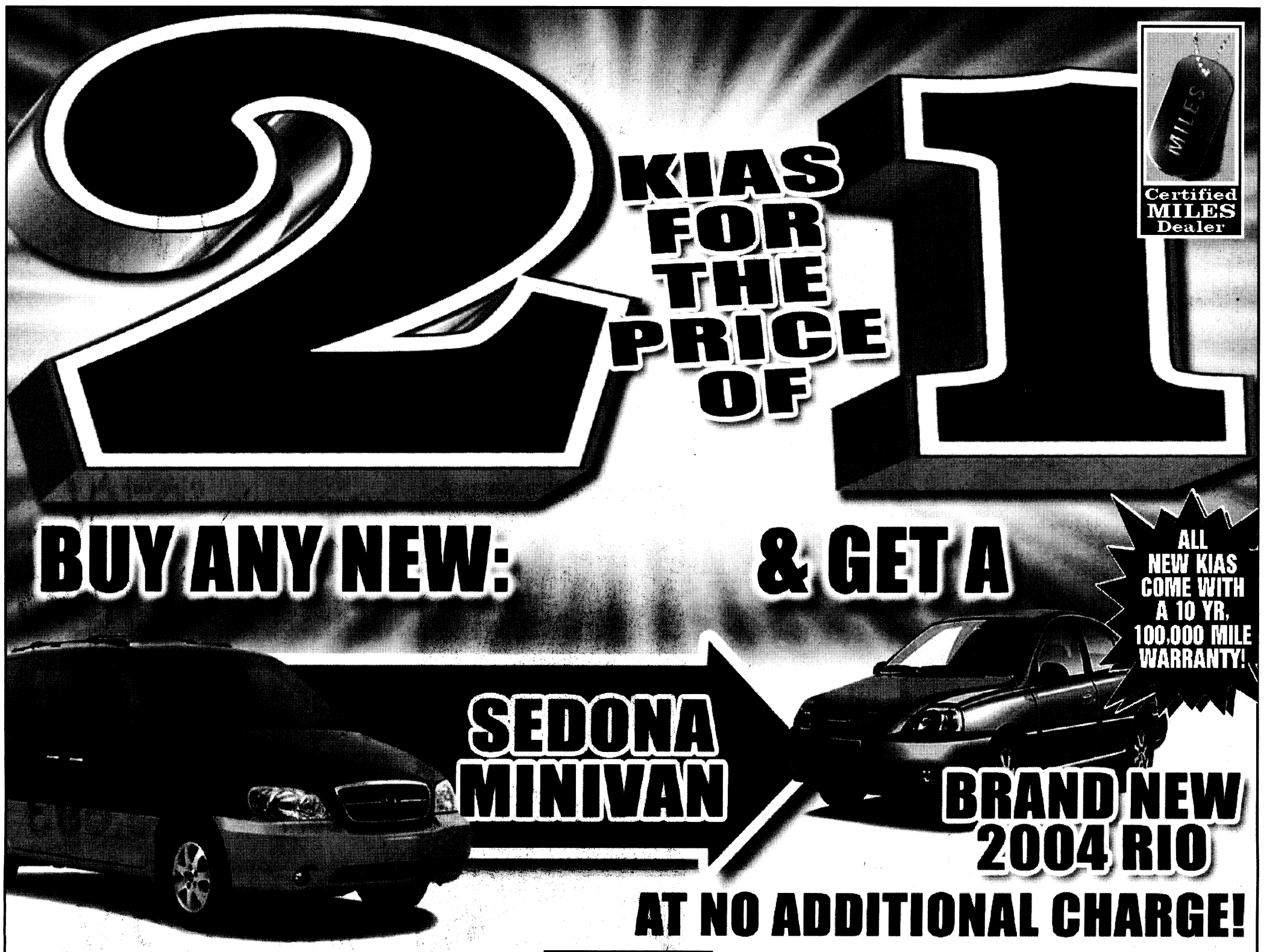
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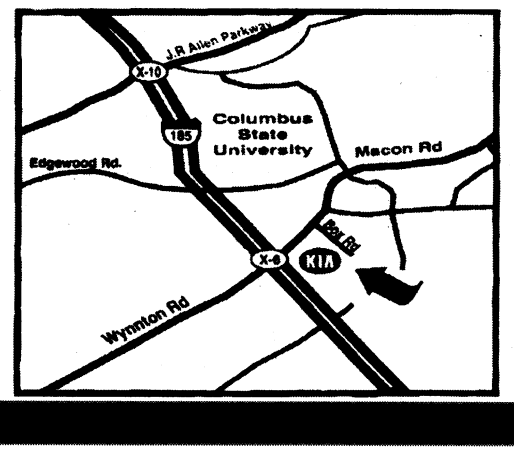
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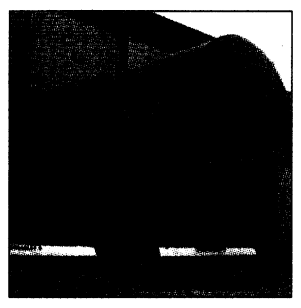
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Stabilization now in effect

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Stabilization is now the watchword for personnel managers as they match Army manpower requirements with where Soldiers are stationed.

A recommendation from an Army chief of staff focus area task force a year ago, stabilization went into effect Sunday.

Specifically, stabilization means Soldiers will stay at duty stations for longer periods than before.

When first proposed, stabilization was focused on initial-entry Soldiers staying at their first duty stations for five to seven years after assignment, rather than the older personnel management system of moving Soldiers from post to post every two to three years. Today, stabilization applies to all U.S.-based Soldiers — though it is not fixed to a specific time period, said Lt. Col. Dave Goehring, assistant to the deputy chief of staff for Plans, Human Resources Command.

"This is about slowing the movement of Soldiers and their families from post to post — allowing them to grow roots in the community," Goehring said. "Of course, Operation Iraqi Freedom will continue to cause turbulence."

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Goehring warned that stabilization is not a means of avoiding deployment. If the Soldier's unit gets selected for deployment, the Soldier goes with the unit, but the Soldier can expect to return for duty at the same installation following deployment.

See **STABILIZATION,** A-10

Dreams do come true ...

Frankie Pickard, 11, lives out his life's dream at the Army Concert Tour on Wetherby Field Saturday night. Pickard has suffered from a heart condition since he was an infant, but has always wanted to be a country music star. The youngster took the stage at the concert to perform *9/11*, and later sang back-up for country superstar David Kersch. Kersch was one of the four country stars who performed together as Honky Tonk Tailgate Party at the concert. For more on Saturday's event, see A-3.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Plan aims to save $1M

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As the Weigh Down Columbus campaign asked the community to lose something (fat), a new campaign has sprouted in the area that asks the community to gain something (money).

The Columbus Saves, Count up to Wealth campaign, part of the Georgia Saves campaign, asks the community to set aside pocket change and invest it into savings for 10 weeks.

"All of us should be involved in this," said Ann Pratcher, Army Community Service, Financial Readiness Program manager, "Because it gets us started toward saving and changes our habits."

The campaign, led by the University of Georgia, was developed to change people's habits and help them save money for the future.

"If you do something for 10 weeks, you've normally made it a habit," Pratcher said.

Pratcher said the most important thing is to change people's perception of saving.

"A lot of people say, 'I can't save because I don't have $100 to open an account,'" she said. "But they can save money in a coffee can or a piggy bank or even a pencil holder."

Pratcher said some of the local banks are working out deals with those who enroll in the campaign, which can also help them get started.

Pratcher said Weigh Down Columbus was a huge success,

See **CHANGE,** A-10

608th Soldiers earn Bronze Stars in Iraq

Deployed troops get recognized for actions

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"Some people will argue over what's the most important supply on the battlefield — food, water — but everyone knows you can't survive without ammunition."

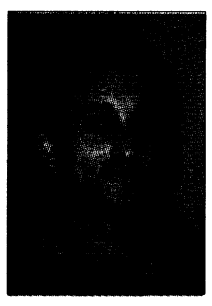
And if you ask Chief Warrant Officer Pennie Garich, she'll tell you, "Ammo is hands-down the most important supply."



Garich

Of course, the ammunition specialist would say that. But after spending a year in Iraq as the accountable officer for her platoon, she has a little something to back it up.

During that year, Garich, Sgt. 1st Class Luis Perez (her "right-hand man" and the platoon's operations sergeant) and the Soldiers of 3rd Magazine "Hellraisers" Platoon, 608th Ordnance Company, distributed ammunition to all 10 of the Army's divisions, including 2nd and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiments.



Perez

In fact, the platoon was so successful that Garich and Perez received Bronze Stars during a ceremony July 30.

The platoon arrived in Iraq in April 2003, operating independently of the 608th. It integrated with another ordnance company to issue a basic ammunition load to 1st Armored Division and 2nd ACR while conducting initial turn-in for 3rd Infantry Division as it moved out of Iraq.

They then assumed responsibility for establishing a corps storage area which would eventually serve the entire theater.

And they accomplished the mission with more than a few challenges to overcome.

"We did a mission that required three platoons with only 27 people," Perez said. "That's all we had when we began to build the CSA."

All the while, the unit was "issuing ammo to pretty much anyone in Iraq who needed it," Garich said, including multi-

See **AWARDS,** A-10

Live like you were dyin'

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

If you missed Saturday's Army Concert Tour, you missed more than a concert. You missed a life lesson.

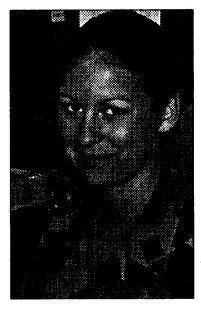
One that came from an 11-year-old boy, criss-crossing a stage in front of thousands of people, giving every inch of his soul to fulfill his life's dream.

Frankie Pickard doesn't have the easy life so many of us take for granted. He hasn't been able to play sports or go to parties or enjoy school outings like other kids his age.

Instead, he's been fighting for his life since he first went into cardiac arrest when he was 2 weeks old. He's undergone three heart surgeries and long recoveries. Still today, he lives with basically half a heart. But that half a heart is bigger than you can believe.You see, more than anything in this world, Frankie wanted to be a country music star. He wanted to record a country album, and he wanted to perform on stage.

Well, he recorded that album, and he got the chance to take the stage Saturday night.

Our commanding general once called Fort Benning "a place where miracles happen," and after this weekend, I have to say I believe that, because I was there, at the foot of that stage, when Frankie's dream came true. I was there when he first opened his mouth to sing *9/11* and gave the most incredible, heartfelt performance I've ever seen.



He was a mix of fear and determination, wide eyes, a little tremble in the knees. But he was *good.* He was talented. And there was a light in his eyes that you honestly couldn't describe with mere words.

I don't even know this kid, and when the crowd exploded in cheers and hollering and applause and he smiled with such pure joy, I had tears in my eyes and a smile all over my face. It was inspiring.

And Monday morning, driving into work, within the first few notes of Tim McGraw's *Live like you were dyin',* I thought of Frankie again.

If you've never heard it, the song is about a man who's discovered he's dying, and he's talking about all the things he finally did after he got the news that he was on borrowed time. How he took a good hard look at himself and what he'd done with his life and what he'd do differently if he could do it all again. And then, he did.

The song always gets to me, but listening to it and thinking of Frankie, I felt such a chill and almost cried.

Because it seems so unfair, so unreal, that someone with the courage and the passion to actually follow his dreams should face such an uncertain future.

And yet here I am, 22 years old, sitting around, waiting for my life to happen. Waiting for the "right time" to chase down all my dreams or even figure out what they are.

Frankie taught me how much time I'm wasting. Maybe because I take it for granted that I'll have all the time in the world. Maybe because I'm too afraid of failing to ever even try.

And I ask myself what I would do if I faced Frankie's threat. If I knew that these years, these days, might be my last, what would I do with them?

If tomorrow was my last gift, and time would suspend long enough for me to say goodbye to my family and loved ones, and then I could do anything I wanted with it — go anywhere, see anything, do anything — what would I do?

I thought about this, and the truly sad thing is, I don't even really know. Do you?

Corporal recruiters tell Army story

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston
Sergeant Major of the Army

On a recent visit to the U.S. Army Accessions Command, I learned about the great strides being undertaken by young corporals in the Corporal Recruiter Program. The Corporal Recruiter Program began in 1999 on a trial basis, and has since allowed more than 300 privates first class and specialists to serve one-year recruiting tours.

The program goal is to bring young, spirited Soldiers into recruiting to tell the Army story to their civilian peers.

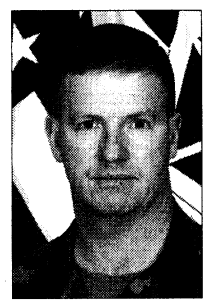
The professional corporal recruiter has become an important combat multiplier to the recruiting force. Corporal recruiters stand toe-to-toe with other detailed recruiters in exceeding standards of excellence.

Serving as a recruiter is a real-world mission that gives the recruiters a sense of self satisfaction and achievement knowing they are part of the Army's success.

Many of the corporal recruiters have only recently left their hometowns and going back has provided many Soldiers opportunities they never imagined.

The experiences these young NCOs are gaining go hand-in-hand with the impact they're making to fill the ranks of our great Army.

They'll not only return to the inventory better and more experienced leaders, they'll have replenished the ranks with qualified, eager future warriors.



To participate or volunteer for the Corporal Recruiter Program, Soldiers must be in their first term of enlistment, meet the basic recruiter qualifications and be single with no dependents. There is a second program, though, for married specialists and corporals, which gives them the opportunity to join the recruiting force.

The Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program is designed to allow specialists and corporals who are married with no more than two dependents to serve a two-year tour in recruiting. As with the Corporal Recruiter Program, Soldiers interested in the Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program must also meet the basic recruiter qualifications.

I urge leaders at every level to identify exceptional privates first class and specialists and counsel them on the great aspects of the Corporal Recruiter Program and the Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program.

We do ourselves, and our Army, a tremendous service when we send these young Soldiers out to the civilian population to represent us and identify those who would wear the uniform of an American Soldier. Especially identifiable would be Soldiers returning from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom rotations who can help tell the Army story. We need these young warriors to tell of their experiences in combat and specifically, talk about the good things Soldiers are accomplishing in the global war on terrorism.

The volunteer Corporal Recruiting Program and Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program are open to interested privates first class and specialists who meet recruiter qualifications as outlined in Army Regulation 601-1.

The qualification criteria can be accessed via the Internet at the USAPA Web page. The U.S. Army Human Resources Command will make the final selections. Once selected, applicants will be scheduled for a six-week recruiting course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Corporal recruiters are assigned to recruiting areas near their hometowns. Other incentives include 38 promotion points for completing the recruiting course, $450 a month in special-duty pay and the opportunity to select their next overseas assignment or assignment to any U.S.-based installation with a corps or division.

For more information, contact the Retention NCO or call Sgt. 1st Class Sammy Payne at DSN 221-5818 or commercial (703) 325-5818.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Model appreciates post personnel

It is with my deepest appreciation that I am writing to tell you how much my trip to Fort Benning (for the Fourth of July) has meant to me.

While at Fort Benning, the staff and people on the post treated my family and me with the utmost respect and courtesy. Our visit to the commanding general's home was an honor, but to meet his lovely wife and family, who were so open and friendly, was a pleasure in itself.

Being at Fort Benning again brought back many memories, and for three short days, a 71-year-old man was taken back to the wonderful years of his youth, when being in the Army not only meant you were serving your country, but that you were part of a glorious family all working together toward the same goal: FREEDOM.

As you know, there are still many Americans who are unaware of how much God truly blesses us and allows us the freedom that we enjoy, or of the heavy price that has been paid by our loved ones to enjoy this freedom.

I thank the commanding general for the highlight of my life and for strengthening my resolve to do everything in my power to assist in helping our troops in any way possible.

As I am sure you are aware, *The Bayonet* newspaper has a wonderful staff, and I feel so honored to be the subject of the wonderful articles they have written about me and the Follow Me statue.

I would be remiss if I did not mention a young lady by the name of Bridgett Siter, who was a pleasure to work with. Her desire to aid the military is very evident, and I know she worked very hard on the stories about me and the statue.

I was also greatly impressed with Selby Rollinson and the Protocol staff, the Public Affairs Office, the V.O.Q. and all the personnel who were so helpful to us all.

It would take a book to tell what feelings I have in this old heart for those three days.

If you would, please pass on to all your staff, the young Soldiers in training, the cadre and the skydiving team, how impressed and pleased I was to see them all standing so tall and proud.

There is no way to express all the thanks, appreciation and pride I feel in my heart for what you have all done for me.

I feel so honored to have been there, and if the good Lord permits, I will return some day.

The commanding general is an honorable man and a worthy general, and I know Fort Benning will thrive under his leadership.

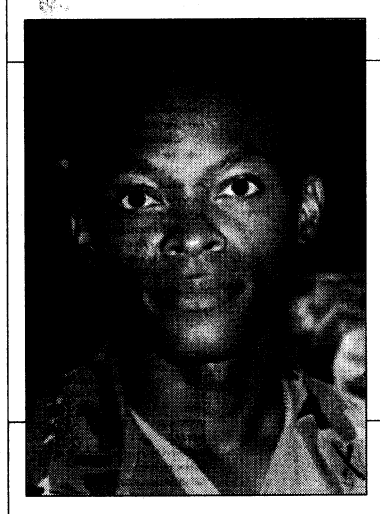
My heart and prayers will always be with you, Fort Benning and my fellow brothers and sisters and their families, as you stand together to protect this great country of ours.

With all my heart, I thank you all.

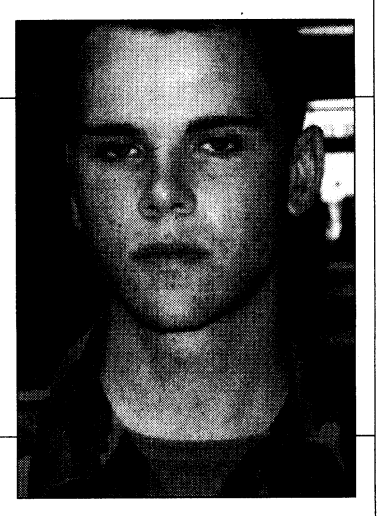
- Retired Maj. Eugene J. Wyles
Model for the Follow Me statue

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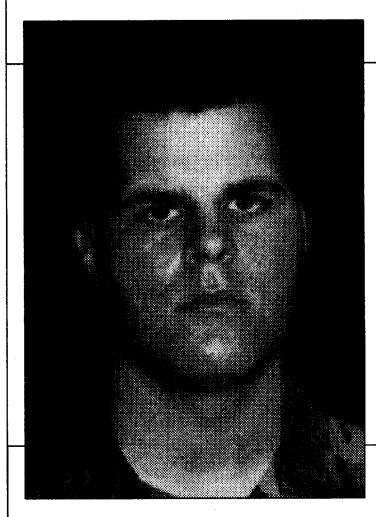
How would you live your life differently if you found out you were dying?



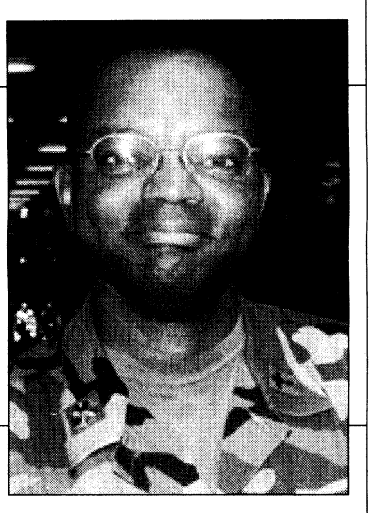
1st Lt. Willie Hutchinson, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment — "I would take more risks, and just enjoy the time with my family that I had left. I would also probably go visit more foreign places."



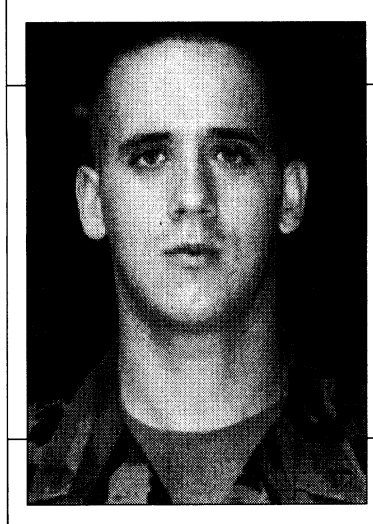
Sgt. Robert A. Hebert 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "I would have children. That would probably be about it."



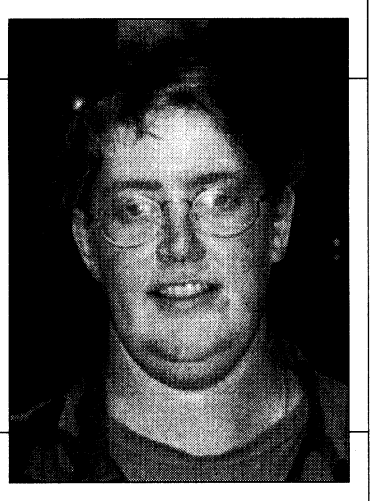
2nd Lt. Ian Hill, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I would live my life the same way I live it now. I live every day to its fullest; I put everything I've got into everything I do. I would not change a thing."



Chaplain (Maj.) Sandy McLean, 36th Engineer Group — "I would spend more time with my family, and I would spend more time on my knees praying. I would try to have as much fun as I could."



Pvt. Drew Wright, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "I would live every day like it was my last day. I would love to visit every professional baseball field."



Spc. Lenora Miller, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "I would spend as much time with my family as I could. I would make sure all my affairs were in order, and then I would take my son on a cruise ... a Disney cruise."

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Concert draws more than 4,500 to post

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It was a honky tonk all right. More than 4,500 people turned out to boot-scoot and boogy at the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour on Wetherby Field Saturday night, topping last year's 3,000 attendance record.

Featuring girl band Cowboy Crush and Honky Tonk Tailgate Party — a gang of four country superstars, including Rhett Atkins, Darryl Singletary, Chad Brock and David Kersch — the concert was a total success, said Teresa McCall, a marketing specialist with the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"Overall, everyone had a good time," she said. "It was a relaxed atmosphere, and the bands were fabulous."

Cowboy Crush opened the show, much to the excitement of thousands of basic training Soldiers, who gave an enthusiastic response to lead vocalist Trenna Barnes' declaration, "I don't think I've ever seen this many good-looking men in one place."

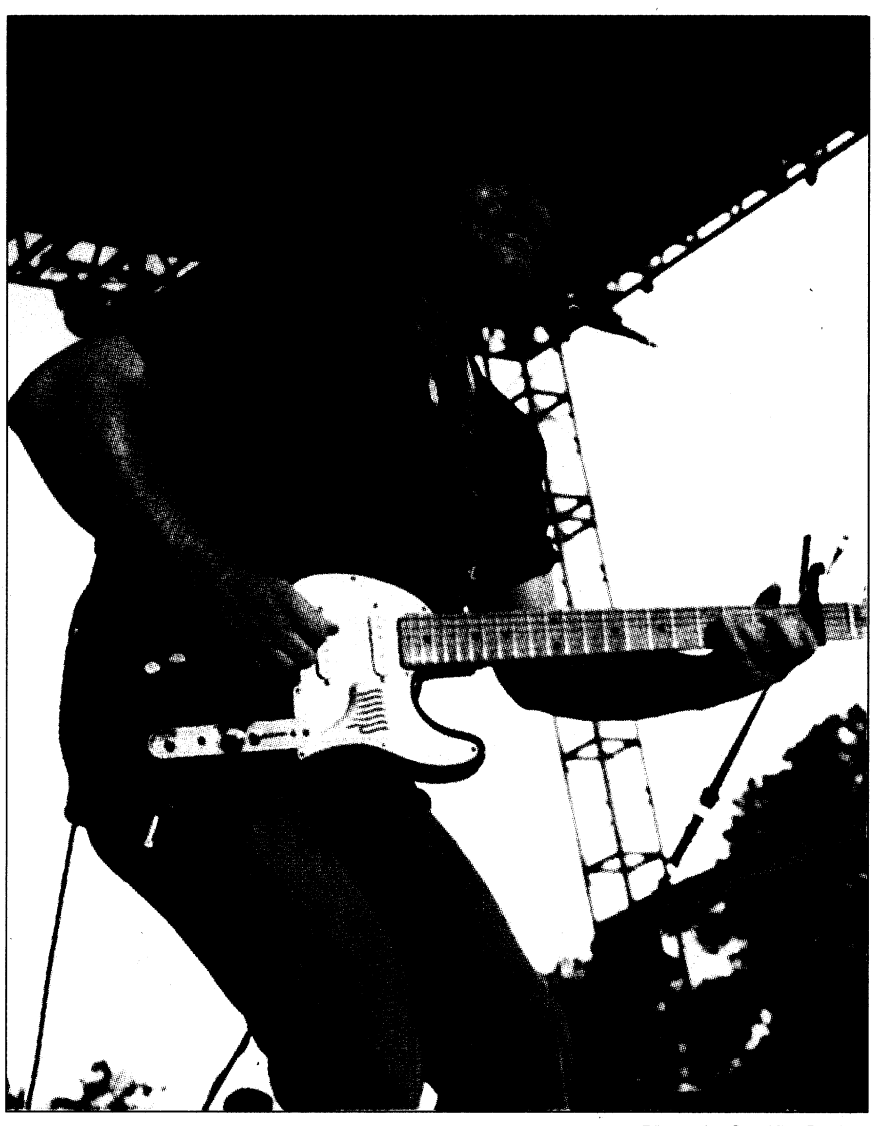
The band played an hourlong set, then turned the stage over to the industry's newest child prodigy, Frankie Pickard.

At 11, Pickard has been fighting for his life since he first went into cardiac arrest when he was 2 weeks old. He's undergone three heart surgeries lives with basically half a heart.

But that hasn't stopped the avid country music fan from chasing his life's dream — to record his own country album.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation helped him realize that dream Saturday, as he took the stage to sing *9/11*.

"My notes say that Frankie suffers from a heart condition," said post commanding general Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley as he introduced Pickard. "But I've met this man, and let me tell you, he doesn't *suffer* from anything."



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

John Carroll, lead guitarist for country superstar David Kersch, shows off his solo skills during the concert Saturday

Frankie's performance only enforced Freakley's introduction. Animated and delivering a tough message to Osama bin Laden, Pickard inspired deafening cheering and resounding "hooahs" several times throughout his performance, especially among the basic training population.

"Frankie just stole the show," McCall said. "He was precious."

But the dream-come-true performance was more than just entertainment to Spc. Matthew Gobble.

"Frankie was just a true inspiration," he said. "For him to be able to go on stage, especially for someone as young as he is ... it just showed me that, without a doubt, if there's something you want to do, you *can* do it."

Next up was David Kersch, followed by the other members of the Tailgate Party, a show McCall said was awesome.

In fact, she said, all the artists went above and beyond to make sure the audience had a good time.



Sand Hill Soldiers took a break from the training environment to enjoy the Army Concert Tour Saturday evening.

Cowboy Crush spent almost two and a half hours signing autographs for basic training troops — considerably more time than the average 30 to 45 minutes bands usually spend on that sort of thing, McCall said.

Meanwhile, all four members of Honky Tonk Tailgate Party played longer sets than they had originally agreed to.

"They just really went the extra mile for us," McCall said.

But then again, that shouldn't come as a surprise.

"Army entertainment (organizers) work with our promoter to get top quality entertainment for our Soldiers and their families," McCall said.

But top quality comes with a hefty price tag, so the challenge is to find top-quality acts who will offer the Army a discount so that it, in turn, can offer the Soldiers discounted tickets.

The willingness to give the Soldiers a full-fledged performance at a lower cost shows a commitment to the troops, McCall said.

"It's a direct relationship — any time we talk about an artist coming here, we only want them if they're dedicated, if they believe in the Army and in Soldiers," she said.

And many times, the artists who will offer the best show for the best rate are country singers, McCall said.

"I get asked (why we often feature country artists) all the time," she said. "They are often the least expensive, and the audience actually responds better to country concerts."

Whatever genre the music, the concert is no easy feat, and it required the efforts of a lot people around Fort Benning, including DMWR and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

Gobble, who is Fort Benning's BOSS president, joined several fellow BOSS troops to coordinate parking — no easy task — and set up, decorate and work the front of the event's VIP tent.

The concert was a chance to relax and enjoy the performances, but it was also a chance to help out the community and just get out, he said.

"The concert really gave us the chance to interact with people from off post, to meet people outside the gates," he said. "And I thought it was great. Cowboy Crush was an excellent cover band, and (Honky Tonk Tailgate Party) played all my favorite hits."

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Infantry Bar opens at Officers' Club

Benning troops remodel, open historic bar

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

A time honored tradition has returned to post after a year of absence.

When Bradley's at the Officers' Club closed down because of flood damage last year, a Fort Benning pastime fell to the wayside.

But, because of the hard work and dedication of several Soldiers, the club is open again under a new name.

The sign now reads I-Bar, and the interior has seen some dramatic changes, but the custom remains the same.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, said a lot has changed since he frequented the bar as a lieutenant in 1975, "when it didn't exactly conform to the Army values of today," but the idea hasn't changed.

"This bar is about lieutenants, and it was built by lieutenants," Freakley said at the grand opening ceremony. "This should be a place where the band of brothers congregates over a bit of ale."

Mark Smith, the Officers' Club manager, said, "The fact the tradition is back is huge for us.

"It's where a lot of officers started their careers," he said. "Now, these Soldiers can re-establish the traditions of their fellow leaders."

Smith said one of the reasons it is so important to have a place like the I-Bar is because a lot of the junior officers feel uncomfortable in the Concord Lounge with Fort Benning's top brass.

"It's better down here, because it's a more relaxed atmosphere than the Concord Lounge," said 2nd Lt. Jonathan Martin, one of the Soldiers who helped renovate the bar. "It is definitely a privilege to be able to work on it. It is just great to be a part of the whole thing."

2nd Lt. Tim Page, who also helped with renovations, said he couldn't be prouder of the job he and his comrades did.

"I am giving something back to all the Soldiers here on post so we have somewhere to go and congregate," he said. "Like the general said, 'like a band of brothers.'"

"It feels good to see all these Soldiers, and to know that all the hard work we put into it is paying off," Page said. "To see all these people having a good time is worth it for us."



Spc. David Foley

The soldiers who helped renovate the I-Bar cut the ribbon over the bar to signify the grand opening and give access to the personalized mugs.

Sapper tab now authorized for uniform wear

Sapper Leader Course grads can wear new tab

Bernard Tate
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A new Sapper tab for combat engineers is now authorized for wear by qualified Soldiers on their left shoulder.

Until this summer, only the Special Forces tab and the Ranger tab were authorized for wear above the unit patch on the left shoulder.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker approved the Sapper tab June 28 for award and wear by engineer Soldiers who complete the Sapper Leader Course. The course is part of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. This award is retroactive back to the graduates of the first SLC on June 14, 1985.

The tab will be worn below the Special Forces or Ranger tab, if a Soldier has either of those. Other details concerning the wear of the Sapper tab will be released through official Human Resources Command channels sometime in the next 90 days, officials said.

Sappers are combat engineers who advance with the front-line infantry, and they have fought in every war in American history. For example, they played a vital role in securing Omaha Beach on D-Day, and that incident is faithfully re-created in *Saving Private Ryan*.

The invading Soldiers were unable to advance through the beach obstacles, and were pinned down by the German machine guns. A group of combat engineers crawled forward under heavy fire. Despite their casualties, they



assembled a bangalore torpedo (a long tube filled with explosives), slid it under a barbed wire obstacle, and blew the obstacle apart. The Soldiers behind the engineers then fought their way through the gap, took the German defenses, and won the battle.

The Sapper Leader Course is a fast-paced 28-day course designed to train joint-service leaders in small unit tactics, leadership skills, and warfighter tactics required to perform as part of a combined arms team in a contemporary operating environment. The SLC is open to enlisted Soldiers in the grades of specialist (promotable) and above, and engineer officers captain and below.

Phase I of the course lasts 14 days and covers general subjects including medical techniques, land navigation, demolitions (conventional and expedient), air and water operations, mountaineering, expedient antennas, knots and rigging, and land mines used by enemy forces.

Phase II is also 14 days. It covers basic patrolling techniques and battle drills that emphasize leadership. The subjects include urban operations, breaching, patrol organization and movement, and recon/raid/ambush tactics.

The second phase of the SLC concludes with a three-day situational training exercise, and five-day field training exercise. Training missions conducted during the STX/FTX are a 60/40 mix of engineer and infantry missions. Engineer missions include bridge reconnaissance and demolition, covert obstacle breaching, road cratering, minefields, and field expedient demolition.

Leadership is emphasized throughout the SLC, engineer officials said. During Phase I the leadership positions are rotated daily. During Phase II, the position of squad leader is rotated daily, and the patrol leader and assistant patrol leader after each phase of the mission. Each Soldier will be evaluated at least twice on leadership during patrolling.

The results of the Sapper Leader Course are Soldiers who are worthy to wear the new Sapper tab, officials said, adding that they are hardened combat engineers who are qualified to fight and lead on today's battlefields.

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ITB commander says farewell to Sand Hill

New leader pledges best efforts

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Col. Brian Baldy said farewell to Sand Hill Tuesday as he handed the brigade over to Col. Scott Henry during a change of command ceremony on Kanell Field.

In what was the last change of command ceremony for ITB this year, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, spoke about Baldy's dedication to ITB.

"These warriors reflect Colonel Baldy's commitment to his Soldiers and his brigade over the past (few) years," Freakley said. "He produced (more than) 35,000 infantry men to fight in the war on terror."

Freakley also endorsed the focus on excellence and training Baldy carried during his command and the efforts to upgrade facilities, providing Soldiers with the best equipment and ensuring the drill sergeants had "the best of men to train the best of men."

"Brian Baldy is a consummate team player and embodiment of the Soldier values — a selfless leader, a warrior demonstrating personal courage, duty and loyalty at every turn," he said.

Baldy's next assignment is J8, the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. He said goodbye to his Soldiers with a quote from George L. Steinstack, which he believes defines what all Soldiers do.

"I was that which others dared not to be, I went where others feared to go and did what others failed to do. I asked nothing from those who gave nothing," Baldy read.

"It's an emotional day for me and it's very hard knowing I will leave such a professional and special organization with so many pros at company and battalion level," he said. "When I took command of this brigade three years ago, this brigade consisted of five battalions and 27 companies. Today, there are six battalions and 31 companies that will grow to 37 companies by the end of the year.

"Each of these new companies is filled with the same qualities of young Soldiers," he said.

Henry comes to Fort Benning from his last assignment as the chief of Infantry Branch (Enlisted), U.S. Army Personnel Command.

"The Army knows how to pick great commanders," Freakley said. "(Henry) comes in as a proven leader, warrior and trainer. He understands what our business in training Soldiers is all about."

Henry thanked Baldy for his "establishment of a can-do environment and a superb command transition."

"I know every Soldier, civilian and family member within this command stands ready to meet the future with the same intensity, commitment and professionalism as in the past. I pledge to you our very best efforts," Henry said.

Henry graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1982. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Army Logistics and Management College and the National War College. He has masters of science degrees in operations research, systems engineering from George Mason University and national security strategy from the National Defense University.

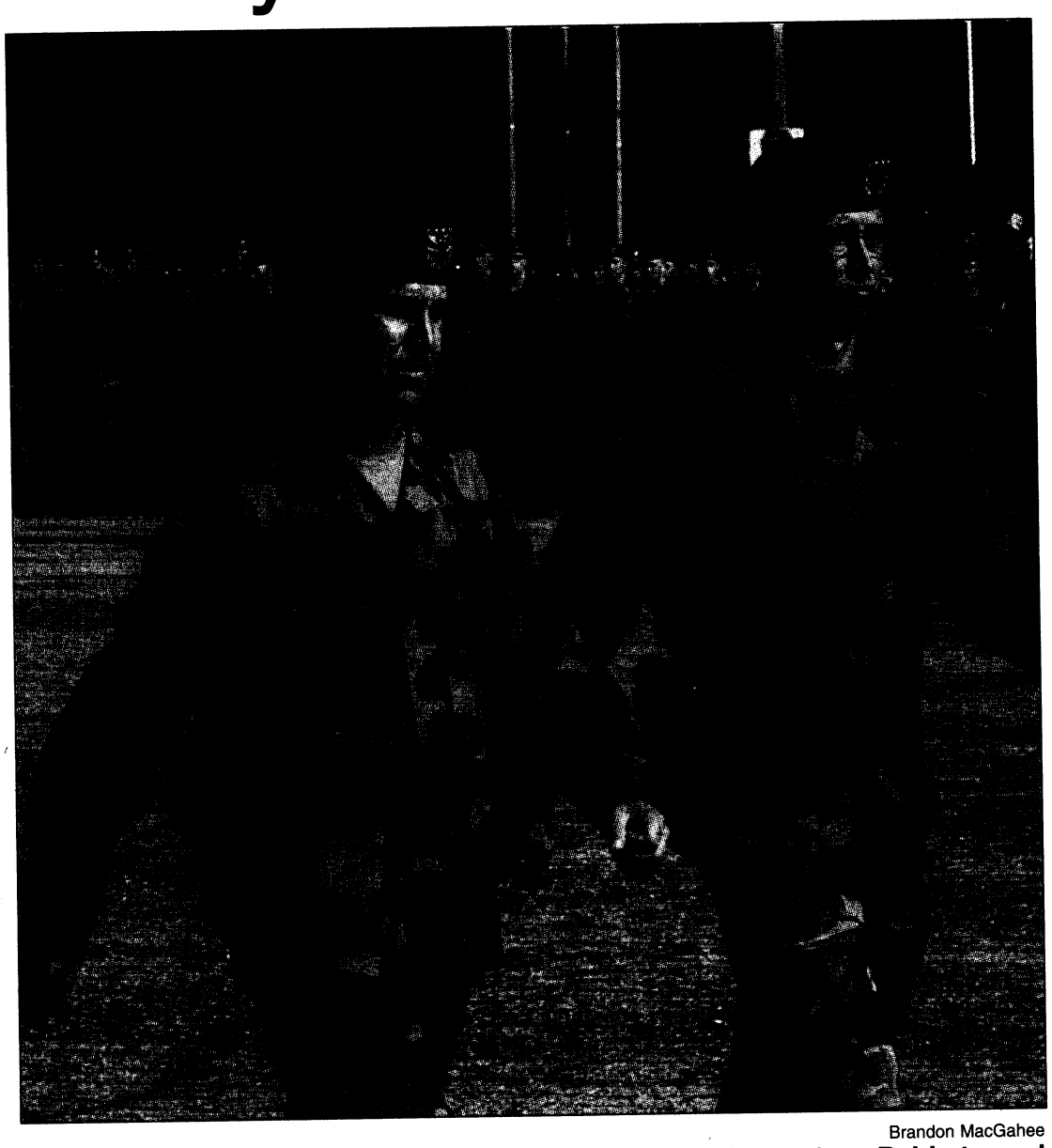
His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

He has earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Canadian Jump Wings, Army Staff Identification Badge and the Ranger Tab.

Incoming commander



Col. Scott Henry was commissioned as an infantry officer in1982. He earned two master's degrees in operations research, systems and engineering an national security strategy. He comes to Fort Benning with his wife, Linda, and their two sons, Avery and Austin.



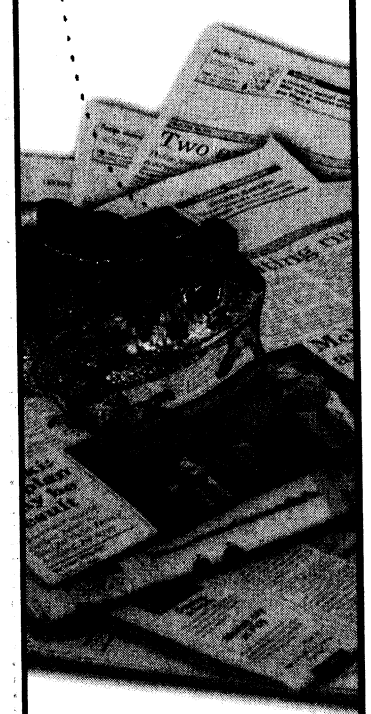
Brandon MacGahee

Cols. Brian Baldy, left, and Scott Henry pass in review Tuesday. Baldy turned over command of the Infantry Training Brigade to Henry at Kanell.

National Security Personnel System Update

Fort Benning commanders. directors. managers and supervisors of civilian employees should attend the NSPS update at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in Infantry Hall. Classroom 6. The briefing covers the most important change to the civilian personnel system in decades.

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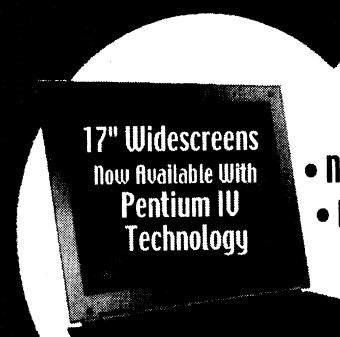
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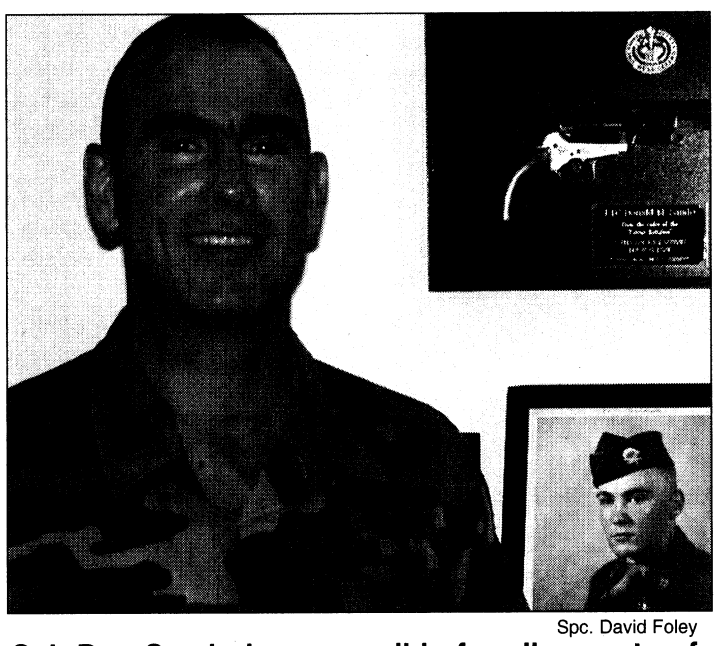


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Newest frequent flier arrives at TSM-Stryker/Bradley



Spc. David Foley

Col. Don Sandoo is responsible for all aspects of the TSM-Stryker/Bradley program.

Takes off same day for Pentagon TDY

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

Col. Don Sando assumed the charter for Training and Doctrine Command System Manager-Stryker/Bradley from Col. Charles Betack in a ceremony in front of the Follow Me statue Monday.

Betack, now the multinational force director of Maneuver, was unable to attend the ceremony because he is in Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, talked about Betack's nearly four years at the helm of TSM-Stryker/Bradley, during which he supervised not only the equipping of the Bradley, but the employment of the Stryker.

An interesting aspect of the Army is that it equips the man — the infantry, Freakley said, not like the other services, in which the equipment is manned.

Betack spent so much time at Fort Lewis, Wash., making sure the Soldiers had the necessary equipment for the Stryker, Freakley said, that Lynn (Betack's wife) must have thought he PCSed.

"Chuck Betack made sure infantry Soldiers had the best equipment to do the job," he said.

Betack left Fort Benning in April for the six-month deployment. He and his wife, a reading recovery teacher at Wilson Elementary School, have two children.

Sando is no stranger to Fort Benning, Freakley said when he introduced him. He worked in the Directorate of Combat Development, was a battalion commander on Sand Hill, the executive officer for the Infantry Training Brigade and the deputy chief of staff for the post.

Sando brings a wealth of infantry experience to the job — he was a mechanized platoon leader in Korea, a rifle platoon leader with the Ranger Regiment, and an operations officer and XO with the 82nd Airborne Division.

As the TSM-Stryker/Bradley, Sando is responsible for all aspects of the program, Freakley said, including the mobile gun system and reducing weight while improving survivability for the Stryker and the renovation program of the Bradley.

The good news, Freakley said, is that Sando has a great team working with him with a proven track record for success.

Sando said he was the newest member of Fort Benning's frequent flier program because he was going TDY in two hours but would continue the tradition of ensuring Infantry Soldiers had the best equipment possible to do the job.

BOLC battalion farewells outgoing commander

NATO job in Spain awaits Neyland

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Lt. Col. Alan W. Neyland passed the 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, guidon to Lt. Col. Marlon D. Blocker during a change of command ceremony on York Field Wednesday morning.

Neyland has been assigned to Joint Headquarters, Southwest, NATO in Madrid, Spain.

During the ceremony, Neyland complimented his staff of Soldiers and civilians for their outstanding accomplishments during his command, saying, "I couldn't have done it without you."

Neyland said the spirit of camaraderie on Fort Benning is one of the things he will miss the most.

"Thank you for your ability to cooperate and not compete," he said to his fellow commanders. "I think that is the spirit of Fort Benning."

Neyland gave his best wishes to Blocker and his family, but refused to say goodbye to Fort Benning.

"I won't say farewell, because I'll probably be back," he said.

Neyland said he is so sure he will return to Benning, he bought a personalized mug that hangs over the register in the recently renovated I-Bar and joked that his friends can use it while he is away.

Col. Mark Ritter, 11th Infantry Regiment commander, said it was an honor to pass the guidon from one great leader to another.

Ritter said Neyland took on a difficult task as the 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., commander, and accomplished the mission.

"We could have picked no better officer to develop the (Basic Officer Leaders Course program of instruction)," commenting on Neyland's ability to turn complicated issues into something everyone can understand, Rittter said.

While Ritter had plenty to say about Neyland's achievements, he also had good things to say about Blocker.

"Marlin Blocker is a proven leader ... and all of us at Fort Benning welcome you," Ritter said.

Blocker said he and his family are excited to be back at Fort Benning, and he is looking forward to his mission.

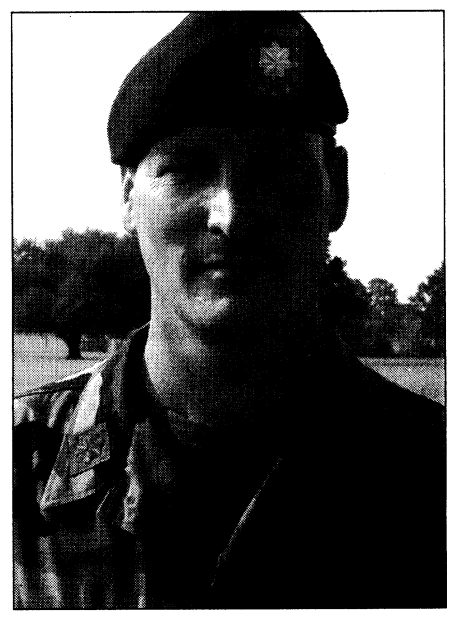
"I can't imagine a better mission than commanding troops who prepare Soldiers for combat," he said.



Spc. David Foley

Lt. Col. Marlin Blocker accepts the 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, guidon from Col. Mark Ritter, 11th Inf. Regt., commander. The outgoing commander was Lt. Col. Alan Neyland.

Incoming commander



Lt. Col. Marlon D. Blocker was commissioned into the Army as an infantryman at Kansas State University in 1985.

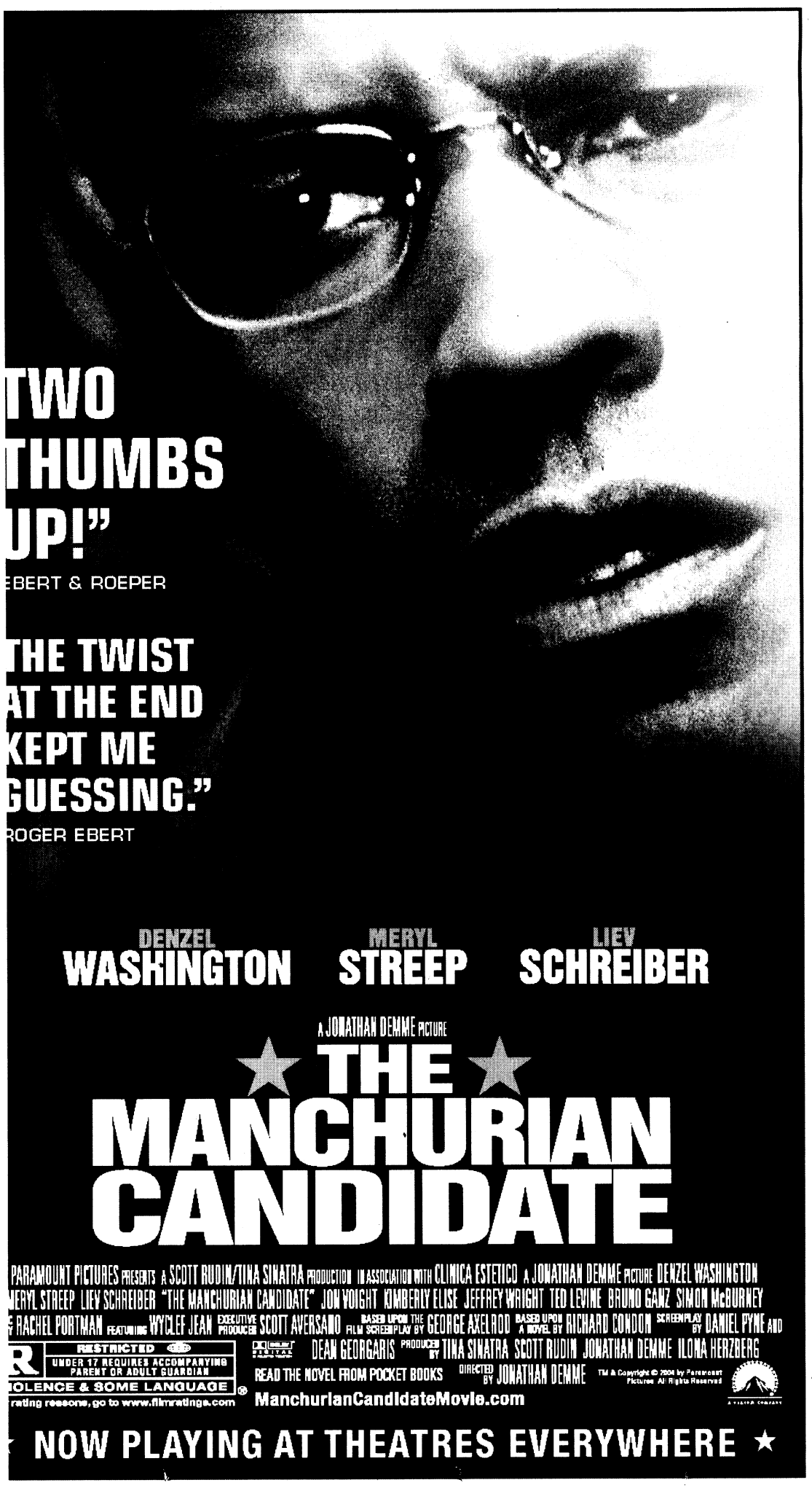
Blocker and his wife, Cathleen, have two daughters, Mckenzie and Madison.

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Donations to help Army rebuild Iraq

Home Depot gives tools for reconstruction

John Runyan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — As part of their "Project Homefront," Home Depot stores donated $1 million in tools and materials to help the U.S. military reconstruction in Iraq.

The materials were scheduled to be shipped overseas Aug. 2.

The Army will receive $500,000 of that total via the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa.

The tools and materials, expected to arrive in the theater of operations by late September or early October, will aid Army civil affairs, engineers and other units in their work to rebuild Iraq.

The materials arrived about a month ago in New Cumberland, Pa. They included shovels, table saws, concrete mixers, safety scaffolding, power generators, light bulbs and jackhammers and needed to be repacked for shipment.

Some hazardous materials like aerosol cans and caulking tubes, known as HAZMAT, required special packing.

A donation ceremony was held June 24 at a Home Depot store in San Diego, Calif. The ceremony featured remarks from Col. Rick Powell of the 63rd Regional Readiness Command.

Eight Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans from the 478th Transportation Company, an Army Reserve unit in California, were also on hand for the ceremony.



John Runyan

Soldiers and Marines help load a truck with tools and materials donated by Home Depot that will help the rebuilding effort in Iraq.

One Soldier commented on the frustration of not having the proper materials out in the field and how the donations would certainly help.

Afterward, the materials were loaded onto nine tractor-trailers and shipped across the country to the depot.

"This donation is part of Home Depot's long-standing commitment to the U.S. troops currently serving in Iraq," said Bob Nardelli, chairman, president and CEO of Home Depot.

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Ranger graduations

Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 8-04, today
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

Graduations are preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

National Airborne Day

The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment will celebrate National Airborne Day Aug. 20 in conjunction with a graduation.

For more information, call Greg Rogers at 545-1006.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

The Women's Equality Day Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at Fort Benning's Officers' Club. Tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3198.

WHINSEC festival

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation invites the public to its annual Parade of Nations and Cena Tipica from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Columbus Iron Works in Uptown Columbus.

Cost is $25 per person.

For information and tickets, call Cecilia Alexander at 545-1285 no later than Aug. 20.

Warrant officer board

The last warrant officer selection board of the year will be held Sept. 13. Minimum requirements include a MOS of 14E, 14T, 14J or 27X, four years field experience in MOS 14E or 27X or five years field experience in MOS 14T or 14J.

Forward completed application no later than Aug. 15 to Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Attn: RCRO-SM-A, 1307 Third Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-2725.

For more information, visit www.usarec.army.mil/ warrant.

University reopens

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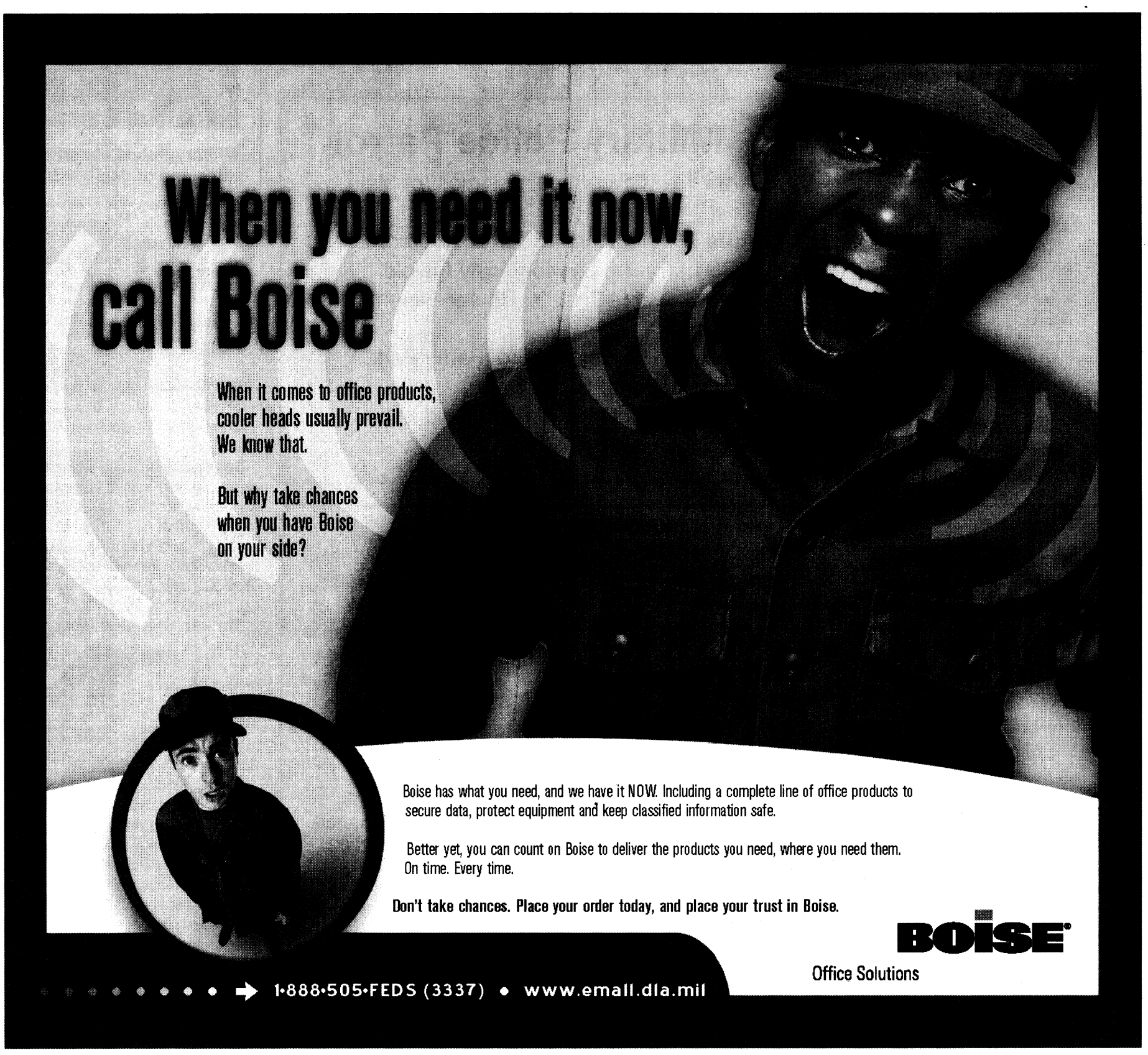
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Patrols provide gridiron security for post residents

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Military police companies at Fort Benning rotate on multi-week cycles through training and patrol duties, ensuring that the mission of protecting the safety of residents, employees and government property on the installation is accomplished. At the same time, they conduct critical training to prepare the units for deployment and their wartime mission.

Spc. Jonathan Floyd, 209th Military Police Detachment, said being on patrol is one of the best parts of his job.

"When you are on patrol, you are out there making contact with people, talking to them, helping them as much as you can," he said. "It is great to feel needed."

The training all MPs receive — eight weeks at the Military Police School in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. — prepares them for the technical aspects of their job, like laws, regulations and standard operating procedures, but it doesn't necessarily prepare every Soldier for the hardest part of the mission, Floyd said.

"Knowing how to do this job isn't hard, but to know how to do it well is," he said. "It's more mental and public relations skills. You have to be able to work with people in tense situations without passing judgement. You have to stay in the middle and play devil's advocate."

Floyd said patrols can go from monotonous to overwhelming in a matter of minutes, and that is one of the reasons he loves his job.

"We'll get calls for everything from stray dogs to murder," he said. "People will call us for anything and everything, and if we can help, we will.

"This job changes every single day and stays exciting, and patrol brings an MP a lot of opportunities throughout the course of the day to break things up," Floyd said.

He said despite the occasional big cases, like a murder or other serious incident, Fort Benning is relatively quiet.

Larcenies and domestic disturbances are some of the most common calls in the course of a shift.

Floyd said that the domestic calls are some of the hardest, because emotions run high and the situation can be explosive at times, but said danger to himself isn't usually a concern.

"If there is ever a chance a situation may be dangerous, there are always two or three other MPs there to help," he said. "We don't let MPs go into a dangerous situation alone. We look out for one another."

And while help is always just a radio call away, for the most part, MPs are entrusted to provide security for the post on roaming, single-man patrols.

"There's always anxiety that you will mess up and not do something right, but if we need help, there are always senior MPs who will come out to a scene to help if they are needed," he said. "But for the most part, you have to be the kind of person who doesn't need to be supervised all the time, and you have to be able to make strong decisions on your own and maintain your integrity."

All MPs who in-process at Fort Benning must go through a one-week police academy to familiarize them with post policies and procedures and the nature of the MP mission here.

Their second week is spent riding along with another officer to build confidence and skills with Fort Benning protocols, Floyd said.



Pfc. Stephanie Thompson, 209th Military Police Detachment, secures a stray dog July 31.



Spc. Jonathan Floyd, 209th MP Det., on patrol in Area 4 July 31. Floyd said he enjoys helping those in need.

Military Police Patrol

Area 1 — Officer housing, most of Main Post
Area 2 — Indianhead Terrace, Airborne and OCS barracks, Lawson Army Airfield
Area 3 — MACH, PX, Bouton Heights, Davis Hill
Area 4 — Custer Terrace, Battle Park, Upatoi Terrace, Stone Gate
Area 5 — McGraw Manor, Sand Hill
Area 6 — Kelley Hill, CRC



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Fort Benning's Directorate of Public Safety fields a highly-trained squad to respond to high-risk or specialized situations requiring military police action of a higher caliber.

The Special Reaction Team currently consists of a nine-man squad specially trained in responding to dangerous situations and performing duties above and beyond those of the average military policeman.

"SRT is looked at by most people as the next level of being an MP," said Sgt. Trent Kilpatric, SRT. "It is the Army equivalent of civilian SWAT."

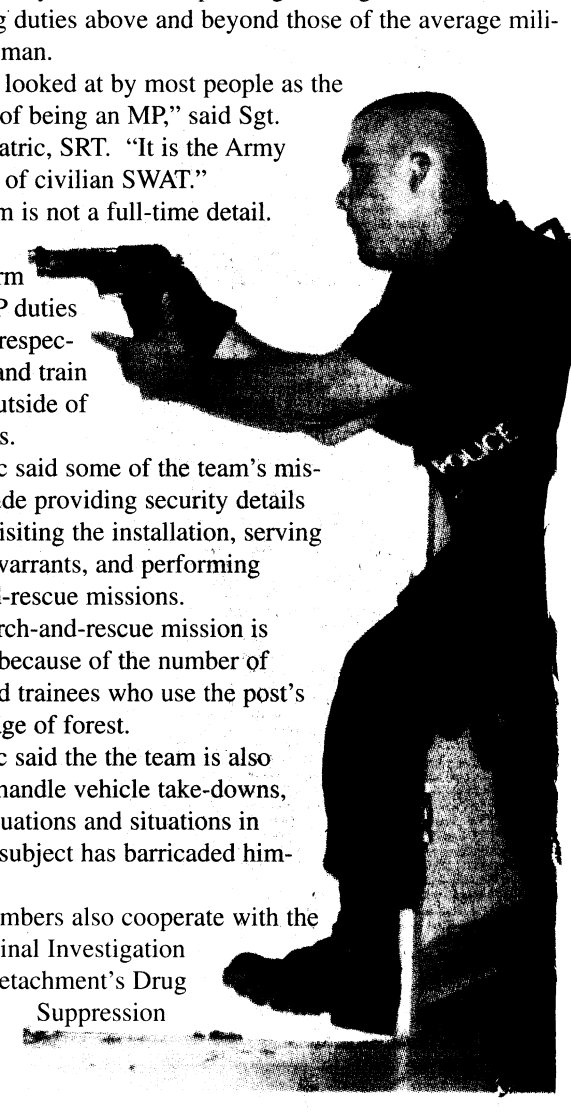
The team is not a full-time detail. The members perform regular MP duties with their respective units and train together outside of those hours.

Kilpatric said some of the team's missions include providing security details for VIPs visiting the installation, serving high-risk warrants, and performing search-and-rescue missions.

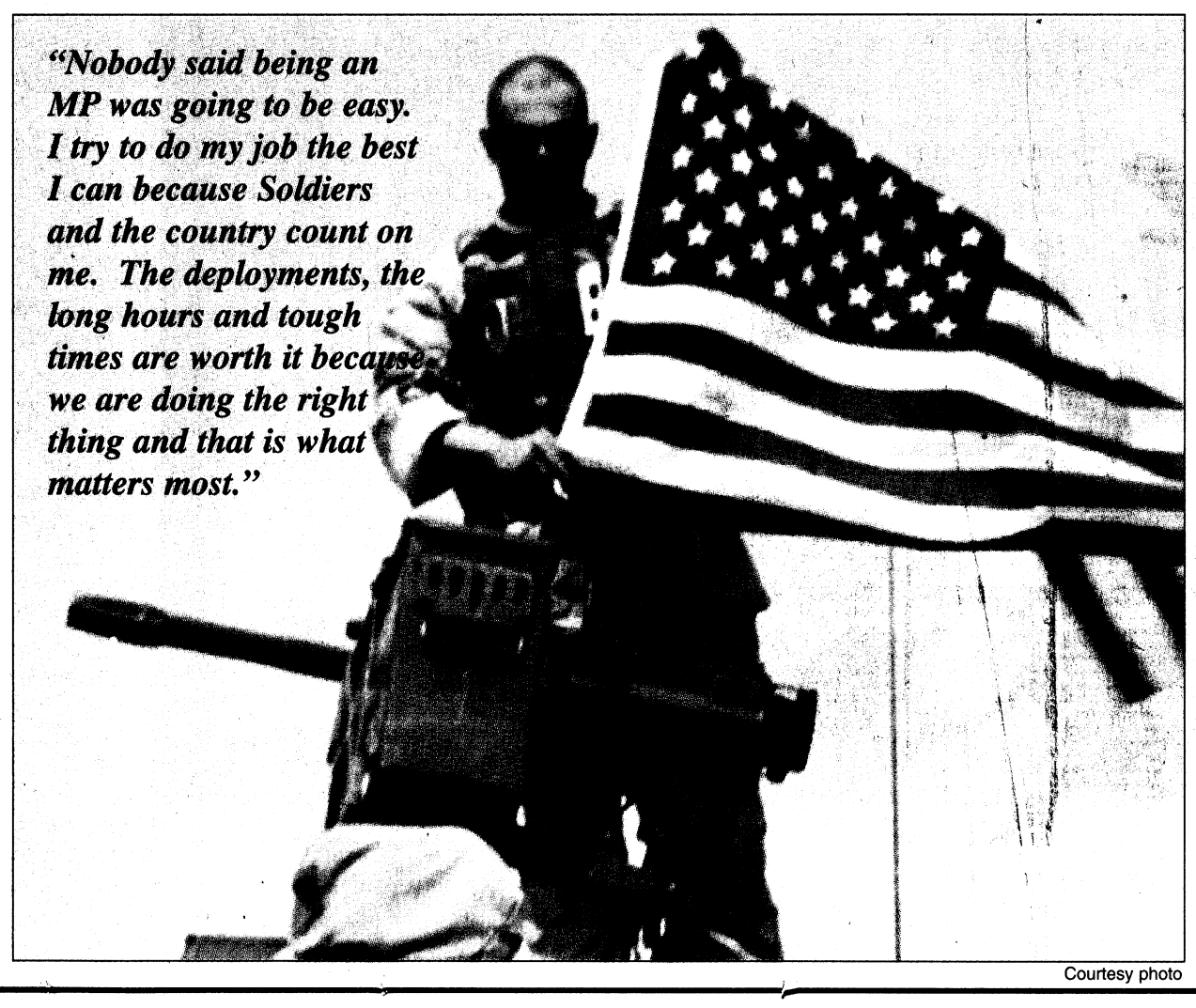
The search-and-rescue mission is important because of the number of hunters and trainees who use the post's huge acreage of forest.

Kilpatric said the the team is also trained to handle vehicle take-downs, hostage situations and situations in which the subject has barricaded himself in.

SRT members also cooperate with the local Criminal Investigation Division detachment's Drug Suppression



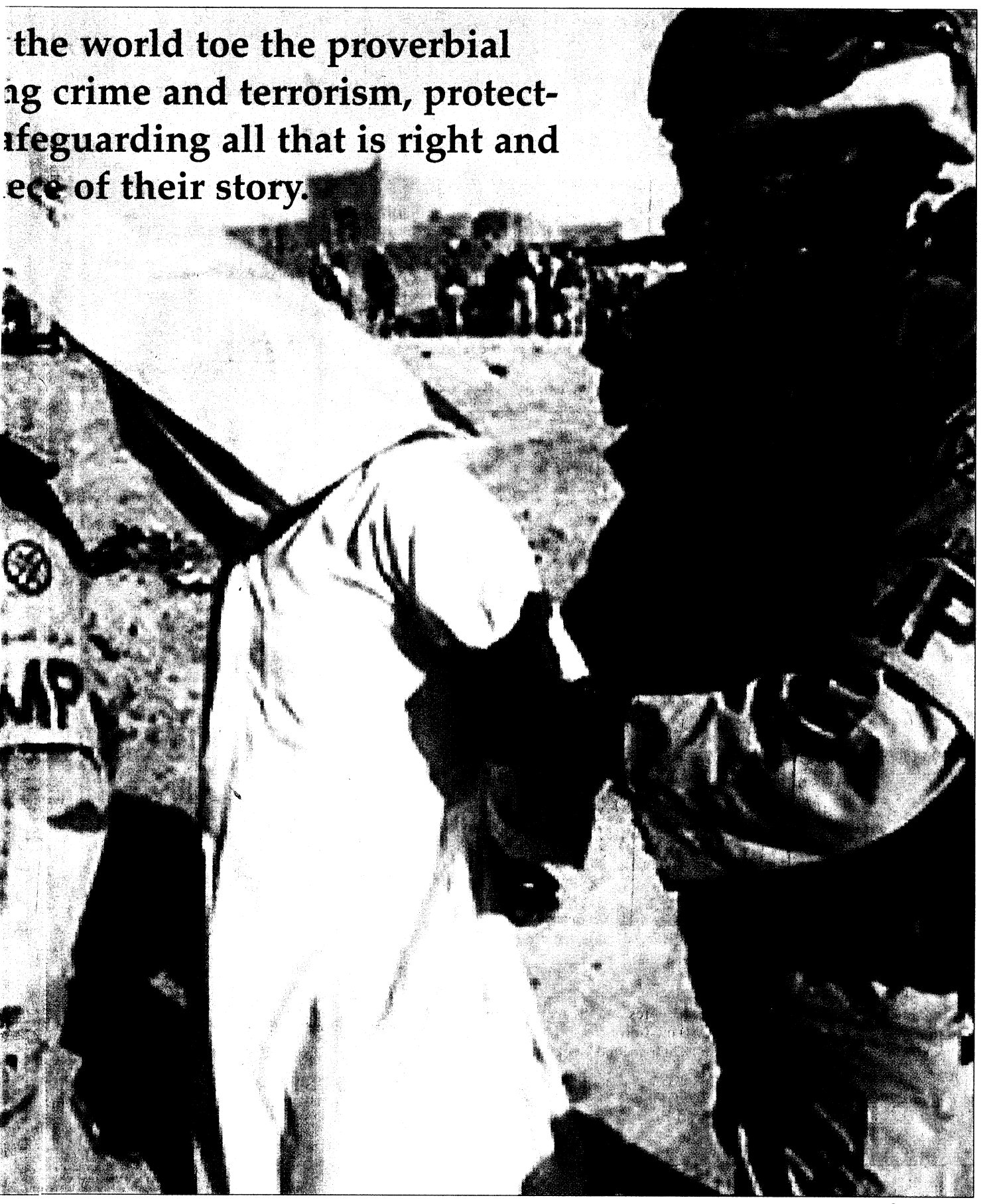
"Nobody said being an MP was going to be easy. I try to do my job the best I can because Soldiers and the country count on me. The deployments, the long hours and tough times are worth it because we are doing the right thing and that is what matters most."



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Sgt. David Bannach, 988th Military Police Company, puts some red, white and blue pride on display while standing on top of his humvee on Bismarck Route, just south of Nasiriyah, Iraq, in June 2003.

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Sgt. 1st Class Michael Redican, MP dog handler NCOIC, conducts apprehension training with MP dog Rocky.

MPs, dogs front-line defense

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Sgt. 1st C[illegible] Redican, NCO[illegible] Benning military [illegible] and their handlers, said handlers attend the standard military police academy at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., then continue their schooling in an 11-week course at Lackland Air For[illegible] Texas.

Redican said that [illegible] teaches handlers how to [illegible] and employ their dogs.

Those tasks include explosives and narcotics detection, urban operations, vehicle searches, combat patrols, the subduing of subjects attempting to flee or resist capture, and the familiarization of the dog with crowds and [illegible] situations.

"The dog [illegible] to depend on the handler [illegible] the handler learns to depend on the dog," Redican said. "The bond between dog and handler is one that continues [illegible] as the team is [illegible]

Handler Staff [illegible] Stammeyer said he and his dog, Rocky, have been partners for two years and the trust level and bond between them is about as strong and close as it can be.

"We deploy together and will spend literally every moment together until we come home," he said. "We will eat together, play together, train together and he will even sleep right next to me."

Stammeyer said military working dogs are deployed around the world assisting in a wide variety of missions that are often considered too dangerous for their human counterparts.

The dogs' willingness to continue on in the face of danger and their loyalty to their handlers make them useful for [illegible]ids, searching caves and other close quarters, bomb detection at che[illegible]ints and strongholds, crowd con[illegible] and search and rescue mi[illegible]

Dogs and [illegible]handlers also support the lo[illegible]mmunity by responding to c[illegible] for assistance from law enforcement and emergency services establishments, Redican said.

The dogs, which are purchased from several different sources, are usually able to provide between 10 and 12 years of [illegible]ore their age becomes [illegible] Redican said.

[illegible]en the Army's four-legged warriors hit their golden years, it isn't necessarily the end of the line for them, as once was.

The Army has instituted a policy of adopting out those dogs found suitable for civilian life.

The Army screens all adopting persons to assure they are prepared for the heightened responsibility of owning a trained and potentially dangerous dog, Redican said.

Not all dogs make it to pasture, he said. And though it is rare to lose a dog in the line of duty, Redican said it is not something that equates to losing a piece of equipment — the dog is the handler's battle buddy.

"The loss of a dog in the line of duty would be a tremendous blow to the handler just because they have learned to depend on each other so much," he said. "You could compare it to the death of an immediate family member."

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Team to carry out raids.

In some situations, subjects attempt to end a stand-off by committing what is known as "suicide by cop," Kilpatric said. The team uses its training to end situations like those without loss of life.

"A lot of people think we are here to take people out, but really, we are here to conserve life," Kilpatric said.

Members of the team attend the Air Force's Urban Sniper School and receive Department of Homeland Security federal firearms training from U.S. Customs' Special Response Team, he said.

The group is adaptable and skilled in both counter-terrorism and antisniper tactics, as well, he said.

The nine-man team is effective. However, Kilpatric said, plans are in the making for expanding the team to a full-time unit composed of two 15-man squads.

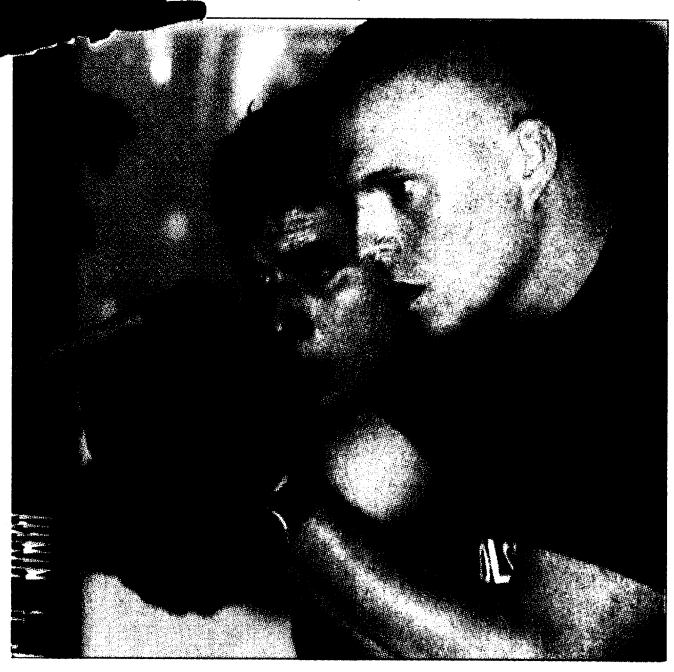
Assignment to the team is based on selection after a qualification event.

The event consists of physical fitness tests, obstacle courses, written tests, water qualifications, buddy and team trials, and other tasks.

For more information about joining SRT, call Staff Sgt. David Valentin at 545-2897.

Editor's note: *Photos and interviews for this story were taken by Spc. David Foley*





Sgt. Trent Kilpatrick and Pfc. Greg Griffin prepare to clear a room during SRT training in Custer Terrace July 27.

Stabilization: Improves Army life for troops, families

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There are three officially approved reasons why a Soldier may move to another military post:

- The needs of the Army require the Soldier to move.
- Leader development, formerly referred to as professional development, requirements. This includes education requirements that may last a year or longer, and duty positions not readily available at the Soldier's current post.
- The Soldier requests a different duty station.

"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," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker told members of 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."

There still remains some work to be done under a second part of stabilization — unit lifecycle management. Currently, only the Stryker brigade standing up at Fort Richardson, Alaska, is being managed under the ULM initiative.

ULM means having a unit manned with its full complement of Soldiers at one point in time. Those Soldiers are then stabilized in the unit together for a three-year period.

Unit readiness is increased with ULM as Soldiers have the stability of working with the same team members and leaders, rather than losing people due to a Cold War-era individual replacement system, said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston.

The Army plans to use UML with 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, and 4th Brigade, 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division, in the near future, Goehring said. Eventually, all units of action will fall under ULM, but the synchronization plan for those units has not been finalized, he said.

Change: To build savings for tricommunity residents

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and she wants this campaign to achieve the same success.

The goal for the 10-week period is $1 million, a goal that can be reached easily, according to a Columbus Saves press release.

The release states there are 180,000 people in the Columbus/Fort Benning area, and if each person can save $1 per week, the outcome would be $1.8 million.

Pratcher said reaching the goal is "too easy."

"Saving $1 a week takes less than $.15 a day, and since sodas on post cost $.60, giving up two a week would put them over the mark," she said.

Pratcher said the campaign is a great idea for children, too, because it helps them develop good saving habits early on which they will cary through adulthood.

To get started in the campaign, call 225-3859 or log on to www.columbusga.com and enter your phone number and the amount you plan to save.

Those who live or work on post should enter the letter "B" after their phone number to give officials an idea of how much money was saved by the Fort Benning community.

Once registered, contact the campaign weekly to give an update on your savings.

To learn more about the program, call Pratcher at 545-5485.

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The following are a few of the workshops that will be held throughout the 10-week period:

■ "Stretching your money"
Noon to 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at the North Columbus Library. Call 653-4200.

■ "Making a financial plan"
Noon to 1 p.m. Aug. 20 at the North Columbus Library. Call 653-4200.

■ "Orientation for Homeownership"
6 to 7 p.m. Aug. 26, Columbus Housing Initiative. Call 324-4663. Registration is required.

■ "How to Have Money"
6:30 to 8:30 Sept. 20 at the Business Resource Center, Pastoral Institute. Call 649-6400. Registration is required.

Awards: A credit to Soldiers

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national coalition soldiers, and providing other munitions-related support to outside agencies, like the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Air Force.

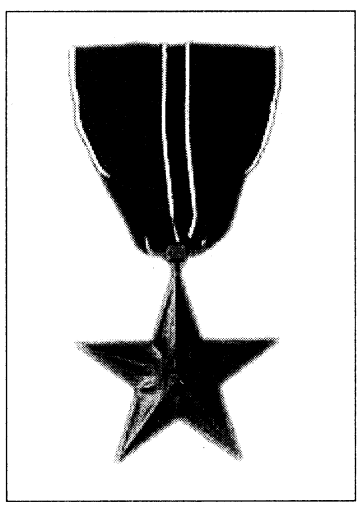
"Equipment-wise, we had to depend on different units — we didn't have the support we have here in garrison," Perez said. "And the leadership challenge ... you have to fall under a new (chain of command) quick and fast."

Not to mention the long hours.

"There were days we clocked 20 hours," he said. "But we did what we had to do to make sure the warfighters had bullets to shoot down-range."

Although Garich and Perez will wear the awards, both troops said the credit for their success belongs to the Soldiers.

"The distinction and awards that we got are a credit to the



The Bronze Star Medal was authorized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944.

hard work and long, long hours that they put in," Garich said. "The Soldiers were well-trained, they knew what they were doing and they performed outstandingly.

"And our NCOs," she continued, shaking her head, "they were tremendously reliable. Their hard work made us look good."

"The credit should all go to the platoon," Perez agreed. "They did it all; they worked 24-7. There were days we supported two divisions at the same time, and they sucked it up and got it done."

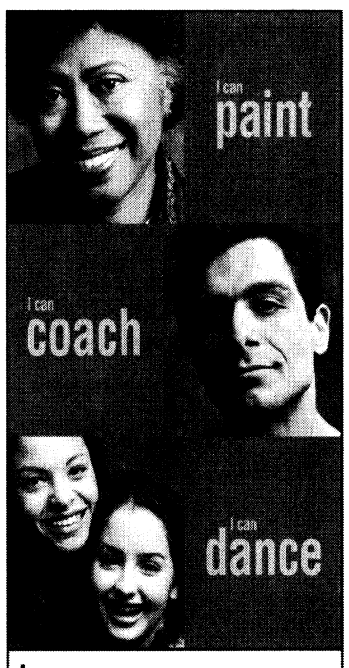
Garich said there were also two other Soldiers who played a key role in the accomplishment of the mission.

1st Lt. Jennifer Malone, then the platoon leader, was a "real go-getter, who fought hard to make the connections to get us what we needed," Garich said.

"We did the operations, and she took care of all the administrative stuff," she said.

And then, there was Warrant Officer Christopher Haynes, a storage officer, who helped the unit establish the CSA.

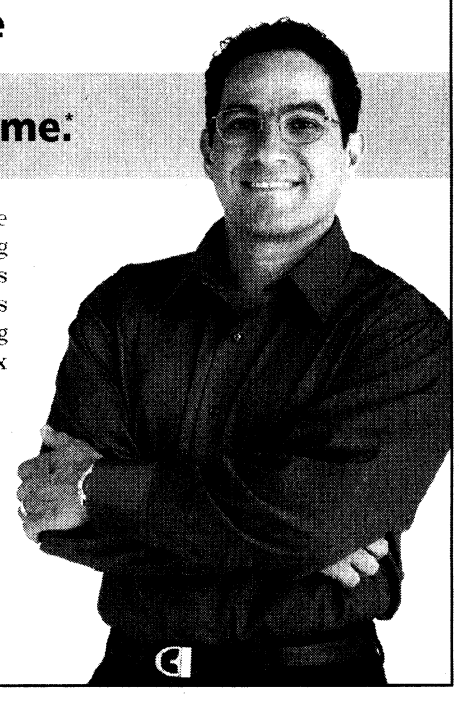
"They both really deserved a Bronze Star for what they did for us," Garich said.

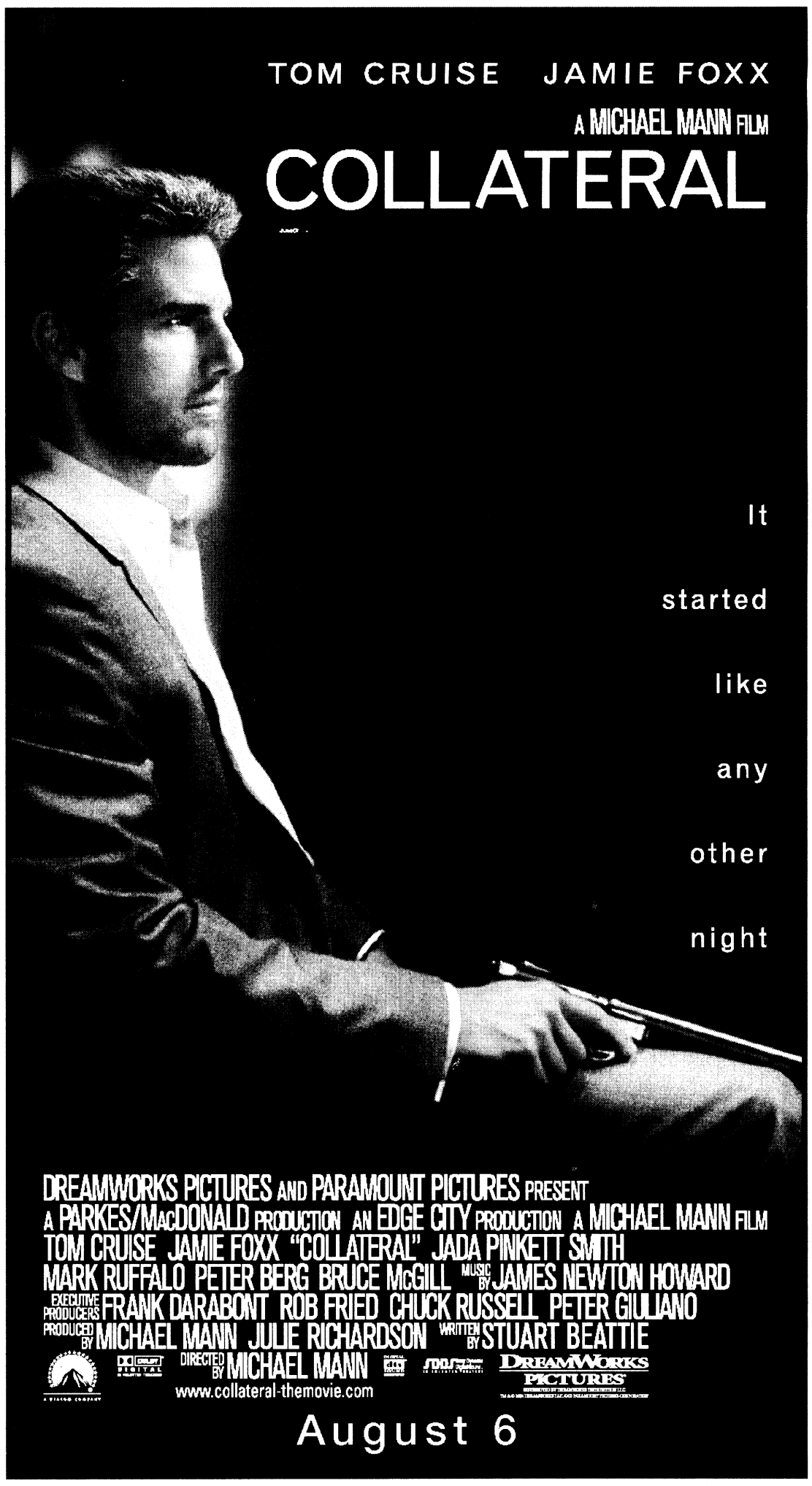


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...Win ..., 172nd ...e Support ...talion, Fort ...ainwright, Alaska, focuses on technique as he practices a takedown during Level 3 combatives training here Aug. 3.

Story and photos by Spc. Nikki St.Amant

Training Warriors: Army Combatives Course

Soldiers from around the Army travel to Fort Benning for Level 3 combatives at the U.S. Army Combatives Course.

Course NCOIC Sgt. 1st Class Matt Larsen said Level 3 training is designed to build combatives instructor cadre who can return to a unit and teach basic combatives skills to Soldiers in support of warrior ethos.

During the 30-day course, students become proficient in six battle drills consisting of about 50 moves, Larsen said.

Those moves include take-downs, striking skills and weapons fighting.

The students also learn how to conduct scenario training, which demonstrates for Soldiers how combatives is actually used in a combat environment.

"The guy who wins in hand-to-hand combat in an actual engagement is the guy whose buddy shows up first with a gun," Larsen said.

He said the training is about being able to close with and incapacitate the enemy and protect yourself in close quarters.

Fort Benning is the only installation where Level 3 training is available.

The Army combatives program pulls from Brazilian Jujitsu, Judo and Muay Thai kickboxing, Larsen said.

"We look at different sources, weave them together and feel out what isn't needed," he said.

"We pull what we need from each of those disciplines."

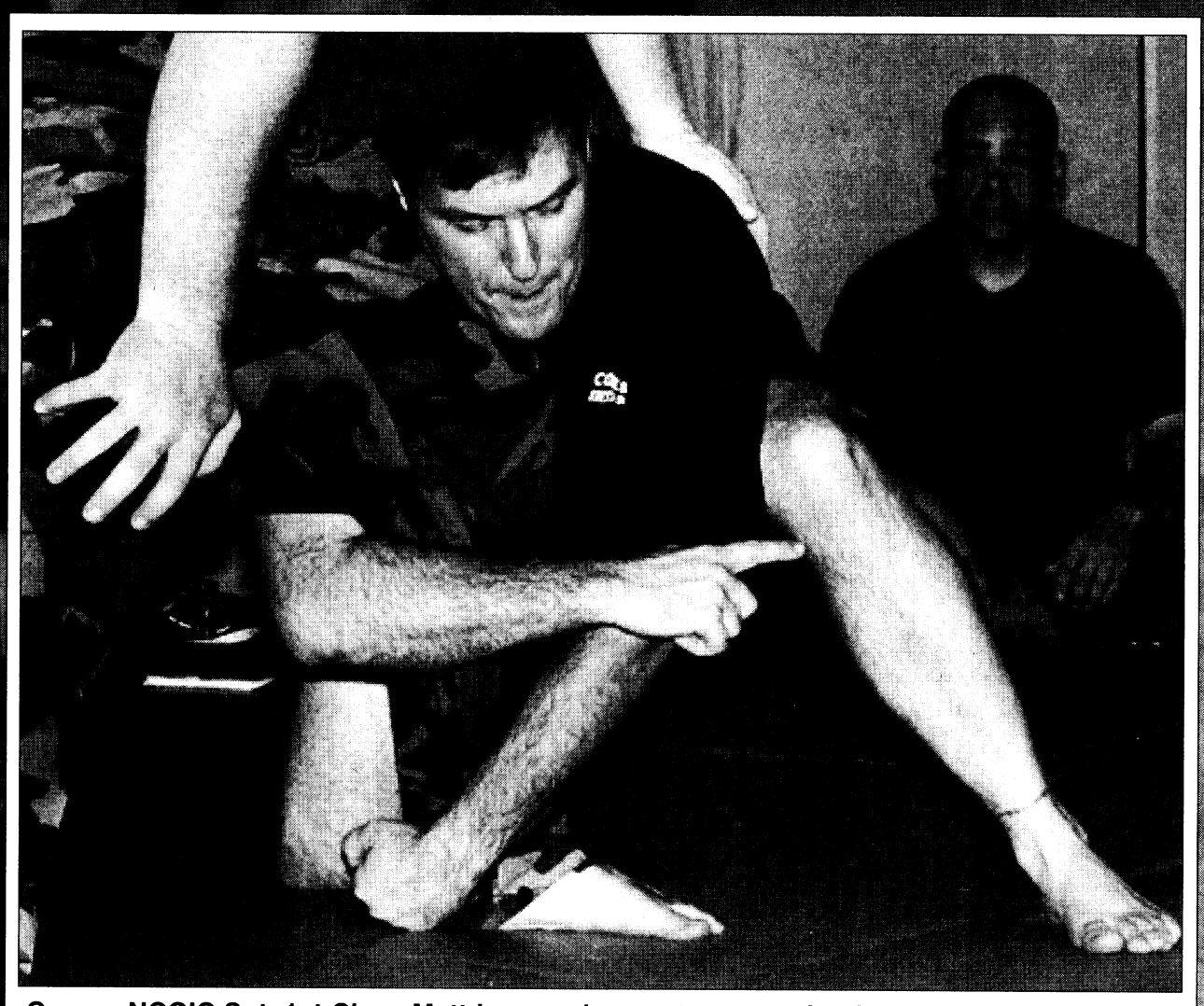
Normal Level 3 classes have about 36 students, who are already qualified at Levels 1 and 2.

Larsen said the top students pair up at the end of th... for a full-conta...ch, using protective gear that prevents broken bones, but allows for pain.

"Competition is what motivates normal Soldiers who probably wouldn't focus and develop their skills to push beyond the standards," Larsen said.

Spc. Mitchell Panati, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry ... he thinks ... rigorous and effective and he feels comfortable returning to his unit to train others.

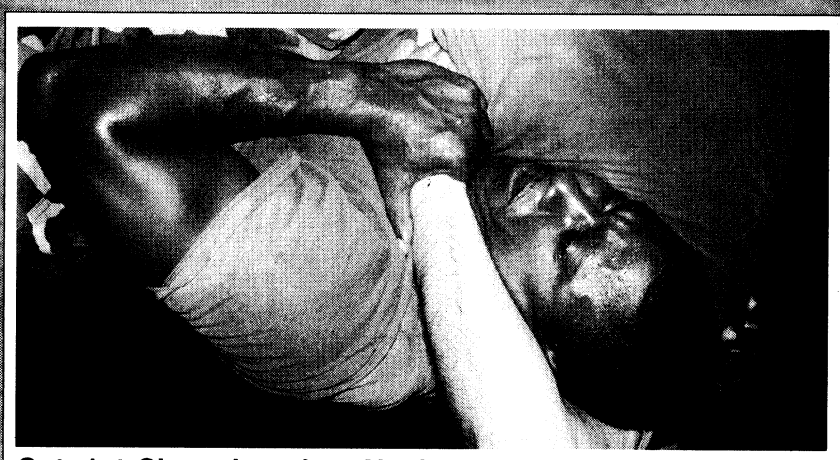
"This is the kind of stuff that helps us support the Warrior Ethos," he said. "It's all about being a Soldier, taking a punch and preparing for what could happen to us in combat if it ever came to hand-to hand."



Course NCOIC Sgt. 1st Class Matt Larsen demonstrates a take-down technique.



Maj. Hector Morales, 3rd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas, top, grapples with Staff Sgt. Donwellus Harris, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.



Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Napier, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment struggles to resist being choked out.

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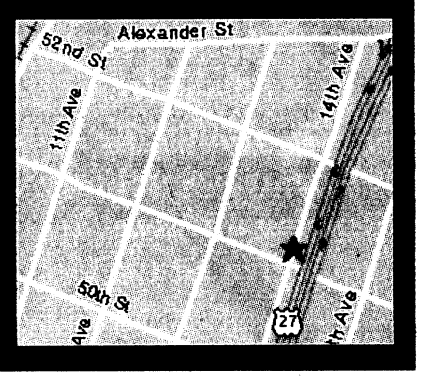
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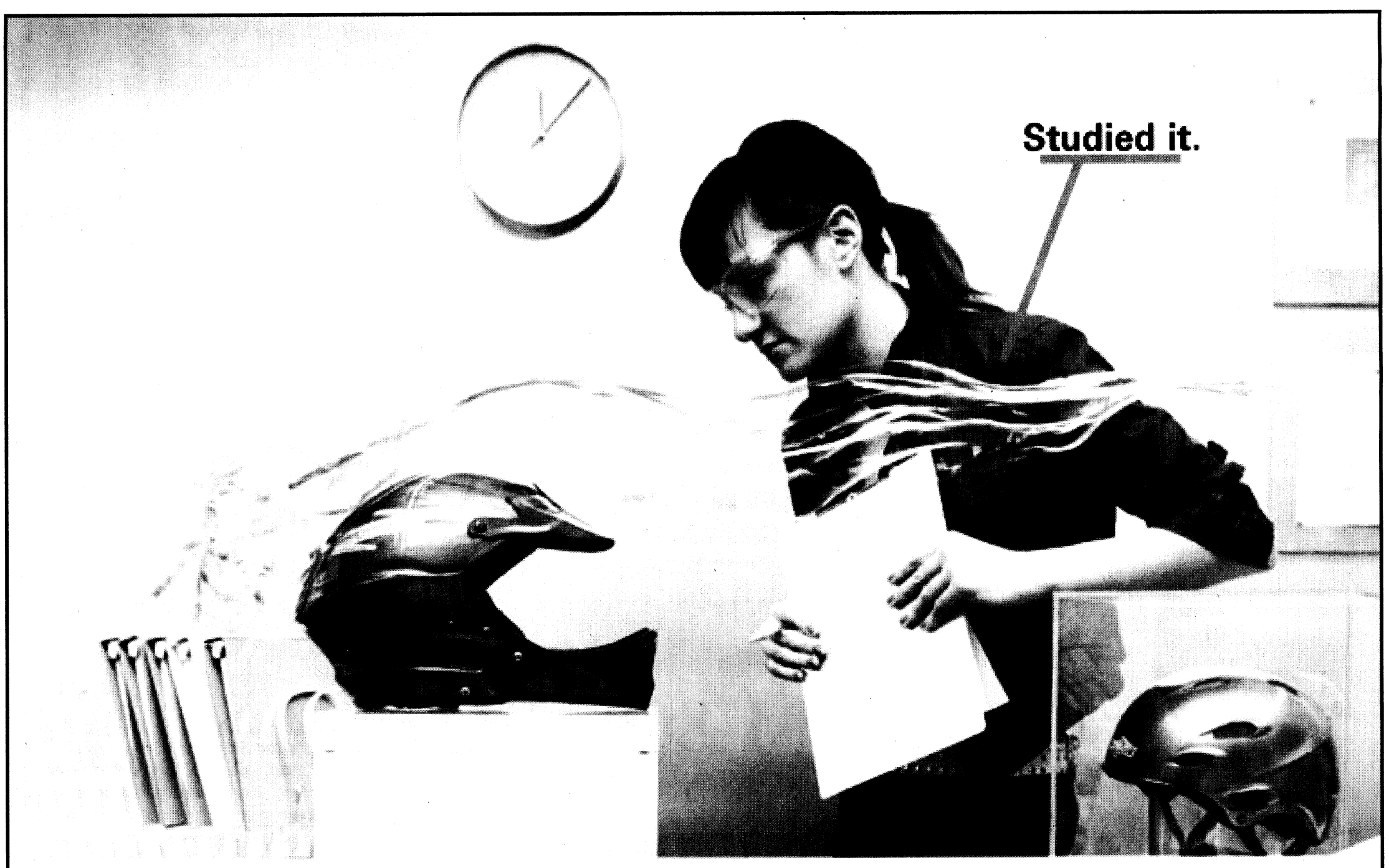
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Swamp walk boosts confidence ... this time

High schoolers venture into 6th RTBn. world

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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"I wouldn't ever want to do it again," said Amanda Olivas, team member of Choctawhatchee High School's girls soccer team.

The high schoolers participated in a swamp walk July 14 at the home of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Camp Rudder, Fla.

Twenty-three girls and three coaches were invited to the camp by Lt. Col. Darcy Brewer, 6th RTBn. commander. Brewer's daughter, Elizabeth, is a senior on the soccer team.

Brewer said this is not the first time they've invited civilians to walk the swamp. Every year, they invite Ranger wives to come out for a day and participate in similar events.

This visit, however, pulled a group of high school girls out to perform tasks way out of their norm, including building a rope bridge and crossing it onto a small island in the middle of the Yellow River.

"We forgot one of the girls on the island, so we just threw the rope and dragged her across the water," Olivas said.

After the bridge exercise, the girls paddled eight-person Zodiac inflatable boats down the Yellow River for about a mile and a half. Olivas said this was pretty fun, the swamp walk, on the other hand, had the girls screeching and wanting to go home.

> "It's like playing soccer — it's all mental. If you don't have your game on, then you won't be able to do it."
>
> **Amanda Olivas**
> Choctawatchee High School student

"I was nervous to get into the swamp, but it was just something I had to do. All of us did. It's like playing soccer — it's all mental. If you don't have your game on, then you won't be able to do it," Olivas said.

"At first, the girls were screaming and saying it was cold, but after they got used to the water and learned to walk in it, they started to help each other out," said Michelle Sullivan, team coach.

After the swamp walk, the team had the chance to jump out of a 60-foot rapelling tower.

"We did have a few tears shed, but the girls did very well," said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Kelly, a platoon sergeant with A Company, 6th RTBn. "All jumped but one. Now they'll have war stories to tell."

"It was a big confidence booster; it helps them overcome their fears of the wild life, heights and they get dirty," Kelly said.

The girls also received a class from the snake team, which taught them how to tell the difference between a venomous snake and a nonvenomous snake.

After lunch, the Ranger officers and the girls decided to play a little game of soccer, with a twist.

The game was played with two soccer balls. The first half of the game was played with normal soccer rules, but the second half of the game was played with Ranger rules.

Needless to say, the Rangers won.

"This was a good way for the girls to develop teamwork and to get over some of their fears," Sullivan said. "Next year's coach is already planning on doing it again."

"It was a great opportunity and although I wouldn't do it again, I wouldn't change the fact that I did," Olivas said.

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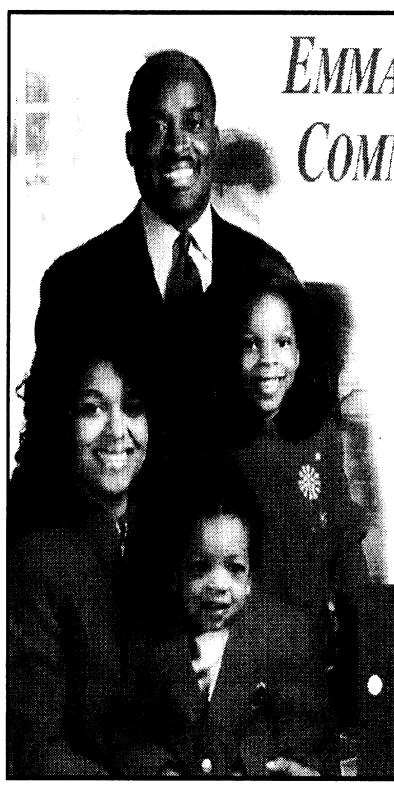
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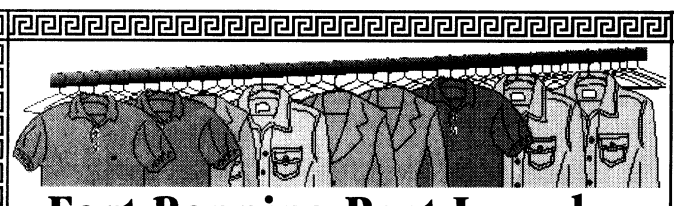
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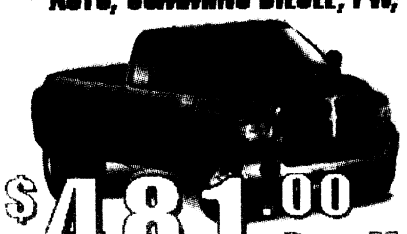
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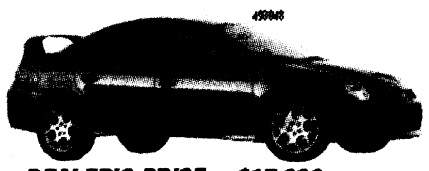


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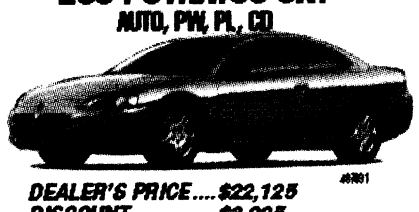
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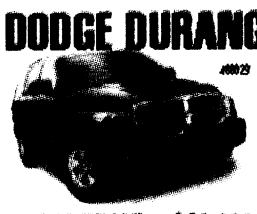
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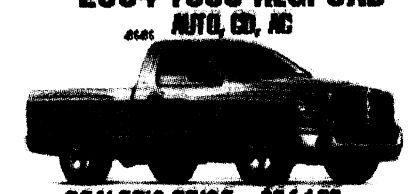
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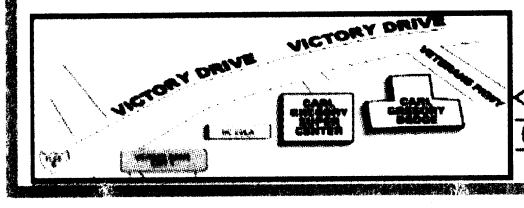
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BACK TO SCHOOL

'We're getting with it.'

CG reaffirms support for post schools

600 gather to kick off new school year

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Freakley spoke frankly. Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, Fort Benning's commander, spoke candidly about his expectations for the school year at a Thursday morning gathering of more than 600 Fort Benning teachers, support staff and administrators.

"It's going to be a great year, but it's going to be a tough one. We have (units) preparing to deploy," said Freakley, a father of five, who's known as a passionate supporter of post schools.

"It's very important to be sensitive to our Soldiers' children. They're smart. They know their parents live in peril," he said. "You've got to be more than teachers. You've got to console them ... and encourage them to trust you."

Freakley traveled to Peachtree City, Ga., last fall to meet with the head of the Department of Defense Eduction Activity. He urged Dr. Joe Tafoya to reject the idea of transferring Fort Benning's seven on-post schools to local education systems. Though information on the transfer will not be available until February, Freakley reaffirmed his commitment Thursday.

"They're going to have to bury me before they hand over our schools," he said. "No one can care for our children like we can."

Dr. Dell McMullen, Fort Benning schools superintendent, added, "and nowhere do schools get the kind of support we receive here on Fort Benning."

Schools can expect to see an increase in support and Soldier presence this year, Freakley said, committing to 35 "partnerships" with post and local schools through the statewide Partners in Education program. That's an increase of 13 partnerships from last year.

"We're getting with it," Freakley said. "We're more determined than ever to do everything we can to ensure our students and our schools have the very best resources available to them."

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> Fort Benning commander

Freakley said he expects to see a greater "BDU presence" in post schools.

"We'll have a lot of kids with one or both parents deployed," he said. "We want there to be someone the kids can talk to who looks a little like mom or dad. Someone familiar, someone they can trust."

The Partners in Education will also be a "valuable and powerful resource" for administrators, Freakley said. With a stepped-up focus on discipline — something Faith Middle School students clamored for at the Army Family Action Plan Symposium last spring — school partners will be called upon to act as liaison with the chain of command when all other avenues of discipline have been exhausted.

"We're not going to have anything going on in the classroom that would interfere with learning," Freakley said. "Our teachers are not going to be frustrated because they think they're alone and no one supports them. We're with you on this."

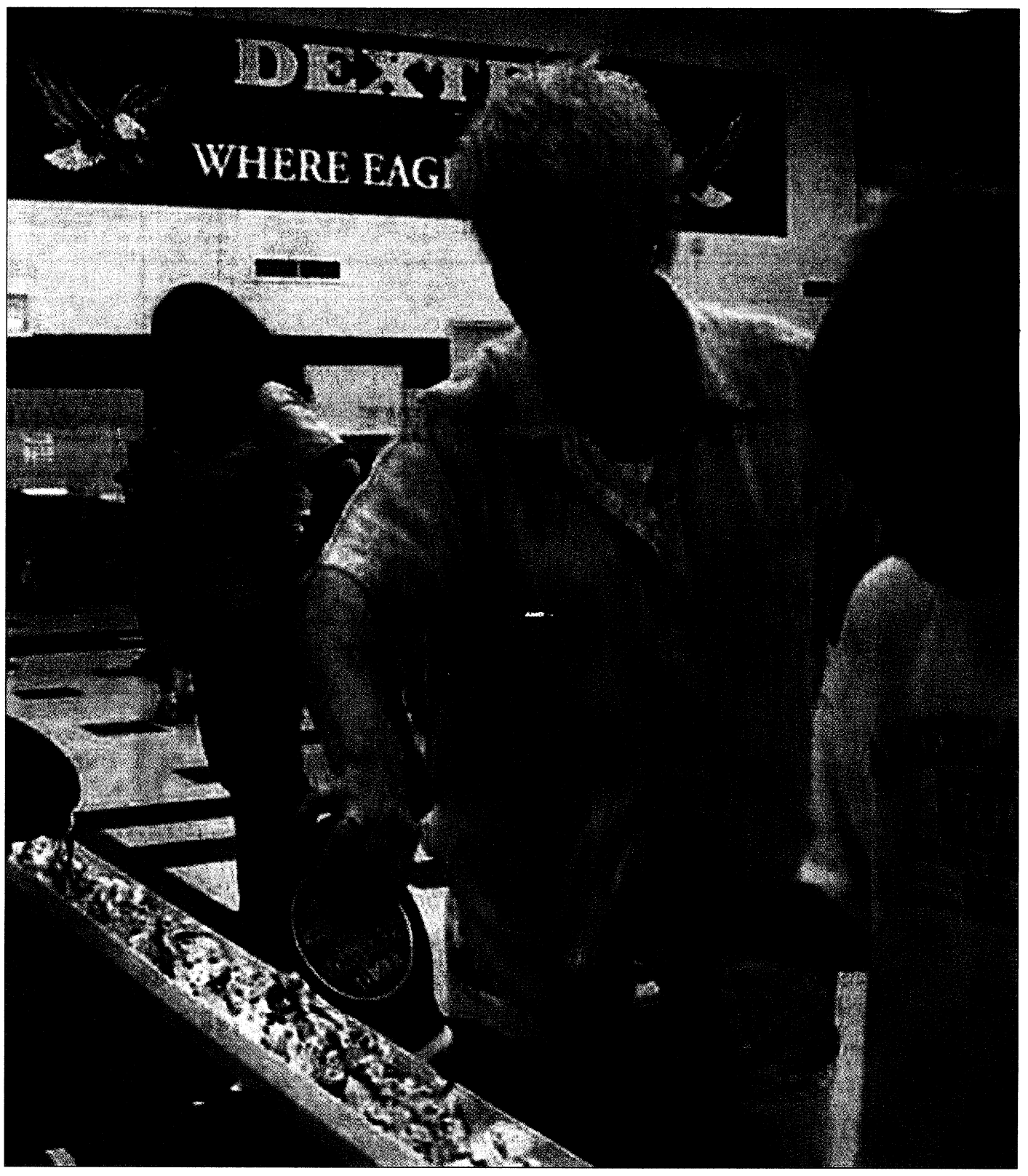
Freakley praised the teachers for their "success in the classroom" based on last year's standardized test scores.

"Thanks to you, our students out-performed anyone in the region," he said.

"Education is power, and you are influencing the future of our country. Thank you for what you do."

2004-2005 Fort Benning Schools calendar

August	10	students' first day of school
September	6	Labor Day holiday
	23	in-service day, no school
	24	in-service day, no school
October	11	Columbus Day holiday
	15	end of first grading period
	18	teacher work day, no school
November	11	Veterans' Day holiday
	23	last day of school, Thanksgiving holiday
	29	school resumes
December	17	last day of school before holiday, end of grading period
January	3	teacher work day, no school
	4	school resumes
	17	Martin Luther King holiday
February	21	Presidents Day holiday
March	15	end of third grading period
	18	teacher work day, no school
April	1	last day of school before Spring Break
	11	school resumes
May	20	teachers work day, no school
	27	last day of grading period, last day for students
	30	Memorial Day holiday
	31	last day for teachers
June	1-7	potential make-up days



Courtesy photo

E.A White first grade teacher Ann Lucas adds strawberry syrup to the 20-foot ice cream sundae on the last day of the Fort Benning schools' Camp Read-a-lot.

Campers read aloud, a lot

Schools' summer camp targets at-risk readers

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Seventy campers read aloud and read a lot at Fort Benning's Camp Read-a-lot June 14 through July 9 at Dexter Elementary School.

Melissa Hayes, director of Reading Recovery for Fort Benning Schools, spearheaded the four-week camp for students from all six elementary schools, kindergarten through third grade, who were identified as struggling readers. The 17 teachers who served as camp directors emphasized the "camp" in Camp Read-a-lot, Hayes said.

"Our goal was to target struggling readers, but as far as they were concerned, they were here for camp," she said.

Activities included campfire-style sing-alongs, cheers and crafts. The camp ended with a party and a 20-foot ice cream sundae.

"It was *huge*. My brother and my other brother joined me, and we were eating it, and I looked up, and my brother was finished," said Nicholas Tremaglio, a second-grader at Dexter. "I was like, whoa, how did he eat that so fast?"

Though the sundae left a lasting impression on Nicholas, his mother Monica, was most impressed with the approach Hayes used to recruit campers.

"When we talked about summer school, Nicholas had a fit," she said. "Then we got a letter saying he'd been selected to attend camp. That changed his whole perspective. He never complained once about going."

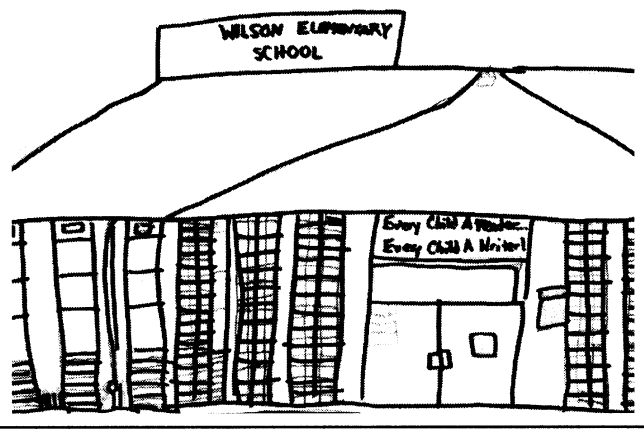
Using what Hayes called the Goldilocks approach to reading — not too hard and not too easy — the students logged more than 1,300 books during camp. They wrote journals and worked in groups of four or five.

"It's about as close to individualized instruction as you can get," said Hayes, noting that the majority of campers improved two reading levels.

Welcome to Fort Benning Schools

Wilson Elementary

112 Lavoie Ave.
545-5723



Wilson was named in honor of Pfc. Richard G. Wilson, who received the Medal of Honor while serving as a medic with the 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment in Korea.

Since 1965, the school has served children in the Indianhead Terrace community. More than 400 are expected to enroll this year.

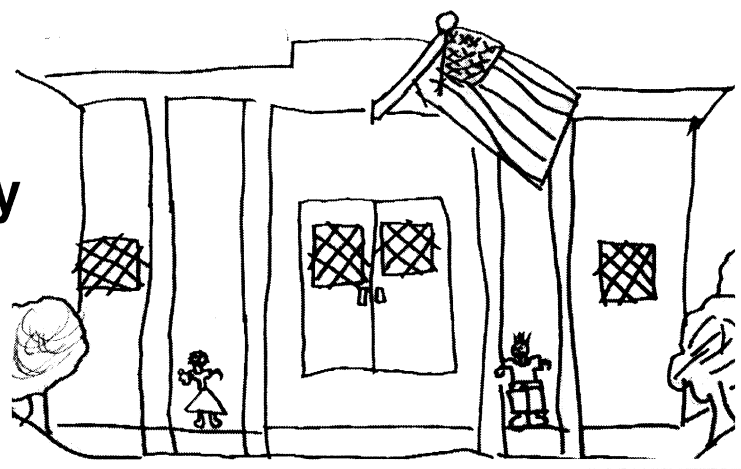
Phyllis Parker has been the principal of Wilson since 1990. The wife of an Air Force veteran, Parker graduated from the Principals Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Wilson was recognized as a model school by the North Central Regional EducationLlaboratory, and its partnership with the Basic Combat Training Brigade has been recognized as a model for the Partners in Education program in Georgia. Wilson was selected to participate in the Columbus State University Reading Achievement Module program this year.

Wilson students will have the opportunity to participate in chorus, drama, computer club, craft club, cup stacking, photo club and an environmental protection club.

McBride Elementary

700 Custer Road
544-9411



McBride Elementary serves about 350 preK through third-grade students from the McGraw Manor Housing Area. The school opened in 1968 and was named in honor of Capt. Morris McBride, a Fort Benning Soldier who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Vietnam.

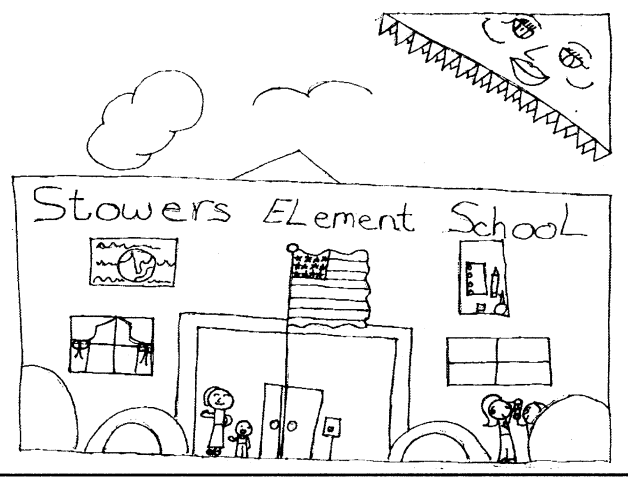
Del Hicks is the principal at McBride. He has a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and an educational specialist degree from Troy State University.

McBride's Woodland Trail, a two-mile outdoor classroom, has been recognized as a model wildlife sanctuary by the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

The school's extracurricular activities include cup-stacking, the Woodlands Club, reading and technology clubs.

Stowers Elementary

7791 Stowers Drive
545-2312



Stowers has annually served more than 600 students from the Davis Hills and Bouton Heights Housing Area since it opened in 1993. The school is named for Cpl. Freddie Stowers, who distinguished himself for exceptional heroism in 1918 while serving with the 93rd Division in France. Stowers was the first black Soldier to be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Angie McPherson is the principal of Stowers. McPherson, the former principal at Loyd Elementary, earned a master's degree in special education from Jacksonville State University. She is married to Col. David McPherson, commander of the Army National Guard Training Center at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Assistant principal Clint Wise, the son of retired Sgt. Maj. Emory and Elizabeth Wise, attended school on Fort Benning.

Stowers is one of two elementary schools on Fort Benning that offers special education classes and serves students with special needs. The school partners with Ranger Joe's, Lowe's and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company from the 3rd Brigade.

White Elementary

300 First Division Road
545-4623



White Elementary serves 300 students from Main Post, McGraw Manor, Battle Park and the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. The school, which opened in 1962, is named in honor of Lt. Edward A. White, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.

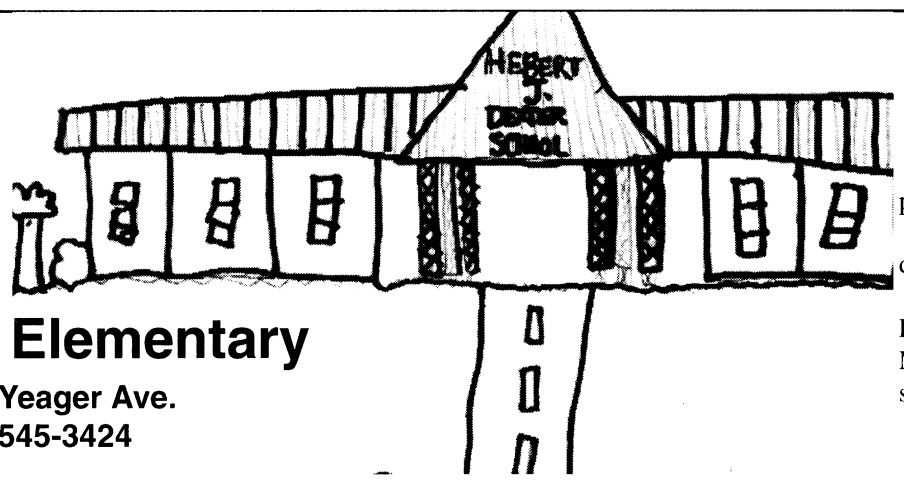
Principal Tommy Lee has been at White for four years. He holds a doctorate degree from Auburn University.

Nearly a quarter of White's students speak a primary language other than English. These are mostly the children of the soldiers who come from Latin America to study at WHINSEC. WHINSEC and the Officer Candidate School are partners with the school.

White offers a variety of after-school activities, including chess, technology, Spanish, science and broadcasting clubs.

Dexter Elementary

99 Yeager Ave.
545-3424



Dexter Elementary opened in 1969 and was named in honor of Maj. Herbert J. Dexter, who was killed while serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

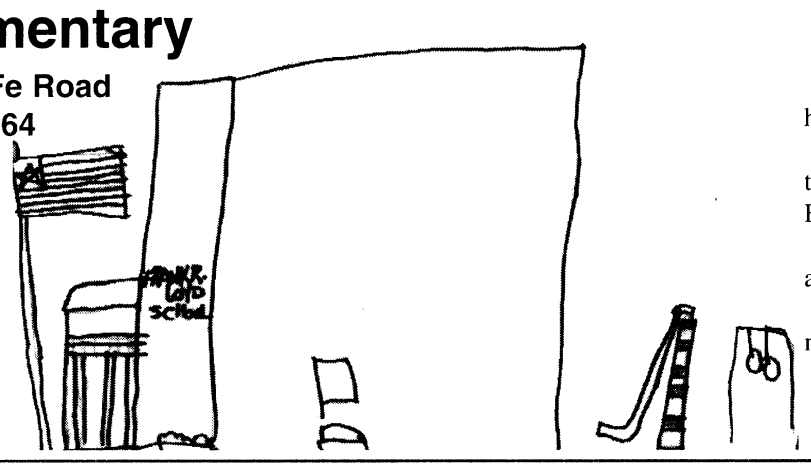
A sculpture of Dexter's mascot, an eagle named Herbie, sits next to the school atop a piece of the Pentagon which was partially destroyed in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Vicki Rogers has been the principal of Dexter since 1990. She holds a specialist in education degree from the University of Georgia.

Dexter partners with the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, and the 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiments. The school's extracurricular activities include a Kindness Club, the Feel Good Mileage Club, ecology, reading, technology and Spanish clubs, a Junior Leadership Team, cup-stacking, juggling and sign language.

Loyd Elementary

900 Santa Fe Road
544-8964



Loyd Elementary, 900 Santa Fe Road, opened in 1959 and serves 340 students in the Custer Terrace community. It is named in honor of 2nd Lt. Frank R. Loyd Jr., who was killed in action while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea in 1950. For his heroism as a platoon leader, Loyd was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

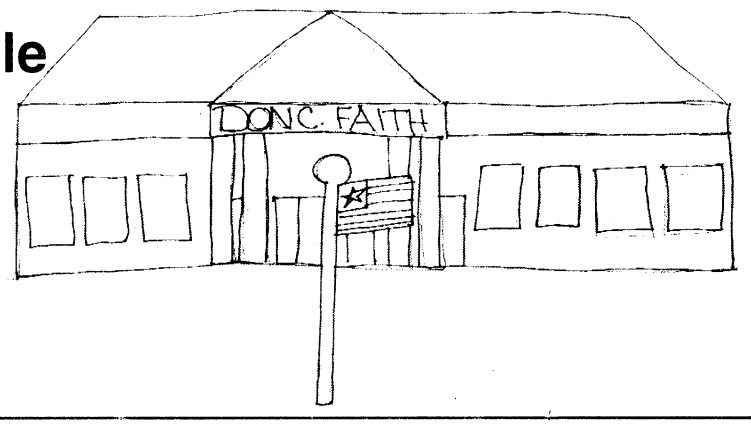
Dr. Tom Dignan is the interim principal of Loyd. Dignan, who earned a doctoral degree from the University of Florida, has served as the principal at Faith Middle School and Stowers Elementary.

Loyd is one of two elementary schools on Fort Benning that offers special education classes and serves students with special needs.

Loyd students participate in various after-school clubs, including chorus, reading and writing, math and cup-stacking.

Faith Middle School

Ingersoll Ave.
545-5524



Faith is Fort Benning's only middle school. It opened in 1952 and was originally located where the Henry Caro NCO Academy stands today, across from its present site. The school was named in honor of Lt. Col. Don C. Faith, a Medal of Honor recipient mortally wounded in Korea while serving with the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment.

Faith has a new principal this year. Dr. Julio Gonzalez comes from Fort Knox, Ky. Mike Starrett is the assistant principal.

Faith follows the traditional middle school concept, assigning students to "teams" for literature, language arts, math, science and social studies.

Students also select from a menu of elective courses, including band, art, industrial arts, Spanish and multi-media.

Faith offers intramural sports, cheerleading, National Junior Honor Society and a media club, WBET, which has earned international recognition.

Faith partners with the Directorate of Public Safety.

BACK TO SCHOOL JITTERS?

School's cool when you're an upperclassman

Cayce Shannon
Bayonet volunteer

As I stood in the ridiculously long line at Columbus High School to register Tuesday, a shock of reality hit me. Starting Monday, I will no longer be sitting in front of the tube, watching MTV and pigging out on pizza while my mind slowly disintegrates into oblivion.

Instead, I'll be waking up at 4:30 in the morning, leaving at 5:55 and going to a place where I'm on my own, where I make my own choices.

High school.

But you know what — I'm actually happy about it. It seems like only yesterday I ventured in to high school. My freshman and sophomore year went by so fast, I don't even remember half of what I accomplished.

Speaking of freshmen, my brother registered at Shaw High School.

Pride was plastered on my face, while I stood among these young teenagers enrolling in the ninth grade.

Some tried to look tough, like they knew everything there is to know about high school, but I could see right through them. Others looked downright frightened.

Maybe I should be frightened, too. I hear all the babble about junior year being the hardest and most stressful, but the negative thoughts don't phase me one bit.

Why?

Because after I make it through this year I will be an official, bona fide, card-carrying member of the senior class.

Then, COLLEGE! Woo-hoo! No more boundaries! Set free from the cage-of-confinement adults call high school!

OK, I'm back. My moment of liberty is over.

Don't get me wrong, I haven't forgotten the boring teachers, annoying ID tags, crowded hallways, stacks of homework and stubborn lockers (OK, must remember I like school, think nice, happy thoughts).

However, since I am now an upperclassman, (I love to say that! It makes me feel slightly powerful.) and I know how to deal with these obstacles, they don't even matter. Not really.

Hey, I know what your thinking — "*Sure, she's saying this now, but once she gets back into the swing of things, the monotony will slowly and relentlessly eat away her happiness.*"

That may happen from time to time, but ultimately, the decision is up to me on whether or not I have a bad year.

As Monday nears, instead of the usual moans and groans from me, you will see me beam with excitement and anticipation.

I even made up a new chant, *"All hail the new school year!"*

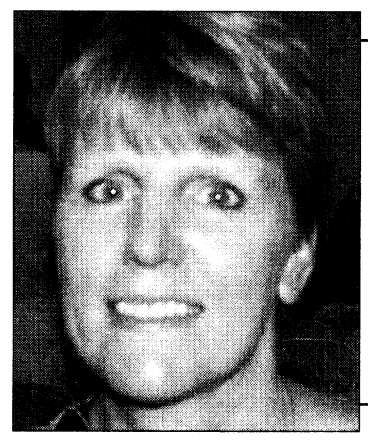
Ha, I actually believe that.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Fort Benning Schools staff had this to say about the 2004-2005 school year during the Thursday morning kick-off ceremony at Stowers Elementary:



"I love the excitement of seeing new children in the classroom. I love the family atmosphere."
— Rhonda Scott, paraprofessional



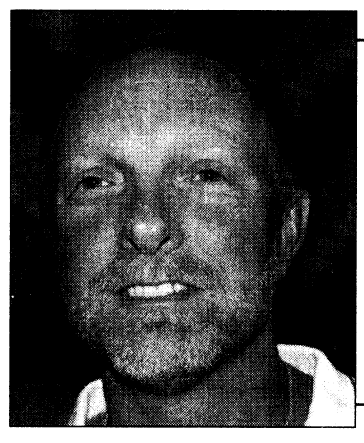
"I'm excited to be at Dexter. That's where my girls used to go, and it was Dexter that inspired me to become a teacher."
— Jackie Mumpower, Dexter Elementary School teacher

"I'm sad to leave my friends, but I'm looking forward to meeting new people."
— Carmen Cruz, comes to Wilson Elementary from Puerto Rico



"I'm excited about our focus on math. We're bringing in professionals to tell about why math is important to their careers."
— Vicki Rogers, Dexter Elementary School principal





"It's like starting a new job every year — a fresh start. Not many people can say that about their job."
— Scott Denney, PE teacher at Faith Middle School



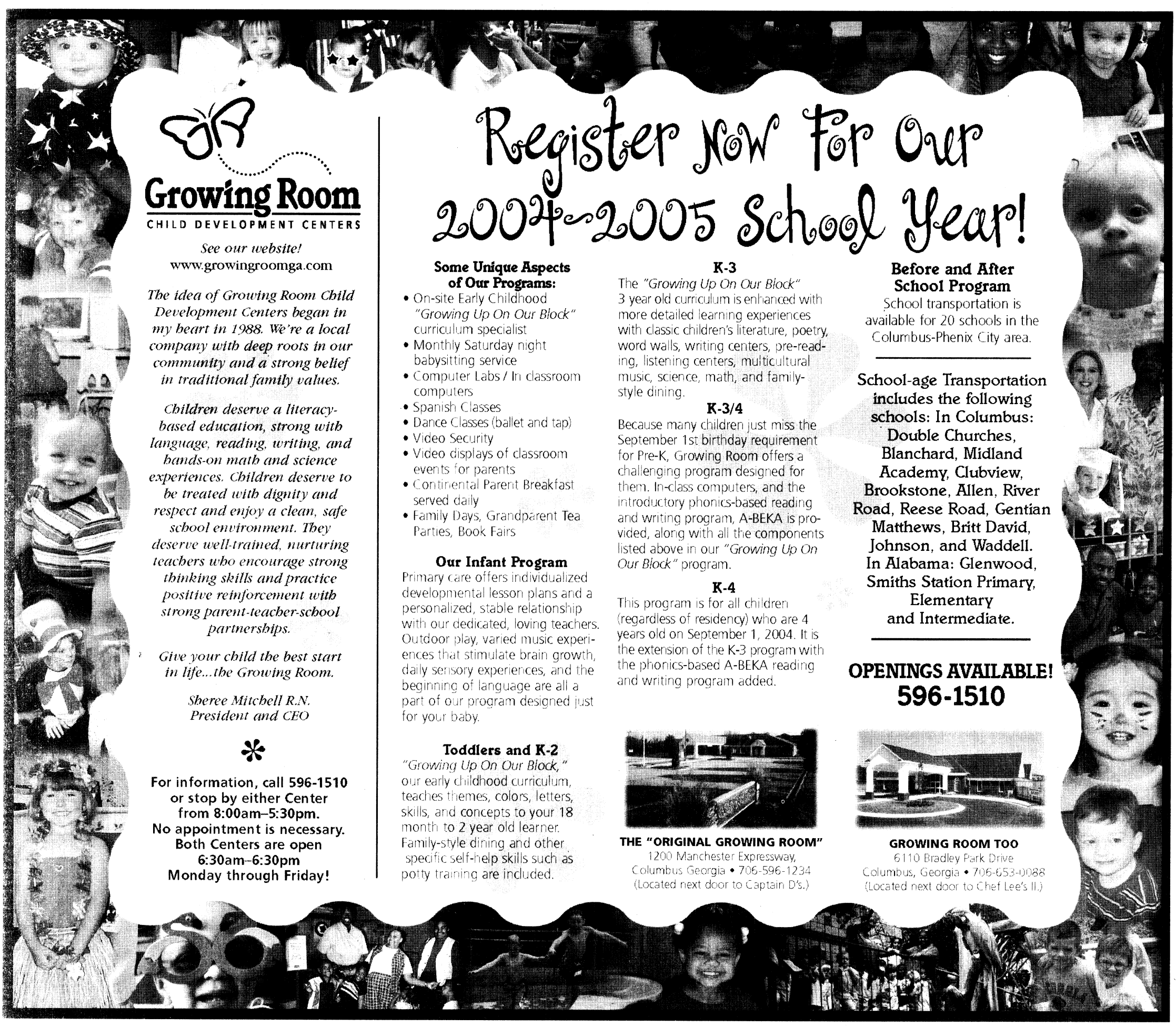
"I look forward to what I can learn. The kids teach me so much each year. They've been so many places I've never been. They have neat lives."
— Lisa Madler, Faith Middle School teacher

"Every year, it's exciting to see who's here, how they've grown. It's refreshing. I love the newness of it all."
— Cindy Givens, Faith Middle School media specialist

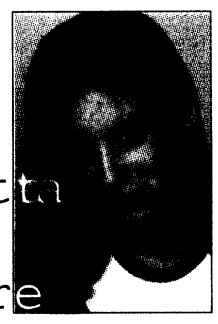


"Oh, my goodness, I look forward to getting my new bunch, but I miss the last ones. I'm going to try to give them a sense of trust. Military children need that."
— Miriam Aiken, Stowers Elementary





Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

NOTE: Right, so my sources tell me (sources being a couple of guys I met downtown) that a couple of weeks ago, my column turned out to be a farce. Apparently, Jen Foster never made it to The Loft. Now, this isn't confirmed. But if they actually went on the right day, and she wasn't there, I apologize. Especially to all the guys who, like my new friends, took my estrogen-overload warning as a hint on a hot spot to meet women. But don't lose heart, guys. I'll keep my eyes peeled for another chick fest.

That said, this week, I can't give you bad information. I looked it all up on the Internet, and you know everything you read on the Internet must be true. Right?

Anyway, if you like the outdoors, if you're into cutesy historic towns and shopping, if you're hungry and sick of the restaurants in Columbus ... Pine Mountain is the place for you.

Just a short jaunt up the road (OK, so it's a 45-minute drive, but it's worth it), the Pine Mountain area has a little something for everyone.

It's a quaint place with all the traditional charm of a small, Southern town. Its streets are lined with antique and collectibles shops, historic buildings and restaurants to satisfy your cravings for a little old-fashioned Southern cookin'.

For the outdoorsmen (and women), there's plenty to keep you busy.

There are about 40 miles of nature trails, including abbreviated paths for those who get enough "hiking" (a.k.a. road marching) in their day jobs. And then, of course, there's the 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail for the real hiking enthusiasts. Whichever trail you pick, you're sure to be aesthetically pleased.

The area is full of impressive rock outcrops, waterfalls and spectacular views.

The trail wanders the 9,049-acre F. D. Roosevelt State Park, which also has year-round fishing and boating on Lake Delano.

If you're just out for the day, bring along a picnic and enjoy the scenery, and if you're up for an overnighter, it's a great place to set up camp. Camping sites range from primitive to luxurious.

If animals are more your thing, check out the 500-acre Wild Animal Safari and roam free (i.e. in your car) among camels, giraffes, rhinos, water buffalos, antelopes and zebras. The animals are uncaged and apparently aren't shy.

WARNING: Beware the rolled down window. More than one person has regaled me with stories of animals coming up to their cars and sticking their heads right in the window.

After that, you can always saddle up at the Roosevelt Stables. You should call ahead and make reservations if you include this on your agenda, and this may not be for you if you're on a budget. But if you've got dollar bills falling out of your pockets, you should check it out.

The stables have more than 25 miles of marked trails for riders and offer several guided tours that range from an hour to overnight for you adventurous types. A one-hour ride isn't bad at just $30. But the two-hour rides are $60, the three-hour rides are $80 to $90, the four-hour rides are $120, and the overnight rides are $200. So, yeah, you might want to plan ahead for this one.

As long as you're in the area, you should venture over to Warm Springs, which is practically in Pine Mountain, anyway.

Warm Springs' most well-known attraction is the Little White House, F.D.R.'s modest, six-room abode. It's exactly as it was the day he died, and with the addition of a memorial fountain, the Walk of the States and a museum. It's only $7.

And while you're in town, you won't want to miss the Bulloch House.

Heartily recommended by our own commanding general, the Bulloch House is within walking distance of downtown Warm Springs (which is actually a village of cute little shops).

You'll want to loosen up your belt and get down to business at this country buffet, which features a variety of meats and Southern-style, home-cooked vegetables.

The Bulloch House's specialties are fried chicken and "mouth-watering" fried green tomatoes.

It's open daily for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Once you've added a few inches to your waist at the Bulloch House, take a short drive to the neighboring town of Woodbury for a great photograph opportunity.

One of the few covered bridges in Georgia — Red Oak Covered Bridge — is in Woodbury. I can just imagine the black and white prints you could take away from that place with all the shadows. But I guess that's only exciting if you're into photography.

But hey, like I said, there's something for everyone.

CYS auditions

Child and Youth Services will hold auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *The Wiz of the West*, starting at 10 a.m. Monday at Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

Those auditioning should arrive at 9:30 a.m. and plan to stay for two hours. Selected cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately after auditions.

About 50 roles are available for students who are dependents of military or Department of Defense civilians.

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Reuniting in Army families can take time

Chaplain (Capt.) Bryan T. Smith
2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment

REFLECTIONS

Back in 1979, a song called *Reunited* was number one on the charts for four weeks. It was by a duo called Peaches and Herb. Now, unless you are older than 40 you may not remember when this song came out, but still you may have heard it sometime over the years because of the amount of air play it had. The chorus goes like this:

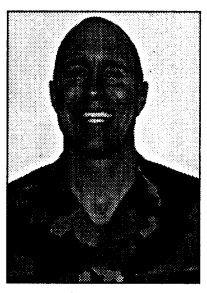
Reunited, and it feels so good
Reunited 'cause we understood
There's one perfect fit
And, sugar, this one is it
We both are so excited 'cause we're reunited,
Hey hey

Well, I thought that was a great song and I wish all reunions, especially those after long military deployments, went as smoothly as in this song, but sometimes reunions don't go so smoothly and what we thought was a perfect fit suddenly comes apart at the seams.

Here are some suggestions to help keep the marriage and family tightly knit together.

• The returning service member should re-enter slowly — don't disturb the family set-up that has been working without you.

• Expect changes. Some changes will have taken place in your spouse, children and in yourself. This is normal and can mean that growth and maturity have occurred. Some of the changes may be negative, but there will be plenty of time to work things out. So don't go bursting onto the scene like a bull in a china shop — something more valuable than china may get broken.


Smith

• Spend maximum time with your family. Postpone reunions with relatives until normal routines have been established at home.

• Don't try to alter the finances. Chances are your spouse has been handling them just fine.

• Take it easy on the kids. Don't be stern with discipline — concentrate first on re-establishing the relationship.

• Don't expect your sex life to be the same as it was before you left. It might take a while to get things back to normal.

Also, the spouse should expect that the service member changed.

The service member may not want to participate in pre-planned events and more than likely will want to get away from the daily routine for a while. Expect spontaneity.

The service member may feel surprise or hurt over the fact that the spouse coped so well without them being there.

Make sure you reassure the service member that he or she is still loved and needed. Expect it to take about six weeks to readjust.

Expect the service member may have trouble sleeping for a while — after all, if it's day here, it's night over there.

Finally, don't bring up problems too quickly. Give everyone time to readjust, and then you can together face any problems that may arise.

Reuniting can be an experience that feels good, and it can be a perfect fit, but only if you take the time to mold together again.

Do relationship JMPI before taking the plunge into marriage

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

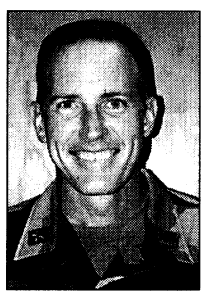
How many of you would ever think of climbing into a parachute with all its buckles, bulges, cords and pulls, simply looking in the mirror, then say, "Well, I *guess* it looks OK — let's jump!"

The Army has a much better plan, doesn't it? When you go through Airborne School, you learn the value of having somebody check you and your parachute "rigging" from head to toe meticulously.

The Army figures that what you're about to do, though stunningly beautiful and exhilarating, can also (if improperly rigged) be disastrous and tragic.

The Army figures that it's just as important that everything be checked and re-checked to ensure that you have a great ride. This is called a JMPI — Jumpmaster Personnel Inspection.

Dating and relationships can be a lot like that parachute jump. Getting into a relationship, and a marriage that follows, can be an incredible "high" and one of the most gratifying and ecstatic things any person can know — if everything is rigged right!


Hawkins

If not, you know as well as I do that a bad relationship can be just as devastatingly painful and tragic as any jump gone bad.

So, doesn't it make sense, just like in parachuting, that we do a "Relationship JMPI" in our relationships before we take a flying leap of faith into love and marriage?

During the next several weeks, I want to share with you the five key "majors" that need to be checked and double checked to make sure that you'll fly high and not fall fast in your dating relationships. I like to say, it's what "every parent oughta teach, and what every single's gotta know!"

The first "bonding area," the first thing that has to happen, is that we have to get to know each other. Knowing each other always takes the 3 Ts: it takes time, it takes togetherness, it takes talking. (Interestingly, if that's what it takes to begin a relationship, isn't it pretty true that it also takes the 3 Ts to keep a relationship? How ya doing, married folks?) As we spend time together talking, what is it we need to know:

• I need to know what fun is and isn't for me and for the person I'm getting interested in. Do I cause them pain? Do they cause me pain? Danger Will Robinson! Am I a more fun and loving person for being with them ... them with me? The only right answer is a definitive yes — anything less is a danger sign.

• I need to know about his or her family. Just like on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, you can't marry Raymond without getting his mother, Marie.

People don't just marry people — families marry families! (Can I get an amen!) How did his or her family express love growing up ... how did they express anger? What roles did your parents play versus what roles his or her parents played? Great questions to make sure you don't "burn in" in your relationship.

• I need to know about his or her faith. Where are they spiritually? Are they building me up or bringing me down in my relationship with God?

The best marriage insurance you'll ever have is a real, vibrant relationship with the God who made you, love and marriage.

That's Step 1 — more next week.

Meanwhile, join me for our series on "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk — What Every Parent Ought To Teach and What Every Single's Gotta Know" at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill.

Also, you can give me a ring at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

I look forward to meeting you!

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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.	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

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

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

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Saturday Worship Service

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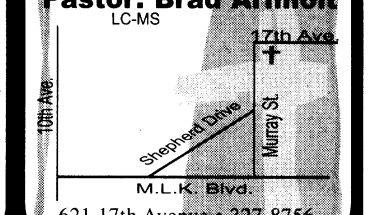
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9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
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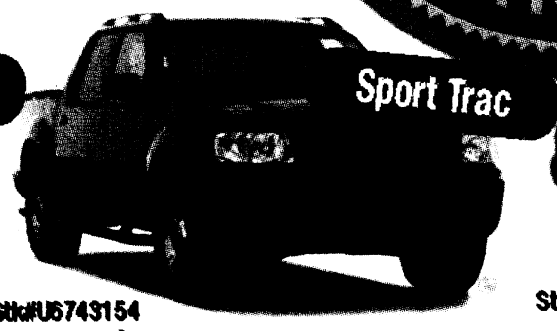
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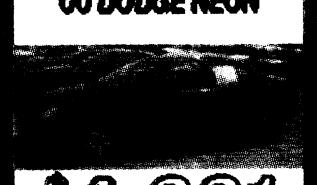
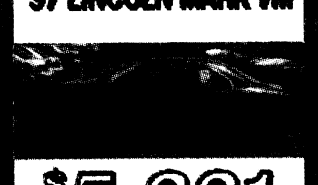
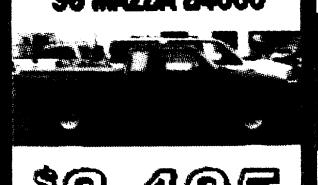
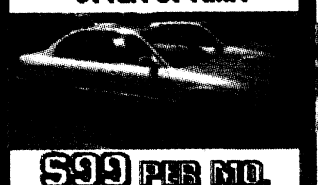
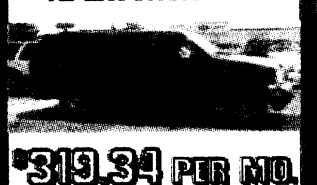
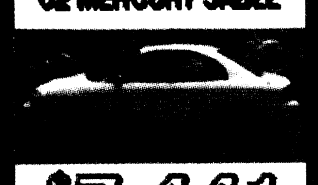
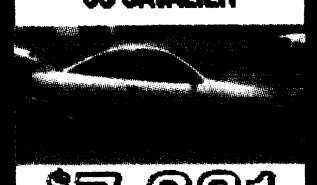
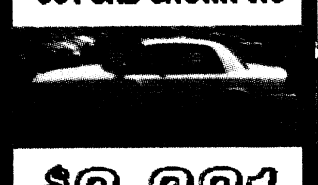
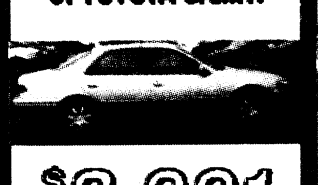
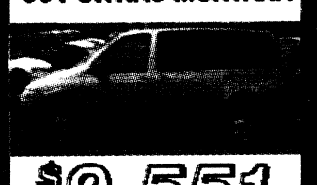
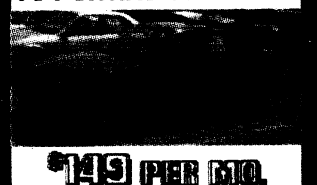
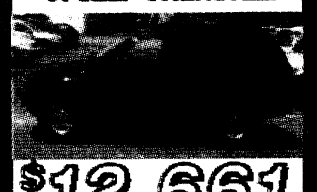
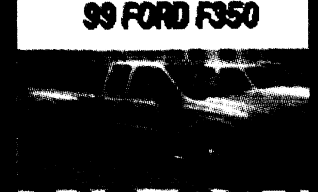
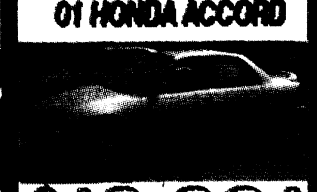
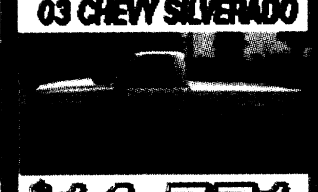
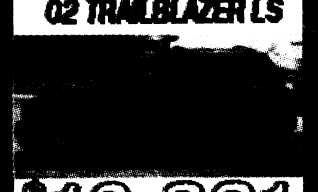
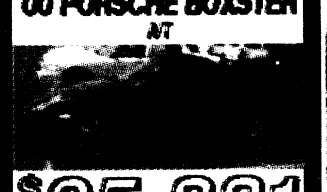
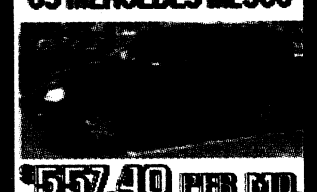


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SPORTS



Photos by Spc. David Foley

Cliff Patton jumps over the pyramid at the Child and Youth Services skatepark during Fort Benning's first skateboard competition Saturday afternoon.

Skaters strut stuff at YS competition



Espie Coulter launches over the park bench during Saturday's competition.

Fort Benning hosts first skate contest

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's top skaters converged on the Child and Youth Services skatepark Saturday for Fort Benning's first skateboard competition.

The competition had a slow start, with only one competitor, Kevin Gregory, in the 10- to 12-years-old age group. Gregory took home the first-place prize pack by default, which included a new skateboard and clothing items.

The skateboarders in the other age groups didn't get by so easily.

Five skaters turned out for the 13- to 15-years-old age group contest and the competition got fierce.

Tyrell Payne came out strong early on in the contest, landing a clean 180 kickflip over the corner of the pyramid. Payne showed a commanding ability to use the ramps in the park, but wasn't able to squeeze out the competition and finished third in his age group with a 30.6 point average.

Cliff Patton, the favorite for the 13- to 15-years old age group, showed his abilities with an airborne performance. Patton landed several big launches over the pyramid and demonstrated his skills with a variety of kickflips and grinds, but wasn't able to match Kurt Gregory's skill on technical tricks, and finished second with a 33.36 point average.

Kurt kept his wheels on the ground and his feet on the board for the majority of the competition, sticking to the street course through most of his first two runs with a variety of grinds, railslides and kickflips.

He seemed to wear down by the end of his third run and was unable to land a few of his tricks, but persistence paid off, and he took home the prize with a 1.24-point lead over Patton, finishing out with a 34.6 average.

Kurt, who was planning to watch the competition and signed up just for fun, said he never expected to win.

"This feels great, but I really thought Cliff was going to win," he said.



Marcus Wilson pops a 360-kickflip during the CYS skateboard competition.

Kurt said he will definitely enter the Aug. 14 competition.

The competition heated up even more with the 16 to 18 category.

All four of the competitors put on a high flying show using the whole park.

James Rodriguez may have cost himself the competition with a rocky start. He seemed to let his nerves get to him and had difficulties landing some of the basics, but came out of the gates strong on his final two runs looking like a whole new skater, landing almost every trick flawlessly.

Zach Bowling, one of the favorites for his age group, looked like a madman storming out of the gates with a fast-paced high-flying routine that circled the park, but just like Kurt, he fell in a rut trying to land the same trick three times before finding success.

Despite outstanding performances by Rodriguez and Bowling, Andrew Paulina stole the show with his ability to mix old-school tricks with new, technical tricks.

Paulina blasted airs over the pyramid and the park bench, then slipped over to the street course where he pulled several grind variations and laid out a one-footed manual for about 50 feet.

Paulina finished first with a 31.6 point average, while Bowling and Rodriguez finished out the top three with 29.6 and 29.3.

Linda Laine, CYS sports director, said the competition was a learning experience, and future contests will benefit from it.

"One thing we learned is that the next one will be at night when it is cooler," she said.

The next skateboard competition is scheduled for Aug. 14 and registrations are due by Aug. 10.

For more information, call 545-3582.

USAMU wins Colt Trophy at National Pistol Matches

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

CAMP PERRY, Ohio — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team, which returned from a monthlong training mission in Iraq recently, brought several national titles back with them to Fort Benning from the 2004 National Pistol Matches this year.

The National Pistol Matches were conducted July 13 to 18 at this historic Ohio National Guard training site on the banks of Lake Erie. More than 100 teams with more than 700 shooters from all over the country competed in the championships.

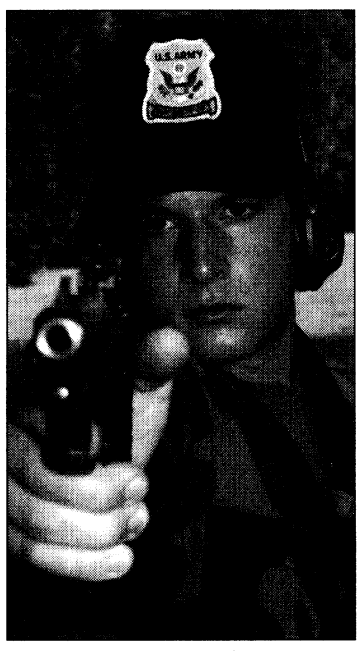
The USAMU Service Pistol Team won the .45-Caliber Pistol Team National Championship and brought home the Colt Trophy. The USAMU Team, coached by Ray Arredondo, is made up of Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson, Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose, Sgt. Adam E. Sokolowski and Spc. Sean P. Watson.

The USAMU Team also conducted the Small Arms Firing School for more than 300 people July 12 at Camp Perry .

Out of 101 military and civilian teams competing, the men of the USAMU Service Pistol Team brought home the Silver Medal by finishing in second place overall in the National Pistol Team Championship.

The Army Team won the Gold Medal in the .45-Caliber Team Championship, took the Silver Medal in the Center Fire Team Championship and got the Bronze Medal in the .22-Caliber Team Championship.

In the .45-Caliber Team Competition, the Army



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Adam E. Sokolowski won the .22-Caliber National Match Course, won the Preliminary Pistol Championship Trophy, took second place overall in the .22-Caliber Pistol Championship and fourth place overall in the National Pistol Championship.

Marksmanship Unit Team, posted a team-high 1,147 points with 45 Xs to win the Colt Trophy; an X is a bull's eye used for tie breaking.

The USAMU Service Pistol Team still holds the national record in this event with a score of 1,185 points and 57 Xs set in 1977.

Sokolowski beat 716 shooters to win the .22-Caliber National Match Course and also won the Preliminary Pistol Championship Trophy.

He also took second place overall in the .22-Caliber Pistol Championship and fourth place overall in the National Pistol Championship out of 735 competitors.

Sokolowski's shooting was good enough for him to be chosen to the U.S. Mayleigh Cup Team that will represent the United States in a World Postal Match held between English speaking countries.

Out of 686 competitors, Rose took first place to win the .45-Caliber Rapid Fire Match. In the President's Pistol Match, Jacobson, Rose, Sokolowski, Watson and Staff Sgts. Robert M. Mango and Nathaniel S.D. Seltenreich won the coveted President's Hundred Badge, with Jacobson finishing the highest in seventh place out of 566 shooters.

"We went into competition with high hopes because our team had been shooting very well this summer," Jacobson said. "Winning the .45-Caliber National Team Championship makes it eight years in a row of our winning at least one national title. Individually, Sgt. Sokolowski did a fantastic job this year; he shot steady and consistent throughout the week."

In June, for the fourth consecutive year, the USAMU Service Pistol Team won the Overall Service Pistol Interservice Team Championship at the Interservice Championships at Camp Robinson, Ark. The team also won the .22-Caliber Team Championship, the Center Fire Team Championship, the Service Pistol Team Championship and took third place in the .45-Caliber Team Championship. Rose finished in third place in the Service Pistol Individual Match and Seltenreich won the Excellence in Competition Match.

COMMENTARY

Olympic athletes set to entertain in Greece

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

I'm still mad at myself for not going out and watching the 1996 softball Olympic games, held at Golden Park in Columbus. I had the chance to see actual Olympic competition, but I blew it. So, from then on, I've made it a point to watch any and all Olympic competitions.

I've been following the Olympic contenders, watching various trials, including swimming, gymnastics and track and field, and I'm very impressed with some of these athletes.

What I've done is compiled a user-friendly guide to who to watch this summer, when the Olympics returns to it's birthplace, Athens, Greece.

NBC and it's affiliates are offering 1,200 hours of viewing pleasure for the Olympic watcher, so be sure to watch for these athletes who are sure to make a name for themselves.

Tennis

Sure, you can turn on ESPN and usually catch a tennis match, but something about watching Andy Roddick, Serena and Venus Williams, Jennifer Capriati and even legend Martina Navratilova compete in the Olympics is gratifying. They are all household names — but now they want to win a gold medal.

Track and Field

•Tom Pappas, a 28-year-old born in Oregon, will compete in the decathlon. Pappas won the 2003 World Championships and finished fifth in Sydney. In 2003, Pappas won the Outdoor Nationals with a meet record 8,784 points, the second highest total in U.S. history.

• Maurice Greene — Greene is seeking to become the first repeat champion since Carl Lewis in '84 and '88. He's the defending gold medalist in the 100-meter. Greene became the



world's top sprinter on May 31 by running a 9.78 — the second fastest time in history under any conditions — at the U.S. Open.

Gymnastics

Mohini Bhardwaj, a 25-year-old gymnast, was the favorite underdog at the Olympic trials. Why? Probably because at the age of 25, she's well past her "prime" as a gymnast, as most of her teammates are teenagers. Or maybe because Pamela Anderson, the blonde bombshell of *Baywatch* (yes, *Baywatch*) fame, helps fund Mohini's training.

Paul Hamm and his twin brother Morgan Hamm are forces to be reckoned with in male gymnastics. Should Paul win an all-around medal, he'll be only the second American to do so.

Swimming

If you haven't heard of 19-year-old Michael Phelps, make sure to watch the Olympics. At the trials for the games, Phelps broke five world records. And that was just the trials! Phelps is drawing comparisons to Mark Spitz, who won seven gold medals in 1972. Speedo, Phelps' sponsor, will give him $1 million if he matches Spitz's record in Athens or even in Beijing in 2008.

Of course, this just scrapes the surface of all the truly talented athletes the United States is sending to Athens to compete.

There are famous names and not-so-famous names, who will probably become famous after the Olympics. Who can forget Mary Lou Retton, or gymnast Kerri Strugg, winning the gold for the U.S. with a hurt ankle? Or the "Dream Team?" History will definitely be made this year, so don't miss it!

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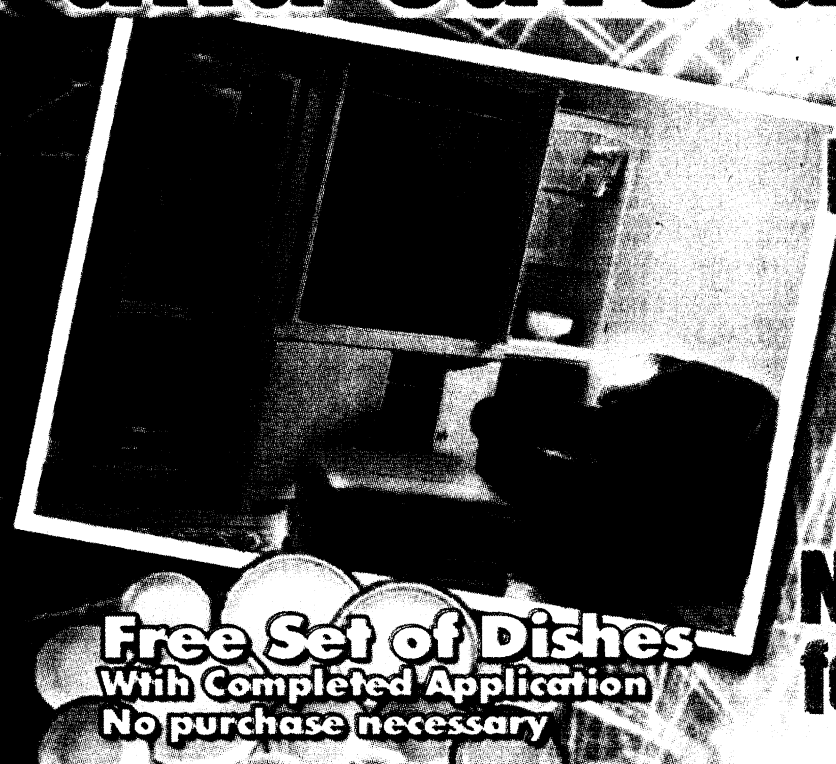
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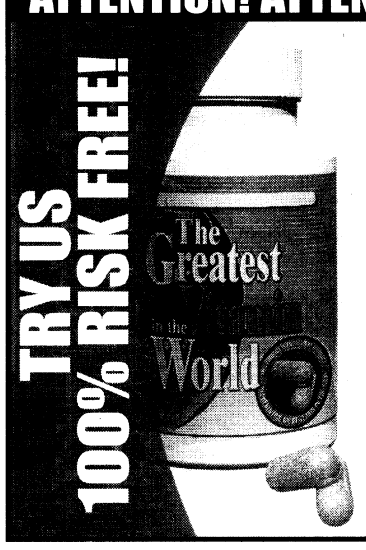
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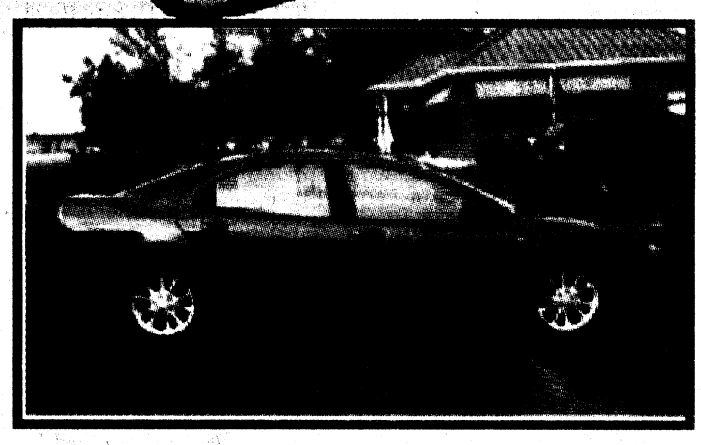
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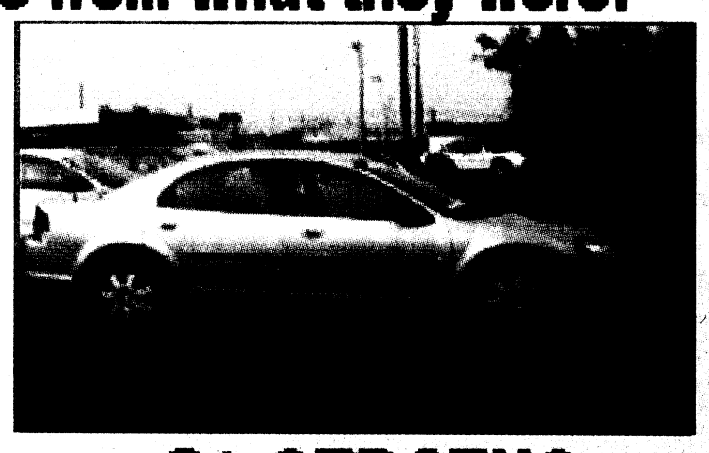
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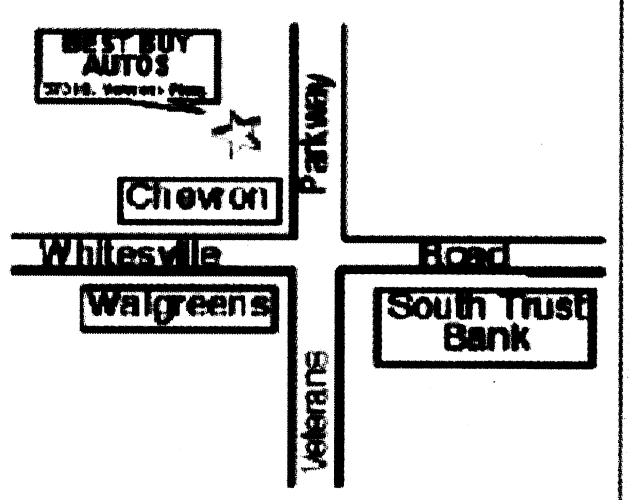
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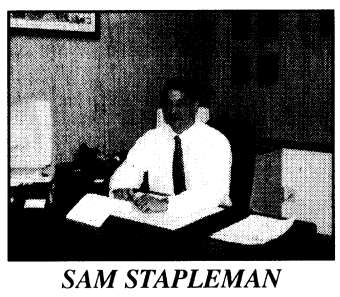
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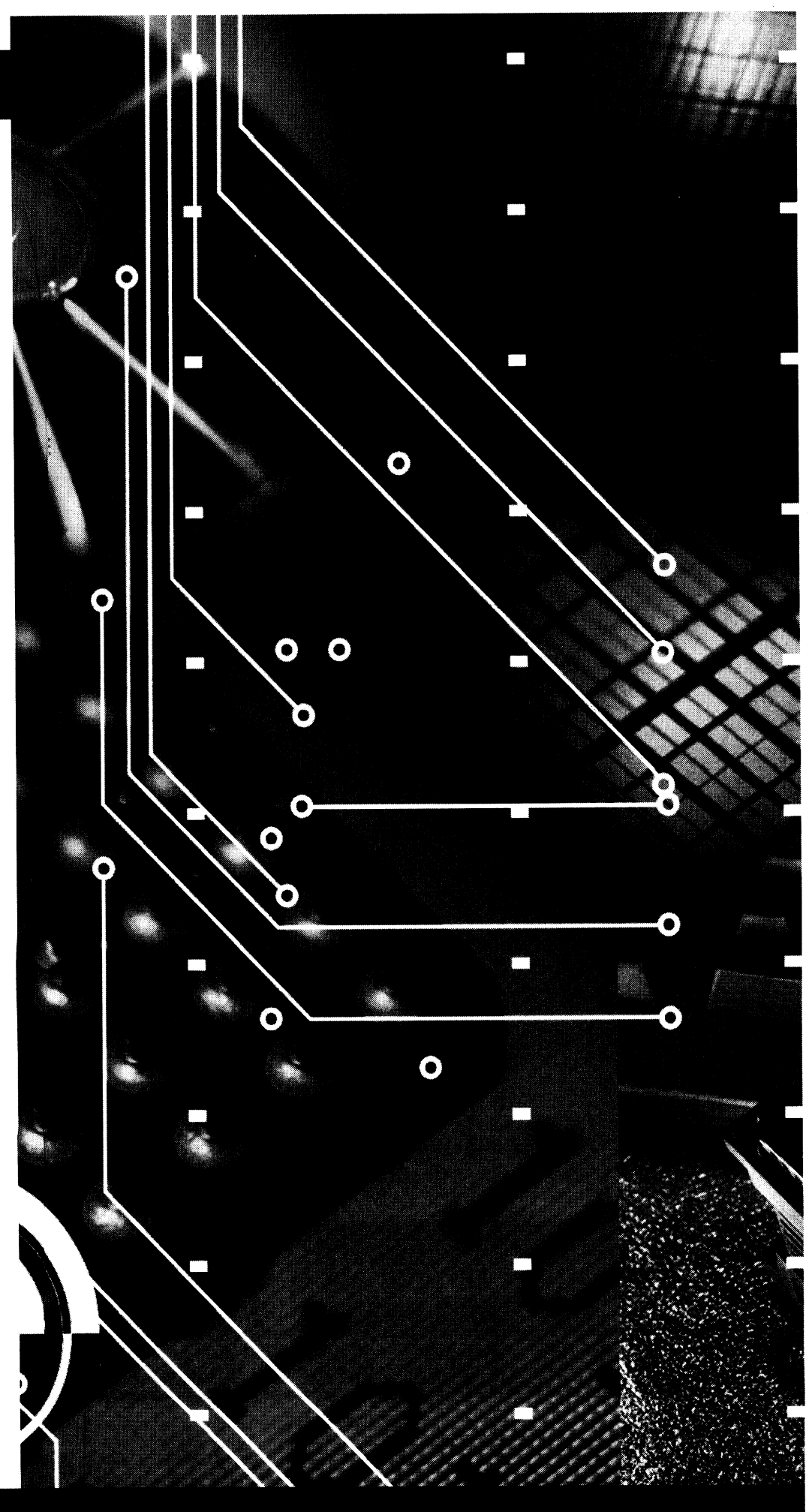
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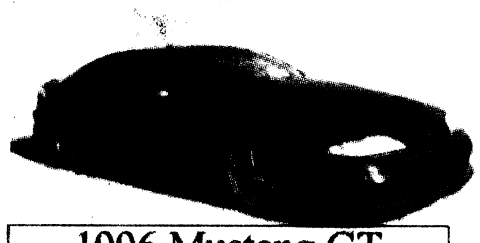
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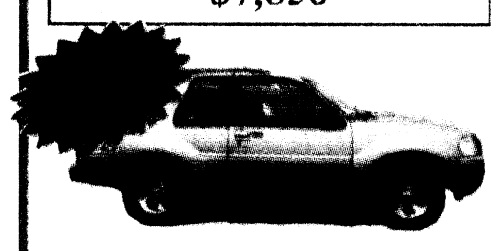


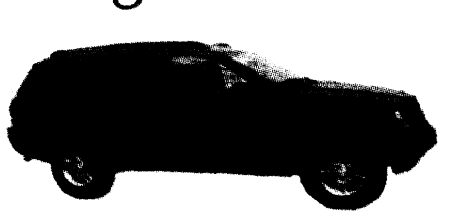
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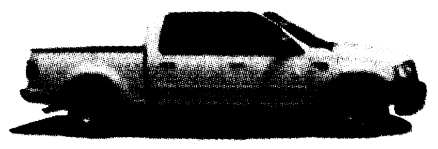
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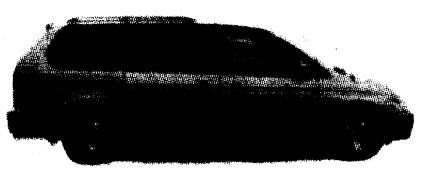

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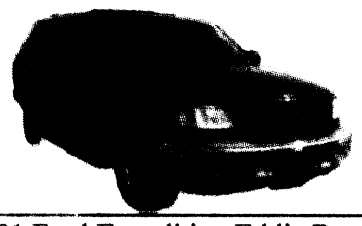

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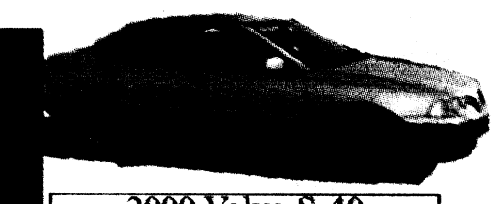

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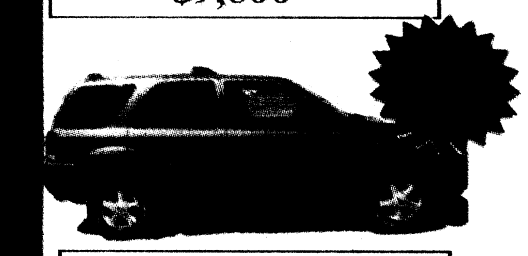

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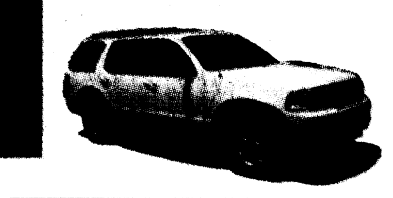
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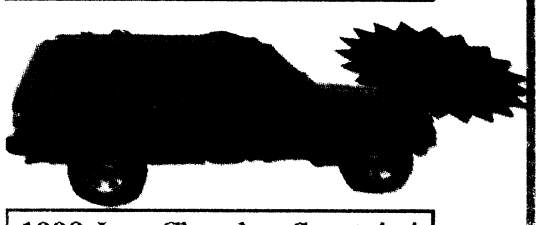
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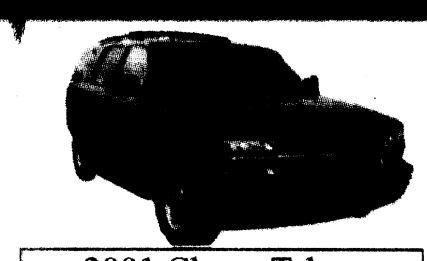
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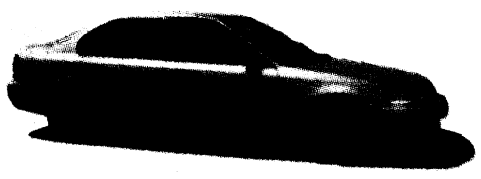

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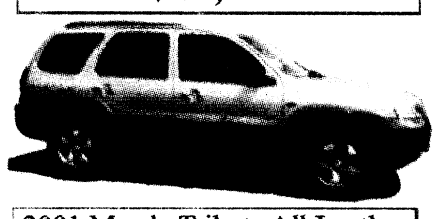

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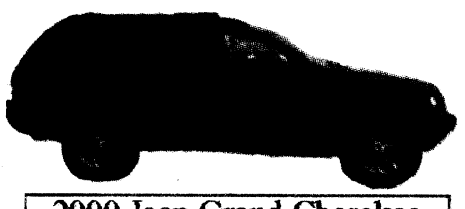

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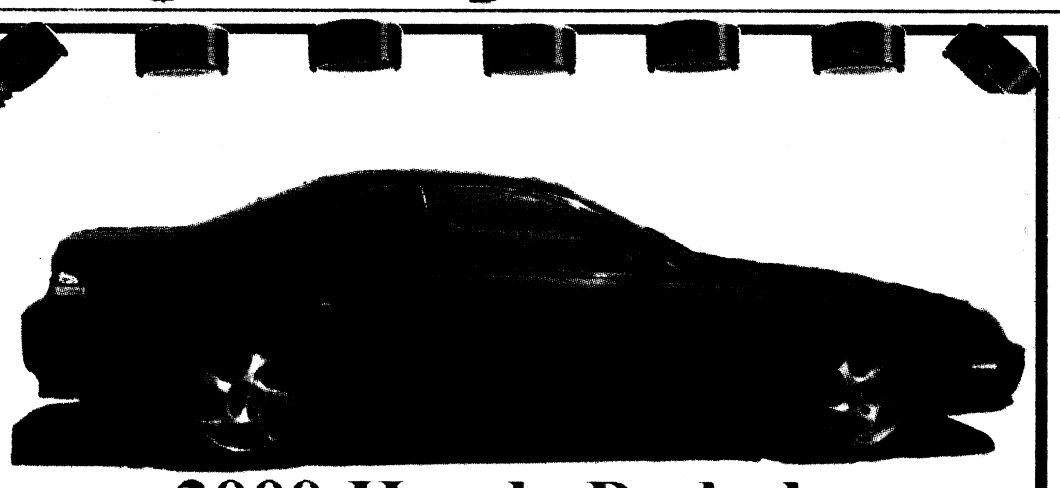

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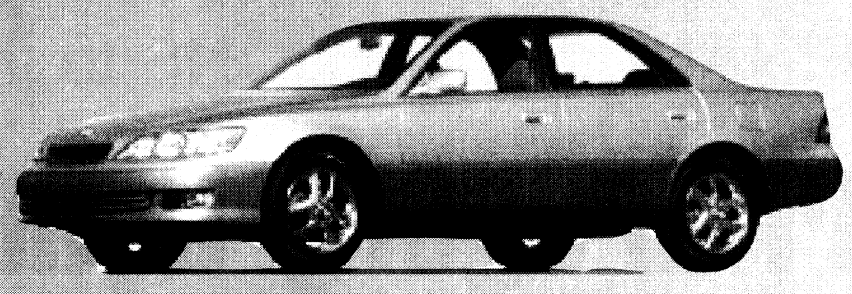
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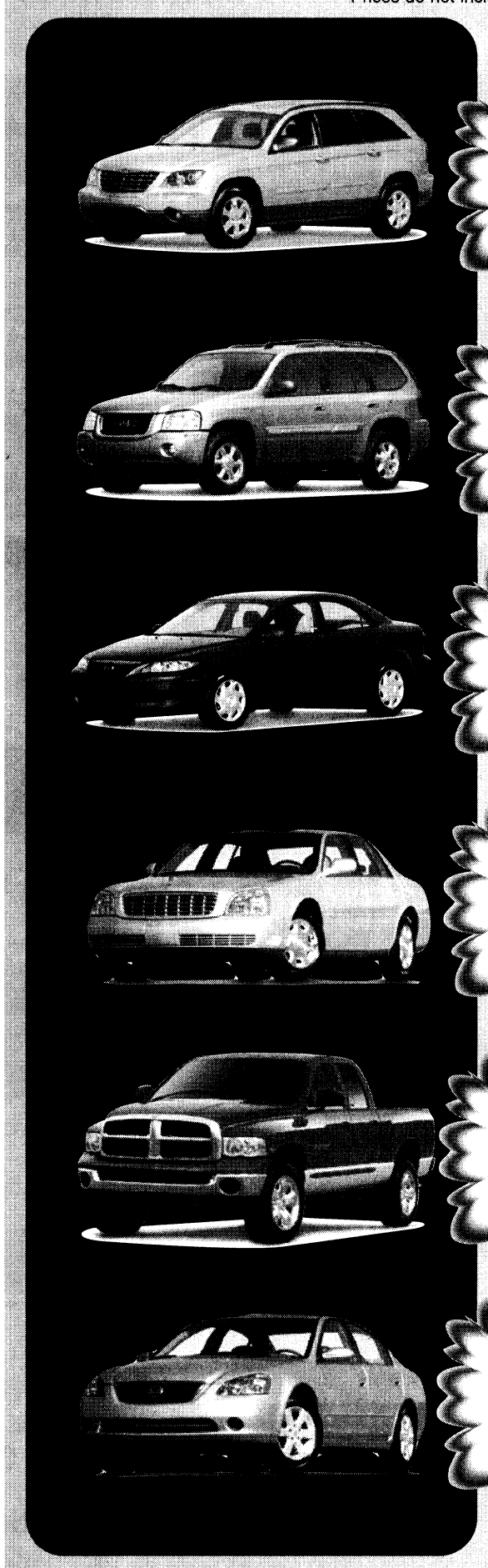
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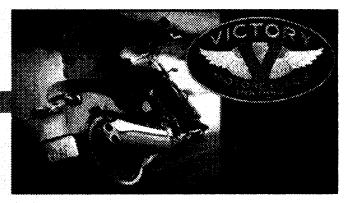
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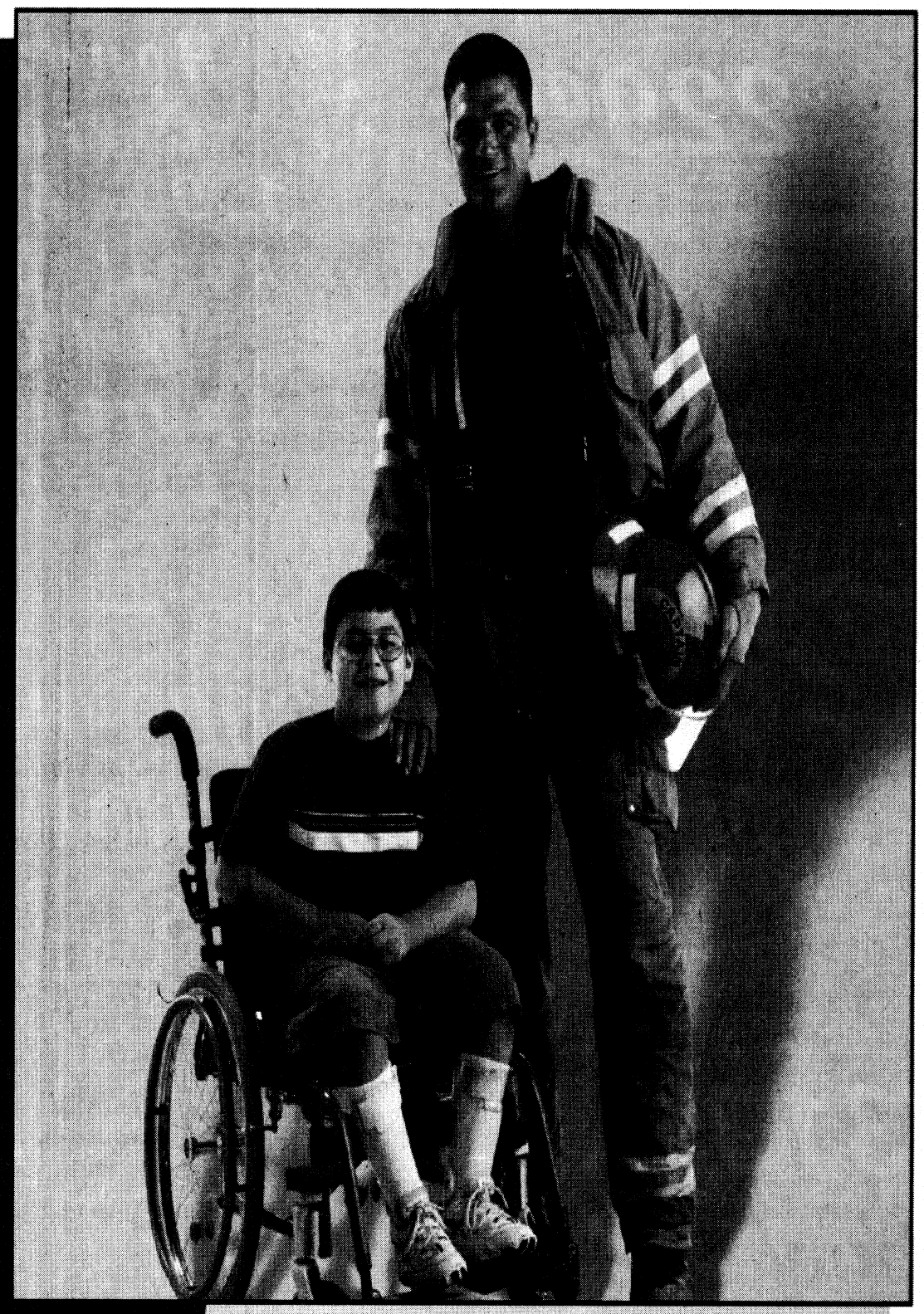
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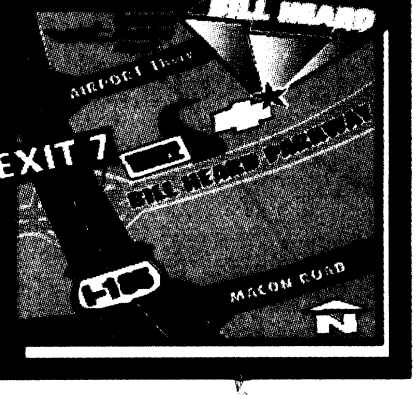
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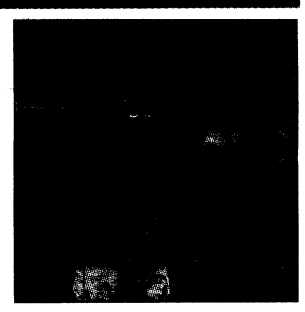
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Conservation efforts in effect

Outdoor water use restricted to specific days

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
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In compliance with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's water conservation policy, which went into effect Aug. 1, Fort Benning has instituted permanent water conservation directives to alleviate the draw on local water resources.

"The idea is that if the population is continuously involved in water conservation, then in the long-term, it will become part of the general perspective," said Joe Wilkins, a Directorate of Public Works environmental specialist.

He said one of the biggest reasons for the new initiative is the battle that has arisen out of the "water wars" he described between Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

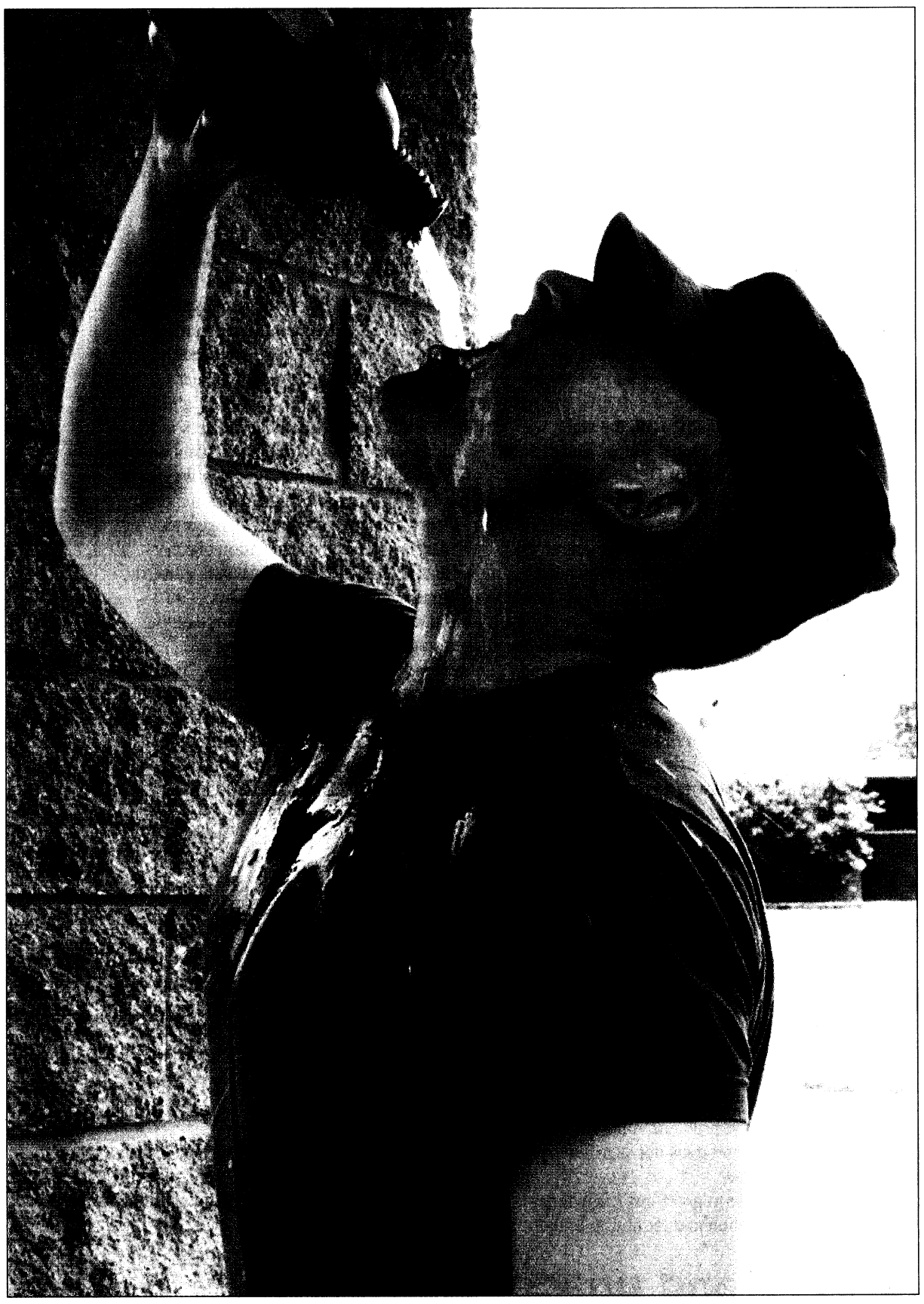
"This is in response to higher demands on the water supply because of population, transportation and industry growth," Wilkins said.

He said the restrictions are limited to outdoor use and are not unduly strict.

The requirements dictate that even-numbered residences conduct landscape watering, water recreation and car-washing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and odd-numbered residences on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. No outdoor water use is permitted on Fridays.

The number of hours water may be used on authorized days is not restricted, Wilkins said, and there are exceptions regarding newly

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Spc. Nikki St Amant

An airborne student guzzles water on a hot summer day.

Training continues despite heat

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

A Soldier spent his weekend at the lake fishing, grilling and having a few beers with his family. Come Monday morning, he was feeling a little tired. He went to his company formation and geared up for a long, slow run in 70-degree weather.

Halfway through the run, he started to feel a little dizzy and began to see spots. Still, he didn't slow down — he didn't want to be a "fall-out." But a few steps later, he just couldn't go on anymore. His heart began beating rapidly, his

See **HEAT,** A-4

Schools adopt partners

Classrooms to expect more BDU presence

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's evolving partnership with local schools has all the characteristics of Army modularity. The CG calls it "niche capabilities."

"There's a lot going on on post that we can use to reach out to students," said Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley during a Partners in Education planning session Aug. 4 at Spencer High School.

"Our involvement does not have to be restricted to our partnerships," he said, using the International Student Training Detachment as an example. "These are foreign Soldiers who can share their culture, their language, their country's history with students all over," not just at the school they're partnered with.

Last year, the Department of the Army initiated a marked emphasis on Soldier involvement in schools. On many installations, that translates into an "adopt-a-school" program, similar to PIE.

On Fort Benning, where frequent deployments left several schools without partners, officials began to develop a plan that would provide "fall-back" units, or dual partnerships, said Dewayne Baldwin, Fort Benning's school liaison officer.

In this, Fort Benning's fifth year participating in the statewide PIE program, the seven on-post schools and 26 off post can expect to see a "stepped-up BDU presence,"

See **PIE,** A-9

CG's press conference addresses post issues

Freakley gives media 'big picture' of changes to affect community

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Home of the Infantry is gearing up for significant changes in the next few years.

During an Aug. 5 press conference in Infantry Hall, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, touched on several adjustments that will greatly impact the installation and its surrounding communities.

Freakley talked about the considerably increased load of basic training Soldiers in both the Infantry Training and Basic Combat Training brigades.

"There's been a lot of story coverage about the brigade that's going to come to Fort Benning … but what's been missed is the increase in Soldiers we're training this summer," the general said.

"And that we already have units that have arrived above what we had before, who are buying homes, living in our community, buying downtown, participating in both on-post and off-post activities, registering their children for school," he said.

"They are here. Those units are here, and they've been largely missed."

One of those units is 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment, a Reserve unit from Wilmington, Ind., which has been up and running on Sand Hill for the past few months, "making huge contributions."

> "By the first of October, we will be training 2,300 Soldiers above what we were slotted to train at the beginning of this year."
>
> **Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley**
> Post commanding general

Sand Hill's company strength has gone from 25 companies to 31 currently, Freakley said, and that number will grow to 37 by the start of the

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Stork didn't drop that dog in your lap

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff



Here's the deal. I am an animal lover and I can't stand people who don't take care of their pets. If the shoe fits, wear it.

Dogs are around because of us. We domesticated wolves and other canine wildlife and bred them to suit our whims. Our manipulation of Mother Nature gives us power and with that power, responsibility.

Dogs depend on us, they work for us diligently, they love us no matter what our breath smells like in the morning, and we repay them by failing to protect and provide for them.

The fact that the kennel on post is so full of strays that no more animals can be accepted is the wrong answer.

Dogs are like kids. They are not forced upon us at gunpoint.

People choose to buy them. People breed them. People respond to those free-to-good-home ads in the paper because they think how great it will be to have a cute, furry little friend around.

And then they lose interest or just get lazy and decide to not take care of them.

They don't make them wear tags, or they don't get them tags at all. They don't have them microchipped. They don't ensure they are properly caged, tied, chained or housed.

So they get out (sometimes through no fault of the owner) and run the streets as moving targets for cars. If they are lucky, some good Samaritan catches them and brings them to the stray facility, or the military police pick them up.

But then, because the owner didn't do his part to make sure his dog has identification, it sits in lock-up until it finds a new home or gets euthanized — another innocent animal put down because of user error.

And not only do these culprits waste another of man's best friends, they waste taxpayer dollars as well.

Those strays have to be fed, watered, vaccinated and housed until they are farmed out to new owners or put down. Those things cost money and take up the time of the staff at the veterinary clinic, whose real mission is to provide care for the pets of responsible owners.

Maybe I am being too much of a finger-wagger, but it just isn't right.

If you can't handle the responsibilities of owning a dog, don't get one.

Be realistic and think it through before you bring another life into your family that you aren't ready for.

TRANSFORMATION

'Complex and potentially dangerous'



Brownlee



Schoomaker

The last few weeks there's been a lot of discussion — much of it confusing or inaccurate — about the condition and future readiness of the U.S. Army. We owe it to our men and women in uniform, their families and our country to get the facts right.

No one disputes that there are currently strains on segments of our armed forces. A solution some offer is to increase the permanent end strength of our Army. But simply adding to the total number of people in uniform does not really get to the heart of the problem.

Let us explain. Today, our Army has a total force of more than 1 million Soldiers. Yet the vast majority of our Army is not currently deployed. Approximately 123,000 — or less than 12 percent of the total force — support operations in Iraq or Afghanistan. In fact, 123,000 members of the 350,000-strong Army National Guard have not been called up.

Overall, 270,000 Soldiers are forward deployed in more than 120 countries, but with a total force in excess of 1 million, this should not stretch the force. Yet, it does. The strain is caused by a force structure that was built for the Cold War. The solution to the problem is to create the right number of deployable Soldiers with the right skills in the right component.

This is why Army transformation is so critical. And so today, our Army is in the midst of the most sweeping transformation since World War II to significantly increase the number of deployable Soldiers and units available around the world.

Army transformation is proceeding along three main avenues.

First, we are restructuring the force into modular formations with the right capabilities for our current and future security environment. This restructuring increases the number of active-duty combat brigades from 33 to 43 or more, using a combination of new recruits and Soldiers drawn from other parts of our Army. Our goal is an Army with more cohesive and combat-ready formations.

Second, we are stabilizing the force with initiatives that will eventually allow most Soldiers to remain based at a single installation for longer periods of time. Stabilization will yield a more predictable lifestyle for our Soldiers and their families.

Third, we are rebalancing our force between the active component of the Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. This initiative will give our Army more troops available with the skills we need to fight the global war on terrorism.

The Department of Defense is expanding our active Army rapidly without sacrificing standards or quality. And we plan to grow the active component of the Army by a total of 30,000 troops during the next three years. It is important to note the difference between growing our Army — a temporary measure granted under the Global War on Terrorism authorities and paid for with supplemental dollars — and increasing permanent end strength.

A mandated increase in permanent end strength means that the U.S. Army would be required by law to maintain tens of thousands of additional troops on the payrolls, regardless of the need or the cost, and pay for them out of the Army's core budget. A mandated increase in permanent end strength would take away dollars needed for programs, and threaten our transformation.

We are already growing our Army as fast as we can. Our Soldiers are highly skilled and well-trained, and it takes time and a significant training base to develop them. This deliberate growth will allow us to transform our Army in a way that gets at the heart of the problem, relieves the stress on the force, and does not sacrifice our Army's future.

We are able to grow our Army today because retention and recruiting remain very strong. Despite the obvious dangers, hardships and sacrifices, tens of thousands of qualified Soldiers choose to join or stay in the U.S. Army every year. In the active Army, Reserves and National Guard, we are meeting our retention goals for this fiscal year. We are also close to meeting our recruitment targets, even as our Army increased those targets by several thousand this year.

Transforming the force while fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters in the war on terror is a tough management and leadership challenge. It is not unlike tuning an engine while the car is moving — complex and potentially dangerous.

But when large organizations face demanding new circumstances, they must change to meet those challenges. Our circumstances today, as an Army serving our nation at war, are providing a tremendous strategic opportunity. The convergence of our current momentum, our focus and the increased resources provided by Congress, over our core budget, in this time of war provide an opportunity for change that we cannot afford to miss.

We have an ambitious task ahead, but with the continued support of the American people, we will get it done. As we overcome these challenges, our all-volunteer Army of active, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are serving with tremendous skill and courage around the world. We are honored to serve with each and every one of them.

Rest assured that our Army is not only taking actions to be successful today, but we are seizing an opportunity to remain relevant and ready tomorrow.

— R.L. Brownlee
Acting secretary of the Army
— Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker
Army chief of staff

Current POV fatality trend unacceptable



This year, throughout the Army, on average, nine Army Soldiers die every month in a POV accident. Thus far, in fiscal 2004, 92 Soldiers died in POV accidents, a 21-percent increase over last year. Four Fort Benning Soldiers were killed this year in POV accidents. The causes of these deaths are not new: speeding, alcohol, fatigue and not wearing a seat belt.

Your involvement is paramount in influencing how our Soldiers operate their POVs, and in stopping this tragic and needless loss of life. Positive, hands-on leadership is imperative, particularly at the squad leader or first-line supervisor level.

TRADOC has developed a model Highway Safety Program, which can be found in the Safety Public Folder on Outlook.

The HSP requires the following:

• All newly assigned personnel receive an orientation briefing and complete personal information and individual driving history. Schedule a commander's interview within 30 days of arrival.

• Apply the "Next Accident Assessment" techniques from the USA Safety Center POV Risk Management Tool Box.

• Follow the Six Point Model POV Safety Program published by the USA Safety Center.

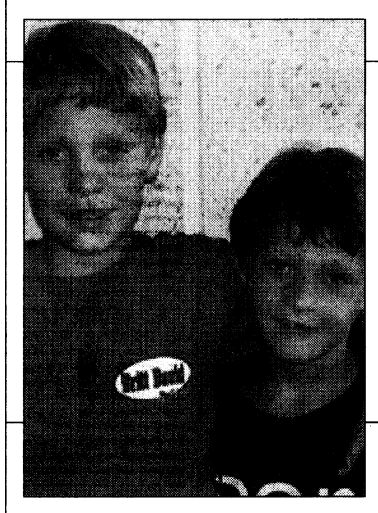
I want every leader to clearly understand the depth of my commitment to ending these tragic and needless POV fatalities. We cannot accept the current POV fatality trend.

Leadership will make a difference. This is leaders' business. Let's protect the force! Follow Me!

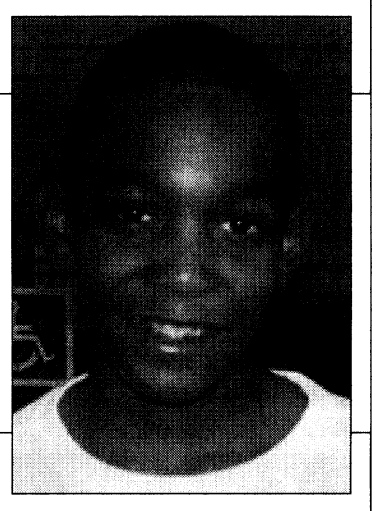
— Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley
Commanding General

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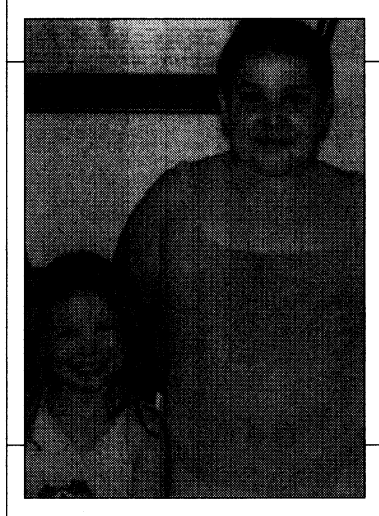
What do you like the most about your pets?



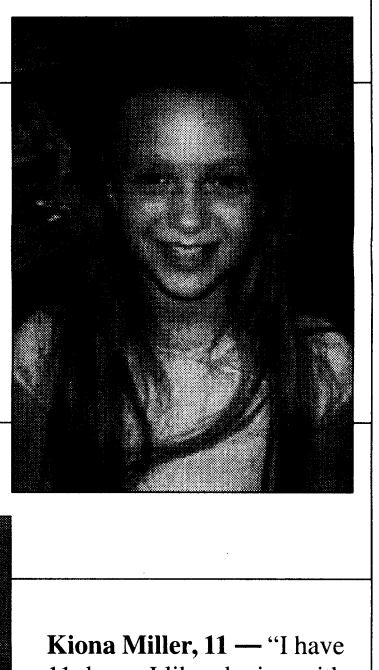
Harrison Jones, 10, Coleman Jones, 7 — "We have a hermit crab and a hamster. Our hamster won't stop eating cotton balls so he's fat. Our crab wakes us up at night because he kind of climbs around his cage."



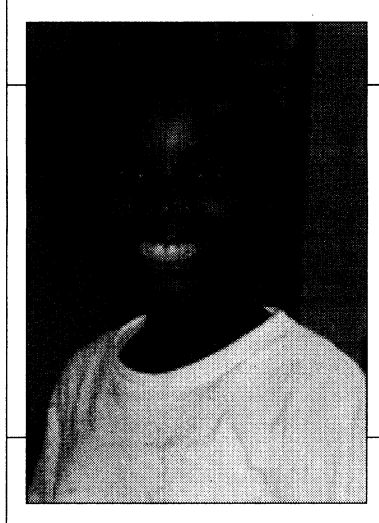
Charlie Conner, 11 — "My dogs jump on me, but I don't really like that. They chase me, and they are faster than me. They play bite. I like to play fetch with the frisbee with them."



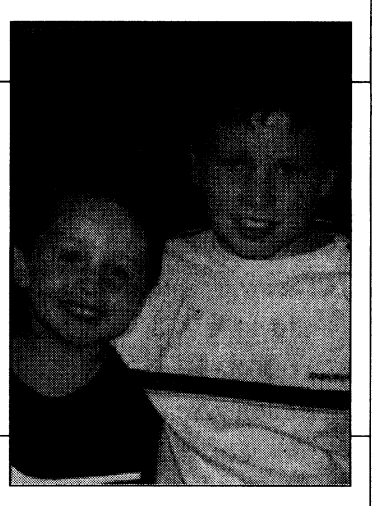
Tina McKinsey, 11 Desiree Mckinsey, 5 — "Dutchess and Duke are our two German shepherds. We play ball and fetch. They are lovable. We like Duke the best. Dutchess is a knucklehead."



Alycia Sanchez, 9 — "I have two dogs, and they are fun to play with. I like Cocoa the best because the other one bites. I like to fetch with her and jump on the trampoline."



Kiona Miller, 11 — "I have 11 dogs. I like playing with them when they are puppies because they are playful. My miniature schnauzer named Chyna is my favorite."



Shannon McCune, 9 Conlan McCune, 3 — "Well we have a bird named Bernie and a dog named Max. The bird doesn't bite that much, but he nibbles. That's why we like him. Sometimes our dog protects us. He licks."

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CORRECTION In last week's edition of *The Bayonet*, Pvt. Van Marcum's hometown was incorrect. His home of record is Prescott, Arkansas.

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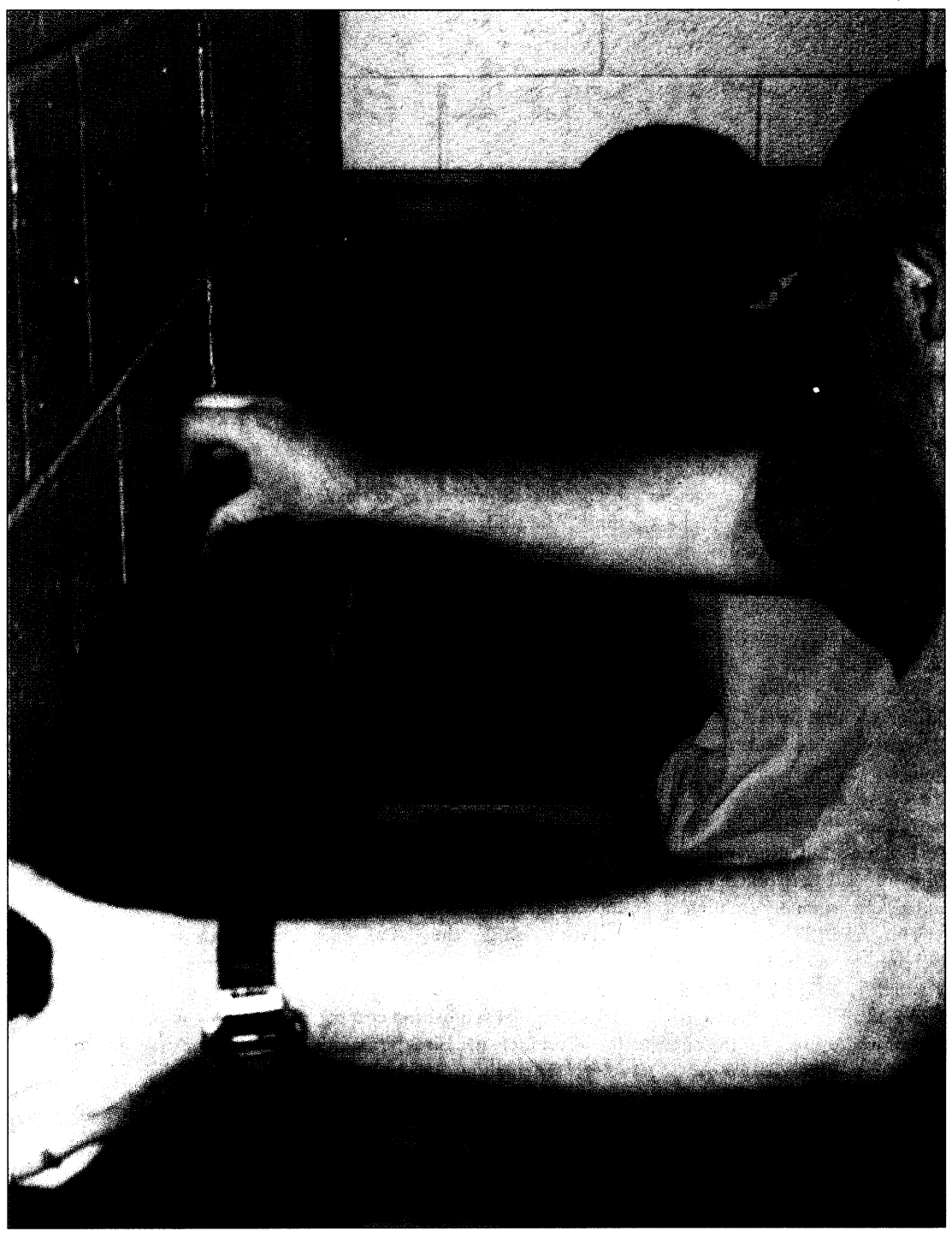
Troops give Bob Vila run for money

Soldiers put construction skills to work

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff



A Soldier sands old, donated furniture, readying it for new stain and a home in Building 2826.



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Spc. Eric Goody, front, and Staff Sgt. Gabriel Cortes, both Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Infantry Center, align a chair rail in one of the rooms they constructed as part of the renovation of the unit's new home, Building 2826. Both Soldiers have spent the last three weeks working from 6 a.m. until sometimes 7 p.m. to prepare the building for its dedication Monday.

The doorway is clogged with furniture. The smells of lumber, adhesives and paint permeate the air, and the floor is littered with the refuse of construction. But the empty shell that once was known only as Building 2826 is quickly evolving.

In years past, it has been home to Airborne School headquarters, the Tax Center, a learning center, and Reserve units have used it during their tenure here. Monday, it will be dedicated as the permanent location of the recently formed Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Infantry Center.

"We stood up the company in January," said 1st Sgt. Steven D'Ostroph. "But we never really had a home until now."

It hasn't been easy for D'Ostroph to orchestrate the renovation of an outdated building in disrepair into what he calls home.

"We don't have much of a budget," he said. "So everything we get for this project, we have to beg, borrow or steal. Well, we don't steal."

It has been through the generosity of multiple directorates, the support of the garrison commander and command sergeant major, Col. Rick Riera and Command Sgt. Maj. Fortson, help with painting from the Infantry Training Brigade's Retraining and Holding Unit, and the work of the HHC's staff that the renovations have been possible, D'Ostroph said.

"We only had ten thousand dollars to complete this," he said. "There wasn't money for furniture or much carpet, and we have stretched every dollar to get the most out of this as far as building materials go."

But D'Ostroph said all the donated furniture and purchased material would have been useless without the dedication of his cadre.

"These guys did all the work," he said. "When we started this three weeks ago, they had zero knowledge. They could partially drive a nail, but not even really straight. But now, they are doing quality work, installing drywall, painting, cutting angles and putting in molding on their own."

Over the course of three weeks, the staff has painted the inside and outside of the building, installed flooring, dry wall, doors, paneling and molding, and built rooms and a central service desk — much like the one at the provost marshal's office.

"We transformed an old, open-bay building into a multi-room, functional office with a logical flow to it," D'Ostroph said.

"We put in long hours," said Staff Sgt. Gabriels Cortes, HHC, USAIC. "I am talking from 0600 to 1900 every day, but we can say it is all us."

The going hasn't been easy with schedule hold-ups, mistakes by suppliers, and juggling the project while continuing the unit's support mission, but the end product will be worth the headaches and long hours, Cortes said.

"It builds pride when you make a place your own, and we can always say we did it ourselves," he said.

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Guard Soldiers develop, test advanced Bradley simulator

Trainer to increase readiness

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Army National Guard has taken the initiative and developed the Advanced Bradley Full Crew Interactive Skills Trainer, the highest fidelity training system of a family of simulators that are being developed, said 1st Sgt. Doug Gilliam, lead subject matter expert.

The ABFIST is an appended trainer for the M-2A2, or the Operation Desert Storm Bradley Fighting Vehicle, that provides crew training, including individual skills, crew proficiency, full crew precision gunnery, and networked section and platoon gunnery training.

The ABFIST is a flexible system that can be hooked up to a Bradley. Whether a unit is deployed or at its home station, this allows training for the entire crew.

"The ABFIST offers much better targeting and engaging techniques and is portable," said Sgt. 1st Class Butch Cady, senior master gunner for the Fort Benning ARNG liaison. The ABFIST is built with modern technology which is more reliable than previous systems.

"We needed a system that didn't go down as often and was easily portable," Cady said.

All Bradley units have the same training objective, to train and sustain lethal and efficient Bradley crews, sections and platoons.

The development of the system has been a "for the Soldier, by the Soldier project," said Don Ariel, president of Raydon, the contracted company designing the system.

Soldiers have been involved in every aspect of the development of the system.

"Who better to build a new training system for a Bradley than the Soldiers who use them?" he said.

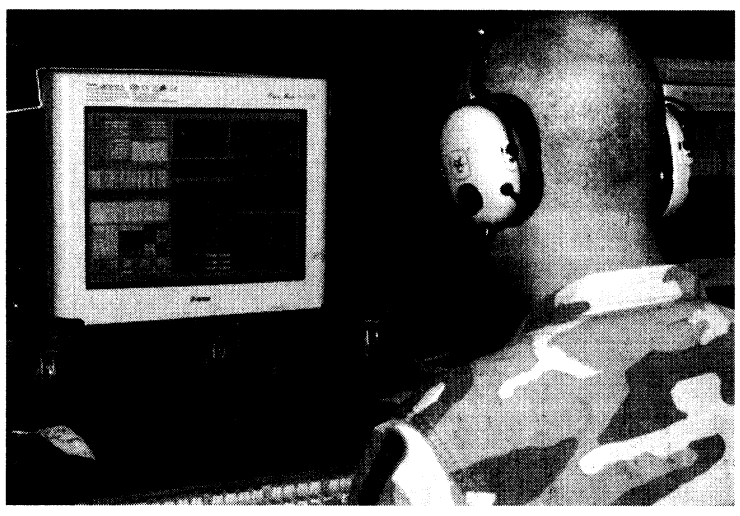
One of the advantages the ABFIST provides is that it is made up from commercial off-the-shelf equipment, Cady said.

"If part of the system breaks or needs to be replaced, all one would have to do is go to Best Buy or any electronics store and purchase a new part," Cady said. "The Army is veering towards commercial, off-the-shelf purchasing of equipment because parts are easier to replace and more affordable."

Ariel said the ABFIST production cost is $220,000, a much lower cost when compared to the original acquisition cost of the Conduct of Fire Trainer, which ran at about $1.3 million.

The COFT was the only other simulation training system master gunners had. The system was developed in the 70s and fielded in the 80s and was designed to enhance basic turret crew gunnery skills. This system, however, only focused training on the gunner and the Bradley commander.

The COFT became outdated, the parts cost too much to replace because they had to be special ordered — they are no longer made — and it was too large of a system to move as often as needed to provide ARNG units the same amount of training required of all Bradley crews.



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1st Sgt. Doug Gilliam observes the screen as a Soldier trains on the ABFIST simulator.

Another advantage of the ABFIST system is that it takes less time start up. Although it takes about 2 hours and 40 minutes to hook up to a vehicle and about the same time to disassemble, once assembled, the start up time — a few minutes — is no comparison to the half hour to 45 minutes of the COFT.

The ABFIST instructor interface is Windows based and runs on software developed by Raydon specifically for ABFIST. The instructor has many various options that enable him to select training to target areas that need improvement or prepare for live-fire crew qualification, said Brad Baker, ABFIST program manager.

With this training system, Soldiers may select from a list of exercises and exercise content to design their own scenario in whatever area the Soldier needs training, Baker said.

The development of the ABFIST does not cancel out the use of the COFT.

The Mobile COFT-XXI, is an advanced version of the old COFT, which has been updated with modern software including urban operations training with a geospecific Baghdad training exercise.

Although the MCOFT-XXI still does not a driver position, it has the basic Microsoft based instructor interface and Raydon software with the same advantages of the ABFIST.

"We've had Soldiers who have been to Iraq use the ABFIST and they say the streets are the same they drove by in Iraq," Cady said.

The ABFIST is currently undergoing government acceptance testing which will end in the last week in August. The basis of issue is one trainer per mechanized infantry company or cavalry troop of which 39 trainers are funded and under production.

August proves fatal on road

Fatigue, alcohol main causes

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

August has the highest number of automobile accident-related deaths, making it the most dangerous driving month of the year, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Between 1986 and 2002, the institute calculated an average of 69,731 people die in automobile accidents in August.

Part of the reason for that high average is the fact that, in that month, motorists travel almost 3.7 trillion miles — also the highest average of any month.

The Army's "Be Safe Campaign" launched earlier this year, calls for a reduction of accidents by 50 percent by 2006, and August is a time to focus on driving safety to help achieve that goal.

Some of the biggest factors in automobile accident deaths are speed, not wearing seat belts and alcohol, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

More than half of all traffic-related deaths are either speeding or alcohol-related, and if a person is involved in any kind of an accident, the risk of death goes up by 50 percent when seat belts are not in use, said Regis Beighley, post safety manager.

"About 40 percent of Americans don't wear their seat belt on a regular basis," he said. "It only takes three seconds to put it on."

Some other big factors are driver fatigue, mechanical malfunction and inattention, he said.

Driver fatigue is particularly dangerous, because most of the time, the driver doesn't even realize how unalert and tired he has become, Beighley said.

He said by following these simple rules, drivers and passengers can lower the chance they will be involved in a motor vehicle accident:

- Don't drink and drive.
- Always wear a seat belt.
- Drive within posted speed limits.
- Drive defensively.
- Ensure you have adequate rest before hitting the road and take frequent breaks.
- Don't use cell phones while driving.
- Avoid distractions like kids horseplaying and arguing.
- Properly maintain your car and check it anyway before you leave on road trips.
- Drive during the day — most fatal crashes happen

Heat: Steps in place to keep Soldiers training, safe

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ears were ringing and his head was throbbing.

Crouched down on the curb trying to figure out what was wrong with him he heard the faint words "dehydration" and "heat injury" from one of the platoon sergeants.

It's a common scenario, especially in Georgia, where the heat can reach up to 100 degrees and humidity levels up to 80 percent.

But heat injuries can be prevented no matter what the environment, said Capt. Shawn Bowman, environmental science officer, U. S. Army MEDDAC, Fort Benning.

"The bottom line to prevention is direct observation and evaluation by leaders," Bowman said. "Everyone's body reacts differently to the environment, so it's a leader's responsibility to be constantly aware of (his) Soldiers."

At Fort Benning, home to many high-speed schools, Bowman said that a high-speed student is more in danger of becoming a heat casualty than anyone else.

"(Motivated) Soldiers will not stop until they drop. They will keep going unless someone pulls them aside and says it's time to take a break," he said. "That's where leader observation comes into play."

Martin Army Community Hospital reports any heat injury to him as soon as it happens.

Since the end of July, he said, there have been about 32 cases of heat exhaustion and 24 cases of heat strokes reported on Fort Benning.

"It's a challenge to prevent heat injuries, but it's not one we can't overcome," Bowman said. "We have the know-how; we just need to put in the effort."

Heat injuries, however, are not necessarily a one-day-in-the-heat problem.

Cumulative heat takes its toll on the body.

"If Soldiers are out training in the heat constantly over a couple of days, by the end of the week, their body is bound to give up," Bowman said. "Leaders need to assess what the Soldiers have done before they go out and do more training in the heat."

"The biggest problem with (Soldiers) who suffer from heat injuries is that they don't always have the time to become acclimated to the Georgia weather," said Staff Sgt. Dave Rowan, an Airborne School instructor and operations NCOIC, D Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Regiment.

Rowan said D Co. is always prepared and stresses the importance of prevention rather than reaction.

"Before every event, we cover a risk management check list to ensure we've taken all the measures necessary to help prevent injuries," he said. "Each training area has outdoor showers where we take the Soldiers and have them cool off."

There are lister bags with water and ice in the training areas so Soldiers may refill their canteens, and ice blankets — sheets in ice coolers — are placed in every training area to help cool off Soldiers who suffer from heat injuries.

In weather exceeding 90 degrees, airborne instructors have the Soldiers roll up and unbutton their uniform pants and tops.

Instructors also give the Soldiers a 10-minute rest period every hour on the hour.

In the current training cycle, D Co. has only reported one heat injury.

"We are very careful about observing our Soldiers and making sure that those who are potential heat casualties are taken care of properly," Rowan said.

There's a fluid replacement and work-rest cycle guide that should be followed depending on the heat category — every hour requires a specific rest period depending on the heat category Soldiers are training in, Bowman said.

Low water intake, bad eating habits and lack of sleep are also important contributors to heat injuries.

"It's important to maintain hydration throughout the day, regardless of the physical activity," Bowman said.

However, too much water can also lead to over hydration or water intoxication. Symptoms of over hydration include confusion, weakness and vomiting.

There are three types of heat injuries — heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat cramps are usually felt in the abdomen, arms and legs.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke have similar symptoms. Mild symptoms include dizziness, headaches, nausea and weakness. Severe symptoms include no perspiration, unconsciousness, confusion, cool, clammy skin and vomiting.

Bowman offers classes about heat prevention to units across post.

For more information about heat injury prevention or to schedule a class for a unit heat injury prevention class, call 545-1445.

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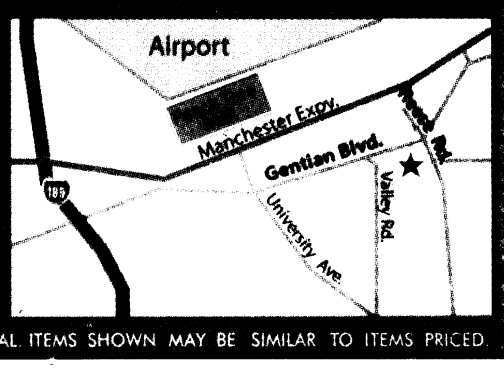
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Fallen Soldiers remembered by area artists

Local artists offer families portraits of sons

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A Columbus artist has made it her mission to honor the Fort Benning Soldiers killed in Iraq.

Rebecca Rich Kissel, who specializes in oil and pastel portraits, began seeking out the families of lost Soldiers late last year. She offered to paint portraits of their sons and husbands using photographs taken in the months before they died.

"A memorial portrait means a lot to the family," said Kissel, whose work is on display at the Joseph House Art Gallery in Columbus. "I have a portrait of my father, and I know how much it means to me. So I wanted to do this to say thanks for what these men did for me."

The paintings will be gifts to the families, tokens of appreciation for their sons' service, Kissel said.

Retired Lt. Col. Joe Rippetoe plans to offer a copy of the portrait of his son, Capt. Russell Rippetoe, to the Smithsonian Institute. Along with Russell's uniform and combat gear, it will hang in the museum's newest exhibit, "The Price of Freedom," in November.

"People like her make America strong. You want others to know about it," said Rippetoe, who lost his only son to a car bomb in Iraq last year.

Russell's portrait was the first one completed, and the process was slow and often heart wrenching.

"You can't stare at a face for days and days and not learn to love it," Kissel said. "He was the age of my children, and when I looked at him, I saw someone's son. I had some tearful moments."



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Columbus artist Rebecca Rich Kissel has offered to paint portraits for the families of Fort Benning Soldiers killed in Iraq. The oil painting of Capt. Russell Rippetoe, pictured here, was the first completed.

The portrait stands ready to be shipped to his family in Washington, D.C. But therein lies the rub.

Kissel worries about how the portraits can best be presented to the families, and mail, she said, isn't the answer.

Russell's mother, Rita Rippetoe, was recently shocked to find two of her son's medals in the mail, and the experience left her shaken.

"That's not the way these things should happen," Kissel said. "I just don't want someone to come home and find a package in their garage or propped against their back door. These portraits should be hand-delivered, and I think there are people out there who would like to do it."

As Kissel and a fellow artist, Karen Stewart, continue to work on the paintings, they're hoping friends or family of the Soldiers can offer some assistance here.

"There has to be some way to get these delivered without sending them through the mail," Kissel said.

In the meantime, she's continuing her efforts to contact some of the families who've not responded to her offer, and she's seeking donations for frames.

"I wish I could do it all — the painting, the framing, the delivery. It's just not possible," Kissel said.

And should the number of local Soldiers killed in Iraq continue to grow, Kissel said she'll enlist the aid of several local artists who've volunteered to help.

"I sure wish I could do a portrait for every single Soldier who's died since the war started," she said. "I wish I could. But the worst thing I could do is make an offer I can't fulfill to people who are already hurting."

The wife of a retired Army major, Kissel knows a little something about "hurting." Her first husband served in Vietnam, and the reception veterans of that war received when they returned to the States still leaves her troubled.

"I've always been real tender about how we treat our military," she said. "My husband and I feel like they're our boys. I expect most people feel that way.

"I'm just grateful I have something to offer, something to give. I'm the lucky one," she said.

Anyone with information about the families of Soldiers killed in Iraq, ideas for delivering the portraits or donations for the framing can call Kissel at 464-2269.

House of Heroes needs team captains

Volunteers help out retired vets

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Fort Benning is looking for 10 team captains and 200 volunteers for next month's annual House of Heroes blitz.

House of Heroes, now in its fifth year, is a local nonprofit organization which annually repairs the homes of aging veterans or their widows. More than 100 veterans have been honored since the project began.

Fort Benning volunteers will field 10 teams this year — more if enough volunteers and funds are available — between Sept. 11 and 23.

Each year, volunteers help a number of local veterans who can no longer keep up with the demands of maintaining their homes — minor repairs, painting, lawn work and such.



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House of Heroes is looking for volunteers to help repair and beautify the homes of retired veterans.

A team captain typically meets with the veteran or his family several days before the event to tour the home and compile a list of repairs needed. The team comes in during the citywide House of Heroes campaign in the third week of September. Some teams work week days, some weekends. No experience is necessary, but professional craftsmen and carpenters are also needed.

Fort Benning units are encouraged to participate. School, church and civic groups are also invited.

Janie Pearson, a Fort Benning quality specialist, said there's an urgent need for team captains as the countdown begins for this year's event. A meeting for prospective captains will be held Aug. 17.

For information, call Pearson at 545-5607 or e-mail her at janie.pearson@benning.army.mil.

Pentagon Channel debuts on Fort Benning cable

Programming to bring DoD news to post

Billy Holbrook
Bayonet correspondent

The Fort Benning Public Affairs Office recently introduced the Pentagon Channel to the current programming schedule of Channel 4, USAIC-TV.

Fort Benning residents who subscribe to cable will benefit from this new medium, said Monica Manganaro, deputy public affairs officer:

"Having access to the Pentagon Channel will really expand our programming, and it brings military news to its intended audience," she said.

The Pentagon Channel reaches more than 2 million members of the U.S. armed forces with relevant and up-to-date information.

While tuned in to this programming, the viewer has direct access to broadcasts like live Department of Defense news briefings, military newscasts, interviews with top Defense officials and short stories about the overall work of the military.

Programs include:

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"There are so many other channels for viewers to watch, but USAIC TV is the only channel with military news anytime viewers tune in," Manganaro said.

The Pentagon Channel's contribution to the line up offers the viewer a deeper understanding of the workings of all branches of the military, she said. This broad outreach falls right in line with the commitment of the PAO to continue to bring the post the most accurate news pertaining to the Army here and worldwide.

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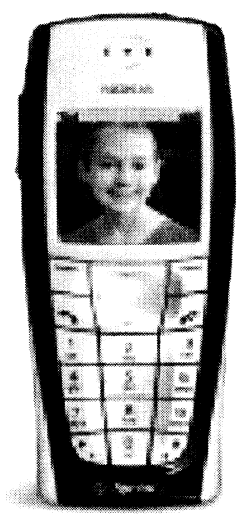
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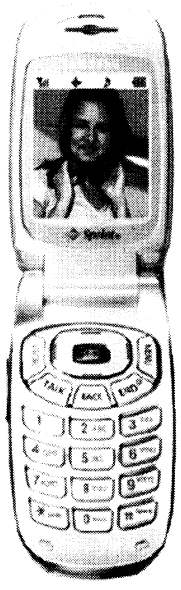


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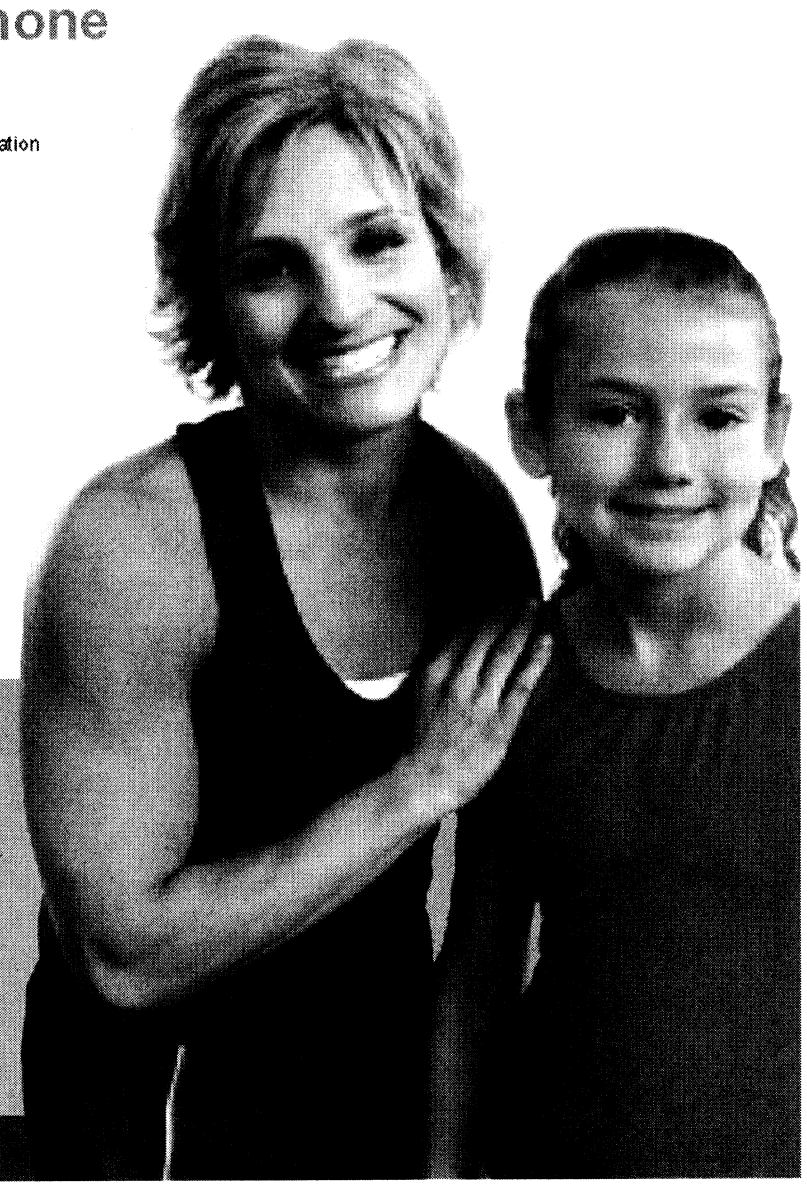
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CG: Speaks to media about upcoming changes

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year. The growth comes in anticipation of a heavy influx of Soldiers — many part of the 30,000-Soldier plus-up the Army approved earlier this year. About 23,000 of those troops will be infantrymen, Freakley said.

"By the first of October, we will be training 2,300 Soldiers above what we were slotted to train at the beginning of this year," he said. "Next year, 7,100 additional Soldiers will be trained here."

But the numbers aren't the only things getting a boost on Sand Hill. The training itself has changed dramatically to meet current, real-world demands.

"Of (the Soldiers trained here), 8,100 brand new Soldiers ... will go off and join infantry units — some of them 27 days from graduation at Sand Hill — will go and join infantry units in combat," Freakley said. "They are trained by our superb drill sergeants who give their all to make sure our Soldiers are the best. They are instilling the Soldier's Creed, written here at Fort Benning but proliferated across the Army, with the notion of always placing the mission first, never accepting defeat, never quitting, never leaving behind a fallen comrade."

The troops are also getting valuable feedback from the units they will soon join, Freakley said.

"If there's an attack in Iraq or Afganistan today, within 48 hours, we have the information here as to what happened, how that attack was perpetrated, and what countermeasures we can take in training to make sure Soldiers are aware on the battlefield for how the enemy is adapting to the U.S. Army's fight," he said.

"The shift that we've made is that Soldiers were once trained at Fort Benning to join their unit. Today, Soldiers at Fort Benning are trained to go to combat and to join their unit in combat."

So, what does all this mean for the tricommunity?

"It means (Soldiers') mothers and fathers and grandparents will come here, they'll participate in our graduations, they'll live in our hotels downtown, they'll probably go out to eat in our restaurants," Freakley said.

And those families may soon be followed by the loved ones of another group of Soldiers new to the Army — lieutenants who will come to Fort Benning to attend the new Basic Officer Leadership Course.

One of only four BOLC sites Armywide, Fort Benning will be the "lead installation" in fielding the new six-week course, which all incoming lieutenants will attend before moving on to their branch-specific courses.

"This is to give all branches a greater insight into leading Soldiers in combat," Freakley said, explaining that Fort Benning is the chief of proponency for the new course.

Meanwhile, the Department of the Army has announced a new brigade combat team will come to Fort Benning.

Freakley acknowledged the BCT is coming, but cautioned the community not to jump to conclusions about whether or not it will stay.

"I will say that, just to set the record completely straight, that brigade is coming," he confirmed. "But its permanent station here is predicated on two things — the outcome of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, which we have, as an Army, no say in, we just give them information; we don't make the decision. And also, it's predicated on the Department of Defense's stance on the global repositioning of forces."

After World War II, Freakley said, the DoD positioned forces around the world to deal with communism and totalitarianism, to make sure that our forces were in the right places in the Pacific and Europe to respond to a threat.

"As we look to the strategic environment of the next 50 years," he said, "we're doing studies now to make sure that we're strategically postured to respond to the threats to the United States. So, pending the outcomes of those two studies, the final decisions on where brigades are will be made. That means that we could have the brigade, we could not have the brigade, we could have more brigades come to Fort Benning."

But for right now, by October 2006, Fort Benning will be home to about 3,400 additional Soldiers.

The troops will initially be housed in modular barracks on post — most likely in the Harmony Church area, Freakley said.

But the economical gain will be evident for the local communities when the new BCT's Soldiers begin searching for homes, patronizing local businesses and enrolling their children in area schools.

The BCT will also bring construction requirements for local contractors, as well as a growth in the civilian ranks to match those on the military side of the house, another positive opportunity for Columbus residents, Freakley said.

Overall, the financial impact on the tricommunity will be hard to ignore.

"We truly believe that we have about a $1.9 billion impact when all things are rolled up in the community," Freakley said. "We think we'll break $2 billion next year, and by 2006, we could be at about $2.5 billion that we add to the community."

Another benefit to the local economy could come in the next few years to the businesses involved with the fielding of the XM8 rifle. Currently being tested by an "experimental force" of about 150 Soldiers from the 29th Infantry Regiment, Freakley said that, despite errant reports, the XM8's possibilities look promising.

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> Fort Benning commanding general

"We just completed a proponent assessment of the XM8 rifle. It was reported that the XM8 rifle was cancelled — that's not fact," he said. "The money exists in the XM8 program to continue to experiment with the XM8 rifle."

During the next year or so, Freakley said, the unit will continue to refine the rifle to "exactly what Soldiers need."

And if all goes well, several brigades in the Army will one day be issued that rifle.

"We're optimistic about the rifle," he said, "and the money stands behind the rifle to continue experimental development. And the money could be placed behind it to go ahead and purchase that rifle, which is good news for Columbus and the companies involved in that."

The upcoming Air Assault Expeditionary Force Experiment, a "major Army experiment," will also take place at Fort Benning. Freakley didn't go into much detail about the projected experiment, saying only that it will span several years, will involve a partnership with Fort Rucker, Ala., to conduct air assaults between the two installations and will also bring millions of dollars with it.

Despite the whirlwind of activity approaching in the near future, there continue to be murmurs in the community about the July announcement of eight off-limits establishments in Columbus.

"There's been lots of press about off-limits, and I just want to restate that, as the commanding general here, it's my duty, my obligation, to make sure that Soldiers who serve at Fort Benning and their families are not subject to criminal activity that they are unaware of," he said. "We have a due process of law here ... with the Armed Forces Disciplinary Board ... that listens to the data collected about the negative impact of a business off-post — it could be a hotel, a bar, a car dealership ... It's a fairly broad-cast net."

While defending the board's recommendation to place the designated businesses off-limits, Freakley said he was pleased to announce the removal of one venue — Memory Lane — from the list after a July 27 board meeting.

"Memory Lane came in and presented their facts before the board and they have been taken off the off-limits list," he said. "We will continue to allow businesses to have due process; we will also continue to protect Soldiers from criminal activity."

PIE: To help kids with schoolwork

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Freakley said.

"Investing in our nation's future," by increasing our involvement in schools, has become part of the "Army culture," he said.

"You know, I was initially mad when I first got involved with an adopt-a-school program back in 1992," Freakley said. "That was at Fort Hood. I didn't think, as an infantryman, I should get involved in schools. I quickly learned the significant impact Soldiers can have as role models in our schools, and I was sold. This is a great program and a great plan for the future of our country."

The Aug. 4 meeting was a long-range planning session between representatives from local schools, Fort Benning units and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the program's oversight agent for the state.

They compared calendars and formulated blueprints for the school year, blueprints that include what Freakley called "steady state contributions" — consistent involvement with mentoring and tutorial programs — with "periodic surges" — field trips, field day and the like.

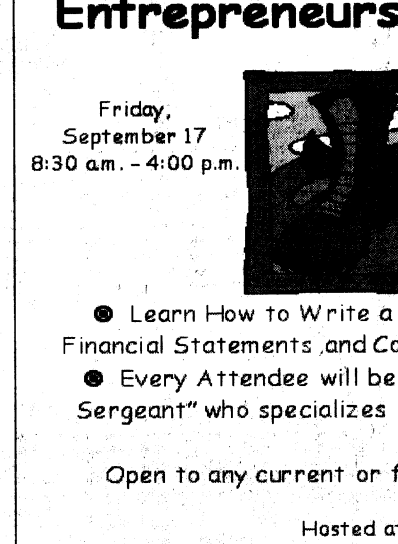
"What we're not going to do is discipline students. That's not the Soldier's job," he said. "And we're not going to do details, like mowing or painting, unless it's a schoolwide project.

"We're going into our schools to serve as role models, to model the Army values," he said. "We're going in there to serve as tutors and educators, to provide moral support when its needed. We're going there to partner with our children."

Mike Gaymon, president for the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, said the increased partnerships between Fort Benning and Muscogee County schools is a "natural progression."

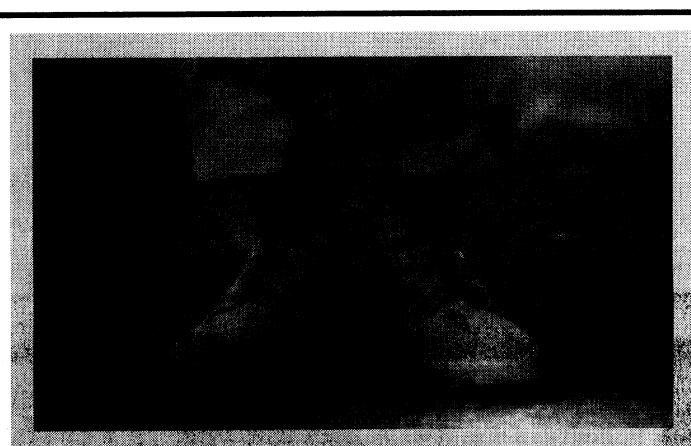
"We've been joined at the hip from the very beginning," said Gaymon, noting that it was the chamber of commerce that requested a military installation be located here in 1917.

"And look what we got — the best military installation in the world — the best of the best," he said. "And we've got a good PIE program. Our challenge now is to take it from good to great, and I think today may be the beginning."


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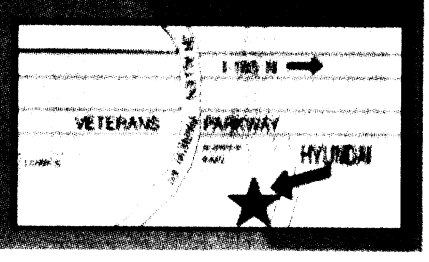
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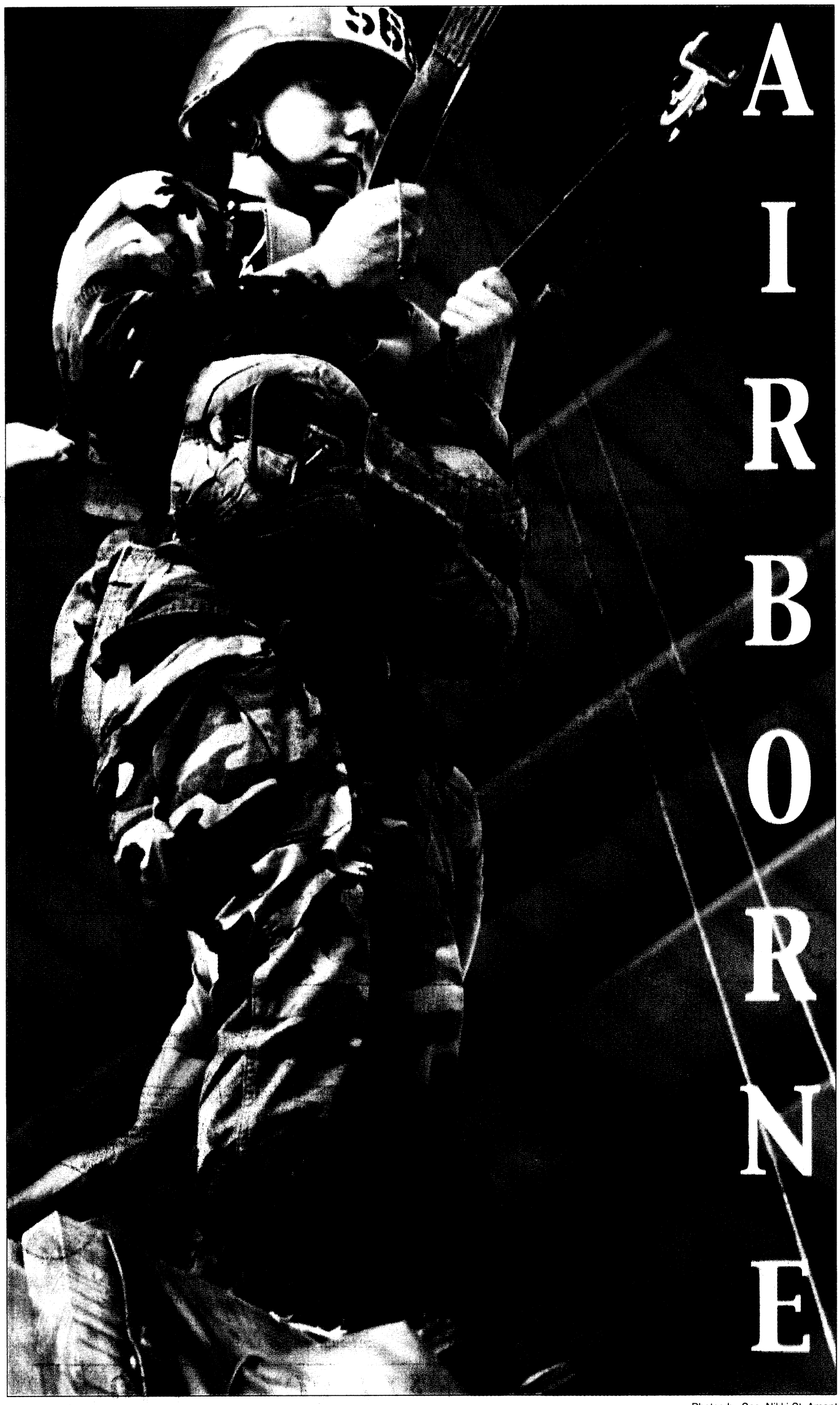
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Pfc. Andrew MacGregor prepares to take a leap of faith during parachute landing fall training Wednesday.

Students try their wings, fall

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

"For me, coming to Airborne School was about getting paid to do what other people pay to do," said Spc. Eugene Watson, A Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment.

For others, like Pfc. Andrew MacGregor and Spc. Eugene Watson, it was about time-honored family tradition.

"I always wanted to be in the 82nd Airborne Division, like my cousin and uncle," Watson said.

Whatever the reasons, from personal pride at having something on their uniform or as a prerequisite for Ranger School, they come to Airborne School in droves.

Many classes start with more than 400 students, said Staff Sgt. James Adkins, school cadre.

But the path to paratrooper pride is lined by those who don't make the cut, he said.

"My first class started with about 410 and we lost twenty in ground week, the first week of training," Adkins said.

A Co. lost between 60 and 70 students on the first day because of physical fitness test failures.

All airborne students must pass the APFT in the 18- to 21-year-old bracket with a score of 60 percent or more in each event and pass additional upper-body strength tests to start the course.

"We lose about half the females over the three-week course," Adkins said.

But for those who meet the standards to begin training, the three weeks they spend learning the ropes of static parachuting Army-style can be overwhelming and exhausting.

Ground week is a fast-paced week providing orientation for the new students and an onslaught of basic skills training, said cadre member Staff Sgt. Joseph Rhone.

The students are familiarized with the harness and other equipment, conduct mock door training, learn static line control and practice parachute landing falls designed to minimize the risk of injury upon impact, Rhone said.

During ground week, students conduct individual jumps from the 34-foot towers, use a lateral drift apparatus to learn how to deal with wind gusts and are taught how to recover their gear after completing a jump.

The second week of school, tower week, is composed of more advanced training and practice in PLFs to maintain the focus on safety, Adkins said.

"Around 90 percent of our casualties are because of improper technique in landing," he said.

"Safety is a big priority for us and we constantly tell them to keep their feet and knees together."

Along with fall training, the students practice mass exits in four-man teams, combat equipment jumps and corrective measures for parachute malfunctions, Adkins said.

If the weather cooperates, the students get to try a drop from the 250-foot towers, which offers a reality check for students eager to move into jump week.

"On the towers, you get a feel for what it is like to land," Rhone said. "It is more realistic than the LDA, but it is nothing like a real jump."

If the students survive the training to this point and haven't fallen out of more than one mandatory run, they move into the final phase of training, jump week.

The students conduct a total of five jumps to earn their parachutist badge.

At least one of those jumps is a night jump, if the weather permits, Adkins said.

Pvt. Patrick Vitagliano said all the sweat poured in south Georgia heat, knee-pounding running and fear factor gut checks are worth it.

"I'm doing this so I get a good duty station," he said. "A good station being anywhere an airborne unit is stationed."



Pvt. Robert Hamilton hangs tough during one of his mass exit jumps from the 34-foot tower at the Airborne School Wednesday.



An airborne student takes a plunge out of the mock door on the 34-foot tower Wednesday morning as part of tower week training. This mass exit exercise prepares students for a tactical jump in which hundreds of paratroopers deploy in rapid succession.



Pfc. Andrew MacGregor learns how sudden impact with the ground feels during parachute fall training Wednesday. PFT is designed to teach airborne students different ways to control their falls to minimize the risk of injury. Cadre said PFT is one of the most important things the students learn. Improper landings cause the most common jump injuries.

Hand-held digital assistance hits battlefield

Device helps cut through 'fog of war'

Jennifer Sowell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Technology that has been available on Soldiers' vehicles since the early '90s is now being designed into a portable device.

The Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below Commander's Digital Assistant, known as the FBCB2-CDA, can be used all over the battlefield to track Soldiers, map the battlefield and send digital messages.

"A unit with the 18th Airborne Corps is currently training with the latest generation of the device," said Lt. Col. David Gallop, product manager for Land Warrior.

"They will deploy in the fall with about a thousand devices to gather information on insurgents."

User evaluations will be used to make adjustments and develop the next generation of the device, which will become common software for all land forces within the Department of Defense.

"Until recently there was no powerful, affordable and portable processing abilities available," Gallop said.

"This new technology puts battle command in the Soldier's hand."

The device is a portable, digital information system designed to give commanders, leaders and Soldiers across the battlefield improved command and control capabilities, data sharing and enhanced situational awareness.

The lightweight, hand-held device operates on an Intel X-scale 500+ MHz processor and uses satellites for over-the-horizon communications, an integrated global positioning system and Blue Force Tracking to map the battlefield.

Each device is networked so all Soldiers are working with the same information.

Soldiers use drop-down menus on a color, LCD touch screen operating on a Microsoft Windows system for compact devices to use the many features of the device.

These features include sending digital and voice messages and reports, requesting support at specific locations, mapping the area with locations of friendly forces, and using information provided by other Soldiers in the system to plan movements and operations.

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> **Lt. Col. David Gallop**
> Land Warrior product manager

The device can be cleared quickly by the Soldier or remotely in case it falls into enemy hands.

The FBCB2-CDA is being incorporated onto the battlefield through a spiral development process.

A handful of systems were developed from the original idea in September 2002, and through feedback from testing and field use, changes were made over the course of the last two years, Gallop said.

The process allows an improved product to be developed at less cost, in less time and with higher levels of satisfaction from the Soldiers who use the device because their feedback prompted changes and improvements along the way, he said.

"Every Soldier is a sensor," said Lt. Col. Steve Iwicki, deputy director for Actionable Intelligence, G2. "Those who observe first and see first on the ground must pass information up quickly for analysis."

"The device allows Soldiers to get messages across with speed and precision. It helps cut through the fog of war," Gallop said.

The FBCB2-CDA helps Soldiers on the battlefield share information and construct an overall picture of the battlefield.

For example, a Soldier spots a sniper in his area. The location of the enemy can be entered into the CDA, immediately accessible to all Soldiers with the device. Other Soldiers are now aware of the enemy and can avoid the area or eliminate the threat.

"The Soldier will be connected to a network for the first time, with the ability to turn local knowledge into global knowledge," Iwicki said.

"This helps commanders visualize how people and events are linked."

All applications of the device serve to gather intelligence and save Soldiers' lives, Gallop said.

"We want to get information out, but we want to get it right, so it doesn't put Soldiers at risk," Gallop said.

"This device does the job, and does it safely for the Soldiers."



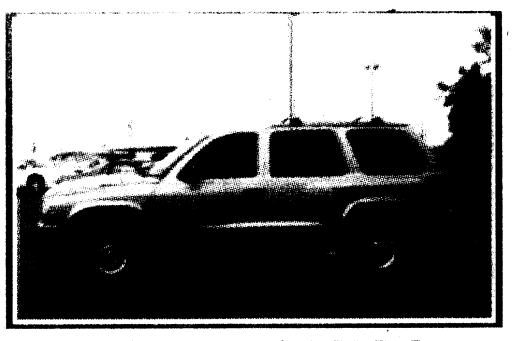
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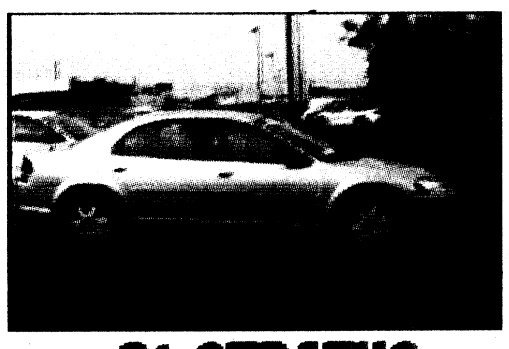
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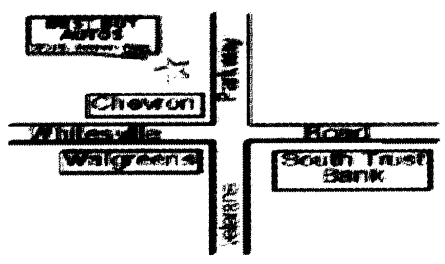
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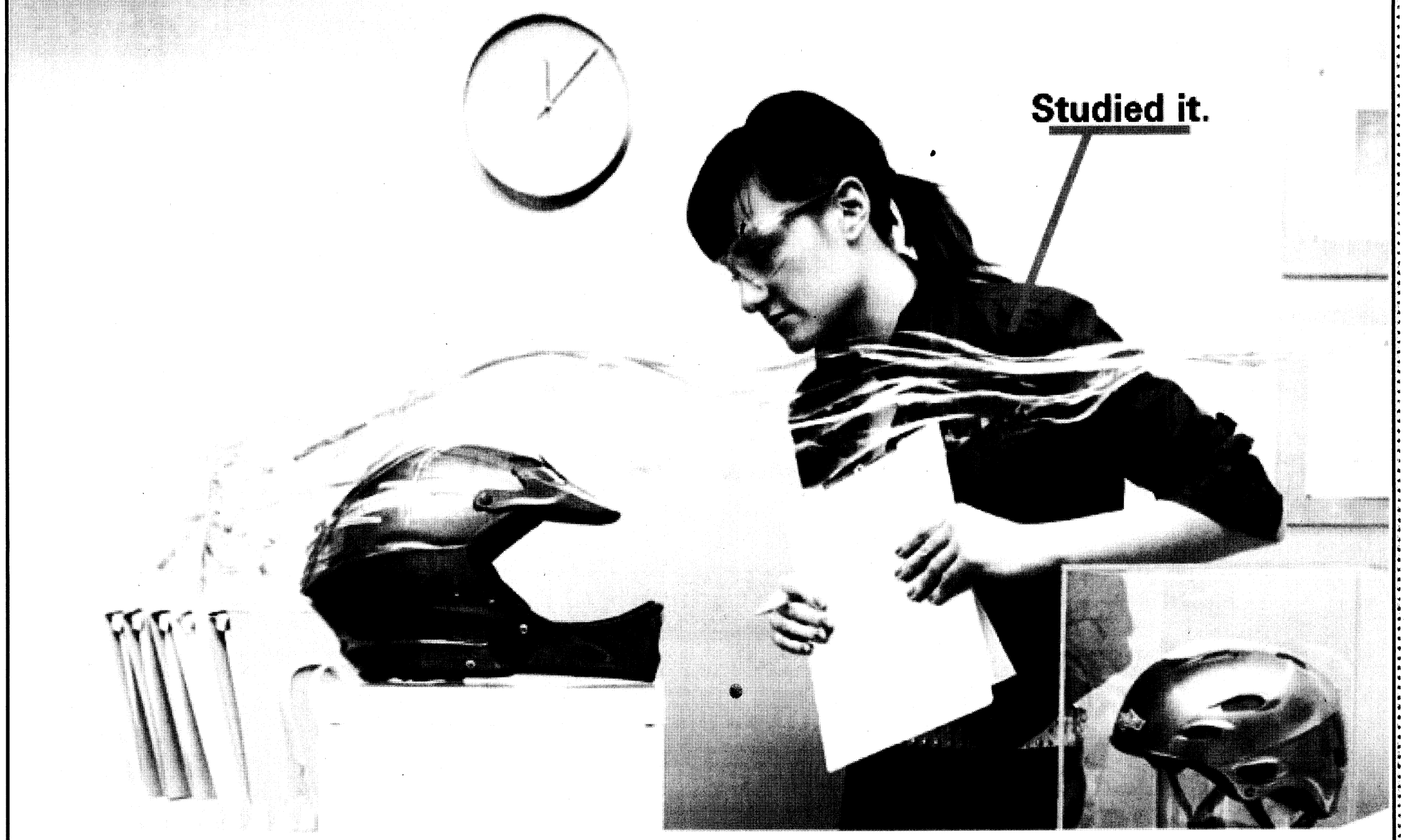
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Careers take flight in Army



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Attention to detail is a necessity for nearly every job in the Army, but for some Soldiers, it is a life-or-death matter.

A prime example of one military specialty that requires Soldiers to be absolutely sure they don't make any mistakes is a 15T.

A 15T is designated as a helicopter mechanic, but for some troops, like Pfc. Brandon Marchesseault, of Flight Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, their duties expand and they take on the added responsibilities of crew chiefs.

Marchesseault said he usually works 12-hour shifts and spends 75 percent of the day maintaining the aircraft to ensure it is up to par. On days when the helicopters don't fly, his entire shift is devoted to maintenance.

He said there are literally hundreds of parts on a helicopter that need to be checked and rechecked every day.

Spc. Julio Manso, Marchesseault's team leader, said they inspect the helicopters two or three times a day, with each inspection lasting from three to six hours.

Marchesseault said everything has to be perfect on a helicopter before it takes off because, "We don't have air brakes."

"As we say ... it better be right because we can't pull over," he said.

"There is no screwing up in this," Manso said. "If you screw up, (people die)."

Once the helicopter has been inspected, repaired, reinspected and inspected again, the team leader performs a foreign object inspection, looking for tools or other objects that may have been left behind.

If everything checks out, they fuel it, and it's ready to fly.

That's when a helicopter mechanic makes the transition to crew chief.

Marchesseault, who just logged 300 hours of flight time, said the primary job of a crew chief is to watch the helicopter and make sure it doesn't hit anything while in flight.

"A perfect crew chief can talk a blind pilot through flying the aircraft," Marchesseault said. "We can do everything but fly it."

But when there are passengers on the aircraft, they become the priority of the crew chief.

It is the crew chief's job to make sure each passenger is strapped in and everybody is safe, even if that means telling someone of senior rank what to do.

"On the hangar floor, rank is an issue, but when we are in the air ... a PFC has as much authority as a general," Marchesseault said.

Another way crew chiefs take care of their passengers and pilots is by maintaining lifesaving skills. Each person in the crew must be a certified combat lifesaver.

"This is really fast-paced," Manso said. "The maintenance mission is huge, but we also support the Rangers, WHINSEC and Airborne School."

Despite the hard work, these Soldiers really seem to enjoy their jobs and take great pride in their work.

"We get kind of a bond with the aircraft," Marchesseault said as he looked over at the helicopter with his name painted on the door.

"We take a lot of pride in them, and I try to keep mine a little cleaner than the others. But it's not about who has the cleanest, or whose is better. We just fly together and take care of each other," he said.

Although Marchesseault did get a certain gleam in his eye when he mentioned his helicopter has the most powerful engine of all the Blackhawks in the hangar.

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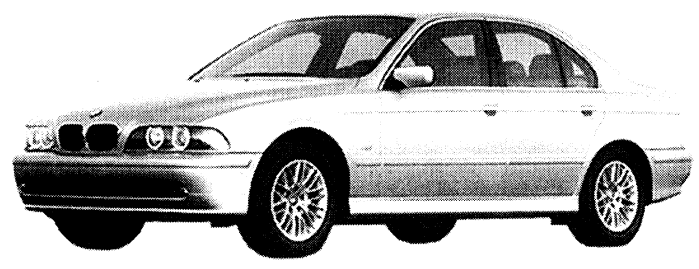
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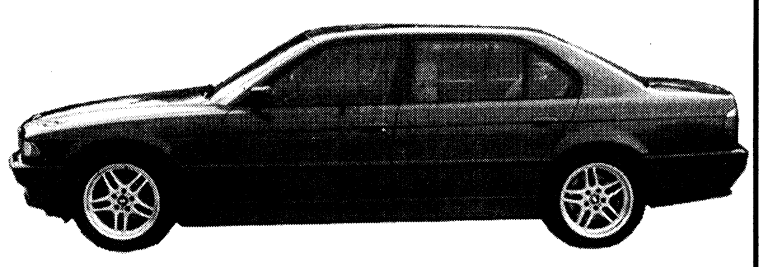
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Graduation

Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment will graduate an OSUT class today. The ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. at Kanell Field on Sand Hill.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tijuana Stride at 544-8367.

Golden Knights

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" is currently accepting applications to attend their annual Assessment and Selection Program in September.

A downloadable version of the application is available on the Golden Knights' Web site www.armygoldenknights.com.

To become a Golden Knight, applicants must have a minimum of 150 freefall parachute jumps, a flawless civilian and military record and volunteer to become airborne qualified.

Packets can be sent to the U.S. Army Parachute Team, P.O. Box 70126, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. For more information, call (910) 396-4800.

Motorcycle Safety Training

The next Motorcycle Safety Class will be held Thursday.

For more information, call 545-3267.

National Airborne Day

The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment will celebrate National Airborne Day Aug. 20 in conjunction with a graduation.

For more information, call Greg Rogers at 545-1006.

NCO, Soldier of the Quarter Awards

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Awards Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 24 in Classroom 6 of Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Wallace Scott at 545-4633 or 545-4314.

Warrant officer recruiting

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, will brief on qualifications and application procedures to Soldiers interested in becoming warrant officers.

The brief will be at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Aug. 25 and 3 p.m. Aug. 26 in Room 5 of Infantry Hall.

For more information, go to www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant or e-mail stephen.beckham@usarec.army.mil.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

The Women's Equality Day Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at Fort Benniing's Officers' Club. Tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3198.

WHINSEC festival

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation invites the public to its annual Parade of Nations and Cena Tipica from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Columbus Iron Works in Uptown Columbus. Cost is $25 per person.

For information and tickets, call Cecilia Alexander at 545-1285 no later than Aug. 20.

University reopens

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has reopened its office on post.

For more information, call William Dindy at 685-0105, e-mail columbus.ga.teaching.site@erau.edu or visit Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Policy: To save water

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planted sod and ornamental shrubs and flowers.

"The increased competition for water from the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries is causing a strain on the watershed," he said. "You have to be aware that there are other communities downstream that depend on the water system and have just as much right to its resources."

Atlanta is one of the biggest drains on the system's supply and Wilkins said there is no end in sight.

"Atlanta keeps on growing, but the river doesn't," he said.

Fort Benning draws its water from Upatoi Creek, a tributary of the Chattahoochee River.

The average flow of the creek is about 300 million gallons per day and the post is permitted to draw an average of 10 million gallons a day.

The actual use averages out to about 8 to 9 million gallons per day, but Wilkins said the policy applies regardless.

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires all federal agencies, including military installations, to comply with state water conservation guidelines.

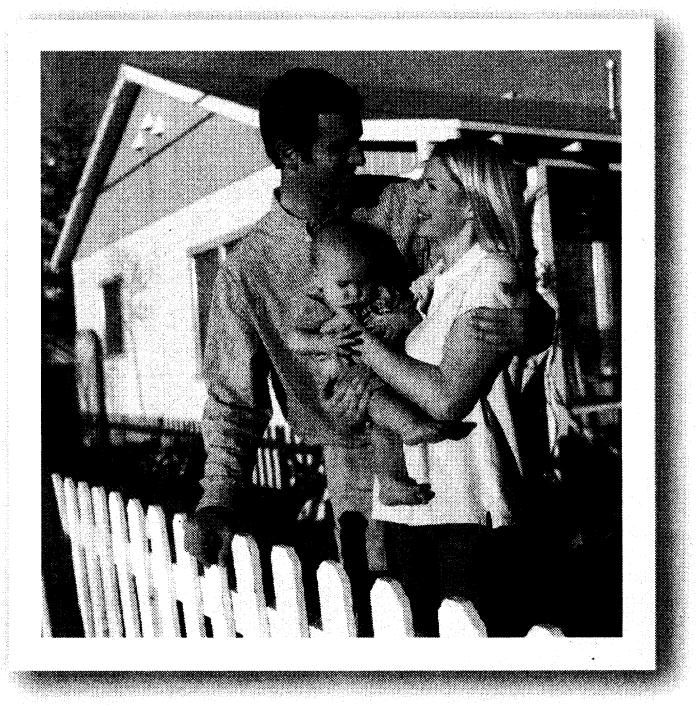
Wilkins said that even though there is not a drought currently, the state and post has a drought contingency plan which imposes even stricter water conservation guidelines, if necessary.

Locally, a drought is declared if the waterflow of Upatoi Creek drops below 96 million gallons per day.

For more information about the policy, visit the Georgia Department of Natural Resources water conservation Web site at www.conservewatergeorgia.net.

National Security Personnel System Update

Fort Benning commanders, directors, and supervisors of civilian employees should attend the NSPS update at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in Infantry Hall, Classroom 6. The briefing covers the most important change to the civilian personnel system in decades.



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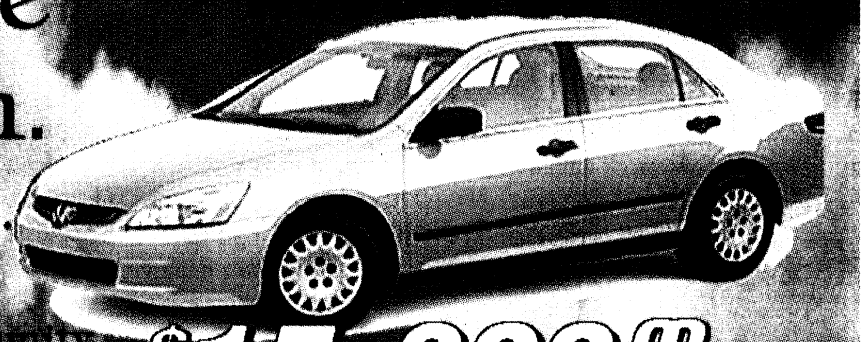
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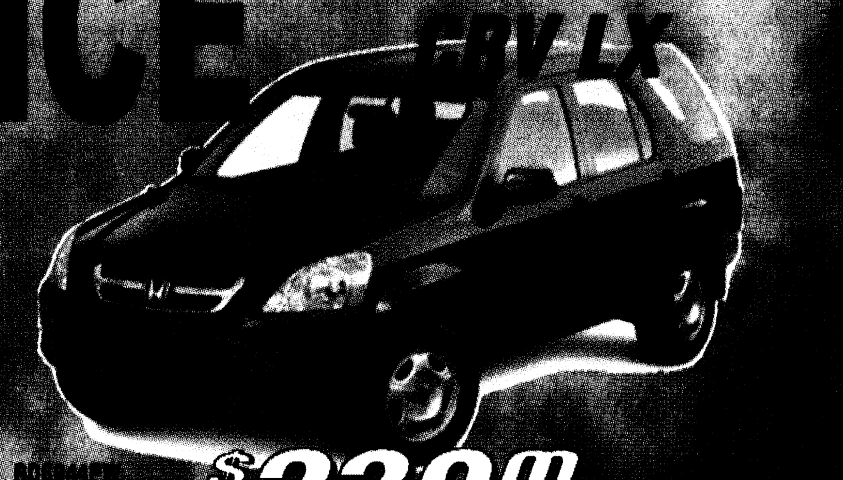
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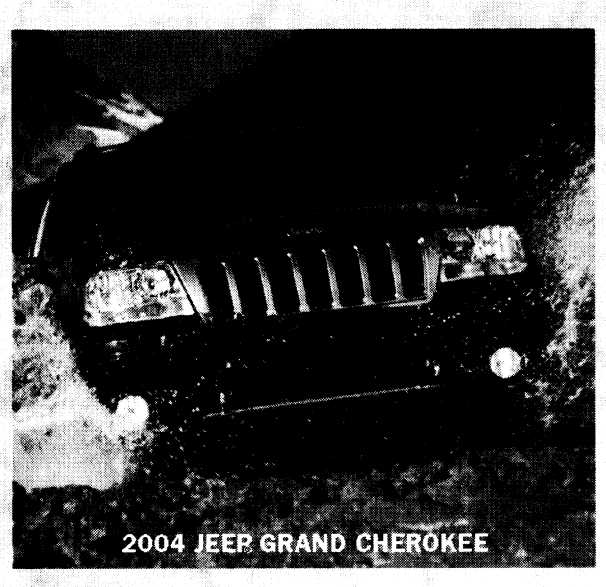
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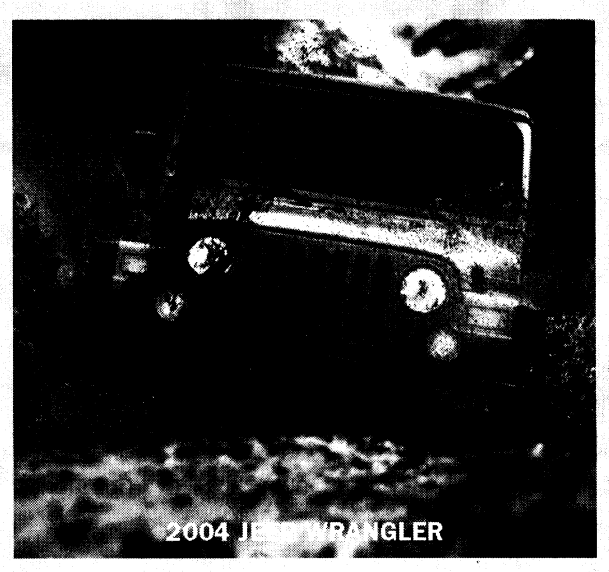
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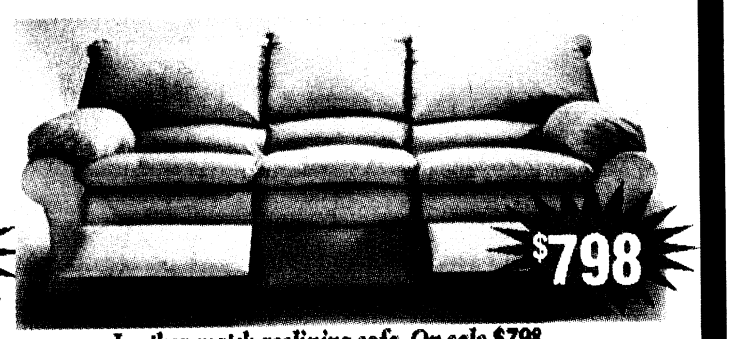


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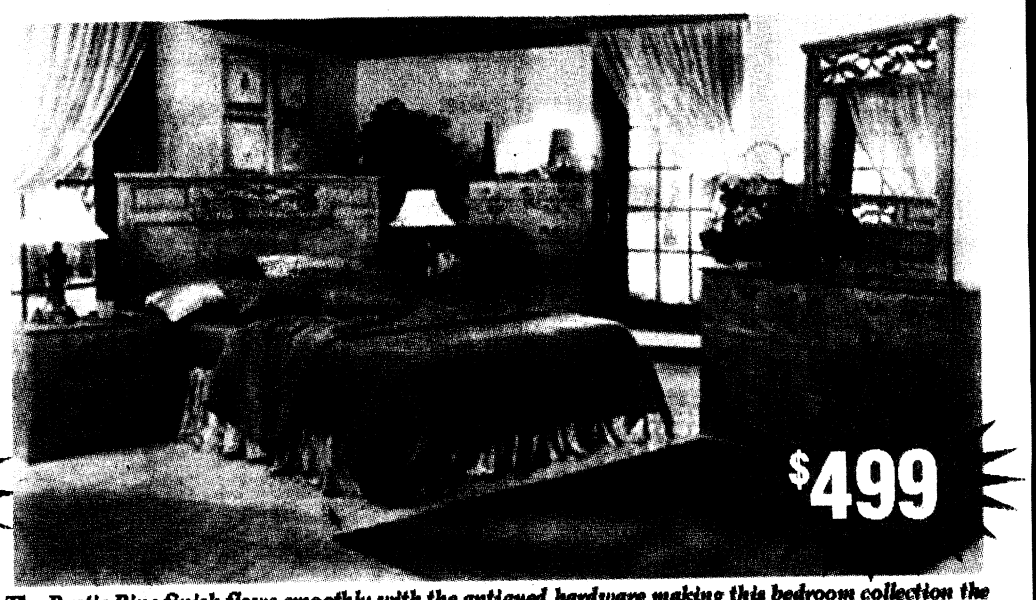
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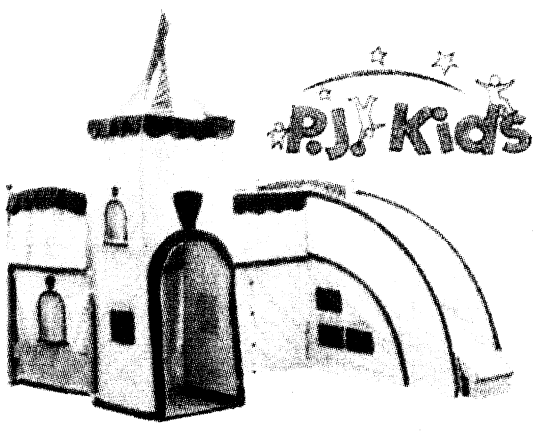


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SECTION B

AVID instructor named Teacher of the Year

Teacher, program touts individual effort

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Bayonet staff

Faith Middle School AVID teacher Angie Cotton was named Teacher of the Year for the Georgia-Alabama School District.

The Colorado native, who taught the highly acclaimed Advancement Via Individual Determination program last year in its maiden year at Faith, is a relative newcomer to the school, now in her third year. But her fresh approach to teaching and her dogged determination to see her students succeed caught the eye of Lorri Blanchard early on. Blanchard, last year's Teacher of the Year, nominated Cotton for the title.

"Her work ethic is phenomenal," Blanchard said. "She works untold hours to accommodate her students. It's awesome."

The AVID program targets "middle" students, those who show potential and want to attend college but need additional support and skills to get there. The students are typically the first in their families to attend college.



Cotton

That's something Cotton can relate to. The youngest of four children of a retired Air Force master sergeant, Cotton was the first in her family to earn a degree. The challenges she faced getting there make her a poster child for "individual determination," though Cotton credits her parents with her success.

"My dad taught me to be reflective, to look back and evaluate and learn from my mistakes," she said. "My mom taught me never to quit."

In fact, Cotton had every excuse to fail. As a single, teenage mom, she could've given up her dream of teaching, but that, she said, was never an option.

"I gave swimming lessons in high school, and I was successful with this kid who didn't want to learn," she said. "That was it. I knew I wanted to teach."

Cotton earned her teaching degree and became a day care director for a while. A decade ago, with a master's degree in education, she began teaching in Colorado, where she was stationed with her husband, Sgt. 1st Class David Cotton, and her four children.

Cotton doesn't talk about her early pregnancy with her students, but she believes she's "very open" with them, and it's important they realize she's made mistakes and moved on.

"I do share a lot about my personal experiences. I try to be real," she said. "They know when my own children are having a rough go of it, and they know when I've made not-so-great decisions. In AVID, and with any students, I think it's important that they know they can get past their mistakes — they can take responsibility and fix them."

A profound experience her freshman year in high school taught Cotton the value of honesty and communication in the classroom. A strong student, she tried in vain to get along with a disagreeable English teacher who seemed

See **TEACHER,** B-4

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Assistant Editor's Note (that's me, by the way): *Although this column is supposed to suggest fun places to go and neat things to do, I reserve the right to exploit my weekly space in the paper to peddle movies that I like so that I am not completely alone in rehashing them after the fact. That said ...*

I'm no stranger to telling jokes no one else gets. In fact, I'm pretty proficient at it by now. But the past few weeks, it's become too much.

And so it has come to this — I must take up 20 inches in our weekly paper to highly encourage (i.e. beg) you to go see *Napoleon Dynamite*.

If just one person reads this and goes to see this movie, and it saves me just one blank stare when I borrow a hilarious one-liner from this most classic of films, my life's work will be complete.

OK, so maybe it's not that dramatic, but still — I can't believe how hard it is to find someone who's heard of, let alone *seen* this movie.

I went to see it about three weeks ago with a friend of mine, and we both laughed the entire way through, taking turns bursting out in that really embarrassing guffaw not meant for public places. (Thank God theaters are dark, right?)

We were in stitches from the opening scene all the way through the credits. And it's not your typical, *Van Wilder*, *Scary Movie, Not Another Teen Movie* brand of funny either.

In fact, I have no idea why I found it so amusing, but hey, who cares?! I haven't laughed that hard at a movie ... ever.

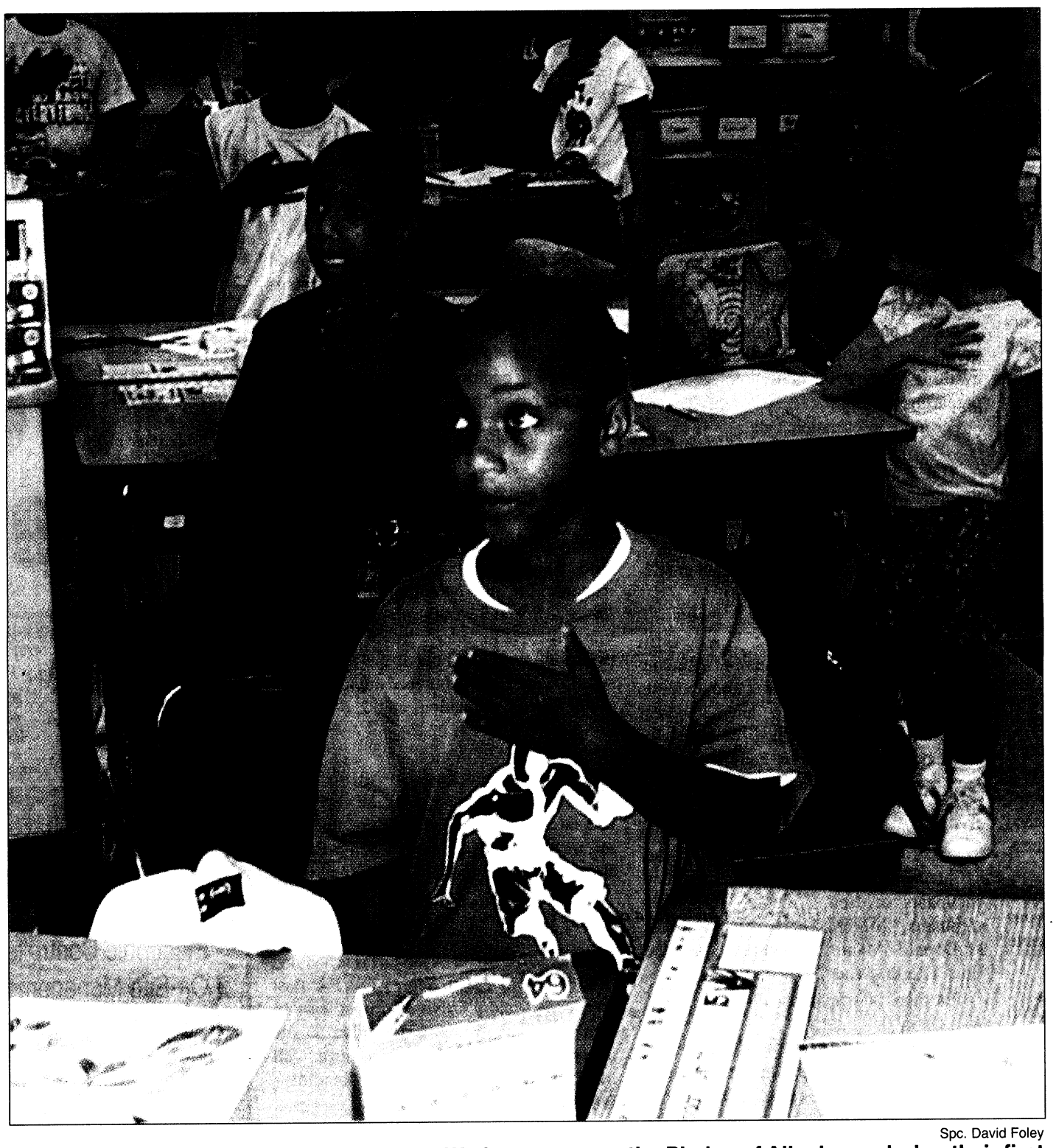
In case you are one of the clueless masses out there, *Napoleon Dynamite* centers on our hero, an uber geek and the movie's namesake.

Napoleon, a true connassieur of nerdom, is Preston, Idaho's most eccentric citizen. Complete with "sweet" moon boots, a notebook full of mythical beast drawings and a Pegasus Xing sign on his bedroom door, it's hard not to love and yet laugh at this wholly entertaining character.

And his costars are just as classic. There's Kip, his 30-something brother — a cage fighter in training, mind you, who spends his days roaming Internet chat rooms in search of his true love. And Uncle Rico, a sadly sleazy man, who wants nothing more in life than to

See **GOH,** B-4

Back to School



Spc. David Foley

Kenyatta Bellamy, foreground, and Trevon Wade, center, say the Pledge of Allegiance during their first day of school at Wilson Elementary. Bellamy and Wade are in Margaret Love's first-grade class.

498th FRG sends summer fun

Hold 'fun'd raiser for hot Soldiers

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

They're gone, but they're certainly not forgotten.

Soldiers of the 498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) have been deployed to Iraq since March 4, braving the heat and sand as they perform their MEDEVAC mission.

So their families decided to do something for them, and the "Just Add Sand" project was born.

To inject a bit of fun for the Soldiers, the family readiness group decided to collect summer fun items for the troops to enjoy in their off-duty time.

"The guys in the Blackhawks have no (air conditioning)," said Leslie McDowell, wife of company commander Maj. Terrance McDowell.

"It's 140 degrees in the cockpit."

When McDowell contacted Toys R Us to see if the store might donate items, she was offered an even better deal.

The FRG set up a table in the Columbus Park Crossing store Aug. 7 and accepted donations for the Soldiers.

McDowell created a "gift" registry of items for the Soldiers and had fun in the process.

"I went through the store thinking, 'This would be neat,'" she said. "And before I knew it, I had 198 things on the list."

And there was something on that list to appeal to any Soldier, no matter what age. McDowell's registry included everything from water guns and DVDs to baby wipes and video games.

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> **Leslie McDowell**
> Family readiness group leader

The store gave them everything they needed to set up outside, including a tent so the children could sit in the shade, and soon, the fund-raising effort was a competition between the kids and the adults.

"We made a deal for whoever raises the most money," said Brent McDowell, 6.

"The winners get ice cream and the losers have to watch."

Brent, his sister Lauren, 10, and Keaki Bryant, 11, ended up the winners after overcoming their initial shyness at approaching strangers for donations to support their dads.

The kids out-raised their moms by a good bit, helped by one-month-old Janessa Williams, daughter of Staff Sgt. Bryant A. Williams, a flight medic. Janessa served as a reminder of what the Soldiers are missing as they serve overseas.

At the end of the day, the kids went shopping in the store to add to the pile of items already donated by shoppers.

McDowell said the Fort Benning UPS store offered to help with the shipping. With an early donation of several sno-cone makers, the packages headed to Iraq were going to be big.

Santa's Castle seeks toys

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Christmas may be a few months off yet, but the folks at Santa's Castle are wasting no time getting into the holiday spirit.

In fact, chairman Chris Ryan and her "helpers" have been shopping for toys to fill their shelves since January.

Santa's Castle provides toys to Fort Benning parents whose financial difficulties make it hard for them to buy Christmas gifts for their children.

Last year, the nonprofit organization helped 478 Fort Benning families, Ryan said, providing gifts for 1,249 children who otherwise might not have had gifts waiting for them Christmas morning.

The volunteer program provides parents approved through an application process an appointment to "shop" for their children. They select a stocking stuffer, two medium-sized gifts and a large gift for each child — all completely free, she said.

Although Ryan and her eight fellow board members have been shopping toy stores, loading their carts, she said the organization still needs help to reach its goal for this year — to help 500 families.

And with a gift list that covers infants to 18-year-old dependents — everything from bouncers and baby monitors to Barbies, action figures, stereos and games — now is the time to pitch in.

The organization accepts monetary donations, as well as toys — new toys, that is.

"This is a wonderful way for the families of Fort Benning to give back to each other," Ryan said.

Not to mention that certain something you get when you know you're doing something to help someone else.

"When I'm out shopping (for toys), I just get so happy — it's just overwhelming to know that we're helping families who don't have the means (to buy gifts for their children)."

Meanwhile, unit first sergeants and command sergeants major can do their part to help Soldiers in their units take advantage of Santa's Castle.

There will be a briefing for sergeants major and first sergeants at 10 and 11 a.m. Sept. 9 at Santa's Castle to review guidelines and

See **TOYS,** B-4

BIRTHS

Twins

Derek and Lillian Roden — born July 5 to Amanda and Pfc. Patrick Roden.

Boys

Zahir Cobbert — born July 5 to Spc. Danielle and Ricky Cobbert.

Malachi Milazzo — born July 5 to Zetra and Pfc. Michael Milazzo.

Ryan Morris — born July 6 to Jennifer and Spc. Robert Morris.

Orenthiel Williford Jr. — born July 9 to Lashanda and Spc. Orenthiel Williford.

Luke Jones — born July 9 to Kimberly and Staff Sgt. George Jones.

Collin Bradfield — born July 11 to Naomi and Spc. Jarrod Bradfield.

Jalen Swain — born July 12 to Spc. Artavia and Christopher Swain.

Noah Haage — born July 13 to Marcella and Staff Sgt. David Haage.

Spencer Yarbrough — born July 13 to Patricia and Spc. Joel Yarbrough.

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Keyondre Urrutia — born July 17 to Anna Urrutia and Spc. Kalif Guest.

Caden Close — born July 17 to Jennifer and Patrick Close.

Johnathan Goggans — born July 17 to Mirenda and Spc. Gary Goggans.

Deacan Loveless — born July 20 to Danielle and Pvt. James Loveless.

Michael Hendershot — born July 21 to Jasmine and Spc. Rodney Hendershot.

Dillen Pegram — born July 21 to Stephanie and Sgt. Mauray Pegram.

Noah Choi — born July 22 to Pfc. Elizabeth Curtis and Jae Choi.

Girls

Aurora Hattaway — born July 1 to Zada Durham and Stephen Hattaway.

Margaret Sirmans — born July 6 to Tabitha and Staff Sgt. James Sirmans.

Julia Elaine Gogas — born July 9 to Naomi and Sgt. Matthew Gogas.

Rylie McClean — born July 9 to Crystal and Sgt. Justin McClean.

Kaitlyn Smith — born July 11 to Angelia and Staff Sgt. Daniel Smith.

Rayna Perez — born July 11 to Carmen and Pfc. Ramon Perez.

Kyleigh Purvis — born July 12 to Brandy and Sgt. Jacob Purvis.

Pascal Williams — born July 12 to Annick and Pfc. Steven Williams.

Adrianne Jenkins — born July 14 to Sgt. Amanda Jenkins.

Miliani Pickens — born July 16 to Shoalin and Pfc. Cendeno Pickens.

Briana Jackson — born July 16 to Anitera and Spc. David Jackson.

Lily Margaret Kowatch — born July 19 to Amy and Staff Sgt. Steven Kowatch.

Danille Steinbach — born July 17 to Michelle and Sgt. Ronald Steinbach.

Faythe Wolford — born July 18 to Lisa Gates and Pfc. Matthew Wolford.

Willow Martin — born July 20 to Randi and Capt. David Martin.

Angelina Egan — born July 20 to Gina and Sgt. Christopher Egan.

Allona Taylor — born July 22 to Stephanie and Pfc. Nathan Taylor.

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Avrin McGinnis — born July 23 to Kearstin and Cpl. Steven McGinnis.

— *Martin Army Community Hospital*

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

WHINSEC yard sale — Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Family Readiness Group will hold a yard sale in the east parking lot of Ridgway Hall, Building 35, from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments will be temporarily suspended as of Monday, due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism. USAMEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to deployment support, staff deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday clinic appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, technical difficulties and Medical Command requirements for upgrading services, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a network provider for services they cannot accommodate. Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointment needs, use the CARE line at 544-2273. Leave a message for your provider to refill prescriptions or to receive test results.

August MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

- An expectant parents class will be held Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 545-4041 to sign up.
- A diabetes lifestyles seminar will be offered through the Internal Medicine Clinic Aug. 26 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 Mondays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Weight-loss classes for active-duty Soldiers are offered Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.
- A Coumadin clinic is offered from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Internal Medicine Clinic. An appointment is required.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

EFMP information sessions— The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold information and support resource sessions the second Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m., Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza. EFMP family members are encouraged to attend. An educational video can be viewed Sept. 8 — Three R's for Special Education (Rights, Resources and Results.)

For more information, call 545-7517.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends household goods to Soldiers and their families awaiting receipt of household goods or preparing to PCS.

For more information, call 545-4485.

TOPS meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Afterhours Club, Building 2502 on Indianhead Road.

For more information, call Diane at 562-9505 or Gorgia at 568-7111.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street. The letter allows for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests. This affects occupants of Iron Triangle, the "white elephants," Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDonald Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call 545-4326.

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 hours — The Thrift Shop is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. Call 687-4830.

Educational Task Force — Volunteers are needed for an Educational Task Force, which will deal with issues affecting military families and students. The task force will be comprised of parents who have students in the following school districts: Russell, Harris, and Lee counties, Phenix City, Fort Benning, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

Call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

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Safe food training — The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will offer the course ServSafe: Serving Safe Food, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Columbus Consolidated Government Annex, 420 10th Street. Registration requires a prepayment of $125.

For more information, call 653-4200.

Sears military special — Sears Portrait Studio offers free studio sessions and four free 3x5 portraits today to consumers who want their portrait in a "Thank our Troops" scrapbook. Customers who make purchases through Sunday will receive four free 3x5 portraits by mentioning "Thank Our Troops." Sears studios offer free sessions and 20 percent off purchases through Dec. 31 to customers with a military ID.

For more information, call Robyn Frankel at (877) 863-3373.

Free dogwood trees — Ten dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during August. The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. Send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Dogwoods, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31, or join online at arborday.org.

Medicare presentation — The Lower Chattahoochee Area Agency on Aging presents Medicare, What's Hot!-What's Not! with guest speaker Laura Feldman, manager for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 26. The presentation will be held at the Performing Arts Legacy Hall, 900 Broadway.

For more information, call 256-2917 or (800) 669-8387.

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 Burnethell FrCa@Webtv.net.

ACS Job Fair — A job fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 at VFW Post 665, 1824 Victory Drive. Bring at least 15 copies of your resume for possible on-site interviews. For resume assistance, call Mark Mills, Employment Readiness Program at 545-4043.

Entrepreneurs Boot Camp — Want to start your own business? The Greater Columbus Georgia Chapter of Commerce will host the first Entrepreneurs Boot Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17. Cost is $39 for early registration and $49 at the door. This includes lunch.

For more information, call 327-1566 or visit www.columbusgachamber.com.

CASA volunteers needed — America's abused, neglected and abandoned children need your voice. Make a real difference in a child's life as their voice in court. Volunteer as a CASA — a Court Appointed Special Advocate. 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** hamburger steak, steamed rice, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot roll, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** ham and cheese wrap, macaroni salad, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** barbecue sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, milk, apple crisp
- **Thursday:** sweet and sour chicken, steamed rice, Oriental veggies, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** taco salad, pinto beans, Mexicali corn, fruit, milk

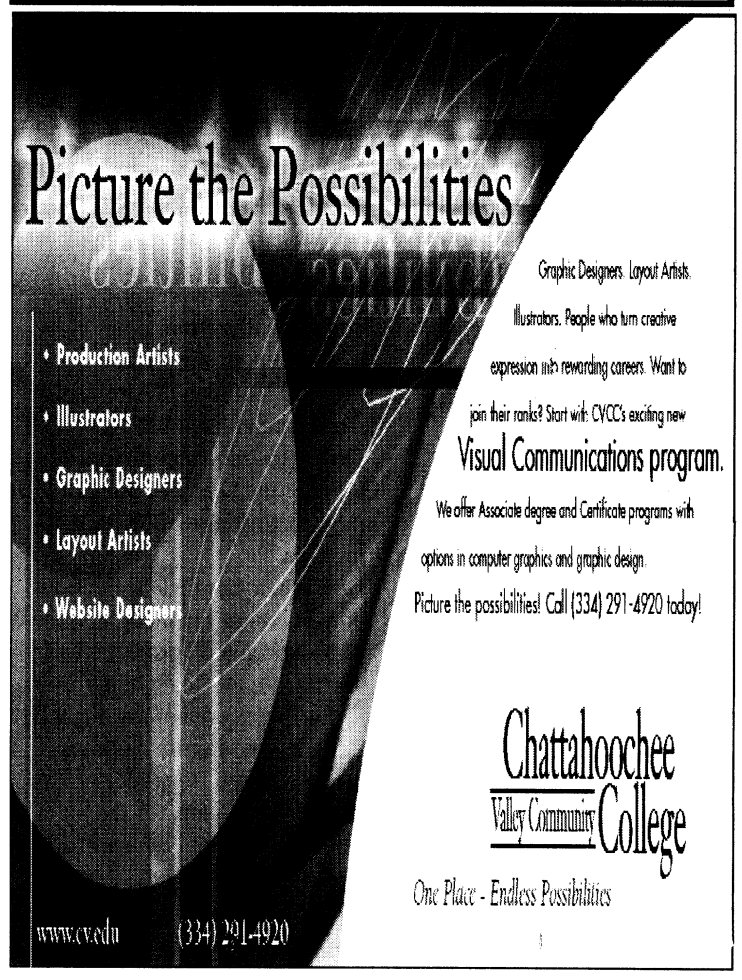
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Preschool under new management

Day care provides classes beginning Sept. 7

Spc. Natalie P. Loucks
3rd Brigade PAO

Fort Benning's Patch Preschool is under new management.

The school now falls under Child and Youth Services, said Jennifer Williams, program operations specialist at CYS.

The school's change from a privately owned organization to Army operation is due to the difference in funding for the school, Williams said.

The school will be financed through CYS with enrollment fees paid by the parents, depending on how many children are enrolling.

The 37-year-old preschool completed its last day as a privately owned organization in May 2004. Classes will start under new ownership Sept. 7.

Parents who have already enrolled their children in Patch Preschool under the old program are guaranteed a slot for the upcoming school year, Williams said.

Changes to the school will include more school supplies and equipment, Williams said. There will also be a furnished playground.

"We are not taking anything away from what was there. Hopefully, we'll be able to add (items) like supplies and materials," she said.

Patch Preschool is a part-day child-care facility geared toward parents who do not require full-day care, Williams said. The school operates from 9 a.m to noon.

Parents have the option to enroll their children in a two-day, three-day or five-day program, depending on their child-care needs.

Children who are eligible for the program must be 3 years old by Sept. 1 and not older than 4.

Parents who have already enrolled their children in the preschool will be contacted by CYS within two weeks concerning school orientation dates, said Judy Cobb, Outreach Services Director for CYS.

Parents need to bring proof of their income to the orientation where they will also sign a contract for the program.

To register with Patch Preschool, the child's shot records and an emergency point of contact telephone number must be provided.

Enrollment fees for the program are $15 for one child, $30 for two children and $35 for three or more children.

There are spots available for enrollment; however, positions are filling up quickly, Williams said.

For more information about enrollment and orientation, call the CYS Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Williams at 545-6811, or visit the registration office in Building 359.

Pet care in regulations

Infractions jeopardize housing rights

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A single Soldier living in family quarters recently went on leave and left her pet dog in the care of another Soldier. That Soldier failed to provide adequate care for the animal and the owner returned to find it dead.

"Here at Fort Benning, we have a lot of tenants who own a lot of animals," said acting Community Life NCOIC Master Sgt. Vidal Rivera. "The caring for of these pets is crucial."

Community Life personnel routinely respond to calls regarding the neglect, abuse or irresponsible care of animals all over post, he said. And owners don't realize they can get in serious trouble for those infractions.

For minor violations, a Fort Benning Form 7 is left at the home documenting the nature of the offense and dictating how much time the occupant has to correct the problem before a re-inspection is conducted, Rivera said.

With the second offense, the Soldier's chain of command is notified, and if the corrections are still not made or the infraction is repeated, the Soldier and commander appear before either the garrison command sergeant major or garrison commander, who then decide upon a course of action.

"A lot of Soldiers don't realize that this is a big deal and they can be kicked out of housing for not maintaining the standards," Rivera said.

U. S. Army Infantry Center regulation 210-5 governs the conduct of personnel in government quarters and the care of animals.

It also authorizes the garrison commander to evict residents for failure to meet the standards set forth in that regulation and the family housing handbook.

Animals must be properly secured to a permanent fixture in such a way that they do not pose a danger to passers-by when outside, he said. And they must be provided shelter, adequate food and water and humane living conditions.

"Some tenants think they can do whatever they want," Rivera said. "We put out information regarding the regulations on this and other subjects at the newcomer's briefing, and they turn around and ignore it."

Veterinary technician T.J. Martin said some of the biggest reasons so many animals end up in the stray kennels at the post veterinary treatment facility are the failure of owners to have their animals microchipped, which is directed by post regulations, the constant reproduction of animals whose owner's haven't had them spayed or neutered and instances where the owner moved and just left an animal behind.

For information about housing regulations and pet complaints, call Community Life at 545-2910.

Tour arms newcomers with knowledge

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet correspondent

Coming to a new place can be difficult. Just finding your way from point A to point B can be a daunting task. But, for newcomers to Fort Benning, there's help.

The Newcomer Orientation and Tour, sponsored by the Relocation Readiness Program, is a daylong orientation designed to welcome new arrivals, especially spouses, to Fort Benning.

It includes a tour and information to ease the transition and familiarize newcomers with the area, said Jenny Sposato, Relocation Readiness Program manager.

Representatives from the post's dental and medical clinics, Child and Youth Services, Chaplains Office, Non-Appropriated Funds employment and Relocation Readiness Program brief the participants.

"After the briefings, we take them on a bus around Fort Benning and show them the points of interest, like the Infantry School, the theater and the library. Then we go to the Commissary for lunch," Sposato said.

The meal is free and is provided courtesy of the Commissary. During the lunch, goodie bags, filled with items donated from the various vendors, and door prizes are given out.

After lunch, the Columbus downtown area is next on the tour.

"We do the historic district and the Naval Museum," Sposato said. "Then we go to the Columbus Museum and head back home. We get back at 2:30 p.m."

The orientation not only offers newcomers an opportunity to see the area, but also allows them a chance to talk to others new to the area and find out ways to get involved in the community.

Shannon Brennon attended the orientation in October and has been volunteering and attending every meeting since.

"I had been here about two months," Brennon said. "I just wanted to get more information about the post, where everything was located and the services available. They covered a lot of topics and did a good overview."

Brennon, who came with her husband from Fort Lewis, Wash., had been to a similar briefing there. She said was a little intimidated by Fort Benning's size and thought the tour of post, given during the orientation, was beneficial.

"If you are brand new to the area I think it is helpful because Fort Benning is a little more spread out and the tour helps you get oriented with the installation," she said.

Regardless of living on- or off-post, the tour helps newcomers become familiar with the area, Brennon said.

The next Newcomer Orientation is at 8:30 a.m. today in the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359. There will also be an orientation and tour on Sept. 10.

For more information, call 545-0403.

OSC sponsors Super Sign-Up Aug. 19

Event provides all-ranks community resource

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Come one, come all — and don't let the fact that it's at the Officers' Club put you off. The Officers' Spouses' Club Super Sign-Up scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 19 will have something for everyone.

"It's a total community resource," said Pam Brummett, event coordinator. "Everyone on post should use it. If you're new, it's great. If not, you may find that you've missed something."

This particular community resource is nothing new. It's been held for at least the past six years, providing a wealth of information for anyone who attends.

This year, as before, has much to offer, Brummett said, whether officer or enlisted. And her committee has been working on the event all summer, reserving spaces in the Supper Club for the 80 organizations and vendors who have committed to attend. That's up from 62 from last year.

While both the Officers' and Enlisted Spouses' Clubs will be taking membership applications at the event, Brummett is most enthusiastic about everything else represented at the Super Sign-up.

Among those are the Directorate of Community Activities, Army Community Service, Child and Youth Services, the Follow Me Golf Course, Boy and Girl Scouts, Santa's Castle and Protestant and Catholic Women of the Chapel groups.

The tricommunity is also represented by Columbus State University, the Springer Opera House, Columbus Museum, Columbus Symphony, Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's, Michael's and A.C. Moore.

Brummett said anyone looking for local consultants for a number of home-based businesses can find what they need at the sign-up as well.

But the one thing she's most excited about, besides the Tahitian Noni Juice table, is the Self Defense America booth.

"I've taken their seminars once before," she said. "They're geared mostly toward women and teach you the things you need to know to defend yourself."

And those who attend the event may not walk away empty-handed.

"We have a lot of things to give away — some wonderful door prizes," Brummett said.

The prizes range from some deluxe annual Callaway Gardens memberships to gift certificates from restaurants and dry cleaners.

For more information, call Brummett at 682-8822.

ASK THE JUDGE

Anthony Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: What is a promissory note?

A: A promissory note is simply a written promise to pay.

There are times when two people want to do business together, but they don't want to draft a formal contract between them. A "promissory note" may be an alternative in such cases.

Let's use an example: If Alex wanted to sell his used motorcycle to Brad, a promissory note might be used to spell out the terms of the agreement.

In the promissory note, Brad might promise to pay Alex $2,000 as follows: $500 down, and $250 a month for the next six months.

Through a promissory note, the item to be sold, the amount to be paid, and the terms for payment can be set out. It can be as simple as writing out a paragraph or two, then having the person promising to pay sign it.

Although a promissory note is less formal than a contract, it cannot be too informal. It is not sufficient to say something like "I will pay as much as I can afford" or "I will make payments once I graduate and find a job." As in all legal documents, the terms of a promissory note should be clear and complete.

A signed and notarized promissory note does not guarantee payment, however. Under current Army regulations, if a Soldier disputes a debt (even with a promissory note), the only action that can be taken to enforce the debt is through civilian court. If the party who promised to pay is a civilian, taking the matter to court is the only real option.

Promissory notes work well when they work, but they are not always trouble-free.

The best preventive law advice is to transfer as much money as the purchaser can afford upon sale, and rely as little as possible on a promissory note.

For more information on this subject, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

Pop the question on TV

...interested in proposing to their significant others on a television show called *Picture This TV* should contact TR... Public Affairs Community Relations Officer Greg Mueller at (7...)88-3170. To participate the couple must be available for four days in September in New York.

Sergeants major raise funds for POW/MIA memorials

Monuments will be placed in three spots

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Has the tricommunity forgotten about our nation's prisoners of war and those missing in action?

Harley.

I mean hardly.

When the folks at Chattahochee Harley-Davidson heard about the Sergeants Major Association's plans to erect three POW/MIA monuments locally, they offered to host a kick-off fundraiser.

"We do a lot of business with Soldiers," said Jennifer Miller, the store's events coordinator. "In fact, a lot of our (staff) is former military or their parents were. We've always tried to have a good relationship with Fort Benning to show we care about our Soldiers."

Saturday's bike show netted more than $200, said Sgt. Maj. Jan Stegeman, president of the Sergeants Major Association and operations sergeant major for the 11th Infantry Regiment.

That's a long way from the $54,000 it'll take to erect the three identical 8-foot black marble monuments, each topped with a bronze eagle, but it's a fair start when added to the $30,000 donated by Jay Auto Group and the Science Applications International Corporation, Stegeman said.

"We've got a great start. The show generated a lot of interest. A lot of people came out and stopped to ask questions and sign up for the ride," he said.

The ride is the Sept. 18 tricommunity POW/MIA Freedom Motorcycle Ride. Proceeds from the ride will help pay for the monuments, which will be placed at three sites — Fort Benning, Phenix City and Columbus, near the Government Center.

The event will begin at 6:30 a.m. with a kick-off ceremony at Golden Park. The ride, which begins at 9 a.m., will take motorcyclists from the park to Fort Benning, to Phenix City and on to the Government Center for the dedication of the first monument.

Stegeman said the second monument will likely be dedicated next year. The ride, he said, will be an annual event the third Saturday of September.

"Columbus and Phenix City have always supported (Fort Benning) in everything, and this is no different," Stegeman said, "Except we're giving something back to them. It's our way of showing our appreciation and remembering the men and women who went missing or were imprisoned while serving in the (military.)"

The fee for pre-registration is $15, $18 on the morning of the event.

For more information or to register for the Freedom Ride, go to www.fbgasma.com/freedomride.

Teacher: Awarded for performance

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determined to flunk her.

"Oh, she was a bear. It was an awful experience," Cotton said. "Then, come to find out, she'd been diagnosed with cancer. Once we talked about it, and she realized how she was treating us, and I realized what she was going through, it was a whole different world.

"I use that story to make a point: sometimes there are things going on in someone's life you don't know about," Cotton said. "You don't know where people come from or where they're going, but you can make a difference — you can make them or break them."

And Cotton was obviously talking about her students here.

"It's all about them, being here for the kids," she said.

"We're just facilitators. We have to take them from where they are to what they can become, and that's a very individual thing."

Toys: To brighten children's holidays

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qualifications for using Santa's Castle. Application packets will be handed out at the meeting and must be filled out, approved through the chain of command and turned in to Santa's Castle by Oct. 1.

Santa's Castle will schedule a 30-minute shopping appointment for each approved family. There will be 10 shopping days between Nov. 15 and Dec. 10 to choose from, Ryan said.

Send monetary donations to:
Santa's Castle
P.O. Box 51951
Fort Benning, GA 31905

Checks should be payable to Santa's Castle.

Toys donors can call the shop to arrange for pick-up.

Santa's Castle is located in Building 2682 in Custer Terrace. For more information about Santa's Castle, call 685-4422.

GOH: Napoleon flick is 'dy-no-mite'

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relive his 1982 football glory days, when he warmed the bench, but "could have gone pro."

And who could forget Pedro, whose "skills" include being the only kid in Preston's high school who can grow a mustache, which, of course, makes him a prime candidate to run against the most popular girl in school for class president.

Then, there's Deb, who is beyond adorable with a pony-tail sticking out the side of her head and fashion sense comparable to our good friend, Napoleon's.

I won't lie. The movie doesn't have much in the way of a plot. And don't hold your breath for the climax — there isn't one.

But it didn't seem to matter. For whatever reason, the movie fared just fine without all that jazz.

And its blending of period culture — bad 60s furnishings, 70s thrift store finds, 80s fashion sense and 90s technology — creates the sense that the struggle to fit in transcends time.

Come to think of it, maybe that's why it's so easy to enjoy *Napoleon* — because even if you weren't *that* kid in high school, you've been the oddball at least once in your life. (Or the guy slamming him into the locker, but whatever ...)

So, this weekend, while you're sitting around, pondering how to make the most of your valuable time, give it up and go see this movie.

And when you get to the scene with Napoleon, a steak and a bicycle, think of me and say a little thank you (to me, of course) for talking you into going to see this cult classic-in-the-making.

Napoleon is gracing the screen at the Carmike 15 up in Columbus Park Crossing (you know, off exit 10, by the Barnes & Noble, Toys R Us and all that) and is rated PG.

And please, people, don't be scared during the previews, which are all for children's movies a guy probably wouldn't (at least, shouldn't) be caught dead at without the excuse of a child or a girl he's trying to date. Just sink in your chair a little until they're over, make sure no one saw you, and then enjoy the show.

PETS OF THE WEEK





Spc. Natalie P. Loucks

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Army culture one of warriorism, ethics

Doing what's right more than just theory

Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Revell
11th Infantry Regiment

The Army engages in an all-important and complex task. That task is twofold.

The first is to raise up a fighting machine willing to defend this country against all enemies foreign and domestic.

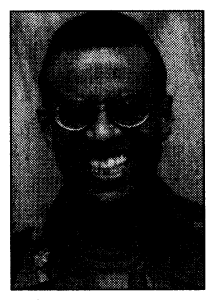
The second task is connected with the first to instill in the fighting machine the necessary checks and balances to do what is right.

Our role as public servants, our commitment to ultimate citizenship and the fact that we have been entrusted with the charge of defending this nation implies that we must not only be warriors but men and women of principle. These principles can rightly be called ethics.

Doing what is morally and legally right is more than a theory. The entire command climate and operational tempo depends on it.

Trustworthy people building trusting environments is essential not only to mission accomplishment but also to take care of people who have been charged with accomplishing that mission.

REFLECTIONS



Revell

When the checks and balances are out of step, the regimented society becomes the "oppressive society." Communication lines become strangled and clogged. Rules and rank become tools of manipulation and entrapment. Morale degenerates into festering resentment, and the spirit of the corps becomes a show-and-tell statement rather than an integrated reality.

When the warrior says, "I am a warrior and ethical considerations are of no concern to me," he or she is actually saying that his or her pattern of behavior, no matter how out of step it is with Army values, has little impact upon those who look to him or her for leadership.

This person obviously lives under the illusion they can have true loyalty without manifest personal integrity.

When the ethicist says, "I am into ethics and warriorism does not concern me," what he is saying is that battlefield mentality is unimportant. This position can be deadly.

The failure to train a person how to survive on the battlefield is itself unethical.

What is the solution? The solution is that the powerful person must also become the ethical person. The leaders who shape the hearts and mind of Soldiers must also have that Soldier's best interest at heart.

If we are to maintain a great Army, there must be a marriage between power and ethics, belief and practice, discipline and fairness, control and flexibility and sensitivity and firmness.

Only in this context can we have the spirit of the corps. When we fail to combine warriorism and ethics in Army life, nothing else makes much sense.

Step two in 'Relationship JMPI' involves developing trust

Avoid malfunctions when beginning relationships

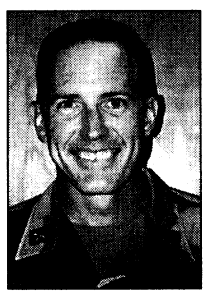
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
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"Diagonal backstrap improperly routed!" I shouted to the blackhat as he glared over my shoulder.

"Correct, Sergeant Hawkins," the jumpmaster instructor said. "You have successfully identified a *major* malfunction!"

Thanks to exceptional Army training, I was able to catch what could have turned an exhilarating and fun parachute jump into a disastrous and fatal endeavor.

Last week I talked about how getting into a relationship can be a lot like parachuting — it pays to "check out" your rigging *before* you decide to take the big jump.



Hawkins

In fact, knowing a few key pieces of information can very well be the difference between an ecstatic, wonderful ride and a tragic, fatal "burn-in."

So doesn't it make sense (just like the Army jumpmaster does a good JMPI) for you to do a "relationship JMPI" as you begin to "put on" a new relationship?

That's why we say the five steps we're talking about for these five weeks in August are, "what every parent ought to teach their child and what every single's gotta know!"

Step One — Get to know him or her. The first step we discussed last week in the "relationship JMPI," and the first of the five dimensions you must get "inspected" is to make sure that you are truly getting to know the person with whom you're thinking of taking a leap.

What do you need to know? How about what fun is and is not for that person, what his or her family background is like and what his or her faith factor is?

Step Two — Begin to trust him or her. Trust only develops with somebody you know, right? The more you know them, the more you can trust them, correct?

Do you see how "dangerous" it could be in a relationship to begin to trust someone deeply that you know only shallowly? Happens all the time, doesn't it — and that's when "malfunctions" occur.

Well, what do you need to look for when you are developing trust in someone? I think there are two things that are worth keeping your eye on if you really want to develop and measure your level of trust with a potential partner.

First, you want to focus on that individual's character. Trust only happens as you see a person's true character revealed.

Watch closely when the chips are down in the day-to-day interactions you have. Is this a person of character, or do they come up short?

The second thing you need to see to develop trust is competence. Do you not only like and believe in who this person is, but how they do what they do, too?

Character is about being the right person; competence is about doing the right things. You need both to make sure a relationship flies and not dies!

That's Step Two — more next week! Meanwhile, join me for our series on "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk — What Every Parent Ought To Teach and What Every Single's Gotta Know" at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel, at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill.

Or give me a ring at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

I look forward to meeting you!

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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

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
Monday- Friday	

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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

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

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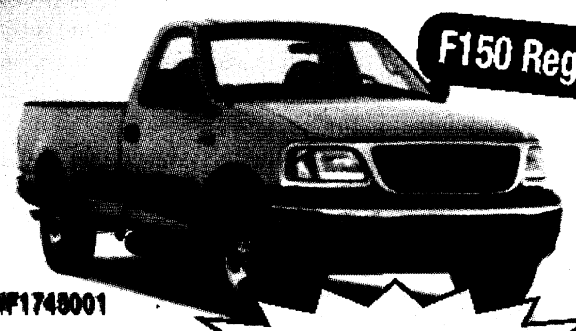
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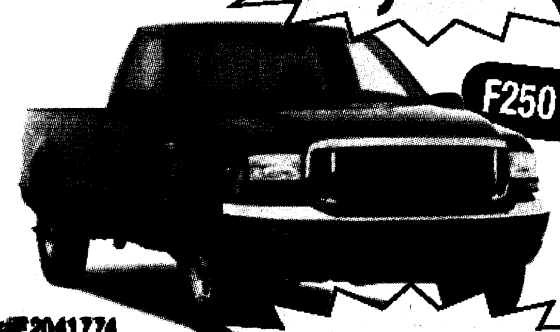
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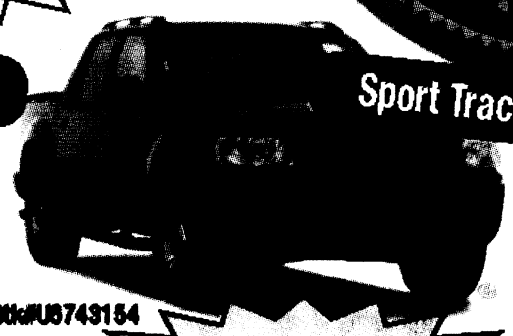
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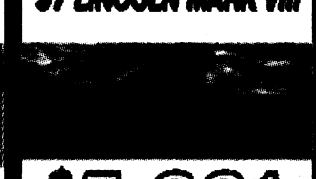
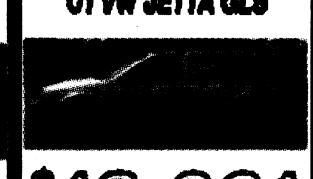
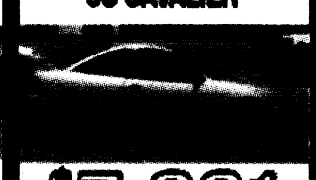
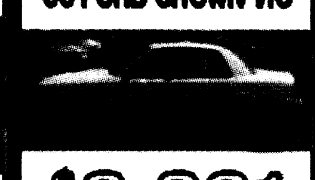
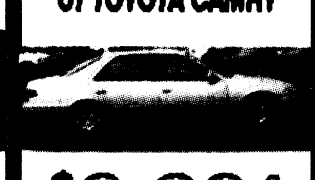
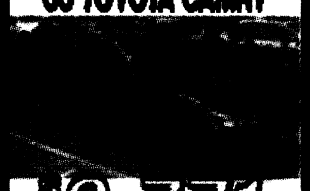
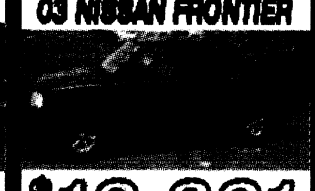
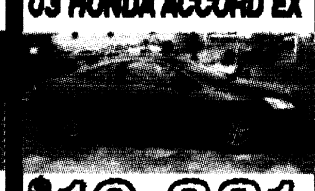
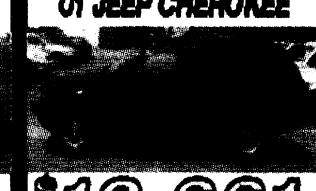
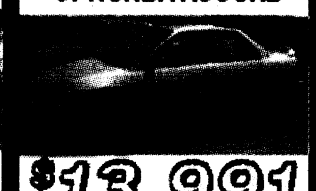
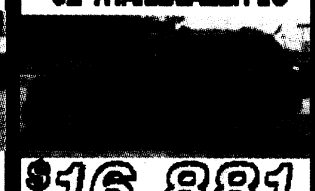
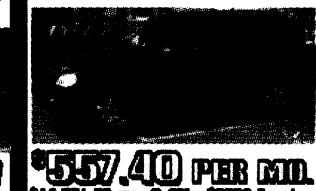
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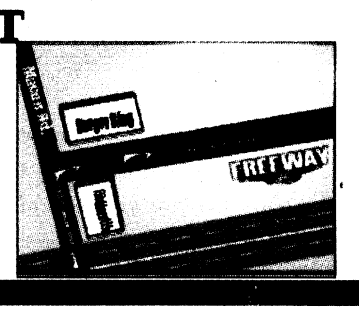
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SECTION C

Archery shoot visits Uchee Creek

ASA Classic features adult, youth events

Melissa House
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Melissa House

Jerry Watters, Matthews Bow pro staff, gives pointers to Kelcie Atwell, center, and Chelsea Nolan at the Family Fun Shoot Aug. 7. The Fort Smith, Ark., girls were in Columbus for a softball tournament, but spent a few minutes learning to shoot between games.

The woods at Uchee Creek were full of bears, wolves, turkeys and deer Aug. 5 to Sunday — 3-D targets, that is — as more than 1,300 archers converged for the Archery Shooters Association Classic.

The ASA runs a series of seven 3-D archery events between February and August. The 2004 season started with a Pro-Am event in Florida and ended with the Classic.

And among the 1,300 were the future of competitive archery — 51 boys and girls ages 6 to 11 competing in the Eagle and Junior Eagle categories.

Ginger Hopwood, ASA's youth director, manages the events for youths 15 and younger. She said she's seen steady growth in the program each year.

"ASA's goal is to provide a family environment," Hopwood said. "We want to offer archery events conducive to families, and children in particular."

And a family event it is.

Gavin Huff, 6, came from Atlanta to shoot in the Junior Eagle competition. His mom, Elaine, said he began shooting when he was 3.

Gavin's a third-generation archer. His grandparents, Charles and Linda Huff, were competing in the Classic, and Elaine plans to pick it up again now that she's graduated from nursing school.

She got started when her brothers did because she said she didn't let the boys do anything she didn't do.

"And Mom (Linda) got into it because she got tired of carrying all of our stuff between events," Elaine said. "She said if she was going to carry a bow, it might as well be her own."

Linda competed in the senior women's event. She shoots the most, she said, because archery actually helps with her job as the church organist.

"We didn't do any sports, because we were doing archery," Elaine said. "Most of the time it's a family event."

Gavin isn't completely dedicated to the sport, but said he likes shooting with his grandpa and likes the 3-D targets.

One of Gavin's Junior Eagle partners was 8-year-old Damon Summer, who traveled from Owatonna, Minn., for the Classic with his parents, Dean and Dena, and sister, Danielle, 11. All but Dena were competing.

Dean started shooting less than two years ago, and soon had both his children tagging along.

Although her husband bought her a bow when the rest of the family started shooting, Dena's job as a restaurant manager makes it hard for her to put it to use.

"During the week, Dean shoots with the kids so we can do family things when I'm off," Dena said. "But I'm going to try to start shooting with them in the fall."

When the family isn't shooting, they're taking walks through the woods to practice range-finding. Dean and Danielle have been concentrating on that, because not all of the competitions are from known distances, and they have to be able to judge how far away the target is.

"But it's fun for all of us," Dena said.

During the winter months, the Summers practice indoors at a local 3-D range, then move outside when the weather gets warmer.

Indoor archery is Damon's favorite, and he practices in his basement, making Dena thankful they have paneling on the walls.

"I like to shoot spots and at the paper animal targets," Damon said, but he admitted that the 3-D range at Uchee Creek was nice, especially because the bugs weren't out.

Dena said archery is hit or miss with Damon right now.

"Some weeks he really wants to practice," she said, "and sometimes he just doesn't care."

And Danielle, who plays soccer year-round, sometimes has to choose between sports.

Hopwood sees children like Damon and Danielle as the future of the sport and said she's always looking for ways to get children involved.

The Classic moved from Uchee Creek to the Columbus Civic Center for a few events Aug. 7, including a Family Fun Shoot. Hopwood said two bow-hunter fathers brought their daughters in to see what was happening. The girls were in Columbus for a softball tournament right across the parking lot.

"They just stood back and watched," Hopwood said. "But I sensed interest."

Hopwood had a small indoor range set up in the lobby where kids could shoot at balloons attached to the 3-D targets. So she encouraged the girls to shoot.

"I put them with pros and left them alone," she said. "And then they were both shooting. It was a wonderful transformation to watch."

Hopwood said everyone she talked with enjoyed the Classic and had good things to say about Uchee Creek.

"It was a wonderful facility," she said. "The ranges were awesome, challenging and accessible to everyone. Everyone treated us so well."

Competition translates to sharper shooting skills

Rifle, pistol club hosts shooting tournament

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Rifle and Pistol Club held its August shooting competition, Dog Day Afternoon, Saturday at English Range.

Twenty-four people competed in the event, which was divided into four categories: pistol, shotgun, close quarter battle, and designated marksman.

Each category tests the shooters' speed and accuracy. The competition is designed to mimic some of the training Army Special Operations units use to prepare for combat, and the scenarios change each month to keep the shooters on their toes, said Jim Graham, match director.

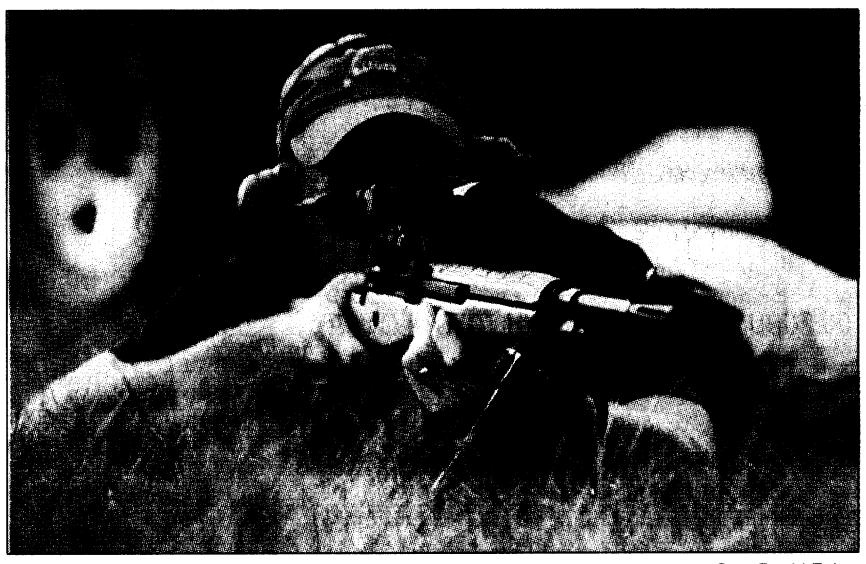
"This is a thinking game," Graham said. "There is a problem involved with each event that the shooter has to solve."

The shotgun competition was probably the most demanding mental challenge in the contest.

Shooters had to reload several times, switching from birdshot, buckshot and slugs, while moving from point to point, using cover to engage several targets.

Points were added to the shooters' times for missing targets, with one point for hitting the ring just outside the bullseye, three points for hitting the outside ring and five points for a complete miss.

Once the points were recorded, they were worked into the shooters' time. The competitor with the lowest score won.



Spc. David Foley

Donn Hill takes aim during the designated marksman event at the Dog Day Afternoon shooting competition.

All the competitors wanted to win, but most had other reasons for competing.

Keith Hedger, a network engineer for the Department of the Air Force, said he shows up for every competition because he enjoys shooting, and the club has a lot of "good folks to hang out with."

Two second lieutenants from the Infantry Officer Basic Course turned out for more tactical reasons.

2nd Lts. Richard Roe and Craig Coppock were members of the shooting team at the United States Military Academy, and they signed up for the competition to keep their skills sharp.

"Competition is the fastest learning curve for shooting," Coppock said. "Under the stress of competition, you can learn a lot more."

"This is great for learning to manipulate your weapon and ammunition and build your technical skills," Roe said. "It is about technical skills, not tactical skills, but it is still better than most of the Army ranges."

Graham said he has seen how competitions like the one Saturday can help people in the military or on the police force.

"When people are competing against the clock, it creates a certain element of stress, and when something goes wrong, they get anxious and mess up," he said. "Combat stress is the same thing, but the difference is, here you get to come back next time. In combat you don't."

For more information about the Fort Benning Rifle and Pistol Club or upcoming competitions, call 689-3371.

Dog Day Afternoon scores

POS	NAME	SCORE
SSP		
1	BANKS, R	42.85
2	ROE, RM	47.49
3	PHIFER, R	48.37
4	RUSSO, F	50.44
5	STEPHENSEN	51.05
6	BRADFIELD	59.98
7	BASS, RA	61.58
8	HERNANDEZ	65.00
9	BASS, J	69.92
10	TAYLOR, R	71.48
11	BRADSHAW, L	75.02
12	LYNCH, J	87.14
13	HEDGER, K	89.04
14	SCHLEICHER	105.38
15	CONROY, L	116.36
16	BELISLE, E	128.12
ESP		
1	COPPOCK, C	49.46
3	HILL, D L	71.72
4	ROGERS, R	82.37
5	SCHLEICHER	83.26
6	BOWMAN, D	130.78
CDP		
1	MUELLER, K	47.91
2	BRUDER, B	98.45
3	CONROY, L	262.22
BA		
1	BRADSHAW, L	85.55
CQB		
22 OPTIC		
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2	BRADFIELD, D	62.51
4	BRADSHAW, L	73.23
5	HERNANDEZ	95.04
6	SCHLEICHER	188.48
7	BRUDER, B	329.80
CQB		
22 IRON		
1	BRADSHAW, L	63.11
2	MCCOY, J	67.00
3	SOWDER, B	100.35
CQB		
AK IRON		
1	ROGERS, R	106.79
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SHOTGUN		
1	RUSSO, F	43.06
2	BANKS, R	43.72
3	MUELLER, K	52.38
4	PHIFER, R	62.94
5	ROGERS, R	77.04
6	BRADSHAW, L	77.72
7	BRUDER, B	85.17
8	HEDGER, K	86.32
D-MARKS		
22 IRON		
1	BRADSHAW, L	510.50
D-MARKS		
22 SC		
1	BRADFIELD, D	299.03
D-MARKS		
30 SC		
1	HILL, D	254.43
2	MCCOY, J	329.86
D-MARKS		
BAR		
1	ROGERS, R	549.11

Heart problems not hampering marksman's Olympic dreams

Sara Greenlee
USA Shooting

Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, the self-proclaimed "old man" of the 2004 Olympic Shotgun Team, may have tempted fate one too many times.

With less than two months before his trip to Athens, Erickson suffered what doctors called a bifisicular block.

"I was running on our track during PT, and the last thing I remember was running toward the grass trying to get out of everyone's way," said Erickson, 43. "The next thing I know, I was being lifted into the ambulance."

Erickson's teammate, Spc. Mark L. Weeks, a certified emergency medical technician, revived Erickson's stopped heart just moments after he collapsed. It was Weeks' second lifesaving rescue in two months — the first was at the Dulles International Airport, where he saved a passenger who collapsed while boarding a plane.

This time Weeks directed Staff Sgt. William H. Keever, another teammate, to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, while Weeks gave Erickson mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

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>
> **Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson**
> U.S. Army marksman

Erickson was breathing and in an ambulance within minutes of the rescue.

But for Erickson, the ordeal was far from over. With only three weeks before the official roster had to be in for the Olympics, he knew he'd have to be sure this would not happen again. Doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center implanted a pacemaker.

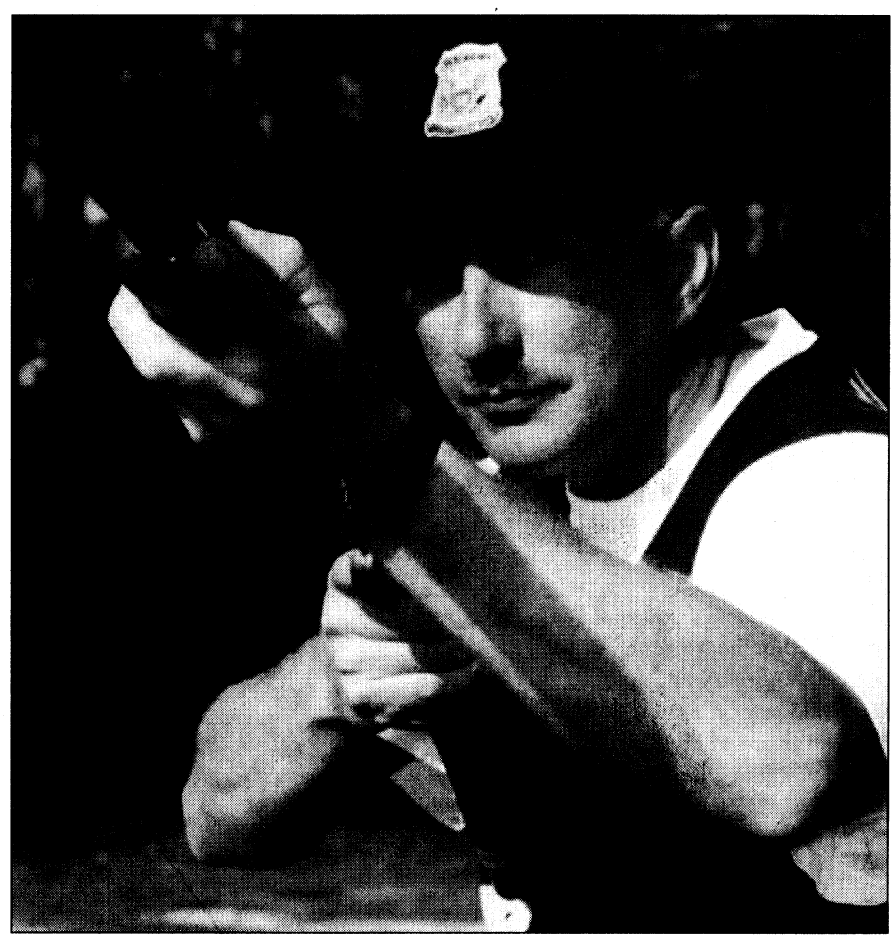
"How the doctors explained it," Erickson said, "is that your heart has an internal pacemaker. The brain sends signals to this pacemaker through three lines into your heart. Two of my three lines have malfunctioned. But with the new pacemaker, if my lines ever get blocked again, it will kick in and keep my heart beating.

"And except for being completely out of shape from lying in the hospital for the last few weeks, I am better than ever," Erickson said. "Well, I guess I'm still a little sore from the surgery, but it doesn't seem to be affecting my shooting."

Erickson is already back on the Army Marksmanship Unit's shotgun ranges, planning a trip to Texas for training.

"I definitely expect to be back in full swing by Athens," Erickson said. "I just need to step it up a little and get back on track to where I should be."

Erickson double qualified for this year's Olympic Games in Men's Trap and Double Trap.



Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson will compete in two Olympic events in Athens, Greece, this month.

Eat to ride, ride to eat at Columbus In-Motion

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

You know what they say — eat to ride, ride to eat. And I'm not talking about motorcycles. Don't kid yourself boys and girls, those are choppers, not bikes. Only bikes are bikes.

And on Aug. 21, bikes — real bikes — will rule Uptown and the Riverwalk during Columbus In-Motion. This year, anyone who can turn a pedal can participate in the event. Everyday spinners and weekend joyriders alike are invited to support this event. What you ride or how fast you ride doesn't matter.

Your $15 entry fee will get you a T-shirt and access to the support stops and post-ride feed zone. At the inaugural ride two years ago, more than one of us "ate" our entry fee in bagels, bananas and Clif bars.

This family-oriented ride starts at 9 a.m. with a "show-and-go" start. For the record, it's about a 16 mile round trip, but if you or your budding bicyclist aren't up to the challenge, sign up anyway. I've checked the fine print, and you can turn around any time you want and still keep the T-shirt and hit the feed zone. Ride to eat, remember?



You can register by mail, on-line at www.columbusinmotion.com, or on ride day at the Rivercenter starting line, with no late entry penalty.

More motivated cyclists can also sign up for a ride Aug. 22 — the return of the Pine Mountain Challenge, they call it, all 100 miles of it.

The entry fee for Aug. 22's century is $30.

Don't bother looking for me Aug. 22. I'm not up to challenging anything with "mountain" for a last name. But I'll be rolling down the Riverwalk for the family ride on the 21st. I may even do an extra lap.

Make sure you say hi when you ride past me. I'll be the one with the pink socks.

Archery hits spot, gives mother olympic dreams

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

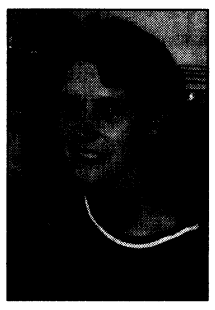
I'm ready. The Olympic opening ceremonies are tonight. I'll be glued to the set for as much swimming as I can watch and combing the schedule for any of the "horsey" events — dressage, show jumping and cross-country.

And, believe it or not, I think I'm growing a future Olympian of my own.

My youngest, who I thought would be a girl because my pregnancy was so miserable, has turned into a real "manly" boy — at the tender age of 7. Nick has logged more hours in the woods chasing deer, turkeys and hogs than I have on my bike trainer. He's learning to hunt the hard way — with a bow.

It started off innocently enough, I guess, with the purchase of a kid-sized bow for our oldest son some years ago. He didn't do much with it, and then Nick got his hands on it. He'd trot outside, watch my husband shoot and wait his turn. But since that little bow didn't have much to it, the arrows didn't always make it to the target.

Then, last month, Nick went to the "hunting store" with Dad and became the proud owner of a high-speed, child-sized compound bow in a Realtree camouflaged pattern, just like his dad's. He's been slinging arrows across the back yard regularly ever since, and it has cost his dad a pretty penny, to boot.



To encourage Nick to shoot (which was quite unnecessary), Ed offered to pay him for hitting the target. Oops. By day two, Nick was hitting inside the circles just about every time. So the payment plan got adjusted.

So, last weekend, Nick had the opportunity to step his archery up a notch. He zipped his bow into a case big enough to hold him, and we drove to Uchee Creek at the crack of dawn to check out the Archery Shooters Association Pro/Am 3D archery tournament.

Now the first shooter in the family registered with the ASA, Nick displayed none of the nerves I thought I'd see from someone in his first real competition. But then, the competitors in the Jr. Eagle category are 6-to 9-year-olds and not really fear producing.

Without even firing a practice round, Nick amazed me with his accuracy from around 10 yards.

He shot those bear, deer, turkey and bobcats well enough to kill, or at least wound them pretty badly. He didn't miss a target, and scored a respectable 75 of a possible 120 points.

But the best part of the whole thing was the kids and the parents. The two boys and their moms in our group were great, teaching us everything we needed to know about shooting etiquette and scoring. Nick made two new friends, and we'll look for them at the next ASA event next year.

If you're looking for a sport the whole family can participate in, archery just might be the thing. It doesn't require a lot of muscle, just enough to hold the bow up and steady. Heck, even I might be able to do that.

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Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park is offering special hours for adults.

Operational hours for adult ID card holders who are at least 18 and out of high school will be 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The skateboard park will not be open to youths Sundays and Mondays.

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These hours are offered on a trial basis for approximately three months.

For more information, call Richard Martin at 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Fort Benning Powerlifting 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, call Broadwater at 544-2660.

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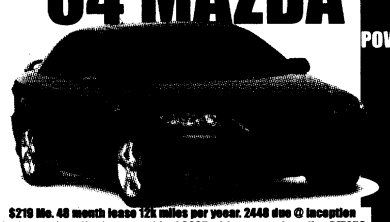
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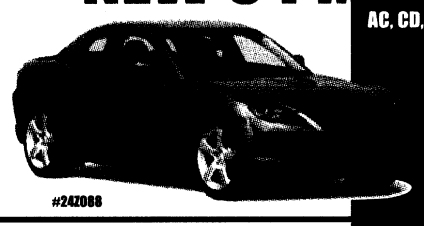


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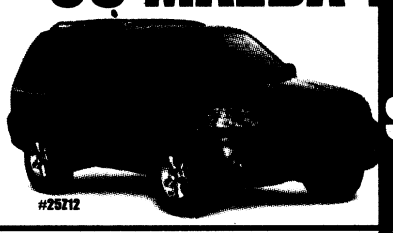
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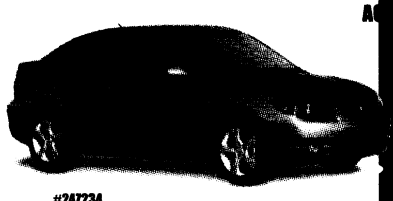
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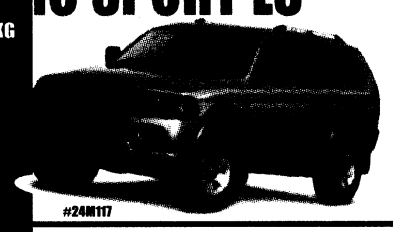
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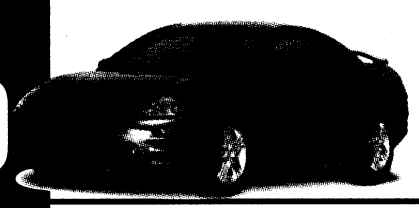
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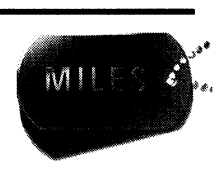


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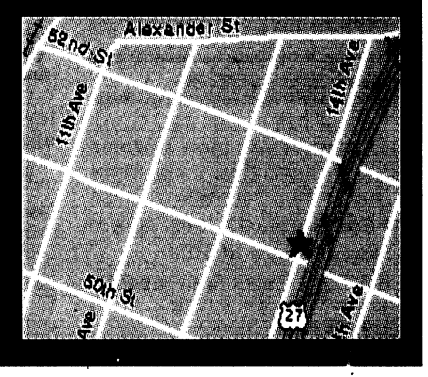
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00 Dodge Dakota 4x4 club cab, 38500 miles, V-6 automatic, CD, soft t-cover, bedliner $15,900 OBO but must pay off loan 706-682-1008 Joel or notalesi@yahoo.com (F13)

79 Bronco Ranger XLT. Rare find, free-wheeling limited ed. 2 seater. Looks nice with top off. 2000 obo. Call for more info 683-9889 (F13)

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90 Chevy Vandura Conversion Van (anniversary edition) White w/grey leather. Great cond. and has too many options to list. $4,000. Call 706-269-3499/95 (F20)

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99 Dodge Dakota Sport Club Cab, 5 speed, 64K, A/C, CD player, bed liner, $8500 OBO 706-685-1684 (F20)

Motorcycles/Atv's

02 Buell Cyclone 1200cc 5K miles $5,500. Call 563-9219 (F13)

02 Honda Shadow 750. Metallic purple and Gray. Immaculate condition. $5,000 or best offer. Call 685-4906 or 577-5196 (F20)

3 Murray Mountain bikes 2 male, 1 female, good cond. 27 in. 25 in. great deal $100. for all three bikes. Call Mike at 568-6775/ 315-3096 lv message

Auto Accessories

(4) Kaizer IV 22 inch Chrome Rims with tires. Exc. cond. Rims will only fit 6 Lug vehicles , $2200 OBO Call Morgan 229-942-4445 in Americus Georgia. (F20)

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Brand Nwe tires & rims , never used, 265-60-16 fits Ranger, Expedition, F -150, Great deal $500. OBO Call Mike at 568-6775 or 315-3096 lv. message. (F20)

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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 (FTFN)

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Things To Do

Like to play bingo? Its Partylite Bingo at Howard Johnson at 1011 Veterans Pkwy August 26th at 5:30 p.m. 7 free bingos with order and 4 pay bingo for BIG STUFF. More info call Jen 706-687-0034. Bring this Ad and get free bingo card with order. (P20)

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Overstuffed couch ($150) and chair ($100), $200 for both obo. 682-1946 (F13)

Glass top table w/4 wrought iron/rattan chairs and matching bakers rack. Both are in very good condition. We are asking $500 or best offer. Our phone number is 706-687-6290. We live on post in Norton court. (F13)

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New young military family in need of household items that you may not need anymore. Please call 687-7541 (F13)

Looking for a car buster for a 3 1/2 year old boy. Please Call 689-2689 Leave message. (F13)

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Platform Bed Frame - King/Queen Size. Please call Benjamin @ 706-527-3748. (F20)

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Eight leg swing set for sale $8.00 Call to pick up 507-1551 ask for Alexandra. (F13)

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Baby stroller $7, high chair $5. call 683-0376 (F20)

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Trampoline w/ net used for 6months $200.00,freestanding kickboxing bag $100,Pool 14ftwd / 39inches high just purchased in april $75,home gym $125 used a few times,fence purchased 1year ago $250 approx 115ft w/ 1 gate.Call Renee 706-689-2299 (F20)

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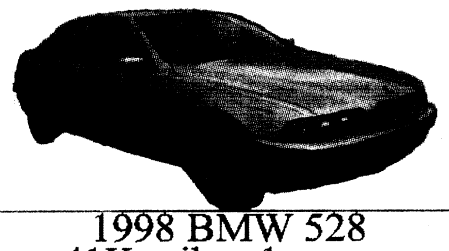
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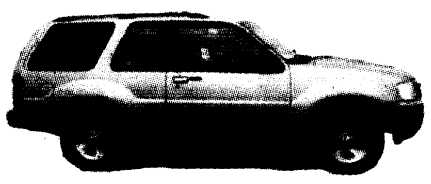
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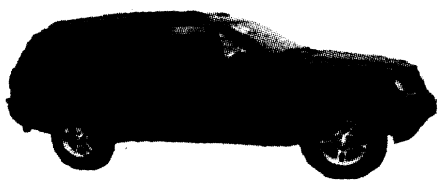
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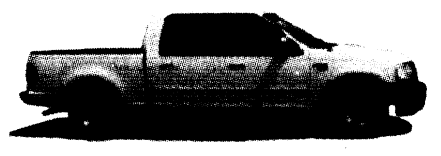
1998 BMW 528
41K miles, 1 owner
$16,400



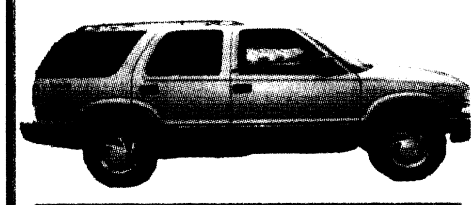
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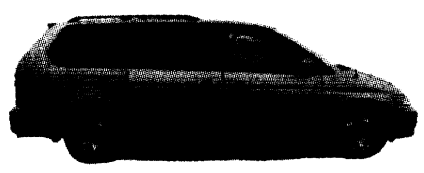
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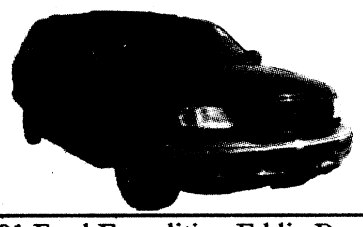
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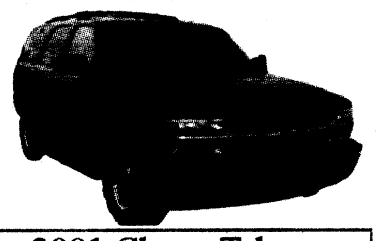
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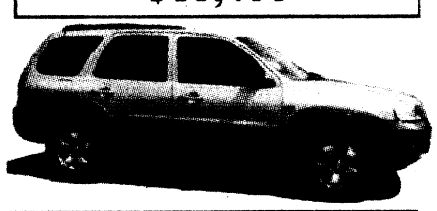
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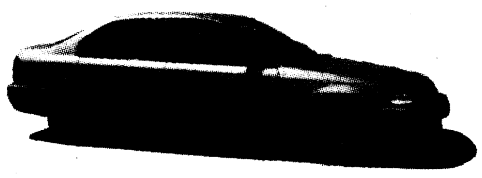
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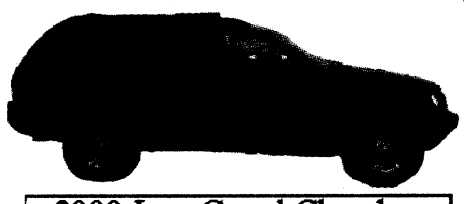
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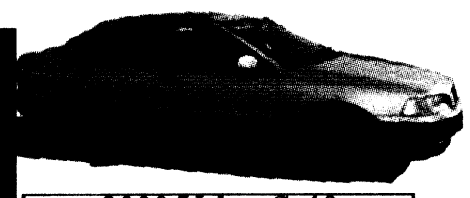
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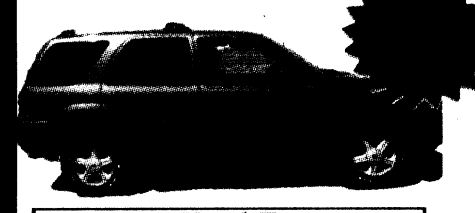
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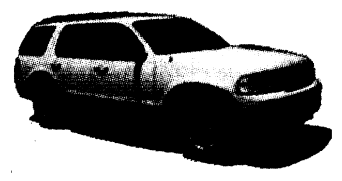
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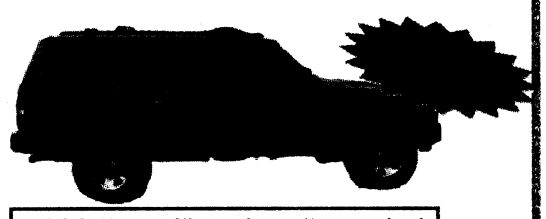
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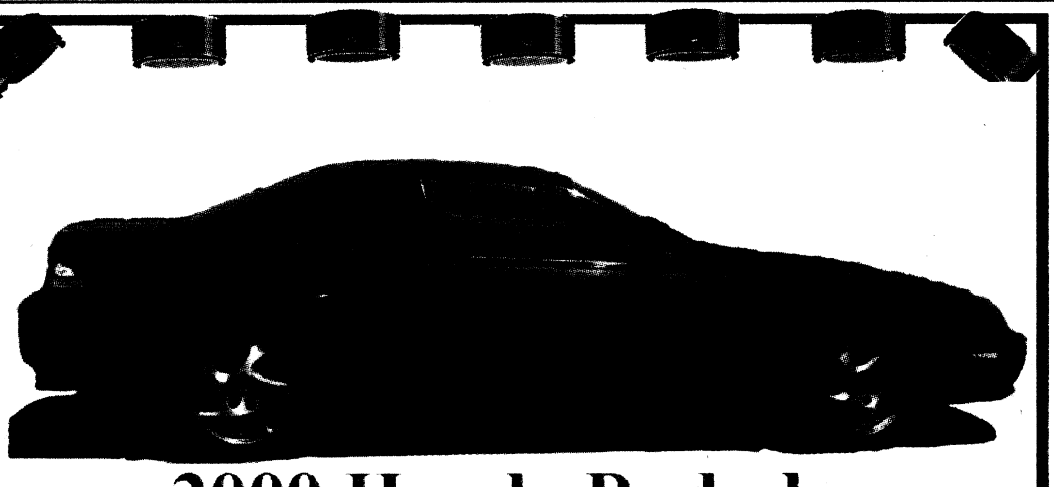
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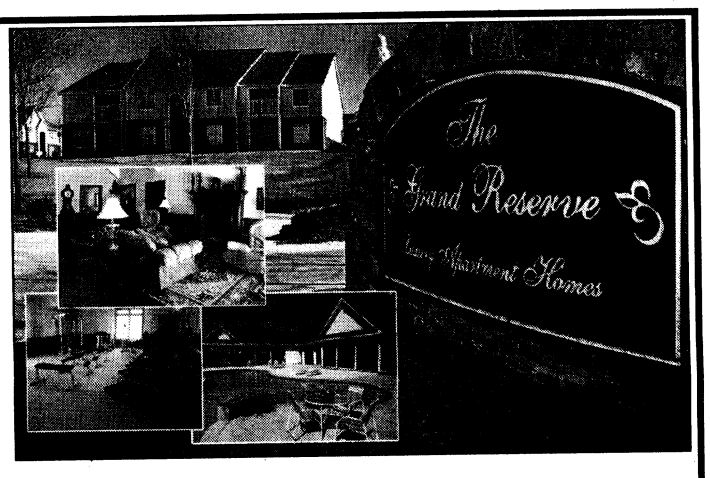
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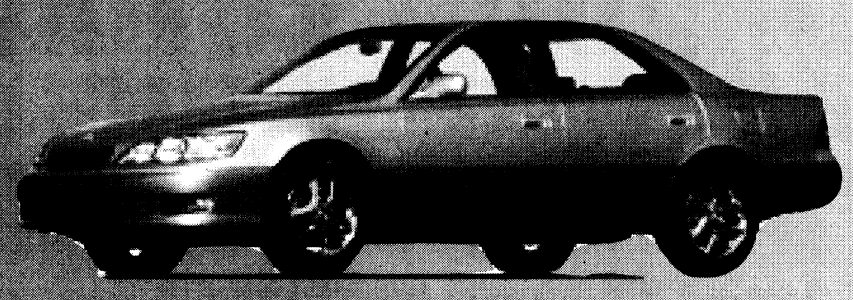
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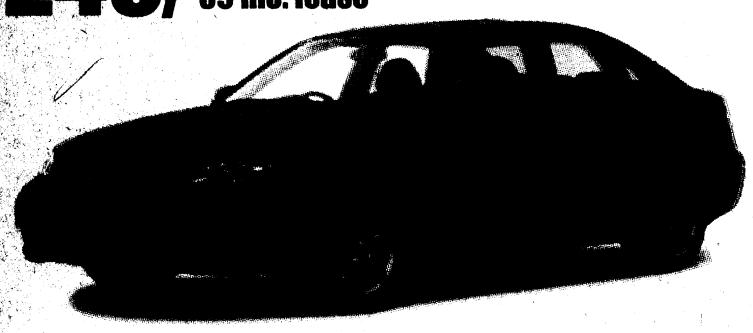
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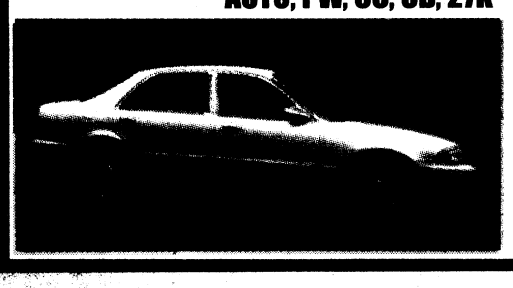


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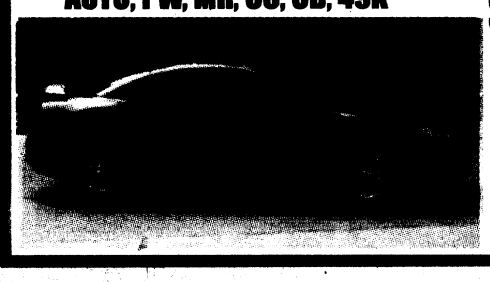
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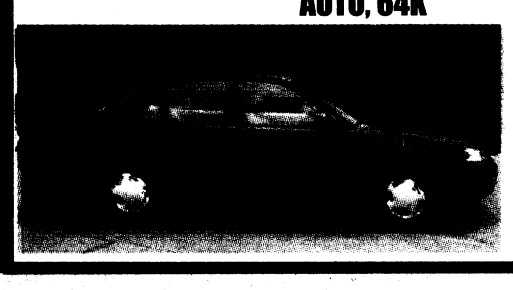
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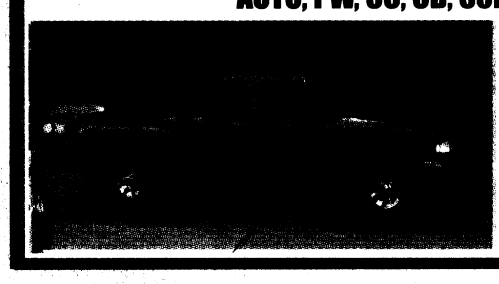
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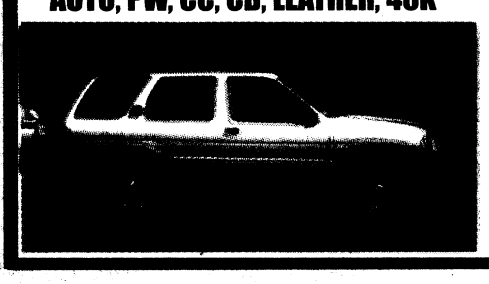
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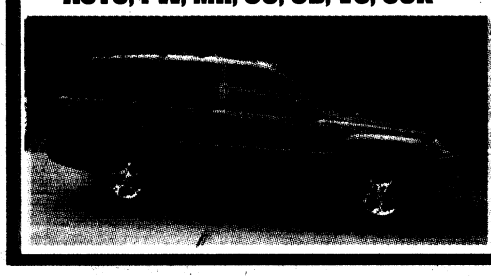
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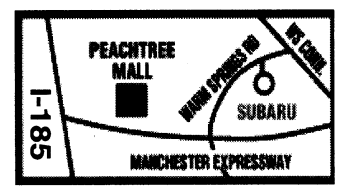
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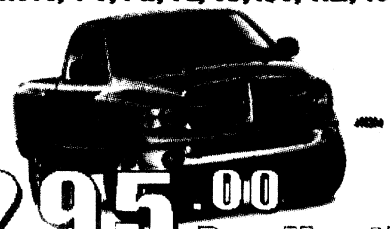
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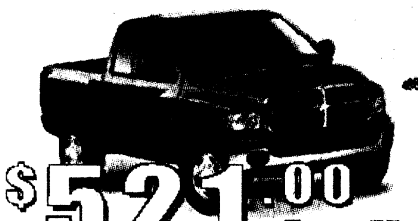
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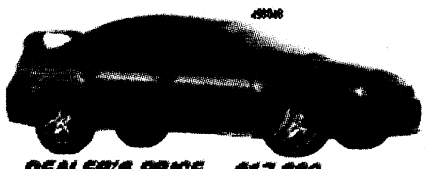
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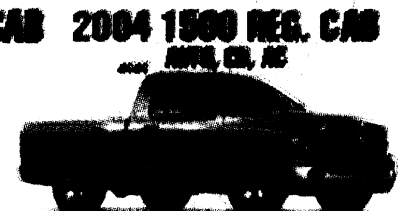
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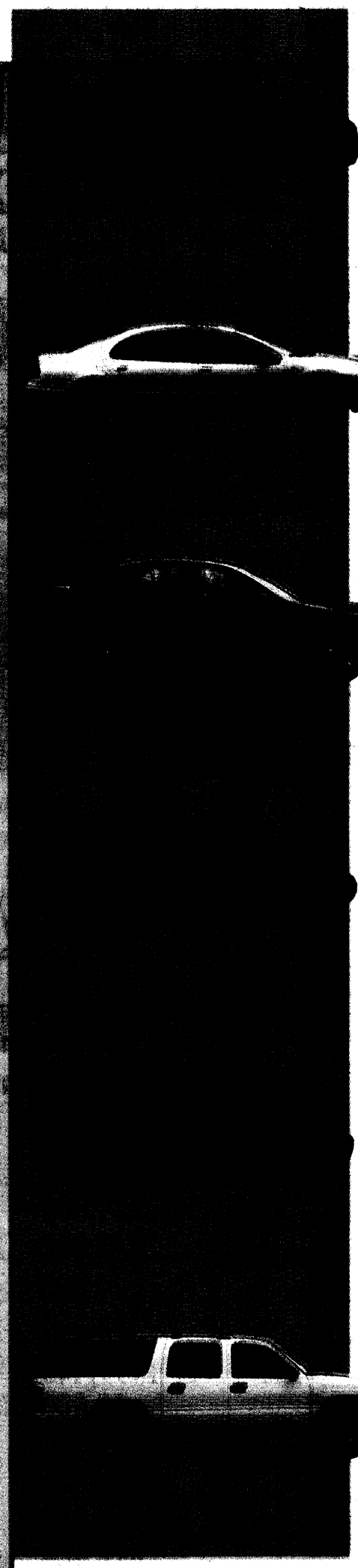
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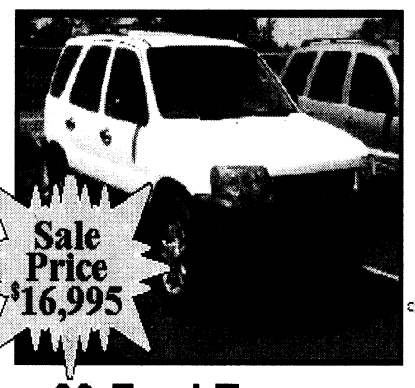
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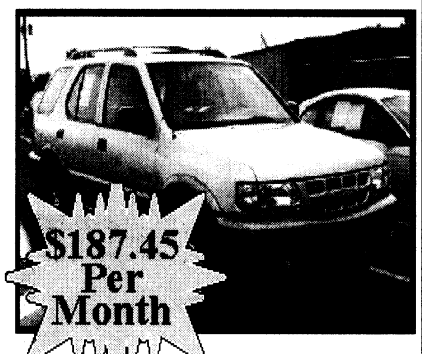
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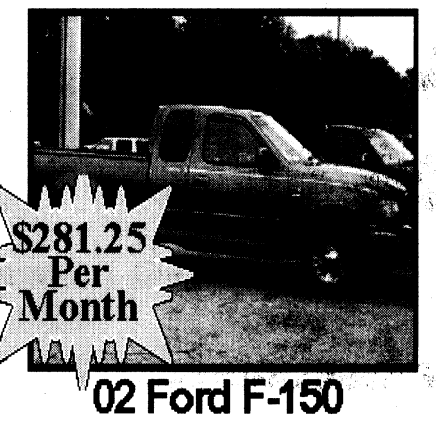


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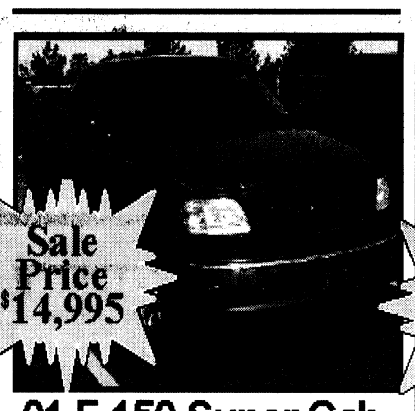
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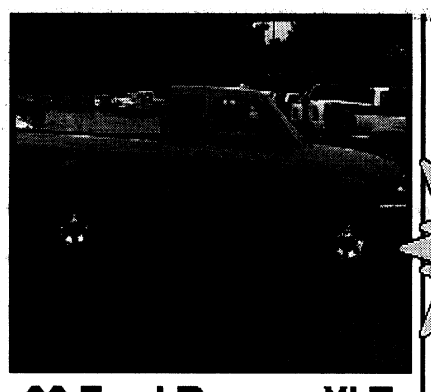
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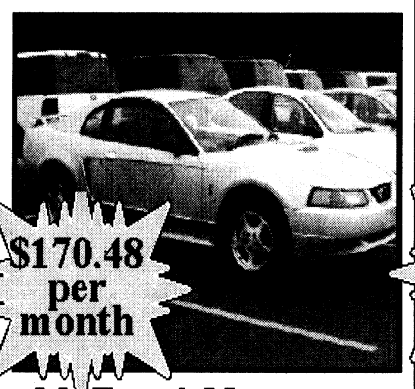
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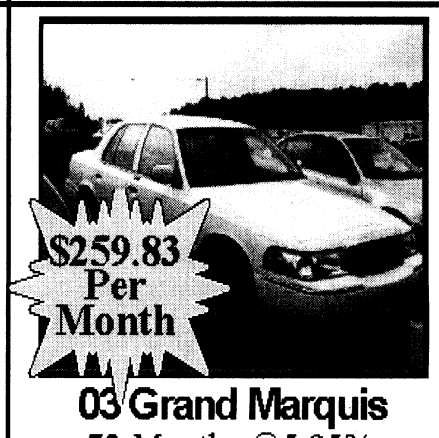
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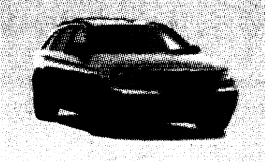
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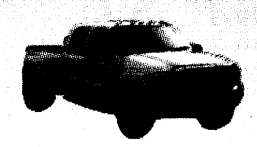
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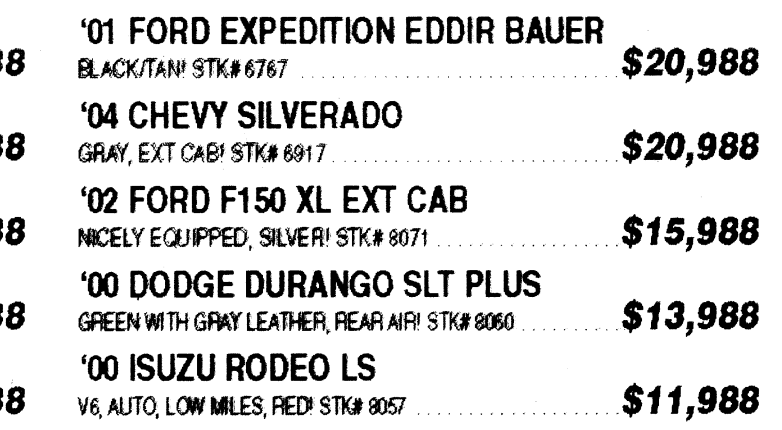
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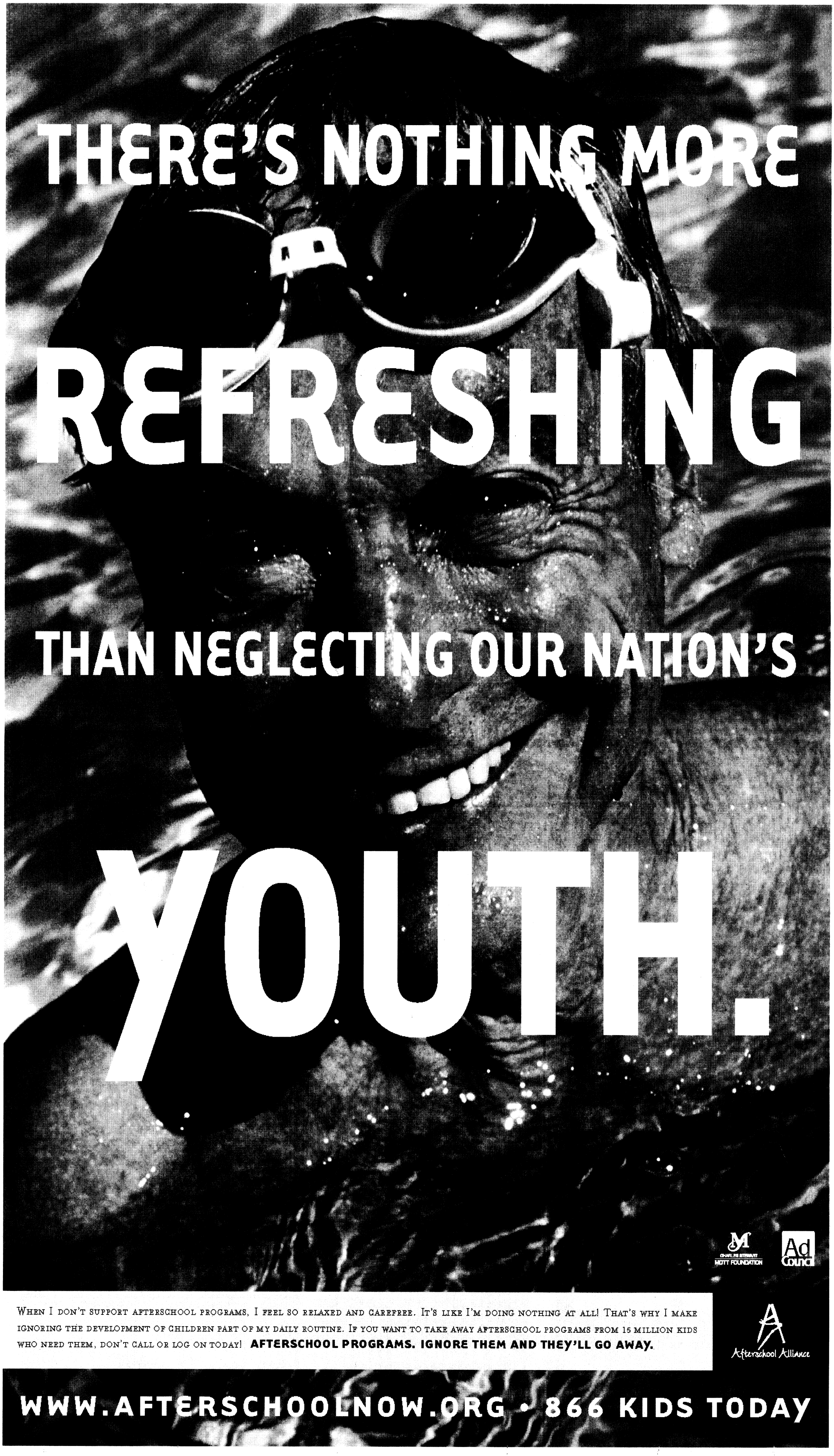
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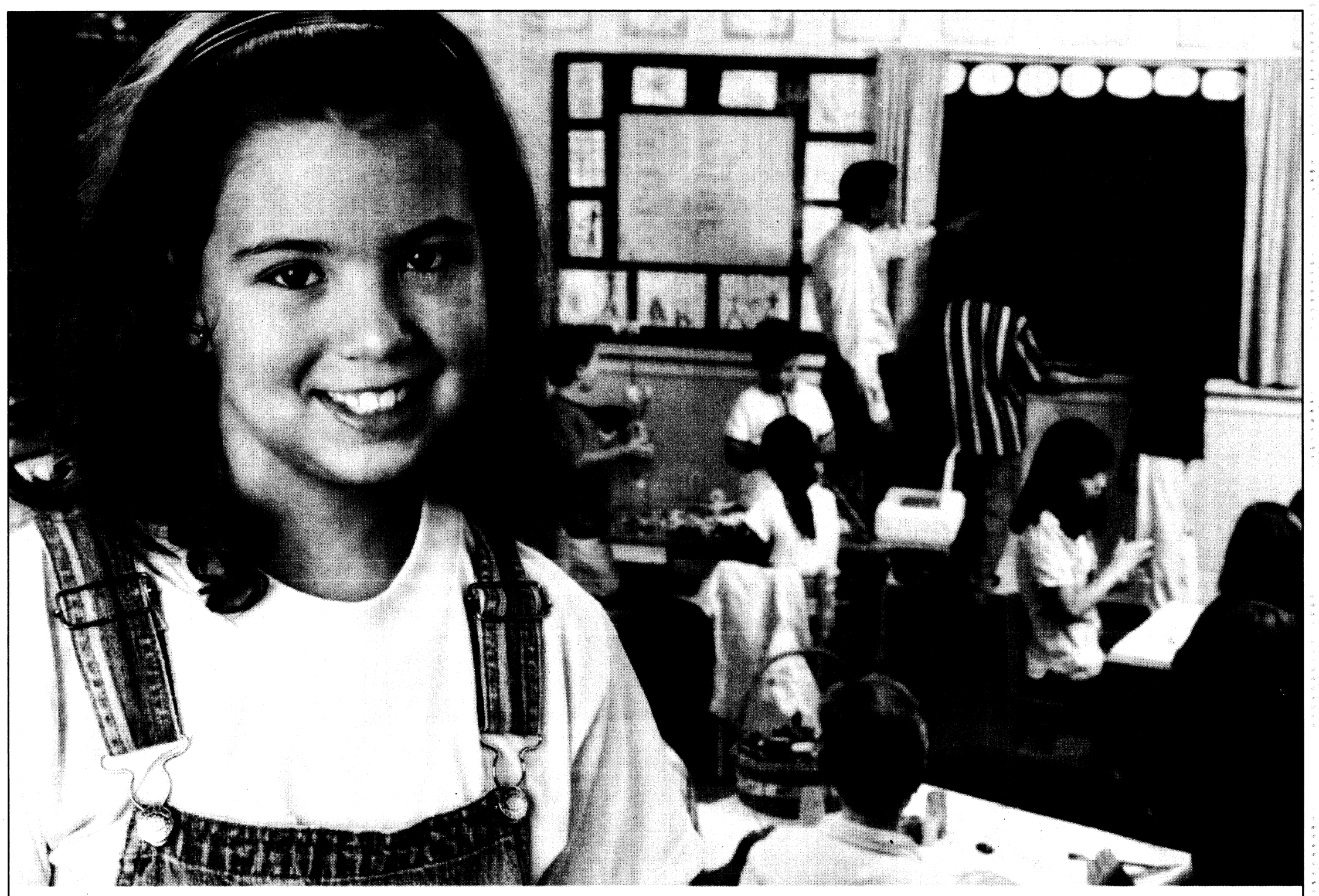
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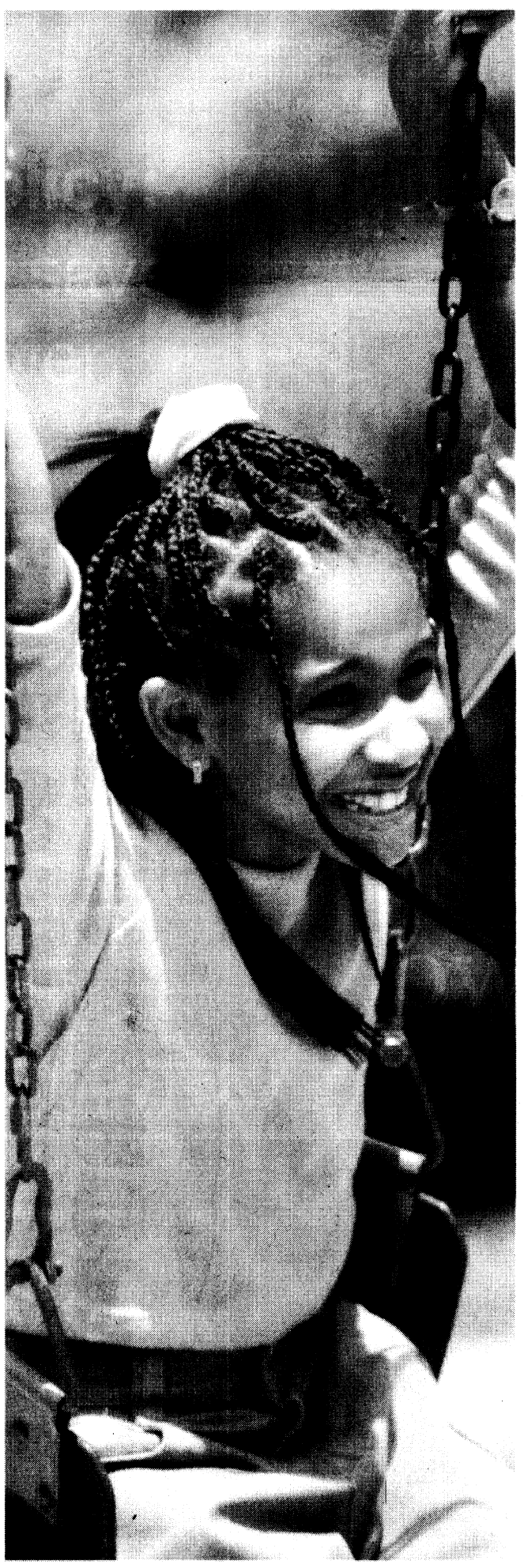
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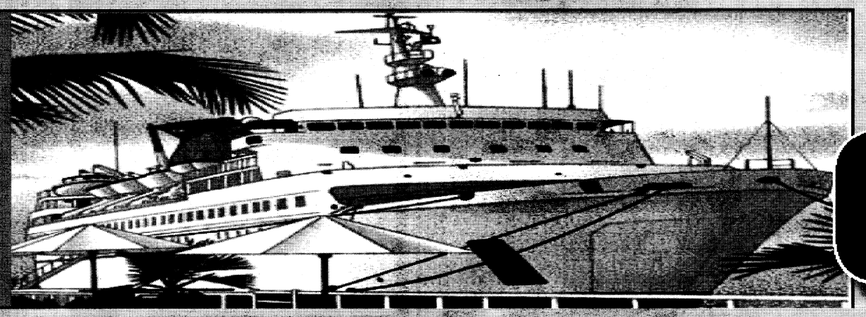
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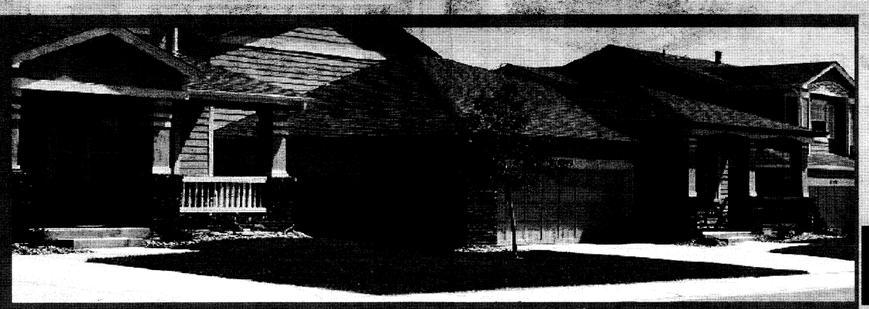
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Bush announces military changes in next decade

Thousands of troops, families to come home

John D. Banusiewicz
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States will redistribute forces now stationed at overseas locations "where the wars of the last century ended," President George W. Bush announced in Cincinnati Monday.

The president's announcement came during an address to the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"The world has changed a great deal," Bush said, "and our posture must change with it for the sake of our military families, for the sake of our taxpayers, and so we can be more effective at projecting our strength and spreading freedom and

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CLOSER LOOK

President George W. Bush announced that the U.S. will redistribute its forces currently stationed in Europe. This new plan will take place during the next 10 years and will:

- Strengthen U.S. alliances and build new partnerships around the world
- Reduce stress on service members and their families
- Bring home 60,000 to 70,000 uniformed personnel and about 100,000 family members and civilian employees

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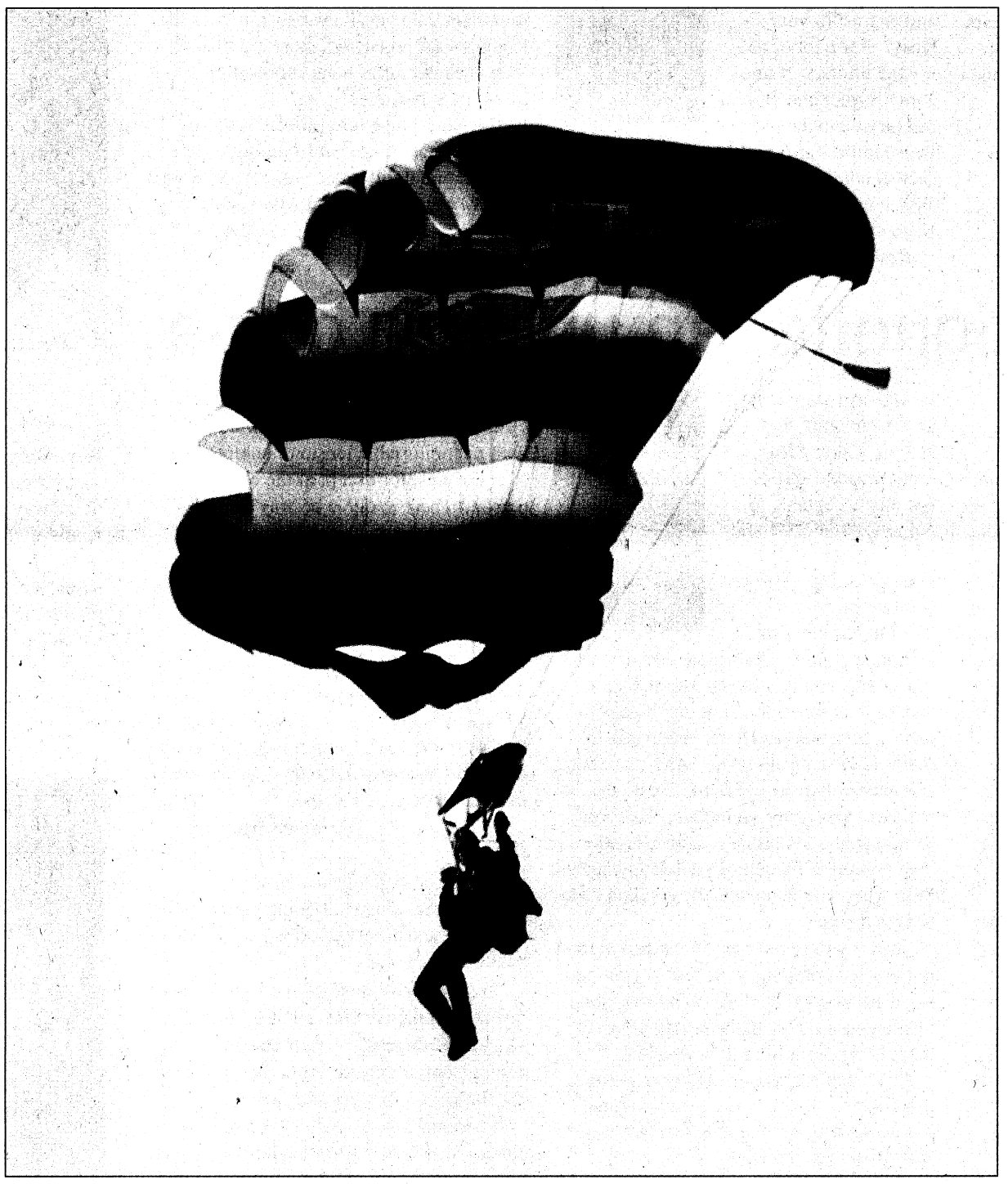
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National Airborne Day



Courtesy photo

The Silver Wings will be part of the National Airborne Day celebration today. The celebration will pay homage to the Army's airborne roots. In April 1940, the War Department approved plans to form a test platoon of airborne infantry Soldiers. Forty-eight men were selected from a pool of 200 volunteers, and less than 45 days after organization, members of the Test Platoon completed their first jumps over Lawson Army Airfield on Aug. 16, 1940. Today's celebration marks that anniversary.

CFC to kick off

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

This year's magic number is $800,000. That's the official amount government employees in the tricommunity will be asked to help meet for this year's Combined Federal Campaign, which will run from Aug. 24 to Oct. 5.

And since last year's collection surpassed the goal of $650,000, tricommunity CFC director Cindy Cain and garrison manager Chuck Walls said they'll be trying to push for $1 million.

"Stay tuned," Walls said. We may be raising the bar."

Only 34 percent of eligible donors gave last year, and with an increase to 50 to 60 percent, Cain said the million is within reach — it just involves changing the mindset of some folks.

Because the tricommunity did so well last year, the local CFC campaign was recognized

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Lunch to honor women

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning will celebrate women with a Women's Equality Day Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. The luncheon will be held at the Officers' Club.

"It's not about the food; it's about the education," said Master Sgt. Vincent McNeill, NCOIC, Equal Opportunity Office. "The education is for military and civilians alike. Education is the first priority."

The guest speaker is Vivian Bishop, wife of Georgia Congressman Sanford Bishop. Vivian is a municipal court clerk for Muscogee County.

"It's important (for the community) to get educated about the struggles women went through to achieve the opportunities we have today,"

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Ranger wife goes extra mile to save struggling nephew

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

> "I really believe in giving everything you can for the needs of other people. Whether you give a body part or money or time, you're helping others in their time of need."
>
> **Shelley Gittins**
> Donated a kidney to her 4-year-old nephew

Shelley Gittins has always believed in giving of herself. But the wife and mother of two took that ideal to new heights last year, when she "gave" a kidney to her 4-year-old nephew.

When Gittins' sister, Leslie Godwin, gave birth to her son in 1999, it quickly became apparent that the baby was not well.

Ethan was born with only one kidney — a kidney that functioned at only 30 percent.

Late last year, the kidney began to fail. Doctors told Godwin her son would need a kidney transplant to survive.

"When the doctors became aware that Ethan would need a kidney, they told my sister to start looking for family and friends who might be a match for him," Gittins recalled. "I knew I was the same blood type, so I might be able to help him."

So Gittins went to see a transplant coordinator and underwent numerous tests to determine whether or not she'd be a "good match."

She was.

With that, it was off to Iowa City, Iowa, where doctors shoveled

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WORD TO THE WISE

Speak your mind, mind your speech

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

There were 365 graduates in the Haworth High School class of 1984. One for every day of the year.

That being the case, my "day" would've been April 1, because the single most memorable moment of my senior year still leaves me feeling foolish.

In a split second — the time it took to utter one ugly word — I embarrassed myself and hurt someone's feelings, someone I considered a friend. I still cringe when I think of it, and I think of it way too often.

I went home to Indiana last month for my 20th high school reunion with every intention of apologizing to my friend *again*. She wasn't there.

But Alice was.

Alice and I went through school together, from grade school on. We were friendly, but not really close, if you know what I mean.



Alice said to me, during the reunion, "Bridgett, I always wanted to tell you that I had a lot of respect for you in high school."

I was stunned. Maybe stunned is too strong a word. I was *really* surprised. Alice admired me in high school and I didn't know it? Could it be there were others (aforementioned "friend" aside) who thought I was a fairly squared-away kid, while I was beating myself up for not being smart enough, popular enough, pretty enough, talented or athletic enough?

Hmmm. I left my reunion thinking about that thing I wish I'd never said, and that thing I wish Alice had said 20 years ago. I wish I'd kept my mouth shut and she hadn't.

Just the other day, during a back-to-school event, an acquaintance made her way through the crowd to pay me a compliment, a really nice compliment. It made my day.

Now coming on the heels of my introspection, I thought about the little bit of effort it took for this gal to seek me out and give me this "gift" — this woman whom I've never heard say a bad word about anyone.

She's obviously practicing the proverb which says, "A wise man's heart guides his tongue."

A wise man knows when to bite his tongue and when to speak his mind. Everybody likes a wise guy.

With that in mind, I'm encouraging my son, as he enters his senior year in high school, to watch his words, to think twice before he speaks, to spare himself years of regret.

But, hey, if his thoughts pass the kindness test, he shouldn't hesitate to share, no matter how trivial it seems.

It's a lesson I wish someone had taught me — and Alice — 20 years ago.

Every vote counts — even yours

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

"Every vote counts," is a common saying heard around election time. Never has it been so true. This year may be the most hotly contested presidential race this nation has ever seen.

The debacle in Florida in 2000 has shown even the biggest skeptics that, yes, even one vote does make a difference.

I would love to tell you who to vote for. I make quite clear to anyone who knows me who I'll be casting my vote for. But what I would like even more would be for us all to vote with both our hearts and our heads.



What issue is nearest and dearest to your heart? For a lot of us, it's the military. I urge every former and current military member and their families also to thoroughly research each candidate and what he stands for. Which candidate, John Kerry or George W. Bush, will do the most for you?

Check out the issues and find out each candidate's stance, not only in the presidential race, but locally, also. Sure, the presidential race is important, but so is what happens right in your own backyard.

So this year, vote. It may be the most important vote you'll ever cast in your life. If you're not registered, there are tons of Web sites that offer voter registration — mtv.com is just one.

Use your voice now, not later, when you're complaining that so-and-so didn't win and you didn't even vote. At least you can say you did vote, and who knows, it may be your vote that does make a difference.

Elevator etiquette, an uplifting guide

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Recently, I was diagnosed with a somewhat disturbing disorder — EOD. Never heard of it? Well, don't worry; it's not contagious. It's Elevator Ownership Disorder.

And here in the lift grand central that is Infantry Hall, there are a few things that really aggravate my condition. I see these little elevator etiquette taboos, I get that involuntary twitch and my EOD starts acting up something terrible.

Now, I know I am less patient with these elevator faux-paus than most — it's my condition, really. But I think all of us here in Infantry Hall would greatly benefit from cleaning up our elevator etiquette.

So being the genuinely sweet person that I am (cough ... clearing of the throat), I've compiled a list of helpful tips for my fellow riders:

• **In the lobby.** As you approach the lobby where you will wait for your elevator, you may see that glowing button that summons the elevator and be tempted to push it ... repeatedly.

Hint to the user: If the button is lit up, someone else has already pushed it. Probably someone standing right there in the waiting area with you. And pushing it again doesn't make the car come faster.

Then, there are those special individuals who, once the elevator arrives, express their level of importance by attempting to board the elevator before letting anyone off.

I'm not exactly sure where in the world of common sense standing in front of the doors as they open and blocking the exit for people trying to get *off* the elevator is an efficient way to get *on* the elevator. But here at Infantry Hall, it's more sensible and socially acceptable to politely stand aside and allow riders to exit without incident before you hop on.



• **On the elevator.** Of course, good elevator manners don't cease once you're actually on the lift.

Don't let that blind spot get the best of you — there are panels on either side to select your floor of choice. And you, too, can master their use. Simply locate the number of the floor you would like to go to, and push the button — a better option than making it the job of your fellow riders even when you happen to be standing right next to a panel.

And if you're not next to the panel, trust in the good nature of your fellow man, and ask them to push the button for you, rather than leaning across them, nearly elbowing them in the face, to push it yourself.

Once you are proceeding up or down, a good rule of thumb is not to crowd your fellow passengers, standing so close as to back them into the wall.

Perhaps it would be better if you simply waited for one of the three other elevators to come pick you up, or at least stood in the middle of the elevator instead of penetrating someone else's space bubble. Let's use our field sanitation guidelines here and leave a foot or two between bodies.

And if you happen to board the elevator with just one other person — a stranger, that is — my recommendation is to either start a conversation or busy yourself with whatever you're carrying in your hands.

Don't feel obligated to permeate the air with uncomfortable tension, looking all over the elevator except at the other person. There really is no way to pretend that you are not in a small, enclosed space with the person you are sharing it with. Believe me, I and many of my fellow riders have tried — none of us successfully, mind you.

And if you do board the elevator with a friend, and you're having a conversation of a highly private nature (i.e. your rash/open, festering sores are acting up again or some other ailment-related diatribe), please wait for the next car, or continue the conversation *after* you've reached your floor.

Even a hushed whisper and conspiratorial tone isn't going protect your subject matter from spreading to the ears of innocent bystanders.

And finally, a personal message for my favorite people EVER. You know the ones — you see them when your elevator's ascent from or descent to the first floor is interrupted on the second floor.

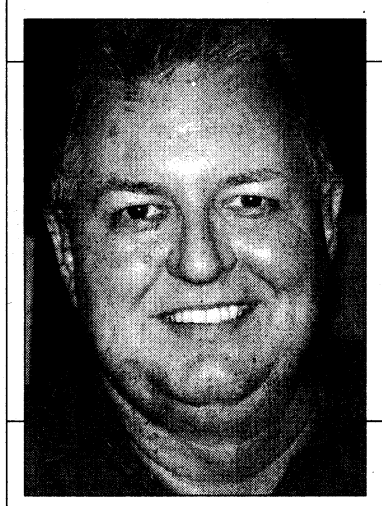
Those healthy, fit individuals who are either too lazy or navigationally challenged to locate the stairs (which, by the way, are just right around the corners from the elevators).

Climbing the stairs to the second floor is probably quicker and definitely more considerate than needlessly stopping an elevator full of people who are probably running late as it is.

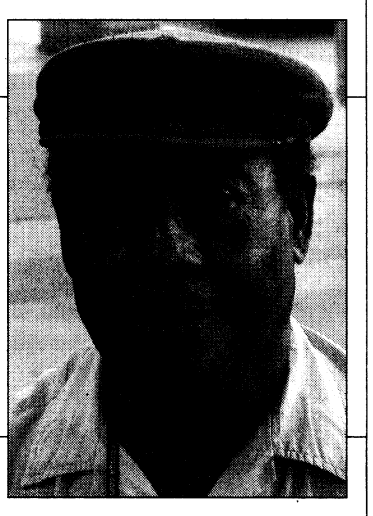
Well, folks, that about sums it up. Let's keep these tips in mind and make our elevator experiences enjoyable for everyone.

VARIOUS VOICES

If you went back to high school, what would you do differently?



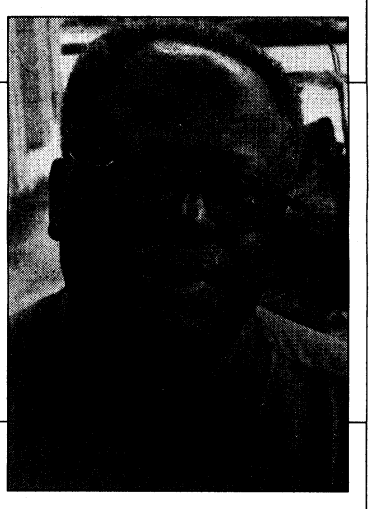
Steve Thiele, 'The Voice of the Infantry'— "I would have studied more and paid more attention. I also would have improved on baseball, because I always wanted to play on the varsity team."



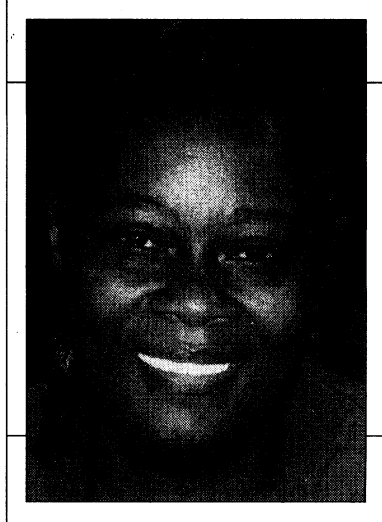
Retired Staff Sgt. Fred Pierce — "Back in my day, if you didn't know your times tables, you got slapped on the hand with a ruler. I wouldn't play close-contact sports because you could lose your focus."



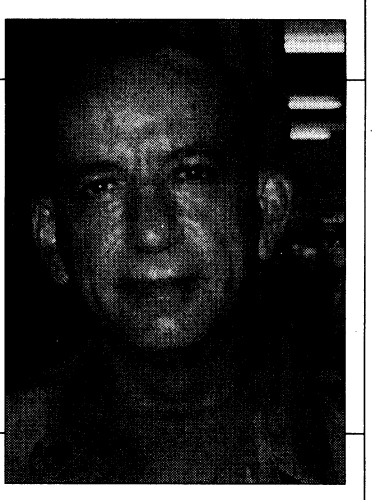
Jacqueline Merine- "My high school years were pretty good. I had good teachers. I probably would have studied a little bit harder."



Rev. Billy Prather, retiree — "I didn't let anything get in the way of my education. I would do the same thing if I were to go back. I was taught discipline and how to treat people. Those lessons I learned paid off."



Sharon Gant, AAFES Employee — "I would have studied more because I would have learned a little bit more. Knowing what I know now, that's exactly what I would have done."



Staff Sgt. Tom Kirchgessner, 249th Medical Co.— "I probably would have devoted less time at my job outside of school and focused more on school. I probably would have taken it more seriously."

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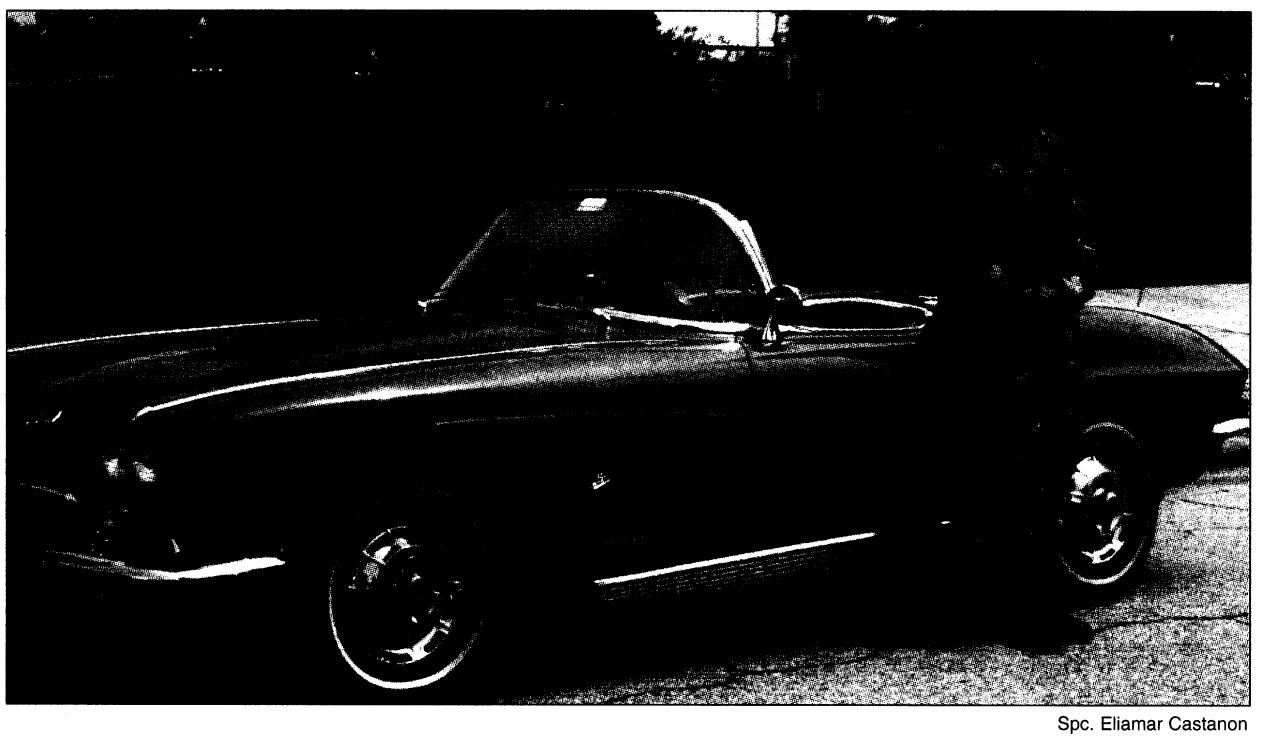
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Maj. Steve Coker poses in front of his 1962 Corvette outside of Infantry Hall. Coker has donated his car to be raffled Oct. 24. Proceeds from the raffle will help build a church for his congregation.

Soldier donates car for raffle

'62 Corvette to help build church for congregation

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Imagine driving down the road in a 1962 convertible Corvette. A gorgeous, red, classic beauty worth at least $35,000. Not in a million years right? Well, maybe yes.

Maj. Steve Coker, Fort Benning's mobilization branch chief, has the privilege of driving the aforementioned classic beauty everyday.

But eight months ago, he decided to give that privilege up, not to buy another car, or for home improvements or because his wife didn't like his car.

He decided to give his car to God — to buy a church.

Coker has always been a man of God, then he had a vision. A vision that changed his life. Coker had to do something for God, to thank him for everything he's been blessed with.

Every Sunday, Coker joins a group of family and friends for church. Not at church, however, but at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge.

"We have people who come in and set it up before the service and then break everything down after the service," Coker said.

A man who always has a plan, Coker went to his pastor and asked him what was needed for them to buy a church to worship at every Sunday. The answer, of course, money.

So Coker decided to raffle off his car to buy a church. For $25 a ticket, anyone can buy a shot at owning the 1962 Corvette.

"It's a testimony, a witness to people," Coker said. "You give and God will be in debt to no man. When it's all said and done, monetary things won't get you salvation.

"God put us all here to find one another, help one another and love one another. That's what the church is going to do. It's going to help bring everyone together," Coker said.

From the raffle of the Corvette, Coker hopes his congregation makes enough money to purchase either an existing church location or property to build a church.

Currently, his congregation is about 80 members strong, but the long term goal is to build a church that will seat at least 200 people.

"We want to get to a position where our church body can grow and we can provide various community service activities such as missionary work, and minister to those near and far," Coker said.

"I ask for no credit for this. This is my obedience and his will. The glory is to God. I can't do it without him, because I would mess it up," he said.

Coker purchased the 1962 Corvette in Michigan two years ago and has put more than $10,000 into restoring it. It can be viewed every fair weather Sunday at The River of Columbus Church in Columbus.

The raffle will be Oct. 24, following church services at The River of Columbus Church.

To purchase a ticket or for more information, call Coker at 536-6630.

"This is the beginning of some great work. This is just one task but there's many more to come," Coker said.

Post welcomes first Italian liaison

Del Lungo will be link with Italian army

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning welcomed its newest foreign liaison officer Aug. 5.

Maj. Angelo Del Lungo is the first Italian liaison officer in the post's history.

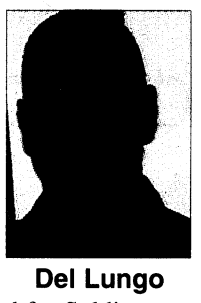
"It will be difficult to be the first in this position," Del Lungo said. "But it will be nice, too, because there is no set path to follow and I can make my own way."

He said his main responsibility will be to act as a communication channel of ideas and experience between the Infantry School and the Italian army.

"I'm expected to exchange a lot of experience and information," he said. "I know the Infantry School will teach me many lessons regarding current combat tactics, like in Iraq. I will be able to compare that with what my army is doing. This is a very important moment for me and my country."

This three-year assignment as liaison officer will be the first time Del Lungo will spend extended time in the United States.

"This is a challenging moment for both me and my family from a professional point of view," he said. "We are starting a new life in a new country, but this army is different from many.



Del Lungo

"Here it is more like an extended family and there are many opportunities for them to make social connections and for Soldiers to not only be Soldiers, but to be a part of a community."

Prior to his assignment here, Del Lungo attended the Italian staff college in Rome, but lived in a small town outside of the metro area.

"I prefer to live in a smaller town," he said. "I worked in Rome, but it is much too chaotic to live there. This city is very similar to the size of the city where I lived and I finally get to see the real America. All we know of America is what we see in films — the big cities, skyscrapers and such, but this is small-town America. People are so friendly, and we are looking forward to traveling and making new friends."

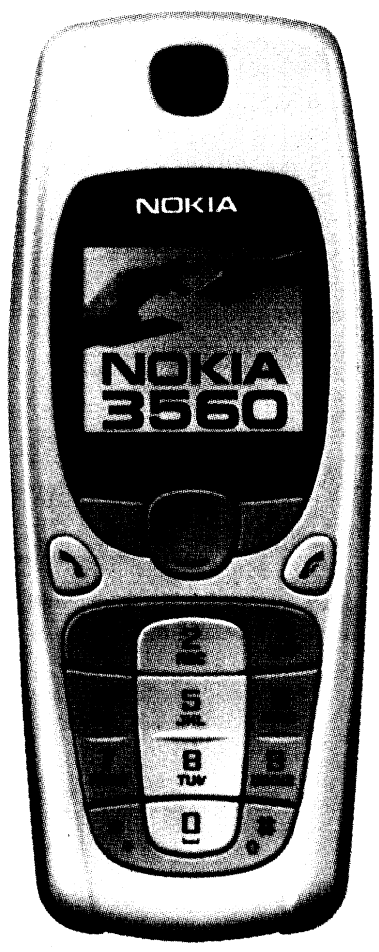
Del Lungo's assignments include platoon commander, company commander, and logistics section chief within the 2nd Granatieri Regiment, an elite unit organized in 1659, long before Italy was the nation recognized today. He also served as a training and doctrine section chief at the Italian army's NCO academy.

He has served tours in Somalia in 1993 and several tours in Bosnia and throughout the Balkan Region.

"I think this assignment will be a great opportunity to grow both professionally and culturally," Del Lungo said.

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1st Infantry Division Soldiers conduct Cajun Mousetrap III

TF Danger Soldiers raid comes to end

Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Joseph
Army News Service

Task Force Danger Soldiers, in an operation dubbed "Cajun Mousetrap III," conducted an overnight raid into the City of Samarra that started late August 13 and ended early the next morning.

The mission objectives were to assess the capabilities of the Anti-Iraqi Forces in the city and clear roads, said Capt. William Rockefeller, commander of B Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

He stressed that the operation was a "limited attack mission." His Soldiers were to clear roads blocked by AIF and fire at enemy positions if fired upon.

Pfc. Ryan Howell, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle gunner from B Company and a Toledo, Ohio native, was pumped up for the mission.

He emerged from the unit's weight room in a building on his patrol base sweating from a workout.

"I like to lift before a mission," Howell said. "It's been too long since we've been in the city. I'm ready to go."

1st Lt. Warren Wessling, platoon leader of B Company's 2nd Platoon echoed those sentiments.

"We're always ready to go," he said.

Sgt. Nicholas J. Roha, a gunner on an M-1 A1 Abrams tank from 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, attached to B Company, spent his down time before the mission relaxing.

"I feel pretty good," Roha said. "All of us have already been through a lot of combat, so we know how we react."

He and his counterparts double checked their weapons, night vision equipment and other battle gear, and filed out of the building into the dark and onto their vehicles.

The unit was going into Samarra, where the troops hadn't been in a while.

Patrol Base Razor sits on the banks of the Tigris River, directly across from Samarra. On the roof of the command post, radio traffic gave a play-by-play of the battle.

Rockefeller's company maneuvered across a bridge from the west side of the Tigris using heavy machine gun fire and several vehicle-launched wire-guided missiles to clear roadways of obstacles, according to reports.

Once in the city, the company received fire from enemy positions and met the fire with overwhelming force. Tracers converged on each other. Gunfights were in progress. As fire from one location ceased, radio traffic indicated that an A or B Company unit was past the objective and was moving to the next.

Tracer rounds and explosions lit the city and reflected on the Tigris River during the early stages of the operation. Approximately one hour into the battle, the city lights went dark and the only light came from sporadic firefights on the city streets.

The peak of the resistance came from an old former regime element headquarters building, said an unidentified voice monitoring the radio.

Another voice over the radio told the listeners to take cover behind the rooftop bunkers. A white flash and orange fireball preceded the loudest explosion of the night. The thump of the report jarred the building situated more than 1,500 meters away.

"A 500-pound bomb from an Air Force jet just finished off that enemy position," a voice over the radio announced.

Apache gun ships from the 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team aided the counter attacks with 30 mm cannon fire, Rockefeller later said.

A Company completed the sweep from the north and exited the city by the route cleared by B Company, said 1st Lt. Scott Gilman, executive officer from A Company.

A Company met an equal amount of resistance and success. The unit fought its way through as B Company pulled out. Like its sister company, the unit took no casualties, Capt. Michael Jurick, liaison officer from Task Force 1-26 said.

Of significance, Jurick said, A Company took out two rocket propelled grenade teams.

At least one was destroyed by an Abrams tank attached to the unit from the 1-77 Armor.

"We met our objectives and everybody came back," Rockefeller said. "That's excellent."

Editor's note: *Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Joseph is assigned to the 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.*

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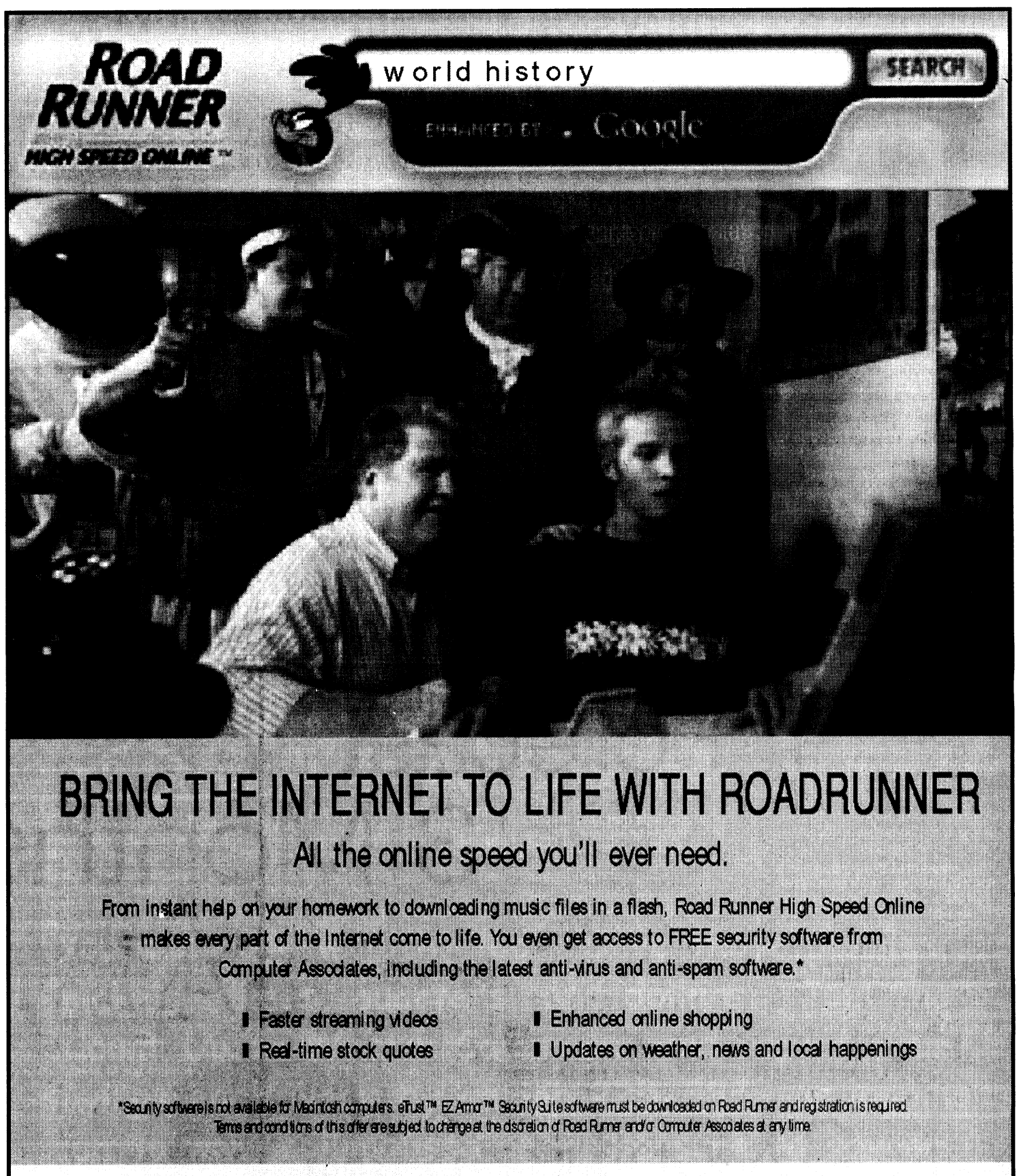
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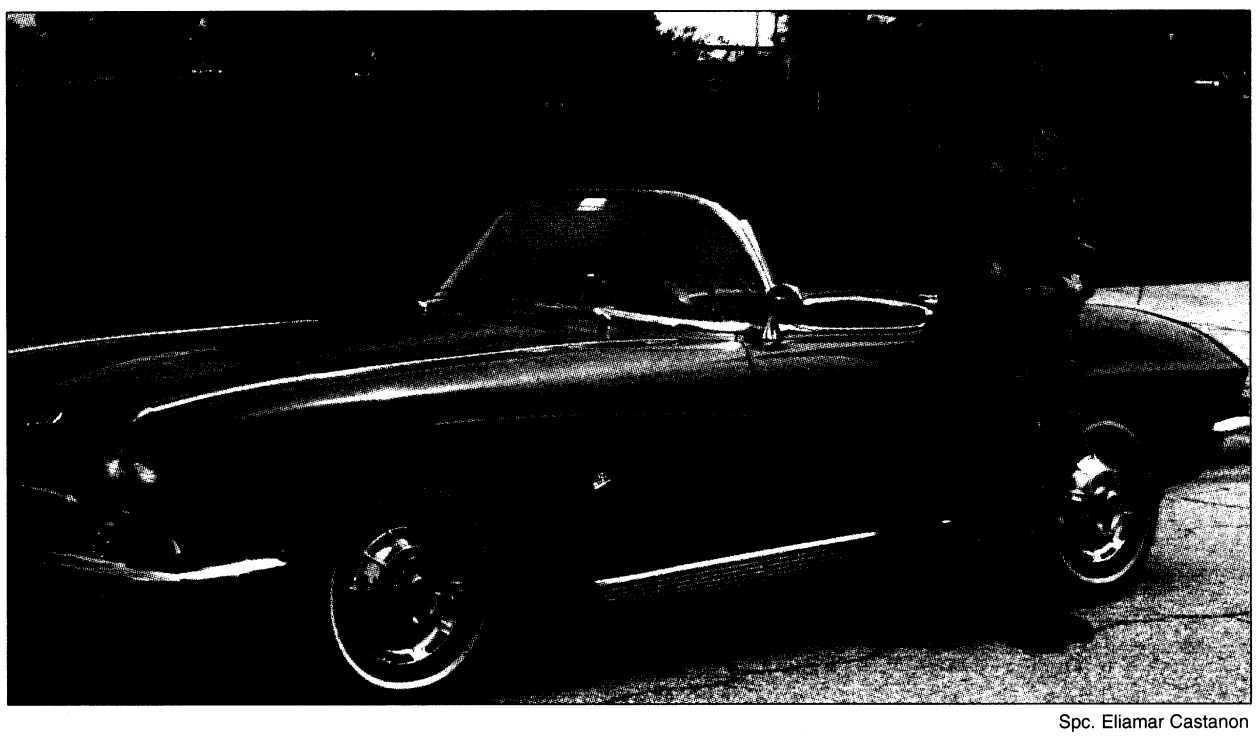
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Maj. Steve Coker poses in front of his 1962 Corvette outside of Infantry Hall. Coker has donated his car to be raffled Oct. 24. Proceeds from the raffle will help build a church for his congregation.

Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Soldier donates car for raffle

'62 Corvette to help build church for congregation

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Imagine driving down the road in a 1962 convertible Corvette. A gorgeous, red, classic beauty worth at least $35,000. Not in a million years right? Well, maybe yes.

Maj. Steve Coker, Fort Benning's mobilization branch chief, has the privilege of driving the aforementioned classic beauty everyday.

But eight months ago, he decided to give that privilege up, not to buy another car, or for home improvements or because his wife didn't like his car.

He decided to give his car to God — to buy a church.

Coker has always been a man of God, then he had a vision. A vision that changed his life. Coker had to do something for God, to thank him for everything he's been blessed with.

Every Sunday, Coker joins a group of family and friends for church. Not at church, however, but at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge.

"We have people who come in and set it up before the service and then break everything down after the service," Coker said.

A man who always has a plan, Coker went to his pastor and asked him what was needed for them to buy a church to worship at every Sunday. The answer, of course, money.

So Coker decided to raffle off his car to buy a church. For $25 a ticket, anyone can buy a shot at owning the 1962 Corvette.

"It's a testimony, a witness to people," Coker said. "You give and God will be in debt to no man. When it's all said and done, monetary things won't get you salvation.

"God put us all here to find one another, help one another and love one another. That's what the church is going to do. It's going to help bring everyone together," Coker said.

From the raffle of the Corvette, Coker hopes his congregation makes enough money to purchase either an existing church location or property to build a church.

Currently, his congregation is about 80 members strong, but the long term goal is to build a church that will seat at least 200 people.

"We want to get to a position where our church body can grow and we can provide various community service activities such as missionary work, and minister to those near and far," Coker said.

"I ask for no credit for this. This is my obedience and his will. The glory is to God. I can't do it without him, because I would mess it up," he said.

Coker purchased the 1962 Corvette in Michigan two years ago and has put more than $10,000 into restoring it. It can be viewed every fair weather Sunday at The River of Columbus Church in Columbus.

The raffle will be Oct. 24, following church services at The River of Columbus Church.

To purchase a ticket or for more information, call Coker at 536-6630.

"This is the beginning of some great work. This is just one task but there's many more to come," Coker said.

Post welcomes first Italian liaison

Del Lungo will be link with Italian army

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning welcomed its newest foreign liaison officer Aug. 5.

Maj. Angelo Del Lungo is the first Italian liaison officer in the post's history.

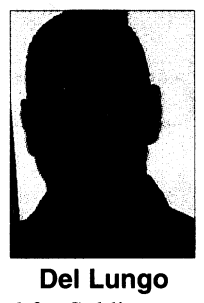
"It will be difficult to be the first in this position," Del Lungo said. "But it will be nice, too, because there is no set path to follow and I can make my own way."

He said his main responsibility will be to act as a communication channel of ideas and experience between the Infantry School and the Italian army.

"I'm expected to exchange a lot of experience and information," he said. "I know the Infantry School will teach me many lessons regarding current combat tactics, like in Iraq. I will be able to compare that with what my army is doing. This is a very important moment for me and my country."

This three-year assignment as liaison officer will be the first time Del Lungo will spend extended time in the United States.

"This is a challenging moment for both me and my family from a professional point of view," he said. "We are starting a new life in a new country, but this army is different from many.



Del Lungo

"Here it is more like an extended family and there are many opportunities for them to make social connections and for Soldiers to not only be Soldiers, but to be a part of a community."

Prior to his assignment here, Del Lungo attended the Italian staff college in Rome, but lived in a small town outside of the metro area.

"I prefer to live in a smaller town," he said. "I worked in Rome, but it is much too chaotic to live there. This city is very similar to the size of the city where I lived and I finally get to see the real America. All we know of America is what we see in films — the big cities, skyscrapers and such, but this is small-town America. People are so friendly, and we are looking forward to traveling and making new friends."

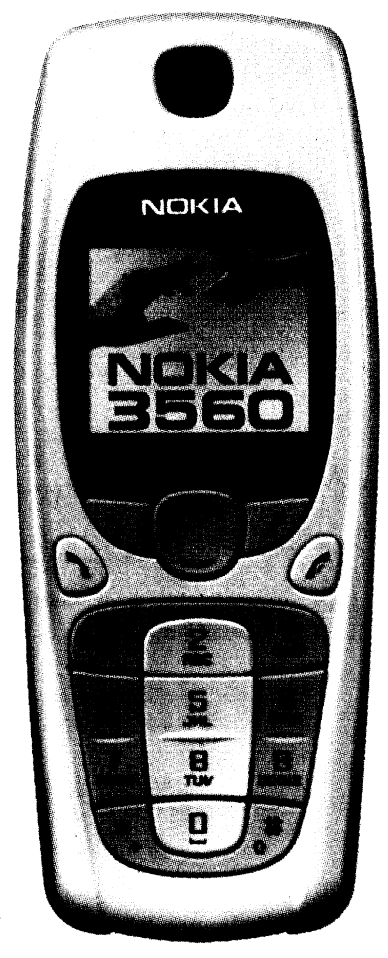
Del Lungo's assignments include platoon commander, company commander, and logistics section chief within the 2nd Granatieri Regiment, an elite unit organized in 1659, long before Italy was the nation recognized today. He also served as a training and doctrine section chief at the Italian army's NCO academy.

He has served tours in Somalia in 1993 and several tours in Bosnia and throughout the Balkan Region.

"I think this assignment will be a great opportunity to grow both professionally and culturally," Del Lungo said.

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August begins peak hurricane season

Gulf, Atlantic states should be prepared

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Hurricane Charley was just the beginning.

In May, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a branch of the Department of Homeland Security, issued its prediction for the 2004 hurricane season.

Forecasters said there will be an "above-normal" season in the Atlantic, with 12 to 15 tropical storms. Six to eight will likely become hurricanes and two to four may become major hurricanes. Major hurricanes are Category 3 and higher, as measured by the Saffir-Simpson scale, defined by air pressure, wind speed and storm surge.

So the Federal Emergency Management Agency urged residents of Gulf and Atlantic states to prepare for the season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. Peak months are August, September and October.

According to the NOAA Web site, the increased storm activity is a continuation of activity that began in 1995.

And although Charley is still a horrible, fresh memory for many Florida residents, Hurricane Danielle is brewing southwest of the Azores, and Earl is now classified as a tropical wave off the coast of Central America. The NOAA Web site has satellite images, warnings and advisories for both.

The NOAA staff has also compiled a list of the deadliest, most costly and intense hurricanes from 1900 to 2000. During that time, there have only been 19 years when no hurricane has struck the U.S. mainland, and only twice has the country gone two years in a row without land strikes.

Georgia has had its share of the 165 hurricanes in the past century, including one Category 1 hurricane and four in Category 2. Those storms caused minimal to moderate damage with winds between 74 and 110 mph, according to a NOAA compilation.

The National Hurricane Center has a Hurricane Preparedness Week in May to inform the public about hurricane hazards and provide information individuals and families can use to take action in the event of a hurricane.

And organizational guru FlyLady, aka Marla Cilley, compiled her *Points of Preparedness in an Evacuation* for subscribers to her mentoring group. These tips are applicable to any evacuation, whether hurricane, flood, or fire:

10 Points of Preparedness in an Evacuation

1. **PEOPLE**: Have a plan for getting out of the house and make sure everyone knows it. Have an emergency bag of food and water for your family with wholesome snacks for the children — dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers and granola bars.

2. **PETS**: Keep pet carriers and leashes available to lead pets to safety. Take pet food with you.

3. **PICTURES:** Keep negatives or CDs of pictures in a lock box or at a family member's home. Have picture albums in one place ready to grab and go at a moment's notice.

4. **PAPERS**: Have all your important papers in a lock box at a bank and keep only copies at the house. This keeps you from panicking. If you have them at home, put them in a folder that you can grab if you have to move fast. Color code it so you can find it!

5. **PRESCRIPTIONS**: Take your medications with you. Don't forget the ones that have to be refrigerated, such as insulin. Have a small ice chest and cold packs readily accessible to pack and go. If you have babies, remember their formula or medications.

6. **PURSES**: This is where you keep your identification, credit cards and cash. Keep a stash of cash for emergencies. You may not be able to use an ATM in the event of a power outage.

7. **PROPER CLOTHES and COMFORT ITEMS**: According to the weather conditions; gather up a change of clothes along with outer clothing — coats, rain gear, boots, gloves and hats. If you have babies, remember diapers. Remember to grab your children's favorite blankets, stuffed animals or toys. A game or a deck of cards will help keep them occupied and calm.

8. **PLANNER or CALENDAR**: These should have all the information you will need, such as phone numbers, insurance numbers and important dates. They are small and filled with things you don't have to try to remember.

9. **PHONES and RADIOS**: Always keep cell phones charged and have a charger in the car or an extra battery. They may not work in the event of power outages, but then they might.

Know which local radio station has emergency bulletins. Keep your battery-powered radio tuned to that station and have plenty of batteries handy. Also keep a "corded" phone that does not operate with electricity.

10. **PATIENCE**: This is one of the most important things to pack. Keep it inside you, so you can keep a clear, calm head.

Having your *P's to Preparedness* list to guide you will keep you patient. In the event of an evacuation, there will be lots of displaced people. Being patient will make things less stressful. Your children need to see you calm and collected. This will help keep them calm, too.

Copy this list and put it in your planner or calendar.

Don't wait till you are being asked to evacuate. Everyone thinks that it could not happen to them. Well it could, and it is up to you to make sure you are prepared. Don't wait! DO IT NOW!!

For more information, visit www.noaa.gov or www.flylady.net.

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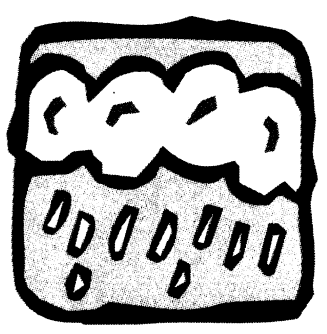
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- According to the weather conditions, gather up a change of clothes along with outer clothing.
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- Cell phone and radio, with extra batteries and/or a way to charge them.
- Be patient.

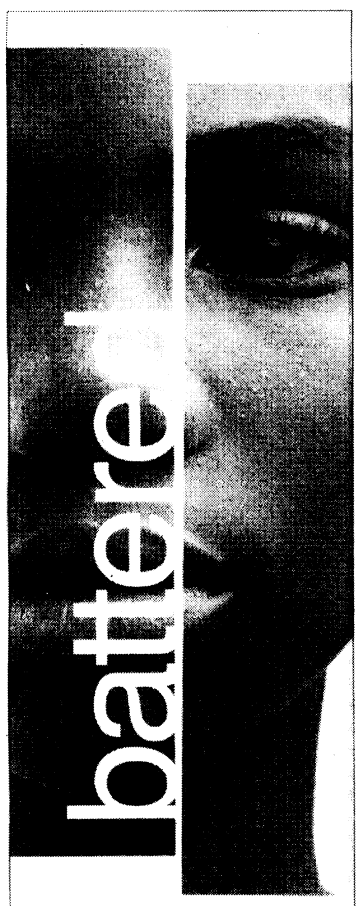












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Benning Ranger named TRADOC's top NCO

Dahlonega troop hopes to tackle Armywide board

Sgt. 1st Class Reginald P. Rogers
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Staff Sgt. Andrew Bullock, representing the Army's Combined Arms Command and 5th Ranger Training Battalion, was named the Training and Doctrine Command's NCO of the Year Aug. 6 at Fort Monroe.

Bullock — who works in Dahlonega, Ga., instructing Ranger mountain training in the North Georgia mountains — joined the Army in 1996 after spending a year at Brigham Young University in Utah.

"I tried college for a year and didn't get as much out of it as I had hoped, so I decided to serve my country for a while," Bullock explained. "I got hooked on it and re-enlisted and stayed on in."

He said he initially joined the Army as an airborne infantryman assigned to 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I enjoyed being in the 82nd," he said. "I went on a lot of good deployments. I went to Kosovo and Egypt as part of the Multinational Force and Observers and enjoyed my time there. When it was done, five and a half years later, I was ready to go. I got assigned to the 5th Ranger Battalion in North Georgia, and I've been training there since."

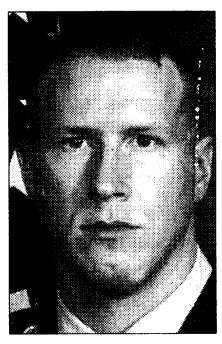
It was these deployments that Bullock said have been his most rewarding experience in the Army.

"My most rewarding experiences in the Army have definitely been my overseas deployments," he said. "Especially Kosovo in 1999. Going into those countries where the people have been persecuted and being able to assist them, (and seeing) the look on their faces, is probably one of the most rewarding feelings I've ever experienced.

"The second most rewarding thing was graduating from Ranger School, also in 1999," he added.

Bullock said it was his assignment to the 82nd that influenced his decision to become a Ranger.

"My first leaders while in the 82nd were the best," he said. "They were who I aspired to be. They shined above all the other leaders in the unit, and so I knew that was who I wanted to be, and I set my sights on it."


Bulloch

He said his career aspirations include becoming a "Green Beret."

"I'm kinda undecided right now; I'd like to go into Special Forces and experience that," Bullock said. "I'm not yet sure if I want to do a 20- or 30-year Army career. There are a lot of factors there. But I definitely have a few more good years left in the Army. At least one more re-enlistment."

He said the TRADOC NCO of the Year competition was tough. He pointed out that it was close all the way to the finish.

"It was very challenging because my competitors were outstanding," Bullock said. "Sgt. (1st Class Jon) Williams and Sgt. (1st Class Shane) Wentz were, by far and away, the best competitors I've had to go against on any board level. I knew that if I had a chance of winning, I'd have to be on top of everything at all times. There was no slack whatsoever.

"It was showing in our first event, the APFT, during the two-mile run at the one-mile mark – the turnaround," he added. "I was there, Wentz was there and Williams. We were abreast of each other at the turnaround. That was just how it was for the whole competition."

Bullock said the hardest events in the competition were the essay and sitting through the board.

"The written essay was hard because in the Army, you get away from just writing essays," he explained. "I haven't written an essay in a few years, so that was a little interesting. In the actual oral board, (TRADOC) Command Sgt. Maj. (Anthony) Williams and the other board members did an outstanding job making all the competitors feel at ease. The board members were outstanding, and they provided some really good questions that required you to think."

The question the competitors were required to write an essay on was, "What sentence in the NCO Creed is the most important to you, and why?"

For Bullock, it was competence. "Competence is my watchword," he said. "My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers.

"That's important to me because, just like the Soldier's Creed and part of the Warrior Ethos, the most important thing we do in the Army is mission accomplishment," he said. "If we can't accomplish our mission, is there any point in having an Army? Americans wouldn't even need us if we can't accomplish our mission.

"The second most important is Soldier welfare," he added. "You have to take care of your Soldiers if you want to be able to accomplish the mission."

Bullock said his command was instrumental in helping him become the NCO of the Year.

"My entire company-level chain of command: my sponsor, Sgt. 1st Class Prather, who was there if I needed anything," he said. "My platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Livingston, was always there, making sure there was a good balance of time between working and ensuring I had time to study and prepare. My first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Raymond Nieto, who is one of those people I aspire to be like, had me straightened out for success also."



Post Guardsmen perform full-time missions

Warrior Training Center spotlights efforts, missions

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

They're everywhere, and they look just like you. The 14 full-time National Guardsmen assigned to Fort Benning fight a common misconception about their Active Guard assignments. They're active, not *activated*, and yes, there's a difference.

They're assigned to Sand Hill, Infantry Hall, Officer Candidate School, CONUS Replacement Center, the Warrior Training Center — the list goes on and on. And most of them, or at least their positions, have been here for years, long before the war on terrorism and the subsequent call-up of more than 200,000 "part-time" Soldiers.

"Our job is basically to support Guard endeavors," said Col. Matthew Nagasako, special assistant to the commanding general for Army National Guard and Army Reserve Affairs.

"Somewhere along the line, we decided to intermingle," he said. "Even though our goal is to have a seamless Army, Guard and regular Army Soldiers don't always speak the same language."

The National Guard Bureau funds positions for full-time Guardsmen who are "tenants" in units where they're needed to assist National Guard Soldiers — units like the 30th AG Battalion (Reception) on Sand Hill, where Guardsmen serve as full-time liaisons for the 6,000 National Guard Soldiers who go through basic training each year and hundreds who attend other schools on post.

There are 41 such positions available on Fort Benning, though only 14 are filled at this time, Nagasako said. That makes his a "medium-sized" force. Every Army installation has Active Guard positions, some with more than a hundred. In fact, many installations also have active Army Reserve Soldiers.

But since the Reserves have basically "pulled out of the infantry business," they're presence is missed here on Fort Benning, where the Guard liaisons on Sand Hill make it a point to take care of Reservists also, Nagasako said.

Though their primary mission is to train and care for National Guard Soldiers, whether they're in Basic Training, Ranger School or OCS, it's not limited there. Only half of the students who attend the Guard's pre-ranger course are Guardsmen. With a success rate to rival and even surpass most pre-ranger courses — between 63 and 68 percent of the National Guard pre-ranger course graduates pass Ranger School — the course has been filled to capacity annually for each of its eight two-week cycles.

The success of the pre-ranger course has caught the eye of post officials, who would like to see an increase in the number of classes offered. The increased optempo, coupled with the addition of a National Guard Air Assault Course, resulted in a name change in April.

The pre-ranger site, near Harmony Church, has been named the Warrior Training Center, and it's the headquarters of pre-ranger, air assault and the mobile training teams that deploy regularly to teach courses around the globe.

It's also the site of the post's largest contingent of full-time National Guard Soldiers, with nearly 20 cadre. This figure can be misleading, since most of those are on "active-duty special work" assignments of 90 days to a year.

Plain and simple, Nagasako said, it takes a slew of full-time Soldiers to man and train a ready "part-time" Army, even during peace time.

But that "part-time" Army is proving critical to the success of American forces in the Global War on Terrorism.

Only half of the students who attend the Guard's pre-ranger course are Guardsmen. With a success rate to rival and even surpass most pore-rangers courses — between 63 and 68 percent of the National Guard pre-ranger course graduates pass Ranger School — the course has been filled to capacity annually for each of its eight two-week cycles.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

National Airborne Day

The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment will celebrate National Airborne Day today in conjunction with a graduation.

For more information, call Greg Rogers at 545-1006.

NCO, Soldier of the Quarter Awards

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Awards Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Classroom 6 of Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Wallace Scott at 545-4633 or 545-4314.

Warrant officer recruiting

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, will brief on qualifications and application procedures to Soldiers interested in becoming warrant officers.

The brief will be at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and 3 p.m. Thursday in Room 5 of Infantry Hall.

For more information, go to www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant or e-mail stephen.beckham@usarec.army.mil.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

The Women's Equality Day Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Fort Benning's Officers' Club. Tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3198.

BNCOC graduation

Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Class 5-04 graduates at 10 a.m. Thursday in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Reclamation sale

There will be a reclamation sale from 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 3 at 224A Upton Avenue.

Cash is the only form of payment accepted.

For more information, call 545-1128.

Golden Knights

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" is currently accepting applications to attend their annual Assessment and Selection Program in September.

A downloadable version of the application is available on the Golden Knights' Web site www.armygoldenknights.com.

To become a Golden Knight, applicants must have a minimum of 150 freefall parachute jumps, a flawless civilian and military record and volunteer to become airborne qualified.

Packets can be sent to the U.S. Army Parachute Team, P.O. Box 70126, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. For more information, call (910) 396-4800.

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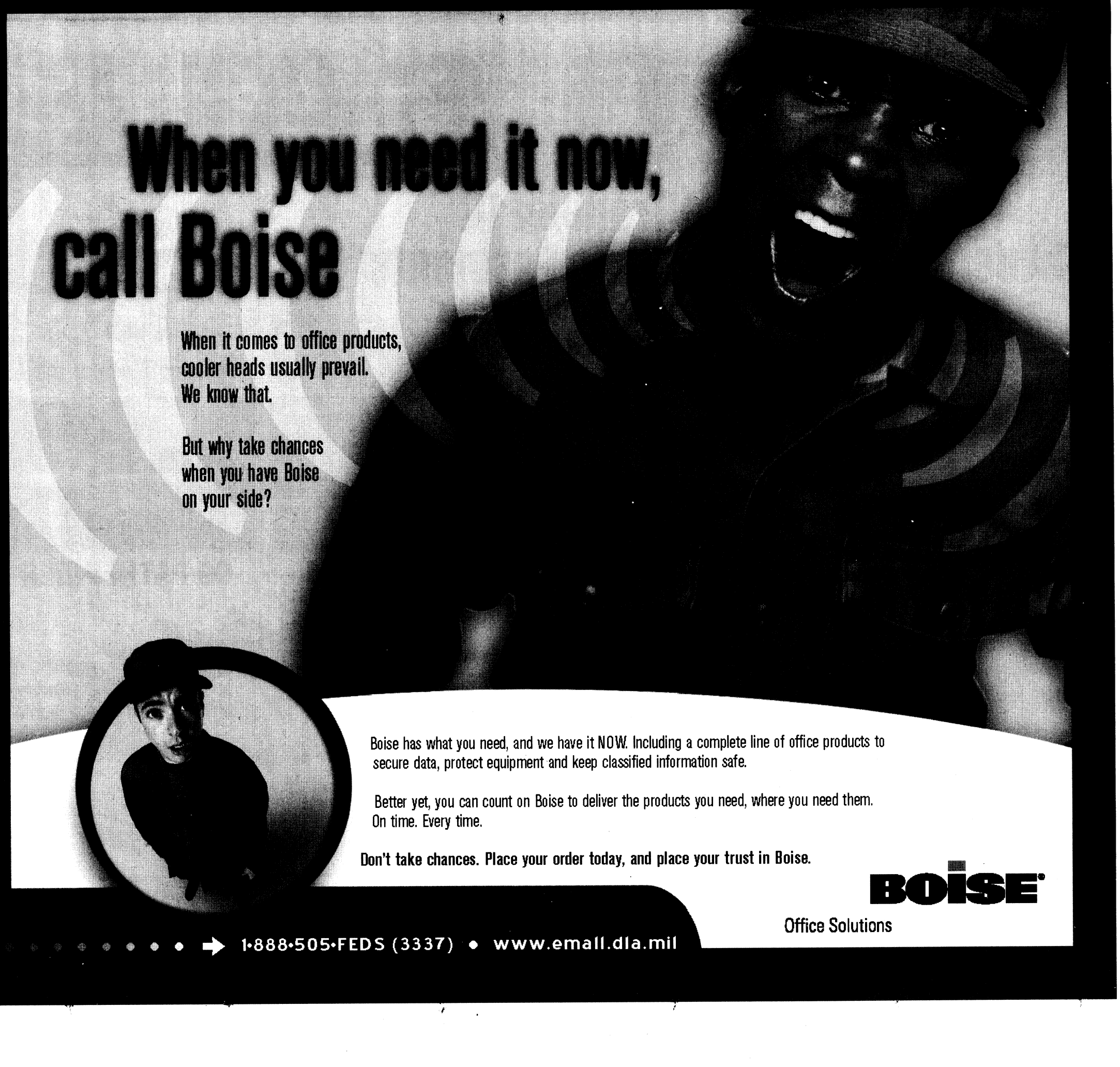
The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation invites the public to its annual Parade of Nations and Cena Tipica from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Columbus Iron Works in Uptown Columbus. Cost is $25 per person.

For information and tickets, call Cecilia Alexander at 545-1285 no later than Aug. 20.

Warrant officer board

The last warrant officer selection board of the year will be held Sept. 13. Minimum requirements include a MOS of 14E, 14T, 14J or 27X, four years field experience in MOS 14E or 27X or five years field experience in MOS 14T or 14J.

Forward completed application no later than Aug. 15 to Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Attn: RCRO-SM-A, 1307 Third Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-2725.



Troops practice tactics at JRTC

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade Combat Team PAO

The day's first light shines on a convoy Saturday; its destination is the small town of Jabar Nahr.

Intelligence has pinpointed the village as the location of a high-ranking terrorist in the al Qaeda network.

The orders for 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment's 3rd Platoon Bravehearts are clear — cordon off the area, search the village for the suspect and bring him in, alive if possible.

Traveling in the convoy are two Bradleys, two 113s and a Light Mobile Tactical Vehicle.

Soldiers fill the LMTV's large truck bed with two Soldiers in the cab. While the convoy travels down a dirt road, the Soldiers in the back of the LMTV scan the surroundings, ready for any enemy movement. The convoy comes to an abrupt halt when a beat-up truck rounds a bend in the road.

Soldiers jump out of the LMTV, their weapons sighted on the truck.

It's full of old farmers, but the Soldiers had to take precautions, said 1st Lt. Mani A. Wurie, 3rd Platoon leader, because the platoon didn't know who the men were or what they could have been doing.

The Soldiers return to the LMTV, preparing for possibly a more serious threat in Jabar Nahr.

At Jabar Nahr, the Soldiers are greeted with angry shouts and jeers from the locals.

But the platoon's mission hasn't changed.

Wurie walks to the nearby police station to see if they know where the terrorist is. After a short conversation with the police, made possible with the help of the translator, Wurie and a squad of his men head to a house nearby where the terrorist is supposedly hiding.

While Wurie is talking with the owner of the house, the Soldiers stop a truck at gunpoint, order the three occupants out and search the truck.

Wurie is still talking with the owner of the house, when a local walks up to second squad leader, Sgt. Jodie Miller, and tells him where the terrorist is hiding — the house across the street.

Miller tells Wurie.

"The police at the town had given us bogus information," Wurie said. "They were either afraid of the terrorist or they were sympathetic to him."

Wurie orders Miller's squad to secure the perimeter of the house until he gets there with another squad, but faulty communication equipment gives Miller the wrong impression of what Wurie wants.

Instead of holding its position, Miller's squad approaches the front of the house and is met with gunfire.

One of Miller's men, Sgt. James Browning, is shot fatally, while another, Pvt. Shane Plunkert, is injured. A local man who was standing on the porch is killed by the insurgent in the gunfight.

Miller opens fire, putting the insurgent out of commission. Miller and his squad go into the house and find the terrorist, unarmed, in the house.

Wurie, now on the front porch, seeks cover behind an outside-corner wall as he tries to find out what is going on on the radio.

Shouts of "we got him" come from inside the house. Then, more gunshots ring out.

"LT's down!" Spc. Jorge Torres shouts and Soldiers rush to help.

Shot in the arm, Wurie receives medical attention as the terrorist is led out of the house.



Photos by Pvt. James E. Lewis

Spc. Anthony Stickney mans a 240B machine gun during the cordon and search.



Spc. Jorge Torres, left, Sgt. Jodie Miller and Spc. Darrell Ambos secure the perimeter of a house.

A sniper at a nearby gas station shot Wurie, and that first platoon took the man out of action.

A group of mourners stand over the body of the innocent civilian who was caught in the crossfire.

Wurie, able to continue with the mission, apologizes to the owner of the house where the terrorist was hiding, who was an innocent civilian.

It is not clear why the terrorist was hiding in the man's house.

The Soldiers all climb back into their respective vehicles, leaving the town of Jabar Nahr behind them, their mission completed.

This Joint Readiness Training Center exercise mirrors actual operations in Iraq and is designed to give Soldiers the training they'll need when they arrive in Iraq in a few months.

"This is real similar to what we encountered when I was in Iraq," Spc. Darrell Ambos said. "It's really close to reality."

In the after action review, Torres, the radio transmitter operator for the mission, said communication equipment was a big problem on this mission.

Torres, who has never been to Iraq, said he thinks this exercise is good training for what he might see while in country.

"This exercise will definitely give you an idea of what you might encounter in Iraq and how to deal with it," he said. "Especially in dealing with the people, the locals, I think this exercise will help a lot."

"Overall, we met the mission objectives," Wurie said.

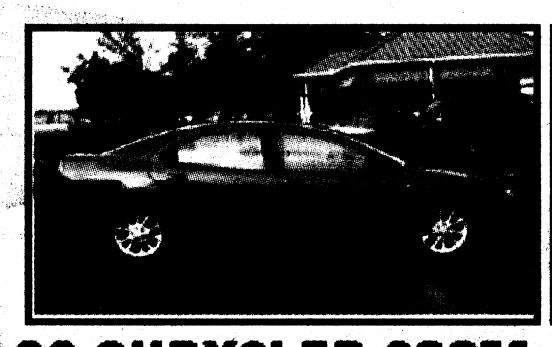
"We definitely have learned some lessons so the next time we are involved with something like this, we'll be better prepared," he said.

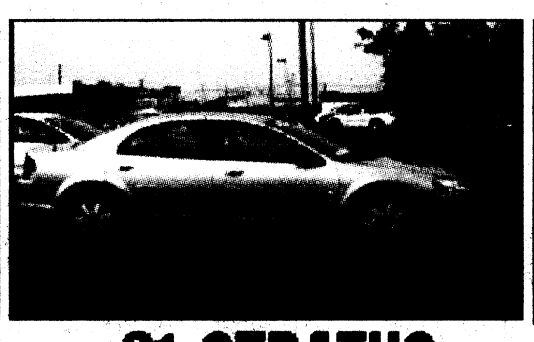
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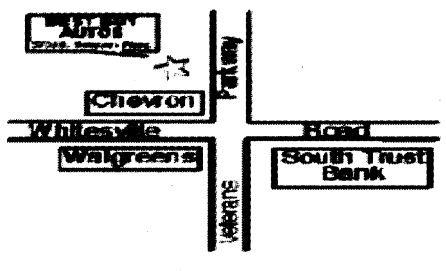

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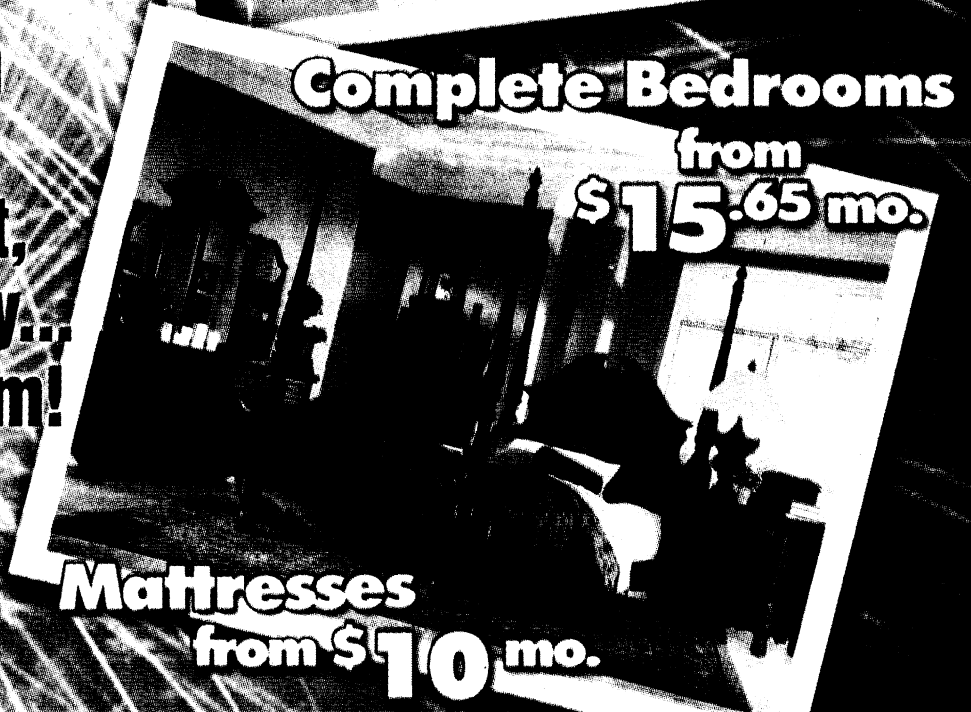


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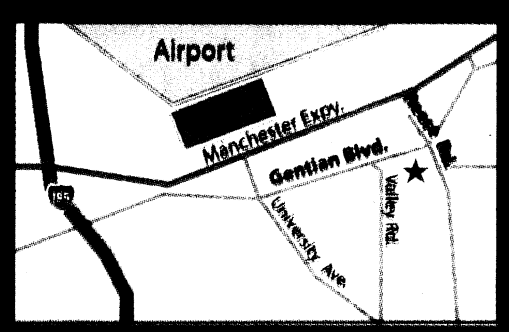
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3rd Brigade practices crowd control tactics at JRTC

Sgt. Raymond Piper
The Frontline, Fort Stewart

There are many situations the Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team are going through at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

In one, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, Soldiers provided security during a liquid-propane gas distribution Saturday.

Role-players acted as two Iraqi police and a crowd of Iraqis who waited five hours to buy fuel.

"The JRTC role-player cast is outstanding. They speak Arabic and we have an Arabic translator," said 1st Lt. Joseph Godwin, HHC's executive officer.

The Iraqi police checked for the proper paperwork and lead people into the gate, where Soldiers searched them for weapons.

Three or four Soldiers set up a perimeter to maintain order. Others performed roving guard duty in the propane factory, watching for anything out of place.

"We try to control the crowd and get them moving through a central location," Godwin said.

Role-players pretending to be families trying to buy propane, which is one of the main sources for heating and cooking in Iraq.

There was one vendor who could only sell one canister of propane to each family. Some of the families wanted two and tried to argue with the vendor. This was where the Soldiers stepped in.



Courtsey photo

The Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team try keep a rowdy crowd under control during a mock demonstration Saturday at the Joint Readiness Training Center. The exercise was designed to test the Soldiers' ability to work under pressure.

"We try to reason with them and explain why they can only get one canister," Godwin said. "As a last resort, we throw them out. It's not a good option because it can make the crowd angry."

At one point, the trickle of role-players flowing through the Iraqi police's security point grew to a crowd of 20 or 30 people.

Soldiers moved to block their entrance into the area as they started chanting and yelling for gas. The crowd became more aggressive as the Soldiers denied them access.

"The scenario tests the military decision-making process as we decide what to do in a situation and what resources we can use," Godwin said.

The Soldiers were put to the test as role-players clogged the entrance and forced them to react.

Concertina wire was pulled across the entrance to force people to flow through the entrance point.

The crowd became angrier as the Soldiers stopped them from overrunning the vendor.

The Soldiers had to use simulated smoke grenades to force the crowd to disperse.

"I did this job in Iraq and (the role players) do a good job of replicating (the situations). The stress level is similar," Godwin said.

"One thing that is hard to replicate is the fear factor. The force we can use here is less."

He said that he felt this is one of the best simulations he's been through.

Spc. Kenneth Grosser, a light-wheel mechanic with 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regiment, agreed.

"It's not as realistic as being in Iraq, but it is pretty close. If they showed more aggression it would be more realistic," he said.

There is a definite benefit for the Soldiers who haven't been to Iraq, he said.

"It gives them experience on how to control a crowd and the proper way to do things, such as searching people and vehicle inspections," Grosser said.

Respect key to cultural awareness

Class gives Soldiers understanding

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade Combat Team

Numerous officers and senior NCOs from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team filled two theaters of the After Action Report building to learn about cultural awareness Aug. 10.

The class, which was presented by Islamic cultural experts Dr. Rashad Winas and Anis Said at the Defense Language Institute out of the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., featured slide shows and group discussion.

"This class is really beneficial to Soldiers because we're no longer in Iraq to wage war. We're there to help out and promote peace," said Staff Sgt. Maurice Valentine, psychological operations specialist for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd BCT.

To know a little bit about the people we're helping helps us facilitate that process."

Topics such as Islamic beliefs and the Soldiers' handling of building searches were discussed.

For example, a common Islamic belief holds that if someone compliments a child, he or she must immediately follow it by saying "ma sha Allah" or, "May God protect you."

Iraqis believe that if you compliment someone, you must say this or you will alert the "evil eye" and it will harm the person you complimented, Winas said.

Winas also warns about complimenting an Iraqi on his possessions.

If you admire something an Iraqi has, he will try to give it to you. He will offer you the item three times, and you must politely decline all three times.

Winas also warns against shaking an Iraqi's hand with your left hand.

"The left hand is considered unclean," Winas said.

The quickest way to offend an Iraqi is to shake hands, wave hello or goodbye, or anything of that nature, using your left hand, he said.

Valentine said he has already used some of what he learned in the class at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

"I was talking with a translator at one of the exercises and he showed me a picture of his family," he said. "I retained what they taught us in the class about complimenting people and the 'evil eye,' so I told him he had a nice-looking family and followed that with 'may Allah protect them.'"

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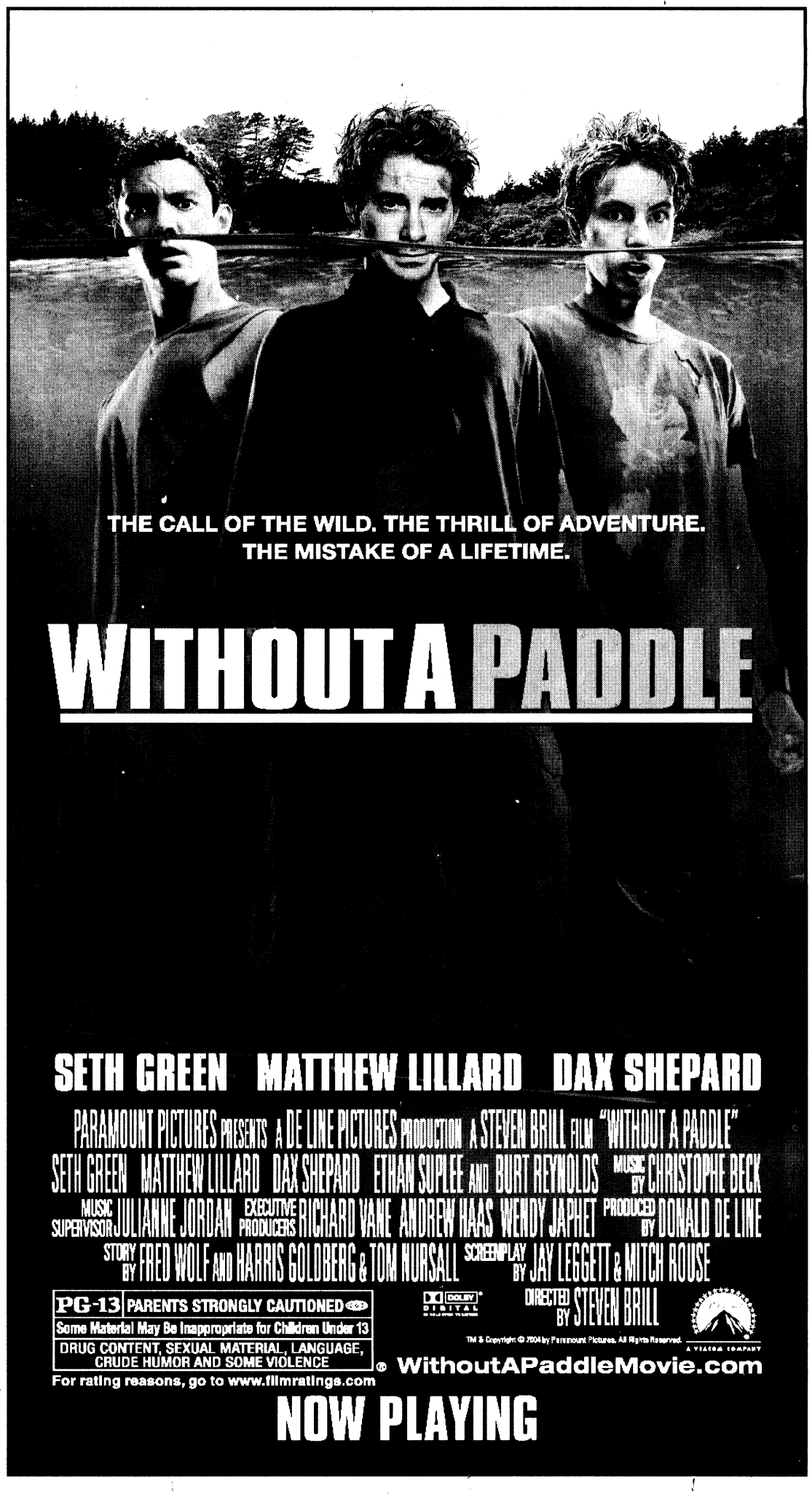
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Airborne riggers will 'be sure always'

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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Without parachute riggers, there wouldn't be airborne. After 11 weeks of training as a 92R at Fort Lee, Va., and Airborne School — you have to be airborne to be a rigger — Pfc. Donald Mikesell, E Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment, arrived at Fort Benning eight months ago to be a parachute rigger.

A rigger's final test while in training gives them an hour to properly pack a chute. Once the Soldier has passed the test, they jump using the chute they packed — it's a confidence booster.

Mikesell is now packing a chute every 10 minutes — he does this all day long.

"It's a strenuous job. You always have to make sure your work is done up to standards," Mikesell said. "It usually doesn't become a stressful job until a malfunction happens."

Every chute Mikesell packs has a record book attached to the risers, which both Mikesell and his inprocessing inspector have to sign and date when the chute is packed. An inprocessing inspector makes sure riggers go over the seven rigger checks needed to make sure the chute is packed correctly.

Each rigger packs up to 25 chutes a day, totaling 600 T-10 parachutes a day and 2,400 a week. E Company riggers pack the T-10 and the Modified Improved Reserve Parachute System used at airborne school.

"Anything more than 25 parachutes is a fatigue factor and chutes don't get packed right," said Chief Warrant Officer Dave Alecca, airdrop system technician. "We deal with lives; we have to make sure we do things up to standard always. Our malfunction rate is less than one percent."

Alecca said his facility is the most intense packing facility in the Army. Its mission includes the support of Airborne School, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, three Ranger training battalions, Jump Master and Pathfinder schools and some reserve units.

With all the schools, Alecca said he can have approximately 1,200 Soldiers jump per week.

"Constant work is the hardest part," Mikesell said. "There isn't a break in between packing. But it's kind of laid back. We try to keep the stress level down and maintain military discipline at the same time."

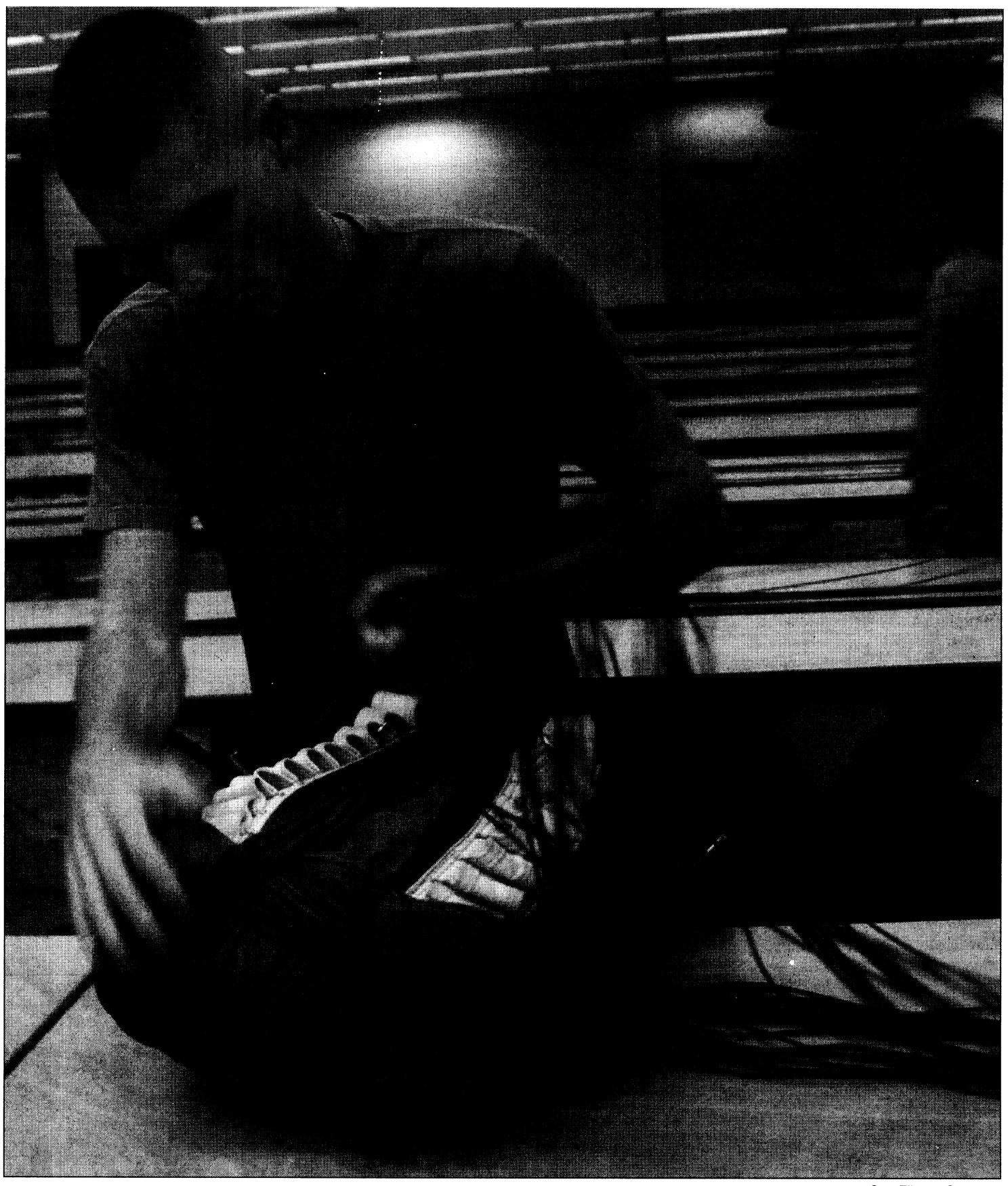
"We check, recheck and balance," Alecca said. "We take things seriously here because we're dealing with lives. We have to be thorough about everything. Our motto is 'I will be sure always."

Alecca said he goes around twice a week, randomly grabbing parachutes and checking them to see if they're packed to standard.

"It keeps them on their toes. The majority of the time they (pass). I know we're good when we meet the mission and don't fall behind," he said. "These guys work on a 25-and-go quota. They have all day to pack 25 chutes and then go home. Sometimes they go early, sometimes they stay late."

"The work becomes monotonous, but not boring," said Sgt. Frederick House, squad leader. "The mission pertains to packing for airborne. It's a good job."

Riggers are always sure!



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Pfc. Donald Mikesell, E Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, packs a parachute Monday.

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A Soldier in the 75th Ranger Regiment's Ranger Indoctrination Program tenses as a medic drains blisters after a 12-mile road march.

Ranger Indoctrination Program

Students learn more than just knots in RIP

Spc. Natalie P. Loucks
3rd Brigade Combat Team PAO

Drenched with sweat and steaming from the cool, morning air on their overheated bodies, the students of the Ranger Indoctrination Program at Regimental Training Detachment, 75th Ranger Regiment, limp around their rucksacks digging for dry clothes.

Soldiers, private through specialist who have graduated basic training, advanced individual training and Airborne School, can volunteer for RIP, where they are introduced to the concepts of being a Ranger.

Beginning at 3 a.m., the students are required to complete a 12-mile road march with their weapon and 35-pound rucksack in three hours. This is only one of the many tasks required before graduating RIP.

Throughout the four-week course, students are tested on various physical and mental tasks.

The 5-mile run must be completed in 40 minutes or less. A student must score 70 percent or better in each event of the Army Physical Fitness Test, the Ranger First Response exam and a critical skills test.

The test covers areas of training, such as land navigation, marksmanship and the 12-page "blue book" of Ranger standards, Army policy and Ranger history.



Students eat chow during a brief rest period between missions.

The Combat Water Survival Test includes underwater equipment removal, a 15-meter swim and a "blind drop" during which students fall backwards and blindfolded into the water.

"RIP is not intended for everyone," said 1st Sgt. John Brady, RTD commandant.

The PT test and the Combat Water Survival Test produce the most fall outs, he said.

Although a class begins with 200 students, almost half won't graduate, said Sgt. 1st Class Chad Campbell, NCOIC at RIP. Heat casualties and injuries like sprained ankles and broken bones contribute to the attrition rate. Others simply do not want to be there and quit.

Heat is a major safety issue in all intense military training, Campbell said. RIP students are told to loosen the sleeves on their BDU tops and to pull their pants out of their boots to allow the air to flow.

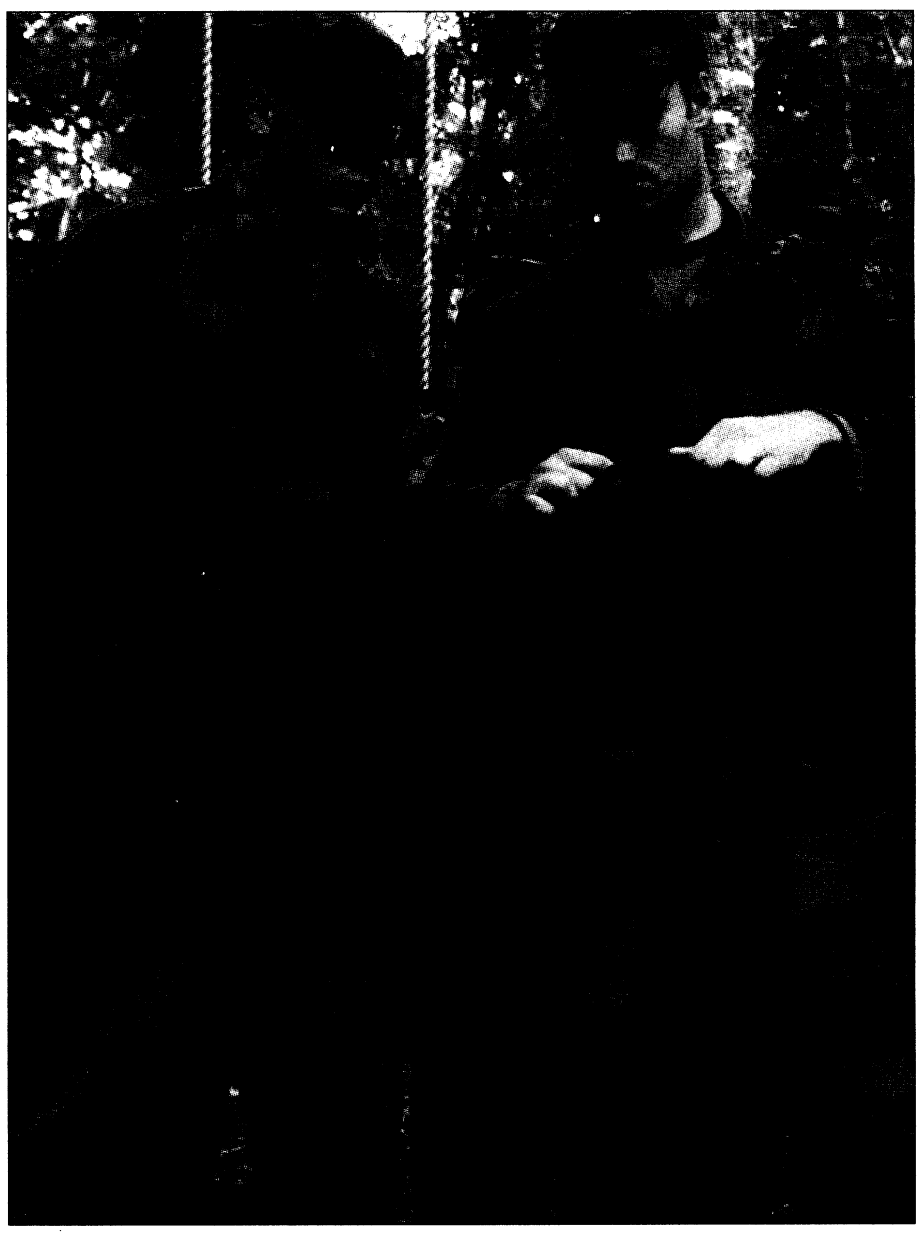
Students are also encouraged to stay hydrated. Instructors conduct "forced hydration," during which each student must drink a full canteen of water at one time.

During the winter months, heating tents are used to prevent cold weather injuries, which are not as common, but still a risk.

Instructors make sure the students are eating enough of the healthier main courses that are provided in the MREs, instead of just the candy and crackers only.

RIP Soldiers get a minimum of six hours of sleep on regular training nights, so they are well-rested and alert for the next day's events. On nights before high-risk training, such as airborne jumps, students are required to get eight hours of sleep.

Although safety measures are taken, accidents can happen. The average RIP class has about three to five serious heat casualties, said Brady.



A student watches carefully as Staff Sgt. James Ruff, RIP instructor, teaches proper knot tying techniques.

Ranger buddies are the ultimate in safety, Brady said.

"They go everywhere with you. They're another set of eyes, another way of thinking," he said.

Ranger buddies ensure there is always someone watching out. They prevent you from doing the wrong thing, he said.

Why would anyone want to go through something so tough?

"I want a meaningful career, something I can be proud of," said 25-year-old Pfc. Brandon Deckerd, standing a little taller and smiling.

He said he's worked hard all his life.

"I would wake up at 4 a.m., just like I do in the Army, and I would work my hands to the bone all day (before I joined the Army)," he said. "I wanted something both physically and mentally challenging."

The student who shows up to formation the first day wide-eyed with excitement and fear is not the same graduate who leaves RIP wearing the tan beret.

RIP does more than just train troops. Campbell said it builds confidence and teamwork. It's a humbling experience that helps Soldiers look further into themselves than they have ever before, finding fears, strength and above all pride.

For more information on volunteering for the program, contact your chain of command.

President: Announces changes in force distribution

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peace."

America's current force posture in Europe, Bush said, was designed to guard against Soviet aggression.

"The threat no longer exists," he said.

The decision to redistribute forces comes after three years of study and consultations, Bush said.

"We've consulted closely with our allies and with Congress. We've examined the challenges posed by today's threats and emerging threats."

The result, he said, will be "a more agile and flexible force."

As the new global posture takes shape during the next 10 years, Bush said, more U.S. troops will be stationed at, and deployed from, home bases in the United States.

"We'll move some of our troops and capabilities to new locations so they can surge quickly to deal with unexpected threats," Bush said. "We'll take advantage of 21st century military technologies to rapidly deploy increased combat power."

The new plan, the president said, will strengthen U.S. alliances and build new partnerships around the world, and will reduce stress on military people and their families.

"Although we'll still have a significant presence overseas, under the plan I'm announcing today, over the next 10 years we will bring home about 60,000 to 70,000 uniformed personnel and about 100,000 family members and civilian employees," Bush said.

This, he explained, would give service members more time on the home front, as well as more predictability and fewer moves over a career.

"Our military spouses will have fewer job changes, greater stability, more time for their kids and to spend time with their families at home," he added.

Taxpayers will benefit from cost savings realized by closing obsolete overseas bases and facilities, the president said.

CFC: To begin

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at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May. Cain attended that ceremony with former Infantry Training Brigade commander Col. Brian Baldy, whose Soldiers contributed the lion's share of the money last year.

Cain said this year's kick-off comes almost a month earlier than last, allowing the campaign to finish before the 3rd Brigade deployment and giving agencies, like Santa's Castle, a chance to get up and running and get their holiday fund-raising done.

The CFC offices will move back into the Wachovia building on Wold Street and will open next week and have the campaign materials. More than 150 Soldiers and civilians are trained for the campaign each year and the final training will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday in Classroom 6, Infantry Hall.

Among the materials is the booklet listing nearly 1,600 agencies people cam donate to. Those agencies, Cain said, have to have low administrative costs —less than 25 percent — or they can't be included in the brochure. In some instances, an agency with higher costs may be included, but must commit to lowering those costs.

"We hold to that," Cain said, "and we turn down agencies that haven't gotten those costs down, so people can be assured that what they're giving is going where they want it to go."

Cain admits to feeling "so Pollyanna" when she talks about the CFC campaign and is sincere in her desire to go back to Washington, D.C., for another award. Fort Benning, she said, did an excellent job compared to other post of the same size.

"I wish people would step up to the plate," she said, "because (everyone) is touched by something in a lifetime and it's represented in that booklet."

And stepping up to the plate doesn't mean anyone has to give their life savings. Just a few dollars a pay period can make a huge difference, she said, not only in the campaign, but for the agencies. And giving through payroll deduction is the most painless way she can think of.

Cain said the local campaign raised less than $500,000 when she began working here five years ago and no one donated at the $1,000 "Leadership" level. Now there are eight. One of last year's donors, a lieutenant, gave his $1,000 anonymously. When Cain saw where the money was going, she said it tugged at her heartstrings

That, she said, is only one of the good stories from Fort Benning's efforts.

Since Cain personally inputs all of the data, she looks at the charity codes, especially for the ITB Soldiers. Those codes, she said, say a lot about who the Soldiers are and what they're all about.

"To be so young and start to instill this (giving)," she said, "I just want to go out and hug them all and say 'thank you.'"

All leaders and key persons should attend the kickoff. Tickets are $7 and can be obtained by calling Janie Pearson at 545-5607.

Donor: Saves 4-year-old nephew

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"enormous" amounts of medication into little Ethan in the fervent attempt to control his blood levels.

Once there, it took doctors two hours to remove Gittins' left kidney, which they rushed to Ethan where he lay waiting in another room.

The surgeries were successful, Gittins said, and a year later, "Ethan's gained 10 pounds, he's grown a few inches ... He has more energy than he's ever had in his life."

Meanwhile, Gittins has recovered fully and said giving up a kidney hasn't changed her quality of life in the least.

"Of course, there's risk involved," she said, explaining that undergoing surgery could be more dangerous for her now, and car accidents and extreme sports could now cause more damage than they would've before.

"But I would avoid those things anyway," she said. "And the benefits outweigh the cost. Definitely."

Gittins said the experience was made easier through the support of her husband, Capt. Timothy Gittins, company commander for B Company, 5th Ranger Training Battalion in Dahlonega, Ga.

"He was concerned, as any spouse would be, but he totally backed me," she said.

And his unit was just as supportive — his command granted him leave to accompany Gittins to Iowa for the transplant and to stay with her while she recovered.

As much as the experience means to her, Gittins said helping others doesn't need to be dramatic; it just needs to be done.

"I really believe in giving everything you can for the needs of other people," she said. "Whether you give a body part or money or time, you're helping others in their time of need."

Lunch: To honor women's equality

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said Sgt. 1st Class Frieda Taylor, 36th Engineer Group EO advisor.

There will also be entertainment and a raffle for a book and a $25 AAFES certificate.

Tickets are $7.50 and can be bought through unit EO advisors or by calling 545-6665 or 545-3198.

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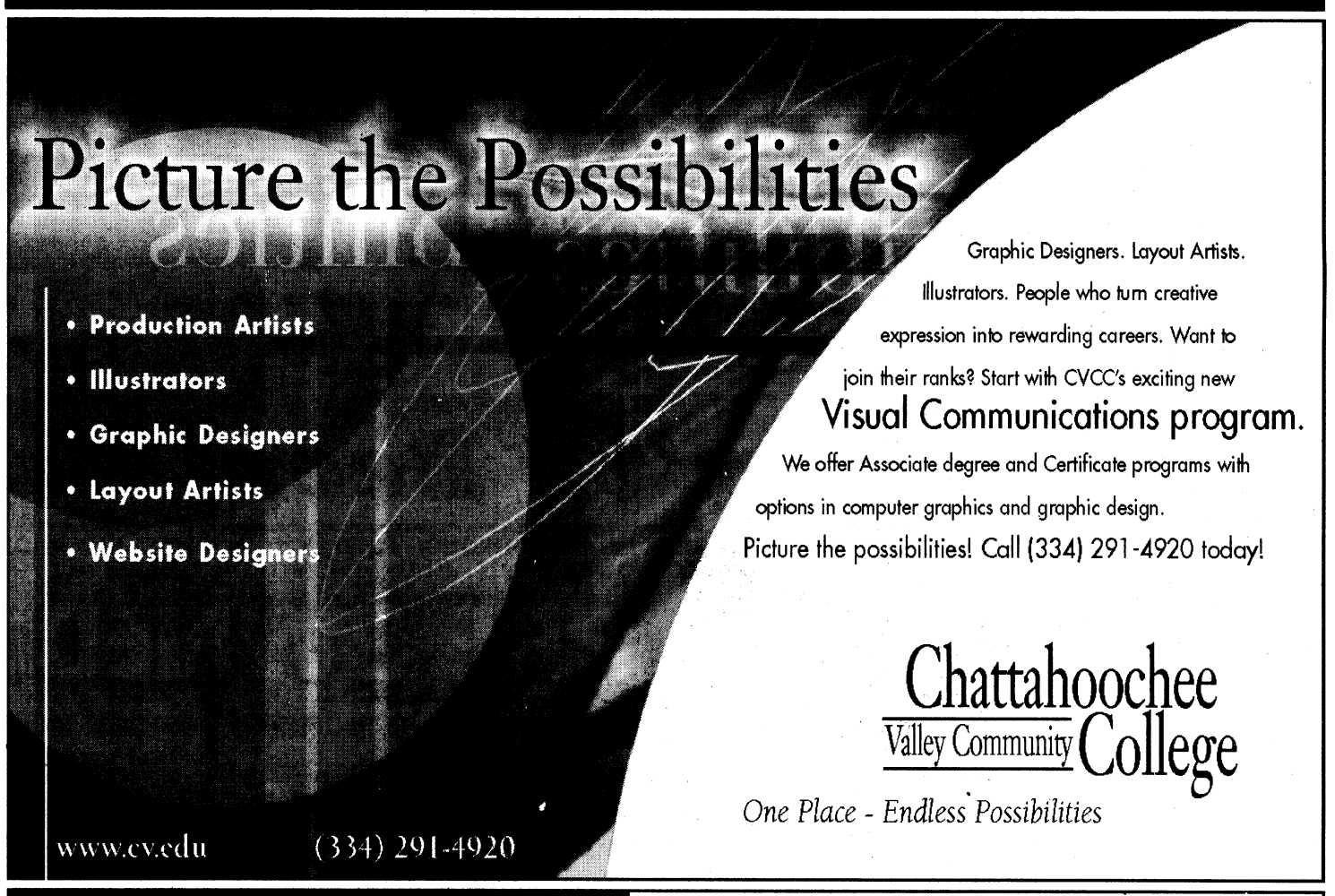
This week, on USAIC-TV: Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso is featured in a Public Service Announcement about voting, Around the Army Newscast highlights support for Soldiers from famous musicians, Community Calendar showcases upcoming events on Post, and Benning Bivouac features easy limeade pie recipe. Also on Channel 4: **The Pentagon Channel**

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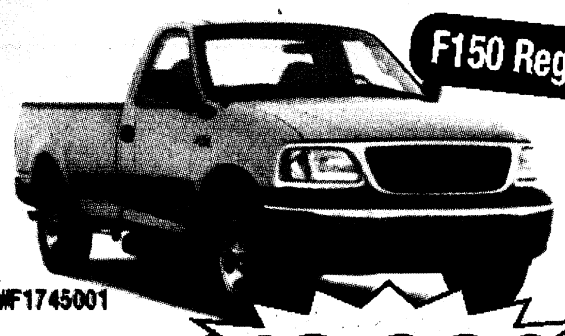
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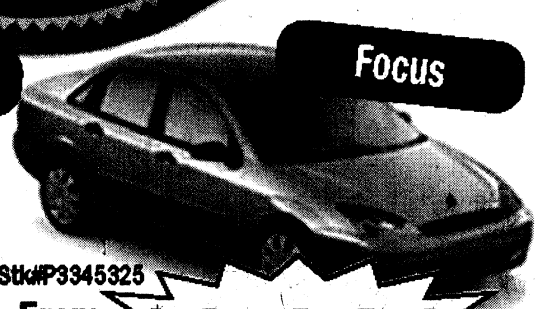
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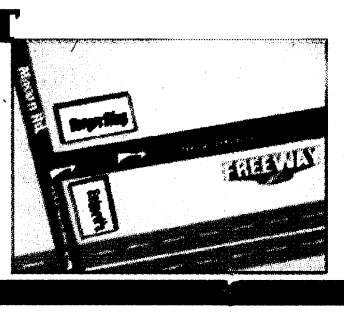
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SECTION B

House of Heroes to fix needy homes

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

"I ask all Americans to consider how you can give someone in need a reason to be thankful ... Every act of love and generosity, however small it may seem, is significant. Every time you reach out to a neighbor in need, you touch a life, you improve your community and you strengthen our nation."

—President George Bush, Radio Address, Nov. 30, 2002

Fort Benning Soldiers and civilians met Aug. 17 for Team Captain Training for the fifth annual House of Heroes.

The House of Heroes is a nonprofit organization serving the nation's military and public safety veterans and their spouses who may be disabled or living on a fixed income. Teams of volunteers perform minor repairs and make improvements using supplies and equipment donated to the effort.

Last year, teams in the tricommunity worked on 30 homes. This year's goal is 50, even though there is no significant increase in funding, said HOH community volunteer Carl Hopp.

> "You don't have to be skilled in home repair. The best volunteers aren't. They just have a willingness to work and a desire to do a good job."
>
> **Carl Hopp**
> House of Heroes community volunteer

Hopp said the HOH projects will be more limited in scope than those in the past, and each house has a budget of $500. Typical work includes cleaning, painting, rescreening doors and windows, basic carpentry and gardening and landscaping.

"You don't have to be skilled in home repair," Hopp told the team captains. "The best volunteers aren't. They just have a willingness to work and a desire to do a good job."

HOH volunteers began with one house in 2000, and have assisted 69 homeowners in the tricommunity since then.

As part of the training, Hopp talked the captains through the key points of the program, offering advice and emphasizing certain aspects.

See **HEROES,** B-3

Faith media team to visit Chicago

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

You'll remember them as the team of junior journalists who received international recognition last year for their documentary on *The Making of an Airborne Soldier.*

The team of 10 filmed and produced the video during their fifth-grade year at Stowers and traveled to Hollywood last year, as sixth-graders at Faith, to receive their award.

They're back, now seventh-graders. Some have come and gone, and the team has grown to include 12 students. Under the direction of Lorri Blanchard, they produce Faith's *Warrior Bear Educational Television* and a Web site, www.am.dodea.edu/benning/faith.

It was the team's video, *Rangers: No Pain, No Gain*, and Web page, *Influential Native American Tribes of Georgia*, both produced last year, that earned the team a return trip to the International Student Media Festival, this time in Chicago, Oct. 19 to 23.

The festival, which features film, editing and computer workshops, is sponsored by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

"We're very excited about it. We've even been offered a tour

See **MEDIA,** B-3

Dixieland swings



Melissa House

Dixieland Band trombonist Cpl. Benjamin Rice, jams Sunday at a concert on the lawn at Riverside. The band's six musicians performed a selection of songs as part of a summer concert series. For more information on upcoming concerts, call 545-3158.

Wilson, BCTB team up for school partnership

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

It's back to school time for Basic Combat Training Brigade Soldiers as well as Wilson Elementary School students.

Unit representatives met with school faculty for a planning meeting last week to organize this year's Partnership in Education between the two.

Wilson principal Phyllis Parker said the school's P.I.E. program with BCTB is a blessing for both the students and faculty and the cadre and Soldiers of BCTB as well.

"Every time BCTB gets a new commander, we think it just can't get any better," she said. "But it always does."

Last year, the partnership was selected as the best in the state of Georgia, said partnership coordinator and gifted and talented teacher Margaret Koger.

The school has four main programs that are implemented with BCTB, Koger said.

Geared to enhance the quality of education, character development and life experiences for students, the programs demand commitment from BCTB and flexibility from the school faculty.

The school's Partners and Adopted Learners program brings Soldiers to every classroom on a regular basis to help with instruction. And a mentoring program geared towards selected third- through fifth-graders teams Soldiers up with struggling students for a one-on-one session once a week.

BCTB's contributions don't stop there, Parker said.

The unit sends cadre to instruct a Leadership Academy for a core group of selected fourth- and fifth-graders. The program works to build a foundation of skills in tomorrow's leaders, she said.

And another important mission of the partnership is to instill values in the students at a young age, Parker said.

This is accomplished through Army values instruction.

Every month a drill sergeant gives a class on a selected Army value via the school's close-circuit television network. The faculty works to incorporate that value into their curriculum for the month, always reinforcing the initial session with the Soldier.

"There are usually Soldiers in the building every day." Koger said. "We are absolutely thrilled with our partners."

Instruction and school work aren't all the BCTB Soldiers are about though.

School media specialist Wanda Person said the Soldiers know how to take it down a notch and have fun with the kids, too.

"Our Incredibly Terrific Kid Day is the day when each student gets a letter from a parent or significant adult in their lives telling them why they are awesome," she said. "The Soldiers play mailman by distributing the letters and then spend time helping the kids read and share them with their classes.

See **P.I.E.,** B-3

Sgt. Kim Dooley

Staff Sgt. Karl Jacobs reads to Trevon Wade during last year's Incredibly Terrific Kid Day at Wilson Elementary.

ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Julie Heumphreus
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: Got your eye on that shiny new car parked on the dealer's lot?

A: Beware! Buying a car too quickly could leave you in debt — with bad credit and no car. Here are a few tips to consider before you jump behind the wheel.

Find out what the car is worth *before* you buy. Many dealers hike prices to take advantage of you.

They can tell if you haven't done your research on the price of a particular car, and they may use this knowledge to their advantage and raise the price of the vehicle to make a bigger profit.

Look at the "blue book" value of the kind of car you want to buy. It costs nothing online at www.edmunds.com or www.kbb.com. Remember, the manufacturer's suggested retail price is a *suggested* price.

The dealer sticker price, usually on a supplemental sticker, is the MSRP plus additional dealer mark-ups or options, like dealer preparation and undercoating.

The invoice price is usually thousands of dollars lower than the sticker price.

Many dealers will negotiate for less than the MSRP, even going to the invoice price, to gain your business. Start your negotiations low and settle on a price you think is fair. Be suspicious of any price over MSRP.

Get financing before you buy.

If you think you're getting a fair price on the car, be careful. Car dealerships can also take advantage of you when you apply for financing through the dealer. They may offer a fair price, then charge upwards of 20 percent interest on the loan. You will end up paying thousands of dollars more than the car is worth.

Check with reputable banks and credit unions, as they may offer a loan with a lower percentage rate.

Dealerships make a huge profit by offering high interest loans. They are betting you won't be able to make the payments. If so, they can repossess the car, and you will still owe on the debt.

Think twice about all the "extras." Dealers will hit you up for "gap insurance" or "extended warranty services." New cars and trucks come with warranties, so you usually don't need to purchase extra.

Additional service contracts offered by the dealership may or may not provide coverage beyond the manufacturer's warranty.

Remember that a warranty is included in the price of the car, while a service contract costs extra.

Before deciding to purchase a service contract, read it carefully and consider the following questions: What is the difference between the coverage under the warranty and the coverage under the service contract? What repairs are covered? Is routine maintenance included? Who pays for the labor? Who pays for the parts? Who performs the repairs? Can repairs be made elsewhere? How long does the service contract last? What are the cancellation and refund policies?

Beware of "gap" insurance offered by the dealership. Obtaining insurance from a legitimate insurance agency is a better option.

Other options, like rust protection and fabric protection, are also tack-on extras that are generally unnecessary. Don't fall for these offers.

The salesperson is not your best friend. Salespeople usually work on commission, and they want to sell you a car for the highest price possible.

They may be friendly.

They may smile and offer you a soda.

They may make you think they have your best interest in mind, but be careful.

Be a cautious buyer.

Bring copies of the MSRP and invoice price of the car you wish to buy. Negotiate a price. Don't feel pressured to buy. Always be willing to walk away. Remember, the same or similar car will still be there tomorrow.

Come to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate before you sign the contract. You can have the contract and financing reviewed by a legal assistance attorney to make sure the dealership isn't taking you for a ride.

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BIRTHS

Boys

Samuel Thomas Balfour — born July 24 to Sgt. Shemieka and Thomas Balfour.

Joseph Caeser Wilson — born July 26 to Margaret and Capt. Joe Wilson.

Josiah Sean Daugherty — born July 28 to Charmaine and Sgt. Michael Daugherty.

Joshua Ray Powers — born July 29 to Christy and Chief Warrant Officer Dustin Powers.

Girls

Jatoria Monique Vereen — born July 24 to Jackenia and Sgt. Altorian Vereen.

Madisyn Grace Albright — born July 27 to Shanna and Sgt. 1st Class Chris Albright.

Elizabeth Elise Hudson — born July 31 to Maj. Julie and John Hudson.

Ana Cristina Delagarza — born July 31 to Erica and Sgt. Leandro Delagarza.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to staff deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday clinic appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a network provider. Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointment needs, use the CARE line at 544-2273.

Leave a message for your provider to refill prescriptions or receive test results.

SAS programs — School Age Services offers educational and recreational programs for children. Locations for school-age care for ages 6 to 10 include:

- Patch Hall, before and after school
- Bouton Heights, before and after school
- McGraw Outreach, after school only
- Loyd Outreach, after school only

To register, call 545-2079 or stop by the Central Registration Office in Building 359. All children must be registered and pay an annual registration fee.

EFMP information sessions— The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold information and support resource sessions the second Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m., Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

EFMP family members are encouraged to attend. An educational video can be viewed Sept. 8 — *Three R's for Special Education (Rights, Resources and Results.)*

For more information, call 545-7517.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 8. All enlisted spouses are invited.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at the ESC clubhouse, Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum.

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

TOPS meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Afterhours Club, Building 2502 on Indianhead Road.

For more information, call Diane at 562-9505 or Gorgia at 568-7111.

Thrift Shop hours — The Thrift Shop is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. Call 687-4830.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. AA supports people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

***The Bayonet* delivery** — Experiencing a problem with *The Bayonet* delivery? Call 682-3346.

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.

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.

off post

Medicare presentation — The Lower Chattahoochee Area Agency on Aging presents "Medicare, What's Hot!-What's Not!" with guest speaker Laura Feldman, manager for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday. The presentation will be held at the Performing Arts Legacy Hall, 900 Broadway.

For more information, call 256-2917 or (800) 669-8387.

Press conference — There will be a press conference held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Columbus Civic Center in reference to the third annual God Bless Fort Benning Day.

For more information, call Jan Pease at 660-8121.

Lunch and Learn — Dr. Michael J. Borkat will discuss the latest advances in treatment for varicose veins at a free Lunch and Learn program to be offered from noon to 1 p.m. Aug. 27 at The Women's Center of St. Francis.

To register, call 257-7672. The Women's Center of St. Francis is located at 3720 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

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 Burnethell FrCa@Webtv.net.

Free dogwood trees — Ten dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during August. The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. Send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Dogwoods, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31, or join online at arborday.org.

ACS Job Fair — A job fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 at VFW Post 665, 1824 Victory Drive. Bring at least 15 copies of your resume for possible on-site interviews. For resume assistance, call Mark Mills, Employment Readiness Program at 545-4043.

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Bridgett Siter

Lorri Blanchard will take her team of journalists to Chicago in October. Pictured here, front row: Kiana Loeck, Maite Aponte and Ashley Ballesteros. Back row: Shanequa Pendleton, Blanchard, Brittney Siter and Daphne Toon.

Media: Team to tour Chicago

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of the *Chicago Tribune*," said Blanchard, who transferred from Stowers to Faith the same year the members of the award-winning Stowers News Network made their leap to sixth-grade.

"We submitted three entries, and two of them won," she said. "You can't beat those odds."

The trip will not be all work and no play, Blanchard said. The students will have the opportunity to spend a day at Six Flags.

Team members will be visiting local businesses and hosting a yard sale to raise money for the trip.

For more information, call Blanchard at 545-5524.

Heroes: Make vets feel at home

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In the next week, captains will receive a packet of information from the HOH detailing the scope of work for their team's house. They'll then need to meet the homeowner and get a look at the site, Hopp said. This enables the team to prioritize work and assemble tools and materials before the Sept. 10 start date.

Teams will have resources and help available to them should they encounter more extensive repairs or damage than they anticipated, he said, and reminded the captains that not all of their volunteers needed to be skilled.

"Do work to the best of your ability," Hopp said. "When you do that, quality springs out."

The most important thing, he said, is it's not about the house; it's about the people inside.

And to take care of the people in the house while work is in progress — the end date is Sept. 24 — team captains should be looking for that special volunteer to serve as the homeowners' companion. That person, Hopp said, is the homeowners "cheerleader," keeping them on a "steady keel" during the repairs.

"For some (homeowners), this causes considerable stress," Hopp said. "For others, it is a moment of great joy. And workers could be the first visitors to the house in years."

The formal ceremony marking the end of the project will be held at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center on Sept. 24. Homeowners receive a flag that has been flown over the Capitol. Workers must be at least 16 years old, and all volunteers must complete and sign a consent form before any work can begin.

For more information, call Janie Pearson, the Fort Benning representative at 545-5607 or the HOH office at 494-1111.

P.I.E.: Upper for kids, troops, faculty

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"Just watching those children read the letters is really moving."

Koger, Parker and Person said the sharing is a two-way street.

The school puts together goodie bags for trainees on holidays like Christmas and Valentine's Day to help with morale.

"We try to get a battalion that is about to graduate so they actually get to eat the goodies instead of just looking at them for a few minutes before the drill sergeants take them away," Person said.

On Thanksgiving, classes make table decorations for BCTB dining facilities, and kindergartners usually do some Christmas caroling and graduation singing performances to help out.

Students frequently go to Sand Hill to view training and, when it is possible, trainees get a break from the rigors of training to come to the school and help with field days.

The two-way partnership is one BCTB deputy commander Lt. Col. Kelvin Scott said is important to the well-being of his Soldiers and the students at Wilson.

"The BCTB Soldiers are rewarded by the opportunity to share in the development of the character of our youth," he said. "The cadre always return to duty feeling refreshed and positive about their contributions."

The balance of mission requirements and selfless service isn't a difficult one for his Soldiers to maintain, Scott said.

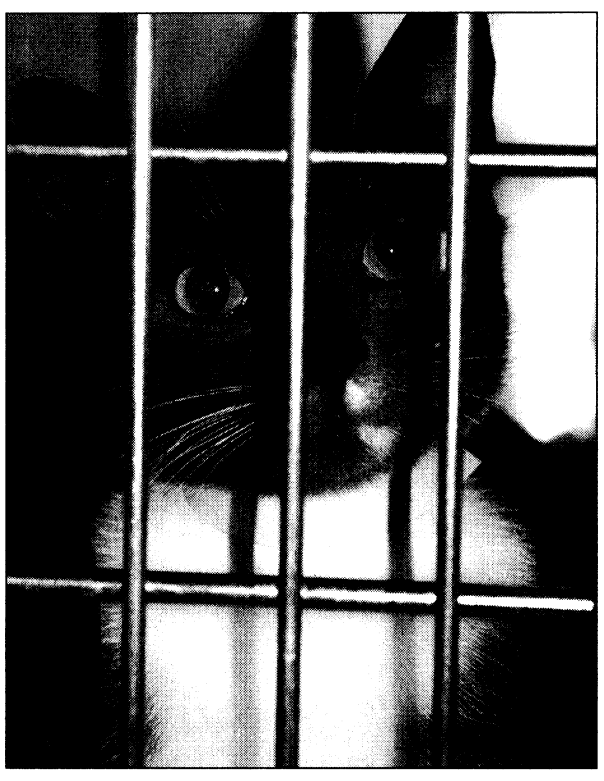
"Our mission is very challenging," he said. "However, we have many Soldiers who choose to volunteer to support our partnership with Wilson."

He said that the juggling act is a small sacrifice for the rewards of the youth development.

Students who are exposed to the benefits of the partnership have improved academic scores, better values and a greater sense that Soldiers are part of their extended family, Scott said.

"We are looking forward to another exciting year," Scott said. "The experience is priceless!"

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Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

One might expect that I like to shop. After all, I'm a girl, I'm young, and aside from a growing collection of bar tabs, I have no real expenses in life.

But I am one of the few girls out there to whom a trip to the mall is absolute torture, to be hurried and done with as quickly as possible.

In fact, I try to limit the punishment that is shopping to a few "special" times throughout the year — two days before Christmas, when I'm too lazy to do laundry, when the canned goods have run out and the Chinese delivery guy absolutely refuses to visit my house again ...

This weekend, though, I just might make an exception.

It wasn't until Wednesday morning that I heard about the Junior League's 50th annual Attic Sale Saturday, but I knew as soon as I heard it, I'm meant to be there.

Why else would I have come home to a $207 check in my mailbox Saturday morning? It's fate.

And it will be the best $200 I ever spent.

By all accounts, the attic sale — which, by the way, is actually at the Columbus Civic Center — is *the* sale of the year.

You'll find anything and everything — clothes, boots, electronics, car seats and baby clothes, knick knacks and cookware ... the list is long, believe me.

And the prices are purported to be the best you'll find anywhere.

In fact, last year, one lucky patron left with a whopping 100 items, having spent a measly $65.

Did she need all that stuff? I highly doubt it. But if you're going to shop, you may as well do it right.

Ladies, this is definitely the kind of place where you can come home with a carload of stuff, grab the truck, go pick the rest up, come back home and say, "But, honey, look how much I saved."

Of course, if it were a perfect world, you alone would be reading this, conjuring up all the great deals you're going to steal this Saturday. But this thing is no secret.

You're going to be neck-and-neck with people who've been going to the attic sale since they were kids and women who *know* what they're doing.

They'll be the ones camped out in front of the Civic Center with sleeping bags and a cooler at 2:30 a.m. They'll be the ones who make it through the door first and make a beeline for where they know the steals will be. (Piece of advice: Follow them!)

So, if you're really serious about your bargain-shopping endeavors, you just might want to join them, because this sale is supposed to be huge.

It kicks off at 8 a.m. and will run til noon, then will pick up again from 1 to 3 p.m. But don't be a late-comer — I've heard the "good stuff" is usually gone by 10.

It will cost you a dollar to get in (I know, I know — prices are steep this days, aren't they?), but it's all for a good cause.

All proceeds from this sale go to the "many community agencies and programs the league supports."

So don't be shy. Pack a thermos and some sandwiches, grab a few friends to keep you company, and stake out a good spot in line in the wee hours of the morning Saturday. Heck, it's right there by Broadway — may as well make a night of it and hit up Fountain City or grab a slice at Picasso's or a beer at Scruffy's, then head over.

Ooh, and you might want to wear a mouthpiece — I heard the shopping gets a little competitive.

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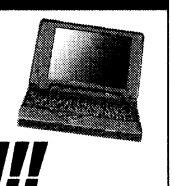
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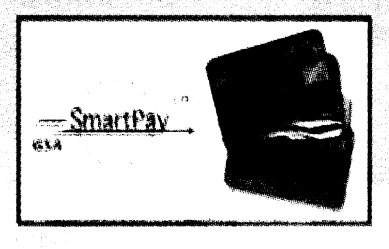
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Complacency eats away at marriage foundation

Pray for marriages — yours and theirs

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James R. Foxworth
Infantry Training Brigade

More than half of the marriages in the United States end in divorce. This has been the trend for many years.

What can we as friends or chaplains do to help reverse this trend?

The more we educate our Soldiers and families on positive methods of communicating, the more positive impact we will make.

We need to make certain our marriages are divorce-proof. Pastor and author Chuck Swindoll asks a great question: "Are there any termites in your troth (betrothal)?"

One of those termites could be complacency.

1st Corinthians 10:12 offers a formidable warning to the one who thinks this infestation of termites can't reach into his marriage.

How many have fallen into affairs and divorce after allowing their marriages to settle into romantic complacency?

We need to resurrect the true meaning of commitment. In this age of lite beer, lite syrup and lite salad dressing, it's no wonder we exhibit lite commitment, too.

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But for a Christian, commitment is a sacred vow and promise to God. It's two people who hang in there during the best and worst of times and who won't quit.

It's a husband and wife who find working through problems much more rewarding than walking out.

We need to pass to our children the real definition of commitment while continually exposing the lies that their peers and the media propagate.

A person who does not understand his or her ultimate accountability to God has little reason to fulfill a vow or commitment to another human being.

There's another type of complacency we need to address: We need to fight for other marriages besides our own.

A growing number of Christians, upon hearing of the hurt and anguish of their friends, do not reach for their Bibles, but, instead, hastily offer a parachute and say, "Bail out!"

Or they simply sit by, saying and doing nothing. They just let it happen.

Hey, I understand. When there's only a slim thread of hope, what are you going to do?

You and I have got to go to the guy who just left his family and tell him, it isn't going to be that easy. He can't just walk out on them.

And that woman in our Sunday School class? She can't leave her husband for this other guy and think things will be business as usual. Plead, beg and pray with them. And get them some help.

Be prayer-encouragers with people to form a "till death do us part" bond with their mate. And keep praying that God will purge our land of divorce.

Do you know any couples who are struggling in their marriages?

Be an encourager and help them.

Dating 'practice' prevents major malfunction later

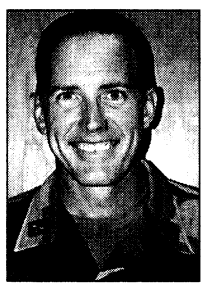
Time is test of true reliability, compatibility in relationships

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

I was a "buck sergeant" in Special Forces at Fort Devens, Mass., no more than a month out of Jumpmaster School when it happened.

On a bitingly cold March morning, standing next to the rigger shed to get out of the hawk that was blowing, I started to JMPI (parachute inspect) the major suited up in front of me. To this day, I can remember not believing what I was seeing.

Dozens of times — no, hundreds of times — I'd practiced tracing the static line from my upstretched arm down to the initial loop on the pack tray. I'd pull the static line away from that pack loop, checking the rubber band holding it there, and move on to the next step in the sequence. This time, however, I paused, and I repeated the previous step — and then I did see it again a third time — and then I stopped the sequence altogether.



Hawkins

You see, upon inspection, something was very wrong — the static line was routed *through* the pack opening loop, not simply attached via a rubber band. Now that may mean nothing to you, but I guarantee it will get the rapt attention of any jumper or jumpmaster! It's what's called a *major* malfunction, and it can get somebody seriously hurt. I was never so thankful that the Army had given me superb training — a jumper had been saved a whole lot of heartache.

This week we are on step three of *How To Avoid Marrying A Jerk*. And just like parachuting, relationships demand that we "check things out" before we take a leap, less we wind up in a big hurt!

So far we've talked about two of the areas that we've got to eyeball closely:

Step One — Get to know him or her. Make sure that you are truly getting to know the person with whom you're thinking of taking a leap. What do you need to know? How about what fun is, and is not, for that person; what his or her family background is like; and what his or her faith factor is? Take at least four seasons (one year) to get to know somebody!

Step Two — Earn, learn to trust him or her. The formula for trust is $K+P^2/T=TRUST$ (Knowing + Proven Performance "over" Time=Trust.) Trust is all about a demonstrated track record. To avoid a malfunction, you have to watch for consistency in someone's character and competence over time. Now, on to the next step:

Step Three — Test your reliance on him or her. When you know someone well, then you can begin to trust someone well, then you can begin to rely on someone well, right? What happens if you rely on someone you don't really know — or can't really trust? Doesn't make sense, does it?

Reliance is the ability to have your primary needs (nobody gets all their needs) met by your mate-to-be. Do they limit withdrawals in your life and multiply deposits in your love bank? If so, great — if not, "Danger, Will Robinson!"

That's Step Three — more next week! Meanwhile, join me for our series on *How To Avoid Marrying a Jerk* — What Every Parent Ought To Teach and What Every Single's Gotta Know" at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill. Or give me a ring at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

I look forward to meeting 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.	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

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9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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

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1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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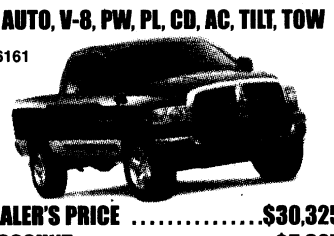
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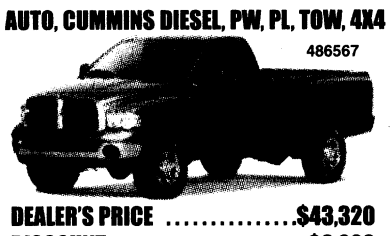


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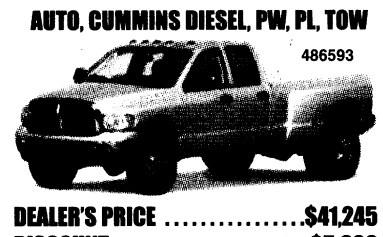


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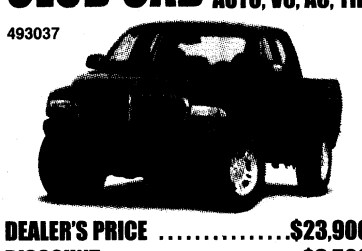


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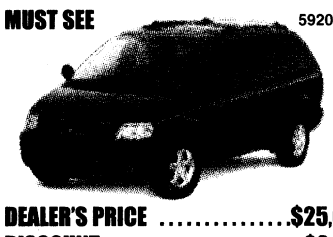


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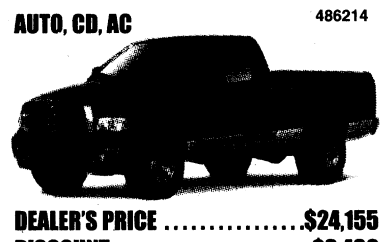


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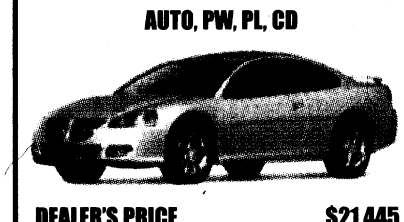


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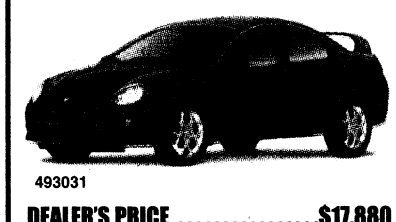
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AMU troops tough it out at Olympics



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Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson from the Army Marksmanship Unit, Fort. Benning, Ga., competes in Trap shotgun shooting in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. SFC Ericksons' competition heat was one of the first ever at the newly built facility at Markopoulo, just outside Athens.

AMU troops miss Olympic shooting finals

Erickson enters finals in third place, but doesn't close deal

Tim Hipps
Army News Service

ATHENS — Two Soldiers from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit failed to reach the finals of their events in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games Aug. 17 at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Three-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson, 43, of Bennington, Neb., finished in a two-way tie for 13th place in men's double trap shotgun shooting. He scored 130 points in three qualifying rounds. The cutoff to make the six-shooter final was 135 points.

Ahmed Almaktoum of United Arab Emirates won the gold medal by equaling the Olympic final record of 189 points. He qualified for the anticlimactic final with 144 points, another Olympic standard. India's Rajyavardhan Rathore took the silver medal with 179 points. China's Zheng Wang won the bronze medal with 178.

Two-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski, 36, of Saginaw, Mich., finished in a three-way tie for 15th place in men's 50-meter pistol shooting. He finished the qualification round with 554 points. The cutoff to make the eight-shooter final was 562 points.

Russia's Mikhail Nestruev won the gold medal with 663.3 points. Korea's Jong Oh Jin won the silver medal with a 661.5 total. Democratic People's Republic of Korea's Jong Su Kim took the bronze medal with 657.7 points.

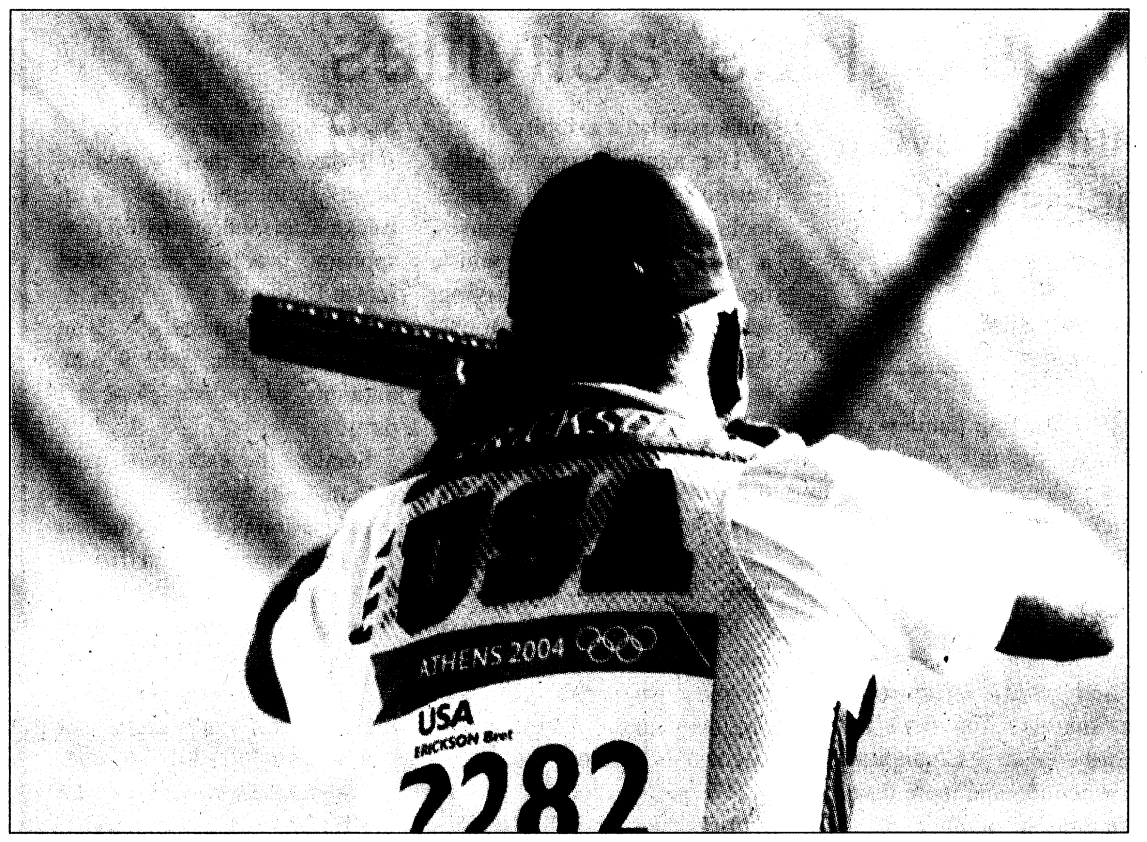
In earlier competition, Erickson finished 13th in Olympic men's trap shooting Aug. 14 through 15.

"I got a bad bird early in the first round," said Erickson, who was troubled by the wind. "It got up in the air and when I shot it jumped about six feet up. And when I went up after it to shoot with the second shot, it dropped about 10 feet.

"It got in my head and I couldn't get it out. It was just one of those deals with the added pressure of being the Olympics, once it got in there, I couldn't get it out."

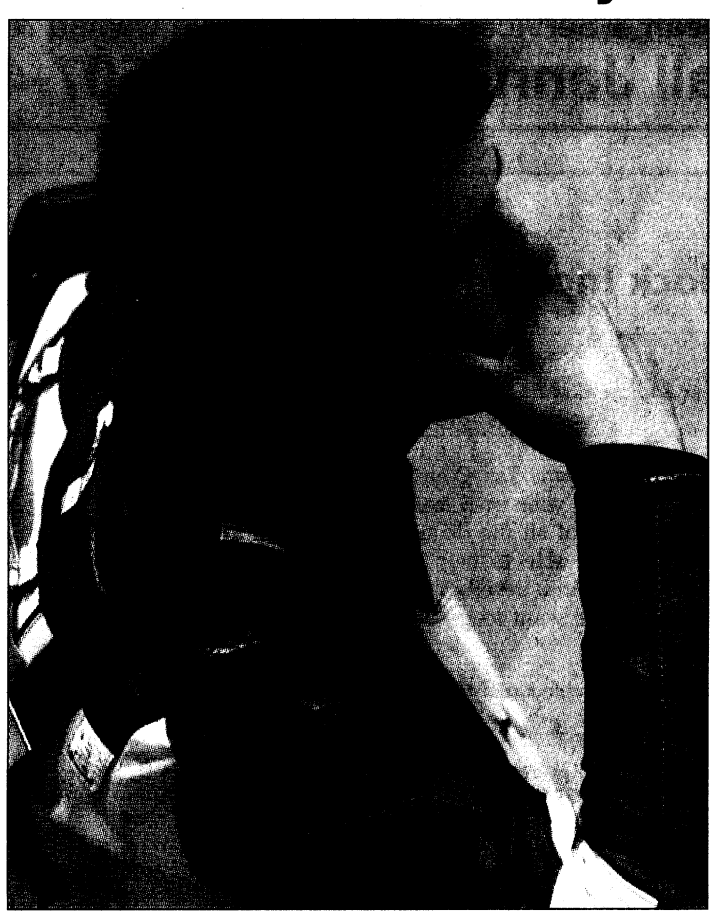
Erickson entered the finals in third place but failed to close the deal.

Team USA's other entry, Lance Bade, 34, of Vancouver, Wash., finished fifth in the trap final.



Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson competes in Athens this week.

Shooter overcomes tricky trigger to finish eight in Olympic air rifle



Tim Hipps

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, studies the scoreboard to learn that he is the final shooter to advance to the final round of the 10-meter air rifle competition in the 2004 Summer Olympics at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Center.

Parker loses hold on 2003 world record

Tim Hipps
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece — Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker watched his world record fall Aug. 16 while shooting to an eighth-place finish in the men's 10-meter air rifle event in the Summer Olympic Games.

China's Qinan Zhu won the gold medal with a final world record of 702.7 points, eclipsing Parker's world mark of 702.5 established at the 2003 Munich World Cup.

"The scores keep going up," Parker said. "It seems like a world record is set about every year or two. It just gives you another goal to shoot for. You just have to do it on the day that counts."

China's Jie Li won the silver medal with 701.3 points. Slovakia's Josef Gonci took the bronze medal with a 697.4 total at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Parker, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga., quickly shot a perfect sixth series score of 100 points in the qualification round.

"That's the only way to make the final when it's that close because that's how they break the tie," said Parker's coach, Army Reserve Maj. David Johnson of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. "That gave him a chance."

Parker studied the scoreboard to see his name land in the final spot of the eight-marksman final.

He then notched 100.5 points in the final round to finish with a 694.5 total.

"I got in the final and didn't take advantage of it, just shot a couple of bad shots," Parker said. "But the guy who won it shot a world record so I would've had to been on it the whole match."

Parker overcame a tricky trigger that contributed to two costly 98-point series in his qualification round. He managed 99 or 100 points in his other four stanzas.

"I had a little technical problem with my rifle," explained Parker, 30, of Omaha, Neb. "The trigger wasn't functioning quite right, but I got it fixed."

"The gun broke," said Johnson, 40, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., who lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. "I took it and ran it down the hall to the gunsmith, had it repaired, and came back. It affected him for several shots, but he did a real good job of dealing with it."

Parker already is looking forward to the 2008 Beijing Games.

"There were certain parts I thought I shot very, very good, and there were other parts that I didn't handle too good," he said. "I'm going to take those parts that I didn't handle too well, learn from them, and come back in four more years a stronger shooter.

Editor's note: *Tim Hipps is a member of the Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.*

Soldier places in Olympic air rifle competition



U.S. Army photo

Spc. Hattie Johnson scored 394 of a possible 400 points during a qualification round.

Johnson performs well, but fails to reach final event

Tim Hipps
USACFSC Public Affairs

ATHENS — Spc. Hattie Johnson opened and closed her Olympic 10-meter air rifle competition with a bang Saturday, but she failed to reach the final of the first medal event in the Athens Games.

"My hardest shots were my first shot and my last shot," said Johnson, who finished in a five-way tie for 14th among 44 competitors. "My hand was shaking and I put the gun up and down a few times, but I thought to myself: 'This isn't going to happen to me because I'm nervous. I'm going to hold it all together and I'm going to shoot a 10.'"

Johnson did just that on her first and final of 40 shots and scored 394 of 400 possible points in the qualification round at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

"After I shot my first shot, it was like a huge weight was lifted right off of me, and I was like, 'OK, let's shoot,'" Johnson said. "Of course I would've loved to make the final, but overall I had a very good performance for me. This is the highest international score that I have shot. For me, I succeeded."

China's Li Du, who tallied 398 points in the qualification round, won the first Gold Medal of Olympiad XXVIII with a final Olympic record of 502 points.

Russia's Lioubov Galkina, who shot an Olympic record 399 in qualifications, won the silver medal with 501.5 points. Czech Republic's Katerina Kurkova took the bronze.

Johnson, 22, a medic with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, said she left all she had on the range.

"When I finished shooting I was exhausted," she said. "Every body part felt like it was sore and hurt. I had a great performance for myself mentally and physically."

Johnson was a beneficiary of competing in the opening event by getting to spend the remainder of her stay in Greece with her No. 1 fan, father Jeff Ponti, who came from her hometown, Athol, Idaho, to watch her compete abroad for the first time.

"You have no idea how proud I am. It's just incredible," Ponti said. "How she finished is irrelevant to me. Just her getting here is absolutely unbelievable."

AMU shooter finishes 13th, but doesn't reach finals

Tim Hipps
USACFSC Public Affairs

ATHENS – Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski finished in a four-way tie for 13th place in the men's 10-meter air pistol event Saturday at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre in the Athens Olympic Games.

Szarenski, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, came within three points of reaching the final round of eight competitors.

"It didn't really go wrong at all, I just didn't have a high enough score," said Szarenski, 36, of Saginaw, Mich. "I finished and it was like, 'Well, it wasn't a smoker but nothing really went bad.'"

China's Yifu Wang won the gold medal with a final Olympic record of 690 points. Russia's Mikhail Nestruev, who set an Olympic qualifying record with 591 points, won the silver medal with 689.8 points. Russian Vladimir Isakov took the bronze medal with a 684.3 total.

The other American entry, Jason Turner of Rochester, N.Y., shot a score of 571 to finish in a tie for 36th place.

Szarenski shot well early in the match but he was off on just enough shots to finish with a qualifying score of 579 points. The cutoff for the final round was 582.

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>
> **Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski**
> U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit shooter

"I shot pretty much like I always do," he said. "There was some nervousness at the beginning, but nothing more than any other match. These are the same guys we shoot against in the World Cups and World Championships. It's not like I tried harder here than I would at a World Cup, it was just kind of a medium day and you needed a good day.

"If a couple 9.9s would've been 10.0s, look at how many points I would've picked up. To get into the medal round was well within reach. It just takes a little bit of luck sometimes and it wasn't here today."

Szarenski had another Olympic shot in 50-meter free pistol Tuesday.

"I'm probably going to kick myself around today a little bit and get back into it tomorrow at nine o'clock and start working," he said. "There's not any big thing I have to do. I really don't know anything that I can change because it was right there."

Szarenski finished 25th in 50-meter free pistol in the 2000 Sydney Games. He feels fortunate to have another shot in Greece.

"I'll just see if I can get my game a little bit better," he said. "I've still got another day so it's not over yet. My only desire is to win a medal. That's the only reason I came here. I have plenty of time to regroup; I'll be alright."

Buckmasters Expo features music, kids' activities

Annual event helps feed hungry

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning families on the hunt for fun this weekend will find plenty of it at the Buckmasters Expo at the Montgomery Civic Center in Montgomery, Ala.

The doors open today at 3 p.m. for the three-day event, which will feature the Buckmasters Top Bow Indoor Word Championship Competition and more than 260 vendors, a number of them military-related exhibits.

The annual expo includes various classes and clinics, including hunter safety courses, a BRT scorer's class and a decorative gunstock carving, with demonstrations by Robbie Anderson, a noted stock-carving artist.

Montgomery Gentry will perform free for Buckmasters members Saturday night. Expo officials recommend members call to reserve tickets and bring lawn chairs.

The highlight of the expo is the Young Bucks Outdoors Pavilion, where kids can shoot airguns and bows, play interactive hunting games and visit a petting zoo. They can also get their picture on a mock *Buckmaster* magazine cover.

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The Buckmasters Expo closes at 9 p.m. until 9 a.m. Saturday, when doors close at 7 p.m.

Sunday, the expo runs from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Admission is $5, but children 12 and younger get in free if they bring a can of food for the Hunters for the Hungry Program.

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Callaway to host triathlon

Rachel Crumbley
Callaway Gardens

The 24th annual Hughston Sports Medicine Center's triathlon will be held at Callaway Gardens Sept. 5.

Races begin at 8 a.m., after the Sunday morning balloon launches of the Callaway Sky High Hot Air Balloon Festival. Athletes compete in a 1K swim, 30K bike and an 8K run.

There will be a 5K run at 7:50 a.m. Awards for the 5K will be presented around 9 a.m. and triathlon awards will be presented at 11 a.m.

Race packets may be picked up in the lobby of the Mountain Creek Inn at Callaway on Saturday, Sept. 4, from noon to 5 p.m. or on race day at the Robin Lake Beach Pavilion starting at 6 a.m.

In its 24th year, this event is the oldest triathlon in the South, the fifth oldest in the nation, and traditionally ranks as one of the top 10 triathlons by the sport's governing body, the U.S. Triathlon Federation.

The Hughston Sports Medicine Center has been sponsoring this fitness at Callaway series since the early 1990s.

Individual athletes and teams can register at www.active.com until Sept. 2.

Registration fees increase on Aug. 29.

For more information, call Dave Johnson Enterprises at (770) 565-5208.

In addition to the triathlon, the Fitness Series at Callaway offers events throughout the year, including a January marathon, a May duathlon, and a 10K race and mountain bike competition, both in November. A 5K is offered before each event.

Callaway is in Pine Mountain, Ga., 30 minutes north of Columbus.

For more information, call Callaway at 1-800-CAL LAWAY (1-800-225-5292) or visit www.callawayonline.com.

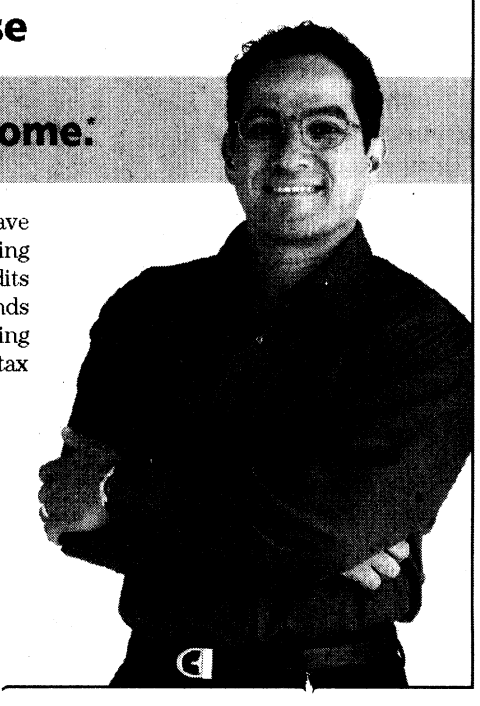


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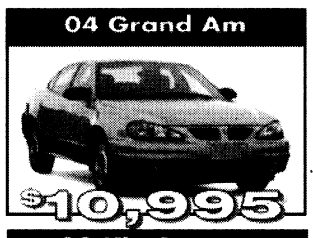
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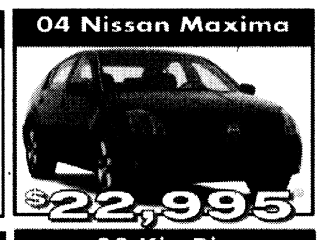
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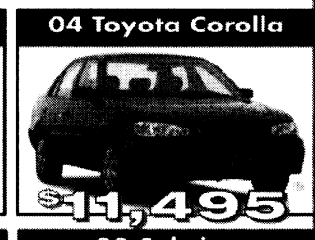
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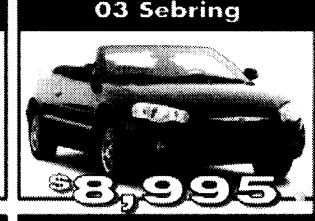
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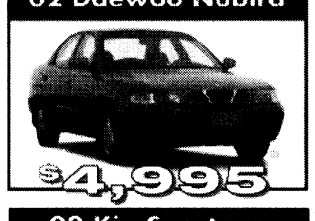
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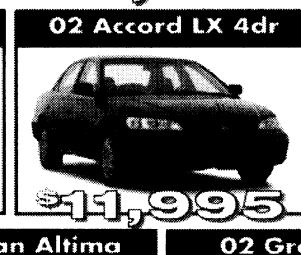
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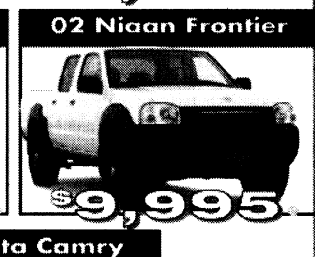
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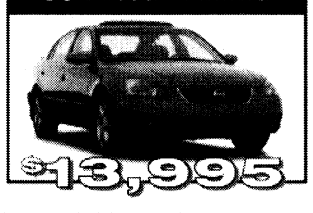
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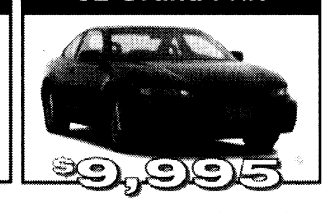
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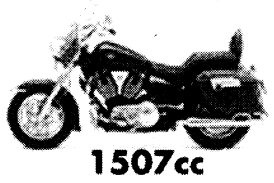
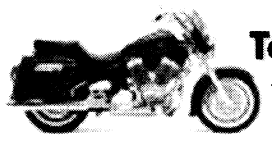
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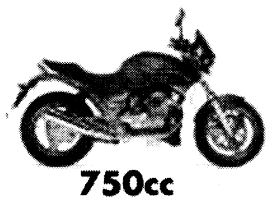
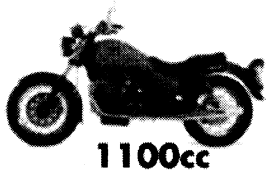
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Little Tykes Outdoor playground set with slide $50.00. Call 494-8202 (F27)

For sale: Kids Daybed $80.00, Army Uniforms sz. Med. Reg. $ 10.00 each, 3 ceramic molds $ 3.00-5.00 phone: 568-1891 (F27)

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Things To Do

Like to play bingo? Its Partylite Bingo at Howard Johnson at 1011 Veterans Pkwy August 26th at 5:30 p.m. 7 free bingos with order and 4 pay bingo for BIG STUFF. More info call Jen 706-687-0034. Bring this Ad and get free bingo card with order. (P20)

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Furniture and baby items. For more info call 689-5679 (F20)

Complete set of Victory living room set, 2 end tables & 1 marble top coffee table, i marble top window table, 1 kitchenette set consisting of one table, & four chairs. Please call 334-298-7935 or 706-682-4419. (F27)

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Broyhill Fontana solid wood entertainment center that fits up to 32" TV. Adjustable shelves and three drawers for housing DVD's, CD's or Videos. $400.00. Call 494-8202 (F27)

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Washer $50, 21spd schwinn mtn bike paid $600 asking $75, mens dress blues medium in size $85 6821008 ask4 joel WEBSITE - www.geocities.com/iceblink79/EnterHere.html (F20)

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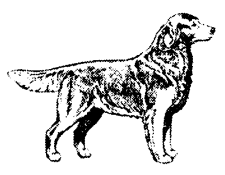
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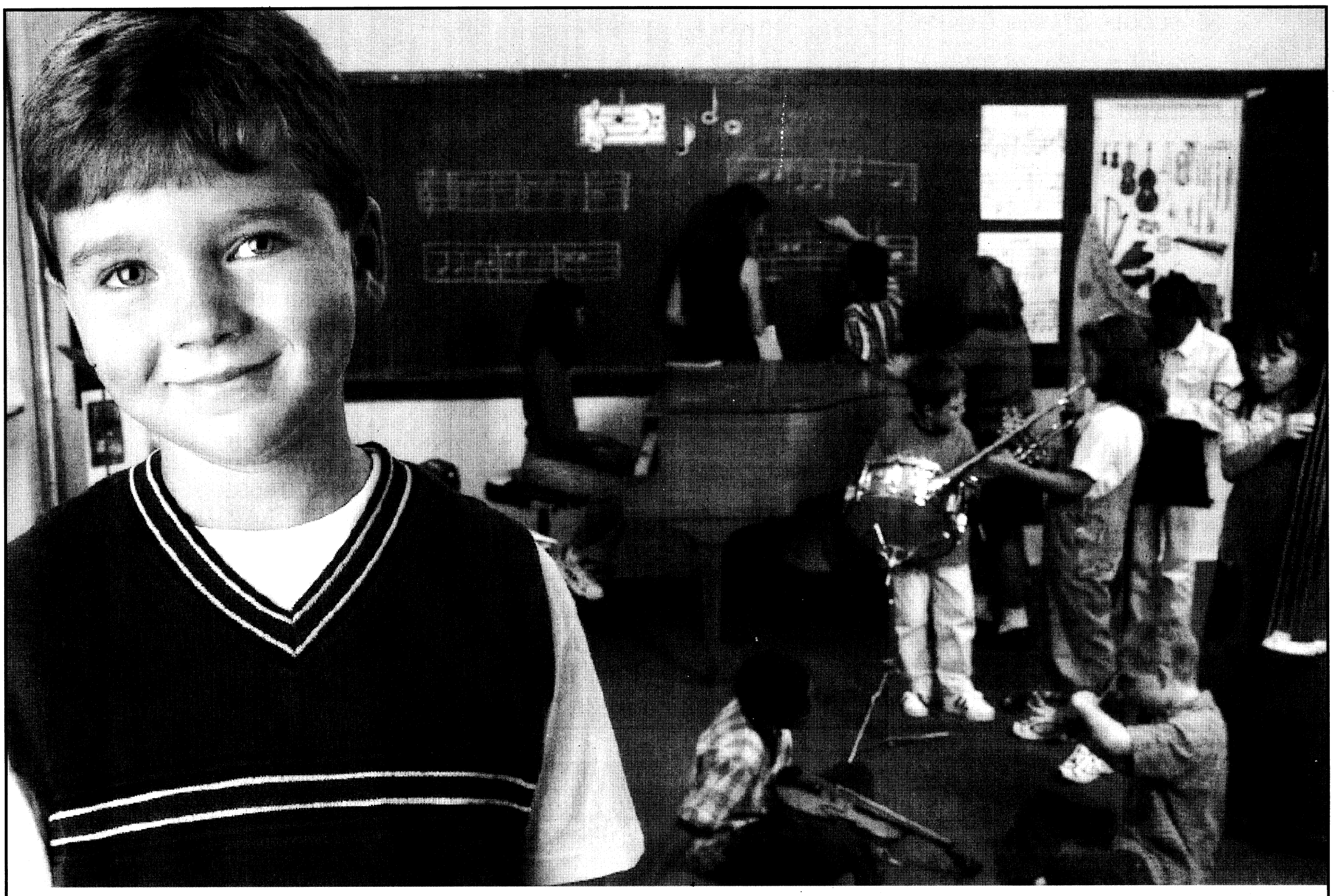
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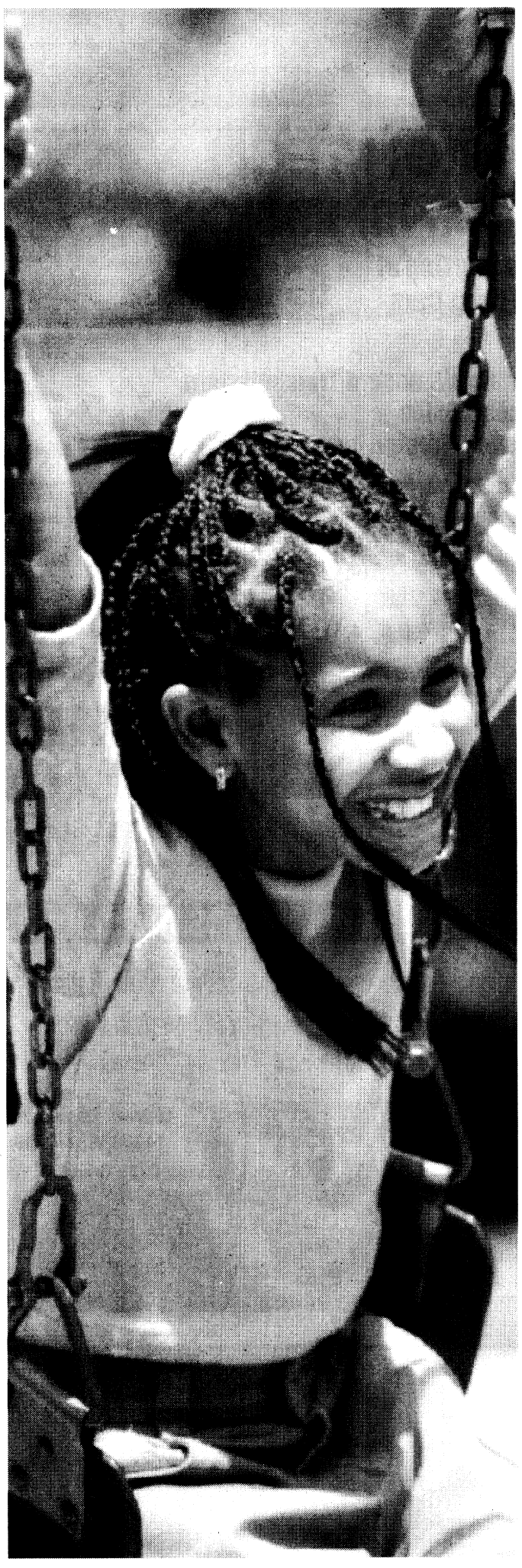
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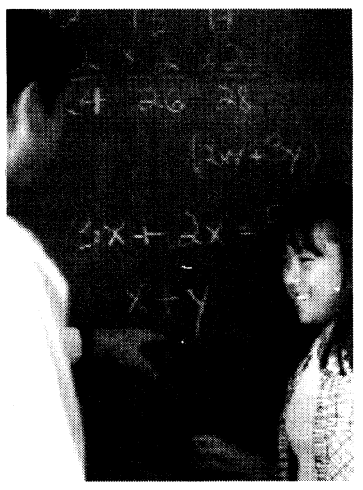
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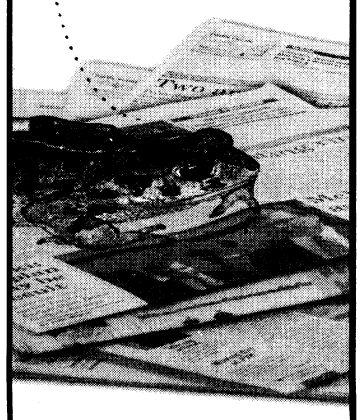
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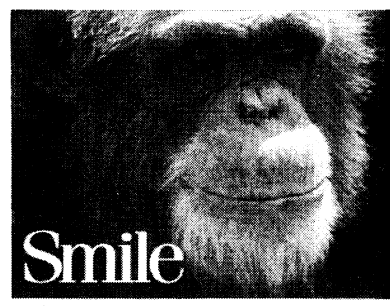
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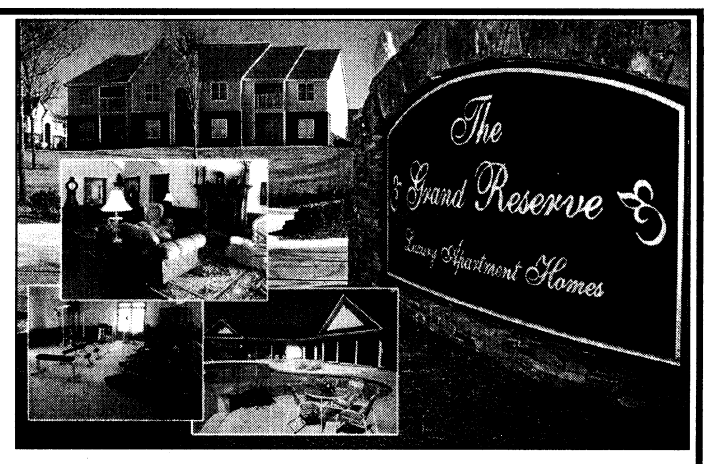
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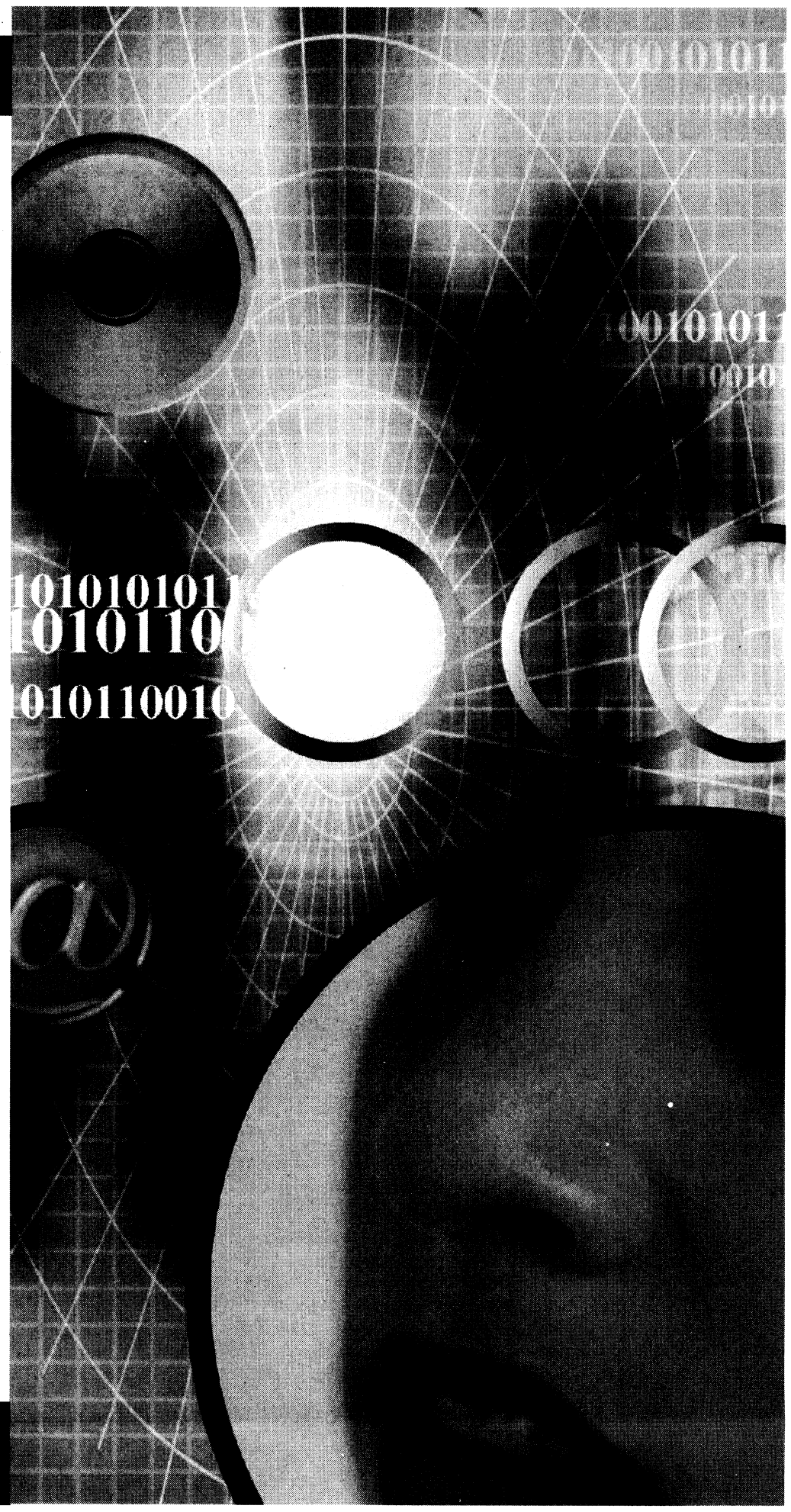
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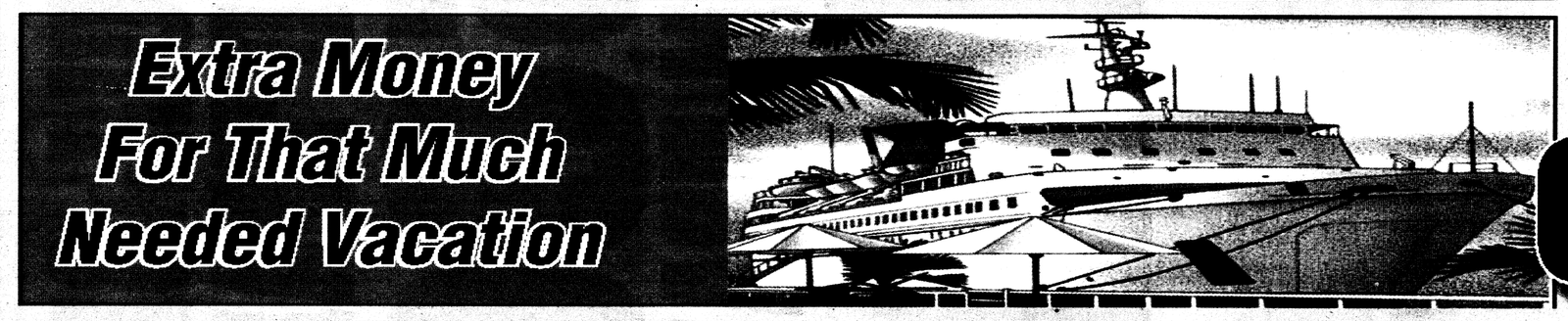
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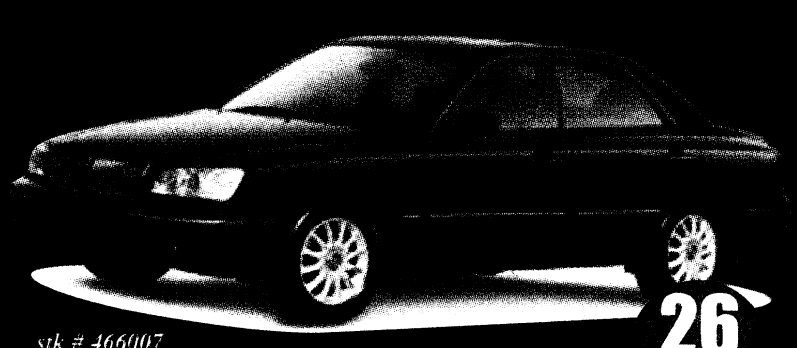
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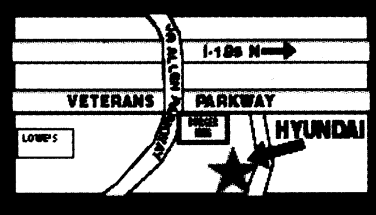
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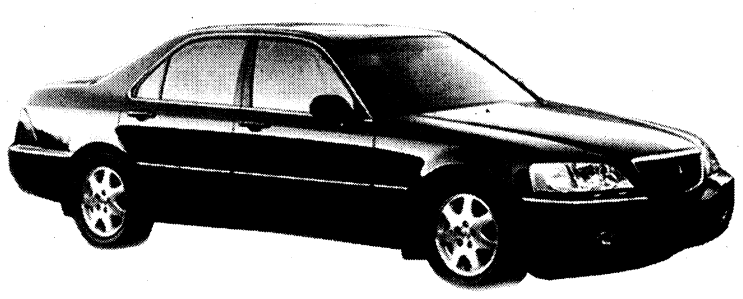


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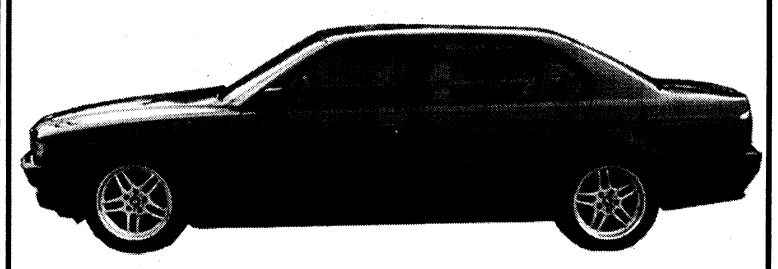
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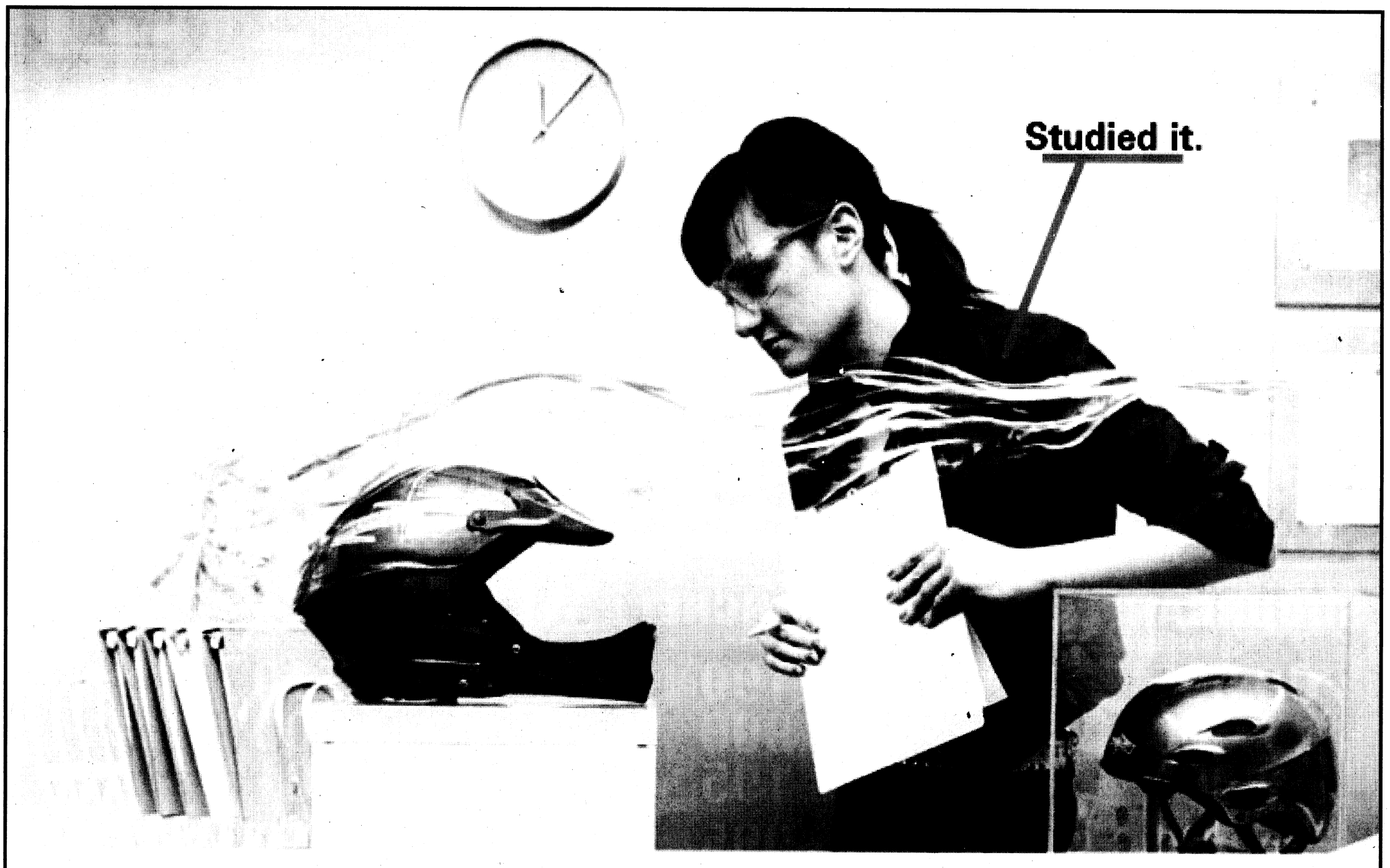
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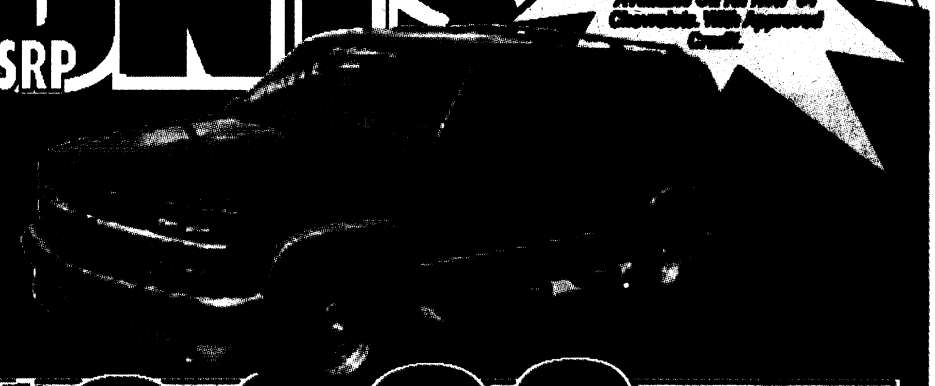
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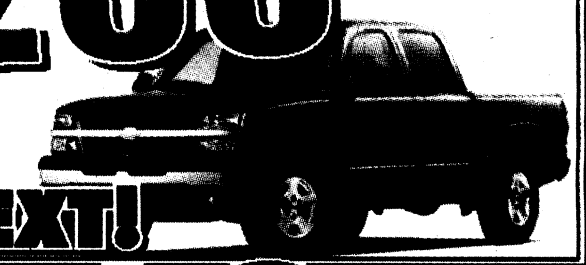
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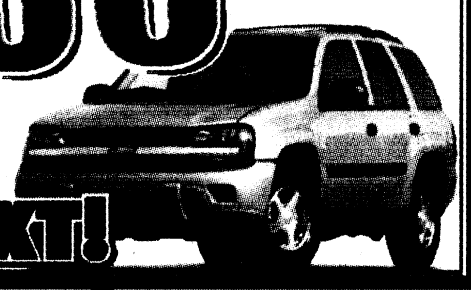
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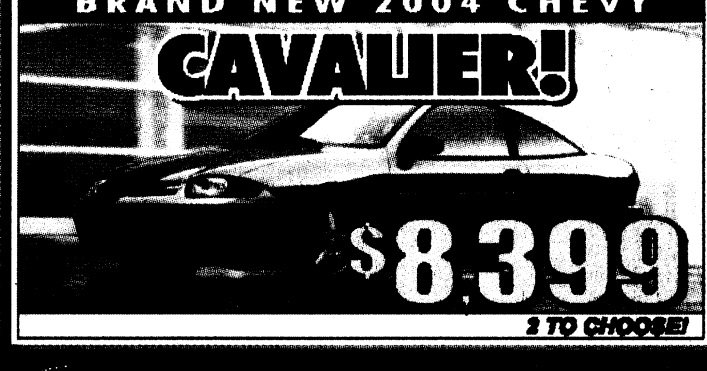
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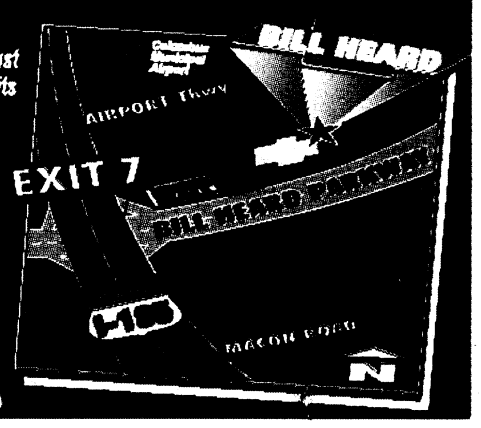
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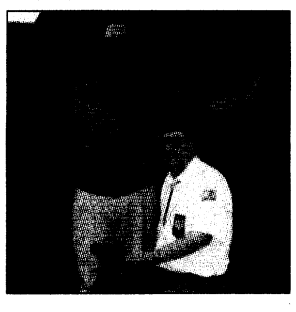
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50-meter, three-position rifle shooting Silver Medal winner Maj. Michael Anti, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, left, stands on the winners' podium with Gold Medal winner Zhanbo Jia, China, and Bronze Medal winner Christian Planer, Austria.

Anti brings home Silver

Tim Hipps
USACFSC Public Affairs

ATHENS, Greece — Maj. Michael Anti, a marksman in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, won a Silver Medal Sunday in men's 50-meter three-position rifle shooting in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

"I wish I had the gold but I'm just excited to have a medal," said Anti, 40, of Winterville, N.C., assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning.

"We have such a great unit and such a great Army for them to allow me to do this," he said. "There are people overseas risking their lives to allow me to compete here, so it's a big deal."

China's Zhanbo Jia won the Gold Medal with 1,264.5 points. Anti took the Silver Medal with 1,263.1 points. Austria's Christian Planer claimed the Bronze Medal with a 1,262.8 total.

Anti entered the final round in seventh place. After shooting marks of 10.4, 8.8, 9.3 and 10.6, he moved into fourth place with a 10.8 on his fifth of 10 shots in the finale. An 8.5 on his ensuing shot, however, cost him dearly.

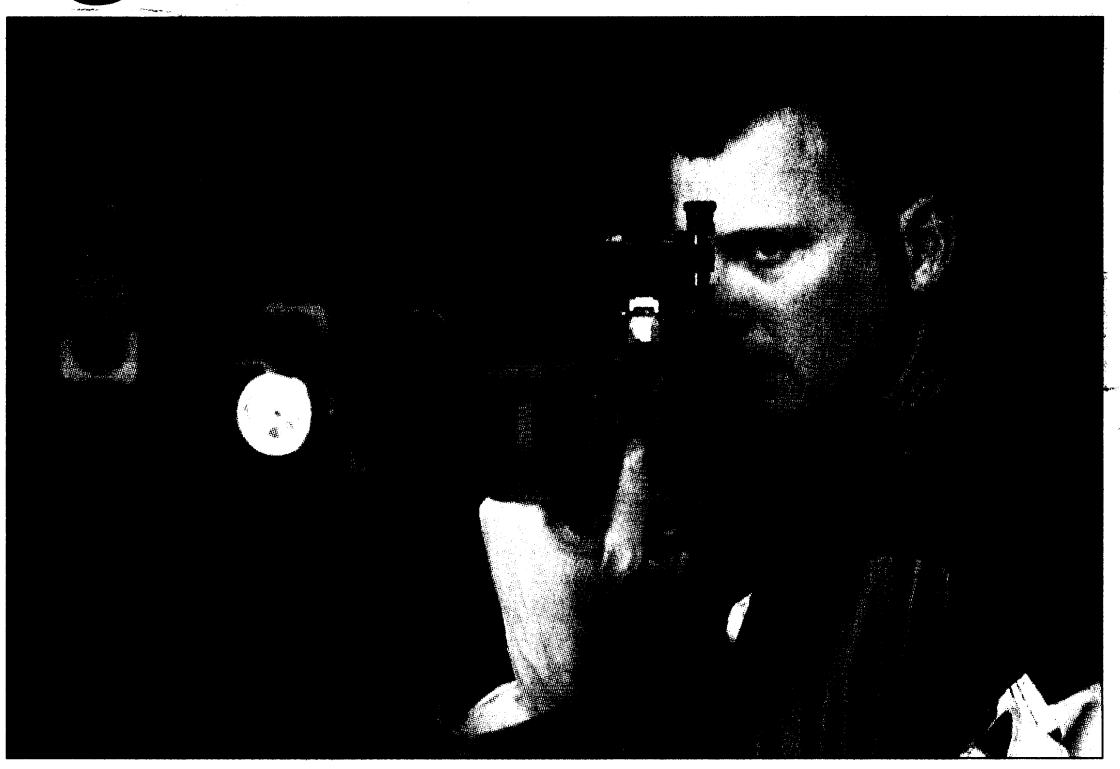
He quickly rebounded with marks of 10.4 and 10.8 to move into third place. Then an 8.1 dropped him back to fourth. He capped the performance with a 10.4 as drama intensified at the other end of the shooting line.

Matthew Emmons, 23, of Browns Mills, N.J., had the Gold Medal firmly in his grasp until he shot the wrong target on his last of 10 shots. The mark of zero dropped him to eighth place with 1,257.4 points, stunning the crowd at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Had Emmons closed with a respectable mark, Team USA would have won the Gold and Bronze Medals.

"For me, it was kind of up and down," Anti said of his final round. "I'd shoot a good 10 and then I'd shoot an 8. Then shoot a good 10 and shoot an 8. None of the shots were really bad shots; I just was late on the trigger," he said.

"If I caught it a millisecond before, it could've been a 10. I'm just thrilled to death that I won the silver with my final."



Maj. Michael Anti, of Fort Benning's U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, brought home a Silver Medal from the Olympics in Athens, Greece, this weekend.

MACH, Tricare undergo changes

Clinics, service adjust to wartime mission

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning U.S.Army Medical Department Activity and Martin Army Community Hospital treats about 1,500 outpatients a day, 50 inpatients with at least 10 daily admissions and a pharmacy that fills at least 1,500 to 2,000 prescriptions a day — all the while undergoing changes in business contracts and supporting the needs of the Global War on Terrorism and changes in business contracts.

MEDDAC and the Tricare system are currently undergoing changes that may cause temporary confusion, but will improve patient care in the long run, said Col. Donald Bradshaw, MEDDAC commander.

As of Aug. 1, Tricare transitioned to a new contract that will make Tricare benefits easier to access with improved customer service and better responsiveness to patient needs.

The change in contracts, however, does not change the way Tricare provides service to its members.

"What this means to the majority of people is that there's no change," Bradshaw said. "It's a change in the way we do business, and it simplifies some processes at the

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Phyllis Alford, pathology technician, draws blood from Tracy Bailey at Martin Army Community Hospital Tuesday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BABY

And a (not-so) little child shall lead them

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

This is *not* a commentary about sex or religion. It is, however, about politics, or more specifically, voting. But I'm guessing I'd lose half my readers if I used the word "vote" in the first sentence. Sex sells and religion divides, but voting commentaries definitely sedate.

It's really hard to get excited about the November elections, what with the war going on — the war between the candidates, I mean. Remember the war that preceded the last election? It was all about sex and religion, so it was somewhat more interesting.

And who can forget the *outcome* of the last election, with pregnant chads and aborted recounts?

Me, I wish I could forget the last election, because I didn't vote. That's right, I didn't vote. I'm not proud of it, and I'm not about to make excuses, though I have completely recovered from the coma, thanks for asking. But I've lived with the guilt only a Florida resident can truly appreciate ever since.



Which is why I'm really excited that my son is excited about voting. Thomas will turn 18 next week. He's all set to register with the Selective Service, and he's prepared to take on a few more adult responsibilities around the house. But he's looking forward to voting. Key words: looking forward.

Whereas I dreaded what I thought would be a complicated and time-consuming process — registering out-of-state — he's actually looking forward to it.

He's not yet jaded by all the back-stabbing banter and political poison he sees on the nightly news. He's keeping an eye on the issues relevant to him — hunting and conservation, since he's an outdoorsman; the military, since he's considering it as a career; and of course taxation, since he's forking over a chunk of his paycheck each week.

Thomas believes his vote will make a difference. I love that about him.

Me, I'm following his lead. I've already registered to vote absentee, which was blessedly simple. I logged on to florida.gov and within minutes, I was a bona fide long-distance voter with a clear conscience. You can do the same on your state's government Web site. Or you can log on to MTV.com. It's that easy.

So thanks, Thomas, and happy birthday. I'm proud of you. But you shouldn't be reading anything that has sex in the first sentence.

'Back to school' readies student for world

Billy Holbrook
Bayonet correspondent

Back to school. Does anyone ever look forward to that? With the mention of one little "s" word, all the kids within earshot who love summer run and hide. They run not for fear, but for lamenting their impending losses.

All that is good in their world is suddenly threatened by an uninvited reality. Summer is going away.

No longer can the children frolic and play in the neighborhood until the distant cry of Mom calling, "Johnny ... come to dinner!" The days of lounging on the beach during summer vacation vanished like the sun setting in an old western movie. Or for a more realistic, less June and Ward Cleaver example: Johnny has to stop sleeping until 2 p.m., playing XBox for six hours straight, and watching TV until his eyes go bad.

Then there are those who never did care for summer but have a great affection for academics. These students would gladly trade a game of backyard wiffle ball or Madden NFL 2005 for a nice, neat book or algebraic equation. The very idea that schools even take a summer break is absurd to some. For many kids, the best day of the year is the first day of school. (At least it was for Nemo.)



We all have seasons of choice. And at the end of each season, we are confronted with new realities, for seasons bring about change. Like it or not, the school year is upon us, and summer is fading into a memory.

Many students will begin the end of their academic careers this fall. I can say with sincere thankfulness that I am one of those eager to finish. I'm eager to say good-bye to late-night cramming sessions, last-minute writings of term papers, and the dreaded lectures that just seem to have no tangible applications in life whatsoever.

According to societal norms, however, a college degree is a necessity in the job market today. College professors, for obvious reasons I think, find it to be in their best interests to uphold this expectation placed on our society.

They practice their sales pitch with every class by saying things like, "You'll have a very hard time finding a job you love if you don't have a degree. Who wants to buy another semester of classes?" I raise my hand, and shout out, "I do!" and proceed to the tuition check-out counter.

Facing the end of college is exhilarating and frightening all at the same time. I'll be relieved to complete my bachelor's degree in January, and am quite anxious about what the future holds. I'll stand in line and collect my reward along with my classmates. That is what has sustained me after all: the hope of finishing. I guess I am honestly looking forward to going back to school. Not because I have a desire to turn into a scholar, but because the end is now in sight. And after years of looking for that end, it sure is a pretty sight.

Violence, substance abuse:

Casual connection or something more serious?

Lt. Col. Dave Thomas
Army Substance Abuse Program

Is there a relationship between violent behavior and substance abuse? Does substance abuse justify violence, or is it just a handy excuse?

If you answered yes to both questions, you're probably right. While there are many reasons proposed by researchers, the overwhelming majority firmly believe there is a link between the two. Substance abuse does not justify violence, but there is definitely a connection. What link, you might ask? Good! Now you're thinking. Just because someone drinks doesn't mean they're violent. Conversely, just because someone is violent doesn't mean they have a problem with alcohol.

Confusing? Sure, because human behavior, influenced by experiences, values, mores, upbringing, culture, and other factors, such as alcohol consumption or drug abuse (both illegal and prescription) are difficult to predict. Let's take a look at this relationship.

The following information is based on a study by J. Roizen on incidents of alcohol-related violence:

The percentages of violent offenders who consumed alcohol at the time of the "incident" are as follows:

- Up to 86 percent of homicide offenders had been drinking
- 37 percent of assault offenders had been drinking
- 60 percent of sexual offenders had been drinking
- Up to 57 percent of men and 27 percent of women involved in marital violence had been drinking
- 13 percent of child abusers had been drinking

Pretty startling statistics, don't you think? Why are the numbers so high? There might even be higher percentages if drug abuse was added to the study. Would all those offenses have been committed if the person had not been drinking? Maybe, maybe not! The statistics seem to justify the connection.

Alcohol abuse causes people to lose their inhibitions. It may make a person more likely to do things he or she would not do when sober. Drug abuse also causes people to act differently and in some cases, violently. Losing one's inhibitions can be dangerous. Losing one's inhibitions from alcohol or drug abuse can:

- Make you less inhibited around members of the opposite sex. Just because you've been drinking doesn't mean you magically transformed into a movie star between that 7th and 8th drink. When a person says no, they mean no! People that are drunk or high don't seem to understand that, proving that their good judgment has indeed been suspended. Sexual assaults involving alcohol are quite high. Victims of sexual assaults are starting to press charges, so don't think you can get away with it. When you stand before a judge and jury and face jail time and fines, do you think the "I didn't know what I was doing, because I was drunk" excuse will work?"
- Make you overconfident. Your good judgment is suspended and you are operating on a different set of values. Operating a motor vehicle is a prime example. Another is picking a fight with someone you think you can "take" who happens to be a black belt in karate.
- Make you more aggressive. When you're drunk, you may think it's OK to hit or shove your spouse or children. Many "batterers" use drug and alcohol abuse to justify their behavior. They say they did it because they were high or intoxicated, and it wouldn't have happened otherwise. That excuse won't work in domestic violence situations. Research shows many batterers' abuse even when not intoxicated.
- Put you at greater risk for sexually transmitted diseases. Studies show that when people are intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, they seldom practice safe sex. This puts both individuals at higher risk of contracting HIV/AIDS or another STD. Some victims of sexual assaults have had so much to drink they can't remember the events of the previous night and may have been sexually assaulted. They may have had unwilling and unprotected sex without their knowledge.

People think they can get away with bad behavior because they've been drinking, but this is an unjustifiable excuse. It isn't going to work. You need to take personal responsibility for your actions.

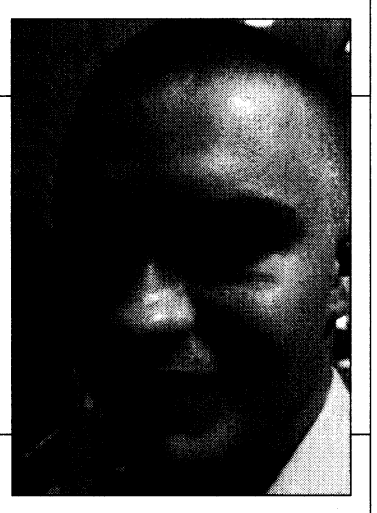
If you or someone you know has a substance problem, contact the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-1138 or 545-4415. Counselors will help you overcome your problem. Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 p,m. in the basement of Building 241, Miller Hall. Call or come by and see us. Remember, only you have the "Power of Choice."

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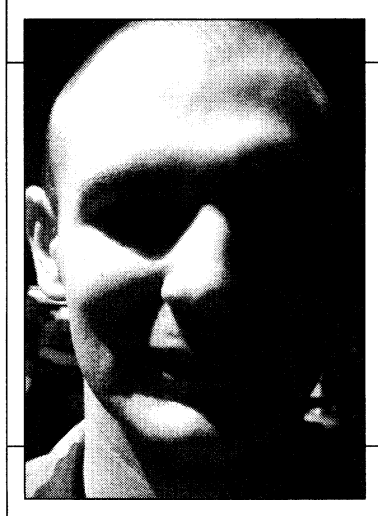
How important is your vote?



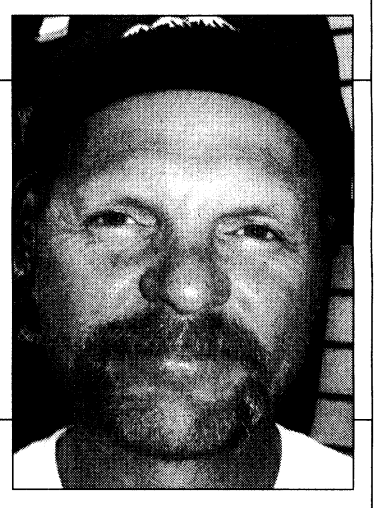
Taronda Bailey, AAFES employee — "If you don't vote, you have no say in the government. Our voting system is only so-so, because not enough people vote. If everybody participated, it would be a lot more successful."



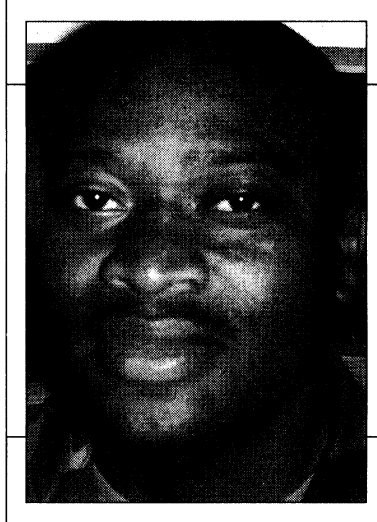
Pvt. Michael Crees, 1st Battalion, 43rd Infantry Regiment — "I'm 20, so I've never voted before, but I'll definitely be voting this year. We registered in basic training. I think my vote will have an impact on where I'll spend the next four years."



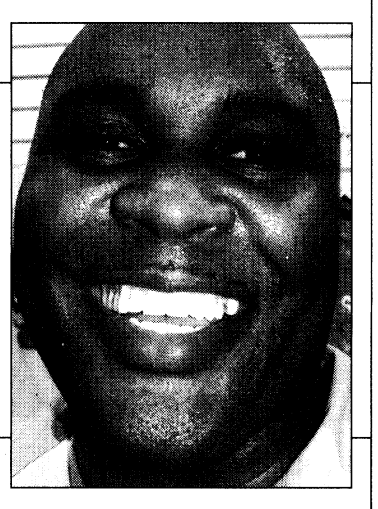
2nd Lt. Jake Jeffers, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Voting is incredibly important. If you don't do it, you have absolutely no right to complain about the outcome."



Lloyd Neff, father of a new Soldier — "Having the right to vote means we're still a free country. It means more to me now because (my son) is a Soldier. My vote may help determine where he could be down the road."



Staff Sgt. Richard Smith, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "Every vote counts. If you don't vote and the person you wanted to win doesn't win, it's as much your fault as everyone else's."



Sgt. William Altman, 185th Aviation, on medical leave from Iraq — "Being over there makes you appreciate the rights we have, like voting. Voting gives people an equal say in how our country will be run. They don't have that (in Iraq.)"

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Vet fights leukemia, seeks marrow donor

Transplant best chance at good life for Soldier

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Returning from Iraq with the 608th Ordnance Company earlier this year, Staff Sgt. Michael Herring felt fine.

Sure, he'd lost some weight — 34 pounds in the 13 months he'd been deployed — but who hadn't?

"It was the environment," he said. "I just didn't think anything of it."

In fact, looking back now, there were quite a few signs and symptoms he dismissed as par for the course.

But a few weeks after Herring's homecoming in April, it was clear something wasn't right. His bloodwork at the hospital — standard redeployment procedure — came back "messed up" and he was retested, this time for everything from parasites to cancers, specifically leukemia.

A few days later, he landed in the emergency room, running a fever. The doctor gave him a grim prognosis — "all signs pointed toward leukemia."

Herring was transferred to St. Francis in Columbus, where he underwent a bone marrow biopsy. Doctors withdrew marrow from his hip and detected the Philadelphia Chromosome, confirming the doctor's early diagnosis.

Herring has chronic myeloid leukemia, a slow-progressing form of the cancer.

Within days, he began taking Gleevac — a relatively new drug that inhibits the Philadelphia Chromosome and breaks it up. But with only four years on the market and mounting evidence that patients build a resistance to the drug, Gleevac might provide only a temporary solution.

And for Herring, who turns 38 today, that's not good enough. His only option now is to undergo a bone marrow transplant, which is tentatively scheduled for next summer.

"If I want any chance of growing old and going RVing, I have to have this transplant," he said.

While the odds are in his favor — the survival rate is 85 percent — the experience won't be a pleasant one.

Herring has already scheduled meetings with teams of specialists at two medical centers to discuss the transplant and will likely choose one in the coming months.

Once he settles on a team, he will undergo a series of physical and psychological tests to make sure he can withstand the trauma of the procedure.

And once he's cleared, the search is on. The search for a donor, that is.

There's a one in four chance that his brother will be a good match, Herring said. Siblings are usually considered the "cream of the crop, the best match for your body."

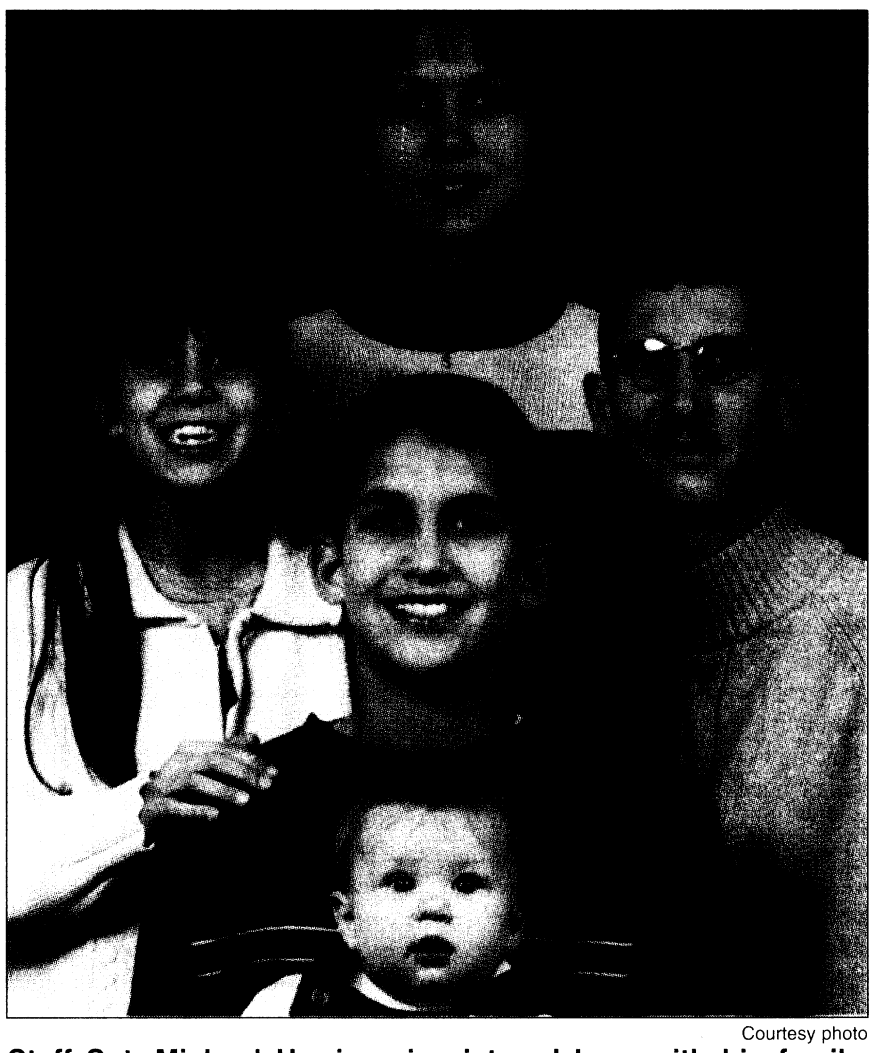
If his brother can't provide a good match, Herring's name will be entered into a registry. It will be a waiting game of sorts, while a register of donors from around the country and across the world is searched for a match.

"They could call up somebody in Seattle and say, 'You're a match,' and they'll go to the nearest hospital, have the bone marrow taken out, and they'll ship it to me," Herring said.

Meanwhile, Herring will be going through high-dose chemotherapy and total body irradiation, a process that kills all the cells in the body, good and bad.

"After that, your immune system is zero," he said, explaining that he will live in isolation to protect him from bacteria and viruses.

This process takes five to seven days. The transplant takes about three hours, he said, and within two weeks, new cells start to grow.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Michael Herring is pictured here with his family. Herring is waiting for a bone marrow transplant next summer.

The next 90 to 100 days will be spent in the hospital or a "hospitality house," where he can be monitored daily for infection. Following his release, he'll report for periodic check-ups and take precautions to avoid anything that could make him sick. The entire transplant process will take about a year.

But for a donor, the process is much less time-consuming, and donors are direly needed. According to the Puget Sound Blood Center, about 70 percent of patients who need a bone marrow transplant will not find a match in their families.

Donors can register at a donor center or registration drive by giving about two to three tablespoons of blood and consenting to be listed in the main donor registry. A lab determines tissue type, and the results are entered into the registry, which doctors search regularly.

If the computer registry indicates a donor's tissue type is close to a patient's, it's considered a preliminary match and additional testing will identify "perfect matches."

Donors, too, are required to undergo counseling, physical exams and tests before donating marrow. Once cleared, about a liter of bone marrow will be collected from the hips.

Anesthesia is used during the procedure, and some hospitals require an overnight stay. Marrow replenishes itself naturally within a matter of weeks, with the only side effects being some mild soreness in the hips.

In the end, enduring a little bit of pain and discomfort could save someone's life, someone like Herring — a husband and father of three, a Soldier with 15 years of service, and a man with plans for the future.

Donors listed on the bone marrow registry, known as the National Marrow Donor Program, must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Donors must be between 18 and 60 and in good health.
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- Medication-dependent diabetics may not donate. Diet-controlled diabetics can.
- Epilepsy controlled with medication, when there has been no more than one seizure in the past year, is acceptable.
- If you've had a heart attack, bypass surgery or heart disease, you cannot donate.
- Hepatitis B surface antigen and Hepatitis C antibody disqualify prospective donors.
- Chronic Lyme disease is not acceptable.
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Longtime friend to infantry retires

Continues mission work, travels

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Who would've thought the silver-haired gentleman with the blue eyes and quick smile spent 30 years ensuring the American infantryman is the most lethal Soldier in the world?

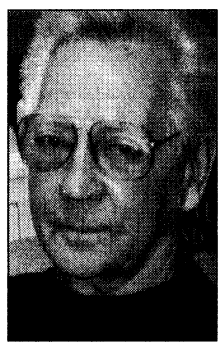
Bill Fielder, the Communications and Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center project coordinator to the Infantry Center, is known for his hard work and dedication to the infantry Soldier. After 30 years of service, however, the Thomasville, Ga., native is retiring.

"My grandparents and great-grandparents lived on what is now Fort Benning in the early 1900s, and I worked at Sand Hill and Harmony Church as a teenager," he said. "But I never dreamed I would spend my career here."

Fielder came to Fort Benning in the late '60s as a member of the three-man team that planned, resourced and conducted the Infantry Board's TOW (Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided weapon) Service Test.

The event trained infantry Soldiers to fire 50 missiles in 13 months, which led to the Army's approval for the type classification and full production of the TOW weapon, Fielder said.

Since then, he's been



involved with the testing and fielding of many well-known infantry systems, such as the PVS-7 night vision goggles, the MELIOS range finder, thermal weapon sight and the second generation forward looking infrared upgrade to the Bradley and Abrams vehicles.

Another of Fielder's successes was the designation of Lab Day, when representatives from all the Army Research, Development and Engineering Centers come to Fort Benning to focus on experimentation and research efforts.

"The government employees who work here in the Infantry Center are sometimes referred to as 'professional civilians,'" Fielder said. "I believe, as General Freakley said recently, the work we do here is a profession — it's a calling, not a job.

"Young men and women entrust us with their lives, and it is up to us to equip and train them to survive and win on the battlefield," he said. "To make sure they return safely from Iraq or Afghanistan, or wherever they may have to go. I believe that 'what have you done for today's Soldier, today?' should be the uppermost thought in our minds as we do this important business and I'm proud to have been a part of a very large team that works hard at that every day."

Never an Army Soldier, Fielder enjoyed living and working with the 10th Mountain Division during the Warrior Focus Advanced Warfighter Experimentation at Fort Polk, La., in 1995.

"It's the closest I ever came to living like a Soldier," he said.

"Fielder was never bound by the clock," said Jim Stone, deputy director of DCD. "He worked Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. He was continuously working on making things better. We're going to miss him."

Charles Barton, combat developer for infantry vehicles, has been a friend and colleague of Fielder's for the past 10 years.

Barton said Fielder is a hard worker who always puts a Soldier's interest first.

"He puts his best efforts forward in order to provide the best for Soldiers. He's always the one who pulls everybody together to do the very best of whatever experiment it is to benefit Soldiers," Barton said. "He also never took 'no' for an answer. If needed, he would call the general at home to ensure he got what he needed to accomplish a mission."

But Fielder isn't all work and no play. His hobbies include dabbling in the stock market. And for several years, he's traveled to Central America on missionary trips to help establish churches in under-developed countries. Later this year, he'll travel to Honduras, where he and his friends are trying to resurrect a hospital.

"I also like to golf, but those who've golfed with me will laugh when they read this. I'm not very good," Fielder said.

During Lab Day, Aug. 18, Fielder was honored with the Order of Saint Maurice, Civis, for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the infantry.

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> **Bill Fielder**
> Communications and Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center project coordinator to the Infantry Center

When Fielder retires Sept. 2, he plans to settle in North Georgia with his wife, Dolores.

"We as human beings don't often acknowledge that God has a plan for our lives, and we should wind up where he put us," he said.

"Since I didn't plan this career, I have to believe he put me here. And I know that doing this business, and working with some wonderful people here has been a blessing to my life and my family's life. It's been a privilege and an honor and I'm truly thankful for having had the opportunity. I'll never forget it."

National Security Personnel System Update

Fort Benning commanders, directors, and supervisors of civilian employees should attend the NSPS update at 1:30 p.m. today in Infantry Hall, Classroom 6. The briefing covers the most important change to the civilian personnel system in decades.



Melissa House

Donovan Library technician Genoa Stanford looks at the "Battle of An Najaf" painting after the ceremony Aug 20. The painting was donated by the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

101st Airborne donates painting

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Patrons at Infantry Hall's Donovan Library can now see one of James Dietz' newest prints commemorating the Battle of An Najaf.

Fort Benning's director of the Directorate of Training, Col. John Carmichael, accepted the print from Maj. Shawn Phillips, executive officer for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., in a ceremony Aug. 20 in the library.

"This is an important occasion," Carmichael said. "It's the first opportunity for the Infantry School to receive a print of the most recent war."

The 1st BCT attacked the city of An Najaf on March 29, 2003. During the 11-day battle, Soldiers from the 101st liberated the city's residents and destroyed Saddam Hussein's Fedayeen fighters, effectively protecting the supply lines for the 3rd Infantry Div. and V Corps.

Phillips said it was an honor for him to present the print of the 101st's first major battle.

He and Staff Sgt. Mel Sanchez traveled to Fort Benning to represent their brigade commander, Col. David Gray.

"We present this to the Infantry School for the hard work and help to Soldiers," Phillips said, "especially those of the 327th Inf. Regiment.

"It is the commitment here and the support for Soldiers and the value of training and doctrine that allows the Soldiers to do great things."

Matted below the print are the distinctive club-shaped insignia worn on the Soldiers' helmets and a unit coin, also shaped like a club, designed by Soldiers while the unit was still in Iraq.

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Phillips said the club marker was brought back about two years ago as a legacy for the unit. During the D-Day invasion, units became so dispersed that the only way to tell the members of brigades apart was by their helmet markings, like the club for the 327th Inf. Regt., and the heart for the 502nd Inf. Regt.

"There's a lot to be said for remembering these events," Phillips said. "And the club represents the link between the past and the present."

He said the larger original work hangs at the BCT headquarters and when Dietz visited the unit, he signed prints for Soldiers. Only 1,000 copies of the print were made and sold for $101 each.

Library technician Genoa Stanford said the library appreciates the donation. The library staff had been looking for historic prints. The new work will hang in a prominent place where it can be seen and enjoyed.

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For God and country



Spc. Bernina Blackwater, a chaplain's assistant at the CONUS Replacement Center, sets up for a service at the Regimental Chapel on Sand Hill Thursday morning.

Spc. Natalie Loucks

Troops support spiritual needs behind scenes

Chaplain's assistants 'Soldiers first'

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

More than three years ago, a recruiter asked Cpl. Michelle Cox what she did every day. She said she went to church.

Not long after, Cox enlisted as a chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Army.

But she's quick to correct a popular misconception.

"We're not chaplains; we're their assistants. We're Soldiers first," Cox said. "Our main focus is to take care of the chaplain to whom we are assigned, whether it be in a garrison environment or in combat. Having experienced both, I know that both are difficult and take patience."

After joining the Army, Cox went through seven weeks of MOS-specific training at Fort Jackson, S.C. From there, she went to her first duty station in Weisbaden, Germany, and was attached to a transportation company.

She deployed with th e unit to Kuwait and Iraq.

She's currently assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, and spends her duty hours assisting chaplains at The Infantry Center Chapel on Main Post.

Chaplain's assistants are responsible for the upkeep of the chapels, including supplies and maintenance. Anything chaplains are involved in, their assistants are aware of and responsible for coordinating.

Chaplain's assistants are taught the basics of specific religions — Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim. Although they do not perform services — unless they are ordained — they learn to be sensitive to all denominations and how to set up a chapel for each specific service.

"Every day is different, so events, such as welcoming ceremonies and visitations, are most memorable," said Spc. Bernina Blackwater, chaplain's assistant at the CONUS Replacement Center Chapel.

This is Blackwater's first duty station and she is the only chaplain's assistant at the CRC. Her responsibilities include supporting her chaplain in serving four companies and the cadre of the CRC.

"As a team, we support deployments or re-deployments of all service members, contract personnel and civilian service support personnel who deploy from Fort Benning," she said.

"Our motto is 'For God and country.' That's why I serve — for God and my country."

Spc. Bernina Blackwater
Chaplain's assistant, CONUS Replacement Center

In addition, the CRC Chapel also supports the medical hold-overs who return from deployments and are temporarily stationed at Fort Benning.

Her daily routine consists of coordinating the chaplain's counseling sessions and classes and distributing specific religious material, she said.

"We give various religious articles that Soldiers may want to take with them on their deployments, including Bibles, the Qur'an and other religious literature," Blackwater said. "What we do here is provide moral and positive support. These Soldiers are getting deployed, most of them for a year. If I were deploying, I'd want to have these types of services available to me."

Blackwater and Cox both said the most fulfilling part of their job is knowing that Soldiers' religious needs are being taken care of.

"Our motto is 'For God and Country,'" Blackwater said. "That's why I serve — for God and my country."

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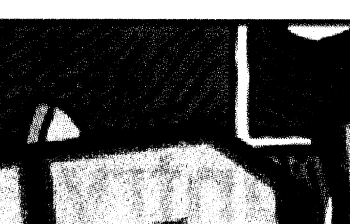
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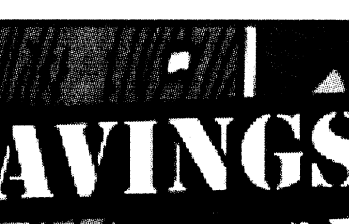
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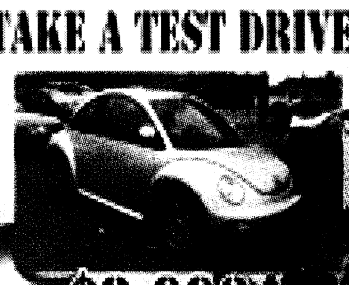
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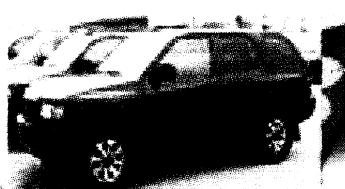
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Changes: At MACH, Tricare result of GWOT demands

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command and Department of Defense Health Affairs level. For patients, standards will stay the same. Benefits will also stay the same in terms of Tricare Prime, Tricare Standard, Tricare Extra and Tricare for life."

In some cases, he said, the benefits will be better.

For example, there will be more civilian pharmacies that accept Tricare with the new contracts.

Bottom line is that there is no change to the Tricare benefit packages for those currently enrolled including active-duty Soldiers.

In order to maintain quality, safe and appropriate care, MEDDAC has made a few changes in service.

"Beginning Wednesday, new Tricare Prime enrollees who are not active duty will be enrolled with a network service provider; the Tricare service center has a list of network providers. Their primary care manager will not be here at Martin Army, but with a provider downtown," Bradshaw said.

All beneficiaries still have access to radiology, the lab and the pharmacy at MACH.

"It's important for people to understand that we are not forcing anyone to disenroll from any of the programs," Bradshaw said. "We are only giving new enrollees alternate locations to receive care."

However, if there are current enrollees who would rather receive care from a provider downtown, they may request to be transferred. There is no cost for active-duty Soldiers and their family members if they are referred to a downtown provider. Retirees and their family members do have to pay a $12 co-pay fee whenever they go see a provider downtown, Bradshaw said.

Also, in order to maintain quality, safe and appropriate care, MEDDAC has made a few changes in service. As of Aug. 16, the Monday through Thursday Family Practice and Pediatrics evening clinics are closed; limited Saturday appointments are still available.

The Adult Primary Care Clinic will continue evening and Saturday clinics.

The goal is to have these clinics running again by mid-November, Bradshaw said.

Also, beginning Oct. 1, Winder Clinic on Sand Hill will be open an extra eight hours a day to help alleviate the active-duty workload.

"This is purely a staffing issue. We can't appropriately staff the clinics to provide the quality of care that we need them to, so we are shifting some of those assets to our normal duty hours to provide more support and better care," he said.

Currently, the challenge of getting patient appointments at MACH is due to an increase in workload directly related to the GWOT.

There's an increase in the population of basic trainees and other students, a new electronic medical record information system and the support to the deployments of the 3rd Brigade, as well as the 249th Field Hospital to the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. and will also support the upcoming deployments of 3rd Bde., the 249th Field Hospital and 86th Combat Support Hospital.

"The emergency room continues to be a huge concern for everybody," Bradshaw said. "We are recently working on several things that were set back by the increase in workload. One of the things patients can do to help us and themselves is log onto the Tricare online."

Tricare online is a service that provides beneficiaries with millions of pages of screened information on how to care for different injuries or illnesses, appointment scheduling and specific information on specific Tricare health plans.

After a five-minute registration process, beneficiaries can find answers to questions, schedule appointments and research health care providers at www.tricareonline.com.

The current delays will continue through the end of September, Bradshaw said. However, MEDDAC and Tricare are working to provide a better service to their beneficiaries.

For more information on the recent changes in the Tricare contracts, Martin Army Community Hospital and clinic hours, visit www.martin.amedd.army.mil or www.tricareonline.com.

For specific questions call the MEDDAC Information Desk at 544-2041 or Public Affairs at 544-4276 or log on to the MEDDAC web site at www.martin.amedd.army.mil.

CLOSER LOOK

Martin Army Community Hospital and Tricare are undergoing significant changes because of mission demands arising from the Global War on Terrorism. Some of the changes already in effect or set to start soon are:

☐ New non active-duty enrollees at Fort Benning will be enrolled with a network service provider, meaning their primary care provider will not be at MACH, but with a civilian provider in the local area.

☐ Monday through Thursday Family Practice and Pediatric evening clinics are closed with limited Saturday appointments. The Adult Primary Care Clinic will continue evening and Saturday clinics.

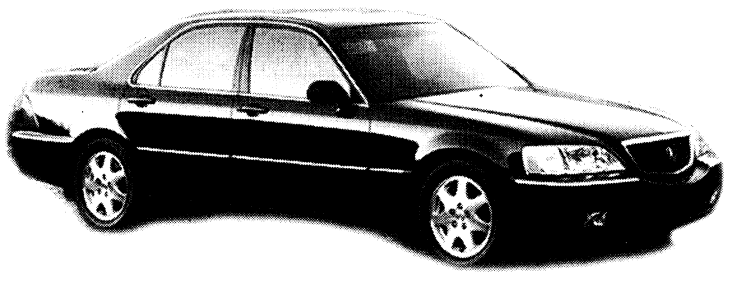
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☐ More civilian pharmacies will accept Tricare under new contracts.

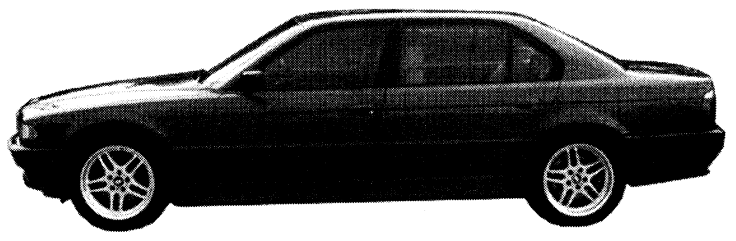
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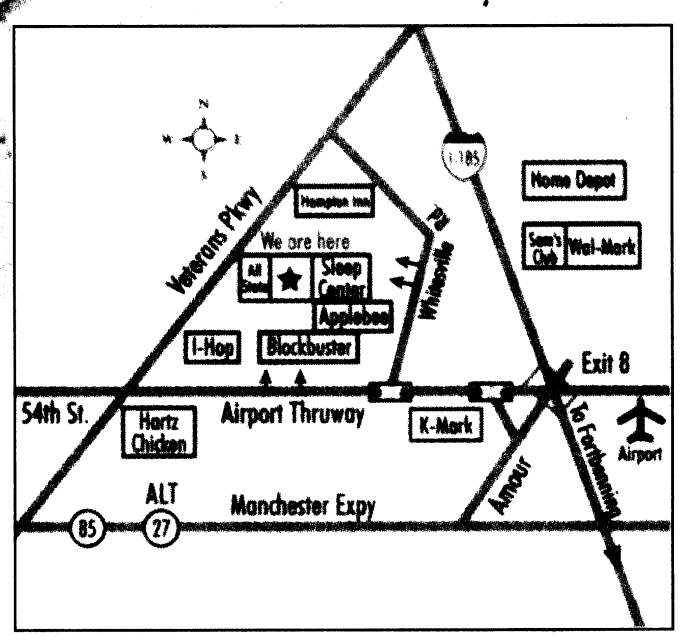
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DoD to pilot Spouses to Teachers

Program's future based on interest

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Department of Defense recently announced the piloting of its new program, Spouses to Teachers.

Modeled after DoD's Troops to Teachers program, STT will provide military spouses interested in teaching information, counseling, guidance and financial aid to meet their teaching goals, said John Gantz, director of TTT and soon-to-be director of STT.

The pilot program will be activated in six states, including Georgia, Florida, California, Colorado, Texas and Virginia.

The primary focus of the program, Gantz said, will be to help interested spouses understand:

- Requirements for state teacher certification
- Routes to certification
- Most critical teacher needs in the state
- Financial assistance for degree completion and certification programs
- State-specific programs leading to certification
- Transfer of certification from state to state and
- Assistance with location employment opportunities.

The program will be a great benefit to spouses who already have a degree, as well as undergraduates, Gantz said.

"This is primarily an information resource," he said. "Spouses with a degree can find out what the requirements are for that particular state and how to meet those requirements.

"And we can at least give guidance to people without a degree," he said. "We can help them determine what colleges have education programs and where the real job opportunities are in education."

Areas of need vary dramatically from state to state, Gantz said. Some states desperately need special education teachers; others may need bilingual teachers. And researching those critical areas can help direct a spouse's studies in the right direction.

"This can be very valuable," he said. "Spouses will know where the opportunities are, and more importantly, where they're not."

STT will also offer teachers limited financial assistance to fulfill state-to-state requirements for certification.

Financial assistance will be available in the form of reimbursement to help cover the cost of tests required in the certification process, Gantz said. Eligible spouses can be reimbursed up to $250.

Eligible spouses include spouses of active-duty personnel, members of the National Guard and Reserve and members of the Individual Ready Reserve called up to active duty.

The program is currently scheduled to be piloted for one year. Its future will be dependent on the level of interest shown during this trial period.

So far, so good, Gantz said — the program hasn't even officially kicked off, and the states' offices are already fielding phone calls from spouses anxious to get enrolled.

Bill Kirkland, who will temporarily oversee Georgia's STT program until a permanent director can be hired, said he has already received around 30 phone calls.

"And I haven't even pushed this very hard," he said. "It's a new program, and there hasn't been a lot of information out. So, this is a significant response for a program people don't yet know about."

He hasn't been able to enroll anyone yet — and he won't be able to until probably mid-September — but he is ready to answer spouses' questions.

The best way to get information right now, Kirkland said, is to visit the TTT Web site at www.tttga.net.

STT's Web site may be up and running by early September, but even then, the contact information will remain the same, he said.

Spouses who would prefer a face-to-face with Kirkland can catch him during his twice-monthly visits to Fort Benning.

Kirkland's next visit to the installation will be at 10 a.m. Sept. 21. To find out when he is scheduled to visit again, call the Learning Resource Center at 545-2911 or visit the LRC in Room 30 at Infantry Hall.

For more information about the STT in Georgia, visit the TTT Web site and use its contact information.

For more information about the STT in Florida, call Ron Burton at (888) 358-7667.

AROUND POST

Vincennes University

Vincennes University is now registering students for the fall term. VU offers night and weekend classes. Tuition assistance covers all fees and books are loaned with refundable deposits. Registration ends Monday with late registration ending Sept. 3.

For more information, call 689-0098 or visit Building 2613.

ANCOC graduation

Advanced NCO Course Class 3-04 graduates at 10 a.m. Thursday in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Reclamation sale

There will be a reclamation sale from 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 3 at 224A Upton Avenue.

Cash is the only form of payment accepted.

For more information, call 545-1128.

Golden Knights

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" is currently accepting applications to attend their annual Assessment and Selection Program in September.

A downloadable version of the application is available on the Golden Knights' Web site www.armygoldenknights.com.

To become a Golden Knight, applicants must have a minimum of 150 freefall parachute jumps, a flawless civilian and military record and volunteer to become airborne qualified.

Packets can be sent to the U.S. Army Parachute Team, P.O. Box 70126, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. For more information, call (910) 396-4800.

Warrant officer board

The last warrant officer selection board of the year will be held Sept. 13. Minimum requirements include a MOS of 14E, 14T, 14J or 27X, four years field experience in MOS 14E or 27X or five years field experience in MOS 14T or 14J.

Forward completed application no later than Aug. 15 to Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Attn: RCRO-SM-A, 1307 Third Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-2725.

HOPE grant program

The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition, fees and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active duty military and their dependents 16 years of age or older. To qualify, you must be stationed at Fort Benning and living in Georgia. Civilian employees are also eligible.

All that's needed is to fill out the required forms and register for classes at Columbus Technical College or at the Main Campus, 945 Manchester Expressway.

For more information, call Burnett Quick at 685-8549 or go to Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

AAFES Radio Network

Commanders, command sergeant majors, chief master sergeants, other senior leaders, family readiness groups, sports teams or local personalities are invited to record greetings to remind shoppers of any community message on the AAFES Radio Network.

For more information, call Ellie Unrein at 687-0384 or 687-0385.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of a 2000 YZFR6M-W motorcycle from the driveway of 100 Lavoie Avenue. The incident occurred between 8:30 and 10 a.m. Aug. 5.

The assistance of the local community is requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s).

Anyone with information concerning this individual should contact the CID duty agent at 545-8916b or the Military Police at 545-5222. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

University reopens

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has reopened its office on post.

The Extended Campus of Embry Riddle currently offers associate and bachelor of science degree programs in Aeronautics and Technical Management.

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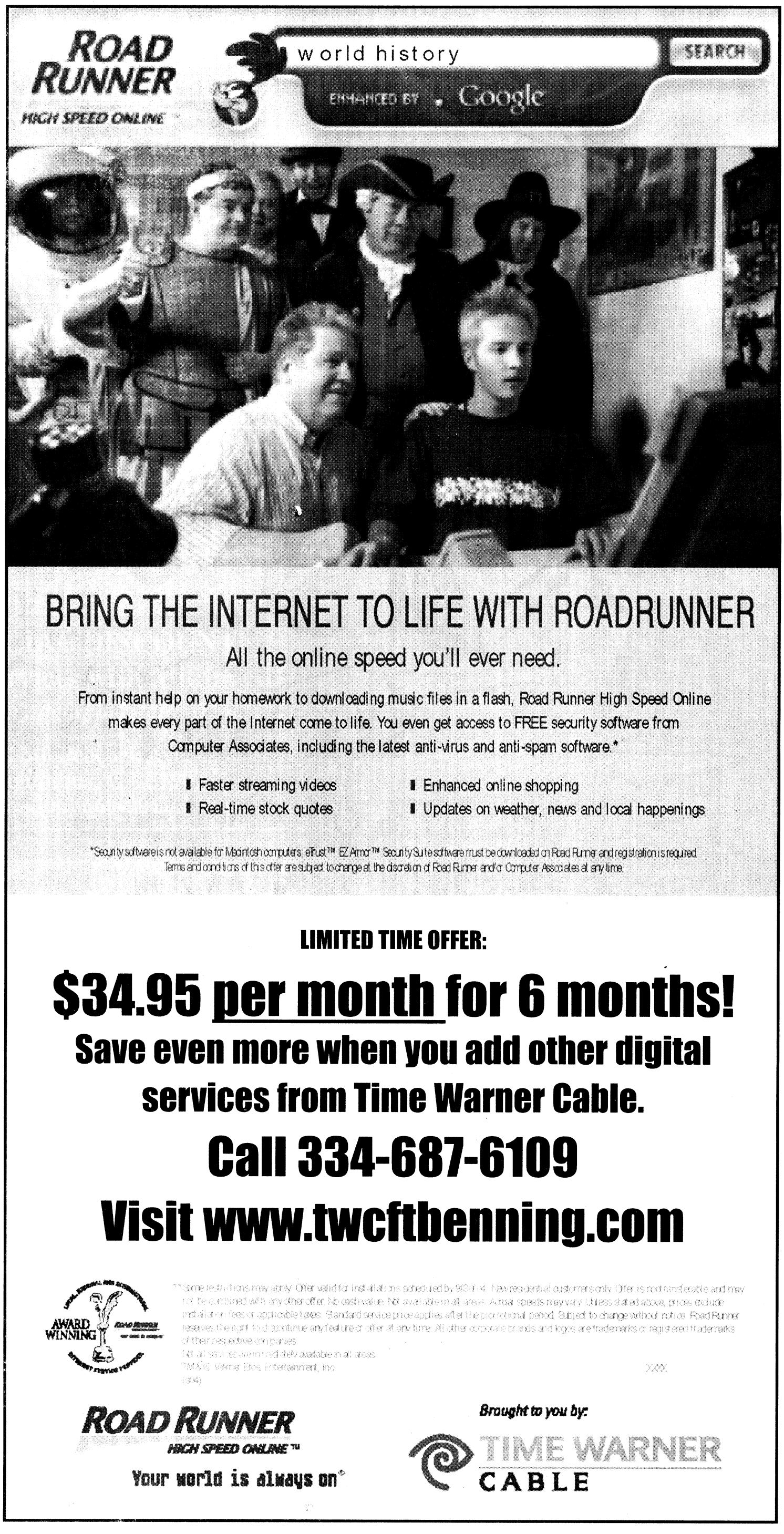
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

Graduations are preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

Car buying seminar

If you are thinking about buying a car, you can benefit from attending the seminar "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken For a Ride" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359.It is sponsored by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program and is part of the "Count Up to Wealth" campaign.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 545-5485.



Sayers Library set for renovations

New books, better seating, more to come

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

You can't judge a book by its cover. And you certainly shouldn't judge Sayers Library by its rather plain exterior either.

Beginning next month, the library will undergo the first of two phases of a remodeling effort designed to help meet the needs of its patrons and provide a more inviting environment.

"We've all known that the library has needed some attention," said Sayers librarian Sherrie Floyd.

Floyd, who's has been at the library for 11 months, developed the plan to reorganize the library's layout and create a more functional plan for the 13,000-square-foot floor space.

The plan will definitely attract some attention. Floyd said the new carpet should arrive mid-September. Boxes of new shelving now line the walls of the Media Room.

The old circulation desk has already been removed to make way for a new desk Floyd said is beautiful.

"People will see something nice and inviting when they walk in," she said.

Behind the desk, the computer kiosks will also get a new look with new furniture. Floyd hopes to add three more computers and has requested a PC program that will help manage computer use. The program will make the computer area "self-service," by scheduling appointments for patrons to use the computers.

Other renovations include removing five of the mobile book shelf sections. The mobile shelving, Floyd said, was not designed for regular use libraries.

"We're going to open the shelves up," Floyd said.

The media area will be relocated and the room will be turned into a "homework center" with the library's reference materials and two non-Internet computers. Although patrons can't browse the Internet, they will be able to access commercial reference databases.

Floyd said the databases are a result of the Department of the Army's push for more mobile library programs for Soldiers.

Accessed through AKO, the Army library has 10 databases where Soldiers can do research. Floyd said there are E-books and journals, novels, biographies and even cookbooks — any area a Soldier may need for research or recreational information.

Customer comment cards indicated that patrons thought the children's section books were too old and out-of-date. That became Floyd's first mission. She hopes the improvements in the children's area will help attract more family members and children to the library.

The library, staffed by three librarians and three technicians, is open six days a week. Floyd calls that "a lot of bang for the buck. We have 600 to 800 (patrons) a day," she said.

And the library will remain open during the renovation, except for periods when they may need to close for safety, she said.

"We want to keep disruptions to a minimum," she said. "We don't want it to have a huge impact, but we want to make a more inviting environment."

Along with a more inviting environment, Floyd said they will fine-tune library services to make the best use of their resources and staff.

Misa Whiteford, the public service librarian since May 30, will work marketing and library program and collection development.

She's maintaining a list of things that can be done in the library, so anyone with a few hours to volunteer will be welcome.

Floyd expects the first phase to be completed in time to have a holiday open house for the community.



Melissa House

Sayers Library is about to begin some serious renovations. Improvements include better reading selections and computer areas.

Phase II involves turning one storage room into a functioning conference room, and another into a coffee shop.

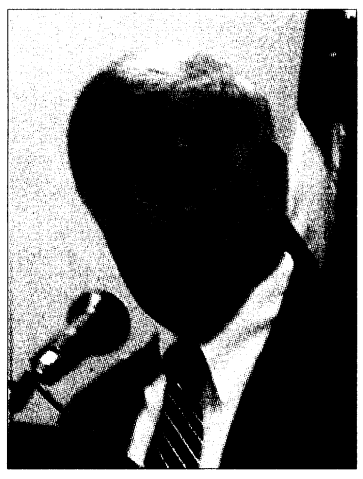
Floyd said the overall condition of the library and the desire for a coffee shop on post were issues brought up during the Army Family Action Plan conference in February.

"What came out at AFAP backed up what we already had in motion," Floyd said. "The current trend in new libraries is coffee shops and reading; meeting and coffee all go together."

Former mayor speaks to grads

Peters stresses cooperation

Spc. Adrian A. Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office



Peters

Before crossing the stage and receiving their diplomas, students of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation listened to words of encouragement from former Columbus mayor and Chattahoochee Circuit Superior Court Judge-elect Bobby Peters in Pratt Hall Aug. 18.

"Columbus and Fort Benning are very proud of your accomplishments. Your respective countries selected who they thought were their very best Soldiers to come here, and your graduation today has proven it," Peters said to the 13 students from Bolivia, Colombia and Guatemala.

The students were part of the Institute's Democratic Sustainment Course, which teaches theory and practice of military and civilian leadership in a constitutional nation-state, said Colombian guest instructor Capt. Wilmer Mora.

This six-week course also explores the role of the military within a civilian-controlled democratic country.

Peters addressed the idea that effective governing comes from cooperation at "all levels."

"Something I learned as mayor is that the key to sustaining an effective government lies in cooperation. Columbus and Fort Benning have been around a long time. Time enough to develop a fairly close relationship … and it's in times like these that cooperation between people is vital, such as sharing information, resources and power," he said.

"The world is steadily becoming a small place — with mass communication, the Internet and many other innovations — and it's these types of programs, which reach out to other countries, to each other, that have to continue," Peters said.

"We all have the same (universal) needs, desires and issues … and its through cooperation at local and international levels that we might someday meet them all," he said.

The 55-year-old attorney also discussed his stance on the annual protest against the now-closed U.S. Army School of the Americas, and against WHINSEC.

"Every year, our community gets inundated by misguided individuals who come in protest of the school, but the community, myself included, always stands in support of the CG and the (WHINSEC) commandant.

"Though these protesters may be misguided in that they do not fully comprehend the institute's role in securing cooperation between democratically elected governments, at the same time we never try to stifle their rights as citizens to free speech — the most basic of democratic freedoms you can find taught at this institute."

Peters closed by expressing the importance of sustaining and instilling democratic values for future generations.

"Our children only make up about 20 percent of the population, but they make up one hundred percent of our future," he said. "The values we hold and the decisions we make will ultimately be reflected and affect our children … which is why teaching these values of freedom and cooperation is so important."

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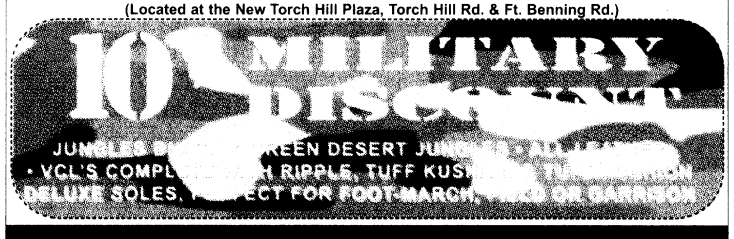
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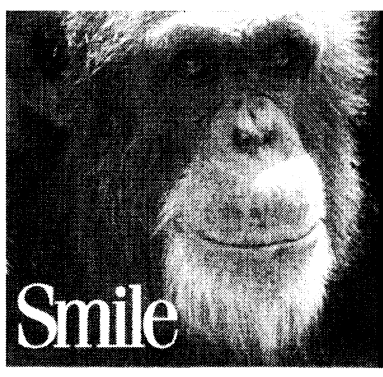
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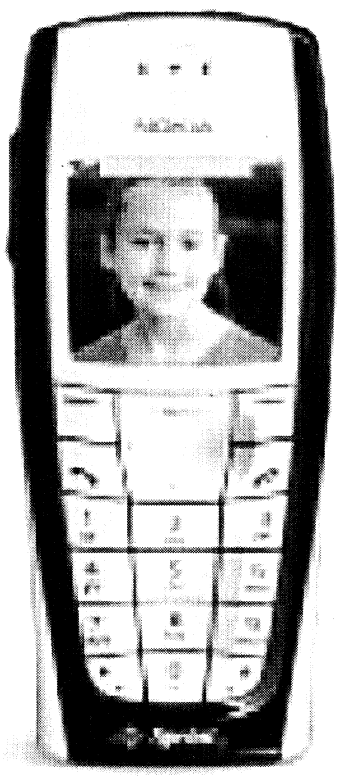
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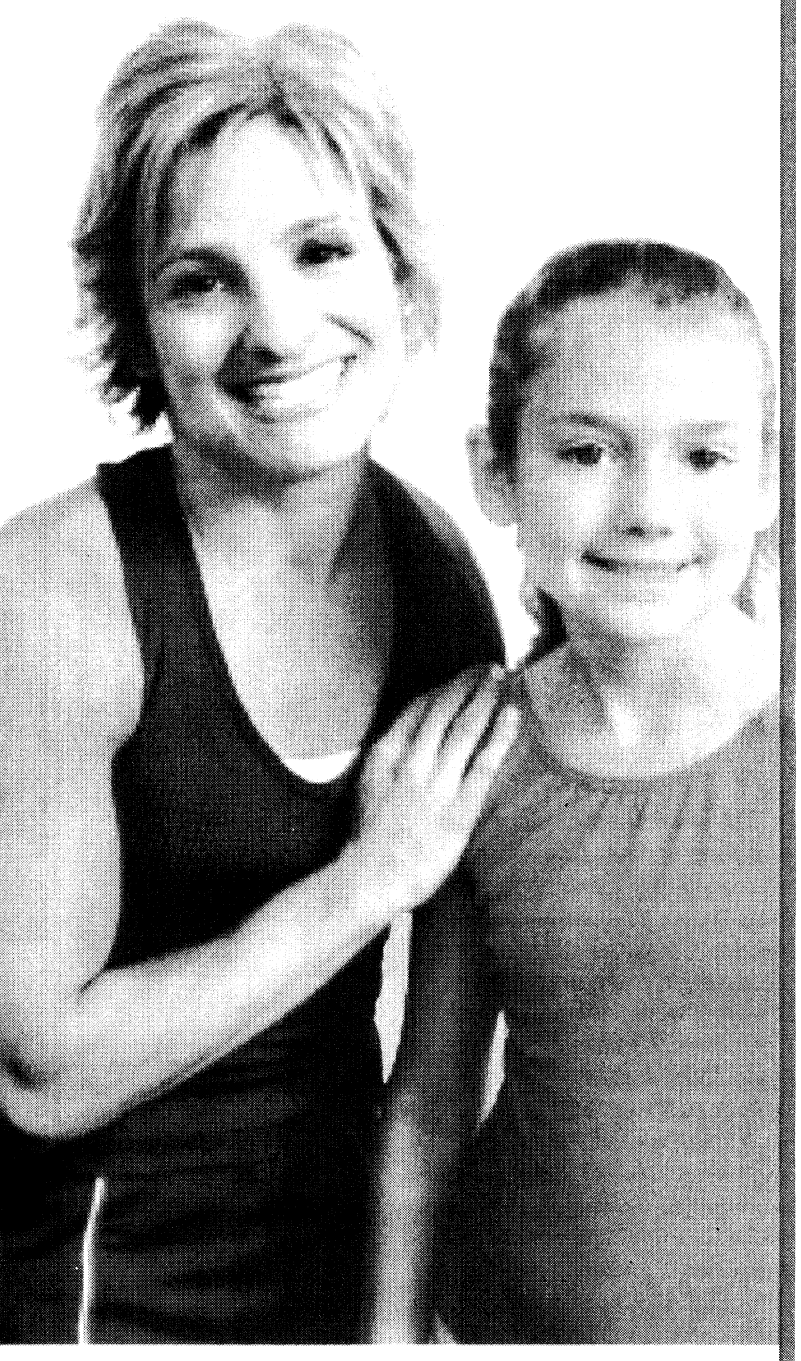
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Report details more findings in Abu Ghraib case

Scandal traced to lack of training

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army senior leaders say the latest findings on detainee abuse in Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison trace the abuse to issues that stem from command and control and the level of training for Solders operating in a dangerous environment.

Gen. Paul Kern, Army Materiel Command commanding general and the officer responsible for the investigation into military intelligence personnel involvement in the alleged abuse at Abu Ghraib, briefed the press at the Pentagon Wednesday.

The investigation is commonly known as the Fay-Jones investigation, referring to its top two investigators, Maj. Gen. George R. Fay and Lt. Gen. Anthony J. Jones. It is one of several investigations into various aspects of the abuse. The results of an independent panel that reviewed Department of Defense detention operations, headed by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, were made public Tuesday.

"This was clearly a deviation from everything we've taught people on how to behave," Kern said. "There are values that we treasure in the U.S. Army and in the United States that were not upheld (according to) the report we turned in — that in itself is extremely troubling.

"There were failures of leadership of people seeing these things and not correcting them," he said. "There were failures of discipline — hallmarks against what we believe are the values and creed by which we live in the military. That is very troubling."

In addition to seven identified previously, the investigation identified 23 MI Soldiers assigned to the 205th MI Brigade in Iraq, four civilian contractors and three military police who may have been involved. Investigators also found that other Soldiers and civilians knew about the abuse and failed to report it.

The names of the Soldiers have been forwarded with the investigation results to each Soldier's commander to determine whether the alleged abuser should be court-martialed under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or if other action is appropriate.

The names of the contractors have been forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department for possible criminal charges.

"Our primary focus was to look at the 205th MI Brigade and how its Soldiers might have been involved in detainee abuse," said Maj. Maricela Alvarado, one of the Jones-Fay investigators and executive officer to Fay.

Alvarado said they found MI involvement in abusive techniques, unauthorized use of guard dogs and failure to report abuse.

No one in the chain of command above the 205th MI Brigade was directly involved in incidents, according to the report, but organizations and personnel above the 205th were indirectly involved through lack of oversight, failure to react to warnings (such as the International Committee of the Red Cross report that warned of abuse,) and policy memos that failed to provide clear, consistent guidance for execution at the tactical level.

The investigation defined detainee abuse as treatment of a detainee that violates U.S. law or international law, or inhumane treatment without legal justification.

The last part of the definition, Alvarado said, is in accordance with the Geneva Convention, which allows different types of treatment for different categories of prisoners or detainees.

For example, it forbids forcing officer prisoners of war to do manual labor, while allowing enlisted service members to do manual labor as long as it doesn't support the enemy war effort.

This investigation identified 44 alleged instances of abuse committed by MP and MI Soldiers and civilian contractors.

In 16 cases, MI personnel allegedly requested, encouraged, condoned or solicited MP Soldiers to abuse detainees.

The abuse, however, was directed individually and never officially sanctioned or approved. In 11 instances, MI personnel were directly involved in the abuse.

These individuals chose to do the wrong thing in violation of their training and established polices, Alvarado said.

"There was no gray area — they knew they were doing wrong," she said.

In about half of the new cases, the report found the Soldiers believed they were doing the right thing — because the interrogation technique they used was allowed in other theaters at other times, or because they believed the technique was authorized by the chain of command, Alvarado said.

"We have MI operations going on in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, GITMO (Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) and Iraq — all with different sets of rules for what is authorized and what is not in the interrogation process," she said.

The report said multiple deployments of MI units with little train-up time prior to new deployments was part of the problem.

Soldiers didn't know that what may have been an approved technique in Kosovo should not be used in Iraq. That problem was exacerbated in the 205th MI Brigade, Alvarado said. Investigators found no evidence that the brigade or its subordinate units conducted any refresher training once they arrived in Iraq.

Investigators also looked into reports of "ghost detainees" — detainees not logged into the military system.

Alvarado said it was difficult to get an accurate number of ghost detainees at Abu Ghraib since they weren't in-processed, but investigators found evidence of seven or eight cases in which government agencies handed over detainees and told Army personnel to keep them off the books.

"The Army has rules to abide by, and one is to document every detainee that comes into custody," Alvarado said. "We clearly failed to follow our own policy."

Based on the report's recommendations, the Army will train MI officers in interrogation operations, something currently not included in officer qualification courses.

"The good news is that the vast majority of MI Soldiers know what is right and what is wrong, and they are choosing to do the right thing in a very difficult environment," Alvarado said.

The investigation report is about 10,000 pages long. Investigators conducted 172 interviews with privates through general officers, civilian contractors and detainees. The investigation started in late April and wrapped up in late July.

"We are recommending actions be taken to fix all these things," Kern said. "We have just returned from Afghanistan and Iraq, (and) you will not find those conditions there today. We are doing a very thorough certification process with the people involved with detention and interrogations.

"There are people who are very clearly in charge of Abu Ghraib — Major General Geoff Miller — who has brought organization, discipline and leadership to that prison facility," he said.

"There are actions being taken in our schools to change doctrine, to improve training. We are training in theater for those who may have missed the school training. So the circumstances today, notwithstanding actions still to be taken on our report, are much improved."

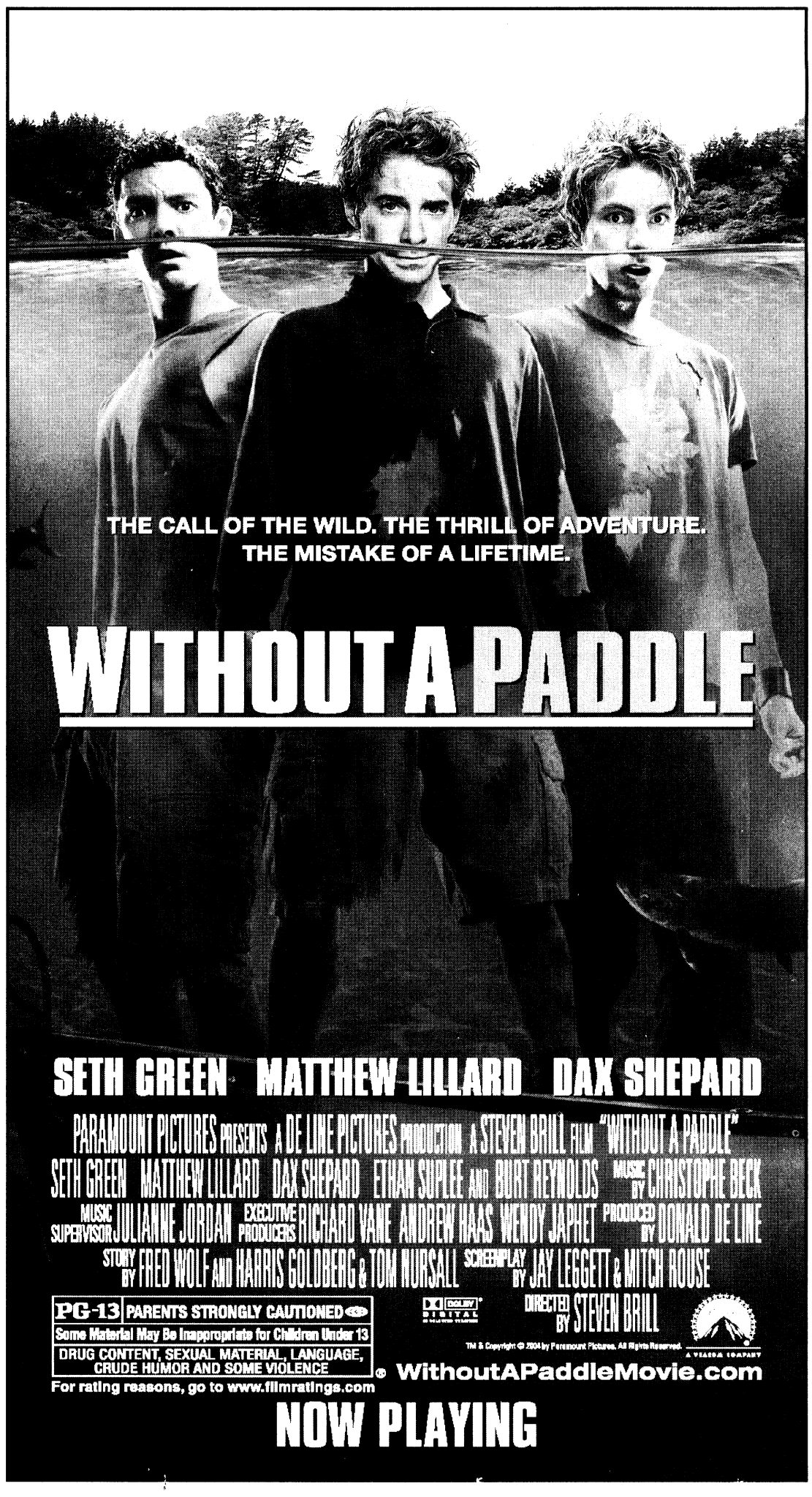
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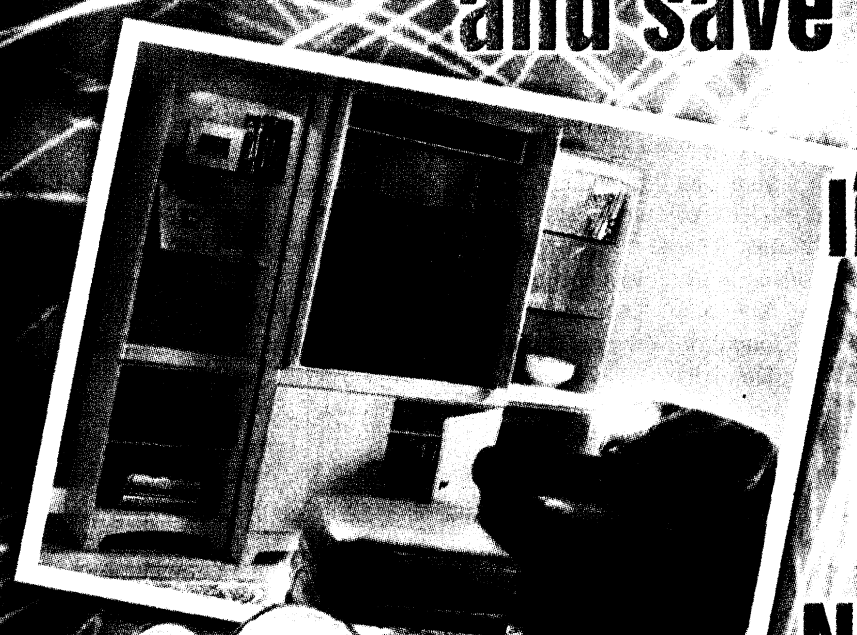
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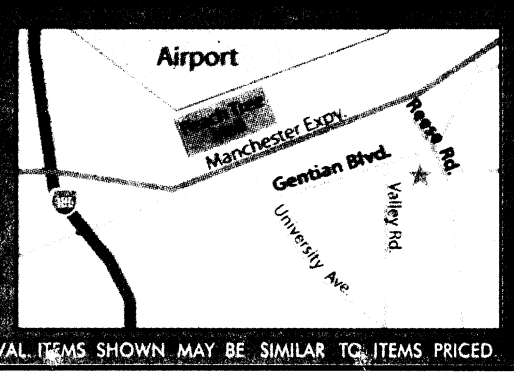
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Sgt. 1st Class Art Alaniz briefs Pre-Ranger students on what will be expected of them during the combat water survival test during the first week of the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course. The Guard conducts eight two-week courses a year, but that number is expected to increase to 11.

IT'S A SET-UP

PRE-Ranger means PREpared to nearly two-thirds

Guard course noted for high grad rate

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

2nd Lt. Scott Lathrop just improved his chance of earning a Ranger tab. He showed up for Pre-Ranger.

Lathrop, an Alaskan Guardsman with a long-range surveillance unit, knows the numbers: Nearly 70 percent of the students who pass the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course *will* graduate Ranger School.

"This is a set-up for success," Lathrop said Monday, three days into the 14-day course. "They model this (Pre-Ranger Course) after the Darby phase of Ranger School. That's the first phase, and in my mind, the toughest. Everything after that is a gut-check."

If he can make it through the Darby phase, he can make it through Ranger School, Lathrop said. And if he can make it through Pre-Ranger, he can make it through the Darby phase.

Simply put, "this is necessary," Lathrop said, referring to Pre-Ranger.

The 12-man cadre of the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course, housed at the Warrior Training Center near Harmony Church, conduct eight two-week classes of Pre-Ranger each year. They've been doing that in one form or another and in various locations since the course was developed a decade ago.

Prior to its inception, National Guard Soldiers were failing Ranger School at a rate of 70 percent. That number's flip-flopped in 10 years, with Ranger School graduation rates hovering between 63 and 68 percent for students who pass the Guard's Pre-Ranger Course.

And notice the use of the word "students" as opposed to Guardsmen. That's because half the students who attend the Guard's course are not Guardsmen. The 3rd Infantry Division frequently sends Kelley Hill Soldiers, and the Marine Corps and the International Student Training Detachment each account for 10 percent of the population.

Most major commands — the 101st, the 82nd, 75th Ranger Regiment and 10th Mountain — conduct their own Pre-Ranger classes, each with moderate success. But it's the Guard's program that's caught the eye of Fort Benning's commanding general, who tasked school cadre to increase the number of classes each year and double the number of students — from 30 to 60. Eight new instructors will be assigned to the Warrior Training Center in October to help bear the load.

"We're excited about that," said Capt. Shawn Gardner, the Pre-Ranger company commander. "Any time someone says 'we want more of what you're offering,' we take that as a compliment."

And the Guard's success has not gone unnoticed by the cadre of other Pre-Ranger courses. Instructors from Fort Benning will travel to another post to evaluate and offer insight into a course curriculum that's struggling with a flagging graduation rate. Officials at that course have asked not to be named.

"We sent 15 to the last class, and only one graduated," said a senior instructor from that course. "I want someone from (the National Guard Pre-Ranger) to look at our program and see how we're doing and what we can do better. We need a better turn-out ratio."

Proof of the Guard's success can be found in statistics from 2002, when the Pre-Ranger Course was cancelled temporarily. Of the 27 National Guard Soldiers who were sent to Ranger School during that time, only two passed.

"That says to me we're setting our Soldiers up for success at Ranger School," Gardner said. "Weeding them out is not our goal. We focus a lot on mentoring and coaching.

"We teach the same classes they'll get in Ranger School," he said. "We want to make sure our students are physically and mentally prepared for what's ahead, so they're not wasting their time or someone's money."

Though it varies from unit to unit and state to state, it costs about $500 — minimum — to send a Soldier to the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course. That's why some units conduct their own and some Soldiers opt to skip it completely.

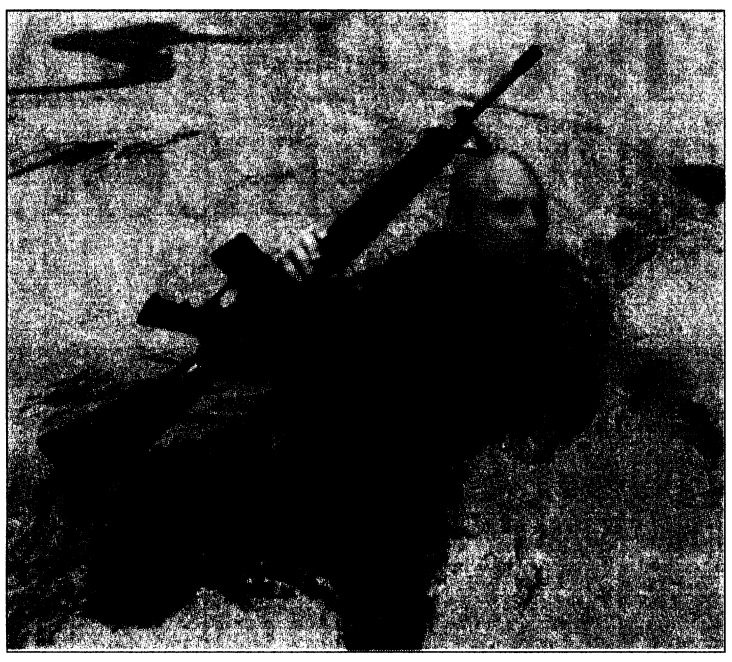
But that's a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of Ranger School, though no one can say just how much that is. Gardner figures the cost of Pre-Ranger is money well spent. It's a wise investment, even if a student fails.

Better to lose the lesser amount if a Soldier can't make it through Pre-Ranger. And if he does, he's "set up for success," said Gardner.

"We're in the business of building warriors for the National Guard *and* active duty," he said.

"That's what we do. Other schools build professional Soldiers, and that's all well and good. We need professional Soldiers.

"But at a time like this, right now, we need warriors. That's what they do at Ranger School, and that's what we do here," he said.



A Pre-Ranger student keeps his weapon aloft during the water survival test last week at the Kelley Hill pool. Kelley Hill Soldiers account for about 10 percent of the National Guard Pre-Ranger population each year.

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Capt. Shawn Gardner
Company commander, National Guard Pre-Ranger Course



Sgt. 1st Class Art Alaniz, an instructor at the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course, hoses down a student before the combat water survival test. The students are hosed down to keep the pool clean. They enter the pool in full dress and must complete several tasks to pass the test.



Pre-Ranger students "lay out" their bags on the first day of the course, the "assessment phase." Students must have every item on their supply list, but no extras.

NCOA implements changes

Includes more classes, but shorter

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning NCOA is changing to provide better training for the Soldier.

With the change comes the welcoming of a new assistant commandant Aug. 1. Sgt. Maj. Tony Winterfeld is the first sergeant major to occupy the position as the NCOA's assistant commandant.

"In the past, the position had always been occupied by a first sergeant," said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Raper, NCOA commandant. "However, as the second largest NCOA academy in the Army, the duties of the assistant commandant are far above the level of responsibilities a first sergeant should handle."

As the second in command of the NCOA, Winterfeld is also the headquarters commander, the executive officer, and the person responsible for the budgeting, supply and disciplinary actions of the NCOA.

Another change to the NCOA, and possibly the most important, involves the program of instruction of the Advanced NCO Course. ANCOC was an eight-week course made up of two phases, common corps training and individual MOS training.

The new POI for ANCOC reduces the length of the course to six weeks and one phase course, said 1st Sgt. Michael Hibbs, ANCOC branch chief.

The reduction of the course length allows for ANCOC to instruct six cycles per year instead of four. Instructors will have longer breaks between cycles to obtain necessary certifications and training.

Each ANCOC class will include between 120 to 265 NCOs. ANCOC has 13 instructors for the first class beginning Sept. 13. That brings the instructor to student ratio up to one instructor for 20 students.

"This new POI will ensure a better instructor to student ratio resulting in more qualified NCOs in the force," Hibbs said.

The reduction of the course, however, does not mean the Soldiers will train less.

"It's going to be a very intense and robust course, especially if there are holidays in the middle of cycles," Hibbs said, "The Soldiers will have to train six days a week in order to make up for the training holidays.

"Also, we have added training from lessons learned during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Constant attention to ones' surroundings is going to be a major point of instruction," he said.

Reacting to the unknown will become second nature to these NCO, Winterfeld said.

"IEDs will be implemented into every portion of the training. We're going to get the students to think outside of the box in order for them to see that everything and anything can be harmful," he said.

Approximately 80 percent of instructors and students who go through the NCOA course are combat veterans and will find some of the training similar to recent combat experience, Raper said.

Another change that may take place down the road is a combined training exercise between ANCOC and BNCOC, Raper said. The plan is to put the courses together during various training exercises to give them first hand experience working together in the field.

Some of the new training elements added to the course to improve the networking between platoons are the MCS Light and the FBCB2.

The MCS Light is a tracking system that allows platoon leaders to track their Soldiers, other friendly troops and the enemy, Hibbs said.

"The systems were developed to help cut back on the amounts of fratricide the Army experienced during OIF and OEF," he said.

Both ANCOC and BNCOC will also receive further instruction on staff operations between the S-1 through the S-5 positions. Providing such instruction to Soldiers during BNCOC and ANCOC guarantees they know what to do when they need to be in charge of any of the positions, Winterfeld said.

"It's a better product today than it has ever been before," Hibbs said. "They are going to be working from the minute they come in every morning to the minute they go home every night."

ANCOC graduation

Advanced NCO Course Class 3-04 will graduate at 10 a.m. Thursday in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Surgeon clears up misconception

Army has only 12 'plastic surgeons'

Michael E. Dukes
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is not offering free face-lifts, tummy tucks and breast enhancements to everyone in uniform.

Recent articles in national publications may be misleading.

"The spectrum of plastic surgery most people see are the shows on TV, extreme makeover shows, and they think that's plastic surgery," said Lt. Col. Joseph Kolb, Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Plastic Surgery Service chief.

"We are primarily a reconstructive service."

Less than 20 percent of the plastic surgery cases at Walter Reed are for elective cosmetic procedures, Kolb said.

The Army has only about a dozen plastic surgeons, Kolb said, and plastic surgery is not a luxury service offered to military beneficiaries.

"The Army keeps us around for reconstructive procedures," Kolb said.

"In addition, we operate on children with congenital defects like cleft lip, cleft palate and other defects to the head and neck."

Kolb said Walter Reed's four plastic surgeons are actively involved in treating wounded from the war in Iraq.

One, Lt. Col. Andrew Friedman, is currently deployed to Iraq as a general surgeon, where he frequently treats acute hand injuries .

"Hand function is really very dependent on the timeliness of repair," Kolb explained.

"So having a hand surgeon in Iraq can make a difference in having a functional hand after an injury or not having a functional hand. It's that important.

"And we've all been involved in some very difficult head and neck traumas with Iraq going on.

"Those are always very difficult to do because of the complexity," he said.

and hook into a different artery and vein. This is something Walter Reed plastic surgeons perform regularly.

Despite supporting deployments and spending long hours in the operating room to treat the war wounded, the surgeons have maintained their support of the Breast Center and of cleft lip, cleft pallet and cancer surgery in general, Kolb said.

"We've been in a little bit of a squeeze and our ability to do cosmetic surgery has been compromised a certain bit," Kolb said.

"But, we're still offering most every service we've always offered — certainly the waiting times have increased though."

Walter Reed plastic surgeons also find time for research.

"We are on a (Food and Drug Administration) protocol for using silicone-gel implants for breast reconstructive work," Kolb said.

This allows doctors in the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center to send their breast cancer patients to plastic surgery for a consult for breast implantation.

To help maintain the surgeons' skills in all areas of plastic surgery, Kolb said services are sometimes provided in other areas.

Walter Reed gets thousands of plastic surgery consults for beneficiaries wanting some type of cosmetic surgery.

"The demand is tremendous and we don't have the time to devote to all of them," he said. "Because of that, I personally have to go through all of the consults, that go to the service, and prioritize them."

Kids and patients with cancer who need reconstructive surgery come first.

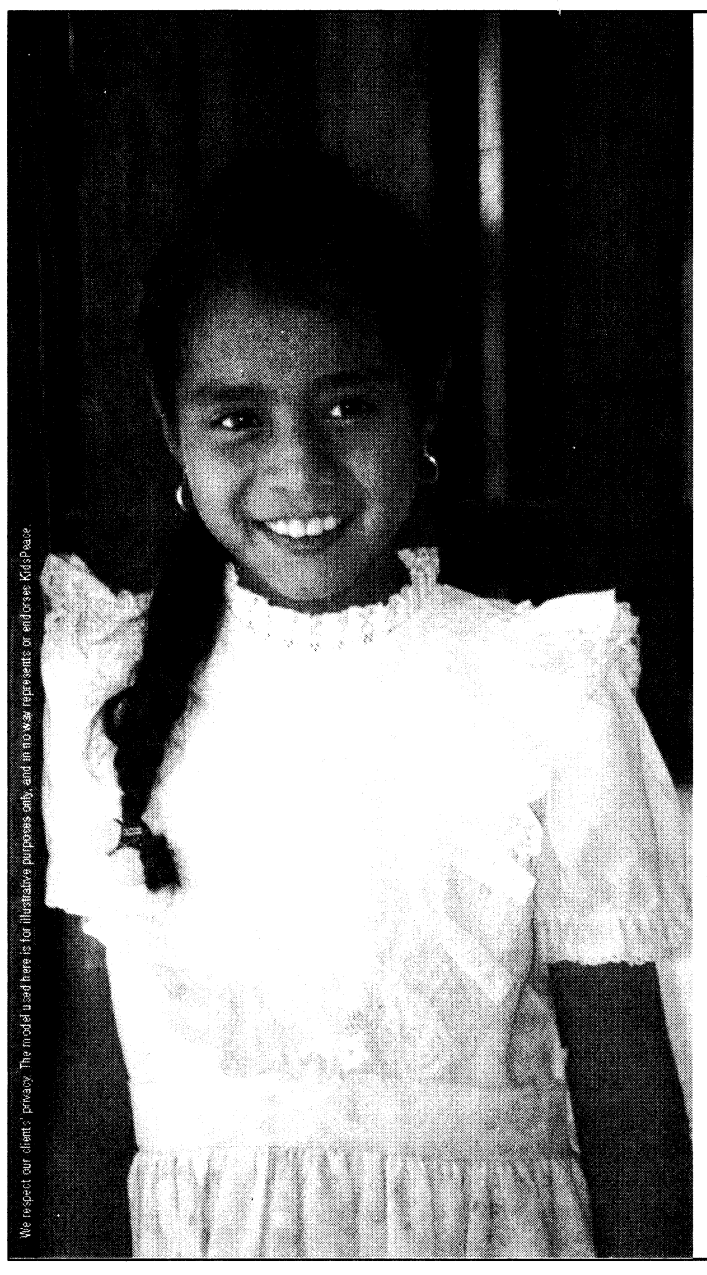
Because of Walter Reed's vast expertise in plastic surgery, medical students from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences come to the hospital's Plastic Surgery Service to conduct research.

The service also offers a unique opportunity for the USUHS residents.

"We're also restarting humanitarian trips down to Central and South America in fiscal year '05," Kolb said.

Editor's note: Michael Dukes writes for the Stripe newspaper at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

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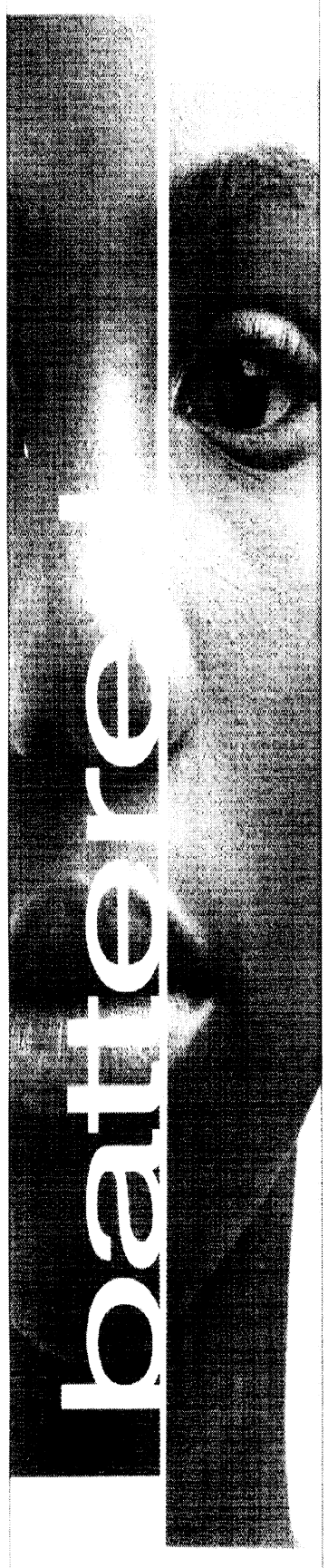
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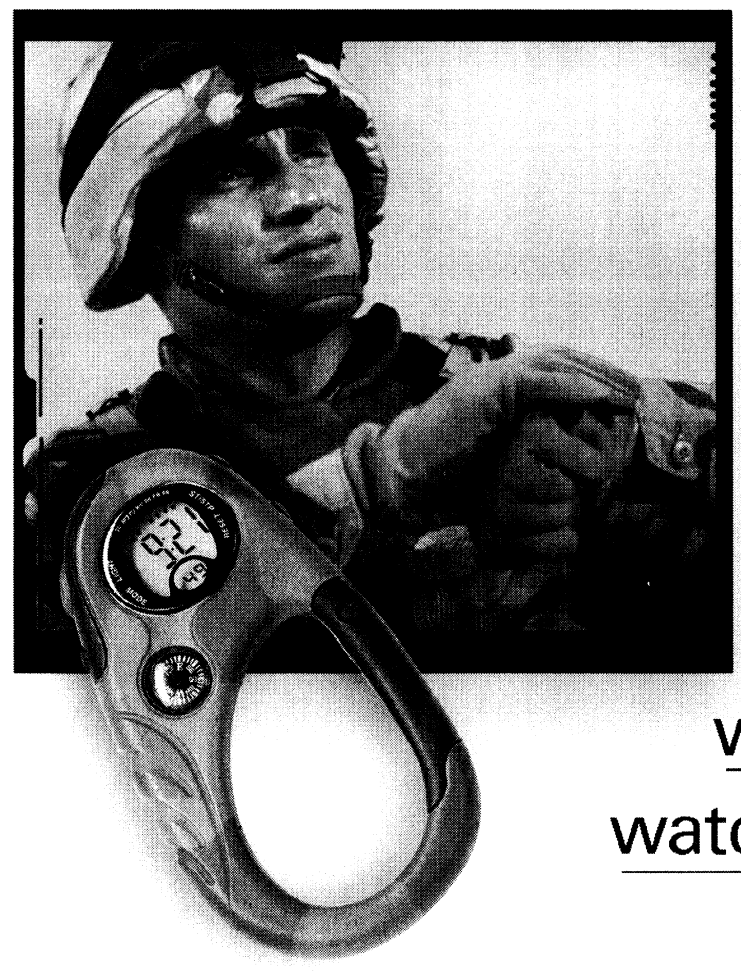


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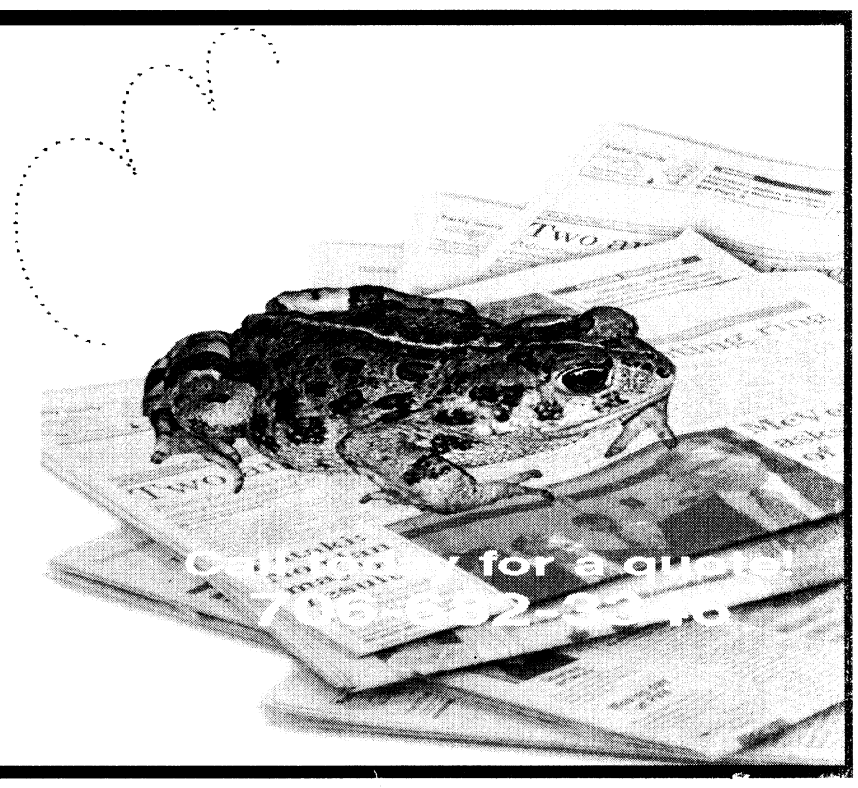
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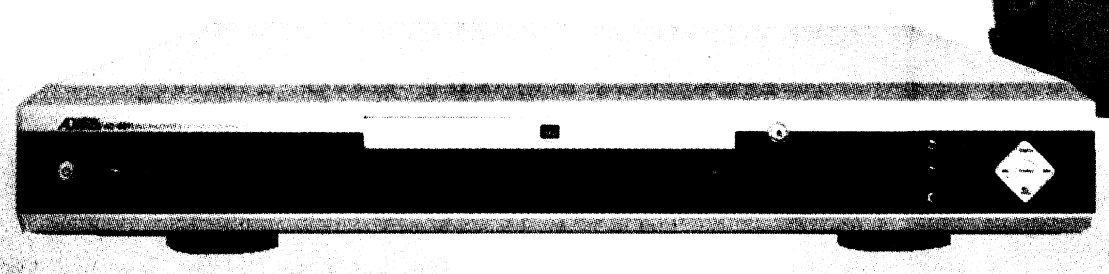
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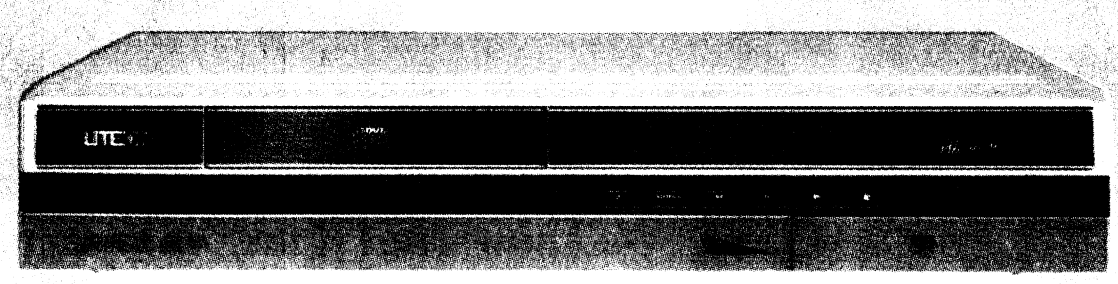
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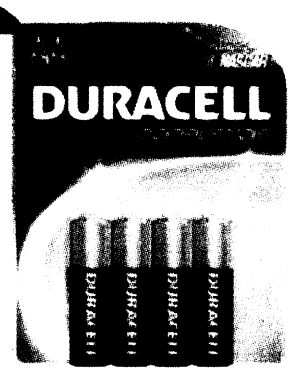
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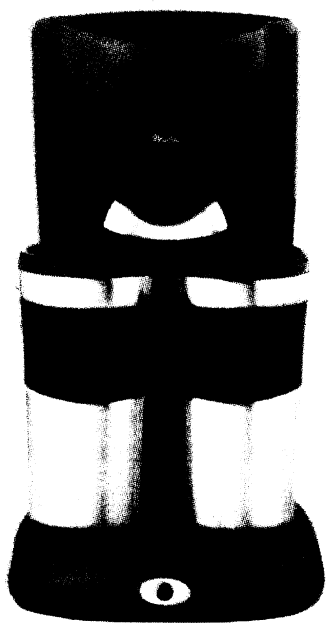
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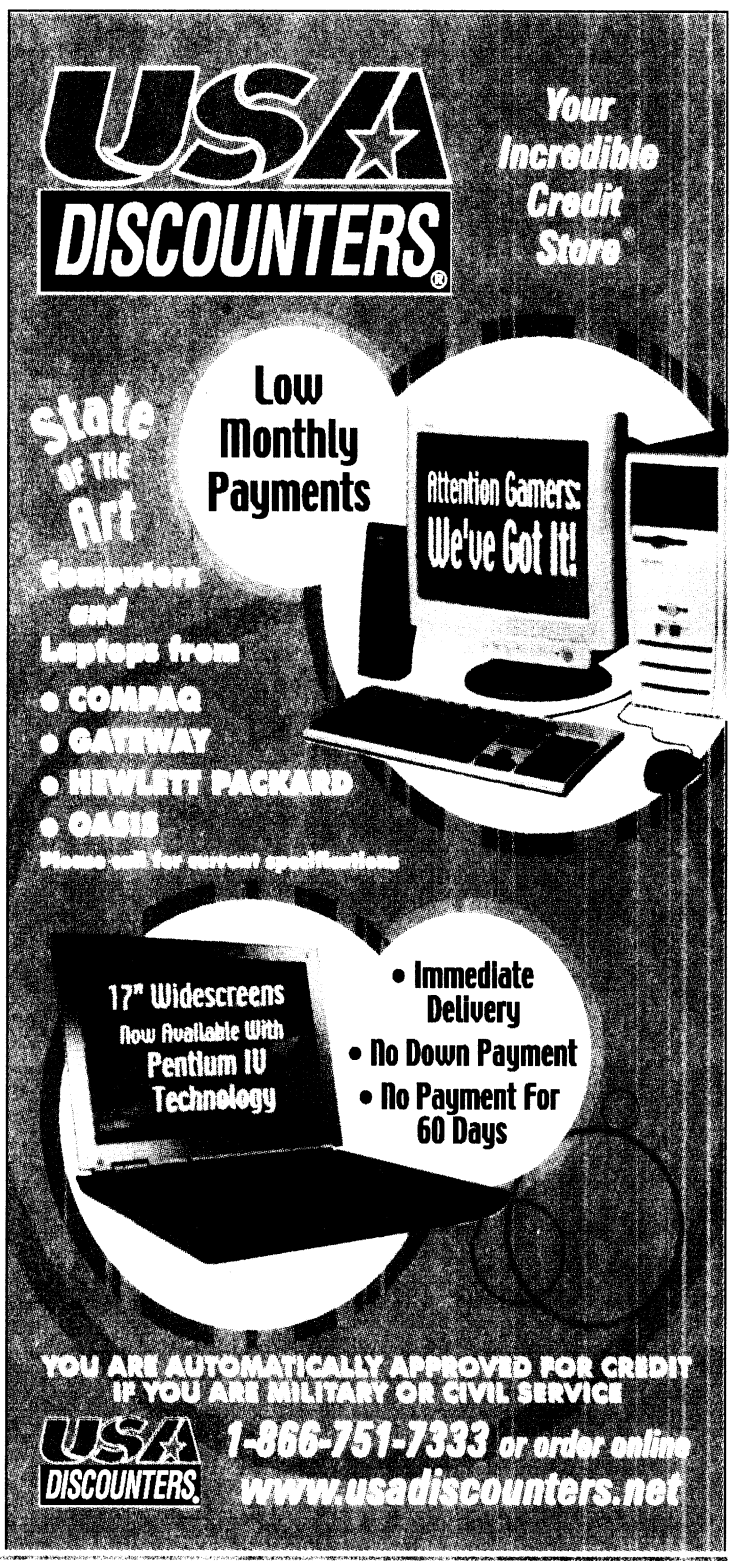
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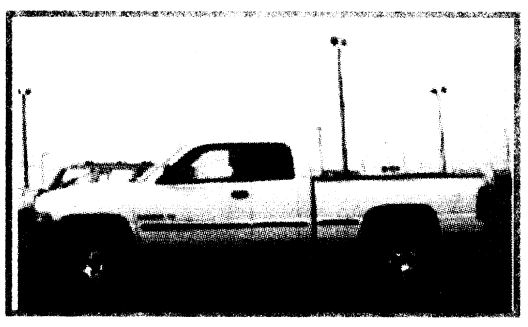
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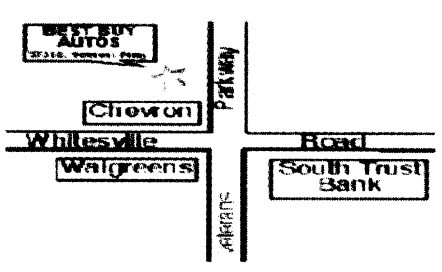

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THE BAYONET
Friday, Aug. 27, 2004

COMMUNITY

Story and photos by Lori Egan

Hunt Club activities make good HORSE SENSE

The name confuses some — the Fort Benning Hunt Club is *not* a place to hunt, although there are plenty of deer in the neighborhood. It's a place on post for the Fort Benning community to stable horses.

Kristy and Cheryl Wilkes stable two horses at the club, and Kristy would live there if she could, said their mother, Cynthia Wilkes.

Kristy, a Hardaway junior, said the convenience of the club lets her spend more time with her horse, Silly, a 16-year-old Arabian.

Before the family moved to Fort Benning, the horse was kept on a pasture and Kristy could only see her every couple of days.

At the Fort Benning Hunt Club, owners are responsible for the feed and care of their horses.

That means morning and evening feeds, which allows for adequate interaction between the owners and their animals, said Mikki Johansen, stable officer. Neglect isn't tolerated.

Club members pay a monthly $15 membership fee and rent the paddocks where their horses are boarded. They're responsible for the upkeep of their horses' areas and also for the stables in general, Johansen said. Members are required to work four hours during "work call" each month to maintain the common areas.

Saturday, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Griffith and Ricky Hawkins took weed eaters to the quarantine area by the post Veterinary Clinic and at the club near the trailer parking lot and picnic area.

The Wilkes girls did a police call, emptying trash and cleaning the eight-stall barn, and Staff Sgt. David Haage and Spc. Louis Atchison worked on a new paddock fence.

Some of the paddocks were unsafe for the horses, Johansen said.

"It's been a slow process but we're trying to get the horses out of the condemned paddocks into nice new ones," she said.

Griffith's two horses benefited from the construction.

During the summer, Griffith, with the help of family, friends and a few club members, built a two-horse paddock to replace two paddocks that were demolished last October during work call.

Another project completed recently was the renovation of the office, now used as the club house because the original club house was deemed unsafe and uninhabitable according to the post vet's inspection report.

The next project for club members is to remove the condemned paddocks and salvage the useable materials to continue improving the stables, Johansen said.

"We also want to increase the pasture areas we have for turn out," she said, "and build a quarantine area for sick horses at the Hunt Club."

Currently, the club is home to 38 horses and there is a waiting list. The facilities include: 49 paddocks, (six of which have been condemned and are unusable), four arenas — western, jump, dressage and lesson — a round pen for ground work, and riding trails.

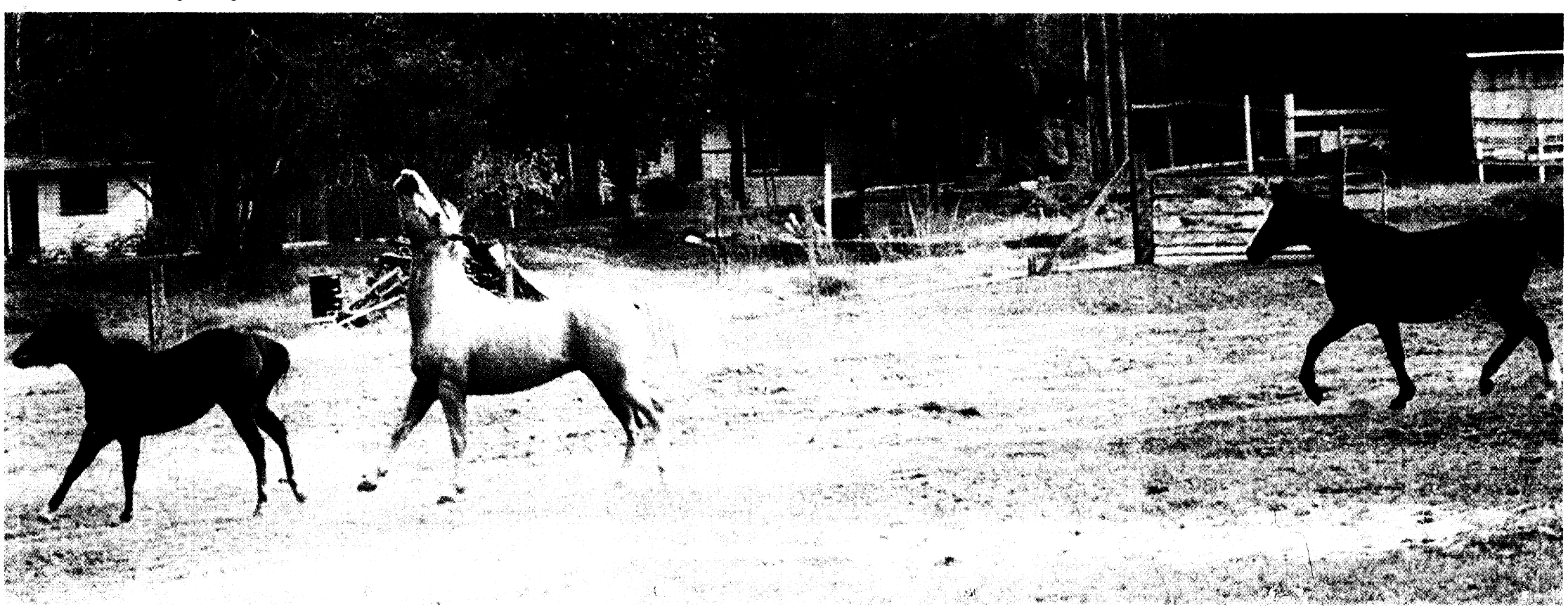
Lisa Atchison trailered her two appaloosas from Wyoming to Fort Benning at the end of July.

"I was really excited about the jump arena," she said. "It's a good facility and there is a definite camaraderie here."

Hunt Club member Cathy Levesque rides Angel.



The Fort Benning Hunt Club houses 38 horses and there is a waiting list. The facilities include: 49 paddocks (six are condemned), four arenas — western, jump, dressage and lesson — a round pen for ground work, and riding trails. Riding lessons are available.



ASK THE JUDGE

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

*Q: **Are online auctions a safe way to do business?***

A: Doing business online doesn't always mean buying goods; sometimes you can bid for them.

Even though online auctions are increasing in popularity, does this mean they are safe?

Bidding on an online auction requires that you trust the seller, as well as the auction site. Some sites are well-established and monitor against seller abuses, while other sites have few safeguards in place to protect the online bidder.

When looking at the auction site, see if it has a policy to identify seller fraud, and if it has a claim process. Some online auctioneers have a procedure to recover for claims more than a certain amount.

Fraud by the seller is very easy online, as there is almost no way to guarantee the item being sold is actually owned by the seller, or that the same item is not being offered for sale to multiple bidders.

Some auction sites have an escrow service, which, for a fee, will hold the bidder's money until the item is transferred and is found to be satisfactory.

Seller fraud can also occur when the item is not in the condition claimed. Third-party verification can help you avoid this problem, but it can be costly.

There's always a risk when you bid online, but the risks can be reduced if you deal with a reputable auctioneer and keep your bids low with an unknown seller.

If you get cheated in an online auction, can you sue?

It may be possible, but before looking to sue, you should see if the auctioneer has a claim process. Lawsuits can be expensive, so anyone thinking of suing should balance the cost of litigation against the amount of money being sought.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

BIRTHS

Boys

Kha'lei Tremayne Lusane — born Aug. 9 to Lekecia and Roland Lusane.

Ian Dewayne Mann — born Aug. 10 to Jessica and Spc. Jonathan Mann.

Michael Paul Bennett — born Aug. 14 to Teresa and Staff Sgt. Paul Bennett.

Jacob Colt Eastabrooks — born Aug. 16 to Sara and Sgt. 1st Class David Eastabrooks.

Harvey Martinez Jr. — born Aug. 16 to Diana and Staff Sgt. Harvey Martinez.

Khalil Elijah Mann — born Aug. 18 to Valencia and Staff Sgt. Bobby Mann Jr.

Girls

Kaylee Grace Ferguson — born Aug. 5 to Shannon Whitfield and Justin Ferguson.

Izabella McGee Bez Redwan — born Aug. 7 to Heather and Sgt. Raid Bez Redwan.

Elizabeth Earlene Weaver — born Aug. 9 to Windy and Spc. Shane Weaver.

Amani Elise Randle — born Aug. 9 to Staff Sgt. Maria Randle-Bonilla and Sgt. 1st Class William Randle.

Sanaii Joy Pruitt — born Aug. 15 to August and Spc. Gregory Pruitt.

Alexa Morgan Sera Sanchez — born Aug. 15 to Heather and Sgt. Richard Sanchez.

Kira Lexi Maravilla Tamayo — born Aug. 18 to Alyssa and Spc. Andre' Tamayo.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

School board meeting — The next meeting of the Fort Benning school board will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the Fort Benning Schools Administrative Building, located at 7201 Custer Road.

For more information, call 545-7276.

MACH holiday hours — In observance of Labor Day, Martin Army Community Hospital will be closed Sept. 3 through Sept. 6.

The Outpatient Pharmacy will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 3 and 4. The Refill Pharmacy will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 3. The lab will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3.

For more information, call 544-2041.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to staff deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday clinic appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a network provider. Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointments, call the CARE line at 544-2273.

Leave a message for your provider to refill prescriptions or receive test results.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 8. All enlisted spouses are invited. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the ESC clubhouse, Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum.

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

August MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

- Weight-loss classes are offered Mondays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Weight-loss classes for active-duty Soldiers are offered Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.
- A coumadin clinic is offered from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Internal Medicine Clinic. An appointment is required.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

EFMP information sessions — The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold information and support resource sessions the second Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m., Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

EFMP family members are encouraged to attend. An educational video can be viewed Sept. 8 — *Three R's for Special Education (Rights, Resources and Results.)*

For more information, call 545-7517.

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.

Story time fun at Sayers — Sayers Memorial Library offers Story Time for preschoolers twice a week.

At 11 a.m. on 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.

Benning Backstage auditions — DMWR and Benning's Backstage will hold auditions for the dinner theater production *The Foreigner* Sept. 7 and 8.

The producer is looking for four men (ages 20 to 50), one man (ages 20-30) and one woman (ages 20-30). The dinner theatre production will be Oct. 22-23 and 29-30. For more information, call 689-4342.

off post

Lunch and Learn — Dr. Michael J. Borkat will discuss the latest advances in treatment for varicose veins at a free Lunch and Learn program at noon to 1 p.m. today at The Women's Center of St. Francis.

To register, call 257-7672. The Women's Center of St. Francis is located at 3720 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

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 Burnethell FrCa@Webtv.net.

Armed Forces Voters Week — Time is running out for citizens who want to participate in the elections this year. The secretary of defense has decreed the week of Sept. 3-11 as Armed Forces Voters Week.

This week is the last week to submit a Federal Post Card Application, SF-76, request for registration and or an absentee ballot which meets most state deadlines.

For more information, visit www.registerandvote2004.org.

ACS Job Fair — A job fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 at VFW Post 665, 1824 Victory Drive. Bring at least 15 copies of your resume for possible on-site interviews. For resume assistance, call Mark Mills, Employment Readiness Program at 545-4043.

Weight Wise course — Health Matters of St. Francis will offer a four-week Weight Wise course — an intelligent approach to losing weight gradually and permanently — from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Sept. 14.

Taught by a registered dietician, participants will learn about "good fats," "total carbs," food limits and changing habits that negatively affect their health.

Participants can register by calling 257-7672. Registration deadline is Sept. 9. Cost is $75.

Entrepreneurs Boot Camp — Want to start your own business? The Greater Columbus Georgia Chapter of Commerce will host the first Entrepreneurs Boot Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17. Cost is $39 for early registration and $49 at the door. This includes lunch.

For more information, call 327-1566 or visit www.columbusgachamber.com.

Sears military special — Sears Portrait Studio offers free portrait sessions and 20 percent off all in-studio and online portrait purchases through Dec. 31 to customers with a military ID.

For more information, call Robyn Frankel at (877) 863-3373.

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.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** chicken nuggets with dip, oven fries, mixed veggies, fresh roll, fruit, milk
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Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

If anyone knows that nagging, dragging sensation of lugging yourself out of bed to go for a run at o-dark-thirty, believe me, it's me. I am not, repeat *not*, a morning person. And running for the heck of it ... well, that's not exactly my thing either.

But this weekend may prove a little different.

Maybe because I'll be going for a midnight run instead of a crack-of-dawn run. Or maybe because it will be in support of a cause a little more important than scoring well on my next PT test or fitting into my old jeans.

Whatever the reason, I'll be one of the more than 1,500 runners expected to turn out for this year's Midnight Express.

Never heard of it? Don't sweat it. I'm a newbie, too.

Apparently, Country's Barbecue has hosted this all-night shindig for 24 years running now.

Runners and spectators gather by the thousands — last year, 5,000 people turned out — to enjoy live music, tasty food and good company.

Then, right about midnight, the runners gather at the start line and take off down a 5K, candle-illuminated course, which begins and ends at Country's.

Now, I have to tell you — I was more than a little baffled when I first heard about this event.

Why on Earth would anyone in their right mind want to go for a run in the middle of the night? And on a Saturday night, for that matter! You're kidding, right?

But this event truly is for a great cause. You see, all proceeds will benefit Columbus' visually impaired community.

The money raised at the Midnight Express has been used to buy computers and other software specifically for blind students at Muscogee County schools. It's funded scholarships for visually impaired students at Columbus State University and the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired. It's contributed to the purchase of special equipment for the Children's Miracle Network.

Last year, the race garnered $22,000 from runners and sponsors. This year, it could be even more — and just think, you could be part of that.

It really doesn't matter who you are, what your fitness level, whether you're into 5Ks or not. People of all ages from all walks of life show up with their running shoes in hand. From families pushing strollers to high school runners to some of the nation's best visually impaired athletes ... anyone and everyone can come out and participate.

Runners can register at www.countrysbarbecue.com for $18 before the race or $20 the day of.

Each runner will be the lucky recipient of a Midnight Express T-shirt, a barbecue sandwich and Country's "famous" ice tea. Winners in each division get trophies.

But here's the real kicker — runners can take advantage of FREE massages from professional masseuses! I don't know about you, but I could really use that right about now.

So, I've amended my earlier rule — the one that states that I must be absolutely miserable during any athletic event that takes place before the sun comes up — and I have registered for the Midnight Express this Saturday evening.

Join me at Country's Barbecue at 3137 Mercury Drive at 8 p.m. Saturday, which is when the live music will kick off.

And look for popular local band Cornbread to take the stage later in the evening.

Check out Country's Web site, www.countrysbarbecue.com for more information.

And if you're looking for a little something to get you in the spirit, check out the sixth annual Beep Ball Competition tonight at Columbus State University. Beep ball is basically baseball for the visually impaired. The players hit and field the ball by listening to the sound of beeps.

Can't imagine it? You might just get a chance to test out your own beep ball skills. Some sighted players will be thrown in the mix, blindfolded.

The competition will kick off at 7 p.m. tonight at CSU's Fast Pitch Softball Field.

Seminar to teach women 'all there is to know' about football

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"I have seen women walk right past a TV set with a football game on and — this always amazes me — not stop to watch, even if the TV is showing replays of what we call a 'good hit,' which is a tackle that causes at least one major internal organ to actually fly out a player's body."

— Dave Barry
***Miami Herald* columnist**

Dave Barry may just have to eat those words after this weekend — well, if he's referring to Columbus women, anyway.

Women in the tricommunity will have the opportunity to get a little schooling in America's favorite sport Saturday — whether they're football moms or couch companions to their husbands or boyfriends.

Columbus Regional Sports Care will offer "What Women Need to Know About Football" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Columbus Regional Conference Center at The Medical Center.

"This is everything you need to know about football," said DeNae Lacy, senior field manager for Sports Care. "The helmets, the pads, the plays, what they're saying in the huddle ... the basics."

Geared toward women with little or no knowledge of football, the seminar is a chance to learn about the sport that so fascinates others.

"We want to save as many marriages as we can this football season," Lacy joked.

"Women will be able to hold good conversations with their spouses or boyfriends about football and not be clueless," she said. "And there's a lot of good information for mothers with sons playing this season."

The event will touch on everything from referee signals and penalties to basic rules, from injury prevention to proper hydration, Lacy said.

Charles Flowers, coach of Shaw High School's football team, will bring 22 of his players — both offensive and defensive lines — to demonstrate plays for the women, who will each receive a play book to take home with them.

Then, the women will take to the field and run the plays.

"They won't be out there hurting each other or anything," Lacy said. "They'll just get an idea of what the plays are."

Columbus referee Kent Flemming will make an appearance, complete with uniform, flags and whistle, to demonstrate calls for the attendees.

Dr. Dan Kosobucki will "calm" anxious football mothers with a crash course on football injures, trauma and visits to the ER.

"He'll help to set their minds at ease," Lacy said.

Athletic trainer Ashley Abbott will provide a host of helpful hints for proper hydration and will lay to rest that heated debate — is water or Gatorade better for your child athlete?

And what football game would be complete without the tailgate party to kick it off? No future female football fanatic will be confused about what to bring to a pre-game party after a "tailgate spread" demonstration, including a quick dip recipe sure to please, Lacy said.

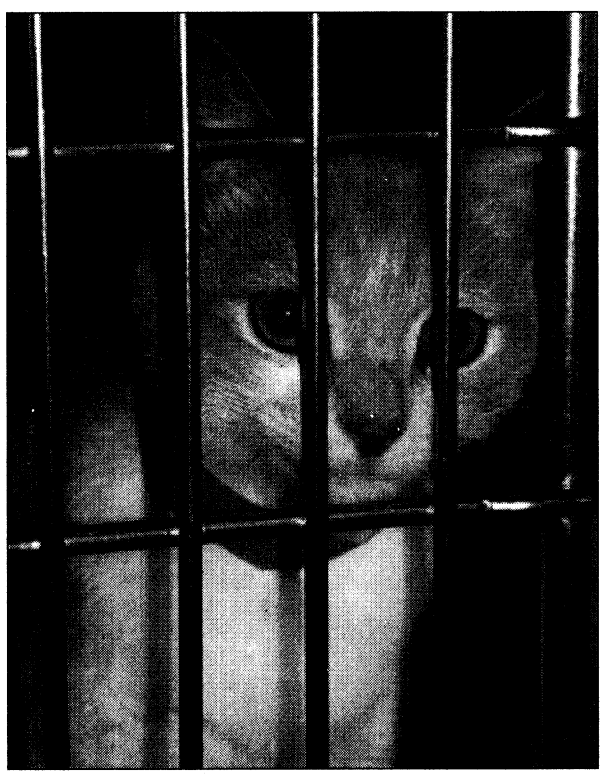
The event is completely free, and lunch will be provided, she said.

Women can pre-register at www.columbusregional.com — the preferred method — or show up the day of.

There's only room for 200 participants, and as of right now, 80 women are signed up, Lacy said.

"All you need is a smiling face," she said.

PETS OF THE WEEK





Photos by Melissa House

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Fort Benning youth in the news

Youth should be allowed to vote, but they should take it seriously

Brianna Mosby
Faith Middle School



I think it would be a good idea for the legal voting age to be lowered, because more people could be involved in the voting process.

We as American children should have a say in who is chosen to govern our country, and we should be allowed to help choose who becomes our president.

Having said this, I also think that problems could occur if we lower the voting age, because we don't have as much wisdom as our parents.

Most families have young teenage children who would like to vote but don't even know or understand the process they have to go through to cast their vote.

Some people don't vote seriously or they vote just so they can tell others they voted. These people need to realize their "joke" vote counts and could make the final decisions affecting us as a country.

Before voting, you should make sure you have a reasonable idea as to why you're voting for a particular person.

Before making a final decision, ask yourself: Does this person have what it takes to make a good leader? Does he or she seem like a good role model? According to given proof or facts, does he or she appear to be a man or woman who will stick to his or her word?

When you vote, remember to take it seriously. Voting is a privilege, and it can easily be taken away.

We often forget that people fought and died for us to have the right to vote, and this right should not be taken lightly.

Also, no one should take voting for granted, because we could lose the right.

Voting is very important, and everyone who is eligible to vote should vote.

If you chose not to, don't get upset if the person you wanted to win the election doesn't get elected.

You never know — you're vote may have made all the difference.



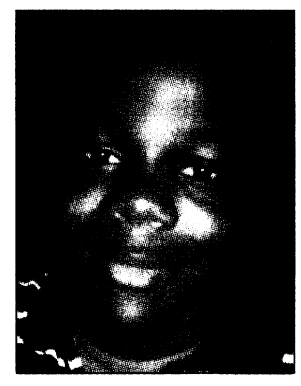
Shantil Ferguson, 12, seventh grade

"Lowering the voting age is not a good idea because it will increase the state's and nation's problems. The government has more concerns than it can handle with the war in Iraq, literacy, homelessness, etc., without adding to it. If anything, I think the age should be raised because many 18-year-olds are more concerned with partying than voting."



Paula Vail, 12, seventh grade

"I think it's a great idea. I want to have a say in where my hard-earned paycheck taxes are going. When I'm 16, I want to have a voice and be able to vote for whom I want for president. I also want a voice in the local politics because I want my money going toward something that will benefit me and not for some worthless landfill in another city."



Anthony Montgomery, 12, seventh grade,

"I think 16-year-olds should be allowed to vote because many of them have jobs, and they pay taxes. The right to vote will help them learn more about the presidential election as well as local ones. It would also give teenagers more reasons to get a job and get involved."



School Board Meeting

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US & THEM

Where exactly is the difference?

Chaplain (Maj.) David Acuff
1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

As a child, I often took a certain book off the shelf and thumbed through the pictures, studying them in detail, and burning the images into my mind.

The images I gazed upon are now American icons, and as I have come to realize, they formed a fair part of my perception of right and wrong.

The book was *Life Goes to War* — a photo collection of all of those famous pictures from World War II. From these pictures many of us learned the difference between Us and Them.

Us is the picture of the smiling, boyish Audie Murphy in his Class A's and Medal of Honor.

Us is the picture of Eisenhower standing with the tall paratroopers of the 101st Airborne the day before they jumped into France.

Us is the picture of the sailor kissing the nurse on VE Day.

Us wore an Ike jacket like the one that hung in my father's closet.

Us wore the uniform I would one day wear.

Us was me.

Then there was Them.

Them is the picture of the Japanese Soldier with a samurai sword poised over the neck of a blindfolded and helpless American prisoner.

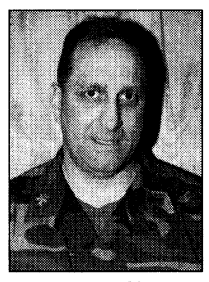
Them is the picture of the jackbooted legions in Nuremberg worshipping at the pagan altar of Hitler.

Them is the gray picture of box cars stacked high with starved corpses at Auschwitz.

Them is the skull and crossbones pin on a foreign black hat.

Them is the picture of dozens of sullen men in the Nuremberg courtroom dock, wearing headphones, guarded by MPs standing behind them.

REFLECTIONS



Acuff

Them had foreign names like Adolf, Rudolf, Yamamoto and Tojo.

A few months ago I studied a new set of pictures, and the wiring in my mind began to cross and burn. Circuits shorted. Us and Them slammed together and merged.

The people in these pictures were wearing the uniform of Us, and they had names like Us, but the things they were doing couldn't have been Us. They were doing the things of Them.

Since seeing those pictures, I've been pondering the question: "Could I do that?"

I've always known that I do not fully embody the Army value of selfless service. Nevertheless I thought of myself as being incapable of doing the things I was seeing. I was above that. Them did those things. I was Us. But now I wondered. Was I, too, capable of deliberately inflicting pain and relishing it, as those in the pictures had done?

Is there not in everyone a seed, mostly hidden, that flourishes when watered and nourished by power? Few ever have that degree of power; thus few ever realize the dark potential that lies in us all. We all see brief flashes of it.

Remember that sweetheart from high school or college who dumped you? Remember how you felt when that sweetheart got dumped just like you got dumped? This *schadenfreud*, this guilty pleasure at another's misfortune, this feeling that we all, on occasion, find within ourselves, is the source of the atrocities that astound us once they achieve full growth. Could all people do such things? I believe that a fearless self-inventory will reveal that all of us have that potential.

Classical Christianity has always asserted that the core of our being has been fractured and thus atrocities such as Abu Ghraib happen. Modern theories of human nature tend to be much more positive and optimistic.

A cursory survey of history, especially 20th century history, causes us to ask why basically good people have murdered more than 100 million of their neighbors in the past century.

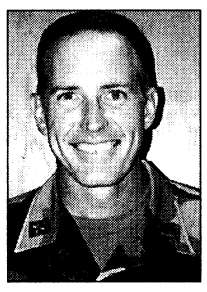
If anything good can come of the horror house of Abu Ghraib, it is the opening of the dark cellars in our own souls to the light of God.

Know it's all OK before leaping into loved one's arms

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Imagine getting ready to jump out of a perfectly good airplane, and right before the green "go" light pops on, and you're ready to exit the aircraft in mid-flight, a reporter reaches around you, sticks his microphone in your face and asks, "What would it be worth to you to know that you're going to have a beautiful jump and not a disastrous dive?"

Sounds crazy, doesn't it? But that's exactly why the Army invests so much energy and expertise in making sure each and every jumper is checked and re-checked to make sure "All's OK, Jumpmaster!" That's a valuable lesson for our relationships too.



Hawkins

What would it be worth, relationship wise, to know you, or your child, was "All-OK" before taking a flying leap into the arms of another? Just like parachuting, it can either be an exhilarating, ecstatic ride, or it can be disastrous. It pays to know you are "All-OK" in that relationship *before* you jump, doesn't it?

This week we are on Step 4 of How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk. So far we've talked about the three areas that we've got to eyeball closely:

- **Step 1 — Get to know him or her.**
- **Step 2 — Earn, learn to trust him or her.**
- **Step 3 — Test your reliance on him or her.**
- **Step 4 — Commit.** First comes knowing someone. Then from knowing comes trusting. After we trust, we can begin to rely. And once his or her reliance has been tested and proven over time, then, and only then, are we ready to commit.

Do you see how it's a progression? What happens if I commit to someone that I haven't relied on much — or just haven't known well — or can't trust? It's like getting the cart before the horse — just like being mis-rigged for a jump, it can spell disaster!

There's one more step to go. What is it? Join me here next week as I wrap up this series on "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk — What Every Parent Ought to Teach and What Every Single's Gotta Know" or join me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel where we're having fun with the same topic at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill. Or give me a ring at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760. I look forward to meeting you.

The Chaplain Family Life Center offers individual, couple and family counseling.
For more information, 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.	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

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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

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9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
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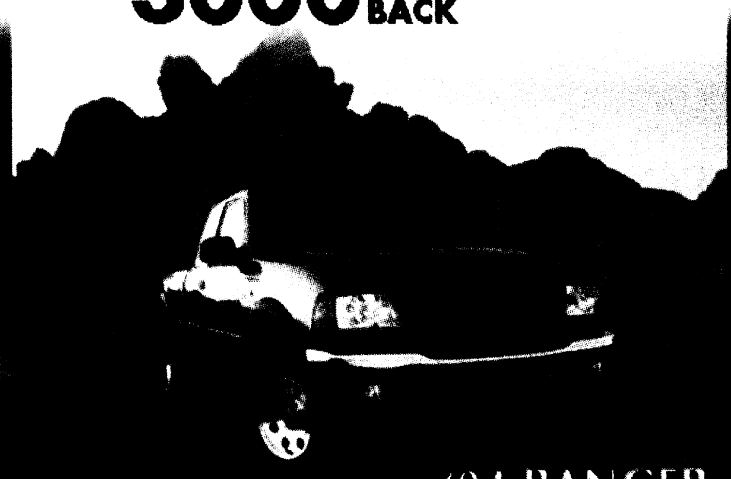
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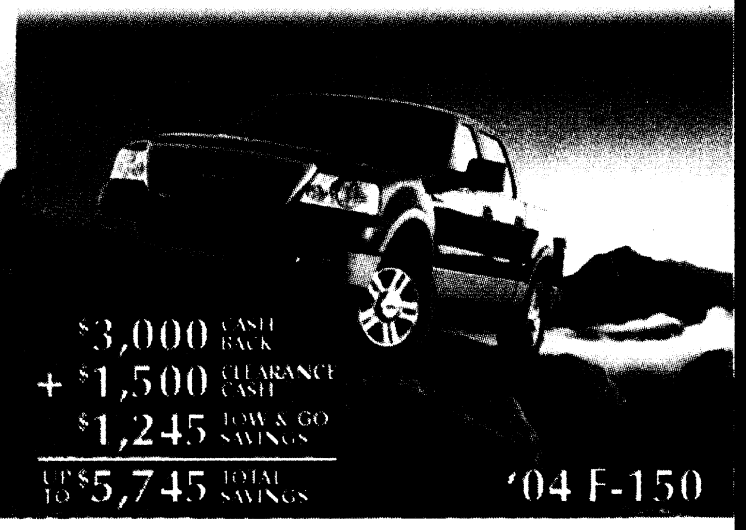


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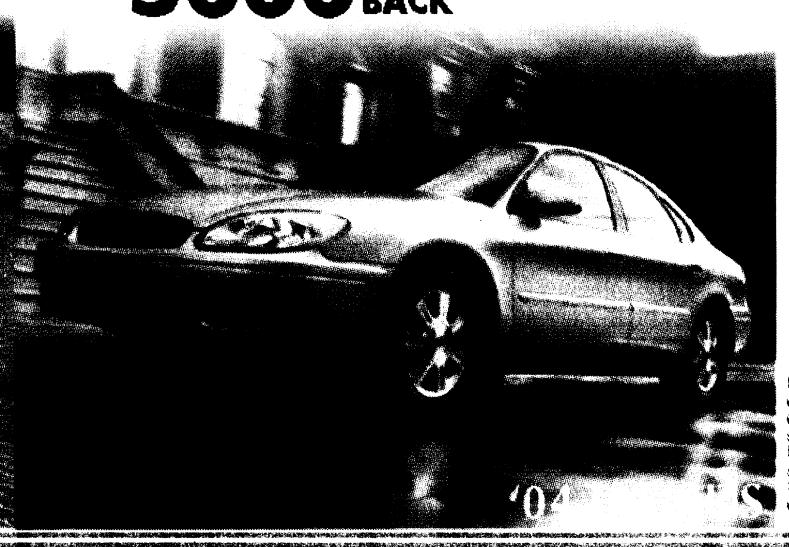
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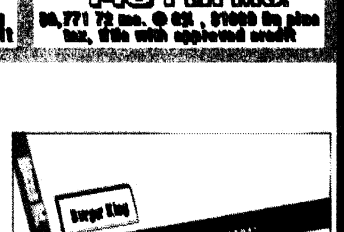
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SPORTS

SECTION C

PVA donates lift for disabled hunters

Chair-bound vet gets a shot at hunting

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Richard May thought his hunting days were over. The 60-year-old Vietnam vet lost both legs to vascular disease — the first in 2000, the second last year — the result of land mine wounds that festered for more than 30 years. The scooter he drives takes him just about anywhere his legs used to go, except the woods. Deer hunting was out of the question.

All that changed last week when Fort Benning received a Huntmaster Bud-lift, a top-of-the-line, solar-powered "tree stand" of sorts — only no tree is needed.

The two-man lift, valued at nearly $13,000, is a gift from the Paralyzed Veterans Association.

"I'm excited. I didn't figure I'd ever get to do this again," said May, who bought a new shotgun in anticipation of his first hunting trip in more than five years.

That's about how long he's been listening to hunting stories down at the VFW Lodge on Victory Drive, where the retired recon specialist serves as quartermaster.

Now, thanks to the lift and the help of a good friend, he'll be the one telling the stories.

The Bud-lift will accommodate May, his scooter and his buddy Bill Brickner, a retired Soldier who's been helping disabled hunters for more than 10 years.

"Unless you've been there, you don't really understand what something like this means to someone who loves to hunt but thinks he can't do it anymore," said Brickner, who used to fashion a hunting blind for the disabled by draping camouflage netting around a converted wheel chair. Quite often, he had to carry the disabled hunter through the woods to get to the blind.

Now, if all goes as planned, the new Bud-lift will be easily accessible for Brickner, his disabled friends, and anyone with a physical handicap — young or old — interested in using it.

To put it in terms Soldiers and their families can relate to, the lift resembles a metal guard shack. It's dark green with narrow horizontal windows for a clear view, a wide door for easy access, and a bench seat. It's attached to a trailer by an arm, which extends 30 feet into the air.

The trailer has braces, which extend like tentacles to stabilize and support the lift during use. The lift can be raised and lowered from within.

And it folds back up into a tidy, compact unit for transport to and from Uchee Creek.

Uchee Creek?

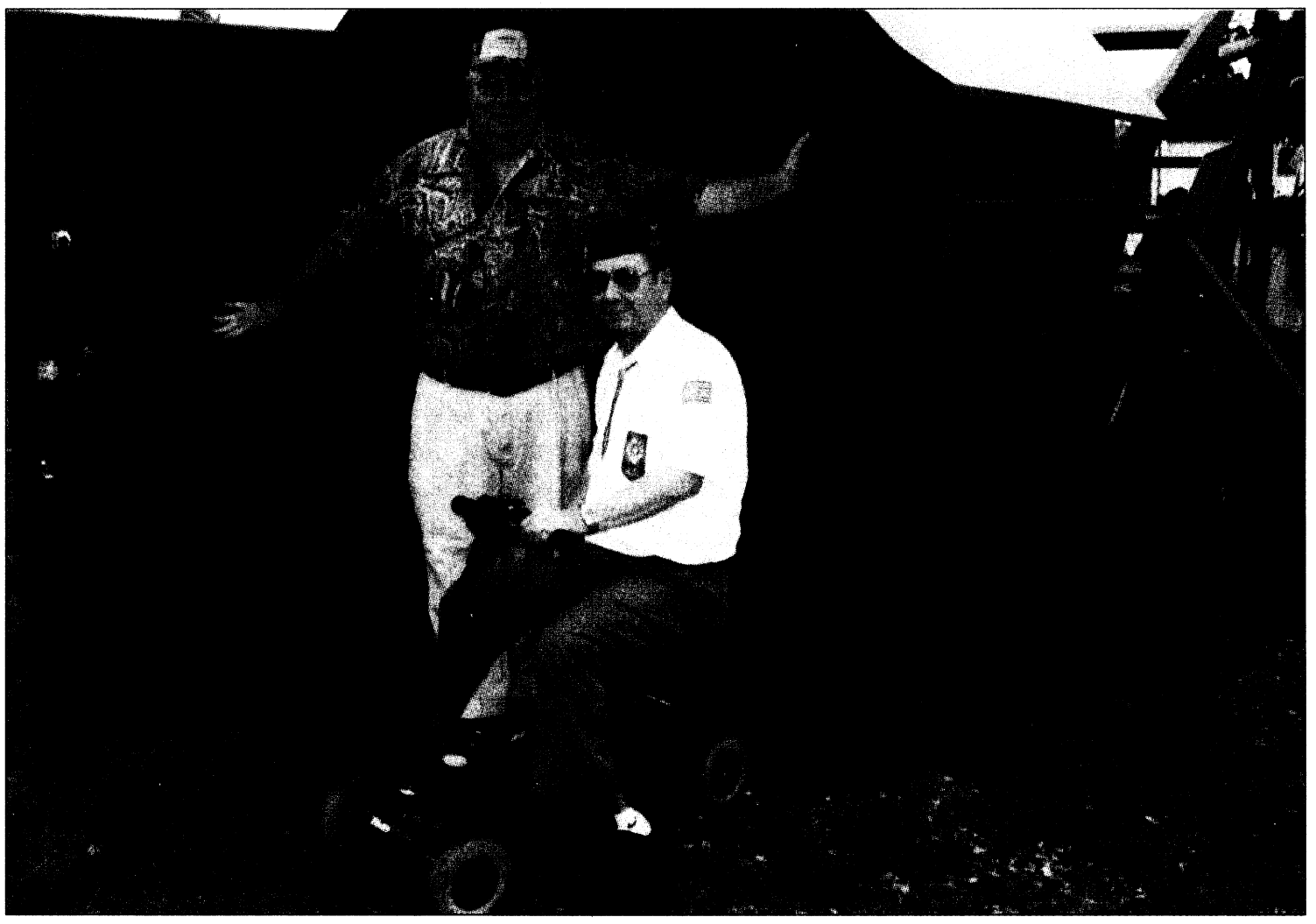
That's right. The staff at Uchee Creek is responsible for the lift, because Cliff Hughes, business manager for Uchee Creek Camp Ground and Marina, was the only one from Fort Benning to step up to the plate when the PVA offered the lift — an offer the association made to several installations across the U.S.

The amount of paperwork it took to receive the lift was daunting, Hughes admitted. It took more than six months to navigate the trail of red tape the Army requires for "gifts" of this value.

But as an avid outdoorsman and a retired Soldier, Hughes recognized the value of the lift from the start. And it's not in dollars, he said.

"I can't even imagine what it's like not to be able to hunt," he said.

"This could open up doors they thought were closed forever, and for some, I guess, it could open up a door to a world they've never seen before."



Bridgett Siter

Richard May gets his first look at Fort Benning's new Huntmaster Bud-lift Monday. May, who lost both legs to wounds he suffered in Vietnam, and his friend Bill Brickner, pictured here, hope to use the lift to hunt deer next month. The lift will be available for disabled hunters of all ages, said Cliff Hughes, business manager for Uchee Creek Campground and Marina, where the lift is stored.

Hughes said he's still "working out the bugs," trying to formulate a plan for the transportation and use of the lift.

Obviously, it'll have to be reserved, and by design, it requires someone to accompany and assist the hunter.

Those are details he's working on, but Hughes believes the Fort Benning's Conservation Branch can help answer the most obvious question — where the lift will go.

He's hoping conservation officials will designate two sites for the lift — one on the Georgia side of the Chattahoochee River and one on the Alabama side.

Use of the machine won't be restricted to those sites, he said, but use of those sites should be off-limits to other hunters when the lift was in use.

"We'll figure all that out by the time hunting season starts," Hughes said.

"The important thing is we got it here in time."

Just in time for May, who hopes to be on board the machine for its first lift-off.

"I think it's great," he said. "It's going to be good for a lot of veterans, but I wanna be the first."

For more information about the Huntmaster Bud-lift, to reserve it or find a hunter to assist a disabled hunter, call Hughes at 681-6995 or Brickner at 681-4549 or 563-0189.

Bill Brickner has a hunter's heart, and anyone who knows hunters can tell you their hearts are always in the right place, even if their tree stands aren't.

You can't always measure the success of a hunt by the size of a rack, Brickner says. Sometimes you see it in the eyes of a child who's never held a bow before. Sometimes you hear it in the "thanks" of a mother who wondered how she'd feed her hungry child.

Now Brickner's hunting for hunters with hearts like his own — hunters who would like to help the hungry and disabled. He's on the committee for the Valley Buckmasters Chapter Banquet from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Lynch Road Fire Department Lodge in Columbus.

Brickner and his buddies are selling tickets and soliciting donations for the event, which will feature a steak dinner, door prizes, an auction and a gun raffle. Proceeds from the event will go to Project Venison, a local program to provide food for the hungry, and a hunting program for disabled children. Tickets are $35 for a single ticket, $15 for the second. One child 11 or younger can accompany an adult for free. Tickets for children between 12 and 17 cost $15. For more information about the Valley Buckmasters Chapter Banquet, to request tickets or become a sponsor, call Brickner at 681-4549.



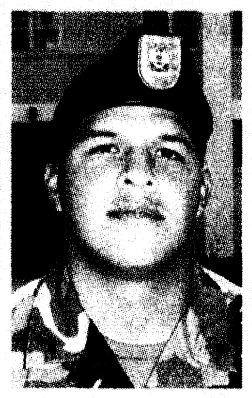
1st Lt. Stephanie Feagin

Hometown: Cades, S.C.
Age: 24
Army service: 3 years
MOS: 70B, medical service officer
Running experience: Ran track in high school and cross country at the College of Charleston
Army 10-Miler experience: Ran it for the first time last year in Tikrit, Iraq, while deployed
Personal best: 1:04
Weekly mileage: 30 miles
Pre-race meal: Diet Mountain Dew
Quote: "I won a bike at the race in Tikrit, but had to figure out how to get it back. I ended up giving it to the Iraqi children instead."



Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Garza

Hometown: Lake Station, Ind.
Age: 42
Army service: 20 years
MOS: 31B, military policeman
Running experience: Running since 1976, ran cross country in high school
Army 10-Miler experience: None
Personal best: 1:03
Weekly mileage: 25-30 miles
Pre-race meal: Nothing in particular — as long as it includes coffee
Quote: "I might run a little faster if I had a better diet."



Cpl. John Valdez

Hometown: San Antonio
Age: 20
Army service: 1 year, 11 months
MOS: 11B, infantryman
Running experience: Running 10 years
Army 10-Miler experience: None
Personal best: 59 minutes
Weekly mileage: 48 miles
Pre-race meal: Nothing
Quote: "I just run for fun."

Fort Benning selects Ten-Miler team

Eight compete in mixed team category

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Eight Soldiers will represent Fort Benning at the Army 10-Miler race Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C.

Twenty-eight runners competed in three pre-qualifying races in April, May and June.

The runs were conducted by Fort Benning's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division's Sports Branch.

The eight team members were selected by their best qualifying times on a hilly course that started at the Santiago Fitness Center at Sand Hill.

This is the 20th anniversary of the run, which winds through the nation's capital.

The first race in 1985 had 1,379 finishers. This year's field — limited to 20,000 — is already full.

The Fort Benning team, composed of men and women, will compete in the active-duty open mixed category.

Fort Benning's "Team Follow Me" won the Commanders Cup in 1991. Garza thinks this year's team has a great shot at placing in the mixed division.

"Our time may not look too fast," Garza said, "but the course we ran is hilly. The last half-mile is all uphill, and after you've run nine-and-a-half, it's not fun."

Since the actual race course is flat, Garza is certain the team's times will be quite a bit faster.

With team members scattered across post and on varied schedules, getting the team together for training is difficult. One runner is at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., another at the Primary Leadership Development Course.

"We're trying to get together to run as a team," said 1st lt. Stephanie Feagin, "so anyone who can come and run — we'll start at Briant Wells at 6:30 a.m. Sunday mornings."

The runners on Fort Benning Ten-Miler team are :

Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Garza, 71st Military Police Detachment

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Mobley, 2nd Battalion, 19th Inf. Regt.

Sgt. 1st Class Mark Pumphrey, 14th Field Hospital

Lt. Col. Jennifer Bedick, MEDDAC

1st Lt. Stephanie Feagin, 690th Medical Company

Spc. Kert St. John, 3rd Bn., 75th Ranger Regt.

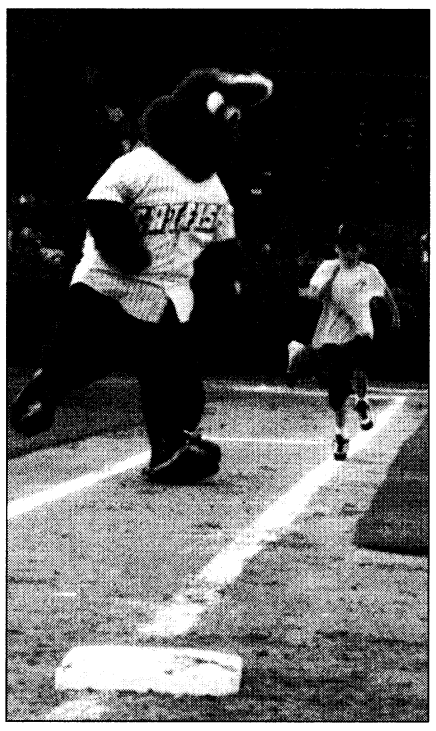
Cpl. John Valdez, 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

Capt. Derek Murray, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt.

Catfish have whale of night with military

BCTB, ITB troops live it up despite 4-3 loss

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Columbus Catfish mascot Hook leads as Dexter Elementary School second-grader Tommy Lindsey tries to beat him around the bases.



Photos by Melissa House

Soldiers from both the Basic Combat Training Brigade and the Infantry Training Brigade entertain the crowd between innings with tug-of-war bouts.

The Columbus Catfish's military appreciation night at Golden Park started off well Saturday.

The upper tier seats were filled with Soldiers from the Infantry and Basic Combat Training Brigades. The lower tiers were full of military and civilian fans alike.

Early in the first inning, Pvt. Greg Sbaldigi caught a foul ball tipped into the stands behind the Catfish dugout. Sbaldigi, who played baseball for 11 years growing up in Atlanta, is now in his fifth week of training in C Company, 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment.

Although the high foul ball stung when he caught it, he said just being at the game was "the best feeling ever."

The outing was made possible by the combined efforts of Fort Benning officials and the Catfish staff.

Retired Col. Dick Meriaux, director of military affairs for the Catfish said he worked with Al Gelineau, director of Morale,Welfare and Recreation to get the 2,100 Soldiers to the game.

"We try to do what's best for Soldiers and the Catfish," Meriaux said, "so training won't be interrupted."

Meriaux, who retired in 1986 after 26 years in the Army, said having the Soldiers at the game was important.

"This is the American pastime," Meriaux said. "They're defending our country so we can participate in our pastime."

Steve Thiele, the "voice of the infantry," was the announcer for the game against the Capital City Bombers.

Soldiers entertained the crowd between innings in a series of tug-of-war events pitting ITB Soldiers against their BCTB counterparts.

One encouraging drill sergeant offered some words of wisdom to his team before they took to the field

"You do wrong," he said, "and I wouldn't come back if I were you."

His team, all 1,500 pounds of them, handily defeated their first-round opponents.

Pvt. David Sheets, 1st. Bn., 329th Inf. Regt., said the round was "going to be a little harder than digging a foxhole."

After their loss, he compared the tug-of-war to trying to hold on to a ski rope.

Dexter Elementary second-grader Tommy Lindsey was chosen to run bases against Hook, the Catfish mascot.

Lindsey, who plays Youth Services baseball, said he was "lucky today," but worried about his competition.

"He'll probably try to cheat," Lindsey said.

Hook cheated, but Lindsey prevailed, crossing home plate well ahead of the furry, blue thing chasing him.

Hook had the Soldiers doing the "wave" back and forth across the upper stands, until BCTB Soldiers signaled a cease fire from their corner of the ballpark.

And by the middle of the fifth inning, the Catfish ran into a small technical problem.

Thiele announced the beginning of a "pizza scream" contest, only to find the concession stands had been wiped out by hungry Soldiers.

Rounding out the evening's entertainment was a seventh inning stretch sumo match between ITB Soldier Pfc. Oscar Idrogo and BCTB's Pfc. Robert Perry.

Perry won the match, providing a little levity in the Catfish's eventual 4-3 loss to the Bombers as they tried to wrestle each other while wearing large, padded sumo suits.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

YS late registration — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will conduct late registration for 6- to 15-year-olds in soccer, football and cheerleading through Thursday. Sign-ups will be taken at the Central Registration Office, Building 359, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and after 2 p.m. by appointment only.

Due to the late registration and low number of participants signed up during normal registration time, the football conditioning camp scheduled for August has been changed and will be conducted Sept. 7-17.

For more information, call 545-2070 or 545-3582.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park is offering special hours for adults.

Operational hours for adult ID card holders who are at least 18 and out of high school will be 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The skateboard park will not be open to youths Sundays and Mondays.

There is no charge for adult usage of the park.

Users are required to wear a helmet and sign a release form.

These hours are offered on a trial basis for approximately three months.

For more information, call Richard Martin at 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Fort Benning Powerlifting 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, call Broadwater at 544-2660.

off post

Beep ball competition — Country's Barbecue will hold the sixth annual Beep Ball Competition at 7 p.m. today at Columbus State University's Fast Pitch Softball Field.

Beep ball is baseball for the visually impaired. Players hit and field the ball by listening for beeps.

For more information, call Country's Barbecue at 563-7604.

Country's Midnight Express — Country's Barbecue will host the 24th annual Midnight Express road race Saturday.

The party begins at 8 p.m. with live bands, featuring Cornbread.

The race will begin at midnight and festivities will continue with the post-race party.

The runners of the 5K race will run through a candle-illuminated course, which will begin and end at Country's at 3137 Mercury Drive in Columbus.

Runners can register online at www.countrysbarbecue.com.



File photo

Red Bulldogs take down an opponent and strip the ball from him in September 2001 CYS football action.

CYS gears up for new season

Football, soccer, cheerleading fast approaching

Billy Holbrook
Bayonet correspondent

The Child and Youth Services of Fort Benning have put out the call for athletes and coaches alike.

The season of football, soccer, and cheerleading is fast approaching, offering youths and adults a chance to participate.

Dorrie Wagner, a CYS sports specialist, said the leagues have a lot to offer.

"Sports can really help kids, because they learn how to work as a team," Wagner said. "Being a team player is very important in life."

Retired Staff Sgt. James Rorer is a regular face among the coaches for Youth Services. He said his desire to see kids grow keeps him coming back year after year.

"It's not all about winning. It's about watching them have fun and learn more about their game," Rorer said.

Throughout his years of coaching football, basketball and soccer, he has reaped the benefits of getting involved in the sports community.

"I had a kid one year who knew nothing about soccer at the beginning of the season. By the end of the year, he was so proud of himself for learning a new game. I would say that if you had the time to volunteer, it is a worthwhile thing. You will really enjoy watching these kids grow," he said.

Wagner said there are benefits of getting involved in sports.

"Sports offer a healthy outlet for kids," she said. "A lot of them have parents who are deployed. Sports can help them get through the tough times."

In addition to the competitive nature of the games, there is a transcending objective that Wagner focuses on every year.

"You have to deal with winning and losing, but as long as they are having fun — that is the most important part," she said.

The need for assistant and head coaches to volunteer is the most immediate concern for Youth Services this season.

Soccer coaches are in especially high demand. Volunteers can come by Building 359, Room 2 to fill out a form.

Coaches should plan on spending about four hours a week with their teams.

Athlete registration for this season has been extended. Prospective athletes have a chance to sign up for the sport of their choosing until Thursday.

CYS hopes for a season of cheerleaders leading their crowds in shouts of encouragement as they cheer their football team on to the end zone.

CYS encourages soccer moms and dads to join in the fray and shout "GOAL" as the ball rolls past the keeper for one more score. And to borrow from the old adage, let's play ball.

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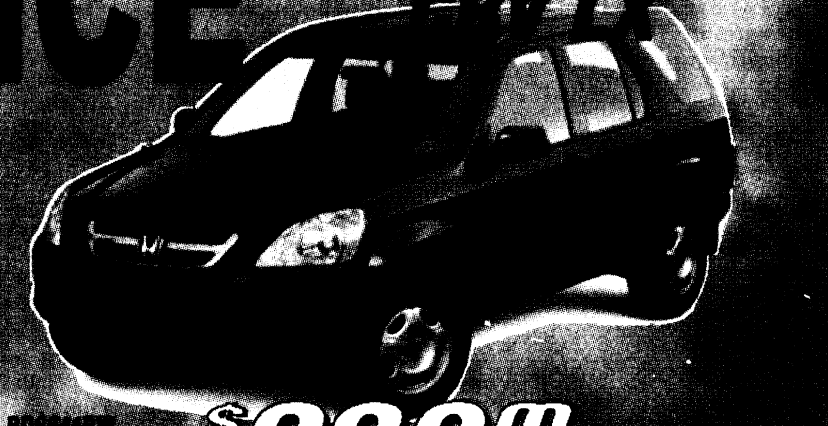
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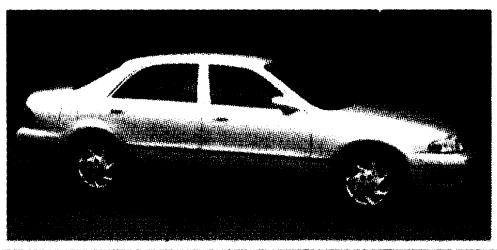


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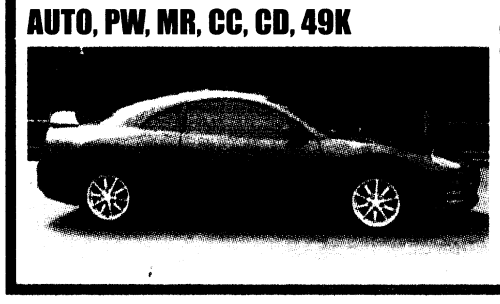
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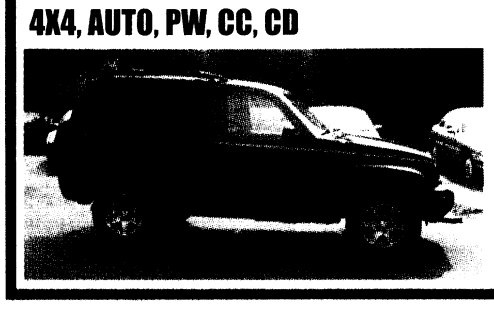
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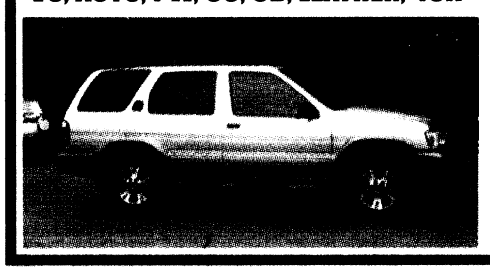
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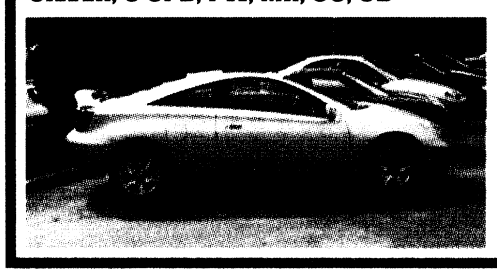
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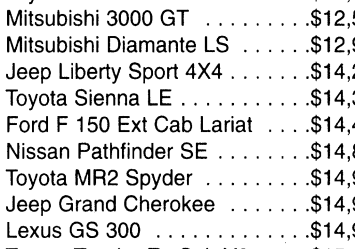
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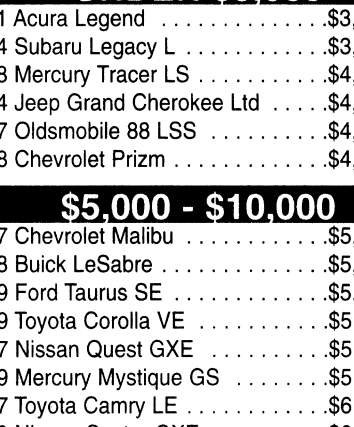
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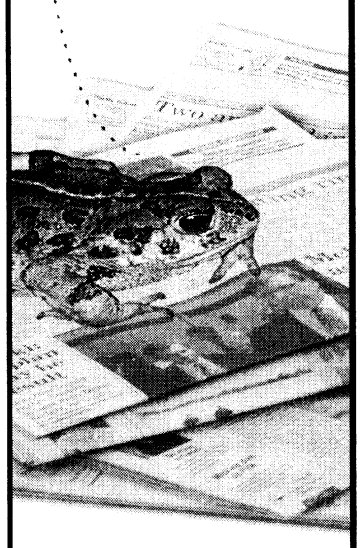
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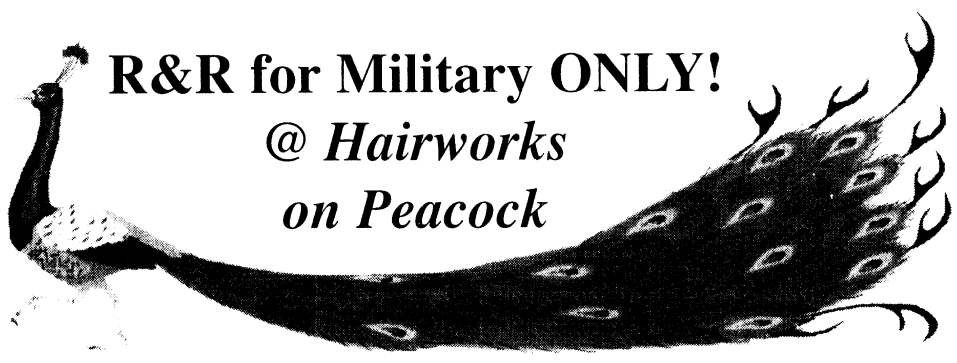
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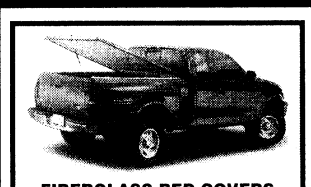
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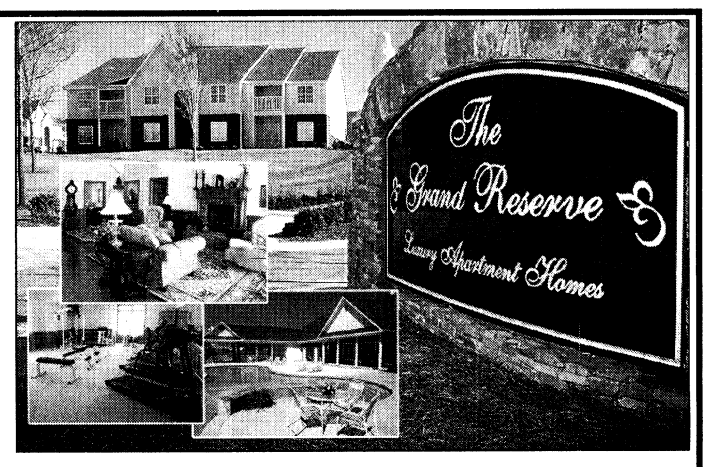
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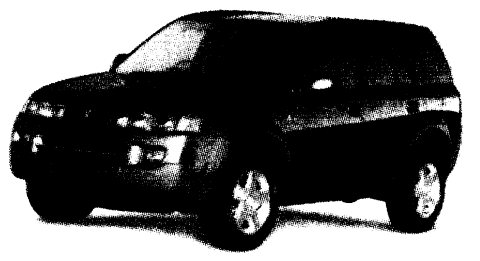
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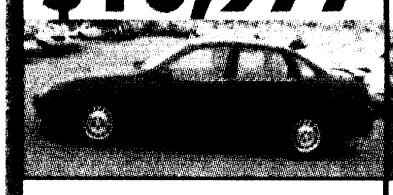
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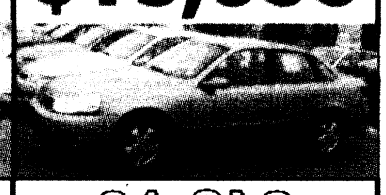
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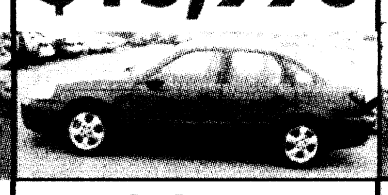
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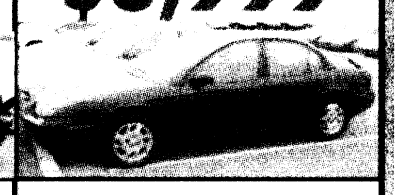
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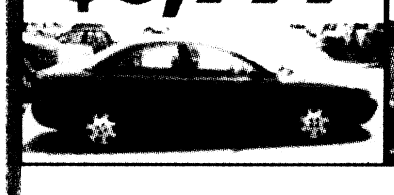
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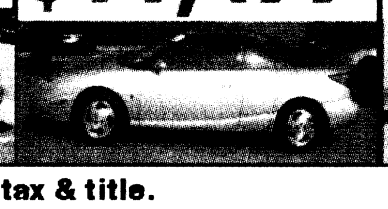
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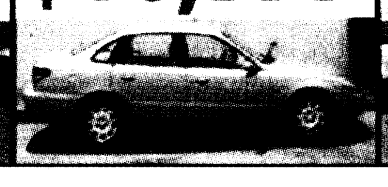
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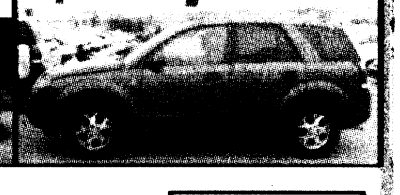
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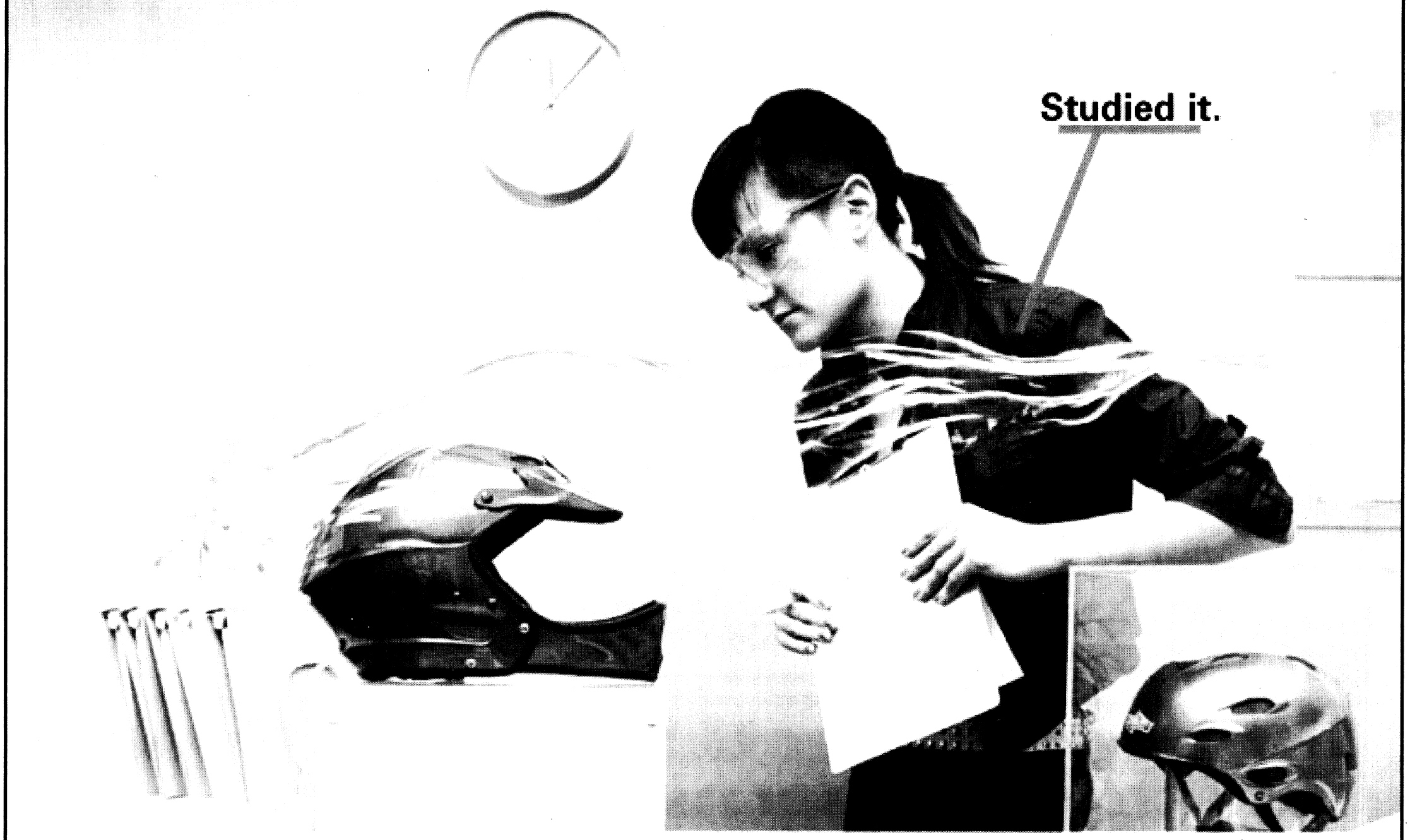
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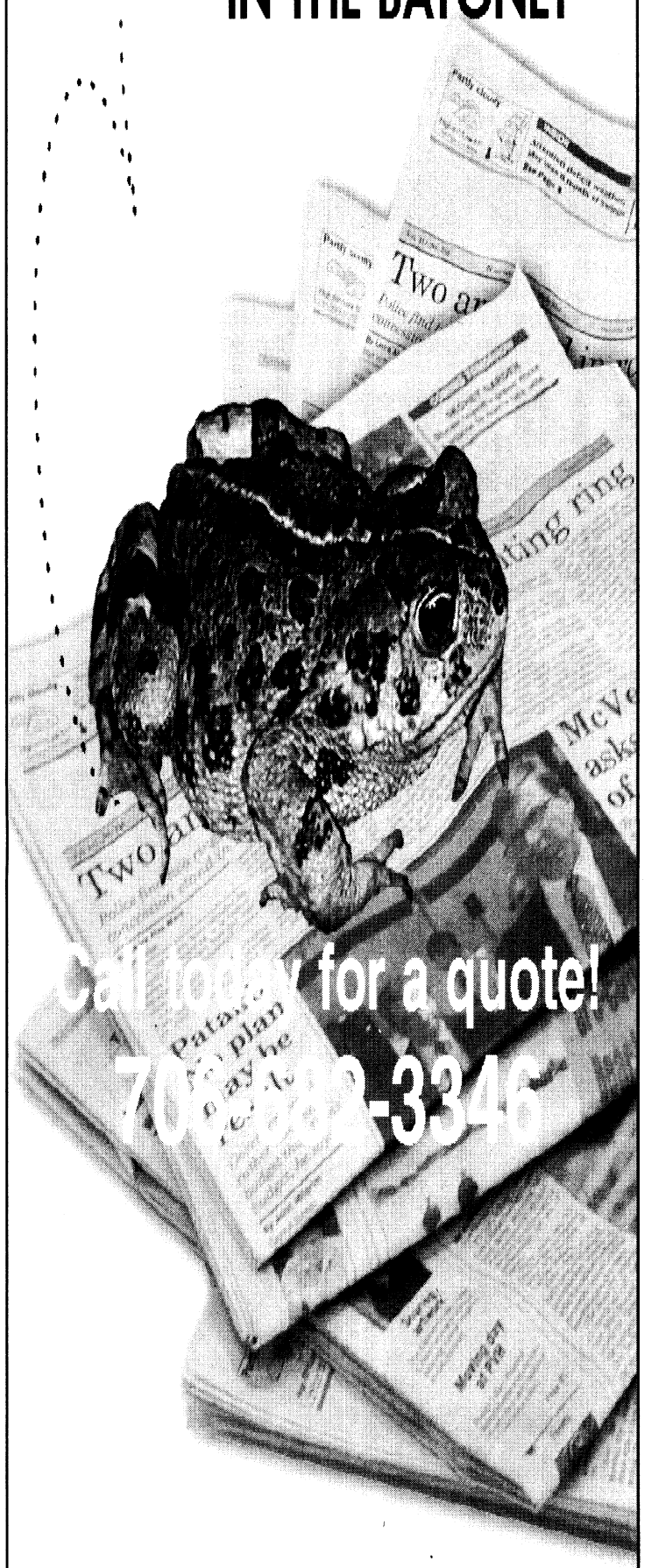
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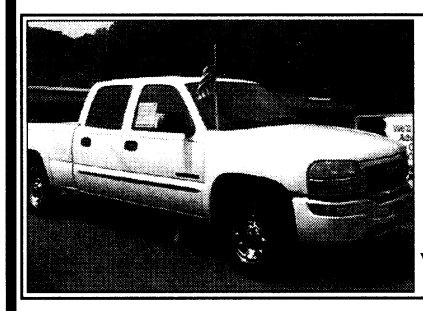
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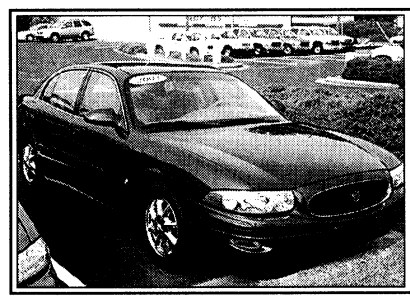
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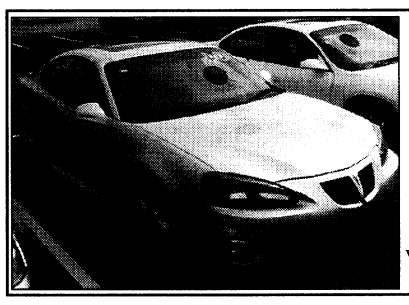

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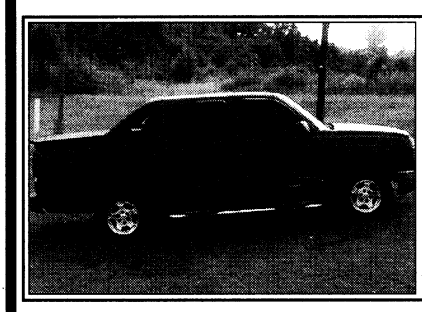

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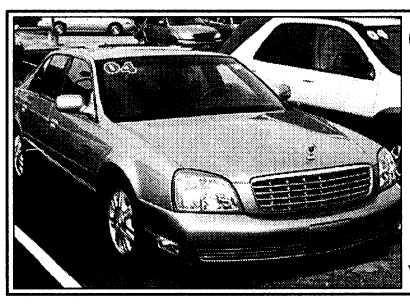

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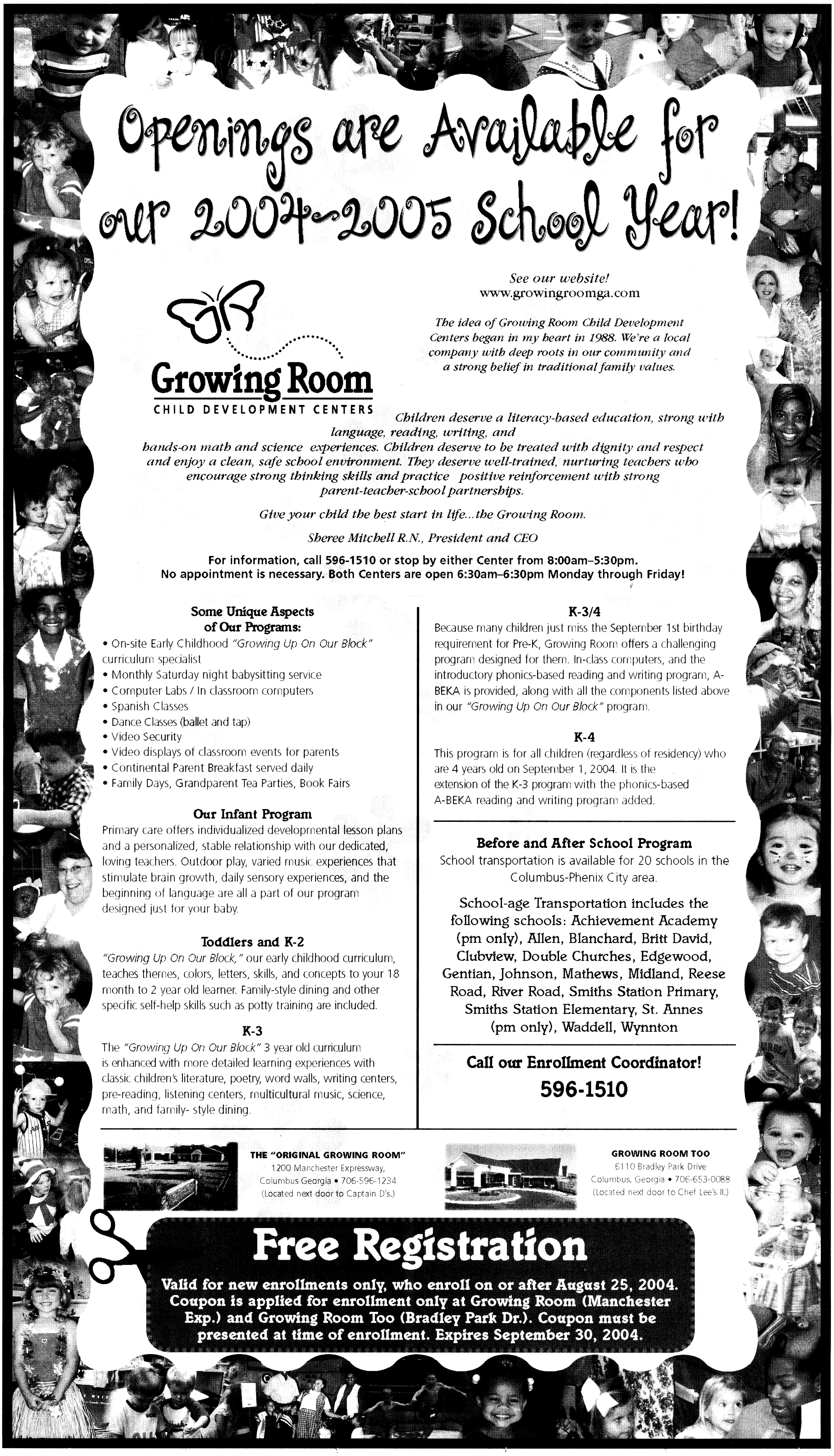
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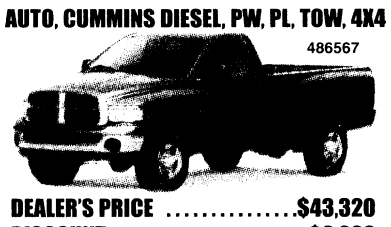


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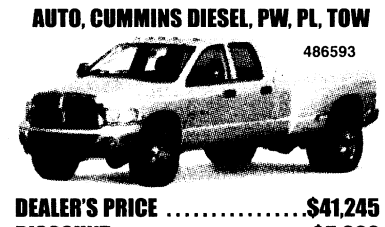


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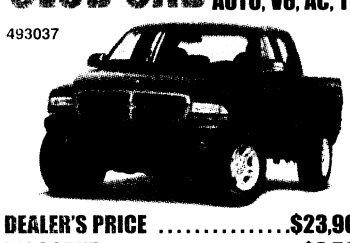


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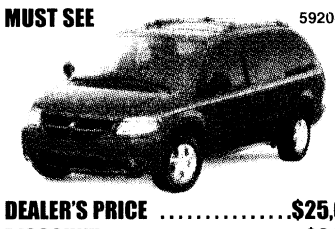


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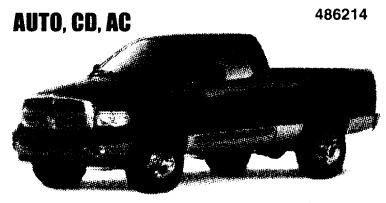


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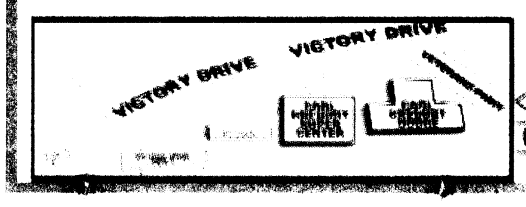
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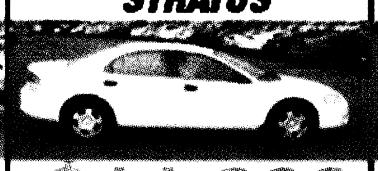
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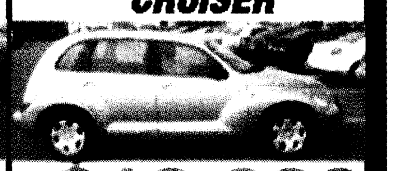
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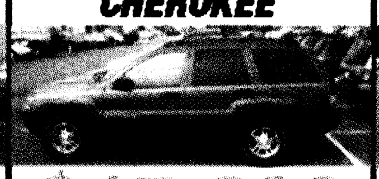
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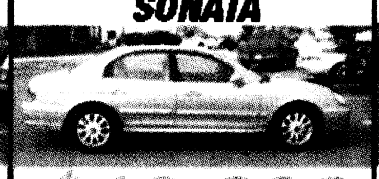
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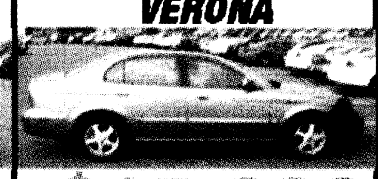
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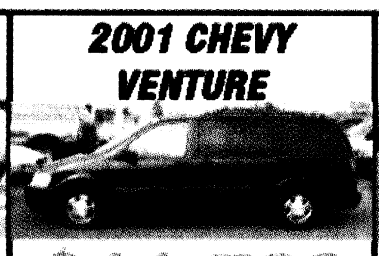
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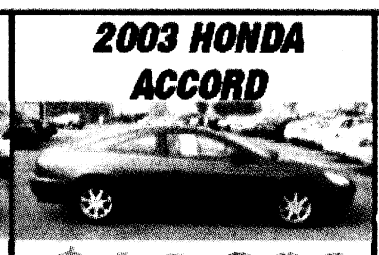
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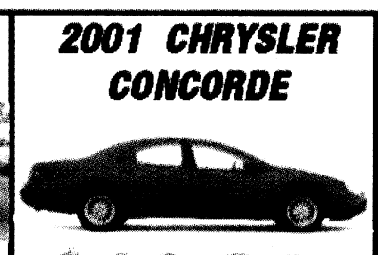
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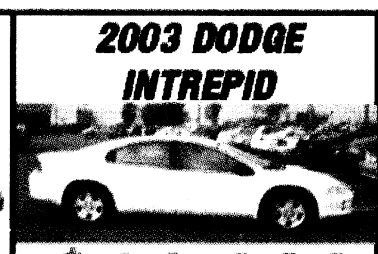
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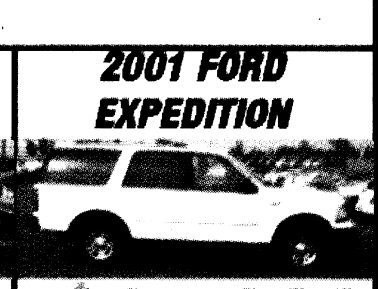
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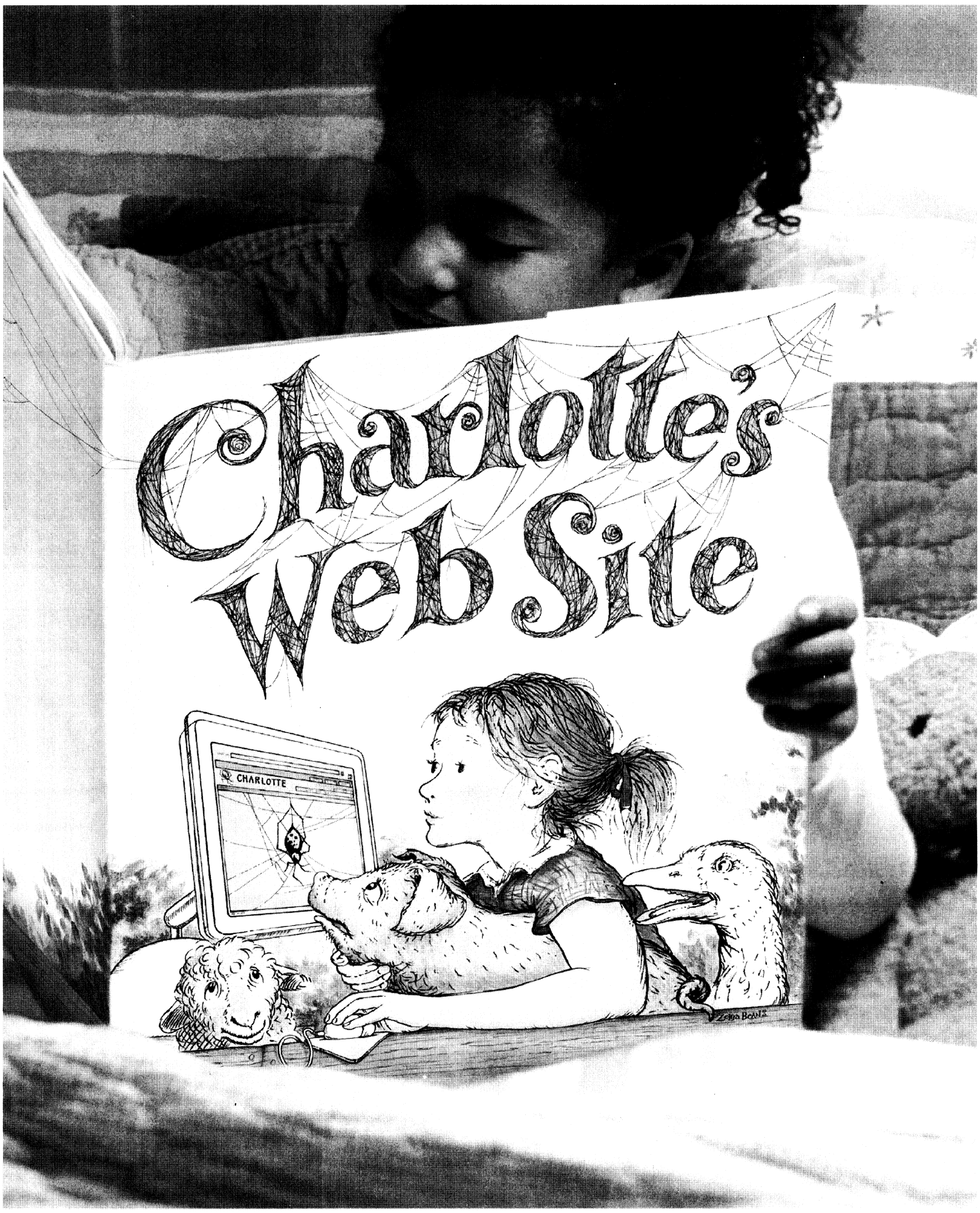
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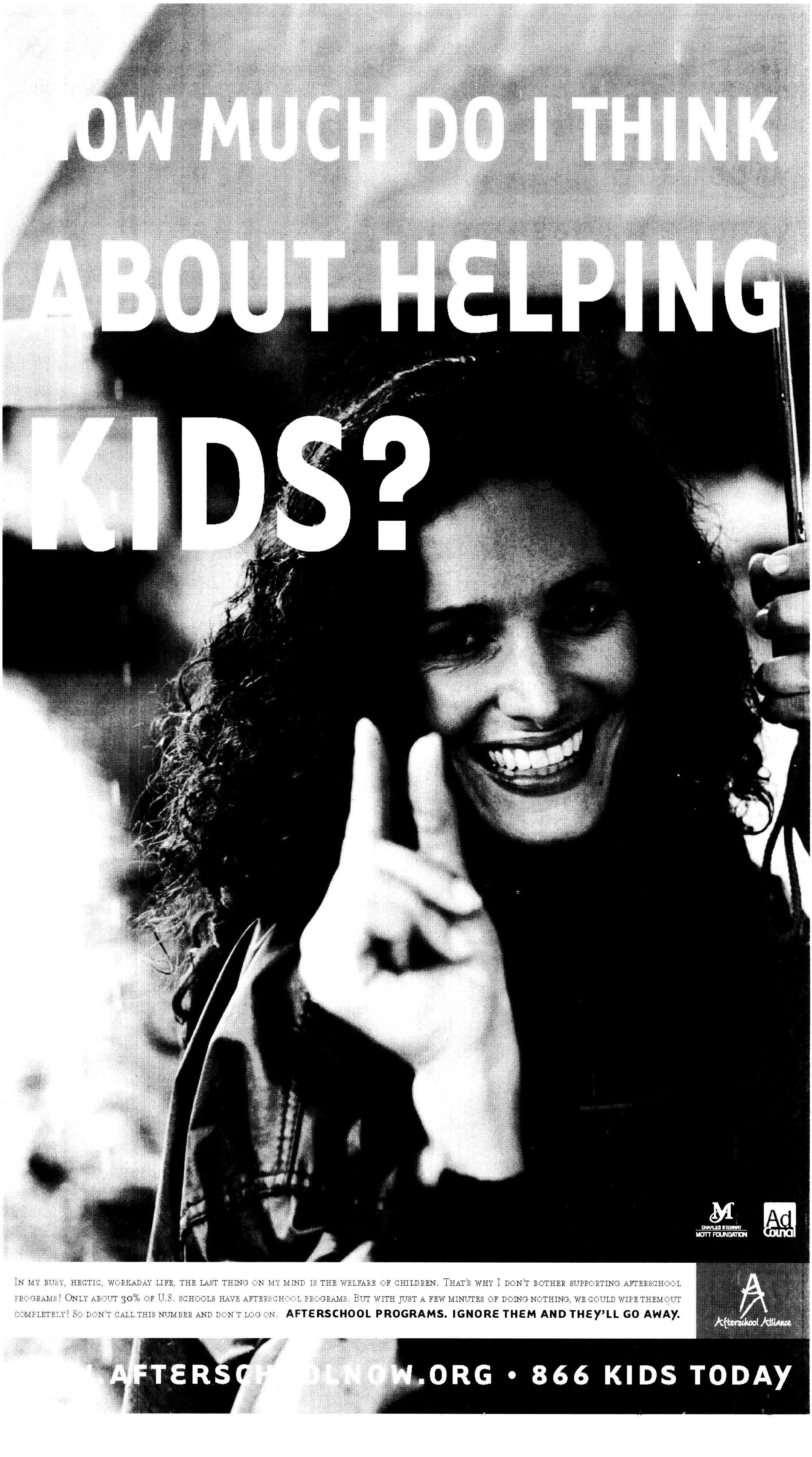
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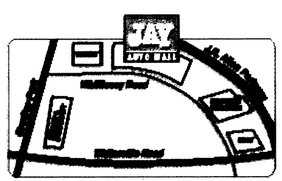
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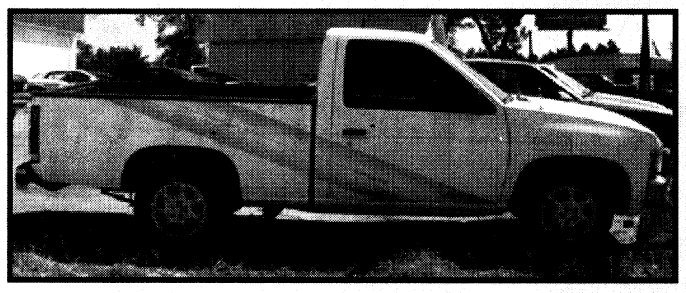


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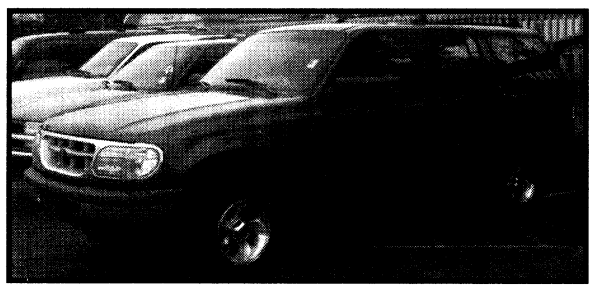
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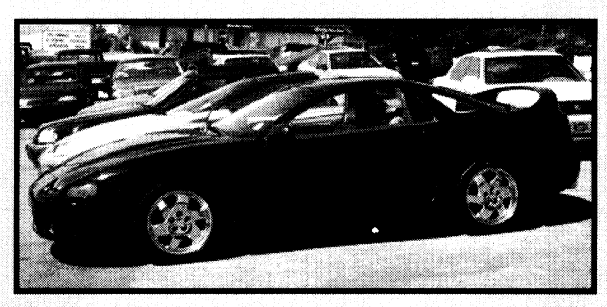
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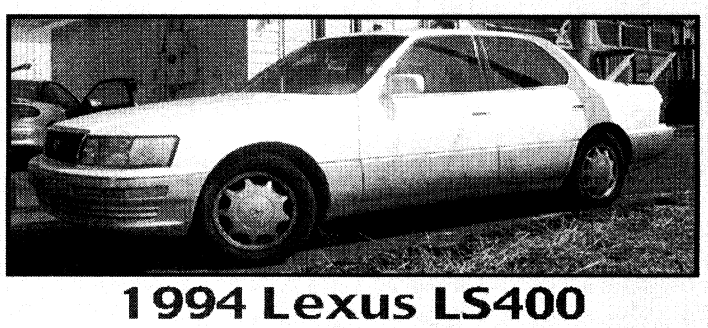
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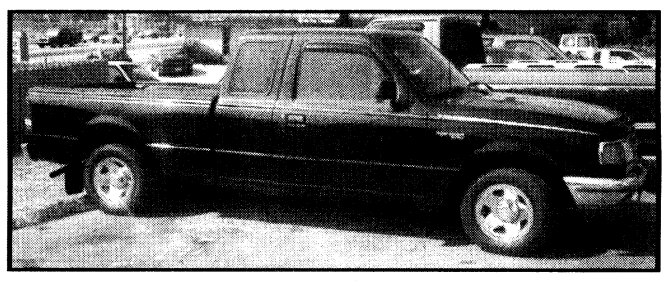
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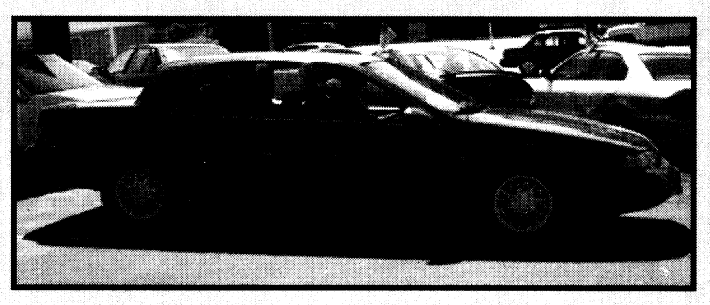
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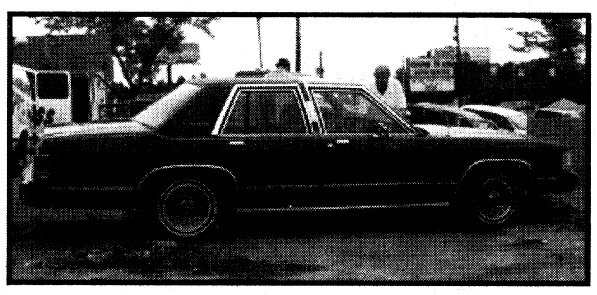
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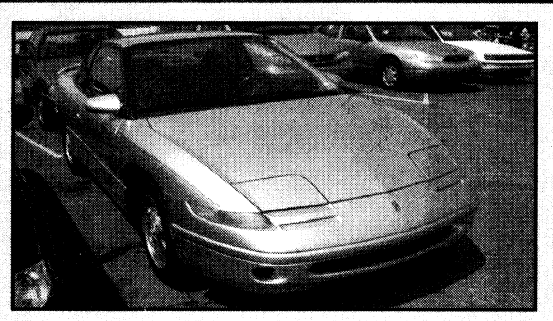
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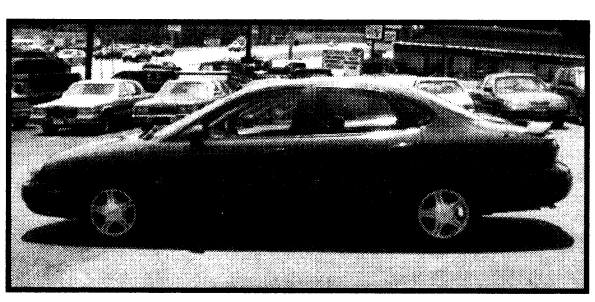
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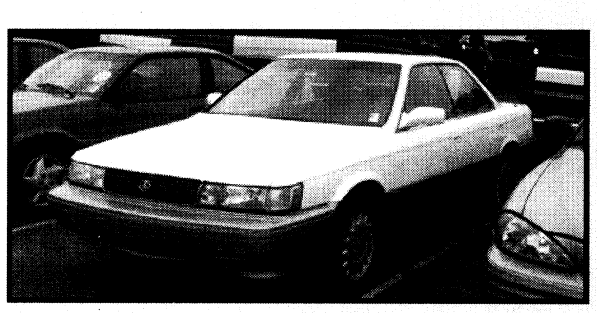
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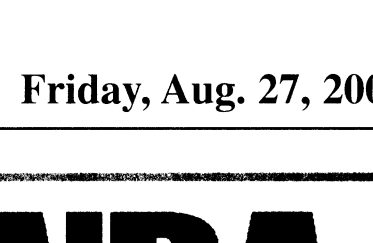
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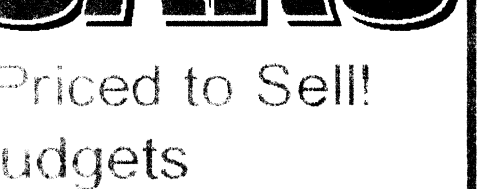

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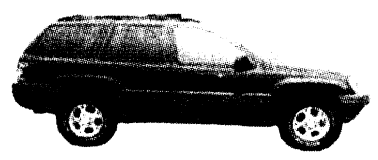

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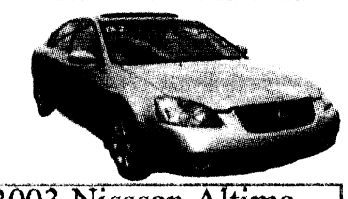

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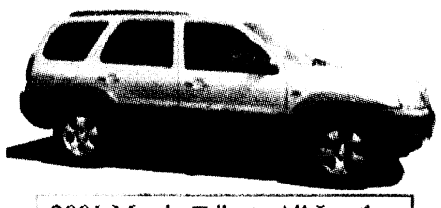

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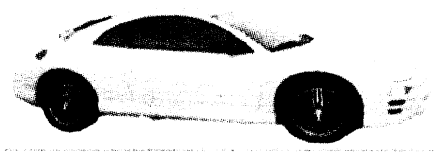

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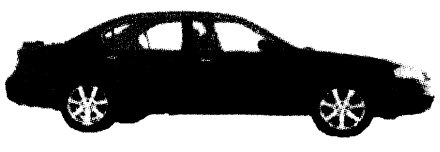

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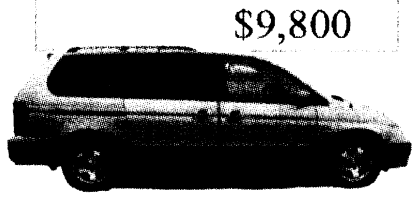

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2000 Volvo S-40
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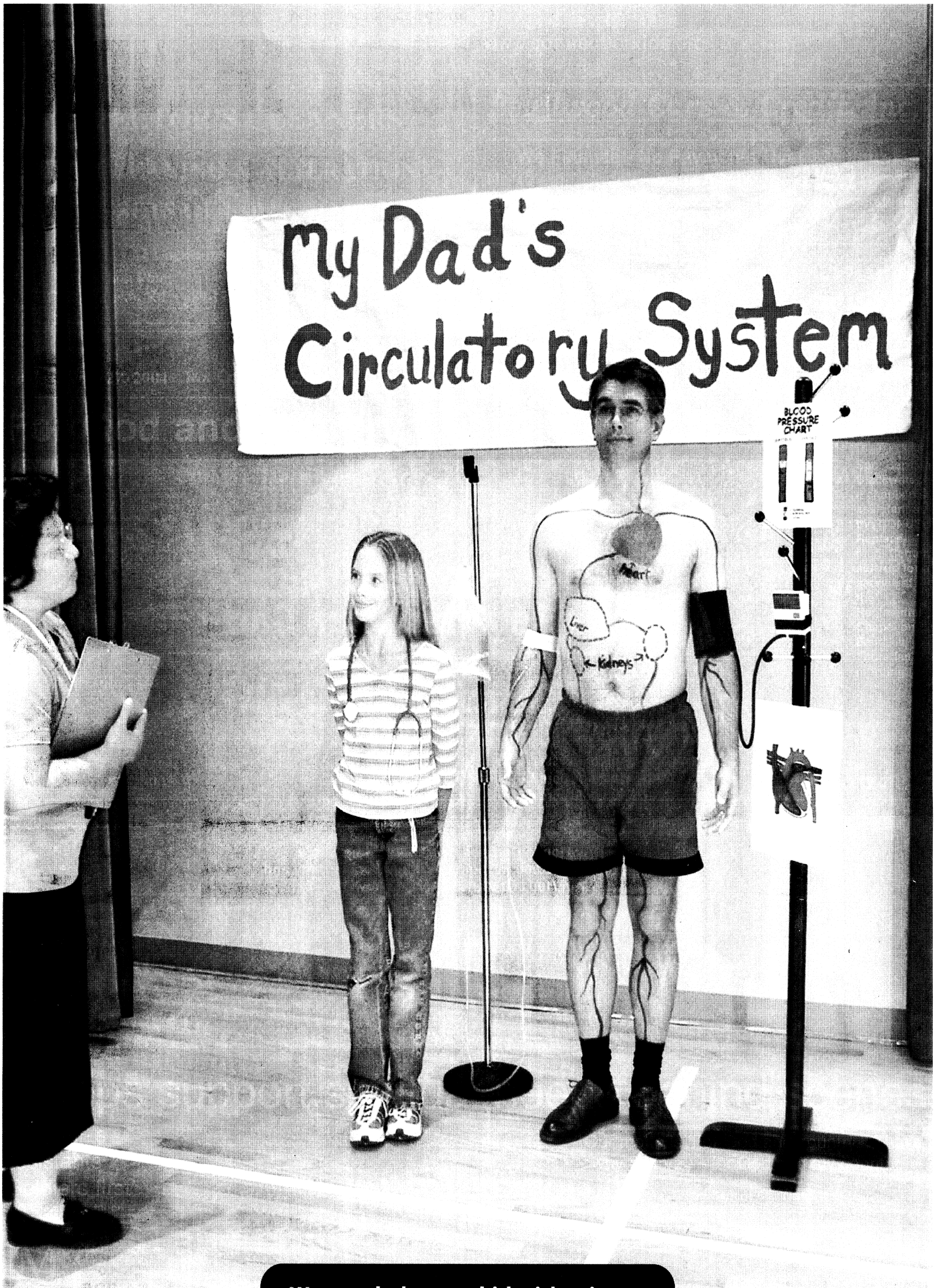
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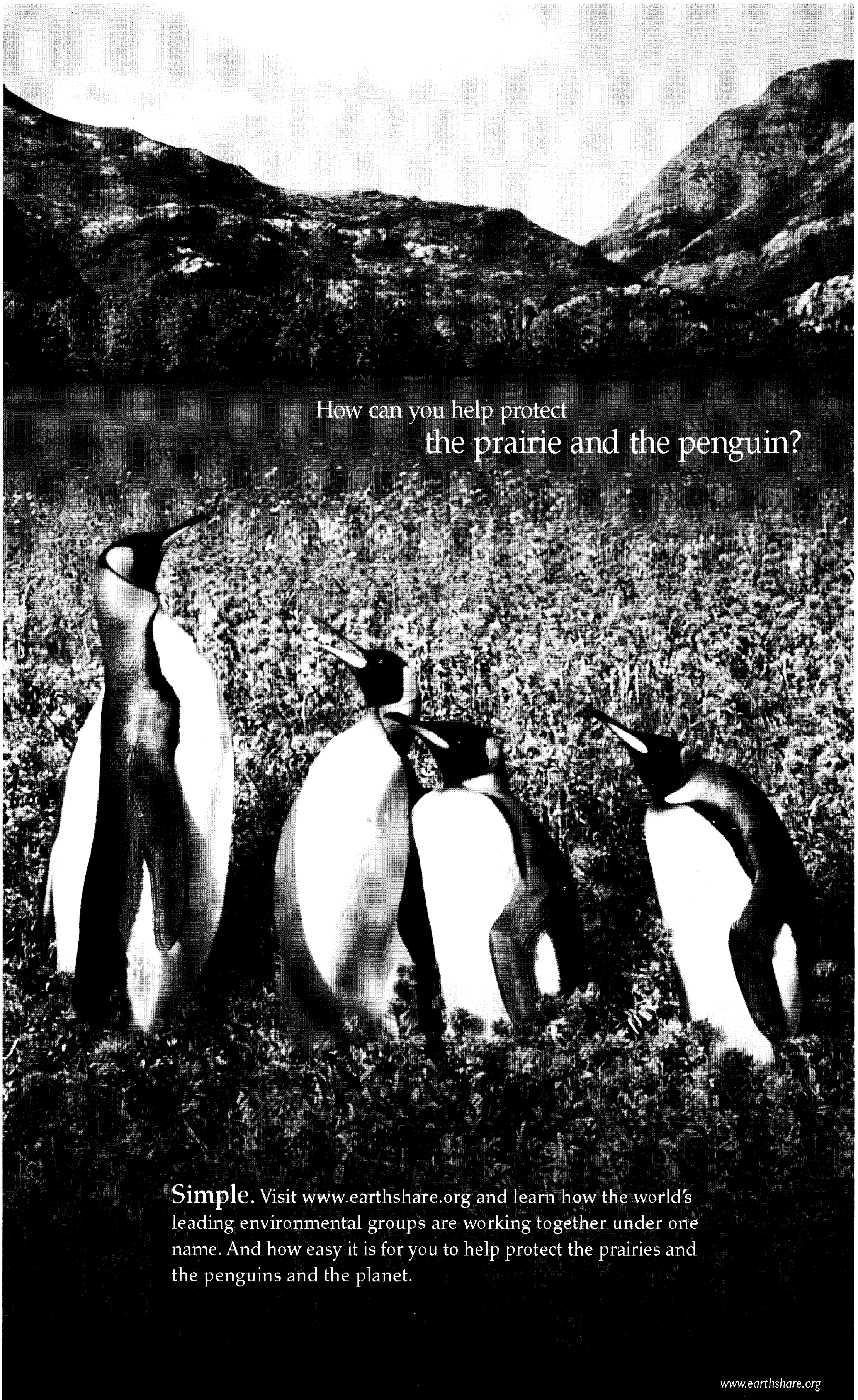
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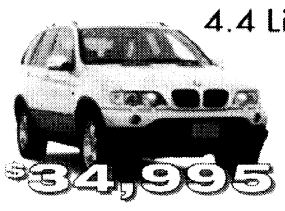
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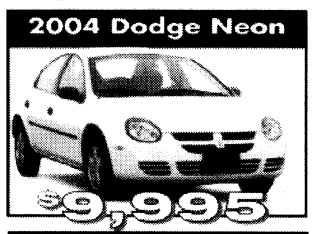
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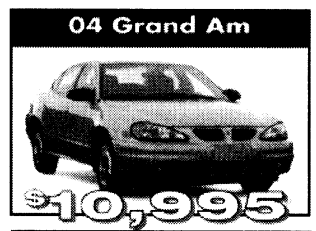
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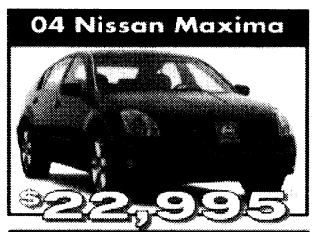
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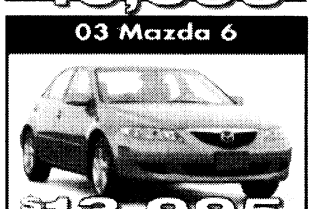
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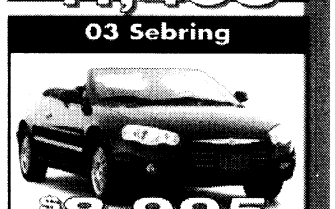
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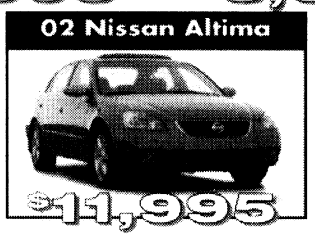
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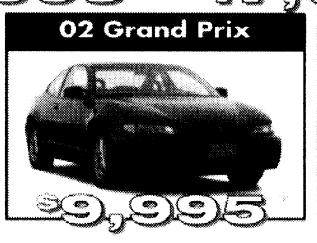
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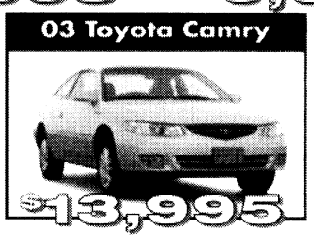
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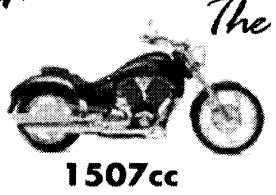
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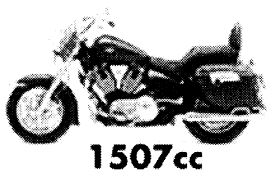
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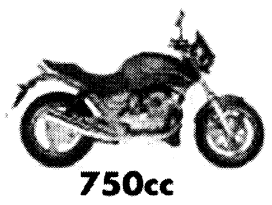
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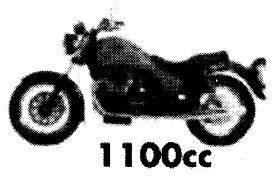
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Army's top NCO talks transformation

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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston toured Fort Benning last week. The Army's highest-ranking NCO, fresh from visits with U.S. troops in Europe and the Middle East, delivered a message of encouragement to the families of Sand Hill's newest Soldiers.

"Aside from what you see on CNN and Fox, there are thousands and thousands of good things our Soldiers are doing over there that never make the news," Preston said during an Infantry Training Brigade graduation ceremony on Kanell Field Aug. 27.

Preston gave a snapshot of what he's seen in the eight months since he was sworn in as the Army's 13th sergeant major. He spoke of "bridge building" in Bulgaria, where U.S. troops are working hand-in-hand with Bulgarian troops to vitalize our alliance there.

He spoke of burgeoning relationships between U.S.

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Kelley Hill mini-mall on track

Complex currently set to open in March

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Construction on the Kelley Hill mini-mall is right on track.

The mini-mall, which is being built next to the Kelley Hill Recreation Center, is currently set to open in March 2005, said Glenn Schubert, Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager for Fort Benning.

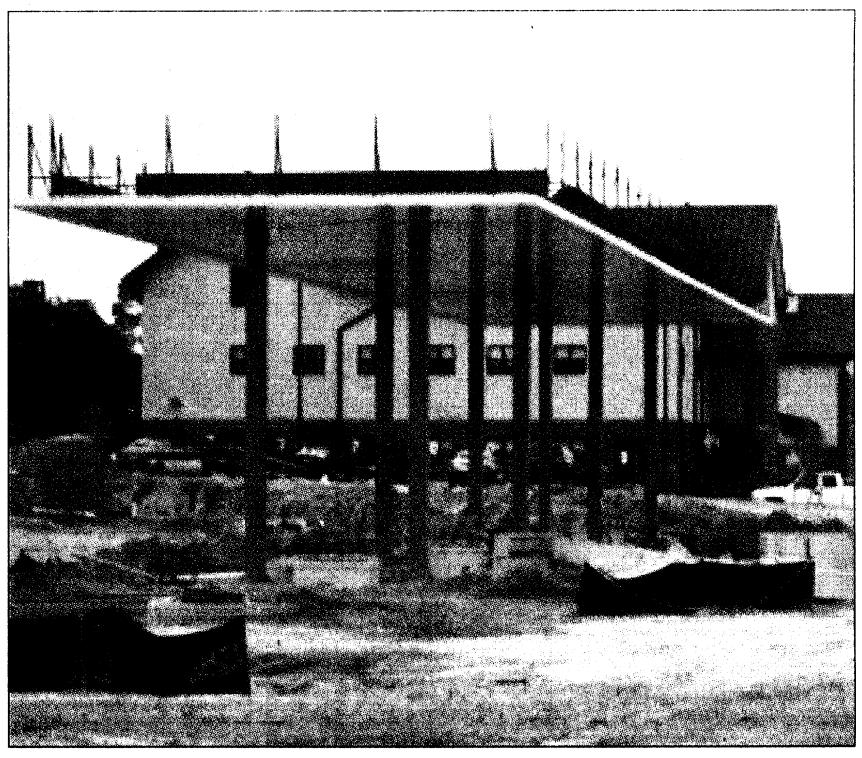
The $4.3 million complex will include a shoppette, a gas station with four dispensers, a Burger King with a drive-through, a barber shop, a laundry and dry cleaners, an amusement center and three roving concession stands.

Schubert said the need for a bigger shoppette became apparent in 1998, when construction on Kelley Hill barracks began.

"We determined that the shoppette already there wouldn't be adequate — there's not enough space to take care of all the troops up there," he said.

The current shoppette is only 2,000 square feet; the new mini-mall will be 17,000 square feet all together, 8,000 square feet of which will be the new

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Melissa House

Construction on the new Kelley Hill mini-mall is on track and is expected to be completed in January.

Post Rangers set world record

Troops first to complete 267.5-mile relay race

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Since their conception, Army Rangers have led the way through places most would avoid, and have made the impossible possible.

Now, some local Soldiers have continued that tradition in their sports endeavors.

Call it motivation, grit or determination, but three Rangers and a Georgia Tech graduate joined forces to set a world record in the Volunteer State 267.5-Miler last month.

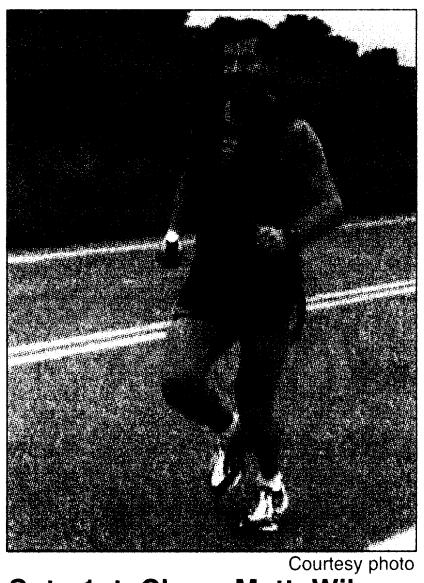
The race, which started in Dorena, Mo., and ended in Mount Eagle, Tenn., can be run by individuals or with relay teams, and until this year, the relay race has never been completed.

Sgt. 1st Class Matt Wilson, Staff Sgt. John Sheaffer and Staff Sgt. Norm Shaver, all from the 75th Ranger Regiment, and Carl Laniak, of Atlanta, not only became the first team to complete the race, they tackled the grueling 267.5-mile course in 41:38:20, surpassing their goal of 48 hours.

"We figured that if we went non-stop, we could finish in two days, but nobody thought we could do it so we wanted to prove them wrong," Wilson said.

"We heard of other relay teams who failed in the past and we decided we weren't going to be those guys," Sheaffer said.

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Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Matt Wilson, above, and Staff Sgt. John Sheaffer ran the race four months after placing second in the Best Ranger competition.

NSPS to alter civilian jobs

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

The upcoming changes to the civilian personnel system prompted a town-hall meeting in Infantry Hall Aug. 27 with David Snyder, the assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel Policy.

In November, President George W. Bush authorized the National Security Personnel System when he signed the National Defense Authorization Act. This allows the Department of Defense to establish new rules for hiring, assignment, compensation, promotion and disciplinary actions.

Snyder came to post to update civilians and the military who employ them about the progress of the system that was co-authored by the secretary of Defense and the director of the Office of Personnel Management.

"The current system is inadequate," Snyder said. "Hiring is too slow, outstanding performers get the same pay as poor performers, there is limited flexibility to reassign and limited accountability."

The focus of NSPS, he said, is to fix these four areas while preserving the core and values of the civil service.

The big picture is there is no change in the Title V merit system principles, he said.

"One change will be how we classify people — GS to wage grade and staffing. Direct hire authority will simplify the appointment procedures," he

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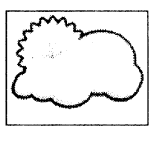
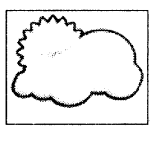
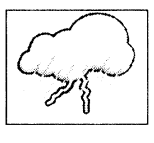


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Make your own 'grand' relationship

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



Perhaps it's true that blood is thicker than water, but the Army's "watered down" version of family is anything but. Ask a combat veteran or his "veteran" wife — they'll tell you those who've shared their experiences, at home or abroad, are "just like family," sometimes closer.

The one familial relationship that tends to suffer is the grandest of all — the grandparent-grandchild relationship — which by God's great design is typically the most instantaneously rewarding for children.

Siblings are a nuisance and a constant source of rivalry, and their value isn't often recognized until adulthood. Mom and Dad are way too concerned about schoolwork and junk food.

Ah, but Grandma and Grandpa! She bakes cookies — eat all you want. He has a pocketful of change and a need to spend.

Despite the bifocals, she never seems to notice sticky hands or messy walls. He wears his belt closer to his shoulders than his waist, but he doesn't seem to mind that Junior's knickers sag to his knees.

They're always loving, seldom critical and never too busy.

They're Grandma and Grandpa.

And if they're like the millions of other military grandparents, they're hundreds of miles away.

E-mail and phone calls are wonderful. I highly recommend them. But there's something to be said with frequent face-to-face interaction between children and seniors — loving, patient, enthusiastic, curious, vibrant seniors.

And if there's one thing we've learned from this nomadic life, it's this: That loving, patient, enthusiastic, curious, vibrant senior does not have to be related.

In all the places we've been stationed, we've sought and nurtured "grandparently" relationships with our senior friends — typically friends we meet at church. And in all the places we've lived, we've met seniors who need us as much as we need them.

Alton and Creamonia Ford are just such a couple. He's a retired Soldier, she a spunky little lady who never lets her feeble legs slow her down. They have no children; it's just the three of them — Mr. and Mrs. Ford and her walker. They go everywhere together, and they never miss a church service. That's where we met them.

We enjoy them for their unconditional love and acceptance — they've seen it all and nothing we can do or say surprises them. We enjoy his stories, and he enjoys telling them.

We love his silly jokes. We love that they hug with abandon.

In return for the gift of their companionship, we help them with the lawn work and give them a ride to and from church when he's not up for the drive. It's a fair trade, I think.

We genuinely love our surrogate grandparents, but I admit I have ulterior motives for the relationship. I like "what's in it" for the children.

My boys have experienced the rewards of "helping out" for the sake of "helping out."

The girls dote on Mrs. Ford, carrying her afghan and pillow for her and making crayon cards.

I like that they've all learned not to be intimidated by Mrs. Ford's disabilities. They've learned that a smile and a hug says all that really matters when her hearing's not so good.

Yep, there's much to be gained from "grand" relationships, whether or not they're blood-born.

This Grandparents Day, Sept. 12, be sure to send your love to the old folks back home. Then find one or two a little closer — at church, at a local nursing home, at VistaCare or down at the VFW — and foster a relationship your children will cherish for the rest of their lives.

Happy Grandparents Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ford. We love you.

Alzheimer's taking Pops from family

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



The only grandfather I've ever known is slowly slipping away. A drunken driver took the other before I was even born. Now, Alzheimer's is taking Pops.

Theoretically, I suppose, I ought to take comfort in the fact that Pops has lived a full life. He saw his three children grow to adulthood, marry and have children.

Last October, I took my boys to Pops' 90th birthday party at his favorite restaurant. My aunt insisted that it be a surprise, naturally prompting us all to fear for Pops' physical health.

The party went off without a hitch. Six of his grandchildren were there — the youngest called from Iraq — and seven great-grandchildren were there, as well. I saw Pops cry, and it was wonderful. I'm glad my boys were there to see it.

Earlier this year, Pops was reminiscing about his Army service. He mentioned he'd like to take another train ride to San Francisco, like the one he took when he shipped off to Hawaii for his three-year enlistment.

So my father blocked off a week, arranged flights in Baltimore, and booked train passage from Chicago westward.

Pops had the itinerary tucked in his pocket and read it over while we were visiting in July. He reminisced about getting to Portland with around $100 in his pocket while the rest of his buddies were broke. It was 1940.

But before my boys even got the postcard from Colorado, the trip was over.

Alzheimer's patients need daily routines, and Pops couldn't handle the unfamiliar surroundings or schedule. When they left the train to spend the night with my cousin in San Jose, Calif., Pops announced he was not, under any circumstances, getting back on the train. Portland be damned.

So Dad changed gears and bought airline tickets for three. My uncle, who had flown from Texas, was going to accompany them on the train leg east. But for all the inconvenience, the most sobering and depressing thing happened. Pops didn't recognize my uncle. For the remainder of the trip, he kept asking who the "ghost" was, and why the ghost kept ordering him around.

This may mean the beginning of the end. The medication, meant to slow down the disease's progression, may not be helping any longer. Dad is looking for care options for Pops, because he's becoming more and more difficult for my grandmother to care for alone.

So, this year, I'm looking to Grandparents Day with mixed emotions.

It was founded by Marian McQuade in 1970 to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. The mother of 15 and grandmother of 40 wanted to persuade grandchildren to tap into their grandparents' wisdom and heritage. And in 1978, she saw her efforts rewarded when President Jimmy Carter proclaimed Grandparents Day as the first Sunday after Labor Day.

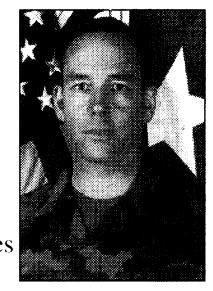
I've observed Grandparents Day for many years, and make every effort to talk with my grandparents often.

McQuade chose September to signify the "autumn years of life." And Pops and Grams, at almost 91 and 86 respectively, are certainly in their autumn years.

I know they will not be around forever. We'll send cards and call and hope Pops knows who we are, even if for just a brief moment.

BE SAFE!

Preparation key for prevention



Every Labor Day weekend the highways are crowded with people enjoying the year's last summer holiday. Many families plan extended weekends and travel great distances. Traffic accidents reach their peak during this holiday.

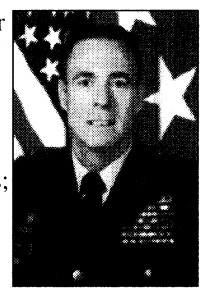
Our goal is for Fort Benning to be accident-free. This can only be achieved if everyone is involved in the effort. Each of you must do the following:

- Drive and boat defensively. Stay alert and sober.
- Always wear seat belts in vehicles and personal flotation devices on the water.
- Swim only with lifeguards present.

Commanders will ensure all personnel view the *Be Safe* video and take the ASMIS-1 POV Risk Assessment Tool at the Army Safety Web site. Take the time to think and act safely during this holiday. Have fun and enjoy a safe holiday.

— Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley
Commanding General

Let's emphasize safety, end accident trend



During the past 90 days, TRADOC has lost eight Soldiers to accidents. Our accidental death toll to date for the fiscal year is 17 Soldiers, 14 were killed in POV accidents. In almost all cases these losses were preventable.

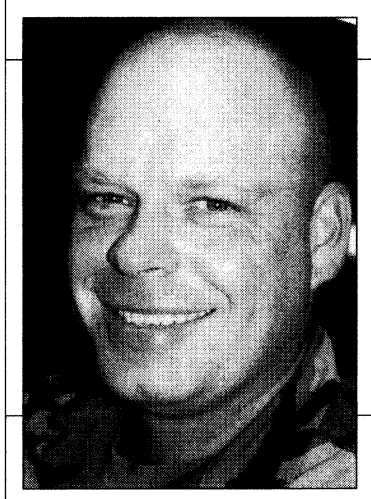
I expect leadership to ensure this trend does not continue. Increase emphasis on POV accident prevention. Review internal procedures to ensure all leaders use the U.S. Army Safety Center POV Accident Toolbox; the automated risk assessment for travel is used; Soldiers know the causes of POV accidents; leave and pass policies don't put personnel at risk; and first-line intervention measures are in place. Finally, ensure all accidents are investigated, fatality after-action review boards are conducted and lessons learned are publicized.

As we near the end of the summer season, let's focus on safety. Command involvement and participation of first-line leaders and supervisors in accident prevention and safety awareness efforts do make a difference.

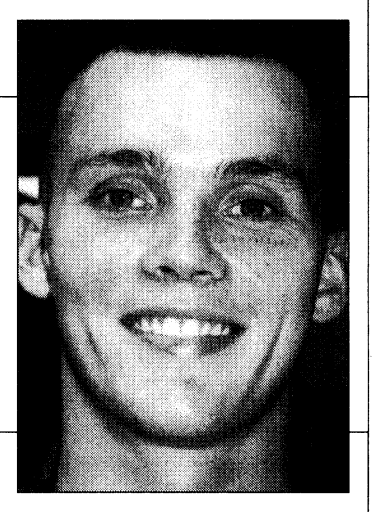
— Gen. Kevin Byrnes
TRADOC commander

VARIOUS VOICES

What are your favorite "grandparent" memories?



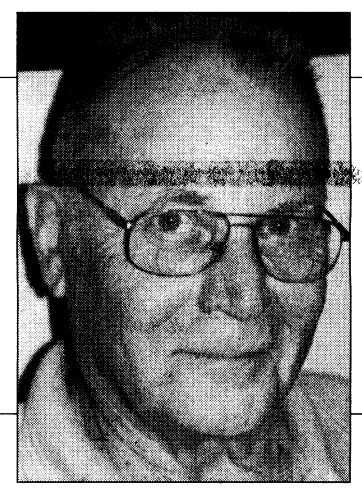
Sgt. Lonny Riley, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment — "She made everything homemade. I remember getting up at 3 a.m. to help her make donuts from scratch. When I played football, she made them for the whole team."



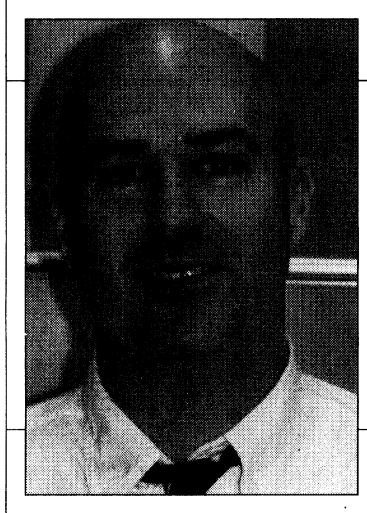
Staff Sgt. Robert Cartwright, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment — "My grandfather used to pull us through the state woods with his Bronco. We were on those old Red Rider sleds."



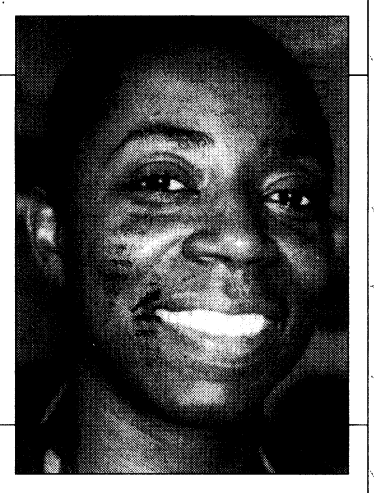
Sharon Anderson, Child and Youth Services — "My dad was in the Army, so we lived everywhere. One of my favorite memories is when we'd come back to Georgia and my grandfather — he always wore coveralls — he'd gather us around and give us all a nickel."



Retired Master Sgt. Finley Williamson, Harris County — "I have four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. My favorite thing to do is take them fishing."



Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Stewart, 4th Ranger Training Battalion — "We've had a family tradition for, oh, about 25 years. We play lawn darts — Jarts, they're called. It's always me and my brother against my dad and granddad."



Staff Sgt. Hellen Smoaks, 214th MP Company — "My favorite memory is going down to the country every summer to help them in the garden. We used to help my grandfather with the mule and plow."

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Post lauds women's equality

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Members of the tricommunity gathered Aug. 26 to celebrate Women's Equality Day during a luncheon at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

The program, centered on this year's theme "Continuing the Struggle for Equal Rights," was sponsored by the 36th Engineer Group and featured guest speaker Vivian C. Bishop, clerk of the Muscogee Municipal Court.

"By observing this celebration, we ensure the fight for equality continues," said Staff Sgt. Lisa Billingslea, the event's coordinator.

Women's Equality Day commemorates the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which specifically guaranteed women the right to vote. Originally ratified by the Tennessee legislature on Aug. 18, 1920, the amendment was declared part of the Constitution on Aug. 26, 1920.

"It is important to pause today and think what we're all about," said Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley. "We retain the right to vote and practice the right to vote."

He shared a story of a sergeant major he met who had spent 10 years in Ranger units, who told him he never thought women should be in the Army.

The senior NCO said he changed his mind after he went to Afghanistan and saw the female military police and the hard work they were doing.

"The sad part," Freakley said, "is that it took 25 years for him to have that epiphany. If you don't get it, you shouldn't be in the Army."


Bishop

Freakley said it is "unbelievable" that it took an amendment to give women the right to vote — to have an "equal chance to be all they can be" — and urged the audience to focus on continuing the struggle.

He introduced Bishop, born at Fort Benning to a career Soldier, as "one who has lived the (military) life."

"She is the epitome of servant leadership," Freakley said. "It's just like the Army value of selfless service."

Bishop is an active participant in a number of civic and political organizations and has earned numerous awards for her public service and community involvement.

Bishop said the ratification of the 19th Amendment was the culmination of a massive and peaceful civil rights struggle — one that isn't completely over.

She illustrated her point with a personal example from her 16 years working in the Georgia State Department of Corrections.

After 12 years working as the account technician for a local corrections institution, Bishop said the business manager position came open. She applied, and was one of five selected to interview.

"They eliminated two," Bishop said, "and I knew I had the job."

Bishop had been the acting manager for the facility with 200 employees, 400 inmates and a $20 million budget.

"I was counting my chickens," she said. "I did not get that job because I was a female."

When she asked why she wasn't hired, she was told it was "really a man's job." She then spent the next few months training the new male hire. Shortly after that, she resigned and started her own business.

Bishop likened women and their struggle for equality to runners in a marathon. Notable women "racers," she said, include Eleanor Roosevelt and less well-known women like Gertrude Lerner, who led an underground resistance movement against the Nazis.

One of her personal mentors, she said, is "marathon runner" Dorothy Hite, now 93.

"Dorothy Hite fearlessly expressed herself at a young age," Bishop said. "And she joined the quest for women's full employment and educational advancement."

Through her involvement with the Young Women's Christian Association, Bishop said Hite opened national dialogue between women of all nationalities about the civil rights movement.

Although there are new opportunities for women today, Bishop said there are still challenges.

"It is our responsibility to continue the race — to re-energize, reconnect and refocus," she said. "The race requires heart, commitment and a focus on the finish. We can't be distracted.

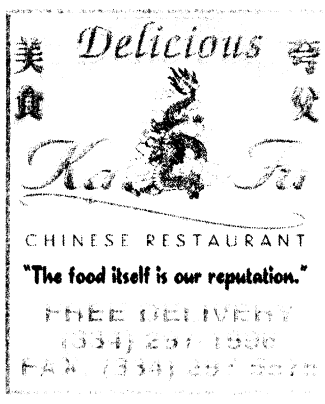
"I challenge everyone to continue the marathon and go for the gold," she said.

Freakley urged the audience to carry Bishop's message forward.

"We'll never change a thing if we don't act," he said. "We should never settle for complacency, but move toward excellence."



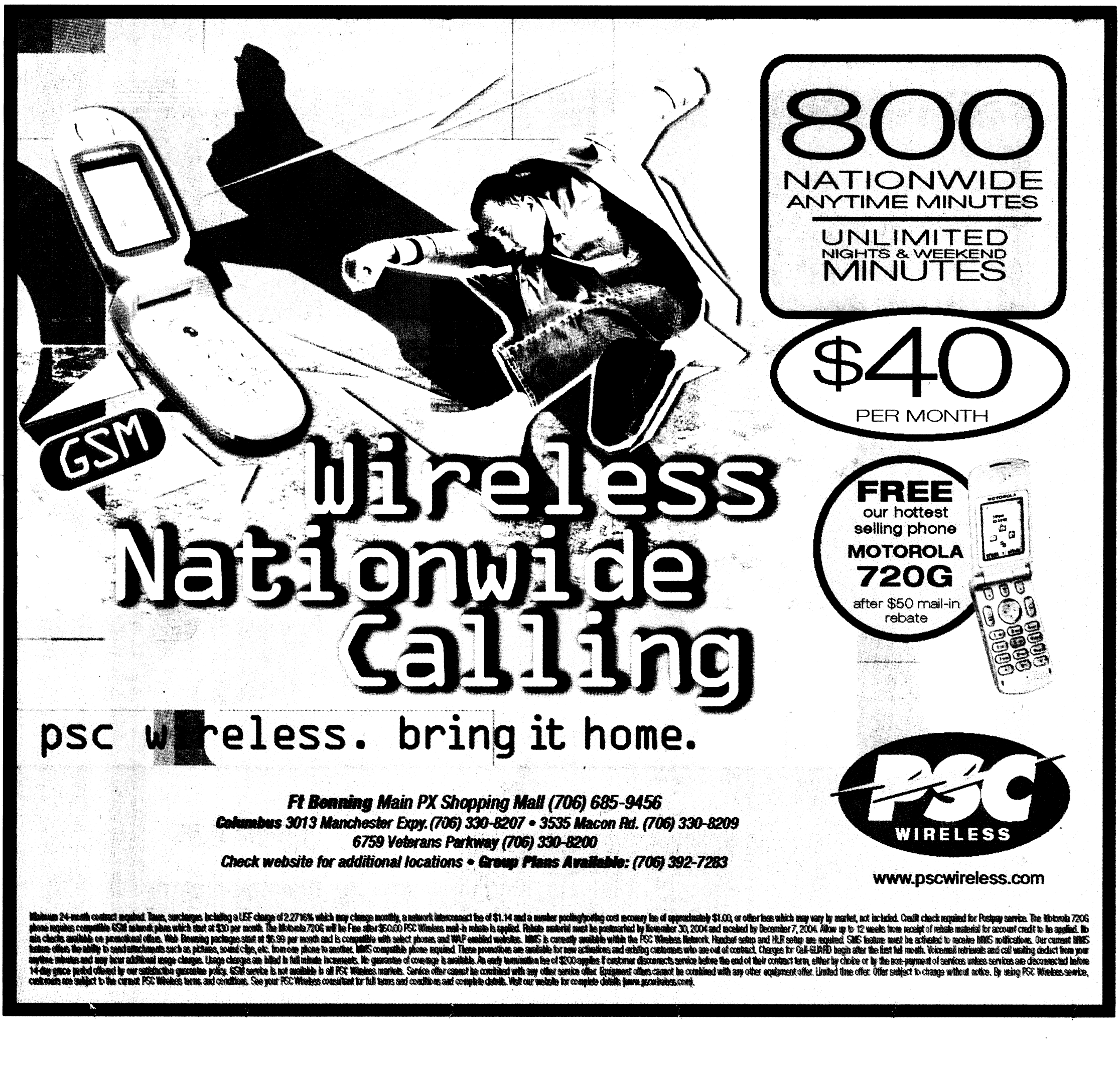




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POW/MIAs to be honored

Tricommunity plans activities for Sept. 17-18

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. James E. Sehorn spent 63 months as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

Now, 31 years later, he will share his experiences as the keynote speaker at Fort Benning's annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony.

The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Follow Me statue in front of Infantry Hall.

Sehorn began his Air Force career in 1963 as a pilot. After serving in England, Sehorn volunteered for duty in Southeast Asia. Sehorn was shot down and captured in North Vietnam on Dec. 14, 1967. He was released on March 14, 1973, more than five years later.

After his return to the states, he served in a variety of staff and command assignments. The general retired in January 1994, after more than 30 years of service.

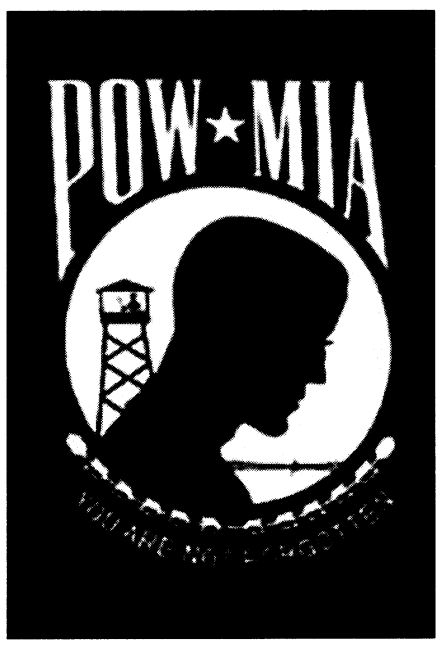
Sehorn, an accomplished pilot, has clocked more than 6,200 flying hours in various aircraft, including fighters, helicopters and air lifters. His military awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

The general came out of retirement in January 2003 to become Georgia's first Inspector General.

His duties are to improve ethics, integrity and accountability within the government.

Cliff Davis, one of the organizers of the event, said there will be an honor bayonet ceremony preceding the speaker.

"We do this every year and usually between 200 to 250 people, sometimes more, attend," Davis said. "(The ceremony) is to recognize our Soldiers,



the POWs and those still missing in action."

Along with the Fort Benning ceremony, the Fort Benning Sergeant Major Association will also host an event to honor POW/MIAs.

The first Tricommunity POW/MIA Freedom Ride and the unveiling of a POW/MIA monument, as well as a wreath laying ceremony, will be Sept. 18.

Sgt. Maj. Jan Stegeman, president of the SGMA, said members of the organization suggested doing something in the tricommunity area to honor POW/MIAs.

"We wanted a monument with an eagle, which symbolizes America and our freedom," Stegeman said.

The monument will be made of black granite, 3 feet wide and 8 feet tall. It will be engraved with the POW/MIA emblem and with the words, "You are not forgotten, from the Fort Benning Sergeant Major Association."

A bronze eagle is offset from the monument with a chain attached from one talon to the top of the monument, symbolic of Soldiers trying to break free from their captors.

The back of the monument will bear a list of the wars America has been involved in, each conflict, what it was, the years engaged and number of POWs and MIAs.

There will be three identical monuments erected throughout the tricommunity area.

The first monument, which will be dedicated at 11 a.m. Sept. 18, will be on the 10th Street side of the Columbus Government Center. In 2005, the SGMA will dedicate a monument on Fort Benning at the Infantry Museum, across from Sacrifice Field.

Phenix City's monument will be dedicated in 2006; however, exactly where the monument will be located is still up in the air, said Jim Fowler, an organizer and member of SGMA.

Besides the monument dedication, there will also be a motorcycle Freedom Ride and festivities at Golden Park, beside the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 18.

Gates open at 6:30 a.m. and beginning at 8 a.m. the Rangers will perform hand-to-hand combat demonstrations, the Silver Wings Parachute Team will jump into Golden Park and there will be a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the new Stryker on hand.

The actual ride will begin at 9 a.m., and the route will take the riders past each future monument location in Phenix City and Fort Benning before ending at the monument site in Columbus.

Following the monument dedication there will be free hamburgers and hotdogs.

"This is way more than just a biker thing. We want the public to come and climb around on the military vehicles," Fowler said. "We want people to see a different side of bikers; many of them are vets."

Money raised from the annual event will go toward building, maintaining and enhancing all three monuments.

The cost of the ride is $15 per person for pre-registration or $18 at the gate.

For more information, or to pre-register, go to www.fbgsma.com or call Stegeman at 575-8023.

Event pays tribute to victims of 9-11

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

In honor of the men and women who lost their lives during the 9-11 terrorist attacks, the Fort Benning chaplains have organized a Day of Remembrance.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

The highlight of the ceremony will be brief talks by uniformed personnel who assisted in the clean-up and recovery work at Ground Zero, said Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin.

The program will also include remarks by Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general, piano music, the singing of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, scripture reading, a memorial prayer, a vocal musical selection, a moment of silence and the playing of Taps.

"It is a time for remembrance for those who were lost in the three locations that day," Cocklin said. "It's a time to renew our commitment to the war on terrorism, a result of those attacks."

Due to the theme of the program — "Why We Must Remember," — Chaplain (Maj.) Sandy McLean, the organizer of the event, felt it was important to have speakers who had physically been involved with 9-11.

"I tried to get firemen from New York City to come, but that fell through. Instead, I found police from Columbus who had volunteered," McLean said.

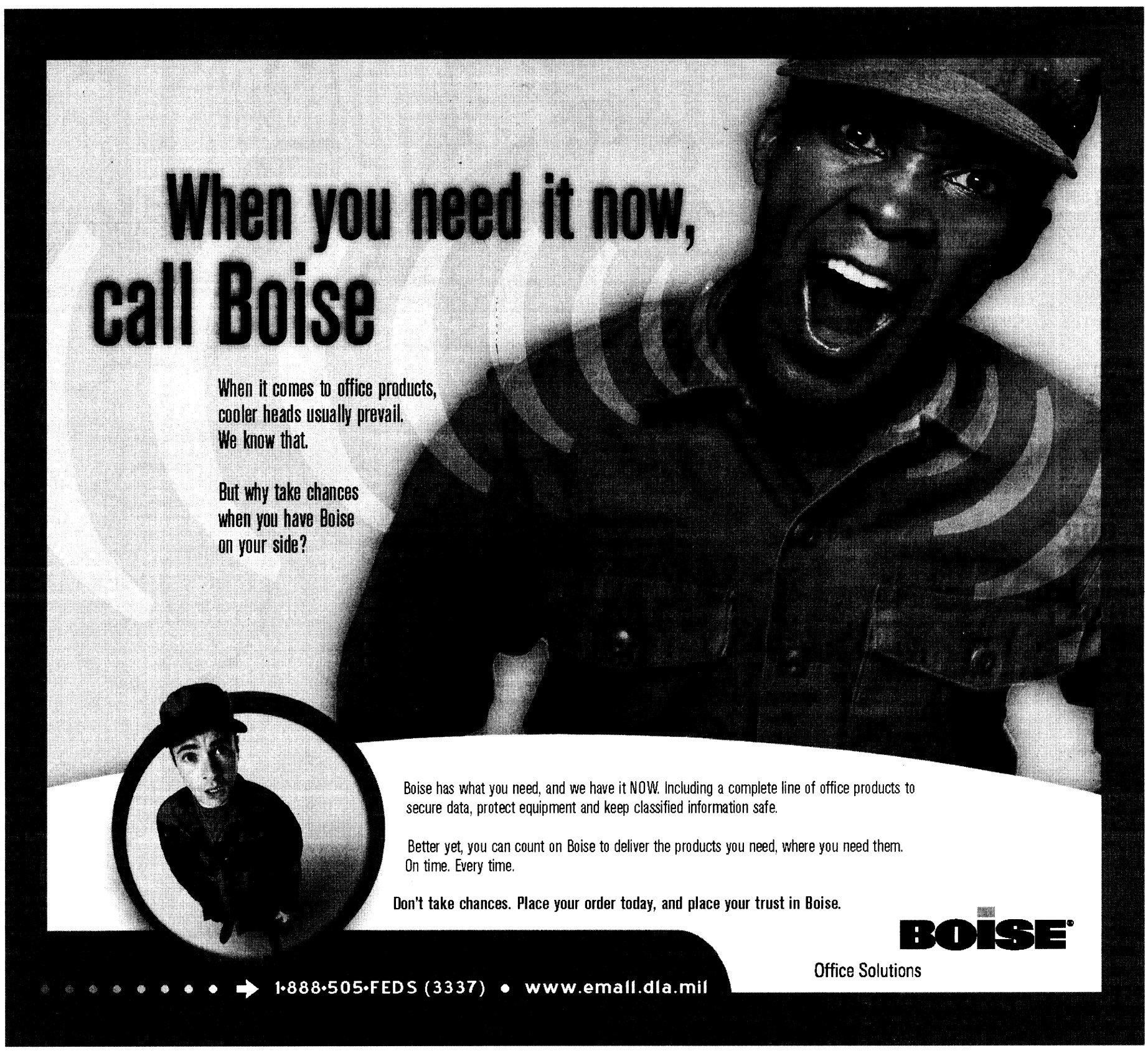
"We want people to understand why we need to remember 9-11. It is significant in history, and hopefully, the speakers will mention why it has changed the way we think about our nation forever and how we go about business. We can no longer think of ourselves as invulnerable and untouchable."

Even though most of the world watched the tragic events of 9-11 unfold before their eyes on television, McLean said only those who were actually there at Ground Zero have a full understanding of what really went on.

To McLean, this program is more than just a way to remember those who lost their lives in the attacks; it is a way to remember our duty as Americans.

"It is our duty to remember the fallen and honor them," he said. "It is the duty of every citizen of this country to remember, in some way, what happened on 9-11 and conduct themselves accordingly.

"Remembering helps us keep in focus the idea that we have enemies, that they don't necessarily like the way we do things, who we are, or what we stand for. Because of that, we have to be on our guard. If we forget, we wind up back where we were before 9-11, and it could happen again."



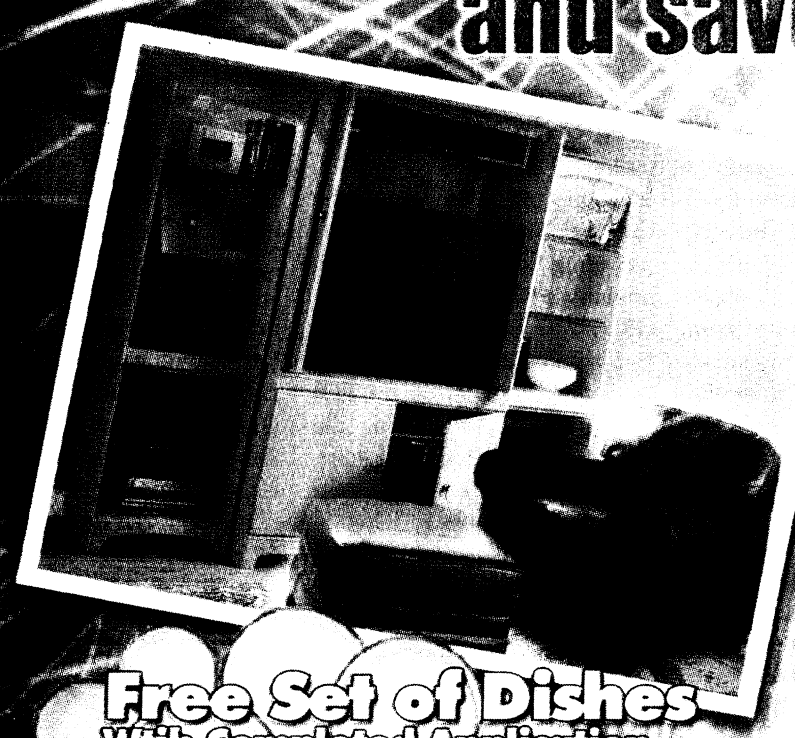
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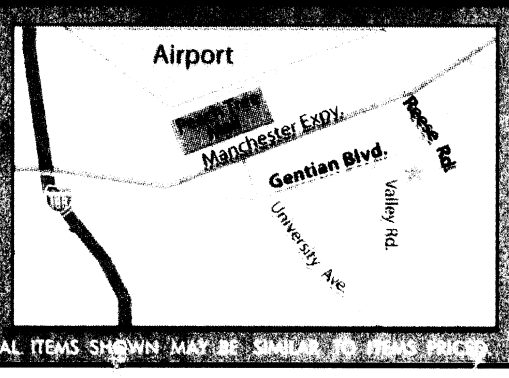
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Air ambulance Soldiers support post mission

NG unit at Benning in support of OIF

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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Their mission *was* to engage and destroy enemy armor; now it's to engage the target and save its life.

The 249th Medical Company is a National Guard unit with Soldiers from New York and Rhode Island currently assigned to Fort Benning while the 498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) is deployed to Iraq.

"We were a newly organized medevac unit when we were mobilized," said Sgt. 1st Class Duane Dobson, aviation operation NCOIC. "We didn't have all the training or the equipment we required to fulfill our mission."

The unit was mobilized in November 2003 and was initially stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., to support the 812th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) during its deployment.

But the 249th had only been a medevac unit for 13 months. Its mission before was as part of the 1st Battalion, 142nd Aviation Regiment.

"We flew Cobras, but once the Army got rid of them, we were reorganized as a medevac unit," Dobson said.

With the help of the 812th Medical Co. at Fort Bragg, the 249th Soldiers were trained and ready to fulfill the mission by the time the 812th deployed.

In late January 2004, they began to support Fort Benning as the 498th Medical Co. was getting ready to deploy. All 128 Soldiers from the 249th arrived at Fort Benning in August. Their mission is to provide aeromedical evacuation and support to Fort Benning; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Bragg; Fort Knox, Ky.; and the Ranger camps in Dahlonega, Ga.; and Florida, said 1st Sgt. Dave Bimber, company first sergeant.



1st Sgt. Dave Bimber

The 249th Medical Company is a National Guard unit assigned to Fort Benning while the 498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) is deployed. Here, they train for a medevac mission.

"The areas we cover are usually covered by three medevac units. At any given time, we'll have 40 people out on missions," Bimber said. "Since January 12th, we've flown 96 dust-off missions and at least 2,300 hours, all this while still maintaining pilots training requirements."

Real missions are referred to as dust-off missions, as opposed to training exercises such as the mass casualty training exercise at Camp Rudder, Fla., they participated in Aug. 25.

"It's a 24-7 operation, 365 days a year," Dobson said. "When we first got here, the maintenance team and the flight platoon were working seven days a week. They worked around the clock to replace six tail bones on the aircraft. There's always various maintenance jobs to do on our 15 Hueys. These guys are always busy."

The unit includes 36 pilots, 35 crew chiefs, an aircraft maintenance team, a ground maintenance team and support Soldiers, including two cooks, Dobson said.

"The make-up of our unit is very unique," said Maj. Marc Boies, commander. "We have about 10 Vietnam-era pilots and most of our pilots are prior service, which makes our job easier."

The 249th's original orders were for one year, but there's possibilities of an extension, Boies said.

"We don't know when we're going home or where we're going tomorrow," Bimber said.

"But this is the mission and we know it's important. We save lives. That alone helps the guys realize that why we are here is good."

Benning, CRC prepared to train involuntarily mobilized IRR Soldiers

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

When the Army announced its plans to order 5,600 Soldier in the Individual Ready Reserve to active duty for possible deployment with the next Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom rotations on July 1, Fort Benning units were already working out ways to train those Soldiers.

Several months ago, post officials pulled out the rapid train-up memorandum of instruction to get ready to accept involuntarily mobilized Soldiers. The first of those Soldiers arrived at Fort Benning Aug. 31, some diverted from Fort Jackson, S.C. and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The diversion eases the burden on those installations, which expect to process anywhere from 600-800 IRR Soldiers per month.

Currently, all 11-series Soldiers process through the post's CONUS Replacement Center, where they receive refresher training in common tasks and MOS-specific refreshers, said CRC commander, Lt. Col. Gary Spry. With the added mission, Fort Benning will now process IRR Soldiers with other job specialties as well. They'll receive seven days of common task training, then receive a set of temporary change of station orders sending them to their MOS school for refresher.

Spry said the CRC normally processes Soldiers already on active duty, but has been training IRR Soldiers who voluntarily activated since June. Since the 30th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) is full because of the increase in the Infantry Training Brigade's mission, the CRC will now assess the involuntarily mobilized IRR Soldiers onto active duty.

"We'll house, feed and clothe them," Spry said. "We're lined up with the initial issue point to issue clothing if they need it."

Soldiers will also receive their CTA-50 and OCIE items. Female Soldiers, he said, will go to the Military Clothing Sales Store for their clothing issue.

In order to help train the extra Soldiers, the CRC will be augmented by Detachment 1, 330th Battalion, 1st Brigade, 84th Division — an 18-man one station unit training company that will mobilize Sept. 7, said Maj. Al Lugo, with the Installation Operation Center. The company will conduct all of the CTT for the rapid train-up.

"It's 70-plus hours of training," Lugo said.

In the meantime, the Basic Combat Training Brigade is providing six drill sergeants to train those who arrive before the OSUT company mobilizes.

Spry said the CRC has had a good relationship with the ITB since they began training the voluntary mobilizations in June. The IRR Soldiers they process will eventually join a CONUS-based unit in enough time to train with that unit before it deploys into theater.

Lugo said a mobilization assistance team from the Human Resources Command at St. Louis is on the ground to manage issues that may arise with the involuntarily mobilized Soldiers. Post agencies, like Army Community Services, will work with the Soldiers to help provide them with information for their families.

Although Spry said the number of extra Soldiers Fort Benning is being asked to train is relatively small, they are prepared to accept more if the Army needs to redirect more Soldiers from the other installations.

"We've got it together," Spry said. "We have a good plan."

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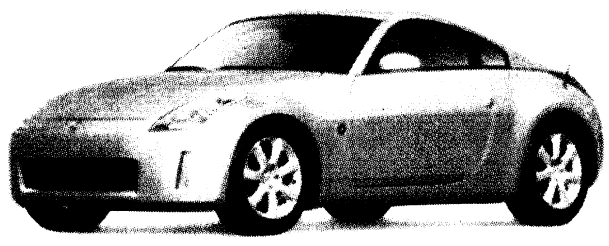
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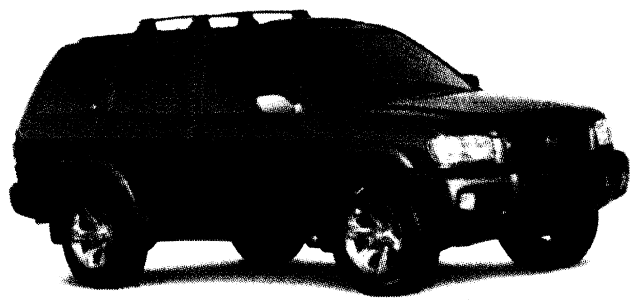
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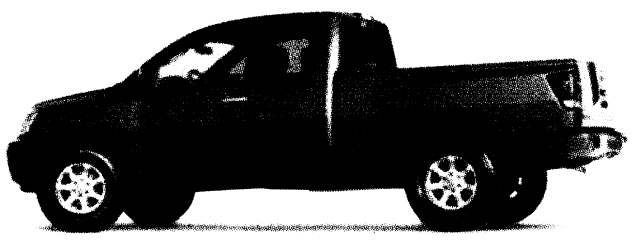
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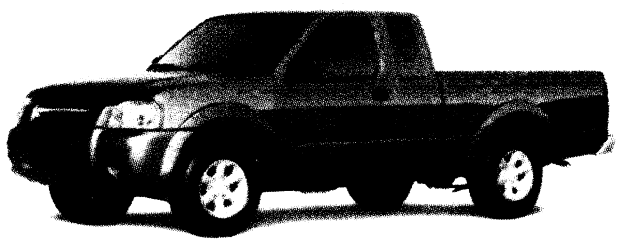
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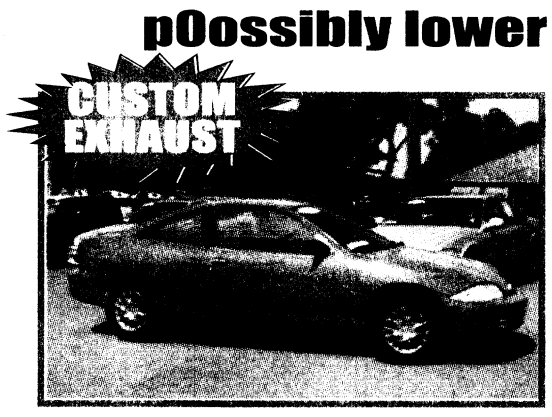
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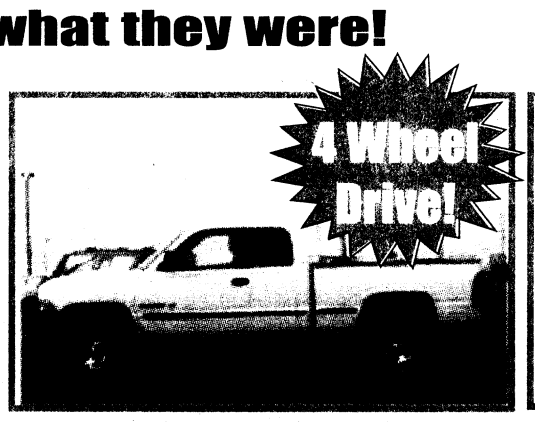
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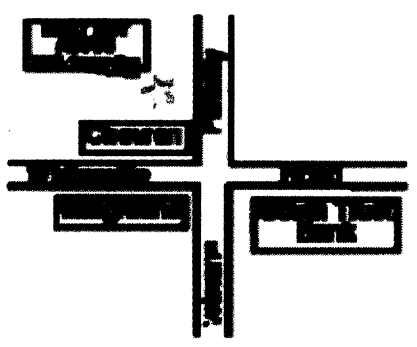
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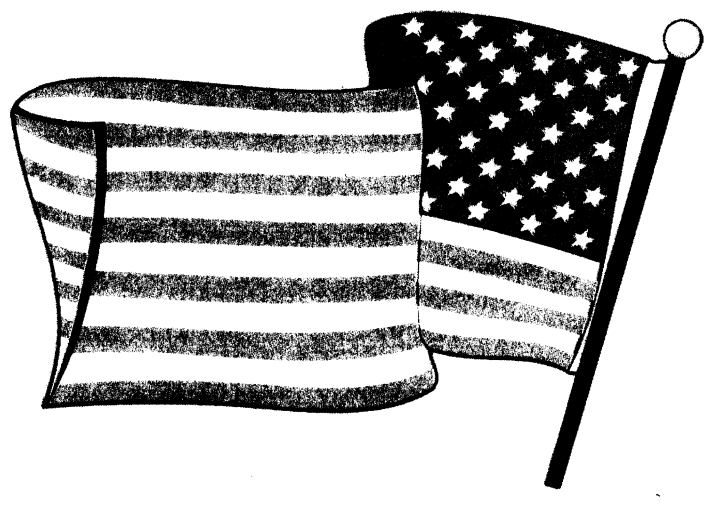
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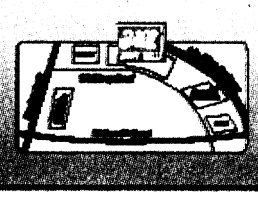
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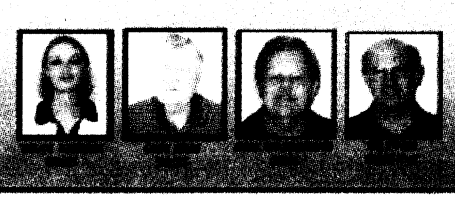
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Company conducts 'Operation Crucible' exercise

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The D Company FTX, also known as "Operation Crucible," is a trainee's hands-on final exam.

Over the past few months, Soldiers of D Co., 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, had a broad spectrum of instructions and lessons on how to live and fight like an infantryman.

The true test of their skills surfaced where they were given a culmination of tasks to accomplish in six days. These tasks are the pinnacle of what they have learned in the last 12 weeks.

Within moments of arriving at the FTX site, perimeters were established, security was emplaced and each platoon started to work on defensive fighting positions. Once completed, the positions are improved upon, checked out by the drill sergeants and then camouflaged.

During the day, Soldiers trained on squad battle drills, first aid and NBC exercises. They were also given further instructions on tactics and operations. Improvised explosive devices and the task of establishing a roadblock and checkpoint were also incorporated into the culmination exercise.

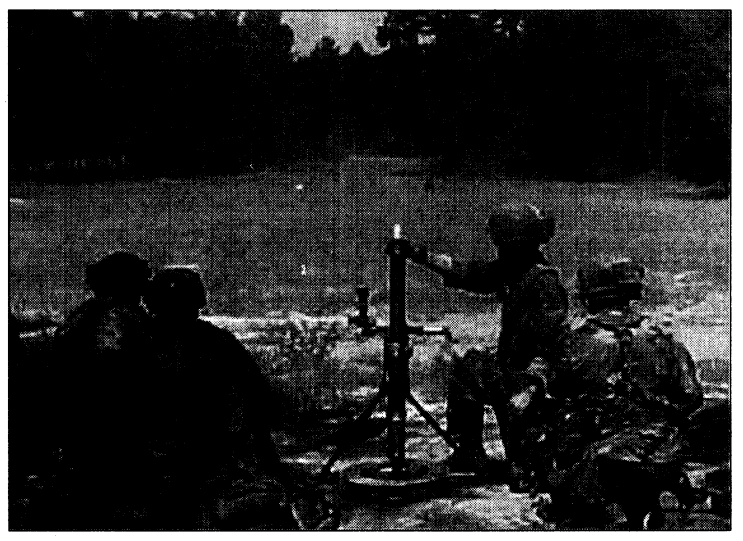
"The IED training and roadblock/ checkpoint operations are exactly what they will be doing when they are deployed to operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom or any theater of operations," said Staff Sgt. Brian Waller, a D Co. drill sergeant.

At night, they conducted security and reconnaissance in their areas and destroyed any possible threat. To aid them in guarding the perimeter, trainees were issued night vision devices such as the PVS-7Ds and PVS-14s.

"By having the Soldiers use the night vision goggles, they are more confident in their abilities to operate in a field environment," said Sgt. 1st Class John Cervenka, D Co. senior drill sergeant. "We want to make them comfortable with their equipment in an extended field training exercise."

Part of the training included, "bayonet lanes" which tests each platoon's strength, teamwork and tenacity. They are called "bayonet lanes" to represent the seven Army values that 1st Bn., 50th Inf. Regt. (nicknamed, The Bayonet Battalion) exemplifies.

After each lane was completed, a drill sergeant read a Medal of Honor citation. The purpose of this is to provide the Soldiers a correlation and appreciation of past Soldiers who lived the Army values with what they have just completed that evening.



Courtesy photo
D Co. Soldiers hang a 60 mm mortar during training.

One lane consisted of a water re-supply, where the platoon carried more than 25 5-gallon water cans for 2.5 miles. Another lane was a log carry, in which the platoon must carry four 10-foot logs 2.5 miles. The third lane was the litter carry or CASEVAC, in which the platoon simulates carrying casualties 2.5 miles. The number of casualties can range anywhere from two to eight.

Each lane, which can be considered equally challenging, can also include portions of the training the Soldiers worked on during the day.

For example, during the water re-supply, the platoon may have to perform battle drills such as reacting to contact or reacting to indirect fire.

Throughout this experience, Soldiers are training to be indirect fire infantryman.

The majority of the 11Cs, who are National Guardsmen, used the FTX to hone their skills on the 60 mm and 81 mm mortar systems.

During the FTX, the mortarmen were able to fire the 60 mm short-range training round and gain confidence in their equipment.

The finale of the FTX ended when D Company finished up the long, arduous foot march in from the training area.

As Soldiers neared the finish of the foot march a strong sense of pride and accomplishment began to emerge from within, for they knew that they have been tested and passed.

Air Force support squad considers Fort Benning home

AF units support Fort Benning's infantry

Spc. Natalie P. Loucks
3rd Brigade PAO

A misconception connected to Army installations is that they are specific to one branch of service. In addition to Soldiers, Fort Benning is home to Airmen as well.

The Air Force units at Fort Benning provide support in assault missions, weather reporting and forecasting, and to Fort Benning's military training schools.

"The Air Force has been supporting Fort Benning since the 70s," said Master Sgt. Mark Ericson, 17th Air Support Operation Squad superintendent.

The primary mission of the 17th Air Support Operation Squad is to provide support for the 75th Ranger Regiment, including 3rd Ranger Battalion and 1st Ranger Battalion located at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

The 17th ASOS is one of the most deployed units in the Air Force, deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan with the supported Army units, said Tech. Sgt. Eric Brandenburg, terminal attack controller for the 17th ASOS.

During battle, when one of the supported units is in close proximity with friendly troops, and they require additional assistance, the 17th ASOS assists with requesting, planning, advising and controlling the attack from the air, Ericson said.

"From the planning phase all the way down to the execution phase, we are responsible for all close air support," Ericson said.

"We provide terminal guidance, basically, directing them where to drop their bombs," Brandenburg said.

During down time when the unit is not deployed, the Airmen train with the 75th Ranger Regiment.

They also maintain their proficiency in controlling their aircraft, Brandenburg said.

As a squadron, the 17th ASOS recently acquired management over Special Forces, tactical control air parties they had not managed before.

Fort Bragg, N.C., special forces and Fort Campbell, Ky., special forces, have been recently acquired by the unit. The 17th ASOS trains with these units and provides close air support for them as well.

Prior to the change in unit support management to the 17th ASOS, they managed the tactical air control party that supported the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

Even though they don't fall under the 17th ASOS, they still perform the same missions and work from the same building.

The 17th ASOS also provides oversight, support and management for the Lawson Army Airfield weather team. The team is now a contracted civilian agency that provides weather reporting and forecasting for all of Fort Benning.

The 342nd Training Squad is another Air Force unit located at Fort Benning.

Its primary mission is to support the post's training schools by providing Air Force instructors and facilitators to the schools.

Within the group of four, there are two airborne instructors, also known as "black hats," one Ranger instructor and one facilitator who is in charge of monitoring the student's progress, said Master Sgt. Sean O'Neill, Ranger instructor in the 342nd Training Squad.

The reason for the Air Force instructors at Airborne and Ranger schools is to support the integration of students from different services of the military who are attending the schools, said Staff Sgt. Gregory Oglesby, Air Force airborne instructor.

"The Army has slots that each sister service (to the Army) needs to fill with instructors," Oglesby said.

Oglesby, who served in the Army, said the transition from Air Force to Army is not difficult.

"Fort Benning takes very good care of us," Ericson said. "I have been on this post for about 12 years of my career, and I've never had any problems with Fort Benning. They have been a great host."

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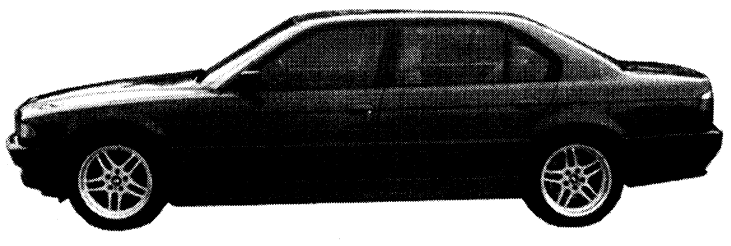
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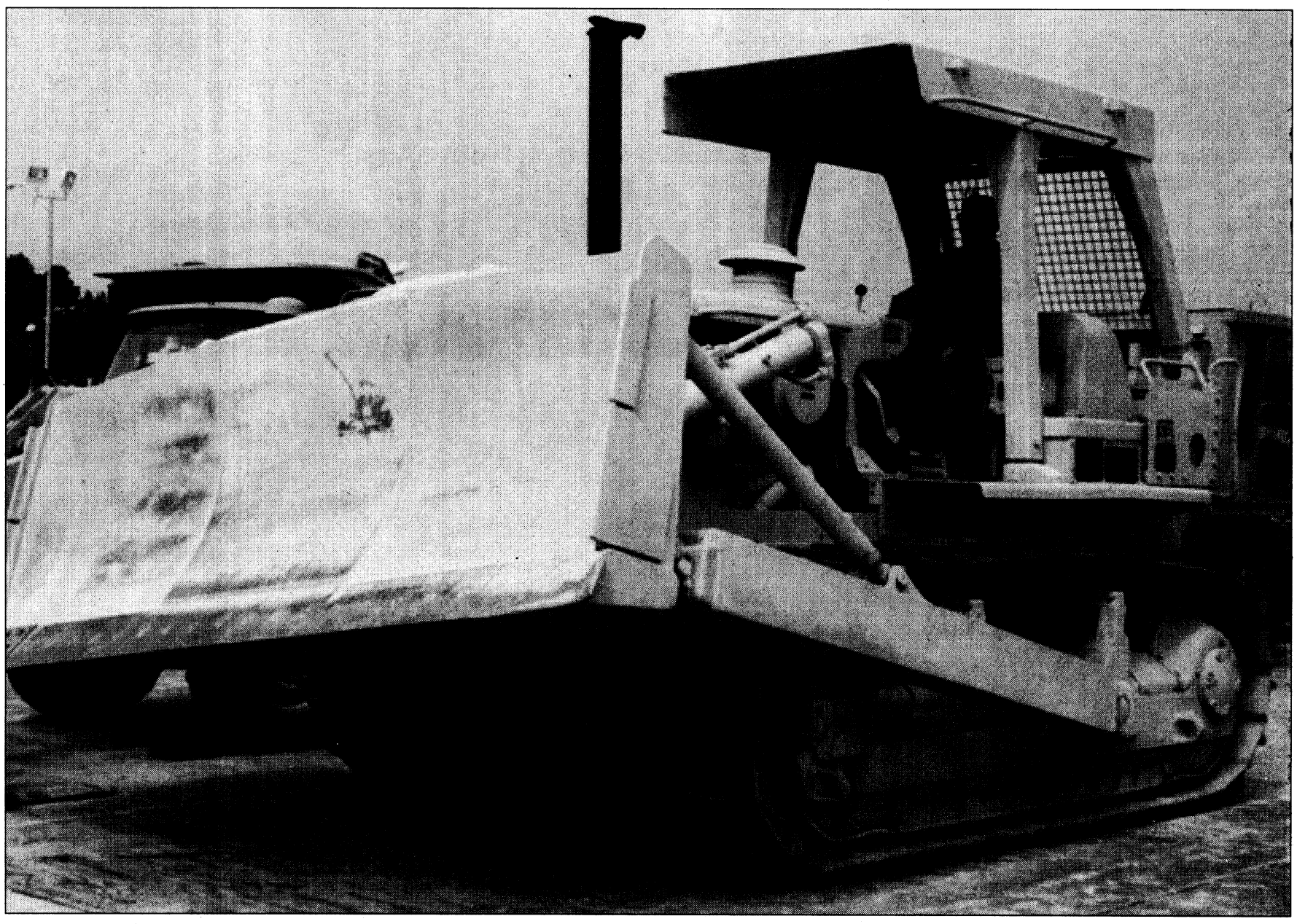
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Engineers construct roads, Army futures

Soldier's job brings feeling of accomplishment

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Spc. David Jackson, 3rd Platoon, 63rd Engineer Company, 36th Engineer Group, is a 21E, heavy equipment construction equipment operator. In training, all engineers learn the basics of all equipment they may have to work with. Here he's operating a bulldozer.

"I was a certified nurse's assistant but I wanted to do something different," said Sgt. Jaime Vargas, 3rd Platoon squad leader, 63rd Engineer Company, 36th Engineer Group. "So I joined the Army as a 21F — a crane operator. It's been a whole new experience."

At Fort Leonard Wood, engineers go through six to eight weeks of training, depending on their specific trade, Vargas said. They learn the basics and the capabilities of all the equipment they may have to use.

"I like what I do," Vargas said. "I've been in for six years and plan on doing 20, all as an engineer. The feeling of accomplishment when we finish a project is great."

Vargas' platoon has worked on the construction of the parking lot at Martin Army Community Hospital, the CONUS Replacement Center and the Red Diamond Road tank trails, he said.

During a deployment to Virginia in 2002, his company helped build a test driver course for the state police. The project took four months and consisted of clearing woodlands and creating the trails for the course.

"At first it was slow and very frustrating, but everybody worked together to accomplish the mission," he said. "Everybody thinks that our job isn't hard because we just sit there and operate our equipment but it's not like that. If there's a place the equipment can be moved into, we move it ourselves. The hours we work are sometimes long, depending on the mission. It's not easy, but it's very rewarding."

During a six-month deployment to Iraq in 2003, the 63rd was responsible for building the base camp for new rotations that were coming in, Vargas said.

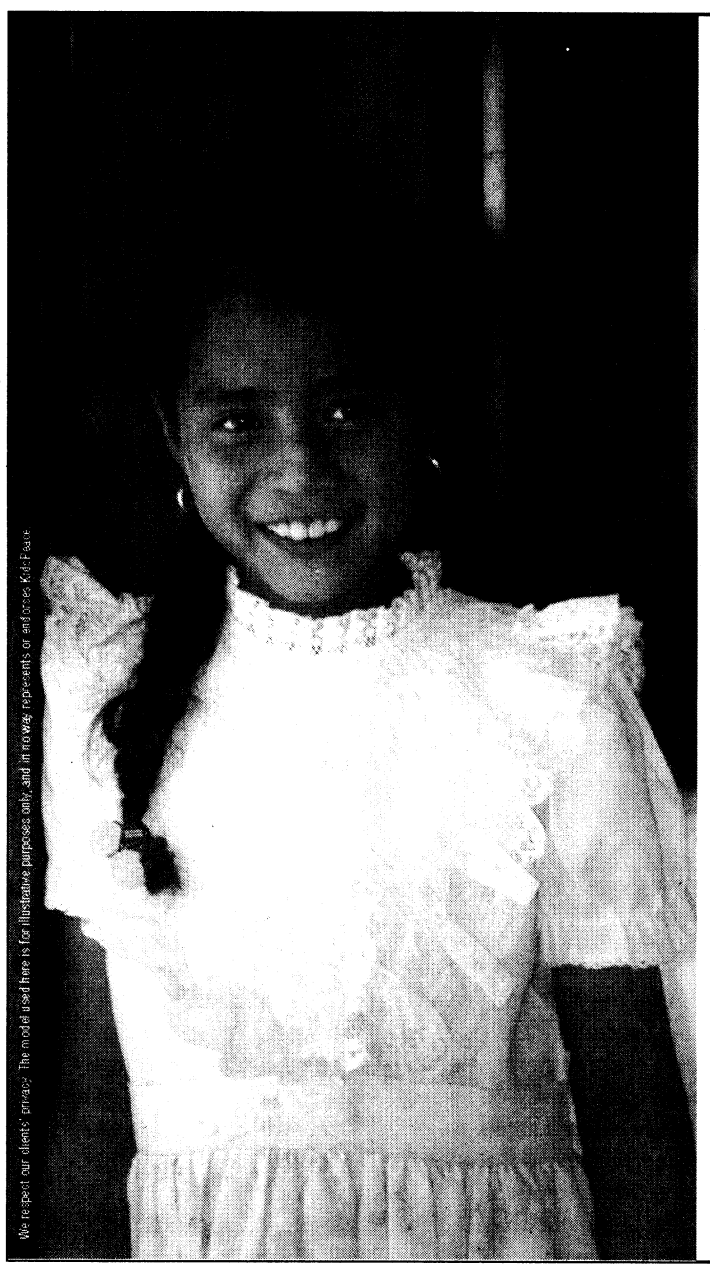
"Each platoon had a different job, ours was to upgrade roads and remove debris," he said. "It wasn't hard, it was just a lot of work. What makes our job hard is that so much of what we do depends on the weather. If it rains, we can't accomplish all we wanted to."

"Engineers work hard! Skilled to build," said Pfc. Justin Stanton, 3rd platoon. "We always work hard."



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Sgt. Greg Nix, 6th Ranger Training Battalion medic, treats a casualty during a Mass Casualty training exercise Aug. 25 at Camp Rudder, Fla. The annual event was designed to assess the readiness of the emergency support groups in the surrounding areas.

Mass casualty accident tests unit readiness

Training keeps Rangers on toes

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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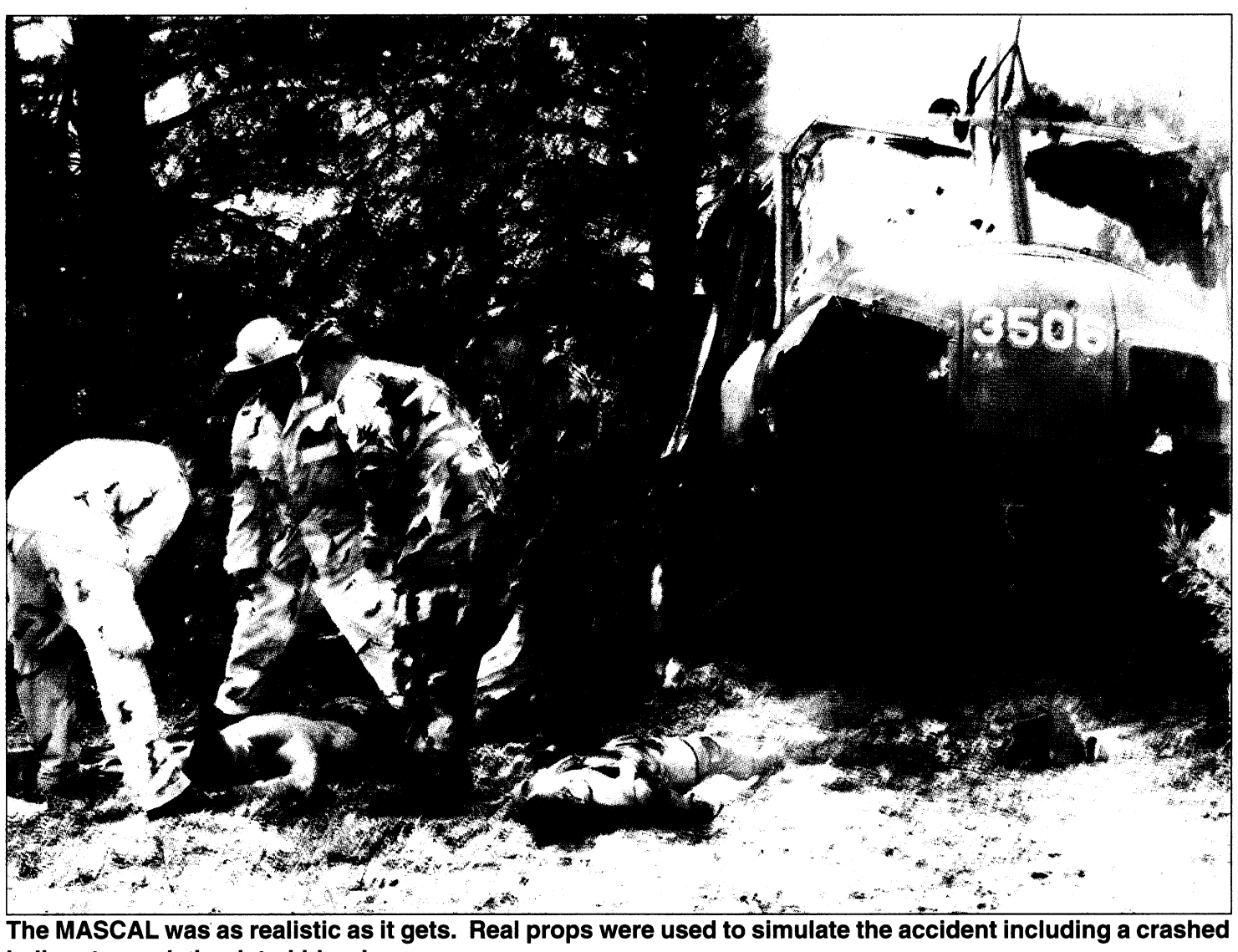
Day 13 of phase three of Ranger School at the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Camp Rudder, Fla. — swamp phase.

Mission — air assault over Auxiliary Field 7.

Two Blackhawks flown by student pilots from Fort Rucker, Ala., drop off the first load of Rangers. They go back to pick up the second load. They are seen over the field as they return for the second drop. That's when it happened.

The blades of both "hawks" collided with each other in midair. The birds go down.

The final bloody count, two deaths — a crew member and a Ranger student — 29 wounded.



The MASCAL was as realistic as it gets. Real props were used to simulate the accident including a crashed helicopter and simulated blood.

Relax, it's only a training exercise. There are no injuries, deaths or Blackhawks down. The Mass Casualty event, or MASCAL, is an annual training requirement held at each Ranger Training Battalion to assess the readiness of the battalion as well as the emergency support groups in the surrounding areas, said Lt. Col. Darcy Brewer, 6th RTBn. commander. "We receive the accident report and we try to respond and record accordingly. We involve everybody from the Ranger instructors all the way up to the Eglin Disaster Control Center."

"We take the most (realistic) thing that can happen and go with it," said Capt. Matt Kuhn, battalion adjutant. "We try not to stage it and we make it as real as possible."

The casualties were covered in simulated blood, had very realistic burns and some had to fake having broken bones. Each victim was given a specific injury on a note card that had to be identified by the medics who assessed them. The surviving casualties were laid out around the field and suffered everything from minor burns to open chest wounds and major head trauma.

"The role players were the best I've ever seen," said Col. K.K. Chin, Ranger Training Brigade commander. "They really knew how to act."

Spc. Jonathan Hoggat participated in three MASCAL's as a Ranger and said they get better every year.

"Each year it's a different scenario and different outside agencies come in to help," Hoggat said. "It gets really intense. Everybody is being torn in different directions trying to help wherever they can. If a real accident of this magnitude happened, we'd be able to handle it."

The airfield was over-run by Rangers, personnel from the Eglin Air Force Base fire department, the EMS team from Okaloosa County, the 249th MEDEVAC team and 6th RTBn. medics, running to aid any survivors.

The Rangers who were already on the ground rushed to the site and began training the casualties for the medics. As soon as the medics arrived they began treating the survivors' injuries and setting them up, according to their injuries, to be either medevaced or taken by ambulance.

All the victims were medevaced to the Fort Walton Beach Hospital where they were treated as real victims in the emergency room. The hospital requested a certain number of victims to meet their annual training requirement, Kuhn said. The exercise was not complete until all the victims were properly cared for.

"It's as real as is gets," Kuhn said.

A Disaster Control Group Command post was set up at the crash site to command and control the various assets, the situation and the casualty evacuation. On the scene, an Exercise Evaluation Team from Eglin Air Force Base was evaluating the performance of the different emergency support groups. Each evaluator observed a specific area and ensured the appropriate steps were being taken with each casualty, said Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Ward, EET chief.

The training exercise enhanced the battalion's ability to react to a MASCAL situation by solidifying the cohesion of both military and civilian response assets.

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Capt. Matt Kuhn
6th Ranger Training Battalion adjutant

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

2004 elections

To be eligible for absentee voting, you must complete a federal post card application and mail it to the state where you vote.

To get the FPCA, contact your unit voting assistance officer or download it from www.fvap.gov.

ID Section closures

The Main Post ID Card Section will be closed Sept. 9, 10, 15 and 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. On Sept. 13, it will close from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Reclamation sale

There will be a reclamation sale from 8 a.m. to noon today at 224-A Upton Avenue. Cash only.

For more information, call 545-1128.

SAMC Meeting

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 14 in the Corregidor Room at the Officers' Club.

All members are needed to discuss upcoming events. NCOs interested in becoming a member of the SAMC are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.

Ranger graduations

Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

Graduations are preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

Golden Knights

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" is accepting applications for the annual Assessment and Selection Program this month. An application is available at www.army goldenknights.com.

Applicants must have at least 150 freefall parachute jumps, a flawless civilian and military record and volunteer to become airborne qualified.

Sent packets to the U.S. Army Parachute Team, P.O. Box 70126, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. For more information, call (910) 396-4800.

AAFES Radio Network

Commanders, command sergeant majors, chief master sergeants, other senior leaders, family readiness groups, sports teams or local personalities are invited to record greetings to remind shoppers of any community message on the AAFES Radio Network.

For more information, call Ellie Unrein at 687-0384 or 687-0385.

Car buying seminar

Thinking about buying a car? The seminar "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken For a Ride," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359, is sponsored by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program.

Reservations are required. Call 545-5485.

Depression screening

Fort Benning will participate in the National Depression Screening Day Oct. 7. The focus is screenings at troop medical clinics and those who have or will deploy.

A class on depression and post traumatic stress disorder will be held in Classroom 7. This class counts toward the suicide prevention education required for every Soldier.

For more information, call Debbie Manning at 545-7027 or 545-4993.

EOD recruiting

EOD recruiters are looking for Soldiers who want to become explosive ordnance disposal specialists.

For more information, call 545-5372 or 545-4154.

Mall: On track

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shoppette.

"It will be a significant improvement in what we can offer the Soldiers out there," Schubert said.

The mini-mall will add a measure of convenience to life on Kelley Hill.

"For Soldiers who don't have cars, they'll be able to walk (to the mini-mall) easily, and obviously, it's always better for the troops to have these services where they live," Schubert said.

The inclusion of a gas station will benefit the entire post, he said.

The complex's station is one of three AAFES is building on Fort Benning to ease congestion at the existing gas stations — the other two will be built on Dixie Road and Custer Road.

So far, construction has stayed on track, with the exception of some delays caused by unexploded ordnance and uncharted utility lines found in the construction area, Schubert said.

"Right now, we're just keeping our fingers crossed," he said, explaining that weather conditions could potentially cause delays.

If all goes well, construction crews will wrap up work near the end of January, and doors will open to the public in the third week of March.

The mini-mall's first few months open may come with reduced hours, considering the majority of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team is expected to be deployed by that time, Schubert said, but the store will aim to meet the needs of those who stay behind.

SMA: Pays visit to Benning troops

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troops and Iraqi citizens. Eighty percent of that country's school-age children are back in school, he said, and all the universities are up and running once again — "That's a fingerprint left by American Soldiers."

In Afghanistan, more than 9 million citizens have registered to vote, thanks to a U.S.-led initiative.

And back here in the States, National Guardsmen are patrolling the border between the U.S. and Mexico, making what he called "unprecedented contributions to homeland security."

"The Soldiers you see here on the ground will populate those units, active-duty and reserve, around the world," Preston told the families of the ITB graduates.

"They will be part of the next greatest generation."

Preston's visit, Aug. 25 to 27, included meetings with representatives from various Fort Benning units, including the Ranger Training Brigade, the 36th Engineer Group, Airborne School cadre, basic trainees and members of the Sergeant Major Association. As the Army chief of staff's personal advisor on all enlisted-related matters, Preston said it's "important to see where they live and work and play — what their issues are."

And one of the issues foremost on the minds of Fort Benning enlisted troops is transformation, and specifically, what it will mean to their careers.

"From a strategic perspective, it's very important to the Army mission, but for the first sergeant and below, it'll be fairly transparent," he said. "What (transformation) means to the PFC or the platoon leader … it means predictability and stability. It means families can stay in one place. They won't be moving every couple of years.

"It means spouses can have careers. And it'll have a bigger impact on older kids, in athletics and academics. When they're packing up and moving every couple of years, they lose out."

What transformation won't mean is stagnancy, Preston said. With the "life cycle" of a brigade combat team about 36 months, and Soldiers guaranteed stability for that period, it's conceivable that a Soldier could transfer if he or she desires, Preston said, though Army officials hope to see Soldiers doing at least two cycles with the unit.

"So certainly, it could be six or seven years in one place, maybe more, maybe less. A lot depends on the desires of the Soldier," he said.

"But that should have no negative impact on the rate at which our Soldiers are promoting. Not at all."

Preston expressed confidence in the ability of today's youngest NCOs to lead tomorrow's "transformed" Army.

Testament to that confidence is the current emphasis on younger drill sergeants and recruiters.

"It's all about getting the right Soldier in the right position at the right time in his career," he said.

"When a 20-year-old corporal talks to the parents of a potential recruit, and he's just about their kid's age, they like what they see, they're impressed, and they want their son or daughter to be like that."

Younger-ranking Soldiers in positions of leadership can have a great impact on young recruits, Preston said. But their responsibilities in these positions will have a far-reaching impact on their careers and, ultimately, the Army.

"The level of maturity we'll see as they continue to progress in their careers — that's going to make our Army that much better," he said.

And transformation, he said, "is all about making our Army better."

Rangers: First to complete marathon

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He said they relied on their Ranger training and camaraderie to give them the mental advantage necessary to complete the race.

To achieve their goal, the team worked out a schedule which let the runners pass the baton every 10 miles, giving them a chance to rest and prepare for the next leg of the race.

"The stop-and-go 10 miles had your legs feeling like they had rigor mortis for a mile or so, but we enjoyed every minute of it," Wilson said.

The idea to trade off runners every 10 miles was very successful during the first half of the race, he said.

The team completed the first 100 miles in 13 hours and had such a strong lead over their competitors, the race officials couldn't locate them until the next morning.

With the exception of a few alterations, the team continued to trade off every 10 miles until they reached the 210-mile mark, where they started passing the baton every five miles.

"Some of the guys were starting to hurt a little bit and it was getting dark, so I decided to cut it back to five miles to give them a mental boost," Wilson said.

Wilson said his team could have finished sooner but they encountered several dogs along the way that made the trek a bit more daunting.

"There is a sign in rural Tennessee that says, 'Beware of dogs next 40 miles,'" he said.

"We even had a few that attacked the van and started biting the tires."

By the end of the race, Wilson ran 78.6 miles at a 7:50 pace, Sheaffer ran 70 miles at an 8:20 pace, Shaver ran 55 miles at a 10:00 pace and Laniak ran 73 miles at an 8:50 pace.

For Shaver, completing the race was a personal triumph.

Shaver is a 210-pound "muscle Ranger" who doesn't have the typical build of a long distance runner, but he is "extremely mentally tough" and "game for anything," Wilson said.

Shaver said running has never been his strong suit, but he decided a couple of years ago to overcome his weakness.

He said it felt great to complete the race, and he and his comrades plan to run more ultra-marathons in the near future.

"We're going to just keep on running," he said.

NSPS: Authorized

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said.

"Timelines were adjusted to reflect a more cautious, deliberative approach," Snyder said, "because we need to be event driven, not date driven.

"There is a notional schedule."

Key milestones for the NSPS include listing the labor relations and human relations draft in the Federal Register by the end of the year. The Federal Register process allows for a comment period.

Full implementation of the NSPS should take place by July 2007/2008, because in November 2008, the law expires and changes to the personnel system need to be in place, Snyder said.

For more information about the NSPS, go to www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps or www.cpol.army.mil for information specific to the Army.



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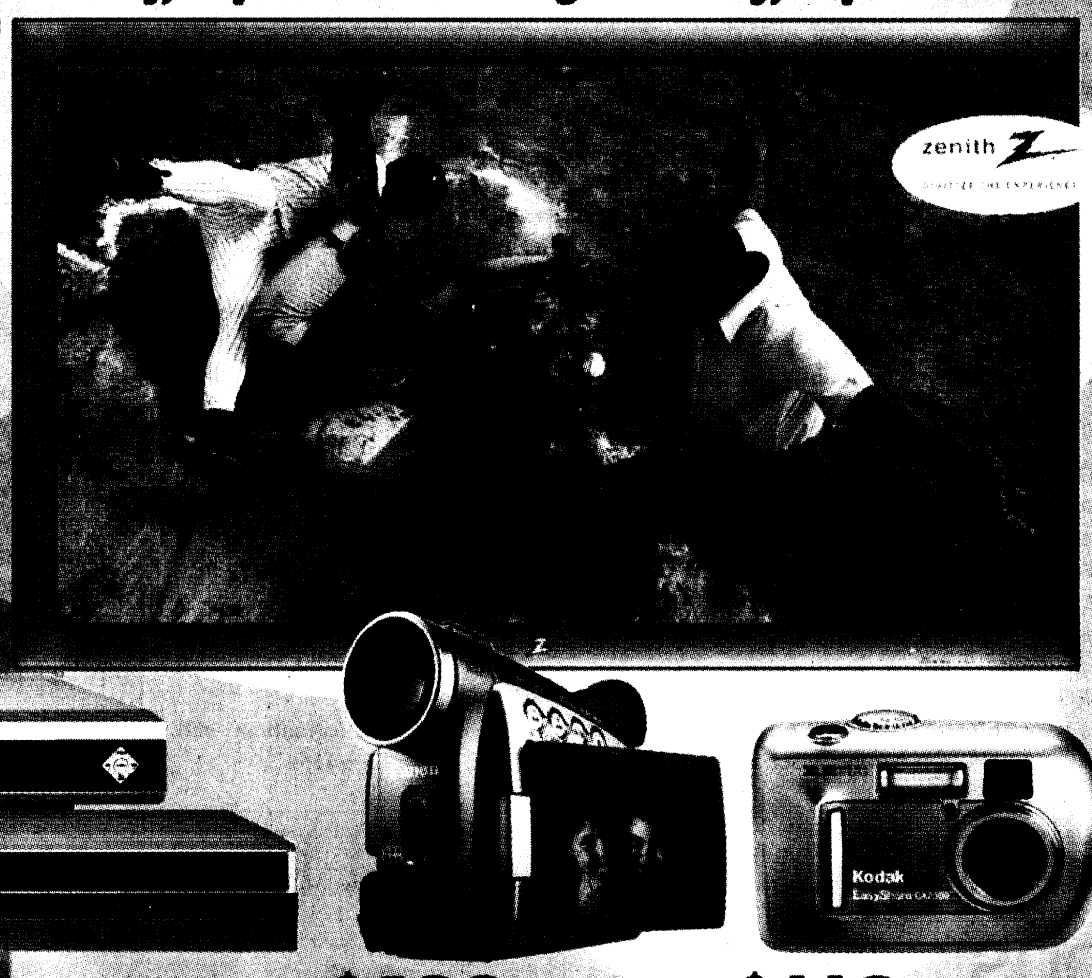
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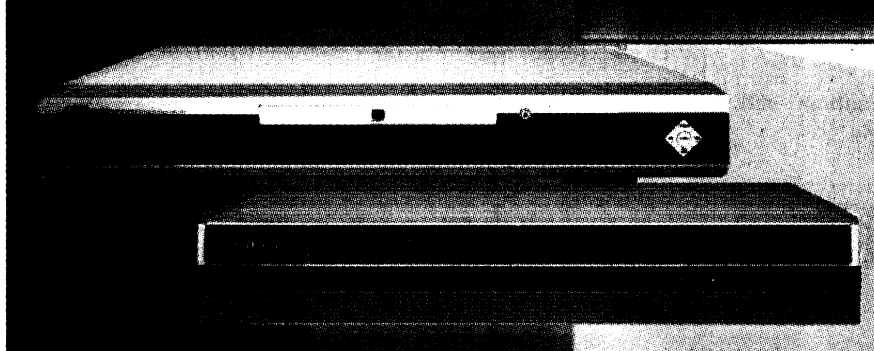
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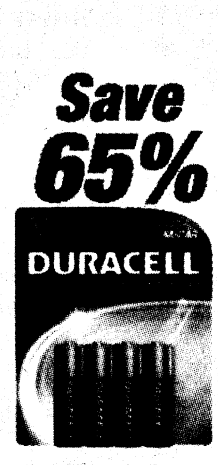
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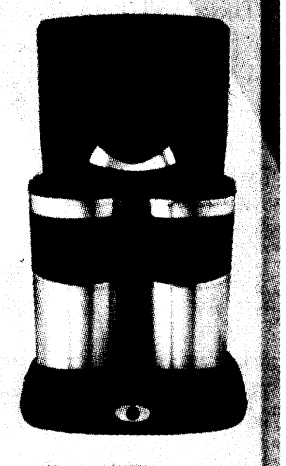


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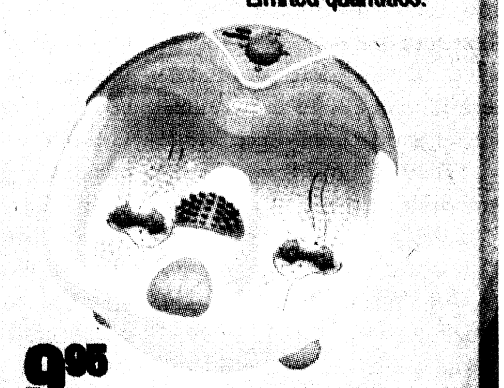
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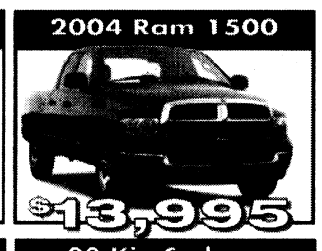
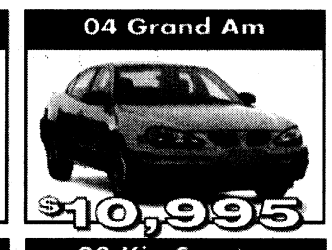
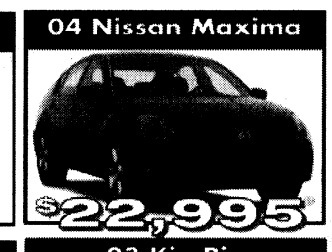
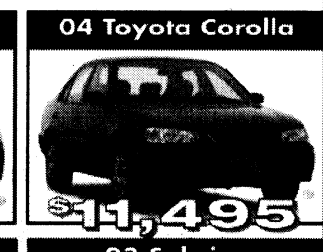
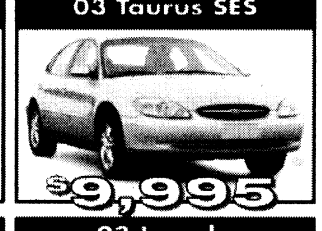
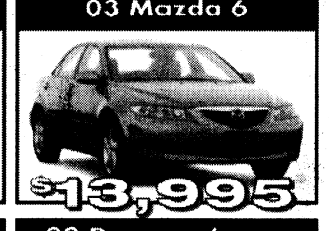
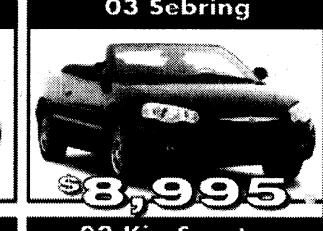
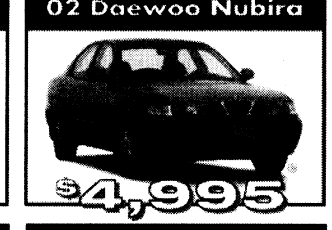
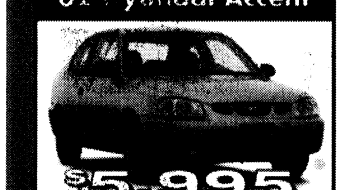
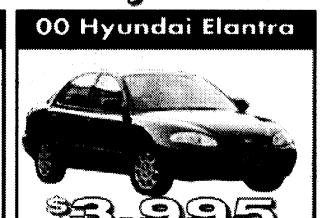
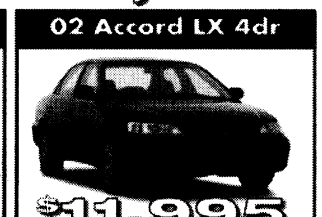
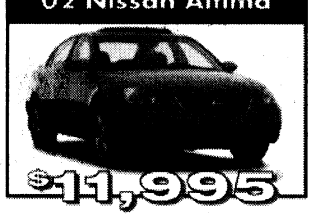
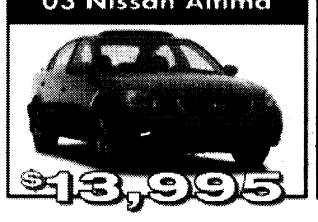
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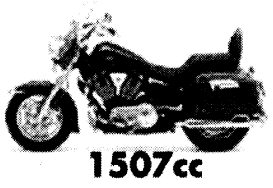
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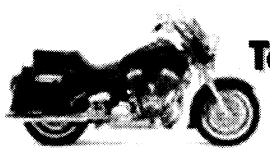


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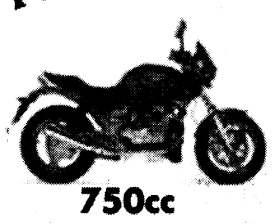
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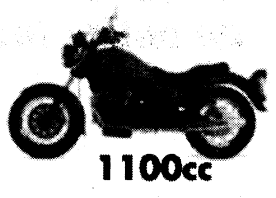
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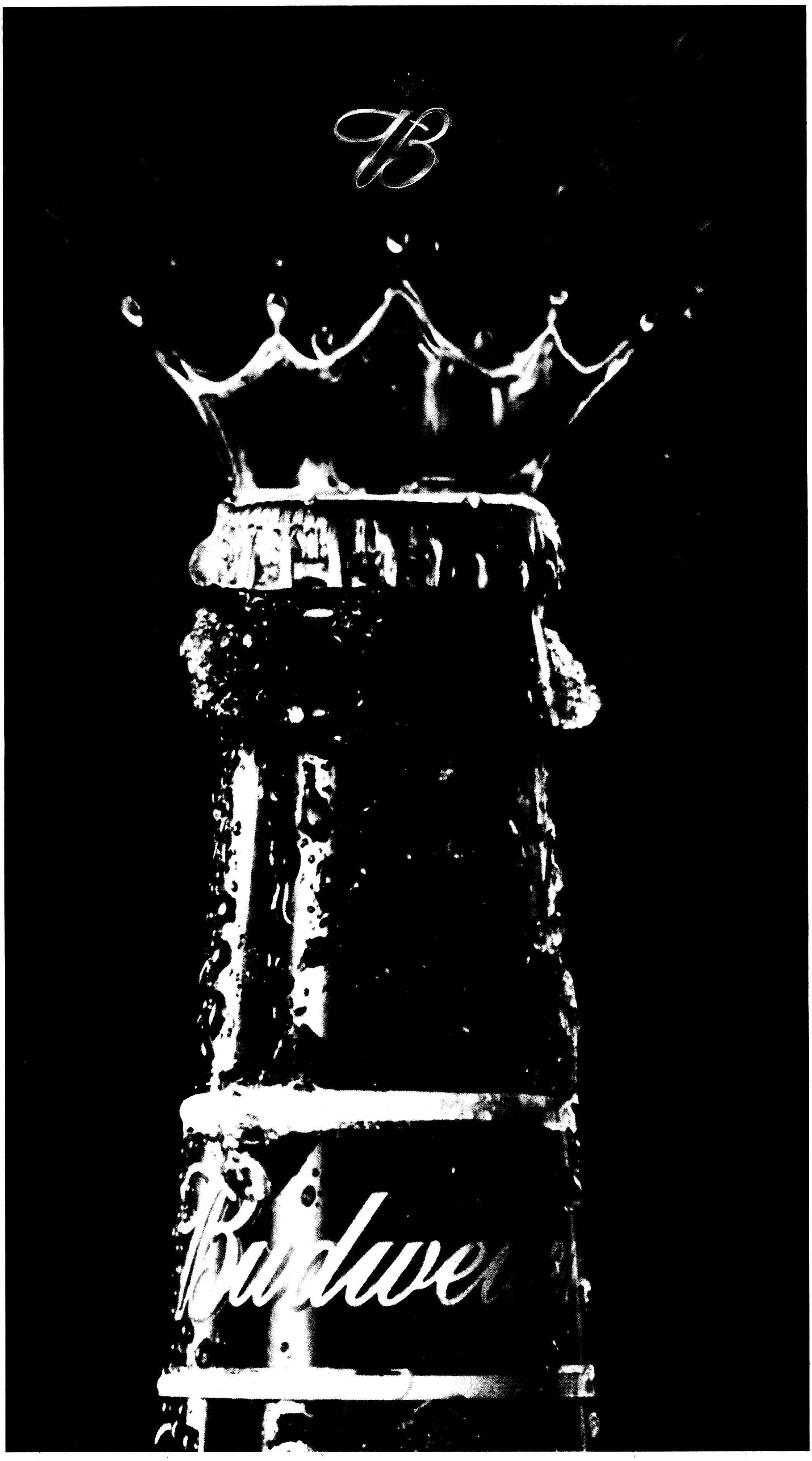
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SECTION B

Benning's Backstage needs aspiring thespians

Post theater needs help for *The Foreigner*

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Benning's Backstage is looking for five men and one woman to act in its production of *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue.

Auditions are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. The play will show Oct. 22, 23, 29 and 30 at Benning's Backstage..

The play is about two British men who visit Tillman County, Ga., a town 100 miles south of Atlanta.

One of the men convinces an innkeeper that his friend can't speak English, so he hears conversations that other patrons think he can't understand.

By listening in on the conversations, the man uncovers some "interesting" information about the other patrons and their deeds — or rather, their misdeeds.

"There are some really bad guys in this play," said Peggy Cornwell, producer and director. "And one of them is really evil.

"If I were a man, I would want to play the the really evil guy because those roles are always fun to play," she said.

> "You spend two months together and you get cramped up in a little dressing room all the time so you get to know each other pretty well."
>
> **Clay Cranford**
> Actor

Cornwell is looking for four men between the ages of 20 and 50, one man age 20 to 30 and one woman age 20 to 30.

"Two men will need a British accent and everyone else will need a Southern accent," Cornwell said. "But we have dialect coaches so they shouldn't be discouraged because of that."

She said accents can be learned, but she wants people who can act and are willing to work.

Actors will be required to attend rehearsals four nights a week and are expected to study their lines during their own time, Cornwell said.

She said as long as everyone is doing what they should do, the rehearsals are relaxing and can be a great bonding experience.

"Because we are a small group and we're all volunteers, we spend a lot of time together and we get really close," Cornwell said.

Clay Cranford, one of Benning's

See **PLAY,** B-4

Heroes attack damage to widow's home

Fort Benning fields 20 teams in annual House of Heroes blitz

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

"Am I dreaming?" Ruby Davis is having a hard time believing her ears.

House of Heroes volunteers are going to build her a wheelchair ramp. They're going to trim her shrubs, paint her house and clean her carpets. They're going to undo the damage years of neglect has wrought on her 40-year-old Columbus home.

"In my whole life, I never heard of anything like this," said Davis, 77, the widow of a World War II veteran. "I'm just so thankful. I think it's wonderful what the hero people are doing."

The "hero people" are a team of volunteers — one of 20 teams from Fort Benning — who will participate in the annual House of Heroes blitz Sept. 11 to 23. The local nonprofit organization, now in its fifth year, repairs the homes of aging veterans or their widows. More than 100 have been honored since the project began.

Here's how it works: Volunteers, including Soldiers, family members, civic groups and local citizens, meet with the homeowners to determine what repairs or maintenance is needed. Using funds and materials donated by local businesses, they spend up to a week doing minor repairs, yard work, painting and such.

Most of the homeowners, like Davis, are disabled. She's arthritic and, for the most part, confined to a wheelchair or scooter.

"I was a hard-working person. I had my kids and two or three jobs. There's nothing much I can do anymore," said Davis, who raised five children and had a fair hand in the raising of her 21 grandchildren.

Her home, just off St. Mary's Road, is chock full of photos of the kids, the grandkids and the great grands. There's one over the sofa with her husband, Alonzo, the year before he died.

"He didn't like his picture taken, but he knew he wasn't going to live," she said. "So he let me talk him into it."

Alonzo, who spent more than 20 years in the Army, died of cancer in 1983. His widow moved into the house shortly after.

It has its original carpeting and cabinetry, both in need of a good cleaning. And the azalea bushes she planted are spindly and overgrown, but she's still mighty proud of them.

"They were so pretty. Just beautiful. But I can't do the work anymore," Davis said, shaking her head. "I'm not complaining. I'm thankful I can do what I can do."

To learn more about House of Heroes or to volunteer with a team, e-mail Janie Pearson at janie.pearson@benning.army.mil.

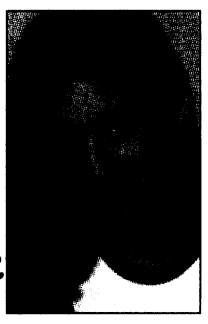
No experience is necessary, but professional craftsmen and carpenters are needed.



Bridgett Siter

Ruby Davis, widow of WWII veteran Alonzo Davis, will get help from House of Heroes in the coming weeks. The "heroes" work to fix years of neglect at her home.

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

When I was younger — and the most pleasant of teenage girls, thank you very much — I made relentless fun of my mother when she suggested that a day together at a hot air balloon festival constituted fun.

Partly because she expected me, being the sugar-and-spice 15-year-old I was, to actually *enjoy* spending time with my arch nemesis. And partly because she actually thought for one second that I'd think that type of thing would be cool.

Well, I guess she gets the last laugh. Because now, with the four-day in sight, I am actually anxious to go to the fifth annual Sky High Hot Air Balloon Festival at Callaway Gardens this weekend.

I know — I feel slightly geekish just saying it. But I can't lie to you. I think it will make for a fun time.

The three-day affair kicks off tonight at 5 p.m. with a barbecue on the beach, followed up with a "balloon glow" from 8 to 9:30 p.m. (Think enormous, colorful luminaries along the shoreline.)

And after that, you can hang around to watch Shrek.

Nothing terribly exciting so far, I realize. But I'm getting there, don't worry.

Saturday — that's the kicker. Saturday's schedule is chock full of fun things to do.

There'll be a classic car show, tethered balloon rides, a rock climbing wall, sand castle building (no judging, though), a tractor pull, swimming, mini-golf, table tennis, shuffleboard, paddle boats ... you name it.

Ooh — and I almost forgot the $20 helicopter rides from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. I'm sure that's not exactly peak excitement for those of you who are used to that sort of thing. But for desk-bound people like me, it's kinda neat.

And if you manage to drag yourself out of bed before noon (translation: EARLY!) and get up there between 6 and 9 a.m., you get to

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Volunteers needed to tutor 'at risk' kids in community

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Every year Soldiers from Fort Benning's Infantry Officer Basic Course take time out of their Saturdays to go to school elementary school.

These Soldiers, along with college and high school students, parents and others, dedicate two hours every Saturday to tutor "at-risk" elementary through high-school-age students — and they want you.

The Combined Communities of Southeast Columbus is recruiting volunteers for the 2004-05 school year tutorial program.

The program, in its 22nd year, averages about 60 students each weekend, said Daisy Honor, a retired school teacher and tutorial principal at Eastway Elementary School. The program is designed to offer one-on-one tutoring to students at risk of failing classes or falling behind their peers.

It was only eight years ago when Fort Benning Soldiers got involved in the tutorial program.

Program chairman and founder Lonnie Jackson, a retired sergeant first class, started the program after organizing a community clean-up drive.

"That worked so well, I thought I should do an educational program," Jackson said. "These at-risk students really need one-on-one attention. They need closeness, more motivation and people who are enthusiastic.

"Those are things I learned in the Army. You use that and it will almost always stimulate the learning process," he said.

"(Students) see that uniform, and then the Soldiers sit down and help out. It especially leaves an impression on them. Everybody looks up to the Army anyway, and it makes a lot of difference."

Jackson said students gain a sense of pride working with the officers.

"One time this guy said 'Momma, momma, a lieutenant helped me today.' It's a role model thing. They bring great credit to the Army and the whole community."

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>
> **Lonnie Jackson**
> Program founder

Tutors aren't limited to the military. Members of the National Honor Society, sororities, fraternities and school teachers are just a handful of the volunteers.

The program, which has helped more than 22,300 students, will likely help more than 400 students this year.

"The program is designed to help

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Caleb Carl Keller — born Aug. 16 to Blanca and Spc. Mark Keller.

Vancy Yadiel Ruiz-Andaluz — born Aug. 23 to Dina and Staff Sgt. Luis Ruiz-Andaluz.

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Xzavier DeNorris Ingram — born Aug. 24 to Ciara and Pfc. Jarod Ingram.

Wyatt James Black — born Aug. 25 to Michelle and Staff Sgt. Michael Black.

Gabriel Hal Bohling — born Aug. 25 to Tamara and Spc. Thomas Bohling.

Brennin Addison Alvarado — born Aug. 25 to Rebecca and Pvt Brandon Alvarado

Girls

Abigail Jillian Severin — born Aug. 19 to Robin and Staff Sgt. James Severin.

Jesicah Le'ann Riley — born Aug. 23 to Tiffany White-Riley and Sgt. Landell Riley.

Madison Elizabeth Gazlay — born Aug. 23 to Meredith and Christopher Gazlay.

Taylor Jordan Andrews — born Aug. 24 to Brienne and 2nd Lt. Tommie Joe Andrews.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

MACH holiday hours — In observance of Labor Day, Martin Army Community Hospital will be closed today through Monday.

The Outpatient Pharmacy will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday. The Refill Pharmacy will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. The lab will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. today.

For more information, call 544-2041.

MEDDAC pharmacy renovations — There is a change in the completion date of the revolving door at the pharmacy. The new completion date is Tuesday.

For more information, call 544-2041.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

Santa's Castle — Santa's Castle volunteers will have briefings for all unit first sergeants at 10 and 11 a.m. Thursday.

The briefings will be at Santa's Castle, Building 2682, in Custer Terrace.

Unit representatives will receive the Santa's Castle guidelines and application packets.

For more information, call 685-4422.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a network provider. Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointments, call the CARE line at 544-2273. Leave a message for your provider to refill prescriptions or receive test results.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday. All enlisted spouses are invited. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the ESC clubhouse, Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum.

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

EFMP information sessions — The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold information and support sessions at 11 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month in Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

EFMP family members are encouraged to attend. An educational video can be viewed Wednesday — *Three R's for Special Education (Rights, Resources and Results.)*

For more information, call 545-7517.

Benning Backstage auditions — DMWR and Benning's Backstage will hold auditions for the dinner theater production *The Foreigner* Tuesday and Wednesday.

The producer is looking for four men (ages 20 to 50), one man (ages 20-30) and one woman (ages 20-30). The dinner theater production will be Oct. 22-23 and 29-30. For more information, call 689-4342.

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.

Center sponsors are Tot Town CDC, Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, School Age Services, Patch Preschool and various Family Child Care homes.

For more information, call Judy Cobb at 545-2079.

SAS programs — School Age Services offers educational and recreational programs for children. Locations for school-age care for ages 6 to 10 include:

- Patch Hall, before and after school
- Bouton Heights, before and after school
- McGraw Outreach, after school only
- Loyd Outreach, after school only

To register, call 545-2079 or stop by the Central Registration Office in Building 359. All children must be registered.

First Steps Program — The Family Advocacy First Steps Program provides emotional support, parenting education, referrals to community resources and follow-up contacts to parents of newborns.

The First Steps Program continues with extended support to the family after leaving the hospital providing follow-up phone calls from three to six months offering emotional support to help new parents cope with the stress of parenting a newborn, especially stress that comes from lack of sleep or an infant's crying.

For more information, call Rebecca Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager, at 545-4043 or Carolyn Harris, First Steps coordinator, at 544-2020.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends household goods to Soldiers and their families awaiting receipt of household goods or preparing to PCS. The lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

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.

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 at 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. AA supports people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Armed Forces Voters Week — Time is running out for citizens who want to participate in the elections this year. The secretary of Defense has decreed the week of today through Sept. 11 as Armed Forces Voters Week.

For more information, visit www.registerandvote2004.org.

ACS Job Fair — A job fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at VFW Post 665, 1824 Victory Drive. Bring at least 15 copies of your resume for possible on-site interviews. For resume assistance, call Mark Mills, Employment Readiness Program at 545-4043.

Bikes on Broadway — The Southern Cruisers Riding Club will present the fourth annual Bikes on Broadway starting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10. This is a fund raiser to support Our House.

The weekend-long event will include a bike show, dice run, 50/50 drawing and entertainment in uptown Columbus.

For more information, call Patty Cardin at 507-1000.

Health and Fitness Expo — Free health screenings, information and activities will highlight the Men's and Women's Health and Fitness Expo, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Columbus Iron Works and Convention Center.

Activities include free health screening, exhibits and demonstrations on stroke, osteoporosis, breast and gynecologic cancer, prostrate, HIV, STDs, cholesterol and blood pressure checks. Other screenings include body fat analysis and checks for oral health, bone density and hearing.

Weight Wise course — Health Matters of St. Francis will offer a four-week Weight Wise course — an intelligent approach to losing weight gradually and permanently — from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Sept. 14.

Taught by a registered dietician, participants will learn about "good fats," "total carbs," food limits and changing habits that negatively affect their health.

Participants can register by calling 257-7672. Registration deadline is Thursday. Cost is $75.

Freedom ride — The first tri-community POW, MIA Freedom Ride will take place starting at 8 a.m. Sept. 18 at Golden Park and is open to the public.

The ceremonial ride will begin at 9 a.m. All types of motorcycles are welcome to participate in the ride.

Events will include a live radio broadcast by Rooster 106, a Rangers in Action demonstration and a special appearance by the Silver Wings Parachute Team.

For more information or to register, call 575-8023.

CASA volunteers needed — America's abused, neglected and abandoned children need your voice. Make a real difference in a child's life as their voice in court. Volunteer as a CASA — a Court Appointed Special Advocate. 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.

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

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between October 15 and December 10. The trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410 by Sept. 30, or join on line at arborday.org.

Tree identification book — *What Tree Is That?*, a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

To obtain the tree identification guide, send your name, address and $3 to What Tree is That?, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or go online to www.arborday.org.

Phone cards for troops — The Department of Defense has announced that any American can help deployed troops call home. The DoD has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards for troops who are deployed.

To donate a prepaid calling card, go to www.aafes.com or www.navy-nex.com.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** Labor Day holiday
- **Tuesday:** pizza, pasta salad, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** corn dog, oven fries, broccoli, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** chicken bake, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** cheeseburger, tater tots, veggie sticks, fruit, milk

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Fort Benning youth in the news

Young artist paints mural at Sniper School

Used paint-by-number technique

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Don't mess with the artist. That's the message Elizabeth "Libby" Penix printed on the back of her T-shirt as a not-so-subtle warning to Sniper School cadre.

The 15-year-old Spencer High School sophomore agreed to paint a sniper mural on one of the school's buildings as a favor to her father, Sgt. 1st Class Steve Penix, a senior instructor at the school. But she didn't sign on for the harassment.

"They teased me constantly," said Libby, who didn't look like she minded it at all.

Steve was impressed with what he saw in his daughter's sketch portfolio last spring. "Could you do something big — a mural for the school?" he asked.

Using a former sniper student's drawing, Libby designed a large woodland scene with snipers hidden amid the foliage, rocks and tall grass. She drew it late last spring and finished painting mid-summer. With vacation breaks and an extremely rainy summer, the whole process took more than two months.

But Libby thinks it was worth it.

"I get compliments every time I come out here," she said. "There's things about it I look at and I think I would've done differently, but overall, I love it. I really do."

Libby, who's loved art since kindergarten, drew inspiration from her favorite paint-by-number sets.

"I love paint-by-numbers. I love the way they're shaded," she said. "I used some of that (technique) on the mural for a 3D effect."

The cadre's teasing wasn't the only distraction Libby had to deal with.

At 5-feet-even, she was too short to reach the top of the mural.

Sometimes, she said, she perched on her "tippy toes" on top of a ladder. And an old swimming injury to her right shoulder occasionally slowed the process.

"But the worst part for her, I think, was putting up with these guys," said her mom, Karen.

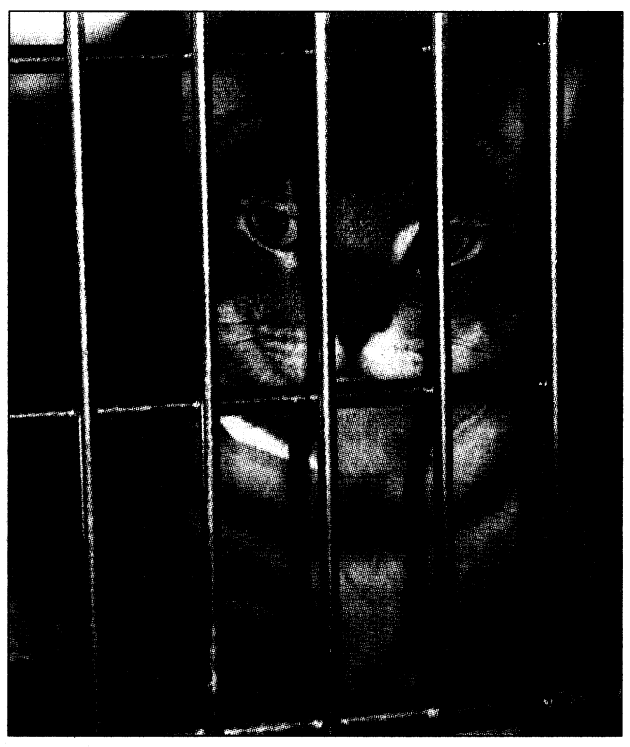
Libby plans to study art or veterinary medicine in college.

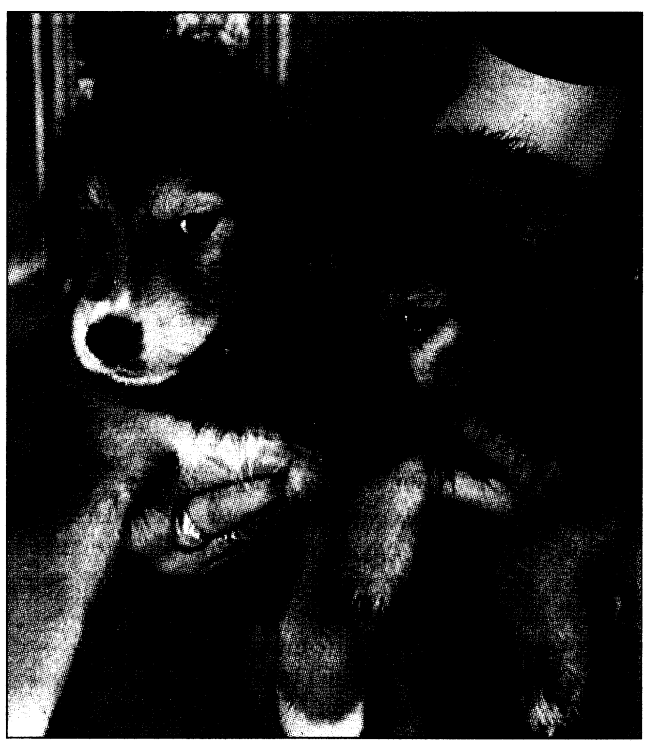


Bridgett Siter

Elizabeth Penix spent more than two months designing and painting the Sniper School mural.

PETS OF THE WEEK





Photos by Melissa House

This cat and these puppies are just a few of the animals at the vet clinic that need good homes. For more information on how to adopt a pet, call the shelter at 545-4826.

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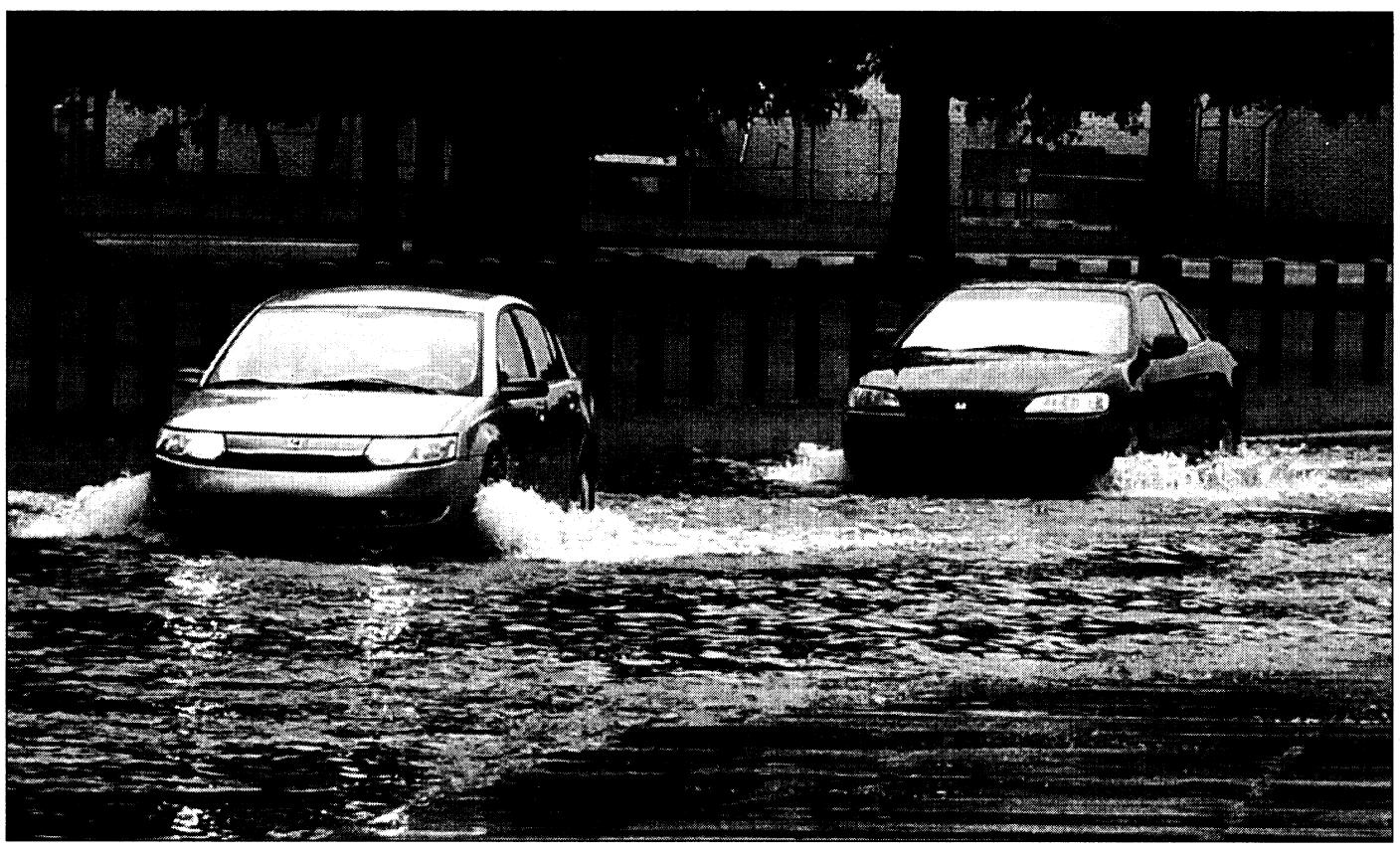
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Flood!



Melissa House

Burr Street was flooded Tuesday after an hour-long downpour on Main Post. The water was knee high in some areas around Infantry Hall and the Airborne School.

Commissary to field focus group

Defense Commissary Agency

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Fort Benning Commissary customers can participate in an annual focus group, scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Sept. 22 in the store training room.

"We need volunteers to share their ideas on how to improve their commissary," said Len Langford, Fort Benning Commissary store administrator. "This is your opportunity to play an active role in improving and protecting your commissary benefit — savings you've earned."

Focus groups help commissary directors around the world to gauge customer satisfaction and improve their stores. In these open forums, customers offer opinions about the commissary.

A variety of customers who reflect the store's patron demographics, normally seven to 12 people, compose a good focus group. There are no permanent members — patron participation changes with each meeting, so volunteering to participate is a one-time opportunity.

The meeting lasts approximately an hour, with refreshments and tokens of appreciation provided.

Often, focus group participants discuss product selection in the commissary. They may question a policy. They might have great ideas to make shopping more convenient, efficient or enjoyable. Some customers want to keep things exactly as they are.

With this input, store directors develop plans to improve store operations.

Ultimately, focus groups and other outlets for customer feedback — speaking directly to store personnel, filling out customer comment cards and accessing the "Contact DeCA" section of www.commissaries.com — help store directors determine what works and what doesn't for their patrons.

Any military member — active duty or reserve forces, military spouse or retiree — who shops at the Fort Benning Commissary is welcome to take part in the annual focus group.

For more information or to volunteer, call Myrtle Gore or Langford at 544-3965 or 544-3966.

Play: Builds bonds, entertains troops

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Backstage's regular actors, agrees.

Cranford came to Fort Benning about one year ago and immediately auditioned for *Dearly Departed*, the second play at Benning's Backstage since the program was started. Since then, he has been in two productions and is trying to find the time to get involved in this one.

"It is a great atmosphere," he said.

"I try to get involved as much as I can."

Cranford said being a part of a Benning's Backstage productions takes a lot of work but has definite rewards.

"You don't just put on a costume and strut your stuff on stage," he said. "It is a lot of work because you are involved in all aspects of it.

"You have to work at it and it pretty much turns into a little part-time job," he said.

"You spend two months together and you get cramped up in a little dressing room all the time so you get to know each other pretty well," Cranford said. "You turn into a little family by the time it's all over with."

For more information, call Teresa McCall at DMWR marketing at 545-3328.

Tutors: Help kids excel in community

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students keep pace with their specific classes," Honor said. "They don't come just to be tutored in English. One week they may be tutored in English and the next in math."

Each week, the students are assigned to a tutor who is most familiar with a particular subject, Honor said. Volunteers are asked to tutor within their areas of expertise.

"Students come from everywhere; some come from Alabama, some Harris County," Honor said. "A lot of students who are failing don't know about the program and they don't know there is help."

Tutors can be high school age or older and do not need experience, only a desire to help give students the motivation to stay in school. By sacrificing time to tutor, volunteers help create a more educated society, and therefore, less need for government assistance programs, Jackson said.

The tutor program will start Sept. 11 and run through May 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at Rothschild/Eastway Schools, 4601 Buena Vista Road.

For more information, call Jackson at 687-5357, Honor at 687-8808 or the CCSC office at 321-9596.

GOH: With hot air ballon festival

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enjoy all this for half-price. And regular admission is $13, so I would set that alarm.

If you can't make it up Saturday, don't worry — the festival continues into Sunday. And Sunday will feature the Hughston Sports Medical Center's annual 5K Fitness Series and a triathlon, which kick off at 7:50 a.m. and 8 a.m. respectively. Not my cup of tea, mind you. But if you're into that sort of thing, I'm sure you'll get a kick out of running the 5K or torturing your body with a 1K swim, followed by a 30K bike ride, followed by a 8K run. And you'll have Monday (Labor Day) to recover.

So, if you're going to be around this weekend, grab a few friends, pack a cooler and head out to Callaway.

It's a short drive and a decent price for a chance to get off post do something different and have a little fun.

For more information, call (800) CALLAWAY.

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT BENNING DRINKING WATER FILTRATION OF TURBIDITY

On Thursday, July 1, the filtered water at the Fort Benning surface water treatment plant had elevated levels of turbidity for several hours. The turbidity levels returned to the normal range within one to 12 hours depending on the filter, and six filters were taken off-line and backwashed before returning to use.

Upon returning these filters to use, the filtered water was tested and found to be within normal turbidity levels. The cause of higher turbidity values on July 1, was a temporary loss of operational control which was immediately corrected by noon the same day. The incident and its associated circumstances were reported to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division Drinking Water Program within 24 hours as required. This Public Notice is also required by the Georgia Rules for Safe Drinking Water.

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Please share this information with family members, neighbors, and guests who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

If a family member, neighbor, or guest does not speak or read English, you may obtain a translated copy of this Public Notice from Joseph Wilkins, Environmental Management Division, telephone number 545-2400.

For additional information, please contact Mark Fincher at 545-7928, or Joseph Wilkins at 545-2400.

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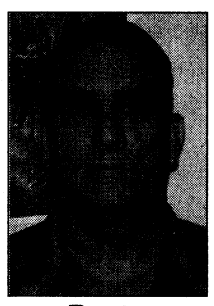
As we know, every holiday has a purpose, including Mother's and Father's Day, Memorial Day, Columbus Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and dozens more.

Almost everyone in the United States works at least five days a week to earn their salary, meet their responsibilities and support their families.

On Labor Day we should stop working and rest, knowing that work is a blessing.

There are millions of people without jobs, looking and hoping to gain a salary to help them meet their needs.

I believe the concept of Labor Day comes from the beginning of creation by God.


Resto

The Bible says, "And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

After the end of the first six days, God ceased from all works of creation.

God took satisfaction in the work of his own hands.

He did not rest as one weary, but as one well-pleased with the manifestations of his own glory.

He rested on that day and took satisfaction in his creatures. Then he sanctified the seventh day and appointed us, on that day, to rest a holy rest.

I believe that Labor Day is an opportunity for us to recognize God as the creator and the one that supplies everything — our health, our jobs, our homes and our families.

Some of us have been working many, many years, and we'll continue until our last day on earth.

Today, we should recognize the work we do to help make the world a better place, the hard work we do to maintain our family.

Happy Labor Day weekend. Remember, "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (I Corinthians 15:58)

Follow the process to ensure your relationship is divine

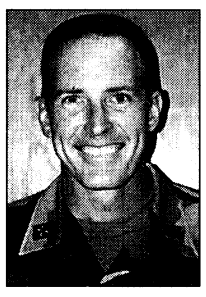
Five steps complete, find true love for lifetjime of bliss

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

The jumpmaster belted out, "Who needs to be JMPd?" The young, strapping, airborne paratrooper struggled to his feet beneath the weight of his parachute rigging and sounded off with a vigorous, "Here, Jumpmaster!"

Any jumper knows that to experience the thrill of a great jump, you've got to follow a process (JMPI — it's a meticulous safety inspection) to make certain you don't overlook any "major malfunctions."

Similarly, it makes a whole lot of sense in our *romantic* pursuits to make sure we do a "relationship JMPI" before we take a lover's leap, doesn't it?


Hawkins

If we want the thrill of a great relationship, we're wise to follow a process that ensures we've checked and double-checked that this relationship is going to be divine and not a disaster!

And that's what we've been talking about for the last four weeks, reminding ourselves that this is what every parent ought to teach and every single has to know ...

Step No. 1 — Get to know him or her. Check out the fun factor, the family factor and the faith factor. (Knowing takes the three T's: Time, Talk and Togetherness.)

Step No. 2 — Earn, learn to trust him or her. Did you remember the formula for trust? TRST=P^2C^2/T=(Proven Performance in Character and Competence "over" Time.)

Step No. 3 — Test your reliance on him or her. This is all about the "Love Bank." Is your love interest actually making more deposits than withdrawals in your love bank?

How about you with him or her?

Step No. 4 — Commit. In the military, we call it a PNR (point of no return.) It is when we decide, "no matter what," we're absolutely, irrevocably comitted to "mission complete."

After you've gone the first three steps, you're able to make that sort of spiritual promise in marriage. And there's no power like the power of commitment!

Step No. 5 — Sexual touch. Why, in a culture that wants so often to put this first in a relationship, would I list it last?

Well, it's for the same reason you don't head straight for the thrill of a jump, diving out the aircraft door without first going through a few other steps! It can be disastrous!

God wants what is *absolutely best* for you.

And he knows the greatest thrill and the best sex go hand-in-hand with a relationship that's been well JMPd (knowing, trusting, relying, fully committed, i.e., married, and *then* you get the icing on the cake!)

In fact, current secular research is showing that the "best sex" that's going on out there is not the myth and the mirage of Hollywood's *Sex* and the City lifestyle.

Instead, the most frequent and the most satisfying sexual experiences are being had by deeply committed and deeply spiritual married couples.

That's what the research shows. Surprised? God isn't!

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Want more info?

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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
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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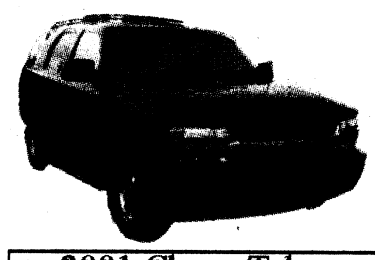
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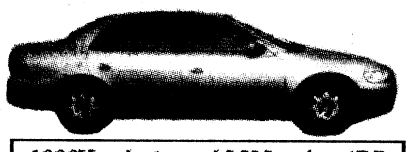
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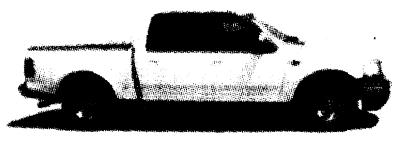
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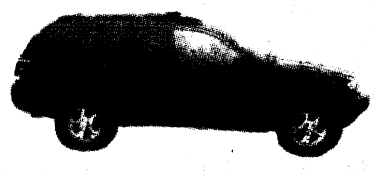
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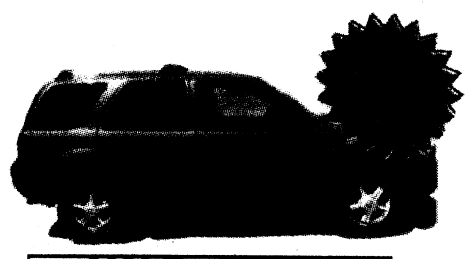
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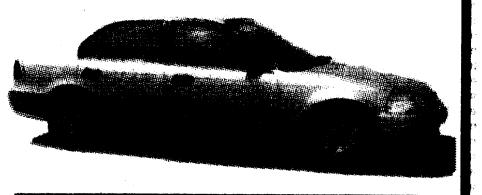
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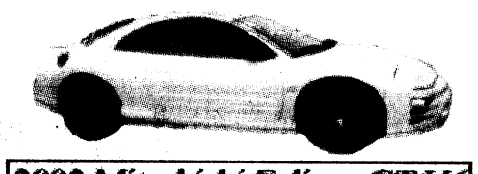
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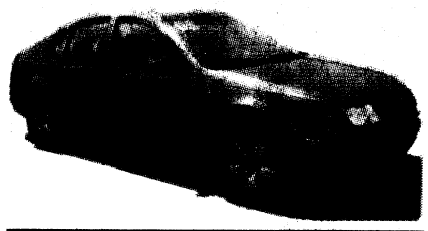
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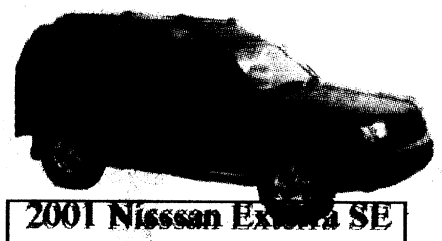
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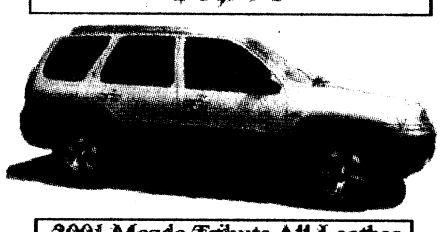
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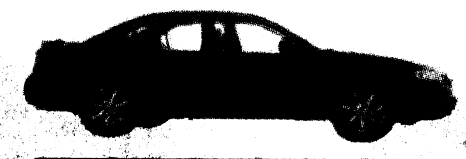
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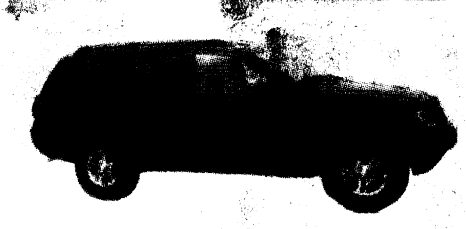
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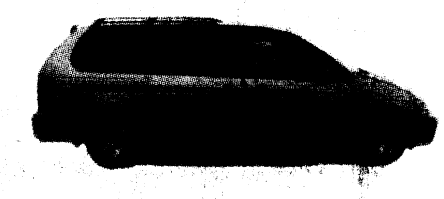
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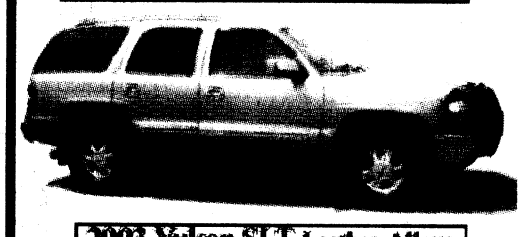
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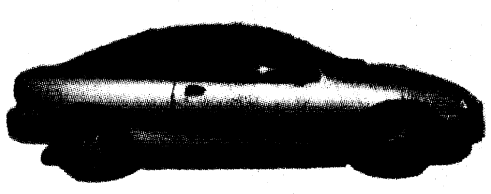
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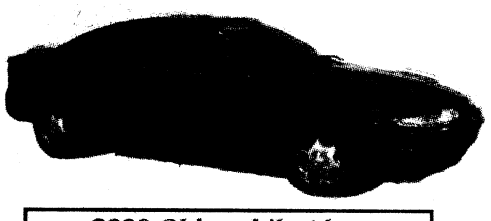
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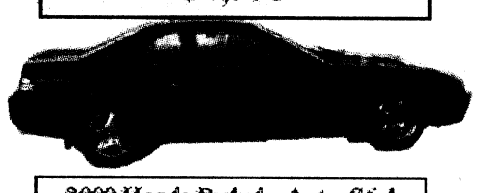
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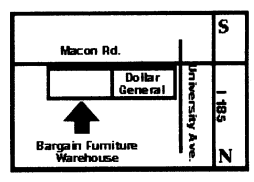

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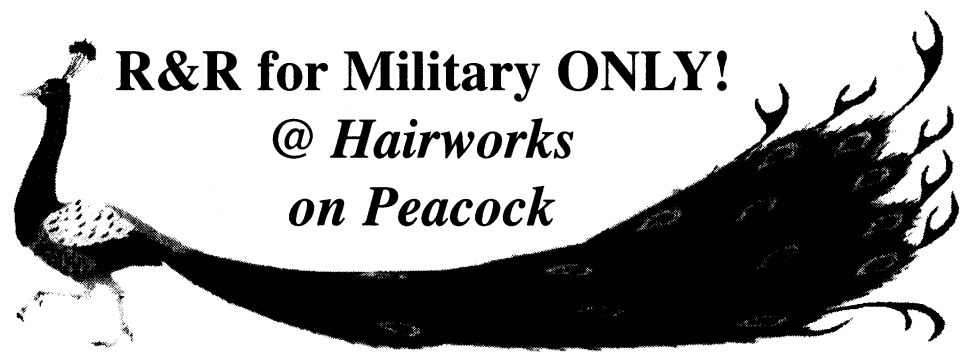
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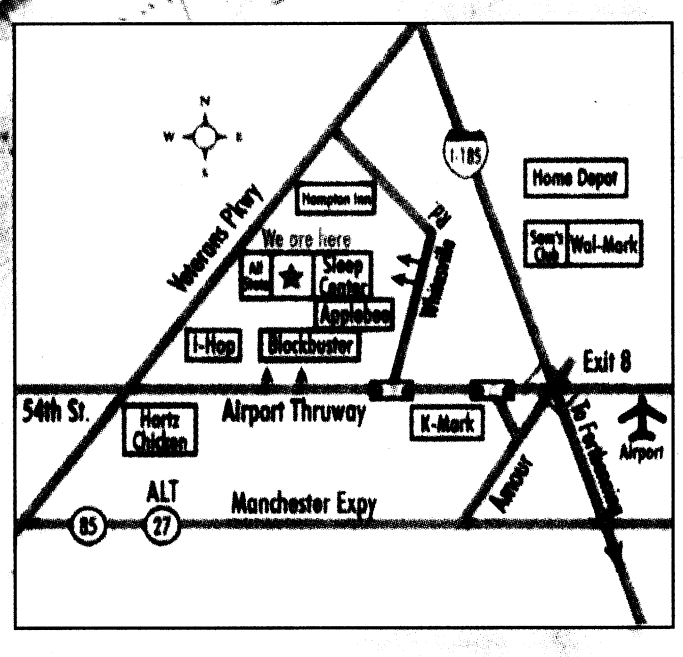
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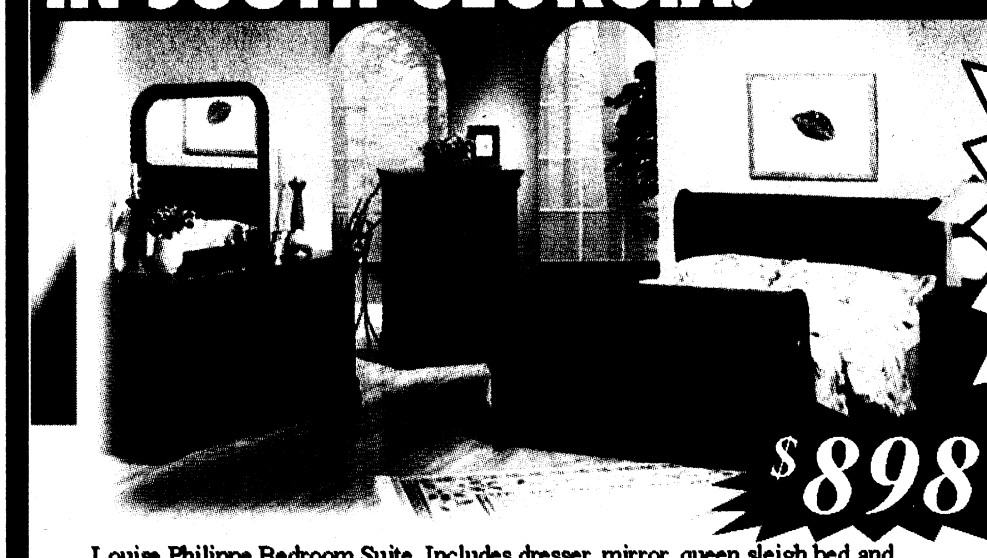
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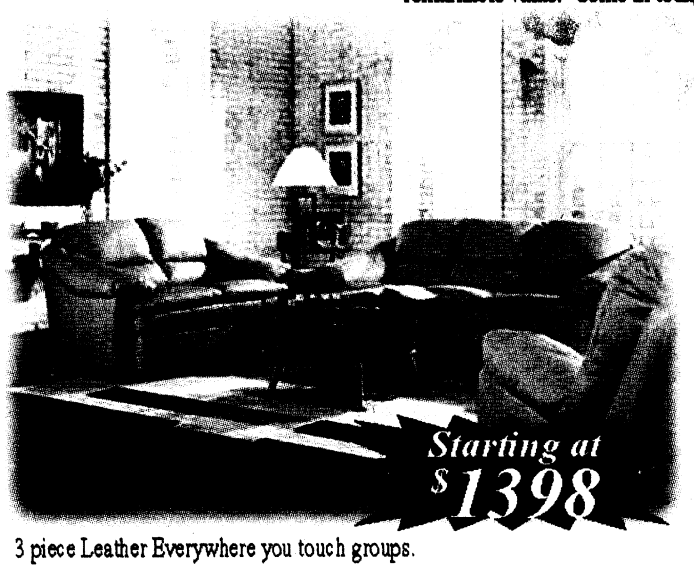
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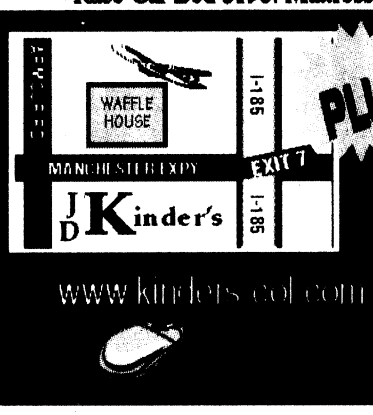


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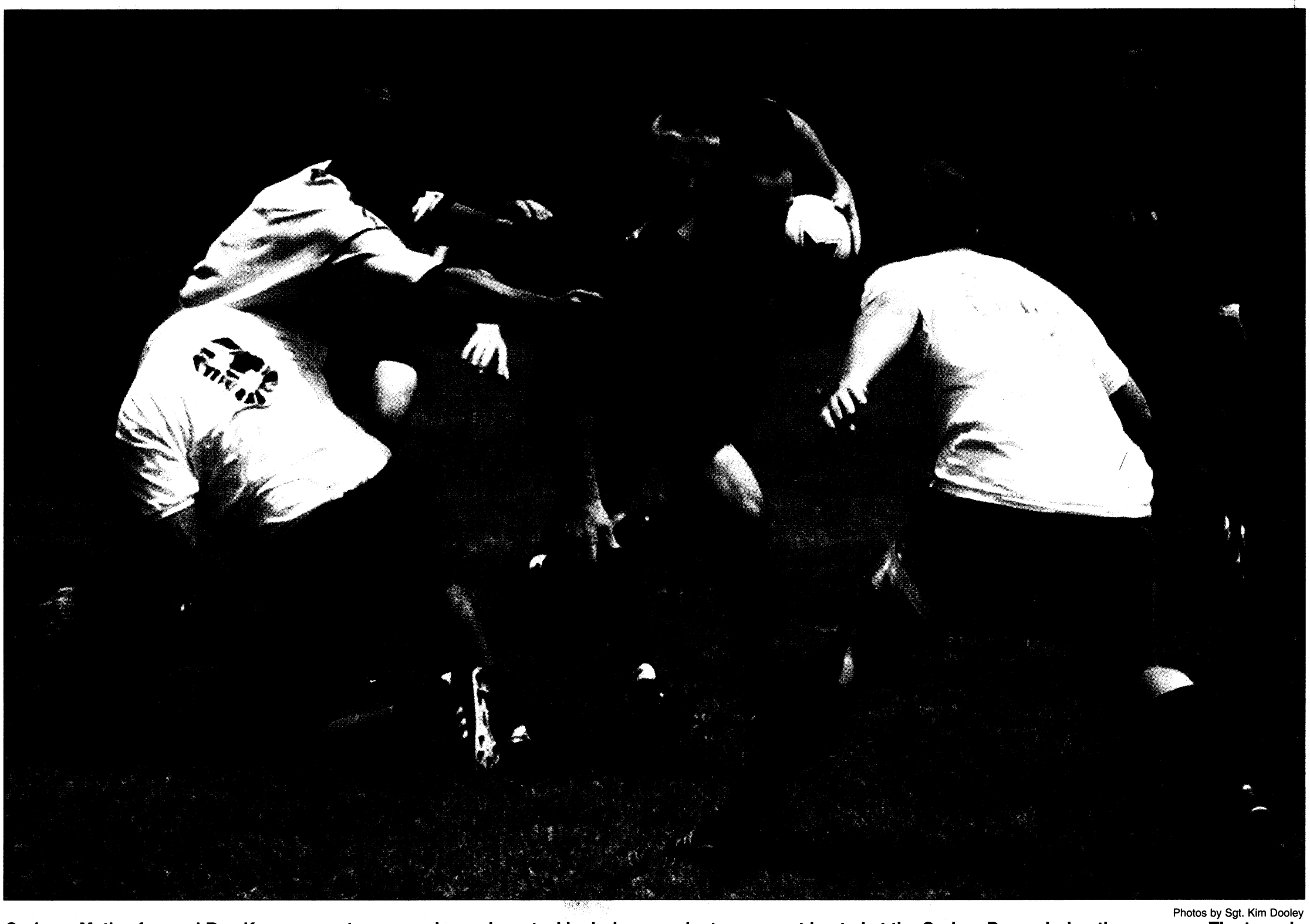
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SPORTS



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Cruise-a-Matics forward Roy Krueger, center, narrowly evades a tackle during a rugby tournament hosted at the Cruiser Dome during the summer. The team is looking for new and experienced players to join their ranks for this year's 15s seasons (fall and spring).



Cruiser scrum half Sean Schaefer takes down an opponent.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Ruggers wanted

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Dig out those cleats and grab a mouth guard — the Columbus/Fort Benning Cruise-a-Matics want you.

The tricommunity's only rugby club, the Cruisers, are entering a new season and are looking for seasoned veterans and new players to join the team, said Roy MacDonald, club president.

The club is a "half-and-half mix" of military and civilian players, MacDonald said. Recently, the club has experienced a large turn-over on the military side. Since the beginning of the summer season, the team has lost several of its players to deployments, PCS moves and ETS moves.

"This is a great time to come out and test your feet on the field, because we're kind of in a rebuilding stage right now," he said. "We've got a lot of newer players, so we'll be starting with the basics and building from there."

The Cruisers started their new season — called 15s — last week, but it's never too late to join a practice or get into a game.

"We're always looking for players who want to learn a great sport, have some fun and make lifelong friends," MacDonald said.

The Cruisers practice from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Cruiser Dome behind Dolly Madison Bakery.

Games are on Saturdays and are most often in Columbus or nearby cities, like Macon, Ga., Atlanta and Birmingham, Ala.

"We're just out to have a good time and play a good game," MacDonald said. "And anyone who wants to be a part of that is more than welcome with us."

To get to the Cruiser Dome 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.

For more information, call MacDonald at 221-1941 or Roy Krueger at 545-7162.

Benning paintball course grand opening Thursday

Facility to offer 'speedball' play, tourneys

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Organized paintball is finally a reality for Fort Benning. The paintball park, contracted by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, will hold its grand opening at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The opening will feature paintball demonstrations and activities and music provided by local radio station Rock 103.

"Flying Colors," a company run by father-and-son team Rory Sr. and Rory Calhoun built the course. The Calhouns also run a park at Fort Gordon, Ga., which was where they found out about the interest in having one at Fort Benning.

"We had a booth at a festival at Fort Gordon with a paintball shoot," Rory said, "and a gentleman mentioned the program here. We inquired, got lucky and got the contract."

Richard Martin, chief of DMWR's Community Recreation Division, said DMWR wanted to "plug into" the Calhoun's expertise and safety knowledge in designing and managing the park.

Although still developing the layout for the course on Tuesday, Calhoun said he would be open for business this weekend.

The park's office and equipment are housed in an old concession-style trailer sitting on a newly poured concrete pad behind the Afterhours Club and Subway on Anderson Street. The trailer was repainted OD green, and Martin said several of the post's younger paintball enthusiasts have offered to help "decorate" the outside by shooting it with paintballs.

Calhoun said the park is 150 by 300 feet, enclosed by 30-foot–high netting to keep the paintballs inside the park. He's ordered the inflatable red and yellow barriers that he calls "tacos" for the course. The bunkers and barriers will support two teams of five players playing "speedball."



Melissa House

Rory Calhoun Jr. will operate the post's paintball course.

Speedball is a fast-paced version of paintball similar to capture-the-flag, Calhoun said, where teams try to eliminate all targets (players) on the field and capture their opponent's flag.

"It makes you feel alive," Calhoun said. "But you know you're out when you get hit by a paintball."

Calhoun has several experienced players who have played in tournaments who will referee matches in the park. The referees will be able to answer questions players have about the game and their equipment.

The park has some hard and fast safety rules players must follow, but Calhoun says teams will be able to make their own "game rules."

"I want the customers to have fun and bring their friends," Calhoun said. "The rules will be by majority vote before the teams begin play. We want their input — what they like, don't like."

Martin said there is a circle of paintball players who may have been driving to Auburn, Ala., to play.

"Auburn's the closest established course," Martin said. "I think this facility is going to be good."

Hours of operation for the course are from 2 p.m. until dark Wednesday to Friday and from 9 a.m. until dark Saturday and Sunday.

Paintball enthusiasts:

- Must be at least 48 inches tall and 10 years old to play.
- Must wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants and close-toed shoes.
- May bring own equipment, but must pay a field fee and use field paint purchased at the park.

For more information, call 545-7978.

Midnight Express makes 24th run

More than 3,500 join for good cause

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"It's not about the race; it's about the community."

That's the philosophy Country's Barbecue owners Scott Ressmeyer, Jim Morpeth and Griff Morpeth put to use each year when they host the Midnight Express.

In its 24th year, the race is an annual event that benefits the visually impaired, raising money for college scholarships, school equipment, training guide dogs and special athletic teams.

But it does more than that, if you ask Rochelle Ressmeyer, who helps organize the event. It unites the tricommunity behind a common cause.

This year, around 3,500 people from Columbus, Fort Benning and Phenix City came together for the cause.

"We're so grateful every time we start to see this take shape," Rochelle said. "It's so wonderful to be able to put this together for all these people, and benefit someone at the same time."

Rochelle said the owners of Country's inherited the race from the shoe store that previously occupied the restaurant's building and, recognizing the significance of the midnight run, thought they ought to keep it going.

"This is one of the biggest events in Columbus, and we've always been very pro-Columbus," she said. "We love to see the Tri-City out here. We love to see the Fort Benning Soldiers here. All these people behind (this) cause, having that common thread."

David Bill can attest to that. The Columbus Technical College teacher has participated in the race "since day one."

"I love running, and it's for such a charitable cause," Bill said. "I enjoy giving back to the community, to people who really need the help."

Although the Columbus native usually places well, he maintains that the Midnight Express is one race that isn't about competition for him.

"I'm here to run for a cause," he said, adding that he generally tries to find race events that benefit a charitable organization, like the Arthritis Foundation. "It just adds depth to it."

For Bill, that depth is only furthered by the memories of his father, a 30-year veteran who suffered from diabetes and lost his sight during the terminal stages of his illness.

He said he's also had several friends affected by sight impairment. Participating in the run gives him a chance to help people outside of his realm who suffer from the same challenges as those who have been close to him.

"I'm the kind of person who would do anything to help someone, to support people (who need it)," he said.

Chase Betack appreciates the cause, but was most looking forward to putting his cross-country skills to the test along the 5K route.

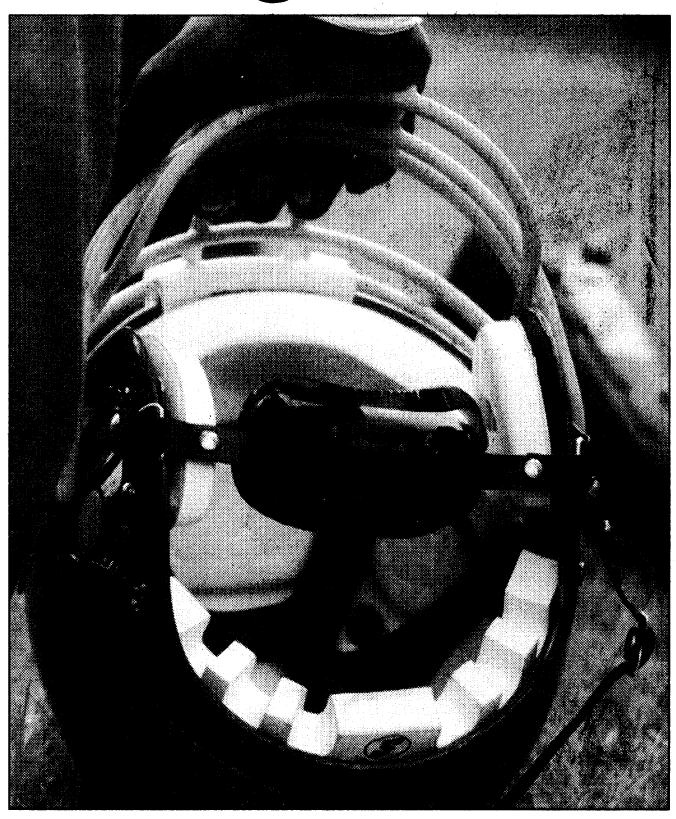
The 17-year-old Carver High School student said he's run in the race since his freshman year of high school, when he first began running.

Betack took first place in the 15-to-19 age category Saturday night with a finish of just over 17 minutes. He placed ninth overall.

Although he doesn't get to collect the cash prize older competitors receive — "high school and college runners don't get the money" — Betack said it felt good to perform as well as he did.

The high school senior plans to attend Georgia Tech next year to study building engineering.

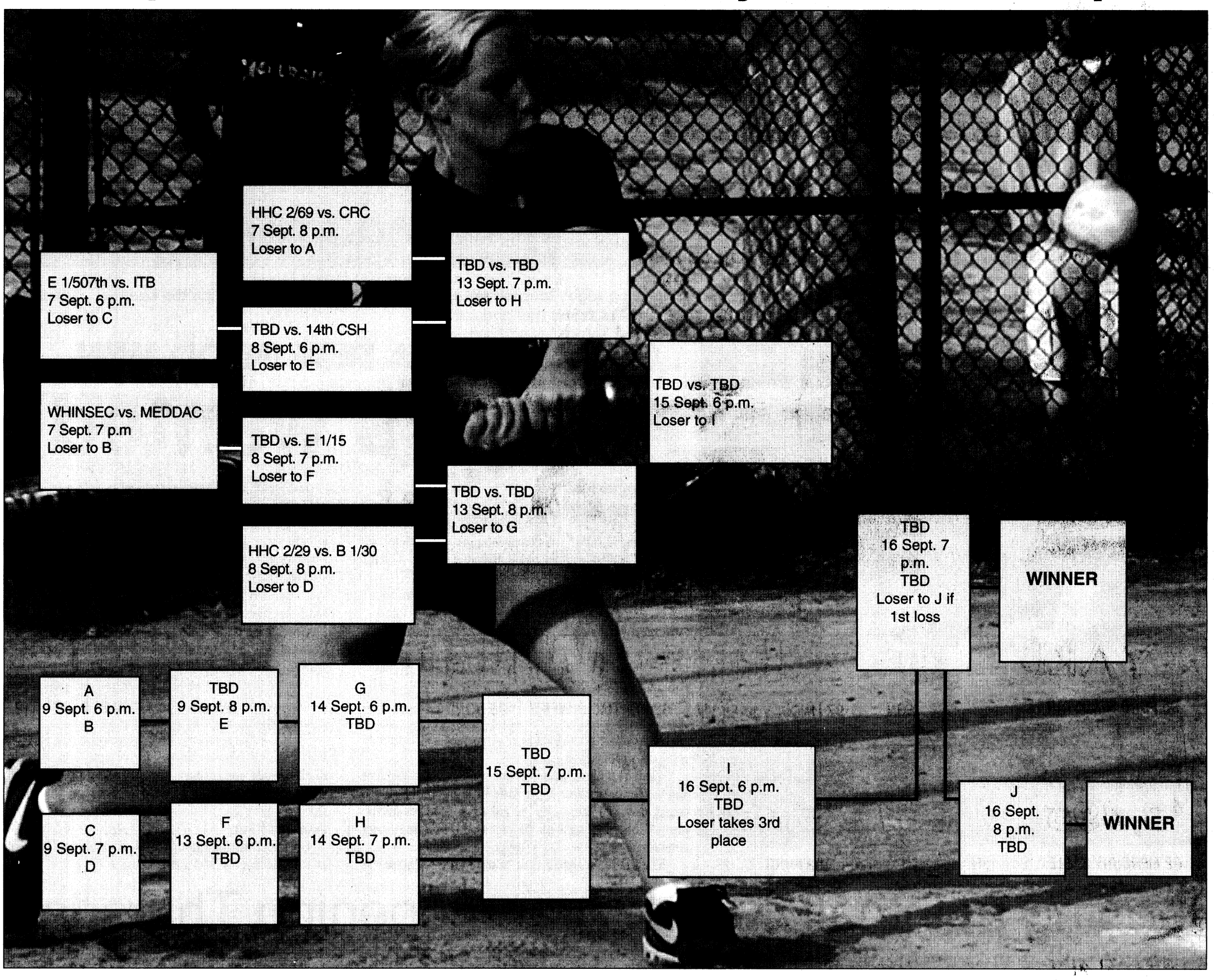
Rising star



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Check out next week's sports section to find out about a local rising high school football star with Fort Benning ties.

2004 post intramural tourney kicks off Sept. 7



SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

CYS needs coaches — Child and Youth Services needs coaches for youth soccer, football, baseball, basketball and cheerleading.

For more information, call 545-3582 or stop by Building 359.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park is offering special hours for adults.

Operational hours for adult ID card holders, who are at least 18 and out of high school, will be 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The skateboard park will not be open to youth Sundays and Mondays.

There is no charge for adult usage of the park.

Users are required to wear a helmet and sign a release form.

These hours are offered on a trial basis for approximately three months.

For more information, call Richard Martin at 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for both aquatic and dry land.

Aquatic hours are from 5 to 6 p.m. three days a week and dry land hours vary. Requirements include an Instructor Certification.

For more information, call Larry McCoy at 545-4388.

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.

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Sporting Clays Tournament — The Resort at Callaway will host the first ever Callaway Sporting Clays Tournament to benefit the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation on Sept. 18.

Individuals and four-person squads will compete by shooting 100-round sporting clays at 12 stations. Competitors will be judged using the Lewis Class Scoring system.

There will be two rotations of competition at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. with registration one hour prior at the Callaway Gun Club.

For $5 per shooter, participants can also compete in two games, Long Bird and Quick Draw, both at 8 a.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of the three classes.

Individual registration is a $100 donation; four-shooter squad registration is a $300 donation.

For information, or to register, call Judy Gosa at 663-5096.

Callaway Golf Tournament — The Resort at Callaway will host the second annual Ida Cason Callaway Foundation Golf Tournament Sept. 27.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams with an array of door prizes as well as awards for "closest to the pin" on holes eight and 12 and "longest drive" on the 18th hole.

Tournament registration will be from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a buffet lunch and a shotgun start at noon.

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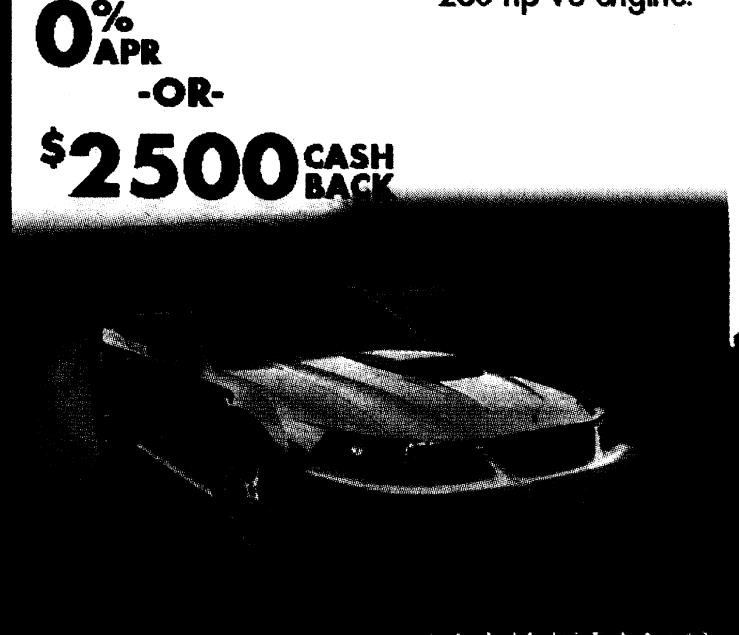
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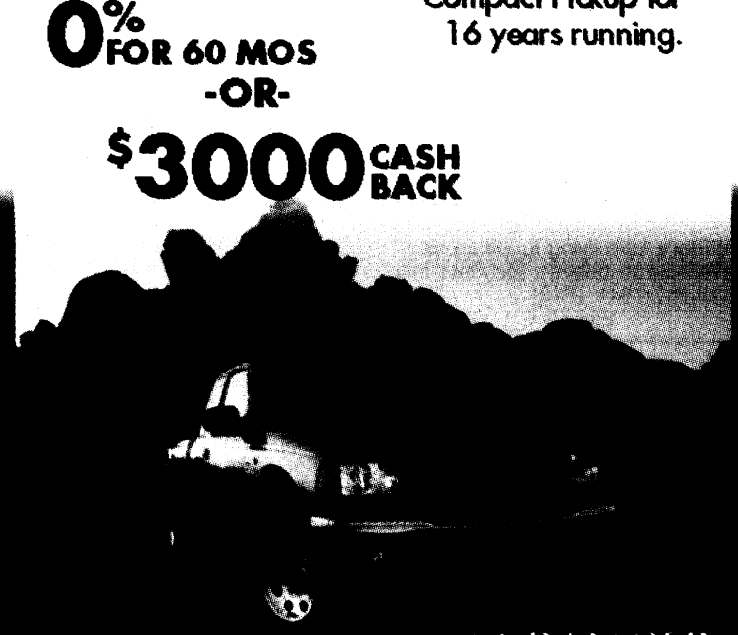
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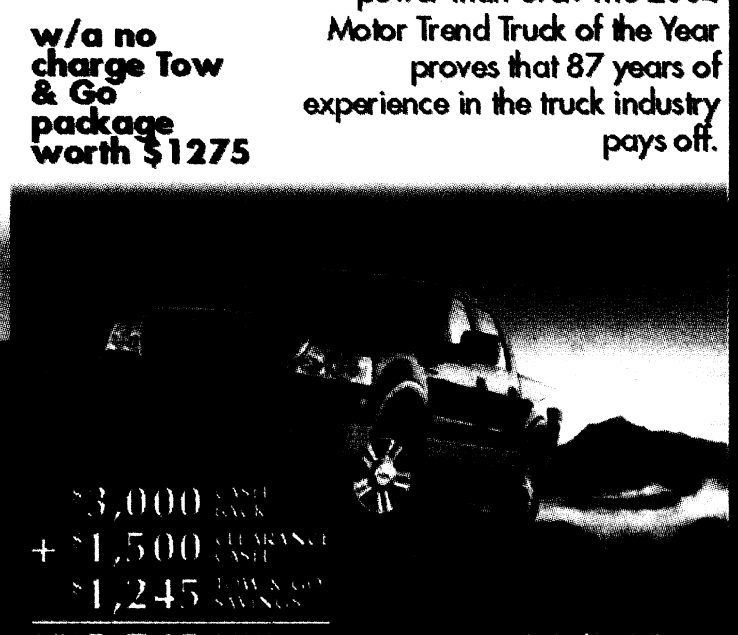


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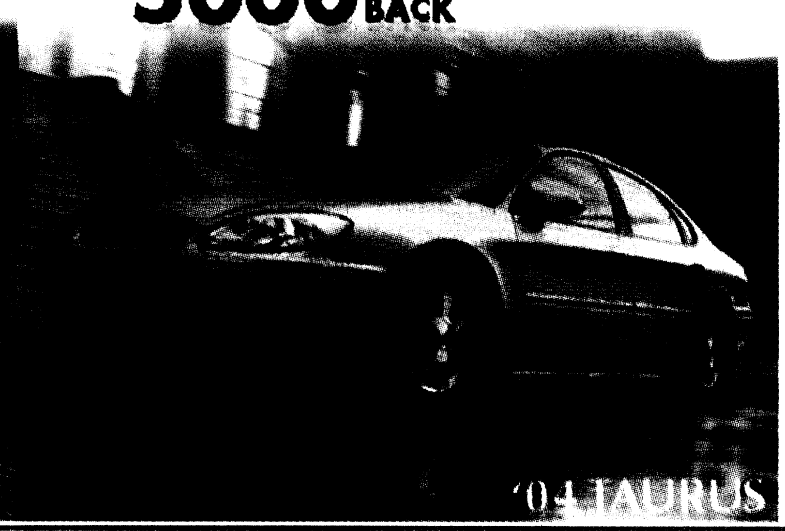
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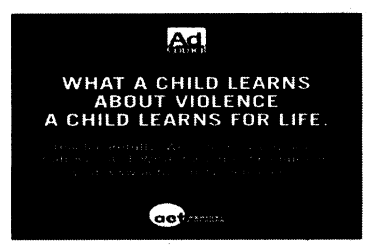
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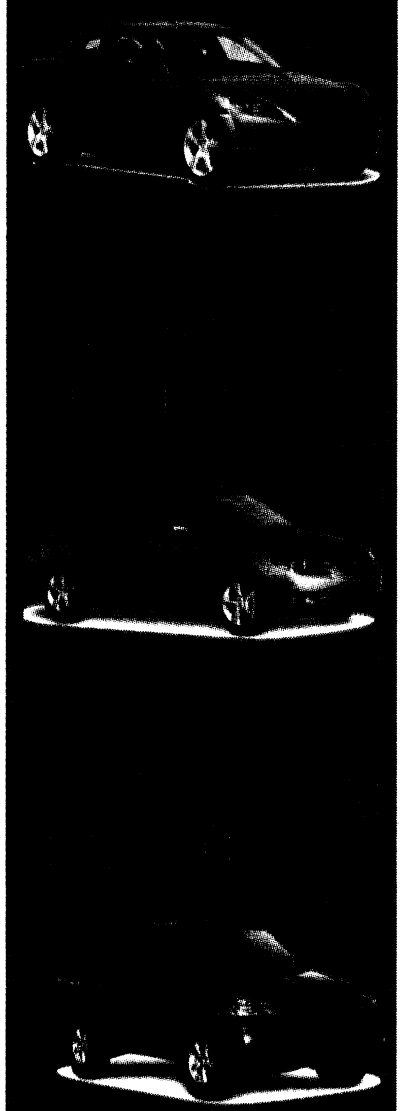
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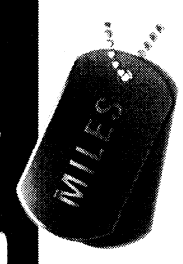
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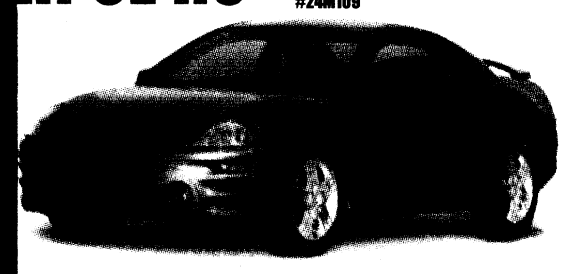
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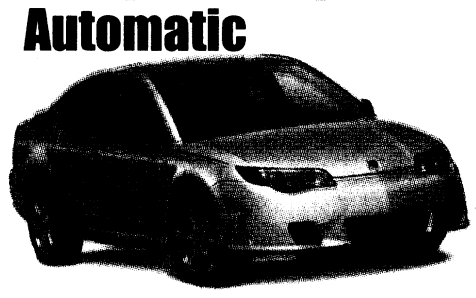
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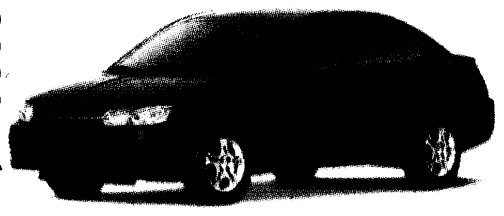
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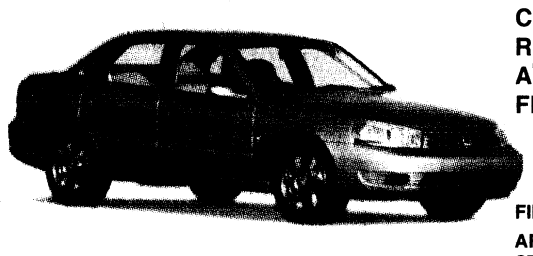
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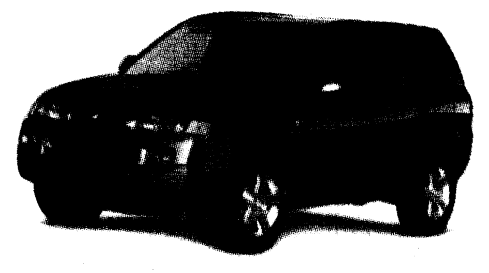
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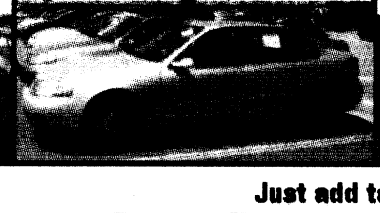
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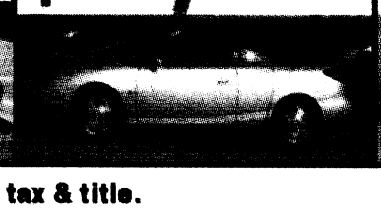
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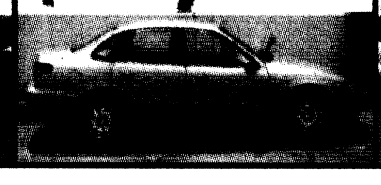
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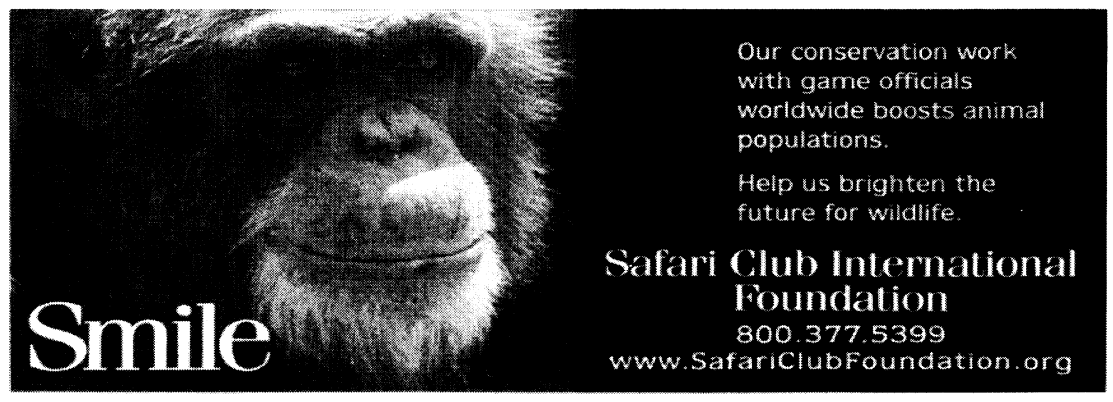
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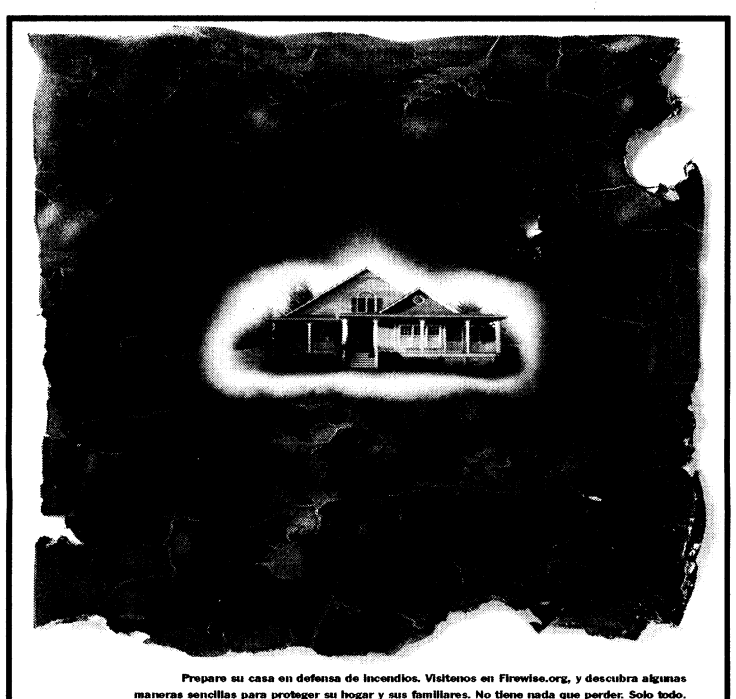
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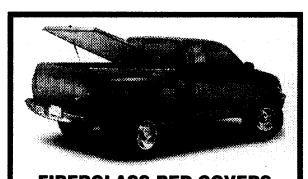
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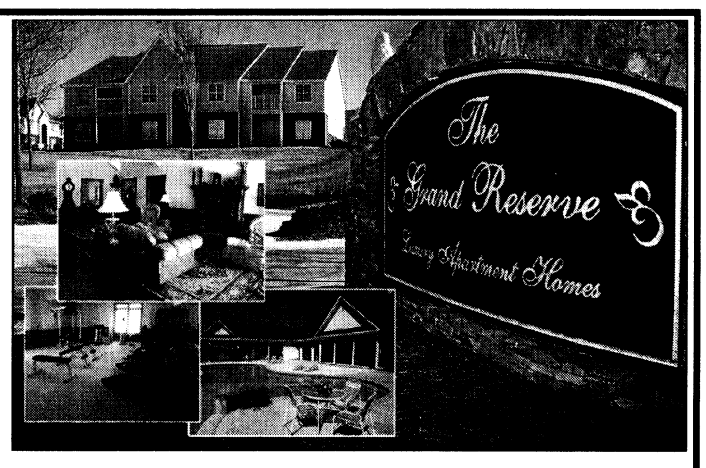
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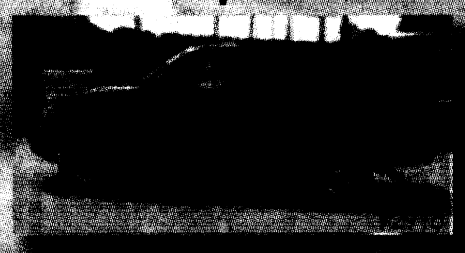
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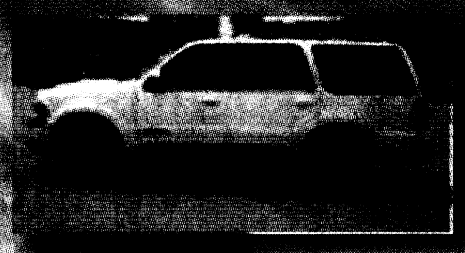
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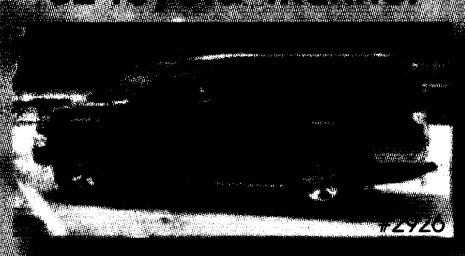
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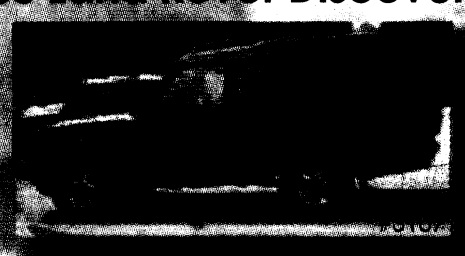
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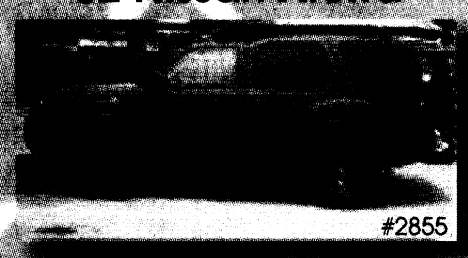
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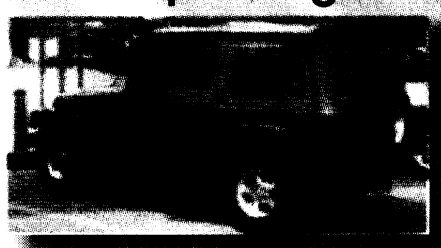
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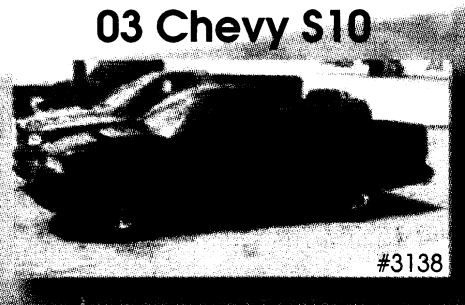
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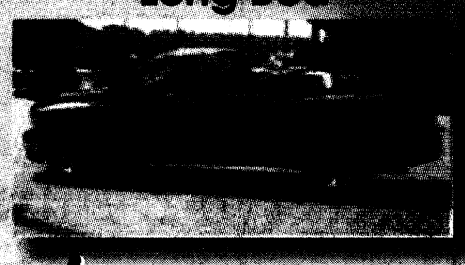
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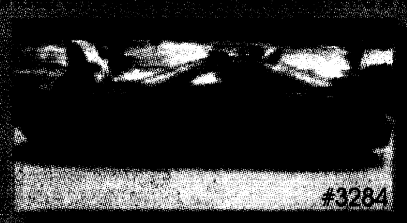
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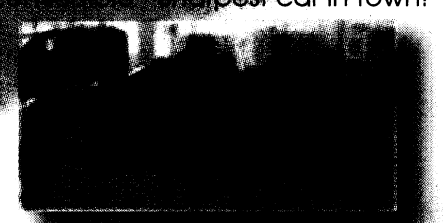


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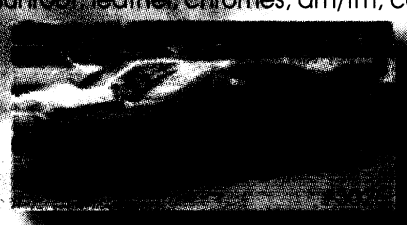
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02 Nissan Maxima GLE
leather, sunroof, chrome rims, am/fm bose cd, sharp!



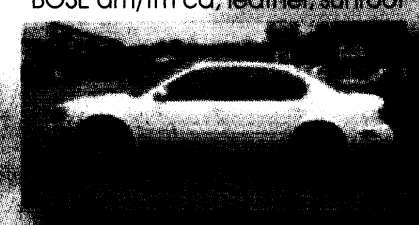
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02 Lincoln LS
sunroof, leather, chromes, am/fm, cd



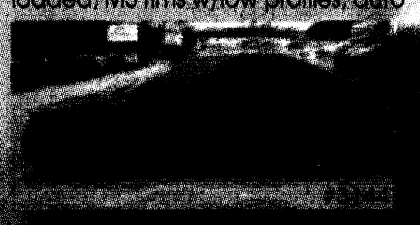
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01 Infiniti I30
BOSE am/fm cd, leather, sunroof



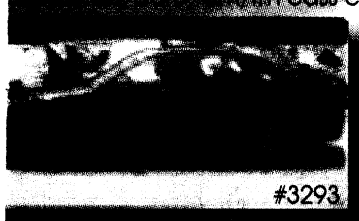
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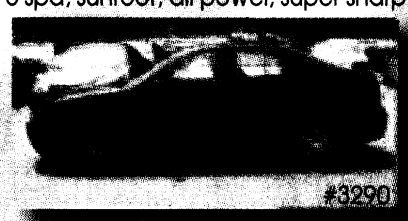
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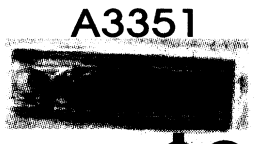
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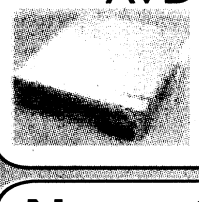
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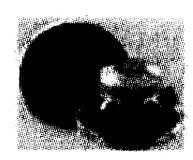
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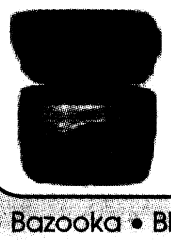
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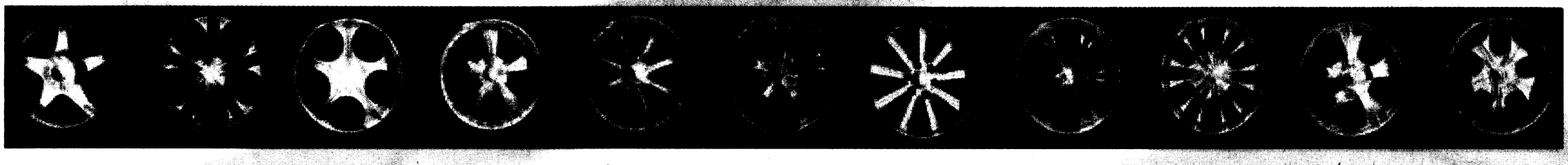
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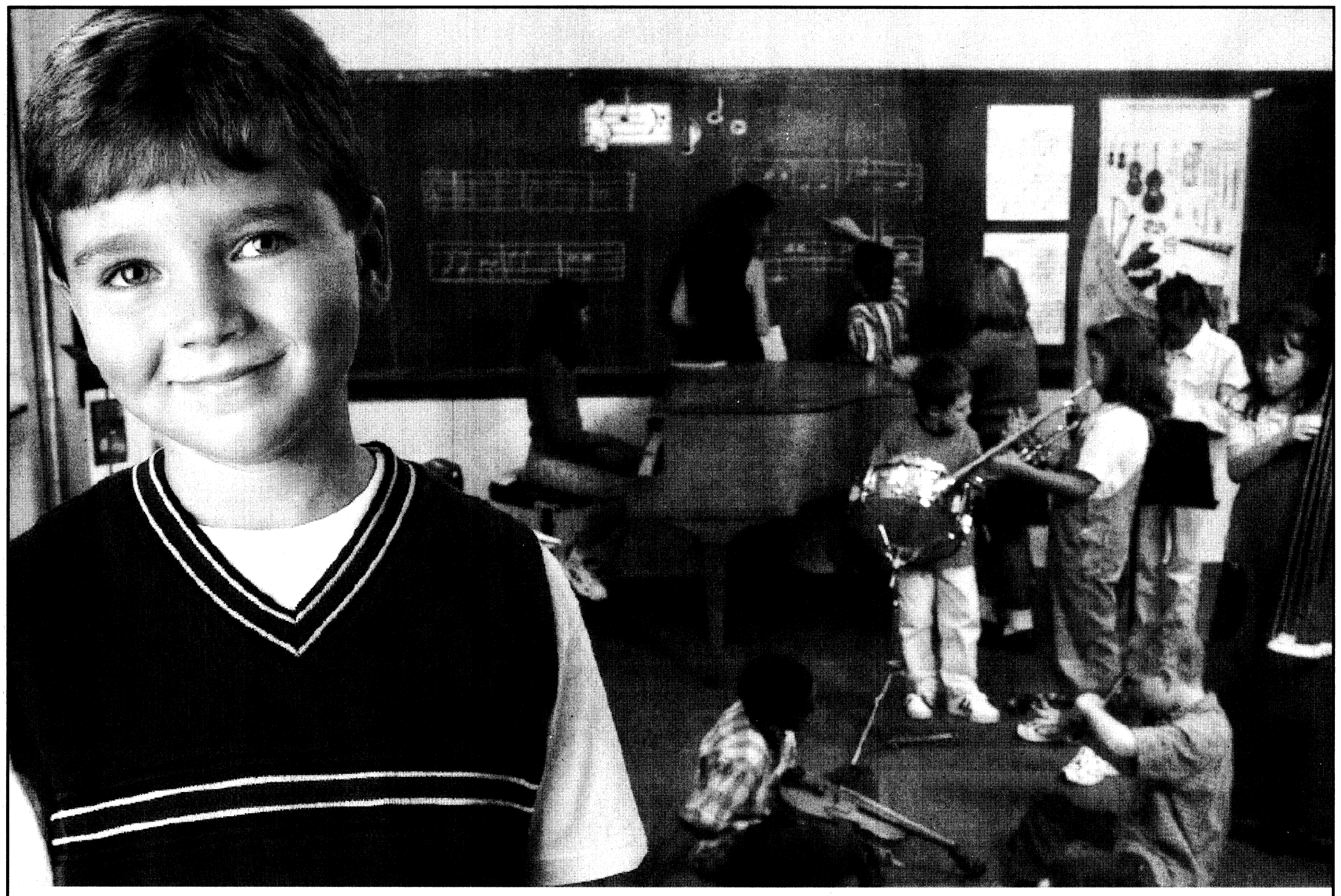


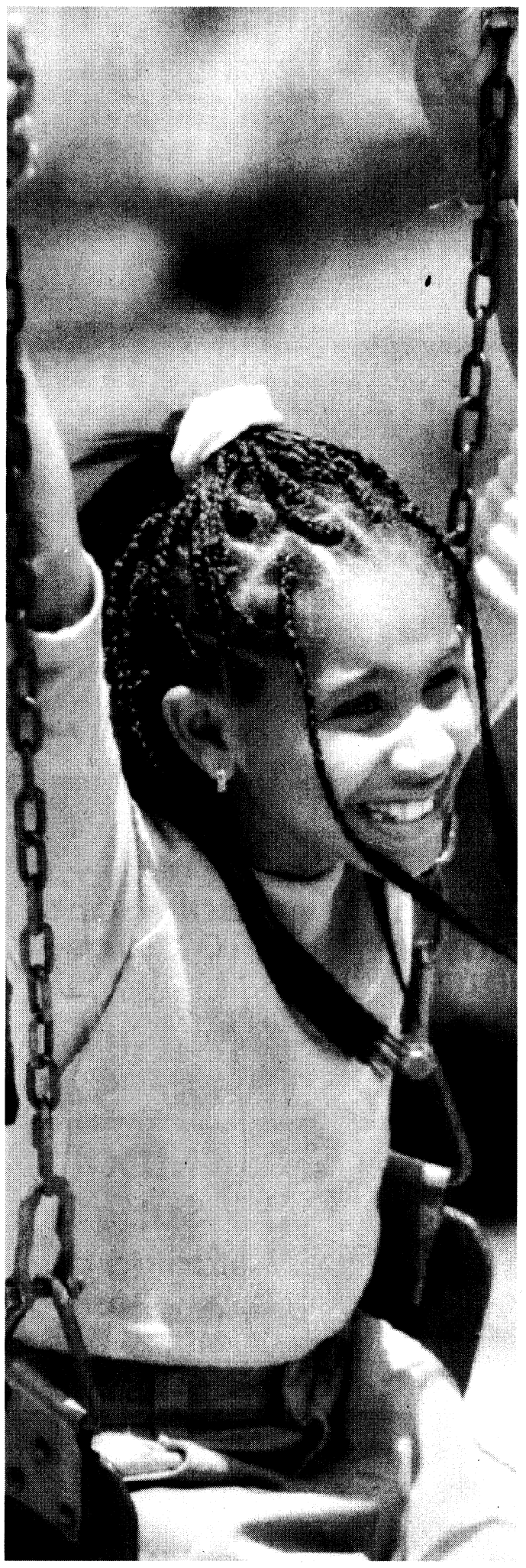
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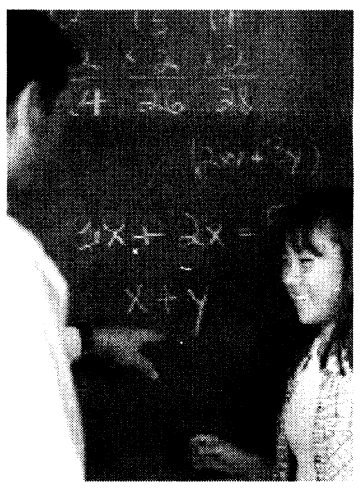
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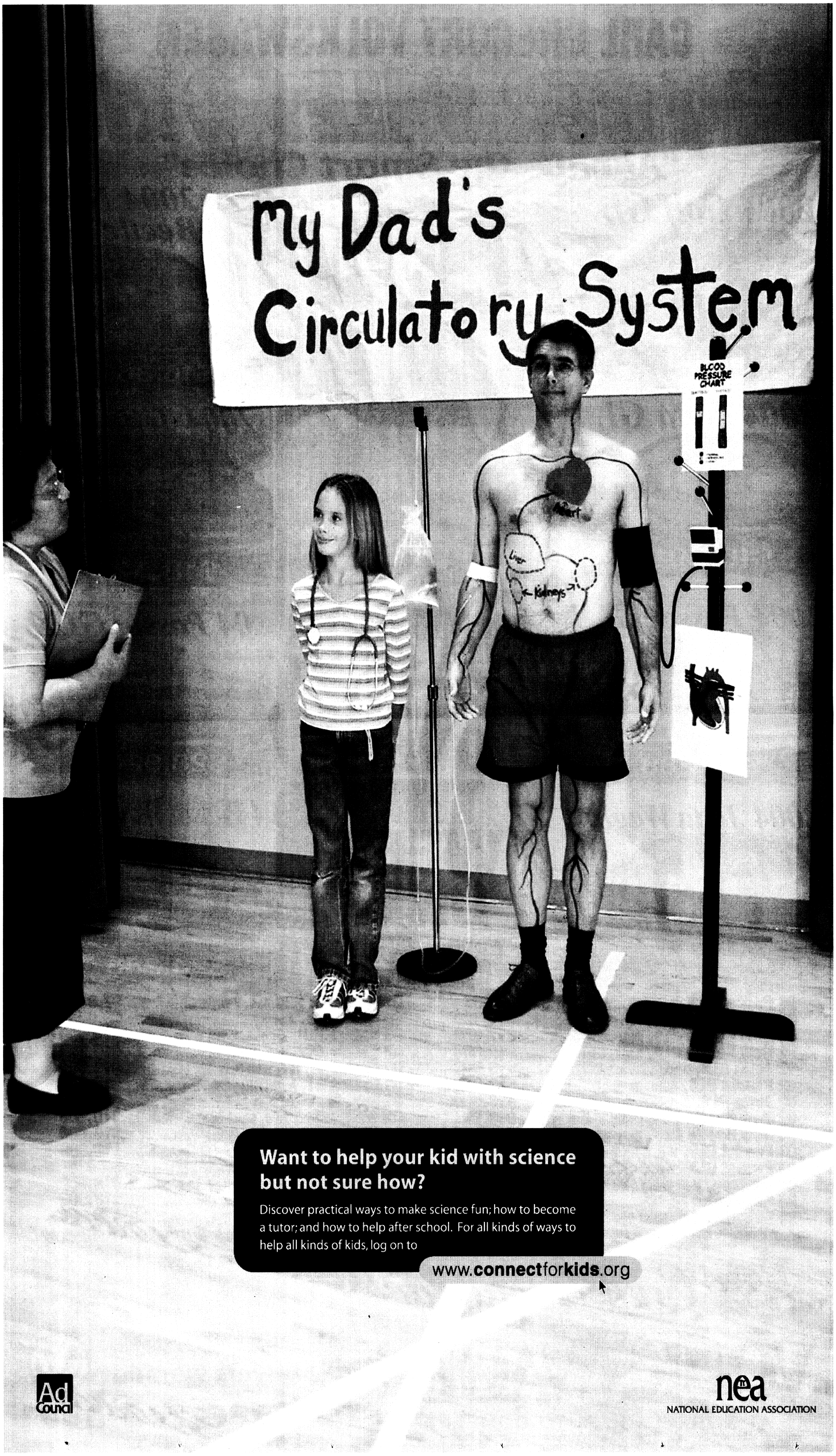
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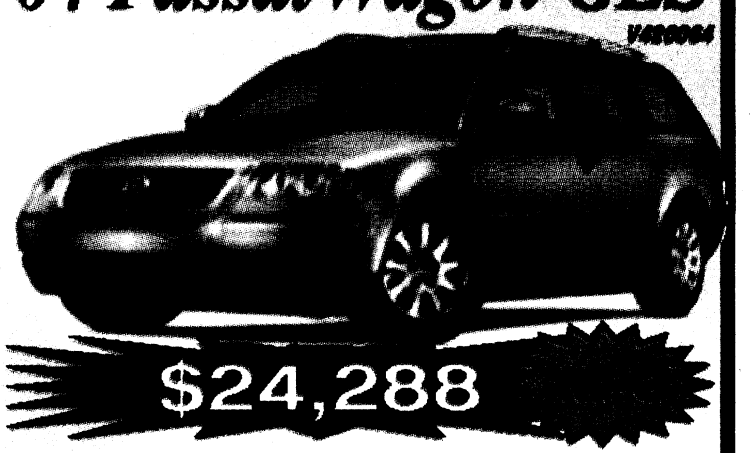
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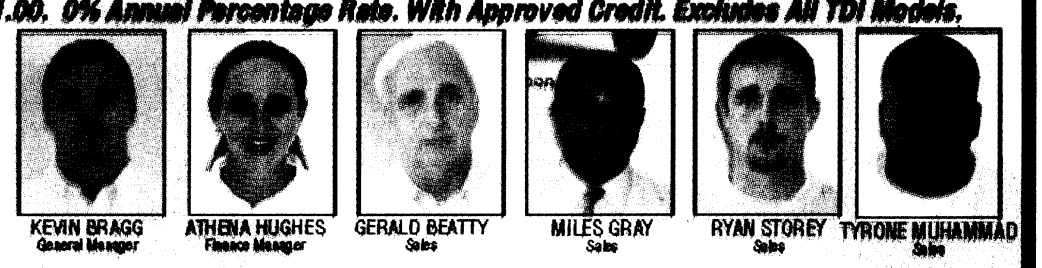


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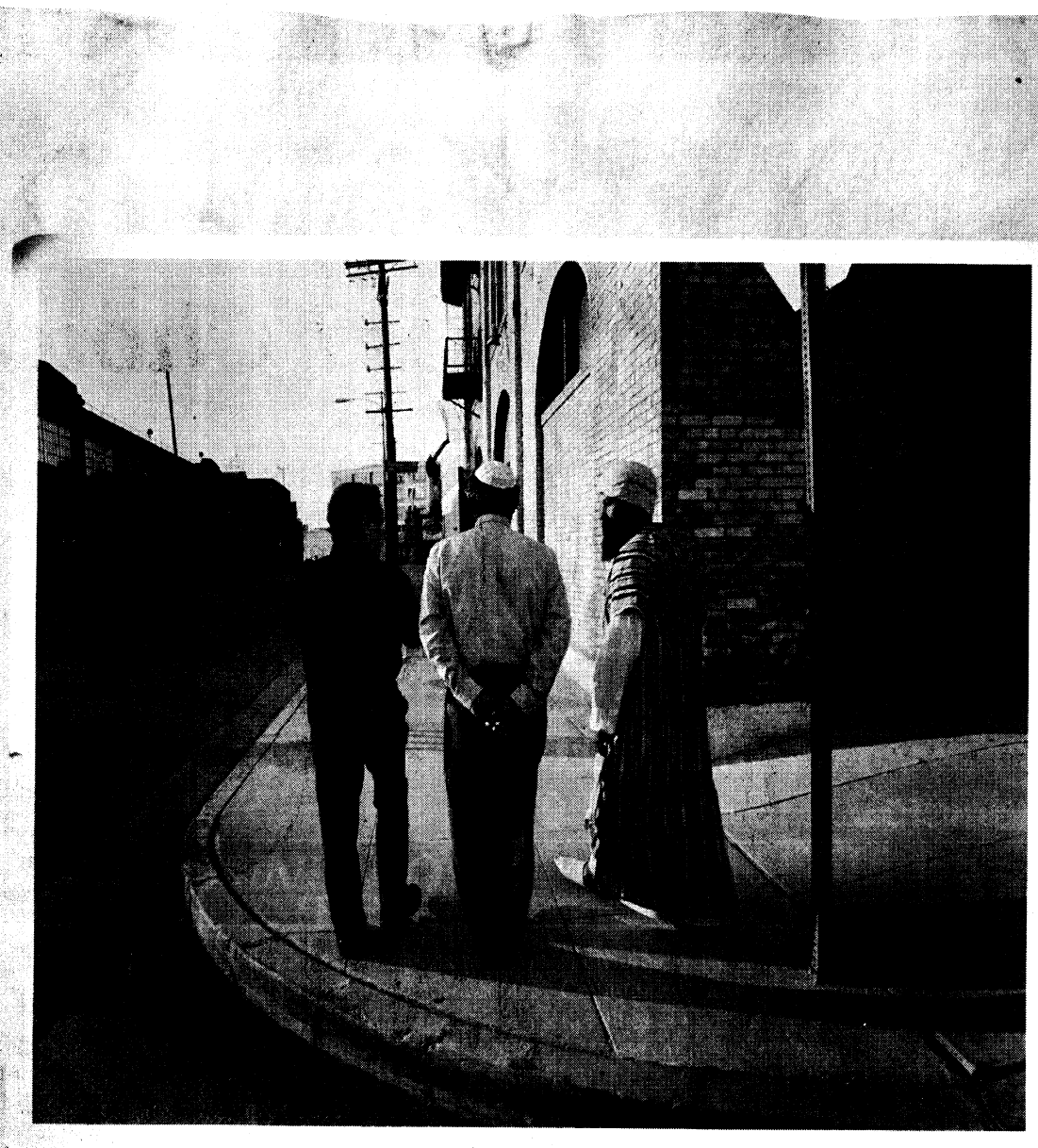
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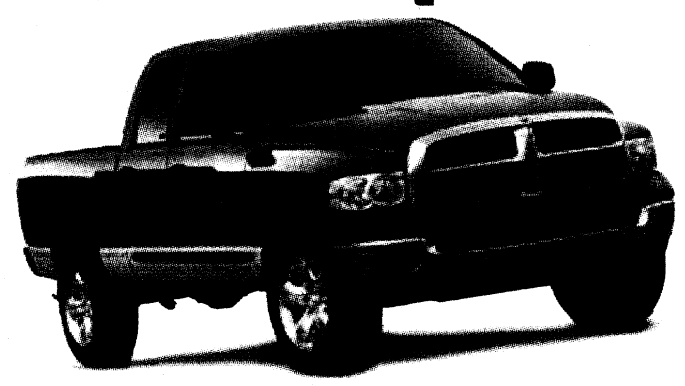
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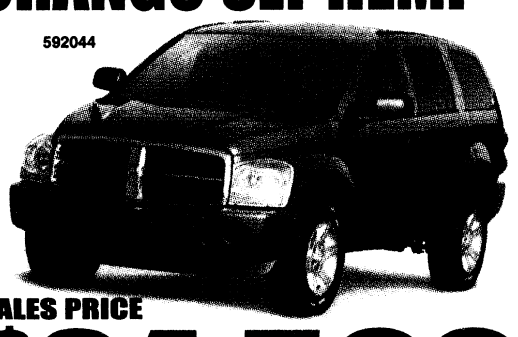
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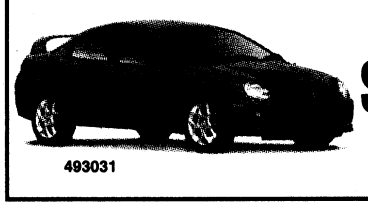
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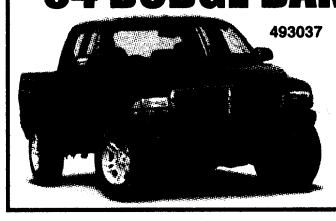


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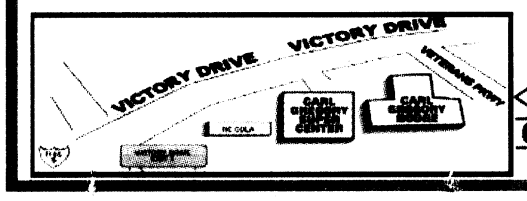
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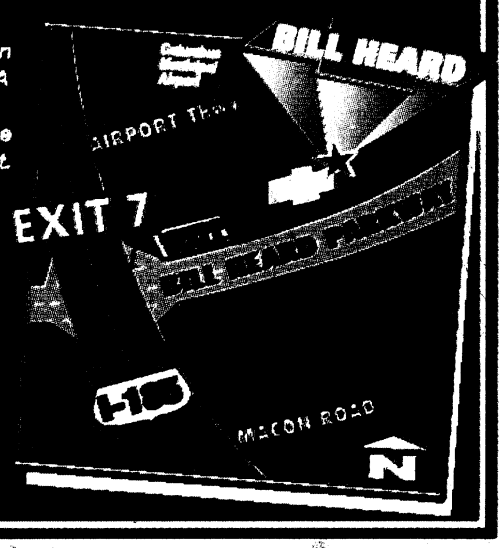
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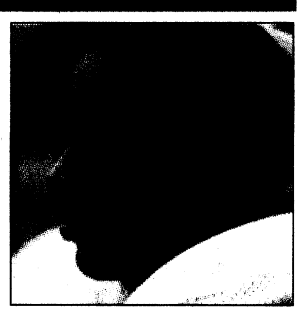
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Post expands off-limits list

Military banned from four more establishments

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Four new establishments were added Sept. 2 to the list of local businesses off-limits to all service members.

The Firehouse, a nightclub, Drive 1, a used car dealership that caters to Soldiers, and two Chinese restaurants, China King Express and China Inn Express, have temporarily been placed on the list by Fort Benning's Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley until they come before the region's disciplinary control board for review, said Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, provost marshal and president of the disciplinary control board.

Finnegan said the establishments come before the board when there are reports of illegal or "questionable" practices, like drug dealing, violence, prostitution or unethical business practices, like inflated interest rates. Finnegan declined to comment on reasons for the four newest additions.

The businesses on the original off-limits list, which was released in June, included:

- Gold Lounge, 3613 Victory Drive
- Traffic Light Inn, 2210 Fort Benning Road
- Cellar's Lounge, 3456 Victory Drive
- Candlelight Motel, 3456 Victory Drive
- Coach's Corner, 3709 Gentian Boulevard

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Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Lewis, of 4th RTBn.'s dive team, was promoted underwater last week.

Dive team promotes scuba

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

So what's it mean? His career is washed up? It's taken a dive? He's in over his head?

What's it mean that Staff Sgt. Jeff Lewis chose to become *Sgt. 1st Class* Jeff Lewis under 11 feet of water?

"It means we're a small group of guys, we're close, and we like to do things differently," said Lewis, a member of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion's dive team.

Lewis is hoping his underwater promotion ceremony Sept. 1 at the Kelley Hill pool will serve another purpose. He's hoping it'll draw attention to the cohesive nine-man unit. In a word, he's hoping to recruit.

"We're always looking for divers," said Lewis, who was "pinned" by his dive buddy, Capt. Corbett McCallum. The two placed third in this year's Best Ranger Competition.

Five Rangers wearing oxygen tanks stood on the bottom of the pool for the brief ceremony, then posed for underwater photos. Lewis's orders were read from poolside using a Divers Recall System, a device used during the 4th RTBn.'s pre-scuba course to project voices underwater.

Lewis's wife, Melissa, watched from dry ground.

"I don't know how he came up with this idea," she said with a shrug and a laugh. "Who knows? I'm sure they came up with it together. They like to do things differently."

Potential dive team members must pass pre-scuba to qualify for scuba school.

For information about pre-scuba, call 544-6086.

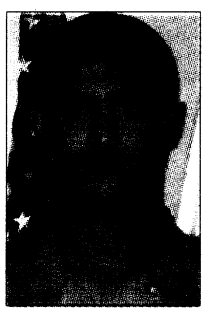
Iraqi officers make post history

New Iraqi army captains first to attend ICCC

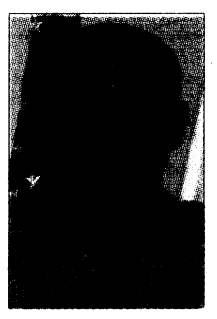
Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

"One small step for man. One giant leap for mankind."
Neil Armstrong

It's not exactly the same as walking on the moon, but two soldiers from the new Iraqi army have earned a spot in the history books by attending classes on Fort Benning.



Alousee



Aziz

Capts. Arkan Alousee and Sami Aziz arrived at Fort Benning's International Student Training Detachment Sept. 2 to attend the Infantry Captains' Career Course.

Alousee said he is excited to be in America and is honored to be one of the first Iraqis to attend the course.

Alousee served as a training officer in the Iraqi army under Saddam Hussein's regime and said he has already seen some dramatic changes and looks forward to the changes to come.

"If you were given an order and you thought it was wrong, you couldn't say anything about it because they may kill you or put you in jail forever," he said. "But now

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Benning retiree killed

Sergeant major victim of hit-and-run

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Robert McCord was killed by a hit-and-run driver while running along Whitesville Road in Columbus. The driver has not been found.

The 48-year-old McCord, who served as the garrison sergeant major before retiring in January, was doing PT Saturday shortly after 7 a.m. to prepare for the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C., next month. He was struck from behind as he crossed the bridge over J.R. Allen Parkway.

Monique Frushon said her mother, Gisela, and her stepfather settled in Columbus after his retirement because he was active in local organizations, like House of Heroes and the Sergeant Major Association. The couple had developed a support system here.

"This was a comfortable place for them," Frushon said. "They thought it was a safe place."

Frushon said the family is struggling to deal with the loss of a man devoted to his family and always ready and willing to help wherever help was needed.

"He was there for us," Frushon said. "He was there for anyone who needed him."

McCord, a 30-year Army veteran, was a senior program analyst with SYColeman in the Directorate of Combat Development. Before that, as Fort Benning's garrison sergeant major, he worked closely with Chuck Walls, the garrison manager.

"I'm still not sure I've accepted the fact he's not going to pop in any minute with a big smile on his face. He was always smiling," Walls said, and he recalled McCord's involvement two years ago with the House of Heroes program.

"That's the kind of person he was," Walls said.

"He made life so much better for other people. I realize I was just lucky to work with a guy like him."

McCord was working toward a master's degree in business administration.

"It's still so unbelievable to us. He had so many plans. He was always busy," Frushon said.

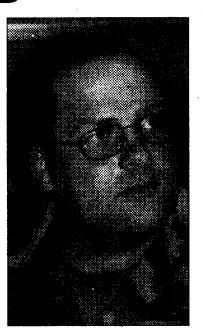
McCord enjoyed working in

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LEARNING THE HARD WAY

The difference a year can make

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Arabinko
HHC, USAIC



Burrr THUP; burrr THUP. It's a sound that I'll never forget. A year ago today, I was sitting there, watching an artificial respirator go up and down, up and down. It displayed one of three words with each breath; "mandatory" — meaning the machine was breathing for the patient; "assist" — meaning it was helping; and "spontaneous" — which meant the patient was breathing for himself.

If the machine paused any longer than it normally did, you could watch a Green Beret and a Ranger panic.

Let's start at the beginning. Last year, while I was in Afghanistan with a random selection of Fort Benning Soldiers teaching the Afghan National Army, I received an e-mail saying my twin brother had been shot in Iraq.

The initial reports weren't bad. They said he had been shot in the head, but his modular integrated communications helmet had caught the round. (Heck, I know a cat who's caught rounds on three different occasions in the helmet — it couldn't be that bad.) I took emergency leave to go to Germany to see him. A kiss on the head, a bottle of bourbon, and I'd be right back.

Upon my arrival at Landstuhl, that little fantasy changed. The words "train wreck" immediately came to mind. Dave had taken three 7.62 x 39 mm rounds to the body armor — which stopped them cold — and one to the head, no helmet. That wasn't the worst of it. During the ambush, he went through the windshield at 90 mph, the vehicle rolled over him and blew up.

It's a shock to the system when you show up with a bottle of "turkey" in one hand, a box of good Cuban cigars in the other, and you find your twin brother in the "expectant pile." (That is, expected to die.) Life changes real quick at that point.

Some people will tell you Ranger School was hard. Some will tell you multiple long-term deployments are hard.

For me, I learned what hard was. Let me tell you, sitting there watching that respirator was the hardest thing I've ever done. Sitting there, wanting to kill somebody — anybody — and there was nothing I could do about it. If my brother's Green Beret buddy, Bill, hadn't been there, I probably would've killed someone.

Thanks, Bill.

When the doctors thought he could survive the trip, we moved Dave to Walter Reed in Washington, D.C. He survived. We're not talking about a first timer here folks.

In 1990, Dave broke everything south of his sternum while in the "Q" course. The doctors told him he would never walk again. He was back to work in six months.

In 1997, he broke his back, again, in a jump accident. Once more, the doctors said he'd never walk. He was skydiving in three months. Three times, he was shot down in an aircraft.

This time, they told me he'd never wake up. On Sept. 7, 2003, Dave came out of the coma.

On Sept. 11, 2003, the president awarded Dave the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He doesn't remember it at all. I do. It was the hardest two weeks of my life, but it was just the beginning for Dave. Months of rehabilitation, unable to do things he once loved, unable to do much of anything. But he pushed himself past every limit the therapists set for him.

On Jan. 14, Dave returned to active duty. He'll never be on an "A" or a "B" Team again. He still can't feel the right side of his body. The once proud Green Beret now works in the battalion's civil affairs detachment.

The amazing part is he's still the proud, motivated Soldier he's always been. He's had to sell his Harley, and he'll never skydive again, but he still goes to work every day. I'm sure it's been a longer year for him than it's been for me.

Thanks for letting me share with you fine people. I needed to talk it out on this anniversary. And, Dave, thanks for still being here.

So, do you wanna get Lucky?

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Wanted: Caring individual, married or single, male or female, for important relationship. Must be reliable and love dogs.

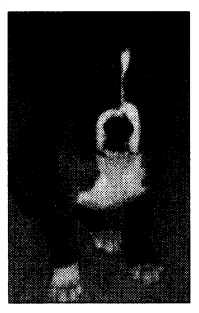
No, I'm not looking to replace my husband. I'm trying get Lucky ... adopted.

Lucky is, well, lucky. My neighbor and I were biking on the Riverwalk a few weeks ago, enjoying a sunny Sunday afternoon. Even though the path was bending to the left, something made me look to the right.

That's when I saw the most pitiful looking animal.

It took every ounce of energy she had to walk away from me as I hobbled up to her in bike shoes that weren't made for walking.

But I caught her, since there really wasn't much to catch. I've never seen an animal skinny enough you could put a pencil in the hollows of the ribs. I could count her ribs, every last one of them.



So we gave her water out of the lids of our water bottles, and out of desperation, I tucked in my bike shirt and stowed her inside for the ride home.

She did little for the remainder of the day. She laid on a blanket outside on the grass and ate a scrambled egg, all the while surrounded by most of the neighborhood children and a handful of adults.

The next day, Lucky went to the vet, who decided the 4-pound, 9-week-old puppy was, indeed, lucky.

Two trips to the vet, four weeks and about $150 later, Lucky is thriving. She's 10 pounds of pure puppy. And that's why I'm writing this.

I'm not going to get on a soapbox about people who abandon animals. I'm just going to put in a plug for Lucky.

The pup, affectionately called the "mini-mutt" at my house, just can't stay with us. Our "major mutt," Dixie, is feeling a bit squeezed out.

I'm guessing Lucky is a Boxer and Pit Bull mix, and even with that combination, I'm sure there's someone out there who will be perfect for her. She's cute, she likes to crawl up in your lap, and she's accustomed to other dogs and young children. She's crate trained at night and making pretty good progress with the housebreaking.

If you take her home, she'll love you unconditionally. All I'll make you do is spay her, so more puppies don't wind up in the same condition she was in. You won't believe the "before" photos when you see her "after."

Send me a note at fbbayonet@mindspring.com.

This could be your, and her, lucky day.

Don't get me wrong, but voting isn't a right

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

Exercise your right to vote? Voting is a privilege? Wrong.

That's right. Wrong.

Rights and privileges are benefits, advantages … favors. It's true. I looked the words up in the dictionary.

And while being able to cast a vote for the candidates of your choice to represent you is certainly more advantageous than living in a country presided over by a despot-of-the-month, voting isn't just a "perk" because we're Americans.

Voting is every citizen's responsibility. Responsible, as in accountable, answerable, liable. An obligation. Something you do because it's the right thing to do.



If voting was a right, it would be available if and when we wanted, or needed, to take advantage of it.

We all have the right to worship freely, but does everyone you know show up at church every Sunday?

If voting was just a privilege, only "special" people would be allowed to do it. And that wouldn't be right.

Besides, privileges can be earned or given and just as easily taken away. Ask my daughter.

Nope. Voting is more than something we do every few years because we are lucky enough to live in a free country and we can.

Casting an educated vote is every responsible adult American's responsibility.

And for some of us more, um, shall we say "experienced" citizens, here's some extra motivation. Young people are registering to vote in droves thanks to programs like MTV's "Get Out the Vote" campaign.

You really want your tax dollars spent by candidates elected by kids who are voting thanks to MTV?

I didn't think so.

So get out there and vote.

It's not a right; it's the right thing to do.

It's not a privilege; because it's more than a "perk" for being American.

It's a responsibility.

And it's yours.

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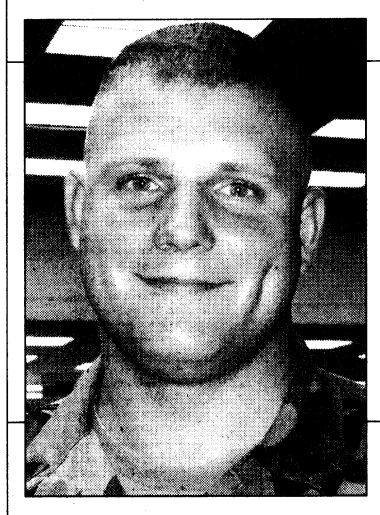
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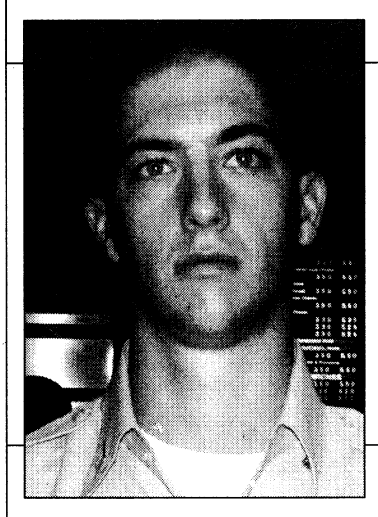
What are some ways to deal with loss and grief?



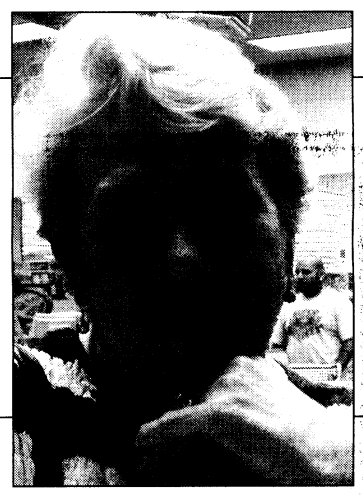
Sgt. Kirk Holcombe, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I turned an extra bedroom into my own room and covered the walls with newspaper clippings and photos from 9-11, and now every time I go in there, I think about it."



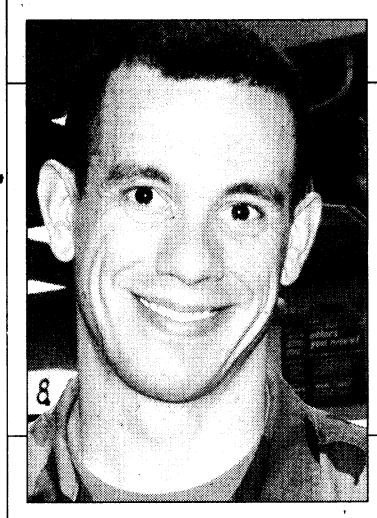
Mari Barnett, family member — "You get the support of family, and discussing everything out in the open makes it a little bit easier. You shouldn't forget the lessons you learn from things like September 11."



Pfc. Chris Ham, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment — "I would pray a lot and pray for the best."



Mary Moore, family member — "The way I deal with grief is I pray about it and ask God to help me. He hasn't failed me yet."



Capt. John Boger, MEDDAC — "I would try to get my mind off of it the best I could by doing work, watching movies or playing games."



Officer Candidate Suzanne Bailey, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "It's easier for me to handle grief by focusing on the positives in my life. Drawing strength from my faith and the good people in my life makes all tough things endurable."

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Benning sergeant major to trade in greens

NCO to move from teaching troops to kids

Melissa House
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All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare.

Benedict de Spinoza
16th century philosopher

Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Pickering has been pondering that quote since he was in college. And he's been pursuing — and achieving — excellence throughout his more than 24 years in the Army.

Pickering, who spent more than half his career in Ranger units, will trade in his camo stick for chalk. He'll officially retire Jan. 1 and concentrate on finishing his master's degree in education — the second master's degree he's started.

The Pine Bluff, Ark., native had already earned a degree from Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., and was only a thesis short of a master's in English from Baylor University, when he decided to pursue excellence in the military.

"It was 1980 and all you heard was that the Army was a bunch of Category 4 Soldiers who couldn't read and write," Pickering said. "I decided the Army would not get better unless some of us in the middle class got off our butts."

Grad school wasn't what Pickering thought it would be. His instructors, for the most part, weren't motivating and he didn't think they seemed to care. So he joined the Army, only intending to stay his initial, four-year enlistment.

Although he acknowledges the Army isn't for everyone — "it's a lifestyle and a mindset that doesn't appeal to everyone" — he said it's a great place to be.



Spc. David Foley

Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Pickering, 11th Infantry Regiment, leads Soldiers through the Main Post obstacle course Thursday morning.

"You can tell every day you've done something important and you'll find out what a team effort it is," he said, "how people support each other and look out for each other and hold each other accountable."

After basic and advanced individual training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Pickering spent the next seven years at Fort Lewis, Wash., in the 2nd Ranger Battalion, training and leading Soldiers.

Before the 75th Ranger Regiment activated, Pickering said each Ranger battalion ran its own Ranger Indoctrination Progam. He was one of the instructors and said teaching those new Rangers was probably the most fun he had.

He made a combat jump into Grenada with the Rangers he trained, taught at the Army Physical Fitness School, then returned to Fort Benning for eight years with the 3rd Ranger Bn.

Combat patch and star aside, Pickering's a man who's devoted to his wife and fiercely loyal to whatever unit he's assigned to.

And while he's enrolled in three classes at Columbus State University this semester, he's "trying to keep everything moving along" in the 11th Infantry Regiment until his successor takes over.

Pickering has been the top NCO in the 11th since November 2002, monitoring and mentoring a large chunk of Fort Benning's instructors.

The 11th Regiment includes Airborne, Jumpmaster and Pathfinder schools and the combatives course, as well as the Infantry Basic and Captains' Career courses, the Officer Candidate School and the International Student Training Detachment.

"What's neat about this job," Pickering said, "is that everything we do is a life-transforming event for these students. Airborne, OBC, OCS — the people who graduate are not the same people who started."

Pickering briefs the NCOs as they arrive in the regiment and gives each of them a single sheet of paper — on one side, his welcome letter, the other, his thoughts on professionalism. Pickering's a Soldier who takes his job seriously.

"I tell them, 'You will make a difference in the Army,'" he said. "Their affect on the Army will touch thousands of Soldiers."

Pickering believes it's an awesome responsibility to be an instructor and fulfilling to see the end result of the training they receive.

At the end of 24 years, Pickering said he's well-satisfied with the way his career has worked out, but regrets the fact that his current position doesn't allow as much interaction with the younger Soldiers as he'd like in order to have a direct influence on what they are doing and thinking.

He's been rigorous about holding people to standard, and said he's going to miss being in such a highly professional organization as he heads out to teach English in Columbus.

"Education is a profession, but I'll be surprised if it has the same level of dedication," Pickering said. "The Army's about being dedicated to something beyond self-interest and the readiness of self-sacrifice to accomplish that goal. Education is an extremely important part of what we do and I look forward to being able to contribute more to keep our country moving in the direction it's going."

Pickering will continue to strive for excellence in his new profession, saying it, too, will be hard to achieve, but well worth the effort.



Platoon tests Land Warrior at Fort Benning

EXFOR demonstrates equipment

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

One of the 29th Infantry Regiment's EXFOR Platoons is wrapping up the final week of a seven-week experiment that will help Army officials determine the effectiveness of the experimental Land Warrior equipment.

Land Warrior is a modular system consisting of computers, global positioning systems, radios, lasers, daylight cameras and thermal weapons sights networked together.

The system was designed to give Soldiers an advantage on the battlefield by increasing their situational awareness.

The system features a heads up display and wireless communication function that keeps all the Soldiers on the battlefield connected through digital and analog technology.

It can also relay information to all echelon for operational reports.

Because the actual equipment is not yet available, the experiment is taking place in a virtual reality simulator run by the Soldier Battle Lab, and the platoon is fighting between two flanks of virtual Soldiers to simulate company and battalion movements.

Lt. Col. Larry Larimer, Training and Doctorate Command director for the Land Warrior analysis of alternatives, said the experiment tests the Soldiers' ability to use the system for situational awareness, direct and indirect fire, reacting to orders, and planning and processing orders in field and urban environments.

"We are trying to see if Land Warrior helps us in areas that we could use some help in," Larimer said.

"The simulation has worked well," he said. "The information we are getting will be used to help inform the system designers of gaps in small unit capabilities."

One of the major benefits of testing the equipment on a virtual battlefield is the economic aspect, said Maj. Will Rodriguez, Simulations Operations officer, Soldier Battle Lab.

"By using (virtual reality), we can can run numerous systems, but in 'real life,' we would have to cut down the number of vehicles and weapons," he said. "An artillery round, for example, is really expensive.

"But I can fire 15 rounds during each scenario and all we are using is electricity. We don't need to buy bullets, batteries, chow or fuel," he said.

While the experiment is still underway, some of the Soldiers who are testing the equipment have already developed opinions about its effectiveness.

"This equipment is much better (than what we have). You can do a leader recon without sending anyone out anywhere," said Staff Sgt. Donald Washington, a EXFOR Platoon squad leader. "You can just click on the Land Warrior and see exactly where everyone is."

You can even conduct an operation order from 100 miles away," he said.

Washington said his biggest concern about the system is how much it will weigh when the Soldiers are actually carrying it in the field.

"I feel privileged to be fielding this system," he said. "This is good training too, especially on MOUT with scopes that let you look around corners."



Spc. David Foley

A Soldier watches the screen of a simulator during the Land Warrior experiment.

Coalition passes control of airport to Iraqis

Spc. Crista M. Birmingham
Army News Service

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq — The Bradley armored fighting vehicles rolled away from the gate Aug. 25, signifying a final transition of control from Coalition forces to the government of Iraq at Baghdad International Airport.

"Once the tanks roll away, the airport belongs to the government of Iraq," said Col. Chuck Betack, chief of maneuvers, Multi-National Force – Iraq, and formerly the Training and Doctrine Command System Manager-Stryker/Bradley on Fort Benning.

Betack was on site to witness the final changeover.

"The transfer is done. The airport now belongs to the Iraqi government, with the exception of the small pieces of the airport they are allowing us to occupy."

The three-month process started June 15, with a turnover of the air traffic control tower, and checkpoints, to a final exchange of the main gate. Prior to the exchange, the airport was controlled completely by the Coalition, Betack said, and therefore, very limited in commercial traffic. The only flights at BIAP were military and charter.

"This turnover is the first step towards re-establishing an air international hub back into Iraq," Betack said.

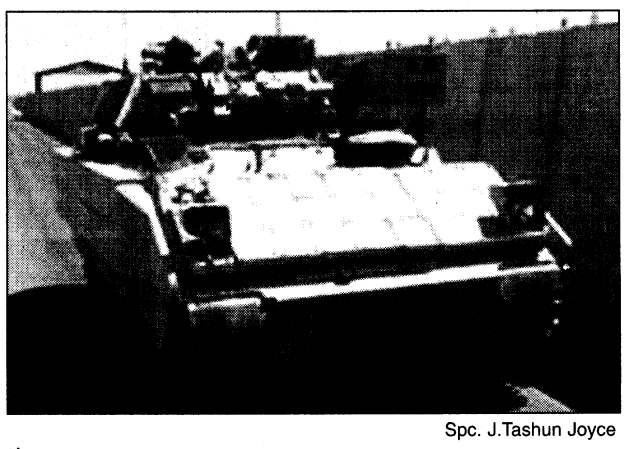
"Now the airport belongs to the Iraqis, so you'll see more forms of transportation, with the Iraqis trying to set up their own commercial airlines at this time, so it will be a great morale boost for the entire economy, as well as for its people."

"This allows them to become a prominent nation once again, to get back into the proper levels of commerce, trade, and international travel," he said.

Gate security is being run by Global Security, an Iraqi-hired company that does not train with the Coalition.

"The training of Global Security employees is separate by that organization," Betack said. "There was a security assessment made however, and all security recommendations have been addressed."

Deployed military need not worry about getting home, officials said, since a small portion of the airport has been held for military flights.



Spc. J.Tashun Joyce

A Bradley rolls out of the main entrance to Baghdad International Airport, marking the official turnover of force protection duties to Global Security forces.

"We have an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation to allow us to occupy a portion of the airport to allow us to bring in military aircraft," Betack said.

"We have a security perimeter around the airport by coalition forces, and the Iraqi government has hired a private security firm to put checkpoints and security on the airport."

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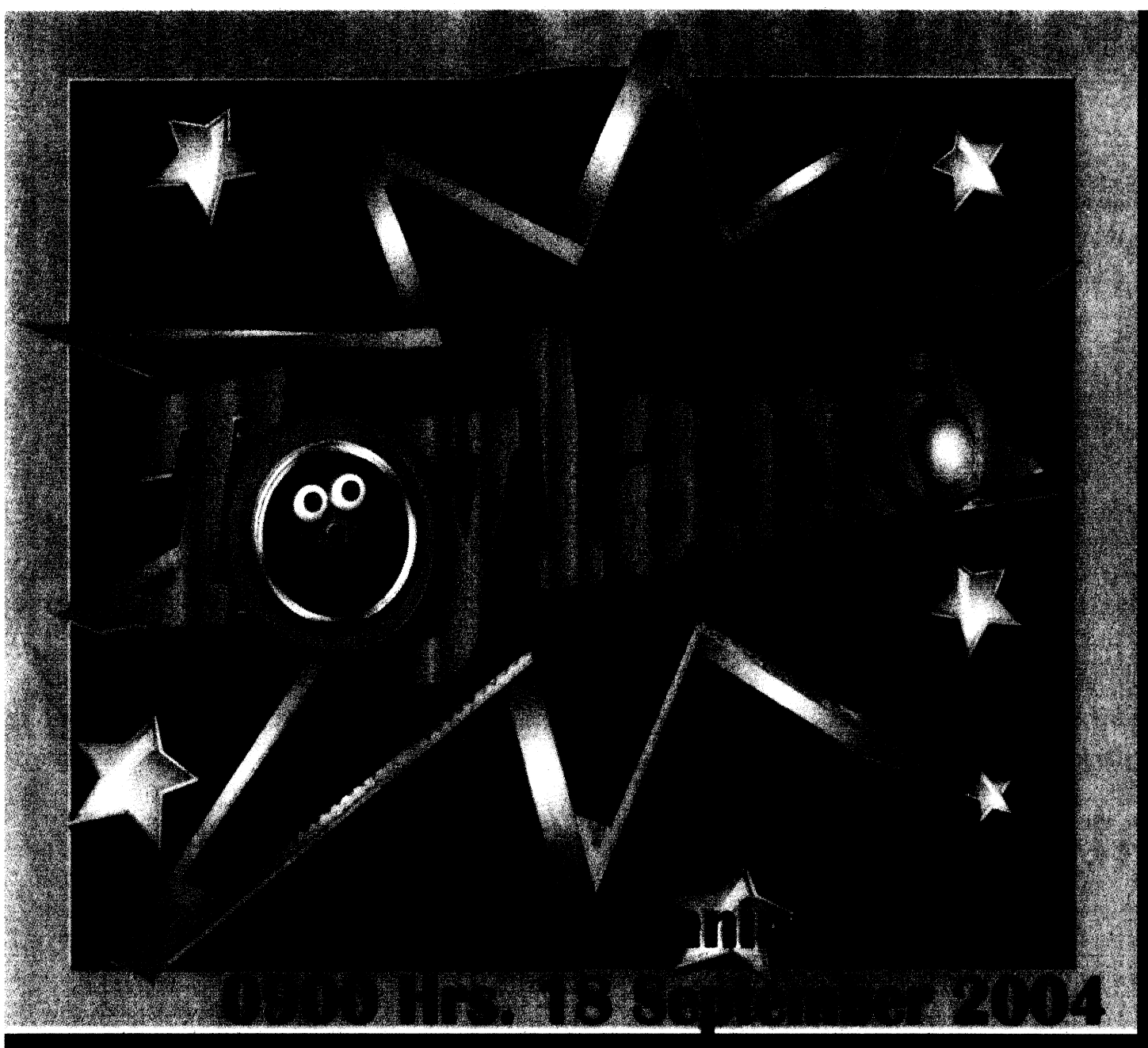
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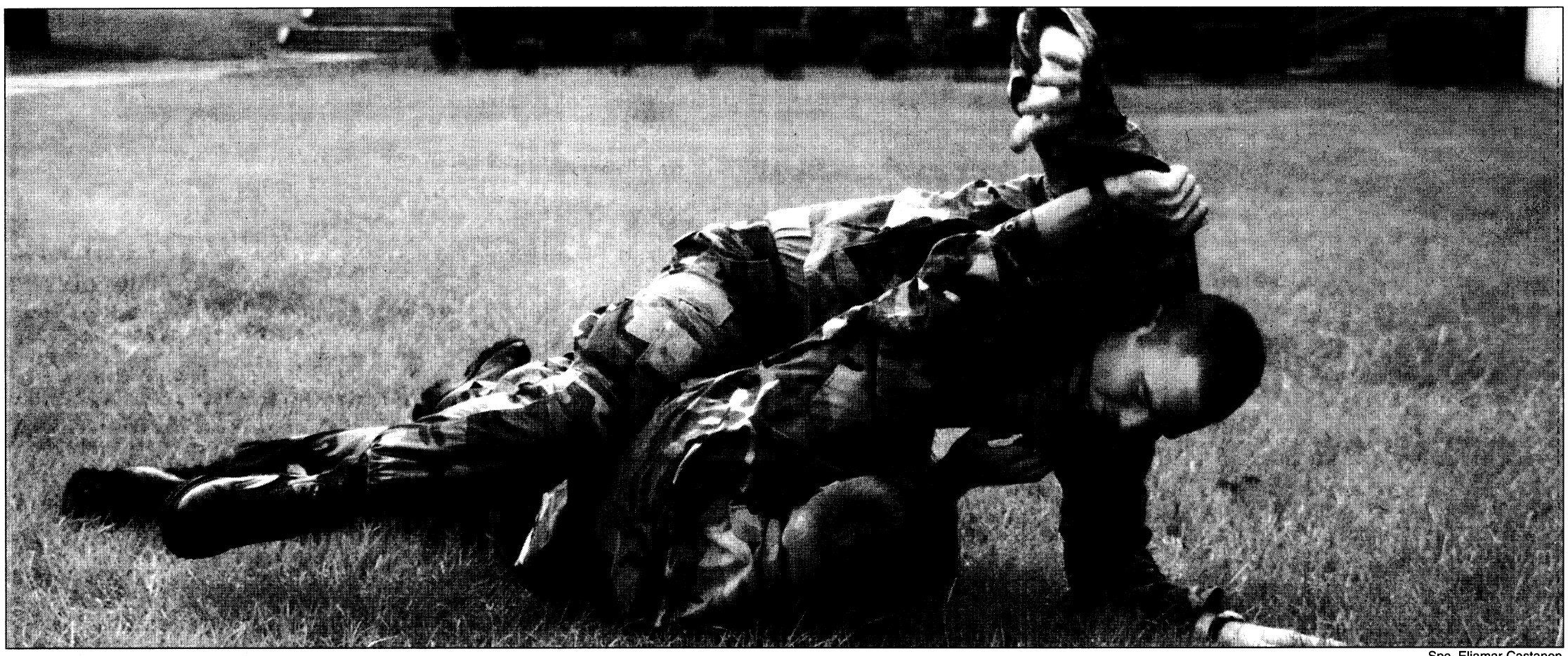
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Pfc. Brian Thompson, Scout Platoon, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, pushes fellow scout Spc. Lucas Moore off during combatives training Wednesday.

Soldiers spur into action in field, home

Scouts pave way for battles, leave unnoticed

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Before a battle, there are those who are sent out to measure up the enemy, see what the enemy territory is like and what some of the possible dangers may be.

"We are the eyes and the ears of our commanders," said Sgt. Patrick Smith, a squad leader with Scout Platoon, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment. "We're the jack of all trades and the masters of none. We're scouts."

Patrick became a scout after 16 weeks of one station unit training at Fort Knox, Ky.

"We learned to see what others miss — how to pay attention to detail," said Spc. Damon Hutton. "Our object is to get in and get out without being noticed."

Hutton, a native of Rapid City, N.D., joined the Army two years ago after working "24 hours a day, seven days a week" to try and make a living as a flight instructor.

"I did research before I chose to be a scout," he said. "I took into consideration two things. One, I didn't want a desk job — I like being outdoors. And two, I wanted to be able to work with a small team of people."

Scout teams can go into a mission with as little as two men, said Staff Sgt. Andrew Sagas, Scout Platoon section leader.

> "We're the jack of all trades and the masters of none. We're scouts."
>
> **Sgt. Patrick Smith**
> Scout Platoon, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment

"The size of the teams we send out depends on the type of mission," Sagas said.

"For the most part, teams consist of two vehicles with three scouts each," he said.

Scouts movements are done in either a humvee or a Bradley. The scouts at 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt., have humvees.

"To survive, we have to rely on our team," Hutton said. "I know that chances of survivability are greater if we rely on each other."

Camaraderie is not the only thing that holds these guys together.

"We take more pride in our job than most. We take pride in the history of the cavalry," Sagas said.

One piece of that history is the scout tradition of wearing spurs, and even though there are different stories as to why spurs are so important, every scout wants to earn his pair.

Spur rides — the tests that allow scouts to earn their spurs — are what all scouts look forward to, said Staff Sgt. Clinton Gibson, a Soldier with Scout Platoon.

The trick is, you have to be nominated by another spur-owning scout to participate in a Spur ride.

Spur rides can last from 24 hours to 72 hours and test the scouts on their scouting and soldiering skills.

They consist of a day — or three — of nothing but tactical, physical, mental and technical events.

"You may be given a box with eight weapon parts and a glow stick inside a pitch black tent and have to put a weapon together," Smith said.

Once the scout completes all the events, he will be spurred by his sponsor, sometimes on top of a pile of manure.

From then on, scouts will wear their spurs every chance they get.

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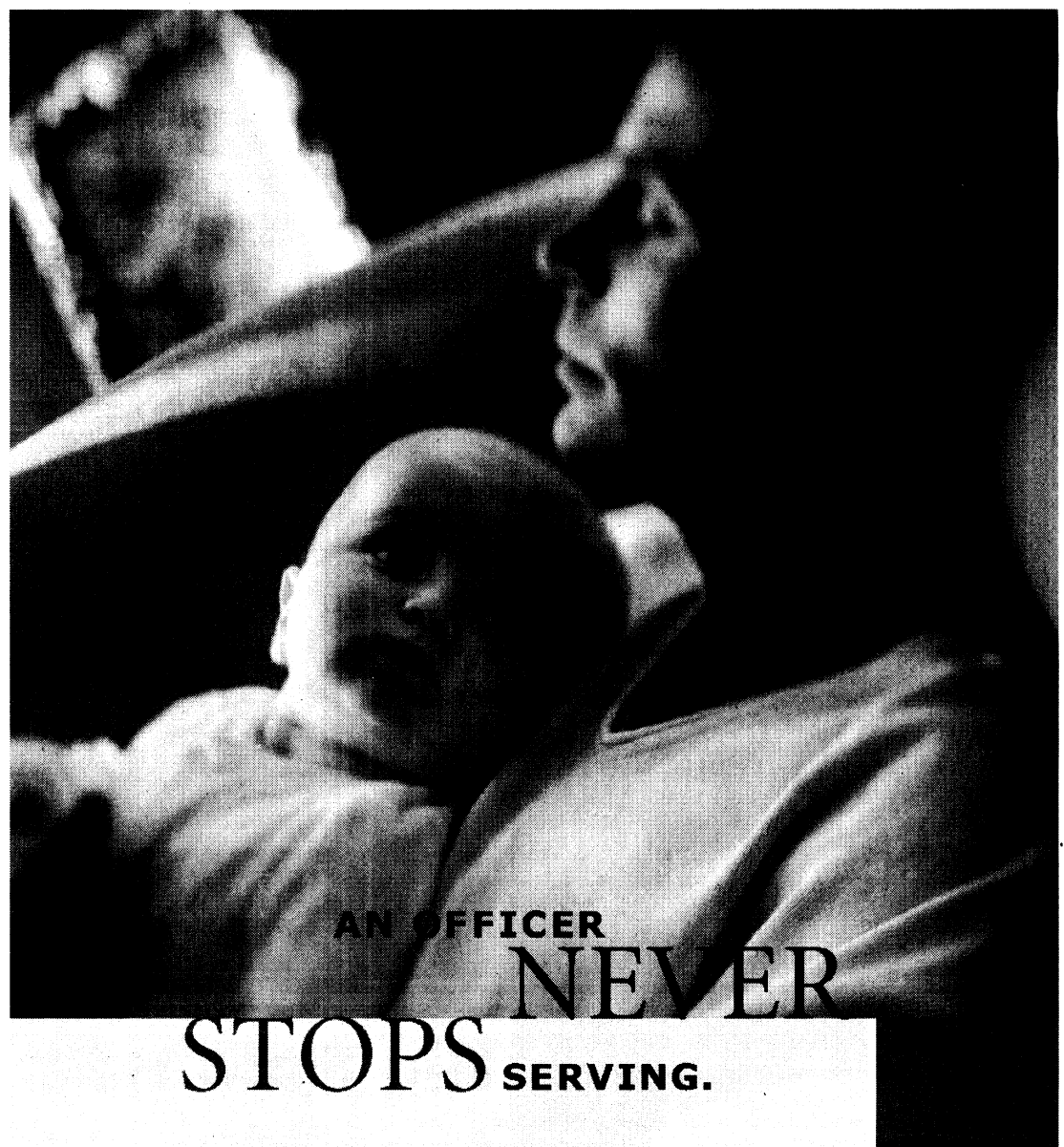
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Frances blows in



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Hurricane Frances was downgraded to a tropical depression by the time it blew through post Monday. The winds were still strong enough to topple trees, like the one that fell in this yard along Lumpkin Road.

List: Grows by four places

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• G&C Boom Boom Room, 2102 Cusseta Road.

Memory Lane was taken off the list and is open to patronization by Soldiers.

The Ponderosa Motel, G&C Boom Boom Room and the four establishments named last week, are off-limits on a temporary basis, Finnegan said.

These businesses will have the opportunity to address concerns brought to their attention by the board and change practices deemed to "adversely affect the health, safety, morals, welfare, morale and discipline" of Soldiers, according to Army Regulation 190-24, Access to Off-Post Businesses.

"We are asking these businesses to clean up and become places that aren't a threat to our Soldiers' health and welfare," said garrison manager Chuck Walls.

"Public opinion is something we heed," he said, "but when you are dealing with some of these establishments based on facts from law enforcement and other agencies that show them to be dangerous or unethical, that is a responsibility we can't shirk."

"This is for the protection of Soldiers, to keep them from putting themselves in an environment where they can get into trouble and to keep them from becoming victims," Finnegan said.

"And it's not a voluntary participation."

Military police and tricommunity law enforcement personnel have conducted sweeps of off-limits establishments.

They will continue that mission to ensure the policy is enforced, he said.

Those who violate the policy are detained and turned over to their commands for appropriate Uniform Code of Military Justice action, Finnegan said.

Businesses placed on the board's off-limits list are offered every opportunity to correct the deficiencies, Walls said, and when they have satisfied the board that conditions have changed, they are removed, like Memory Lane.

"When you are faced with overwhelming evidence, you have to take action," Walls said. "And while it may be unpopular, it's the right thing to do."

4th Ranger Training Battalion is looking for Soldiers for the dive team.

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Ready to go for a dip?

McCord: Killed by hit-and-run driver Saturday morning

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his yard. He'd recently installed a sprinkler system and a stone walkway. And he was building a Lamborghini "in his spare time."

A memorial service with full military honors took place Thursday at Vance Memorial Chapel in Phenix City. The family plans to inter McCord's ashes in Arlington National Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Gisela; stepdaughters, Frushon and Patricia Perry; grandson, Ian Frushon, 11; and parents, Robert and Barbara McCord.

Columbus police officials are looking for information about the driver of the vehicle that struck McCord.

"We know the vehicle is missing a headlight," said Columbus Police Officer Rosalyn Hall in a news report Sunday. "Somebody out there knows something."

Anyone with information should call 225-4040.

Iraqis: Make post history

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we don't have that problem. We are truly free."

Both of the officers said they have many things they want to learn while attending the course, including ways to maintain security in their country.

One of the many differences between Iraq and America is the level of security, Alousee said.

"The U.S. is safer, not like Iraq," he said. "We have problems with security in Iraq."

Alousee said it is very difficult to train soldiers in Iraq because of the lack of security.

He said they need a lot of soldiers outside of the training areas to ensure safety, and they have a very short training cycle, which compounds the difficulty — something he hopes ICCC will help him overcome.

While the school focuses on military training, it also fosters relationships that can pay off in the future.

Aziz is from Northern Iraq and served in the Kurdish army alongside coalition forces during the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, which put him and Alousee on different sides.

Aziz joined the new Iraqi army after Saddam was removed from power and said he is glad to be a part of his country's transition and will use the knowledge he gains at Fort Benning to improve his country.

"If we want Iraq to be good, we need to work together ... like a team," Aziz said.

Alousee agreed.

"In the past, Kurdish and Arabic people didn't work together," Alousee said. "But now, (Aziz) is my friend and we work together side-by-side. I can trust him and he can trust me."

That trust being something that is very important in a combat environment, he said.

Both Iraqi soldiers said their country is finally on the right track and believe they will have a solid foundation within the next five to six years to be productive members of the global system. With only a few soldiers from select countries attending the class, the International Student Training Detachment's efforts may seem like a drop in the bucket in the grand scheme of things, but Capt. Guillermo Santiago, detachment commander, said he has seen the benefits of the program on a global scale.

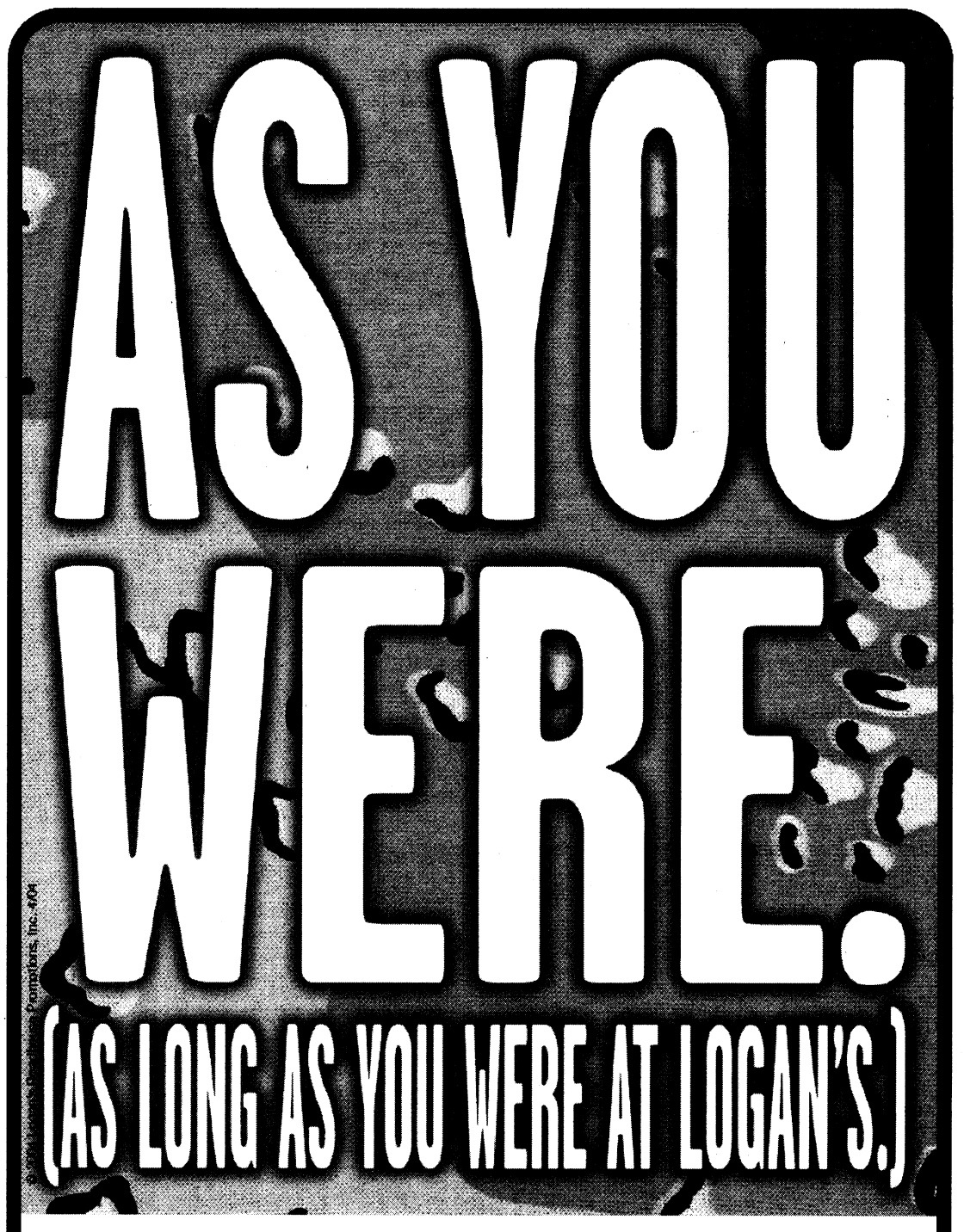
Santiago said one of the unique relationships built at the ISTD was the case of a Pakistani captain and an Indian major.

The Pakistani had finished the course and was carrying his bags out to the van when the Indian picked up the Pakistani's largest suitcase and carried it for him.

As the two passed by Santiago, the Indian said, "You should take a picture because you don't get to see an Indian major carry a Pakistani captain's luggage every day."

"These are people from countries that are constantly shooting at each other, and now they are friends," Santiago said.

"This (program) takes them out of their 'habitat' and puts them in a situation where they have to build better relationships," Santiago said. "They get to come and see how we do business and how Americans live. And the relationships they build can make a big difference in the future. This is the future leadership of these countries and the relationships they build could literally mean the difference between war and peace."



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On Monday, it will close from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SAMC Meeting

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Corregidor Room at the Officers' Club.

All members are needed to discuss upcoming events. NCOs interested in becoming a member of the SAMC are also welcome to attend.

For more information, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.

Ranger graduations

Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

Graduations are preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

Silver Wings

The Command Exhibition Parachute Team is looking for potential candidates for membership in the Silver Wings.

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For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes at 545-1939.

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Fill out the required forms and register for classes at Columbus Technical College or at the Main Campus, 945 Manchester Expressway.

For more information, call 685-8549 or go to Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

AAFES Radio Network

Commanders, command sergeants major, chief master sergeants, other senior leaders, family readiness groups, sports teams or local personalities are invited to record greetings to remind shoppers of any community message on the AAFES Radio Network.

For more information, call 687-0384 or 687-0385.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of a 2000 YZFR6M-W motorcycle from the driveway of 100 Lavoie Avenue. The incident occurred between 8:30 and 10 a.m. Aug. 5.

The assistance of the local community is requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s).

Anyone with information concerning this individual should contact the CID duty agent at 545-8916b or the Military Police at 545-5222.

University reopens

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has reopened its office on post.

The Extended Campus of Embry Riddle currently offers associate and bachelor of science degree programs in Aeronautics and Technical Management.

For more information, call William Dindy at 685-0105, e-mail columbus.ga.teaching.site @erau.edu or visit Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Car buying seminar

Thinking about buying a car? The seminar "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken For a Ride," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359, is sponsored by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program.

Reservations are required. Call 545-5485.

Sergeant first class promotion board

The Department of the Army selection board will consider Soldiers for promotion to sergeant first class Nov. 2.

Soldiers must review their promotion ERB by logging on to the EREC Web site at www.hrc.army.mil.

For more information, call 545-5647 or e-mail kThomasL@benning.army.mil.

Columbus Shuttle suspension

Columbus Shuttle, a local van service that provides service locally and to and from the Atlanta airport, has been suspended by the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command as an authorized carrier for Department of Defense travelers on official business for one year.

For more information, call 545-4788.

New French LNO settles in

Corsican says U.S., France not so different after all

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

With 23 years of active-duty service with the French army, multiple commands and a strong background in instruction and logistics, one would think that Corsica native Maj. René Renucci knows the ins and outs of war like he knows the back of his hand.

But the 44-year-old mechanized infantry officer and veteran of the Balkans and Desert Storm looks on his new position as the French liaison officer with the wisdom of experience and the open mind of a leader who has seen fault in complacency.

"Whatever some people may think or believe," Renucci said, "France and America are doing joint operations now and will in the future. Interoperability is so important. Regardless of the difference in size, capabilities and equipment, we have to be able to work together as we did in Haiti, the Balkans and Afghanistan."

His mission during the next three years is to focus on interoperability between American and French forces, a combining and exchanging of tactics and procedures.

"Sometimes, a very small detail can destroy what we thought was functional interoperability," Renucci said. "But even as I learn from American strengths in planning, Brigadier General Freakley has asked (the foreign liaison officers) to take an active role and teach American infantry officers our own tactics and techniques."

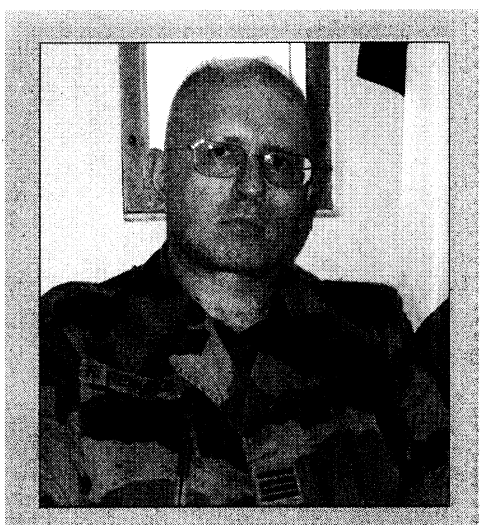
He said he is excited to have this opportunity for military and cultural exchange.

Renucci said that, although relations between the two countries have had their ups and downs, he believes the French and Americans are not so different in their beliefs as some might believe.

"This is a great opportunity for me," Renucci said. "America is not as so many people say it is. To some extent, the trans-Atlantic gap is irrelevant. Despite superficial differences, life is very much the same here as it is in Europe. We read the same books, watch the same movies and enjoy many of the same hobbies.

"If we can enjoy the same cultural products, it means our brains are wired essentially the same," he said. "I would go as far as to say that me coming here is much like a Texan visiting New England."

And reinforcing his "it's a small world" outlook, the new French representative looks forward to taking up his lifelong hobbies of hiking and deer and boar hunting in the local area as soon as possible.

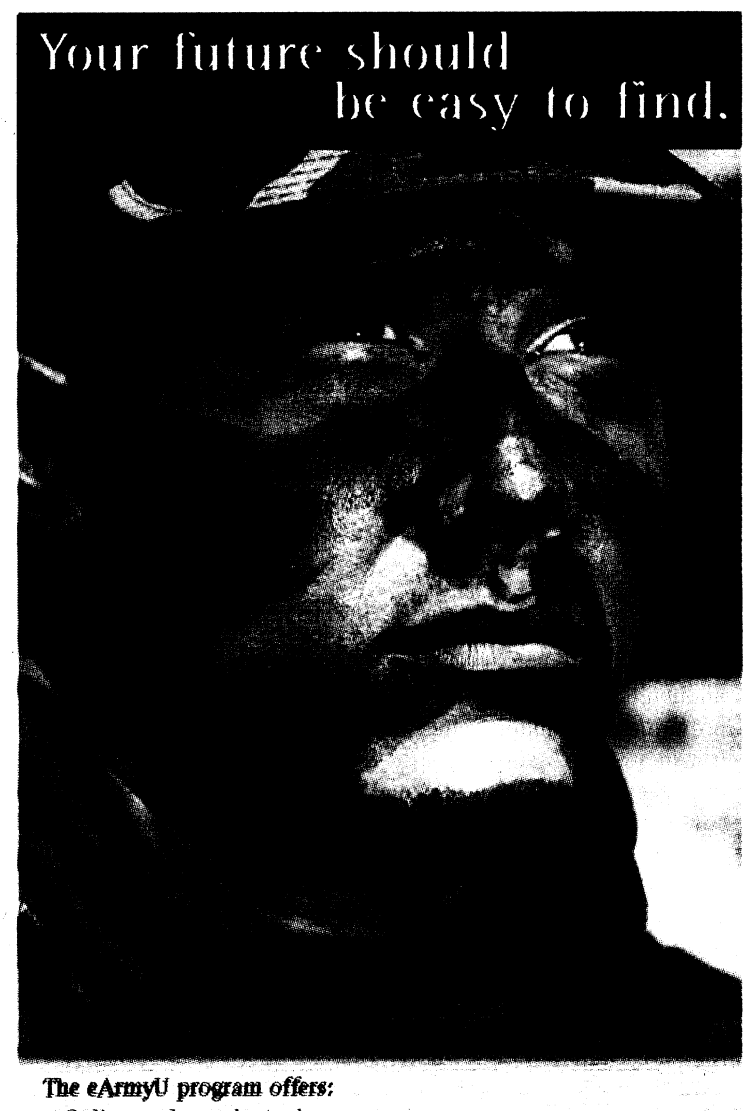


Maj. René Renucci

- **Born on French island of Corsica, a Mediterranean island known for its beauty and history of internal conflict**
- **Interests include trekking, boar hunting, movies and music**
- **23 years of experience, including mechanized infantry battalions, combat experience and United Nations duty.**

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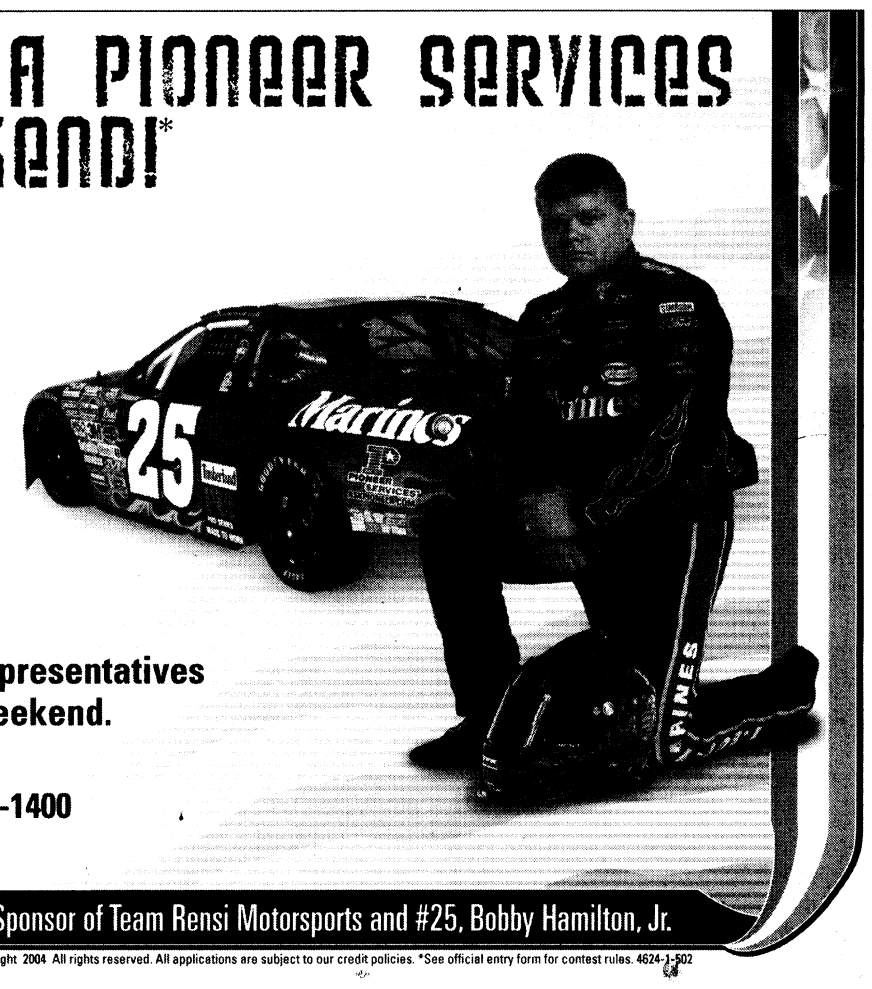
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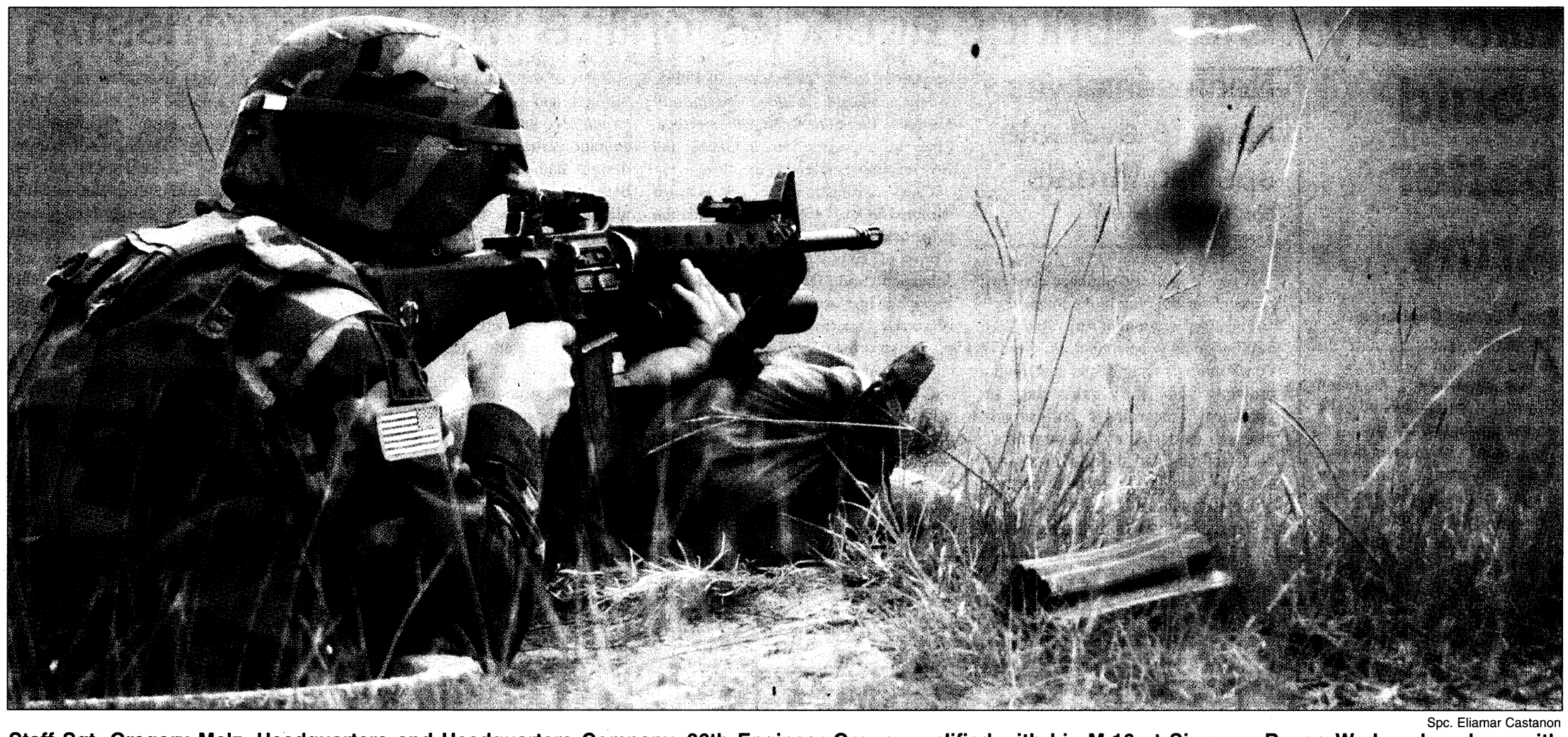
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Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Staff Sgt. Gregory Melz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group, qualified with his M-16 at Simpson Range Wednesday along with Soldiers from the 13th Corps Support Battalion.

13th CSB gears up for return deployment to Iraq

Companies train at JRTC, at home for OIF III

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The 13th Corps Support Battalion recently returned from the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La.

The 13th CSB provides combat service support to non-divisional units on an area basis.

"The battalion is responsible for providing logistical support to its customer units," said Maj. Marc Thoreson, 13th CSB executive officer.

In wartime, this translates in the issue of rations, water, bulk fuel, general supplies, barrier material, ammunition and repair parts, as well as providing maintenance and transportation support to units operating or passing through the battalion's assigned area.

At Fort Benning, the 13th CSB has five garrison companies that support 14 customer units assigned primarily to the 36th Engineer Group and the 14th Combat Support Hospital, Thoreson said.

The five garrison companies are the 598th Maintenance Company, the 104th Transportation Company, the 608th Ordnance Company, the 63rd Engineer Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.

"When deployed, the organizational structure of the CSB changes since we support on an area basis," Thoreson said. "We support whatever unit is present in our area. We often gain some units and lose some units to another CSB in order to best support the customer base present in our assigned area of operations."

All of the companies that fall under the 13th CSB have been deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, with the 608th Ordnance Company redeploying last in April.

However, some time between November and January, the HHD, the 598th Maintenance Co., and the 233rd Heavy Equipment Transport Platoon will deploy once again in support of OIF III, Thoreson said.

In preparation for the upcoming deployments, 300-plus Soldiers deployed for a 30-day mission rehearsal exercise at JRTC.

JRTC is one of three combat training centers in the Army that provide training resources to units so they can train under the conditions that they will face in a theater of operations.

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> 13th Corps Support Battalion
> executive officer

"It's a step above home-station training," Thoreson said.

When the units arrived at Fort Polk, there was nothing but an empty strip of land for them to set up a tactical operations center. Thoreson said it took three days to set up the Forward Operating Base.

During the training exercise, Soldiers were faced with the challenges of operating amidst Arabic-speaking local nationals, relief workers and other governmental agencies to replicate the environment the Soldier will face in theater. There's also an opposing force that also represents the current threat in theater.

"As part of the exercise, Soldiers had to react to roadside improvised explosive devices, mortar fire, sniper fire, car bombs, civilian riots, and displaced civilians while conducting their daily support missions, whether on the FOB or out on convoys, " Thoreson said.

"The exercise helped the Soldiers gain confidence in their ability to react to unexpected situations," he said.

This exercise, however, was not a regular rotation, but a mission rehearsal exercise.

"In addition to supporting 3rd Brigade Combat Team, the 13th CSB units earmarked to deploy to OIF were the primary focus," Thoreson said.

The units are scheduled to deploy as early as November and as late as January.

Sgt. Monica Nowell is a supply NCO for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment. While she was at JRTC, she was assigned as the NCOIC of a gun truck.

"I'd pull a team of Soldiers together and we'd pull security as we escorted convoys," Nowell said.

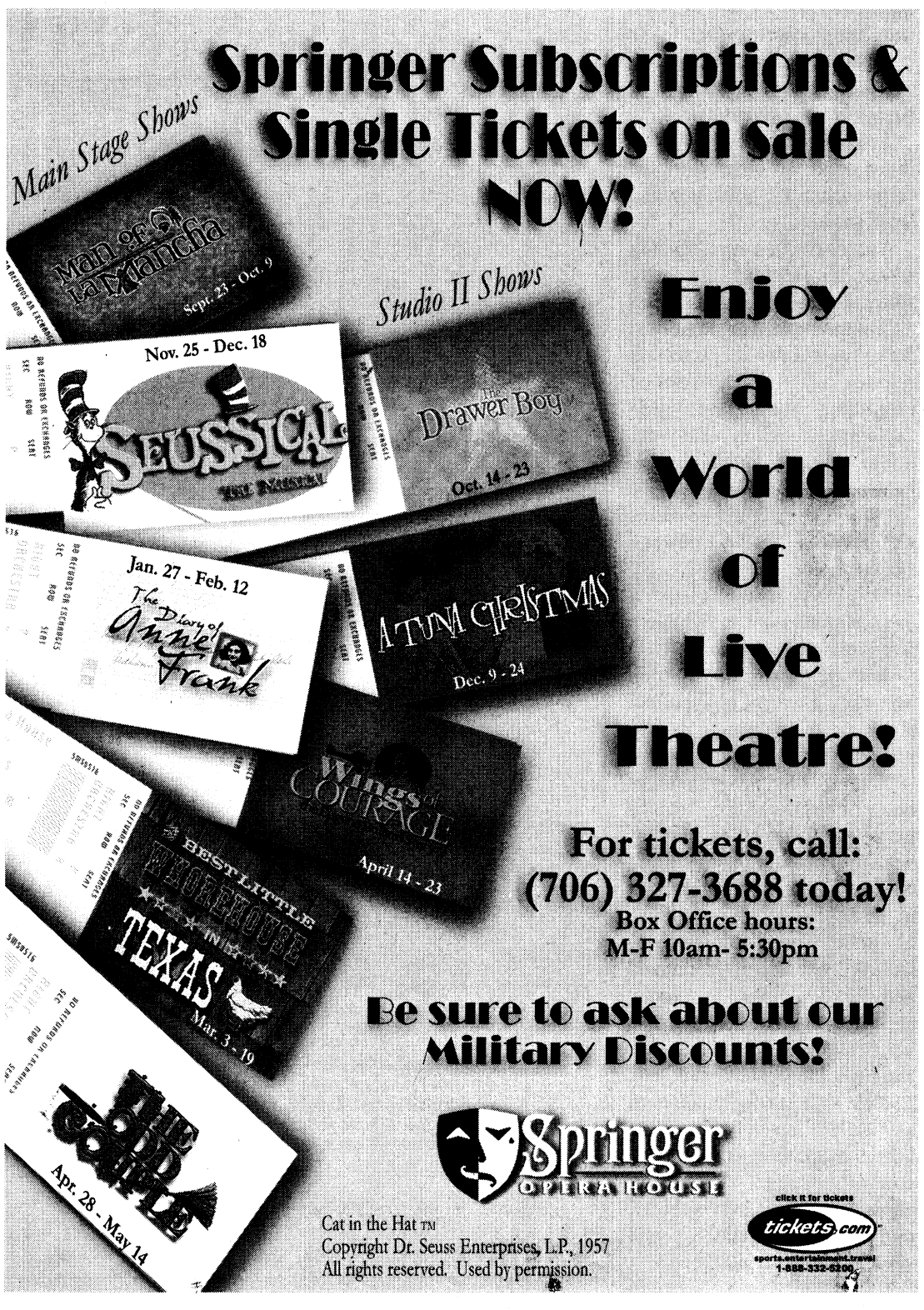
"Combat convoy operations are a critical part of our mission, as our support mission's main purpose is to move supplies from one location to another," Thoreson said.

Nowell said the hardest part of the training was going out on mission not knowing what to expect.

Pfc. Michael Towner, another HHD Soldier, was a driver and a gunner with Nowell at JRTC and said the exercise is a good way to prepare Soldiers for what they are going to face in deployments.

"The situational training exercises were the best and will help us while deployed," Towner said.





Lab Day could better Army

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's U.S. Army Infantry Center hosted the second annual Lab Day Aug. 18. More than 130 representatives from laboratories across the United States came to Fort Benning for the event.

"The purpose of Lab Day is to get together with all the Army Research Labs to discuss possible solutions to identified capability gaps," said Lt. Col. Dan Evans, chief of Concept Analysis and Integration Division with the Directorate of Combat Development.

Capability gaps are problems in the current technology, which need to be corrected to support the Soldiers in the field.

This year, Army Research Labs received a list of 40 capability gaps a month before Lab Day to review and come up with ideas for, said Guy Nadeau, science and technology objective manager for the Infantry Center.

Lab reps briefed their ideas during Lab Day.

"If they were good, then we told them to continue with the development in hopes of the project being fielded," he said.

Nadeau said this year's event was purposely held before the beginning of fiscal 2005 to allow labs to get funding for approved System and Technology Objectives — projects being developed by any research labs for Soldiers.

"It's a good opportunity for us to sit down with the lab representatives and discuss their ideas and say 'yes, that's a good thing' or 'no, that's a bad thing,'" Evans said.

"We try to get together with them very early in the development cycle to ensure the projects they are trying to get funded meets the Army's need, and therefore, are worth further development."

One of the projects discussed during this year's Lab Day is the body armor improvement.

"The body armor that we have in the vests works great, but it's heavy," Evans said.

Soldiers are being wounded in the areas not covered by the vests, such as the arms, legs and head, he said.

The dilemma now is finding a way to improve the body armor without making it heavier.

Another important topic was the active and passive protection against rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive devices for the Stryker, the Bradley and humvees, Evans said.

"One of the biggest problems we have is Soldier power," Nadeau said.

"It's pretty hard to sustain a brigade or division in fighting a five-day fight on batteries."

Batteries are not only becoming a weight problem but also a money and supply problem for the Army, he said.

Among the power sources being considered to replace batteries is fuel cell technology, something both Evans and Nadeau said was very important in the field.

Other topics of concern included the battle command network, blunt trauma, enhanced night vision goggles, lightweight laser designators and nightline sights, Evans said.

"We look out for Soldiers of all MOSs, so anything that affects them, such as command, control and computer equipment, survivability, mobility, lethality and sustainment were discussed."

Class brings agencies online with antiterrorism

Representatives learn to evaluate specific threats

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A recent security engineer class will protect Fort Benning in the long run.

The class was taught Aug. 16 to 20 to familiarize key personnel involved in Fort Benning's security and construction projects with the regulations and guidance regarding antiterrorism measures in design and construction of post facilities and the modification of existing structures to meet Department of Defense standards.

Representatives from the installation operations center, Directorate of Public Works, Martin Army Community Hospital, the Directorate of Logistics, Shaw Infrastructure Inc., engineers and first responders attended the class.

Class attendee Ramiro MontesDeOca, with DPW, said the information covered by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers instructors Eric Johansen and Daniel Kurmel was important because it allows agencies to objectively address specific threats and plan against the possibility of attack.

"The real value of the course is that it was taught so that it allows for the team development of force protection designs," MontesDeOca said. "Force protection design is not a single-source issue. It is the combination of requirements and available resources to achieve a safe and compliant design."

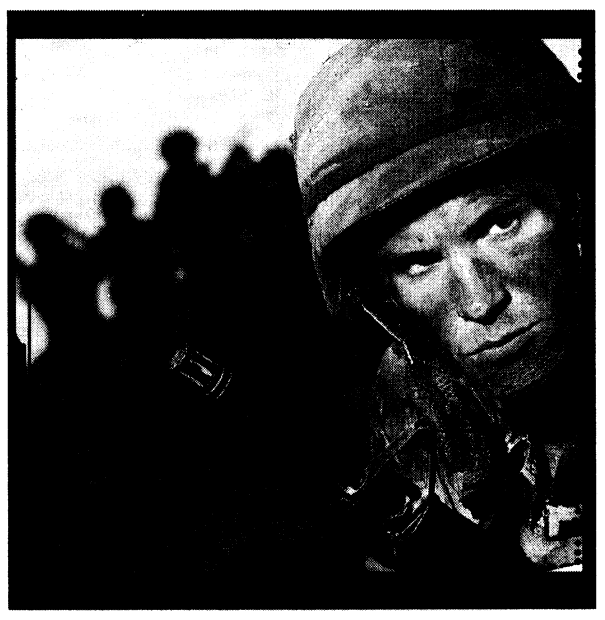
Some of the factors that contribute to the safe and compliant design of new structures and the remodeling of existing structures are blast resistant designs and materials, stand-off space between buildings, proper asset placement inside the building versus outside the building and the strategical placement of mail rooms, loading docks and other access areas, said class attendee Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Price, installation operations center antiterrorism and force protection NCOIC.

New construction poses the smallest problem because all the new DoD mandated antiterrorism standards can be written into blueprints. The majority of problems and funding expenditures, Price said, come in the retrofitting of older structures.

The existing structures must have plate glass replaced with laminated glass or covered with fragmentation resistance film. Those modifications come at a cost, but are essential because 85 percent of all bomb-related fatalities are attributed to flying shards of glass.

While existing structures can rarely be moved to achieve the proper safe distance from parking lots and other structures, there are alternative measures, like bollards, which barricade routes that would allow a vehicle borne explosive close proximity to a target.

"The class was very informative," Price said. "A lot of information was presented and there were sample problems requiring students to program security upgrades including building design, layout and projected budget increases.



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Detachment works as eyes, ears of Marines



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Marine Sgt. Duke Duplessis instructs an airborne student on the proper way to exit an aircraft during training at Mann Field.

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

They are the few, the proud, the Marines. The slogan seems a good fit for the Marines at Fort Benning. They are few in number — only about 40 on post at any given time — and they are proud, serving as instructors and students at many of the schools located on Fort Benning.

The first part of their mission is to work as the administrative arm for Marines and Sailors stationed at Fort Benning.

The permanent party Marines include one Infantry Captains Career Course instructor, four airborne and two Ranger instructors, one liaison with the 75th Ranger Regiment, a section chief with Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, and five Marines serving with the Marine Corps Detachment.

"Above all, we are here to make sure Marines and Sailors know what to do and make sure they do not embarrass the naval service," said Capt. Michael Reinke, Fort Benning Marine Detachment. "We take care of all their administrative needs, like pay, leave, changes of address, births, deaths, marriages, orders coming and going, things like that."

One of the Marine instructors working alongside Soldiers is Sgt. Duke Duplessis, an Airborne instructor.

"This gives me an opportunity to mentor Marines," Duplessis said. "We get to build interservice camaraderie and see what other services are strong in and bring that back to our service, or they can take from the Marines and give to their service."

Duplessis admits to being a little out of place at Fort Benning, but says it only makes him stronger.

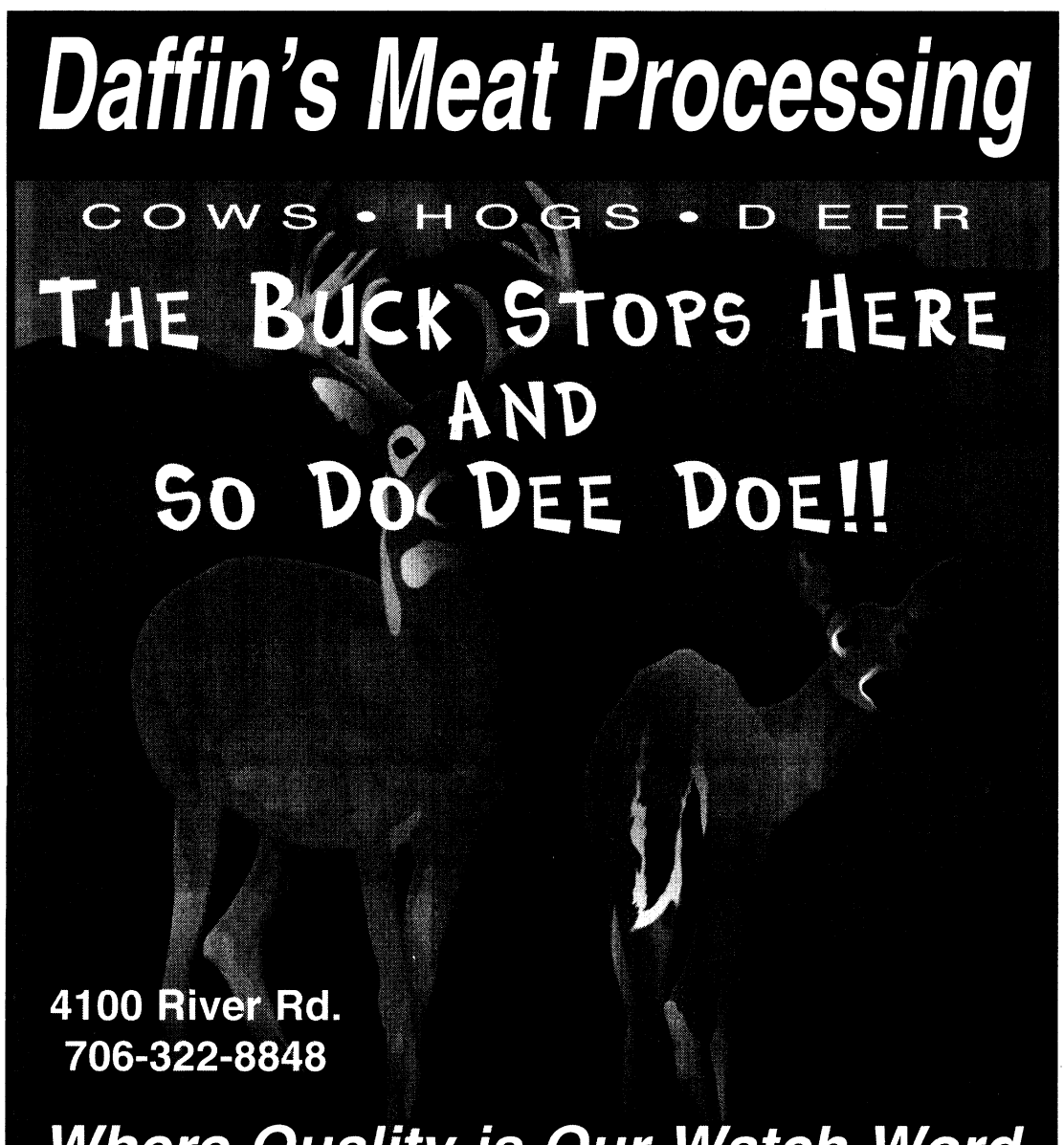
"It requires that I be that much more professional and on top of my game," he said.

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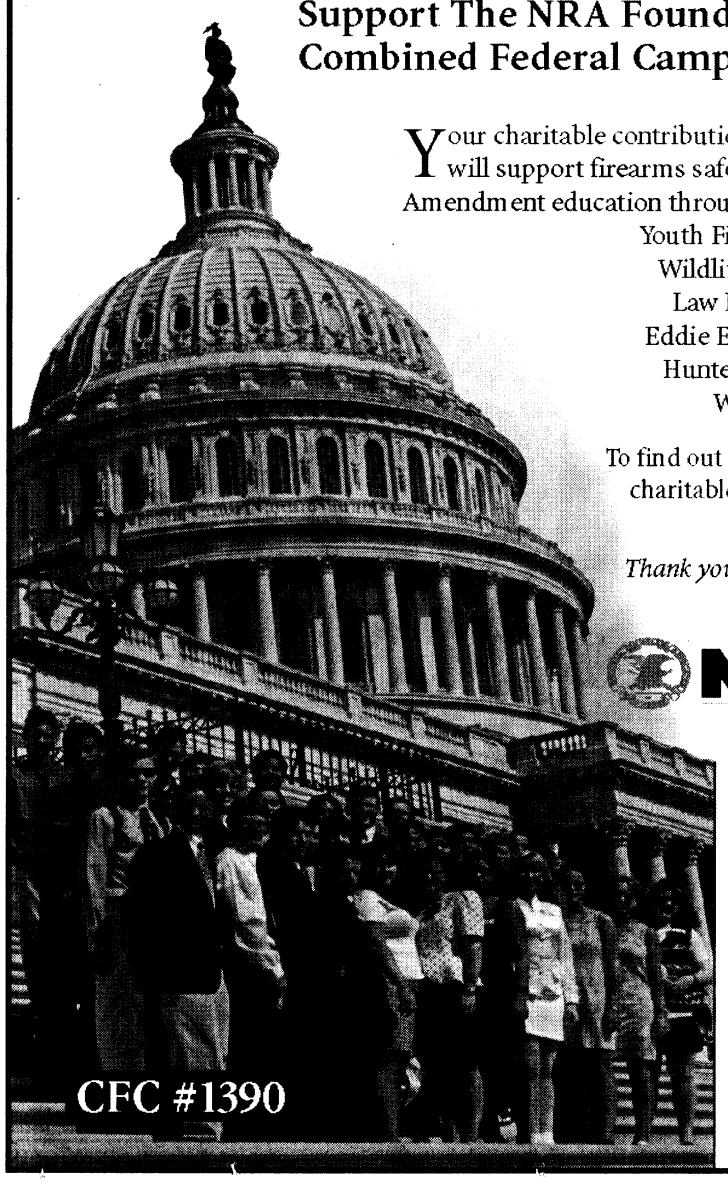
The second part of the Marines' mission is to serve as representatives to the U.S. Army Infantry Center.

"Basically, much of what the Army (Combat Development) does is look at computer systems and laser systems and then develops the capabilities to fight future wars, primarily weapons development," Reinke said.

"A lot of the time, they come through our office to see what the Marines are doing. The colonel likes to call us 'the eyes and ears' for the Marine Corps. We are the middle man," he said.

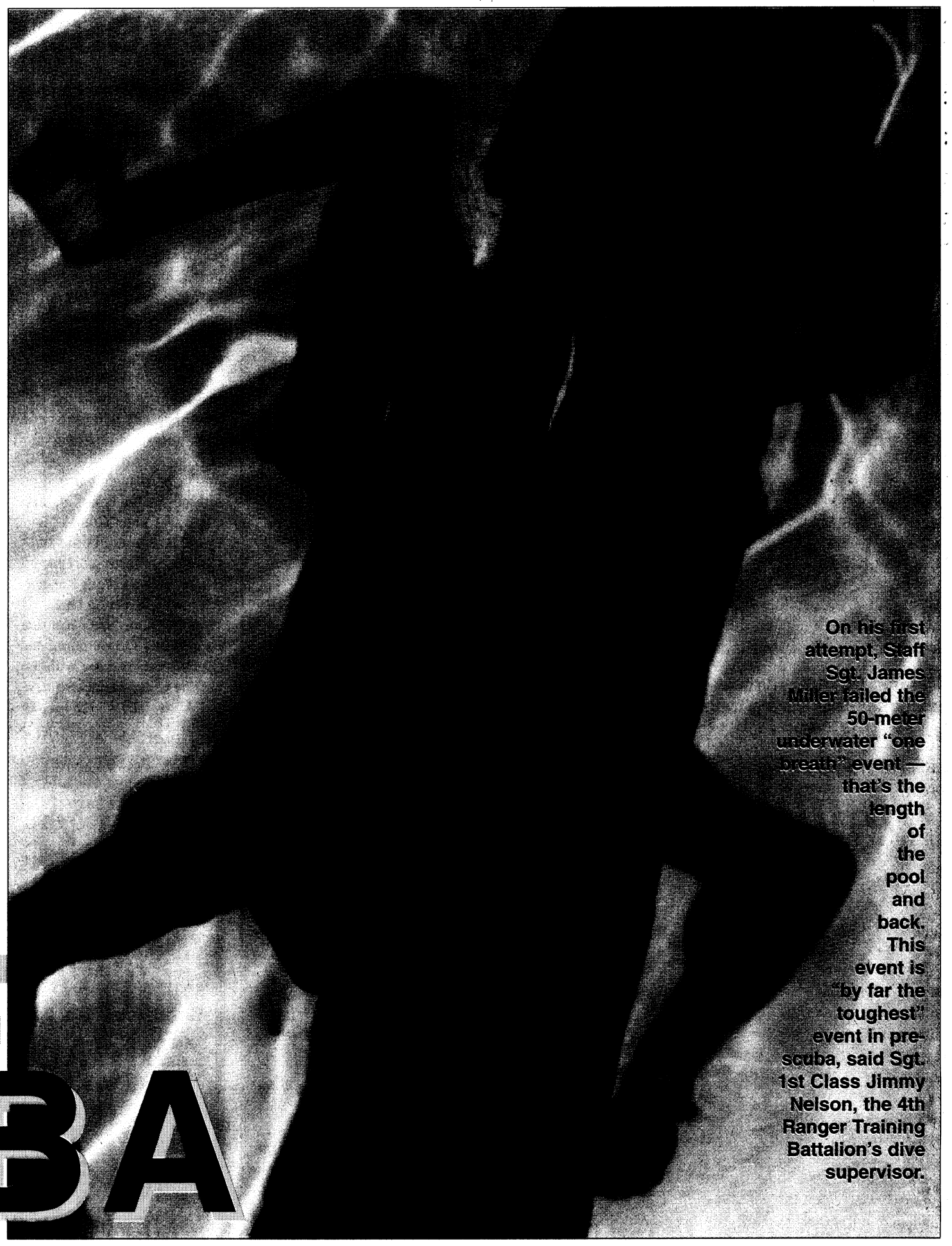








Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Nelson, dive supervisor, gives instructions to pre-scuba students Wednesday at the Briant Wells pool.



On his first attempt, Staff Sgt. James Miller failed the 50-meter underwater "one breath" event — that's the length of the pool and back. This event is "by far the toughest" event in pre-scuba, said Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Nelson, the 4th Ranger Training Battalion's dive supervisor.

PRE-PRE-SCUBA

"It's mind over matter," said Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Nelson, dive supervisor for the 4th Ranger Training Battalion's dive team. But what if the "mind" is submerged in 11 feet of liquid "matter?"

"It's tough — there's no doubt about it. That's why we have such a high failure rate," said Nelson, referring to the battalion's pre-scuba course, or the Pre-Combat Divers Qualifications Course, a prerequisite for the *main* course in Key West, Fla.

Only five students passed the battalion's last pre-scuba. That's five out of 23. And nearly 40 percent of those who make it to Key West get sent home without their "bubble," the scuba insignia worn by less than 1 percent of the Army.

"I think one of the biggest reasons for failure is they don't know what to expect," Nelson said. "That's why we do this."

"This" is pre-pre-scuba, a refresher course for those who've had their bubble burst, but are ready to try again. And for first-timers, it's a "techniques training," Nelson said.

"We spend three days getting them ready for pre-scuba," he said. "Then three weeks in pre-scuba getting them ready for the real thing."

The real thing is a four-week course offered five times a year. It's intensive and strenuous, Nelson said, designed to test potential divers on their mastery of 10 skills, including a 50-meter underwater "one breath" swim, dive-and-retrieve tasks, and a weighted water-tread exercise.

To prepare for scuba school, Nelson puts his students through a rigorous regimen daily, beginning with PT at 5:30 a.m. and ending with at least four hours in the pool each evening. Sandwiched somewhere in there is a surface swim at Victory Pond, for a total of 3,000 meters per day.

"My goal is to get as many divers as possible, not to run the hardest pre-scuba," Nelson said.

The 4th RTBn. has 12 dive slots, but only half of those are filled right now, and three Soldiers will be leaving soon.

"There's a real need. There's a real need everywhere," Nelson said.

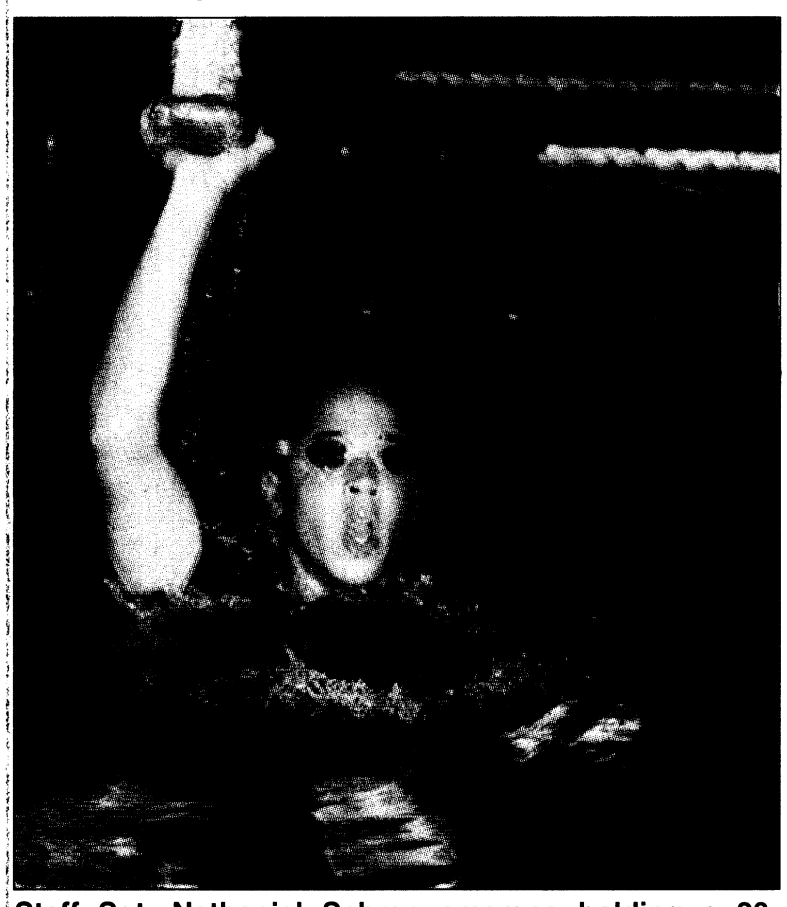
He's hoping the challenge of scuba will appeal to more Soldiers — that and the $215 extra in each month's paycheck.

But it's not the money that's drawn Staff Sgt. James Parke back for a second go at pre-scuba.

"It's the bubble. Less than one percent of the Army has it," he said. "And I want it."



Staff Sgt. James Miller tries to clear his ears after emerging from the deep end of the pool during the 50-meter event. He was instructed to submerge again to alleviate the pain. It worked.



Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Sebren emerges holding a 20-pound weight. He held the weight aloft long enough to state his name and social security number before returning it to the floor of the pool.



"I feel fine," says Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Sebren, after completing an event. A student must make eye contact with the instructor to signify he's OK after each event.

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Schools have yet to complete UAV mission

First level includes aerial vehicles

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

For the second year in a row, Fort Benning hosted the International Aerial Robotics Competition. Though many teams competed in the four-level competition, no one has yet to complete the mission.

Mike Kennedy, of the Mobility Branch of the Soldier Battle Lab, said an invitation was extended to "any school in the world" to participate in the event, which was held at the McKenna MOUT site.

This year, 10 teams from colleges and universities in Canada and the U.S. entered machines in the competition. Georgia Tech, last year's leader, didn't participate this time.

The University of Arizona was the leader, successfully completing levels one and two.

The other nine schools only attempted level one.

"This is the first year in fourteen years that all participating schools actually flew an unmanned aerial vehicle in the competition," said Mike Barnes, also with the Mobility Branch.

To win the competition, participants must accomplish several tasks rated in levels, Barnes said. The first level includes an autonomous flight over three kilometers.

To achieve level two, a team must identify a target from an autonomously flying aerial robot. Also, the robot must identify at least one entry into the structure without human assistance.

"The purpose (of the competition) is to tackle the toughest missions and applications in aerial robotics," Kennedy said. "When this is accomplished, another mission will be thought up and schools will attempt that."



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University of Arizona students led this year's competition, completing levels one and two. The first level was to fly an unmanned aerial vehicle. UA was the only school to attempt level two.

Kennedy suspects it will be another two to three years before this mission is successfully completed. There are still two levels yet to be attempted.

To achieve level three, a team must relay reconnaissance data from an autonomous aerial robot, or sub vehicle, operating from within the target structure, back to the starting point.

Level four is the successful execution of the first three levels in less than 15 minutes.

Each team and vehicle is judged in several categories, including elegance of design and craftsmanship, innovation in air vehicle or sub vehicle design, safety of design to bystanders, a paper documenting its project and best team T-shirt.

Fort Benning will host the event for the next two years and may see more levels completed in the mission.

The Mobility Branch has been grateful to take part in such a technologically-advanced competition, Kennedy said.

"What we get out of it is continued involvement with academia," Kennedy said.

"It helps us build relationships with these schools. These college students will eventually be program managers, some with military programs, and we want to have a good rapport with them."

Since no team has completed all four levels of the competition another $10,000 will be added to this year's $20,000 pot.

Each subsequent year $10,000 more dollars will be added until one team can successfully accomplish all four levels of the mission.

This year, the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, won Best Paper, and Letourneau University out of Texas, was given an honorable mention. Best T-shirt went to Southern Polytechnic State University, and honorable mentions were awarded to the University of Arizona and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The University of Arizona won Best Presentation and Best Air Vehicle, while South Dakota School of Mines and Technology took honorable mention in both categories. The Best System award went to Southern Polytechnic State University and honorable mention went to the University of Arizona.

Officers test simulator

2nd Lt. Jeffrey Johnson
2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

For the past five years, Fort Benning's Simulation Lab officials have experimented with an individual Soldier simulator called the Squad Synthetic Environment.

The SSE can put two networked platoons on a virtual battlefield, much like the Combined Arms Tactical Trainer does for the Army's mounted forces. The SSE has "call for fire" capability far more advanced than other simulations.

The officers of Sand Hill's 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, tested this advanced simulation during an Aug. 27 professional development session, one designed to hone their skills on calling for and adjusting fire while moving dismounted in urban terrain.

The simulation is operated and controlled by a staff of engineers. In this case, the "lead battle master" was retired 1st Sgt. William Guest. Simulation engineers like Guest have conducted experiments at the Sim Center for the past eight years.

Before the exercise, an engineer briefed the leaders on how to call for fire, how to use instrumented weapons and the function of the simulator. These engineers "are the backbone of the simulation lab," Guest said. They build, control and run the software.

The simulation split the 12 officers who participated in the two-hour exercise into three teams.

The teams started in different buildings, all in the simulated town of Shughart-Gordon. The training objective was to call for and adjust fire on each team using a preplanned target work list.

The mission of each team was to destroy the other two teams by dismounted movement and calling for fire. By the end of the training, the officers gained a greater understanding of how to call for fire, combined fighting and establishing urban observation posts.

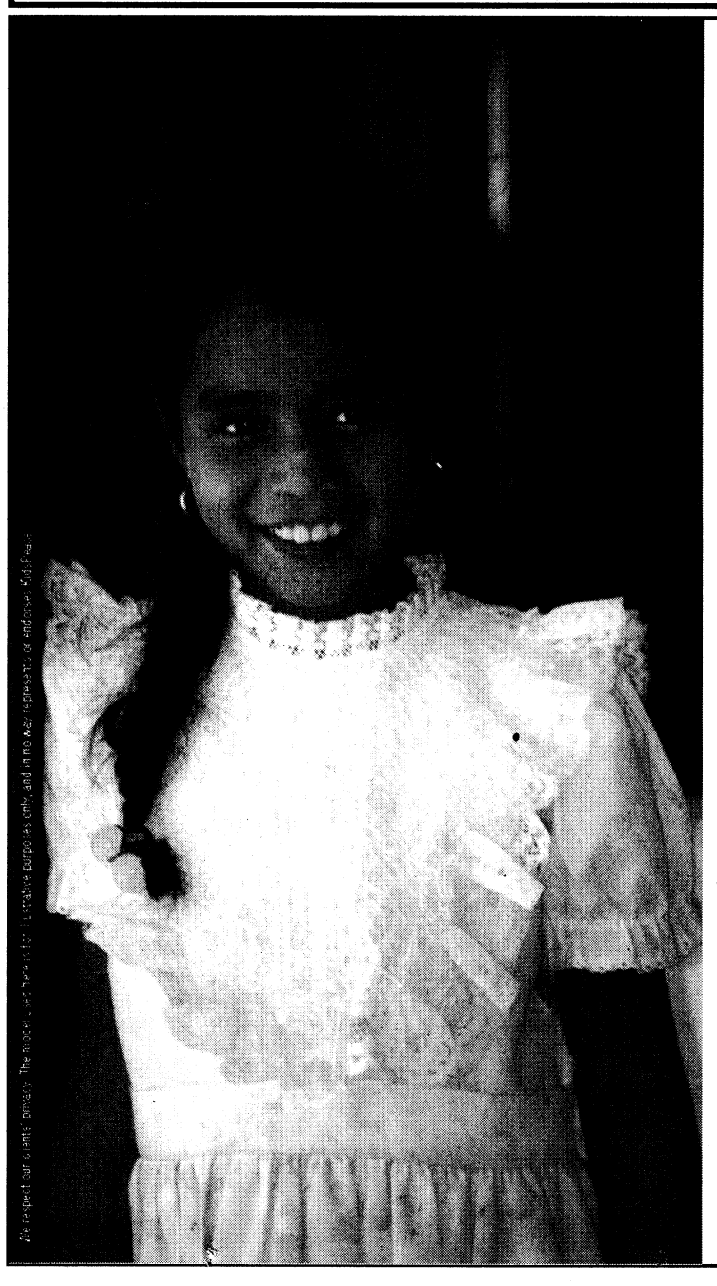
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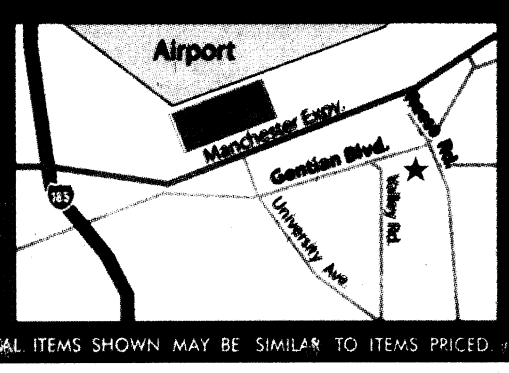
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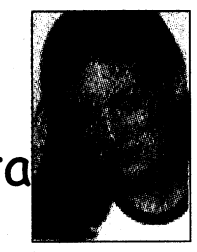
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SECTION B

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

After staring at the images of a jazillion indie film festivals on the pages of *People* and adding their graduates to the list of my most-loved movies, I've always kinda wanted to check one out for myself.

Unfortunately, I'm not rich and famous, nor do I have a celebrity "uncle" to get me into the Sundance or the Cannes. But that's OK. After all, Columbus is home to its own independent film festival, and lucky me, it's this weekend.

The Chattahoochee Film and Video Festival will kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Patrick Theater at the Columbus Museum.

The whole affair is supposed to open with a screening of film director Roger Nygard's new documentary, *Trekkies 2*.

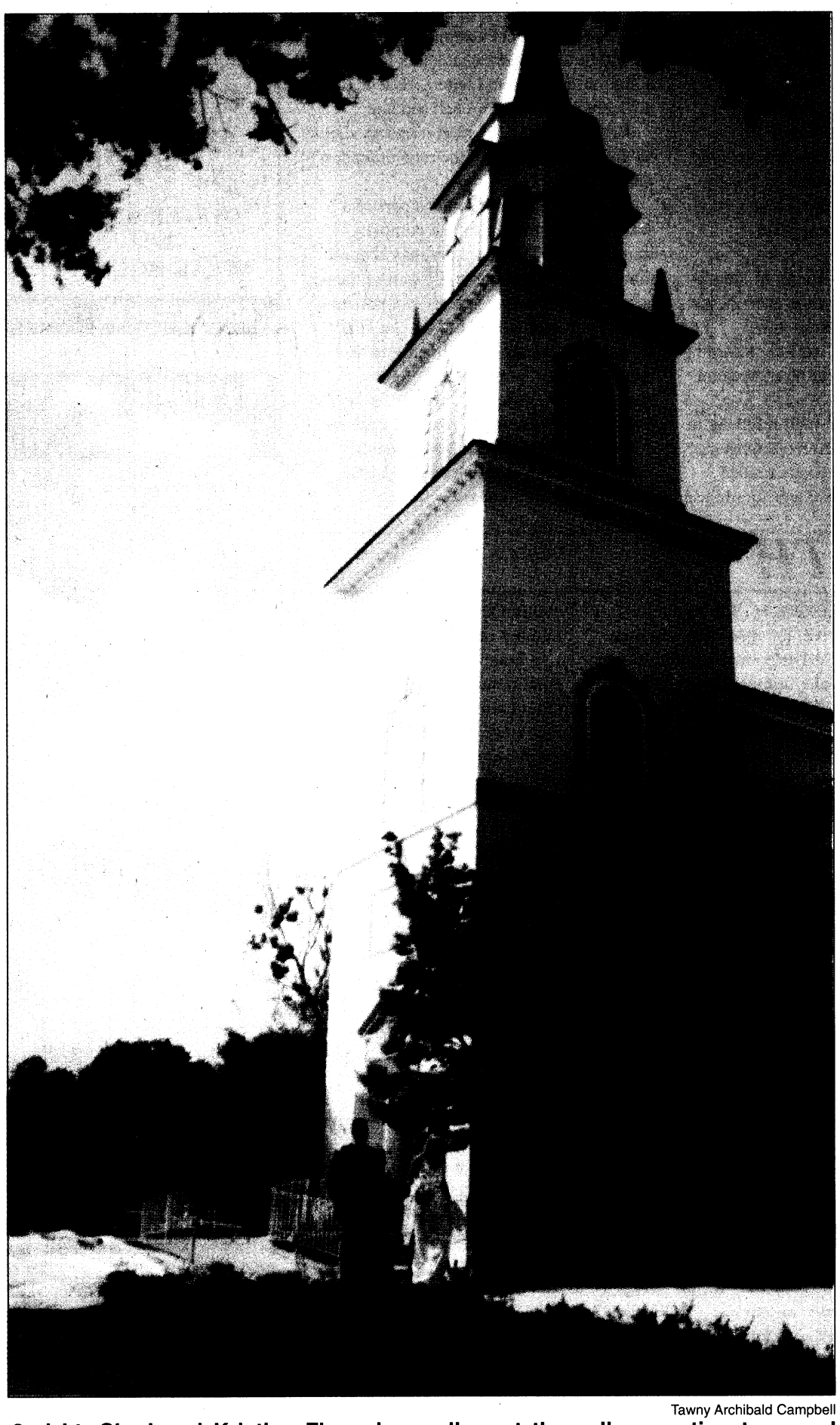
Now, I know it's tricky, but I'll give you two guesses what this little video expose's about. Stumped? Don't feel bad; it's a challenge. The documentary will take an in-depth look at *Star Trek* fans from around the world.

Of course, Nygards' isn't the only film that will be screened at the event. Student films will be screened starting at 8:30 p.m. These films promise to be insightful and imaginative. If not, you're only out $10. Unless you happen to be a member of The Film Society of the Columbus Museum, in which case you'd only be out $8.

So don't be shy. Give your inner director a little inspiration and share in the works of others at the Chattahoochee Film and Video Festival at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Columbus Museum.

For more information, call 649-0713.

Chapel gets makeover



Tawny Archibald Campbell

2nd Lt. Chad and Kristian Flemming walk past the yellow caution tape and plastic sheets near the construction work at The Infantry Center Chapel Saturday after their wedding.

Grounds work final phase of beautification

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

More than $250,000 was spent restoring The Infantry Center Chapel inside and out, but no one seemed to notice because the trees blocked the view.

Now a $68,000 landscaping project is changing all of that, said Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin.

The project includes the removal of several trees and the addition of concrete and brick work, congregating areas, benches and flowers.

"We have a historic chapel built in 1934, and it's a very beautiful chapel," said Cocklin, Chief of the U.S. Army Infantry Center's Chaplains Office.

"The vegetation that was there had really grown, so you couldn't really see or appreciate the beauty of it from any direction. The chapel was virtually barricaded by overgrown trees."

Cocklin said the new landscaping is designed to "bring the chapel to the forefront and the landscaping to the background."

Situated across from the old Infantry School and parade field, the 70-year-old chapel was the center of the old post, Cocklin said.

"You can imagine in those days everything was right here," he said.

"This was the post. This was the hub of buildings and activities before Fort Benning expanded," Cocklin said. "It has a rich history in the lives of many folks."

Last year, more than $350,000 went into renovating the interior and exterior of TIC Chapel.

Cocklin said most of the funds for the renovation and beautification projects came from the Army Community of Excellence money awarded to Fort Benning.

Additional money needed to complete the beautification project came from the Directorate of Public Works.

Even though the grounds are under construction, the chapel is still being used for church services and weddings.

"We coordinated with the contractors, so at all times — no matter what phase they were in — there was an entrance or appropriate walking areas to have access to all doors," Cocklin said.

The construction, which began July 13, is scheduled to be complete within three months.

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> Chief of the U.S. Army Infantry Center's Chaplains Office

Volunteers make CASA work for abused children

50 needed to make program a success

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Imagine what it would be like if you lost your parents — not because of something you did or didn't do, but because they couldn't or wouldn't take care of you.

Court appointed special advocates, known as CASA volunteers, see situations like this every day. Children are taken from their homes and placed with strangers while therapists, social workers, police, judges and lawyers try to determine their fate.

Many times, a CASA volunteer is the only voice that child has, said Mattie Hall, Columbus CASA director.

Volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children by gathering information about the child's situation, attending court hearings and making recommendations to help the judge make an informed decision about the child's future.

Cynthia Walker, a CASA volunteer, said the program began in Columbus in 1997. Ten volunteers graduated from the first certification course.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years old, complete an application, agree to a background check, be fingerprinted, have four personal or professional references and have an interview before they begin the training process.

Training is 10 weeks long, with three-hour classes once a week. Volunteers examine cases of child abuse and neglect, learn how to conduct a home assessment, develop interview skills and observe at least 10 hours of court proceedings.

Upon graduation, volunteers wait to be assigned to a case, Walker said.

"The best case scenario is that you are given a case at shelter care," Hall said. "That is when a child is first picked up from home and put into the care system. The judge then assigns them to CASA."

The volunteer assigned to the case visits the child, explains his or her role in the case and keeps the child up-to-date on court proceedings. The volunteer is required to gather information about the child and his or her home situation and make recommendations to the court to ensure the child is placed in a safe, permanent home as soon as possible.

"We go into the home to see if it is safe," Walker said. "If the child plans to go back home or to a relative's house, it doesn't matter — wherever they are going we need it to be safe and clean."

Walker said the home the child is going into needs to meet a sufficient level of care, as determined by the CASA volunteer and the Department of Child and Family Services. Does the home have electricity, water, windows and doors? Is there a refrigerator and food? Do children have their own beds, and do infants have a safe crib? Hall said many times these basic needs are not met.

CASA has a responsibility to listen to the child and make assessments that serve in the child's best interest. If the home is not safe, the child can't reside there until changes are made.

Deb Manning, an education prevention coordinator with the Army Substance Abuse Program, is one of seven volunteers in the CASA training course. She hopes to make a difference in the community by providing a voice to children.

"Children are our greatest resource," Manning said. "Sometimes life takes a U-turn, and there has to be someone there to look after that child.

"The voice of the child is

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> **Deb Manning**
> CASA volunteer

Chaplains offer free festival, food, fun for families

Offers chapel program info, fun for kids

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

For the second year, the Fort Benning Chaplains' Office will present the religious education Fall Festival.

The festival is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at Gordon Field. In case of rain, the event will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sept. 19.

Tom Taylor, director of religious education for the Protestant chapels, said this year's location is different than last year's, because construction has begun on the new chapel. Gordon Field, next to the Wynnsong Theater, is at the corner of Burr and Ingersoll streets.

"We wanted to have (the festival) in the same area so people could see construction has started," Taylor said.

Drawings of the new, non-denominational chapel will be displayed.

Taylor said the festival is the big, religious event for the year, providing newcomers to Fort Benning with a wealth of information about what the post has to offer.

"It's also a good opportunity for families to bring their children out and have fun for four hours," he said.

Activities at the festival include the "Rock and Roller," a "Whirly Bird," a castle moonwalk and a giant inflatable slide.

All the activities are free, paid for by the Chaplains' Fund.

Last year's event drew nearly 300 children, and Taylor said they are prepared for the same number this year.

While the children are enjoying rides and free popcorn, cotton candy and sno-cones, parents can browse the information tables set up under tents.

Chaplains and volunteers from every denominational service on post will be at the festival to answer questions and provide information about the variety of religious education and fellowship activities.

Taylor said one of the additions this year is entertainment by the CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel praise team.

Family Life Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins said the group, known as C3PT, is made up of Soldiers and family members.

"Our drummer is a Soldier originally from South Africa," Hawkins said, " and our lead guitar is an Infantry Officer

See **FESTIVAL,** B-3

Don't be victim of e-mail fraud

1st Lt. Paul J. Lloyd
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Imagine if your bank sent you an e-mail saying that it has taken steps to protect your account because individuals with a history of money laundering, terrorism and illegal drug activity have accessed your account. According to the e-mail, the bank detected the suspicious activity and has frozen your account until you reply. That would be a good thing, right? Maybe not, because such an e-mail is probably not from your bank. Most likely, it is from the very type of people that the e-mail warns you about — identity thieves.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the country, and e-mail scams are a popular way for criminals to obtain the information they need to access your bank and credit accounts. E-mail scams recently have been sent to Army Knowledge Online e-mail accounts. Recognizing these e-mails is important for the protection and safeguarding of your personal information.

E-mail scams often claim to come from reputable companies. Citibank and U.S. Bank, along with numerous others, have been the subject of e-mail scams. False e-mails use the names, logos and graphics of the real company, and a sense of urgency is often conveyed, claiming for example that unauthorized activity has been detected or your account has been frozen in error.

Whatever the problem, the e-mail directs you to follow a link to a legitimate-looking Web site. Once there, the Web site asks for personal or account information.

However, you don't even have to enter any information for the damage to be done. Web site links in e-mail scams often contain "key logging" software. By clicking on the link, software will secretly be installed on your computer, recording everything you type and providing a way for identify thieves to access your information.

Fortunately, it is not difficult to identify e-mail scams. Once an online account has been opened, reputable banks and companies are extremely unlikely to send e-mails requesting verification of account information.

Be suspicious of any e-mail referring to an online account. Under no circumstance should you click on any recommended Web site addresses. Consumers should use a known company Web site address or simply pick up the telephone and call the company.

Following a few simple rules will help prevent becoming a victim of identity theft:

• Do not reply to or follow links in unsolicited e-mail.

• Passwords should be hard to guess — don't use common information, such as your spouse's or pet's name. Passwords should be at least six characters long, with a mix of numbers and letters. Use a different password for each account.

• Personal identification numbers should be changed frequently; the recommended time is every 30-60 days.

If you receive an e-mail as part of a scam, contact the legitimate company immediately. The company may request that you forward the e-mail scam to them, as many companies aggressively pursue this type of online fraud. You can also forward the scam e-mail directly to the Federal Trade Commission at uce@ftc.gov . After forwarding the scam e-mails, delete them from your computer.

For more information about identify theft, visit the Web site for the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov.

COUNT UP TO WEALTH

Army Community Service

Been to the pump lately? If you have, you know that gas prices can make your head spin faster than the digits on the dial. It used to take $10 to fill your tank; now it takes $20.

According to Delane Chappell, of the Business Resource Center at the Pastoral Institute, one of our partners in the Count Up to Wealth project, here are 11 ways to help you cut fuel consumption:

• Keep tires properly inflated. Not only is this simple, but it can also be a lifesaver. Under-inflated tires waste fuel and wear out tire tread.

• Get regular tune-ups and follow through with routine maintenance.

• Get the junk out of your trunk. A weighed-down car uses more fuel.

• Buy the lowest octane gas that is appropriate for your car. As long as your car doesn't ping, the fuel you are using is fine.

• Don't top off the gas tank. Too much gas will slosh out.

• Lighten up on the accelerator. The faster you drive, the more fuel you use.

• Drive intelligently. Don't make fast starts or sudden stops. You are just wasting fuel. Revving the engine wastes gas too.

• Keep your foot off the brake while you drive. The slightest pressure could cause you to use additional gas.

• Tighten the gas cap. Gas evaporates from the tank if it has an escape route.

• Buy a fuel-efficient vehicle. Factor in long-term fuel costs when shopping for a vehicle. Sunroofs add wind resistance and lower the number of miles per gallon.

• Be smart with the air-conditioning. On the highway, closed windows decrease air resistance, so use the air conditioner. In stop-and-go traffic, turn off the air conditioner and open the windows to reduce your fuel usage.

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Ryan Andrew Pelkey — born Aug. 28 to Rebecca and Spc. Jeremy Pelkey.

Derek Nathaniel Felix — born Aug. 28 to Spc. Jessica and Sgt. Jorge Felix.

Louis Malachi Omarion Russ — born Aug. 30 to Sophia McGuire Russ and Pvt. Willie Russ.

Adrian Jones White — born Aug. 31 to Lilliana and Spc. Charles White.

Jordan Emmett Lowthorpe — born Sept. 1 to Julia and Master Sgt. John Lowthorpe.

Girls

Madisyn Grace Albright — born July 27 to Shanna and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Albright.

Hannah Beth Lebo — born July 29 to Lisa and 1st Lt. Paul Lebo.

Kanajah NiShele Love — born Aug. 28 to Mehia and Spc. Shawn Love.

Alexis Gabrielle Allen — born Aug. 28 to Armie and Pfc. Victor Allen II.

Breanna Marie Snyder — born Aug. 29 to Sgt. Mary and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Snyder.

Ava Lesley Reed — born Aug. 30 to Pfc. Fallon and Sgt. Bruce Reed.

Katelyn Rose Moore — born Aug. 31 to Pfc. Karen and David Moore.

Jaila Victoria Vanderhorst — born Aug. 31 to Tameaka and Staff Sgt. Johnny Vanderhorst.

Jaden Hagen — born Aug. 31 to Jackie and Staff Sgt. David Hagen.

Mary Kathryn Bevilacqua — born Aug. 31 to Ruth Ann and Lt. Col. Anthony Bevilacqua.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

CrossRoads to launch new series — CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel will launch its new series, *Cheaper By The Dozen* — Building a *7th Heaven* Family in a *Jerry Springer* World, at 11 a.m. Sunday.

A free trip to Walt Disney World will be given to one family this month.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins at 545-1760.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

School board meeting — The next Fort Benning School Board meeting will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 27 at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 545-7276.

***The Bayonet* delivery** — Experiencing a problem with *The Bayonet* delivery? Call 682-3346.

off post

Bikes on Broadway — The Southern Cruisers Riding Club will present the fourth annual Bikes on Broadway starting at 6:30 p.m. today. This fund-raiser supports Our House.

The weekend-long event will include a bike show, dice run, 50/50 drawing and entertainment in uptown Columbus.

For more information, call Patty Cardin at 507-1000.

Health and Fitness Expo — Free health screenings, information and activities will highlight the Men's and Women's Health and Fitness Expo, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Columbus Trade and Convention Center.

Activities include free health screening, exhibits and demonstrations on stroke, osteoporosis, breast and gynecologic cancer, prostrate, HIV, STDs, cholesterol and blood pressure checks. Other screenings include body fat analysis and checks for oral health, bone density and hearing.

Patriot Day barbecue — Asbury United Methodist Church will have a Patriot Day barbecue Saturday. The church is located at 2312 Ellen Avenue in Columbus.

For more information, call 536-3108.

Freedom ride — The first tri-community POW/MIA Freedom Ride will take place starting at 8 a.m. Sept. 18 at Golden Park and is open to the public.

The ceremonial ride will begin at 9 a.m. All types of motorcycles are welcome to participate in the ride.

Events will include a live radio broadcast by Rooster 106, a Rangers in Action demonstration and a special appearance by the Silver Wings Parachute Team.

For more information or to register, call 575-8023.

Heart health class — Health Matters of St. Francis will offer a free class entitled "Nutrition for Heart Health" from 2 to 3 p.m. Sept. 30. The public can register by calling 257-7672. Health Matters of St. Francis is located at 3740 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

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

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410 by Sept. 30, or join on line at arborday.org.

Tree identification book — *What Tree Is That?*, a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

To obtain the tree identification guide, send your name, address and $3 to What Tree is That?, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or go online to www.arborday.org.

School Lunch Menu

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■ **Tuesday:** cheese quiche, tossed salad, green beans, bread, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** barbecue chicken, macaroni salad, glazed carrots, hot roll, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** cheeseburger, potato rounds, green beans, fruit, milk

■ **Friday:** tacos, Mexicali corn, peas and carrots, fruit, milk

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Briefing gives OSUT Soldiers, spouses 'one-stop' shopping for information

ITB briefs new Army families on programs

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Married Infantry Training Brigade graduates are getting help understanding the programs available to Army families.

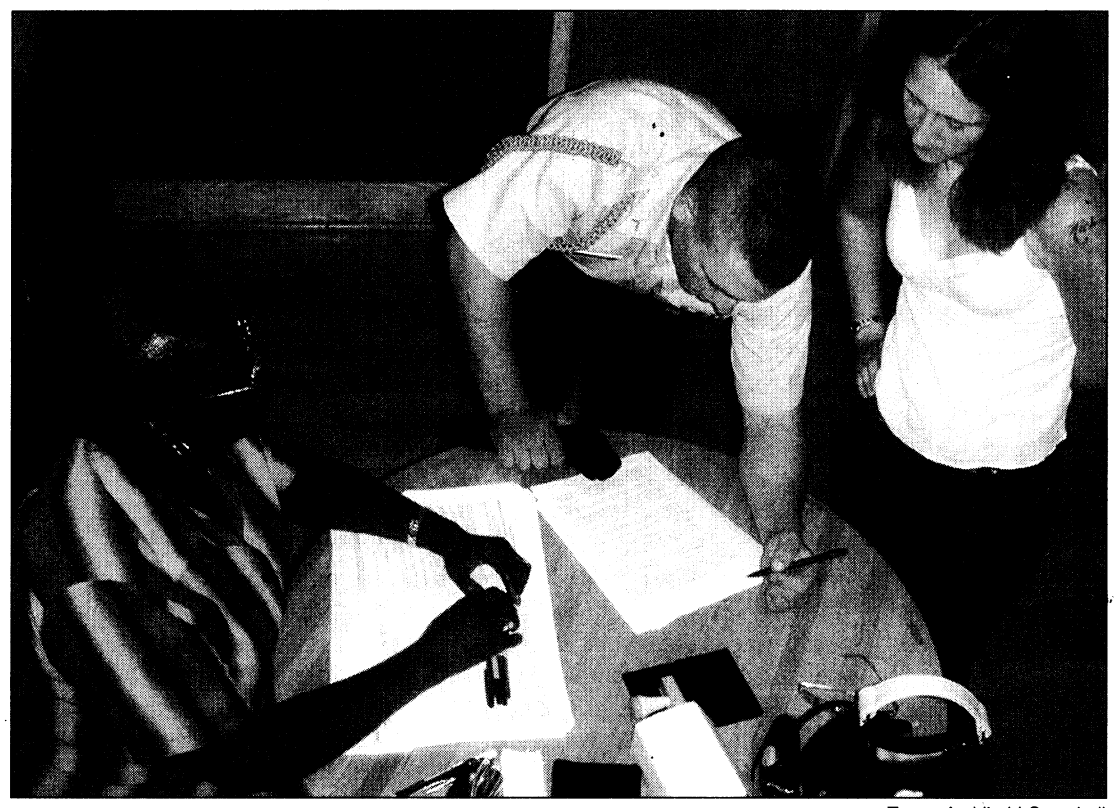
Students graduating from one station unit training at Sand Hill attended a brigade spouses briefing designed to provide new Soldiers and their families with information about Army benefits and programs Sept. 2.

The briefing, held the day before graduation, gives new Soldiers information to assist them as they move to their next duty station, said Capt. Anthony Oliveras, the ITB's personnel officer.

In the past, each battalion organized its own briefings, but this was the first time the brigade consolidated them, Oliveras said.

Representatives from Tricare, DEERS, legal and relocation services provided each family information about dental, finance, housing, I.D. cards, wills, powers of attorney and travel.

"We want Soldiers and their families to understand that there are people here to help," Oliveras said. "We wanted to bring information together so Soldiers and their spouses would know about the Army, moves and benefits."



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Rosa Jackson, left, a legal clerk with the Infantry Training Brigade, helps Pvt. Nicholas LaBare and his wife, Sonya, with a power of attorney during the spouses briefing on Sand Hill Sept. 2.

As Soldiers embark on their careers, they face a high likelihood of deployment, Oliveras said.

"There is a sense of uncertainty, and it is hard to turn to your spouse when you are transferring. Many times the opportunities (to share information) get lost," Oliveras said.

"This (briefing) offers an opportunity to minimize that uncertainty and build confidence in the family.

"When a Soldier is confident in his spouse, he is more confident in his deployment, and he is not so worried about how his family is being taken care of back home," he said.

Pvt. James Bayer, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, is getting married today and then leaving for a two year unaccompanied tour to Korea.

"We're trying to figure out what to do, how to set up insurance and get situated with housing," Bayer said.

"This is worth it, just to know where to go and what we can get."

Ariel Carpenter is grateful to be armed with so much information, as she and her husband, Pvt. Jason Carpenter, head to their first duty station in Fort Polk, La.

"You think you know (everything)," she said, "then you find out what more is out there."

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>
> **Pvt. James Bayer**
> 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

Oliveras said the brigade briefing will now be standard for all married Sand Hill graduates.

CASA: Offers children 'voice'

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sometimes not heard. My understanding is that we are that voice," Manning said.

Hall said the need for volunteers is almost overwhelming.

There are only 16 active CASA volunteers in the Columbus area. At least 50 are needed.

As of Aug. 31, there were 127 open "CASA cases" in Chattahoochee County.

"The goal of a judge is to have a CASA assigned to every child who comes through their court," Walker said. "We just have to say, 'Stop!' sometimes."

Roderick Branscomb, a Reserve Soldiers just back from Iraq, is helping increase the chances a child will be assigned a CASA volunteer.

"I believe I can help a family become more stable," Branscomb said.

"I want to be able to help (a child) who doesn't necessarily know what to say. Maybe I can be a role model. Maybe they don't have a lot of people they can talk to. There are a lot of juveniles out there, but families, parents, need someone too."

To find out more about CASA or to volunteer, call 323-3687, visit the CASA office at 806 First Street, or go to www.gacasa.org.

Festival: Offers fun, Information

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Basic Course student."

He said the praise team will represent the chapel at the Fall Festival.

Crossroads is taking its format, originally geared toward single Soldiers at Kelley Hill, postwide to include couples and families with young children.

The Crossroads booth will have information about its worship schedule, upcoming topics, and give-aways.

For more information about the Fall Festival or Fort Benning's religious programs, call Taylor at 545-4715 or Ted Snow at 545-5508.

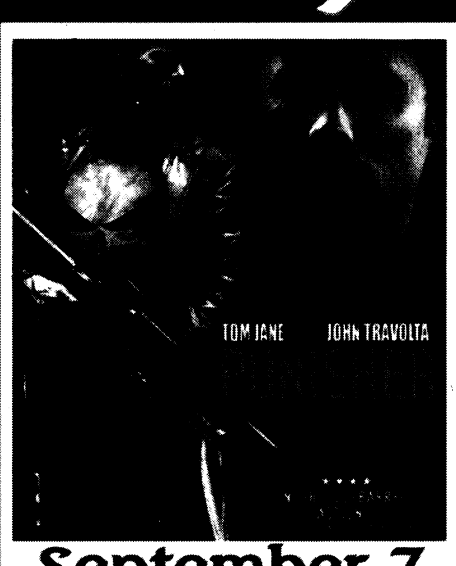
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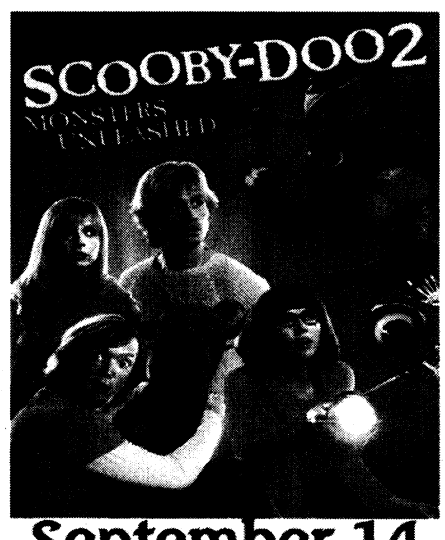
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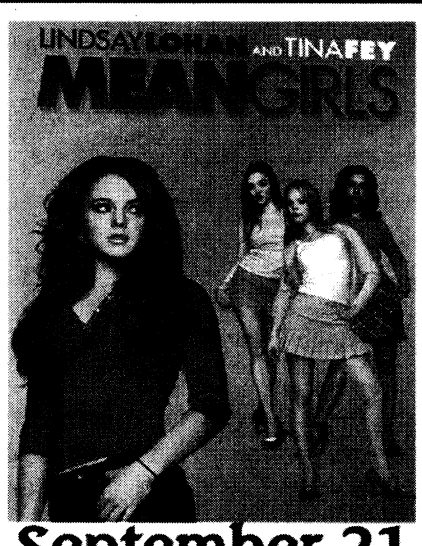
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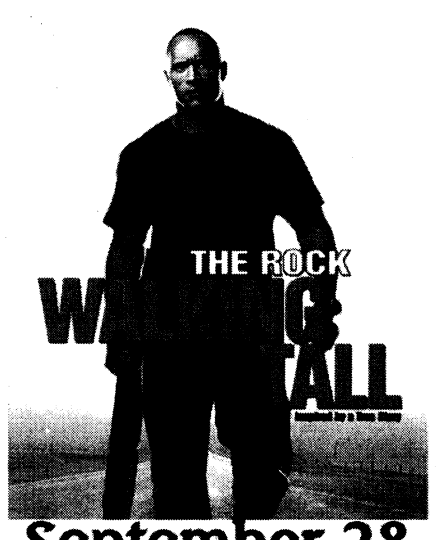
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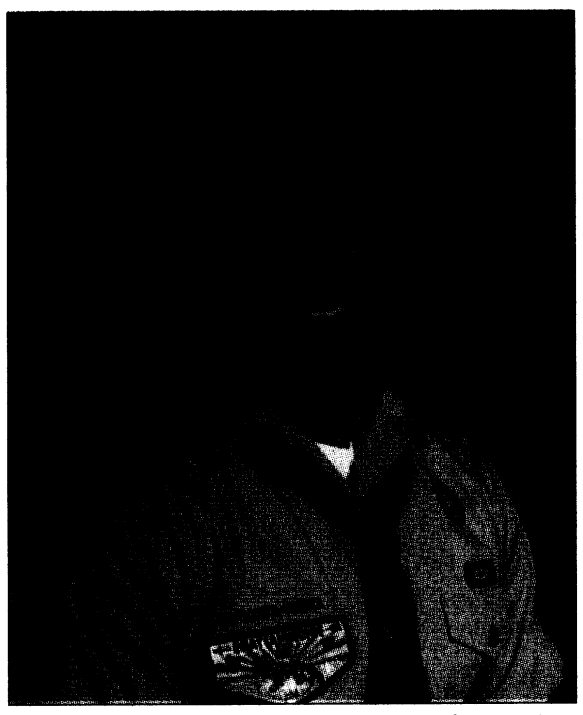
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Fort Benning youth in the news

Rollinson earns highest Scouting award



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Clears, marks Riverwalk to earn honor

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

"My name is Sam Rollinson, and I'm a Boy Scout."

So begins the autobiography of a 17-year-old who admits he was reluctant to tell his friends he's a Scout.

"You know, you get made fun of," said Rollinson, the son of retired Lt. Col. Selby Rollinson, Fort Benning's chief of Protocol.

Who's laughing now?

With his induction into the National Eagle Court of Honor Sunday, the Columbus High School senior is proud of his accomplishment and he's not ashamed to admit it.

"It's cool now, because this is a really big honor," said Rollinson, one of three local Scouts honored Sunday at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbus.

Rollinson racked up nearly 150 hours of labor on the Chattahoochee Riverwalk to earn the Eagle Scout award. He cleared weeds and overgrowth and measured and erected mile markers along a five-mile stretch that once left Riverwalk*ers* wondering if they were coming or going.

"You could run for like a mile, and it would say five miles. Then you'd go another miles and it would say two miles. It was messed up," Rollinson said.

> "It taught me to be a leader, not a follower. I'm a better person for it."
>
> **Sam Rollinson**
> Eagle Scout

The Eagle Scout project was challenging, Rollinson said, but his 10 years as a Scout have been full of challenges. There was the time he nearly fell off a mountain in Seoul, Korea, while hiking with his dad.

"Neither of us told Mom about that for a long time," he said.

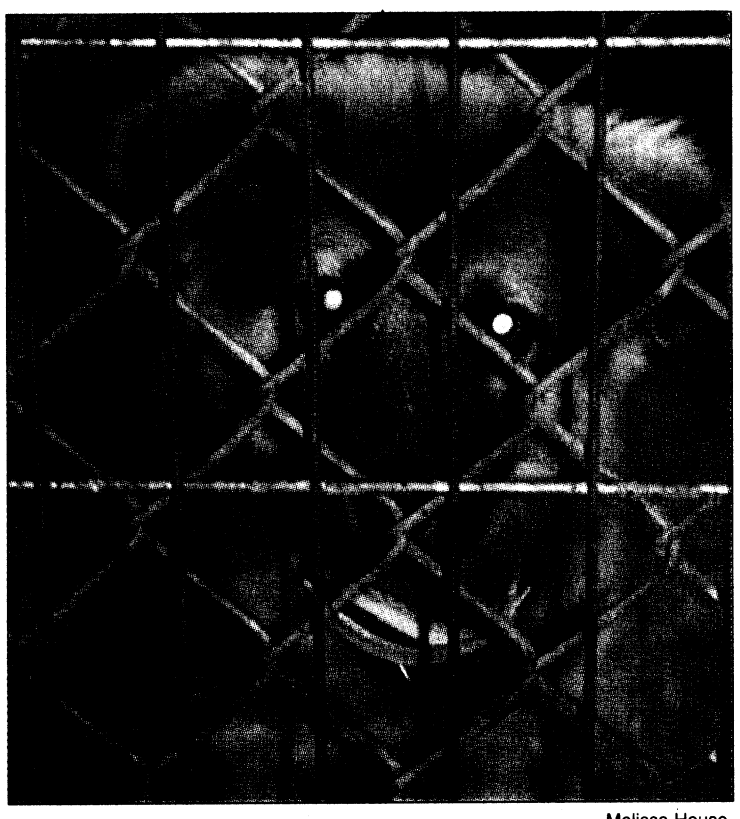
Rollinson credits Scouting for his success as an athlete. He's lettered in swimming, wrestling and football.

And, he said, a decade with the Boy Scouts has taught him to be a man.

"It's taught me to be a leader, not a follower. I'm a better person for it," he said.

Scouting is a Rollinson family tradition. The senior Rollinson and his four brothers were Eagle Scouts, and two of Sam's cousins are working toward it.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Melissa House

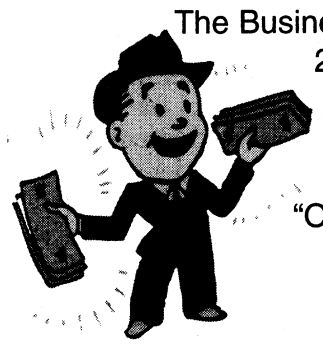
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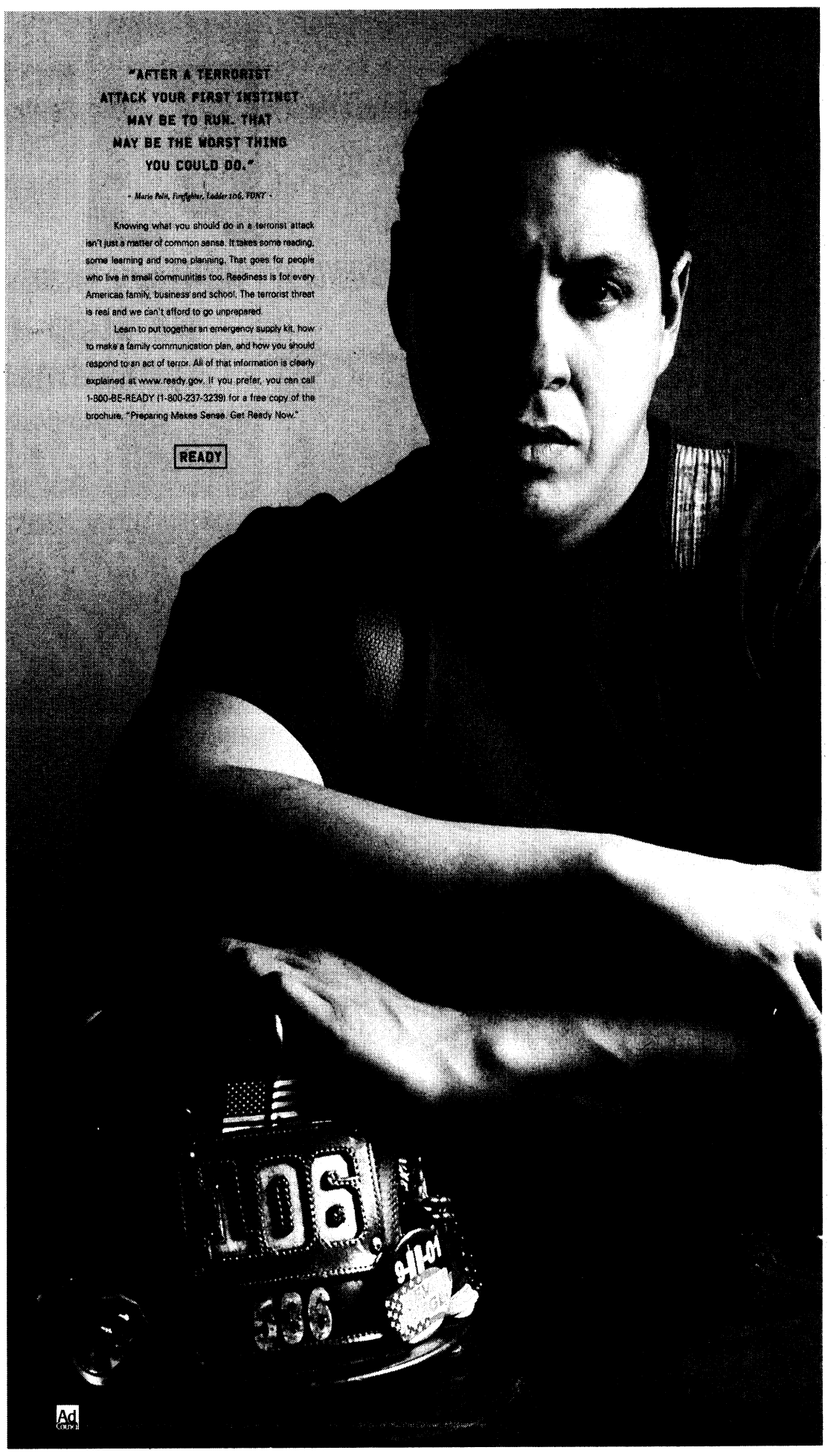
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READY



Earn parent degree

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
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Well, it's that time of year again. The tax-free sale is over, and brand new erasers are squeaking their way across wide-ruled paper all over Fort Benning and Columbus.

School is once again in session.

As kids, we couldn't wait for school to end — for good!

Yet, just about the time you get out of high school or college, for many of us, it's not all that long before school starts up again with the children God gives us.

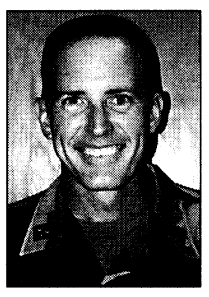
Now hang in there with me, I'm not talking about you taking your children to school, I'm talking about your children taking you to school!

The most learning I've ever done, the greatest education I've ever received, the most demanding school I've ever attended, and the most prestigious degree I've ever been awarded is the PhD.

That stands for ... the Parenthood Degree!

Just last week, my wife Lori and I drove 16 hours (1,000 miles) with my firstborn little girl in a loaded-down minivan.

The next day, we decorated a shoebox, disguised as a college dorm room, kissed our collegian good-bye, and then drove back down the same road we had just come up — you guessed it — for 16 hours.


Hawkins

At any rate, these are just a few of the lessons I've learned from fatherhood:

• An extended giggle — I mean a real bubbling belly laugh from a toddler — is about the best noise there is in life.

• Both corn and peas can be stuffed up each nostril simultaneously — and produce a very curious whistle thereafter.

• My anger was just as often self-directed as it was directed toward her.

• Parenting is a team sport. Divide and conquer was discovered long before Napoleon.

• Values are more caught than taught.

• The reason I hate college boys so much is because I used to be one.

• Parents' love for their children is the strongest force known to humankind.

Join me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel where Sunday we will launch our new series, "*Cheaper By The Dozen* — Building a *7th Heaven* Family in a *Jerry Springer* World."

It's a new postwide service at 11 a.m. at Kelley Hill Chapel that's casual and contemporary.

Jews celebrate new year, Yom Kippur

Retired Capt. Neil Block, USNR
USAIC Jewish Lay Leader

Sundown on Wednesday evening marks the start of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which initiates the Jewish High Holy Days.

Jews all around the world will join in family and community groups to mark the beginning of the year 5765 of the Jewish calendar and to present themselves to God for judgment.

Rosh Hashanah is the biblical "holy convocation" associated with the anniversary of the birth of the world and, according to ancient tradition, the day on which God renders judgment on all the world. It is a time when each and every man is judged by God. The righteous are immediately inscribed in The Book of Life.

The wicked are consigned to indeterminate sad fates, while those whom God deems neither righteous or wicked have 10 days to repent and acknowledge their errant ways. They must then pledge to amend their shortcomings before the Book of Life is sealed. The last day for repentance is Yom Kippur.

REFLECTIONS

In the Jewish tradition, God commands every man to live a righteous and moral life, to be responsible and to make the world a better place.

Every man is responsible to ensure the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, the widow and orphan are cared for and his community and extended community conduct life with morality within the teaching of the law, starting with the Ten Commandments.

It is the conduct of their lives within this guideline that God judges.

On Rosh Hashanah, Jews everywhere gather to pray that God judge them kindly, to acknowledge and ask for forgiveness of their transgressions, and to ask God to grant them continued life in a good and a sweet year to come.

The gathering and prayers are punctuated by the sounding of the ram's horn, the shofar, an ancient instrument.

Rosh Hashanah is also known as Yom Teruah, the Day of the Blowing of the Shofar.

Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement. It is a solemn day observed by prayers, fasting, repentance and of an awareness of God's readiness to pardon. It is considered the holiest day of the Jewish calendar and dates back to biblical times.

In three separate passages of the Torah, the Five Books of Moses — the word of God transcribed by Moses — the Jewish people are told that "...the tenth day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a sacred occasion for you. You shall practice self-denial ..."

It was on this day that Moses, after having received the first tablets of the law (The Ten Commandments) and smashing them because of the incident of the golden calf, and after returning to Sinai to receive a second set of tablets, descended to find the Jewish people fasting and repenting.

The High Holy Days are days of introspection, self-examination and re-dedication to God's law and principles.

On Rosh Hashanah people are greeted with wishes that they be "inscribed" in The Book of Life.

On Yom Kippur we hope that one has been "sealed" in The Book of Life.

Jewish High Holy Days Services

Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday
8 p.m. — Temple Israel
7 p.m. — Shearith Israel
Thursday
10 a.m. — Temple Israel
9 a.m. — Shearith Israel
Sept. 17
9 a.m. — Shearith Israel

Yom Kippur
Sept. 24
8 p.m. — Temple Israel
7 p.m. — Shearith Israel
Sept. 25
10 a.m., 2:15 p.m. — Temple Israel
9 a.m. — Shearith Israel

For more information, call Temple Israel at 323-1617 or call Shearith Israel at 323-1443.

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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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
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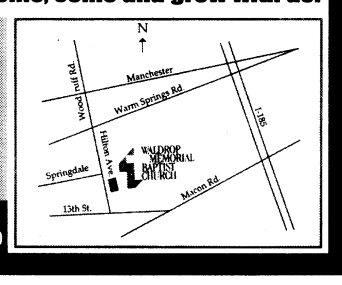
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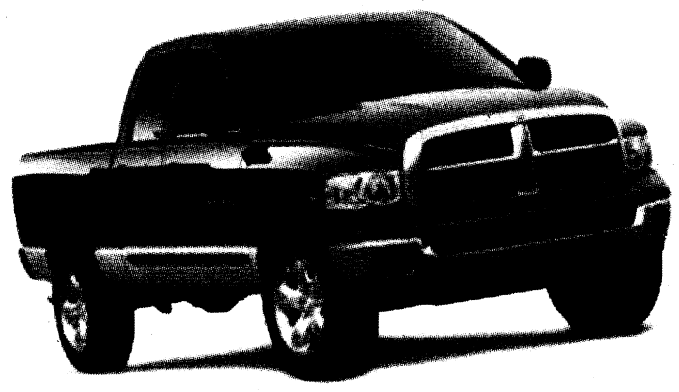
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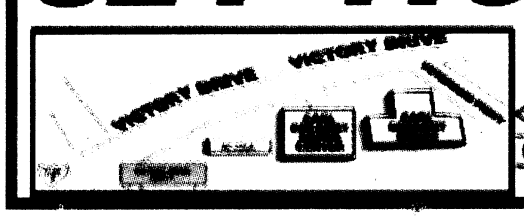
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SPORTS

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Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Spencer High School starting quarterback Antonio Denson leans on his helmet, as he practices being calm, cool and collected. The 11th-grader's goal is to improve his performance in high-pressure games and situations before he hits his senior year.

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

There is no shortage of young athletes who are convinced they will one day play in the "big game." To play in college or the pros is the epitome of making it.

"The difference is, I work harder than everyone else who thinks they are going to play in the pros," said Spencer High School starting quarterback Antonio Denson.

The son of Master Sgt. Clayton Denson, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, and Christine Denson, the 16-year-old has already set his sights on college football heavyweights University of Georgia and Florida State University.

If pure desire alone doesn't get Antonio to his promised land, it will be his dedication and hard work.

The 11th-grader juggles his honor roll academics, blossoming football career, and positions on the track and wrestling teams, as well.

Despite impressive success in all areas of high school, Antonio has no illusions of grandeur.

"I don't think I'm at my best yet," he said. "I'm getting there, but I think by my senior season, I'll *be* there."

Spencer football coach Richard Reese said he definitely sees talent and college potential in Antonio.

"He's got the pro build — he's six foot two — and he's got the arm," Reese said. "His weaknesses are foot skills, and he needs to hit the weight room and beef up some."

The 160-pound Antonio admittedly struggles with the pressure of big games, like the season-opener against Carver High School this year.

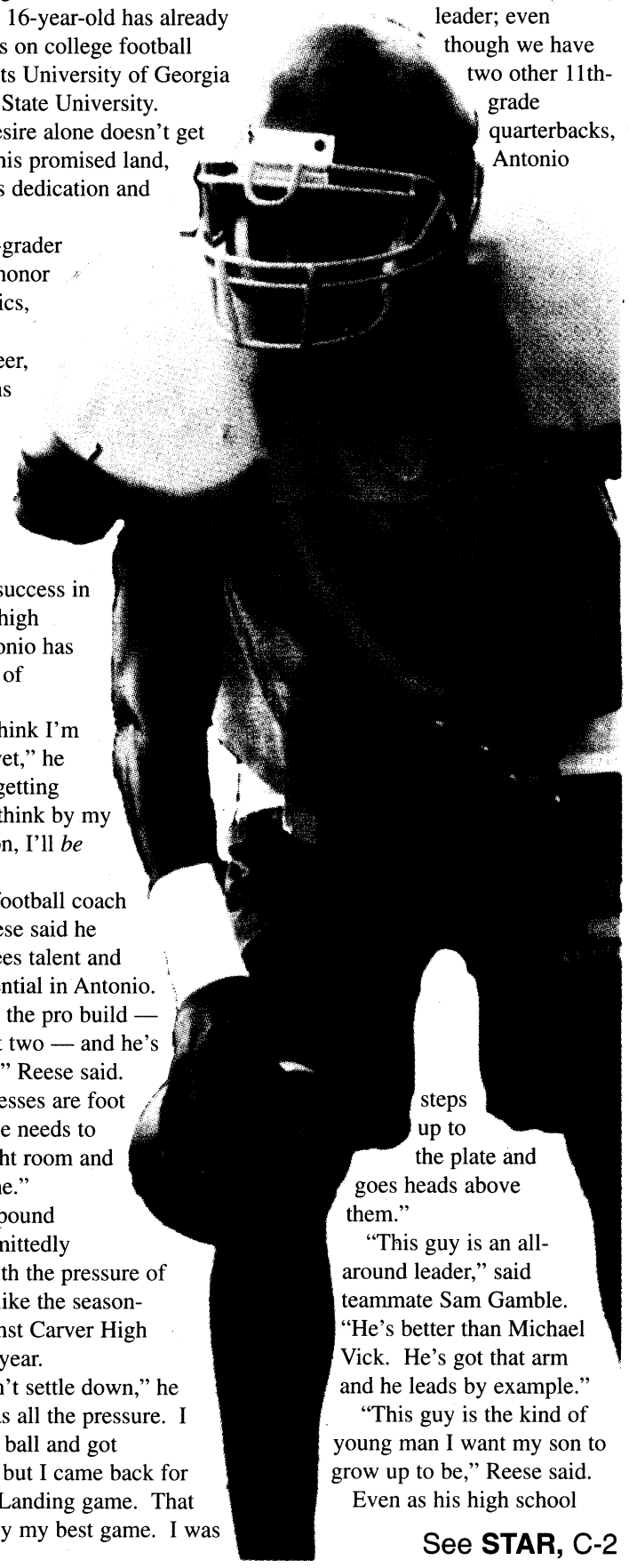
"I wouldn't settle down," he said. "It was all the pressure. I dropped the ball and got intercepted, but I came back for the Eagle's Landing game. That was probably my best game. I was completing good passes, kept the ball out of the other team's hands and handled the pressure."

And the challenge of making it academically and devoting much of his free time to three-hour practices every day wears on him.

"It's pretty tough," he said. "There's nothing easy about it."

If, behind the self-confidence, he has any doubts about his prospects for the future, his teammates and coach stand behind their quarterback.

"Athletics aside, Antonio is a great young man," Reese said. "He's a hard worker and outstanding leader; even though we have two other 11th-grade quarterbacks, Antonio steps up to the plate and goes heads above them."



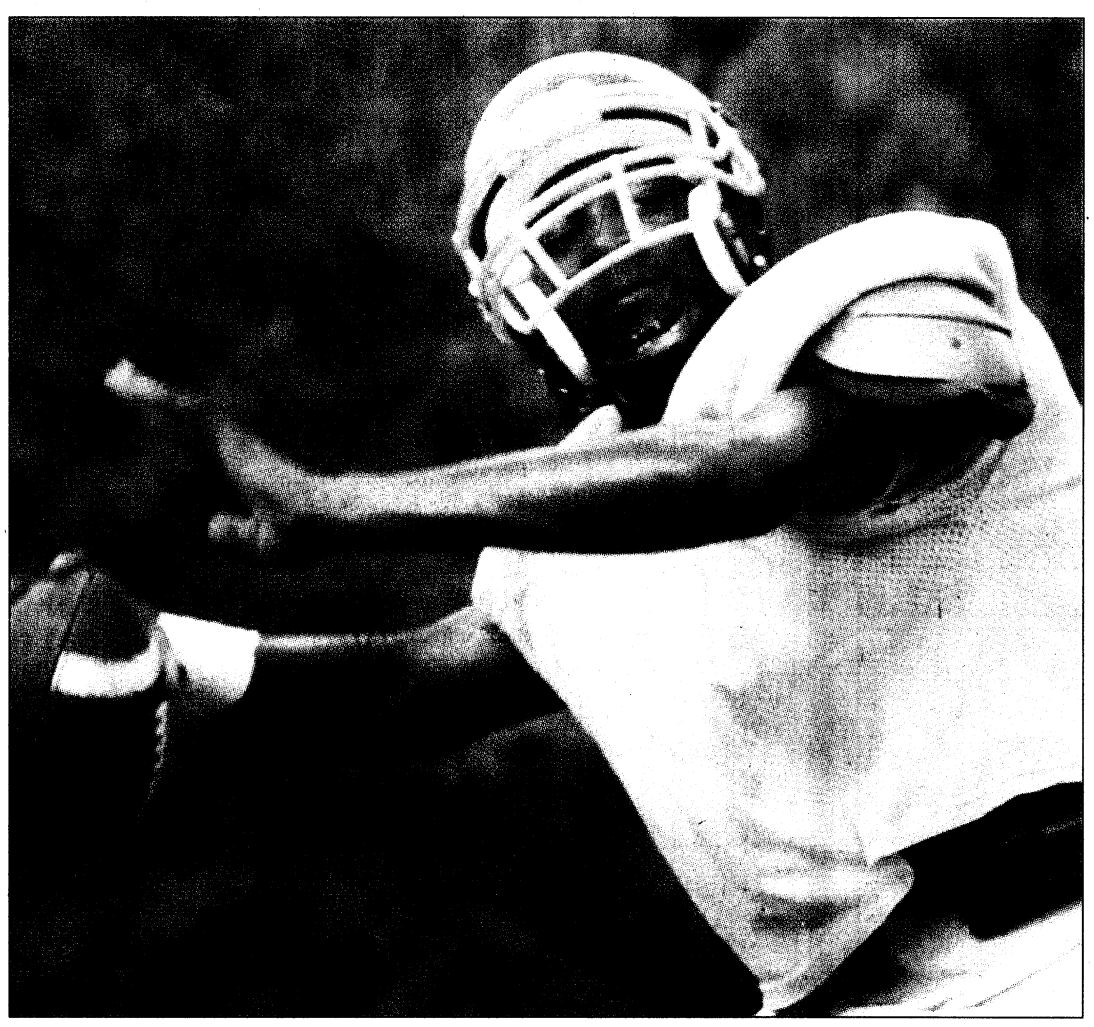
"This guy is an all-around leader," said teammate Sam Gamble. "He's better than Michael Vick. He's got that arm and he leads by example."

"This guy is the kind of young man I want my son to grow up to be," Reese said.

Even as his high school

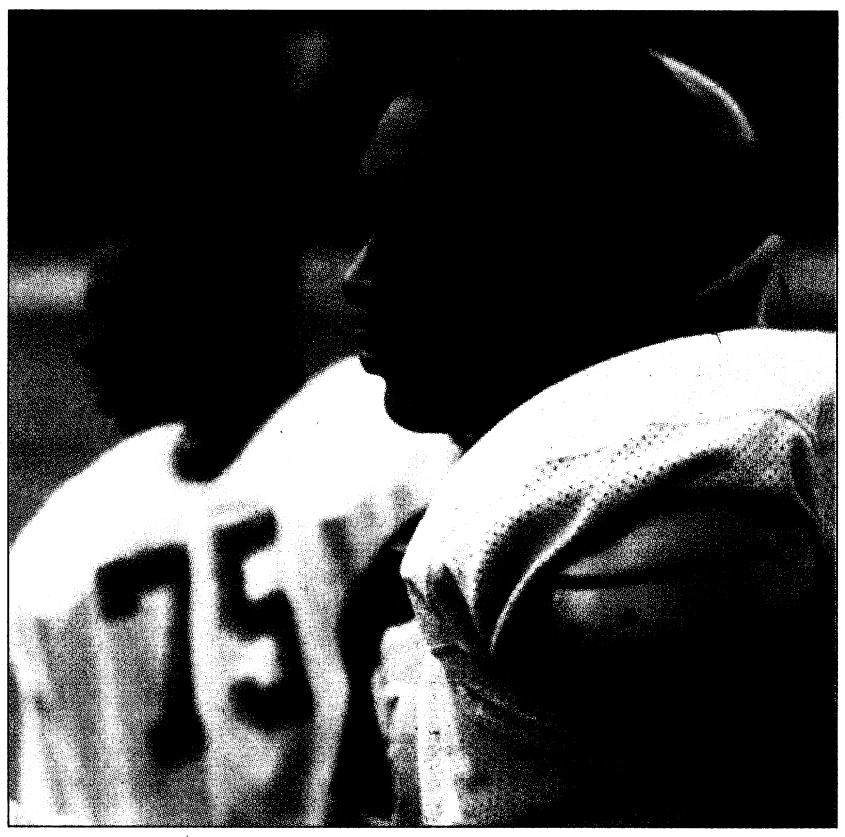
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Denson believes he has the arm and the frame to make it in college and professional football arenas, but Spencer coach Richard Reese noted areas the rising star needs to work on: foot skills and his weight. "At 160 pounds, the first time he gets hit in a college game, he will shatter. We are encouraging him to hit the weight room and beef up," Reese said.



"One of the important things I learned from my dad being in the Army is you work really hard for something, and then as soon as you've got it, you turn around and leave and start all over again."

Antonio Denson
Spencer High School quarterback



Denson focuses on the basics during a team practice. Teammates say the 17-year-old is a motivated player, leader and role model.

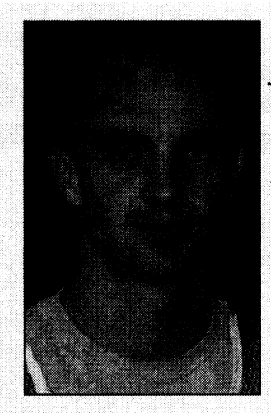
Post Ten-Milers in profile

The Army Ten-Miler is fast approaching and eight Fort Benning Soldiers are training to compete in the Oct. 24 race. Three were profiled in the Aug. 27 edition of *The Bayonet*, and the rest will be profiled before the race.
The team said they have a good chance to win, even in a field of 20,000 runners.
Check future editions of *The Bayonet* for updates on the team and the race.



Lt. Col. Jennifer Bedick

Hometown: Royal Oak, Mich.
Age: 41
Army service: 20 years
MOS: 66E, operating room nurse
Running experience: Ran track and cross country in high school and college. Competed in the 400-meter hurdles and triple jump.
Army 10-Miler experience: competed as an individual a few years ago when she was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va.
Personal best: 1:10
Weekly mileage: 30-35 miles
Pre-race meal: coffee and toast
Quote: "I'll give up my coffee about a month out to get ready. The people who know me know it's going to kill me."



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Mobley

Hometown: Beaumont, Texas
Age: 32
Army service: 10 years
MOS: 11B, infantryman
Running experience: marathons, 10K races and triathlons. He likes the shorter distance races because the training is easier on his knees than training for a marathon.
Army 10-Miler experience: None
Personal best: 59 minutes
Weekly mileage: runs 25-30 miles, bikes 40-50 miles
Pre-race meal: spaghetti the night before
Quote: "A stitch in time saves nine."



Star: D... aimed for college

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the challenges that lie ahead of him once he moves on to college.

"One of the important things I learned from my dad being in the Army is you work really hard for something, and then as soon as you've got it, you turn around and leave and start all over again," he said.

"I am so proud of him," said Denson. "I am happy to see the good things he is doing; I just want him to keep a straight, level head so he can fly high and be successful."

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

CYS needs coaches — Child and Youth Services needs coaches for youth soccer, football, baseball, basketball and cheerleading.

For more information, call 545-3582 or stop by Building 359.

Hunting open house — The Commanding General's Advisory Council on Natural Resources and the Department of Natural Resources invite all hunters and fishermen to attend the Hunting Open House from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Officers' Club.

The intent of the open house is to inform the Fort Benning community about outdoor recreation opportunities at Fort Benning to include: policies and procedures for hunting and fishing on Fort Benning, licenses, permits, hunting and fishing equipment and Morale, Welfare and Recreation rental equipment.

There will be door prizes and giveaways. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 545-3328.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park is offering special hours for adults.

Operational hours for adult ID card holders, who are at least 18 and out of high school, will be 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The skateboard park will not be open to youth Sundays and Mondays.

There is no charge for adult usage of the park.

Users are required to wear a helmet and sign a release form.

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For more information, call Richard Martin at 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for both aquatic and dry land.

Aquatic hours are from 5 to 6 p.m. three days a week and dry land hours vary. Requirements include an Instructor Certification.

For more information, call Larry McCoy at 545-4388.

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.

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Sporting Clays Tournament — The Resort at Callaway will host the first ever Callaway Sporting Clays Tournament to benefit the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation on Sept. 18.

Individuals and four-person squads will compete by shooting 100-round sporting clays at 12 stations. Competitors will be judged using the Lewis Class Scoring system.

There will be two rotations of competition at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. with registration one hour prior at the Callaway Gun Club.

For $5 per shooter, participants can also compete in two games, Long Bird and Quick Draw, both at 8 a.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of the three classes.

Individual registration is a $100 donation; four-shooter squad registration is a $300 donation.

For information, or to register, call Judy Gosa at 663-5096.

Callaway Golf Tournament — The Resort at Callaway will host the second annual Ida Cason Callaway Foundation Golf Tournament Sept. 27.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams with an array of door prizes as well as awards for "closest to the pin" on holes eight and 12 and "longest drive" on the 18th hole.

Tournament registration will be from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a buffet lunch and a shotgun start at noon.

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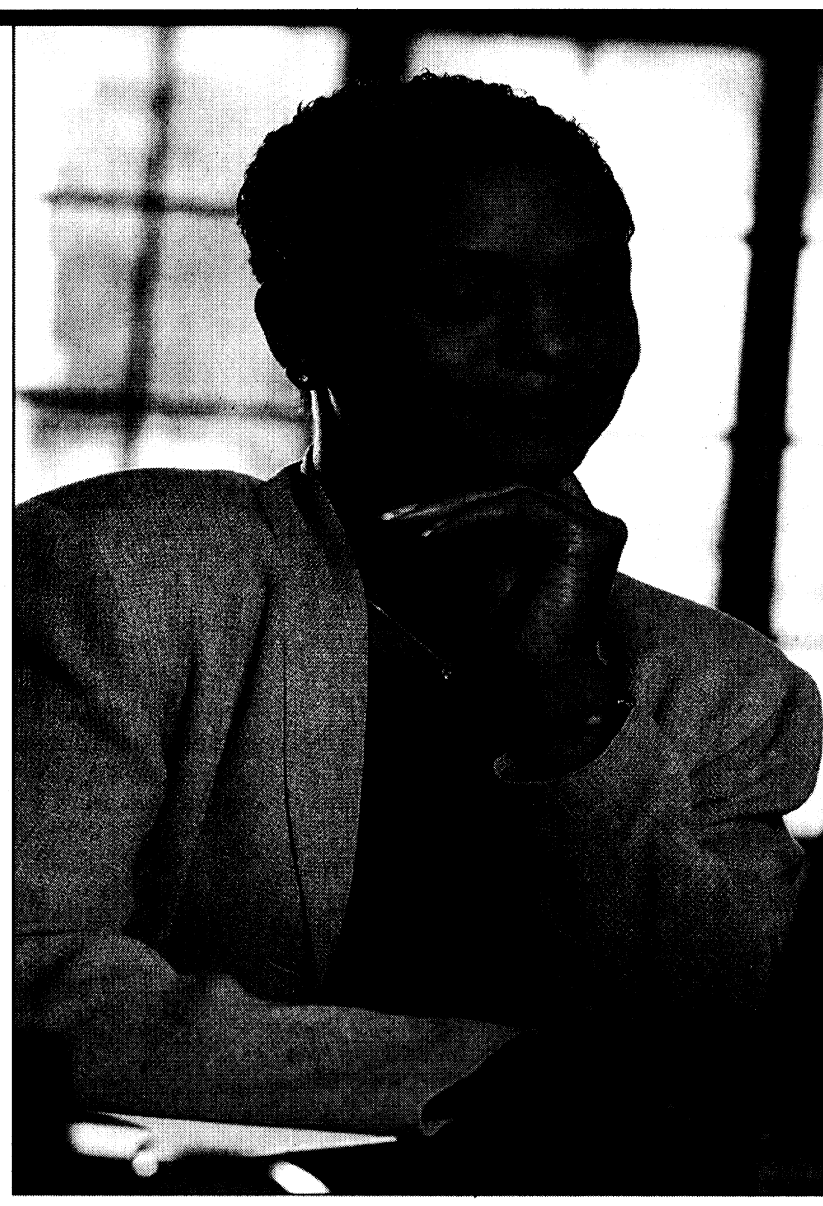
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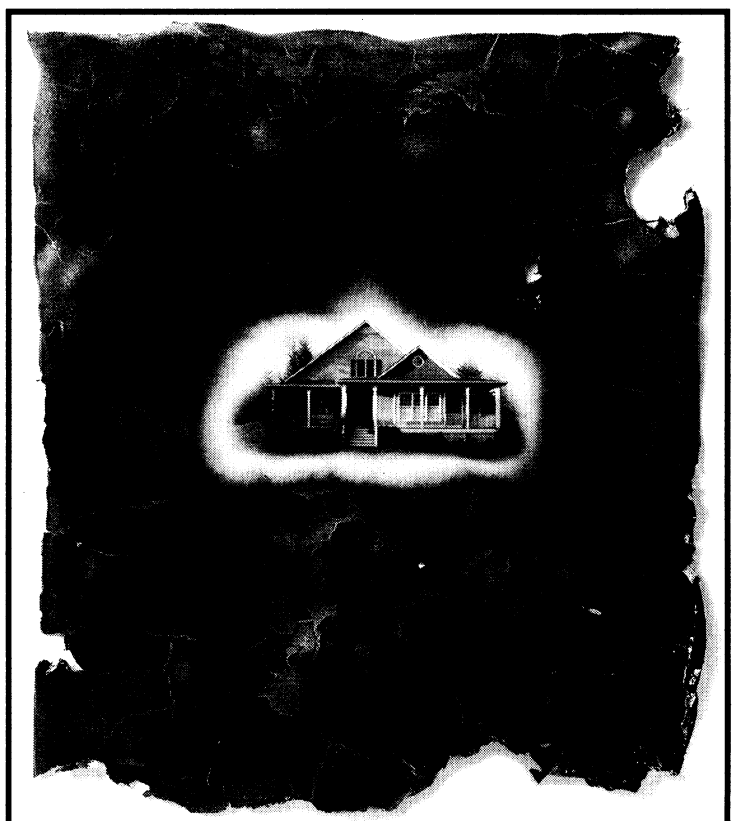
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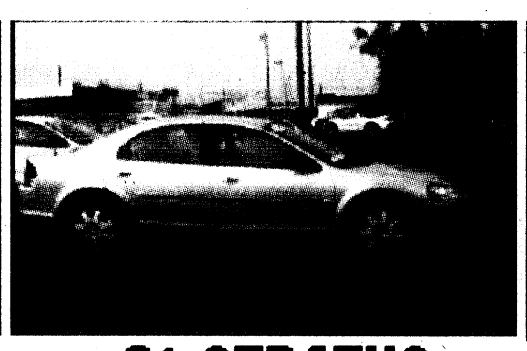
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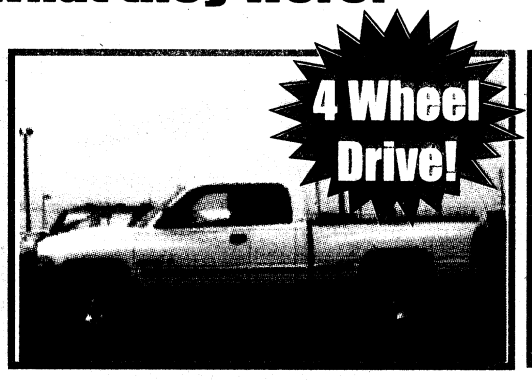
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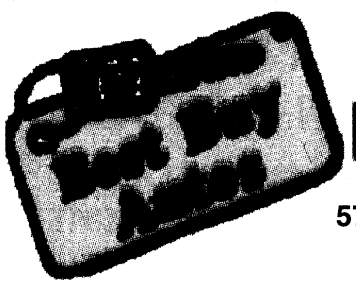
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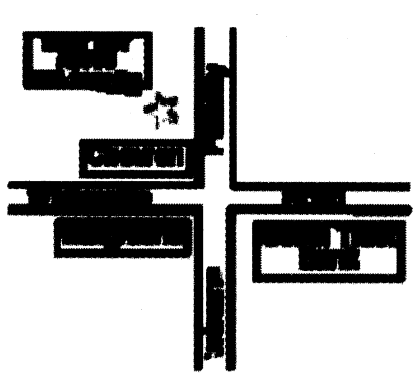
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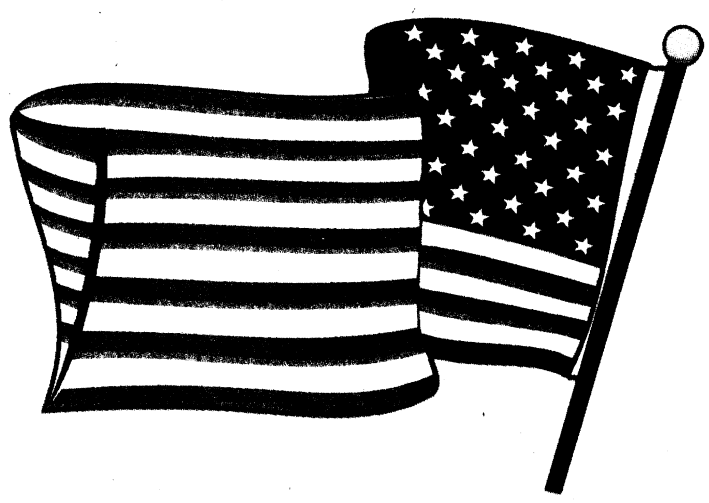
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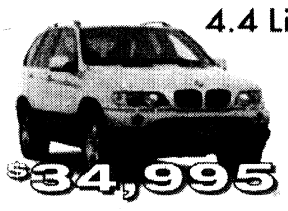
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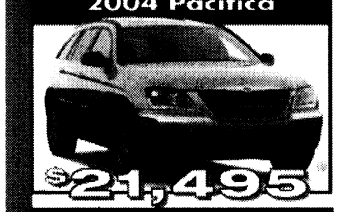
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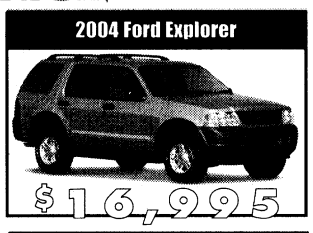
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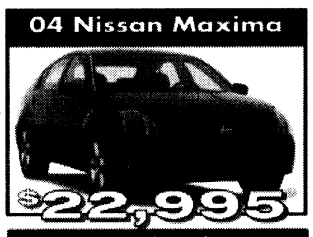
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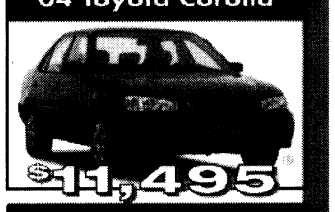
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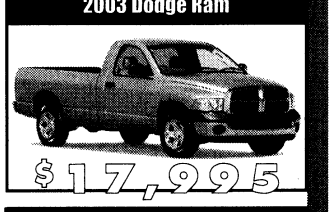
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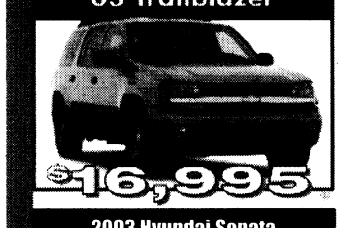
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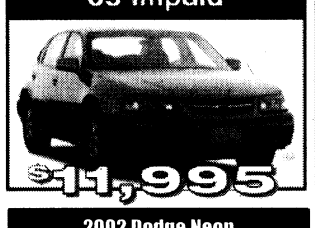
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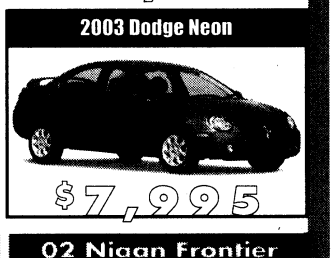
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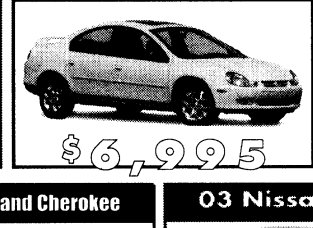
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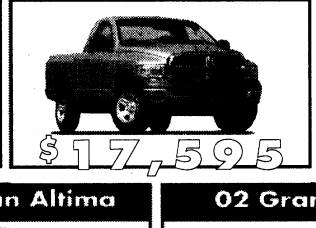
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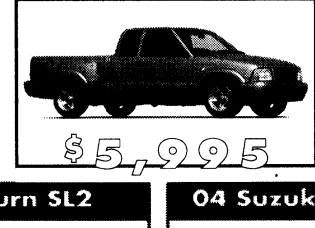
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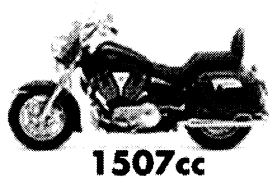
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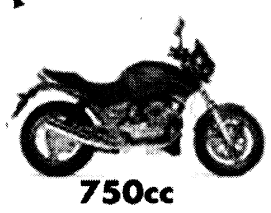
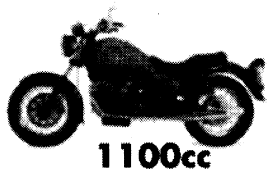
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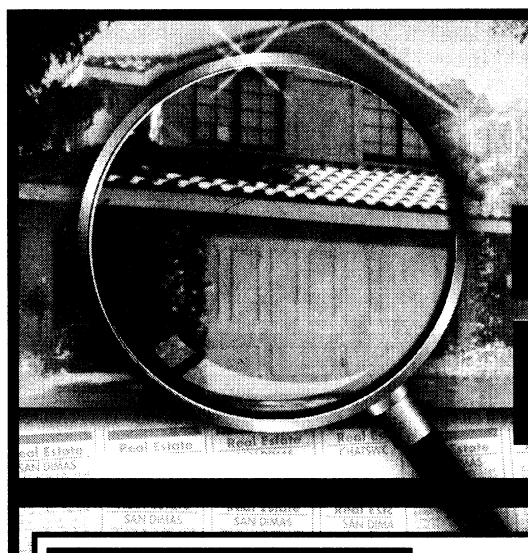
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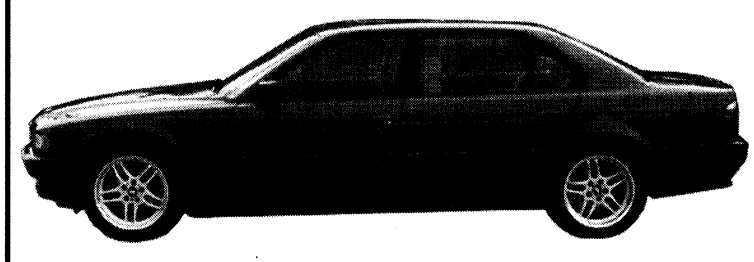
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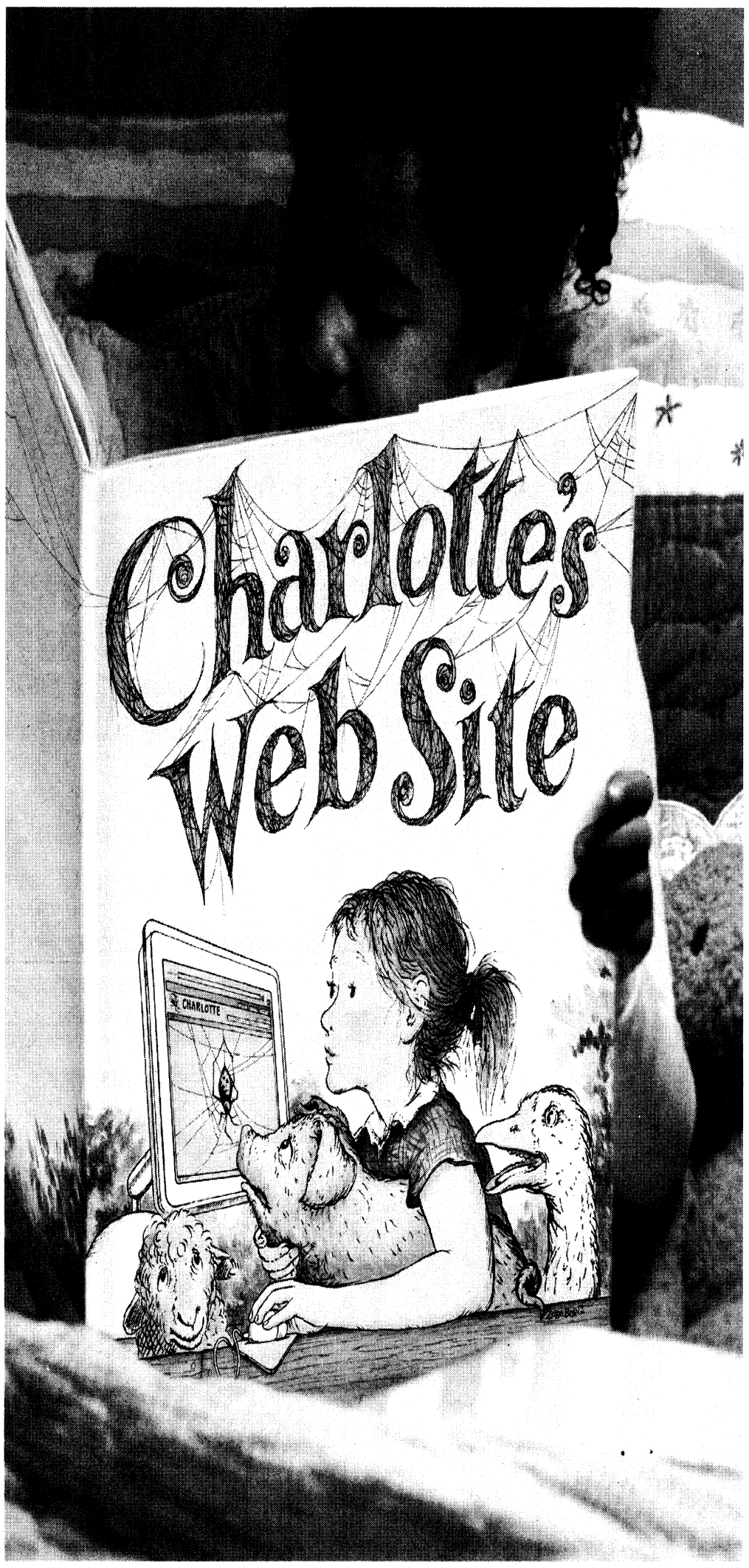
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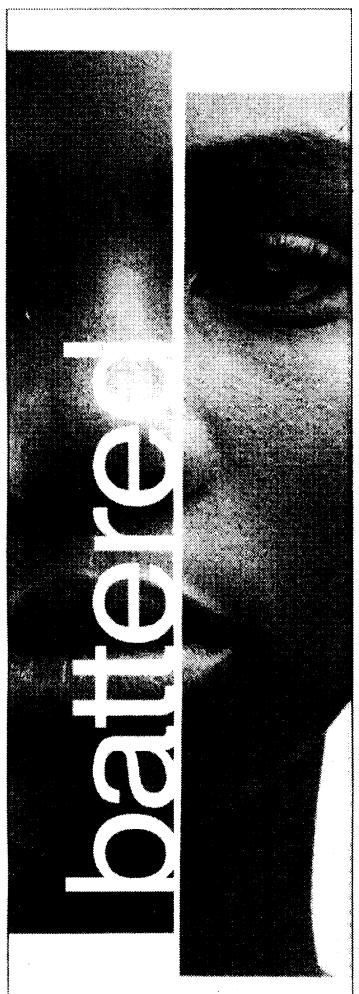
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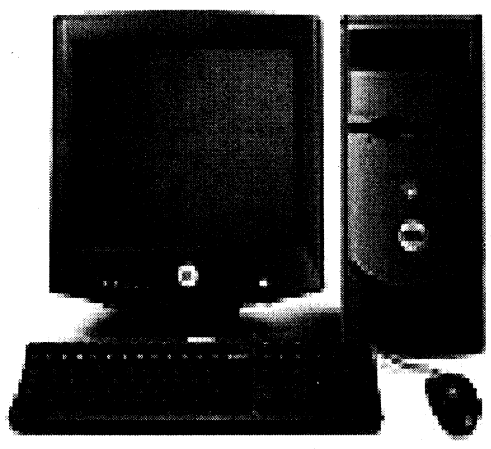
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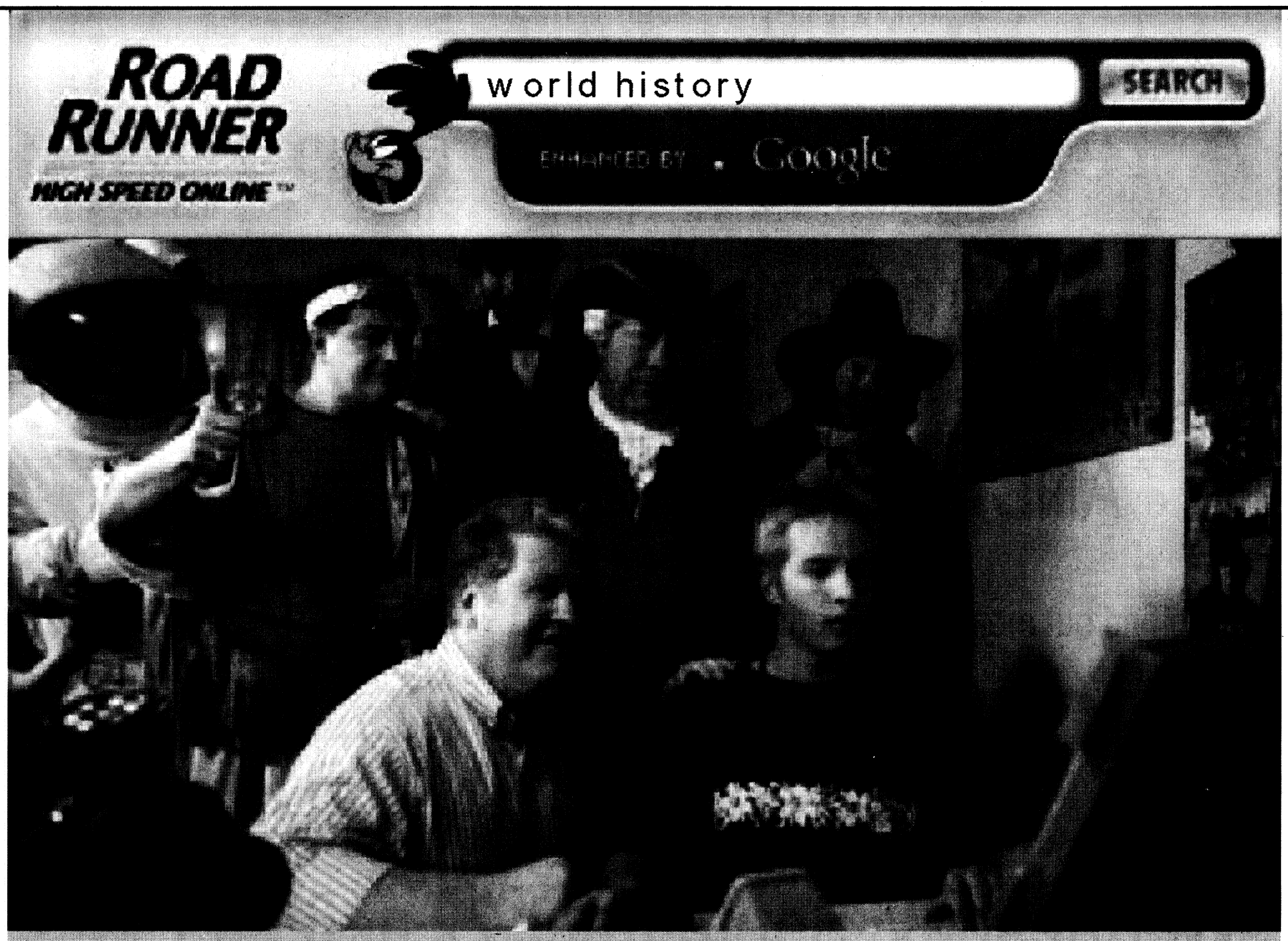
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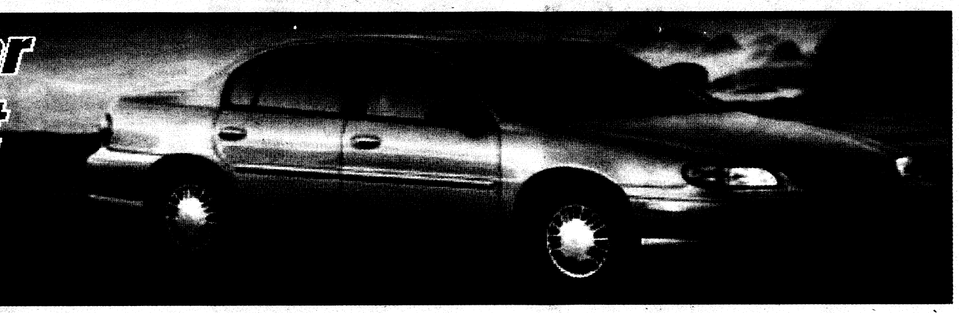
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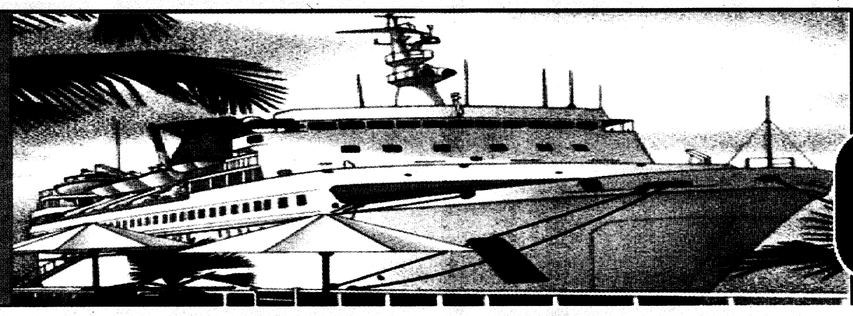
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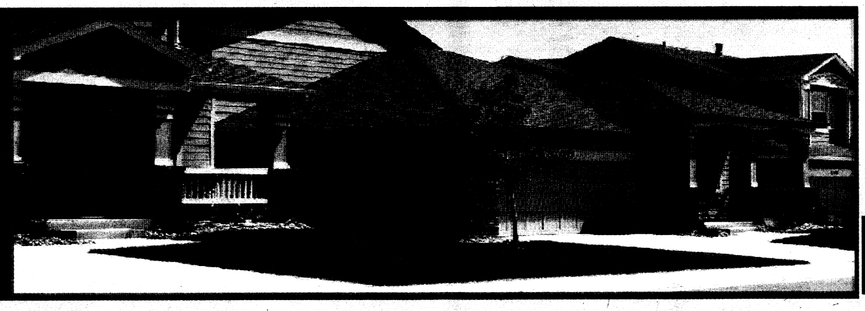
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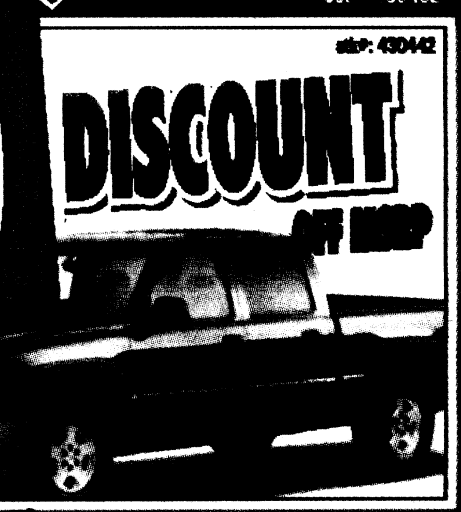


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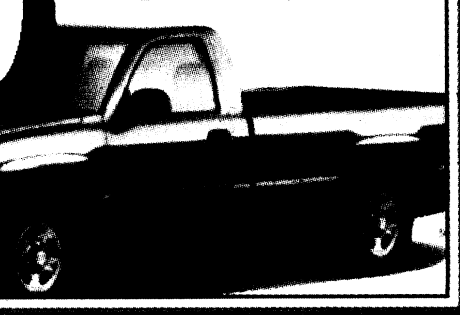


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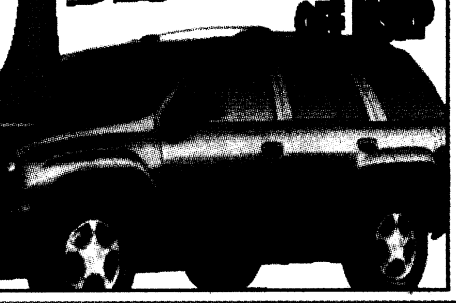


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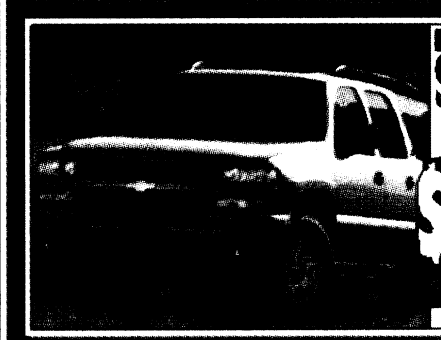
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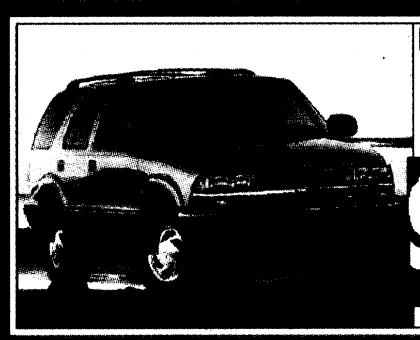


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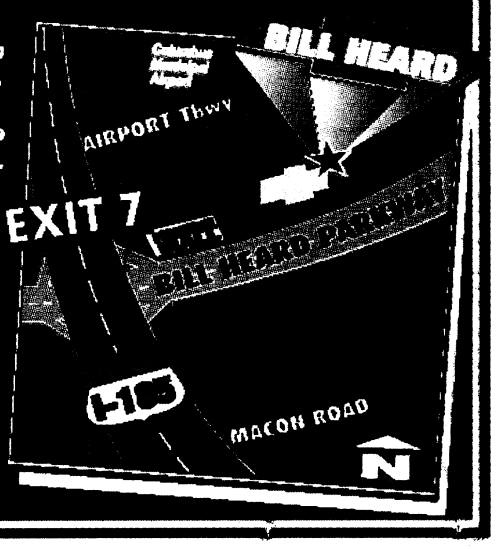


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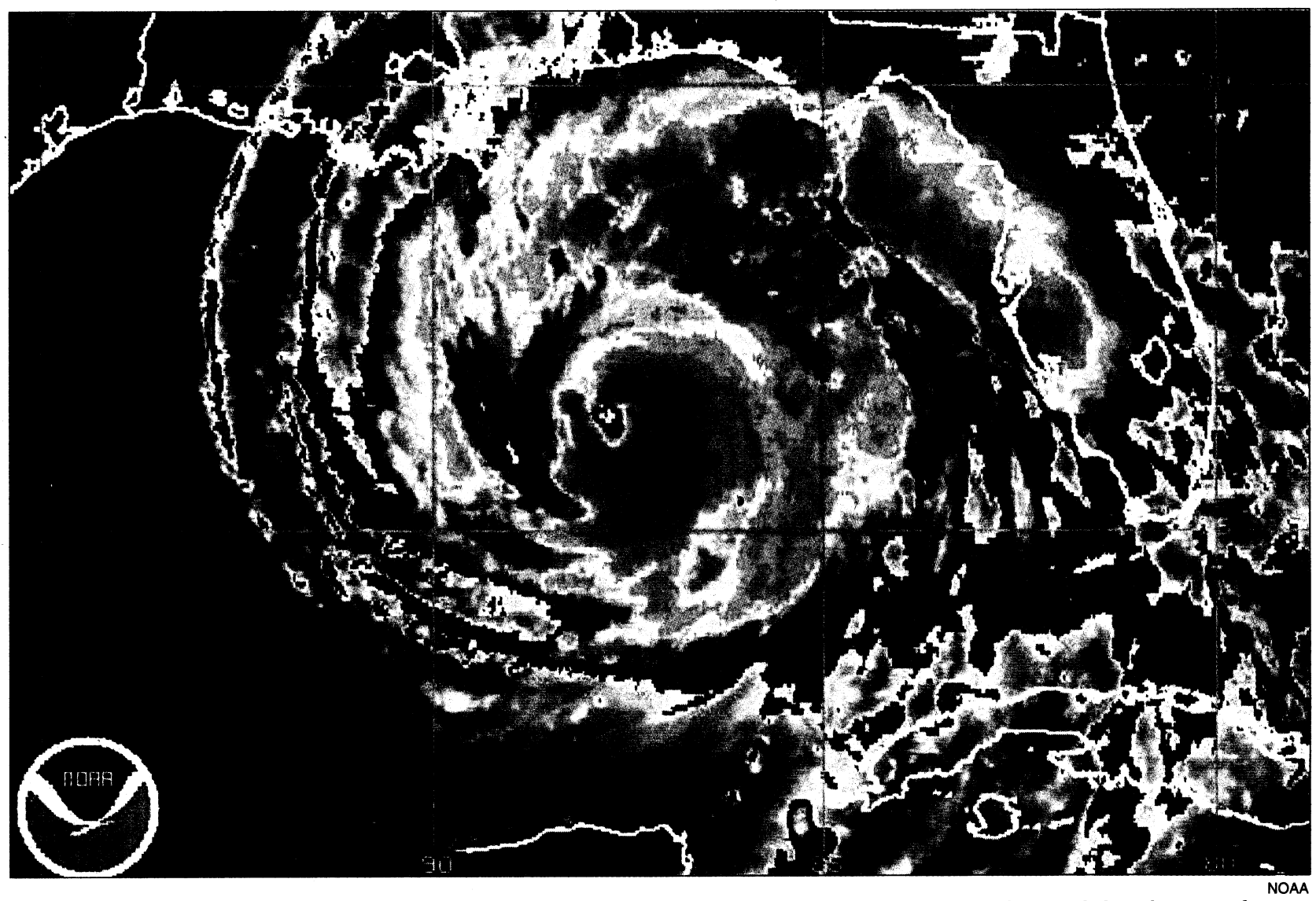
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Hurricane Ivan caused the evacuation of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., personnel to Fort Benning and the closure of post.

Hurricane Ivan closes post

Benning home for Eglin AFB evacuees

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

Fort Benning officials closed the post today except for key and essential personnel because of Hurricane Ivan. Fort Benning Schools will be closed also.

With 68 deaths in the Ivan's wake, post officials considered safety when making the decision to shut down post yesterday.

On Tuesday the Home of the Infantry became home to hundreds of evacuees from Eglin Air Force Base Tuesday when the mandatory evacuation order for Hurricane Ivan was given.

Fort Benning is prepared to temporarily house more than 2,000 people in barracks, gyms and rec centers, said Brandon Cockrell with the Garrison Office.

However, that doesn't mean the post will. For Airmen stationed at Eglin, Fort Benning was just one evacuation center. Another was Warner Robins Air Force Base near Macon, Ga.

An advance team from Eglin arrived Tuesday to help coordinate the arrival of the evacuees.

Air Force Col. Greg Williams, the Eglin Air Force Base liaison, said the concern is to take care of the evacuees.

As of Wednesday, Hurricane Ivan was still a category four storm in the Gulf of Mexico about 180 miles from the coast. The forecast has the storm making landfall this morning. According to the National Weather Service advisory, hurricane force winds could spread inland up to 100 miles near the path of the center and tropical storm force winds extending outward up to 260 miles.

Wendy Kite and her four children left Pensacola, Fla., for the safety of

See **IVAN,** A-6

RFI equips post troops for OIF III



Sgt. Kim Dooley

A Kelley Hill Soldier has his new advanced combat helmet fitted during Rapid Fielding Initiative issue Tuesday.

Initiative gives Soldiers comfort, survival items

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Rapid Fielding Initiative became a tangible reality for Fort Benning Soldiers this week as units from around post cycled through a warehouse to collect a variety of newly fielded items for deployment.

RFI provides troops with improved protective and lethality equipment and commercial off-the-shelf "comfort" items that will ultimately improve Soldiers' capabilities once in theater, said David Barton, a senior program analyst with Soldier as a System, a division of Fort Benning's Directorate of Combat Development.

The initiative was developed in late 2002 as a result of lessons learned from combat units in Afghanistan, one of which was that Soldiers and units required field equipment that they could not attain through normal supply channels, Barton said. In some cases, Soldiers were buying the items they needed with their own money.

PEO Soldier conducted visits with Soldiers and leaders from the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.; 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and the 101st Air Assault Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

The visits helped produce a list of "required items" — everything from creature comforts to improved body

See **RFI,** A-5

Benning to host Infantry Conference

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The U.S. Army Infantry Center will host the annual Infantry Conference Monday through Thursday. This year's theme theme is "Fighting the Global War on Terrorism ... With an Eye on the Future."

The purpose of the conference is to help guide the infantry for the future in the right direction and to share knowledge, said Cliff Davis, chief of ceremonies and conferences for the Infantry Center.

The conference begins with a golf scramble sponsored by the National Infantry Association, followed by an icebreaker social at Riverside, home of Fort Benning's commanding general.

Tuesday morning, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley will open the conference by delivering the State of the Infantry, followed by a Senior Leaders Session.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the National Infantry Museum is at 4:30 p.m. at the future site of the museum off South Lumpkin Road. The ceremony is open to the public, Davis said.

The same night, Freakley will host a steak night in the Infantry Bar at the Officers' Club, which is also open to the public.

Wednesday's highlights include recent operational lessons learned presentations by the 82nd Infantry Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., the 4th Inf. Div., Fort Hood, Texas, and 101st Airborne Div., Fort Campbell, Ky.

There will also be a live-fire training exercise by the EXFOR Platoon at Red Cloud Range.

See **CONFERENCE,** A-6

CLOSER LOOK

Fort Benning will host the annual Infantry Conference Monday through Sept. 23. Some of the events planned include:

- A golf scramble sponsored by the National Infantry Association to kick off the conference
- Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley's State of the Infantry, followed by a Senior Leaders Session
- The ground-breaking ceremony for the National Infantry Museum at the future site of the museum off South Lumpkin Road
- The Doughboy Dinner and award presentation

GET OUT THE VOTE

Excuses won't work

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff



I don't want to hear any excuses. We all have them, but they mean nothing. There's no excuse. Especially if you're wearing a uniform, and even more so if someone you care about wears one.

You have to vote.

As my friend, Elsie, said, "It's not just our right; it's our responsibility."

I wrote a commentary about voting a few months ago, but even then, I wasn't really sure I was going to vote. I had many pitiful excuses of my own until I remembered something a good friend of mine once told me.

"If you don't vote, you should never complain about how bad things are going with our country," my friend said.

My friend was Pfc. Joe Casanova. I say *was* because Joe was killed in action Oct. 13, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq.

While Joe was deployed, he told me that it is important to vote for the person who's going to decide where we're going to be and what we're going to be doing for the next four years.

You know what? He was right.

I joined the Army with four of my guy friends from high school, including Joe, and they have all been deployed. Two are still overseas. One of them came home two months ago and called me to tell me I had to vote. If not for me, then for Joe.

You know what? I'm doing it for the both of us and for all the Soldiers who are still overseas fighting for this country.

If you don't vote, then, with all due respect, just sit down and shut up.

I filled out my voter's registration form last week and put it in the mail.

Everyone has something that they are interested in this election year. Mine is the military.

I will have a say in my future.

It's still not too late to register to vote. Don't put it off any longer. It only takes a few minutes to do something that will benefit you for the next four years. If you log on to your AKO account, you will find a link to the Web site to register to vote.

If you're thinking that it doesn't matter and your candidate may not win … just stop. You're making excuses again, and I already told you there's no excuse.

And now for the line you've heard a thousand times: Every vote counts.

Event was tragic, not date

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



I'm still fuming about the New York couple whose Sept. 11 wedding drew ire from an anonymous guest to their online bridal registry. "May all bad luck be bestowed upon you for this," read the e-mail.

So let me get this right. An anonymous, cowardly someone is terrorizing a couple who chose to wed on the anniversary of the day terrorists struck America and launched us into this Global War on Terrorism.

Hmmm. You know, I can't think of a better way of showing our American resolve than consciously choosing to redeem the date, Sept. 11.

Friends of mine spent the day cleaning and fixing and scrubbing and painting the homes of some of our local aging veterans or their widows.

What a beautiful, loving gesture, and right on track, I think.

Rather than fall prostrate and paralyzed each year on this date, let's do something AMERICAN.

Let's get busy.

Let's pause for a moment before a flag at half staff, then raise our star spangled banner a little bit higher than before.

Let's, dare I say, pull a Toby Keith.

I'm thinking here of a Christmas analogy. What good does it do to celebrate one day a year, if you don't keep at least a flicker of the Christmas spirit burning all year long? Dec. 25 is highly over-rated. Christmas is not.

Such can be said of 9-11 if it becomes an annual day of mourning instead of a day of renewed resolve.

Go ahead, get married. Help a neighbor. Thumb your nose at those who surely thought they'd knocked us to our knees.

One day — though no time soon — Sept. 11 will become synonymous with D-Day and Pearl Harbor. It'll be recognized as the day that launched the war that put evil to rest in one part of the world.

That's cause for celebration.

CONFERENCE

Much to do

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley
Commanding General



Fort Benning, Home of the Infantry, welcomes you to the 2004 Infantry Conference, with our theme of Supporting the Global War on Terror with an Eye on the Future.

The turn-out of our key general officers, colonels, command sergeants major and the worldwide infantry team is a clear indicator as to just how important this conference is.

We are also delighted to have our alumni, retired general officers who contributed so much to our Army during their service, many of whom are former Fort Benning commanders.

Industry is well represented, too, and we hope we can take advantage of their presence to generate solutions to some of the many challenges facing our Army — from identifying the enemy defending buildings, to reliable lines of communication, to producing one, long-lived battery that will power all of our equipment.

This is a great opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet new people, but most importantly, a way to exchange ideas.

There are a lot of lessons learned out there and we want to capture as many as we can. What you tell us during the conference will be shared with our commanders and incorporated into our training.

The conference is also a good time to see how we are supporting Army transformation. Modularity will be another of the key subjects we discuss.

Finally, we have a historic event Tuesday afternoon. It will be the groundbreaking for the National Infantry Museum. This is a national project and it's being undertaken to tell the story of the infantryman, the story of valor and sacrifice. We hope all of you will join us as eyewitnesses to history.

Enjoy yourselves, revisit old haunts and take advantage of being here to meet our Soldiers, civilians and leaders.

Thank you again for attending! Follow me!

POW/MIA not just names but family, friends

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Dear Mike,

I hope it's OK to call you Mike. Since we've never met, I don't know what your friends call you, but I hope to be your friend.

I had more than 2,000 names to choose from, but I picked yours because we have a few things in common. I'm from Michigan, too, or at least, I was born there after my dad came home from Vietnam.

I hope my mentioning Vietnam doesn't upset you. It seems to be one of those places people have very strong feelings about. Dad doesn't talk much about his time there, except to say his helicopter almost crashed once. I thought my mother was going to fall out of her chair. She had never heard that story, or any others from Vietnam, for that matter.

When I got your name and home state, I did a little research. I know your birthday is Nov. 21, 1939, so it makes you a month older than my dad. You were assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division as a CH-47 crew chief. I have a few friends in the 1st Cav. One is an infantryman and the other is a miliary policeman. I've heard that it's a great unit.

If this letter finds you, I hope you'll be able to tell me where you are and what you are doing. You can use all the military jargon you need to — I spent a few years in the Army myself. I'm sure my experience was nothing compared to yours.

Melissa

I've written a dozen letters to Mike through the years, though I've never actually mailed one, or even put pen to paper.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael John Wallace is my friend, whose red POW/MIA bracelet sits on my nightstand. He's been missing since a few months before I was born, and that bracelet serves as a constant reminder that he, and far too many others, never made it back from Vietnam.

In April 1968, his helicopter was shot down in South Vietnam while making supply runs to the Soldiers near Landing Zone Tiger. According to witnesses, Mike and the flight engineer jumped from the chopper — more than 50 feet above the jungle canopy. His remains have never been recovered.

I check the Internet every so often to see if there's any news, and just stumbled on an article written two years ago. It was about a teacher who wore Mike's POW/MIA bracelet and later taught his niece.

Mike has been officially declared killed in action, so the teacher, in keeping with tradition, broke her bracelet in half and sent it to the family.

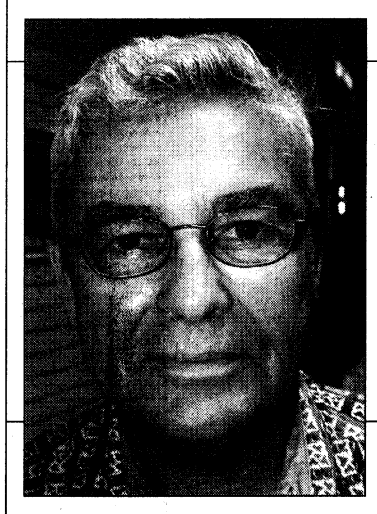
I'm not ready to jump on that bandwagon. I'm keeping his bracelet until he comes home, but I'm realistic enough to know he won't come home alive. The Joint Task Force Full Accounting is slowly, but surely, returning the remains of our missing from Southeast Asia.

I just hope I'll still be around when they finally bring Mike home.

In the meantime, I'll be thinking of him, especially Friday. If you don't know, it's POW/MIA Day, and there are still more than 1,800 of them we need to find.

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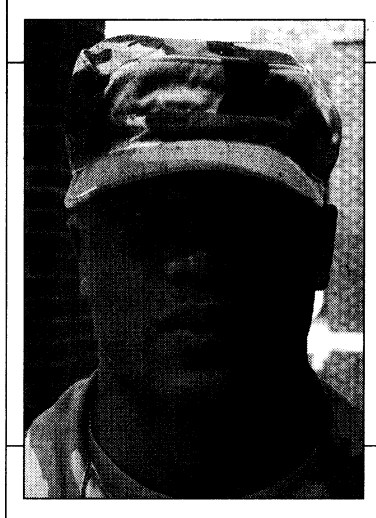
What is the issue you're most interested in this election?



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Donald Jaworski, Phenix City — "Homeland security — that covers a broad area."



Capt. Gwendolyn Wheeler, MEDDAC — "I'm a physician's assistant, so I guess medical issues like social security and medicare."



Pfc. Antwan Sorrells, Ranger Training Detachment, 75th Ranger Regiment — "What is going to be the next step in Iraq is the issue."



Pfc. Bobby Reuter, 14th Combat Support Hospital — "The war on terrorism, of course."



Pfc. Rosa Sanchez, 3rd Brigade Combat Team — "I really don't know what to say about the election. I've never voted."



Arianna Lay, family member — "Honesty. We need an honest person in the White House. I don't care what political party they are from."

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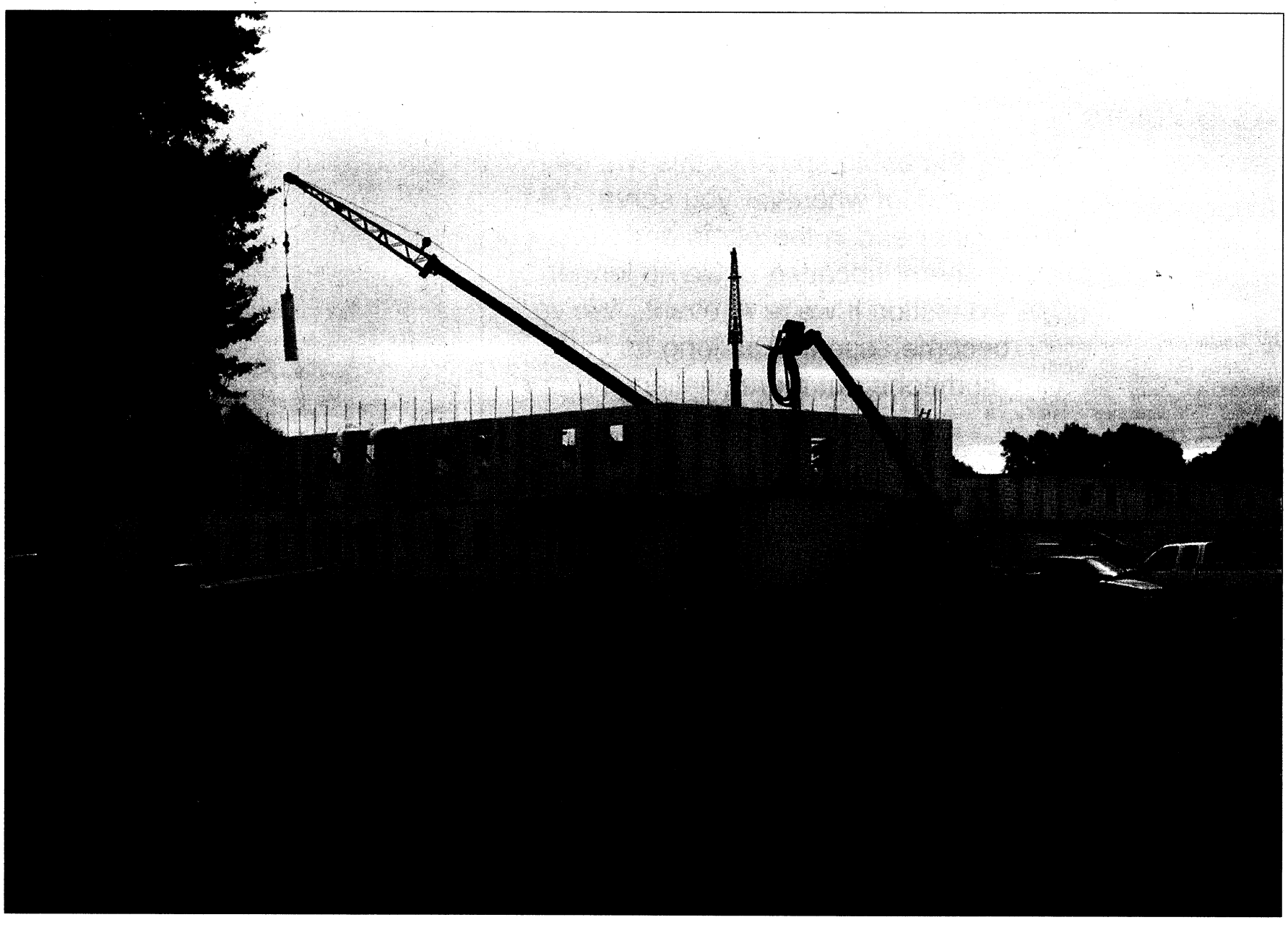
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New barracks going up at Benning

Construction to be completed by Nov. 2005

Spc. David Foley
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Spc. David Foley

Construction of the new barracks on Dixie Road is well underway. Another single-room design building is being built near the Martin Army Community Hospital. Both barracks are designed to conserve resources.

Hundreds of Fort Benning Soldiers will be living in the best barracks in the Southeast region within the next year.

The Army Corps of Engineers is overseeing a construction project on post that will give single Soldiers an improved quality of life.

The first construction site is located off of Dixie Road near Infantry Hall and will house 368 soldiers from 11th Infantry Regiment, military police and the Army Marksmanship Unit.

The project also includes a barracks building near Martin Army Community Hospital that will house 121 Medical Department Activity and Dental Activity Soldiers. That site will also include a central command building.

The difference between these barracks and others in the area is that each Soldier will have his own room with a kitchenette, private bath and refrigerator.

Every building will also have a laundry facility and the rooms will have internal access.

"It'll be just like a little Days Inn," said Danny R. Gray Sr., Clark Construction Group, Inc. senior superintendent.

The barracks on Fort Benning will continue to be unique because of shifting Army policies.

The Army created a policy that enabled installations to erect barracks with the single-room design, but shortly after the project began, the policy was discontinued, said Greg Zinberg, project manager, Clark Design/Build LLC.

The third site will be a headquarters building located on Sightseeing Road near Afterhours.

The entire project, which is expected to be completed by November 2005, is a major leap forward for the Savannah region, said Bill Coon, project engineer, Army Corps of Engineers.

"All of the buildings are a showcase for sustained design," Coon said.

Sustained design is a modern approach to construction where the design reduces the effect it has on the environment by using special materials such as precast autoclave aerated concrete.

Precast autoclave aerated concrete is a porous concrete mixture with pockets of air inside, similar to that found in volcanic rocks such as pumice.

The air pockets act as an excellent insulator and they reduce the weight of the material by about 70 percent, Zinberg said.

"There are four categories of sustainable designs, said Rhonda Bright," assistant project engineer, "bronze, silver, gold and platinum."

"This is expected to be a gold project," Zinberg said. "But, it is very hard to determine what rating you will achieve until you put it all together and send the packets to the Corps of Engineers in Savannah Ga."

Once the project is complete, the buildings will be rated based on how well the buildings conserve energy and resources.



Blum awards medals to two-time volunteers

NG Soldiers' service recognized

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

WASHINGTON — Twice they volunteered. That's why Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum gathered 45 Army and Air National Guardsmen in Washington, D.C., Sept. 10 — to honor the men and women who answered the call to serve not once, but twice.

"No one's ever been drafted into the Guard," said Blum, chief of the National Guard and former commander of the 29th Infantry Division.

"These are double volunteers. They volunteered to serve on the home team. Then they volunteered to go into harm's way."

The Soldiers and Airmen present were among the 76 Guardsmen awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, an award reserved for Guardsmen who left their stateside active-duty assignments to serve "singularly" in a combat zone, meaning they didn't deploy with a unit.

In most cases, they requested an assignment in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Blum presented the medals, but addressed his comments to the Guard at large, the 230,000 "weekend warriors" who've been called to active duty since 9-11.

> "Make no mistake about it, you're in the battle space of this war on terrorism wherever you serve. Get your head in the game and keep it there, because ... we no longer question if we're relevant. We've become essential as long as there is someone out there challenging our way of life."
>
> **Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum**
> Chief of the National Guard

"Forty percent of the troops on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan are Guard and Reserve," he said.

"The most powerful thing they bring to the fight is the commitment and resolve of the American people, because when you call out the Guard, you call out America."

On the "day before the anniversary of the day ... that started us on this campaign," Blum lauded the legacy of the "citizen militia that made it possible for the United States to exist, and the citizen militia that has preserved this nation from the start."

"You stand on the shoulders of many patriots before you," Blum told the audience.

"When they were needed, they were there," he said. "And when you were needed, you were there."

More than 25 percent of the Guardsmen in Iraq are more than 40 years old, Blum said.

They bring to the fight "military and life experience unmatched."

From their civilian careers, they've acquired skills as electricians, stockbrokers, teachers, plumbers and farmers — skills that are "extremely valuable when you're trying to rebuild a nation," he said.

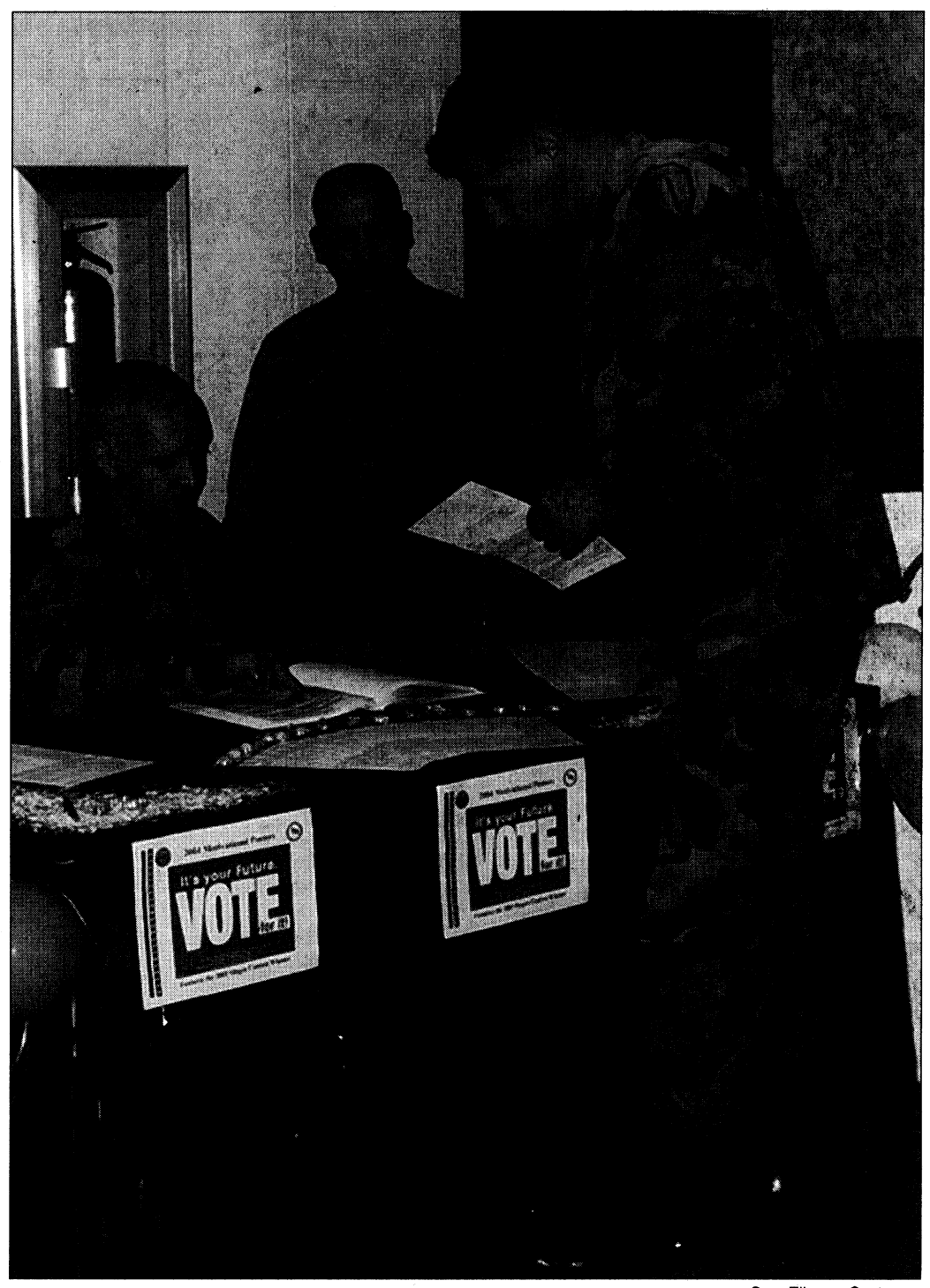
But perhaps more importantly, "they're presence sends a frightening message to the enemy," Blum said.

"It says this is a force supported by hundreds of millions of resolute Americans," he said.

Blum cautioned the Guardsmen against devaluing their contributions stateside.

"Make no mistake about it, you're in the battle space of this war on terrorism wherever you serve," he said. "Get your head in the game and keep it there, because ... we no longer question if we're relevant. We've become essential, and we'll stay essential as long as there is someone out there challenging our way of life."

'Ruck' the vote



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Sgt. 1st Class Raul Muñoz, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Pedro Davila, NCOA voting assistance officers, assist Sgt. 1st Class Michael McPherson in registering to vote Monday morning at Infantry Hall. The voting registration desk was set up for two days and registered 148 Soldiers. All NCOA Soldiers are also registered to vote.



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RFI: Gives post troops needed items

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armor and optics.

Currently, three PEO Soldier teams are traveling the U.S., stopping by each installation to issue active-duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers their RFI items, said Chuck Cooley, team leader for PEO Soldier Team 3. There are also teams in Kuwait and Iraq.

So far, the teams have completed issue at Fort Drum, Fort Bragg, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Bliss, Texas.

The teams will continue to hit each CONUS installation during the next few years with the goal of completing Armywide RFI by 2007.

RFI fielding is based on deployment timelines.

Team 3 arrived at Fort Benning Monday and began its first RFI issue Tuesday morning to Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, which is scheduled to deploy between November and February.

Several other units around post will pick up their issues through Wednesday, including units from the 36th Engineer Group, the 209th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the 789th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment.

Fort Benning Soldiers picked up around 35 items, including:

• **The advanced combat helmet.** The ACH provides a better, more stable fit and allows for better hearing. The helmet also features pads lining the inside of the helmet in place of the sweatbands in old helmets.

• **Improved desert boots.** The improved 390 Desert Boot features a thicker sole than the boots Soldiers are currently wearing and "feels like wearing a pair of Nikes," Cooley said. Meanwhile, the AF 790 Gortex boots feature improved comfort and a fire-resistant sole.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

The Rapid Fielding Initiative brings protective equipment and several "creature comfort" clothing items to Fort Benning's deploying troops.

• **Assault pack.** Part of the MOLLE system, the assault packs have enough room for Soldiers to put one or two Camelbak hydration systems in, along with other gear.

"We won't be issuing these to everyone," Cooley said. "These are more for the guys on the front line."

• **New clothing items.** The list includes moisture-wicking T-shirts, socks and underwear, as well as cold weather gear, like gloves, and fleece jackets and pants.

"These are definitely things I wish I'd had when I was in the Army," Cooley said.

Although Cooley won't be able to reap the benefits of the new issue, Soldiers on the receiving end of RFI are more than pleased.

Spc. Ryan Labar, a radio telephone operator in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, has shelled out more than a few dollars to purchase cold weather gear and comfort items during his deployments to Kosovo and Kuwait and Iraq.

The 22-year-old California native was spending $50 to $60 a pop on personal gear just to keep warm.

"When you compare the cold weather gear we got for Kosovo — just basic cold weather boots and polypro — to the new fleece system ... it works a lot better and it's a lot more comfortable," Labar said. "And you can actually shoot in the gloves they gave us."

Overall, he said, the RFI items are more comfortable and durable than what he's been issued in the past.

During the RFI issue, NCOs from each unit were selected for "train-the-trainer" sessions, detailing the proper use of the new equipment.

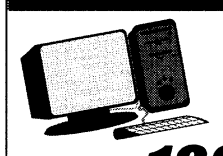
"As we rotate the units through the stations, we'll take around 12 men in for these classes so the units will walk away with the equipment and Soldiers who are subject matter experts on the new equipment," said Terry Boddie, team leader for the New Equipment Training Team.

The trainers will ensure the troops in their units know how to properly fit, wear and use their new equipment. The NET team also provides the trainers with lesson plans "so they can give proper, military standard instruction, Boddie said.

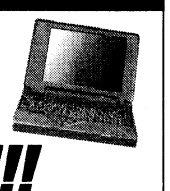
The RFI item list will continue to be modified as the Army refines its operational requirements and integrates current RFI items into Soldiers' initial equipment issue, Barton said.

Soldier as a System's Integrated Concepts Team, which is chaired by the commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, reviews and provides recommendations regarding the items on the list.

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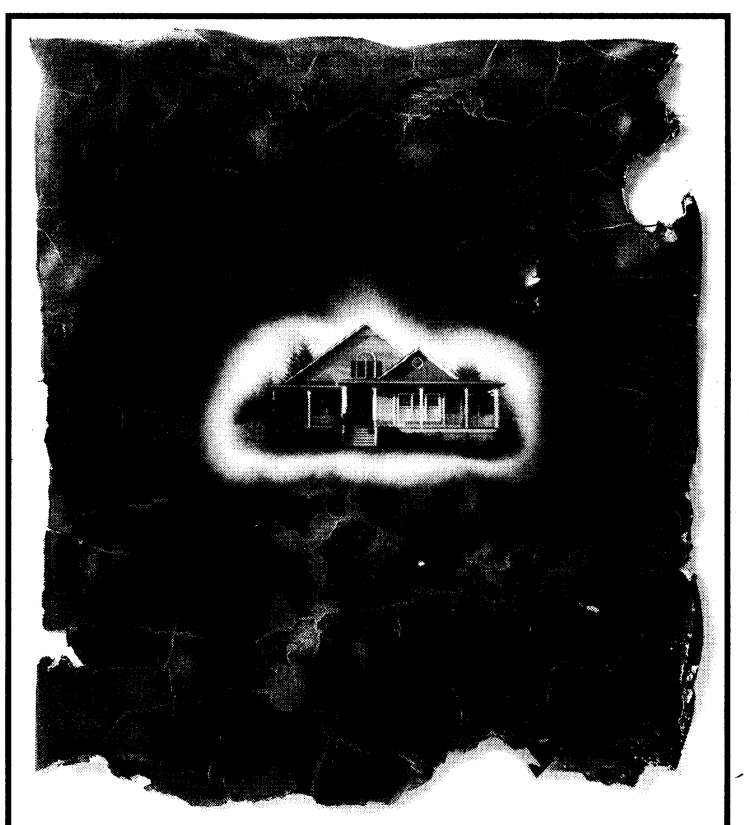
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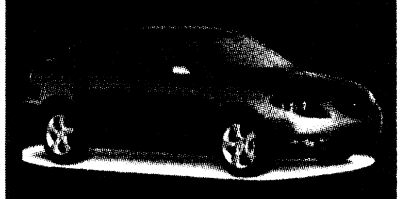
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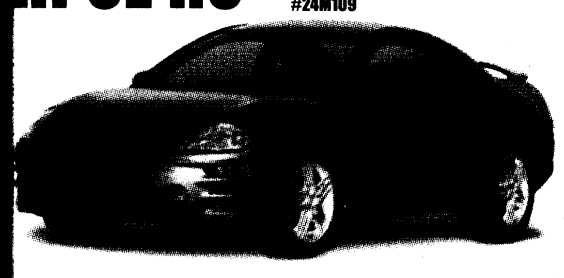
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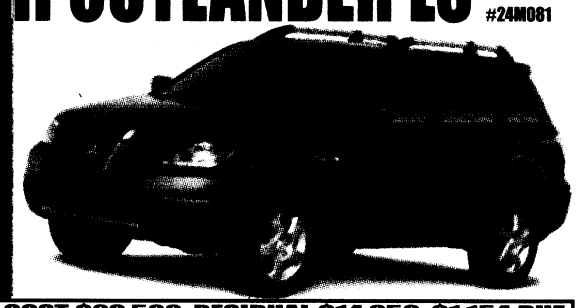
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HURRICANE IVAN

Preparedness prevents problems

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Hurricane Ivan is terrorizing the Gulf Coast and residents are traveling north to escape his wrath. Therefore *The Bayonet* is repeating portions of an article on hurricane preparedness which ran Aug. 27.

10 Points of Preparedness in an Evacuation

PEOPLE:

Have a plan for getting out of the house and make sure everyone knows it. Have an emergency bag of food and water for your family with wholesome snacks for the children — dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers and granola bars.

PETS:

Keep pet carriers and leashes available to lead pets to safety. Take pet food with you.

PICTURES:

Keep negatives or CDs of pictures in a lock box or at a family member's home. Have picture albums in one place ready to grab and go at a moment's notice.

PAPERS:

Have all your important papers in a lock box at a bank and keep only copies at the house. This keeps you from panicking. If you have them at home, put them in a folder that you can grab if you have to move fast. Color code it so you can find it!

PRESCRIPTIONS:

Take your medications with you. Don't forget the ones that have to be refrigerated, such as insulin. Have a small ice chest and cold packs readily accessible to pack and go. If you have babies, remember their formula or medications.

PURSES:

This is where you keep your identification, credit cards and cash. Keep a stash of cash for emergencies. You may not be able to use an ATM in the event of a power outage.

PROPER CLOTHES and COMFORT ITEMS:

According to the weather conditions; gather up a change of clothes along with outer clothing — coats, rain gear, boots, gloves and hats. If you have babies, remember diapers. Remember to grab your children's favorite blankets, stuffed animals or toys. A game or a deck of cards will help keep them occupied and calm.

PLANNER or CALENDAR:

These should have all the information you will need, such as phone numbers, insurance numbers and important dates. They are small and filled with things you don't have to try to remember.

PHONES and RADIOS:

Always keep cell phones charged and have a charger in the car or an extra battery. They may not work in the event of power outages, but then they might.

Know which local radio station has emergency bulletins. Keep your battery-powered radio tuned to that station and have plenty of batteries handy. Also keep a "corded" phone that does not operate with electricity.

PATIENCE:

This is one of the most important things to pack. Keep it inside you, so you can keep a clear, calm head.

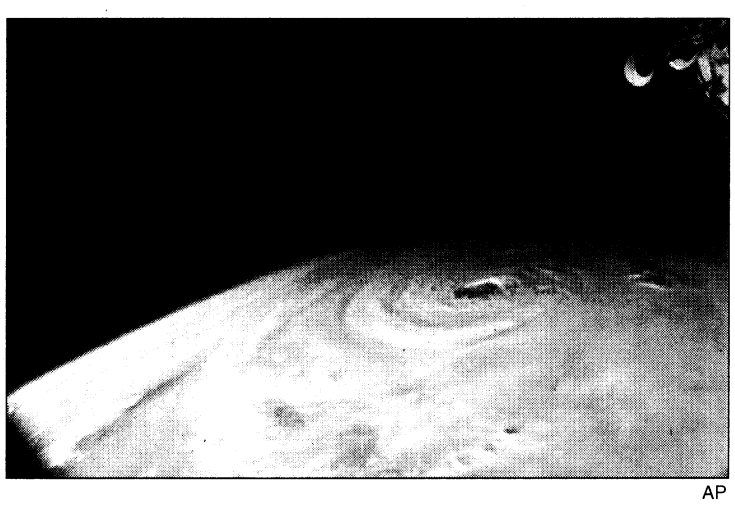
Having your *P's to Preparedness* list to guide you will keep you patient. In the event of an evacuation, there will be lots of displaced people. Being patient will make things less stressful. Your children need to see you calm and collected. This will help keep them calm, too.

Copy this list and put it in your planner or calendar. As you are packing, physically touch each item.

Don't wait till you are being asked to evacuate. Everyone thinks that it could not happen to them. Well it could, and it is up to you to make sure you are prepared.

Don't wait! DO IT NOW!!

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AP

A view of Hurricane Ivan from space Tuesday. The hurricane was a category four storm Wednesday. Landfall is expected to be this morning somewhere between Gulfport, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., moving on a north, northeasterly path through Alabama.

Ivan: Closes Benning down

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a Fort Benning home.

Chief Warrant Officer Don Kite and his wife, Dee, opened their home to their sister-in-law.

Traffic was at a standstill, Wendy said. It took an hour to drive 15 miles on Interstate 65.

Don's father lives on the water and chose not to evacuate; however, his mother and a brother went to an evacuation center. Wendy's husband, who works for the county sheriff, stayed in Pensacola because of work.

Authorities advise those who can't evacuate to stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors. Keep curtains and blinds closed.

Turn the refrigerator to its coldest setting and keep closed. Turn off propane tanks. Fill the bathtubs full of water.

In strong winds, follow these rules:

- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- In a two-story home, go to an interior first-floor room, such as a bathroom or closet.

Avoid using the phone except for emergencies. Local authorities need the first priority on telephone lines.

After the hurricane, drive only when necessary because streets could be filled with debris. Don't drive on flooded roads or bridges.

Don't drink or prepare food with tap water until notified by officials that it is safe to do so.

The post exchange and the commissary are scheduled to be open to provide support.

For more information, go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov.

As of press time, the schools were planning on reopening on Friday.

For more information, call 545-3713.

Conference: To be held on post

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The Doughboy Dinner and award presentation will be held at the Officers' Club Wednesday night.

More lessons-learned presentations will continue on Thursday by the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, the Air Combat Command, the British Army and the 1st Armor Division, Germany.

Throughout the week, nearly 200 displays will be in the hallways on the first floor of Infantry Hall.

Conference attendees will be able to see the latest technologies and material available to support the infantry soldier.

The conference will end Thursday with Freakley giving the closing remarks in Marshall Auditorium.

For more information visit www.infantry.army.mil/infantry conference.

The POW/MIA ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday has been cancelled. The motorcycle ride scheduled for Saturday will be rescheduled.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Ranger graduations

Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 9-04, Friday
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

Graduations are preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

Silver Wings

The Command Exhibition Parachute Team is looking for potential candidates for membership in the Silver Wings. Candidates must be sergeant or higher, possess a current C license or higher and have no UCMJ actions or flags.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes at 545-1939.

Car buying seminar

Thinking about buying a car? The seminar "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken For a Ride," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359, is sponsored by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program.

Reservations are required. Call 545-5485.

IOBC graduation

The Infantry Officer Basic Course, C Co., 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 1 p.m. Sept. 28 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 545-3991.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebration

The Equal Opportunity Office will host the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 29 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Frank Miranda at 545-3198.

ID Section closures

The Main Post ID Card Section will be closed Sept. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Education Fair

The Army Continuing Education System Division will sponsor a Education Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1 in Infantry Hall.

More than 40 colleges and universities will be represented.

SJA new hours

In an effort to better serve the Fort Benning military community, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate announces new hours for the Legal Assistance Division and Claims Division. Both divisions will now be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to include the lunch hour.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281 or 545-3282 or the Claims Division at 545-2285.

Golden Knights

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" is accepting applications for the annual Assessment and Selection Program this month. An application is available at www.army goldenknights.com.

Applicants must have at least 150 freefall parachute jumps, a flawless civilian and military record and volunteer to become airborne qualified.

Sent packets to the U.S. Army Parachute Team, P.O. Box 70126, Fort Bragg, NC 28307.

For more information, call (910) 396-4800.

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The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition, fees and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their dependents 16 years of age or older.

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For more information, call 685-8549 or go to Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

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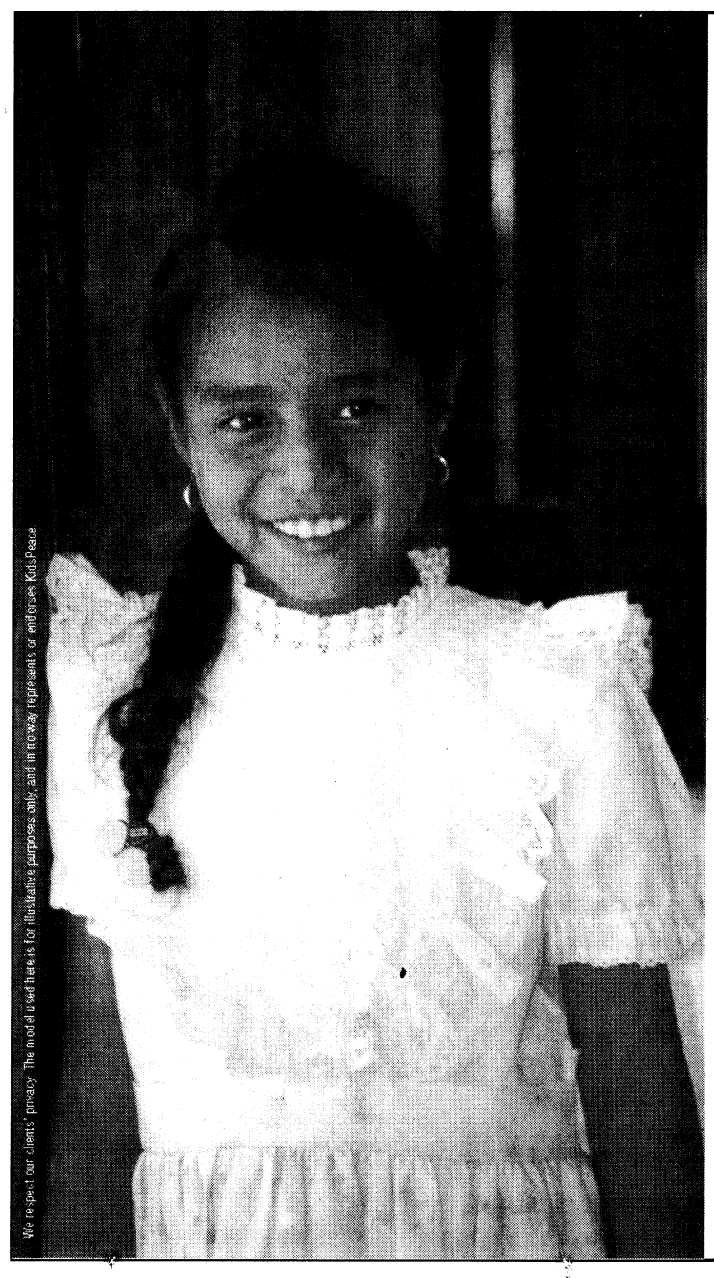
Commanders, command sergeant majors, chief master sergeants, other senior leaders, family readiness groups, sports teams or local personalities are invited to record greetings to remind shoppers of any community message on the AAFES Radio Network.

For more information, call Ellie Unrein at 687-0384 or 687-0385.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of a 2000 YZFR6M-W motorcycle from the driveway of 100 Lavoie Avenue. The incident occurred between 8:30 and 10 a.m. Aug. 5.

Anyone with information concerning this individual should contact the CID duty agent at 545-8916b or the Military Police at 545-5222.



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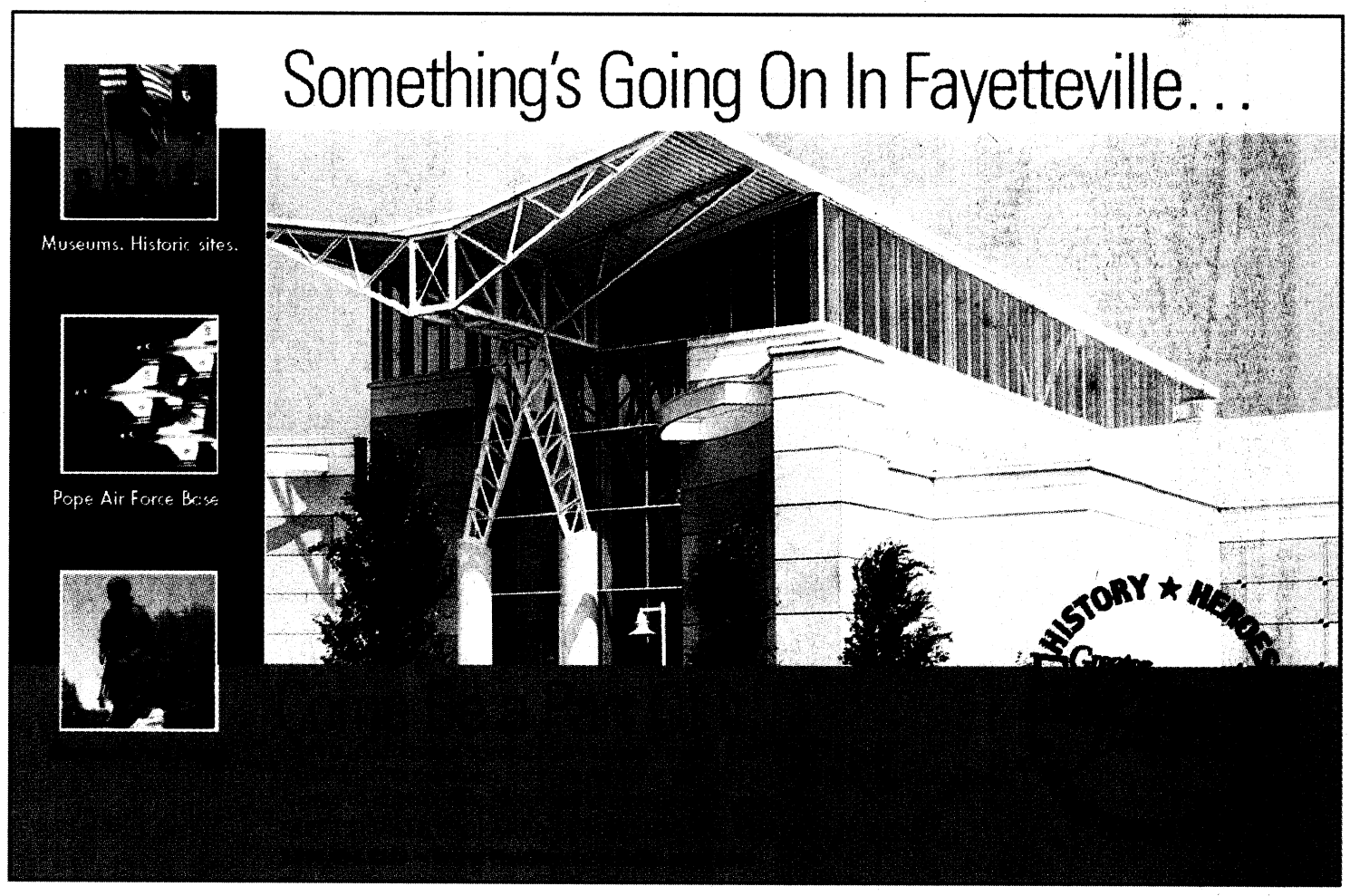
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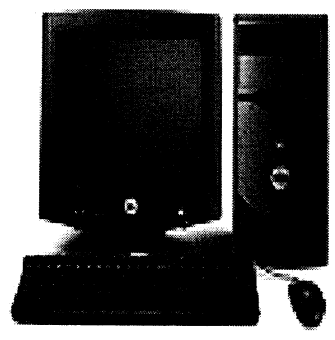
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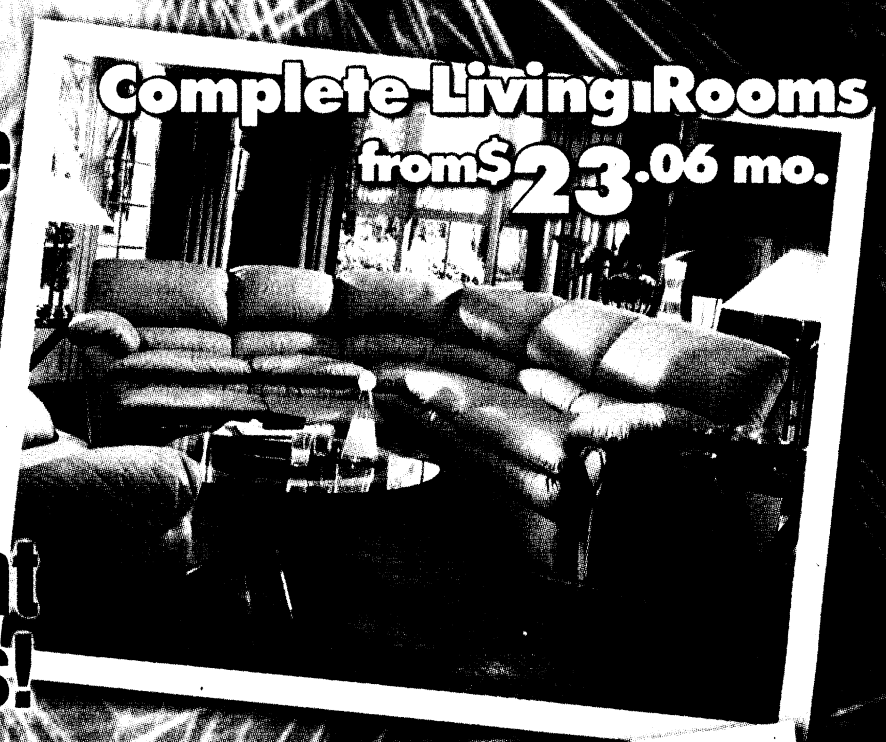


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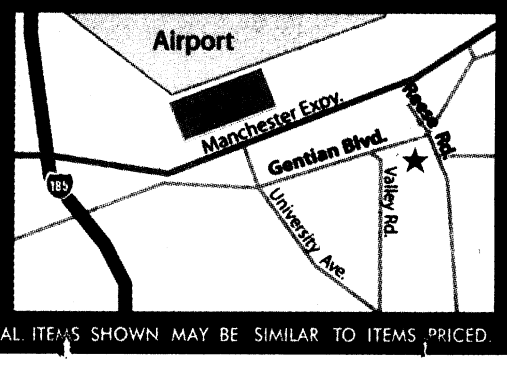
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DA chief names October Security Awareness Month

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Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Security Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander named October the first Security Awareness Month in response to the raised challenges of informational security in the recent past.

The observance is all the more important in light of the Global War on Terrorism, Alexander said. Sensitive information, both classified and unclassified, has recently been compromised by improper posting on Web sites and unclassified government systems, as well.

He called for major commands to intitiate security awareness briefings and events during October and to foster year-round awareness of the preservation of security.

"We're not just talking operational security or automation security," said Al Harvey, acting Chief of Intelligence and Security. "We are talking what information is classified and what is not, what info shouldn't be sent via e-mail."

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The renewed concern comes in response to what Harvey called "heightened" threats of attack, breaches in information security from the highest military echelons down and intensified "probing" by hackers.

"Some of it is just people seeing what they can do, pinging the system to see if they can get in," he said. "But I liken this to a Tom Clancy novel; there is a clear and present danger.

"We know al Qaeda and its supporters use the Internet like it drinks water. I have heard they get up to 80 percent of their operational information from the Internet."

Alexander said the move toward a more secure system is crucial and the establishment of an annual security awareness month is only part of a robust security program.

"It is imperative that each Army organization establish a *continuous* security awareness, education and training program," he said.

Fort Benning formed an Information Security Task Force after DA guidance required that the Directorate of Intelligence and Security take control of information being posted on both Inter- and intranet sites.

Debbie Kearns, a security specialist with DIS and the task force chief, said that some problems stem from failure to recognize that just because something isn't labeled classified, doesn't mean it needs to be posted on the Internet or saved on a network without password protection.

"When we started checking Internet and intranet postings and files, we found information that fit the bill and that needed to be removed immediately," she said. "While the problems on the Internet have gotten better, there are still issues with intranet files.

"Sometimes I find huge caches of personal information, like names and social security numbers."

Intranet files are folders saved on a local network outside of the Internet. Those files are available to everyone in the network unless they are password protected.

Scott Phillips, chief of security, DIS, said the concern isn't limited to personal information. Operational information, troop movements, general officer information and mission details are all sensitive assets.

"We are trying to protect all of these things," Kearns said. "We're not trying to be hard-liners, but we have guidelines to follow. We are the overseers and it is our job to make sure each individual thinks about information security."

Event honors heroes of 9-11

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Images of smoke and flames, firemen turned black with soot, a flag waving in the hollowed carcass of a once towering office building — these images flashed across the screen while George W. Bush's voice proclaimed a resolve to "never forget."

A video remembering the sights and sounds of Sept. 11, 2001, was part of a ceremony held Sept. 10 on Fort Benning. The remembrance ceremony at Marshall Auditorium, organized by the post chaplains, offered members of the community an opportunity to pay respect to the fallen and strengthen their resolve to support the cause of freedom.

"We are brought together, in this place, by our love of country, by our admiration of exalted character, by our gratitude for signal services and patriotic devotion," said Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin, chief of the U.S. Army Infantry Center's Chaplains Office.

"These were the words spoken by Daniel Webster two centuries ago at the dedication of the monument at Bunker Hill. And they are words that capture the spirit that brings us here today," Cocklin said.

During his welcome, Cocklin reminded the audience of the men and women of exalted character whose lives were lost and whose families still live with the grief and pain.

He spoke of the services of citizen heroes who risked their lives so others might live and of the patriotic devotion of all those who have answered their country's call and have given the last full measure of their devotion.

"But we must do more than simply remember them. We must honor them by building a future, a world, a nation worthy of their sacrifice," Cocklin said.

"And so in their name, we pledge again (to be) united as a country and seek out and hold responsible those who attacked us three years ago," he said. "United as a country, we will continue the Global War on Terrorism because we will not, and can not live in fear."

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general, said 9-11 is a day to reflect on how life has changed in the past three years as we now face a worldwide terrorist threat.

"We honor those who lost their lives, those who occupied those workplaces and those first responders," Freakley said. "We remember the more than one thousand men and women who have lost their lives in the war on terrorism."

Freakley said 10 Soldiers from Fort Benning and four from the surrounding areas have died in the war on terrorism, 96 people from Fort Benning and 96 more from the surrounding areas have been wounded.

"All of us at Fort Benning need to rededicate ourselves to stay the course," Freakley said. "Let me assure you, we will win. We must maintain our drive and support in the war. We must strengthen our resolve."

Supply center opens next to CIF

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

One-stop shopping at Fort Benning has taken on a whole new look.

The LCI Self Service Supply Center, located on Indianhead Road, next to the Central Issue Facility, is changing the way the military shops for its supplies.

The store, which opened Tuesday, offers a selection of more than 4,200 items from general office supplies to cleaning supplies and hydration systems to gun cleaning kits.

"We allow (the military) to do one-stop shopping instead of going into town and going to four to five different vendors for supplies," said Todd Gilman, manager for LCI-SSSC. "We have the means to purchase anything you want or need and because we are a private contractor we can always keep the store in stock and in supply."

Shopping at this new store is much like going to Office Depot or Staples, Gilman said; however, the customer base is limited to persons with government-wide purchase cards known as IMPAC cards and authorized military, federal and some state personnel.

The SSSC offers uniform insignia, cooking utensils, computer supplies, paper products, pens, airborne items, coolers, janitorial supplies, garden tools, and much more.

"If we can find a source for it, we will buy it, bring it in and sell it," Gilman said. "For the most part we are actually cheaper than places like Staples and Office Max. But, if we're not, we'll price match nine out of ten times."

Sgt. Elwood Brown of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion (Infantry Officer Basic Course), 11th Infantry Regiment, sees the new SSSC as a much needed time saver.

"It is an excellent idea and will save a lot of running around," Brown said. "I can't put down exactly how much time it will save, but having it right here is going to save me a lot of time (by not) running downtown."

Brown also sees the store as a great mixture of both military and office supplies.

"We usually just set aside a day or two to run downtown and then we run all over," Brown said. "We won't have to do that now."

The new SSSC does more than just provide bulk supplies for its customer. It also works as a nonprofit organization, which employs the blind and visually impaired.

"The SSSC was run by the civil service, but what has happened now is it has be contracted to blind, nonprofit agencies who now man the stores," Gilman said. "Three of our eleven employees are legally blind and one is visually impaired, but you can't tell who."

According to Gilman, this is the first SSSC to be on Fort Benning in eight years.

The LCI-SSSC will be open from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information contact them at 687-3007 or 687-1817.

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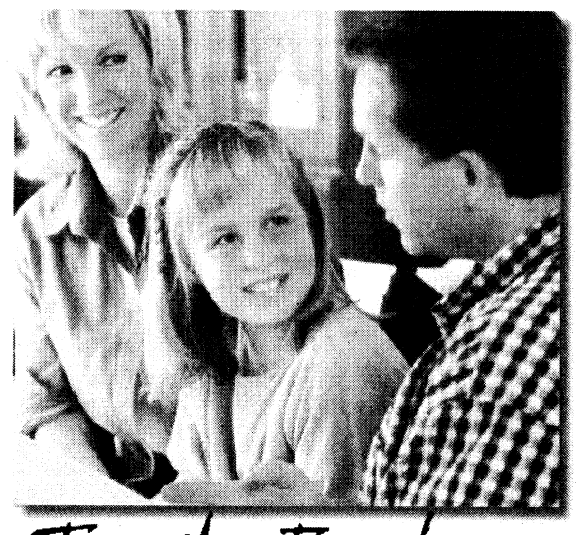
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Conference tackles Army's special needs

Addresses air assault, airborne modularity

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Representatives from the Army's airborne and air assault communities met with force developers from the Directorate of Combat Developments Sept. 1.

The first session of its kind, the conference allowed attendees to work together to identify enablers to help airborne and air assault units meet the chief of staff of the Army's intent for modularity.

"We're doing this to ensure the airborne and air assault operational force has what's necessary," said Alan Farr, chief of Force Development in the DCD's Concepts, Analysis, Integration Division.

Planners and executors from the 18th Airborne Corps and 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., and the 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell, Ky., were able to speak with representatives from the Department of the Army and Training and Doctrine Command.

"We were really fortunate to get all those guys in the same room," said Lt. Col. Dan Evans, CAID chief. "It was really beneficial for us."

Ensuring the infantry's airborne and air assault forces have what they need may include staffing a battle management cell, and looking at pathfinder, rigger, long range surveillance company and light airfield repair capabilities. Because the Army will now be based around a brigade combat team design instead of a division, those assets are necessary, Evans said. Enablers, like the battle management cell, would help a traditionally heavy unit conduct operations with an airborne brigade.

"We are reviewing and making changes for the modular design all the time," Farr said. He said the force developers work with the entire table of organization and equipment design — not only equipment, but manning, too.

"Selected expertise," Farr said, "ensures you don't have a mech guy going out there to do airborne operations. However, the process allows a heavy BCT to be augmented with the necessary skills and equipment to do the mission."

The DCD sent a proposed battle management cell design to the field for review. This started the design process and brought the communities together. After receiving feedback, DCD pulled the enabler conference together.

"I thought the conference went well," Farr said. "We talked and got guidance. We won't have a 100 percent solution, but we'll be another mile closer."

Farr said the intent of the enablers conference was to lay issues on the table so they could encapsulate and refine them. Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley will mention them in his "state of the infantry" speech at the kick-off of the Infantry Conference Tuesday morning.

"This is still a work in progress," Evans said. "The units still owe some info to us and we'll discuss more at break-out sessions at the conference."

Another big topic the CAID team is tackling is motorization — a new concept giving the Infantry the right blend of mobility to meet the modular design. Although infantry Soldiers primarily fight dismounted, units need additional trucks in order to achieve 100 percent tactical mobility.

"We'll work continuously with all the field units to get input," Farr said. "They have the smarts. They know what they need."

DENTAC works to make post Soldiers tobacco-free

Cessation class to visit Soldiers' units

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

In 2001, Fort Benning's Dental Activity initiated its Tobacco Use and Cessation Program at Love Dental Clinic, which allows dentists to prescribe medication to help Soldiers kick the nicotine habit.

DENTAC has now taken the program to a different level — they are taking the program to the Soldier.

"The plan is to visit as many units as would like us to and offer prescriptions to help Soldiers who would like to quit," said Col. Lawrence Breault, chief of Periodontics at Love Dental Clinic. "We know most Soldiers are very busy, so we figured we'd bring the program to them."

Tobacco-using Soldiers are also offered the program during their dental clinic appointments.

The first Soldiers to receive the class Friday afternoon were the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment.

Capt. Todd Ballou, HHC commander, was one of the 12 Soldiers who signed up for the program. Ballou is now wearing the patch that was prescribed to him Friday.

"It's more convenient if they come to us," he said. "It's definitely helpful for Soldiers."

Soldiers are required to watch a 15-minute video that encourages them to kick the habit before they are given a prescription, Breault said.

There are three types of prescriptions Soldiers may receive at the dental clinics:

- Zyban pill: An antidepressant found to help control cravings for Soldiers who smoke less than half of a pack a day and for those who use chewing tobacco.
- Nicotine patches: For Soldiers who smoke more than half of a pack a day.
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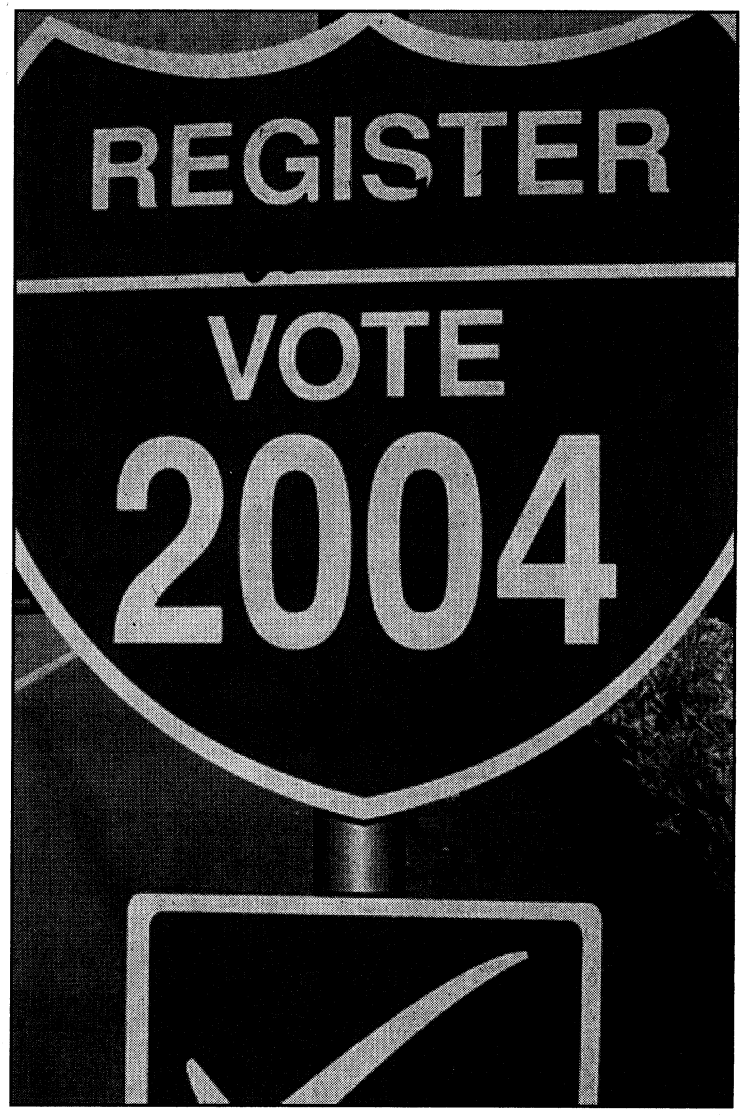
This program has helped approximately 500 Soldiers since it began in 2001, Breault said. It's user-friendly and allows Soldiers to walk in to their dental clinic without an appointment and see a provider to renew their prescription.

To better serve Soldiers, DENTAC has increased the number of providers who are authorized to write prescriptions.

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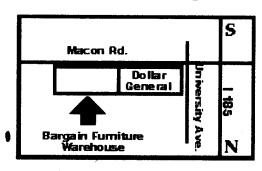
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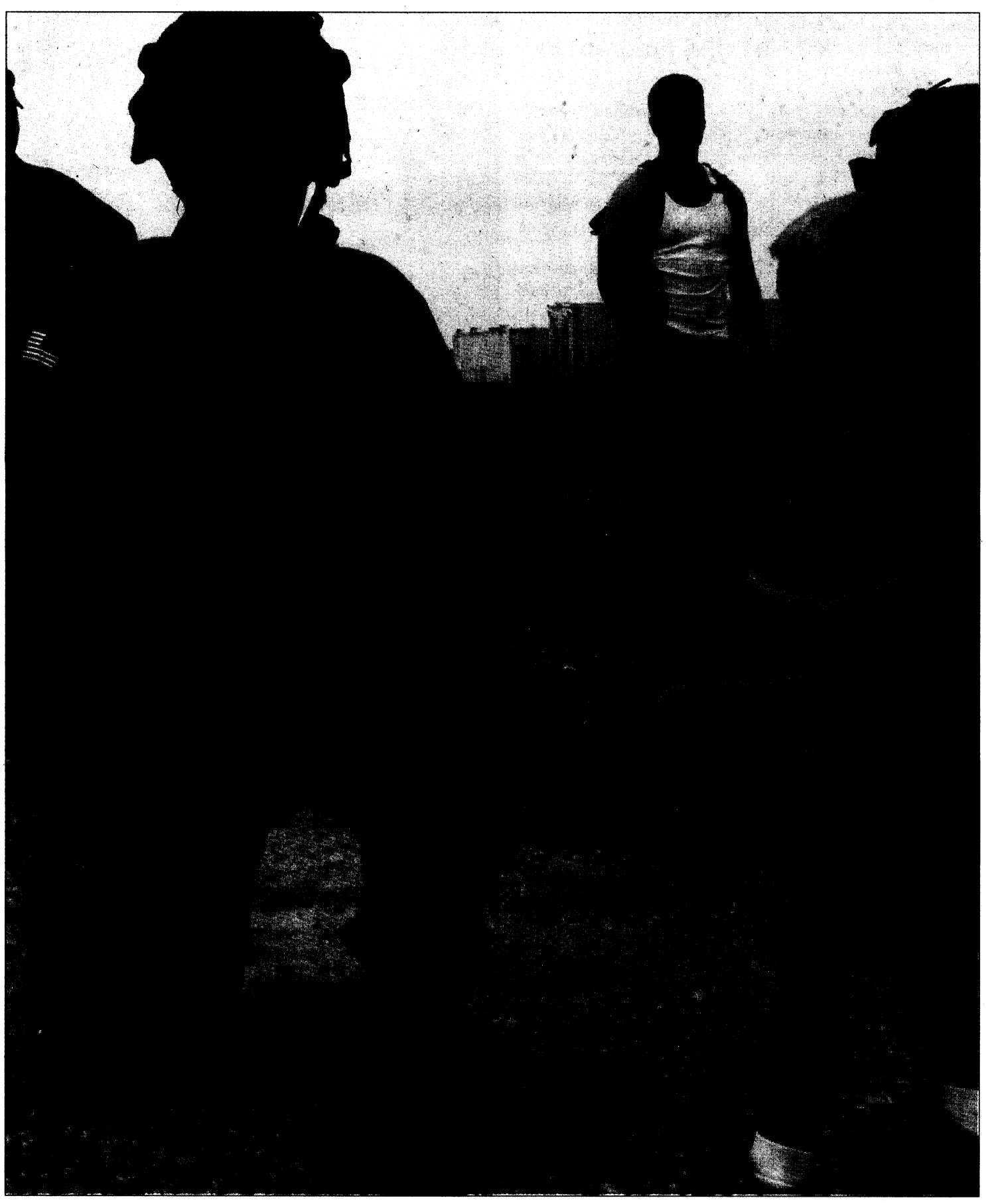
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An IOBC student blends into the mock local population at the McKenna MOUT site Sunday as part of the unit's stability and support operations training.

IOBC students conduct critical training at MOUT site



An IOBC student practices handling distractions of local youths as his unit attempts to secure the town.

New leaders prep for war with scenarios

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The Infantry Officer Basic Course conducted stability and support operations earlier this week at the McKenna MOUT site as part of its cycle culmination training.

Those operations included securing a village wracked by warring gangs mixed in with pro-American civilians, search and cordon missions, intelligence gathering, presence patrols and checkpoint procedures.

"This kind of training shows us how well the students handle a civilian presence on the battlefield," said Sgt. 1st Class Darren Johnson, senior NCO platoon trainer and 3rd Platoon platoon sergeant. "This portion is one of the most important parts of their training, because they will actually conduct missions like this when they deploy to Iraq and it will prepare them for whatever can happen in a hostile urban environment."

Platoons that were not conducting missions stood in as the opposing forces and civilians, Johnson said.

Several times, the patrols were confronted with multiple situations at the same time, like street fights, rock throwing, small children interfering with operations and suspicious behavior.

While trying to manage the operation and developing incidents, the platoon had to handle media interference — something they have very little training in, but viewed as something IOBC cadre want to focus more strongly on in the future.

"We definitely want to start incorporating a stronger media presence in our training," said platoon trainer Capt. Palmer Phillips. "We want to try to make these scenarios as realistic as possible."

2nd Lt. Samuel Hone, IOBC, said he thought the stability and support operations training was realistic and intense, demanding the training platoons to react to multiple situations of varying danger.

"It was a pretty fluid environment last night," Hone said. "This is the kind of stuff that will help integrate the military with the civilian community. It reduces the threat to the Soldier and builds rapport with the local community."

The current IOBC training is derived from relevant scenarios Soldiers are experiencing while deployed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, said IOBC student 2nd Lt. Gary Carty.

"This training is so relevant," he said. "We are concentrating on current, real-world missions. No more Cold War, Russian tactics."

He said the training platoon was hit with multiple challenges, like media scenarios, improvised explosive devices and ambushes.

The imminent reality of he and many of his battle buddies becoming platoon leaders responsible for the lives of 30 or more Soldiers deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism is one Carty feels he is prepared for after the IOBC course. "The cadre are extremely professional," he said. "They take what they do seriously. People's lives will be in our hands in a little while and that is nothing to be taken lightly. The cadre expect the best out of us."



Students prepare a Soldier injured by an improvised explosive device for evacuation from the area.



Warring gang members within the town create a volatile situation as the unit moves into the area.

91P Radiology Specialist

X-ray technicians bone up on skills

MOS provides Soldiers with plans for future

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

"If anyone cracks or breaks a bone, we take a picture of it," said Sgt. Sean Kelly, an X-ray technician with Fort Benning's Medical Department Activity.

An X-ray technician, aka radiology specialist, aka 91P, is the person who first positions patients then takes pictures of the bones inside their bodies.

And at Martin Army Community Hospital, they really have their work cut out for them.

"Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. we will see 200 to 300 patients with just nine or 10 technicians in six rooms," Kelly said. "And that doesn't even include CAT scans, ultrasounds or fluoroscopy ... that's just basic X-rays."

But, as one MEDDAC Soldier said, basic X-rays are anything but basic.

Sgt. Patrick Winn, a Reserve Soldier who recently reclassed to 91P and is completing a six-month on-the-job-training requirement at MACH, said the job can be quite demanding.

"Going from mannequins to real people is a big difference," he said of the transition from AIT to the workplace. "Mannequins don't move, don't scream and don't fuss, and people come in all shapes and sizes."

Winn said he knows he made the right decision to reclass, it took a little getting used to, caring for the patients and handling the workload. He said sometimes he will show up to work and see a box full of medical charts. He used to get stressed out trying to get everyone in and out too quickly, which resulted in mistakes that in turn compounded the problem.

"You have to take it one patient at a time and not let it stress you out," he said. "Because if you let it stress you out you make mistakes, and then things get really backed up."



Spc. David Foley

Sgt. Sean Kelly, an X-ray technician at Martin Army Community Hospital, positions a patient for an X-ray.

> "You have to take it one patient at a time and not let it stress you out."
>
> **Sgt. Patrick Winn**
> X-ray technician, Martin Army Community Hospital

In spite of the heavy workloads and stressful situations, both Soldiers said they love the field they are in.

"It's a lot of fun," Kelly said. "And if you have good people, it can make a day go by a lot faster."

Kelly said it is a good job for someone who is looking for something to do for the rest of their life whether they are planning to stay in the military or not.

Kelly said X-ray technicians can build a career in the Army, but if they decide to get out, they can find a job without any problems.

He said the 91P course teaches Soldiers to the same standards in six months as civilian institutions teach their students in two years, minus some of the basic classes.

Once a Soldier gets certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technicians they are certified to work in any hospital in America.

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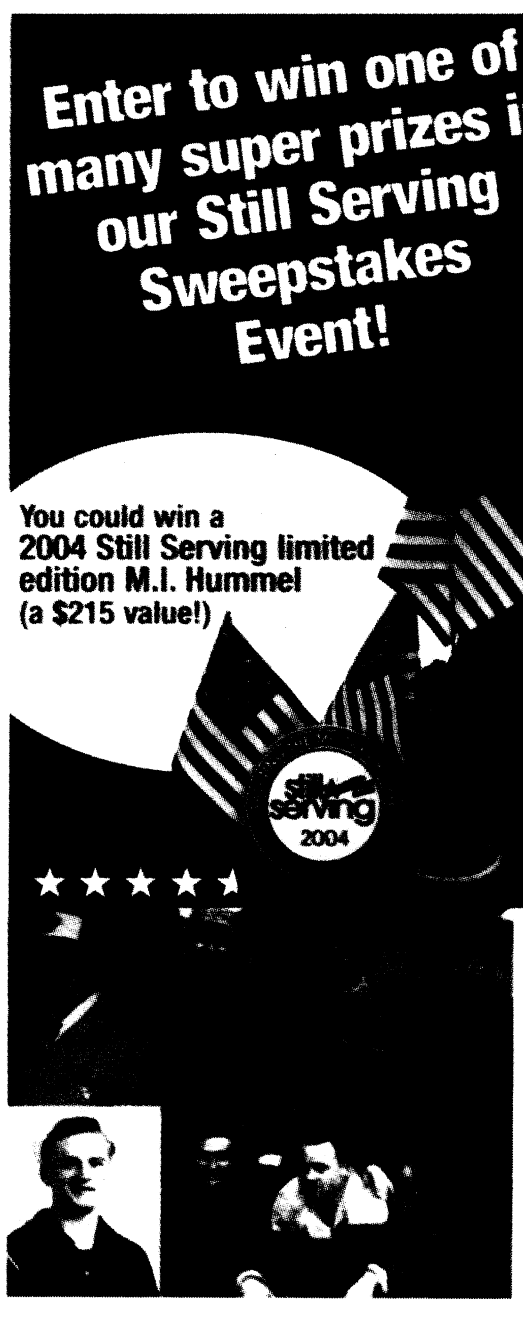
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Flint Energies

Open Letter to Our Members

September 17, 2004

To the Members of Flint Energies:

As I reflect back over last week's power restorations after Hurricane Frances, I began to check the history of this type event at Flint Energies. We keep a permanent record on the wall in our main dispatch center. There are dozens of major outages in Flint's 67-year history: ice and snow storms, the flood, heavy summer storms, tropical storms, freak thundershowers and high winds. But we've never seen the kind of restoration process which took place in middle Georgia this week.

But our line crewmen have seen this destruction. Over our history, Flint employees have worked in many other states after hurricanes and ice storms. We're part of the national Touchstone Energy cooperative system where mutual aid agreements allow us help out neighbors when we can. Cooperative employees from northeast Georgia and from Mississippi were here helping us after Frances.

Our men have seen restoration processes which lasted two and three weeks. We had crews in central Florida after Hurricane Charley several weeks back. It took two weeks and two days to restore everyone's power there. As a side note, I think that's why the rumor started that Flint's line technicians were in Florida helping when Frances arrived. That was not correct; all of our men had been back for a week before Frances came to Georgia.

In the mind of a line tech, any outage is a bad outage. They hate to go home if someone is still off. Last week, we pressed our men to take 6-hour rest breaks for their own safety and well-being. While some men slept, others turned on the spotlights and continued the nighttime battle on behalf of our members.

The battle was waged all day on Labor Day. There were 4,000 out that day and we had gotten it down to 2,000 by 10 pm Monday night, but the worst was yet to come. Tuesday morning, we counted more than 26,000 out of power. Some of our members were disappointed that we didn't do storm restoration from midnight Monday to daybreak Tuesday, but the high winds made it impossible to safely raise a bucket truck into the air.

Our damage evaluations first told us it would take six days to restore power to everyone. Broken poles were scattered everywhere. Trees impacted our ability to serve and drive around, even when they did not impact power lines. My power was out at home, most of the staff's power was out...even most of the Flint Board of Directors lost power. One employee had serious damage to her home, but she's worked the 7 pm to 7 am shift each night last week answering member calls.

With 26,000 members with power out, all of them tried to call Flint to report their outage. At our 1-888-354-6836 number, the automated system can answer 1800 simultaneous calls. Most members would like to talk to an employee, but there are not enough of us to speak with 26,000 at one time. So the automated system is a highly accurate way to find out where the outages are located. Flint's regular phone numbers were overwhelmed pretty quickly Tuesday morning. The fast busy sound that members received was the key that "all circuits were busy," though every available office employee was answering phones.

Tuesday, the men restored power to nearly 19,000 members while it rained on them all day and the winds gusted to 30 miles per hour. We kept every office open in an attempt to maintain some normalcy, even when life for our members without power was far from normal. As the days passed, members began to lose food in their refrigerators and then in their freezers. Some in the rural areas had lost water service at the time of power loss, because their well pumps couldn't work. When the sun came out, the heat and the pain grew for them. We knew it, and we pressed on. On Wednesday, we tried to let our members know where to get dry ice to try and save the fruits of their summer harvests in the freezers.

Those without power began to see neighbors with their power restored. They questioned us about our restoration procedures. In a tried and true process of 100 years of power restoration, Flint restores power to its substations first, then to the three-phase circuits, then to the single phase taps off of those circuits, and finally to the individual outages. This process restores power to the greatest number of people in the quickest time.

But when your power is out and the neighbors are back on, it's easy to think you've been overlooked, or slighted, or singled out, or discriminated against. None of these are true. Following the process, we keep coming back until everyone is restored. As more members suffered, nerves were frayed and tempers sometimes flared. Flint's men still pressed on.

More recently, the phones have become busy again...calls of thanks, emails, visits to the office saying: "thank you." The men are telling us that most everyone they see waves, and says thanks. It took us four days this time. In the weather forecast, there is another Hurricane named Ivan. We talked over breakfast last Friday, hoping that Frances wasn't just a warm-up for a larger storm. We planned for Frances Thursday before Labor Day. We planned for Ivan last Thursday. With a good plan, we had enough fuel, lots of extra workers, all the poles and transformers we needed. We're just thankful not to have the repeated damage that our Florida neighbors have received.

I want to say personally that we appreciate your patience and understanding during this trying time. Get your personal disaster plan out and be prepared. More and more folks in middle Georgia are saying that a hurricane can impact us now...even if it never had before.

Sincerely,

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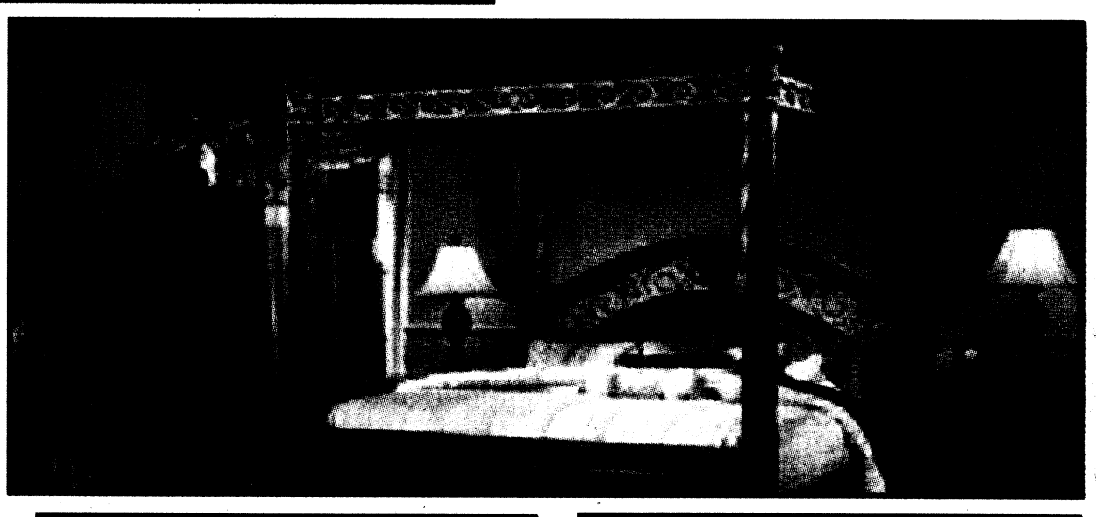
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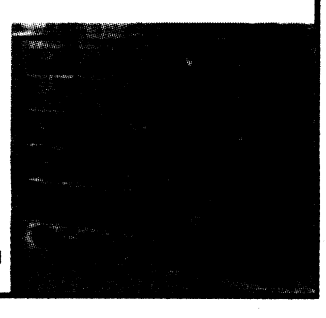
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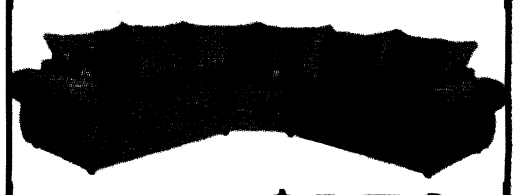
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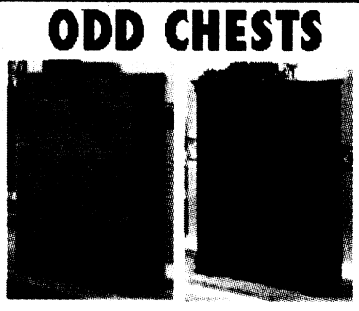
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Theater, that untamed art that will leave you feeling cultured, aesthetically pleased and in mighty high society.

And this weekend, you have a chance to witness firsthand the "masterpiece" that is *The Amen Corner*, a play by James Baldwin.

Here's the storyline: Margaret is the charismatic and much-loved pastor of a "corner" church in Harlem. Luke is the husband she left in the dust 10 years earlier, citing "holier than thou" religious convictions as good cause. David is the son who has been told for the past decade that his *father* is the one who left without a backward glance. Then there's Margaret's congregation — all of whom believe her husband abandoned her with their only surviving child.

The plot? After 10 years, Luke makes a sudden and unexpected appearance. Now a trombone-toting, woman-chasing, drunken, dying, old man, he's here to set the record straight. And that he does.

The aftermath is a series of confrontations between Margaret and her son, her estranged husband and her congregation (who question the hypocritical nature of her religious convictions).

Now, I've never seen or even heard of this play until Monday morning. But after sitting down with Fort Benning's own Sgt. Maurice Bell, who will portray Luke in the play, I have no doubt that I'll be clearing a little time in my schedule for this one.

It's a play that focuses on the African-American family and church, highlighting issues of racial injustice, the challenges in relationships between black couples and between black parents and their children, and the impact of poverty born of racial prejudice.

See **GOH,** B-3



Photos by Spc. Eliamar Castanon

House of Heroes volunteers work on Columbus resident Ruby Davis' home Sunday afternoon. This year, there are 52 homes that will be improved as part of the annual event, which began in 2001. Eighteen of the participating teams are from Fort Benning.

Heroes take on task to save home

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The music was playing on a small, battery-operated radio as 14 heroes took on the task of fixing Ruby Davis' home Saturday and Sunday on a small street off Saint Mary's Road in Columbus.

Davis, 77, is the widow of a World War II veteran.

The project was part of House of Heroes, a program which recruits volunteers to fix homes of retired vets, public safety officers, and their spouses and widows.

In 1999, Wayne Anthony noticed a lot of funerals for WWII vets and came up with the idea for the HOH project, said Susan Gerkin, HOH coordinator.

"It was his way of officially saying 'thank you' to all the WWII veterans," she said.

In 2000, the first HOH event took place. Since its development, more than 100 recipients have benefited from the program.

"You don't know how much the little things that we do make these people feel," Gerkin said, as she recalled one occasion when a widow shed tears of joy after someone placed a handicapped bar in her shower.

This year, there are 52 teams working on homes, 18 of which are from Fort Benning.

"We are thrilled to have so many Fort Benning teams helping us out," Gerkin said. "We would not have been able to do so many homes without them."

Five Fort Benning teams worked in various homes in the Columbus area during the first weekend of the HOH kick-off.

Gerkin said that after each year's HOH event, the organization begins fund-raising for the next year.

Various organizations donate food, drinks and money for the HOH cause. Each team is given $1,500 to spend on each home.



Chuck Walls, Fort Benning's garrison manager and a HOH volunteer, trims hedges at Davis' home Sunday afternoon.

Most of the materials and supplies needed for the repairs are purchased from Lowe's, which sells the supplies at cost, plus 10 percent to all the HOH teams, she said.

Recipients of the HOH program may request an application or may be nominated by someone they know, Gerkin said.

"The only requirements are that they own their own home and are in need of repairs," she said.

At Davis' home, volunteers began by dismantling a shed in the back yard, getting rid of debris around the house, scraping the paint off the outside window trim, repainting and working in the kitchen, living room and bedrooms. Jordan High School will help out by building a handicapped ramp for the front of the house.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Watlington, Basic Combat Training Brigade sergeant major, was one of the HOH volunteers at Davis' home and said it's very important to participate in programs like HOH.

"The way I look at life, it's not about what you achieve or gain; it's about how much of yourself you give to others," he said. "It's about sharing and giving."

The team had a good laugh Sunday evening after noticing they had painted all the windows and trim around the house with white primer instead of outdoor paint. But there's always this weekend.

This year's HOH event will end Sept. 24, with a ceremony at the Columbus Trade Center, which recipients, volunteers, friends, family, sponsors, and local and state dignitaries will attend, Gerkin said.

"All the recipients will receive a flag in a wooden case that has been flown over the nation's capitol," she said.

For more information about helping out this weekend with HOH teams, making a donation or nominating someone for next year's HOH event, call 569-7011.

Fall Festival

The Chaplains' Office will host the annual Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Gordon Field. In case of rain, the event will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Activities include the "Rock and Roller," a "Wild Bird," a castle moonwalk and a giant inflatable slide. All activities are free. For more information, call 545-4715 or 545-5508.

Soldier Show takes 'The Heart of a Soldier'

Theme reflects current military family dynamic

Tim Hipps
U.S. Army Community Family Support Command Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Communication between deployed Soldiers and their loved ones is the driving force behind "The Heart of a Soldier," theme of the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show, which is at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 on Wetherby Field. The gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Although every edition of the Army Soldier Show has a theme, few have woven a storyline throughout quite like this year's emotional rendition, said Victor Hurtado, Soldier Show director.

From letters to cellular telephone calls to e-mails, this is a song-and-dance display of how Soldiers touch base with home from the Global War on Terrorism — communications from the front lines and beyond.

The show touches on the realities of mothers away from their children, fathers who've yet to see their kids, couples who've put marriage on hold, brothers who long to hug their sisters and vice versa, and mothers and fathers, too.

"I hate to give too much of it away," Hurtado said. "It's still going to be a fun and energetic show, but I don't want to give away much more than the gist of the story — it does put a lot of focus on deployments."

Prepare to have your heartstrings tested, Hurtado warns. The show uses a lot of telepathic energy that exists between Soldiers and their loved ones experiencing sleepless nights at home, pondering if and when their hero will return. Songs originate from both sides of the issue, focusing on the significance one life can project upon so many.

"Part of what makes the show is the emotional impact of it," Hurtado said. "Parts are really happy, but there are going to be some emotions, definitely."

Eighteen performers, including a drummer, were selected from 138 Soldiers who auditioned for the show. Seven technicians and four drivers are also part of the cast that will conduct 110 performances during a six-month tour to 21 states, Germany, Italy, Washington, D.C., and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Country, rock, pop, gospel, rhythm and blues, Latin and "'80s hair band rock," as Hurtado calls it, are intertwined throughout the show, including the works of Prince, ABBA and Outkast. Hurtado said the show "moves really quickly" and won't exceed 90 minutes.

The cast includes active-duty, National Guard and Reserve Component Soldiers, who vary in rank from private first class to first lieutenant, including a chemical operations specialist, a multi-channel transmission systems operator and a light-wheel vehicle mechanic.

Hurtado said military members and families can easily relate to the plot of this year's show while the general public should be entertained and educated.

"I think it's important to humanize our Soldiers to the American public, and what it takes to fight for America," said Hurtado, who performed in the Army Soldier Show while on active duty from 1986 through '89 and served 1990-92 as tour manager and assistant director. "I don't know that my mentality would've been the same if I hadn't been a Soldier myself. I don't think I would have had the sensibility to put this kind of show together."

Hurtado expresses great confidence in the cast.

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For more information on Fort Benning Saves or the Count Up to Wealth campaign, or to join the campaign, call 545-5485.

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CYS offers home school classes — Child and Youth Services offers weekly instructional classes to home school families. The Digital Lab will be open Tuesdays at 1 p.m. The Art classes are Thursdays at 12:30. The classes are held at Patch Hall, Building 7.

There will also be a meeting for home school families at 1 p.m. Sept. 30 in Building 359.

For more information, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

CrossRoads launches new series — CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel has launched its new series "*Cheaper By The Dozen* — Building a *7th Heaven* Family in a *Jerry Springer* World."

A free trip to Walt Disney World will be given to one family this month.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins at 545-1760.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a network provider. Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointments, call the CARE line at 544-2273. Leave a message for your provider to refill prescriptions or receive test results.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services is planning to offer an afternoon session for Benning Buddies from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This part-day program is for children who are at least 2 years old, up to Pre-K age. Fees are based on total family income.

For more information, call CYS Central Registration at 545-2079 or 687-4038.

September MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

- A smoking cessation class will be offered through the Family Practice Clinic at 7 p.m. Sept. 27-30. An appointment is required.
- An expectant parents class will be offered Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 545-4041 to sign up.
- A diabetes lifestyles seminar is offered from 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 23.
- A dependent weight loss class is offered through the Nutrition Clinic every Monday at 10 a.m. An appointment is required. Dependent weight loss follow-up is offered every other Monday at 1 p.m. Call for a schedule.
- Weight-loss classes are offered Mondays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Weight-loss classes for active-duty Soldiers are offered Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.
- A coumadin clinic is offered from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Internal Medicine Clinic. An appointment is required.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

School board meeting — The next Fort Benning School Board meeting will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 27 at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 545-7276.

Reclamation Sale — There will be a Reclamation Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 1 at 224A Upton Avenue.

Cash is the only form of payment accepted.

For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

SAS programs — School Age Services offers educational and recreational programs for children. Locations for school-age care for ages 6 to 10 include:

- Patch Hall, before and after school
- Bouton Heights, before and after school
- McGraw Outreach, after school only
- Loyd Outreach, after school only

To register, call 545-2079, or stop by the Central Registration Office in Building 359. All children must be registered.

***The Bayonet* delivery** — Experiencing a problem with *The Bayonet* delivery? Call 682-3346.

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Freedom ride — The first tri-community POW MIA Freedom Ride will take place starting at 8 a.m. Saturday at Golden Park and is open to the public.

The ceremonial ride will begin at 9 a.m. All types of motorcycles are welcome to participate in the ride.

Events will include a live radio broadcast by Rooster 106, a Rangers in Action demonstration and a special appearance by the Silver Wings Parachute Team.

For more information or to register, call 575-8023.

Heart health class — Health Matters of St. Francis will offer a free class entitled "Nutrition for Heart Health" from 2 to 3 p.m. Sept. 30. Taught by a registered dietician, participants will learn about dietary changes that will help them lower their cholesterol, triglycerides and LDL cholesterol.

The public can register by calling 257-7672. Health Matters of St. Francis is located at 3740 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

Breast cancer awareness luncheon — The Tidwell Cancer Treatment Center will have a Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Trade Center. Guest speaker is Ellen Burstyn, star of *The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood.*

There will also be a men's fashion show. Everyone who attends will receive a gift.

Tickets are $50 per person or $400 for a table of eight.

For more information, call Jan Pease at 660-8121.

CASA volunteers needed — America's abused, neglected and abandoned children need your voice. Make a real difference in a child's life as their voice in court.

Volunteer as a CASA — a Court Appointed Special Advocate. 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.

Parking permits — The Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety will now issue and renew disability parking permits by mail.

To apply for the permit, a Georgia DMVS Application for Disabled Parking Permit must be filled out and signed by both the individual and their physician.

The form can be downloaded from the Web site www.dmvs.ga.gov. The application can also be obtained by visiting any local CSC. There is no charge for the placard.

For more information, call Susan Sports at (678) 413-8657.

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

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Oct.15 and Dec.10. The trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410 by Sept. 30, or join on line at arborday.org.

Sears military special — Sears Portrait Studio offers free portrait sessions and 20 percent off all in-studio and online portrait purchases through Dec. 31 to customers with a military ID.

For more information, call Robyn Frankel at (877) 863-3373.

Respite care — Caring for a loved one is gratifying; but also challenging. St. Luke Respite Care Ministry offers short-term care for loved ones and caregivers in the community.

Respite services offer supervision, socialization and stimulation for medically needy adults while their caregivers get a much needed break and enjoy peace of mind knowing their loved one is safe and secure.

In-home respite care is available Monday mornings and afternoons and on-site respite is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at St. Luke UMC.

Enrollment is available at an affordable cost.

For more information, call Amanda Mueller at St. Luke UMC at 327-4343.

Tree identification book — *What Tree Is That?*, a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

To obtain the tree identification guide, send your name, address and $3 to What Tree is That?, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or go online to www.arborday.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.

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.

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.

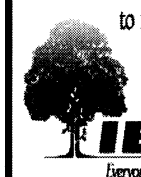
This free book is available in Spanish and English by visiting www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/index.htm or calling (877) 232-3422 to order.

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- **Monday:** hot dog, mac and cheese, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
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- **Wednesday:** lasagna, garden salad, green beans, garlic toast, fruit, milk
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Prostate awareness may save lives

Danielle Wong
MCG Health

Prostate cancer.

The very words send a chill through most men. Yet too few really understand the disease and what can be done to diagnose, prevent and treat it.

"Prostate cancer begins in the cells of the prostate gland and can spread to other parts of the body, including the bladder, rectum and bone," said Dr. James Brown, a urologic oncologist at MCG Health System in Augusta, Ga.

Some of the leading risk factors for prostate cancer include:

• **Age.** The risk of prostate cancer increases with age.

• **Diet.** Some studies have found that a diet high in animal fat may increase a man's risk for developing prostate cancer, while a diet high in fruits and vegetables may decrease the risk.

• **Heredity.** If a man's father or an older sibling has had prostate cancer, he is at increased risk. Also, African-American men are at increased risk.

There is no clear cause for prostate cancer.

However, experts believe that you can reduce your risk for many types of cancer by taking health precautions, including:

• Not smoking.

• Eating a low-fat, high-fiber diet.

• Getting plenty of exercise.

Prostate cancer may initially be present with no symptoms. In fact, by the time symptoms occur, the cancer is often advanced.

This is why an annual digital rectal exam and a Prostate Specific Antigen test are recommended for men 50 and older to check for signs of prostate cancer.

African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer are recommended to begin prostate cancer checks at age 40.

Thanks to advances in treatment techniques, a cure is possible for a large percentage of men with the disease.

Treatments include:

• Prostate removal, via traditional or laparoscopic methods,

• Radiation therapy,

• Chemotherapy,

• Investigational therapies such as cryotherapy,

• Hormone therapy.

Remember, awareness of the risk factors and the importance of annual checkups can help lower your risk of developing prostate cancer and increase the chance it is caught sooner.

Show: To come to Benning Oct. 2

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"This group has a fairly phenomenal set of instruments — of raw voices, of tongue, of intensity, of character, of attitude," he said. "They have the ability to have fun, but then lock into seriousness and focus. There are a lot of characters in the show, and I'm using their character.

"If I had one word for this cast, they're fearless — completely and utterly trusting of me, and fearless. And that, more than any kind of talent, is an incredible asset for a director to have."

The Soldiers are attached to the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Army Entertainment Detachment while on tour. They operate as a deployable military unit under the leadership of a detachment commander, first sergeant and a Soldier Show NCOIC who also hits the road in their 44-passenger bus, 18-wheel tractor-trailer and 15-passenger van.

Hurtado, a voting member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' Grammy Awards who recently completed the directing course of study at Harvard University, is in his fourth year as artistic director.

Dennis Buck will be the show's musical director. Spc. Joey Beebe, Hurtado's right-hand man, is the associate producer in his fourth season. Broadway performer and acclaimed choreographer Tanya Gibson-Clark also returns.

Spc. Kevin Foreman, who has worked six years with Army Entertainment, is the technical director. Sgt. Randy Batarao, another former performer, serves as assistant director.

The cast continues the tradition of "entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier" established during World War I by Irving Berlin, the founding father of today's Army Entertainment program. Berlin, best known for "White Christmas" and "God Bless America," wrote the first U.S. Army Soldier Show while on active duty in 1918 at Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y.

During World War II, he created another Soldier Show for Broadway: "This is the Army," which became a 1943 film featuring a military cast with stars Ronald Reagan and Joe Louis. At the request of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the show toured for three years, performing for troops stationed in Europe and the Pacific.

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> **Kim Dooley**
> Bayonet assistant editor

The sponsors for this year's Soldier Show are lead sponsor and partner the Army National Guard and corporate sponsor AT&T. These sponsors help offset the many costs of this Army MWR program.

Army Entertainment is one of more than 50 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs the Army provides Soldiers and families worldwide.

GOH: *Amen Corner* a treat for all

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That said, Bell maintains this is a play for EVERYONE. No matter what your skin color, no matter what your own religious convictions, there are themes that affect any number of people from all walks of life in the scenes of this play.

Take your pick:

• Confronting your past and owning up to loved ones about mistakes you've made.

• Matching your religious beliefs to the choices you make in your life.

• Uncovering and facing family secrets that have caused a divide or separation between husbands and wives, parents and their children.

• Reuniting with an estranged parent after years of believing they've abandoned you.

• Watching someone you have respected and looked up to for years take a facefirst nosedive from that pedestal you placed them on.

• Making things right with people you've really hurt.

And although the subject matter is pretty heavy, Bell calls it "a spiritual drama with comical overtones."

I'll take his word for it and leave my tissues at home. Although, I'm going to be very upset if I end up sobbing like a baby in the back row.

Hopefully, you'll be there to make fun of me on the way out (look for a chick with smeared mascara, point and laugh), all the while appreciating that it was me who got you to go witness one of the finest productions on the modern American stage.

The Amen Corner will grace the stage at The Liberty Theater tonight through Sunday and Sept. 24 to 26. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, and 3 p.m. both Sundays. Tickets are $15; $12 for military, seniors and students; and $8 for kids 11 and younger.

National Pollution Prevention Week

What is pollution prevention? Pollution prevention is reducing pollutants or waste at their source and minimizing waste through recycling. National Pollution Prevention Week is observed during the third full week of September.

This year, pollution prevention week is Monday through Sept. 24. During this time, businesses, schools, and individuals can work together to reduce pollution and conserve the environment. The following "helpful hints" to reduce waste have been offered by the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable. There are many ways to reduce waste in our homes. Each individual has a part to play.

At home:

• Turn down the heat or air condition at night. Turn off lights and appliances not in use.
• Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient fluorescent ones.
• Minimize water use by purchasing efficient toilets, faucets, and shower heads.
• Purchase rechargeable batteries, reducing the amount of trash going into land fills.
• Use little or no fertilizer or pesticides, especially near lakes and streams.
• Recycle plastics, glass, aluminum, newspaper, used motor oil, transmission fluid, and brake fluid.

At our jobs and businesses we can:

• Carpool, bicycle, walk, or take mass transportation to work.
• Use reusable lunch containers instead of paper and plastic bags.
• Use a copier that prints on both sides of the paper to reduce paper use.
• Use reusable cups for coffee and other beverages.
• Install energy saving lights.
• Seek business opportunities with environmentally sound companies.

Schools can also help the environment by:

• Reducing materials and recycling what is used.
• Performing a waste audit in the school.
• Installing energy efficient lighting in the school.
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Fort Benning youth in the news

Being a 'successful' military brat means looking on the bright side

Andrea Hart
Faith Middle School

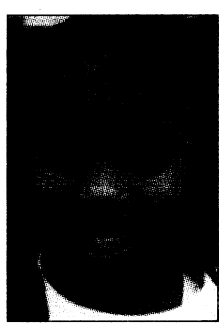
One of my greatest setbacks was when my family moved from Germany to Texas.

We were in Germany for four years, and I made as many friends as memories there.

Germany is where I learned to ski. It's where I played my first soccer championship. My friends and I visited every amusement park you could imagine — Euro Disney, Holiday Park, and Geiselwind Water Park ... . The list goes on and on.

My friends and I were so upset when we found out I would be moving. Of course, being familiar with the military, we knew this day would eventually come. Moving is such a big part of the whole military experience.

Somehow, this time was different.



It was hard to imagine leaving my friends and all the wonderful things centered in Germany. I did not know what to do.

My friends and I responded by trying to keep our minds on other things.

One day we decided to have a going away party at my house.

We played Twister, we talked and we hugged each other. We even walked to our favorite ice cream parlor for the last time to get a cone of German ice cream.

These last couple of days were really hard, and when it was time for everyone to go home, all you could hear were sniffles and tears and good-byes.

We all promised never to forget each other.

We haven't.

I still remember them and how much they meant to me.

Although leaving Germany and moving to Texas was difficult, I will never forget the good times I had there and the many friendships I shared.

By letting go and moving forward, I learned to live with life's ups and downs and was able to overcome any fears of the unknown.

I have learned to be confident and more outgoing. Now, I do not hesitate to meet new people and challenges with an open mind.

After all, one must learn to accept and embrace what is military life.

We are doing an important job, and although it can be difficult and sad at times, it also opens the door to new friendships, experiences, and memories.

How have you dealt with a setback in your life?



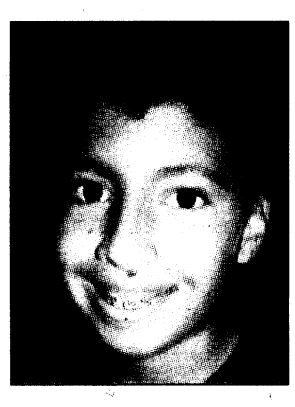
Jasmine Raw, 12, seventh grade

"When I left my friends in Germany, I felt sad. My attitude changed for the better when I realized I was moving to America — a chance of a lifetime. I feel lucky to have the opportunity to live in so many different countries, but I still wish my friends were with me. Hopefully, I'll see them again when I move back to Germany."



Kanieceya Brown, 12, seventh grade

"One of my biggest setbacks was when I moved to a new school. I felt really uncomfortable. I decided I would not talk to anyone and I'd be really quiet. For me, this was hard, because "talk" is my middle name. I also didn't go outside when I was home. All I did was drive my family crazy by complaining. After about a month, I finally opened up to people. I'll never do the silent thing again."

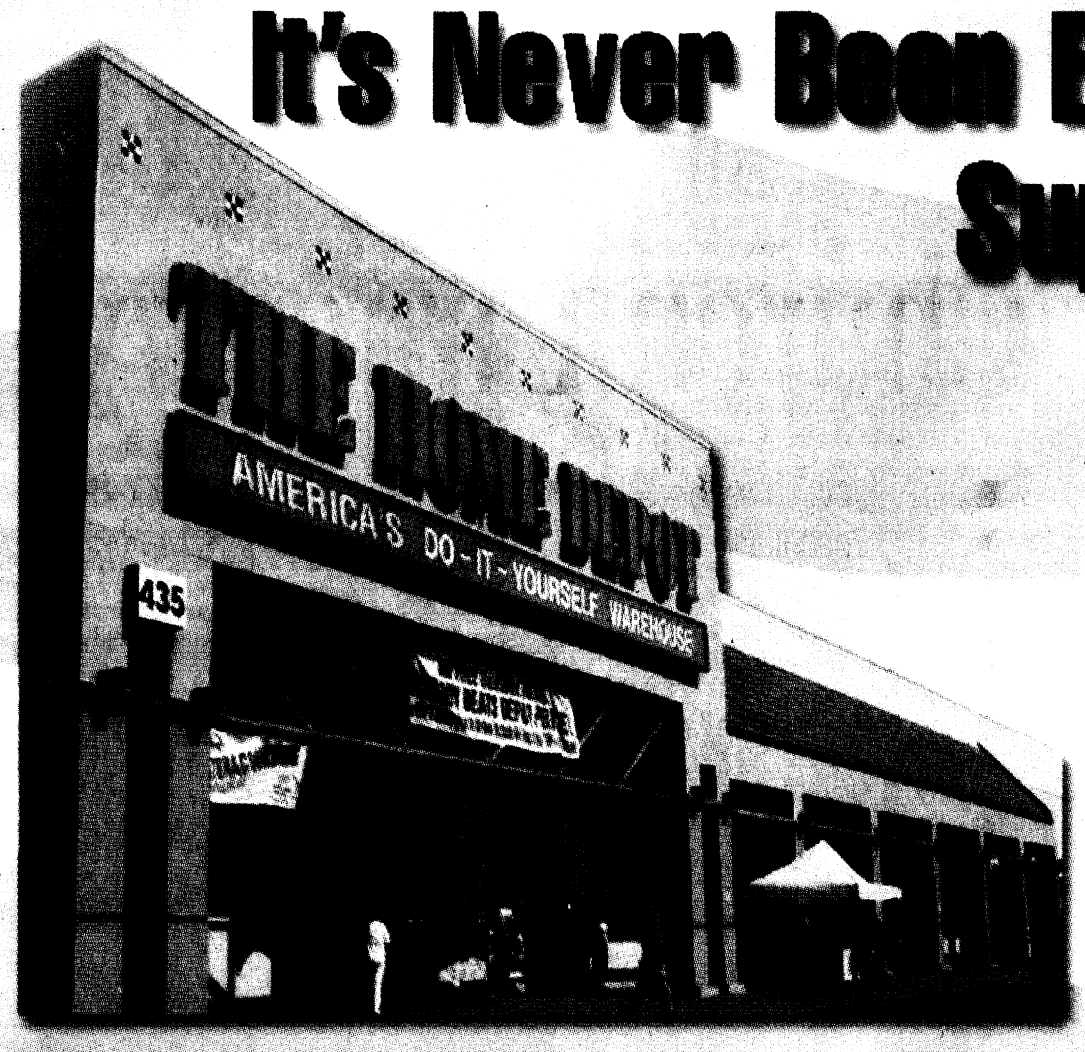


Alex Melendez, 12, seventh grade

"My setback was when I made a C on my report card. I was so angry with my teachers and blamed them for my grade. I had to learn it wasn't the teacher's fault that I got a C. It was all mine. I learned I needed to focus more on my work no matter what else comes up. My next report card was great. I made the A-B honor roll, and it was all because of my hard work."

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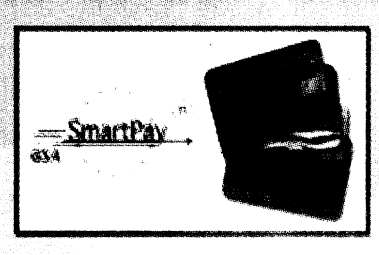
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Ever feel like the parents in the Steve Martin comedy *Cheaper By The Dozen*?

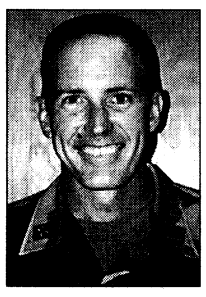
Hopefully, none of your children have soaked anybody's underwear in raw meat lately and unleashed your neighborhood's dogs on them! But you may have experienced the same tug-of-war on the inside that this movie's mother and father did trying to balance life dreams, career aspirations and dedicated parenting.

When that perfect "opportunity" comes along, or a great career PCS comes knocking, and your internal buzzer goes off warning that each of those may come at a price, it sometimes seems as if all of life's expectations can't quite fit into the jar, can they?

What do you do when your expectations seem to run at cross-purposes to raising healthy, happy kids who love their mom and dad?

Gary Smalley, in a great book entitled *The Key To Your Child's Heart*, offers some proven steps that can help you raise motivated, obedient and loving children — and what parent doesn't want that?

Run down this checklist and see where you're doing great and where you hope to move forward some in expressing loving support:



Hawkins

• **Unconditional commitment**. I express to my child that I don't just love them because of what they do ... I love them because of whose they are ... mine!

• **Scheduled times.** Do my children know that I set aside life's demands regularly to just "be with them?"

• **Am I emotionally available?**

If my child needs emotional first aid, will he come to my ER? Is it attractive and accessible to her?

• **Frequent eye contact.** Do I look at my children, really look at them, when they are talking to me?

• **Focused listening.** On a scale of one to five, how well would my child say I listen?

• **Tender touch.** What's the most reassuring, nurturing touch my child enjoys? Is it gentle wrestling with the boys; is it holding and reading with girls; is it vice versa at your home?

Join me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sunday as we continue our series *Cheaper By The Dozen* — Building a *7th Heaven* Family in a *Jerry Springer* World.

I'll also be giving away a free trip to Disney World this month.

Religious education vital to families

Tom Taylor
Protestant Director of Religious Education

This month, we focus on religious education. When you hear these words, what comes to your mind? Do these words have any special meaning to us?

Let me share with you a very personal experience I had as a small boy living in a small town in Kentucky.

I had just finished the first grade, and my parents were trying to find some activity I could become involved in for the summer.

They looked in the newspaper, and found the local church was having a vacation bible school. They thought this would be good for me.

This was my first introduction to what we today call religious education. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. I still remember my vacation bible school teacher, Mrs. Ray.

She shared some of the great Bible stories and made them come to life for me. I would go home each day and share my experience with my parents. I was sad to see that week come to an end.

But my teacher also shared with me that I could come to Sunday School each week and hear more great stories of the Bible.

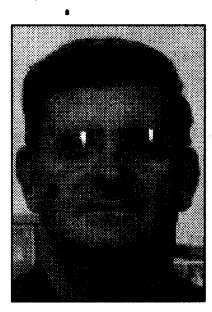
I went home and asked my parents if they would take me to Sunday School, and they did not seem to be very excited.

Sunday came around, and when I got out of bed, I went into my parents' bedroom, woke them up and asked them to take me to Sunday School.

My father is a pharmacist, and he worked late on Saturday evenings, so he told me to go back to bed.

I waited until the next Sunday came, got up out of bed, and again went into my parents' bedroom asking them to take me to Sunday School.

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Taylor

Again I was told to go back to bed because they were tired.

The next Sunday came around. I got up from my bed, and went into my parents' room. I guess I was a little more vocal in asking them to take me to Sunday School because they finally got up out of bed and not only took me to Sunday School, but went with me.

This was the beginning of my faith foundation, and my parents, who at one time were active in the church, made religious education a priority in their lives.

I believe deep down my parents were always concerned about my spiritual welfare, but when they became involved, it made a very big difference in our family.

It brought us all closer to God and each other.

So, we can ask ourselves the question, "What can we do?"

Unfortunately, there is no easy, foolproof recipe that can be followed to guarantee results. However, by looking in the Bible, we can gain some insight into the role of the family.

The entire Old Testament is the story of the preparation of the family into which Christ was born. Their faithfulness and trust in God are virtues our families must imitate and encourage.

A good example of this legacy of the "family dynamic" is in the Old Testament book of Proverbs. Proverbs, though unfortunately overlooked as a "resource guide" by most modern families, is a highly valuable collection of sayings that have been used by parents in order to "train up the child in the way he should go ..." (Proverbs 22:6)

A close look at Proverbs shows the whole idea of religious instruction as a process in and of itself was foreign to the Old Testament mind.

Religious instruction was not something understood as an optional addition to a secular education as it is in today's society; rather, the entire process was seen as something intrinsically divine because it dealt with all dimensions of life in an integral way:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Prov. 1:7).

Moreover, Proverbs deals with not only the subjects of faith and morality, it also embraces the practical aspects of life: Marriage, business and even politics (See Prov. 11:1; 20:28).

Religious education is very important to our families. When we become involved in religious education and instruction, we will grow stronger in our faith and practice.

We have a lot to offer you in religious education and worship services at Fort Benning.

We will have a Religious Education Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Gordon Field (next to the post movie theater). In the case of rain, the festival will be 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

There will be rides and activities for all ages, and there will be the opportunity to sign up for religious education programs to include Sunday School, Catholic Religious Education, Faith Formation, youth groups, Bible studies and women's groups.

I hope you will join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

If you would like more information concerning religious education opportunities, call 545-5508 or 545-4715 and we will be glad to assist 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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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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SPORTS



Spc. David Foley

A Red Devil player takes a whack at the softball during Monday night's game.

Bulls gore Devils

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment's Bulls trampled the 14th Combat Support Hospital's Red Devils, 17-5, for the post championship in intramural softball action Monday evening.

The Red Devils pounded CRC's softball team, 15 to 5, leaving them to pick up the third-place trophy just before running with the Bulls.

The Devils were able to keep their momentum throughout the first inning, scoring three runs to the Bulls two. But they ran out of steam in the second, letting the Bulls trot away with 11 runs unchallenged, bringing the score to 14-2 and the Devils were unable to close the gap.

"They just out hit us," said Chris Harris, Devils' coach. "They gave a super effort."

Clay Coleman, Bull's coach, said he was glad to see the team's hard work pay off with a championship title.

"We just came out, played hard and played together," he said. "It's a hitter's game."

Pacelli finds defensive end in 'Jelly'

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

At 5 feet, 10 inches tall and 230 pounds, Pacelli High School freshman Jervelous "Jelly" Drisdom is well on his way to being a force to be reckoned with as a defensive end on the varsity football team.

But the 14-year-old is learning the value of patience.

"My weakness is not knowing the mental aspect of the game," he said. "Not knowing the defensive formations, since this is my first year."

That's right. Jelly has never played organized football before. And yet Pacelli's head football coach Kevin Pettis recruited the untested player.

"I saw him when he came to watch a game at Doughboy Stadium while he was still at Faith Middle School," Pettis said. "I thought 'Wow, there is a big kid!'

"We talked to him and we thought we could make him into a great football player. So far, he hasn't let us down."

What made Jelly decide at 14 that he wanted to be a football player?

"I've always wanted to play football, but basketball always got in the way," he said. "Then when I couldn't get the position I wanted, I decided to finally go try football."

So football may not be number one for the young player, but he doesn't cut corners in football or in anything else he puts his mind to.

Academically, he is an honor roll student and his essay on the importance of attending college was published in a major national magazine.

He works to better himself and his peers in other ways too.

He is currently the president of the 100 Black Men Mentoring Program, which consists of about 30 middle and high school students from the local area.

While involved in that program for the last two years, Jelly has completed workshops in interpersonal skills, citizenship, drug awareness, gang awareness, career planning, personal finance, public speaking and thinking outside the box.

"Jervelous has been involved with 100 Black Men for nearly two years and has matured tremendously," said Columbus deputy city manager Isaiah Hugley. "He is smart, athletic, assertive and a leader — an outstanding young man with a bright future."

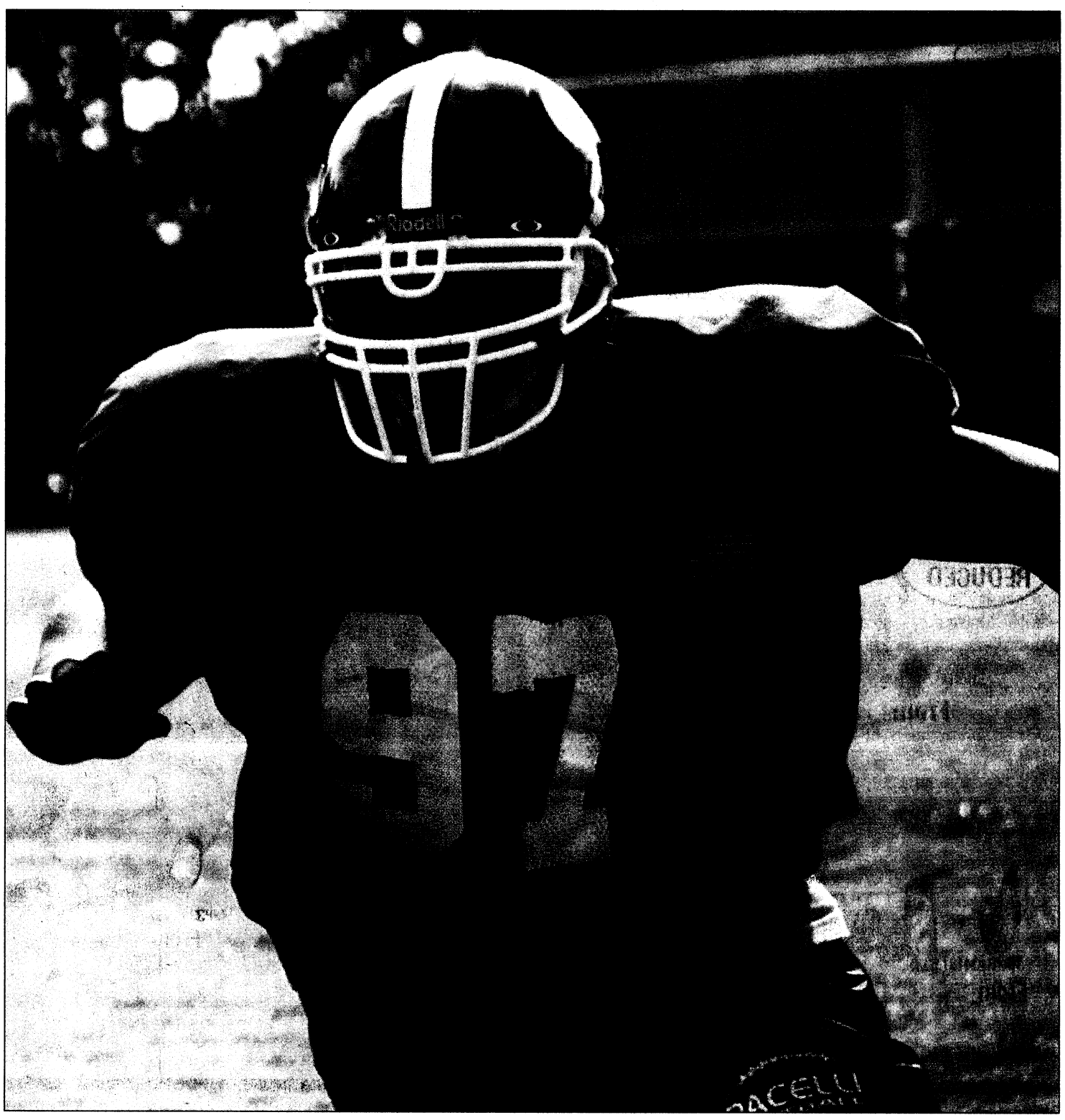
Juggling daily practices, football games, homework, church and 100 Black Men isn't as much of a challenge for him as for others because of some valuable lessons Jelly said he has learned.

"Over the years, my mom always taught me to manage my time and put what's important first," he said.

Jelly's mom, Shirlonda Lewis, works for the Directorate of Combat Developments here.

"I am very proud of all Jervelous has accomplished," Lewis said. "I always tell him

See **JELLY**, C-2



Spc. Nikki St.Amant

Pacelli's Jervelous "Jelly" Drisdom is an up and coming force to be reckoned with, even as a freshman.

Post paintball facility draws people of all ages



Melissa House

Erica Perfetto loads her Tippman sniper rifle before heading into the paintball arena at the grand opening Sept. 9.

Grand opening attracts Soldiers from other posts

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Paintball isn't just for kids.

Judging from the number of adult enthusiasts who attended the grand opening festivities Sept. 9, Fort Benning's paintball facility appeals to kids of all ages.

The Infantry Center's assistant commandant, Col. James Yarbrough, cut the ribbon outside the course, and within a few minutes, the first speedball round was underway.

Hector Arroyo stood outside the netting, preferring to watch as a fellow Soldier tested his newest paintball marker, the Angel WDP, a tournament gun able to launch up to 13 paintballs per second.

Arroyo, who arrived at Fort Benning last year, is looking forward to getting out on the course himself. He started playing paintball at age 16, in Puerto Rico, completely by accident.

"Some of my friends were playing," Arroyo said, "and I got hit by mistake. So I asked for a gun and started shooting at them. That was it for me."

Arroyo left his markers behind when he left for a tour in Korea. He found, to his surprise, a lot of people were playing. He called his wife, had her send his guns, and was out playing two weeks later.

When he finally gets out on the speedball course here, Arroyo said he'll be shooting paintballs that reflect his personality — red.

Paintball is a family affair of sorts for Deb McVey, a nurse with the 1207th U.S. Army Hospital, who was at the grand opening despite having an injured wrist that kept her sidelined. She and her daughter, Erica Perfetto, started playing more than a year ago with McVey's fiancé, Tim Tarr.

"Paintball is good practice," McVey said. Since she's assigned to a hospital, she said doesn't have the same requirements for weapons qualification as other Soldiers.

Perfetto, who works on Fort Benning, was the lone female outfitted and armed at the grand opening. She held her own and took some of the guys to task at the end of one round for continuing to shoot at her after she indicated she had been hit.

Although he's enjoyed the sport since he purchased his first marker in 1989, Tarr said he's looking forward to getting into the paintball industry in a few years when he hangs up his Army boots. The military policeman with the 561st Military Police Company at Fort Campbell, Ky., has played paintball all over the country and in Europe.

"I couldn't play in the tournament in Iraq," Tarr said, "because it was in Baghdad and I was in Mosul."

He said the speedball format at Fort Benning will be a money-maker. Because the field is twice as big as most, it is ideal for teams of up to 10, and would allow games to run longer than a few minutes.

Tarr owns nine markers and his own carbon dioxide tank with multiple fill stations.

"I have 15 years invested," he said. One of his more recent purchases is a $1,500 Angel Speed marker, in which the brochure calls "the fastest gun on Earth."

Hauling his gear, he said, requires a sport-utility vehicle, because some paintball fields don't have roads leading to them.

Tarr also needed his SUV to haul his gear to Fort Benning. He was on leave for the grand opening ceremony.

"I've been waiting patiently for this sanctioned field to open," he said. "I got status reports regularly."

For more information about the paintball park, call 545-7978.

MWR hosts Hunting Open House

Fishing, camping also covered

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's second annual Hunting Open House is scheduled for 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Officers' Club.

The Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation will host the open house to inform the community about outdoor recreation opportunities on Fort Benning.

Topics include hunting and fishing policies and procedures and DMWR rental equipment and sale items, such as licenses, permits and merchandise.

"We do this to try and encourage people to share the experience and take advantage of the open house to learn about the laws and regulations," said Col. Mike Beasock, event coordinator. "We also introduce new hunters to experienced hunters and show them what clubs are available, like the Rifle and Pistol Club and the BASS Club.

"We will also highlight the weapons policy on Fort Benning so hunters won't get in trouble," he said.

There will also be several important announcements during the open house, including plans for archery hunting on the Follow Me Golf Course and days that hunters can use English Range to zero their rifles for free, Beasock said.

Hunters will also be able to register their weapons and vehicles with post agencies during the open house.

"The open house is great for everybody whether you're a hunter or not," said Bill Brickner, one of last year's event coordinators. "They discuss camping and fishing regulations also."

"Last year's open house was outstanding," said Beasock. "Much better than expected."

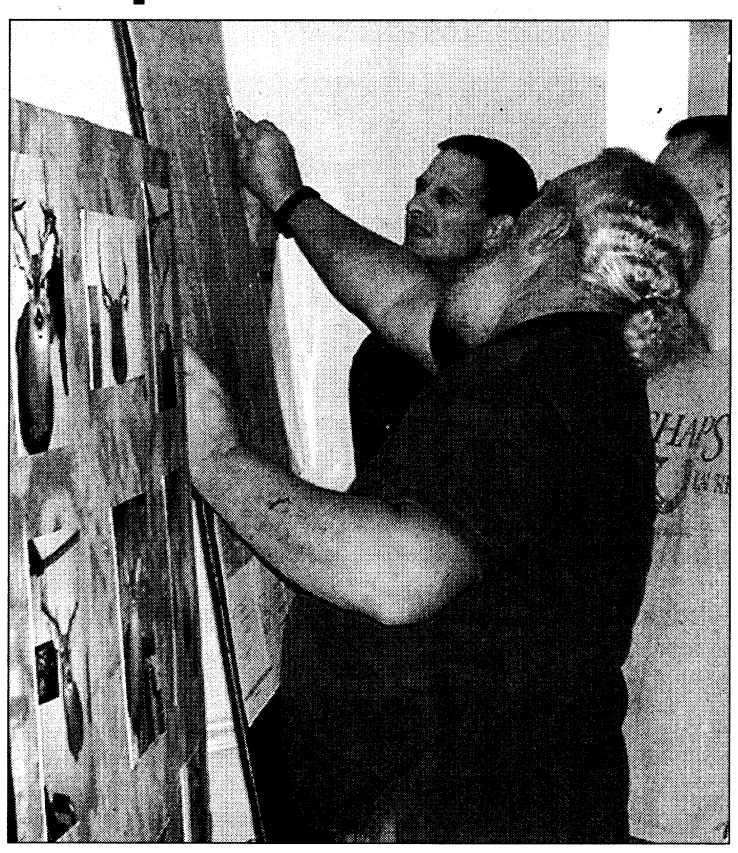
Beasock said more than 500 people attended last year's event, which is a 10-fold increase from previous years. They also received an outpouring of support from the local community.

That support, he said, is one of the reasons for the increased attendance.

Vendors donated various items and services as door prizes for last year's open house, and Beasock said he has already seen similar support from the community for the upcoming open house.

The prizes for this year's event include free meat processing, restaurant and food coupons, cameras, scents and lures, and the list goes on, Beasock said.

For more information about the open house call Tabitha Smith, DMWR Marketing, at 545-3328.



Courtesy photo

Burt Davis, an experienced post hunter, shows hunters new to the area where to find different game during last year's open house.

Jelly: Football isn't only egg in basket

Continued from C-1

a good attitude and a humble spirit will take him a long way. If he acknowledges God in all ways, he will direct his path."

Jelly's said his path will be bright whether or not he makes it in football.

He said he believes he has the talent to go far, but if he doesn't, he is working hard to make sure his other dream, to be a lawyer, comes true.

"School for me comes first," he said. "I look at football as a way to keep me out of trouble and stay involved with the school. I have great speed and I know I can learn the game, so I do think I have what it takes to make it to the next level."

With football coming in second behind school, Jelly has big expectations for his sophomore season.

"I see myself starting next year and moving on to college or even the pros," he said.

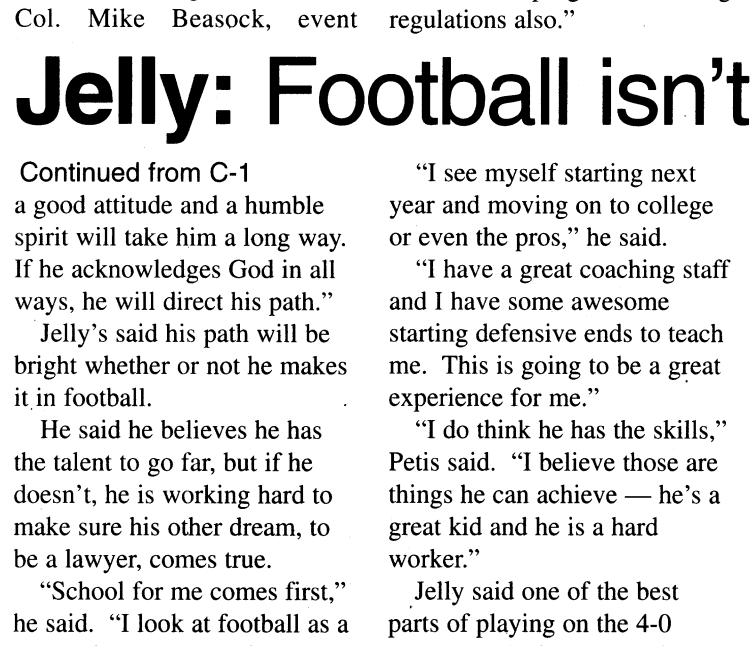
"I have a great coaching staff and I have some awesome starting defensive ends to teach me. This is going to be a great experience for me."

"I do think he has the skills," Petis said. "I believe those are things he can achieve — he's a great kid and he is a hard worker."

Jelly said one of the best parts of playing on the 4-0 team, wasn't the necessarily the winning, but the guys he is playing next to.

"I couldn't ask for a better bunch of guys for teammates; they're like brothers," he said.

"I think we win because these guys don't play with talent alone, they play with heart."



Jelly talks shop with defensive coach Calvin Baker.



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Jelly weighs in at about 230 pounds, and at 5 feet, 10 inches and only 14 years old, there is plenty of time to grow into a quick-footed wall of solid defense.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

CYS needs coaches — Child and Youth Services needs coaches for youth soccer, football, baseball, basketball and cheerleading.

For more information, call 545-3582 or stop by Building 359.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park is offering special hours for adults.

Operational hours for adult ID card holders, who are at least 18 and out of high school, will be 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The skateboard park will not be open to youth Sundays and Mondays.

There is no charge for adult usage of the park.

Users are required to wear a helmet and sign a release form.

These hours are offered on a trial basis for approximately three months.

For more information, call Richard Martin at 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for both aquatic and dry land.

Aquatic hours are from 5 to 6 p.m. three days a week and dry land hours vary. Requirements include an Instructor Certification.

For more information, call Larry McCoy at 545-4388.

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.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

off post

PRCA rodeo — The Harris County Cattleman's Association is sponsoring the 16th annual PRCA Rodeo in Hamilton, Ga., today and Saturday at the Mike Tracy Arena on Hwy. 116 East.

Both performances start at 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from $10 per adult, $5 per child (ages 6 to 11) and free for children ages 5 and under. Tickets will be sold at the gate. There will be some games and rides for kids.

For more information, call Bill Hogue at 324-7801, 662-3214 or 545-0948.

Callaway Golf Tournament — The Resort at Callaway will host the second annual Ida Cason Callaway Foundation Golf Tournament Sept. 27.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams with an array of door prizes as well as awards for "closest to the pin" on holes eight and 12 and "longest drive" on the 18th hole.

Tournament registration will be from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a buffet lunch and a shotgun start at noon.

Cost is $600 per foursome.

To register or for more information, call Judy Gosa at 663-5096.

Columbus Track Club — The Columbus Track Club will present Run or Walk the Riverwalk Series, starting Oct. 2. The objective is to run or walk the Riverwalk from Lake Oliver Marina to Fort Benning.

Dates are Oct. 2, Oct. 16 and Oct. 30. The series will finish Nov. 2 with the running results and national election results at 7 p.m. at the Draft American Grill and Tap, located at 3201 First Avenue in Columbus.

Cost is free for Columbus Track Club members, $10 for non-members for each run or $25 for all three.

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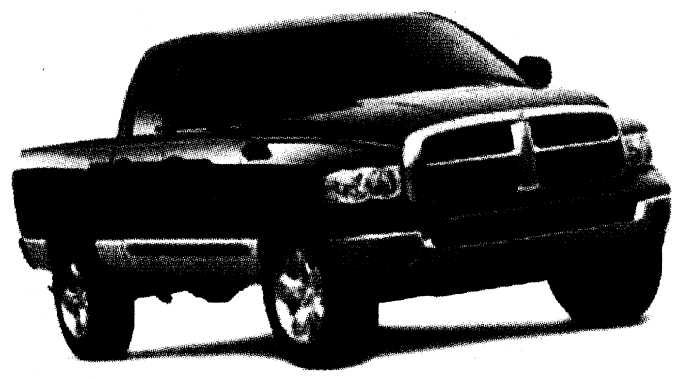
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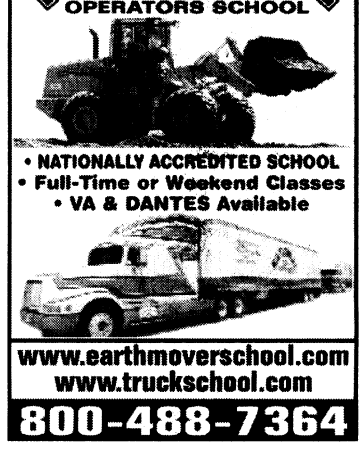
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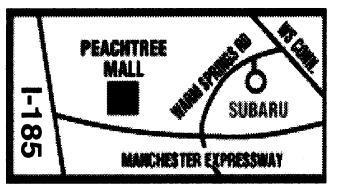
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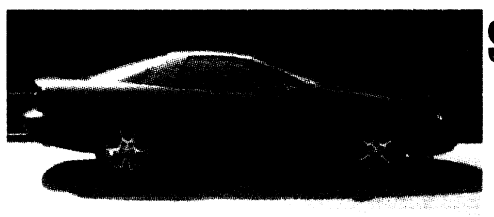


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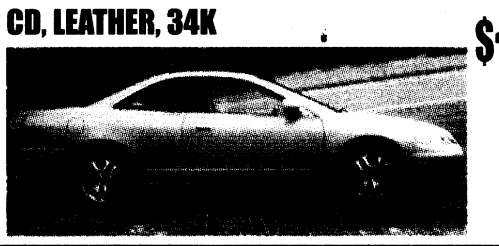
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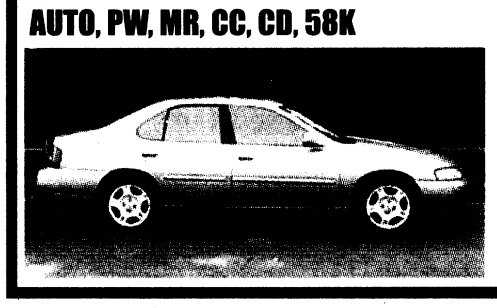
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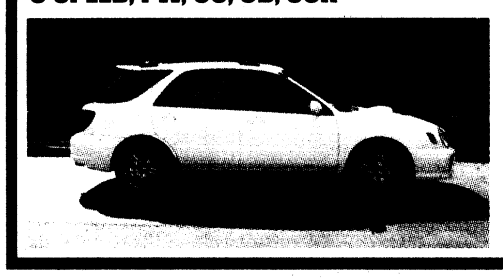
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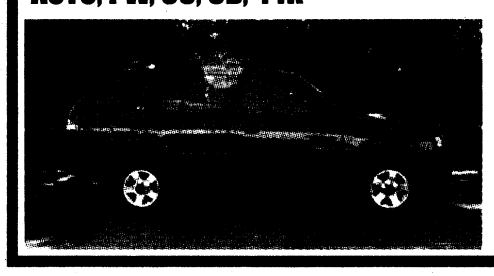
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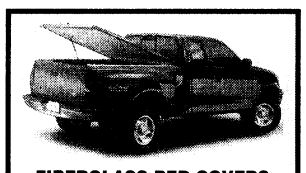
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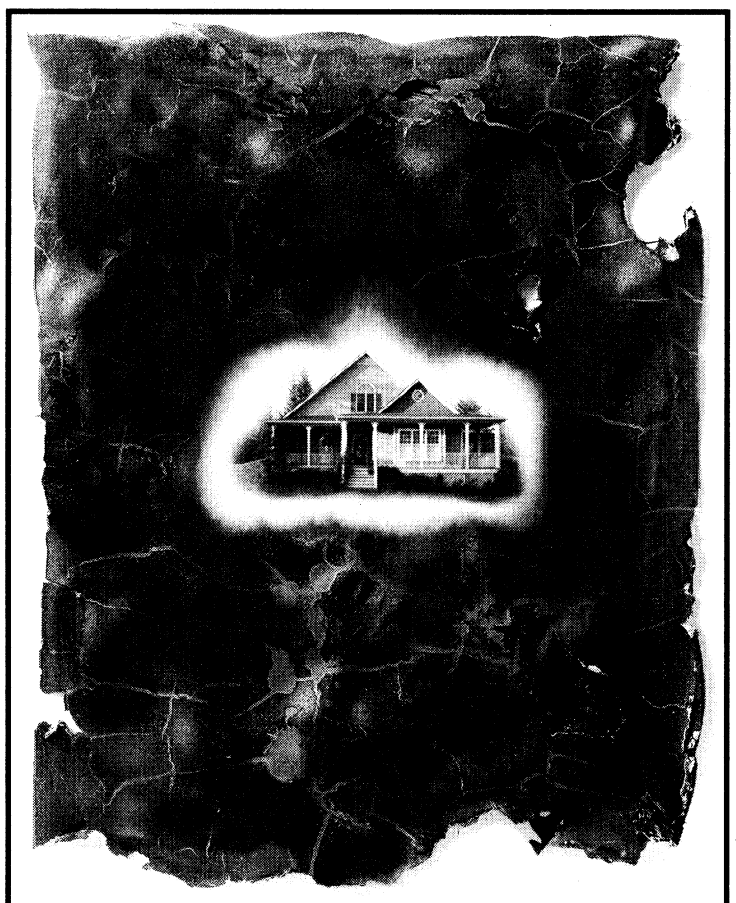
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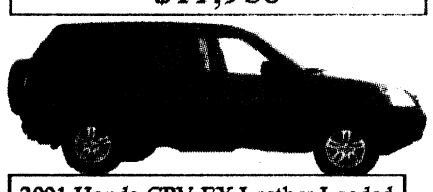
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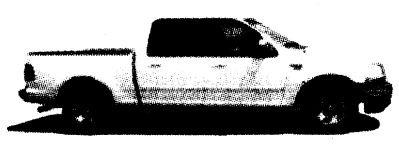
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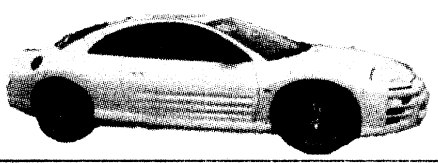
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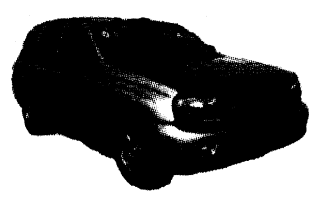
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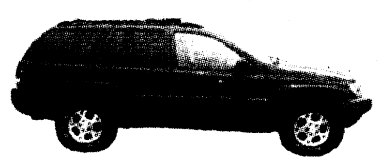
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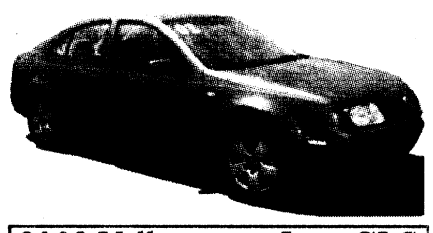
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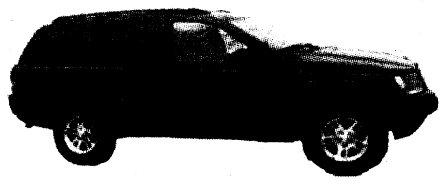
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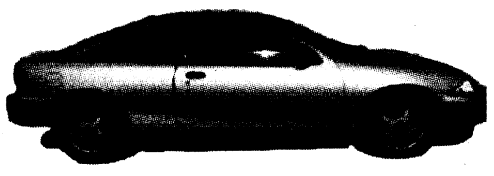
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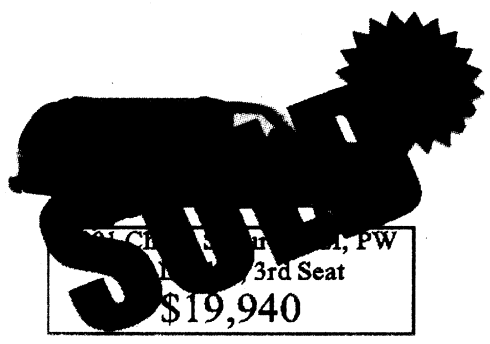
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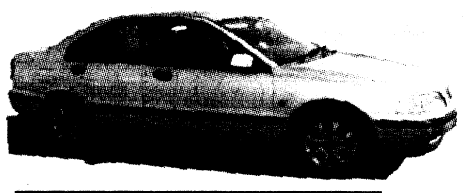


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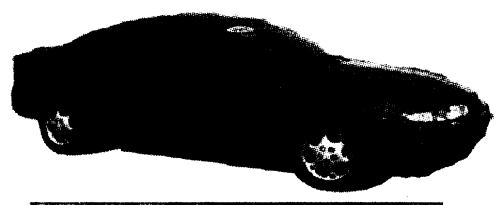
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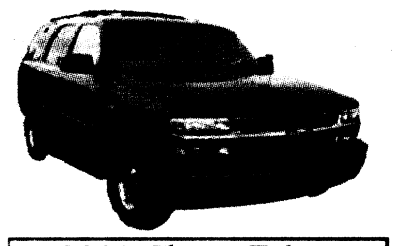
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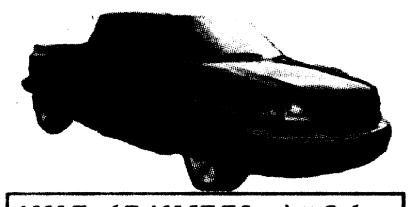
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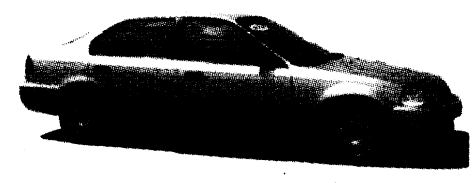
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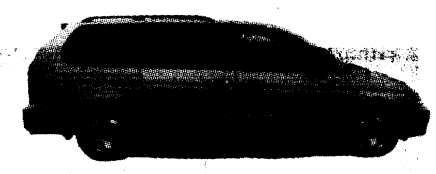
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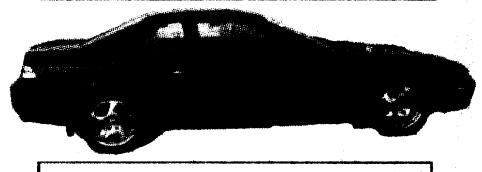
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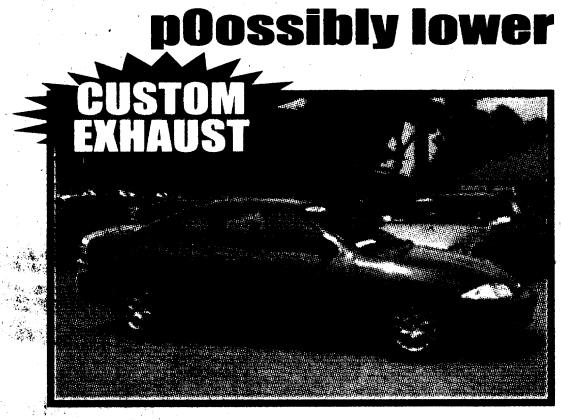
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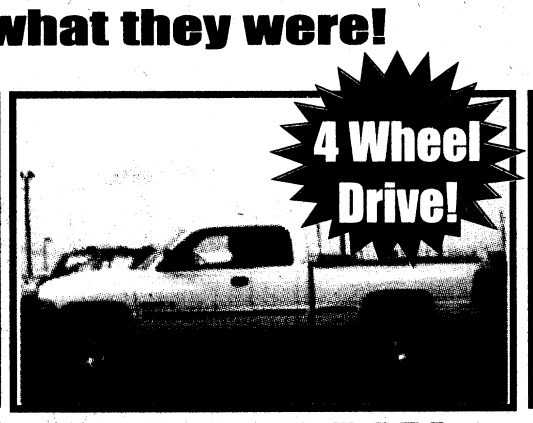
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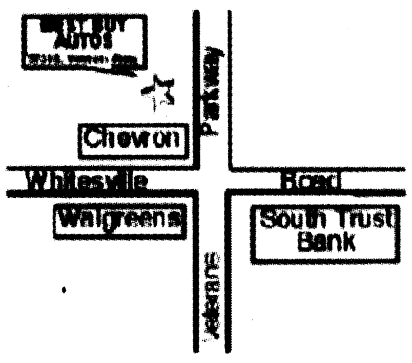
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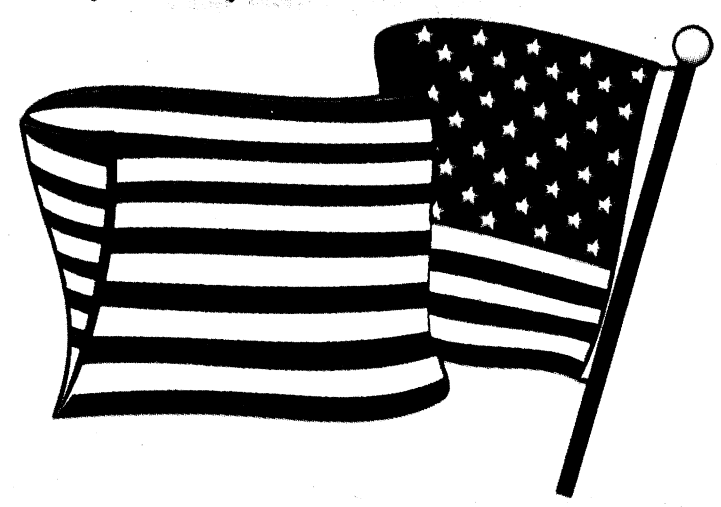
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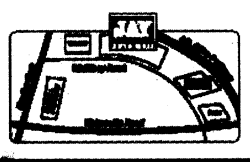
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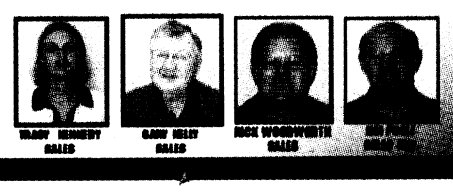
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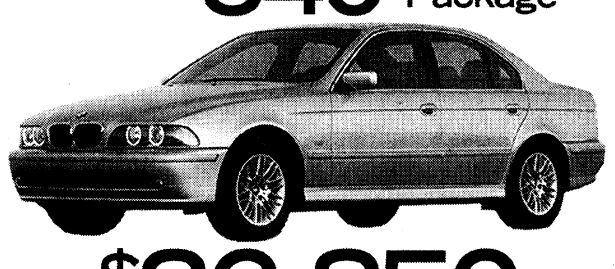
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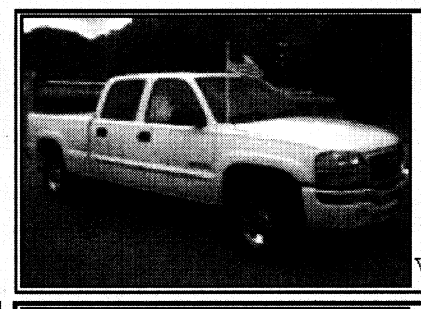
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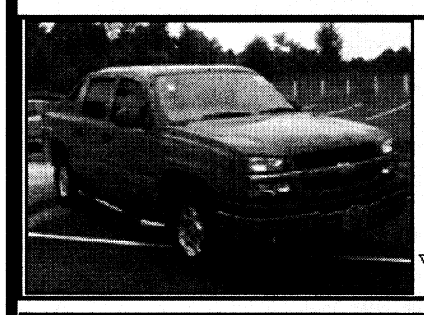
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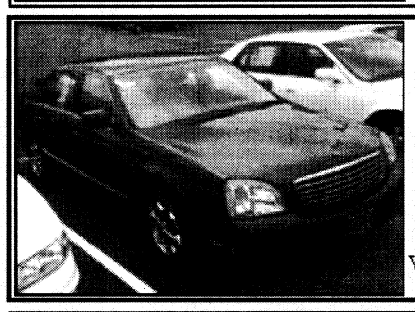
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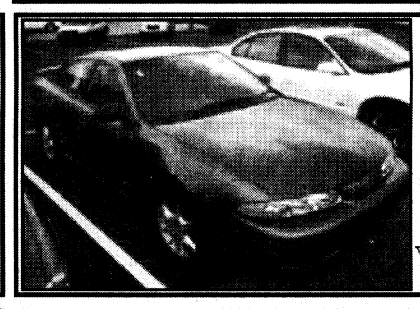
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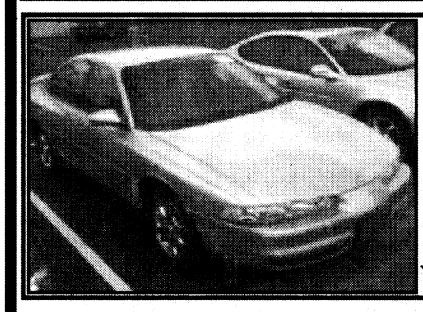
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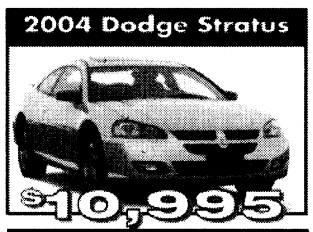
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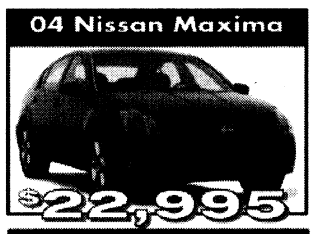
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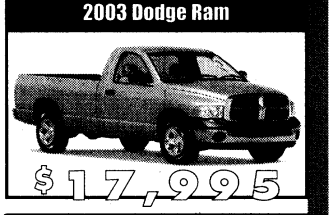
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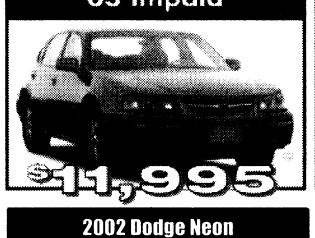
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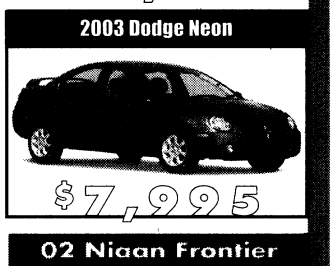
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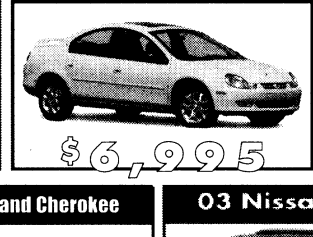
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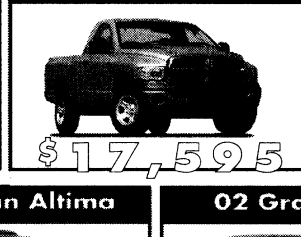
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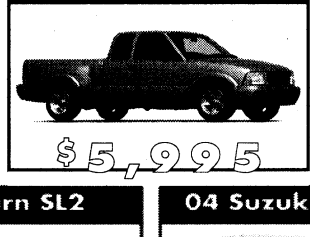
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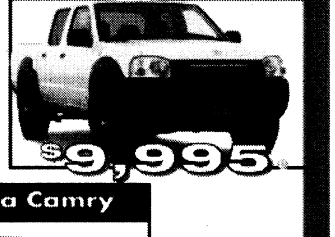
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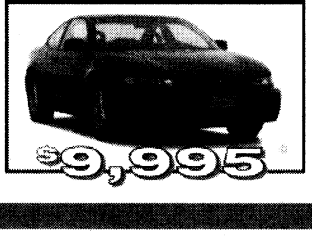
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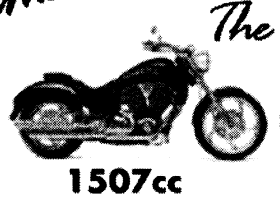
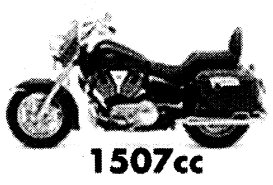
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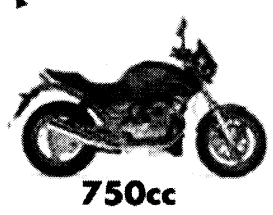
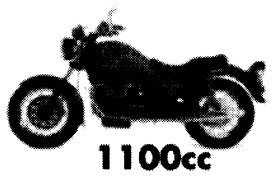
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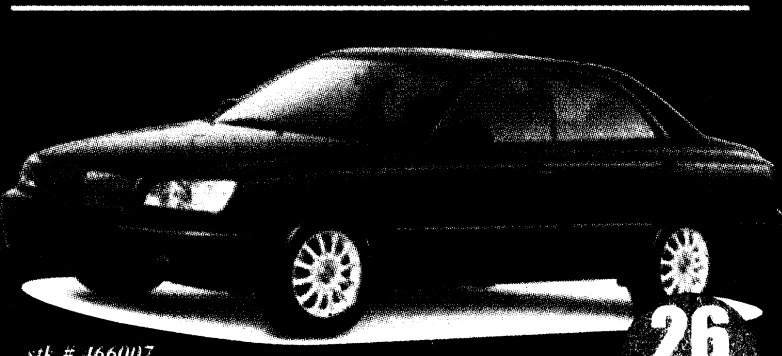
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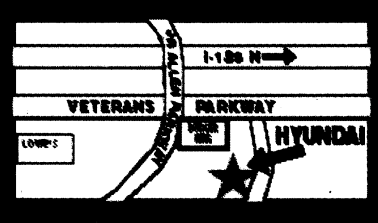
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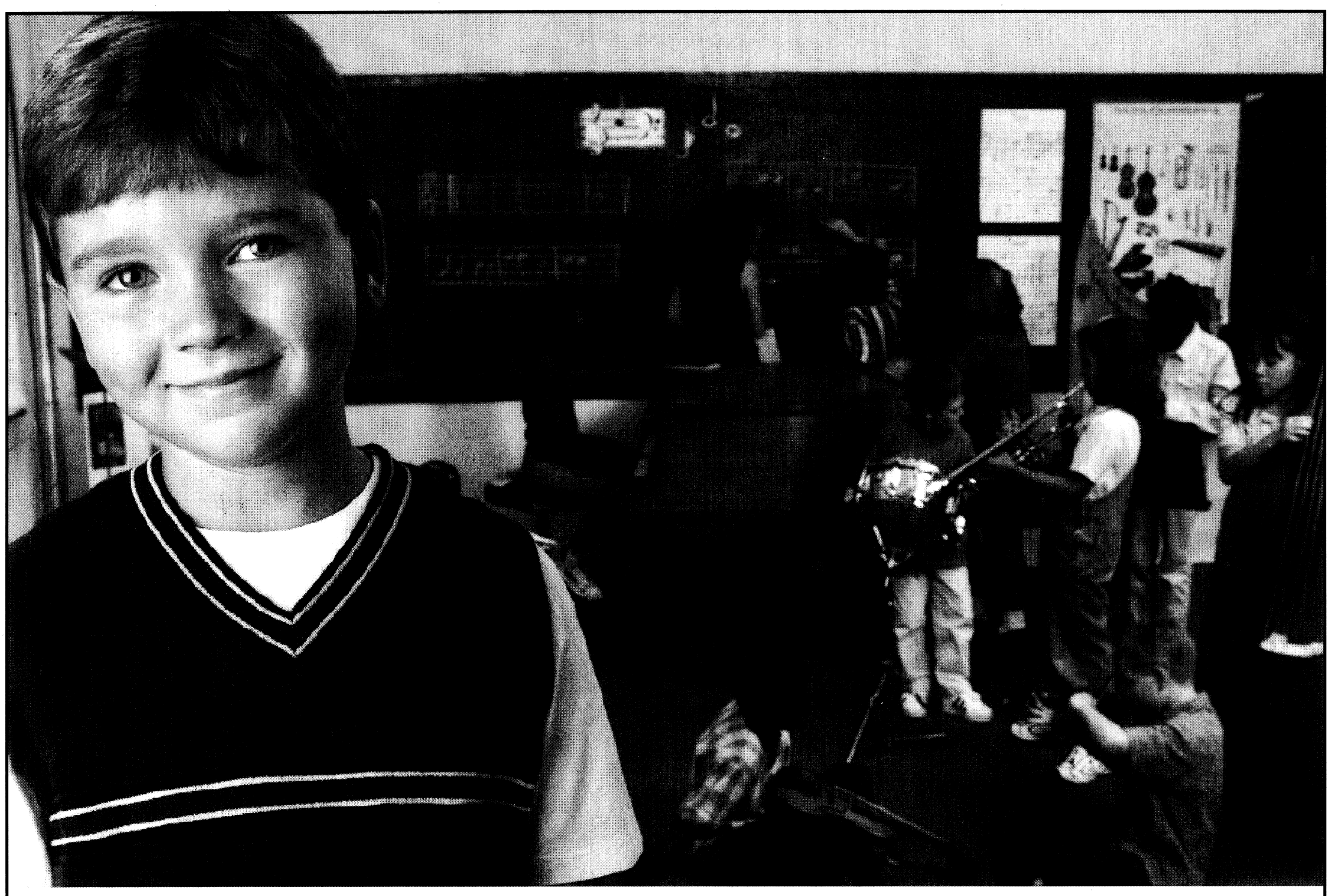
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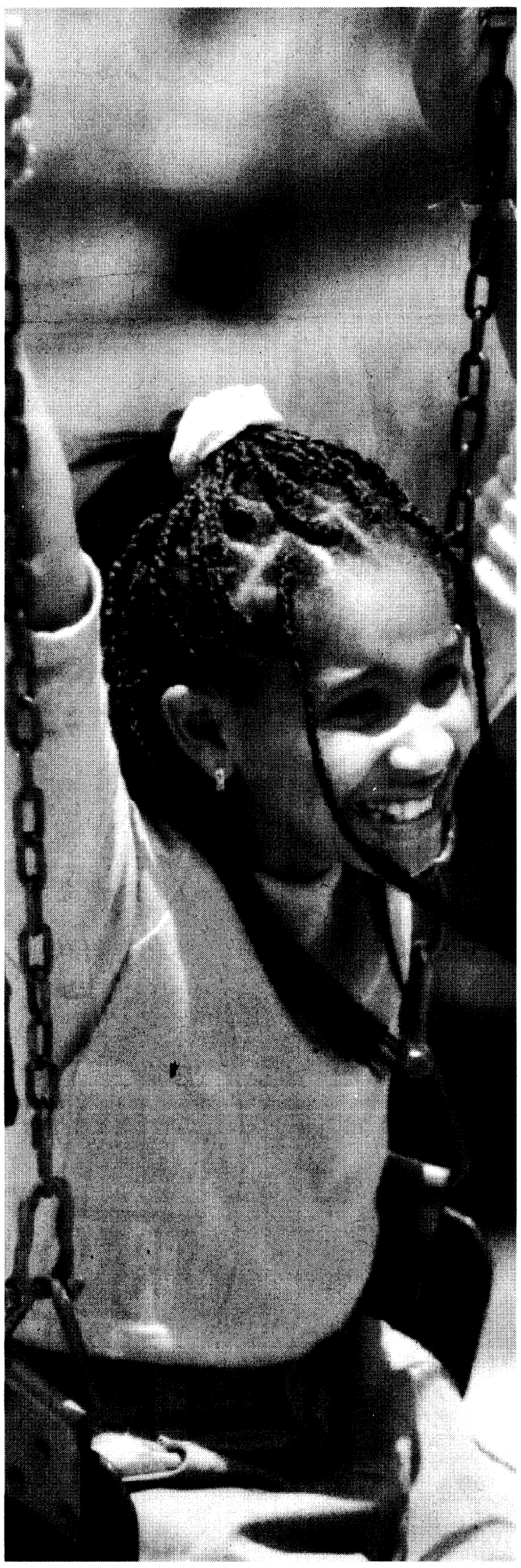
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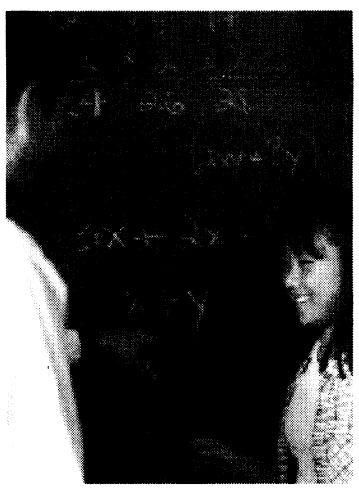
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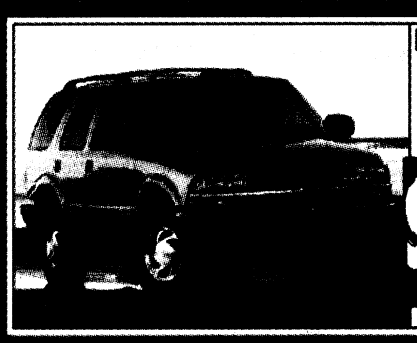


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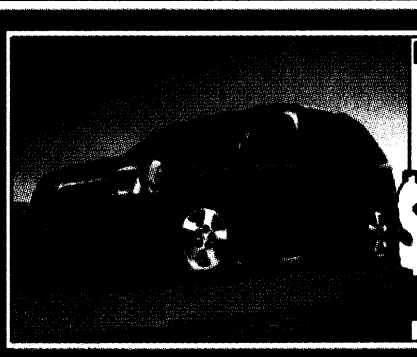


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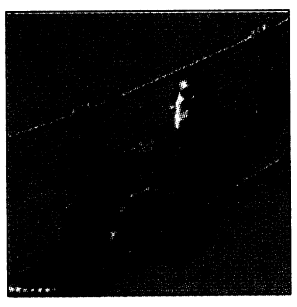
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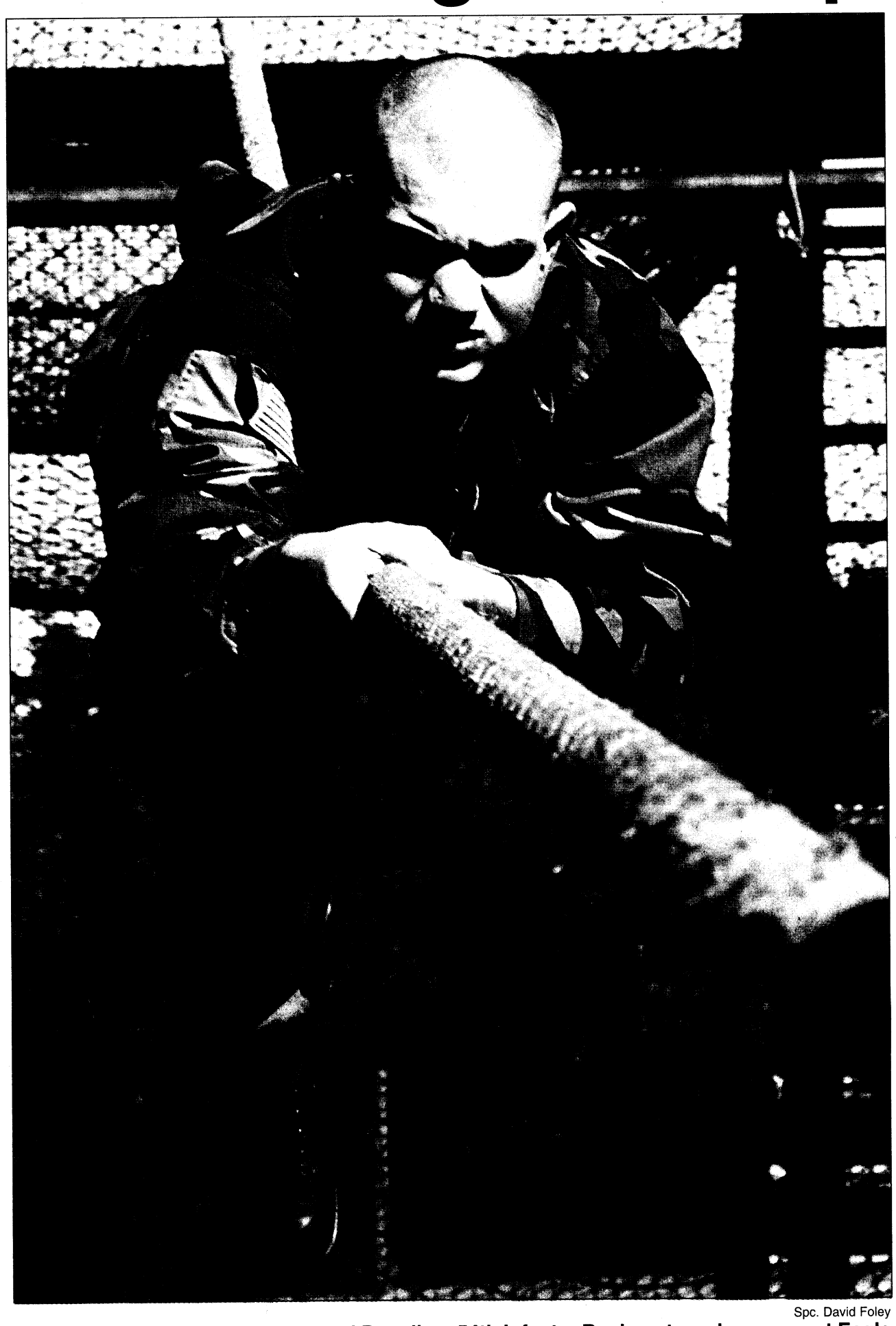
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CG: Benning has new priorities



Spc. David Foley

Pvt. Christian Hurt, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, scales a rope at Eagle Tower on Sand Hill Monday afternoon. Dodge is one of about 11,000 basic training Soldiers on Fort Benning this week. Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said basic training Soldiers are the post's top priority in light of the fact that the average time between graduation and deployment to a combat zone is just 27 days. See page A-12 for story.

IET Soldiers, modularity take focus

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning's focus has shifted during the past year — the new priorities are training initial entry Soldiers and getting modular, said Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley during his State of the Infantry speech Tuesday morning.

About 1,500 people turned out for the annual update, during which Freakley addressed everything infantry, from training and equipment to the future fighting force.

But the most important focus right now, Freakley said, is the young infantryman filtering through the ranks on Sand Hill.

"Our infantry Soldiers joining the Army today, they know that, in all likelihood, they will be in close combat and kill the enemy," Freakley said.

Unlike some Soldiers, who enlist with the hopes that they'll never see combat, today's infantrymen sign up ready to serve their country on the frontlines of freedom, he said.

"Pat Tillman is the face of the infantry Ranger, who gave up a life in the NFL to come into the Army," he said. "But I'm telling you, there's thousands of them. There are thousands of Pat Tillmans."

And many of those Soldiers who gave up their lives on the outside for the chance to defend the principles which made their country free will get the chance to do just that within weeks of graduation.

"At one time, we trained Soldiers to join their units," Freakley said. "Today, we train Soldiers to go to combat.

"The average time between graduating from basic training at Fort Benning and going to combat is 27 days," he said. "We *have* to ensure that our Soldiers trained at Fort Benning are trained to join their units in

See **UPDATE,** A-7

Groundbreaking makes history

National Infantry Museum building kicks off

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

History was made on a small patch of grass off of South Lumpkin Road Tuesday afternoon, as the groundbreaking ceremony for the National Infantry Museum took place after eight years.

"This ceremony is significant for many reasons," said Columbus Mayor Bob Poydasheff. "We believe that, when completed, this is going to be a signature facility for our community."

Poydasheff said the museum is vital in revitalizing the economy in Columbus South because it is expected to bring more than 300,000 visitors to the area every year.

"Visitors will come here from all over the country and all over the world to pay tribute to the great infantry Soldier who has made this country the great country that it is today," he said.

Retired Maj. Gen. Jerry White, chairman of the National Infantry Foundation, said this was a special day for Columbus, Fort Benning and all those who have sacrificed so much to protect the freedom of this nation.



Brandon McGahee

Soldiers from the Basic Combat Training Brigade and the 11th Infantry Regiment dressed in vintage infantry uniforms during the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday.

"Building this museum sounds like it started 50 years ago, but really it was only about eight years ago, when Frank Lumpkin offered us funds to restore seven historic buildings from from the World War II era," he said.

The buildings include barracks that were saved from demolition in 1994. Once Lumpkin donated the

See **MUSEUM,** A-7

Post to honor Hispanic heritage

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning will host its annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

The theme for this year's event is "Hispanic Americans: Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation" and is being sponsored by the Equal Opportunity Office.

Master Sgt. Vincent McNeill, EOO NCOIC, said the main purpose for the free event is to educate the Fort Benning community.

"Education is the bottom line," McNeill said. "It's important that we recognize the diversity in the Army. We are all part of the same Army."

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

Charity begins at home

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

Hair falling out? Itchy skin condition? Concerned about how horses past their prime are cared for? Want to bring to justice smugglers of orangutans? Lack self-esteem? Or how about a compulsive disorder, like my mother-in-law, who gets upset if the toilet paper isn't hung the right way.

Guess what — the Combined Federal Campaign addresses all these issues, in addition to the more familiar ones, such as cancer and heart disease research, care of poor children and proselytizing one's favorite religion.

I firmly believe everyone can afford to give a couple of dollars a pay period to some organization. And if you'll look over the book, you'll find some charity that affects you.

You can also increase your vocabulary if you study the descriptions. For instance, alopecia areata (al-oh-PEE-shah air-ee-AH-tah) is a highly unpredictable, autoimmune skin disease resulting in the loss of hair on the scalp and elsewhere on the body. This common, but very challenging and capricious disease affects approximately 1.7 percent of the population overall,



including more than 4.7 million people in the United States alone. Due to the fact that much of the public is still not familiar with alopecia areata, the disease can have a profound impact on one's life and functional status, both at work and at school.

Sjögren's ("SHOW-grins") syndrome is a chronic disease in which white blood cells attack the moisture-producing glands. The hallmark symptoms are dry eyes and dry mouth, but it is a systemic disease, affecting many and may cause fatigue. It is one of the most prevalent autoimmune disorders, striking as many as 4 million Americans.

You get the picture.

Like I said, I donate, but I'm very particular about who I donate to.

If an organization has administrative costs in the double digit figures, I skip over it.

I won't donate if they don't have a Web site so I can learn more about them and I really turn and run if they have a Web site advertised, but I can't pull it up. Something fishy there.

My double digit policy keeps me from donating to some organizations that I would otherwise donate to, but hey, you've got to draw the line somewhere.

I used to not donate to the Fort Benning and Columbus charities because their admin costs were double digits.

They are now in the single digit category, so I donate. After all, charity begins at home and 9001, Fort Benning Soldier and Family Support Association (even though they don't have a Web site) is top on my list. They do great things for our Soldiers and their families.

I think the United Way of Chattahoochee Valley should get some of my bucks, too, since they're going to help my neighbors. I also like what the USO does for Soldiers. I don't give to the national — their admin costs are 30 percent, but the local is only 3 percent.

And I also toss some money at the Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center.

They have a great little facility right off post that you can visit and on certain weekends they offer programs on local flora and fauna.

So, whether you're inclined to donate to Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association or Alley Cat Allies, it doesn't matter.

Those of us who have, need to give.

When its more than just being moody

Lt. Col Virginia D. Yates
Fort Stewart, Ga.

Depression is very common. Some doctors say nearly 20 million Americans experience depression and that only one in 10 will seek medical attention for it. Depression is more than just being moody or feeling "the blues."

Depression is marked by long periods of feeling very sad and losing interest in everyday events that once were rewarding. Depression affects how one behaves, speaks and thinks. Depression can make people not feel like themselves. Every little thing may be bothersome. There may be nagging aches and pains that don't seem to go away.

The causes of depression are not always clear. Depression can run in families. Scientists believe the brain may not be getting a balance of the naturally occurring chemicals serotonin and norepinephrine. Depression may appear to be caused by an event or for no apparent reason at all.

The symptoms of depression may differ from person to person. Some symptoms may include a persistent sad mood, lack of pleasure in activities, change in sleep or eating habits, or a feeling of worthlessness. There are several signs and symptoms that help a healthcare professional or doctor determine if a person has depression. These include:

- Depressed or irritable mood most of the day — nearly every day
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities (such as hobbies, work, sex or being with friends) most of the day — nearly every day
- A sudden change in weight or appetite
- Inability to sleep or sleeping too much
- Agitation or restlessness (observed by others)
- Constant fatigue or loss of energy
- Frequent feelings of worthlessness or guilt
- Difficulty concentrating or making decisions
- Frequent thoughts of death or suicide

National Depression Screening Day is Oct. 7. There will be five locations on Fort Benning for screening — Infantry Hall's Classroom 7, the Main Mall Post Exchange, and Troop Medical Clinics 1, 2 and 3.

Soldiers or family members who feel too inhibited to use these on-post services, can call the confidential Army-One-Source free, 24-hour, seven-day-per-week service at (800) 464-8107 or www.armyonesource.com (user ID: army, password: onesource)

Help is available. If you don't feel right, don't wait to get help.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parent upset about Stowers' traffic

I'm upset about the way things are going at Stowers. Last year, the parents had such a good relationship with the teachers and the principal. That's no longer the case. We're no longer made to feel welcome.

The new principal changed the rules without anything in writing to enforce what she says is post policy. We have to sign in and show ID when we drop them off in the morning. That's crazy. After 8:30, I understand, but there are more than 600 students in that school.

We as parents want to be treated as if the school is "ours."

One more thing: last year, the youngest grades were dismissed 15 minutes early to alleviate pick-up congestion. That policy was changed this year, and all the students were released at the same time. The resulting traffic jam required as many as five MPs at one time, and pick-up took nearly an hour. Some kids gave up and started walking home.

When that didn't work, rather than revert to the system that worked last year, all the students are being released 15 minutes early. So there's still a traffic mess, but it's cleaned up before the teachers go home.

I realize change isn't always easy, but it doesn't have to be this hard. Please take a good look at how successful things worked last year. Don't change what wasn't broke.

— Evelyn Livermore
Fort Benning

Principal's response:

First and foremost, let me tell you how happy I am to be at Stowers Elementary School.

Change is often uncomfortable because, "the way things used to be," is no longer the case, and believe me, when I first arrived at Stowers, I was out of my comfort zone.

I know that some of the changes this year have taken parents out of their comfort zone, as well.

Let me explain why these changes are necessary.

Signing in — Department of Defense Education Activity Safe Schools Policy states that all visitors must sign in. This is done to provide a record of the identity of the visitor, the time and duration of the visit, and other pertinent control data. It further states that issuance of a visitor badge must be provided and worn during the duration of the visit. As you can see, this is not an arbitrary change.

Identification Check — The regulation mentioned also gives principals the authority to request proof of identity. I chose to require all visitors to show a valid picture ID during the first month of school due to new faces in the office and parents new to Stowers.

Now that the office staff and administrators are able to recognize familiar faces, we will begin to use personal recognition as a means of identification; however, this may mean that while one person recognizes you, another person may not, and as a result, you could still be asked to show proof of identity.

Getting more than 650 students and adults (consisting of 39 classrooms) out of the building in an orderly, safe, and quick manner has been a challenge!

Please accept our apologies for the confusion that occurred while we tried different dismissal procedures until we found the one that works best. While the current plan isn't perfect, it definitely works better, and is faster than anything else we have tried.

We will continue to monitor the traffic situation closely. I encourage parents to share any ideas they might have for improvement in this area.

Please know that the education of Stowers' students, as well as their safety and security, are my utmost priorities.

We have a dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to doing their best so that your children can do their best. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask for a conference with your child's teacher. If Clint. Wise, assistant principal, or I can be of assistance to you, please call upon us.

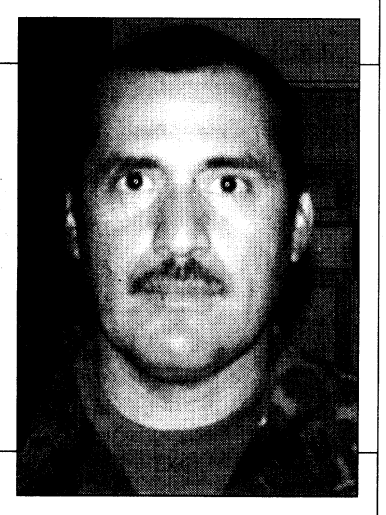
Angie McPherson
Stowers' Elementary School principal

VARIOUS VOICES

What tradition is unique to your home?



Cadet Karen Castillo, Honduras — "La Punta. It's a traditional dance which began during the days of slavery. It's more prominent in the northern coast of Honduras."



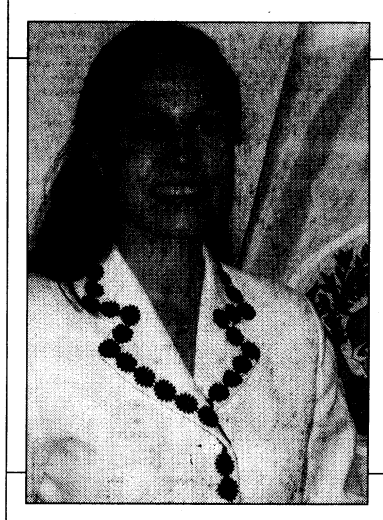
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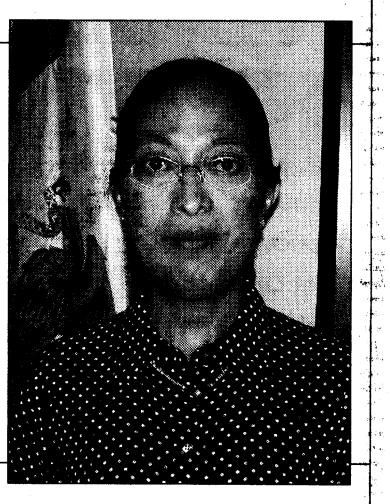
Maria Rodriguez, Puerto Rico — "One of Puerto Rico's most traditional things is the Carnaval of the Guagataca. During the weeklong carnival, participants drive around town in caravans wearing masks and costumes and dancing."



Maj. Oscar Rojas, Chile — "A ramada. It's a celebration of Chile's independence celebrated Sept. 18 and 19. During the celebration, we drink a fermented grape juice out of a bull's horn called a cacho."



Maritza Lucia Harrington, Dominican Republican, Santo Domingo — "Traditionally, we celebrate the Three Wise Men instead of Santa Clause. Every Jan. 5, we put out a drink for every king and grain for the camels. In the morning, we find gifts."



Luz Oreste, Mazatlan, Mexico — "Our most traditional event is the Carnival of the Americas, celebrated for five days before the beginning of Lent. The carnival begins with the burning of a cardboard figure of a disliked politician and ends with boats off the shore shooting off fireworks."

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Operation Ivan Recovery ruled success

Post officials take action after Hurricane Ivan

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As Hurricane Ivan made its way through the Bahamas, leaving a path of devastation in its wake, Fort Benning officials hoped for the best and prepared for the worst.

Ivan passed within 110 miles of Fort Benning, pouring 3.21 inches of rain on post and whipping the trees with 49 mph wind gusts.

"We definitely didn't get the wind speed we were expecting," said Jeff Gould, 17th Air Support Operations Squad 3-D Research Corporation. "It was a category three when it made landfall. It could have been a lot worse, especially with the possibility of tornadoes."

While most post residents didn't experience anything other than a rainy day away from the office, there was a lot going on behind the scenes.

The Directorate of Operations and Training saw the possibility of a devastating storm and developed a plan to ensure the safety of the Fort Benning community and accommodate evacuees from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Fort Benning staff pulled together under a new system called the National Incident Management System to prepare for the storm.

The NIMS requires all government agencies at the local, state and federal level to incorporate an Incident Command System.

The ICS is based on the military system of grouping functional areas into staff sections, and the system was incorporated for the Fort Benning staff for Hurricane Ivan.

"It worked well," said Jeff Shuck, chief, G-3 Plans and Operations. "We have some work to do yet for full incorporation. However, the staff was very flexible and functioned very well in their respective sections."

The Fort Benning staff teamed up with Evacuation Control personnel from Eglin and worked split operations between the Evacuation Control Center and the Installation Operations Center.

Fort Benning and its partners from the Air Force provided shelter to more than 200 evacuees from the local area and Eglin Air Force Base.

Col. Greg Williams, of Eglin's team, said he was very pleased with the support that his team and the evacuees received from Fort Benning.

"Installation staff members should be proud," Shuck said. "Not only were we able to support Hurricane Ivan evacuees, but we retained the ability to perform the Infantry Conference as well.

"The Infantry Conference will be critical in sharing those lessons learned from recent combat in Afghanistan and Iraq," he said. "From this perspective, our staff was not only doing its part for the domestic emergency of Hurricane Ivan, but it was supporting the Global War on Terror, as well."

The Fort Benning Commissary had its hands full ensuring that Soldiers and their families had enough of the necessities to ride out the storm.

One of the Commissary's main suppliers, Grocery Supply Company, is located in Pensacola, Fla., and was unable to deliver goods.

Commissary managers searched for other venues where they could make one-time buys to ensure that post residents had the supplies they needed.

The Commissary made several purchases from Super Valu and was able to keep most of the regularly stocked items on the shelves.

Shortages were limited to Spam, sugar, pork, water, batteries, frozen chicken and one type of beans, most of which were only out of stock for one day.

"If you can't get it in, you can't put it on the shelves," said Len Langford, store administrator. "You may not have been able to get the type of green beans you wanted, but you got green beans.



Spc. Nikki St.Amant

Several of Fort Benning's trees were unable to withstand the high winds and rain brought on by Hurricane Ivan, which created minimal problems on post, but required machinery to clean up.

"We had no complaints from any of the patrons, and we appreciate their understanding," he said.

In spite of the storm, the Commissary ran normally during the storm and stayed open until 7 p.m. to let Soldiers stock up on last-minute items after work, Langford said.

"We owe a lot to the installation staff, as well," he said. "(Lieutenant) Colonel (Sean) Finnigan, (director of Public Safety), sent over some people to check on us during the storm and the garrison sergeant major sent Soldiers over to help clean up afterward."

The clean-up effort was coordinated by Fort Benning garrison and DOT, and was headed up by garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Fortson.

Fortson and the installation staff saw a need for a postwide clean-up effort before the Infantry Conference and worked with Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander, to initiate Operation Ivan Recovery.

Once the plan was developed, post officials pulled together a detail of about 200 Soldiers, who worked Saturday and Sunday picking up broken branches and debris that were scattered across post by the winds.

"This has been a tremendous effort," Fortson said. "I had an opportunity to work with a lot of great Soldiers from all over Fort Benning, and it went tremendously well."

One of the few casualties of the storm was the Fall Festival, a carnival-type event that brings together all the religious services on Fort Benning.

The festival was scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Gordon Field, but was rescheduled for 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 3.

"We originally canceled because the ground was too soggy and it created safety issues," said Tom Taylor, Protestant director of religious education. "But nothing has changed except the time and date."

Another team that jumped into action after the hurricane was the Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Division.

"We didn't have a lot of claims because of Ivan, but we had a few from Frances," said Cassandra Burnett, claims assistant. "Frances caused more claims because of the power outages and a lot of people lost food.

"A lot of people didn't realize they could claim food," she said. "But once the word got out, we had several people file claims."

Burnett encouraged those who think they may have a claim to visit the Claims Office in Building 5 to see if their claims are valid.

See page A-10 for information about evacuees.



Benning pays tribute to new 'Doughboys'

Friends, infantry Soldiers honor new inductees

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It's a good thing the creators of the infantry's Doughboy Award didn't stipulate that their awardees could only be straight leg infantry. If they had, the selection committee would have had to pass right over this year's nominees.

Friends and members of the infantry recognized retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army William A. Connelly and retired Lt. Gen. John Norton for their more than 65 years of combined active military service and their efforts on behalf of infantrymen stationed across the globe.

Connelly and Norton join a list of recipients that includes Bob Hope, the first recipient in 1980, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and retired Gen. Matthew Ridgway. In 1996, the chief of infantry began selecting two awardees each year, one officer and one enlisted.

The term "doughboy" was originally used during border conflicts in Texas prior to World War I, when Soldiers training along the Rio Grande became covered in the white dust of the adobe soil. Mounted troops called them "adobes." Over time, it was shortened to "dobies," which became "doughboys." The raw recruits being rushed to Europe in World War I became known as doughboys.

But when the Army got Connelly and Norton, neither of them were raw recruits.

Connelly had four years under his belt as a tank crewman in the Georgia National Guard before entering active duty. He rose through the enlisted ranks to become the sixth Sergeant Major of the Army in 1979.

He was stationed once at Fort Benning in the late '50s as an operations sergeant and platoon sergeant in B Company, 826th Tank Battalion, in the Harmony Church area.

"They didn't allow us on Main Post," Connelly said. "And because I didn't spend much time here, that's one of the reasons I'm very honored with this Doughboy Award."

Connelly did have the opportunity to work more closely with infantry Soldiers during his tour in Vietnam with B Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cav., Division. As a troop first sergeant, Connelly had platoons coded "red, white and blue." His "blue" platoon — infantry, of course.

"I decided if I was going to 'talk the talk,'" Connelly said, "I was going to have to 'walk the walk.'"

So he began learning what his Soldiers did, working with his fires platoon and even shooting the 40 mm gun from the front seat of one of his Cobra gunships.

"But my love turned out to be the blue platoon," he said. "And I always said, if you lose your tank, you become infantry."

So Connelly went on patrol with his infantrymen, made contact with the enemy and had himself quite a firefight.

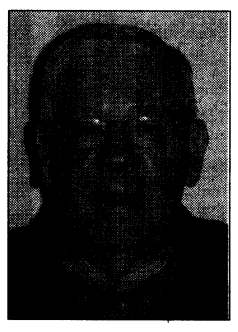
"I'm not going to talk about exactly what happened," he said, "but the Soldiers said we did great."

Before the next mission, a young Soldier found Connelly in his command post bunker, wanting to know if he'd be going out on patrol with them again. Connelly had become their "lucky charm," because when he went with them, they made contact with the enemy.

"I thought, I'm 39. I'm not looking for a firefight," Connelly said.

Although he's been retired for 22 years and isn't completely up-to-date with all the ins and outs of transformation, Connelly is very much in touch with what Soldiers are experiencing.

He spent several years with a tank company in the Dominican Republic as a show of force with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a first sergeant and thought that was the end of his career.


Connelly

"I loved that job," he said, "and I haven't been fully in charge of anything since then, but I know what the Soldiers are going through in the streets of Iraq."

He said his work in the Dominican Republic was much the same, operating in towns, not knowing who was going to shoot at them. Sitting on a street intersection one day watching a "hot spot," Connelly said he watched an allied unit kill an elderly woman who had been in the area.

He said the petite woman was carrying about twice her weight in guns and ammunition under her loose dress.

"The Soldiers in Iraq are doing this on a much larger scale," he said, "and for much higher stakes. I didn't like that type of war then, either."

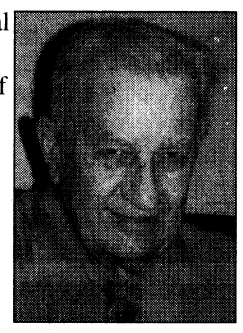
As sergeant major of the Army, Connelly spent four years improving the quality of the Army's Soldiers, by education and by discipline, and sponsored initiatives to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and families.

Even with his impressive resume and tireless efforts on behalf of the infantry and all Soldiers, Connelly said he was surprised to be chosen for the award.

"I truly appreciate this award," he said. "It's one I cherish because I cherish my Combat Infantryman Badge. I wear it more than any other medal. A lot of people, I'm surprised, don't know what (the CIB) is … and that's a good way to start a speech."

By the time Connelly began his Army career, Norton was already a veteran of one war with 13 years of experience.

An "Army brat," Norton was born at Fort Monroe, Va., after his father shipped out to fight in World War I. Now 85, the retired three-star general said he loves school, Boy Scouting, and still gets "real sentimental" when he thinks of his third-grade teacher.


Norton

He grew up playing capture-the-flag like it was real, signed up to go to the Citizens Military Training Camp when he was in the 11th grade, and suffered through 60 days and several thousand pieces of dirty dishes.

"But I liked it so much, I joined the Virginia National Guard," Norton said, "and I applied for West Point and the Naval Academy." Although first accepted at Navy, Norton wisely surrendered that appointment and enlisted in the Army until he could get an appointment for West Point. And while at West Point, the young cadet "came under the influence" of then Capt. Jim Gavin.

"Gavin was my mentor," Norton said. "He galvanized all of us — set us on fire."

And on fire Norton was, through his entire career. From his days with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment during World War II to his final Army duty as the deputy commander for NATO's Allied Forces Southern Command, he gave every job his best effort.

In 1956, Norton added to his skills and qualifications by completing the Army's Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Ala., eventually logging more than 3,100 hours of flight time, in and out of combat.

Although no longer a "straight leg" infantryman, Norton commanded a battle group in the 1st Cav. Div. in Korea, before returning for more duty in aviation as the Army's top aviator.

"We had thousands of aircraft coming off the production line," Norton said, "but we didn't know really what to do with them."

He spent the next few years testing, developing tactics organizational structures and budgets for airmobile organizations — units designed to cover large combat areas.

But the infantry wasn't finished with Norton, assigning him as the assistant commandant of the Infantry School from 1963 to 1965, where he said he had the distinction of being a part of the move from the old headquarters into Infantry Hall, and worked to revolutionize infantry tactics.

"We had to transfer all instruction from how to fight a World War II enemy to how to fight the Viet Cong and the NVA," he said.

Norton keeps abreast of current operations, saying his main concern is what he learned from Gavin — the importance of intelligence.

"It drives everything else," he said. "I tell everybody, beginning with young platoon leaders, to make their own intelligence. They have to work with the local population now more than ever and work overtime anticipating what the enemy will do."

Norton attended several of the Infantry Conference seminars, pleased with what he called the "tremendous amount of talent at all levels of command."

But Norton perhaps had the biggest impact on the current generations of infantrymen during his 10 years as honorary colonel of the 505th.

Brig. Gen. Ken Keen, assistant division commander for the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo., was the battalion commander for 1st Bn., 505th PIR, in 1994 and invited Norton to be part of the unit's officer professional development program. Norton made three combat jumps with the 505th — two into Italy and the third on D-Day.

"My lieutenants and captains got up to brief what the unit did, based on what they had read," Keen said, "and Norton and the others said, 'Wait, that's not what happened. I was over there.' He is living history."

Norton and Connelly received their awards, presented on behalf of all infantrymen, at a dinner Wednesday at the Officers' Club. The award is a chrome replica of the helmet worn by early American expeditionary forces.

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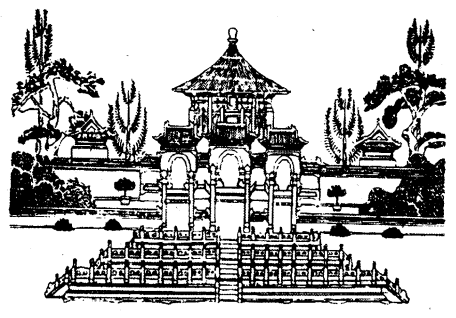
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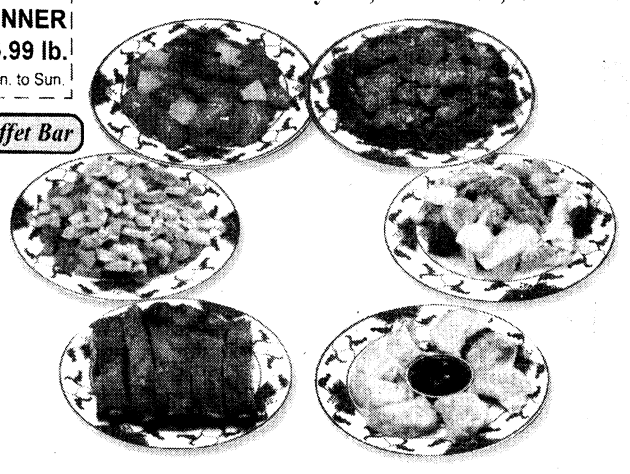
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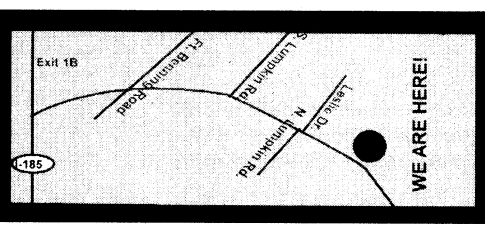


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Changing enemy contributes to transformation

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The current transformation of the Army to a modular, brigade-centric structure was a hot topic at the Infantry Conference Sept. 21.

Maj. Gen. Robert Mixon, chief of staff and deputy director of the Training and Doctrine Command's Futures Group, brought the latest information to Soldiers of all ranks, retired and on active duty, gathered in Marshall Auditorium. At issue, Mixon said, was a changing enemy and the need for the Army's framework to change.

Mixon said the chief of staff of the Army used a $100 bill analogy to talk about transformation, where the current structure is a series of $100 bills that get broken every time someone wants to buy a stick of gum.

"The premise of modularity is the concept of packaging," Mixon said, "making a full-spectrum force of $5s, $10s, and $20s."

During the past year, Mixon said a large number of stakeholders were brought in and involved in the modularity discussions — everyone from Soldiers to professional critics. The combatant commanders gave input into the type of forces they wanted through face-to-face discussions with the modularity team and their operational needs assessments.

"We've learned a lot from the 3rd Infantry Division," Mixon said, "and we've refined our design from what they taught us. Not just from combat operations, but also how (a unit) fights as part of a joint task force in stability and support operations."

While the core of transformation happens at the brigade level, Army leadership also identified the need to reorganize and create two functional, war fighting headquarters above the brigade. The UEx is the division-level, war fighting headquarters and the UEy will function at the Army and joint, theaterwide support level. Both, Mixon said, will have "tailorable" command and control packages.

The UEx will have four command posts — two tactical, one mobile and one main — and will contain its own life-support and security elements. He said they will also be joint task force, army force capable as well as have a robust liaison capability.

"The UEx will have a lot of qualities that a lot of us have been looking for, already in the TOE," Mixon said.

From the outset, he said, the UEy will have a complete joint-focused capability with intelligence, sustainment, network, civil affairs and civil-military operations assets. The size of each of those assets will depend on the theater the headquarters is operating in. Mixon said the projection ability of the higher headquarters gives the national leadership a broad range of options. And, he said, it's important to have that structure in place because "you can't build at the eleventh hour and be successful."

Mixon said all units are currently on a "glide path toward transformation," showing the audience the timeline "in case anyone didn't know they were transforming." He said the Army's 33 active-duty brigades have to convert to 43 in the next two years. Including National Guard and Reserves, there will eventually be 77 brigades

Those brigades, he said, will fall into one of four types — infantry, heavy, Stryker and future combat systems — and the Infantry school is the link between the modular force and the FCS.

"We're on a glide path to bring FCS strategic technology to the (other three brigades) within the next 10 years," Mixon said.

He said the Stryker brigades are being left as originally built, but the infantry and heavy brigades would see the most changes to ensure they were no longer built on the "$100 bill framework."

Support brigades, like aviation, fires and sustainment are also being organized so their battalions are assigned depending on the mission.

Mixon said the first issue with transformation involves educating the force so all Soldiers understand what is happening. Resourcing, he said, is a big challenge, but a bill that must be paid, not only by getting the additional equipment and technology into the units, but also by getting the personnel at every level.

The transformation has training and leader development implications which Mixon said the team is aggressively pursuing solutions for.

"The Soldiers are ready to handle the span of complexity of the new force," he said. "We have the most experienced force we've had in three decades."

He said the team continues to assess and refine the modularity designs, learning as they go by following units, like the 3rd Inf. Div., on their rotation to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. There they identified the need for about 20 more staff positions to handle the new brigade troops battalion organization.

"Truth has a date-time group," Mixon said. "But, by golly, we are going to continue to learn and grow, but we've built a force we think is relevant and capable."

He said the one constant of the transformation process is the Soldier, the centerpiece of the unit.

"Everything we do is designed to support the Soldier," he said.

Infantry Futures aligns missions of directorates

Agencies' goals combine to better Army

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

When the U.S. Army Infantry Center reorganized at commanding general Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley's direction in January, a new directorate was created.

In the vast network of Army entities responsible for managing personnel, developing Soldiers and equipment and planning for the future of the world's greatest fighting force, this new directorate aligns several agencies on a common path toward developing the infantry force on current and future battlefields.

Infantry Futures, under the direction of Col. Kevin Wilkerson, encompasses the Soldier Battle Lab, Infantry Futures Group, Office of Infantry Proponency and the Directorate of Combat Developments — all agencies that previously stood alone.

IFG chief Lt. Col. Scott Power said the main reason for the reorganization was to ensure that all those agencies were working toward the same goals without duplication of effort.

Within IF, each of those subordinate directorates has its own large-scale mission to execute.

The Soldier Battle Lab is responsible for experimentation with equipment and tactics, including robotics, Unmanned Arial Vehicles, MOUT training, weapons systems, vehicles, joint operations training and dozens of others.

"Since we've had Futures, I've seen a change in that there has been an increased focus on experimenting for the current and future force," said Ed Davis, SBL deputy director.

DCD tackles the job of determining how the infantry is and will be organized and equipped and how it will fight. It ensures materiel requirements are met and develops concepts for future force efforts.

"As combat developers, it's our job to determine the Army requirements for future systems to enable the units in the field to better fight in war now and in the future," said Frank Stone, deputy director of Combat Developments.

Stone said the DCD mission hasn't really changed, but said the assortment of directorates responsible for the infantry fighting force did need the organization and structure that has come with IF.

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>
> **Frank Stone**
> Deputy director, Combat Development

"The potential for improved communication is good with this structure," he said. "The Futures Group has the ability to pull up the directorates it needs to do what is best for the Infantry School and the Soldiers in the field."

The IFG uses that authority under IF to bring directorates and major subordinate commands together to discuss priorities, challenges and initiatives, communicate needs and issues to the commanding general, coordinate joint efforts and ensure a common azimuth of purpose, Power said.

The IFG also fields the Infantry Traveling Team, which connects with leaders in the field and relays current USAIC initiatives while collecting input for future USAIC, joint and combined arms team actions, he said.

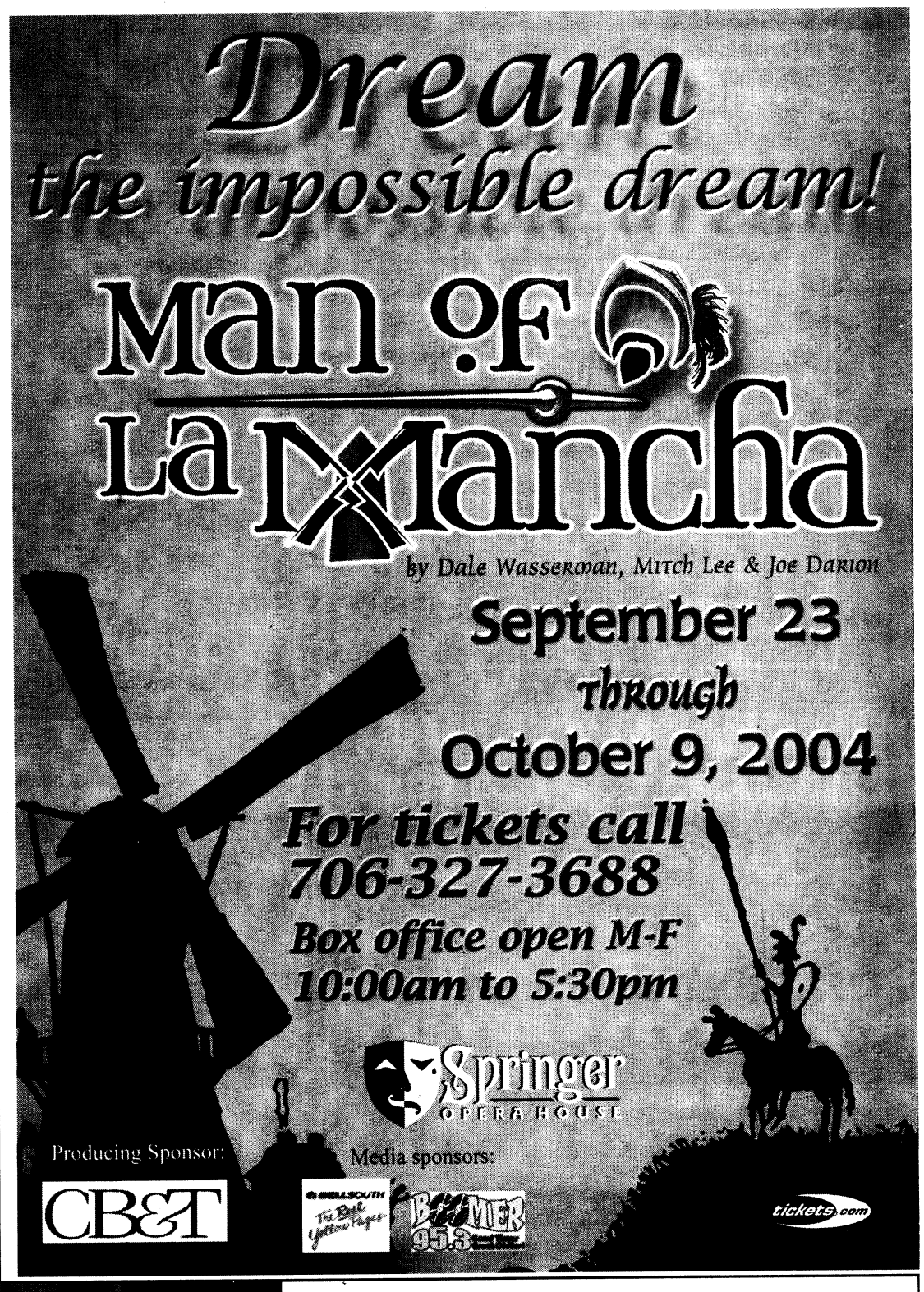
The team works to acquire consistent feedback from the field, attends local forums, like the Infantry Conference, and travels to major commands to ensure the infantry as a whole is moving in the right direction, he said.

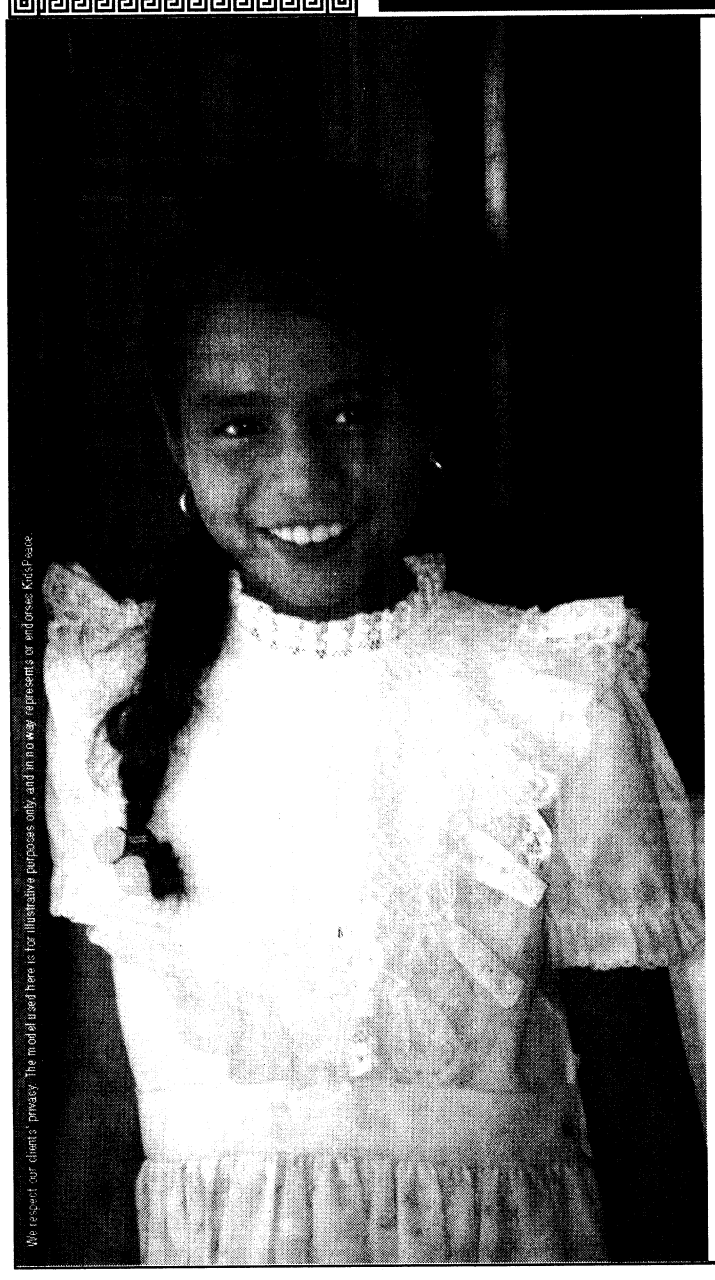
OIP, which previously stood alone, falls under Power's command and IFG now.

The office develops personnel policies for the total infantry force, provides a liaison to the Human Resources Command, provides career counseling to Soldiers, monitors infantry force integration, and designs and documents infantry units in order to maintain the health and effectiveness of the Infantry, said Sgt. 1st Class Gary Fox, Office of Infantry Proponency.

The reorganization of the Infantry Center and creation of IF has streamlined the agencies' efforts toward a common, joint objective — the support of the infantry on the battlefield.

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combat."

Preparing Soldiers for battle takes more than training, though — it takes the right equipment, the right leaders and up-to-the-minute feedback from the field, all of which Freakley discussed during his speech.

From the rapid fielding initiative, which has equipped thousands of Fort Benning Soldiers preparing to deploy with improved survivability equipment and creature comfort items, to incorporating lessons learned into every area of training, the Army is rapidly adjusting to its ever-changing mission requirements, Freakley said.

> "At one time, we trained Soldiers to join their units. Today, we train Soldiers to go to combat ... We have to ensure that our Soldiers trained at Fort Benning are trained to join their units in combat."
>
> **Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley**
> Commanding general

Among those changes is modularity — reorganizing units to be more self-sufficient on the battlefield by bringing together frontline units and the non-infantry units that support them.

This transformation will allow smaller units — brigade combat teams — to deploy for missions that are currently handled by entire divisions. Eventually, it will mean fewer deployments and more stabilization for the individual Soldier, and better-trained and more capable units for the Army.

But the key in all of this, Freakley said, is working together.

Whether it's between MOSs, units, branches or armies, Soldiers must be ready to work together to make the joint expeditionary force and the coalition successful in the Global War on Terrorism.



Brandon McGahee

Community leaders break ground at the site of the future National Infantry Museum Tuesday afternoon.

Museum: Breaks ground

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funds to renovate these buildings, the concept of a National Infantry Museum was born.

The $70 million campaign has raised about one-third of its goal, said Cyndy Cerbin, director of communications for the National Infantry Foundation.

Both Fort Benning and Columbus donated the 200 acres of land for the new museum and Heritage Park.

Heritage Park will include a parade field for all infantry Soldier graduations.

The site will include a WWII Company Street where the restored buildings will be located; a Walk of Honor where the monuments from outside the current Infantry Museum will be moved; and vignettes honoring the legacy of all those who have served our nation, said Frank Hanner, Infantry Museum curator.

The museum will occupy an area of 150,000 square feet, where "we can tell the story of the infantry, and educate, honor and preserve the sacred legacy of valor and sacrifice that is displayed by all infantrymen and Medal of Honor recipients," White said.

More than 1,000 guests were present during the groundbreaking ceremony, including three Medal of Honor recipients from the WWII, Vietnam and Korean wars.

The three Medal Of Honor recipients, along with the youngest infantry Soldier at Fort Benning, Pvt. Richard S. Williams, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regt., Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, Bill Turner, former chairman of W.C. Bradley Company, Medal of Honor recipient retired Col. Bob Nett, Mike Gaymon, president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Poydasheff and White participated in the groundbreaking.

Freakley emphasized that the museum was not only going to be a place to keep war memorabilia, but a place to tell the stories of those who have sacrificed themselves for this country.

"Today, this is all about preserving the legacy of sacrifice, valor and honor for those who have gone before us," Freakley said. "Our infantry is the boots on the ground — ultimately armed with a rifle and a bayonet, taking the last 100 yards and closing with and destroying the enemy.

"I can say that this project will happen. It will stand and the stories of our brave men and women will be told forever," he said. "One who stands out in making this happen is Bill Turner."

Turner was a Sailor in WW II. Freakley referred to him as "a veteran and a member of America's greatest generation." But he also reminded Turner that America's greatest generation is currently in training.

Turner said he was honored to be present during such a historic moment and told the story about how, as a young Sailor on his ship, he always knew the importance of the mission of infantrymen.

"No matter how much we bombed those beaches, it's always the infantrymen who finished the drill. They are the ones who deserve the credit for the freedom we've all come to love," Turner said.

"The Infantry Museum is a great way to express our appreciation for the sacrifices they have made to preserve our freedom both here and abroad."

Hanner said the museum is for all Soldiers.

"This is for any Soldier who has worn the infantry uniform, whether they are National Guard, Army Reserve or those who have come before them," he said.

He said the museum will bring thousands of visitors to Columbus and Fort Benning every year.

"This museum is not only going to tell the stories of the infantry Soldier," he said.

"It will have a great effect in joining our community, creating jobs for our community and will be a world class attraction, which will, in essence, help the American people and the world to know the epic story of the United States infantryman and his sacrifice."

The museum will open in 2006.

Lunch: To honor heritage

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In order to demonstrate the variety in Hispanic cultures, this year's event will feature a free food sampling hour for the first time in the event's history at 1 p.m. in Classroom 2-A in Infantry Hall.

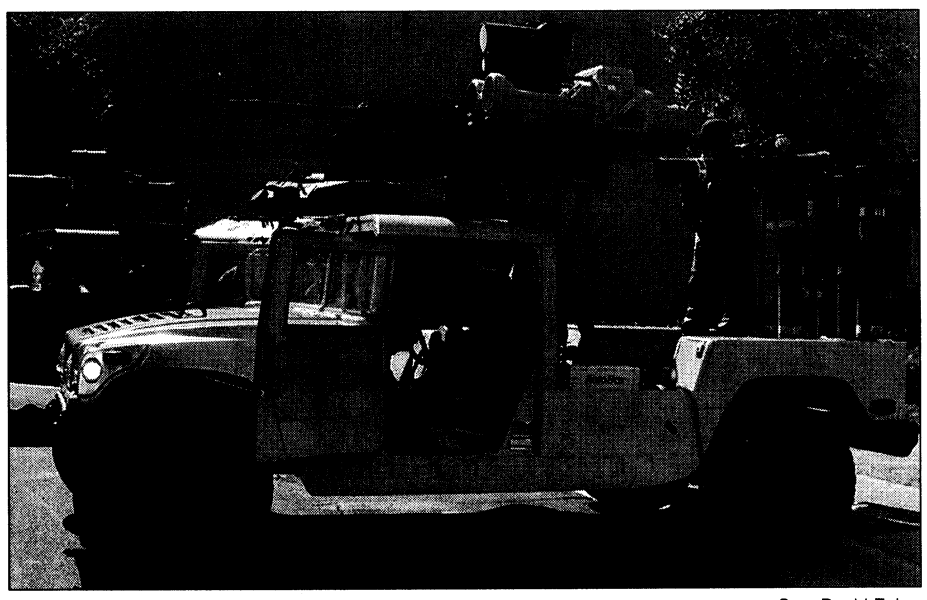
"Food sampling is more meaningful when it comes to representing various cultures," McNeill said.

White Elementary School will participate in the event by singing the national anthem. During the celebration, there will also be a multicultural Hispanic dance performance by a local group, Son Tropical, which will include merengue, cumbia, chiapaneco and plena.

The guest speaker is retired Navy Rear Adm. Alberto Diaz who will speak of the Hispanic-American life in the military.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley will also be present. Marshall Auditorium seats 1,500 people and all seats are open.

For information, call 545-6665.



Spc. David Foley

The Assault Weapon System, shown here, was one of many prototype weapon systems on display at the Infantry Conference at Infantry Hall last week.

Prototype vehicle may change future battlefield

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Army has developed a prototype of a vehicle that may change the future battlefield.

The Assault Weapon System, an experimental turret-mounted, multifunctional weapon system attached to a humvee, may put the firepower of an entire heavy weapons platoon into one vehicle.

The system is the brainchild of Training and Doctrine Command, Raytheon and TRADOC System Manager-Close Combat Weapon Systems, and features an MK-19 grenade launcher, .50 caliber machine gun and two TOW missile firing platforms.

All three of the weapon systems are connected to a central Improved Target Acquisition System that gives the gunner the option of firing each weapon with the flick of a switch and automatically gauges the range of the target by using an eye-safe laser range finder.

When the gunner flips a switch on the control panel and charges the weapon of choice, the display will change for particular weapon and will show the sights for that weapon.

In older systems, the gunner would have to "walk in" the grenades when firing the MK-19, which means it would take several shots to hit the target. However, the ballistics for each weapon are already integrated into the ITAS, which gives the gunner better accuracy.

"This is probably the most flexible fire support system to the day," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles McCartney, A Company, 511th Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., who was showing the vehicle during the Infantry Conference. "The best part about it is its flexibility, the fact you can select the weapon you want to use."

The system also features a networked, persistent, all-weather, extended range surveillance and target acquisition capabilities for increased survivability and situational awareness.

The key to the improved communication is a system called Force XXI Command Battalion/Brigade and Below, which provides a connection between all the elements on the battlefield. FBCB^2 combines global positioning system technology with a long-range laser targeting system that keeps everyone on the battlefield connected using real-time audio video and text messages.

In essence, the unit's operations center can watch the battle through the gunner's sights and if air support is needed, the position of the target will already be narrowed down to within 10 meters.

McCartney said it currently takes several vehicles and nearly a whole platoon to match the versatility of the Assault Weapons System, and if the system is approved, it can greatly increase the Army's fighting capabilities.

"We can have one vehicle doing the job of three, or we can have three vehicles doing three times as much," he said.

The vehicle on display was a watered down version of the tactical vehicle that is still in the construction phase.

Plans for the tactical version include a smaller, collapsible turret, removable composite armor plating, undercarriage protection from mines, a smaller targeting screen, and the gunner's seat may be moved to the rear of the vehicle to allow for another team member and lower the distractions for both the gunner and the commander, said Wayne Spate, Assault Weapon System program manager.

"We are already working on the tactical version because, if it gets approved, we will already have it and we can put it on the battlefield quicker," he said.

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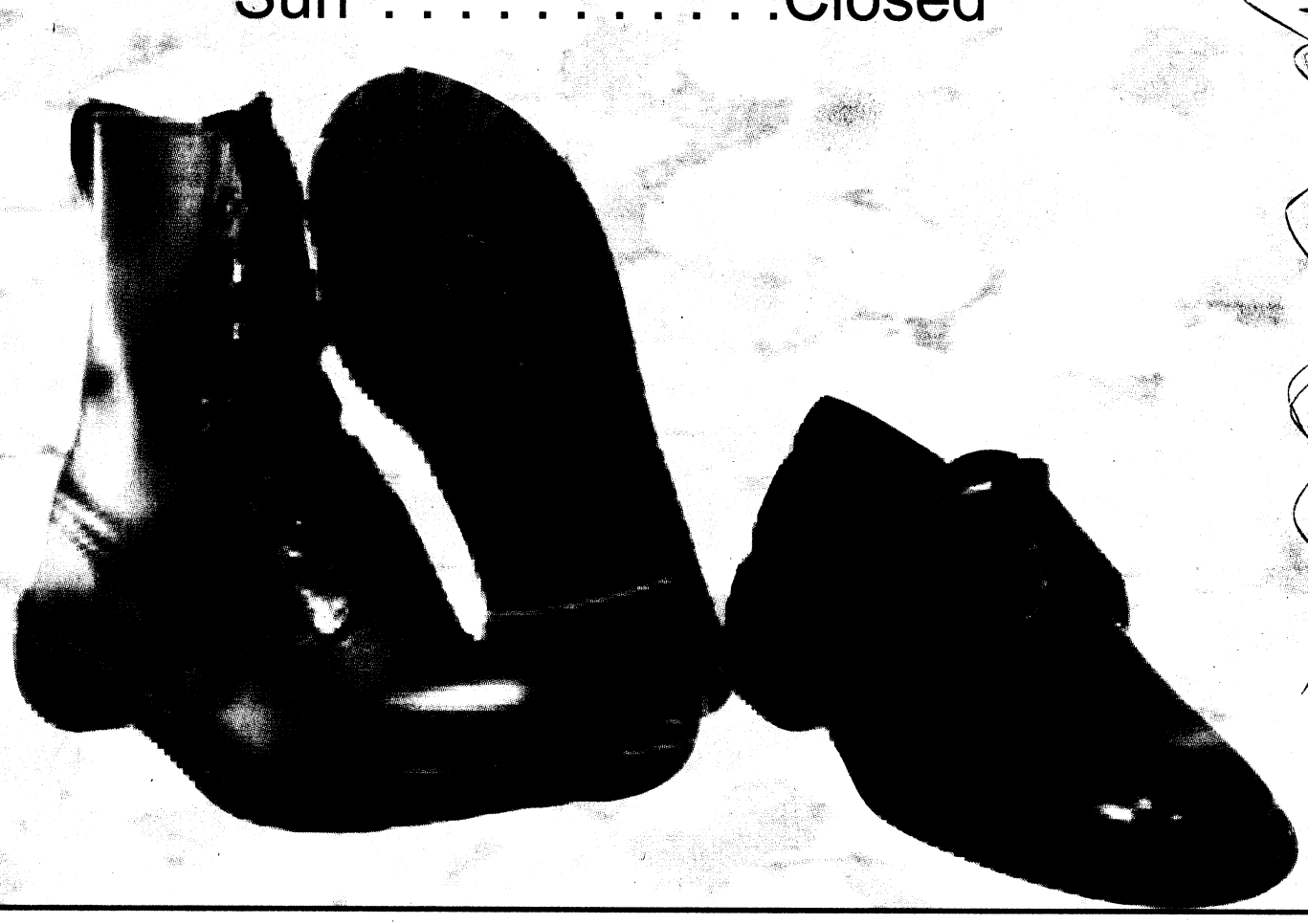
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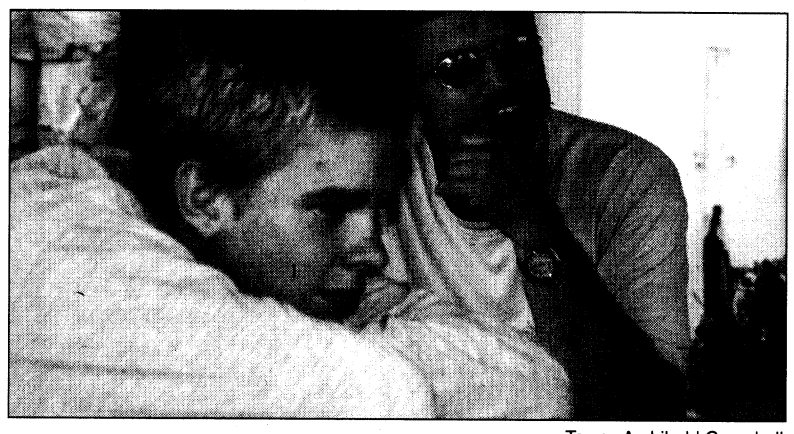
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Post takes in evacuees

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Evacuees Frank Newcomb and Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Jacobs wait out Hurricane Ivan at Sand Hill.

Evacuees from Florida's Eglin Air Force Base flocked to Fort Benning to find shelter from the brutal winds and rains of Hurricane Ivan.

"On Monday, at 0600 hours, we were given a total of 19 hours to be off base," said Air Force Col. Greg Williams. "Things went pretty fast after that."

Williams, who is assigned to the Air Armament Center at Eglin and deals with direct financial management, was one of a small advanced party sent out Sept. 13 to help prepare Fort Benning for 20 to 2,000 hurricane refugees.

The group from Eglin set up a command center at Infantry Hall and, with the help of personnel from Fort Benning, began welcoming Airmen and their families.

"Everyone was told to just get the heck out (of Eglin) and they could go anywhere within 550 miles," Williams said. "Robins Air Force Base and Fort Benning were the designated evacuation military installations, but we didn't know how many people they would get. We were told to prepare for the extremes."

In the end, only 186 people evacuated to Fort Benning. When they arrived, they were put up in barracks, given information about religious, financial and medical support, assisted with the care of any pets, offered free bowling and movie passes and given kits that included maps and basic information about Fort Benning.

"It has been very much appreciated to have a safe haven to go to," Williams said. "When home is not a safe place to be, it is nice to have a place to go."

Besides having to worry about evacuating their homes, some Airmen had other problems to deal with.

Seven families stayed on Fort Benning, including three pregnant women, two of whom were seen at Martin Army Community Hospital during their stay.

"The medical folks have done an outstanding job monitoring and taking care of our people," Williams said. "They have made extraordinary efforts to make sure the medical teams were more robust sending out field ambulances to Kelley Hill in case anyone needed immediate attention."

"Kindhearted" and "bighearted" were two words Williams used to describe the people at Fort Benning, who were "ready and willing to give to the max."

"You've made us feel very welcome in our time of need," Williams said. "This is the first time I have ever been to Fort Benning and the personal relationships we've built have been phenomenal.

"This has also helped establish a stronger relationship between the Army and the Air Force as professional partners," he said.

"If we could reciprocate, that would be great. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Fort Benning."

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ken Gaydos, his wife, Ute, and their four children found their stay at Fort Benning pleasant, but would prefer to have visited under more favorable circumstances.

Ken said he was on leave when they called him off at 10 p.m. Monday, and told him to be in formation Tuesday morning because they had to get the radar off the tower and do some last-minute sandbagging.

The Gaydos were told to be out by noon on Wednesday, so they went to the airport, rented a van and left Tuesday afternoon.

Ute said they only had time to tape up a few windows and move their most valuable items into an interior room without windows.

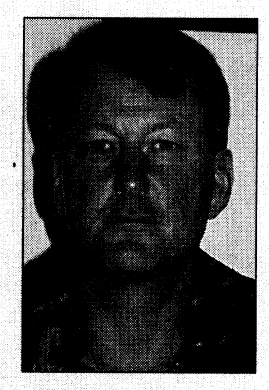
"Material things you can buy, but a human life — you can't buy this," Ute said. "I think this is all very scary."

The family was holed up in two barrack rooms. They spent their time at the mall and movies, waiting for the all clear sign to go back home.

"The good thing, I guess, is that, without being at home, this has brought us closer together as a family," Ken said.

British liaison officer helps post mission

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff



Lt. Col. Brian de la Haye, British liaison officer, is married and has three kids. His hobbies include golf, music and theater.

In a joint press conference Sunday with Iraqi interim prime minister Ayad Allawi, British prime minister Tony Blair said Iraq has become the "crucible" in which the future of the Global War on Terrorism will be determined.

Fort Benning British liaison officer Lt. Col. Brian de la Haye agrees and said the unique nature of the situation in Iraq is the number one reason why the relationship between U.S. and British forces is so important right now.

"The main problem in Iraq is the insurgency threat," he said. "Our experience is a little more recent than the Americans. We have deployed constantly for counter-insurgency operations in Ireland since 1969, dealing with snipers, bombers and IEDs."

De la Haye said there is a wealth of experience to be exchanged between the United Kingdom and the U.S.

"We work very well together," he said. "That has been proven time and time again for generations. The key to that working relationship is to understand we're not the same.

"My role is to facilitate the exchange of information, knowledge and thoughts on a whole raft of common interests between the British infantry and the American infantry."

His duties also include looking out for British exchange officers at Fort Benning; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La.

Having arrived at Fort Benning in September 2003, de la Haye faces two more challenging years in this position while both the American and British armies transform and reorganize and the GWOT progresses.

But it isn't all business for the infantry officer, who has spent 30 years serving in a diverse range of positions in a diverse range of locations.

De la Haye said coming to America was a great opportunity for him and his wife, Deb, to spread their wings a little after spending six years stationed in Scotland.

"I love it in the U.S.," he said. "After a long career of traveling around, when the opportunity arose to come overseas to the United States, my wife and I leapt at it. I think the chance to live in another country and not just visit it is great."

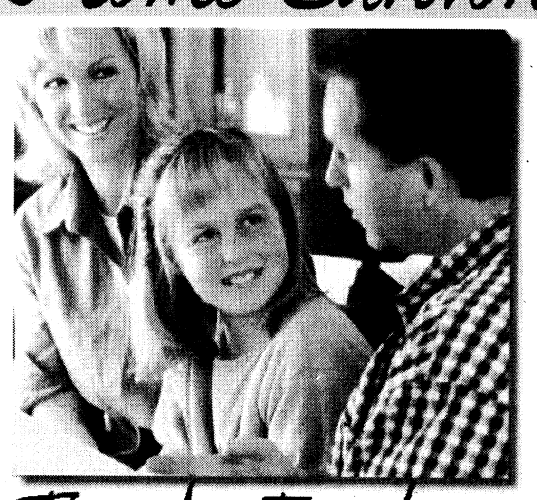
The two love to travel and try to find time to see as much as they can when de la Haye makes his frequent trips to check on his Soldiers.

He said being in the South has been a special opportunity, because it is so different than the North and such a change from the same metropolitan areas that seem to mirror one another in most ways, like New York, London and Washington, D.C.

"We bought a pop-up (trailer) and we try to do and see as much as we can," he said. "I had to leave my horse behind because she is raised for the mountains in Scotland and the heat here would be absolutely tortuous, so I would like to go to a big ranch up in Montana and spend a few days."

The father of three also enjoys golf, music and theater.

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President addresses Army, Air National Guard

'We must remain steadfast,' Bush tells Guard

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LAS VEGAS — President Bush saluted thousands of Army and Air National Guardsmen here during the 126th annual conference of the National Guard Association of the United States Sept. 14.

"I'm here to say thank you for your service," he said, likening today's Guard to the nation's earliest citizen Soldiers, who defended our freedom with muskets. "The weapons may have changed, but one thing remains the same. The men and women of the Guard stand ready."

Bush noted the Guard's role in the aftermath of Hurricane Frances earlier this month, its immediate response to terrorist attacks three years ago, and its huge presence in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"You took an oath to support America in times of crisis, war and emergency. You're fulfilling that oath in many ways," he said. "When tragedy strikes, Americans can always count on the Guard."

Bush said he believes the world is slowly changing for the better, and he laid the credit squarely on the shoulders of U.S. military forces here and abroad.

"I'm proud of all our forces — active, Guard and Reserve. You're a vital part of our strategy to defend America," he said. "You're serving across the globe, fighting terrorists in Afghanistan and Iraq, so we do not have to face them here at home."

> "I had a choice to make. It was not for pride or power, but because lives were at stake. My most solemn duty as president is to defend the American people. We must remain steadfast. We cannot show uncertainty, or America will drift toward tragedy, and this is not going to happen on my watch."
>
> **George W. Bush**
> President

Bush told his audience the decision to wage war in Iraq was the most difficult decision he's made.

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More than 4,500 full-time Guardsmen, representing 54 U.S. states and territories, attended the conference, which — much like Fort Benning's National Infantry Conference — brings together vendors and service organizations relevant to the military mission. Bush was the event's keynote speaker.

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For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Frank Miranda at 545-3198.

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The Main Post ID Card Section will be closed Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Education Fair

The Army Continuing Education System Division will sponsor a Education Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1 in Infantry Hall.

More than 40 colleges and universities will be represented.

SJA new hours

To better serve the Fort Benning military community, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate announces new hours for the Legal Assistance Division and Claims Division. Both divisions will now be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday including lunch hour.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281 or 545-3282 or the Claims Division at 545-2285.

Silver Wings

The Command Exhibition Parachute Team is looking for potential candidates for membership in the Silver Wings.

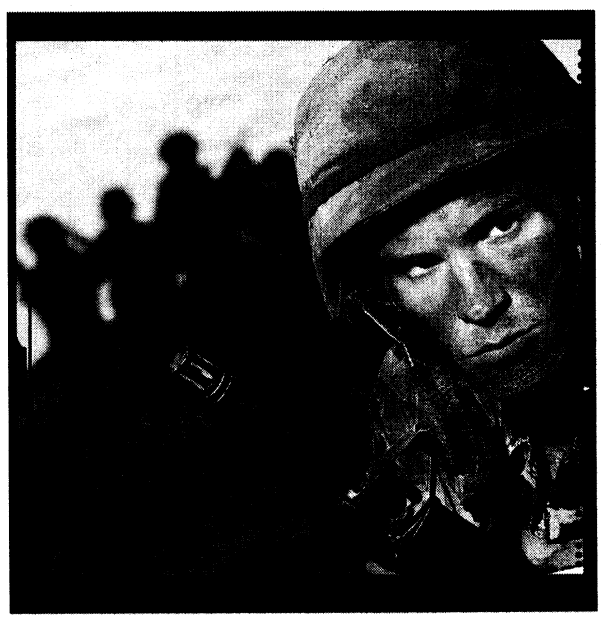
Candidates must be sergeant or higher, possess a current C license or higher and have no UCMJ actions or flags.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes at 545-1939.

Golden Knights

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" is accepting applications for the annual assessment and selection program this month. An application is available at www.army goldenknights.com.

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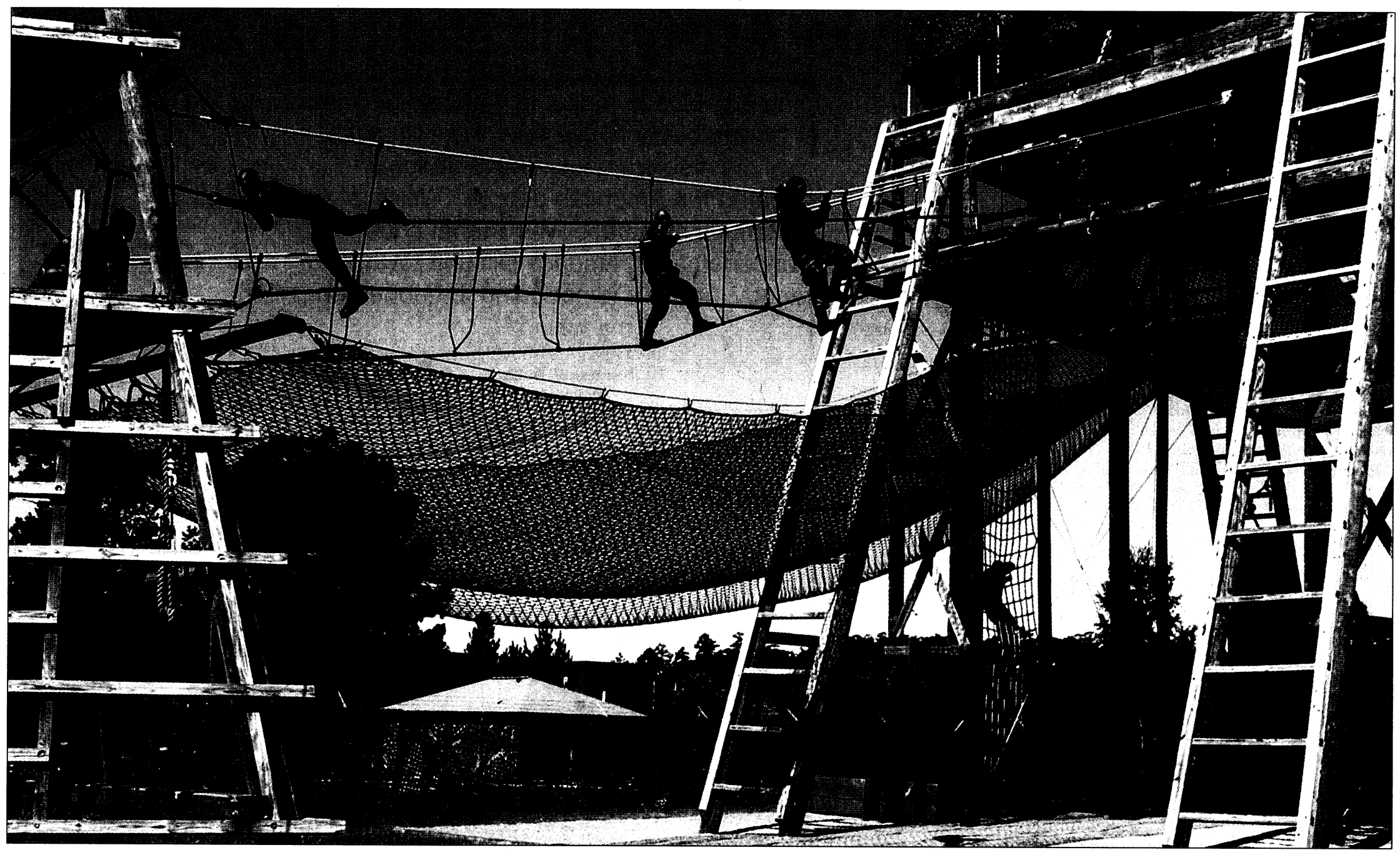
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Photos by Spc. David Foley

Soldiers from D Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, tackle Eagle Tower on Sand Hill. The tower is designed to boost the Soldiers' confidence.

ITB Soldiers confront fear of heights

Eagle Tower teaches troops confidence

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

For some Soldiers, it's a walk in the park, but for others, it is a towering wall of fear and self-doubt.

It is Eagle Tower, and it's one of the many challenges that Soldiers face during their basic training experience.

"It gives the Soldiers confidence," said Lt. Col. Scott Hickenbottom, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment commander, as he watched the Soldiers of D Company attack the tower Monday morning. "It challenges them physically, but mostly it builds their confidence."

Hickenbottom said many of the Soldiers are scared of heights to some degree before they climb the tower, but once they rappel down the side, they want to do it again.

"It is still relatively early in the cycle," Hickenbottom said of the Soldiers, who are in their third week. "So they are starting to get their first taste of, 'Hey, I can do this,' and now we just have to sustain that."

Pvt. Robert Hand knows exactly what Hickenbottom was talking about.

"I'm just hoping to overcome my fear of heights," Hand said as he looked at the tower before climbing to the top.

Once Hand made it to the top of the tower and the drill sergeants hooked up his harness, he stepped over the edge and began to rappel. At first, he moved slowly and wasn't in the right position, but with a little coaching, he gained his composure and moved down the wall with relative ease.

"It was easier than I thought," he said. "I guess my fear of heights wasn't as bad as I thought it would be."

Pvt. Joshua Bowlin also benefited from the training.

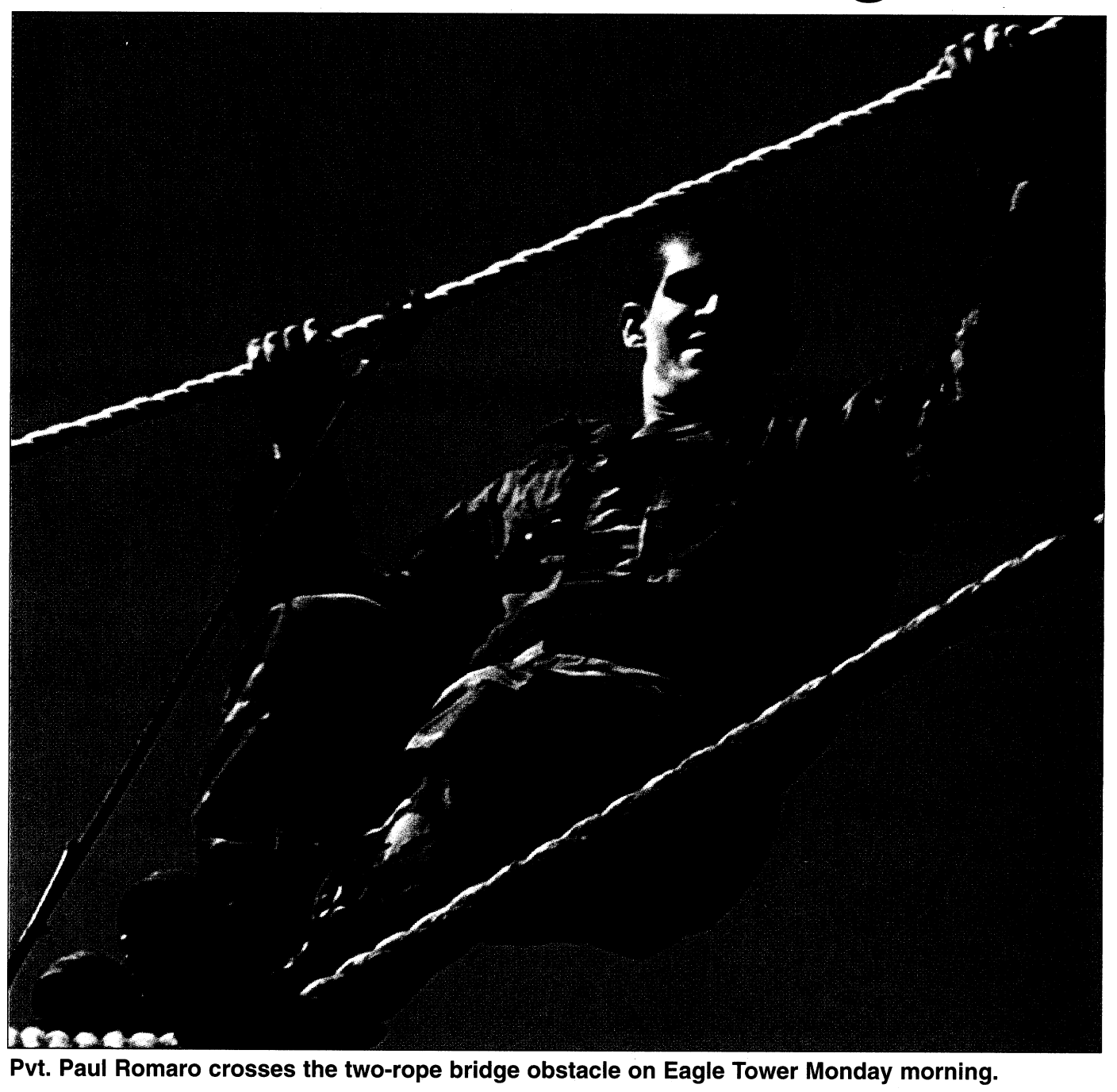
"I was a little nervous when they told me to step over the edge," he said. "But I would definitely do it again. The tight harness was the worst part."

The harness, known as a Swiss seat, is a 6-foot long rope that is tied around the Soldiers' legs and waist and operates in the same way as a commercial rappelling harness, but it's not quite as comfortable.

Staff Sgt. Marty Belanger, a 1st Platoon drill sergeant who was teaching the Soldiers to tie their Swiss seats, said it is a valuable skill for Soldiers to learn.

"The knots will come in useful elsewhere in their careers," he said. "And if they go to a mountain unit or an air assault unit it will be a vital skill.

"Like they say, 'You tied it, you ride it.' And if you don't know how, you're in trouble."



Pvt. Paul Romaro crosses the two-rope bridge obstacle on Eagle Tower Monday morning.



Pvt. Tommy Dodge pulls himself across the single rope bridge obstacle on Eagle Tower. Netting is in place to keep the Soldiers from being injured if they fall.

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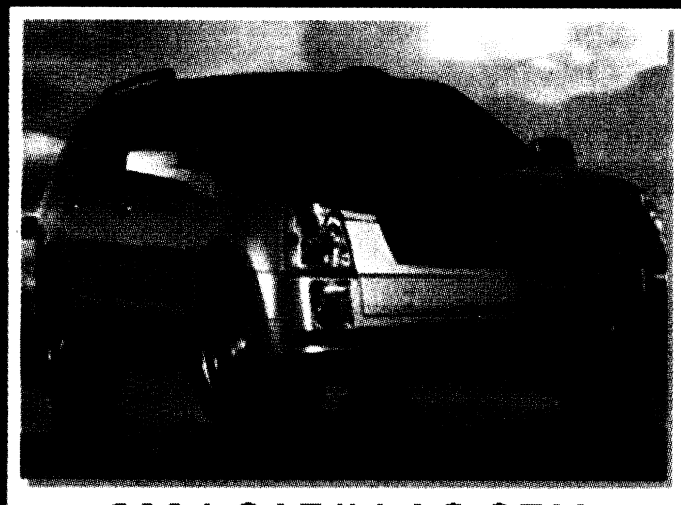


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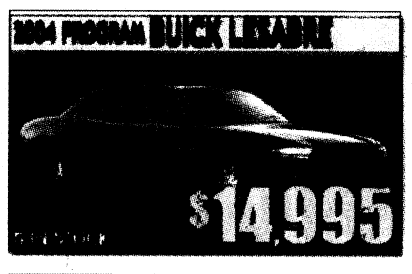
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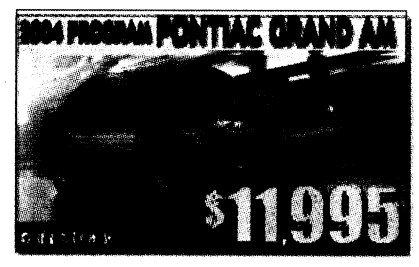
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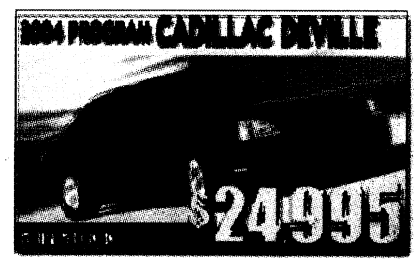
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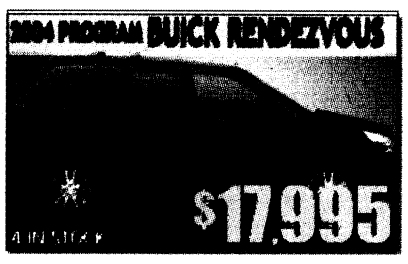


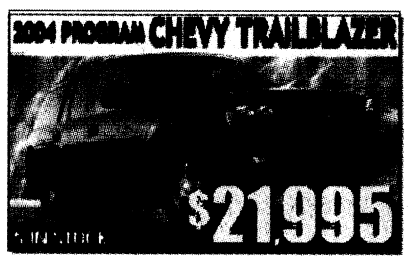




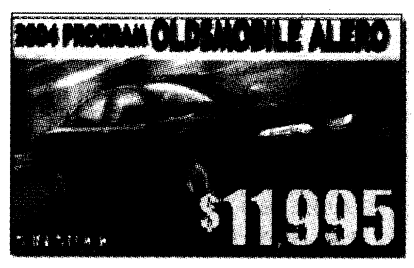


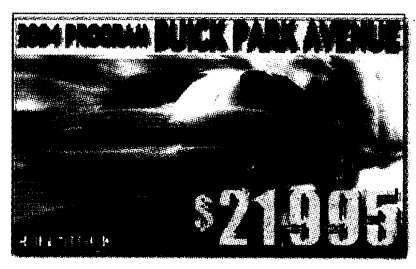












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El Zapata opens in Benning Brew Pub

Restaurant brings measure of convenience

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

If you are craving a taste from south of the border, El Zapata has the food for you.

The new restaurant, located inside the Benning Brew Pub at the north end of Building 2784, opened Sept. 15 to a large dining crowd.

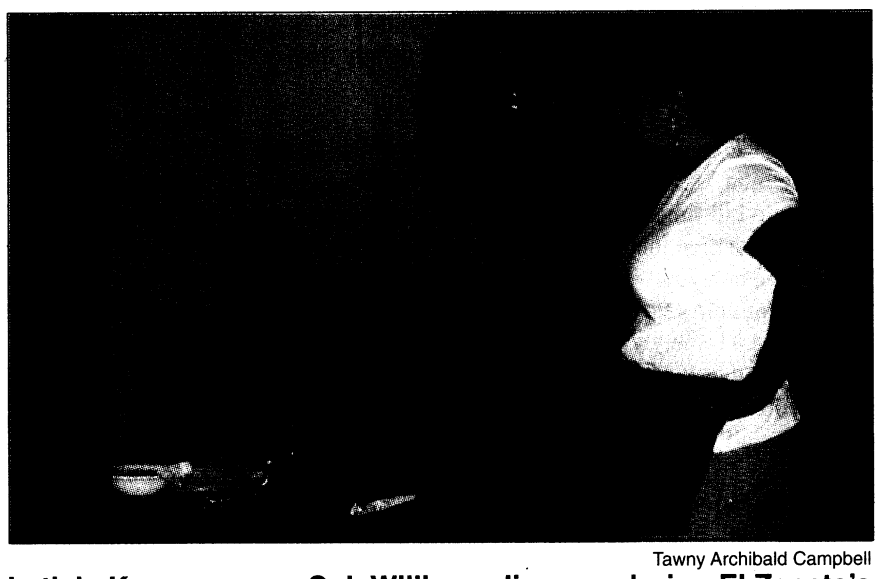
Leticia Knapp, the owner, said this is the third El Zapata to open in the Columbus area. The restaurant, named after Emiliano Zapata, a Mexican revolutionary, prides itself on its authentic Mexican taste and freshness of the ingredients it uses.

"You can expect the same great Mexican food and the same service as you get from any of our other Mexican restaurants in Columbus, without having to drive off Fort Benning," Knapp said. "We bring a different choice of food for Soldiers and family members here on post."

El Zapata offers a variety of dining choices, including seafood dishes and traditional Mexican dinners, like fajitas, chimichangas, camaron rancheros, chicken milanessas, ropa viejas, margaritas and Mexican beers.

"We get a lot of comments because we are the only Mexican restaurant (in Columbus) that offers pictures of all our dinner specials on the menu," Knapp said. "There is not one plate that I can tell you that sells more than others."

Knapp said because some of their dishes are so authentic, many people are hesitant to try them; however, the restaurant staff is flexible and, if you try a dish and do not like it, they will be willing to replace it with something more to your liking.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Leticia Knapp serves Col. Williams Jimenez during El Zapata's grand opening Sept. 15, in the Benning Brew Pub.

"We want our customers to be happy," Knapp said. "We've been in business for 15 years, and for a small business owned by one female, minority owner, that speaks for itself. Our food and service have to be competitive."

Col. Williams Jimenez, a member of the Army Republica Dominicanic serving at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, has been a long-time fan of El Zapata. Three years ago, when he was stationed at Fort Benning for the first time, he began eating at the El Zapata on Wynnton Road in Columbus.

"The food is excellent," said Jimenez. "The service is very important for all the Soldiers inside the post. It is a new option (for dining) especially for Latino Soldiers who come to Fort Benning."

El Zapata is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.and 5 to10 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. Lunch specials start at $4.50.

For more information, to book a special event or to order take-out, call 689-9009.

Alzheimer's affects growing numbers

Disease still without known cause or cure

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's a disease that affects 4.5 million Americans — nearly 10 percent of all people 65 and older and nearly 50 percent of all people 85 and older. It has no cure; it has no defined cause.

Alzheimer's disease is one of several disorders that cause the gradual loss of brain cells, according to the Alzheimer's Association. And although it was once considered rare, it is now the leading cause of dementia, or memory loss.

The onset of Alzheimer's generally has two effects on the brain, said Dr. Karen Sawabini, a neurologist at Martin Army Community Hospital.

"The first is the loss of synapses, which connect one nerve cell to another," Sawabini said. "The second is the loss of the neurotransmitter, acetylcholine, the chemical used to help with memory."

As the level of acetylcholine is reduced in certain areas of the brain, she said, patients begin to have a decline in thinking skills.

Eventually, a variety of symptoms will surface, including memory loss, problems with reasoning or judgment, disorientation, difficulty learning, loss of language skills and decline in the ability perform routine tasks.

"Typically, people will have early, short-term memory loss — they'll forget recent conversations or new names," Sawabini said. "But their remote memory — when they got married, etcetera — will stay intact.

"As the disease progresses, it will start to affect judgment, decision making and problem solving," she said. "It will impair driving ability — (patients) might forget where they are or get lost. It will also make it hard to recognize family members and objects."



Courtesy graphic

Alzheimer's affects 4.5 million Americans, nearly 10 percent of those older than 65 and 50 percent of those older than 85.

The greatest known risk for developing Alzheimer's is increasing age.

A family history is also a known risk. Patients who have familial Alzheimer's disease tend to experience early onset, sometimes as early as in their late 30s or 40s, which can be more devastating than when you're in your 60s, Sawabini said.

There is also evidence that vascular disorders, like high cholestorol and high blood pressure, may increase the risk. People who have suffered a heart attack are at a higher risk for developing Alzheimer's.

Anyone who has suffered head trauma, like a serious concussion, is also at increased risk.

One study also found that people who are more educated are less likely to develop the disease, Sawabini said, though experts aren't sure why.

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'Ranger Joe' visits troops in Iraq

Voorhees commits to post families

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Paul Voorhees traveled halfway around the world to minister to Soldiers, only to discover his true ministry lies right here at home.

Voorhees, the owner of Ranger Joe's, a Columbus-based company that ships military and law enforcement gear around the world, and the Victory Drive store by the same name, spent a week with Soldiers in Iraq in November. He shared a Thanksgiving meal with MPs, led prayer services throughout Baghdad, and accompanied Soldiers on patrol. And he did it all on his own dime.

"It goes all the way back to Mogadishu," Voorhees explained. "I don't know why, but I personally felt horrible. There was no reason for it, but I was driven to my knees over it, and I promised the Lord, if we ever went to war again, I'd do everything in my power to support our military."

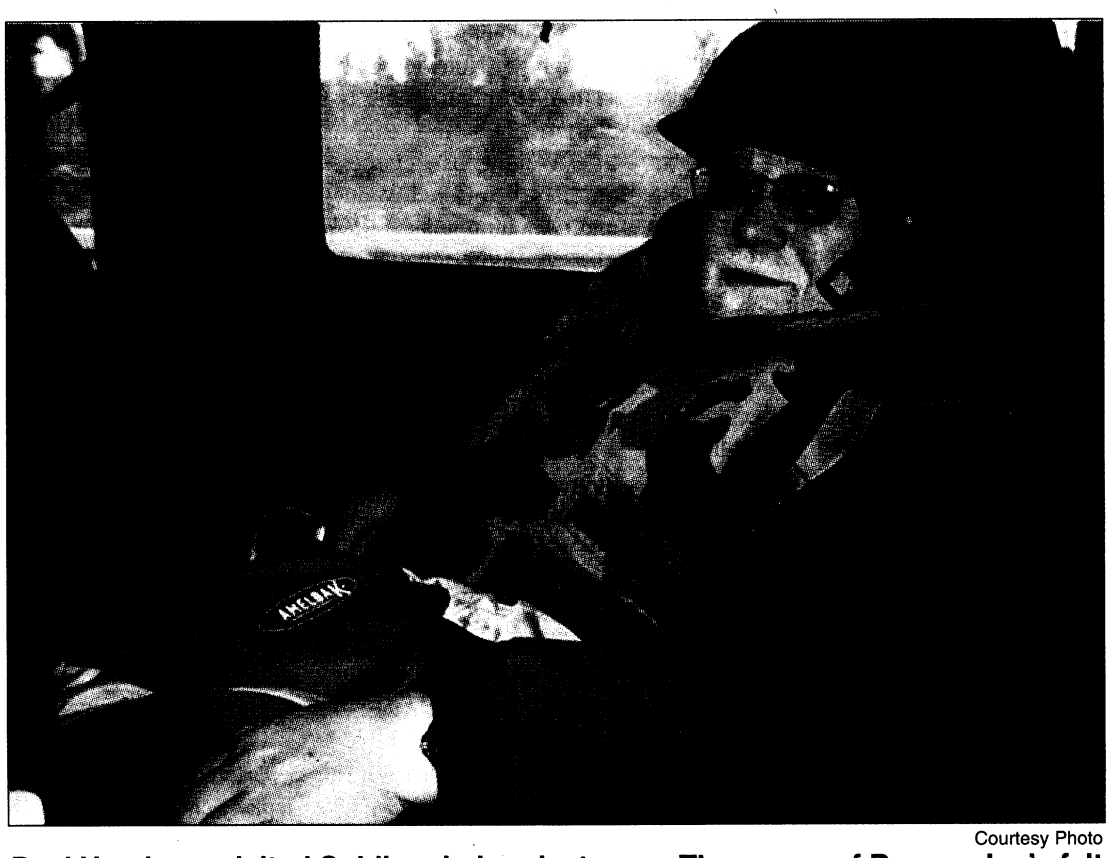
Voorhees' continuous financial support for Fort Benning — support that earned him the Army Commander's Award for Public Service last fall — leaves no doubt about his commitment to Soldiers. He's a businessman, an ordained Southern Baptist minister, a certified chaplain for Georgia police officers, and — get this — a member of the National Story Tellers Association. But he's always ranked Soldiers among his top priorities.

As a young boy growing up in Columbus, Voorhees assumed he'd be a paratrooper like his father. But when an accident on horseback rendered him "unfit for service," he and his father opened Ranger Joe's, a military surplus store, in 1963.

When it came to stocking shelves and pricing merchandise, they relied on Fort Benning Soldiers to lead the way.

"If they needed something, and I didn't have it, they told me to get it," Voorhees said. "If I priced something too high,

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Courtesy Photo

Paul Voorhees visited Soldiers in Iraq last year. The owner of Ranger Joe's felt compelled to minister to the troops after the battle in Mogadishu 10 years ago.

I'm Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

As I'm sure you'll all be crushed to discover (ahem), I am soon leaving The Bayonet. *I depart next week for a rewarding six weeks of Recruiting School at Fort Jackson, S.C., and then it's on to God (and Recruiting Command) knows where. Hopefully, not the backwoods of Wyoming. (Pray for me.) So it is that I write my last* Get Outta Here, *appropriately titled* I'm Outta Here.

It's taken two years, but I've reached the end of my list of fun places to go in Columbus, and have thus been forced to search my imagination (and the Web) for inspiration. So it is that I have a new and improved list of ways to wile away my hours of free time. Most of them are inexpensive and guaranteed to pass at least an hour or two.

1. Get a tattoo. My godmother calls them "idiot marks," but it's my theory that we should all have at least one. I have a few, and they've all been acquired during moments of complete and utter boredom.

I was fortunate enough to know a budding tattoo artist and thus got mine for free in the comfort of my own home. But if you don't have that luxury, this is one you save for when you clean out your change jar or have another source of extra cash.

Of course, being the stellar troops that you are, you'll know better than to get a tattoo anywhere it can be seen while wearing your Class As. And you won't run off and get anything offensive.

2. Go four-wheelin'. If you don't like bugs and hate to feel dirty, this is not the activity for you. But for all others (specifically those who enjoy a good romp in the mud), this is an awesome way to kill time.

True, you chance a nice long hike in the woods when your (or your friend's) vehicle gets stuck in the mud. And true, you face the daunting task of getting the darn thing unstuck at some point. But all's well that ends well.

I hadn't been since I was 8 until a few weeks ago. It had totally escaped me how much fun it is. And as I learned, if you don't get dirty enough in the truck, you can always get out and mud wrestle — also an effective (but atrociously smelly) way to have fun.

3. Paintball. I hope you still enjoy running around in the woods, playing Soldier. Fortunately, Fort Benning just opened a paintball course, so you don't have to journey far or worry about scouting a good place to play. They have all the equipment for rent on site, and it's not that expensive.

Sometimes even cheap can be expensive, though (you know — those last few days before payday, when you're living off your canned food selection). In that case ...

4. Water balloons can be just as fun. I'm sorry for ya if you can't even afford balloons and the gas to get back home from the store. In that case, you should probably proceed directly to the Financial Readiness Program in Soldiers' Plaza. Otherwise, venture back to your grade school days with a rousing water balloon war. The only rule? Just pray no innocent bystanders who outrank you are caught in the crossfire.

5. Have a scavenger hunt. Is it wrong that MTV gave me this idea? Oh, well. For those of you who've ever caught the scavenger hunt episode of *Viva La Bam* that aired last Christmas and is probably still showing, you know we're not talking about the scavenger hunts you used to have as a kid.

Think up the most off-the-wall tasks to accomplish and items to acquire that you can (within reason and legal limits), assign each a point value, make up your teams and go.

6. Make a movie. Hey, if *Blair Witch* can end up a blockbuster ... Spend a few hours generating ideas, come up with an outrageous script, cast your friends, and go forth and prosper. Just make sure you save the tape and break it out at your next party.

7. Try to break a world record. Unoriginal? Untalented? Too easily frightened to attempt daring feats? Never fear, here are just a few of the world records that even you could attempt to beat:

• *Furthest cricket spit.* Only in Wisconsin. Apparently, the record to beat is held by Madison's own Danny Capps, who spit a dead cricket 30 feet, 1.2 inches in June 1998.

• *Most (self) kicks to the head.* Preferably wearing a Kevlar, attempt to beat Midland, Texas' Michael Loyd, who kicked himself in the head 42 times in one minute. No wonder Texans are proud. (Kidding! I was only kidding!)

• *Farthest spaghetti nasal ejection.* Kevin Cole of Carlsbad, N.M., holds the current title with a 19-centimeter ejection in December 1998. Don't be daunted, though. The pro recommends starting out with Ramen noodles (never in short supply in the barracks), then moving on to spaghetti. If these don't strike your fancy, check out www.guiness worldrecords.com for more ideas.

8. Be creative (or just really weird). Answer life's really annoying questions — How many licks *does* it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll Pop?

Call a wrong number and trap whoever answers in an engaging conversation. You could end up calling your soulmate (or making a name for yourself as a stalker).

With the help of the books at the library or Barnes & Noble, figure out how to analyze your own handwriting and find out who you really are.

And while you're at Barnes & Noble, peruse the joke books — or just visit the checkout aisle of your nearest super-market and pick up a tabloid. They're equally entertaining.

9. Throw a party. But not just any party. A costume party. Random or themed, you can't go wrong. Break out the adult board games, get the grill going and start taking pictures.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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School board meeting — The Fort Benning School Board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 545-7276.

WHINSEC open house — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation will host an Open House from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call Lee Rials at 545-1923.

CYS offers home school classes — Child and Youth Services offers weekly classes to home-school families. The Digital Lab will be open Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and art classes are Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. All classes are held at Patch Hall, Building 7. There will also be a meeting for home-schooling families at 1 p.m. Thursday in Building 359.

For more information, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

CrossRoads launches new series — CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel has launched its new series "*Cheaper By The Dozen* — Building a *7th Heaven* Family in a *Jerry Springer* World." A free trip to Disney World will be given to one family this month.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins at 545-1760.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

Fall Festival — The Religious Education Fall Festival has been changed to Oct. 3, from 2 to 6 p.m, at Gordon Field (next to the Wynnsong Theater).

For more information, call 545-4715.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a provider. Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointments, call the CARE line at 544-2273.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services will offer an afternoon session for Benning Buddies from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This part-day program is for children between 2 years old and Pre-K age. Fees are based on family income.

For more information, call CYS Central Registration at 545-2079 or 687-4038.

September MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

• A smoking cessation class will be offered through the Family Practice Clinic at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. An appointment is required.

• A dependent weight-loss class is offered through the Nutrition Clinic every Monday at 10 a.m. An appointment is required. Dependent weight-loss follow-up is offered every other Monday at 1 p.m. Call for a schedule.

• Weight-loss classes are offered Mondays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.

• A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

• A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.

• Weight-loss classes for active-duty Soldiers are offered Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.

• A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.

• A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.

• A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.

• A coumadin clinic is offered from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Internal Medicine Clinic. An appointment is required.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces 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.

Center sponsors are Tot Town CDC, Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, School Age Services, Patch Preschool and various Family Child Care homes.

For more information, call Judy Cobb at 545-2079.

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Peachtree Mall supports military — Peachtree Mall has teamed up with the USO to support troops and their families. The mall will display ways the community can support Army families. The display is located near customer service in the Dillard's Court. Shoppers can take remittance slips from this display site and forward a donation directly to the USO. For more information, visit www.uso.org.

Heart health class — Health Matters of St. Francis will offer a free class entitled "Nutrition for Heart Health" from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday. Taught by a registered dietician, participants will learn about dietary changes that will help them lower their cholesterol, triglycerides and LDL cholesterol.

The public can register by calling 257-7672. Health Matters of St. Francis is located at 3740 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

Breast cancer awareness luncheon — The Tidwell Cancer Treatment Center will have a Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Trade Center. Guest speaker is Ellen Burstyn, star of *The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood.*

Tickets are $50 per person.

For more information, call Jan Pease at 660-8121.

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AMU aims to reach students



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Maj. Michael Anti, a 2004 Olympian from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, autographs a Coke can at Faith Middle School during an AMU Olympian visit last week.

Disease: Becoming more common

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Sawabini said the process of diagnosing Alzheimer's includes ruling out other possible causes of demential, like multiple small strokes, metabolic disease or an infection.

Once Alzheimer's is identified as the definite cause, the patients will be followed "clinically," she said, with quarterly check-ups to evaluate their memory loss with standardized memory tests.

Although there is no known cure for the disease, there are several medications that can help slow the process, Sawabini said, most of which work to replace lost acetylcholine.

"They tend to work very well," she said. "They slow the rate of progression of memory lost over time."

There's also a new medicine on the market that tries to prevent further cell loss, she said. It appears to work well in slowing the process and can be taken in conjunction with other medications.

And although it's not technically a medication, Sawabini said she recommends Alzheimers patients take Vitamin E.

"There was a study done that shows that Vitamin E may help slow the time it takes for a patient to enter a care facility," she said. "It didn't improve memory, but for some reason, it did slow the progression. It won't harm you, but it might help you."

According to the Alzheimer's Association, those who suffer Alzheimer's exhibit memory loss and personality changes beyond what is normal during the aging process.

And catching the disease as early as possible is key to getting appropriate treatment, care and support services.

Early diagnosis gives the patient and his or her family time to make choices about the future, lessens anxieties about unknown problems, and gives patients a better chance of benefiting from treatment.

To help family members recognize warning signs of the disease, the Alzheimer's Association developed a checklist of symptoms:

• **Memory loss.** One of the most common early signs of dementia is forgetting recently learned information. While it's normal to forget appointments, names and telephone numbers, those with dementia will forget such things more often and not remember them later.

• **Difficulty performing familiar tasks.** People with dementia will often find it hard to complete everyday tasks that are so familiar we usually don't think about how to do them. A person with Alzheimer's may not know the steps for preparing a meal, using a household appliance or participating in a lifelong hobby.

• **Problems with language.** Everyone has trouble finding the right word sometimes, but a person with Alzheimer's often forgets simple words or substitutes words, making his or her speech or writing hard to understand. If a person with Alzheimer's is unable to find his or her toothbrush, for example, the individual might ask for "that thing for my mouth."

• **Disorientation to time and place.** It's normal to forget the day of the week or where you're going. But people with Alzheimer's disease can become lost on their own street. They may forget where they are and how they got there, and may not know how to get back home.

• **Poor or decreased judgment.** No one has perfect judgment all the time. Those with Alzheimer's may dress without regard to the weather, wearing several shirts on a warm day or very little clothing in cold weather. Those with dementia often show poor judgment about money, giving away large sums to telemarketers or paying for home repairs or products they don't need.

• **Problems with abstract thinking.** Balancing a checkbook is a task that can be challenging for some. But a person with Alzheimer's may forget what the numbers represent and what needs to be done with them.

• **Misplacing things.** Anyone can temporarily misplace a wallet or key. A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places, like an iron in the freezer or a wristwatch in the sugar bowl.

• **Changes in mood or behavior.** Everyone can become sad and moody from time to time. Someone with Alzheimer's can show rapid mood swings — from calm to tears to anger — for no apparent reason.

• **Changes in personality.** Personalities ordinarily change somewhat with age. But a person with Alzheimer's can change dramatically, becoming extremely confused, suspicious, fearful or dependent on a family member.

• **Loss of initiative.** It's normal to tire of housework, business activities or social obligations at times. The person with Alzheimer's disease may become very passive, sitting in front of the television for hours, sleeping more than usual or not wanting to do usual activities.

Voorhees: Pledges support to troops

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they let me know it real fast. I owe them a tremendous debt. They took us under their wings and allowed us to serve them. I support them because they've supported me for years."

That support took on a new dimension last fall, during Voorhees' trip to Iraq. He went, he said, to minister to the troops. He came home to minister to their families.

Time and time again, Voorhees asked the troops their greatest needs and concerns. Time and time again, he heard the same response.

"I learned this: When a Soldier leaves home with problems, he goes (to war) with problems," Voorhees said. "It's one of the biggest distractions and worries a Soldier can have — his family.

"If his marriage wasn't good when he left, it sure isn't getting any better while he's away," he said. "If his teenager was running the streets before he left, his teenager's probably still running the streets. The only difference is, the Soldier's too far away to do anything about it but worry.

"If there's one thing I learned from all this, it's the best way I can help is to get involved with helping their families."

Voorhees isn't quite sure just how he'll do that yet. Once again, he's relying on Fort Benning Soldiers — and their families — to guide him. With the 3rd Brigade's impending deployment, he's seeking help from chaplains and soliciting ideas from post officials and family members.

And he's issuing a challenge to Columbus and Phenix City communities.

"I need to impress upon the people in this community that we need to take care of our families," he said. "I don't know how we're going to do it yet — what programs, or whatever — but I know we'll do it. It's the very least we can do. I believe God has made us stewards of these families."

Long ago, Voorhees made peace with the fact he'd never be a paratrooper. He figures he's been called to serve with both feet planted firmly on the ground.

"I can't be a Soldier, but I can serve the Soldier," he said. "And I'm going to be more of a servant to the Soldiers than I've ever been before."

To learn more about Paul Voorhees' trip to Iraq, see next week's Bayonet.

School board meeting

The next Fort Benning School Board meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Middle School. For more information, call 545-7276.

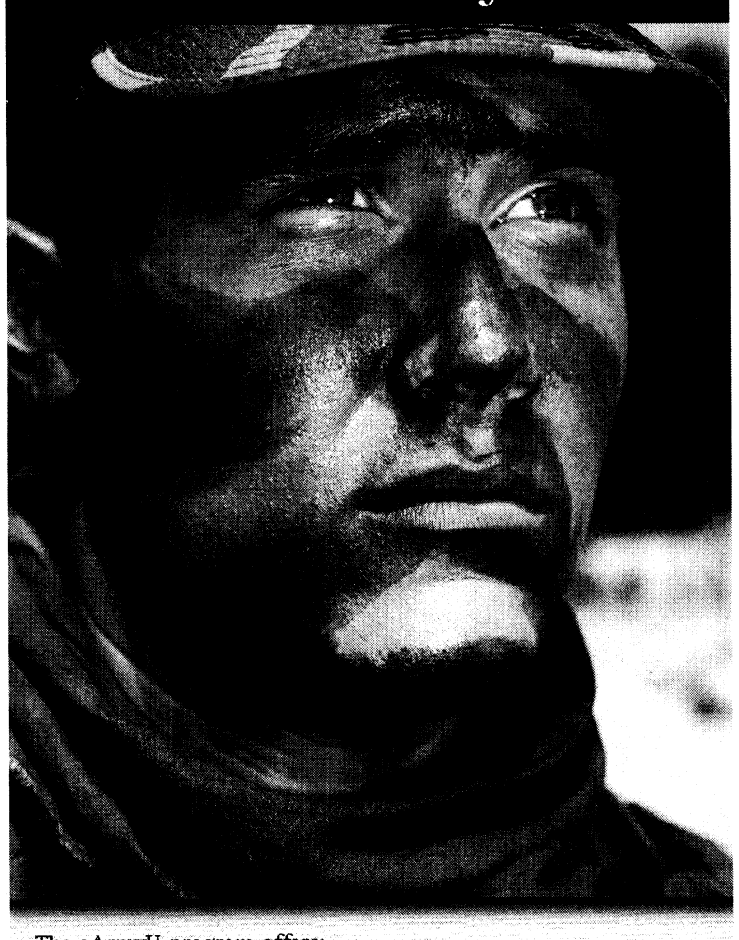
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Carmen Flores showcases her Puerto Rican heritage by dancing the Plena and wearing a dress fashioned with the commonwealth's colors during the Festival of the Hemisphere "Cena Tipica" at the Columbus Iron Works Sept. 10. This presentation was part of a night of performances by 18 different nations. The event was sponsored by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, where Flores works.

CENA TÍPICA

Performances showcase festival

Spc. Adrian A. Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

A night of dancing, dining and international performances awaited Fort Benning-area residents before doors opened at the Columbus Iron Works for the annual Festival of the Hemisphere "Cena Típica" Sept. 10.

The event was sponsored by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and featured a night full of performances by 18 different nations represented at the Institute.

Students, family members and faculty starred in each presentation, which varied from folkloric song and dance to poetry showcasing the cultural aspects of each respective country.

WHINSEC Commandant Col. Gilberto Pérez mentioned to the audience that the night was meant to connect the local community with the much larger international community by sharing in the "traditions and culture of our neighbors."

"We did not bring professional dancers or singers for you tonight," Pérez said. "We brought people with heart. People with love for what not only their countries represent, but with a desire to show that our hemisphere has been blessed by a rich and diverse history that strengthens us all."

"They really did a great job," said Mora Alexander, a Colombian police officer.

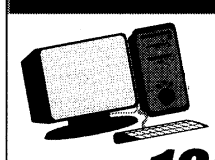
"It's hard to be impartial when I say this, but the performance I liked best tonight was Colombia. The dancing and the music really took me home," said Alexander, who's enrolled in the institute's 12-week Counterdrug-Operations Course.

Performances aside, he said he felt the chance to interact with students from other courses, as well as the community, helped him and his classmates make lasting connections.

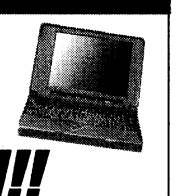
"As a student, you are here for such a short time. You are moved from one task to the next so quickly and intensively that you might miss out on what's beyond the classroom. It's nice to have social events like this, where you can talk to people from other courses and countries, all with different ideas and cultures, and see for yourself the strange unity that comes from diversity. It is something very special, unique to our half of the world," Alexander said.

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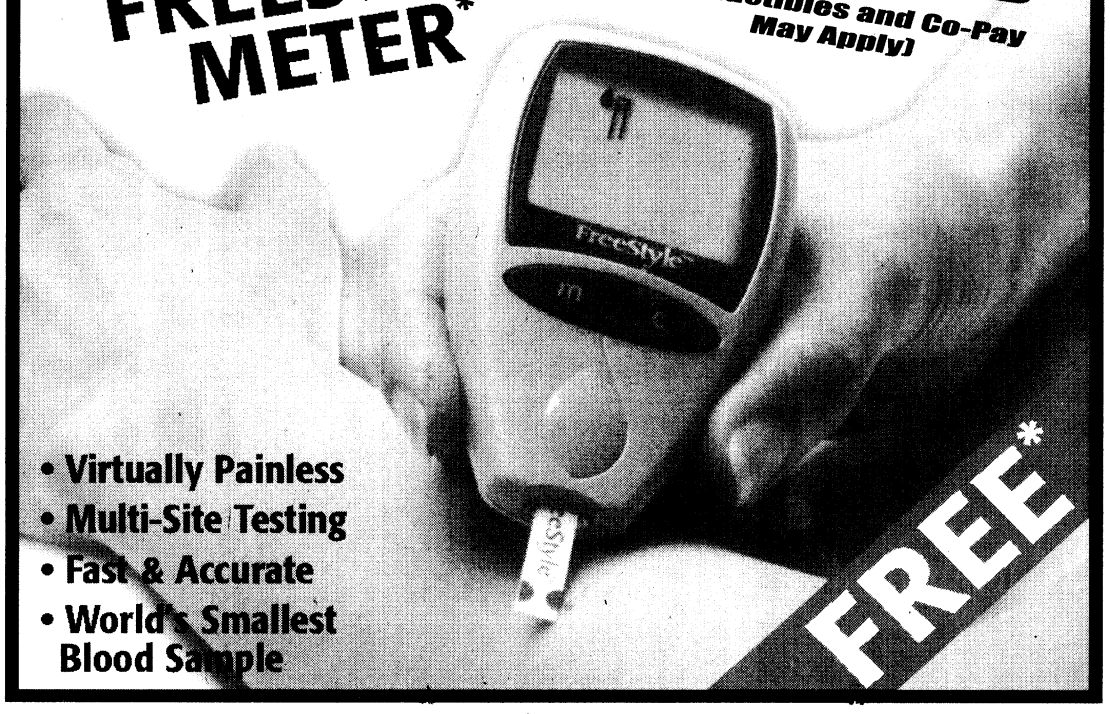
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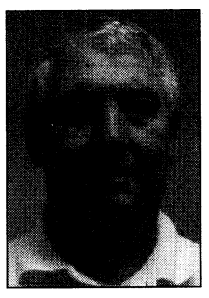
Religious education is not ust the transfer of specific nowledge; it is much more han that.

A different term, a different erspective, such as "faith levelopment," will help us to ealize that our religious ducation is a process of transformation — the need to grow in our faith and understanding, an ongoing process.

Pursuing our growth in faith and understanding provides the foundation for our growth as a whole person.

As we mature, we need to not only expand our knowledge, but also to mature in our spiritual relationship.

The many challenges we face on a daily basis, whether as a child or as an adult, are the opportunities presented to us to put into practice what we have been taught.



Snow

Yes, of course, the purpose of our faith formation is not solely a display of our knowledge of facts, but the actual implementation of the teachings we have been provided into our daily interactions.

How many of us do not prepare for the day's activities or demands? Our experience tells us that if we don't, we are creating our own limits and boundaries.

If we do not continue to grow in our faith, how well are we prepared to meet the everyday challenges we face in our human relationships?

End this year with the willingness and openness to grow, as an adult and as a child.

It is not unusual to come to the realization that, as we develop in our faith, new "doors" are opened and we discover how little we understand and how much more we need to grow.

Become transformed as a person in the spiritual and human relationships that are continually present in life by putting into practice the teachings and values we are given in our faith.

Survive hurricanes of everyday life

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

As I write this article, all of us on Fort Benning are picking up the pieces of yet another hurricane.

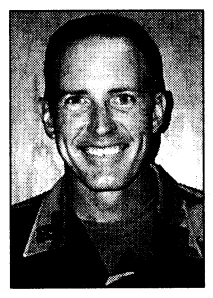
"Delta Flight 486 to Atlanta with follow-up to Columbus, Georgia, has been cancelled." That's the way my day at Reagan International Airport in Washington, D.C., began last week. And before the day was done, I would be bumped up, bumped back, delayed, paused, rerouted, shut-out, diverted, inserted and transloaded — all in an effort to make it home.

Hurricanes are powerful things, aren't they?

Since I had plenty of time to reflect (all across the Eastern seaboard), I began to think about the "emotional hurricanes" that hit us. Often unexpected — often more powerful than we could imagine — often wreaking far more damage than we thought possible. How is it at your house, at your unit?

Are you often the victim of the emotional hurricanes swirling around you — or are you the precipitator of those violent forces of nature?

Just as the Federal Emergency Management Agency is doing after-action reports on what they learned from this latest hurricane, maybe we, too, can learn a few emotional hurricane lessons from what we've just witnessed. So, when it comes to hurricanes that blow through your home or unit, you may want to:



Hawkins

• **Use your emotional radar to spot approaching storms.** Are there things that you say or do that "set the conditions" for the perfect storm? Maybe, maybe not?

The unleashing of an emotional hurricane is never the "fault" of a victim, but we want to make sure we don't contribute by turning a squall into the perfect storm.

Preparedness is the key to surviving the storms of life, and that's just as true for the emotional hurricanes that pop up on the horizon and seek to make landfall in our lives. Get good at using your emotional radar to spot those storms "way out."

• **Have an evacuation plan.** We like to think we can handle just about any storm.

But the truth is, some "blows" are just too big, too volatile, too potentially catastrophic to stick around for.

Do you know where you draw the line when it comes to anger being unleashed on you?

Do you have a plan for where you can go and what you can do to protect yourself when a storm that you didn't want heads your way?

• **When in doubt, seek shelter!** People are dead today because they thought they could "weather the storm" and "ride it out," even though there were special places designated to help folks in their predicament.

If you're unsure as to just how big a storm is when it's coming at you, or whether you can weather another battering, our "advisory" is to seek shelter so you are not hurt, harmed or killed as the eye of the storm passes through.

Call 911 if things are blowing out of control, and (800) 650-6522 (Alabama) and (800) 334-2826 (Georgia), the Domestic Abuse Hotlines, are great numbers to keep close by as part of your evacuation kit should you need them.

If we can help you "batten down the hatches," give us a call at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

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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.	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

JEWISH

Sunday Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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

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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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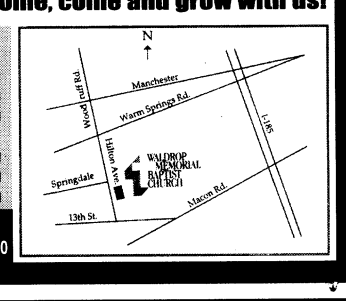
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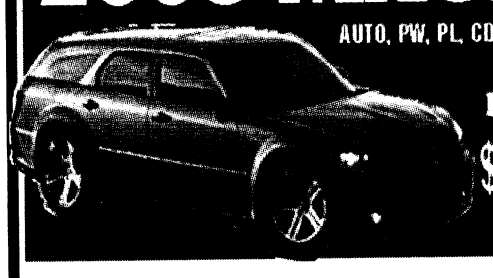
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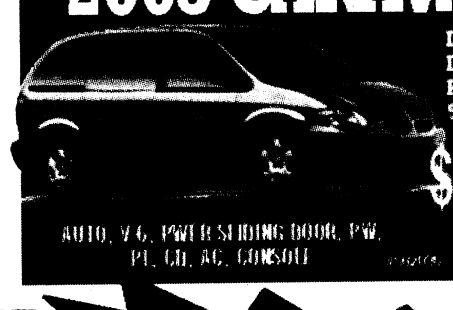
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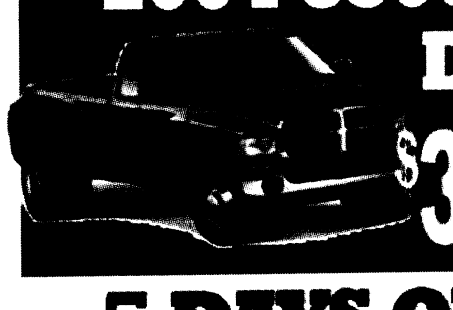
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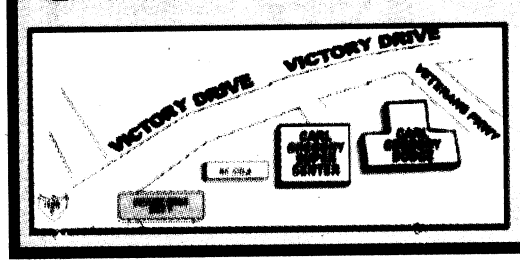
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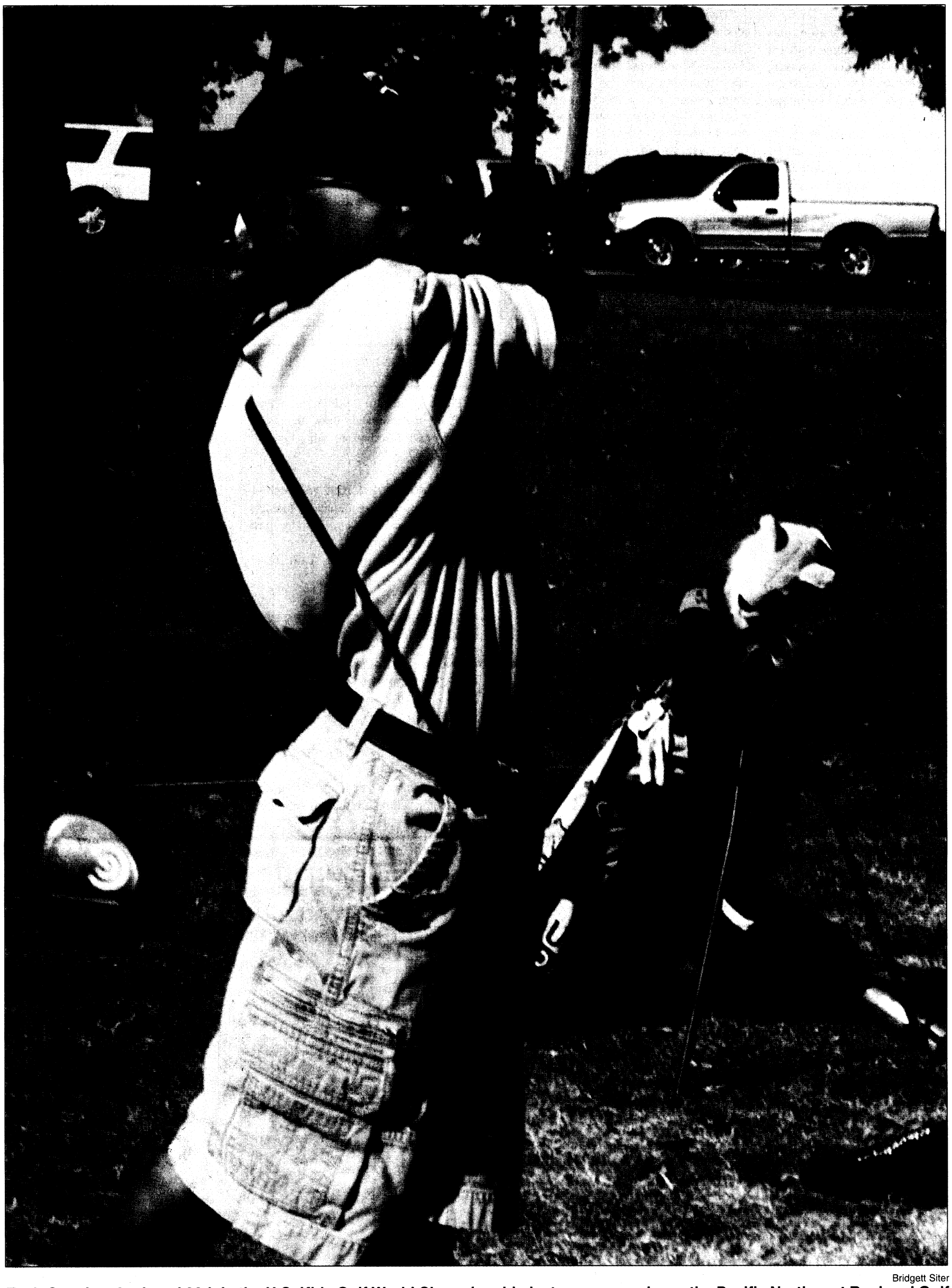
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Benning home to next Tiger



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Zach Caggins, 9, placed 20th in the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship last summer and won the Pacific Northwest Regional Golf Channel's Drive, Chip and Putt Competition. Zach is the son of Capt. Elliott and Chan Caggins.

Fourth-grader places 20th in world tourney

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

At 9-years-old, Zach Caggins is already being compared to Tiger Woods. The Fort Benning fourth-grader began competing four years ago, and his resume reads like a miniature master.

He placed 20th, out of more than 1,200 competitors, in the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship last summer. He won the Pacific Northwest Regional Golf Channel's Drive, Chip and Putt Competition last year in Canada. He was selected to compete in the Callaway Junior World Golf Tournament and became a member of the 2004 Tiger Woods National Golf Team.

Zach's not one to brag. That honor belongs to his dad, Capt. Elliott Caggins, the 4th Ranger Training Battalion's A Company commander. The senior Caggins is tickled pink over his son's most recent accomplishment.

"He beat two of my (Ranger) instructors. Crushed 'em," said Elliott, who hasn't won a golf game against his son in two years.

Zach's interest in golfing precedes his earliest memory. But his mother paints a picture of a determined toddler who cried for hours when his dad left for the golf course. He couldn't be placated with ice cream or fruit roll-ups, Chan Caggins said.

Finally, when he was 3, Zach was allowed to accompany his dad to the putting green. He showed immediate promise.

It was when he was 7, during a tournament in Washington state, his parents realized that Zach's talent had exceeded his dad's ability to coach.

"That's when it was," Chan said. "I said, 'Elliott, are you going to be able to teach him, or are we going to need a professional?"

Zach's first professional tutor recognized a prodigy.

"That young man's going places," he told the family.

And indeed he has.

The Caggins, mom, dad, Zach and 4-year-old Kailei, spent their summer traveling from one tournament to the next. In December, they'll watch Zach compete in Miami.

Zach, a sports trivia buff who plays basketball when he's not golfing, aspires to be a professional golfer. He collects autographs from his "golf heroes," like Kenny Perry and Vijay Singh, and has a personal letter from Tiger Woods.

But it's not Perry or Singh or Woods that Zach admires the most.

"My role model is my dad," he said.

Dojo offers kids discipline, growth

Fallen coach inspires kids to victory

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Respect, hònor, courage, loyalty, discipline. Sound familiar?

Those traits are right along the line of the Army values and are taught to young minds long before the age of enlistment at a small karate dojo on South Lumpkin Road called Fiama's Martial Arts.

"We teach karate, not Tae Kwon Do," said coach David Bauzo.

"Karate is more of a way of life, a form of discipline."

Bauzo said modern Tae Kwon Do is based on the theatrics and athletics of the art, rather than the total body and mind of the Yoshukai Karate taught at Fiama's

"We teach (the kids) self-discipline," he said. "They know what to do in the absence of authority and are taught to be well-mannered and respectable."

Willie Robinson, a Fiama student whose father retired from the Army in 1992, said that focus was apparent the first day he walked in the dojo door.

"They teach you how to be a good person, to treat people right and show respect," he said.

"The training can be very hard at times, but that is just something you have to go through like anything else in life."

> "She would have wanted them to learn that life does go on. You can and will succeed, even though one of your comrades has fallen."
>
> **David Bauzo**
> Fiama's Martial Arts coach,
> of his wife and fellow coach,
> who died of cancer Aug. 26

Bauzo said the hours of practice students endure enhance their school and home lives rather than detract from them.

"They learn to pay attention, focus and show dedication," he said. "This training can last a lifetime."

The 34 or so students who attend the school, many of whom are in Army families, work hard to set and achieve goals, Bauzo said. Then they move on and establish further goals. This desire for constant improvement is something the black belt says will guide them through real life.

"They focus on the skills needed for one belt, work hard and train to earn that belt and then start it all over again with the next belt," Bauzo said. "It's just like in school — getting from one grade to the next."

The training has already begun to pay off for the Fiama students.

A team of five students competed in the world championships in Atlanta Sept. 10 and 11, sweeping the forms event and placing well in both sparring and weapons.

Winning graciously wasn't the most important lesson learned that day for the five students, all of whom have parents affiliated with the military.

"This was for Cathy," said Bauzo, referring to his wife and fellow coach, who passed away Aug. 26 after a long battle with cancer. "She was their coach. It was her hard work that helped get them here.

"When we won, we knew she was watching over us and we were happy, so we knew she was happy," Robinson said.

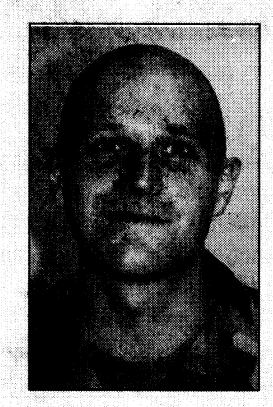
"I have been going there for three years this month, and Mrs. Cathy was like a mother figure to me since my mom moved away," he said. "She was someone to lean on."

"She was with them until the very end, rolling out onto the mat in her wheelchair to show them moves and correct their form. She would have wanted them to learn that life does go on," Bauzo said.

"You can and will succeed, even though one of your comrades has fallen. What these kids did was amazing, and I know in heaven she was jumping up and down saying, 'We did it!'"

Ten-Miler Profile

The Army 10-Miler is fast approaching and eight Fort Benning Soldiers are training to compete in the Oct. 24 race.
Check future editions of *The Bayonet* for updates on the team and the race.



Capt. Derek Murray

Hometown: North Berwick, Maine
Age: 32
Army service: 2 years
MOS: 56A, chaplain
Running experience: Started running seven years ago as a way to manage his weight and got hooked. Competed in three marathons.
Army 10-Miler experience: none
Personal best: 1:05
Weekly mileage: 50 miles
Pre-race meal: coffee and Power Bars
Quote: "A marathon — you either love it or hate it. When I'm running, I plan my sermons and my prayer life. 26.2 miles gives me plenty of time."

Main Post areas to open for deer hunting

Officials to use lottery for deer harvest

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

As deer hunting season gets under way, Fort Benning residents are urged to use caution, particularly on Main Post, where one might not expect to encounter hunters.

Areas in and around the post's cantonment area will be opened for hunting periodically this fall to alleviate the over-population of deer.

These areas include the Follow Me Golf Course and the Water Treatment Plant on Marne Road near the Fort Benning Hunt Club.

Bow hunters in these areas may present a hazard to residents who wander off the beaten path, but the presence of hunters may also drive deer out of the woods and into high-traffic areas — always a hazard.

The hunts are designed to control the deer population and stop the growing number of deer-related accidents each year on post.

"These (hunts) are really for the good of our residents," said Harley Chase, post safety specialist. "Even at 30 miles per hour, a deer can cause thousands of dollars worth of damage. At this time of year, the (MP) blotter is full of these kinds of accidents."

Last year, a select number of hunters, chosen by lottery, were allowed to hunt on the golf course, where deer were wreaking havoc on the greens and nearby neighborhoods.

"We learned that the nuisance deer on the golf course were actually living in the area around the Water Treatment Plant," said Capt. Bobby Toon, who'll serve as assistant hunt master for this year's lottery hunts.

The hunts will take place in three-day increments. Four hunters will be allowed on the golf course, six at the treatment plant. All hunters will be supervised by a hunt master or his assistant.

And all hunters must have a Hunters Safety Card, a post access pass and a state hunting license. They must pass a basic archery skills test, and they must have a tree stand, since all hunts are "still" hunts.

Hunters selected to participate in the lottery hunts must pay $50, and golf course hunters will pay an extra $5 golf cart fee.

Information and hunt dates will be available at the Fort Benning Hunting Open House Tuesday from 6-10 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

For information, call Toon at 536-6021 or Ed House at 536-8200.

CLOSER LOOK

The tentative dates for the lottery hunts at the Follow Me Golf Course and the Water Treatment Plant are:

- Oct. 9-11, Columbus Day weekend
- Nov. 12-14, Veterans Day weekend
- Nov. 26-28, Thanksgiving holiday weekend
- Dec. 18-20, the first weekend of the half-day holiday training schedule
- Dec. 31-Jan. 2, the New Year's holiday

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

USAIC Midnight basketball tournament — The USAIC Midnight Basketball Tournament will be Saturday and Sunday at the Audie Murphy Fitness Center. The tournament will start at 9 p.m. each day.

For more information, call Fred Woods at 545-1940.

CYS needs coaches — Child and Youth Services needs coaches for soccer, football, baseball, basketball and cheerleading.

For more information, call 545-3582 or stop by Building 359.

Hunting open house — The Commanding General's Advisory Council on Natural Resources and the Department of Natural Resources invites the public to the Hunting Open House from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

The open house will provide information about outdoor recreation on Fort Benning, including:

- policies and procedures for hunting and fishing,
- licenses,
- permits,
- hunting and fishing equipment
- and Morale, Welfare and Recreation rental equipment.

There will be door prizes and giveaways.

The event is free.

For more information, call 545-3328.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park will be open to ID card holders 18 and older from 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays at no charge. Users are required to wear helmets and sign release forms.

The park will not be open to youth at these times.

These hours are offered on a trial basis for approximately three months.

For more information, call 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for the gym and the swimming pool.

For more information, call Larry McCoy at 545-4388.

off post

Ida Cason Callaway Foundation Golf Tournament — The Resort at Callaway will host the second annual Ida Cason Callaway Foundation Golf Tournament Monday.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams.

There will also be door prizes and awards for "closest to the pin" on holes eight and 12 and "longest drive" on the 18th hole.

Tournament registration will be from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a buffet lunch and a shotgun start at noon.

Cost is $600 per foursome.

To register or for more information, call Judy Gosa at 663-5096.

Columbus Track Club — The Columbus Track Club will present Run or Walk the Riverwalk Series.

Dates are Oct. 2, Oct. 16 and Oct. 30.

The series will finish Nov. 2 with the running results and national election results at 7 p.m. at the Draft American Grill and Tap.

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For more information, call Brian Luedtke at 321-8732 or visit www.columbustrack club.org.

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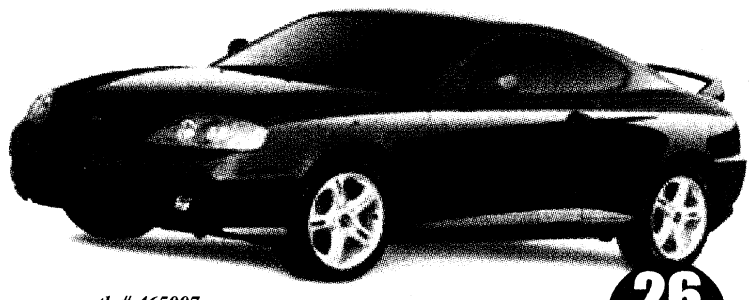
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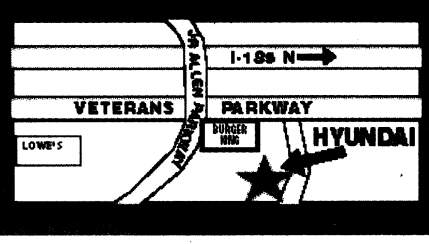
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Moving, Wood entertainment center $25, Wood PC Desk $25, Glass center table, end tables $20, Double bed $80 Call Mia 685-8979, 706-536-8566 (F1)

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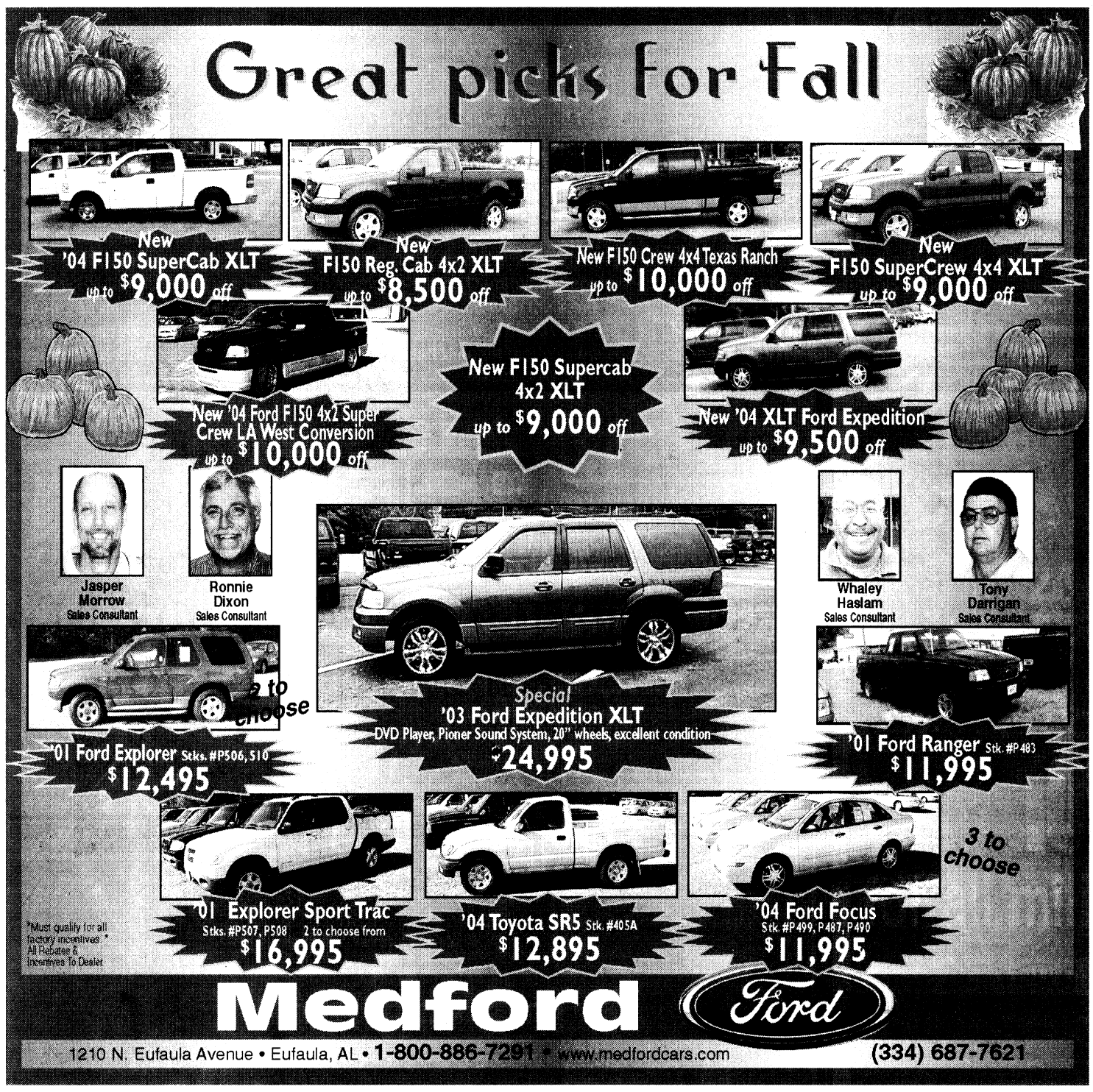
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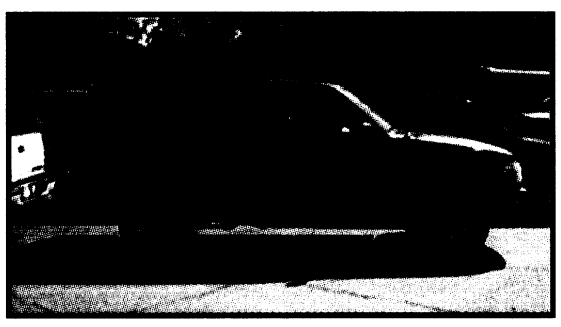
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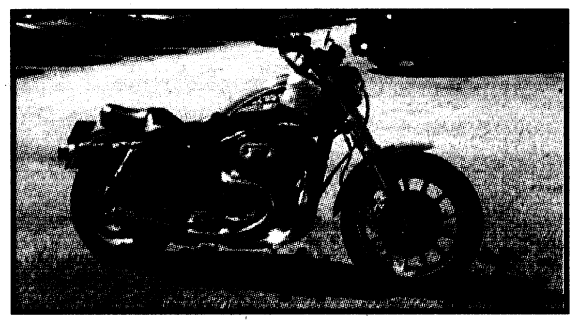
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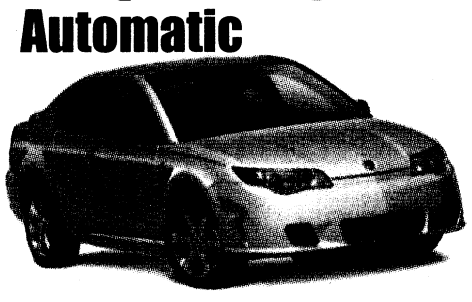
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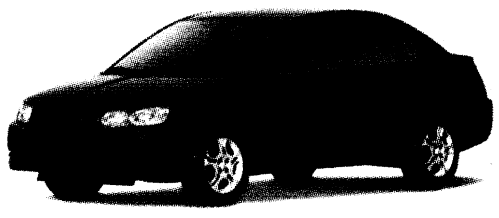
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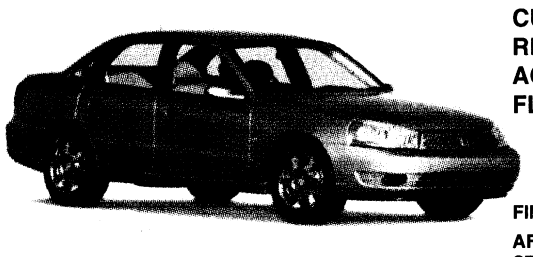
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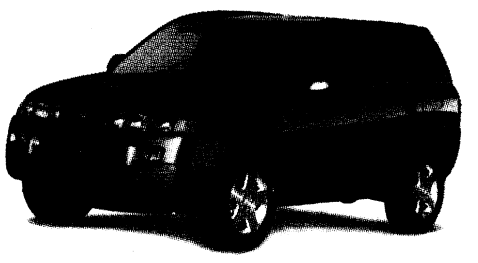
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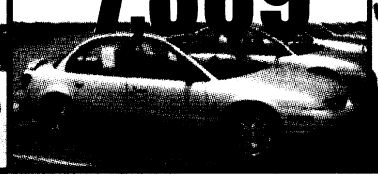


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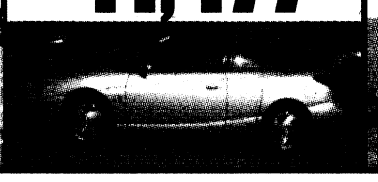
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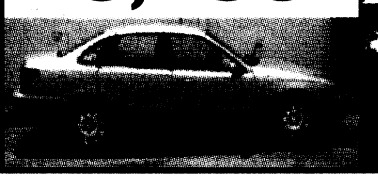
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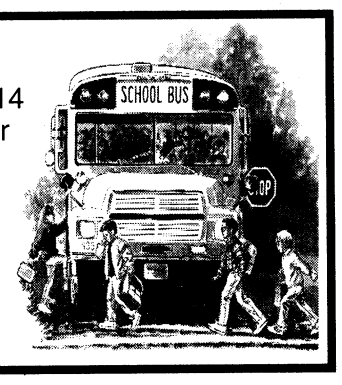
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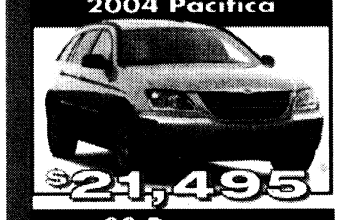
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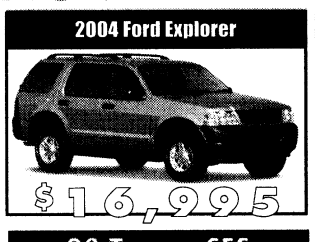
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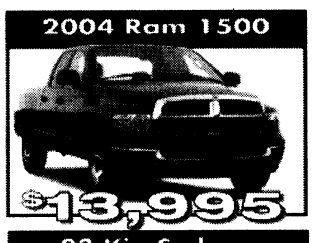
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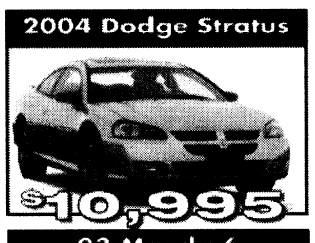
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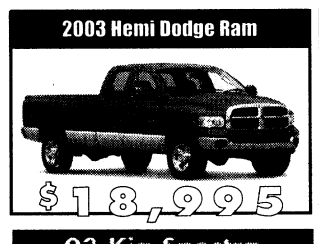
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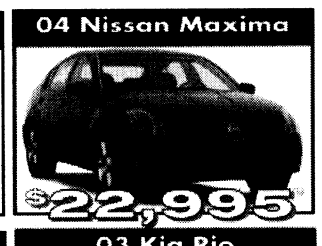
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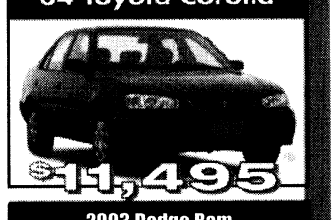
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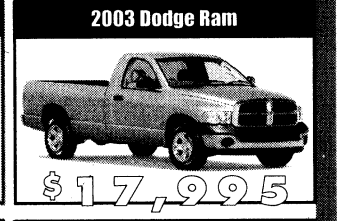
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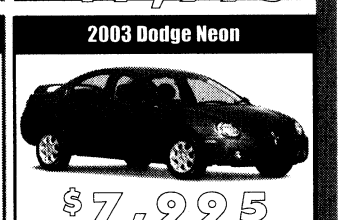
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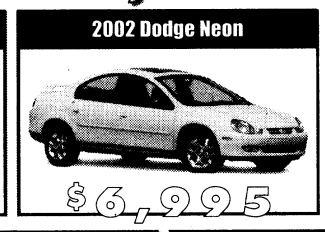
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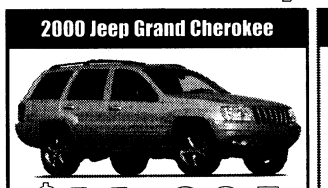
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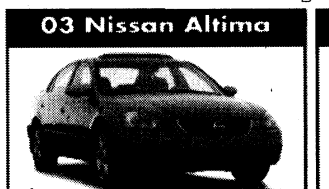
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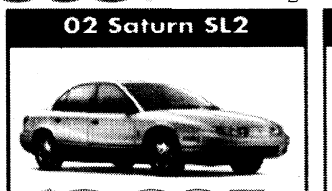
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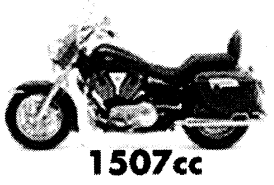
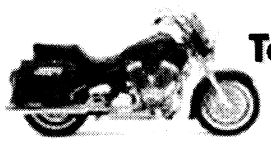
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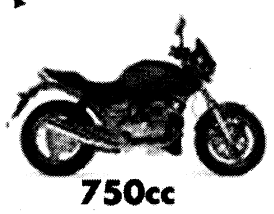
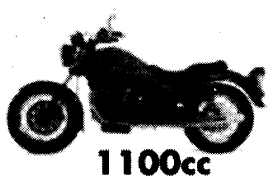
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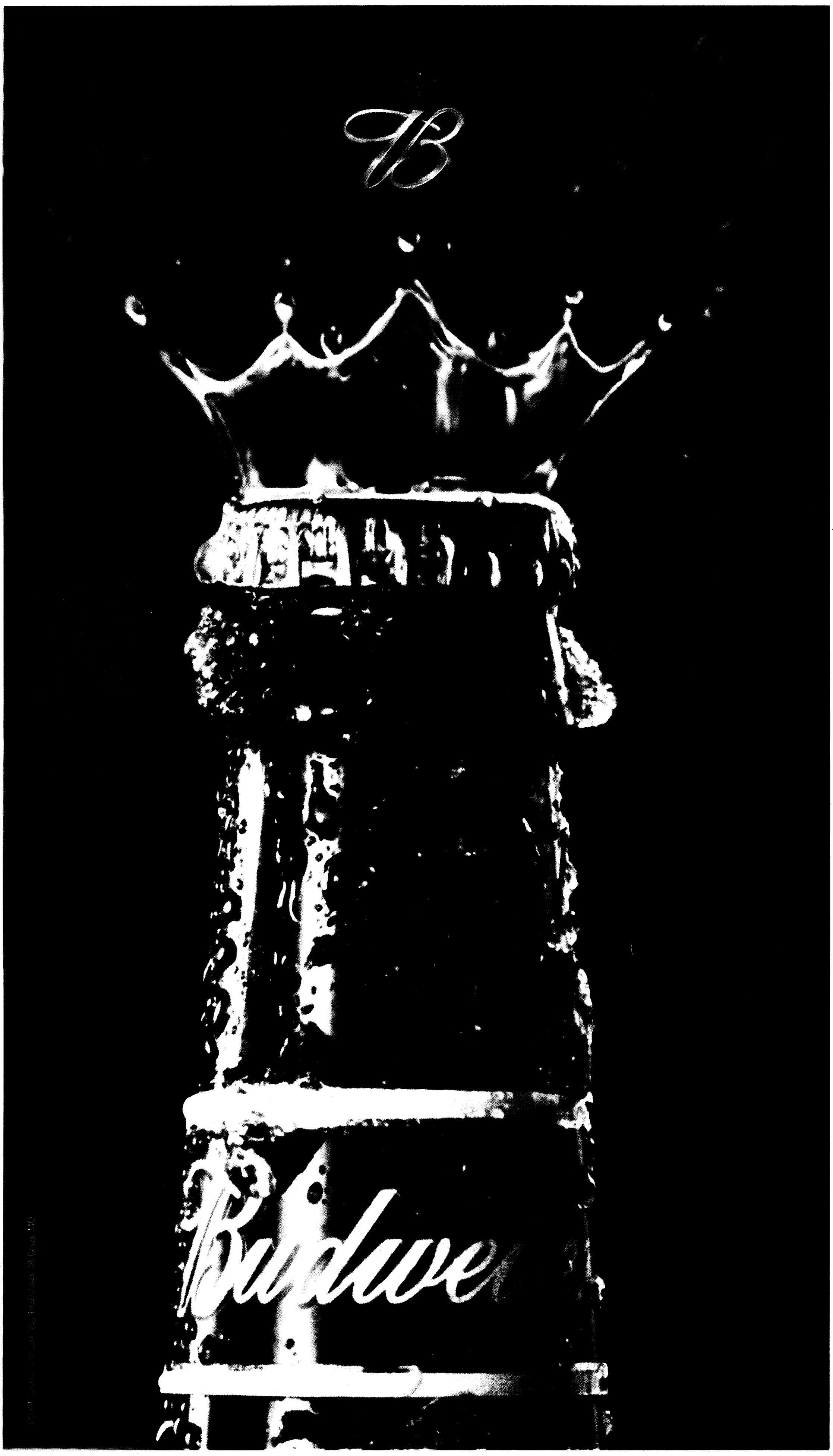
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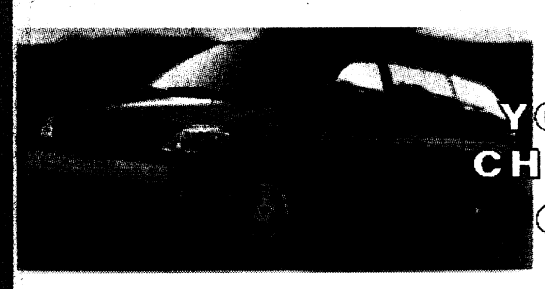
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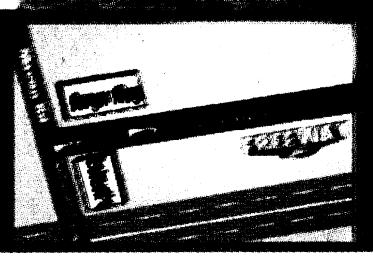
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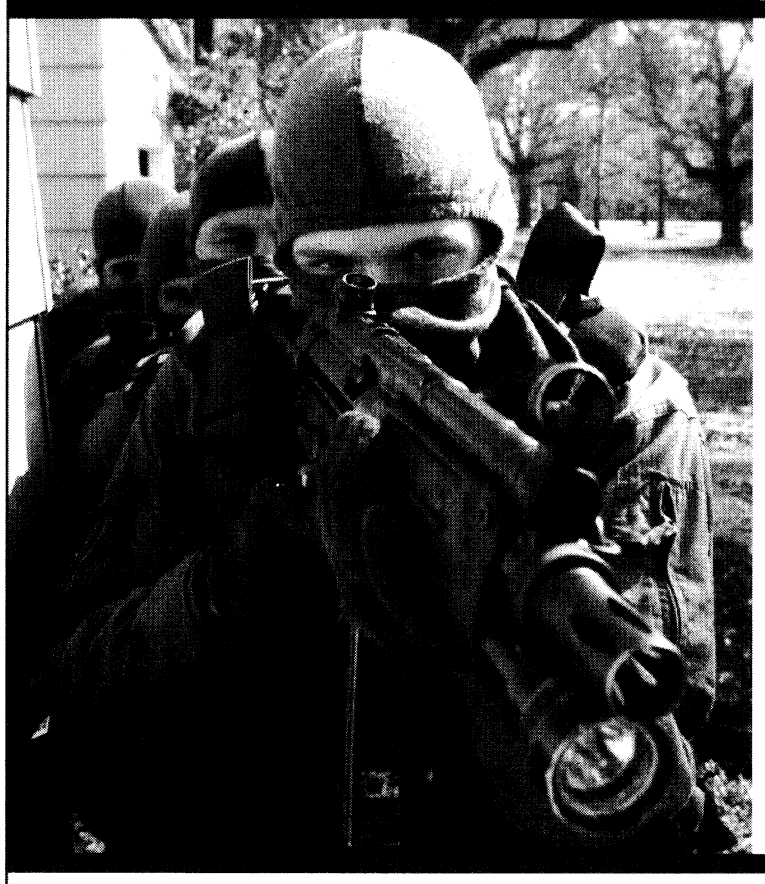
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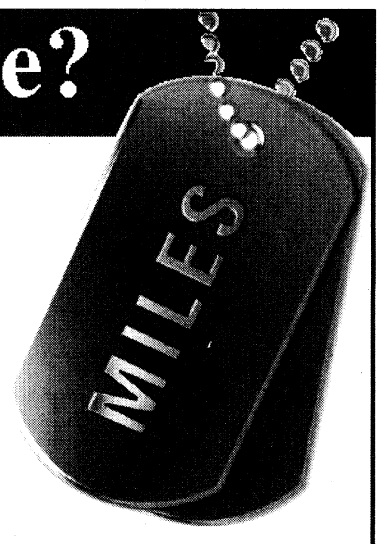
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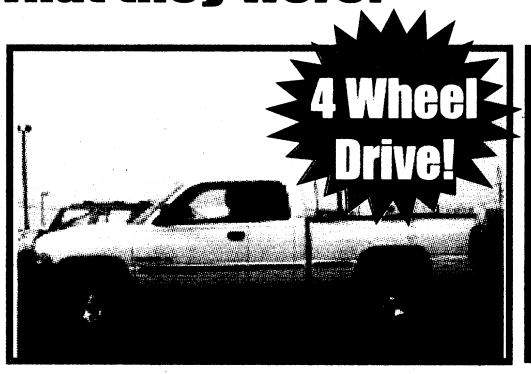
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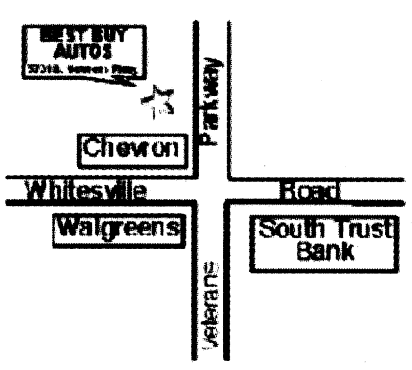
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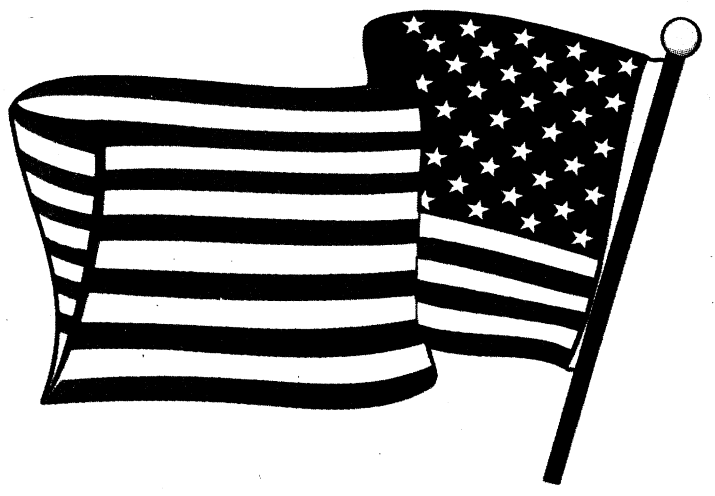
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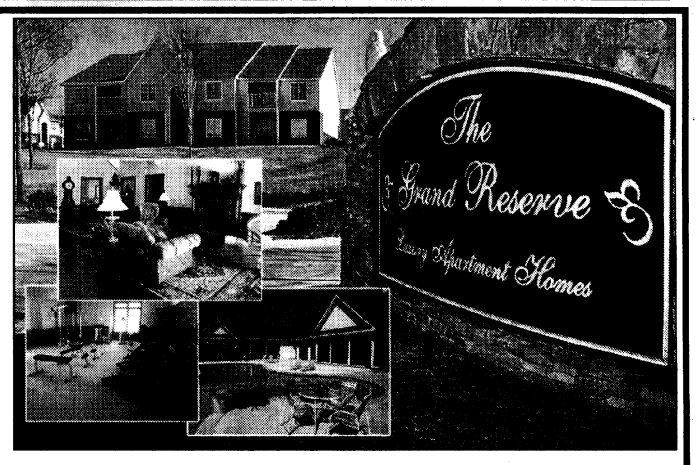
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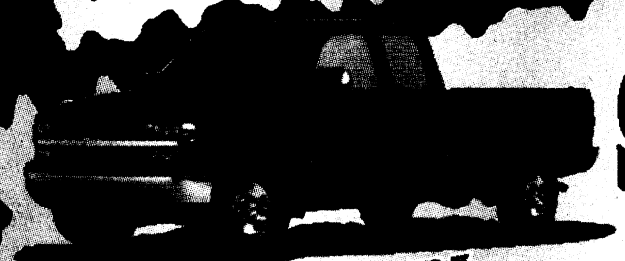
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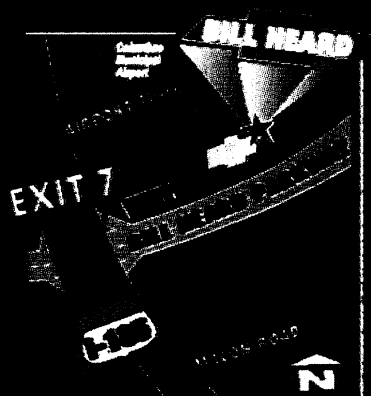
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RCI contractor announced

Clark Pinnacle selected to build communities

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Bayonet staff

Fort Benning officials revealed the name of the company selected to build new houses on post — a company with a history of developing successful Army communities and partnerships.

Col. Rick Riera announced Wednesday that Clark Pinnacle Family Communities LLC was awarded the contract to build 3,667 homes and rehabilitate 493 existing homes on Fort Benning over the next eight years.

"We're happy with our new partner and really anxious to get started," said Riera, Fort Benning's garrison commander. "This is the best thing that could happen to our housing."

Clark Pinnacle was chosen from a pool of applicants to partner with Fort Benning under the DoD's Residential Communities Initiative, which calls for the military to pull out of the housing business "and leave it to the professionals," Riera said.

"It's no secret that housing has never been a core Army competence," he said.

"Right now, people see Fort Benning 'housing areas.' This will change the way people look at us. They'll see communities."

Clark Pinnacle is already developing communities at Fort Irwin, Calif., the Presidio of Monterey Calif., and Fort Belvoir, Va. The Fort Benning contract will add the maintenance of more than 4,000 units to the 8,000 they're already charged with. The company is also responsible for community centers, parks and walking trails.

Representatives from Clark Pinnacle will visit Fort Benning later this month to begin formulating a plan to "rebuild Fort Benning over he next eight years," Riera said. The plan must be presented to Congress in six months.

Clark Pinnacle will take full responsibility for housing in January, 2006.

For more information about Clark Pinnacle and to view their progress at other installations, visit their Web site at www.clarkpinnacle.com.

CLOSER LOOK

Highlights from the Clark Pinnacle offer include:

- Build 3667 new three- and four-bedroom, single-family and duplex homes
- In the first 18 months, build community centers, walking trails, parks and playgrounds
- In the first eight years, rehabilitate 493 historic homes
- The project is valued at approximately $2.3 billion over 50 years
- RCI will improve the quality of life for 15,500 service members and their families.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Kathy Hand low crawls through the "worm pit" at Malvesti Obstacle Course Sept. 25.

Mud bath turns plain Janes into Rangers

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

The descent wasn't smooth, but with a little coaching, Lili Bonilla reached the bottom of the 34-foot rappel tower.

"I've done it before on the taller (tower) at Victory Pond," Bonilla said. "You just feel so heavy, but slowly you get the hang of it."

Bonilla was one of 48 women who woke early, donned BDUs and a pair of sturdy shoes and headed to the Ranger Training Brigade for a taste of Ranger life.

Jane Wayne Day was Sept. 25. The daylong event was open to the wives of Soldiers assigned to the RTB and their guests.

"It's is a chance to build teamwork among the wives in the Family Readiness Group," said Lt. Col. Terry McKenrick, 4th Ranger Training Battalion commander. "The wives get excited to do the same events the Rangers do."

The day started with a welcome, and the women were divided into squads and assigned a team leader. Then they headed to Eubanks Field, donned parachute harnesses and jumped from the airborne tower.

"I was really nervous to go first out of the airborne tower, but I loved it," said Amber Weaber. "I think everyone should try this. It's great to see what your husband does."

From there, it was on to Todd Field to toss a tomahawk and shoot a bow and arrow. After an MRE

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Live fire compares M-4, XM8

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

More than 400 spectators filled the bleachers at Red Cloud Range Sept. 22 to watch a side-by-side demonstration of modern rifle technology.

The demonstration was designed to showcase the capabilities of the XM8 weapon system in a comparison with its counterpart, the M-4 carbine.

After a brief introduction to each weapon and the roles of the squad members, Soldiers loaded the Stryker armored vehicles and sped away.

As the sounds of classic rock poured out of the loudspeakers, the Strykers bounded into position and lowered their hatches.

Then a squad of Soldiers armed with traditional Army weapons sprang into action and laid down a steady stream of fire, kicking up a cloud of dust as they knocked over green targets on a hillside about 150 meters away.



Spc. David Foley

A nine-man infantry squad armed with XM8s exits a Stryker armored vehicle during a live fire demonstration at Red Cloud Range Sept. 22.

After about one minute, they dropped their magazines and mounted the Strykers for a hasty exit.

Once the first squad moved out of

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Soldier dies in crash

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

A Fort Benning Soldier was killed last week.

Sgt. Frank Crayton, 21, of A Company, 3rd Brigade Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, was killed in a single car accident on post at about 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21.

According to a Training and Doctrine Command operations report released Sept. 22, Crayton was traveling at a high rate of speed on Interstate 185 near Custer Road when he lost control of his vehicle. The car flipped over, hit an embankment, skidded along a drainage ditch and crashed into a tree.

He was pronounced dead at 6:50 p.m.

A memorial service for Crayton, who had only been at Fort Benning for a few weeks when he was killed, was held Monday on Kelley Hill.

Water contract signed

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Today, Fort Benning will officially be out of the water and wastewater business.

"This has been a very long haul," said Dr. Osman Khan, Resources Efficiency manager, Directorate of Public Works. "This constitutes the final privatization of post utilities.

As part of a 50-year contract, Columbus Water Works will now provide Fort Benning with water and wastewater services and will completely own and maintain the facilities.

Osman said Fort Benning has been producing it's own water by drawing it from the Upatoi since World War II.

Experience with out-sourcing utilities has been beneficial to the post, he said.

"It behooves us to promote privatization," Khan said. "Reliability, improvement in

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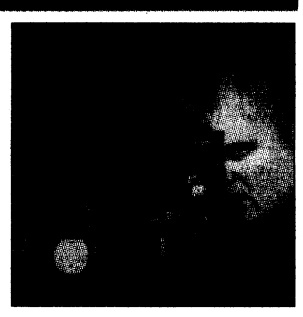
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Sunday		high 78 low 60

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SOLDIER SHOW

I'm not talented, I'm motivated

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It took me 15 years to discover that I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous."
— Robert Benchley
actor, author and humorist



Well, let me just say that I will never have Mr. Benchley's particular problem. I won't ever be famous for anything I've written. But, believe it or not, I've been "googled."

For those of you unfamiliar with the term, as I was, it means a Google search of your name will actually return something. I've apparently "hit the big time" with the article I wrote about the CONUS Replacement Center training the involuntarily mobilized Reservists. Wahoo. Move over, I have arrived.

Now back to reality. I just *wish* I had some talent. Don't we all.

When I was much younger, I was bitten by the horse bug. My parents kindly paid for riding lessons and sent me off to horsey camps in the summer. Before long, I had visions of being an Olympic equestrienne, looking elegant and polished as I competed in dressage and fearlessly and flawlessly jumping my horse over impossibly tall fences.

I played the clarinet for seven years, tried my hand at piano, trumpet and even flute.

Then came high school in Texas, where people thought an English saddle belonged in another country, and riding gave way to swimming.

But my hopes of Olympic swimming medals were dashed the first time I swam the 500-yard freestyle. As I hauled myself out of the pool, my coach said she needed to trade in her stopwatch for a calendar. I was, obviously, a bit slow. I kept at it, improving my times and eventually competing in the same event in college — with far better results.

Swimming gave way once more to riding, which gave way to the Army and running, which eventually led to more running, then to crochet and quilting and racquetball and guitar and triathlons. These days, I'm back into riding.

What I've discovered, through many trials and more tribulations than I ever imagined, is that I'm never going to be talented in any one thing. I've decided that my talent is for mediocrity — but a good sort — I'm a jack-of-all-trades, master of none.

I also realize it's becoming harder and harder for kids to be happy with being average. Even the youngest are bombarded with the likes of child stars gone amok. There seems to be a lot of pressure on kids to pick a sport or an instrument or even a subject at school and focus all their energy on becoming "the best" at it by the time they are 10.

I found another quote I like, this one anonymous. "Motivation will almost always beat mere talent." I'm subscribing to that philosophy and letting my kids flit in and out of whatever sport or activity they want to try.

For those of you who want to see talent in action, check out the Soldier Show at 7 p.m. Saturday at Wetherby Field. Like the name implies, they're Soldiers first and foremost, but with enough talent to entertain the masses. And unlike big-name civilian talent, these guys and gals aren't lining their pockets. Admission is free and the show is bound to be good.

See you there!

Heroes, food make for good time

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor



I love it when I don't have to cook. Any opportunity not to cook is wonderful — but Friday I was treated to one of the best lunches in a long time — not because of the food but because of the company. It was the Honor Ceremony for the House of Heroes.

House of Heroes gives the community an opportunity to thank military and public service veterans for their contributions to our well-being. The way to say thanks — painting, mowing, weeding and minor home repairs. (Students from Jordan High School built the handicapped ramp for the house my team worked on, because we had more enthusiasm than building expertise. Thanks Jordan!)

Anyway, back to lunch — the Columbus Trade Center Ballroom was packed with nearly 700 people; 52 of those were the homeowners. Out of the 52 homes that were repaired, Fort Benning teams worked on 21. That's an amazing community effort to honor the sacrifices of others.

And their sacrifices? During World War II, Pfc. Louis Sidre was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in Northern Africa when orders came to take the war to the Germans in Italy. At Anzio, Sidre was injured, but as the 3rd Inf. Div. moved inland, he and two other Soldiers were sent on a recon patrol. He was the only one to return.

While he was cut off behind enemy lines for a week, the passwords changed and he had to get back to American lines without knowing them.

He was listed missing in action, and his family received a telegram and his personal possessions. Later, an officer visited his family to tell them he'd returned to his unit.

Sidre retired as a master sergeant. His career highlights included a hospital visit from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1939, Frederick Malner was assigned to the 25th Inf. Div. at Schofield Barracks. He was on Oahu when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Malner served in both the Pacific and European theaters during World War II. He landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day plus three. There he earned the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was part of the occupation.

During the Korean War, Malner was assigned to the 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Div. In 1965, he was assigned to the 174th Combat Aviation Battalion based at An Som where he worked on Hueys.

Hearing the biographies of the heroes emphasized to one volunteer that these guys have done things many people wouldn't want to. It hammers home George Orwell's quote, "*People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.*"

Thank you veterans.

Call me 'Soldier,' call me 'Jane,' but call me proud

Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd Brigade Public Affairs Office

"Oh by the way," my husband said, "I signed you up for Jane Wayne Day."

I must admit, my initial reaction to the news wasn't the same as if he had told me he signed me up for a vacation to the Bahamas.

Jane Wayne Day, as it was described to me, was designed to give the wives of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion a taste of what their husbands do.

I'm in the Army, so what my husband really did was sign me up for an extra day of work.

Rappelling (been there), obstacle course (done that), road march (would rather not … again).

I arrived at the briefing not knowing any of the other wives. They all seemed to have their own circle of friends.

When I heard "A Company, Natalie Loucks," I paid close attention to the other names called for A Company. These women were going to be *my* circle of friends. At least for the day.

I was referred to as "Mrs. Loucks" on more than one occasion. That just sounded strange. All day, every day, I answer to "Specialist" or "Loucks." I wasn't a Soldier on Jane Wayne Day — I was a Ranger wife.

The day's events were challenging, something I didn't expect. I was pushed beyond fear and pain. I learned new things and literally got down and dirty. And right there next to me — not the company or platoon or squad I see everyday at work — but wives and children who have never had this kind of experience before. And they were good — no, they were great — at what they were doing.

Throughout the day, I really got to know my "temporary circle of friends." They are incredible people.

Every woman out there on the "battle field" demonstrated extraordinary skill, heart and determination. I am proud to be a part of that … I am a Ranger wife.

CG: 'Infantry Conference successful'

This year's Infantry Conference was a resounding success. It was received well because of the great work by the U.S. Army Infantry Center Team!

Recent combat veterans provided invaluable lessons for fighting the Global War on Terrorism. The Fort Benning staff facilitated working groups discussing ways to transform our Army from Urban Operations to Stryker Operations and to form and fight our brigade combat teams with the modularity initiatives.

We presented the Doughboy Award to two great Soldiers, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army William Connelly and retired Lt. Gen. John Norton.

We broke ground for the new National Infantry Museum, where Soldiers from the Basic Combat Training Brigade and 11th Infantry Regiment brought the ceremony to life, portraying the American fighting man through the ages.

The 29th Infantry Regiment's EXFOR demonstrated the capabilities of a rapid fielding initiative equipped squad and an XM8 equipped squad.

More than 650 guests and 200 vendors from throughout the U.S. praised the conference, praised Fort Benning and our Soldiers.

This was a great team effort.

While it started months ago with the establishment of the Infantry Conference Operations cell, it kicked into high gear last weekend as our Soldiers spent Saturday and Sunday cleaning up Fort Benning in the wake of Hurricane Ivan. They worked side by side with the crews from Shaw Industries.

Never have I been more proud of the men and women, Soldiers and civilians, of Fort Benning.

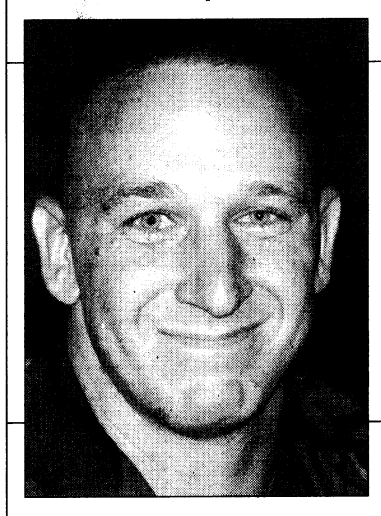
They demonstrated what team work is all about.

Well done! FOLLOW ME!

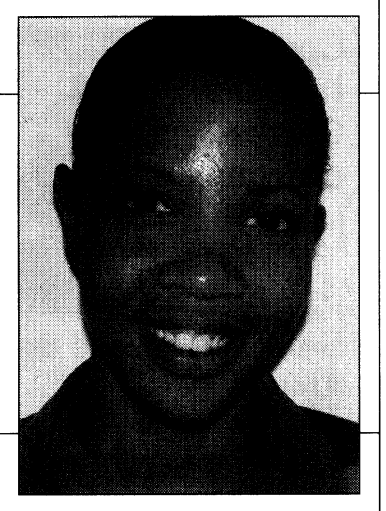
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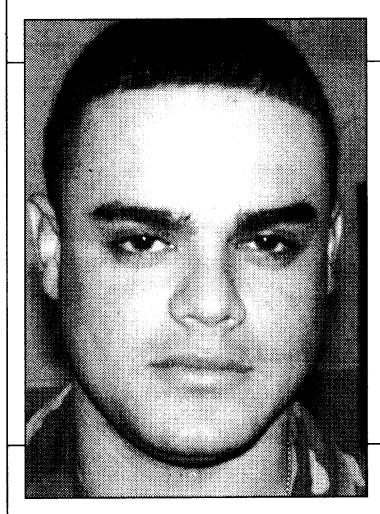
If you were in a talent show, what would you do? (Watch talented Soldiers in the Soldier Show at 7 p.m. Saturday on Wetherby Field.)



Capt. Neil Myres, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "If I were in a talent show, I'd perform dual roles in the re-enactments of Romeo and Juliet as a one man stage act."



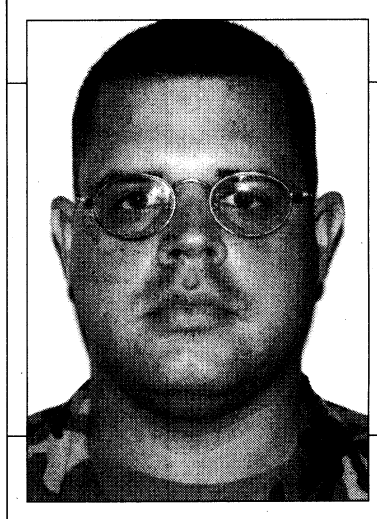
Staff Sgt. China Oteghile, 14th Combat Support Hospital — "I would dance in a talent show. It would have to be something uptempo like salsa."



Pfc. Roberto Torres, 3rd Brigade Troop Battalion — "If I were to be in a talent show, I would dance reggaeton. It's a combination of Spanish rap and reggae."



Officer Candidate Marie Presley, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment — "If I were in a talent show, I would talk. Talking is the only thing I'm good at."



Spc. Nelson Gracia-Cruz, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "In a talent show I would be the lead singer in my band. I'd represent Puerto Rico by singing merengue."



Sgt. 1st Class Joyce Garrett, 3rd Brigade — "When I was in Germany, I was a praise dancer. So if I were in a talent show now, I'd dance something rhythmic."

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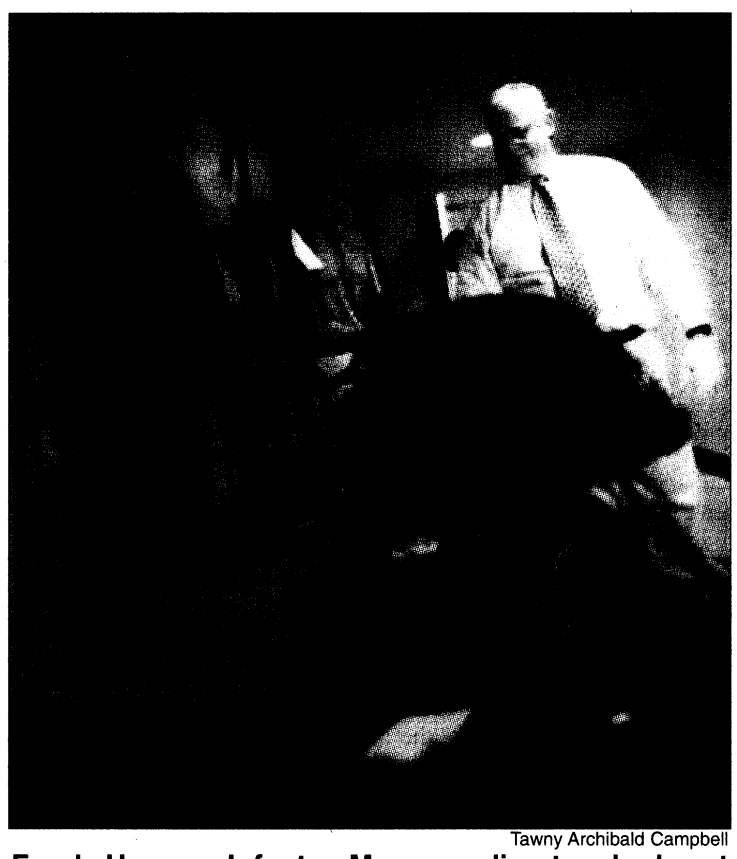
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Donation nets Infantry Museum 90 Iraqi items

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Frank Hanner, Infantry Museum director, looks at the recent donations.

Ninety items were donated to the National Infantry Museum on behalf of Lt. Col. Steve Russell of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Division of Fort Hood, Texas, on Sept. 21.

The items included an M-79 grenade launcher, rocket propelled grenade launcher, Saracm-53 7.92 machine gun, a uniform from an Iraqi coalition soldier, a ceremonial sword of Saddam Hussein, one of his pistols, a large metal sign of Hussein's head, a uniform of an American Soldier killed in action, and many other war items.

Frank Hanner, director and curator of the museum, said the most important item brought back was the uniform of 1st Lt. Osbaldo Orozco, 2nd platoon leader of C Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division.

Orozco was the first member of the 4th Inf. Div. killed in action in Iraq.

"I will get the uniform on display before anything else," Hanner said. "Many people will not be as excited about the uniform as they are about the sword or sign, but the uniform is the most important.

"So many young men and women died for our freedom and will continue to die. We need to remember them."

Hussein's ceremonial sword will also be one of the first items on display, Hanner said.

Hussein gave the sword to members of the Baath Party he felt were worthy of special recognition. One of Hussein's .357 magnum pistols, found in one of his palaces, will also be on display. .

Russell was able to bring the weapons back because he was appointed as an artifact officer with the Military Center of History, Hanner said.

Ed Annable, weapons curator for the museum, said the items brought from Iraq show the diversity of the weapons used on coalition forces.

"We have an M-79 grenade launcher manufactured by the United States during the Vietnam era that somehow made it to Iraq," Annable said.

"There is a machine gun that is a copy of a World War II machine gun manufactured in Yugoslavia. We have a Sterling Mark-4 from the United Kingdom. You could say they are using our weapons against us," he said.

Annable was most intrigued by the auxiliary equipment that the museum didn't have in its possession prior to this.

"We didn't have a silencer for an AKM assault rifle, and they had one on one of the weapons," he said. "There was an RPG night sight, too. These types of items we didn't have in our collection before. It indicates that Iraqi soldiers and insurgents have the capabilities of night combat."

Benning honors diversity

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Son Tropical provided musical entertainment by performing a variety of dances from Mexico, Puerto Rico and Colombia.

A slide show presentation played as the attendees of the Hispanic Heritage month celebration found seats in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

The slides pointed out the accomplishments of all Hispanic Americans throughout the nation's history, including the military:

- 38 Hispanic Americans have been awarded the Medal of Honor,
- More than 88,000 Hispanic Americans have served in the U.S. Armed Forces,
- 80,000 Hispanics served in Vietnam; 13 of them were awarded Medals of Honor.

"This year's National Hispanic Heritage month's theme, 'Hispanic Americans Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation,' is certainly appropriate for the United States Army as we reflect on the great contributions of Hispanic Americans," said Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general.

The guest speaker for the event was Retired Navy Rear Admiral Alberto Diaz Jr. Diaz was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps, U.S. Navy in April 1976. He retired from active duty in June 2003.

Diaz began his speech by reminding the audience that there's something special about the military today.

"You are now part of a very elite and dedicated group of individuals with a great future ahead of you," Diaz said. "Hispanics have contributed immensely to the development of this country as a separate and distinct culture from the East and the West."

He continued on to say it was time for parents to teach their children the beauty of diversity early on in their childhoods so they may grow to appreciate it, as diversity makes for a rich atmosphere.

"Maintain your culture but do not isolate yourself from the rest of the world," he said. "Derive strength from your heritage, don't seek refuge in it and try to follow the road less traveled. It's okay to make mistakes."

The event also featured students from White Elementary School singing the national anthem, and musical entertainment from Son Tropical who danced and performed a variety of songs from Mexico, Puerto Rico and Colombia.

To end the celebration, food was provided to all the guests.



Home of the Infantry now Home of the Energy Efficient

Improvements save post $2.1 million

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's no longer just the "Home of the Infantry" — it's now the Home of Energy Efficiency.

The post beat 18 other installations in the southeast region and others nationwide to earn first-place recognition from the Department of the Army.

Since Executive Order 12123 was signed in June 1999, Fort Benning has exceeded the energy efficiency goals, said Dr. Osman Khan, the post's resources efficiency manager, Directorate of Public Works. In fact, energy consumption is down by 37 percent from fiscal 1985 to 2003.

For 2003, which the award is based on, Khan said the post saved $2.1 million, or 6 percent from fiscal 2002.

"We've not only met, but beaten the records of all installations," Khan said, "and we're still trying to beat them further."

Fort Benning has 14 million square feet of office space and 6 million square feet of family housing.

Meeting and exceeding the goals required the combined efforts of several agencies on post, Khan said, including the Environmental Management Division, and contracts with Atmos Energy.

"Rather than focus on energy alone," Khan said, "we are global in our approach."

The team worked in areas of common interest and with new environmentally friendly technology. Waterless urinals add to the energy conservation and efficiency efforts.

The post implemented decentralization of the ancient steam system on post, which Khan said has saved the post more than $2 million annually since 1999.

The system, he said, was abandoned in part because it was problematic to supply the customers with the energy. By completely "moth-balling" the old system and building three new facilities on Main Post, Sand Hill and Kelley Hill, the post avoided the large cost associated with renovating boilers and rusted pipes.

Another energy-efficient move was negotiating an anti-bypass agreement with Atmos Energy, whose natural gas lines are convenient for post. "This was very novel in support of our savings," Khan said.

The "novel" approach netted more than $600,000 in natural gas savings in fiscal 2003. If Fort Benning continues on its current energy reduction "glide path," natural gas consumption alone will be reduced another 5 percent in the next few years. "I think post can improve by another 10 to 15 percent overall," Khan said, "despite the fact we are well below the path."

He said he would be keeping an eye on the interface with the new construction projects on post and remotely monitor them. The projects will add 1 million square feet of office and living space. Although he said there is still a substantial amount of construction ahead, his team is already working to improve the energy efficiency.

Khan said the post can keep two-thirds of its energy savings money and use it to improve the quality of life on post.

"Our efforts mean recognition for post that, indeed, nationwide, we are top-of-the-line in achieving goals," Khan said.

Warrior University to give Soldiers jump on courses

Online courses cut time, money

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As more and more Soldiers join the Army with basic computer knowledge, the Army is finding new ways to train them on warrior tasks and Army knowledge.

Army Knowledge Online and eArmyu are just two examples of how the Army is working to build smarter Soldiers and better trained leaders.

Now the Army has a new program that will take e-learning to a new level — Warrior University.

Warrior University is a Web-based lifelong learning center developed by the U.S. Army Infantry School as a result of Training and Doctorine's lifelong learning initiative, to give infantry Soldiers a place to hone their skills and find answers to their questions.

According to the Web site, the mission of Warrior University is to synchronize and integrate all infantry training so that the right Soldiers receive the right training at the right time, regardless of their physical location.

It will be the center of gravity for warrior learning and will serve as the Infantry School's executive agent for use of technology to enhance resident instruction, to meet the training needs of field units, and to quickly disseminate information on new systems and lessons learned in today's operating environment.

USAIS began building Warrior University three months ago and is still improving the system.

Plans for the site include a host of learning products for the Officer Education System, NCO Education System and other skills.

Even though Soldiers can take portions of these classes online from their duty stations, the program will not get them out of going to the actual schools.

"It will be a prerequisite before coming to the resident portion," said Dan Duval, U.S. Army Infantry School training developer, Lifelong Learning Branch.

"In the current environment, there are more things we need to train with less time.

We can't get funding to extend the residencies, but we can get a lot of the training done while they are still at their units."

While the site will cut training costs and make learning more convenient for the Soldiers, it will also serve as a professional home for infantrymen, Duval said.

"Throughout history, people have gone back to their colleges and talked with their professors to answer questions throughout their careers," he said.

"This will do that for the Soldiers."

Duval said that part of the program will give leaders an obvious advantage.

"I would have loved to have had this when I was a squad leader," he said.

"To have a place to go and get information and know that I am teaching my Soldiers the right things."

For more information, visit www.warrioruniversity.army.mil.

Depression screening available this week

Five sites set up on post Thursday

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning community health professionals are interested in your mental health.

They are urging everyone to participate in National Depression Screening Day Thursday.

The annual event was introduced nationwide in 1991 by Screening for Mental Health, Inc., a non-profit organization.

The SMH programs include in-person and online screenings for depression, bipolar and generalized anxiety disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder.

This is the fifth year for screenings on Fort Benning, said Yvonne Wilbanks, chief of the post's Army Substance Abuse Prevention program.

Screenings will take place at the three Troop Medical Clinics, the Main Mall Post Exchange and in Classroom 7 in Infantry Hall.

Deb Manning, the ASAP education and prevention coordinator will be presenting the hourlong classes in Infantry Hall.

The class, which will focus on the four major screening areas, was developed by Oscar Schlomer, the installation biochemical test coordinator.

Manning said the class is open to all units and individuals, and will count toward the annual suicide prevention education requirement for Soldiers.

While walk-ins are welcome, Manning encourages units to call and schedule one or more of the six sessions to avoid having more Soldiers than the room can accommodate.

Chaplains and clinicians will be available at all classes and screening sites as well.

"You can talk about it and hear about it, but sometimes when you admit it on paper, it brings up a trigger of some kind," Manning said.

"And you may need to talk to someone, or just need to find out where to go for more information."

Last year, Manning said, more than 2,800 anonymous screening forms were forwarded to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be used in their studies.

"The timing last year was perfect with 3rd Brigade just returning from Iraq," she said. "Locally, we used the forms to identify what type of additional training and information Soldiers needed."

But, Manning said, the screenings aren't just for Soldiers returning from deployment or preparing to deploy again.

"PTSD can be brought on by all sorts of trauma," she said.

Manning will give the class at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m. To schedule a class, or for more information, call Manning at 545-7027.

AROUND POST

Education Fair

The Army Continuing Education System Division will sponsor an education fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in Infantry Hall.

SJA new hours

The new hours for the Legal Assistance Division and Claims Division will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday including lunch hour.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281 or 545-3282 or the Claims Division at 545-2285.

PLDC graduation

Primary Leadership Development Course Class 10-04 graduates at 10 a.m. Oct. 21 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Red Ribbon

There will be a Red Ribbon Celebration at 1 p.m. Oct. 25 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall. Speakers will be Jermiah Castille, a former University of Alabama MVP, and Paul Voorhees, the owner of of Ranger Joe's International.

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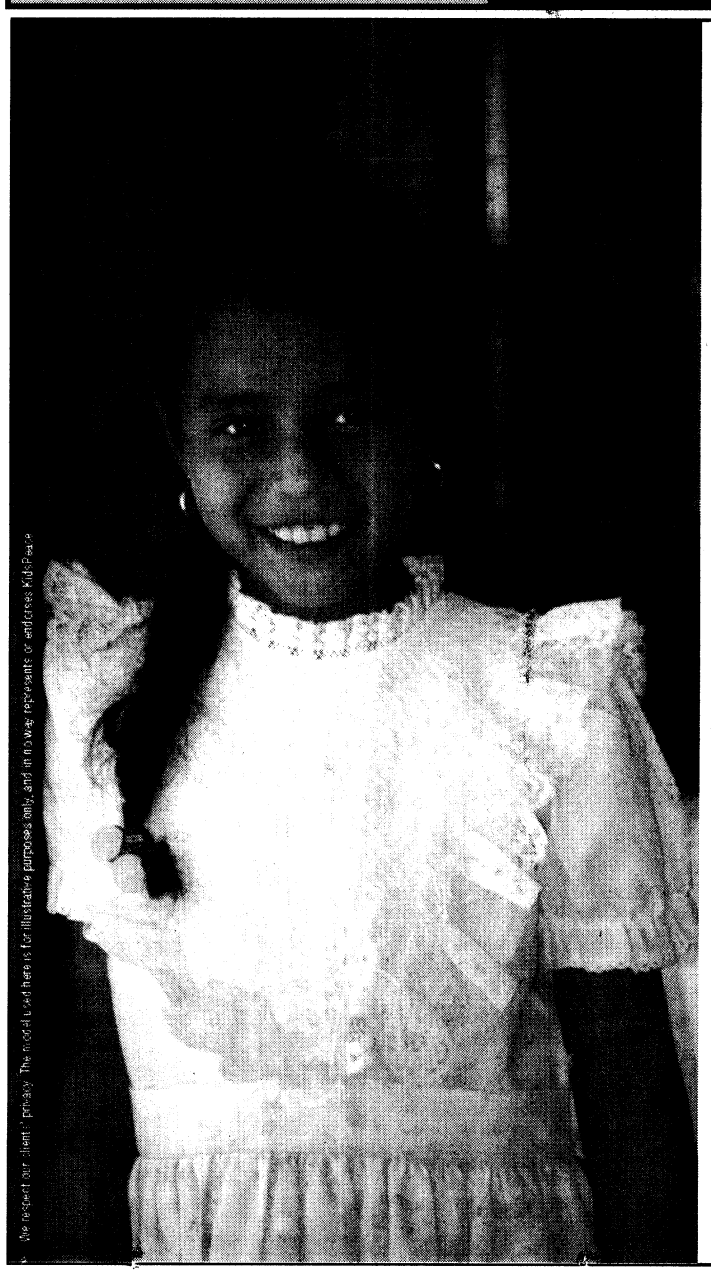
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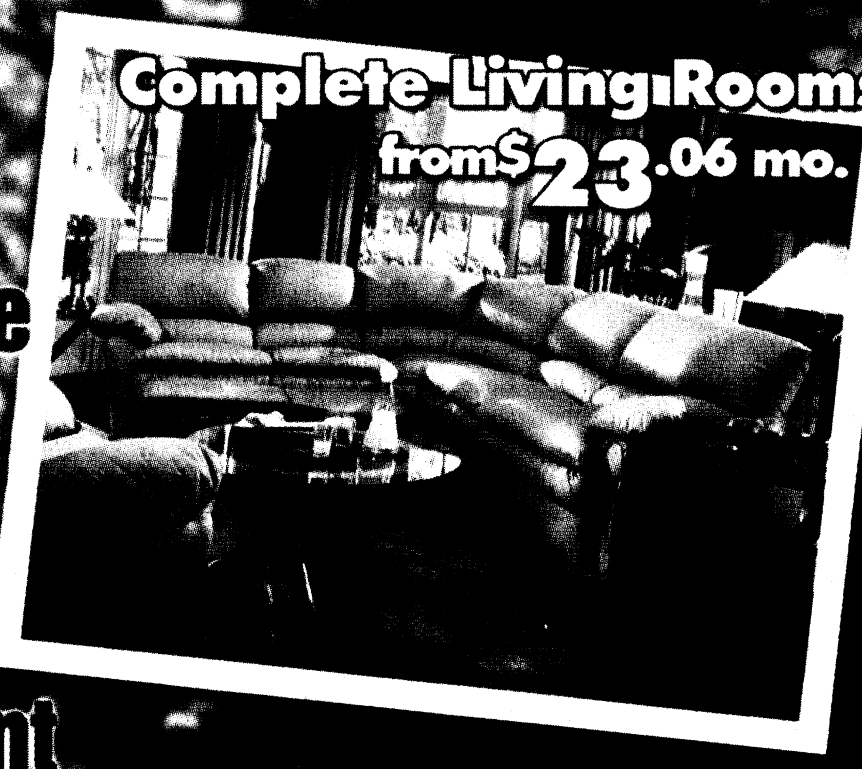
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Weapon: Testing to be completed by March 2005

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position, the second moved in. This time, the Soldiers were armed with variations of the XM8 that fulfill the same purpose as the M-16 and its counterparts.

The Soldiers armed with the XM8s performed the same mission, laying down a steady line of fire, but appeared to be much more accurate.

When all was said and done, the spectators, most of whom were at Fort Benning attending the Infantry Conference, had a good idea of what the XM8 is and why the Army is looking at it so closely.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, took the microphone as the Soldiers were clearing their weapons and voiced his opinion on why prototype weapon systems like the XM8 are so important.

He said America has the best-equipped Army in the world, and its weapon systems need to be sustained and modernized to maintain that advantage.

Many of the Soldiers who took part in the demonstration had the same point of view.

Spc. Ian Mason, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, was one of the nine Soldiers who fired the XM8 and was probably the weapon's most outspoken advocate.

Mason spent several months firing the rifle during testing and said "It blows the M-4 out of the water ... It's an all-around better design."

Mason said his squad had the opportunity to qualify on the basic rifle marksmanship test using the weapon and they all reaped the benefits.

"When I qualified with it, it was the best I ever did, and I zeroed with half as many rounds," he said. "Some of the guys shot 40 out of 40 and had never done that before."

Mason said the rifle is also lighter, easier to use, more comfortable, and most importantly, none of the members of his squad have had a single malfunction.

All that aside, Mason said what he likes most about the weapon is how easy it is to clean.

"It takes about two minutes to wipe down and that is a lot better than the three hours it takes to clean an M-16," he said.

"There is no gas tube to clean, and the lip on the magazine seals up the weapon," he said. "I have never had any sand inside."

"The M-4 is a good weapon. The M-16 is a good weapon. If they weren't, we wouldn't have fielded them in the first place," said Lt. Col. Matt Clarke, product manager for the XM8. "As for the XM8, we will prove one way or another if it is a better system.

"If (the Army) wants something, they want a significant improvement," he said. "We are looking at modularity, reliability and sustainability."

As for modularity, one advantage the XM8 has over the M-16 is that its barrels are interchangeable, so the armorer can stock extra parts to keep them 100 percent operational, Clarke said.

The Soldier can even change out the barrels himself while in the field, if necessary.

In the reliability department, Clarke said the XM8 was designed and constructed using high-quality steel and the manufacturers developed a trade secret for the barrel and bolt assembly that prolongs the life of the weapon.

"The barrel on the M-4 can typically fire about 6,000 to 9,000 rounds before it needs repair, and the XM8 can fire 15,000 to 20,000," he said.

Clarke said sustainability is one of the best features of the XM8 because it gives the armorer the ability to maintain the weapons himself and cuts down on the amount of parts they have to store.

Clarke said armorers need to stock many specialty parts to maintain the M-9, M-16 and the M-249, whereas the XM8 has many interchangeable parts that will work on the different variations, cutting down on the need for storing extra parts.

"It's like working on a computer," Clarke said. "If one part goes out, you can just open it up and replace it with another."

Something that can cut maintenance costs dramatically, Clarke said.

Clarke said testing for the XM8 should be completed in March 2005 and the final decision for fielding the weapon will be up to the Department of the Army.

WATER: Contract signed

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service — it allows us to concentrate on our mission and frees up funds for other projects."

The water privatization project was the 96th project funded this year by the Installation Management Agency as part of a concerted effort by the Department of Defense, he said.

"The post is not in the business of making water or electricity," Khan said. "We are consumers, and the production and maintenance of age-old facilities is a distractor."

Columbus Water Works has two major plants in Columbus with the latest in water and wastewater technology. Their current capacity, Khan said, is eight times more than Fort Benning needs. Workers shadowed their counterparts on post since the beginning of September in an effort to make today's transition as smooth as possible. CWW officials do not expect any problems.

For the first several years, CWW will operate the existing facilities including the water mains and distribution laterals right up to the walls of the buildings, Khan said. Because the old facilities are difficult to maintain, CWW expects to tie Fort Benning into the CWW system and abort the existing operation within a few years. Fort Benning has two sewage treatment facilities, one on Marne Road and one at Lawson Army Airfield.

The contract, worth about $6 million annually from the Department of Defense, also allows for facility and infrastructure improvements.

The contract allows CWW to use some of its excess plant capacity, generate additional revenue and allow Fort Benning to reduce costs.

CWW anticipates providing post with an average of 6 million gallons of drinking water daily, with peaks of up to 12 million gallons daily. Waste water service is expected to be between 4 and 16 million gallons daily.

Bob Tant, CWW executive vice president, said the contract provides a "win win" situation for CWW and Fort Benning.

The support of the post's infrastructure will help ensure it's continued success.

"Fort Benning is a vital part of the community and we are honored t be able to support our men and women in uniform," Tant said.

Wives: Tackle course

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lunch break, the ladies tackled the 34-foot rappel tower.

"Today I was a chicken," said Heather Schwankhaus. "You get up there and realize just how high you are. But the thing I'm most worried about is the obstacle course."

Next the squads drew weapons and marched to Malvesti Field for the confidence course, which included pull-ups, low crawling through a sawdust pit, scaling a cargo net, completing the log ladder, getting "smoked" in a mud pit and low crawling under barbed wire.

"This has been a lot of fun and is a whole new perspective on what (my husband) does," Kim Williams said. "Now it'll be fun to say, 'Quit whining, I've done it too.'"

The final challenge was paddling Zodiac boats across Victory Pond to the finish line and a cook-out.

"It's motivating to see (my wife) go through this," said Capt. Rick Storm, B Company, 4th RTB. "The family gets a chance to see what dad does, on a watered-down scale."

"Now (the Rangers) will give us respect because we tried everything," Bonilla said. "It really makes you appreciate what they do and it makes you proud."

McKenrick hopes the experience will build relationships among the participants.

"I think this is a great way to build friendship," he said. "For the Rangers, it's fun for them to bring their wives and kids and show them what they do and give them a chance to experience it. It helps the family to understand the camaraderie among the Rangers."

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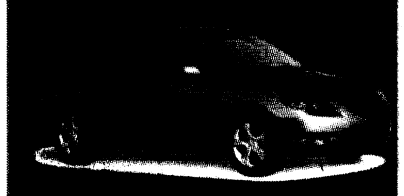
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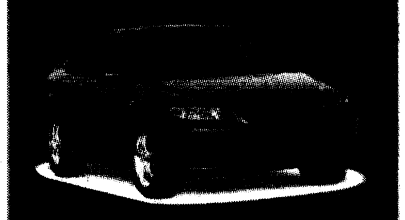


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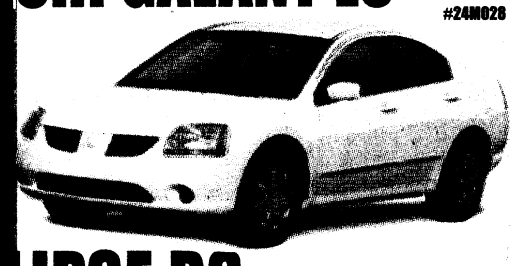
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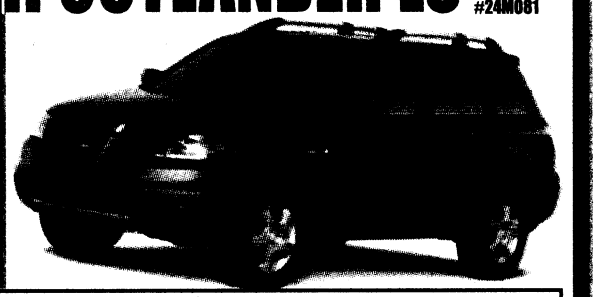
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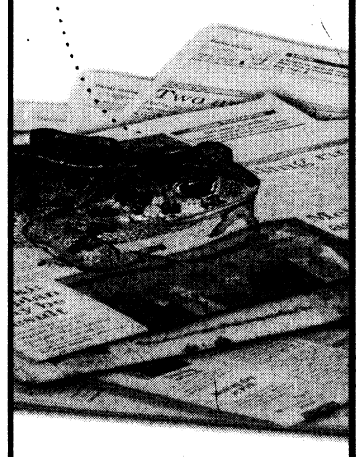
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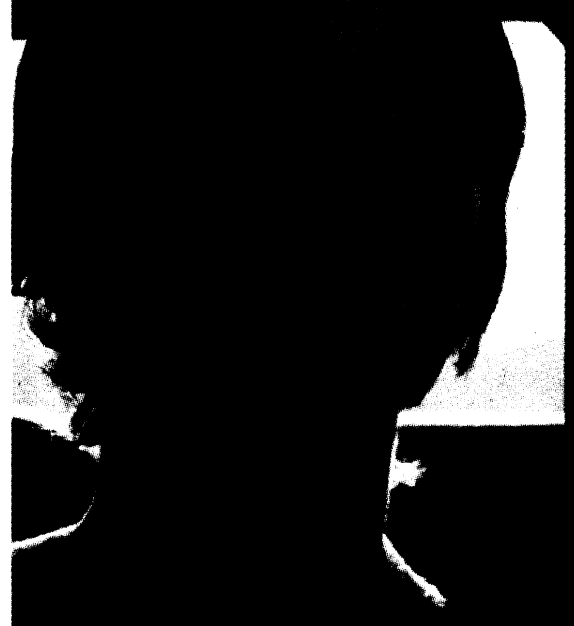
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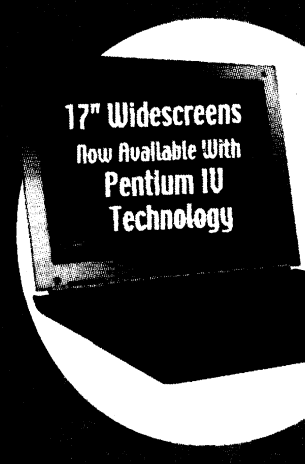
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1st Bn., 50th Inf., Soldiers take aim at BRM

1st Lt. Matthew Berg
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Pvt. Keith Fender, E Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, learns how to shoot properly during the 11 periods of basic rifle marksmanship.

Basic rifle marksmanship is a critical event in Soldier training.

If he can shoot 23 out of 40 targets on qualification day, he gets to advance and continue training with the friends he has made over the previous five weeks.

However, if he fails to qualify, it could mean a restart with another company. With 11 periods of instruction, and the expertise of the drill sergeants, this rarely occurs.

BRM consists of a two-week, 11-period block of instruction to teach young Soldiers how to shoot properly and build their confidence as they begin the soldierization process.

Training a young Soldier how to shoot consists of much more than aiming and firing the weapon. Soldiers learn about the weapon, and how to maintain it. The early parts of instruction also focus on techniques like breathing and trigger squeeze.

Grouping and zeroing can be two of the most stressful and disheartening blocks of instruction for both the Soldiers and the drill sergeants. Soldiers must group six out of six shots, given two magazines with three rounds in each. And to zero, Soldiers must hit five out of six shots within a four centimeter circle.

These are the two most important BRM periods because this is where the foundation is set for all weapons qualification and where the four fundamentals of marksmanship — steady position, proper sight picture, breathing and trigger squeeze — are applied.

There are also days when the drill sergeants' patience wears thin, and Soldier confidence begins to ebb. With drill sergeant dedication and hard work, Soldiers will zero before qualification week.

Qualification week begins with Soldiers firing at targets from 75 meters out to 300 meters, and progressing to shooting timed, pop-up targets. Malone 2, the location of miss and hit range, uses computer technology to show Soldiers the location of the hits and misses.

McAndrews Range, on the other hand, is an older range where Soldiers sit behind a wall and raise a target to be fired at. When the firing is complete, the target is lowered and white dots are placed where the rounds hit, so the Soldier can see where his rounds are going. Both ranges serve to boost a Soldier's confidence in his ability to accurately fire a rifle, and help prepare him to qualify.

The two days preceding qualification day are for practice qualification. BRM 9 is the last event where the Soldiers have a coach to assist them with corrections when firing.

The Army emphasizes the buddy system in training and BRM 1 thru 9 are no different. The buddy system gives Soldiers a coach at all times so mistakes can be immediately pointed out.

BRM 10 is the final day before qualification and the first time Soldiers shoot without having a coach. Soldiers shoot at the same target array (computer controlled system that determines which targets pop up in which order) that he will see during qualification, allowing Soldiers to gauge readiness.

Qualification day finally arrives with BRM 11, when Soldiers put the training they received during the previous two weeks to work. The majority of Soldiers will get a first time go.

It is a proud moment for a Soldier when he can stand before his company commander and receive a BRM Badge which means he has qualified with his M-16 A4 rifle.

OSUT Soldiers learn bayonet skills, prepare for close combat

1st Lt. Steven D. Atwood
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

Soldiers of B Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, continued their education in becoming infantrymen by learning how to fight with a bayonet in close combat.

After drawing their bayonets, the platoons moved to Upper Gammon Field, where the Soldiers started learning rifle bayonet fighting techniques. This encompasses the basic stances and movement techniques.

First the Soldiers are taught the fighting stance followed by the whirl. The main focus is teach the Soldiers proper posture and how to maintain their balance while engaging with the enemy at close combat.

Next the Soldiers learned offensive techniques. Historically, this section of training is more difficult for the Soldiers because they are not used to using the weapon in this manner. If done properly, it is both physically and mentally demanding.

The Soldiers learn the slash, smash and butt strokes to the head, kidney and groin. They begin with doing each movement by the numbers, one step at a time. Once the drill sergeant is satisfied that the Soldiers have a basic understanding of the technique, each technique is practiced at full speed. After the Soldiers master the individual movements, they are introduced to combinations at full speed.

Finally, defensive techniques are taught. Soldiers learn the parry, high block, low block and side block. The defensive movements are taught with the same crawl-walk-run method as the offensive movements. The culmination of these periods of instruction is the defensive and offensive combinations.

Later in the cycle, the Soldiers demonstrate the skills they have learned at the Kaufman Bayonet Assault Course.

Eagle Tower heightens confidence, skills

Capt. Christopher Lane
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

Training comes in many forms and serves many purposes. The underlying purpose of training exercises is to build confidence in individual skills, and to cultivate the ability to overcome fear or adversity.

A Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, in its third week of one station unit training, is currently training individual skills, and building a base for learning and improving, in both the physical and mental aspects of soldiering.

Individual skills are the focus of the training at Sand Hill's Eagle Tower.

Instruction on how to properly tie a Swiss seat, how to use a figure-eight harness, how to properly climb the tower, proper rappelling and belay techniques, and how to conduct single rope, one-rope bridge, and two-rope bridge crossings is taught at Eagle Tower.

Soldiers practiced on a smaller tower as well, to provide them a chance to properly execute the training.

Overall, the training gives the Soldiers other tools to use in their future training.

It gives them confidence in their abilities and demonstrates that, as a Soldier, each can accomplish numerous tasks that previously would have seemed extremely difficult or impossible.



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Change of plans:

Combat Leaders Course prepares all Soldiers to be infantrymen

Program likely prototype for course Armywide

During his 10 months in Iraq, Staff Sgt. Robert Bailey saw it time and time again: supply convoys under attack, engineers in danger and field medics fired upon.

"When you go to war, no matter what your primary job is, at some point you're going to be an infantryman. The Army wants everybody — every Soldier — to be a fighter first," said Bailey, one of 16 instructors in the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment's Combat Leaders Course.

The 29th's course, in its third two-week phase, is a pilot program designed to "train the trainers" — to instruct "soft skill" leaders, in this case drill sergeants and PLDC instructors, in 40 warrior skills they'll pass on to their Soldiers.

Courses like this will soon be offered at training installations Armywide, each one designed to teach infantry skills to Soldiers who typically support the infantry — engineers, cooks, medics and the like.

Nearly all of the CLC instructors at Fort Benning's course recently returned from Iraq. Therefore they understand the relevance of the program.

"I saw it all the time: the support units running supplies to base camps were key targets for roadside ambushes," Bailey said.

Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Cox was sent to Iraq as a drill sergeant with the 1st Infantry Division to help train the Iraqi forces. Now, as a student in the second week of CLC, Cox is convinced the course is invaluable.

"Our job was to train the Iraqi National Guard, but once we got there, there was a shift in the mission. We ended up doing patrols," he said. "That's the way it is over there. Things change constantly. You have to be ready for anything."

The 29th's CLC took place on Sand Hill in the sandy, wooded area near Lee Field Drop Zone. Thirty-five students spent two weeks, around the clock, learning about convoy operations, improvised explosive devices, chemical attacks, how to anticipate and repel an ambush, and the like. They rotated between "lanes" and took turns leading their peers. After each exercise, they conducted an after action review to evaluate their performance and get feedback from their instructors.

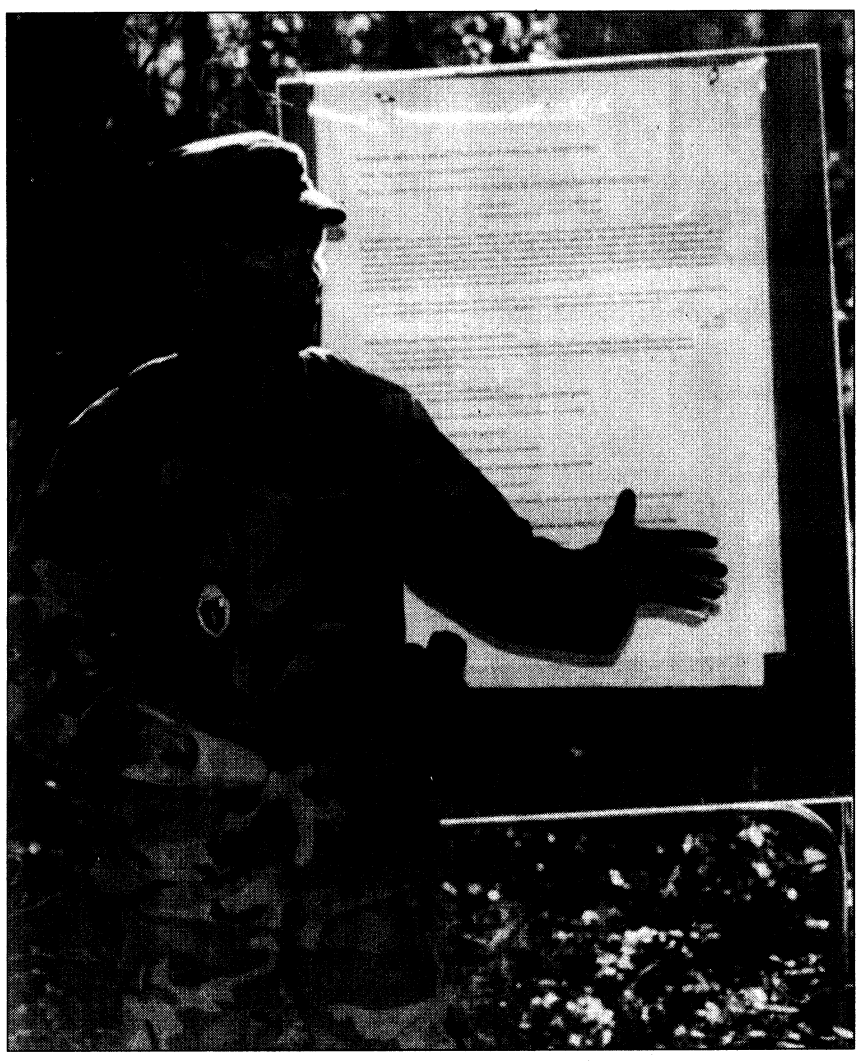
Staff Sgt. Michael Smith is an instructor at the Drill Sergeant School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He attended the CLC with an eye toward implementing a similar program in the school's next cycle.

Smith, who's been "on the trail" two years, believes the course will benefit Soldiers, like him, who haven't been to Iraq.

"The thing is, the experience these (instructors) gained in Iraq will help those of us who weren't there," Smith said.

"I can take what I've learned here and go back and train my drill sergeants to train their basic trainees."

The 29th will conduct monthly courses, each designed to accommodate more than 40 students. The curriculum will be based on the feedback the instructors receive from the pilot program, Bailey said.



Staff Sgt. Douglas Gallagher, a CLC instructor, leads an after action review following a field exercise Sept. 22. Nearly all of the course instructors recently returned from Iraq and volunteered to take part in the pilot program.



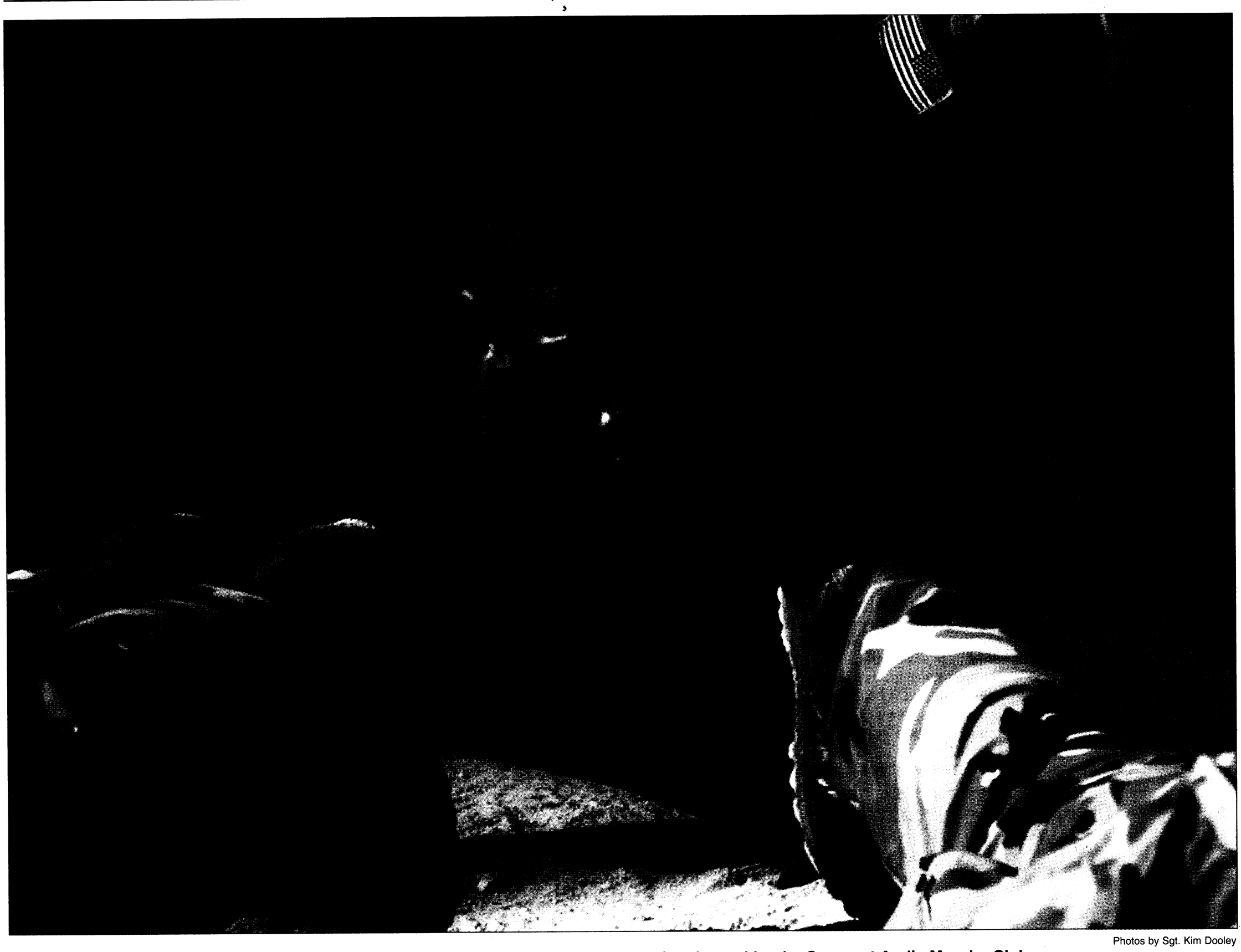
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Staff Sgt. Robert Bailey
Instructor, Combat Leaders Course



CLC students participate in an after action review after an ambush. The students spent two weeks in the woods with an average of four hours sleep each night.

Story and photos by Bridgett Siter



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Deonté Giles gets a taste of the Soldier life during a visit to Sand Hill Saturday morning, hosted by the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

START 'EM YOUNG

SAMC gives kids taste of Army

NCOs host Eagle's Trace youngsters for day on Sand Hill

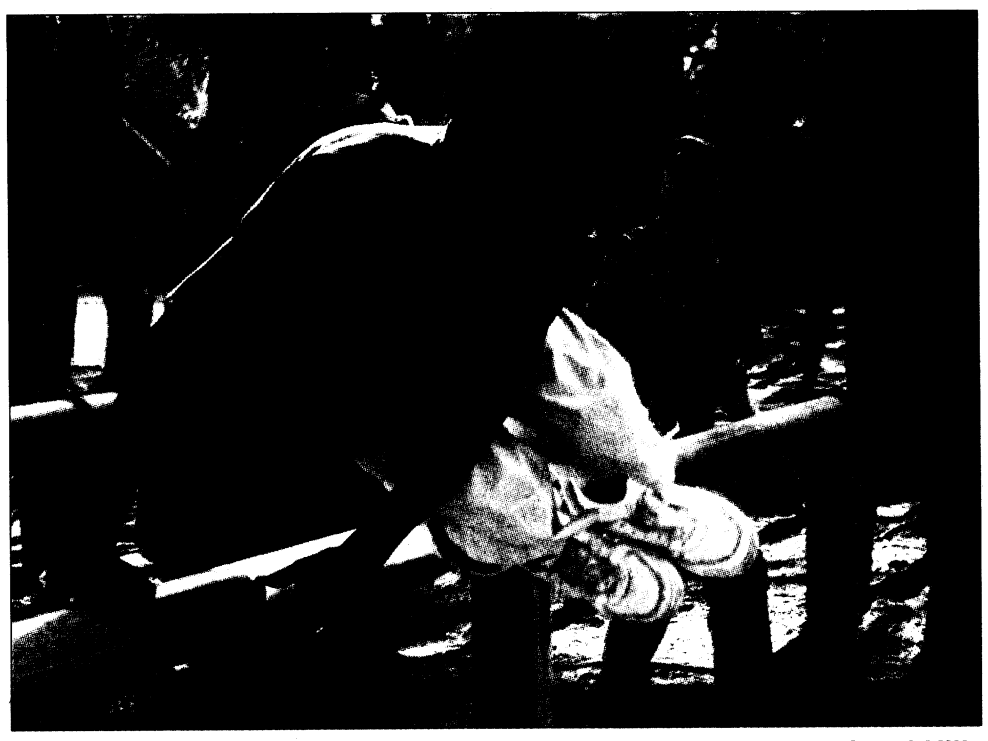
Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Early Saturday morning, Sand Hill echoed with a resounding "HOOAH!" The troops fell into formation, marched to the obstacle course and prepared to tackle it.

But these weren't your average Soldiers. Ranging in age from 4 to 17, these troopers were special guests of Fort Benning's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

About 16 youngsters left their homes in Eagle's Trace apartments, outside Fort Benning's main gate, and joined SAMC members, helpers from the club and several basic training Soldiers to take on the hill's obstacle and confidence courses.

Organized through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbus, the event gave the club a chance to do something positive for the community, while giving the kids something different and exciting to do, said Staff Sgt. Salina Hernandez, SAMC vice president.



Deonté Giles jumps poles during the confidence course on Sand Hill.

"It was just an opportunity to show the kids that people do care about them," Hernandez said, adding that the club members benefited just as much as their visitors.

"For lack of better words, it was a chance to share the love," she said.

The children are part of the Eagle's Trace Breakout program, a youth group for kids in the apartment complex.

In its second year, the group is directed by Cathy Brinson, who said the 75 children enrolled in the program do "a little of everything," including field trips, cooking classes, tutoring, Bible studies, crafts, computers and a 4-H program.

Roy Bailey said his favorite activities are swimming and playing pool. However, Saturday was a special treat for the 11-year-old, who said he thinks "being a Soldier would be fun."

"I want to do all of it — any job in the military," he said, adding that his "grandaddy and three aunties" have military ties.

Although Bailey's not exactly sure he wants to be a Soldier just yet, he had fun during his brief encounter with troop training, working hard to master the bear crawl and the rope climbing at the obstacle course.

That's just what the club was hoping for, Hernandez said.

"These kids looked like they were having so much fun, and they all said they wanted to do it again," she said. "They don't have a lot of things to do (like this), so it was great just to be able to give them a place to go have fun and enjoy just being themselves."

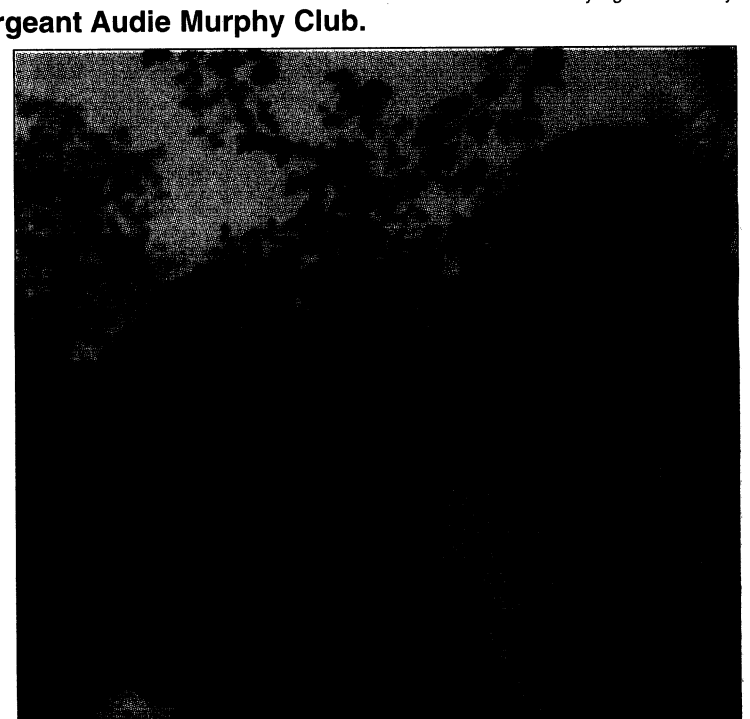
Meanwhile, the message it sends to the community is equally important.

"Doing things like this shows that we care," Hernandez said. "It shows that we're not just military–minded, that we care about the community and the people in it. Because we're all the same — we're them and they're us."

Beyond that, Hernandez said, it was a positive experience for everyone.

"I think it's the best thing we've done so far," she said of the SAMC.

"And it's one of the greatest experiences I've had since I've been at Fort Benning."



Roy Bailey, 11, works his way up a ladder during the confidence course on Sand Hill.



Amanda Brinson-Stringer, 2, shows her excitement over a treat on Sand Hill Saturday.

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Volunteers are needed for the sixth annual Help the 'Hooch from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 8.

Help the 'Hooch is an initiative of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission and Keep America Beautiful, a national nonprofit public service organization dedicated to litter prevention, recycling and beautification efforts, said Chris Slembarski, environmental awareness trainer with the Fort Benning Directorate of Public Works.

"This is a community service project designed to help keep the riverside clean and attractive for recreational activities," Slembarski said.

Last year, 200 Fort Benning volunteers collected 350 bags of trash from the banks of the Chattahoochee River.

Volunteers will cover as much of the riverbank that runs through Fort Benning as possible.

"We won't be able to cover all 17 miles, but we will try and get into most of the areas that we can get our cars into," he said.

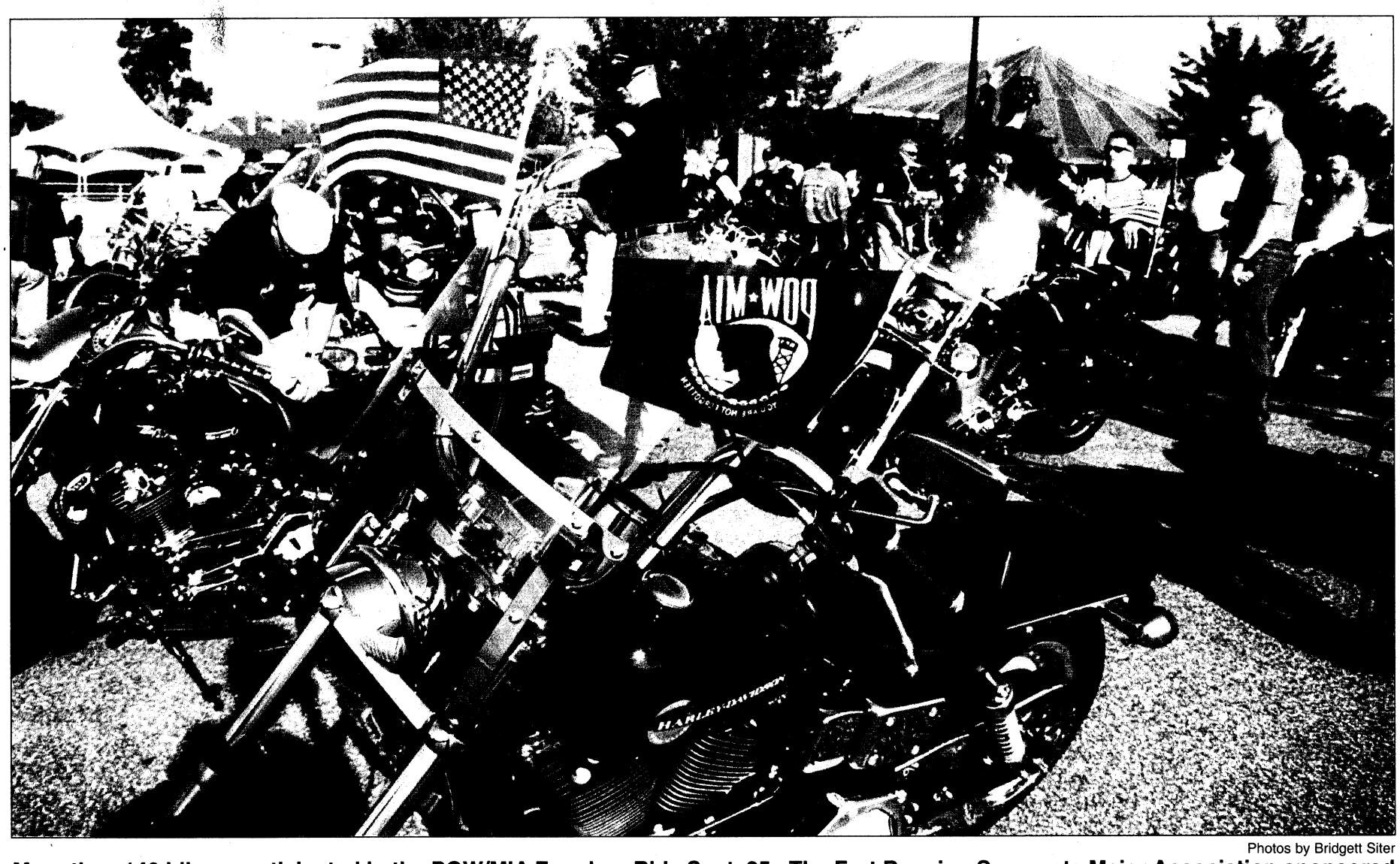
Volunteers can expect to pick up "lots of dirty, muddy trash," Slembarski said.

Linda Turner, a counselor at Dexter Elementary, has been taking her students to Help the 'Hooch for 11 years now.

She said the program gives the kids an opportunity to see what people throw away and how it affects nature.

Those who would like to volunteer but cannot participate Oct. 8 can still help out Oct. 9, Slembarski said.

For more information, call Slembarski at 545-4766.



Photos by Bridgett Siter

More than 140 bikers participated in the POW/MIA Freedom Ride Sept. 25. The Fort Benning Sergeants Major Association sponsored the ride and the dedication of a POW/MIA monument.

POW/MIAs remembered

First monument dedicated after Freedom Ride

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

The first of three POW/MIA monuments was dedicated Saturday at the Columbus Government Center following a 20-mile Freedom Ride.

More than 140 bikers participated in the ride after an early morning rally at Golden Park, which included a Rangers In Action demonstration.

Fort Benning's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, and the Columbus city manager and former commanding general, Carmen Cavezza, were the morning's guest speakers. Freakley and Columbus Mayor Bob Poydasheff spoke later at the dedication ceremony, which was attended by nearly 400 tricommunity residents.

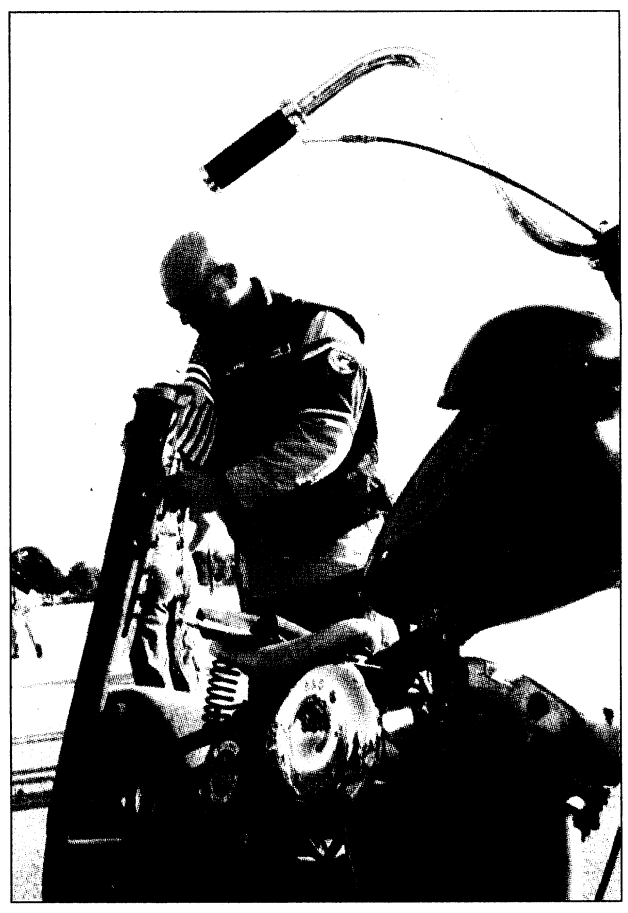
Freakley recalled the moment he first became aware of the plight of our nation's prisoners of war, when, as an 8-year-old boy, he saw the scar-riddled back of a Korean POW.

"He started singing *God Bless America* or *America the Beautiful*, and they would beat him with a board with nails in it," Freakley told the crowd gathered shortly before noon on the north side of the Government Center. "We can't imagine things like that."

The unimaginable is once again making headlines every day, said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Fowler, the man whose dream inspired Saturday's event. With atrocities like the most recent beheading of American contractors making headlines, the American people are "ready to remember" our forgotten war heroes, he said.

"The time is right," said Fowler, a Vietnam vet and a member of Fort Benning's Sergeants Major Association, which spearheaded the project and raised more than $45,000 for two monuments. The second monument will be dedicated on Fort Benning next year. Nearly $20,000 is needed to complete the third monument, which will be

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Roy Willey attaches POW/MIA and American flags to his custom "John Deere" motorcycle before the Freedom Ride Sept. 25.

Heroes make widow's dream reality

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Ratha Walker stood amazed as she looked around her bedroom.

"Look at my ceiling," said the 72-year-old widow. "Oh, thank the Lord."

Walker was a candidate for House of Heroes, a program that partners local businesses and civic groups to provide improvement and repairs to the homes of aging veterans or their widows.

For Walker, having Fort Benning's Infantry Training Brigade there to paint her ceilings, walls, kitchen cabinets and the exterior of her house was a blessing.

"I'm diabetic and have stomach and nerve problems and I needed the help," she said.

Two years ago Walker applied for the assistance, but received no response.

This year, she tried again and prayed, "Lord, let me be the chosen one."

When Walker was selected, she was pleased to know ITB and Ryan's Steakhouse were her sponsors.

Her husband was a combat firefighter during World War II and her daughter had once been employed at Ryan's.

"My children don't even know they're doing something, and I'm not going to tell them," Walker said with a laugh. "My daughter called today to see how I was, and I just told her I had a hot date."

That "hot date" included 21 Soldiers from ITB's Headquarters Service Company and representatives from the six battalions.

"This is wonderful," said Sgt. 1st Class Dollie Wood, with ITB's HSC. "People usually tell us all the don'ts, but we didn't get that from Mrs. Walker. She met us with open arms and an embrace and was so grateful for anything we can do."

As for repairs, the first thing on Walker's list was her ceilings, which hadn't been painted since her husband died 28 years ago. She was thrilled with the results.

"It's making a world of difference in this house," she said.

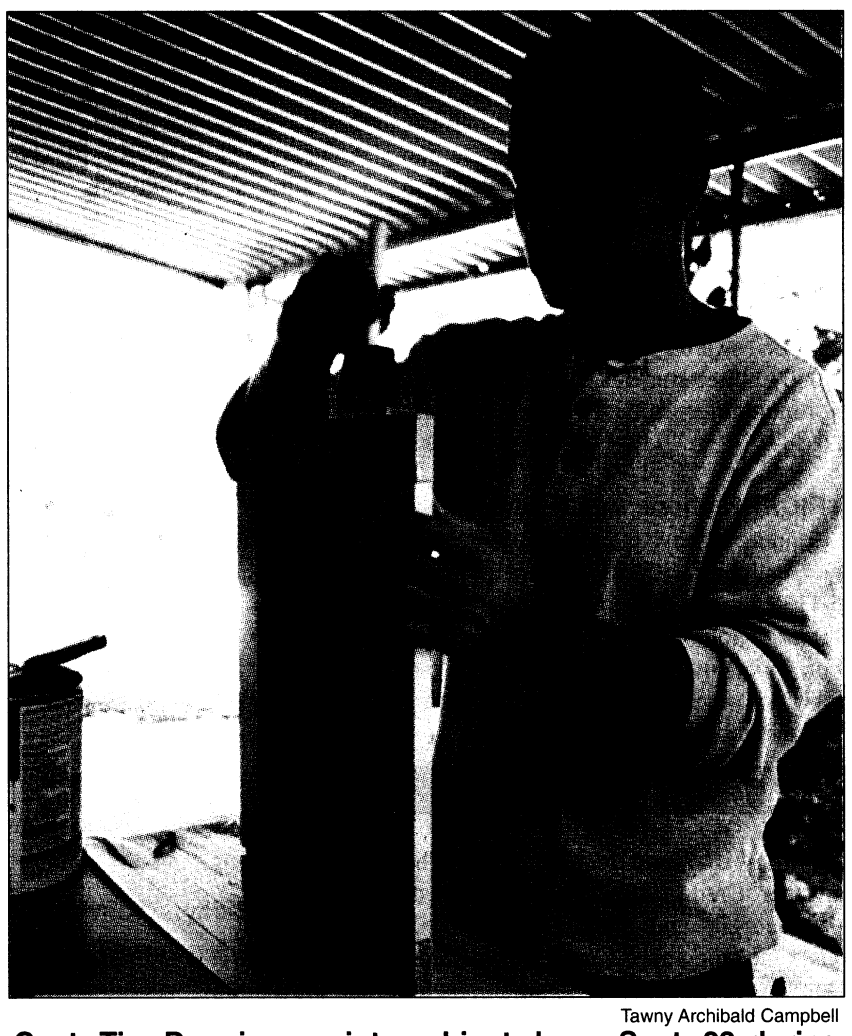
"That is something I could never do by myself. This will lighten up the room and lighten me up, too."

Volunteers said they benefited from the program as well. It builds camaraderie and helps them give back to the community.

"It's good to give back to a military family for the sacrifice they made," said Sgt. Rich Maryon, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. "She has a good attitude and is real energetic to have us here and help her get her house in order."

Walker said the feelings of the day will last long after the paint dries and the Soldiers have packed up and left.

"I'm mostly in a dream," she said. "I see it, but it just don't seem like it is happening to me. It's real though. I'm still dreaming. I just know I'm still dreaming."



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Capt. Tim Dunnigan paints cabinet doors Sept. 22 during House of Heroes week.

Ranger Joe visits troops

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

The guest speaker at the Oct. 25 Red Ribbon Day ceremony knows a thing or two about making the right choice when the right choice is the hard choice.

Paul Voorhees, the owner of Ranger Joe's International, a mail order military supply business, and the Victory Drive store by the same name, will be the featured speaker at the annual event, part of the national "just say no" campaign.

It wasn't saying "no" to peer pressure that gave Voorhees pause recently. On the contrary, it was saying "yes" and knowing it could cost him his life.

Voorhees calls it his "Peter experience," Peter being the disciple who denied Christ three times. It was in a taxi last year, during a visit with U.S. Soldiers in Baghdad — a city primarily populated with Muslims, many intolerant and violent toward other religions (three Baptist missionaries were executed shortly after Voorhees returned) — that he was faced with Peter's dilemma; deny his faith and live or admit his Christianity and, perhaps, die.

"The driver turned to me and asked, 'Are

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BIRTHS

Boys

Matthew Martin Hall II — born Sept. 1 to Amy and Sgt. Matthew Hall.

Larry Montgomery III — born Sept. 4 to Kimawana and Staff Sgt. Larry Montgomery Jr.

Gary-Dean Patrick Howe — born Sept. 5 to Nakia and Pfc. Darren Howe.

Gabriel Jayden Trost — born Sept. 7 to Sherry and Staff Sgt. Marvin Trost III.

Evan Christopher Mayotte — born Sept. 11 to Tanya and Sgt. Eric Mayotte.

Nathan David Bryan — born Sept. 11 to Jenna and Pfc. Michael Bryan.

Jaquarius JeBrandon King — born Sept. 11 to Alisa and Lance Cpl. Brandon King.

Caleb Zachery Shubert — born Sept. 12 to Megan and Spc. Richard Shubert.

Samuel Edil Foster — born Sept. 16 to Angela and Staff Sgt. Paul Foster.

Girls

Mary Elizabeth Brady — born Aug. 31 to Donna and Spc. Clifford Brady.

Daysia Brinae Nurse — born Sept. 1 to Kara and Spc. Michael Nurse.

Audrey Gail Ubernosky — born Sept. 5 to Brooke and Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Ubernosky.

Charleigh Rae Madison — born Sept. 8 to Misti and Pfc. Robert Madison.

Kamryn Siana Blount — born Sept. 8 to Latricia and Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie Blount Jr.

Alison Jubilee Colon — born Sept. 9 to Melissa and Capt. Norberto Colon.

Tamyra Janae Snell — born Sept. 10 to Charity and Spc. Nicholas Snell.

Georgia Nicole Beech — born Sept. 10 to Shannon and Spc. Carman Beech.

Love NyAsia Barnes — born Sept. 13 to Spc. Ivious Wingfield and Spc. Rondall Barnes.

Madisen Tierra Daniels — born Sept. 13 to Spc. Roxanne and Sgt. John Daniels.

Celeste Nicole Maines — born Sept. 13 to Sara and Staff Sgt. Robert Maines.

Amaya Camille Merritt-Smith — born Sept. 14 to Jocelyn and Spc. Germele Smith.

Emily Dawn Allen — born Sept. 14 to Allison and Capt. Robert Allen.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

ASK THE JUDGE

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: What is a "debt consolidation loan?" Is it a good idea?

A: A "debt consolidation loan" combines two or more smaller debts into one larger debt. Debt consolidation loans are usually targeted toward people with problems paying their bills.

One "advantage" of a debt consolidation loan is that instead of having to write several checks each month to many creditors, you can borrow from one lender, pay off all creditors, then write one check a month to repay the larger loan. It sounds easier than writing all those checks.

Another "advantage" is that you may end up with a smaller monthly payment. For example, instead of having six creditors, each demanding $100 a month, you may have one $350 payment to the new lender. That sounds like a savings of $250 a month.

Most debt consolidation loans are not a good idea, however. They usually charge a higher rate of interest than the original debts. It is generally unwise, for example, to borrow money at 28 percent interest to pay off an 18 percent interest loan.

Lower monthly payments mean the debt will take longer to repay and a larger amount of interest will be charged. Be sure to read the fine print before taking out such a loan.

Many states have "usury" laws, which set a legal limit on the amount of interest a lender can charge on a loan. In those states there are usually exceptions however for pawnbrokers and companies that cash checks.

Some states do not have a usury law, so you can be charged any amount of interest you agree to pay. So, be very careful what you sign.

For more information, call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 545-3281.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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WHINSEC open house — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation will host an Open House from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call Lee Rials at 545-1923.

Reclamation Sale — There will be a Reclamation Sale from 8 a.m. to noon today at 224A Upton Avenue.

Cash is the only form of payment accepted. For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

Fall Festival — The Religious Education Fall Festival has been changed to Sunday, from 2 to 6 p.m, at Gordon Field (next to the Wynnsong Theater).

For more information, call 545-4715.

Dexter Fall Festival — Dexter Elementary School will host a Fall Festival from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. There will be rides, sno-cones, popcorn and games with prizes.

Girl Scout leaders needed — Girls Scouts of Concharty Council is looking for Girl Scout leaders for new troops forming in the Fort Benning area. No experience is required and all training is provided.

For more information, call Emily Lakmaker at 327-2646 ext. 30.

The Foreigner
Oct. 22-23, 29-30

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Benning's Backstage will present the dinner theater production of *The Foreigner* (a British and Southern comedy), by Larry Shue, Oct. 22-23 and 29-30.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children ages 12 and younger.

The ticket prices include dinner and the show. Ticket sales start Monday and can be purchased at the Officers' Club. The show is open to the public.

For more information, call Teresa McCall at 545-3328.

CYS offers home school classes — Child and Youth Services offers weekly classes to home-school families. The Digital Lab will be open Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and art classes are Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. All classes are held at Patch Hall, Building 7. There will also be a meeting for home-schooling families at 1 p.m. Thursday in Building 359.

For more information, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services will offer an afternoon session for Benning Buddies from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This part-day program is for children between 2 years old and preK age. Fees are based on family income.

For more information, call CYS Central Registration at 545-2079 or 687-4038.

First Steps Program — The Family Advocacy First Steps Program provides emotional support, parenting education, referrals to community resources and follow-up contacts to parents of newborns.

The First Steps Program continues with extended support to the family after leaving the hospital. It provides follow-up phone calls from three to six months offering emotional support to help new parents cope with the stress of parenting a newborn, especially stress that comes from lack of sleep or an infant's crying.

For more information, call Rebecca Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager, at 545-4043 or Carolyn Harris, First Steps coordinator, at 544-2020.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends household goods to Soldiers and their families awaiting receipt of household goods or preparing to PCS. The lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. AA supports people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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.

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.

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Count Up workshop — The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of West Georgia and East Alabama will sponsor the workshop "Credit When Credit is Due" from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday as part of the Count Up to Wealth campaign.

This 12-lesson study course will help participants be better prepared to handle their personal finances.

There is a one-time fee of $10 for all 12 classes and materials. Call 327-3239 to register and reserve a seat. Seats are limited.

Off duty travel Web site — The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center has developed www.offdutytravel.com, a Web site for authorized MWR patrons. It has links to Internet fare finders and travel providers as well as tips on how to get the best fare by searching the Web.

Peachtree Mall supports military — Peachtree Mall has teamed up with the USO to support troops and their families. The mall will display ways the community can support Army families. The display is located near customer service in the Dillard's Court. Shoppers can take remittance slips from this display site and forward a donation directly to the USO. For more information, visit www.uso.org.

Breast cancer awareness luncheon — The Tidwell Cancer Treatment Center will have a Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Trade Center. Guest speaker is Ellen Burstyn, star of *The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood.*

Tickets are $50 per person.

For more information, call Jan Pease at 660-8121.

Free trees — Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October.

The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Autumn Classic Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or join online at arborday.org.

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:** pizza, pasta salad, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** chicken strips with dip, creamy potatoes, green beans, fresh roll, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** corn dog, mac and cheese, glazed carrots, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** hamburger steak, rice and gravy, broccoli with cheese sauce, yeast roll, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** turkey and cheese sandwich, tater tots, veggie sticks, fruit, milk

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PIE program partners students, Soldiers

Wilson, BCTB celebrate partnership

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

With a flurry of high fives and cheers, Wilson Elementary and the Basic Combat Training Brigade kicked off their fifth year as partners in the Partners in Education program Sept. 21.

The school hosted members of the brigade in an assembly which included singing, a presentation of the Army values and greetings from Myron Douglas, with the PIE board of directors, Lt. Col. Bryan Dyer, commander of the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, and Margaret Koger, of Wilson Elementary.

"This is the fifth year with the Basic Combat Training Brigade and it gets better every year," said Phyllis Parker, Wilson Elementary principal.

"Partners in Education is a big part of what the brigade does every year," Dyer said. "We not only help children of Soldiers, but we give back to the Fort Benning community. Last year was outstanding and we got awards, but the real results showed in the students."

Dyer said standardized test scores have been better and the students have been more motivated due to PIE.

"Each partner (in education) raises the bar for all the others," said Douglas. "Here on Fort Benning you have really raised the bar, and you are the best in the state. A chain is no stronger that its weakest link and, I haven't seen a weak link with the teachers, administrators or students here."

Following the speeches, Wilson Elementary administrators and students presented a plaque to Dyer and the brigade as a sign of their appreciation. The plaque was designed by fifth grade student Andrea Takemoto.

"Throughout this next year you will see members of the brigade here throughout the school," Parker told the students. "(The program) is so strong because of the commitment of the brigade to the school."

Following Parker's closing remarks, students paraded past the brigade holding signs welcoming the Soldiers and thanking them for their participation in the school program.

As part of the PIE program, Soldiers from the brigade participate in four specialty programs, said Lt. Col. Kelvin Scott, deputy commander for the BCTB and executive agent for PIE.

The programs include a leadership academy, designed to coach and develop potential leaders and a mentorship program which offers one-on-one mentoring to students.

"The test results from standardized testing indicate an improvement," Scott said, "and the school attributes that to direct contact with the mentors."

Partners Adopted Learning, or PALs, is a program that assigns a Soldier to a classroom to serve as a teacher's aide. The Soldier meets with the students once a month and gives each student attention throughout the course of the year.

The fourth program is the values video. Various BCTB Soldiers record a closed-circuit video featuring different army values. The students view the videos, then try to incorporate these values into their lives.

Scott estimates soldiers spend about 75 hours in the school each month.

"Just being around the students is so positive," Scott said. "It is a stress breaker and the Soldiers feel good contributing to the military community.

"This (kick-off) has been very positive. For the new soldiers it shows the school has a lot of pride and is very receptive to us," he said.

Voorhees: To speak at Red Ribbon ceremony

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you a Christian?' and I hesitated," Voorhees said. "I used to think, 'Man, I can't believe Peter could turn his back on Jesus after all he'd seen.' But there I was, scared to death to say yes. I didn't know if this guy would kill me."

The Iraqi driver smiled at Voorhees and said, "I am a Christian."

Then he drove Voorhees and his companion, an American missionary from Jordan, through the streets of Baghdad to show them the secret locations Christians meet to worship.

Though Voorhees' "Peter experience" was the most personally profound, he and his friends faced danger constantly during his visit, a visit Voorhees bankrolled because he felt a call to minister to the troops.

"The things we take for granted — the things we do without a second thought ... it's different over there," he said. "You don't even walk out a door without peeking around the corner to see if it's safe. Nothing's safe."

He slept in a safe house, huddled behind a flak vest and wandered the halls at night, awakened by gunfire.

He toured the city under constant guard, and feared for the safety of the young Soldiers assigned that duty.

He visited an MP station that was being rebuilt to honor the young Soldier who was killed when it was bombed.

He visited a hospital, where he met Iraqi brothers shot for delivering American food to their village.

His car was stopped by the secret police who thought he might be harboring Saddam Hussein.

He spent his days with the Soldiers. At night he met with townspeople who welcomed him wholeheartedly once they established he was not with the media.

"They talked a lot about their problems — water problems, electric problems, sewage problems. They never before had the power to do anything. Now they can meet and talk and take action," he said. "But they haven't quite figured how to do that yet. They don't understand what democracy or freedom is, how it works, and that it comes with laws and rules. They're still figuring it all out, but they're excited about it."

Voorhees went to Iraq to deliver a message to the troops.

"Eighty percent of the American people are behind you all the way," he said.

"The other twenty percent are nitwits, and they'll always be nitwits, but we appreciate the fact that you're here protecting them, too."

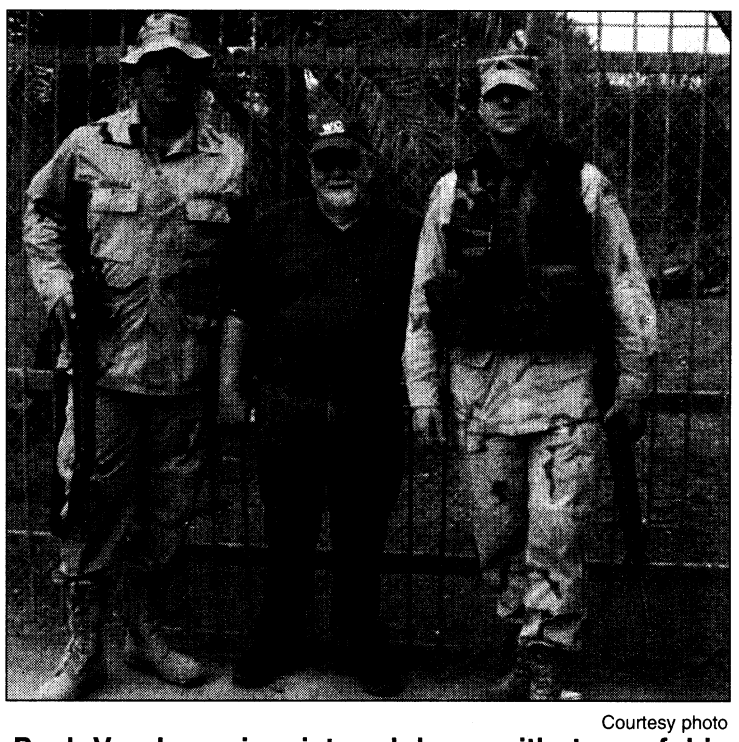
But he came home with a message for the families of the Soldiers.

"They should be awfully proud of them. I was amazed at the level of professionalism I saw," he said.

"I could tell they were tired, but they never let down for a minute."

To hear more from Voorhees, attend the Red Ribbon Celebration at 1 p.m. at Fort Benning's Marshall Auditorium Oct. 25.

For more information, call 545-4415.



Courtesy photo

Paul Voorhees is pictured here with two of his bodyguards in front of a lion's den, where the son of Saddam Hussein tortured "guests" when he grew tired of them.

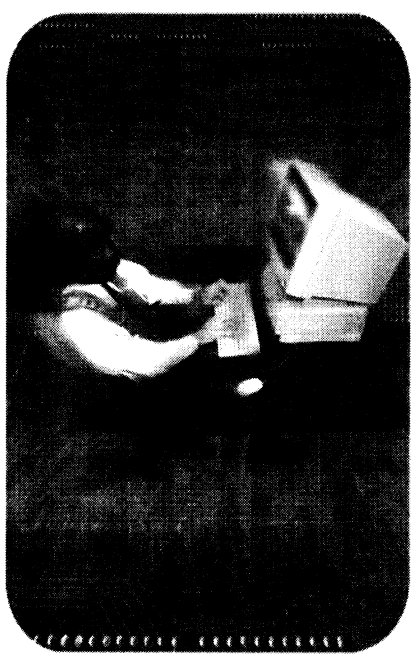
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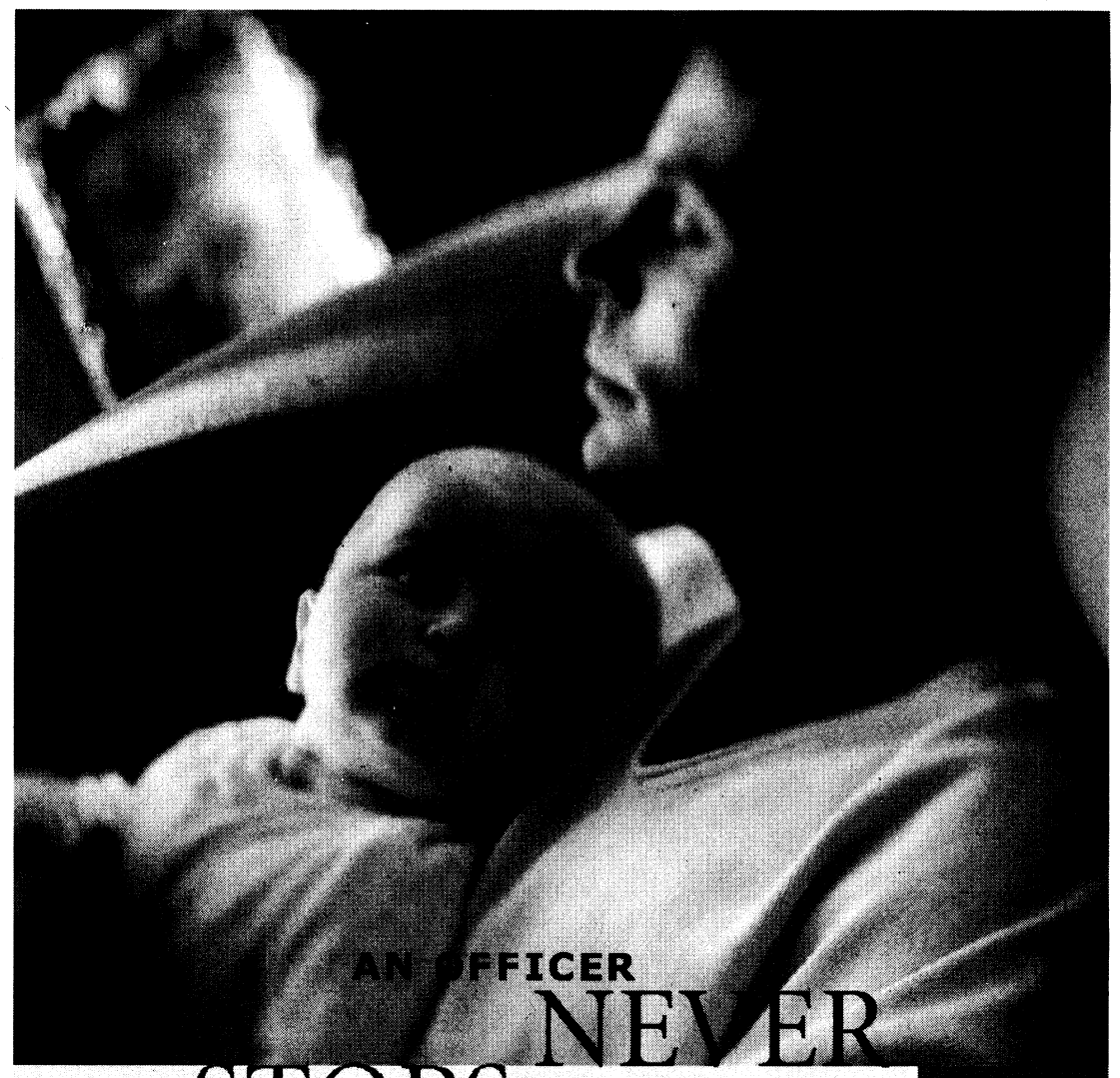
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Monument: First of three dedicated

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erected in Phenix City in 2006, though city officials have not decided upon a location.

The three identical black granite monuments are crowned with American eagles, each breaking free from its chain tether and poised, not for flight, but for attack.

"Its symbolism is powerful," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, post command sergeant major. "He's not so much trying to escape as trying to fight back. That says a lot about our POWs and the stories we hear about the things they go through. They never give up."

Sgt. Maj. Jan Stegeman, the president of the Sergeants Major Association, is also a Vietnam vet. He said the association was eager to call Fowler's dream its own, but for him, "it was personal."

"For every Vietnam veteran who wasn't welcomed home — for those who are prisoners to their memories — this is our way of saying, 'Welcome back,'" Stegeman said.

The Freedom Ride will be an annual event the third Saturday of September, the day after National POW/MIA Day.

Fowler said he expects it to get bigger and bigger as more people learn about the ride and the cause. Although this year's ride was a "resounding success," he believes it would've been twice as large if it hadn't been delayed a week because of Hurricane Ivan. Among others, the Florida Chapter of Rolling Thunder had to back out.

"Bikers, you know, are a conservative, dedicated bunch," Fowler said. "When they get behind something, they give it a hundred and ten percent. I imagine this thing will just keep getting bigger."



Bridgett Siter

The monument features an eagle breaking free from a chain tether.

Pets of the Week

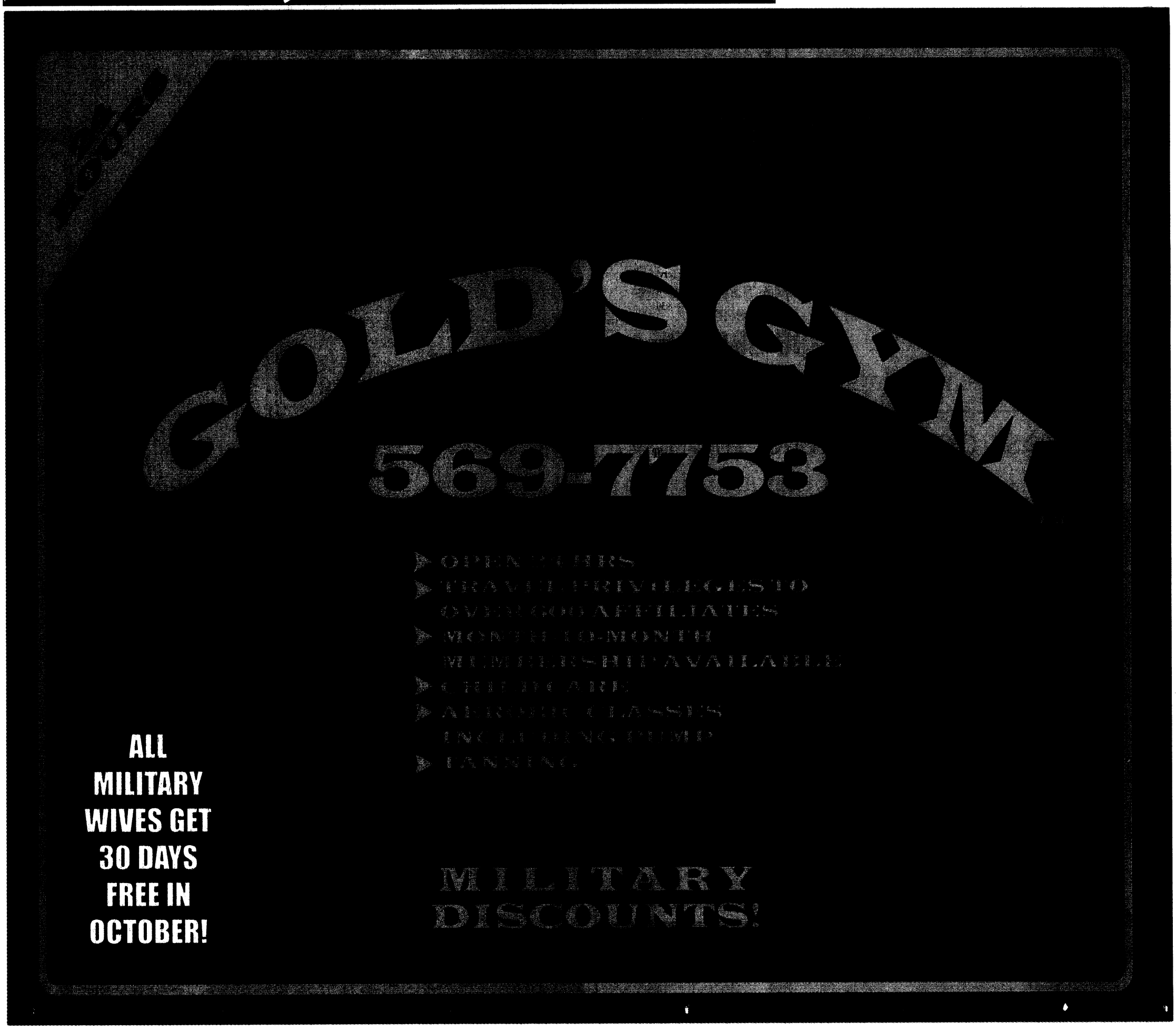




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Do things differently

Capt. Se W. Park
2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment

REFLECTIONS

A man came into the kitchen just in time to see his wife slice off the end of a roast and put it in the roasting pan.

He asked her, "Honey, why did you cut off the end of the roast?"

She said, "I don't know, I've just always done it."

"Well, why?" he asked.

"I don't know. We'll have to call Mom."

So she called her mother and said, "Mom, why did you always cut off the end of the roast?"

There was a pregnant pause. Mom laughed a little and said, "That's a good question. I do it because Grandma did."

"Why?"

"I don't know. Ask Grandma."

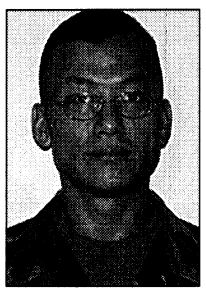
So they called Grandma and asked, "Grandma, why do you cut off the end of the roast?"

And she said, "Because my roaster is too small."

Well, that's how many of us live. We don't do things because of a sense of direction and vision, but because we've always done it that way.

This story was introduced by Ron Jenson:

There was a man blind from birth. Seeing the blind man, Jesus' disciples asked, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?"



Park

This question is probably one the blind man asked himself.

It is about his identity.

He probably kept the question in his mind from birth, and hadn't got the answer yet.

So he was eagerly waiting for Jesus' answer. Jesus said, "... The work of God should be revealed in him."

You may have also wondered about your identity and as to what the purpose of your life is.

Who am I? Why was I born to this particular family?

From a military standpoint you may ask: Why are we going to JRTC? Why do we have to go to Iraq?

The obvious answer may be, "For the peace of the world."

But what about peace in my heart? What about peace in my family? What about peace in my country?

We would rather go there for the work of God.

Why?

Because we were sent by God here and there.

And then we can fulfill the work of God.

Set rules, nourish relationships

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Since I've always been convinced only two people actually read this weekly column (my mother and my wife — well, OK, maybe only I read it regularly!), I'm always surprised when people stop me on post or write and say, "I really enjoyed that!"

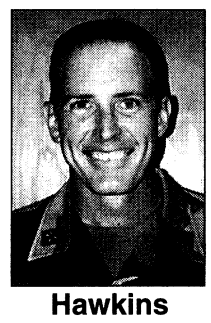
Probably no column I've written received the response I got when I wrote about us losing our "Baxter, The Wonderdog" to a tragic accident the Fourth of July.

No joke, I've even had hard-core, battle-hardened, camo-colored men walk up to me with tears in their eyes and say, "That was a powerful one."

Well, part of our healing in losing "man's best friend" has been the courage to try and "love again."

After much debate, fear of getting our hearts emotionally pierced again, and a PSYOPS campaign mounted by a relentless 13-year-old boy-child that would rival anything going on in North Korea, we caved — Team Hawkins came home last night with a 5-week-old Labrador retriever, newly named "Bailey."

To say I got very little sleep last night amidst the whines and howls of our new infant would be an understatement. It's been a long time since I've had to get up and do feedings, change diapers and rock the little ones back to sleep.



Hawkins

Now, at 42, I'm doing it all over again for a black furball named Bailey — and it all seems strangely familiar!

What Bailey needs (I've been reading lots of books to refresh myself) in these early days of puppyhood is similar to what other little ones of the human kind need: Rules and relationships.

• **Rules** — One of my first tasks with Bailey will be to lovingly, but fairly and firmly, establish that "I'm the alpha male, and I'm in charge — I make the rules, you follow them."

That's pretty much what parents need to be reminded of, too, when it comes to our little ones.

Just as it's dangerous to let a 100-pound doberman simply "do his thing" and "rule the roost" because he wasn't trained well as a puppy, it can be equally disastrous to let a 135-pound, 15-year-old sophomore hold an entire family hostage behaviorally because he or she never got clear on what his or her "order in the pack" was supposed to be.

It's our job to set the rules; parents lead, children follow. It works best that way.

• **Relationships —** Just as important, and an absolute critical balance in the equation (one too often forgotten by we Army types who are good with the rules part) is to love lavishly.

This morning I set the rules: I caged a dog. I walked a dog. I took a dog on his scheduled potty run to his appointed place — but then we played — and played some more. Why? Because dogs, just like kids, need rules balanced with relationship! In fact, rules without relationship will lead to rebellion.

So this week, whether with canines or kids, I encourage you to set rules and stick by your guns. And then we can also balance those rules with a relationship — love lavishly and have some fun!

If we can help you with any "obedience training" just give us a call at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 or come introduce yourself to me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel.

The service is at 11 a.m. Sundays at Kelley Hill, and it's postwide for everyone.

Sunday School teachers and directors wanted!

Teachers are needed for the Protestant Sunday School Program.
Also, a director is needed to assist in the organization.
For more information, call 545-4715.
* There will be no Sunday School Oct. 10.

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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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

The Chaplains' Office will host a *Fall Festival*

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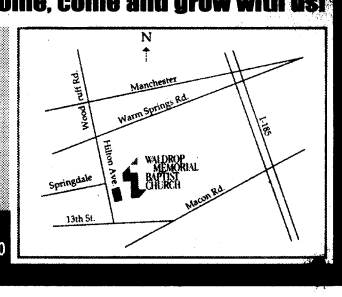
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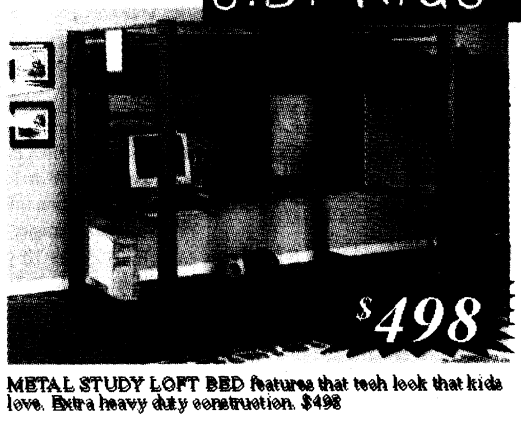
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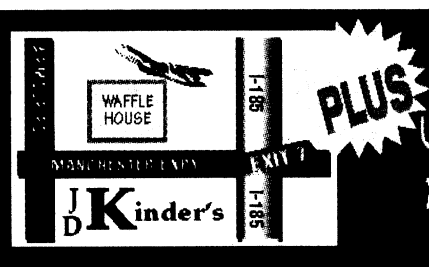
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AMU shoots, wins

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

Soldiers with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

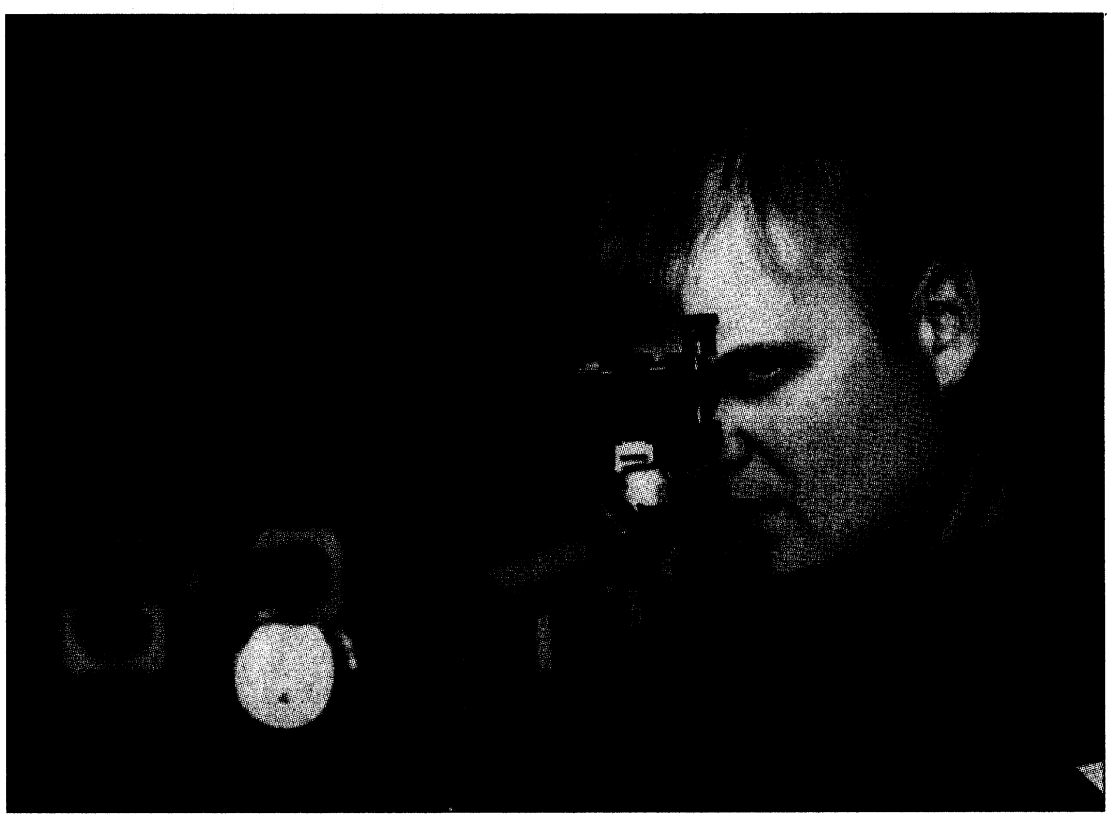
• USA Shooting 300-Meter National Championships, Fort Benning, Sept. 2 to 26 — USAMU international rifle shooter Spc. Trevor D. Gathman won the Gold Medal in the 300-Meter Prone Rifle National Championship as well as the Prone Rifle Interservice Championship; Gathman also took the Silver Medal in the 300-Meter Three Position Rifle National Championship and won the Three Position Rifle Interservice Championship. Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas took the Silver Medal and the Interservice Championship Title in the 3x20 Championship. Spc. Shane M. Barnhart got the Bronze Medals in the Prone, Three Position and 3x20 National Championships.

• U.S. Practical Shooting Association National Championships, Barry, Ill., Sept. 8 to 13 — Action shooter Sgt. Maxient J. Michel beat 560 of the country's top shooters to win the U.S. Open National Championship; Michel also won the Military Division and the 2004 Men's Shoot Off Championship. Because of his victories, Michel made the 2005 U.S. World Championship Team and will be the youngest men's team captain in U.S. history. Pfc. Travis E. Tomasie took second place overall in the Limited National Championship and won the Military Division and Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Wilson won the B Class.

• Georgia State Skeet Championships, Eaton, Ga., Aug. 26 to 29 — Shotgun shooter Spc. Mark L. Weeks took second place and Pfc. Clay L. Hart finished third.

• National Wild Turkey Federation 11th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, Forsyth, Ga., Aug. 20 to 22 — Shotgun shooter Master Sgt. Rodney G. Pinkston beat more than 600 competitors to win the tournament.

• U.S. Practical Shooting Association Area 3 Championships, Columbia, Mo., Aug. 6 to 8 — Michel beat 232 of the country's top shooters to win the Overall Championship; he now holds the Area 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 championship titles. Tomasie not only won the Limited Division, but in winning five of the 11 stages, he beat all the competition by nearly 15 percent — the biggest point spread in USPSA history.



Courtesy photo

Spc. Trevor Gathman, USAMU international rifle shooter, won the Gold Medal in the 300-Meter Prone Rifle National Championship as well as the Prone Rifle Interservice Championship. Gathman also took the Silver Medal in the 300-Meter Three Position Rifle National Championship and won the Three Position Rifle Interservice Championship.

Walkers to raise money to cure juvenile diabetes

Ray Lakes
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

A thousand walkers are expected to turn out for the Columbus Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International's ninth annual Walk to Cure Diabetes Oct. 9 at Rotary Park.

JDRF, the leading charitable contributor and advocate of juvenile (type 1) diabetes research worldwide, was founded in 1970 by the parents of children with juvenile diabetes — a disease that strikes children suddenly, making them insulin-dependent for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

The Columbus Walk to Cure Diabetes is one of the many walks held in more than 200 cities worldwide.

More than 500,000 people worldwide walked to cure diabetes last year and more are expected this year. Nationally, JDRF Walks raised almost $75 million last year, and this year the goal is to raise $80 million.

Rotary Park is located off Victory Drive near the Columbus Civic Center. The walk starts at 9:30 a.m. and lasts until noon. The chapter's goal is to raise $130,000 for research to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

The Walk to Cure Diabetes is an event in which all ages can participate. There will be family friendly entertainment, snacks and hot dogs, face-painting and other special activities for kids.

Walkers are encouraged to register early by contacting a local JDRF volunteer at many larger work sites and schools, or they can register online at www.jdrf.org. On-site registration the day of the walk will begin at 8:30 a.m.

"I am excited to be working with JDRF and the families and friends of children with diabetes on their single goal — finding a cure for a disease which kills one American every three minutes and costs our nation more than $130 billion last year in health care costs," said Janet Davis, president and CEO of TIC Federal Credit Union and Columbus Corporate Walk chair.

"Money contributed to JDRF supports cutting-edge research which one day soon will lead to a cure for this disease. Working together, we can and are making a difference in the lives of so many children who suffer from juvenile diabetes," Davis said.

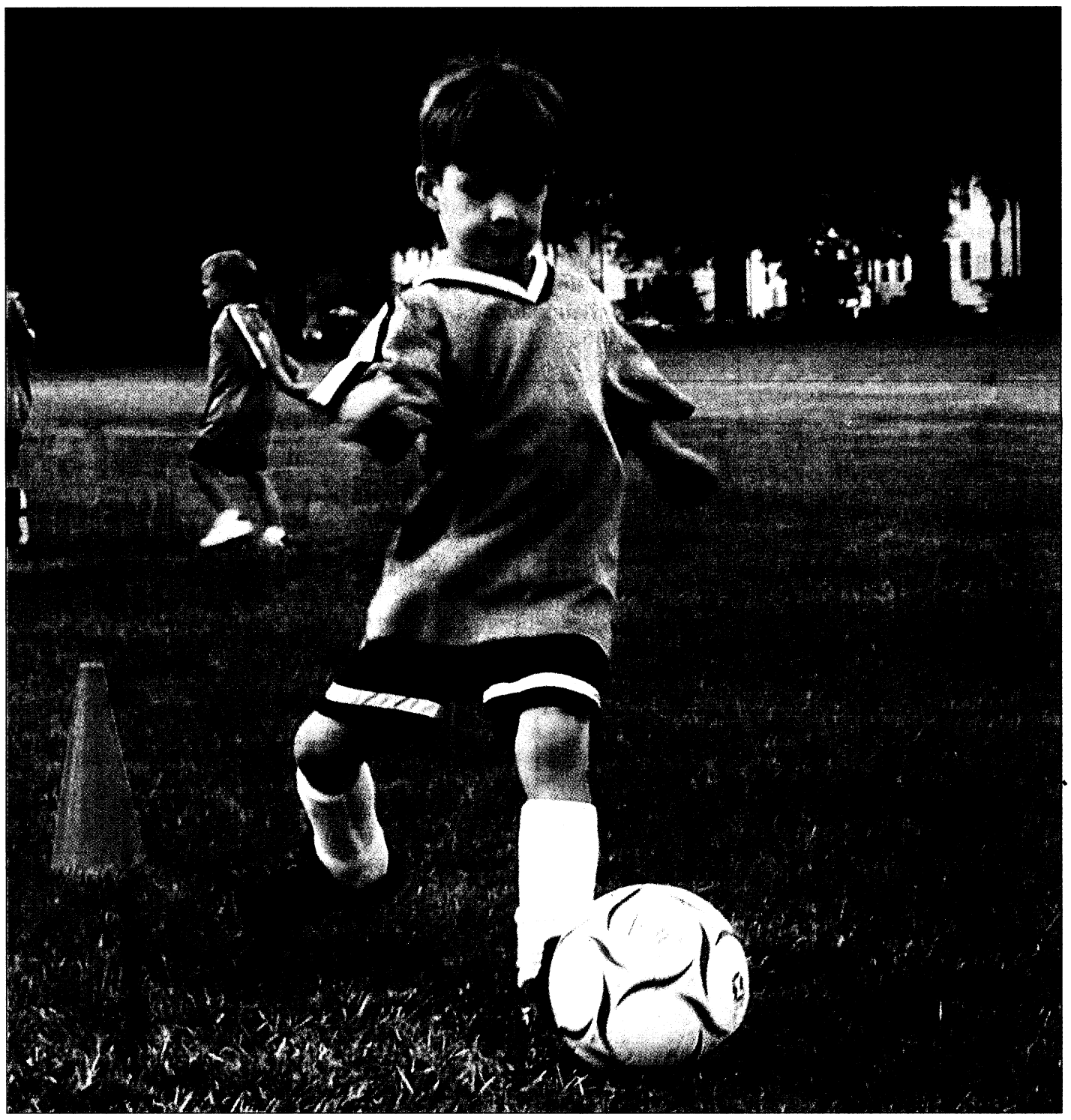
Since inception, JDRF has provided more than $800 million in direct funding of diabetes research.

In a typical year, more than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education.

JDRF's mission is constant: To find a cure for diabetes through the support of research.

For more information, visit the JDRF Web site at www.jdrf.org or call (888) 533-walk.

Soccer kicks off



Erin A.Nash

Camron Dunaway, 4, practices his shooting skills Wednesday night at French Field. Dunaway is a member of the 4- and 5-year-old Youth Services Blue Dragons soccer team. While soccer and football are in full swing, YS is still registering children for cheerleading. Walk-ins are accepted from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about cheerleading or other YS sports, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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CYS Tae Kwon Do registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do. Walk-ins are welcome from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made for the hours of 2 to 4 p.m.

The class will be instructed by Clayton Coleman.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

CYS gymnastics registration — Child and Youth Services is now registering for gymnastics. Walk-ins are welcome from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made for the hours of 2 to 4 p.m.

Registration will continue until all classes are filled.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

WHINSEC golf tournament — The WHINSEC Family Readiness Group will sponsor a golf tournament starting at 1 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Follow Me Golf Course.

Price is $20 per person for 18 holes of golf, golf cart, range balls, a gift certificate to the pro shop and lunch at WHINSEC.

For more information, e-mail whinsec_frg@yahoo.com.

Scrambling for Santa — Santa's Castle will sponsor a Scrambling for Santa Golf Tournament Oct. 28 at the Follow Me Golf Course.

Shotgun starts are at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Cost is $30 for members and $35 for non-members.

For more information, call the Follow Me Golf Course at 682-1937.

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.

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.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Columbus Track Club — The Columbus Track Club will present Run or Walk the Riverwalk Series.

Dates are Saturday, Oct. 16 and Oct. 30.

The series will finish Nov. 2 with the running results and national election results at 7 p.m. at the Draft American Grill and Tap.

It is free for Columbus Track Club members, $10 per run for nonmembers or $25 for all three.

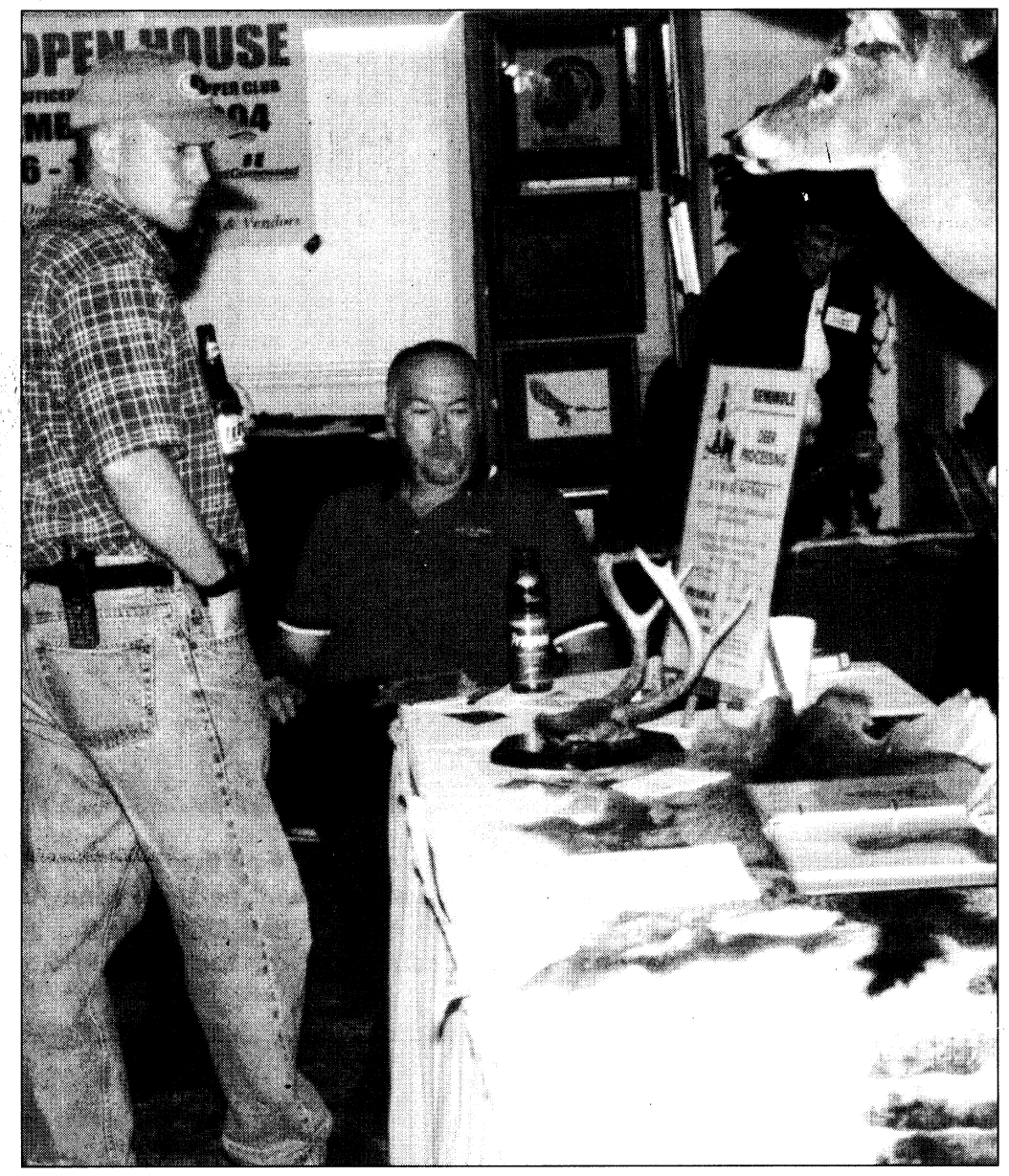
For more information, call Brian Luedtke at 321-8732 or visit www.columbustrack club.org.

BFL Super Tournament — The Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League Bulldog Division will wrap up its regular season Saturday and Sunday with a Super Tournament on Lake Eufaula.

The Super Tournament will feature as many as 200 boaters and 200 co-anglers. Cash awards are based on full fields.

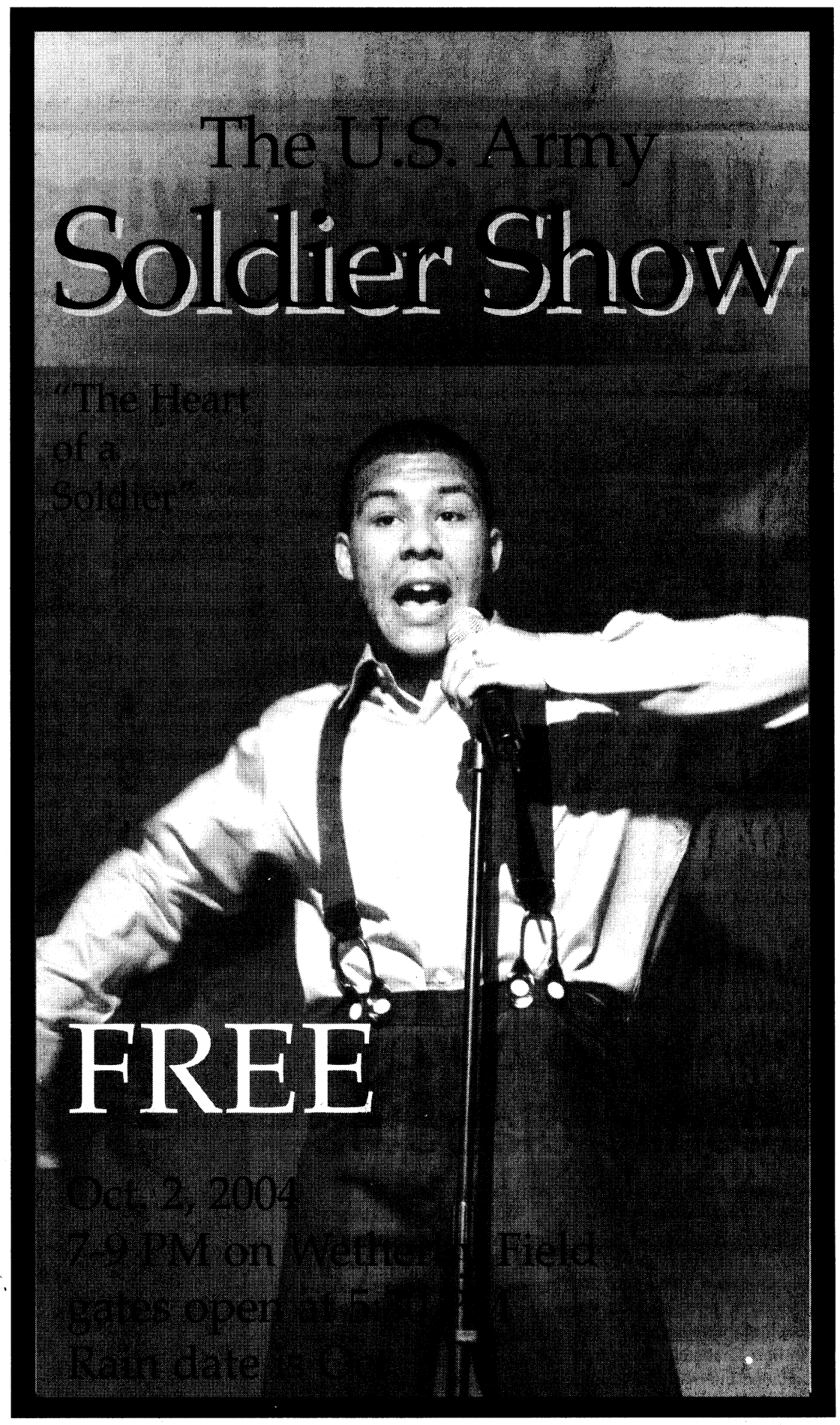
For more information about the BFL or to enter a tournament, call (270) 252-1000 or visit FLWOutdoors.com.

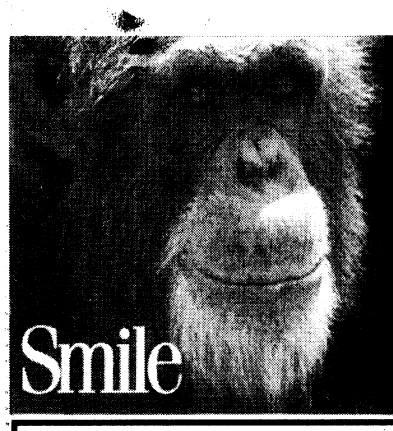
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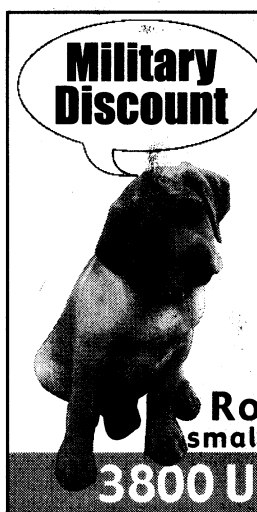


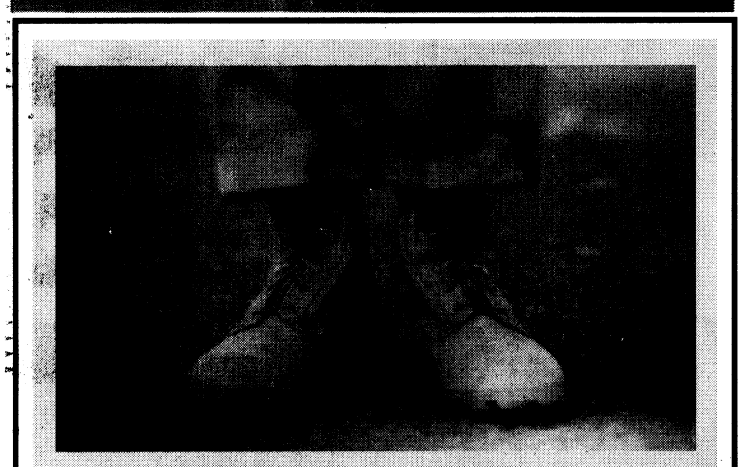
Bridgett Siter

Capt. Bobby Toon checks out the Treebark Taxidermy display at the Hunting Open House Tuesday at the Officers' Club. Nearly 400 people attended the second annual event, which was sponsored by the Commanding General's Natural Resource Advisory Council. More than 200 door prize packages were distributed, all donated by local vendors. Representatives from various post agencies, including Outdoor Rec., Safety and the Army Marksmanship Unit, were on hand to offer information on recreational opportunities for local sportsmen updates on hunting regulations. AMU representatives used the forum to spotlight "Zero Day," from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at English range. Members of AMU will be available to help hunters zero their weapons. The event is free. For more information, call 260-403-6015.













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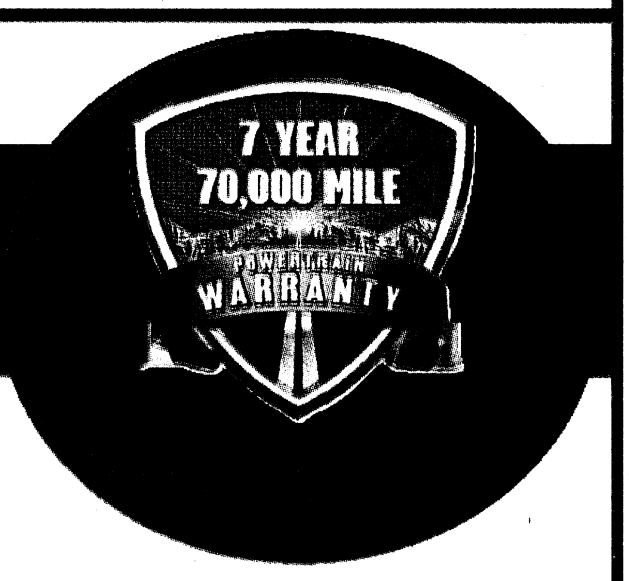


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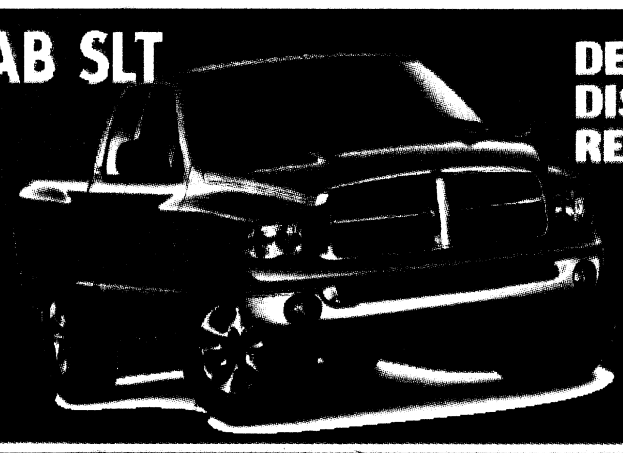


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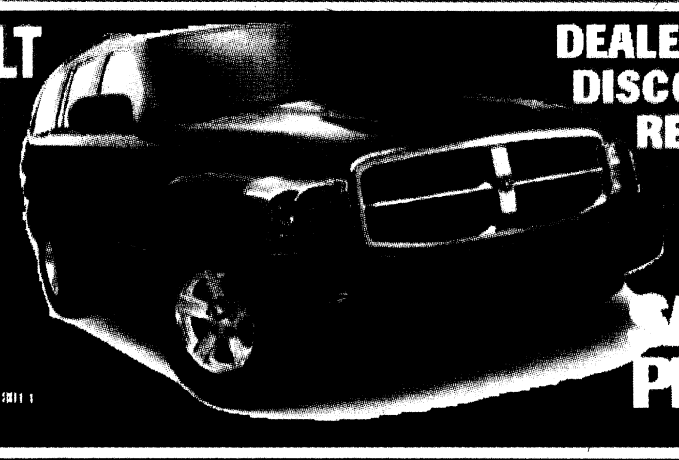
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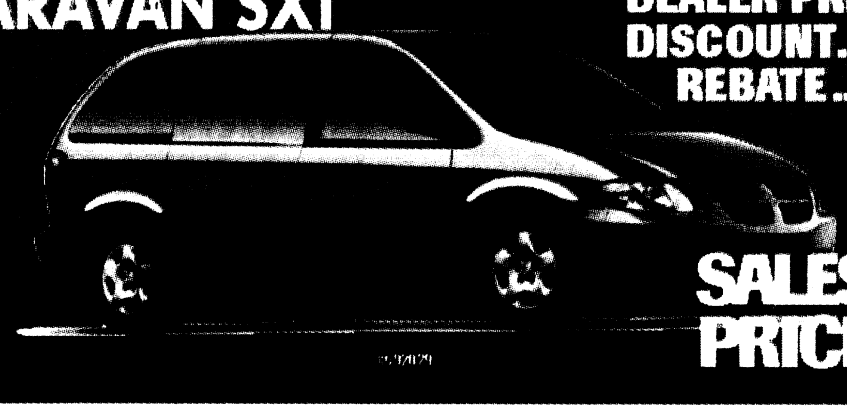
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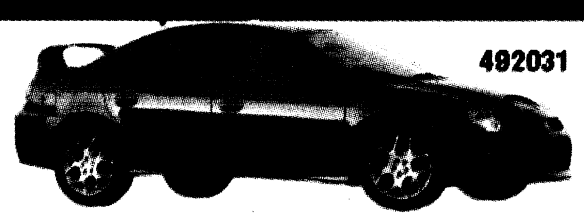
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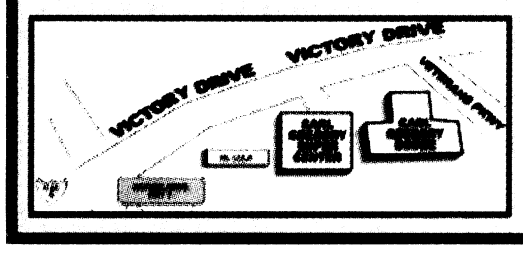
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Miscellaneous

For sale - 17" Compaq computer monitor $50 563-8479 (F1)

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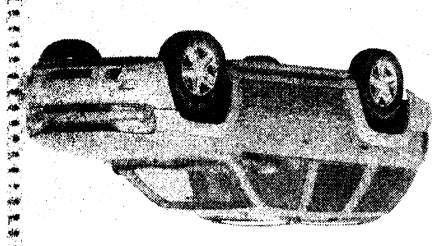
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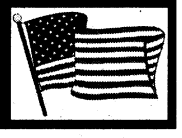
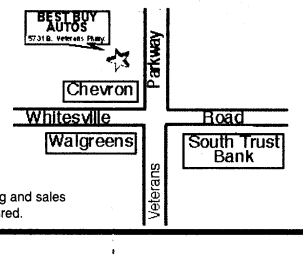
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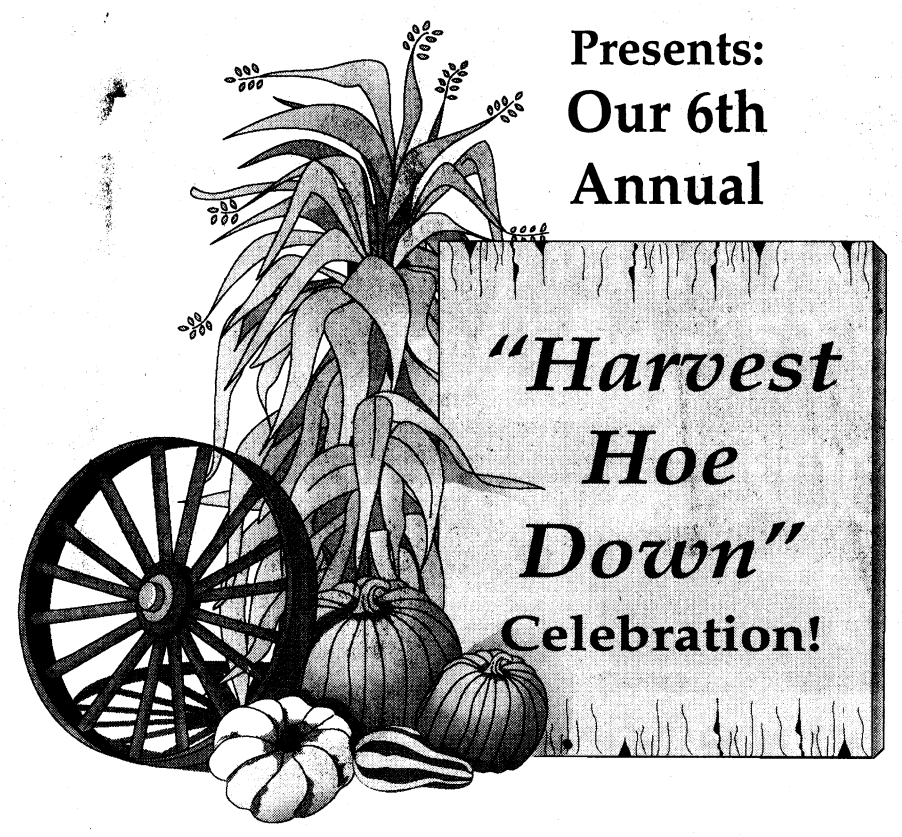
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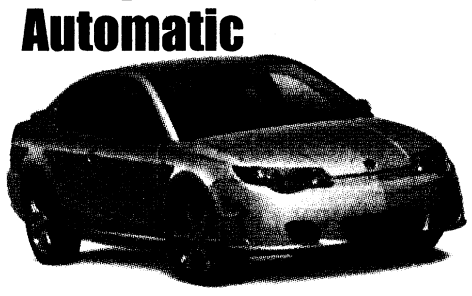
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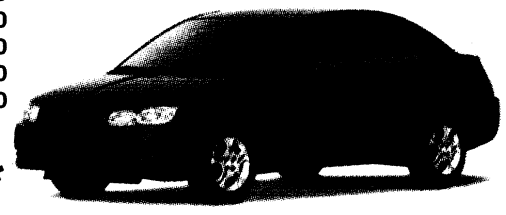
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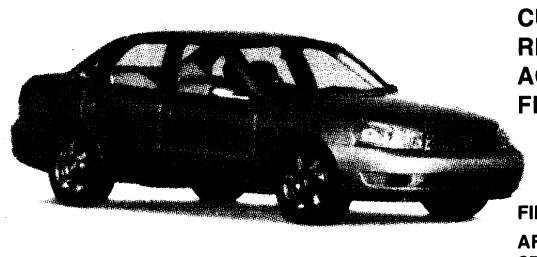
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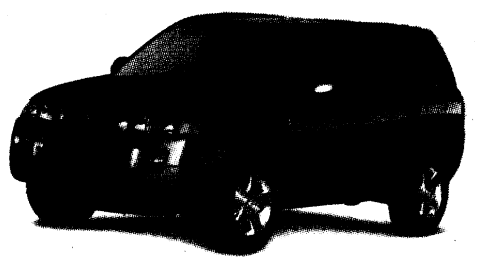
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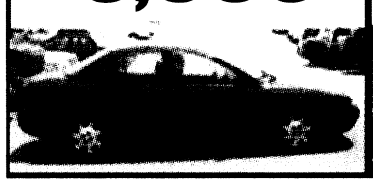
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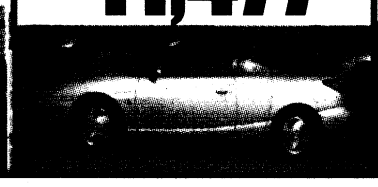
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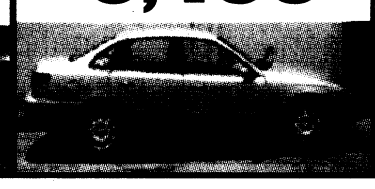
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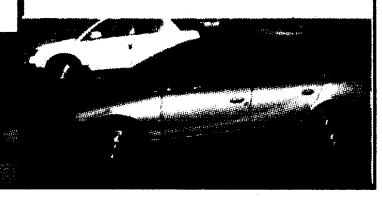
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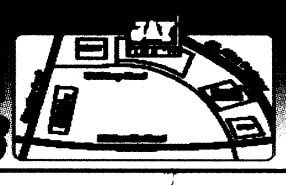
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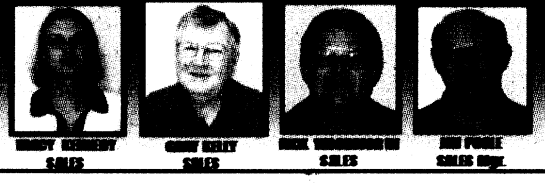


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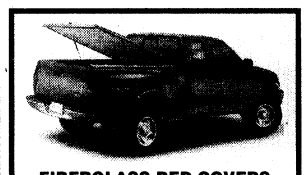


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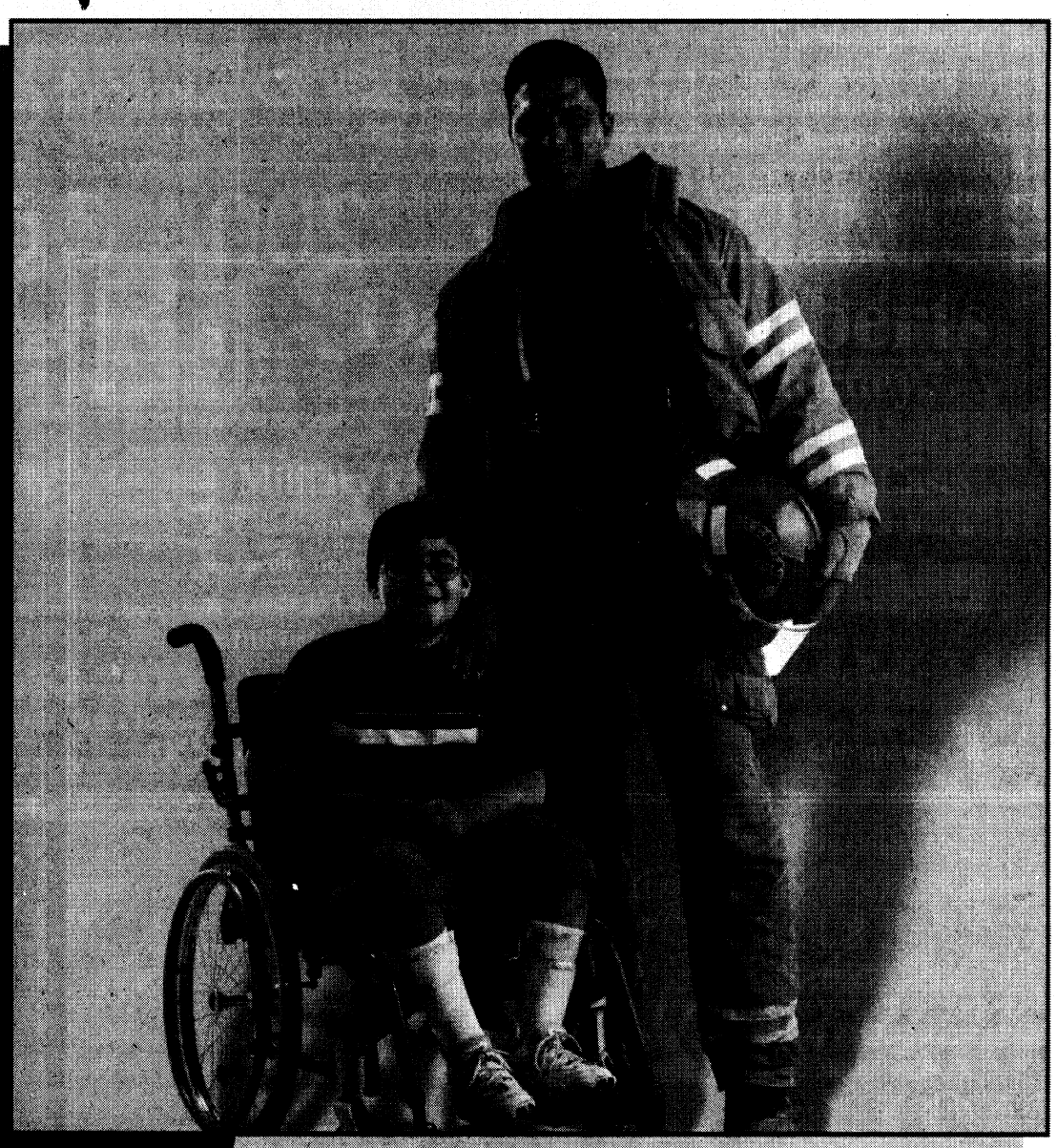


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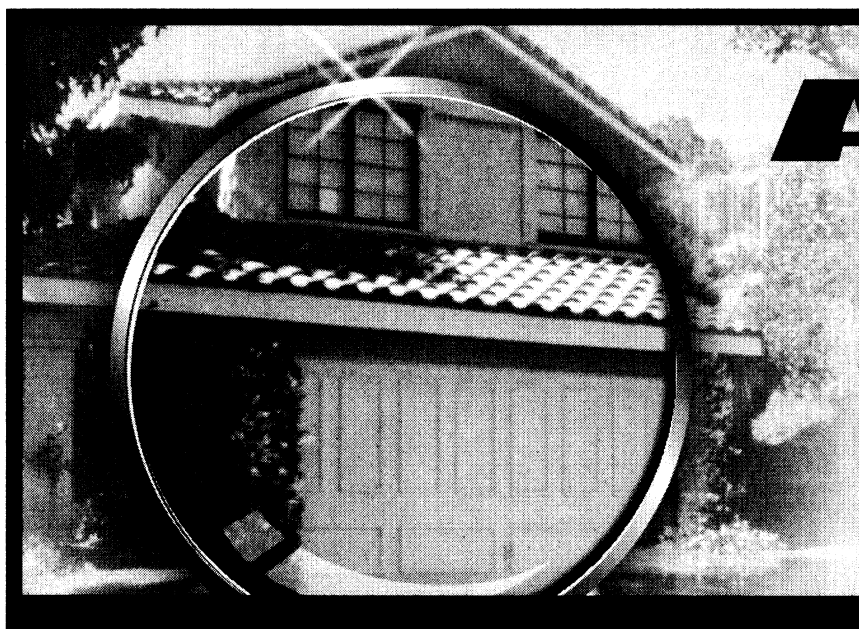


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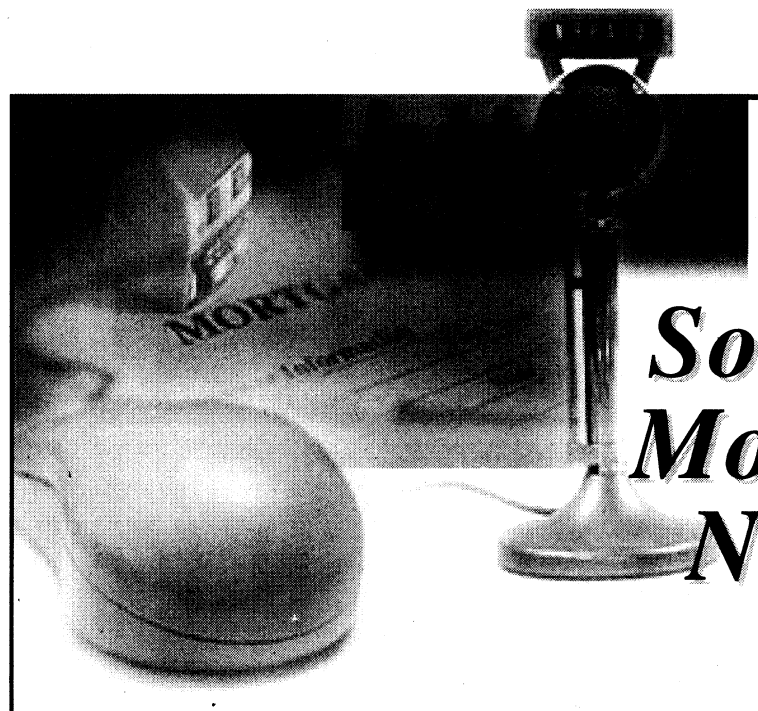
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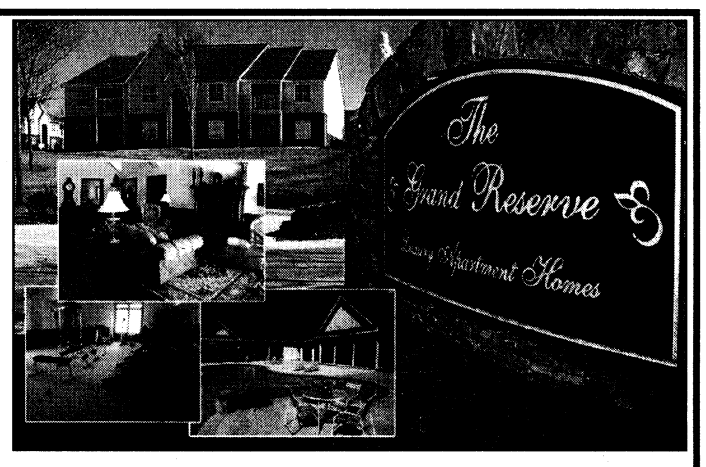
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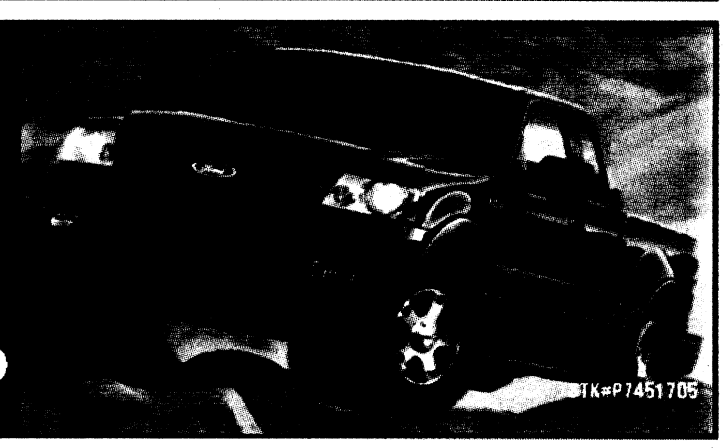
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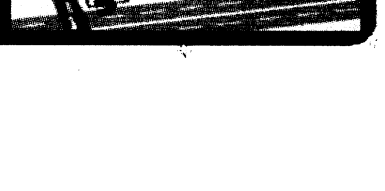
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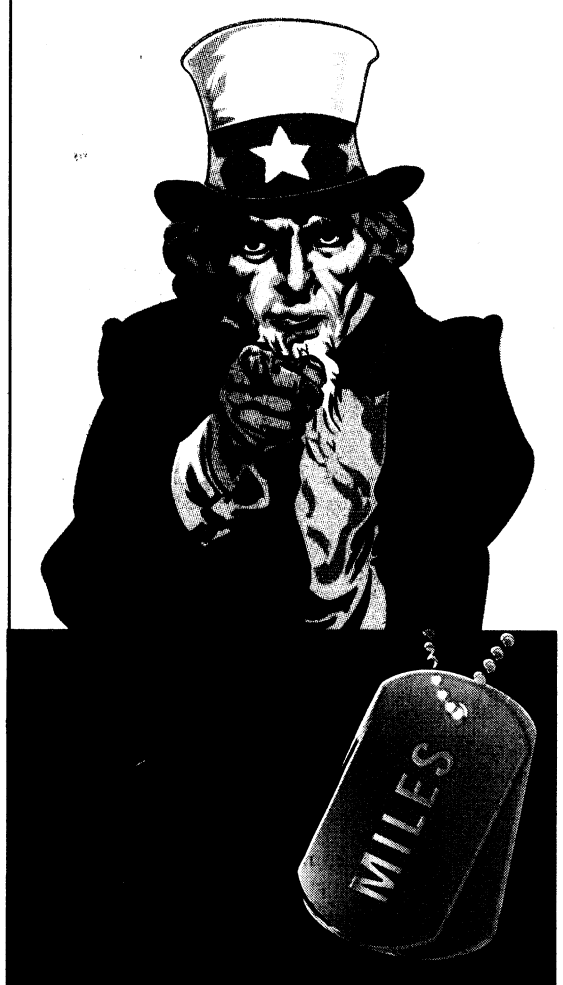
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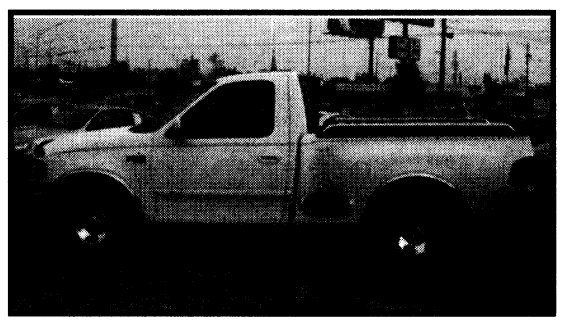
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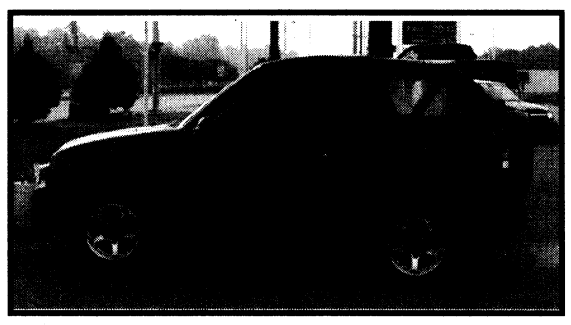
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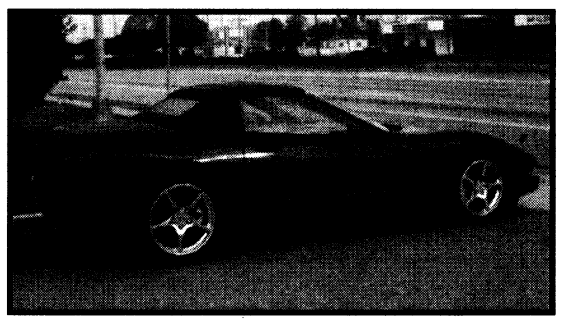
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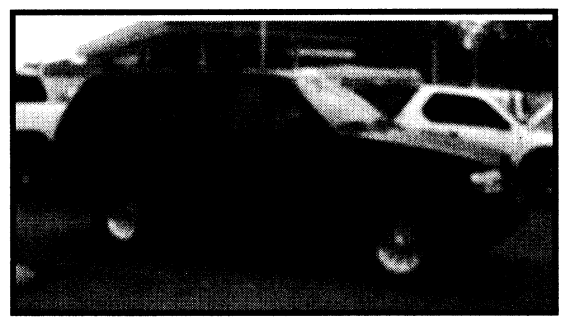
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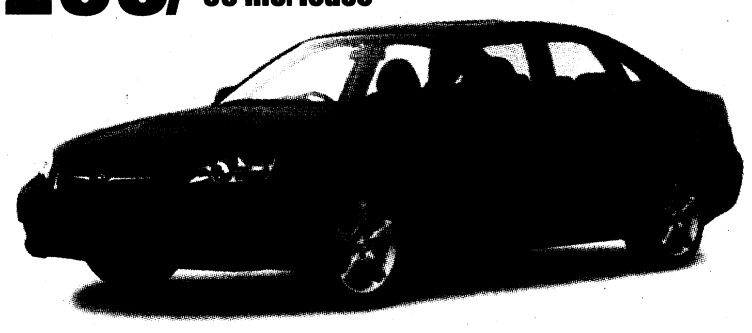
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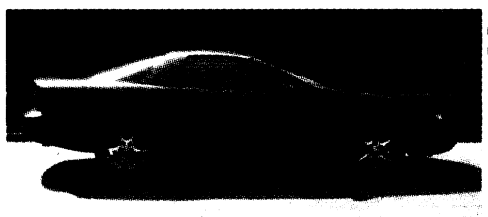


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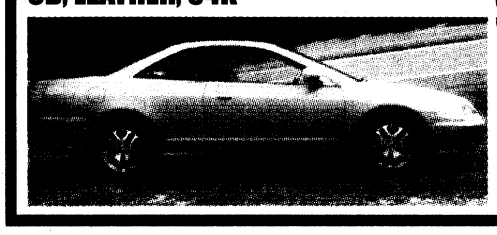
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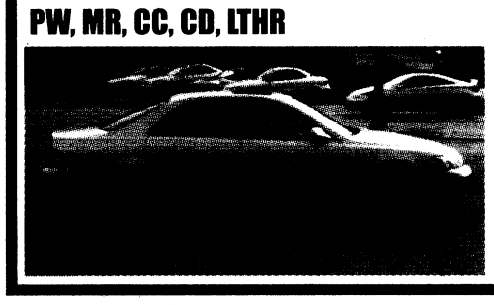
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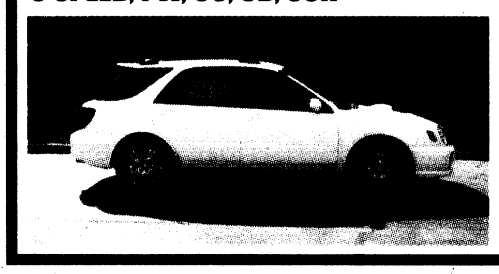
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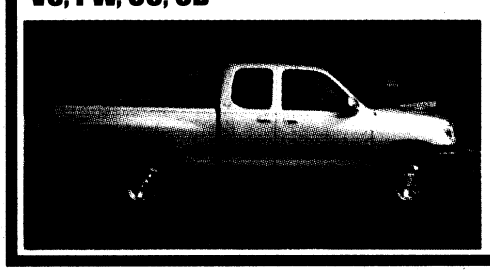
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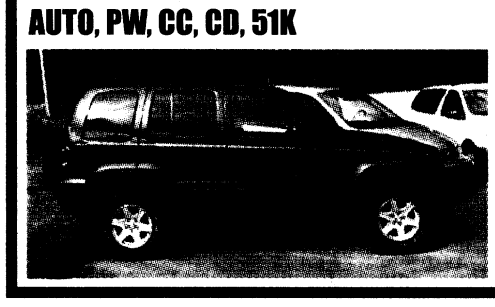
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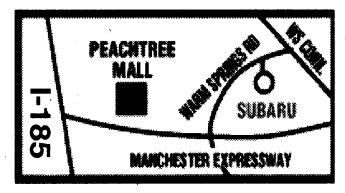
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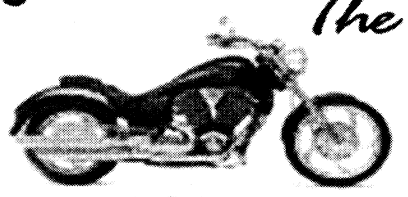
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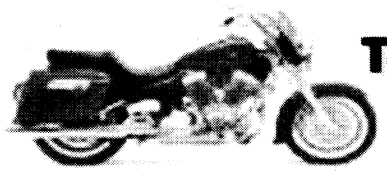
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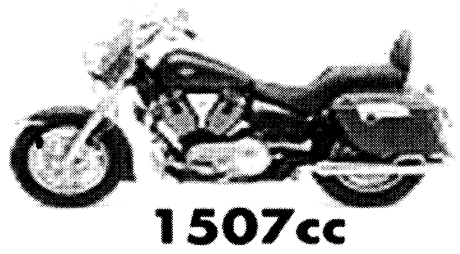


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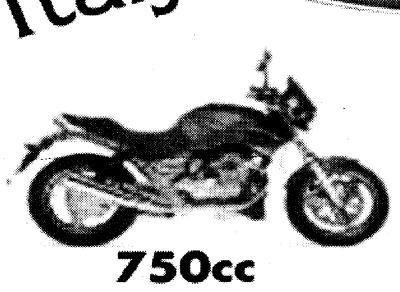
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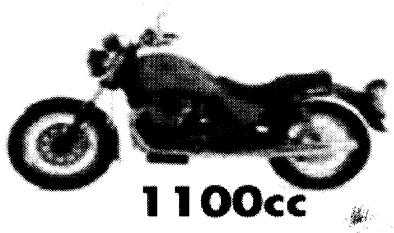
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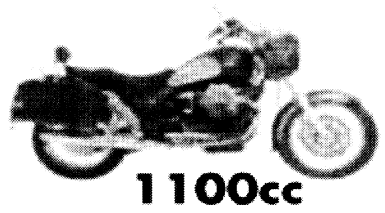


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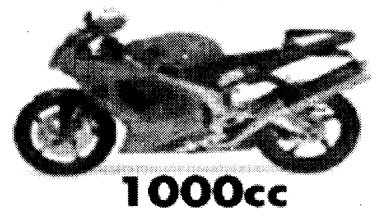
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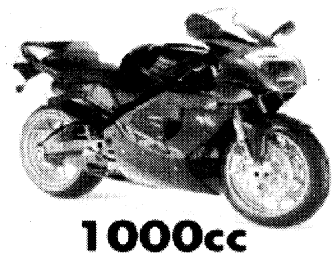


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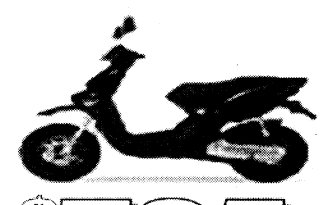
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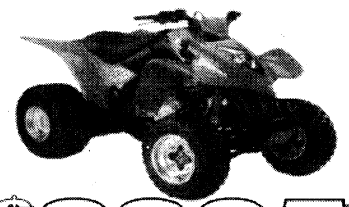
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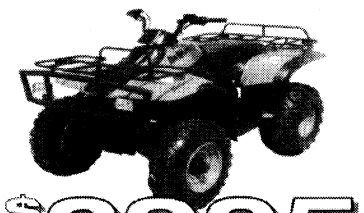
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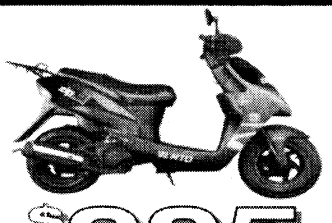
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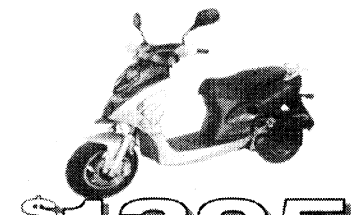
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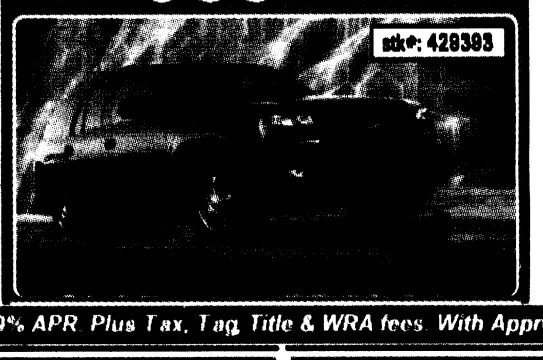
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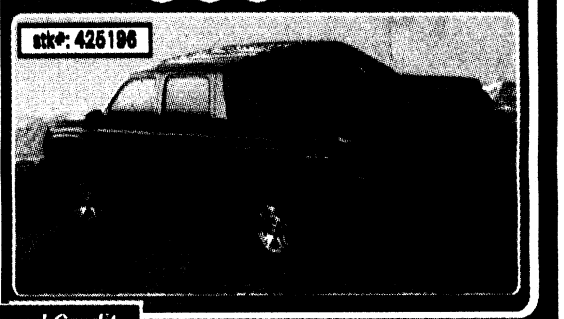
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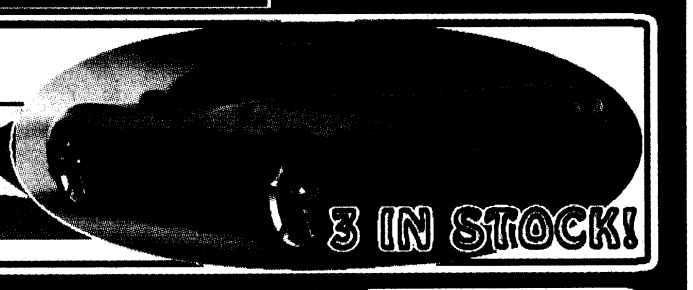
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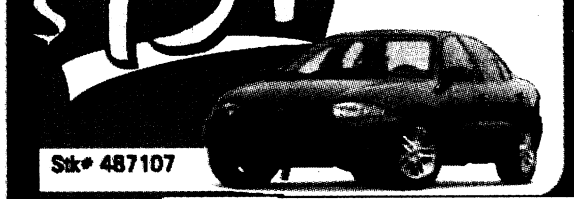
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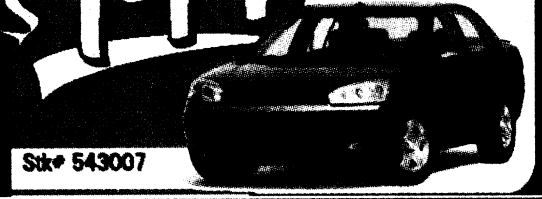
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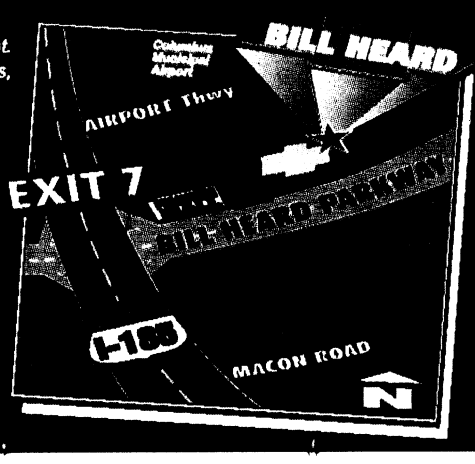
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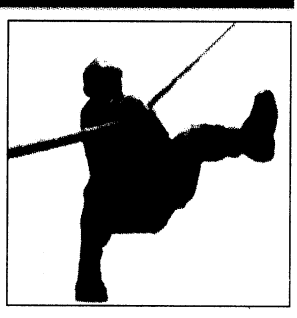
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36th prepares to deploy

NCOs beef up common task training

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Several elements of 36th Engineer Group are preparing to deploy sometime between November and January.

A "beefed up" training schedule went into effect last week for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 598th Maintenance Company and 233rd Heavy Equipment Transportation Company.

The training included a convoy live fire, suicide prevention classes, pre-deployment classes, first-aid training, NBC training, improvised explosive device training and several other common tasks.

"It's basic stuff, but it's knowledge that is perishable," Staff Sgt. Eric Burns, the 13th Combat Support Battalion's NBC NCO, said Monday, as he was teaching the Soldiers about dealing with NBC threats.

"It's really important because Soldiers need to feel comfortable with their equipment," Burns said. "And they need to be able to evaluate another Soldier if something goes wrong."

The Soldiers seemed to

See **TRAINING,** A-6



Sgt. McKinley Anderson uses Pfc. James Pulkett to demonstrate the proper way to apply a bandage to a chest wound.



Bridgett Siter

A Kelley Hill Soldier erects a barricade Tuesday during a live fire exercise.

Kelley Hill prepares to rotate

OIF-3 will be different, says commander

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

The Kelley Hill troops slated to return to Iraq early next year spent 10 days in the field making sure they're ready.

"In 90 days, plus or minus, you'll be on the ground doing this for real," said Lt. Col. Roger Cloutier. "This is our last collective training opportunity."

The commander of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, met with Soldiers fresh off the "battlefield," where they encountered enemy insurgents in a mock Iraqi village. He urged them to prepare themselves for a deployment much different than when the 3rd Brigade led the assault on Baghdad that launched Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Every morning when you look at yourself in the mirror, I want you to ask yourself, 'Have I done everything I could do to make sure I'm ready? Have I done everything I can do to make sure my Soldiers are ready?'" Cloutier said. "Because OIF-3 is going to be much different than what you remember. One minute you're shooting, and the next minute you're passing out MREs and helping a pregnant woman give birth."

Cloutier was referring to one of several problems Soldiers encountered as they rotated through various battlefield scenarios. Each platoon was forced to establish a hasty traffic control point just outside the town of "Balad," where insurgents had fled after detonating a car bomb at an Iraqi National Guard recruiting station.

An angry crowd met the Soldiers at the control point. They were temporarily placated with MREs, and the platoon medic earned the crowd's approval for a short time when he helped deliver an Iraqi baby.

That scenario, like all the others, replicated situations U.S. forces have encountered in Iraq since the liberation mission became a rebuilding mission, said 1st Lt. David Suttles, the battalion's public affairs officer. Suttles said Soldiers and civilians role-played Iraqi merchants, insurgents, informants and American reporters.

"The whole thing is designed to prepare the Soldiers for any number of things they're going to see over there," Suttles said. "Basically, they have to figure it out. They have to figure out the best way to handle a mob, the best way to clear a building under fire, who's friend and who's foe … The role-players make it more realistic, and the more

See **SOLDIERS,** A-9

Check 21 to take effect

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A federal law taking effect Oct. 28 will end the age of check floating and likely cause problems for Soldiers and family members who spend their pay two days before they get it.

Ann Pratcher, a financial manager with Army Community Services, conducts financial readiness classes and financial counseling.

"This act isn't something that will be generally good," she said. "We see people that are six, seven, eight hundred dollars or more overdrawn. Now, they'll bounce more checks and rack up even more fees."

Under the old system, if a person wrote a check on Monday, he could expect it to take four to five business days to clear his account. Under Check 21, clearance time can be reduced to one day.

"The banks have all the power," Pratcher said. "They can destroy your original checks, and they don't have to provide a substitute check unless you request one. And your rights to dispute a payment problem can be reduced, depending on how your transaction was handled. This is a huge problem."

The Federal Reserve Board, which governs the implementation of Check 21, noted that members expressed concerns over several aspects of the act including:

- Consumer rights in payment disputes.
- Additional fees for the documentation needed to resolve payment disputes.
- Increased volume of NSF charges.

For more information on Check 21, see A-9.

Benning BOSS wins first place for fourth time

Program to continue improvements

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Keeping with tradition, Fort Benning Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers representatives went to Washington, D.C., for the annual BOSS conference and came back with a first-place trophy for the fourth time in a row.

Fort Benning competed in the "large installation" category, and beat out seven others to win the trophy for best BOSS Installation Program in the world.

"The BOSS program is very powerful for Fort Benning," said Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Fortson, garrison CSM.

"We are very proud to go to the world wide conference as the sixth largest installation and win. It's powerful."

The conference, which celebrated BOSS's 15th anniversary, brought Soldiers and Marines together from Sept. 19 to 24 in the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Va.

It was a "target rich environment" that let Soldiers compare ideas with advisors from Morale, Welfare and Recreation, sergeants major and BOSS representatives from installations all over the world, said Spc. Matthew Gobble, Fort Benning's BOSS president.

"The best part of the conference was meeting everyone and learning what they did, so I can come back here and do it," he said.

During the conference, a panel of judges selected by the Department of the Army graded video and static displays that represented the activities from each installation's BOSS program. Each display was divided into three categories: community service, recreation and leisure and well being.

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> Garrison command sergeant major

Gobble said Fort Benning stood out in the community service category, because the Soldiers are always willing to help the community.

"I think (volunteering) is a great thing," Gobble said. "I've been doing it since I was 13. But for Soldiers to volunteer at the age they are now, when they have the option to do other things, reflects well on Fort Benning and shows the compassion our Soldiers have for their community."

Gobble said the events BOSS has sponsored off post, such as Habitat For Humanity, MDA and Franciscan Woods, drew a lot of attention from the conference attendees, but the judges were only looking at the

See **BOSS,** A-9

Cancer cure: It's 'jean'etic

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Get up, get dressed, and put on your favorite pair of jeans for the ninth annual Lee National Denim Day.

No, National Denim Day isn't one of those kooky holidays. It's a serious one, one designed to raise $7.5 million this year for a worthwhile cause — breast cancer.

You know I'm not shy about getting on a soapbox or letting you know what's important to me. October is important. It's Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In 1967, Mary Irene Sloan Munson lost her husband, a strapping Pennsylvania State trooper, cut down in the prime of life by a drunken driver.

Years later, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. But it didn't beat her — not at first. Thanks to a mastectomy and the newest cancer drugs, she was cancer free — or so she thought.

Then, in 1996, she stopped taking the drugs in order to have cataract surgery. Her back began to hurt, and the MRI showed the cancer cells, held at bay by the drugs all those years, had returned. She had tumors on her spine, pelvis, skull and ribs.



She was diagnosed the day I found out I was pregnant with her third great-grandson. Grammy was the first one I told. She held on just long enough for his birth.

As if breast cancer taking her life wasn't bad enough, her daughter's diagnosis sounded like another death sentence. My aunt is now cancer-free, but my mother's mammograms are of constant concern.

So why wear denim? Be comfy. And if you wear your jeans to work, give a $5 donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For the past 21 years, they've raised millions of dollars "Racing for the Cure."

Every year, almost 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer — that's one in eight. More than 43,000 will die.

If you're a man and still reading this, you should know breast cancer could strike you too. More than 16,000 men will get the awful news, and 400 will die.

With early detection, the survival rate is an awesome 95 percent. I like numbers like that. They comfort me. Since mammograms are among the best early detection methods, I suffered through one last year on my 35th birthday.

For those of you who'd like to do your part by surfing the web, visit www.the-breastcancersite.com.

If you're a sports enthusiast, sign up for one of the "Race for the Cure" 5K runs and fitness walks across the country. There's one in Birmingham, Ala., Saturday and in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 23.

Maybe you're stumped on who to give your Combined Federal Campaign pledge to. I'd be honored if you'd support the American Cancer Society — if not for me and Grammy, then for someone you know.

Make sure you can bank on it

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Few things strike fear in the heart of this law-abiding citizen like a blue light flashing in the rearview or an overdraft statement from the bank. Not that I've been subject to either on a regular basis, mind you. Once or twice, as I recall. Maybe three times.

I liken one to the other because both induce a sense of profound panic. My stomach churns, my heart races, my head pounds. I sweat.

Now my bank has adopted a fairly new practice, periodically sending offers for reduced rates or pre-approved loans — the kind of "extras" they used to pack into my monthly bank statement. These separate mailings make for much, much thinner envelopes, and a thin envelope from the bank used to mean only ONE THING. So, like Pavlov's dog, I churn and sweat and pound and race every time I find a thin envelope from my bank. I'm obviously hypersensitive.



With that in mind, I'd better be on my toes from here on out, what with the new federal law that takes effect Oct. 28, whereby checks will clear the bank much faster than we've become accustomed. With the institution of the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, or Check 21, as it's called, those who've grown used to writing a check at the Commissary or Wal-mart three days before payday may find themselves in a fiscal fiasco real soon.

As I understand it, Check 21 allows banks to use "substitute checks," which appears to be an electronic facsimile of the original, to process your purchases and payments. This works much like the "e-check" system, which allows merchants to clear your check before you leave the store. You can expect a similar process with Check 21.

The bottom line? Make sure you have the funds before you have the fun. All financial institutes must comply with the new law, so it'll do absolutely no good to point fingers at anyone else. Fair warning.

The truth is, we Americans have become quite adept at working the system, timing our shopping trips a couple of days before payday to avoid the crowds. I'm guilty. Though there's nothing wrong with that as long as the money's there when the check arrives, you and I know it's a dangerous game to play.

The last time I checked, bouncing checks is still illegal, just like speeding. So we'd better put the brakes on this particular spending habit before the blue light in the rearview means you've ran afoul of Check 21 too many times.

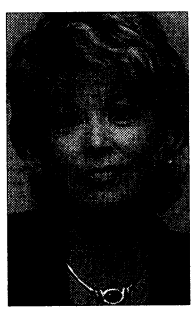
Domestic violence preventable

Rebecca S. Welch
Family Advocacy Program

With the passing of the third anniversary of the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, I believe it is more important than ever to acknowledge the strength and hope that comes from joining with friends and allies to end violence and promote peace.

October marks the Army's Domestic Violence Prevention Month. However, the campaign to prevent violence must be a year-round concern. Without a communitywide commitment to end violence in our homes, we'll only find ourselves back here a year from now measuring the hurt. Violence must stop.

Not only are our families threatened, but the fundamental mission of readiness is being undermined. Batterers who fail to come forward for assistance are causing a great burden on families and the military.



We know prevention is the key. First, we need to prevent violence. Second, we need to recognize that every military couple lives with risks that can, if not addressed, put them at higher risk for battering. Finally, prevention will be successful when the entire community understands violence is unacceptable, and positive support for couples and families is needed.

Prevention of this kind takes partnerships between leadership, the helping system, the media, military and civilian personnel and their families.

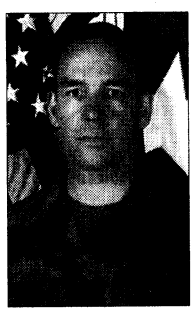
As the Family Advocacy Program manager at Fort Benning, I am calling on everyone to take the lead. Get involved in the move to prevent domestic violence. If you want this campaign to work, call the Family Advocacy Office at 545-7517 to get information from the victim advocate.

Free information for military families; including how to improve your marriage and treatment programs and classes offered through Social Work Service is available at the Army Community Service Center, Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza. Resources are out there. We have the services and information right here at Fort Benning, so please do not wait. Use them today. Help make the changes that strengthen families and relationships!

Join efforts to prevent domestic violence

Our Army-based campaign to prevent domestic violence is ongoing. But each year, along with others across the United States, we declare the month of October Domestic Violence Prevention Month to call attention to the problem, and recommit ourselves to our goal.

Our campaign against domestic violence will succeed. Several years ago, all military services stepped up their efforts to end domestic violence, and the Army led the way. We are beginning to see results: The numbers of cases have been declining since the mid-1990's. There are good signs in the civilian population as well, but the numbers remain terribly high. Every 15 seconds a woman in this country is beaten by her husband, ex-husband or intimate partner. Studies report between 2 and 4 million women are abused annually. Children and men are also victims. Family violence costs the nation from $5 to $10 billion annually in medical costs, police and court costs, shelter and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity.



Our leadership is important. What we accomplish in the military can have positive results in the civilian community. Everyone must model what is right when it comes to domestic violence. We must continue to build strong partnerships, so we can use teamwork in our prevention efforts.

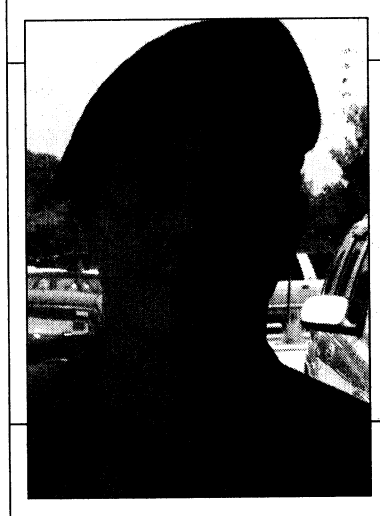
Our command commitment to domestic violence prevention is total. Violence that occurs in our military families undermines our military objectives. Children in 43 percent of all reported cases witness such violence. Children who witness violence against their mothers are 10 times more likely to abuse their partners as adults than children raised in nonviolent homes — one more reason our campaign against violence must succeed.

Our campaign for 2004, therefore, declares, "Domestic Violence Prevention: It takes a community to prevent domestic violence!" I hereby proclaim October 2004 as Domestic Violence Prevention Month at Fort Benning and call on every member of this community to join in the campaign.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley
Commanding General

VARIOUS VOICES

Banks are saving money through Check 21 – how do you think they should pass those savings down to you?



Spc. Shawn Larson, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "I think banks should pass those savings down by lowering overdraft fees and doing away with ATM fees."



Sgt. Jessica Williams, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "I don't think we would be able to benefit from the banks' savings. People who write bad checks, on the other hand, are going to be losing more money."



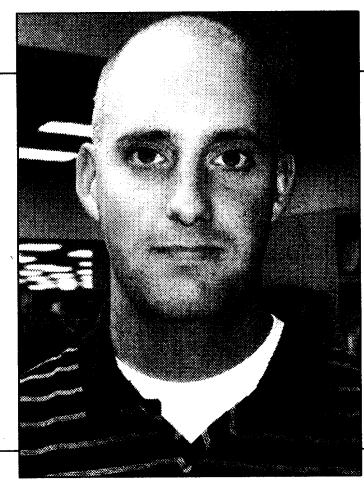
Staff Sgt. Robert Graves, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "They should decline all ATM fees. My bank is at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, so I have to pay two fees every time I use an ATM — one for the ATM here and one because I didn't use an ATM from my bank."



Spc. Dugan Fauth, 104th Transportation Company — "They should raise interests in savings accounts, make checkbook purchasing cheaper, lower yearly finance rates on checking accounts and lower ATM fees."



Sheila Patton, family member — "Banks should not charge for checking accounts or for the service and maintenance of accounts. They shouldn't be making a profit, they should be giving it back to the community."



Marine Gunnery Sgt. Larry Grimes, Marine Logistic Base, Albany, Ga. — "I don't see where banks can give anything back to us. But banks have to provide accountability to their customers — it's not right to not return cleared checks to their customers."

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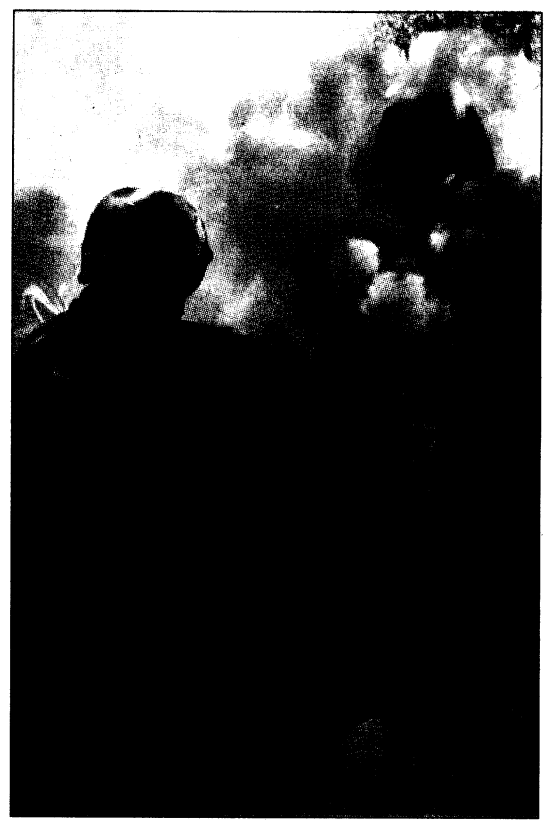
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Soldiers from WHINSEC's Medical Assistance Course try to maneuver a patient over a high wall obstacle at the J-4 Litter Carry Course Sept. 24.



In the midst of thick, green, smoke, WHINSEC's TAC-7 students struggle to keep a simulated patient level at the J-4 Litter Carry Course Sept. 24.

Institute's training exercise reinforces medical skills

Spc. Adrian A. Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

The word "Medic!" is more than just an empty word shouted by a dying soldier in some cheesy Hollywood war flick.

In reality, it's a cry for one of the world's most well-trained and highly skilled health professionals who, in minutes, can apply urgent, life-saving, treatment and evacuate a wounded patient to safety; often at great, personal risk.

On Sept. 24, 30 such professionals from various countries across the Americas beefed up their treatment and evac skills by tackling the Litter Carry Obstacle Course at the J-4 training area on Fort Benning.

The training exercise was part of the Medical Assistance Course (TAC-7) taught at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

The TAC-7 course was designed to train NCOs and civilian officials to perform lifesaving measures and apply advanced field medical care in support of combat or counter-narcotics operations.

It's goal was to reinforce the medical skills required of military or police by going beyond the basic personnel lifesaving measures, to teach the proper treatment of complicated injuries, intravenous fluid replacement, splinting, and suturing, water purification, emergency childbirth, and a few minor surgical procedures.

Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Borboa, a TAC-7 instructor, helped run the day's training.

"With this training, we are trying to simulate the actual stress levels a medic might face in a combat environment," he said. "It's easy to learn and do things in a calm, quiet classroom setting but try keeping your cool when artillery is going off around you and obstacles are all along your way."

The winding obstacle course is about a mile long with five different obstacles.

But, before they even stepped foot on the litter course, these TAC-7 students had a slightly more brain-challenging test scenario to undergo, Borboa said.

The opening exercise had six groups of five-man litter teams find and evaluate three combat casualties in which only one was the urgent patient.

The challenge was in treating all casualties (role-players from WHINSEC), properly strapping one to a litter and evacuating the patient while maneuvering through obstacles in less than 20 minutes.

"It's important for them to accurately evaluate who is more in need of care and evacuation, regardless of a casualty's rank or sex," said Sgt. Heddy Ortiz, also a TAC-7 instructor.

"It really is life or death training here. If they don't get a grasp of this concept now, it might end up meaning the real, senseless loss of one of their buddy's lives in the future," he said.

While some students are war veterans and kept a level head, others with little or no combat experience seemed visibly shaken during the exercise.

"Some of these guys look so nervous. They need to put it in their heads that the (simulated) patient might be dying, but they aren't," Ortiz said.

Comments of a long, exhausting, yet successful mission were backed up by comments from some of the students.

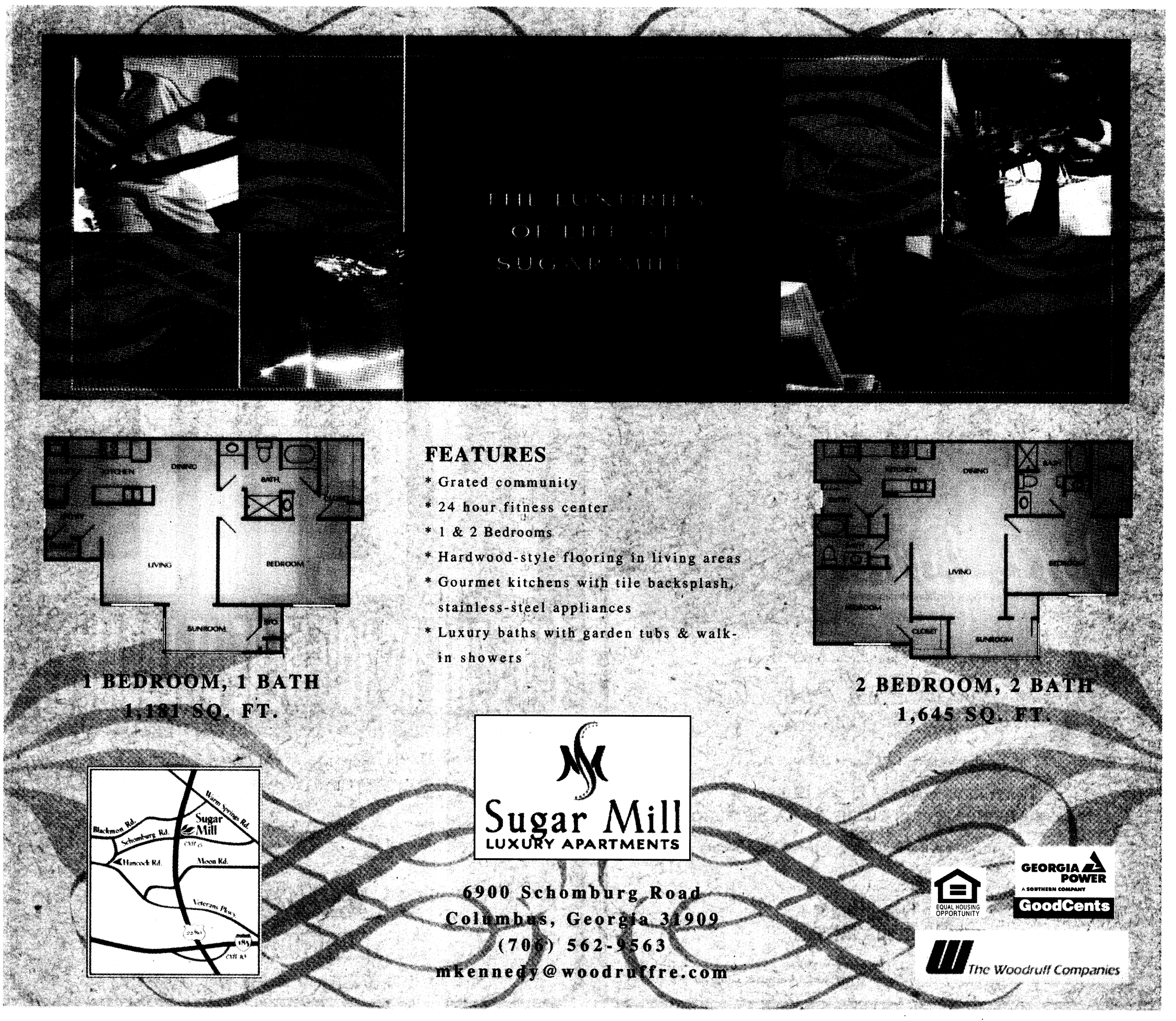
"Good. Tough, very tough, but like I said good training," said Honduran Naval Petty Officer Martir Amaya.

"This is the first time I've ever done something like this. I hope I never have to deal with anything like that in real combat, but if I do, at least I know I can handle myself," Amaya said.

For Colombian army Cpl. Diaz Camargo Edinson, some of the obstacles seemed eerily similar to past experiences fighting drug-funded guerrillas in his country.

"Today is exactly six months and four days from when I last remember carrying a (Soldier) brother to safety through watery trenches," he said.

"What I got from this exercise, and what I hope all of my classmates get, is the need to be accurate, safe and fast when dealing with a patient. Because, here these patients are strangers, but in combat it could be your friend next to you," Camargo Edinson said.



Leadership Benning tour showcases area

Features tri-community offerings

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce, along with leadership at Fort Benning, presented the Leadership Benning tour Monday to members of the Fort Benning executive staff.

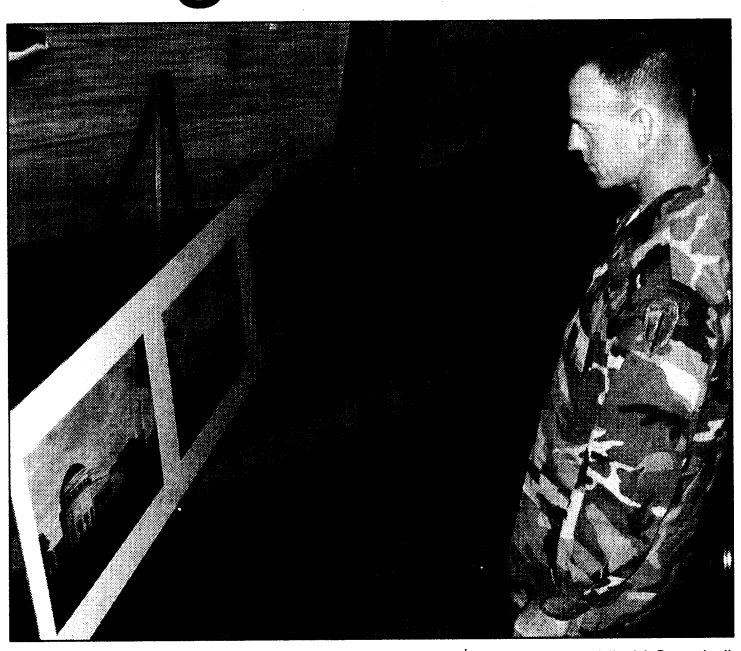
The tour, presented once a year, was an opportunity for the leadership at Fort Benning, both new and old, to see the sites and visit the attractions Columbus and the surrounding area have to offer.

"The Leadership Benning tour was developed a few years ago to educate the command, both enlisted and officers, to Columbus, Georgia," said Dayton Preston, senior vice president of economic development and property management with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

"For so many years Columbus was known to the military as Victory Drive and the Peachtree Mall. We felt the need to educate the military to the real Columbus."

The tour began at 7:30 with a group social followed by a trip to the Columbus Government Center, Chamber of Commerce, River Center, Coca Cola Space Challenge Center, Downtown Magnet Academy and Naval Museum for lunch.

"We want to show the quality of life we have here and felt it was important to show the military the same thing we would show prospects who come to Columbus," Preston said.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Lt. Col. Mark Edmonds, commander of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, looks at the sketches for the new National Infantry Museum during the Leadership Benning tour Monday.

"We want to show them the educational opportunities, businesses and the arts. That's the reason we set the itinerary as we do."

During lunch was a presentation on the National Infantry Museum followed by a trip to Springer Opera House, the Columbus Museum, a corporate and educational tour through the industrial district and then to Phenix City, South Commons and past Oxbow Meadows, the CSU Learning Center, and the site for the new National Infantry Museum on the way back to post.

"I like it and am impressed with how everyone on the civilian side is so proud of their city, how fired up they are and how they love their military," said Col. Conrad Bodai, DENTAC commander.

"I'm really proud to be here."

Bodai said he was impressed a city the size of Columbus would attract off-Broadway shows, have a symphony and such high class museums.

"I think it is a great tour," said Rochanda Power.

"It gives you an opportunity to see what the city has to offer and to see things you might not have seen otherwise.

"It also helps foster relationships with the Soldiers and the community of Columbus."

Maj. Angelo Del Lungo, Italian liaison, and his wife Paola, said the tour is helping them understand America more.

"We live on post and we know about the military," Angelo said, "but we don't know about your social systems. This helps us with the organization of your social systems."

Preston hopes the tour will helpful for people like the Del Lungos and Bodais, who are new to Fort Benning, by providing them with the resources, information and tools they need to make their stay in the Columbus area more pleasurable and help them become more involved.

ANCOC change to provide better training

New POI cuts length of senior NCO training

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

ANCOC kicked off a new program of instruction Sept. 13 with class number 01-04. The new POI cut the first phase of training and reduced the length of the course to a six-week, one phase course, said 1st Sgt. Michael Hibbs, ANCOC branch chief.

"We have taken out the common core portions of the course that Soldiers have already covered in PLDC and BNCOC — reducing the duration of the course," Hibbs said.

Hibbs said there are always different levels of experience within the NCOs who attend ANCOC, and hopefully the new POI will benefit the majority of Soldiers.

"It's time management. This way we can focus on subjects they need to be exposed to instead of outdated material," Hibbs said.

The shorter course means more classes each year too — instead of four classes, there will be six. During the break between cycles, instructors will be able to obtain necessary certifications and training to ensure that they stay current with mandated requirements.

The shorter course, however, does not mean the Soldiers spend fewer hours in the field.

"It's going to be a very intense and robust course, especially if there are holidays in the middle of cycles," Hibbs said. "The Soldiers will have to train six days a week in order to make up for the training holidays. Instead of 72 hours of field training they are now going to be out there for 96."

"Constant attention to one's surroundings is going to be a major point of instruction," said Sgt. Maj. Tony Winterfeld, NCOA assistant commandant.

Reacting to the unknown will become second nature to these NCOs, he said.

"IEDs will be implemented into every portion of the training. We're going to get the students to think outside of the box in order for them to see that everything and anything can be harmful," he said. He added that all NCOA courses will receive instruction on IEDs, but only ANCOC will receive advanced training.

Hibbs said posters showing different types of IEDs will be placed in all the classrooms this week and the students will have kits to show how easily IEDs are made in the near future. Once they become familiar with IEDs, the students will be put in situations where they have to respond to the IEDs accordingly.

Another subject included in the new POI is 16 hours of futures training.

"Futures will cover anything that's up and coming in the Army from doctrine changes to stability, lessons learned, modularity to information on the new Stryker," Hibbs said. "It'll be a continuing and revolving subject, which will benefit these senior NCOs."

Lt. Col. Roy Krueger, chief of Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate chief, and Lt. Col. Jeffrey Sanderson, Stryker Transition Team chief, started off with the first futures classes which were well received from the ANCOC students, Hibbs said.

Another change is the concurrent training in ANCOC and the Infantry Officers Basic Course.

"It's the first time ANCOC students conduct training with IOBC," Hibbs said. "The students will develop situational training exercise packets and the ten best NCOs will be chosen for the weeklong exchange training."

The ANCOC and IOBC training begins Tuesday at McKenna MOUT Site.

"The new POI ensures current and future NCOs receive the training and information they need instead of just meeting the time requirement," Hibbs said. "It's a good, but challenging change that will continue to receive updates when needed."

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Recognition



Spc. David Foley

Fort Benning's housekeeping staff gathered to kick off the annual Housekeeping Week by releasing more than 100 balloons Monday morning. The housekeepers enjoyed barbecues and job-related relay races as part of the celebration which showed Fort Benning's appreciation for their work.

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Vioxx withdrawn from shelves for heart risk

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

The Food and Drug Administration acknowledged the voluntary withdrawal from the market of Vioxx (chemical name rofecoxib), a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) manufactured by Merck & Co. The FDA issued a public health advisory to inform patients of this action and to advise them to consult with a physician about alternative medications.

Merck is withdrawing Vioxx from the market after the data safety monitoring board overseeing a long-term study of the drug recommended that the study be halted because of an increased risk of serious cardiovascular complications, including heart attacks and strokes, among study patients taking Vioxx compared to patients receiving placebo. The study was being done in patients at risk of developing recurrent colon polyps.

"Merck did the right thing by promptly reporting these findings to FDA and voluntarily withdrawing the product from the market," said Acting FDA Commissioner Dr. Lester M. Crawford. "Although the risk that an individual patient would have a heart attack or stroke related to Vioxx is very small, the study that was halted suggests that, overall, patients taking the drug chronically face twice the risk of a heart attack compared to patients receiving a placebo."

Crawford said that FDA will closely monitor other drugs in this class for similar side effects.

"All of the NSAID drugs have risks when taken chronically, especially of gastrointestinal bleeding, but also liver and kidney toxicity. They should only be used continuously under the supervision of a physician."

FDA approved Vioxx in 1999 for the reduction of pain and inflammation caused by osteoarthritis, as well as for acute pain in adults and for the treatment of menstrual pain. It was the second of a new kind of NSAID (Cox-2 selective) approved by FDA. Subsequently, FDA approved Vioxx to treat the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in adults and children.

At the time that Vioxx and other Cox-2 selective NSAIDs were approved, it was hoped that they would have a lower risk of gastrointestinal ulcers and bleeding than other NSAIDs (such as ibuprofen and naproxen). Vioxx is the only NSAID demonstrated to have a lower rate of these side effects.

Merck contacted FDA on Sept. 27 to request a meeting and to advise the agency that the long-term study of Vioxx in patients at increased risk of colon polyps had been halted. Merck and FDA officials met Sept. 28, and during that meeting the company informed FDA of its decision to remove Vioxx from the market voluntarily.

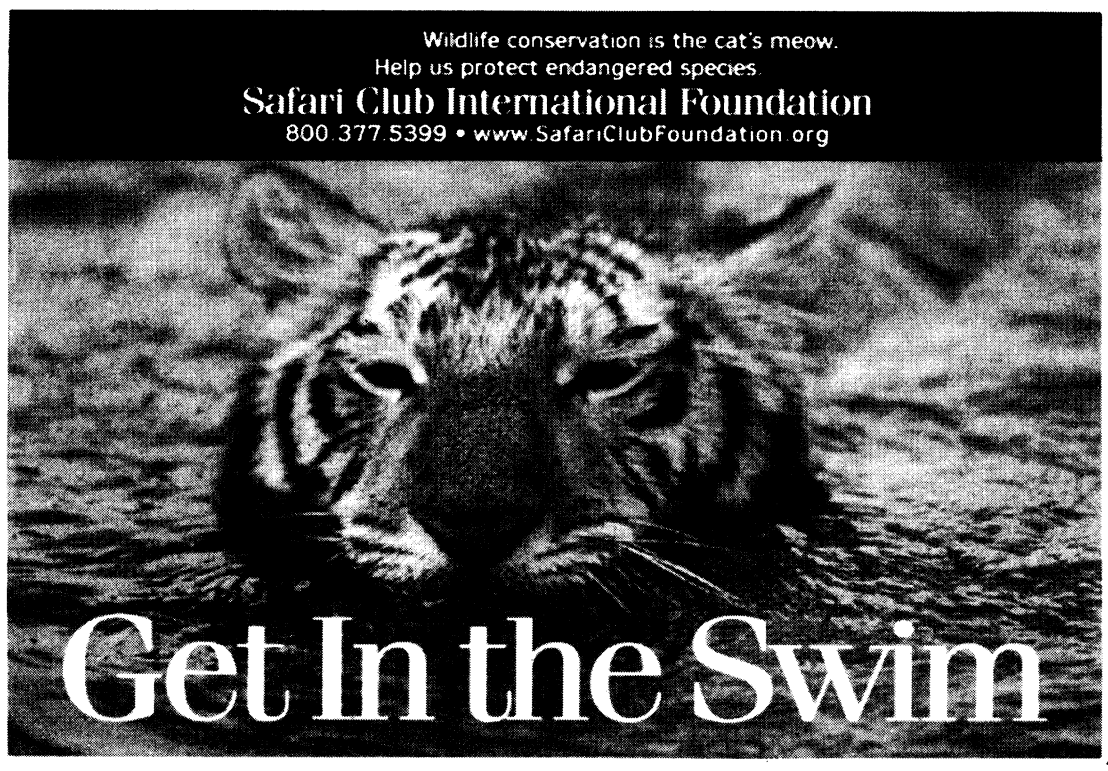
In June 2000, Merck submitted to FDA a safety study called VIGOR (Vioxx Gastrointestinal Outcomes Research) that found an increased risk of serious cardiovascular events, including heart attacks and strokes, in patients taking Vioxx compared to patients taking naproxen. After reviewing the results of the VIGOR study and other available data from controlled clinical trials, FDA consulted with its Arthritis Advisory Committee in February 2001 regarding the clinical interpretation of this new safety information. In April 2002, FDA implemented labeling changes to reflect the findings from the VIGOR study. The labeling changes included information about the increase in risk of cardiovascular events, including heart attack and stroke.

Recently other studies in patients taking Vioxx have also suggested an increased risk of cardiovascular events. FDA was in the process of carefully reviewing these results, to determine whether further labeling changes were warranted, when Merck informed the agency of the results of the new trial and its decision to withdraw Vioxx from the market.

Additional information about this withdrawal of Vioxx, as well as questions and answers for patients, is available online at http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/vioxx/default.htm.

National Red Ribbon Celebration 2004

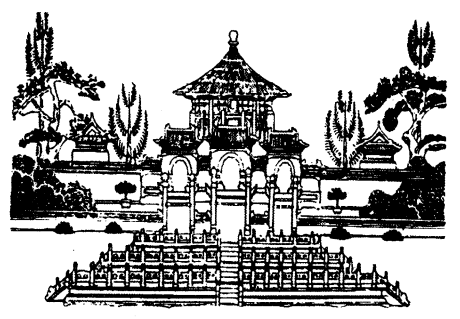
The National Red Ribbon Celebration is scheduled for 1 p.m. Oct. 25 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall. Speakers will be Jermiah Castille, former MVP for University of Alabama, and Paul Voorhees of Ranger Joe's.



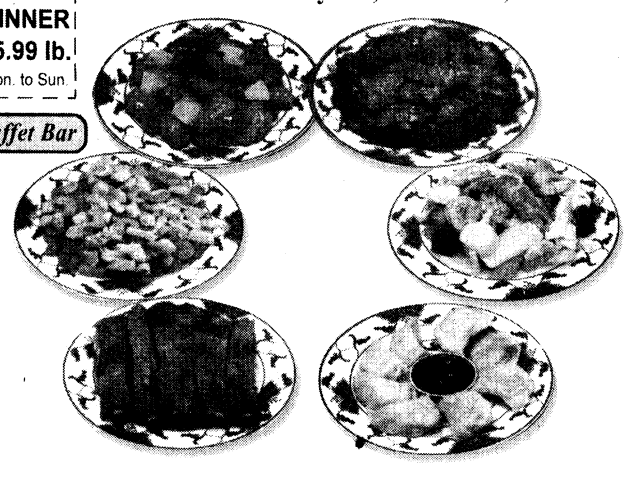
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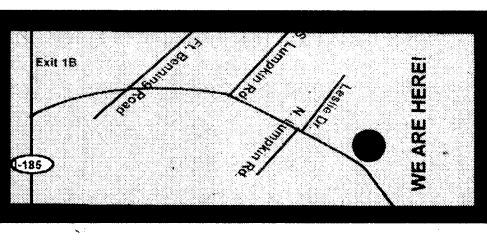


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PLDC graduation

The Primary Leadership Development Course Class 10-04 graduates at 10 a.m. Oct. 21 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

Excellence breakfast

The CG's Quarterly Recognition of Excellence Breakfast is 7:30 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Officers' Club. Tickets cost $6.75 and will not be sold at the door. Tickets are available at Room 547, Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Janie Pearson at 545-5607 or e-mail Janie.Pearson@benning.army.mil.

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Silver Wings

The Command Exhibition Parachute Team is looking for candidates for membership in the Silver Wings. Candidates must be sergeant or higher, possess a current C license or higher and have no UCMJ actions or flags.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes at 545-1939.

Golden Knights

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights," is accepting applications. An application is available at www.army goldenknights.com.

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For more information, call 685-8549 or go to Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information about the larceny of a 2000 YZFR6M-W motorcycle from 100 Lavoie Avenue. The incident occurred Aug. 5.

Anyone with information concerning should contact the CID duty agent at 545-8916b or the Military Police at 545-5222. Your identity will be kept confident.

Sergeant first class promotion board

The Department of the Army selection board will consider Soldiers for promotion to sergeant first class Nov. 2.

Soldiers must review their promotion ERB by logging on to the EREC Web site at www.hrc.army.mil.

For more information, call 545-5647 or e-mail kThomasL@benning.army.mil.

Retirement package

If you are retiring, you should submit a retirement application 90 to 120 days before you retire to ensure a timely first annuity payment from the Office of Personnel Management. To learn more, visit the ABC-C Web site at www.abc.army.mil.

Hatch Act

The deputy secretary of defense identifies prohibitions relating to political activities 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, you must complete a federal post card application and mail it to the state where you vote. To get the FPCA, contact your unit voting assistance officer or download it from www.fvap.gov.

RCP change

The Retention Control Point for staff sergeants has changed from 20 to 22 years. This 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.

USAMU teaches classes

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle and Service Pistol teams will teach shooting techniques to Soldiers on the M-4, M-16 and M-9 weapon systems.

To schedule rifle training, call 545-3250 or 545-5614. For pistol training, call 545-7022 or 545-3893.

ID Card office extends hours

The Main Post ID Card Section will be open until 6 p.m. Also, the ID Card Section operates 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 conduct the eArmyU briefing at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Infantry Hall. Only Soldiers listed on the unit's OML will be eligible to attend. The Soldier must contact the commander or first sergeant to be ranked and listed on the list.

Training: Mission increased

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appreciate the importance of the training and the reality of the situations they may find themselves in.

Spc. Jason Lauterbach, 598th Maintenance Co. said he has seen how the training is helping him and his comrades.

"The live fires are helping, and the chemical and first aid are always good for refreshers," Lauterbach said.

"It prepares you mentally and physically." said Spc. Brandon Koutalids, 598th Maintenance Co. "It gets your mind ready for situations situations you may find yourself in in Iraq and other locations."

Master Sgt. Kerrethel Avery, 36th Engineer Group's NBC NCO said this training can literally mean the difference between life and death.

"This training is very important," she said. "The skill level one tasks are the ones that save lives, and they are not only getting a refresher, but they are getting hands-on experience. Given the present situation, it is more likely than ever they will need to use both the live fire and CTT.

Avery said the improvised explosive device training was so in-depth, she learned more about IEDs than she did when she was assigned to an explosive ordnance disposal unit.

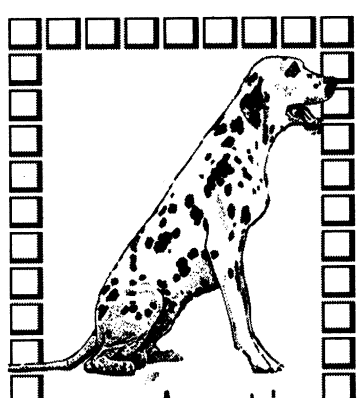
"The threat of (improvised explosive devices) is out there, so the training we received monday was very informative," she said. "I learned things I didn't know and I worked with (explosive ordnance disposal.)"

Avery said the Soldiers are taking the training a lot more seriously now because of the heightened threat level and that can be seen in their motivation.

"We've had 0400 formations, 12-mile road march, live fire and CTT," she said. "It's been nonstop.

"They have definitely been pushed, but morale has been pretty good," she said. "Before, there would be a lot of moaning and groaning, but now you can see they are tired in their faces, but they are sticking with it. Soldiers are being a lot more attentive during the classes, because it's not something that might happen it's something that could happen.

The training is expected to continue, and will include family members and family readiness groups so spouses and children have an easier time dealing with the deployment, Avery said.


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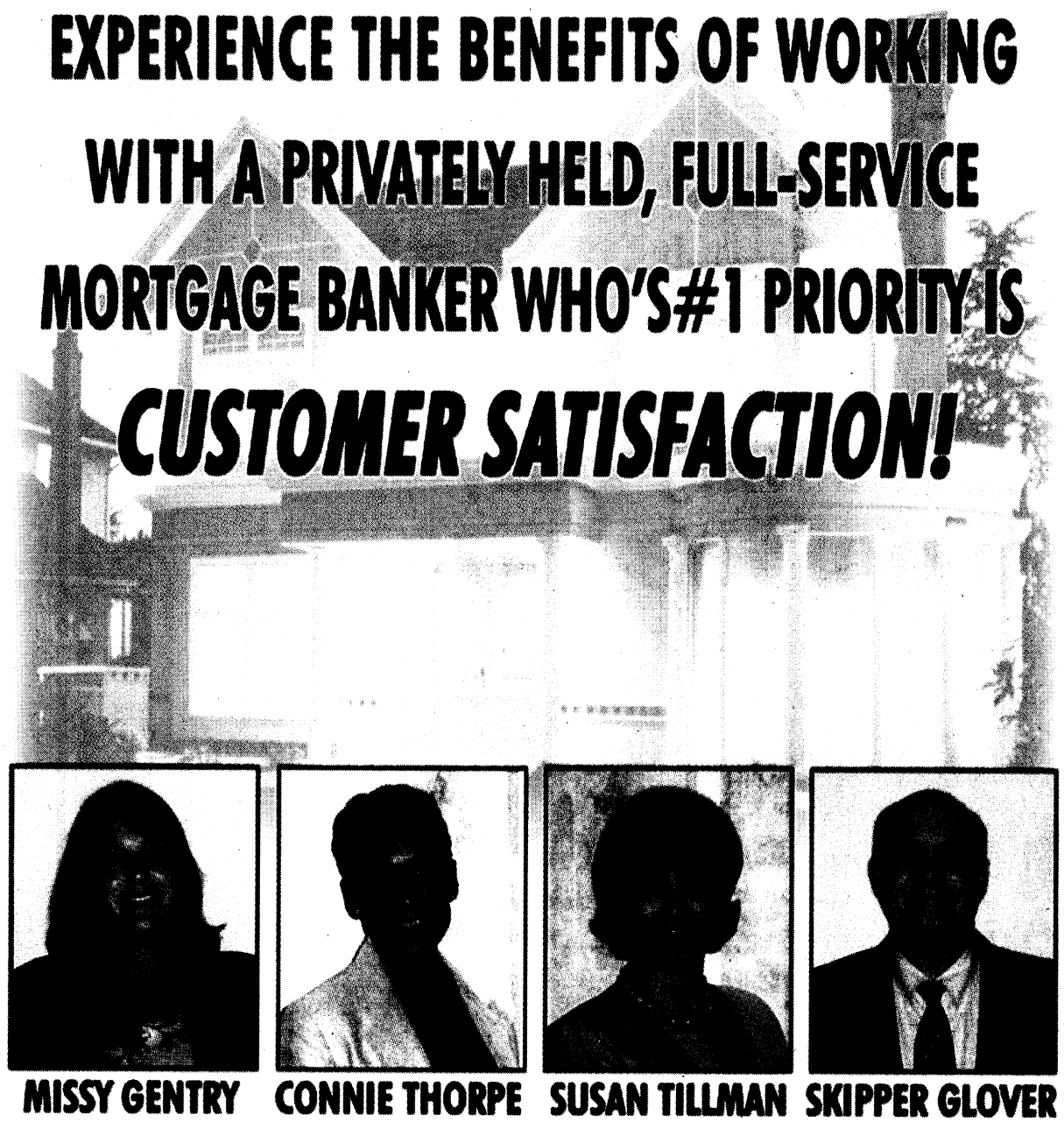
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Tank battalion reunites

Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd Brigade Combat Team PAO

The past was revisited and war stories were shared as 10 retirees of the 709th Tanker Battalion from World War II, along with friends and family, spent Friday touring Fort Benning as part of their 22nd annual reunion.

The day began at 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment's motor pool where today's tankers met yesterday's tankers to discuss their commonalities.

For the first time Al Henderson, whose late father was a tank commander for the 709th Tank Battalion, saw a Sherman Tank outside of pictures and displays.

Retired Lt. Col. Perry Cox, 709th commander, said he was very impressed with the current tankers of the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

The final attraction on the tour was Fort Benning's Infantry Museum. The museum is home to a monument to the 709th Tank Battalion where the visiting tankers laid a wreath in remembrance of their fellow comrades who fell on foreign soil. A moment of silence was observed.

This year's reunion is the last scheduled reunion of the battalion. If interest is shown, Henderson, who organized this year's reunion, said he would like the tradition to continue.

Henderson compared the bond between the men to the series *Band of Brothers.*

Cox explained the bond as respect and appreciation. "These boys did a good job for me. I had a good company," he said.

Henderson is currently working on a project to retrieve pieces of uniform and artifacts from the 709th Tanker Battalion in hopes of expanding the awareness of the battalion.

For more information on the 709th Tanker Battalion from World War II, visit Henderson's Web site http://www.angelfire.com/oh4/709th/.

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Academies' application deadline approaching

U.S. House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Mac Collins of Georgia's Eighth Congressional District urged high school students, who want to attend any of America's service academies to turn their applications into the Columbus district congressional office as soon as they can. The application deadline is Oct. 15.

"All prospective candidates should request a pre-candidate questionnaire from all four military academies, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy," Collins said. "Our staff in the district offices are ready to help.

"It is great to assist young people who want to serve in our armed forces. They are performing a great duty for all of us who live here in the United States of America," Collins said.

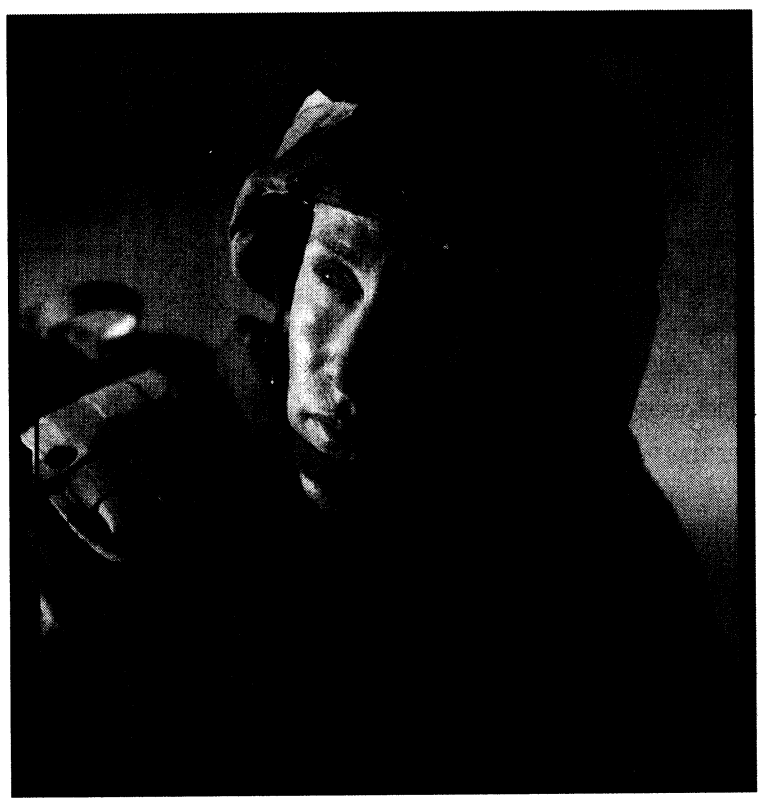
Completed application submissions must be received by Oct. 15. Files not completed by the 15th will not be considered by the Eighth Congressional District Academy Selection Committee. A candidate must also satisfy the SAT and ACT requirements.

In addition to being picked up at the Eighth Congressional District Offices, applications may be downloaded from Congressman Collins' Web site at www.house.gov/maccollins

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Consumer advocates question new check policy

Law boosts bank earnings not clients'

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The Check 21 Act scheduled to go into effect Oct. 28 brings with it several issues that are raising the eyebrows and blood pressure of many consumer rights organizations.

A nonprofit watchdog organization called Consumers Union has compiled an online petition of consumer concerns and drafted letters that were mailed to major banking institutions in August.

The letters address several concerns for consumer rights that include:

• Currently, funds deposited by consumers via checks can be held for up to 10 business days by law to allow time for the check to clear. With Check 21, many checks will clear significantly faster, but banks don't have to make those funds available to consumers until the mandated 10 day period has expired.

• Original paper checks will be electronically reproduced at banks participating in Check 21 and the originals destroyed at the bank's discretion.

That "substitute check" is the only legal reproduction of the original and may not be automatically provided to the consumer, which can reduce the consumer's rights to recourse in the event of a payment dispute.

If the substitute check is requested by the consumer and it is even available, banks may charge for that service.

• The decreased check clearing time will probably lead to a significant increase in the volume of insufficient fund charges — a significant increase in revenue for banks, which are not required to be passed on to consumers.

• The costly handling charges of processing a check, transporting paper checks across the country and archiving the cancelled documents will be significantly decreased, saving the banking industry billions of dollars. Savings that, once again, the banks are not required to pass on to their consumers either in full or in part.

The letters lobby the banking institutions to modify current industry practices and safeguard the rights and interests of their consumers.

The Consumers Union suggested offering substitute checks for a nominal fee or free of charge, making deposited funds available to consumers as soon as they are clear and waiving NSF charges for the first 60 days to allow consumers to adjust to the new system.

Jean Ann Fox, director of Consumer Protection for the Consumers Federation of America, urged banks to keep their customers in mind.

"Banks shouldn't use this new law as an excuse to bounce more checks, charge more fees or provide customers with unequal protection depending on how their checks have been processed," she said. "We urge banks to adopt these reforms to make Check 21 less disruptive and onerous for consumers."

With just shy of three weeks before Check 21 becomes effective and legal, now may be the time to call your bank and find out what their policies will be with the new system. Decide if they are standing behind you or their own profits.

For more information on what Check 21 means for you, visit www.consumersunion.org or call post financial readiness manager Ann Pratcher at 545-1977.

Soldiers: Ready for different mission in Iraq

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realistic the better."

The 3rd Infantry Division commander visited Fort Benning Tuesday to observe some of the training exercise.

He reiterated Cloutier's warning; operations in Iraq will be very different than what they were a year ago.

Nearly half of the Soldier's who'll deploy with the battalion have already served in Iraq.

"Most of you were there for the initial invasion," Maj. Gen. William Webster said.

"It's a very different place now. It's a different war. Our mission now is to stop those who want to stop the forward progress of the great nation of Iraq."



Bridgett Siter

Maj. Gen. William Webster, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, tours a mock Iraqi village Tuesday.

And to prepare for that mission, Webster said, the Soldiers should take advantage of training opportunities like this one.

"This is your chance to fine tune — to take it up a notch," he said. "We must make sure everything is on an even keel, and we've done everything we can to prepare.

"We have to make our training as tough as possible and as realistic as possible," Webster said.

BOSS: Plans to tackle single Soldiers' concerns

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events that took place on post, like the Easter Eggstravaganza and Help the 'Hooch.

Gobble credited the program's success to his predecessor, Sgt. Jessica Pisa, who secured the first two trophies.

"I think I was quoted as saying everything is working like clockwork when I took the job," Gobble said.

"Since then, we've found a few little glitches that had to be worked out, but we fixed them and we've recognized a few more that we will fix in the future."

One of the major issues BOSS tackles is single Soldiers' well being.

There are several issues single Soldiers have brought up, and BOSS plans to help correct them as soon as possible.

"We want to make it a lot better," Gobble said. "There's always room for improvement."

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>
> **Sgt. Maj. Jennifer Pearson**
> Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation

And BOSS has big plans for the future of Fort Benning.

"With the new brigade they are planning to add, we will be considered an extra large installation because we'll have more than 10,000 single Soldiers," he said. "In 20 years, I see BOSS being as big as any other Army program. When someone says 'BOSS' everyone will know exactly what it means."

Sgt. Maj. Jennifer Pearson, Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation sergeant major, said this award is an outstanding accomplishment for Fort Benning.

"BOSS does a lot here at Fort Benning," she said. "For us to win for the fourth time in a row is a huge recognition."

Pearson credited the program's success to the Soldiers.

"No matter what rank you are, you need to support them," she said. "We were all single once. Some of us may have forgotten our roots, but we shouldn't."

Pearson also said Gobble is a vital member of the program, and she can see him moving up within the program.

"He'll make a good leader," she said. "Because he started at the bottom and he knows all the ins and outs."

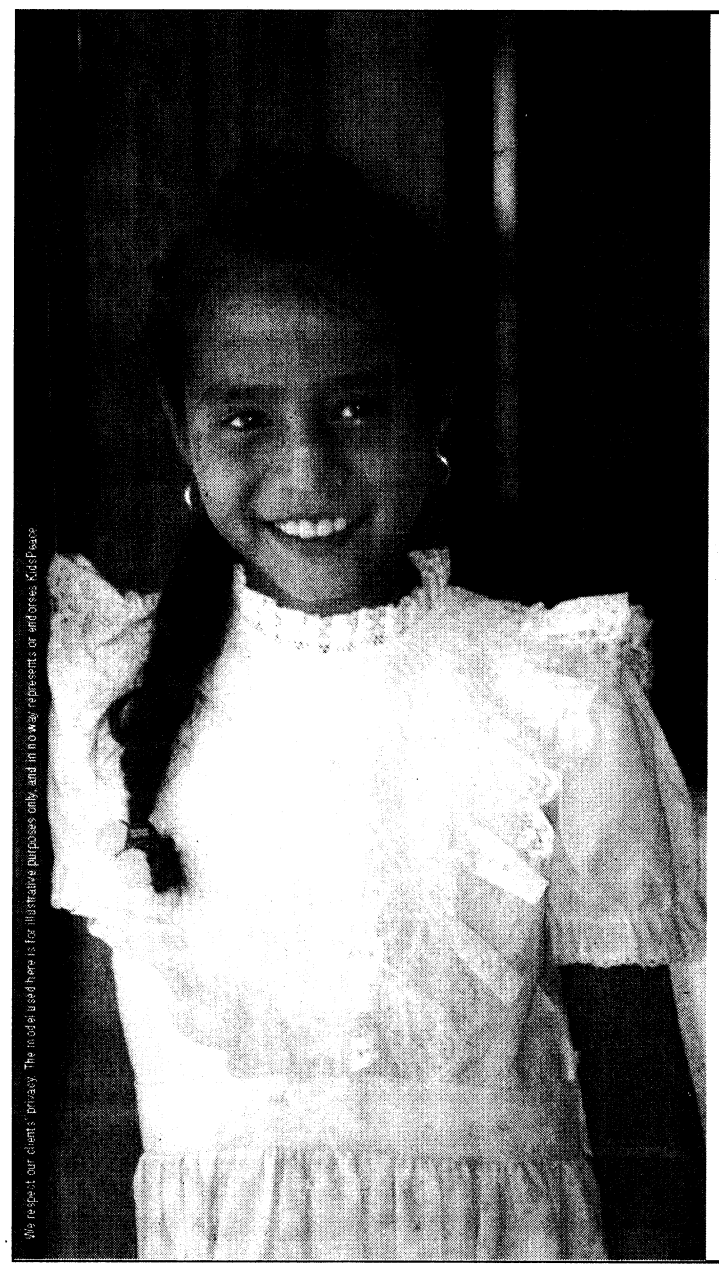
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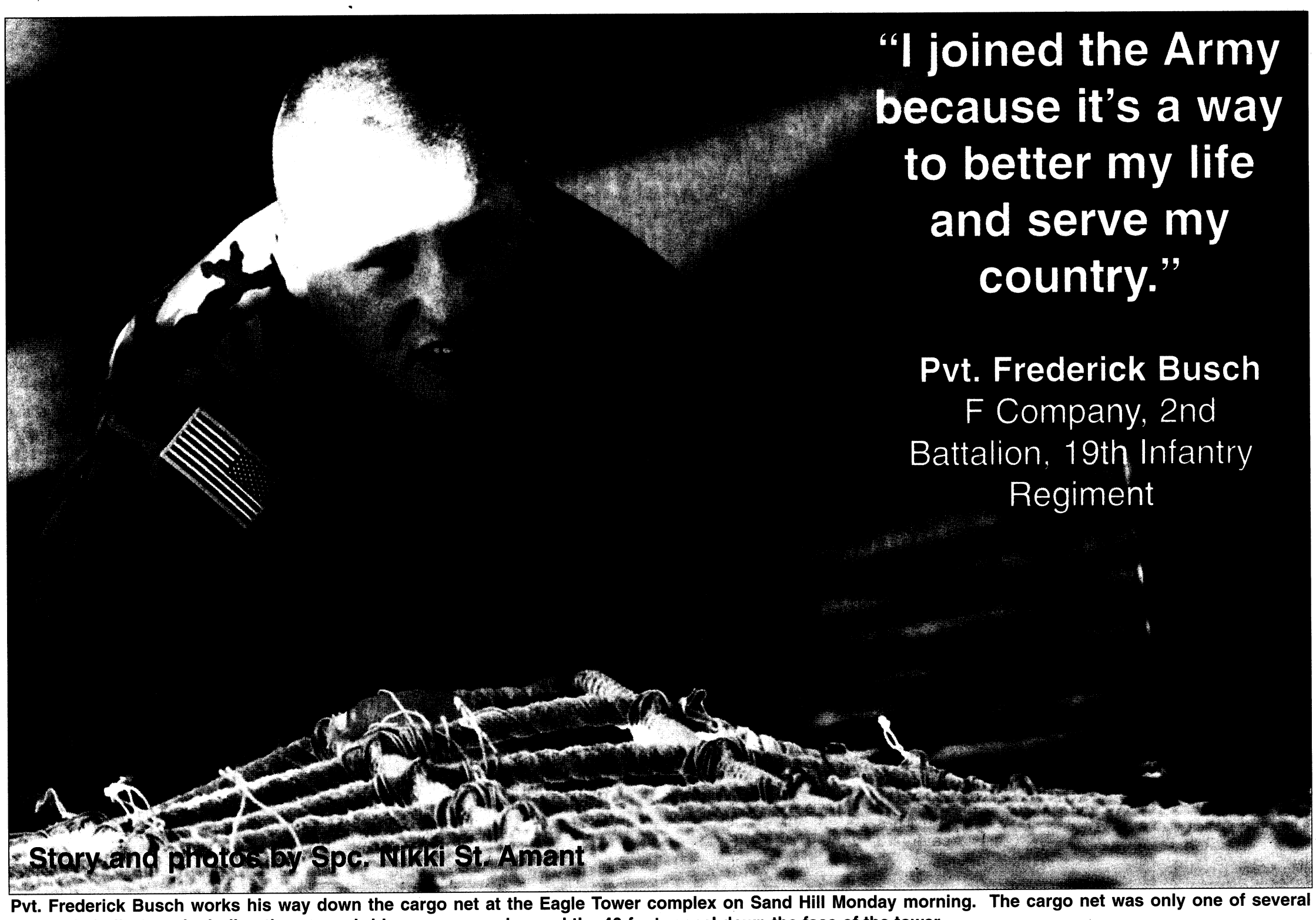
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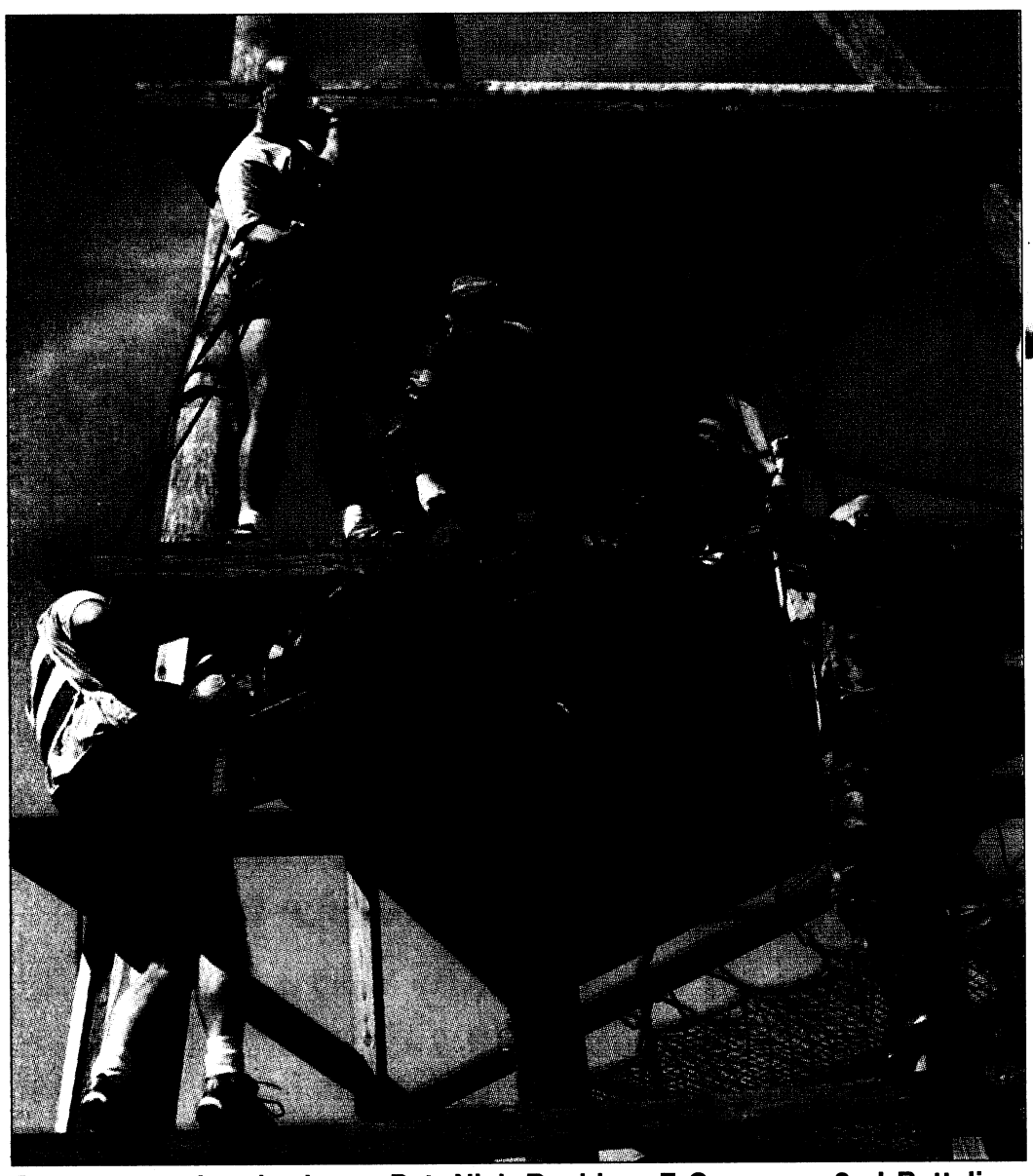
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Pvt. Frederick Busch works his way down the cargo net at the Eagle Tower complex on Sand Hill Monday morning. The cargo net was only one of several physical challenges, including three rope bridges, a rope swing and the 40-foot rappel down the face of the tower.

IET Soldiers learn pain, train



Rescuers and cadre lower Pvt. Nick Rushing, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, off Eagle Tower after a training injury Monday. Rushing fell off the one rope bridge, possibly breaking his left ankle.

Monday was all work and no play for Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment.

Eagle Tower posed multiple challenges for the recruits of F Company, with a trio of rope bridges, a cargo net descent, rope swing, ladder climb and the 40-foot rappel.

Though cadre said serious injuries are relatively uncommon, the tower claimed one for the day, when Pvt. Nick Rushing suffered an ankle injury while attempting to shimmy down the one-rope bridge.

He lost his balance, and his left foot became tangled in the safety nets as he fell. F Co. cadre reacted quickly and splinted his leg with belts.

Because Rushing could not be brought down from the tower, Staff Sgts. Steven Rainey and Dave Barron, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Infantry Training Brigade, were called in. They used a rescue basket hooked to a rappelling system to lower Rushing to the ground.

Rushing was transported to Martin Army Community Hospital.

"It's a rarity when something like this happens," Rainey said.

After the unexpected training in first aid and casualty evacuation, the tower training continued.

"Eagle Tower is designed to teach physical skills, to improve conditioning and instill self-confidence into Soldiers," said 1st Sgt. Eric Levos. "The challenge helps develop and test the basic Soldier abilities. Success in combat may depend on Soldiers' ability to perform these skills."

Meanwhile, D Company Soldiers at Malone Range spent most of the day conducting M-203 training. The M-203 is a lightweight, breech-loading, pump-action, single-shot, 40-millimeter grenade launcher attached to the M-16.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Harris, a drill sergeant with D Co., helped conduct Monday's training.

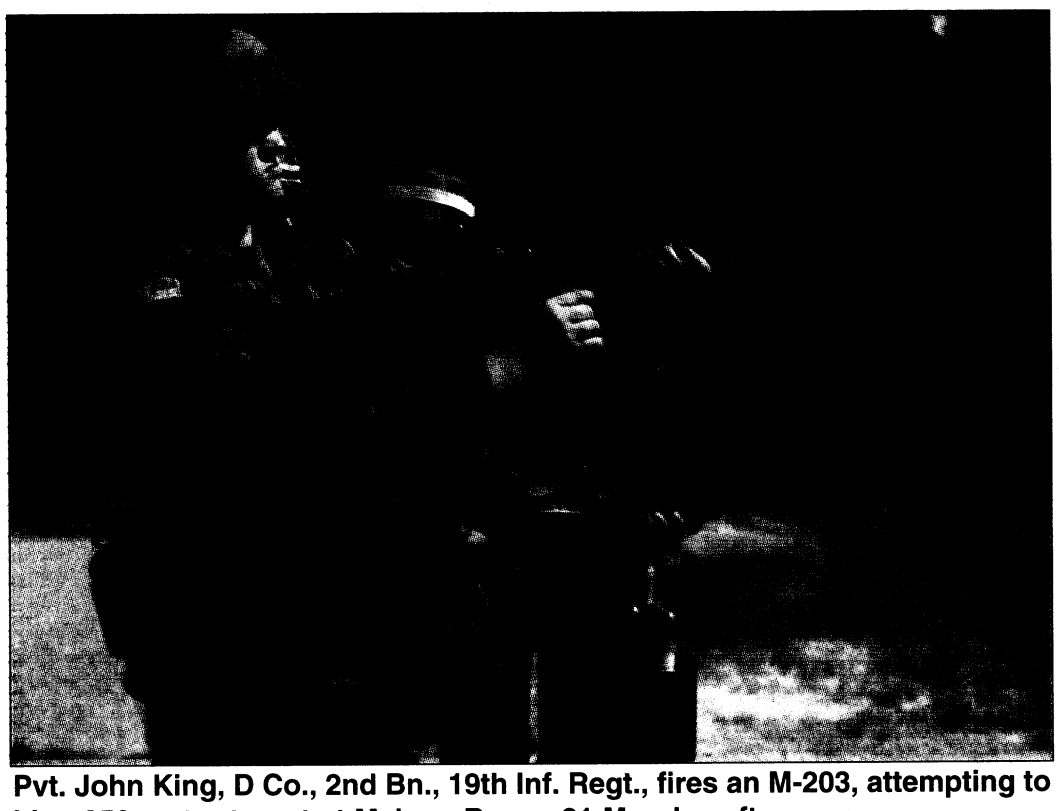
"This is mandatory training for every Soldier entering the Army, so if they put their hands on an M-203, they know how to put steel on target," he said.

Though the training is crucial to prepare them for possible deployment after graduation, Harris said most Soldiers look forward to it.

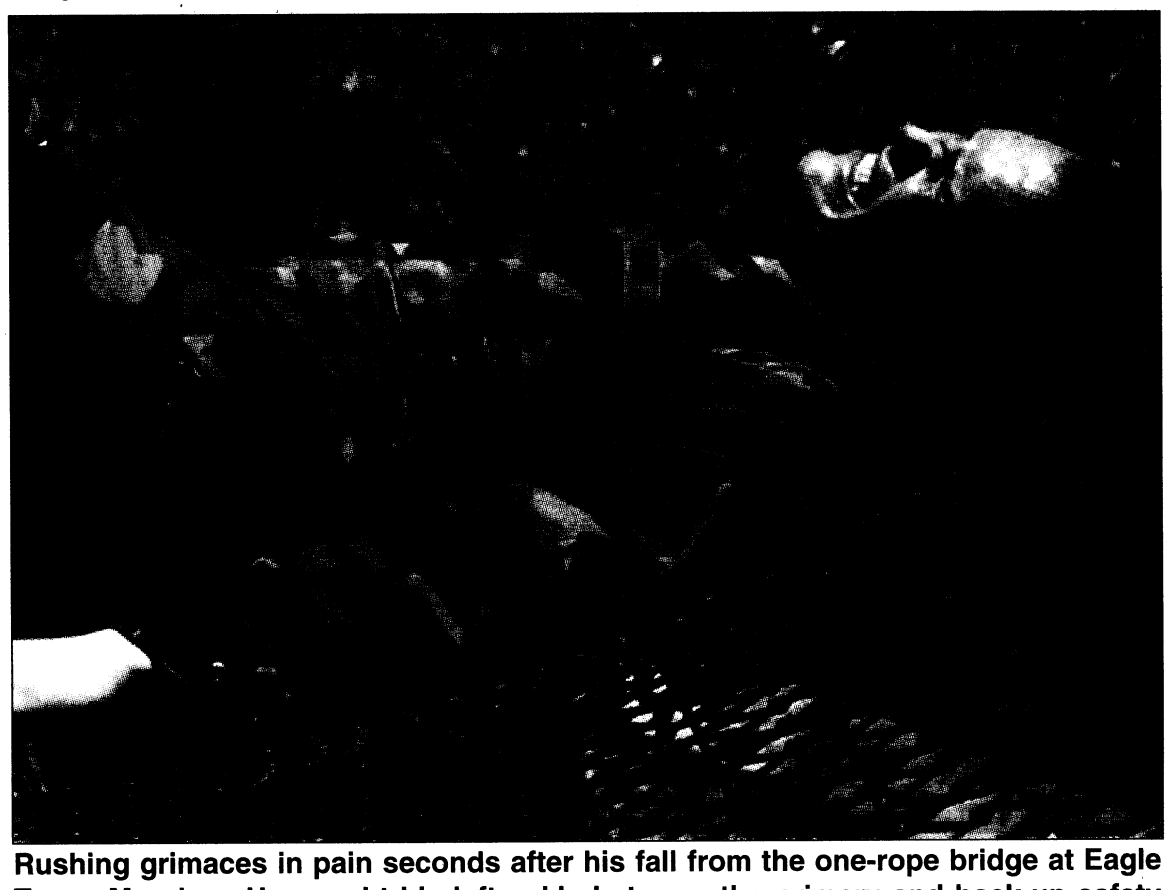
"They love it," he said. "They get to fire between 10 and 15 rounds each, in three positions — standing, kneeling and prone."

A handful of Soldiers are selected to fire a live round at the conclusion of the training.

"Those are the lucky ones," Harris said. "It makes a pretty big boom."



Pvt. John King, D Co., 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., fires an M-203, attempting to hit a 250-meter target at Malone Range 21 Monday afternoon.



Rushing grimaces in pain seconds after his fall from the one-rope bridge at Eagle Tower Monday. He caught his left ankle between the primary and back-up safety nets.

212 WAYS TO BE A SOLDIER

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Dentist's right hand man

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

How would you like to stick your hand in peoples mouths all day?

Cpl. Christopher Moffett has done it just about every day for the past three years.

A dental assistant and assistant NCOIC at Bernheim Dental Clinic, Moffett says it's not that bad.

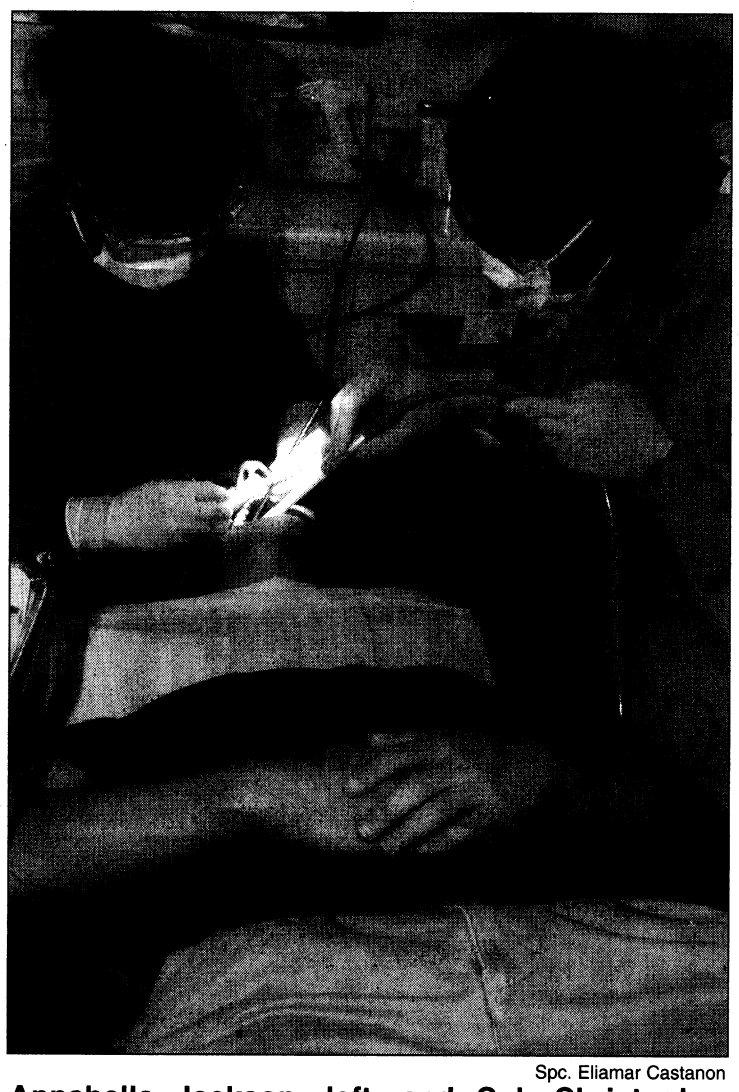
"I like my job, it's not a breeze, but it's not hard either," he said. "I wanted to be a dental assistant because it's a job I knew I could use outside the Army."

Dental assistants train for seven weeks at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There, they learn basic dental procedures, how to take X-rays, proper safety measures, and the names of all the dental instruments.

Dental assistants *help* dentists in every type of procedure, including cavity fillings, teeth cleanings, root canals and oral surgeries. They do not *perform* the procedures, Moffett said.

"In training, they teach you the basics of all oral procedures and what order to hand your doctor the tools to work with," he said. "But every dentist is different, so you have to learn how to work with the particular doctor you're assigned to — it's teamwork."

Every morning, assistants set up their room for their doctor's patients. At Bernheim, Moffett said, they see at least 15 patients a day — a new patient every 30 minutes. That's a normal day.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Annabelle Jackson, left, and Cpl. Christopher Moffett, filled a cavity for 2nd Lt. Erich Feige at Bernheim Dental Clinic. Jackson is an expanded function dental assistant. EFADs are advanced civilian dental assistants that can perform some dental procedures.

Moffett said the best part about his job is knowing he can assist his doctor efficiently and is always prepared to provide his doctor with what he needs when he needs it.

"The worst part is when patients come in here, and I see they don't take oral hygiene seriously," he said.

Moffett said he plans to stay in the Army until he retires, but he wouldn't mind becoming a dentist.

Soldiers have to earn a degree to become dentists. If time permits, Moffett said, that's what he plans to do.

SAMC seeks active members

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

> "You need to have the drive to improve the community and the Army."
>
> **Staff Sgt. Salina Hernandez**
> Fort Benning's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club vice president

There are few honors in the NCO corps that compare to being inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Staff Sgt. Salina Hernandez's induction in February 2003 was one of the most distinguishing moments of her nearly 13-year career.

Hernandez, deployed to Kuwait twice, participated in Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and experienced a number of other distinctive moments in the past decade; but, the 29th Infantry Regiment medic said she still felt "undeserving to be inducted into a such a prestigious club."

The SAMC is "an elite organization of NCOs who have demonstrated performance and inherent leadership qualities and abilities" characterized by Staff Sgt. Audie Murphy, the most decorated Soldier of World War II and an American legend, according to Training and Doctrine Command Regulation 600-14.

Brazen on the battlefield and long recognized as one who "leads from the front," Murphy is considered to be the epitome of love for country, ideals and leadership traits.

He had a reputation of not asking his Soldiers to do anything he wasn't willing to do, always putting his Soldiers first, and leading by example.

Those selected for membership in the SAMC are expected to exemplify his leadership characteristics and set the standard for excellence and professionalism among their fellow NCOs.

Hernandez saw the club as an opportunity to learn more about the Army and to challenge herself.

"I'm constantly striving to improve," she said.

"And just the prestige of being part of something so much greater ..."

That something is a group of sergeants hand-picked by their chain of command and approved for induction through a grueling board process.

Once inducted, SAMC members are expected to continue "earning" their membership in the club, Hernandez said.

They must exhibit stellar leadership, participate in community improvement efforts and represent the SAMC and the NCO corps in the military and civilian communities.

Club events run the gamut, from bowling with Special Olympics athletes and reading at schools and libraries to hosting field trips to Sand Hill for kids enrolled in the Big Brother Big Sister program — activities that benefit the community and the Soldier image.

Meanwhile, the members gain valuable knowledge, she said, by working closely with NCOs from all corners of the Army with varied experiences and lessons learned.

Now the vice president of Fort Benning's TRADOC SAMC, Hernandez said there are about 40 known members on post, excluding Kelley Hill Soldiers, who fall under Forces Command.

She suspects there are more members out there, NCOs who may not be aware that Fort Benning has an active club, or who may have forgotten their responsibilities as club members.

With a host of activities planned, the club will need maximum participation, Hernandez said.

"We want to get to the point where we're holding a club event once a month," she said. "Right now, though, we're shooting for at least once a quarter."

While Hernandez said she knows it's unrealistic to expect members to participate in every club event, the goal is to get as many members active and committed to the club's success.

"I believe that each member should feel they've obligated themselves to (stay involved)," she said.

"I understand people's jobs are demanding, but the SAMC is not a personal thing — it's becoming part of something bigger, and you need to act on that.

"You need to have the drive to improve the community and the Army," she said. "And if you don't have that drive, you need to question your motivation for being in the club."

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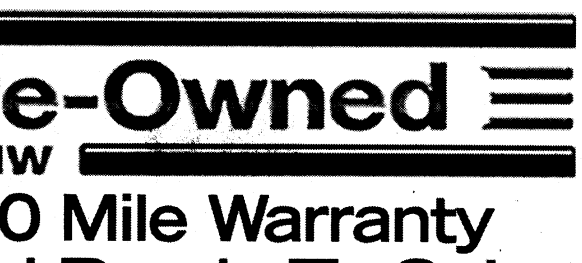
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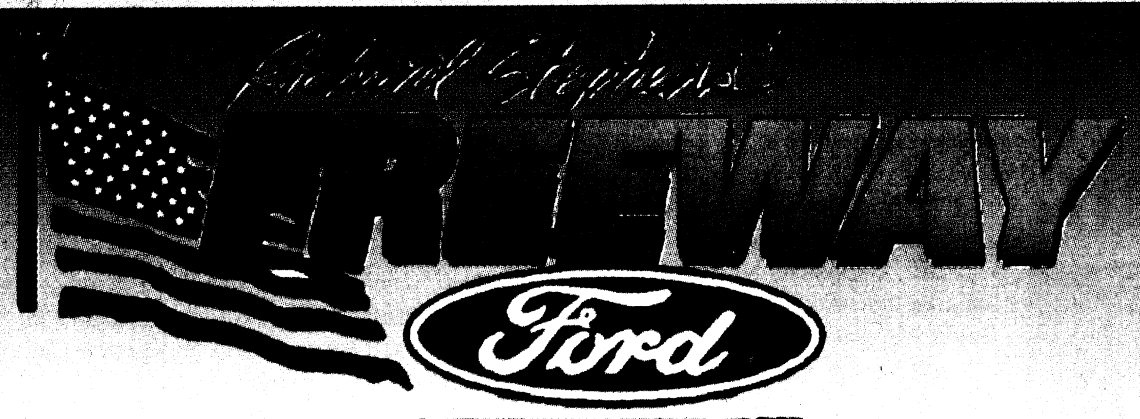
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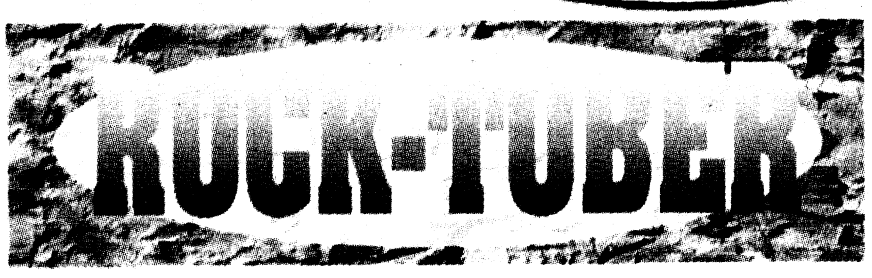
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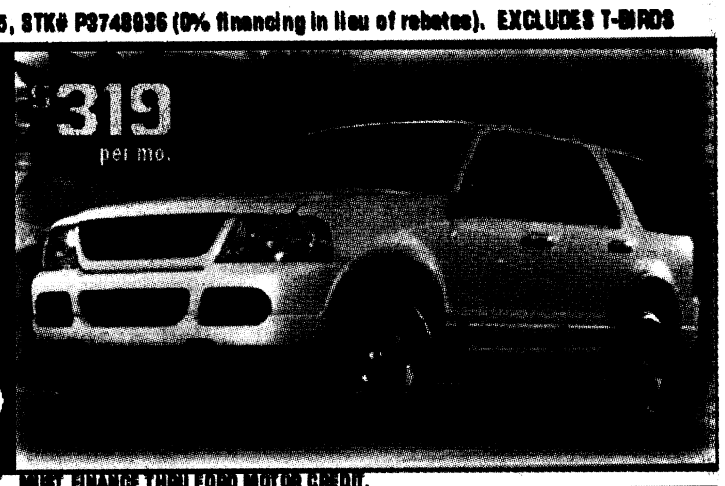
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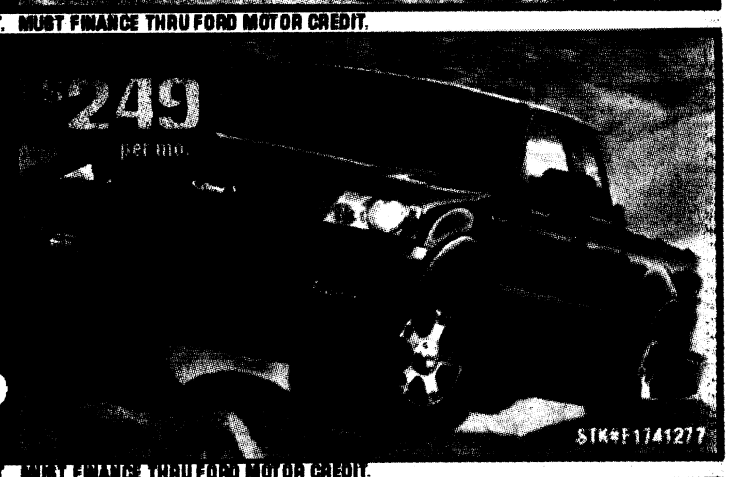
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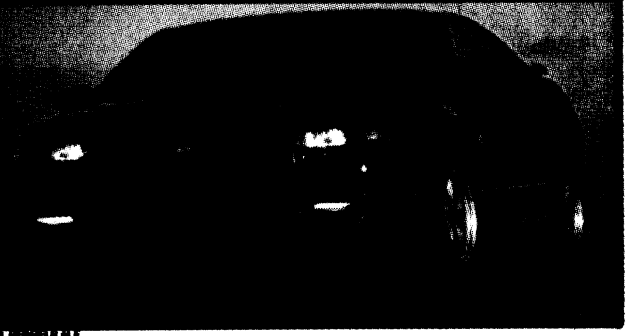
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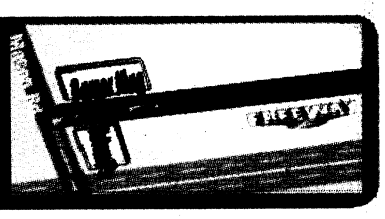
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Housing survey helps RCI's progress

Clark Pinnacle to use surveys for improvements

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning residents who completed the housing survey in April took the first step toward making the Residential Communities Initiatives a success.

The survey, sent out to all 3,109 family housing residents in April, gave RCI important data about how families felt about the size of their quarters, the helpfulness of the housing office staff, quality and responsiveness of maintenance staff and what factors influenced their decision to live in a particular housing area.

"The results of the survey are critical at this point," said Lillian Salazar, RCI housing management specialist, "because RCI wants to be of service to the customer.

"The survey tells us a lot about what's going on with post housing and helps us compare Fort Benning to other military installations or the private sector."

Although RCI won't officially take over family housing units until January 2006, officials are being proactive in finding out what their customers want.

The Army announced Sept. 29 Clark Pinnacle Family Communities, LLC as the firm that will develop the Community Development and Management Plan for Fort Benning and Camp Frank D. Merrill, Ga.

The CDMP is the blueprint for the new residential communities and is due to Department of the Army April 1.

Although only 36 percent of housing residents returned the survey, Salazar said the data will be used by RCI and Clark Pinnacle.

"My focus and concern is exceeding current customer service," Salazar said. "Our Soldiers deserve it."

Clark Pinnacle will eventually take control of the assignment of family housing.

News that an additional brigade worth of Soldiers will soon be assigned to Fort Benning can be factored into the CDMP, said Scott Orrantia, Clark Pinnacle's managing director of military housing.

Based on their analysis, he said there are lands available for housing that his company didn't use in the plan.

"We can expand the scope of work to include new housing requirements," he said.

Since Clark Pinnacle has already completed three CDMPs for the Army, Orrantia said the April 1 deadline is realistic.

One of the key parts of the CDMP is an environmental baseline study that usually causes the most "headaches." But Fort Benning's RCI program manager, Ron Smith, said the draft environmental baseline and environmental assessments are already complete.

Smith and Salazar agree that a collaborative effort between RCI and the contractor and a good relationship with the customer — the Soldier — will lead to a successful project.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Organization brings hope to children, families

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Bethany Christian Services placed 1,645 nationwide children with adoptive families in 2003 — 326 had special needs, and 597 of them were from 13 countries.

Bethany Christian is celebrating its 60th year of service. The second largest adoption agency in the country, Bethany Christian opened an office in Columbus more than three years ago because it's the second largest city in Georgia, and it's close to Fort Benning, said Mary Boston, director of the Columbus office.

"There are many families in Fort Benning who have gone through us to either adopt a child or become foster families," she said.

Fort Benning families who wish to foster must receive a waiver through the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Adoption and foster care opportunities are only two of the services offered by Bethany Christian, Boston said. They also offer pregnancy counseling and birthparent counseling.

"Currently, our big concern is finding families who are looking to adopt or foster children," Boston said.

The staff at Bethany Christian counsels pregnant women who are in crisis pregnancies — those who are not able to, or are not ready to become mothers.

"When women come here looking to place their baby up for adoption, we usually counsel them on the options of raising the child on their own before we go through with designing an adoption plan," Boston said. "If the woman decides adoption is the best thing for the child, then we go through with the adoption process."

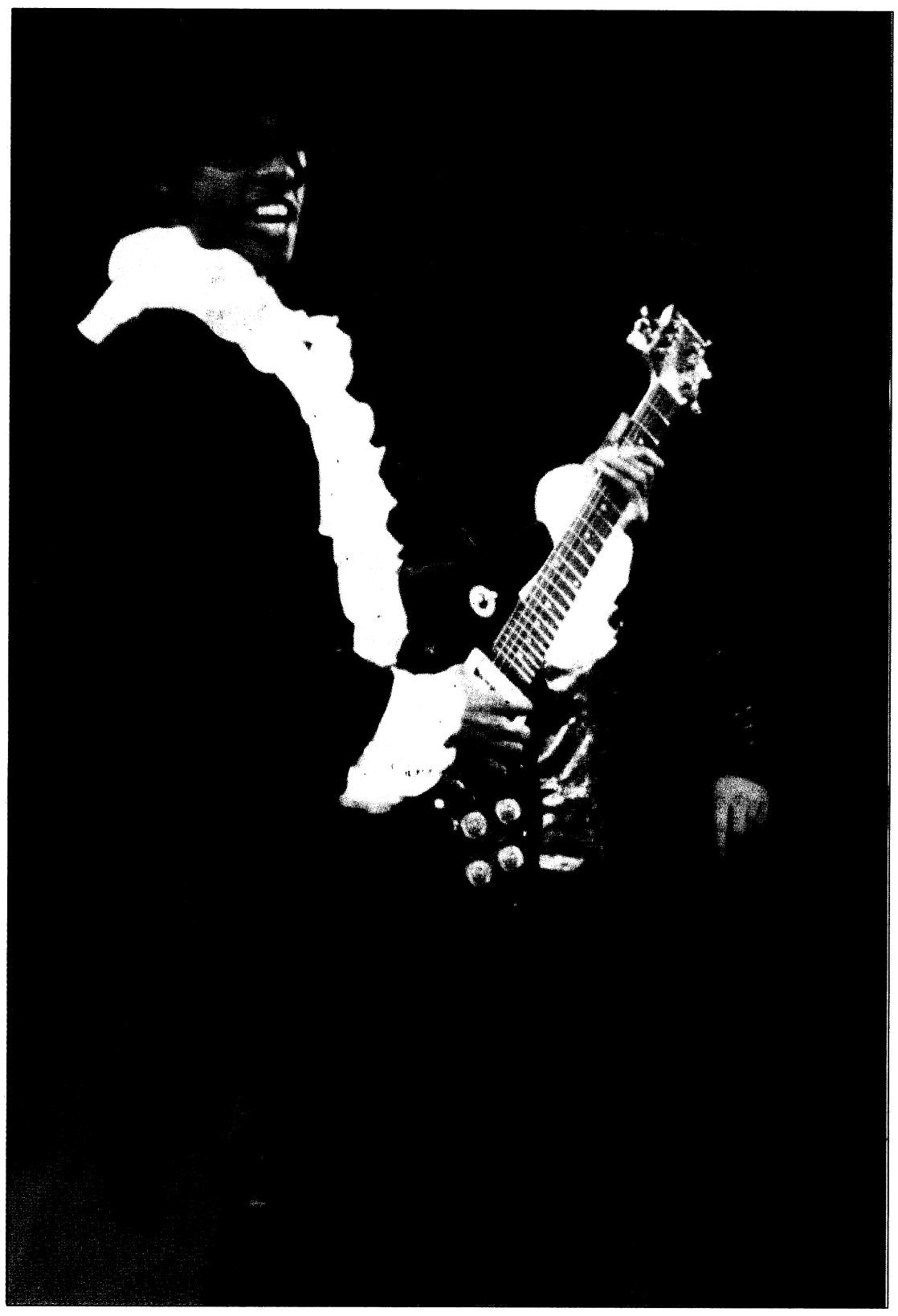
Women in crisis pregnancies can help choose the family to raise their baby. It's a confidential process, which allows the birthparent to meet with the family and opt to choose another. They also receive counseling after the baby has been adopted to deal with grief.

"Birth mothers feel more comfortable with the adoption process if they are in control of what's going to happen to their child," she said.

Since it is a Christian organization, Boston said one of the requirements for the adoptive family is signing a statement of faith.

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Soldier Show touches heart of every Soldier



Tawny Archibald Campbell
"Prince" Sgt. Kevin Cherry sings *Kiss* during the Soldier Show Saturday at Wetherby Field.

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

In a moment, ordinary Soldiers became larger than life as they danced and sang their way through emotions designed to mimic those found in the heart of every Soldier.

The 2004 Soldier Show, "The Heart of a Soldier," spun a story of love, loss, adventure, excitement and pride to the beat of every type of music.

The production included a singing and dancing drill sergeant, rhythmic ballet, renditions of songs from Outkast, Alicia Keyes, Martina McBride, Ozzy Osborne and many others.

"The best way to describe the show is it's a variety show full of song and dance designed to lift the morale of the Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Tarron Pierce, NCOIC with the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

"It's also for the Soldiers and their families. Many have loved ones deployed, and we want to bring a sense of military pride to them."

The Soldier Show began in 1918 with Sgt. Isreal Beilin, better known as Irving Berlin. Since its conception, the show has been produced by the Soldier for the Soldier.

This year's show includes 18 performers from across the globe, in a variety of military occupational specialties. The performers come from Reserve, National Guard and active-duty units.

"Talk to the Soldiers, and they will tell you this is their tribute to the Iraq crisis," Pierce said. "Not being able to be in Iraq themselves, this is a way to give back to those Soldiers."

Aspiring performers sent in audition tapes in December, then were called for an audition in February.

The final group was cast and the first show was performed May 1.

This year's schedule involved 110 performances in Germany, Italy, Guantanamo Bay and across the United States.

"This show is about the heart of the Soldier, and we bring together civilians and military through the music we do," said Sgt. Kevin Cherry, a saxophone player with the 392nd Army Band, Fort Lee, Va. "This brings everything into perspective, inside and out, both sides of a Soldier's story."

The mix of singing, dancing, lighting, special effects and costuming takes the viewer on a 90-minute MTV-style journey from enlistment to homecoming, Pierce said.

For 2nd Lt. Keith McCarty, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, the show "helped keep things in perspective, Soldiers doing things for Soldiers."

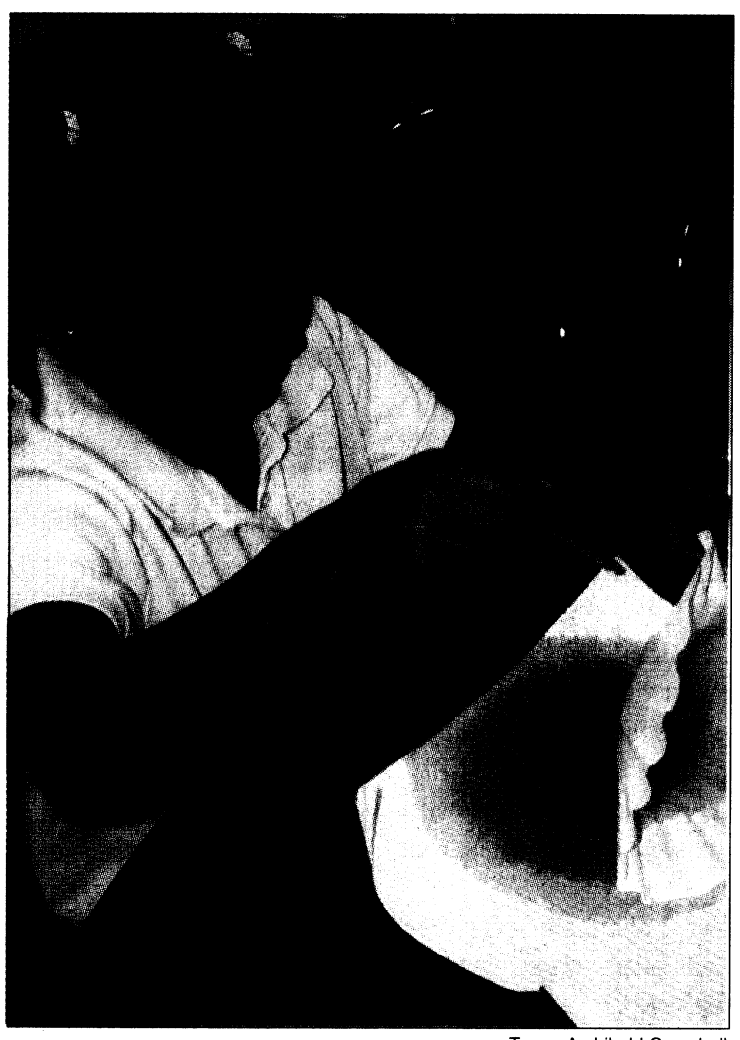
"I loved it. It was great," said Shelly Smith. "It had a great affect on the crowd, especially the military crowd. People respect the military so much, and this enforced that."

Smith said some of her favorite parts of the show were the old school rock and the way the songs told a story about being a Soldier.

"To people who didn't see it, they missed one heck of a show," Smith said. "For the basic and AIT Soldiers, I hope this gives them a little more pride in their job and makes them more proud to serve their country."

Lab brings science to life

Volunteer creates program



Tawny Archibald Campbell
Kailei Caggins makes a rainbow during a science lab at Dexter Elementary.

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

One by one, the children took droppers and swirled colors together on a coffee filter.

"You see, we can make lots of colors with these three colors," said Sandy Risberg. "Do you remember what the primary colors are? That's right — red, yellow and blue."

Risberg is a parent volunteer who designs and teaches a science lab at Dexter Elementary School. She volunteers about 65-70 hours a month.

"We had an extra room, and all the teachers had science kits in their classrooms, so we consolidated," Risberg said. "Science is magic to kids, and this is an opportunity to do hands-on projects that makes it come alive for them."

Risberg, a certified science teacher with a master's degree in education, said the teachers don't have the time to set up and clean up messy projects, like the primary colors project the preK students were doing.

"This project took me half an hour to set up," Risberg said. "Teachers just can't dedicate that much time to one project."

Each class, from preK to fifth grade, comes to the science lab twice a week. The lab lasts from 15-45 minutes, depending on the grade.

Risberg offers all sorts of labs, from mixing things to see the reactions, to creating circuits to make motors turn and bulbs light up. They've also melted crayons to create candles.

"She is absolutely marvelous," said Peggy Gindville, preK teacher. "She makes science come alive, and (the students) are able to experience science like never before."

Kailei Caggins, 4, and Ryan Fitzmorris, 5, giggled as they held up their colorful creations.

"I made colors all by myself," Kailei said. "I'm going to try and find some of these things (droppers) and get my watercolors and show my dog what I did. And he'll say 'woof, woof.'"

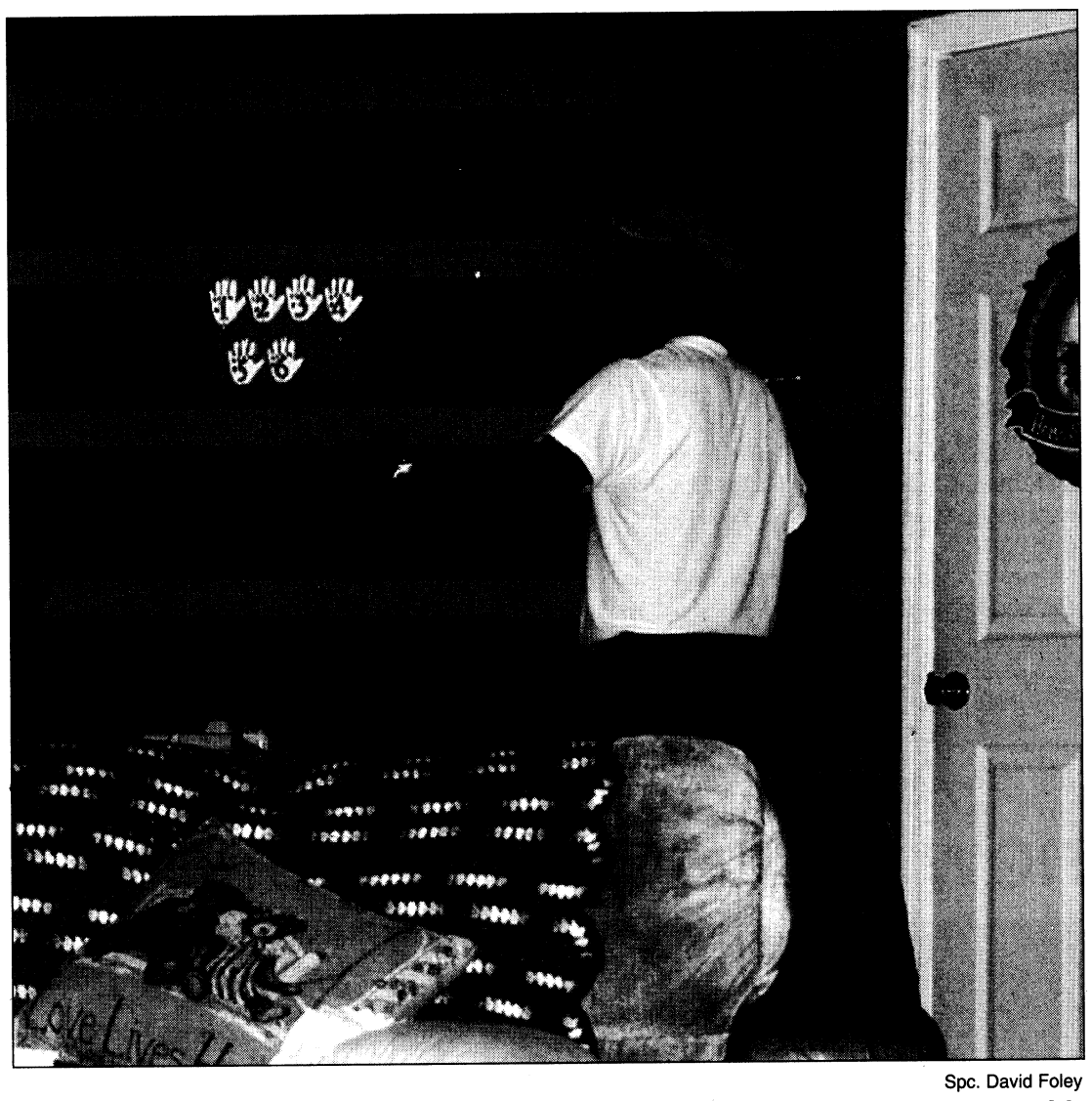
Ryan said he wants to show his parents how he made a "circle rainbow by squirting and squirting around and around with the colors."

Risberg follows the Defense Department Educational School System standards for the labs and makes sure the projects coincide with the curriculum of the class by working with the teachers.

"Hands-on learning in science really locks in knowledge," Risberg said. "When they see it, hear it or touch it, it completes the circuit and makes their own light bulbs go on."

Foreigner to visit Benning's Backstage

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff



Spc. David Foley

During rehearsals for *The Foreigner*, Froggy (Eugene Dixon), right, talks with Charlie (Jonathan Perkins) about a plan to convince people he can't speak English which creates the foundation for the storyline of the play.

Benning's Backstage is preparing to do it again.

Since its opening nearly two years ago, the theater has put on several plays — each staffed completely with volunteers.

The latest addition to the Benning's Backstage legacy is *The Foreigner*, a British/Southern comedy written by Larry Shue.

The Foreigner is about two British men who visit Tillman County, Ga., 100 miles south of Atlanta.

Gentleman one is the friend of the innkeeper, and he tells her his friend, gentleman two, can't speak English, which sets him — gentleman two — up to hear conversations that the other patrons think he can't understand.

Thus the second gentleman uncovers interesting information about the other patrons and their deeds — or rather, their misdeeds.

The play, which director Peggy Cornwell calls "a lighthearted look at the darker side of the Southern culture," is scheduled for Oct. 22, 23, 29 and 30 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

Rehearsals are going well, Cornwell said, and everyone is working hard to master their roles, though "for some of them, it's been a stretch, because they had to learn a new dialect."

Carolyn Hernandez has taken the roles of stage manager and Camille Owens has who devoted herself to painting.

"All of the volunteers are top-quality people," Cornwell said. "I just wish we were able to pay them.

Teresa McCall, marketing specialist, Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation, said the program offers an opportunity usually only found in urban areas

"I've heard past performances received rave reviews," she said.

As if the play weren't enough entertainment, patrons will also be treated to dinner with and musical entertainment.

The Rhythm Ninjas will perform Oct. 22. Lindy Johnson will play the harp Oct. 23. The Singing Sisters, Lori Hawkins and Rhonda Carpenter, will perform Oct. 29. And Mike Stoner will play the piano for the Oct. 30 show.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children under 12.

To purchase tickets visit The Fort Benning Officers' Club or www.benningmwr.com.

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Justin Gabriel Barrick — born Sept. 23 to Christina and Spc. Justin Barrick.

EliJah Orion Johnson — born Sept. 23 to Pfc. Taven Johnson.

Girls

Kaitlyn Joy Rose — born Sept. 8 to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Thomas Rose.

Madalynne Mae Coen — born Sept. 15 to Carrie and Spc. Michael Coen.

Bre'ana Janelle McCall — born Sept. 16 to Shannon and Spc. Jonathan McCall.

Jazmir A'Myah Larelle Smith — born Sept. 17 to Tierra and Pfc. Jermir Smith.

Kaitlin Franck — born Sept. 19 to Ashley and Sgt. Erich Franck.

Jameela Inaya Gordon — born Sept. 19 to Jennine and Staff Sgt. Jameel Gordon.

Timberly Brietta Stephenson — born Sept. 21 to Bentley and Staff Sgt. George Stephenson.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

MACH Organization Day hours — Martin Army Community clinics will close at noon today to observe Organization Day. The pharmacy is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the refill pharmacy from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the laboratory from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and radiology from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Adult Primary Care Clinic will be open Saturday. All clinics are closed Monday.

For more information, call 544-2041.

Refuse, recycle pickup — There will be no yard waste pickup Monday. The next scheduled pickup will be Oct. 18.

There will be no refuse or recycle pickups Monday. Areas normally scheduled for pickup will be picked up Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-4232.

October MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

- A smoking cessation class will be offered through the Family Practice Clinic at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 20, 21 and 28. An appointment is required.
- An expectant parents class is held the first three Tuesdays of the month. They will be Tuesday and Oct. 19 from 6 to 10 p.m.
- A child car seat class will be offered Oct. 21 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes lifestyle seminar is offered Thursday and Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Weight-loss classes for Soldiers are Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.
- A coumadin clinic is offered from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Internal Medicine Clinic. An appointment is required.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

K-Club barbecue — Dexter Elementary's K-Club will sponsor a barbecue from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 to raise money to buy rocking chairs for the postpartum rooms at Martin Army Community Hospital.

School transition workshop — The Military Child Education Coalition will present a parent and professional workshop titled School Transitions: The Essential Ingredients, from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 20 at Faith Middle School.

To sign up, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin @benning.army.mil. For more information about MCEC, visit MilitaryChild.org.

Donations needed — Girl Scout Troop #134 is accepting clothing, nonperishable food items, bottled water, blankets, pillows, diapers, baby food, baby items and furniture to help the victims of Hurricane Ivan.

To make a donation, call 327-2646, or drop off at 1344 13th Ave. in Columbus.

Girl Scout leaders needed — Girls Scouts of Concharty Council is looking for leaders. No experience is required and training is provided.

For more information, call Emily Lakmaker at 327-2646 ext. 30.

Home-buying seminar — The Army Community Service Center Financial Readiness Program will sponsor a home-buying seminar from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359.

Registration is required by Oct. 21. To register, call 545-5485.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services will offer an afternoon session for Benning Buddies from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This program is for children between 2 years old and preK. Fees are based on family income.

For more information, call 545-2079 or 687-4038.

Reclamation Sale — There will be a Reclamation Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 5 at 224A Upton Avenue. Cash only.

For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

First Steps Program — The First Steps Program provides support, education, resource referrals and follow-up contacts to parents of newborns.

For more information, call Rebecca Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager, at 545-4043 or Carolyn Harris, First Steps coordinator, at 544-2020.

TOPS meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Afterhours Club, Building 2502 on Indianhead Road.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** Columbus Day holiday
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- **Wednesday:** chicken filet sandwich, scalloped potatoes, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, mixed veggies, yeast roll, fruit, milk
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Benning supports Army efforts to make smart energy choices

Activities set to increase awareness

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

October is Energy Awareness Month, and to keep Fort Benning's current status as the Army's leader in energy efficiency, there's information and activities for everyone.

Dr. Osman Khan, the resource efficiency manager, developed the program of events, targeted for everyone from schoolchildren to adults.

He's taking his energy message across post through the USAIC TV channel, marquees along Dixie and Lumpkin Roads, a display in Infantry Hall and programs for children at Faith Middle School — all supporting this year's theme "Smart Energy Choices."

Since the Army is the largest energy consumer in the Department of Defense, Fort Benning consumers are charged to improve energy management.

Khan feels it's important to take the energy conservation message to the children, who can talk to their parents about ways to save energy at home.

"It's an opportunity for children to interact with their parents and demonstrate their knowledge of energy awareness," Khan said. "With the children, we focus on the home side."

Khan and representatives from Flint Energies will visit students at Faith later in the month an give them tips on saving energy and money at home. Among the topics to be discussed are water conservation, fixing leaky faucets, smart lawn care tips, gas and electricity conservation, using energy efficient light bulbs and keeping thermostats at the right settings.

He said it's important for children to understand the energy efficiency of household appliances can be even more important than the item's cost.

For example, Khan said, a refrigerator uses the most energy of any appliance — about one-tenth of an annual energy bill.

"Don't just look at the item's price," Khan said. "Look for energy efficient appliances with low annual operating costs."

Another of the month's highlights is the kick off of the Flint Energies Fuel cell project, supported by the Department of Defense.

The fuel cell will be installed at Sand Hill and will provide back-up power for essential services. The cell runs using liquid propane gas and water.

Khan said two military engineers from the 36th Engineer Group, two local college students and a military student will be involved in the project.

"There are benefits of this fuel cell technology," Khan said. "It is important, and we can use this technology for future projects."

Khan has a display set up in the main entrance to Infantry Hall and he'll have handouts for passersby and an energy awareness quiz he developed up and running on a laptop.

"Energy Awareness Month is about reducing consumption, reducing utility bills and saving the environment," he said. "Some of the money we save here can be used to advance the quality of life."

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Oktoberfest to offer family fun

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Dust off your lederhosen, pull out the oompah music and shine up that stein, it's Oktoberfest.

Fort Benning will host Oktoberfest from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Uchee Creek Activity Center.

"This is a German-American celebration," said Teresa McCall, marketing specialist with the Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation.

"We will have both German and American cuisine for purchase and there will be music and many activities going on throughout the day."

The event will kick-off at 11 a.m. with a Volksmarch.

"This is a scenic 10K hike through the Uchee Creek walking trails," McCall said.

The first 5K will be stroller-friendly and pets on leashes are welcome. The event is $10 per person for ages 13 and up, those under 12 are free.

"Each paying runner or walker will get free ceramic Fort Benning Oktoberfest mug and the children will get a ribbon," McCall said.

DMWR will donate $1 per soldier to the unit of each military participant in the Volksmarch.

"There will be a ton of food vendors who will start serving food at noon and people can eat in our traditional beer garden, an outside area with picnic tables."

McCall also said there are plenty of things for children to do.

"We will have a kiddie corner with fun activities like dancing, arts and crafts, pumpkin decorating, wall climbing and story time," McCall said. "It is all free."

There will also be eight inflatables. The cost for the inflatables is $5 per child to enjoy unlimited play, all day long.

There will be an official keg tapping in the Oktoberfest tent at 3:30 p.m., Fort Benning's Infantry Band will perform at 4 p.m. and the Gootman Sauerkraut Band and Dance Troupe will be on stage from 6 to 11 p.m.

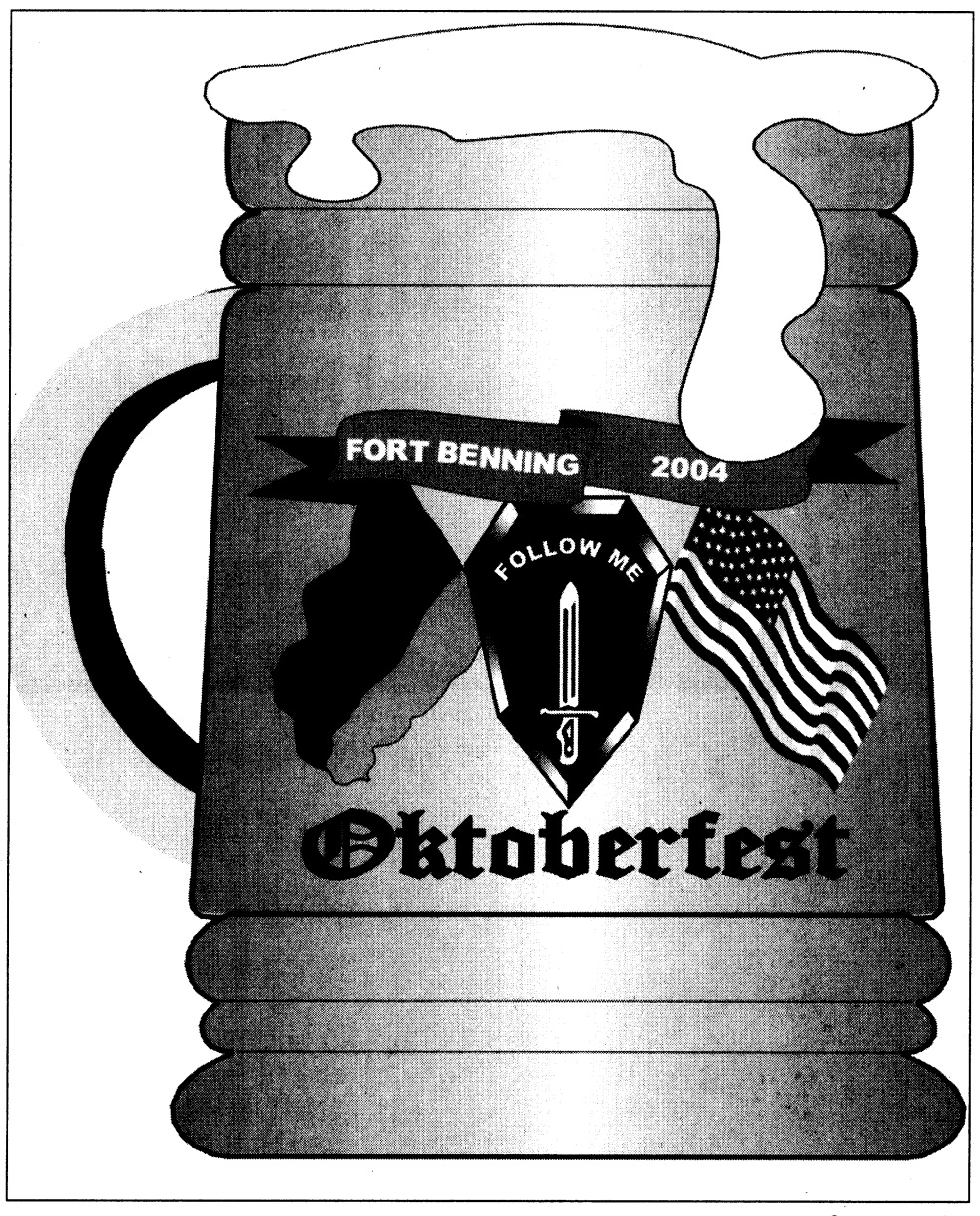
"There will be three big screen TV's showing college football in the activity center," McCall said. "That way mom and her friends can be in the beer garden, dad and his buddies can be watching football and the kids can play in the kiddie corner."

DMWR is promoting safety by offering a shuttle service to and from Uchee Creek, McCall said.

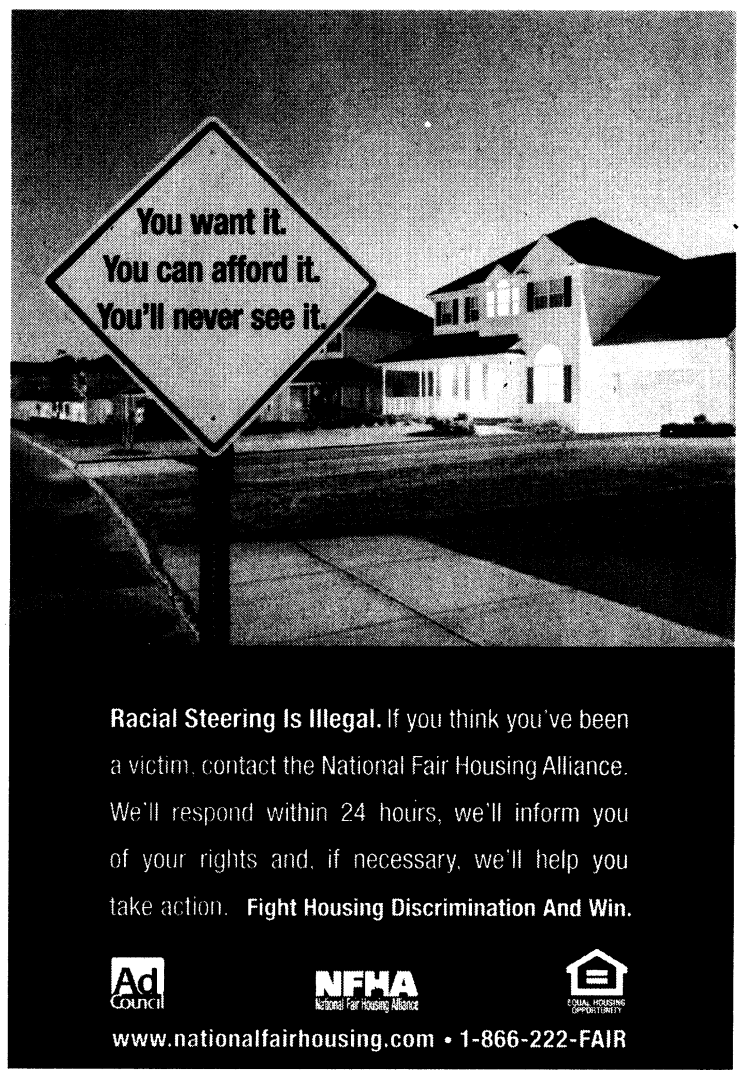
The shuttle will run from 11 a.m. to midnight. Pick up times are as follows: Top of every hour at the PX Mall buss stop, 15 minutes past the hour at Main Post bus stop, then 35 minutes past the hour at Uchee Creek. The shuttle will be clearly marked as the Oktoberfest Shuttle.

"Basically we are offering good family fun day," McCall said. "There is something for every member of the family to come out and enjoy. It is just a beautiful October day to celebrate fall and the festivities."

For more information on Oktoberfest, or to preregister for the Volksmarch, call 687-8021.



Courtesy graphic
This is the official mug Volksmarch participants will receive.



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Services: Help families in need

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"The women who come to us come here because they know we're a Christian organization and hope to have their child raised in a good Christian environment," Boston said.

International adoptions are also an important part of Bethany Christian's work.

"We help families adopt children from 13 different countries each year," she said. "The only problem with international adoptions is that parents sometimes have to travel to the country a number of times before they can bring the child home. This may cause the adoption process to be drawn. The only country to which parents don't have to travel to is Korea."

Bethany Christian not only finds families for children who need permanent homes, but they also find temporary families for foster children.

"We work with the county Department of Family Child Services in providing foster homes for children while their birth parents go through the requirements to get their children back. In some cases, the foster family decides to adopt the child if its birth family cannot have them back," she said. "A lot of families become foster families with the intent of adopting."

Boston said 80 percent of adoptions are by foster parents.

At any given time, there are more than 250 children available for adoption in Georgia and an even larger number in need of foster homes.

Fostering families must be flexible, nurturing, stable and able to meet their own needs, Boston said. Those families are constantly supported by a Bethany Christian supervisor for the duration a child stays under foster care, she said.

If a family is looking to adopt a child with no specific characteristics, such as a particular race or sex, the adoption process may take up to two months, Boston said.

For parents willing to adopt a child with special needs, the adoption process can go by very quickly, she said. Children with special needs are those who have been abused or neglected and need a little more help adapting to new environments, Boston said.

"We are currently in need of families who want to adopt young African-American children and siblings," she said.

Bethany Christian offers IMPACT classes for families looking to adopt children with special needs. The class includes 20 hours of training, a home study which is basically a health, criminal and family background check, and three meetings with a social worker.

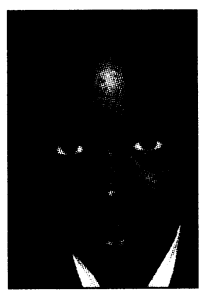
For questions on how to adopt or foster a child or to begin an adoption plan, call 576-5766. Review the Bethany Christian Web site to learn more about the different services provided by visiting www.bethany.org.

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Fort Benning youth in the news

A uniform policy? The verdict will have to wait

Stefon Hollis
Faith Middle School



I am neither for nor against a school uniform or a uniform dress code.

I think students should be able to do their own thing, but at the same time, I know that many students will try to take advantage of the system.

I also want to withhold my final opinion until I can see what the uniform would include, how comfortable it would be, the colors, etc.

I also think that if the majority of us do not want to have a uniform policy, than why do it?

We shouldn't force people — even young people — to wear something against his or her will.

On the other hand, if we did have uniforms or a uniform dress code at Faith, it would show the community and other schools that we are well coordinated and we cooperate with each other.

People would no longer feel the need to single someone out by talking about his or her clothing.

I think if a uniform policy is established, it would be nice to have "free days" once in a while when we could wear our regular clothes to break up the daily grind.

I am not definitely for or against a uniform policy until I have more information.

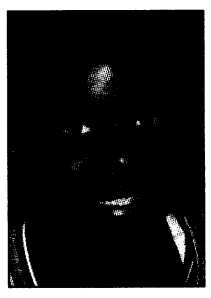
I realize that sometimes a change can be good, and sometimes it can be not so good. Sometimes a change can be for the best, but not always.

It's not my place to say whether or not we should or shouldn't wear uniforms, but if we do, I hope the policy will be thought out carefully and set straight from the beginning so there are no misunderstandings among the staff or students.

Please think wisely before you take this kind of action. Whatever you do, do it for all the best reasons.

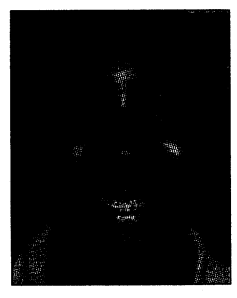
Keep our best interests in mind, because we do have minds of our own.

How do you feel about school uniforms?



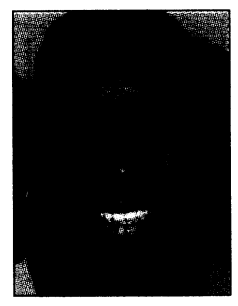
Kendra Marshall

"I don't even like to say the word uniform. Just the thought of having to wear one drives me nuts. I can't imagine having to wear the very same thing every day. I feel sorry for students in other schools who have to forfeit their freedom by wearing a uniform. We have a dress code at Faith, and I think that's enough."



Tony Hobbs

"I personally do not like the idea of school uniforms in any form. Some students may find it cool, because their parents can afford brand-name khakis, polo shirts and shoes. I know uniforms make things easier for administrators, but I like dressing the way I want. Uniforms look girlie to me — nerdy. No thank you. Uniforms are just ugly."



Megan Sanders

"I think it's a good idea for students to wear uniforms. One reason is that some students refuse to follow the dress code. They insist on dressing inappropriately — they sag or wear their skirts too short. If they had to wear a uniform, that wouldn't happen. I also think uniforms would protect the students, because administrators would know who belongs and who doesn't."

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REFLECTIONS

I am sure that most of you have heard of "Murphy's Law." I would like to share with you the following article about this so-called law. It was excerpted from the Desert Wings, March 3, 1978.

Murphy's Law ("If anything can go wrong, it will") was born at Edwards Air Force Base in 1949 at North Base. It was named after Capt. Edward A. Murphy, an engineer working on Air Force Project MX981, (a project) designed to see how much sudden deceleration a person can stand in a crash.

One day, after finding that a transducer was wired wrong, he cursed the technician responsible and said, "If there is any way to do it wrong, he'll find it."

The contractor's project manager kept a list of "laws" and added this one, which he called Murphy's Law.

For more information, you can access this Internet site: http://www.murphys-laws.com/murphy/murphy.true.html.

There are people who seem to live by this law. Nothing seems to go right for them. They become easily discouraged.

It is important to understand that discouragement is not limited to race, color or religious background. It is a universal malady.

Discouragement can be contagious. We can be discouraged because others are discouraged.

People around the world get discouraged when their goals are not met. But there are many who continue to go forward until they reach that goal.

They are encouraged, rather than discouraged, when things don't go exactly as planned.

I believe God can help us whenever we are down and need guidance. He works in many ways. He gives us direction in life.

Remember, we have to do our part.

The Bible talks about faith and work:

"What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?

"Can faith save him?

"If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and be filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

"Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

"But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:14-18)

It is important to have faith and know that God cares about how we feel, and he knows just what we need in life.

According to the book of James, we need to exercise our faith.

Let us encourage each other.

Let us try to lead those who have a genuine need on the right path.

Please continue to pray for our military forces and civilians around the world.

Keep our family members in your prayers as well.

God bless you.

Speak each other's language of love

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

I had a problem. In fact, it was a big problem. After finishing a 30-day mission in Germany, our A-Team was extracted, brought back to the Special Forces Operational Base in Spain and given the much sought after "post-mission pass."

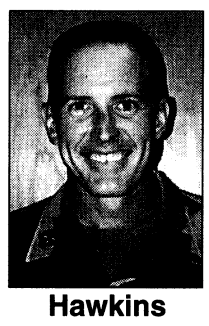
Well, being close to the sun and fun of the Mediterranean, it didn't take but about three minutes for this group of 12 guys to load up and head south to the sandy beaches of Spain's Gold Coast.

That's where the problem comes in. You see, I had been trained in a couple of languages, but none of them happened to be Spanish.

And I wasn't at the beach very long when I discovered that Montezuma not only vacations in Mexico, he's quite fond of Spain, too!

When I said I had a need — I really, really had a need. And the more I talked to the guy at the cabana on the beach, the more frustrated I got and the more agitated he got.

Why?


Hawkins

Well, you guessed it — we weren't speaking the same language. It's pretty much a principle of life (and of relationships) that when you don't speak the same language all you get is frustration and agitation.

The good news is if we can learn to speak each other's "language of love" in our relationships then we can replace the frustration and agitation with harmony and happiness.

Wanna know how? Well, let me take the five weeks in October and share with you the "Five Love Languages" as set forth by Dr. Gary Chapman in his million-seller by the same title.

If you want to keep your love together when the Army is taking you apart, you have to learn how to best meet your spouse's love needs.

The number one way you can meet those needs is to become absolutely fluent in his or her primary language of love.

What's the first language of love we'll take a look at this week? It's the language of affirmation.

Most folks' respond best to one of these three dialects:

• Verbal compliments — Proverbs 25:11 says, "A word well spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver." Translation: It's great stuff. Do it!

• Encouraging words — Hebrews 3:13 says, "Encourage one another daily." If your mate's language of love is affirmation, he or she needs a daily fill of encouraging words.

• Kind words — Ephesians 4:29-32 says, "Be kind and compassionate toward one another." Remember, far more important than what we say is how we say it, right?

Wanna know what the second Language of Love is?

Then come join me for our series, *Lord of the Rings: Keeping Your Love Together When the Army's Taking You Apart* at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel.

It's at 11 a.m. Sundays at Kelley Hill, and it's for everyone. Or give me a call or stop in the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760. I look forward to serving you.

Sunday School teachers and directors wanted!

Teachers are needed for the Protestant Sunday School Program.
Also, a director is needed to assist in the organization.
* There will be no Sunday School this week due to the Columbus Day holiday.

For more information, call 545-4715.

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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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
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SPORTS



Spc. David Foley

The Bulldogs' defense envelopes the Bulldozers' Teran Wilson, number 20, during Fort Benning intramural football action Tuesday night.

Bulldogs chomp at Bulldozers, win 8-6

B Company takes first intramural football win

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Bulldogs put the Bulldozers in a hole, taking their first win 8-6 during intramural flag football action Tuesday night.

The B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment's Bulldogs proved they were a force to be reckoned with right out of the gate.

The 63rd Engineer Company's Bulldozers won the first possession. But the Bulldogs' defense kept them in place long enough for B Company's Desmond Williams to score the first two points of the game with a safety.

The Bulldogs pushed their way to mid field with a series of short passes and handoffs, but were unable to complete any long passes or reach the goal line.

The Bulldozers weren't about to throw in the towel, as they turned up the volume on their next possession, pushing their way across the field but also came up short on the touchdown.

Both teams showed the need for more practice, with an inability to connect with any long passes, but showed commanding performances on the ground.

Bulldozers' Steven Showers took advantage of a bomb that Bulldogs' quarterback, Jake Lepper, sent to Williams. Showers caught the interception on the Dozers' 20-yard line.

Despite the turnover, the Bulldozers were still unable to put any points on the board.

Just before half time, the Bulldogs put the ball in Williams' hands and he plowed his way across the field, getting shut down a few feet from the goal line.

Lepper tied up the loose ends just before the whistle with a 10-yard pass to Jason Feist, who caught a pass in the end zone, setting the score at 8-0 for half time.

Even though the Bulldozers were down, they weren't going to go out. The second half was their redemption.

The Bulldozers held off the Bulldogs for the rest of the game.

They pushed their way across the field several times but the Bulldogs wouldn't let them get any points on the board until the last few minutes of the game.

Bulldozers' Teran Wilson finally made it to the end zone during their last possession, bringing the score to 8-6, opening the door for a 3-point conversion and a possible win.

With victory only one play away, the Bulldozers tried a 20-yard pass to the corner of the end zone but it was smacked down and they were unable to recover.

Once the game was over, the Bulldogs started celebrating, but they didn't want to get ahead of themselves for the season.

"With only two weeks of practice, this feels good, especially when they have been practicing for about a month," said Robert Smith, Bulldogs team manager.

"It always feels good to win the first game of the season."

Despite Tuesday's victory, the Bulldogs have no intentions of taking a break.

"We are still going to practice every day," Smith said.

"And none of this could be possible without the commander and first sergeant supporting us 100 percent."

Siter puts winning attitude above winning games

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

When starting senior offensive guard Tom Siter moved from Columbus High School to Jordan High School for his last year, it wasn't because he is a guy who is always worried about being on the winning team.

Coach Leo Ellerby said the 6-foot-1-inch, 200-plus pounder was a welcome addition to the Jordan squad.

"We had a lot of guys playing on both sides of the line," he said. "It was great we got Tom this year. He filled a big hole on the line and freed up someone I can now commit to defense."

Jordan is currently 1-6 for the season, but that doesn't seem to bother Siter, who opted to transfer to Jordan's Magnet Academy to join his brother Jacob, who is also on the team.

"I think we've got a lot of talent, some good leadership, and I think it just all needs to come together," he said. "I didn't come over for the athletics, but I love football, so, no matter what, I'd be playing."

Siter said he thinks highly of his teammates' dedication, something he has learned to appreciate from his dad, a full-time National Guardsman assigned to Fort Benning.

"I think being able to lose graciously shows character and I think all these guys still out here after four years really shows people what kind of character they have," he said.

The appreciation of dedication, hard work and respect that usually comes with being an Army brat is something Siter said he is thankful his father has ground into him.



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Jordan High School senior Tom Siter, right, chases down a teammate during conditioning exercises at practice Tuesday.

The 18-year-old Siter said giving up now, even though the team has little hope of finishing the season well, isn't in his blood.

"My dad has always pushed me and my brother, and he pushes this don't-quit attitude hard," he said. "He's probably the main reason I'm still doing it — he taught me that once you start something, you see it through and never quit."

A "fairly average" A-B student his first three years, Siter has come into his own both on the field as a starting varsity player and as an academic. He's now a straight-A student.

"I guess I finally got my head on straight," he said.

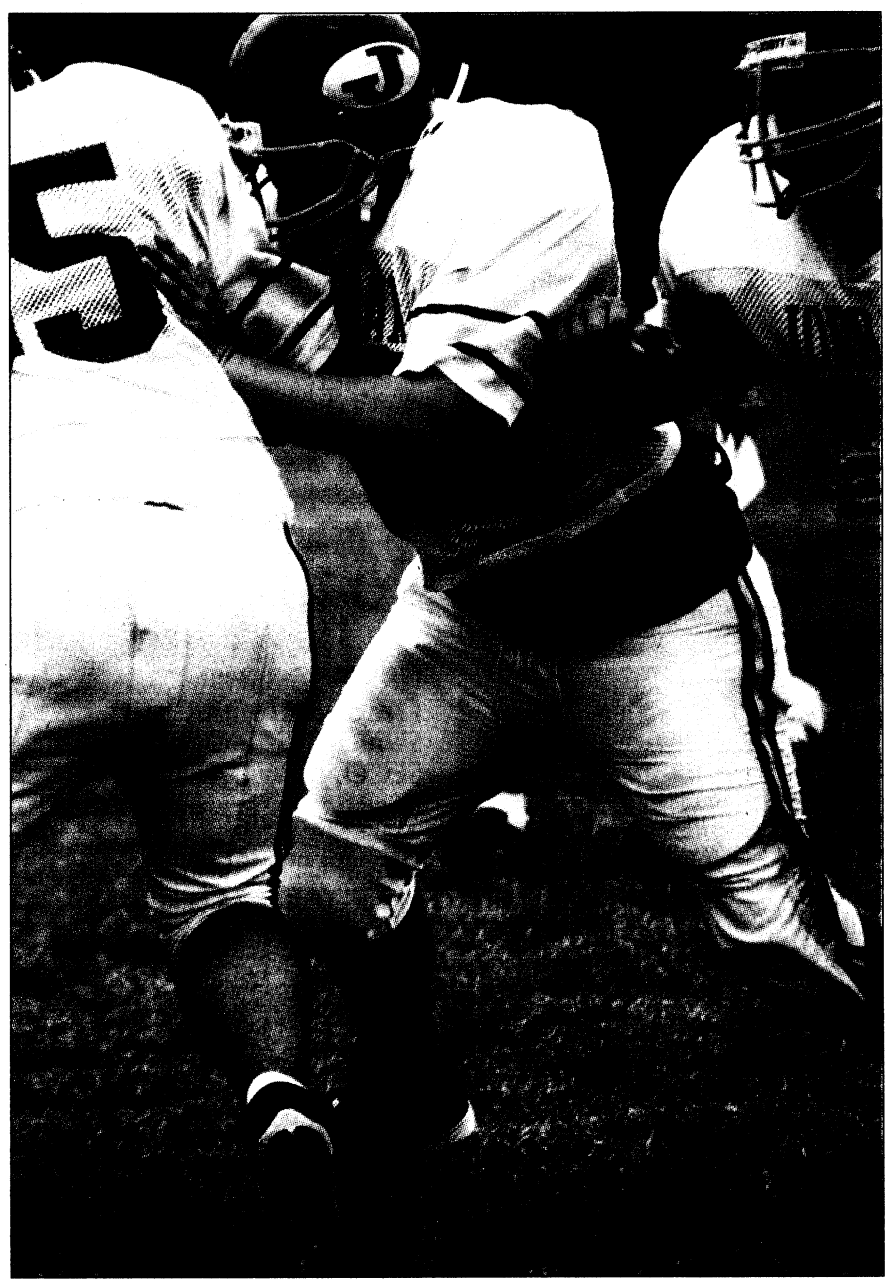
Things are coming together, it seems, for the young man. He said college is an absolute certainty for him, though he isn't quite sure where he wants to go.

The University of Florida, Georgia Military College and Columbus State University are all possibilities, with GMC being number one on his list.

Siter said he knows he won't have any football recruiters knocking on his door, but he doesn't rule out the possibility of walking on wherever he ends up.

"I want to play, but I haven't decided if I want to play for four more years or concentrate on school," he said.

With eight months left in the school year, Siter still has time to decide if football is still in his future, how important school is to him, and where exactly he wants to go when its time to take it to the next level, but no matter what, he says he is ready for the change.



Siter uses his 6-foot-1-inch, more than 200-pound frame to block a defensive lineman. The senior moved from Columbus High School to Jordan this year.

"The thought of being out on my own is exciting," he said. "I'm ready to spread my wings a little — I just don't know if my mom is. I think she's buying a house here to get me to stay and go to CSU."

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Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

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Hunters are simply good people. If you have any doubt, you should've attended the Fort Benning Hunting Open House last week at the Officers' Club.



It was jam-packed, literally, with good people doing good things for the community.

There's Bill Brickner, Burt Davis and Tommy Garnett, the go-to boys who drummed up thousands of dollars worth of donations for door prizes, food and give-aways. They also worked relentlessly to generate interest in what's sure to be an annual event, if the 400 attendees were any indication.

And there's the good folks who keep the Commanding General's Hunting and Fishing Advisory Counsel up and running to make sure post hunters understand their rights and responsibilities. Col. Mike Beasock leads a very fine team of volunteers who lobby for the changes our sportsmen clamor for year after year — like periodic hunts in densely populated areas.

There were representatives from the various on-post organizations that influence or are influenced by outdoor activities. These folks gave up a few hours of their time to bring our sportsmen the latest news on what's in, what's out, what's coming and what's legal and illegal this season.

Last but not least, there were nearly 100 vendors and organizations who donated their time and wares to make the evening — and the whole hunting season — a success. The list includes the usual suspects — Bill Heard, First Command, Burris Optics, Surefire, Hunter's View, Ace Pawn, Fort Benning's DMWR, Commissary and AAFES, Omega Travel, Meineke and Daffin's Meat Processing. The list goes on and on.

This is simply my way of saying thanks to all of you who help make hunting here on Fort Benning the best in the state.

Three cheers for safety on the sidelines

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

ATLANTA — Cheerleading has evolved from standing on the sidelines and cheering for the football or basketball team to a very competitive sport in and of itself.

Stephanie Martin, M.D., pediatric orthopedic surgeon at the Sports Medicine Program at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, offers this advice to parents, coaches and athletes to help cheerleaders stay safe:

Parents

• Have your child see a physician for a pre-participation sports physical to rule out any musculoskeletal problems. The doctor should also take a family history to help rule out any potential risk factors.

• Understand what is involved in the sport of cheerleading. Cheerleaders are expected to have a great deal of agility and stamina, and have the ability to tumble and perform gymnastic-type moves.

• Understand each cheerleaders role in a squad. Some cheerleaders are more suited to perform rolls, tumbles and aerial moves, while others may play a vital roll in providing strong bases and mounts during high-skill stunts.

Coaches

• Encourage athletes to take dance and tumbling classes.

• Know and understand the rules and guidelines provided by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

• Make sure athletes have proper shoes and a safe surface on which to train.

• Know and understand the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Practice during cooler times of the day. Avoid practicing during mid-day when temperatures are highest. Have water breaks every 15 minutes, and allow them to drink freely between breaks.

• Know basic first aid. Keep a first-aid kit available for minor injuries. Always have a cooler of ice handy to treat any injuries. Take a CPR class. Athletes who suffer head and neck injuries should not be moved.

Cheerleaders

• Get in shape. Strength and agility are needed to perform cheerleading moves safely. Make sure joints and muscles are flexible with a good stretching routine.

• Learn the rules and regulations of cheerleading. A spotter must be present for each stunt performed. Stunts can be dangerous if performed incorrectly.

• Warm up and cool down. Give yourself plenty of time before practices and events to warm up. When practices and events are over, it is a good idea to allow your body to cool down by performing long, slow stretches.

• Proper nutrition is essential for developing stronger muscles and preventing injuries to overworked bodies. Drink plenty of fluids. Muscles need to remain hydrated to perform at their max.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

CYS Tae Kwon Do registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do.

Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made for the hours of 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The class will be instructed by Clayton Coleman.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

CYS gymnastics registration — Child and Youth Services is now registering for gymnastics. Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made for the hours of 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration will continue until all classes are filled.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

WHINSEC FRG's golf tournament — The Family Readiness Group for WHINSEC will sponsor a golf tournament at 1 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Follow Me Golf Course.

Price is $30 per person for 18 holes of golf, golf cart, range balls, a gift certificate to the pro shop and lunch at WHINSEC.

For more information, e-mail whinsec_frg@yahoo.com.

Scrambling for Santa — Santa's Castle will sponsor a Scrambling for Santa Golf Tournament Oct. 28 at the Follow Me Golf Course.

Shotgun starts are at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Cost is $30 for members and $35 for nonmembers.

For more information, call the Follow Me Golf Course at 682-1937.

Golf results — The following are results from the Follow Me Golf Club Club Championship Sept. 25 and 26:

• 1st flight — Steve Borsch, first place; Johnny Brooks, second place

• 2nd flight — Buddy Kelly, first place; Tom Thomas, second place

• Championship flight — Barry Bishop, post champion; Rudy Thorne, first place; Bob Osbourne, second place

• Ladies — Jennifer Thomas, first place, Mavis Hill, second place

• Juniors — Al Waters, first place; Eddy Waters, second place

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park will be open to ID card holders 18 and older from 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays at no charge.

These hours are offered on a trial basis for approximately three months.

For more information, call 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for the pool and the gym. Pool hours are 5 to 6 p.m. three days a week, and gym aerobics hours vary. Requirements include an Instructor Certification.

For more information, call Larry McCoy at 545-4388.

off post

Columbus Track Club — The Columbus Track Club has started the Run or Walk the Riverwalk Series. Dates are Oct. 16 and Oct. 30. The series will finish Nov. 2 with the running results and national election results at 7 p.m. at the Draft American Grill and Tap.

It is free for Columbus Track Club members and $10 per run for nonmembers.

For more information, call Brian Luedtke at 321-8732 or visit www.columbustrackclub.org.

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October 10
"How to Get a Marriage Makeover" Part II

October 17
"Raising Kids Without Raising Your Blood Pressure"

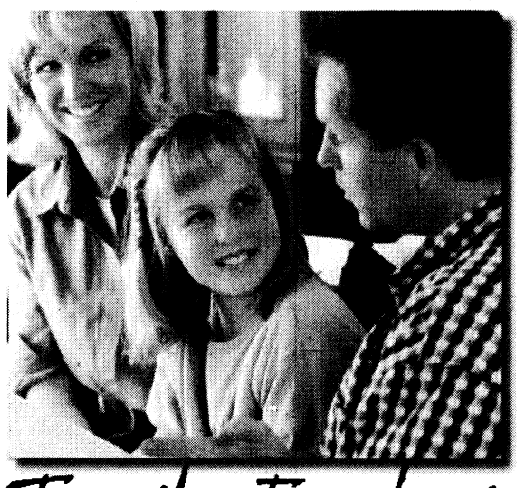
October 24
"Storm-proofing Your Home"

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- "Reaching the Heart of Your Child"
- "Raising Teens in a Toxic Culture"
- "Home Improvement"
- "Hard Questions About Love & Dating"
- "Don't Just Get Old, Get Better"
- "Holy and Acceptable: Building A Pure Temple"
- "Kids Under Construction"

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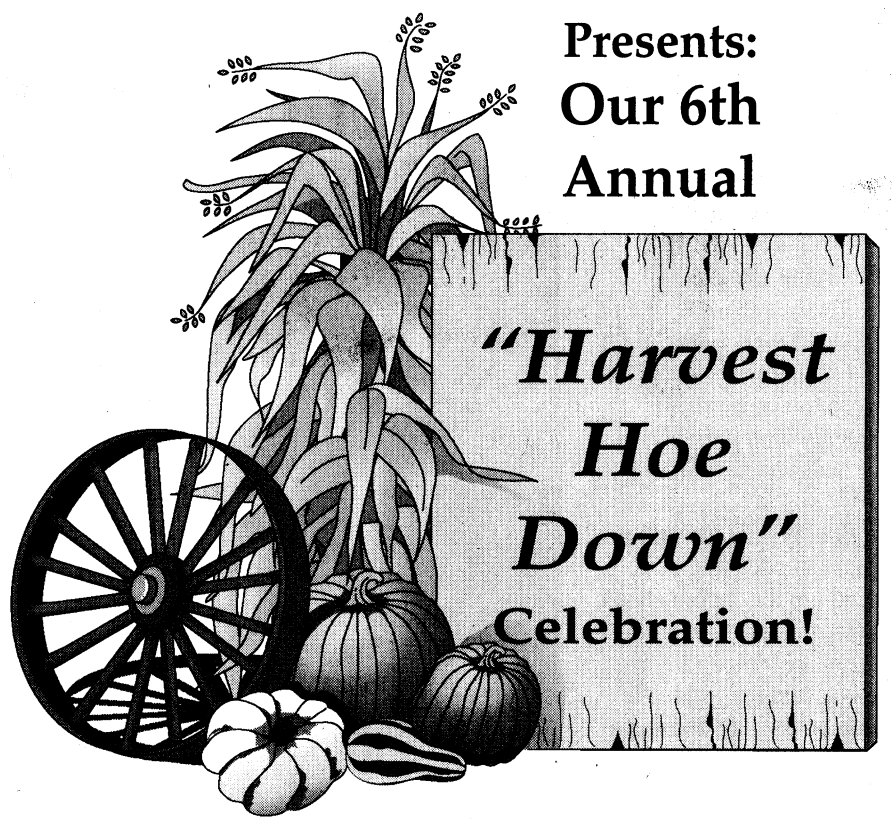
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FIRST WORSHIP (Traditional with Choir)..... 8:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL..... 9:45 AM
SECOND WORSHIP (Contemporary with Praise Band)..... 11:00 AM
AWANA..... (RESUMES 10/17)
DISCIPLESHIP..... 5:30 PM
BACKYARD BASH..... 6:30 PM

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1999 Harley Davidson Fat Boy 12,000 miles LOADED!! too many accessories to list. Custom Paint Please call 334-480-2189 or 706-681-6451. Will help with financing. $13,000 OBO (P8)

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Furniture

Green Couch & Loveseat $700, Dining Table w/4 chairs $200 Please call 689-2919 (F8)

Fisher Price Nursery Center. Pack and Play w/changing table and bassinet. New in plastic and original box. Dark blue w/ plaid. $100.00 or B/O. 706 -687-4226 nights or 545-5032 days (F8)

Royal Blue metal Bunk Bed Full w/twin size includes mattresses & boxsprings. Good condition. White 4 drawer chest $40, Computer Desk $60, Sports Table (night stand) Please call 685-0261 (F15)

Complete Set of Pool Table $80, Barbie Dream House $30, Full Sport Comforter w/curtains like new $20, Toy Box (royal blue) $15, Please call 685-0261(F15)

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That Old Guitar, Bass or Amp just taking up room??? Call Me!! 706-653-8723 (PN19)

Looking for family that resides on Ft. Benning that would be willing to carpool to Northside High School. If interested call 683-0063 (F8)

Wanted: Alaskan items carved bone, ivory or stone, old dolls and small baskets. Please call 323-9030 (F15)

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For Sale Remington Model 700 7mm Mag. Bolt Action Bushnell Chief IV 3x9 Scope Camo Chaps with sling Never shot a box of shells $500 Please call 681-2038 (F15)

For Sale Stoeger Over & Under 12 ga. Imp. Cly (Changeable Chokes) Modified 2 3/4 & 3 inch shells $300 Please call 681-2038 (F8)

Solid Oak Queen Headboard - $25
Full Size Mattress & Box Springs - $20
Stroller - $10 Box of Misc Girls clothing 18 mos - 2T (over 70 items) - $20
Booster Chair - $2 call 569-5878 after 6pm (F15)

Chain link fence approx. 100ft. with gate and poles $150 Please call Corina 706-687-5032 (F15)

FOR SALE: Misses, size 10 and 12, fully lined skirt and pant suits. Brand names of Emily, Sag Harbor, and Larry Levine. Most have only been worn once or twice last Winter. Original costs $120 to $200; selling for $35 to $50 now. Free blouse if purchase of 2 suits. Call 706-689-5042 after 1600 or leave a message. (F15)

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Free tiny Orange Kitten Please call 855-9933 (F8)

For Sale: 55gal fishtank, parts & stand $100.00 Call 706-566-5150 (F8)

7 mos. old German Shepherd mix, very pretty, gold color, great with kids. Pet bos & accessories $75. Please call 816-695-8980 or email AHawley02@yahoo.com for pic (F15)

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Male Akita/Chow mix red, neutered very good dog $100 about 50 lbs. Please call Corina @ 706-687-5032 (F15)

Shih/tzu puppy 13 weeks old, current shots, micro chip $200 Please call 682-9757 (P8)

Yard Sale/Estate Sale

Huge Multi Family Moving Sale. Kids items, kitchen table, microwave, tons of vintage collectables and so much more.... 100 Dublinsky St. (Perkins Place) (F8)

Yard Sale for Hurricane Victims at Rock Presbyterian Church, 1728 Floyd Rd October 9th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (P8)

Moving Sale 303 1st Division on Sat. Oct 9 th 8:00 am to 2 pm (F15)

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Land for Sale- Chattahooche County Lots 1 acre to 5 acres- $5,000/acre, 50 acres at $3,300/acre, 190 acres at $1,695/acre, 500 acres at $1,450/acre. Other properties available in 20 countries. (P29)

Home for Sale By Owner, 3 BR, 2 Full BA, fenced in backyard, outside storage building, cul-de-sac in Columbus Area, Call 706 568-0340 for more info. (F15)

Lost and Found

Found Property, If you are missing any items please contact INV Lombard at the Military Police Station at 545-3031/3041 (FTFN)

Homes/Apartments for Rent

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Holley Valley Apts. 841 Pembrook Dr., Columbus, GA 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, Townhouses $575 a month. For Military personnel $ 300 deposit. 706-562-0440 ATTN: Kathy (P8)

Things To Do

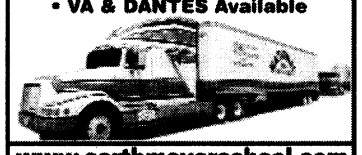
Fall Bazaar October 16th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Country Inn Suites off Exit 12 in Columbus. Variety of Vendors, Great for Christmas, For more information, call Lori 334-291-5185 (P15)

Community News

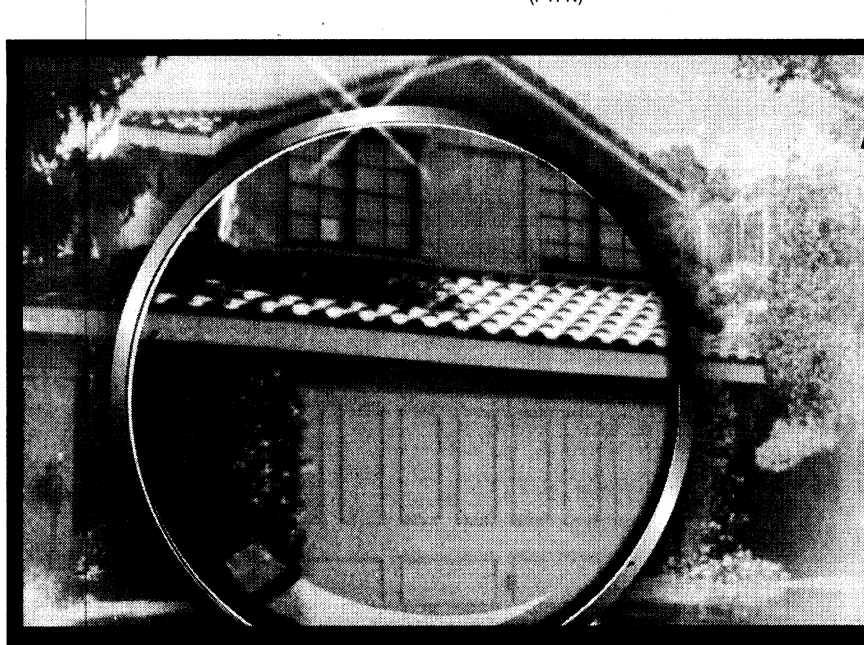
On Post- Protestant Women of the Chapel meets every Thursday at Custer Terrace Chapel @ 9:30. Childcare provided Fall Bibile Studies are: A Women's Heart-God's Dwelling Place by Beth Moore, Adventurous Prayer by Women of Faith, Discovering God's Way of Handling Money by Crown Financial Ministeries, Train Up a Mom by Vollie Sanders, Wives of the Warriors by Roda Sturgill, For info. Contact Lisa Garner at 687-9555 (F15)

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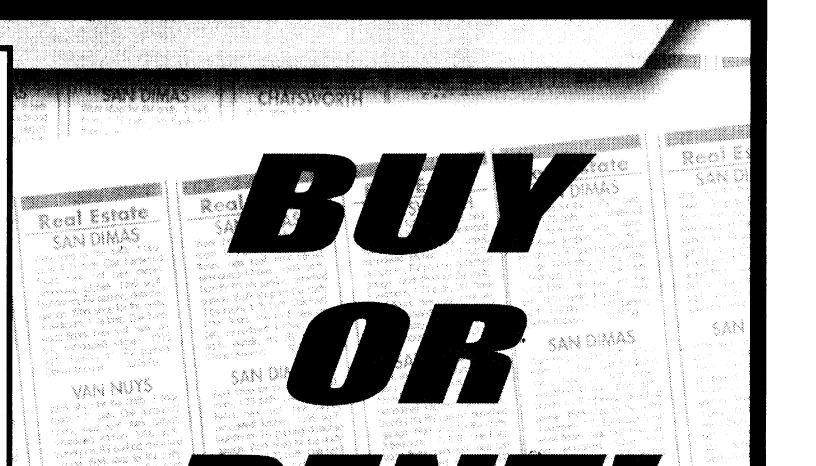
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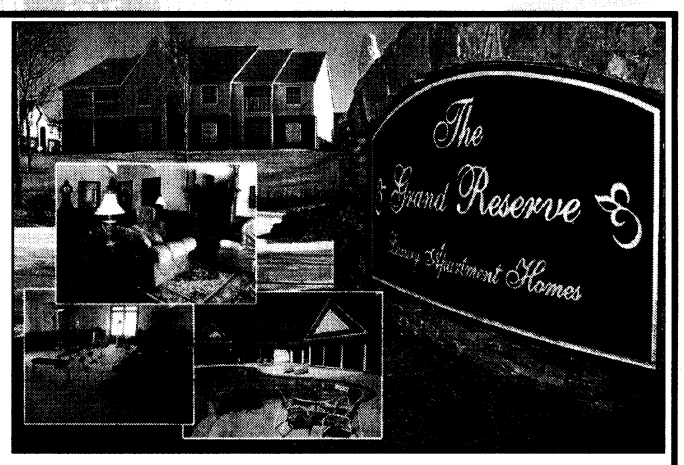

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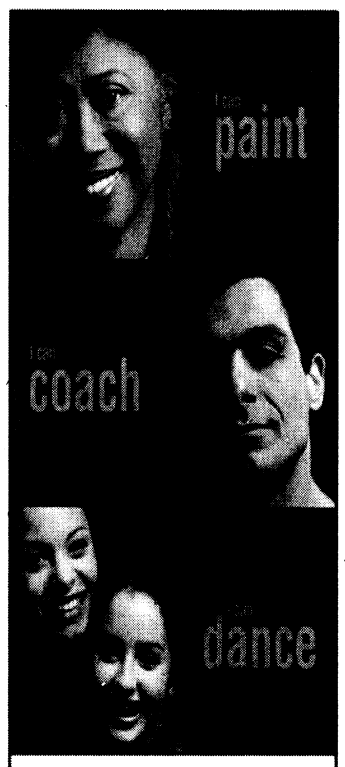
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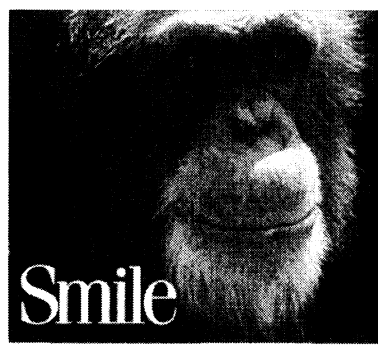


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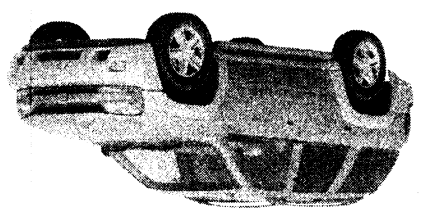
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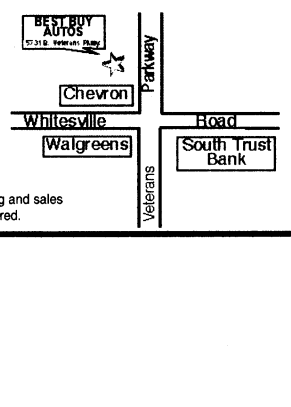
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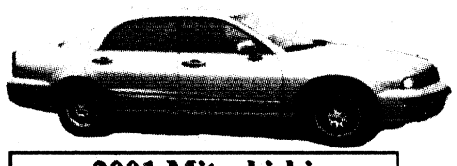
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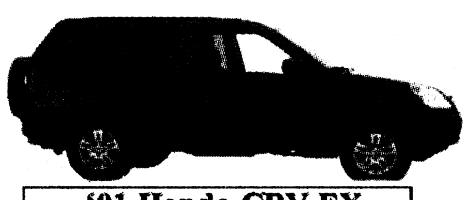
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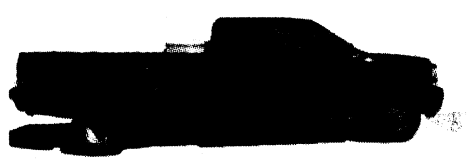
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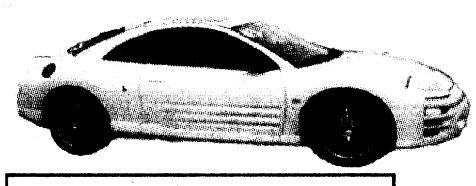
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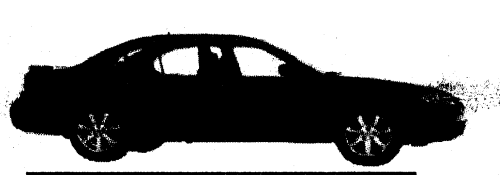
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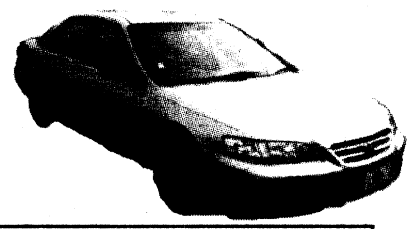
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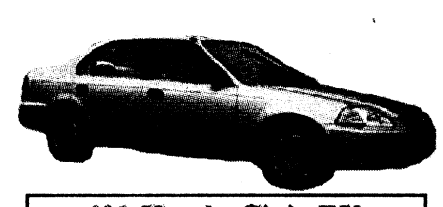
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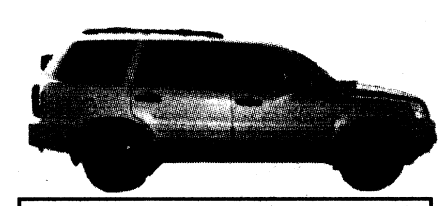
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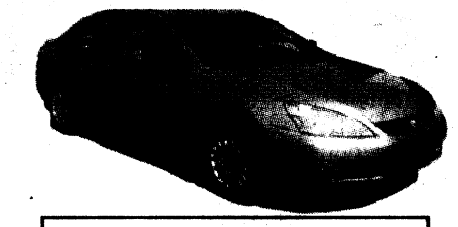
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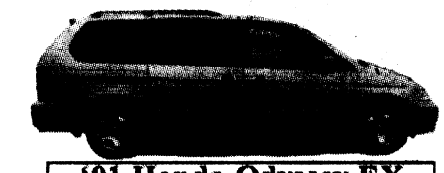
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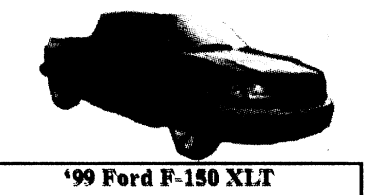
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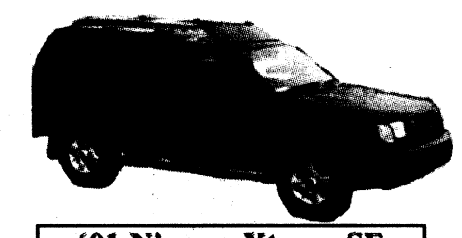
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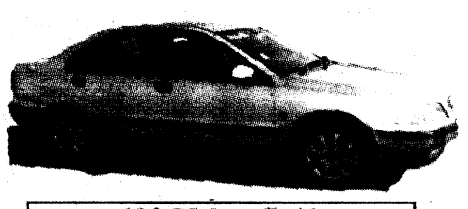
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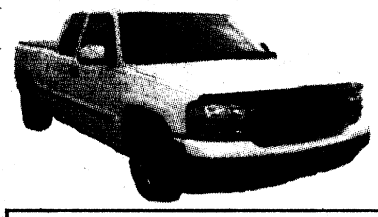
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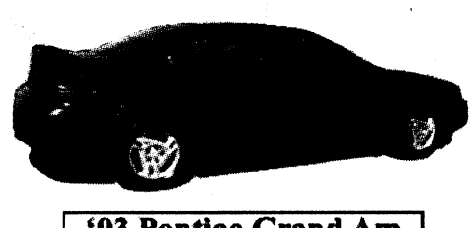
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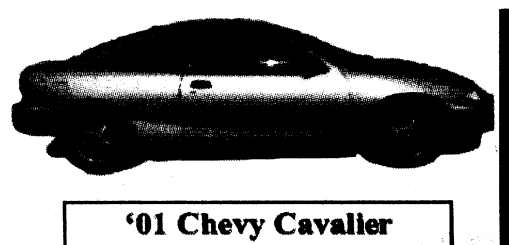
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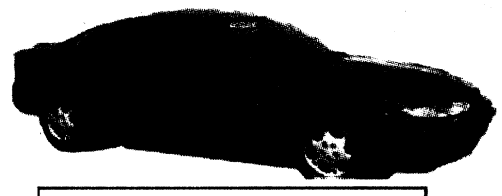
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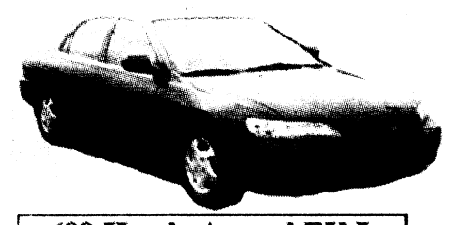
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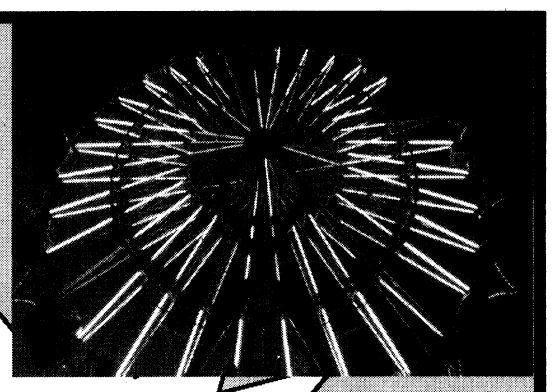
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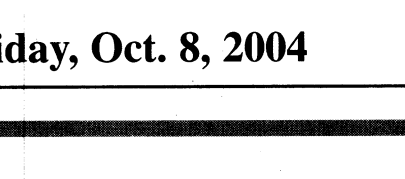
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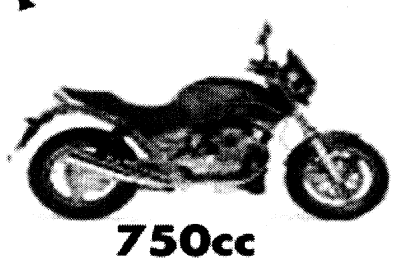
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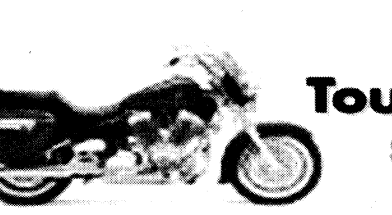


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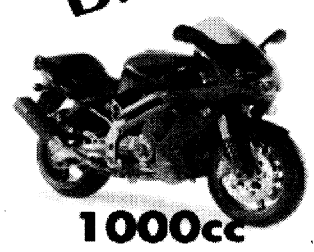


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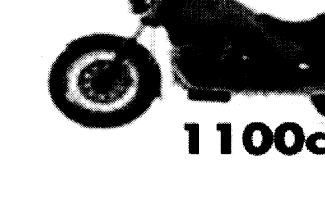
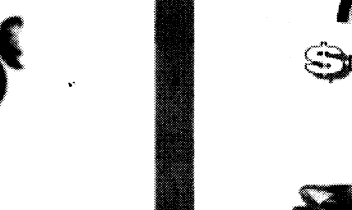
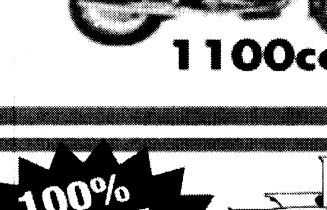
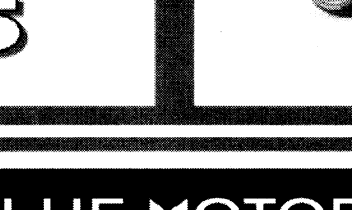
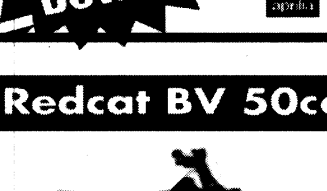
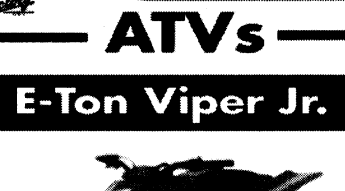
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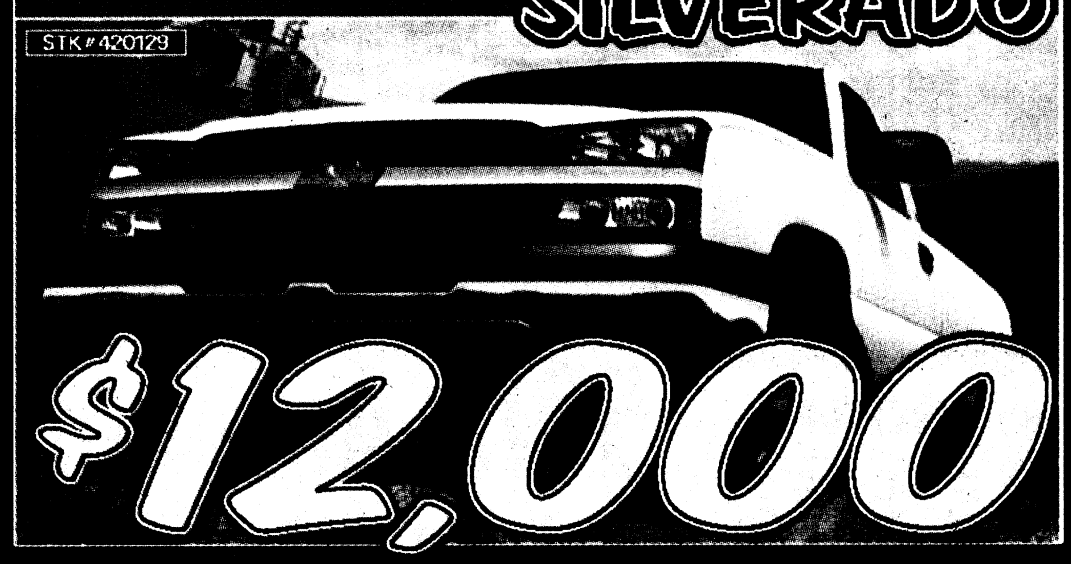
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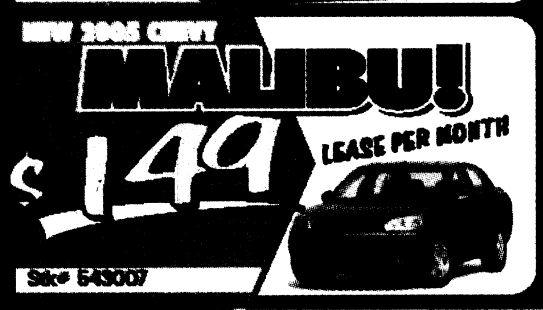
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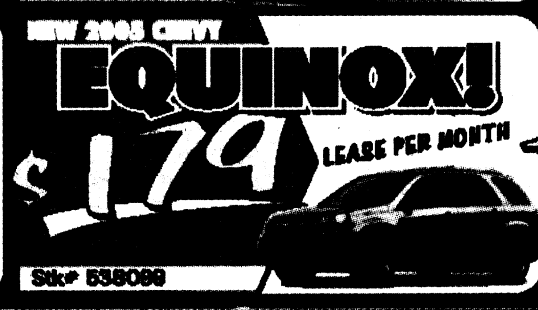
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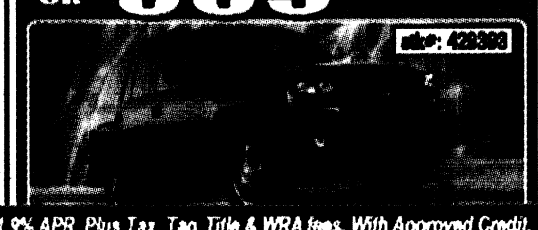
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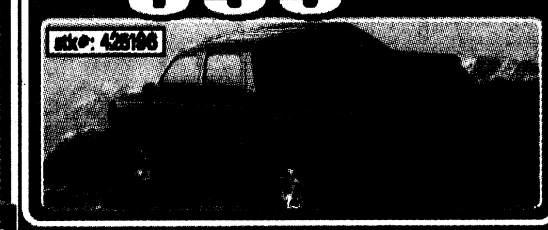
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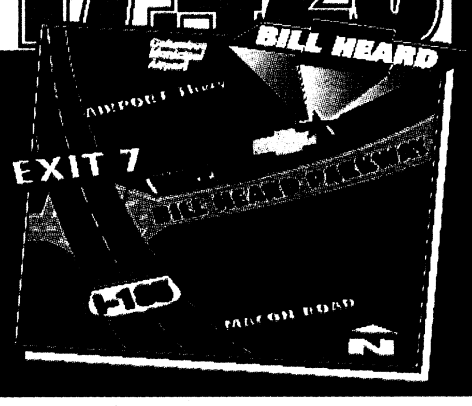
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DPW gets funds for barracks

Renovations to make life easier for Rangers

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The Directorate of Public Works has secured more than $2 million to renovate two 75th Ranger Regiment buildings through an Installation Management Agency funding program called Installations As Flagships.

The program offers supplemental funding for projects which support deploying units.

"We get a limited amount of sustainment, restoration and modernization funds each year, and it's never enough," said acting DPW director Craig Taylor. "We have more than a $200,000 SRM funding backlog right this second. So when we have the opportunity to tap into different fund streams to supplement SRM money, we capitalize on that as much as possible."

Buildings 2832 and 2833 on 1st Infantry Brigade Loop, off of Sightseeing Road, house Ranger Indoctrination and Orientation Program students.

"The commanding general places a huge emphasis on three things: where Soldiers live, where they worship and where they eat — in that order," Taylor said. "We do whatever we can to improve conditions in support of that emphasis."

The two buildings date from the Korean War-era and are in dire need of improvement to meet minimum standards until they are replaced — a replacement not scheduled for at least another 10 years, Taylor said.

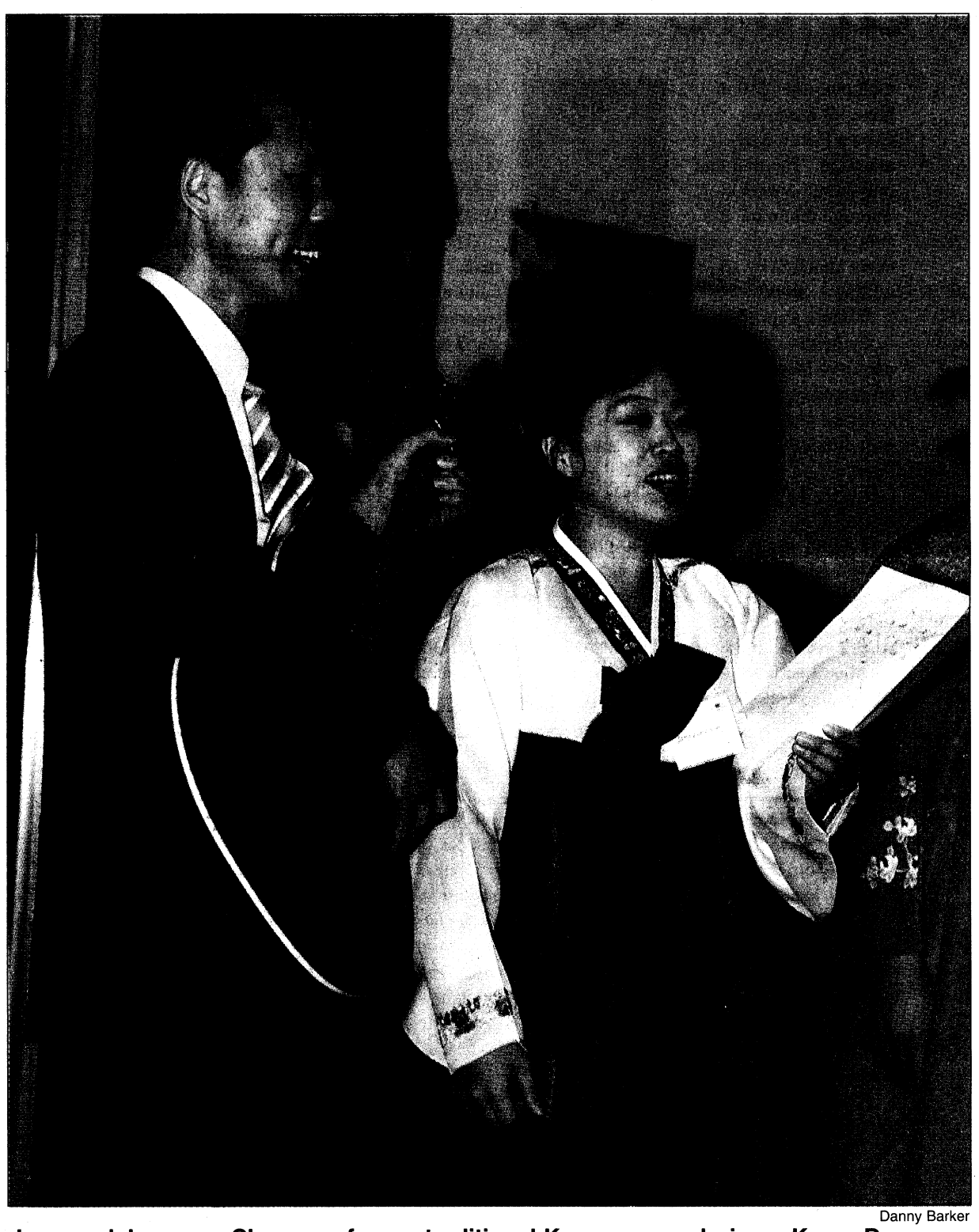
The project is scheduled to start around Nov. 1 and normally takes at least six months said Folke Ahlquist, installation support manager for the Savannah District Corps of Engineers.

While the two buildings are under construction, the Soldiers living in them will be relocated to other barracks, he said.

"The renovation period will not change the way we are currently conducting business," said Ranger Training Detachment 1st Sgt. John Brady. "The post has provided us with temporary barracks right next to our present location for the duration of the renovation period.

"In my opinion," he said, "the renovation of the barracks will greatly improve the morale of the students, which will positively impact the Ranger Training Detachment's mission to train, assess and select the Soldiers that meet the standards of the 75th Ranger Regiment."

Post Korean celebration



Danny Barker

Jerry and Jang-eun Chong perform a traditional Korean song during a Korea Day celebration Oct. 7, at the Fort Benning Golf Course.

Post plans for new troops

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As the Army transforms into a modular fighting force, thousands of Soldiers will move to Fort Benning and live in modular barracks.

Plans are underway to stand up an infantry brigade combat team on post, which means Fort Benning will house an additional 3,800 Soldiers by 2006.

An environmental planning team is working with the Directorate of Public Works to determine the impact the additional Soldiers will have on Fort Benning and find ways to accommodate them.

Plans for the barracks and operations buildings place them in the Harmony Church area, said Patrick Chauvey, chief of Environmental Management, Directorate of Public Works.

"It will be easiest for us to build there, because the land has basically been prepped," he said.

"Ten years ago, there were literally hundreds of World War II barracks in that area, which means the land has already been disturbed."

Although Chauvey feels the project site has been nailed down, he knows everything is still subject to change.

See **BARRACKS,** A-8

Post retention office exceed retention goal

Nearly half re-ups remained on Fort Benning

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

At 5:30 a.m., Oct. 8, friends and family of Staff Sgt. James Binion, a drill sergeant in F Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, gathered in front of the Ranger Memorial for Binion's indefinite reenlistment to serve the Army.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, swore in and signed Binion's reenlistment contract that morning.

Freakley thanked Binion for choosing to reenlist indefinitely and said that the Army does not just reenlist Soldiers but their families too.

"We not only met the retention goal, we exceeded it in every category," said Sgt. Maj. Lyle Hogue, command career counselor for Fort Benning's Retention Office. "We have one of the best retention programs in the Training and Doctrine Command," Hogue said. "We have a lot of retention officers and a lot of good infantry leaders.

"The retention success is due to a three-pronged recipe," Hogue said. "It includes outstanding installation leadership, outstanding community leadership and an excellent retention team.

"Leaders on Fort Benning are totally focused on Soldiers. Soldiers can have some of the best equipment out there, but if they know the focus is on them and their families, it improves retention."

Hogue also said the leadership in the Columbus community improves the quality of life of Soldiers.

"If Soldiers don't feel safe living off post, they are going to want to leave the area," he said. "But if Soldiers feel safe and appreciated on and off post, it also improves retention."

Fort Benning's retention team is also a great part of the fiscal year's success. There are more than 50 retention NCOs in various Fort Benning units. If the Retention Office cannot place a career retention officer at a unit, it assigns a permanent retention NCO in the unit. Career retention NCOs have the sole job of counseling Soldiers on the different career options in the Army.

According to fiscal 2004 retention records, 45 percent of Soldiers who reenlisted, reenlisted for Fort Benning.

In fiscal 2004, the retention objective numbers went up from the numbers in fiscal 2003, largely in part because of the Global War on Terrorism and the decrease in the number of Soldiers being recruited into the Army, Hogue said.

"Retention deals with recruiting," he said. "If recruiters are struggling, the Army tries to retain more Soldiers. If recruiting is doing good, then retention is doing good."

Fort Benning's retention goal success was instrumental to TRADOC meeting its retention goal, Hogue said. "All retention offices fit into the next larger piece— in this case TRADOC. We've been told by TRADOC that if Fort Benning missed its goal, TRADOC loses, since Fort Benning plays such a large role in TRADOC."

See **RETENTION,** A-8

STAY AT HOME FOR A

Fantasy vacation

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

In the span of a year, I've toured Hollywood with a team of 10-year-olds, skied Gatlinburg with 10 teenagers, climbed a mountain with my son who's a senior, traveled to D.C. with 40 seniors who are World War II vets, flew to Vegas with Whitney Houston and reacquainted with classmates at my 20th high school reunion. Next week I'm off to Chicago.

For the record, it's been a benchmark year. I've probably traveled more in the last year than in all the years preceding, and I've had a great time.

But what's my fantasy vacation? That was the question posed by Lisa Madler, the Faith Middle School teacher who regularly submits her students' work to *The Bayonet's Fort Benning Youth in the News* column. She tasked her students to describe their fantasy vacations within these parameters; they couldn't leave home, and they couldn't spend a dime — not even for a bottle of Calgon.

The more I read and the more I thought about it, the more it appealed to me — this idea of vacationing at home. It is my



favorite place to be, and I never have to worry about the dress code, the water or how much to tip the waitress (though I can state emphatically, she never gets tipped enough.) I kinda like the people who hang out there — most of the time. And we all speak the same language — most of the time.

As for the spending restriction, that's no problem around here, where five faces with braces and the aforementioned travel portfolio has brought our budget to a screeching halt. It's not "budging" a bit.

So, yeah, I'd love to vacation at home for a week or two. But I have a few parameters of my own — no telephone, no housework, no TV and no whining.

Without TV, the kids would naturally whine, so off they go to Grandma's house — no, better yet, my editor's house. It's my fantasy, after all.

My husband could probably survive without TV, but his cell phone rings incessantly. And no, he can't turn it off, because it might be an emergency. So he'll have to go TDY. Somewhere sunny and warm, with good cell phone reception and an endless choice of barbeque restaurants, where he will naturally tip the waitresses quite generously.

With Tom TDY, and the kids working on my raise, there's hardly any housework at all. No laundry (because I'm living in pajamas,) no dishes (because I'm living off pizza,) no pesky telemarketers (because I've unplugged the phones,) and no pesky pets (since Rosie and Gunny are vacationing at the kennel — no, no, my editor's house.)

I'll work my way through that stack of books I've been planning to read. I'll sleep till 10 a.m., eat cold pizza, and go back to bed. I may break my "no TV" rule and watch FOX News all night long. I'll peek in the bathroom every now and then to make sure — yep! — the toilet seat is down, just like I left it.

I suppose my fantasy vacation is less likely to become a reality than my dream home (where the toilets come equipped with spring-loaded seats and canned applause), but it's sure been fun playing along with the kids from Faith, who came up with some mighty appealing ads for their fantasy vacations. Check them out on B-4.

Join me at the fest tent

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

I'll admit it. My German is limited to counting from one to 100. But this year, I'm not going to let that keep me from heading to Uchee Creek for the Oktoberfest Saturday.

Now's the time for me to come clean. I have never been to an Oktoberfest — at least not that I can remember. If I went, I would have only been 6 or 7.

So I decided to go downstairs to the experts to learn all I could about Oktoberfest. What I got was a quick lesson in German geography from German Sgt. Maj. Peter O'Grady, a native of the Black Forest region of Germany. O'Grady admitted he was not the man to talk with.

As it turns out, Oktoberfest is a Bavarian-type of celebration. That's not to say no one else in Germany celebrates, but the Bavarians are the ones who celebrate professionally."

Why? Because the first Oktoberfest took place in 1810 in honor of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage. The first fest only lasted a week. Through the years, it's evolved into a two week event attended by six million visitors.



There's a special park in the heart of Munich where the lord mayor of Munich taps the first keg to kick off the party. Ultimately, party-goers consume more than five million liters of beer and 200,000 pairs of pork sausages. Wow.

It's the largest public festival in the world. It's even bigger than Mardi Gras.

Then, it stands to reason, we should take advantage of our own Oktoberfest, featuring authentic German food — and for those of you who like it — beer.

But even with the beer, Uchee Creek's event will be family-friendly, with children's games, a Volksmarch and German entertainment.

I'll try to get my kids out for the Volksmarch at 11 a.m. It's free for anyone under 12 and the $10 fee for those 13 and older includes an official Follow Me Volksmarch mug.

Those wanting a glimpse of what really makes Oktoberfest special — the Bavarian culture — need look no further than the entertainment. The Gootman Sauerkraut Band and Dance Troupe offer music and dancing in traditional Bavarian costumes.

I'll be very interested in seeing the Gootman ladies in their dirndls whirling their full skirts across the stage. For some reason, there's a photo in my parents' living room of me and my brother in lederhosen. I'm not sure why I had the pants and not the skirt ....

So if you can't make it to Germany for the authentic celebration, come with us to Uchee Creek Saturday for the next best and closest thing.

Remember — Volksmarch at 11 a.m. and keg-tapping at 3:30 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pick up after yourself, plain and simple

I don't have kids, but when I am teaching, babysitting, or have the wonderful niece and nephew down from Virginia, one of my top five rules is "Pick up after yourself."

When our nephew was visiting, we took him fishing at Russ Pond. I, of course, noticed the collection of trash around the water, and apparently he did too because he tossed his bottle cap in to join the collection.

Immediately I corrected him, but his response was, "Everyone else did." So, of course my response was "What if everyone throws their bottle cap, or whole bottle in, where would there be room to fish?" He hung his head and said "Nowhere."

In addition to Russ Pond, on our adventures, my husband and I have noticed a few other places in desperate need of cleaning.

I can't help but take note of the burnt beer cans, empty junk food bags, empty worm containers.

The real kicker was the sofa and mattress dumped at the fishing spot behind the fire station (on Custer Road).

When I had to get rid of my old sofa, I picked up the phone and called to see who would come and pick it up for me. Yes, fellow citizens of Fort Benning, they do that for you.

I guess I could just be blowing hot air, but just in case this sinks in to someone — the Soldiers who like to have a bonfire party on the 'Hooch, the husband who just needs to get away from the family, or the unattended minors (which is a whole other story), please, whatever you take with you, take it back.

Let the people who go for the scenery enjoy the scenery. (And before I get called a hippie, which I may be, I happen to like this planet and it will only last so long.)

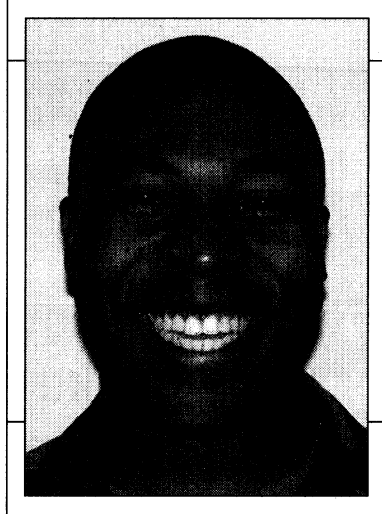
—Megan Foley
Fort Benning resident

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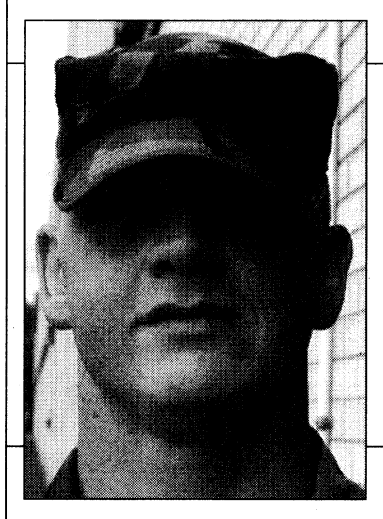
What would it take to turn your home into a fantasy vacation spot?



Cpt. Eldridge Singleton, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I'd have a whirlpool, some tiki torches and a shag carpet."



Yvonne Wright, AAFES employee — "I just had a porch added to my house, and I would want to put a jacuzzi on that. I'd get a man servant to wait on me hand and foot, serve me tropical drinks and give me massages."



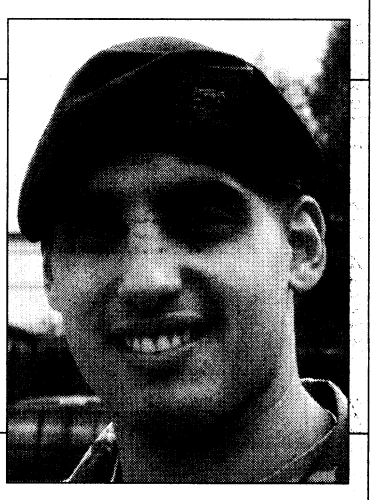
Staff Sgt. Frank Bartoe, 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment — "I'd want about 2,000 more square feet of housing, a study fully furnished with books and computers, some nice new landscaping and a 2005, 745 BMW parked in the garage."



Spc. Melinda Bejarano, 14th Combat Support Hospital — "I'd like to change two of my bedrooms into game rooms, with a dart board and pool table, add a big hot tub to my bathroom and have a horse outside. And, I'd want my husband here — he's in Iraq."



Gillian Raw, family member — "My house would have to have shops in it, so I could browse at my leisure without having to drive to Exit 10. I would also like a really nice gymnasium with everything, minus the roaches and bugs they have here."



Spc. Shay Barlev, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "I would want a big screen TV, a good entertainment center and a comfortable couch."

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Red Ribbon Week promotes drug awareness

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Positive choices and an awareness of the dangers of substance abuse will be at the forefront next week during Red Ribbon Week.

Activities throughout the week are designed to educate Soldiers and their families about the impact drugs have on individuals and their community and promote positive alternatives to substance use.

"I am so excited about this program," said Yvonne Wilbanks, Fort Benning's alcohol and drug control officer. "Drugs destroy the hopes and dreams of our Soldiers and impact mission readiness.

"Great leaders go beyond what is normally expected to provide their Soldiers with the education and motivation to stay drug free."

Wilbanks said the most effective tool, in the fight against substance abuse, is information.

"The Army, realizing the impact to the Soldier, family and mission, requires four hours of substance abuse education for every Soldier, every year, as part of a systematic plan to eliminate illegal drugs from our military community," Wilbanks said.

As part of that education, there will be a Red Ribbon Celebration at 1 p.m. Oct. 25 in Marshall Auditorium at Infantry Hall.

Paul Voorhees, owner of Ranger Joe's, and NFL football player, Jeremiah Castille, are the two keynote speakers who will share their experiences and methods of using positive choices to guide their decisions.

"Units sending their Soldiers to this program can document two hours of substance abuse prevention education with sign-in rosters," Wilbanks said.

The week's activities are not just for Soldiers, said Deborah Manning, education prevention coordinator for the Army Substance Abuse Program.

"We support (Red Ribbon Week) and try to have a program, every year, focused toward soldiers and civilian family members," Manning said. "We also try to have a program at every school,"

This year's school programs include Mr. (Magic) Mel Chaffee presenting "Positive Choices are Magical" at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 22, at McBride Elementary School.

Paul Voorhees will speak at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 25, to students at Wilson Elementary and Jeremy Castille will speak at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 27, at Faith Middle School.

"We want to draw the interest of the Soldiers and students, and Paul is one of the Soldiers' greatest friends," Manning said.

"As far as Jeremiah is concerned, there is someone here who was a friend of his family and we approached him. He does an awful lot of public speaking and we thought he would be interesting," she said.

Castille also has a local connection. He is a native of Phenix City and a graduate of the University of Alabama.

His background includes playing football in two Cotton Bowls, one Sugar Bowl and was named MVP in the 1982 Liberty Bowl.

He was inducted into the SEC Hall of Fame and the Senior Bowl Hall of Fame. Castille continued his career in the NFL, playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1983-86 and the Denver Broncos from 1987-88.

He ended his NFL career after playing in Superbowl XXII with the Denver Broncos.

"This program will be a life-changing event for many individuals who are ready to hear the message that positive choices lead to a positive, productive life," Wilbanks said. "Drugs destroy the life and dreams of their victims."

For more information on Red Ribbon Week activities, contact the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-1138 or 545-7462.

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>
> **Yvonne Wilbanks**
> Fort Benning's Alcohol and Drug Control officer

VA spouses face deadline

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

A deadline is looming for surviving spouses of deceased veterans to have their dependency and indemnity compensation benefits reinstated.

Last year, President George W. Bush signed the "Veterans Benefits Act of 2003" which restores DIC entitlements, home loans and education benefits to surviving military spouses who remarry on or after their 57th birthdays.

The basic monthly rate of $967 and is increased if the surviving spouse is housebound or meets criteria common to those who need a home aide.

Before this most recent law was enacted, surviving spouses of soldiers who died because of a service-connected cause lost their DIC benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs once they remarried. However, the benefits could be renewed if that marriage ended due to death, divorce or annulment.

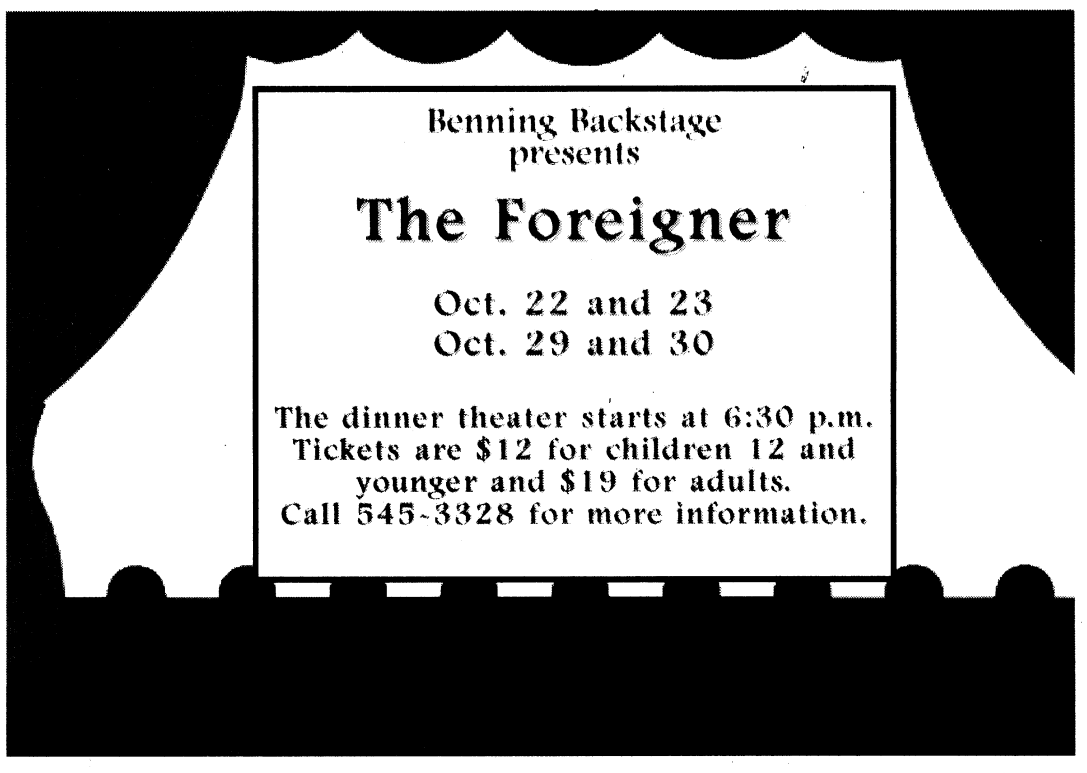
Under the new law, surviving spouses who remarried after age 57 and before Dec. 16, 2003, have a limited time to apply for restoration of DIC.

Qualifying spouses have until Dec. 15 to apply for restoration of benefits. The one-year application period does not apply to other surviving spouses whose remarriage, on or after turning 57, followed enactment of the law.

Surviving spouses can submit a written request for restoration of DIC along with a statement of dependence, VA form 21-686c. The form is available online at www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf.

Applications should be mailed to the nearest VA office. To find the appropriate office go to www.va.gov and click on the facility locator.

For more information, call the VA at 1-800-827-1000. The address for the regional office is: 1700 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033





Shaw provides on-line customer service

New Web site offers more service options

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

As of Oct. 1, Shaw implemented a Web-based customer service link to make service order placement more convenient for customers, said Steve Dudley, Shaw resource manager.

"This is going to be something that benefits Fort Benning families in housing areas that fall under Shaw and the Soldiers who live in the barracks," he said. "It will make it easier for the modern-day Soldier."

Although the Web site does not speed up the work order process, it does offer various sources of customer service information the entire Fort Benning community may use, Dudley said.

Among the services offered is the ability for Shaw customers to place service orders through the Web site.

"If you get home from work at 7 p.m., and your shower doesn't work, you don't have to wait until the following morning to place a service order," Dudley said. "All you have to do is get online, fill out a service order and submit it. You will get an e-mail notifying you of your service order number."

Every morning, Shaw downloads all service orders placed during non-business hours and assigns them service order numbers so customers may check the status of their order on the Web site. Customers who place orders over the phone, may also check for the status of their service orders on-line.

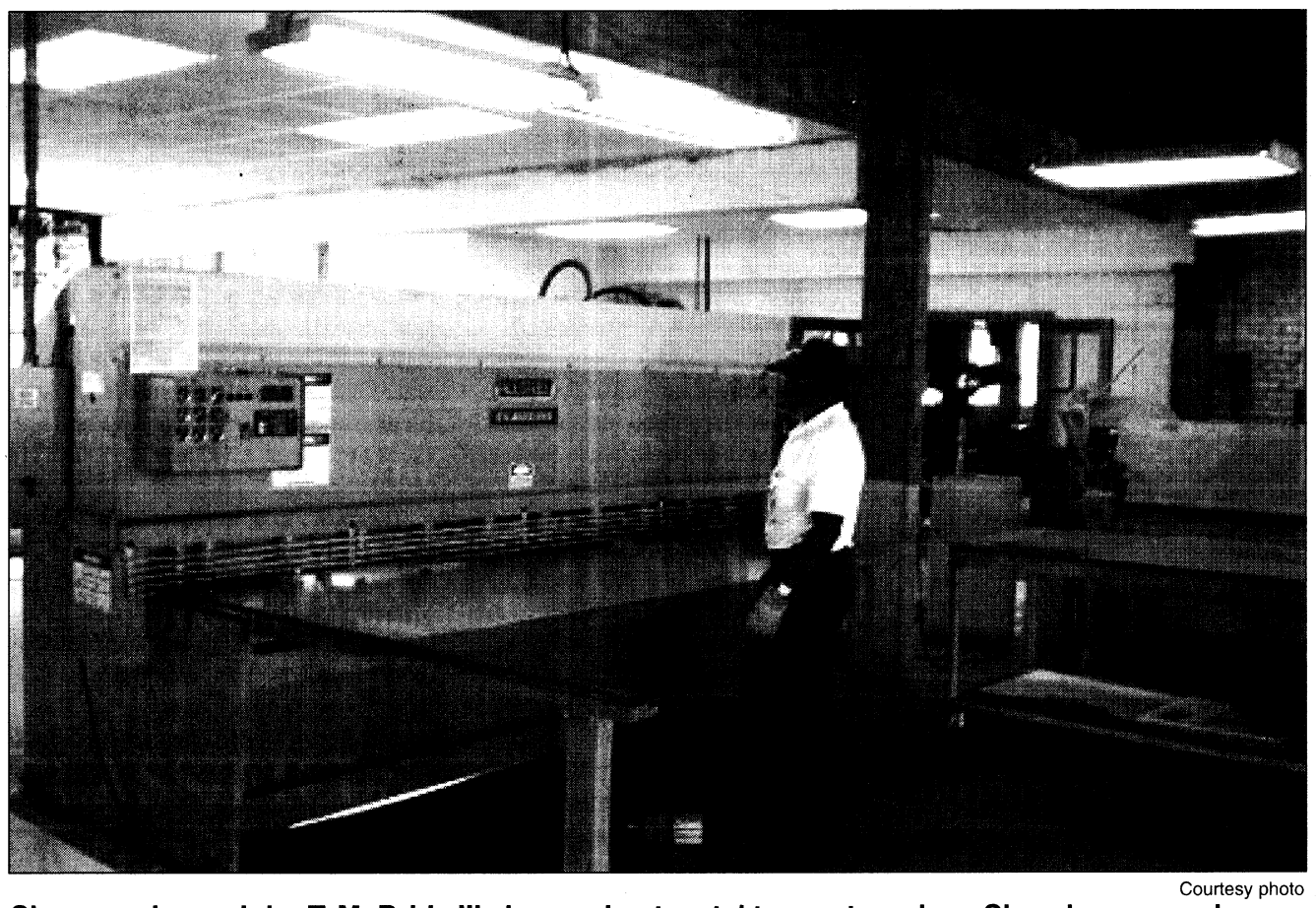
"This is a living document. We're adding more as we go," Dudley said. "We will continue to improve as we get more input from customers. One of the things we're going to add is the Self Help book which is given to Soldiers who move into housing."

The new Web site will also help Shaw with quality control. There's a survey customers may fill out if they have problems with the contractors, or if they think the contractors are doing a good job.

"The benefit of feedback is that it helps raise flags in areas we should be looking at," Dudley said. "We are a customer service oriented business. Our main concern is to meet the needs of our customers," he said.

Some of the Web site services include:

- **Authorized Government Representatives** — Authorized personnel may quickly and easily submit service orders and 4283 forms or check the statuses on-line.
- **Quality control customer feedback** — Submit a quality control customer feedback form on-line.
- **Service order request status** — Request a service order and or check the status of a current service order.
- **Family Self-Help Services** – Submit a family Self-Help class evaluation form, look up family Self-Help class telephone information and read the family housing handbook.
- **New Residential Survey** — Submit a new residential survey form.



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Shaw employee John T. McBride III shears sheet metal to create a sign. Shaw has several areas of responsibility under its Fort Benning contract including Main Post, some housing areas, single Soldier barracks, mobilization of Soldiers and equipment, transportation of Infantry Training Brigade Soldiers and landscaping for most of the installation.

To link onto the Shaw Web site or to report problems with the Web site, customers may log onto the Fort Benning home page or go to www.shaw-benning.com.

Program helps families handle post deployment stress

Finances, intimacy big issues for Soldiers just back from combat

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Money, intimacy and re-establishing family relationships are some of the issues facing families when servicemembers return after months away on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

A team of mental health professionals from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress has been looking at these issues through interviews and site visits to Defense Department communities as part of a health education campaign, "Courage to Care."

How spouses spent combat pay was raised as a major concern according to Col. Molly Hall of the psychiatry department at the university. This issue was raised by servicemembers and their spouses.

Center team member, Dr. Nancy Vineburgh, sat in on a reintegration class for spouses and soldiers at Fort Polk, La. Nearly 75 percent of the servicemembers brought their spouses. The topic came up in an interactive exercise in which two servicemen role-played a couple discussing an important issue.

"What have you done with my money? You spent it on the house? I wanted a car!" said one serviceman to the other.

Vineburgh, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the university, said such an issue becomes part of a larger issue of re-establishing a relationship of trust and mutual respect.

Vineburgh said the purpose of the reintegration class was to discuss the challenges of getting back into the family life and reconnecting with spouses.

Other issues voiced by returning war veterans centered on the tremendous transition from the regimented intense routine of war back into an environment that's quiet and safe.

"It's a transition back to life in the states with the family and all the demands that spouses and children present," Hall said. "Life is in some ways more ambiguous, less structured and less clear here, as opposed to life in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Hall said people don't typically think about potential problems associated with transitioning back into the family after being in combat.

"You kind of key on, 'It's wonderful to be back together again' the first day," she said. "But, about a week out, all of a sudden, you might have an issue where parents coming back encounter a family structure that's become very self-sufficient in that member's absence.

"Maybe the discipline has changed, maybe the roles have changed," Hall said.

"So there has to be kind of a reassembly of the unit."

Another problem arises when the spouse returns to work during the military member's absence, which leads to more independence, Hall said.

While the servicemember is off fighting a war, the parent left alone with children may have established different disciplinary styles, different bed times and different ideas of what children can and can't do, she said.

When the combatant returns home and reverts to the old way of doing things, the child might rebel and say, "That's not the way we're used to doing it," or "That's not the way Mom does it," Hall said.

Sleep disruption was also discussed as a problem in the reintegration class. Intimacy can become a big issue, Hall said.

"This is particularly true for combat veterans who are accustomed to being vigilant and constantly looking out for harm," she said. "When you're in that kind of state, if somebody comes up behind you and touches you casually, you can really have a difficult time with that. So one issue is just getting comfortable again with physical affection, just touching."

One of the most difficult issues expressed in the reintegration class was closeness. Many servicemen who recently returned faced the possibility of another deployment, and the uncertainty affected couples trying to re-establish their relationships, Vineburgh said.

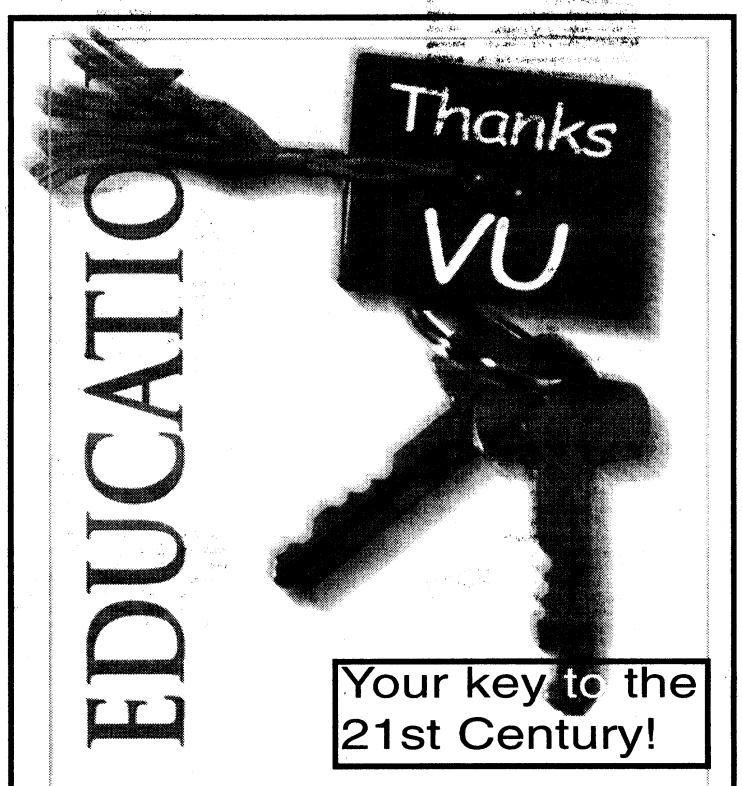
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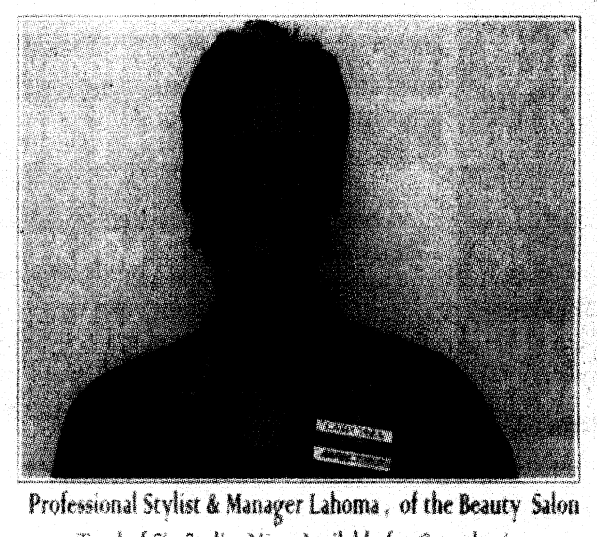
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Roadside bomb kills four Soldiers in Iraq

Unexploded ordinance poses problems for convoys

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Improvised explosive devices killed four Task Force Baghdad soldiers Oct. 12 and 13, and an operation in Mosul netted 23 suspects and foiled another bomb attack, according to 1st Cavalry Division news releases.

Three soldiers died in eastern Baghdad the night of Oct. 12 as the convoy they were riding in passed by an improvised explosive device. An IED killed a fourth soldier the following morning in western Baghdad. Both incidents are under investigation.

Improvised explosive devices are the biggest killer in Iraq. They range from relatively unsophisticated trip-wire trigger mines to elaborate radio-controlled devices.

Complicating the situation is the fact that insurgents are making devices from the hundreds of thousands of pieces of ordnance left over from the Saddam Hussein regime.

"There is no one solution to the problem," said a DoD official.

DoD is researching ways to counter the devices, both in country and in the United States. Officials said when a promising technology or procedure is developed, it is shared immediately among coalition forces in Iraq.

Soldiers and Marines in Iraq are developing tactics, techniques and procedures to combat the threat. Again, commanders share any ideas that work with all members of the coalition.

But good intelligence is the best defense against the threat. Officials in Iraq said that Iraqi citizens are turning in IED makers. Other Iraqis are telling coalition forces where the IEDs are being planted.

Near Mosul, Iraqi security forces detected an IED in a trash bag. An Iraqi explosive ordnance demolition team destroyed the device in place. There were no casualties.

Also in Mosul, Iraqi National Guardsmen and soldiers of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team detained 23 people wanted for anti-Iraqi activities during Oct. 12 raids.

A release from Iraq said that members of the 109th Iraqi National Guard Battalion conducted a cordon-and-search operation in Tal Afar and detained 18 people wanted for planning and conducting attacks against Iraqi security forces and multinational forces.

Members of the 101st Iraqi National Guard Battalion and Stryker Brigade troopers also conducted a joint cordon-and-search operation in the Mosul neighborhood of Sudeek. They detained five people wanted for planning and conducting mortar attacks against military bases and intimidating local civilians.

In Ramadi, Iraqi security forces – supported by U.S. Marines and soldiers – searched seven mosques Oct. 12.

The Iraqis found bomb-making materials and insurgent propaganda. They detained four suspects. "Our participation in these raids was limited to supporting Iraqi Security Forces," said Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr, 1st Marine Division assistant division commander in a press release.

Ramadi is in the Sunni Triangle and insurgents in the area have used the mosques as warehouses for weapons and explosives.

The insurgents use mosques to plan attacks and harbor terrorists. "These raids sent a clear message to the insurgents that they can no longer use mosques as safe havens," said Dunford.

Under the rules of war, mosques are granted protective status because of their religious and cultural significance.

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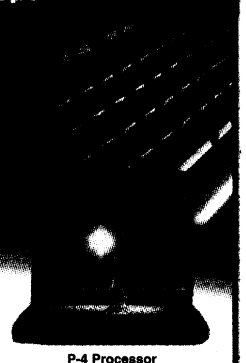
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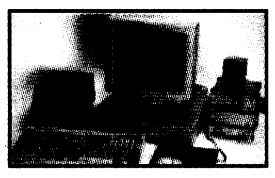


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Barracks: Will likely be in Harmony Church area

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"The planning is still pretty generic, because of what we don't know yet," he said. "We know it's going to be a light infantry unit, but all that means is there won't be any armor or tracked vehicles. There is still a lot we don't know about the unit's equipment."

Another problem the team faces is the Department of the Army's changing guidelines.

"We are constantly shooting at a moving target," said John Brown, program manager, National Environmental Policy Act, Fort Benning.

Brown said plans for the project change about once a week on average, but they are always working toward the same goal of limiting the impact on natural resources and wildlife.

The project faced a major setback a few weeks ago.

"Two weeks ago, they told us the rules had changed," Chauvey said. "We were planning to build two-story buildings and (the Installation Management Agency) told us we had to make them one-story."

That will cause the project to spread, which creates a bit of competition for space between the 29th Infantry Regiment, which also wants to build in the area, and the new brigade combat team, Chauvey said. There is plenty of land available in the area, but they will have to work out an agreement between the units.

One of the other problems the team is faces is how to prepare for the possibility of permanent buildings in the area.

"We are supposed to plan for temporary buildings, because there is a (Base Realignment and Closure) study going on, so it's strictly temporary," he said.

He said the plans include provisions that will accomodate permanent buildings, which will save money in the event the unit is made permanent, but that is still up for question.

Another issue the team is tackling is support for the extra Soldiers.

Plans for the barracks project include a troop medical clinic and operations buildings, Chauvey said, but, the office spaces will be smaller than what is found on main post.

"For example, if a first sergeant is normally given 100 square feet of office space, he will only have about 50 in the modular buildings," he said.

AAFES and the Fort Benning Fire Department are also planning to accommodate the Soldiers.

There was a firehouse at Harmony church several years ago, and the fire department said they can put a modern facility in the same place as the old one, Chauvey said.

AAFES already has a shoppette in the area that may be expanded to accommodate the Soldiers who will be living in there, he said.

Chauvey said the unit could start sending Soldiers to Fort Benning by October 2005, which means a lot of people will be working overtime to get things ready.

"We are doing our best, but this is something new, not just for us but for the entire Army," Chauvey said. "We need to have the environmental decision by the first of the year."



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The modular barracks that will be built on Fort Benning will likely resemble the ones recently constructed at Fort Stewart, shown here.

Retention: Keeps trained Soldiers

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Hogue said the success in this year's retention initiative was crucial considering the situation the nation is in.

"We're a nation at war," he said. "Retention is essential in maintaining an adequate number of Soldiers for the Global War on Terrorism."

Retention also plays a large role in the success of Army transformation.

"The Army is working really hard at moving forward into transformation," Hogue said.

"That's going to improve retention even more."

The Army's transformation guarantees less back-to-back deployments for Soldiers, shorter and more spaced-out deployments, Hogue said.

"We have to retain the amount of Soldiers in the force to do this, but it will be easier once we get it going. It's going to be a positive thing."

Hogue also stressed the importance of the Soldiers who joined the Army after the terrorist attack on 9-11 and the Soldiers who have been in combat since 9-11.

"The Army now is the most experienced Army we've had in years as far as deployments and combats," he said. "Our credentials now are sky high, and it all goes back to the leadership. It's incredible how many well-trained Soldiers are still in the Army and that has to do with retention efforts."

The results for the fiscal 2004 retention mission are as follows:

- Initial-term Soldiers — Accomplished 110 percent
- Mid-career Soldiers, (second term Soldiers to 10 years of active service) — Accomplished 117 percent
- Career Soldiers with more than 10 years of active service — Accomplished 127 percent
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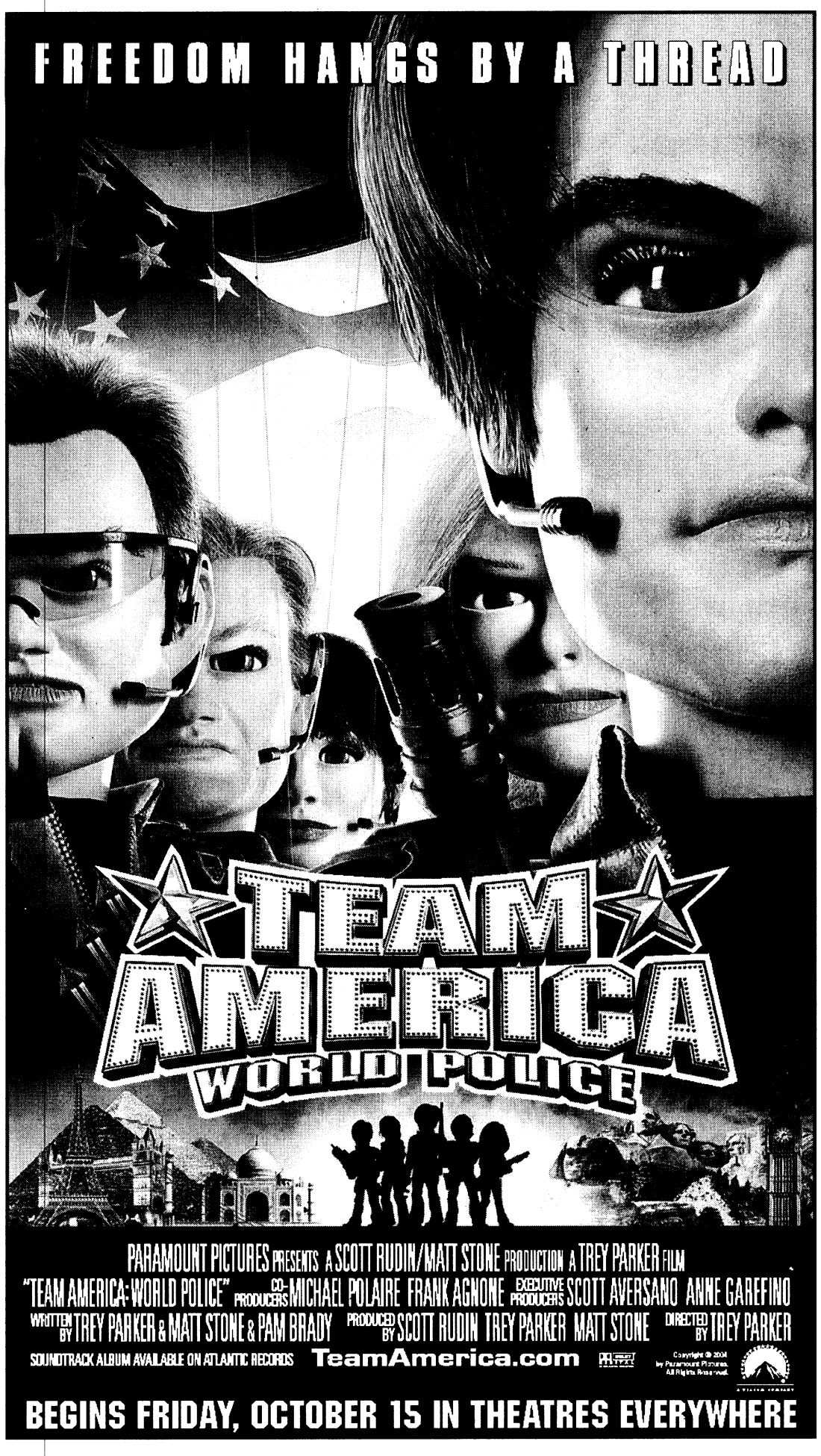
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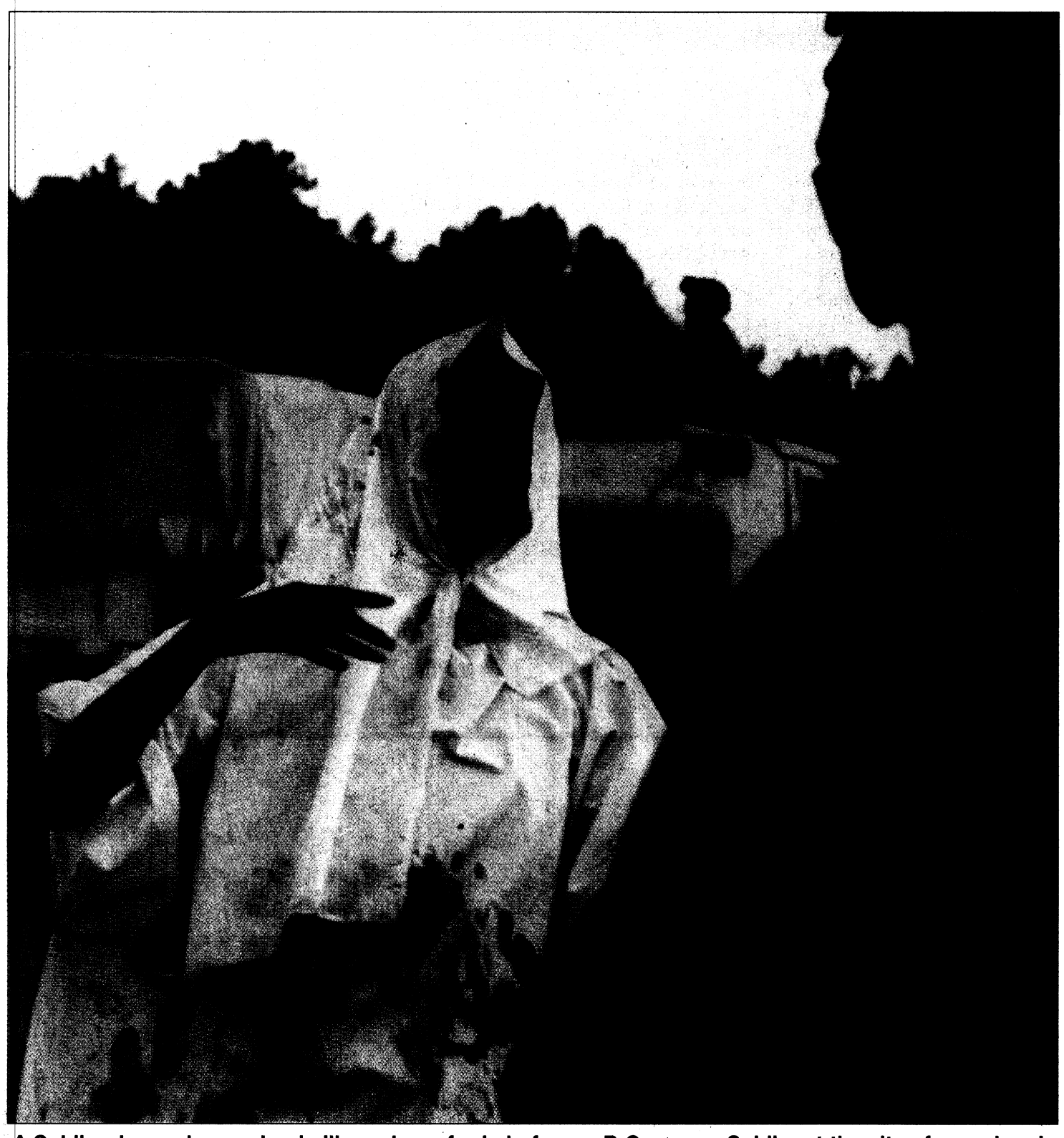
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A Kelley Hill Soldier portrays an Iraqi policeman in distress during a live-fire exercise Oct. 5 at Cactus Range. Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regimen 10 days in the field preparing to deploy to Iraq early next year. Nearly half of the Soldiers were with the 3rd Brigade when it led the assault on Baghdad.

Kelley Hill troops 'get rea



A Soldier dressed as an Iraqi villager begs for help from a B Company Soldier at the site of a car bombing. The Soldiers who responded to the bombing were met with hysteria and uncertainty. The villagers were unable to say who was responsible for the attack, and some speculated there were snipers in the area.

Story and photos by Bridgett Siter

They say the pen is mightier than the sword, but I'm about to find out how it stacks up against an M-16. Armed with a reporter's notepad, a pen and a camera, I'm headed to Cactus Range, somewhere in the hinterlands of Fort Benning, to try my wits against a platoon of Kelley Hill Soldiers.

Their job is to establish a traffic control point at an intersection near the town of Balad, where Iraqi insurgents have gained a stronghold. Along the way, they'll encounter a mass casualty situation — an Iraqi National Guard recruiting station has been bombed.

And along the way, they'll encounter me. I'm a reporter. I've been tasked to interfere with the Soldiers' mission, or at the very least, coax them into revealing more than they should. My goal is to frustrate and confuse them till they divulge information they're not supposed to share.

This is a job I can sink my teeth into.

You see, in the real world, I'm a staff writer for *The Bayonet,* which is affiliated with Fort Benning's Public Affairs Office. That means we're on the home team. So role-playing the kind of reporter one loves to hate (think Geraldo) sounds like fun for a day.

The village, the insurgents, the bombing and the bloody victims — they're all fake, too. They're part of a massive training exercise for the Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment. They'll head back to Iraq early next year. I say "back," because nearly half of them were there with the 3rd Brigade when it led the initial assault on Baghdad.

But the Iraq these troops will see will be vastly different than the Iraq they knew, according to all accounts. Their mission is to rebuild and keep the peace, what there is of it. But they'll have to keep a sharp eye out for insurgents and their signature IEDs — improvised explosive devices — the kind you read about every day in the newspapers.

As Lt. Col. Roger Cloutier, the battalion commander, put it, on any given day, they may find themselves distributing food to hungry villagers one minute and warding off an angry mob the next.

That's the reality of it, and reality is what this training exercise is all about. Let's find out how these Soldiers perform under stress. Let's throw in a few surprises, like a pregnant Iraqi in distress and a conniving reporter hell-bent on making the front page even if she has to twist th

This LFX — live-fire culmination of a 10-day 'lem." This is the grand f toons rotate through each observed by Cloutier and Division commander, Ma Webster, who's visiting fr where the 3rd ID is headi

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"What happened here? this to you?"

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Loose lips still sink ships, even in the desert. Here are the Hammer Brigade standards for dealing with the media:

Releasable Information:

- Approximate friendly force strength figures.
- Friendly casualty figures, once confirmed.
- Information about targets already attacked.
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- Number of aerial missions flown.
- Operation code names.
- Service member's names, hometowns.

Non-releasable Information:

- Specific numbers of troops, aircraft, units, etc.
- Information regarding future, ongoing or cancelled operations.
- Technological breakthroughs. Classified remains classified.
- Force protection measures at the installation.
- Photography showing level of security on post.
- Rules of engagement.
- Information of intelligence collection activities, techniques or procedures.
- No photographs showing POWs or identifying item.
- Still or video imagery of custody operations.



The 10-day field exercise culminated in a mass-casualty drill last week. Here, a platoon responds to a car-bombing at an Iraqi National Guard recruiting station. Their job was to stabilize the scene, evacuate casualties and move on to the nearby town of Balad, where insurgents had gained a stronghold. Each platoon followed suit, rotating through the three LFX scenarios, which included the establishment of a traffic control point at a nearby intersection. There the Soldiers were met by a hostile crowd.

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So I direct my questions at anyone and everyone.

"What happened here?" I ask louder. "Who did this? Was it friendly fire?"

Naturally, this catches the attention of the Soldiers working on my victim.

"Ma'am, you'll have to back away," they tell me firmly. "We're working here. Step back now."

Good job, guys. I move on.

I spy a Soldier walking across the field, and I approach him like one might approach an old friend on the street.

"Can you believe this? It's crazy," I say. "What happened?"

"Umm, a car bomb, I think. I'm not sure," he says, and he eyes me uncertainly.

"Who did it?" I asked, trying to keep pace. My escort is on my heels.

"Who are you?" the Soldier asks.

"I'm a reporter. I'm, uh, embedded with your unit. What's your name?"

"Are you with *The Bayonet*?" he asks.

Hmm. I wasn't prepared for that one. I wing it.

"Yep, *The Bayonet*. I'm covering this," I say, waving my hand for effect. "This" could mean the LFX, or it could mean the bombing. I can see his confusion. I could be a "real" reporter, covering the training exercise for the post newspaper, or I could be part of the drill. In which case, I'll report back to his superiors if he says something he shouldn't.

I'll encounter this same confused reaction over and over today, but I figure it's not necessarily a bad thing. I can see immediately that the Soldiers — those through the training and those role-playing — aren't quite sure how to handle me. Many of them know me as a *Bayonet* reporter; they assume it's safe to talk, but they're cautious. They've been trained to be wary of reporters, after all, and this is a training exercise. Most, like this fellow, opt to err on the side of caution.

"I can't talk right now. I have to work," he says, and he leaves me in the dust.

This time, I'm approached by a platoon spokesman. He pulls me to the side, and offers to answer my questions as best he can. I've been effectively taken out of play, I suppose, but I've got nothing to lose, so I reverse tactics. No more mister nice guy.

"What unit are you with?" I ask him. "How many Soldiers are here?"

"We're with the U.S. Army, ma'am, and I can't give you an exact figure."

"Who did this?"

"I can't say for sure, but we're trying to determine that right now."

"So it could've been friendly fire?"

"No ma'am, it was most definitely a car bomb planted by an insurgent. Americans did not do this."

This continues for several minutes, until the area has been secured and cleared. I keep trying to elicit "non-releasable information," based on a list of "media dos and don'ts" distributed to all 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers.

Occasionally, I get lucky. But for the most part, I'm proud to say, the Kelley Hill troops know the standards. They seldom said anything that could get them in trouble or compromise the mission.

The rest of the exercise — the dealing with casualties and insurgents and maintaining crowd control — I can't say just how they did. But from my limited perspective, they succeeded in a big way at blocking my efforts to ferret information.

Obviously, I failed. I didn't make the front page.



Staff Sgt. Kris Lovingood was responsible for the moulage. "Smith, do you want a head wound?" he was heard to say. And: "I think I could break your leg. I mean break it off completely." Here's proof he could do just that. The Soldier's leg is bent at the knee and buried. His shoe and sock were put on a fake leg.

Troops find time for a little horsin' around

Staff Sgt. Susan German
122nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Trading computers and badges for saddles and spurs provided a welcome break for troopers of the 1st Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment working with Saddam Hussein's former horses at the Baghdad Zoo.

After months of guarding the division headquarters building, the Soldiers recently had the opportunity to get back in the saddle while educating Iraqi horse handlers on care and training techniques.

Before their deployment to Iraq, detachment Soldiers performed at parades, rodeos and fairs throughout the United States. Daily duties included maintaining their horses and mules and equipment.

Some of the Soldiers are also trained saddle makers, farriers, boot makers and veterinary technicians.

Staff Sgt. Robert Bussell, Headquarters deputy commandant, 1st Cavalry Division, is a saddle maker. The experience he gained while growing up around horses on his grandparents' farm in eastern Texas, and his time at Fort Hood, lends credence to the advice he passes on to Iraqi veterinarians and caretakers. Because the horses belong to the state, it's up to the Iraqis to make the decisions on their care and handling, Bussell said.

"There's a lack of knowledge on some of the modern equine skills, such as medications, training techniques and doctrine that can be used for the animals," Bussell said. "We're trying to get them as much information as we can to make a better future for the animals and the people here."

At one time, the horses numbered nearly 100, but after the war, only 19 were housed at the zoo.

Veterinarian Wasseem Wali has worked at the zoo for a year and with the Americans for the past six or seven months. Although his specialty is caring for the lions, he's learning about horses. He's even pitches in to assist the stable help when necessary.

The horses were originally stabled at Camp Victory, with subsequent moves to Abu Ghraib, the University of Baghdad and their most recent home, the zoo.

While a horse is not a typical zoo animal, Saddam's horses are biding their time until more appropriate facilities can be built. Long term plans include a 100-stall stable, an exercise area and an equine education center in Baghdad.

"After these stables are built, the situation will be better," Wali said. "The future will be good."

The Iraqis pored over horse-themed magazines Bussell brought with him, pointing at pictures of horses and equipment that interested them. Pictures are good when a language barrier impedes communication.

Detachment Soldiers make the trip to the zoo several times a week and are getting to know the horses better.

"Because there is a language barrier, it's best sometimes that we just get hands on for ourselves — throw a saddle on them, get on and find out what level they've been put through," Bussell said.

On this trip, they brought along a saddle and bridle. Riding the horses was a bonus, an activity they hadn't enjoyed since deploying earlier this year.

The Soldiers built pens for two stallions that were previously tied to trees.

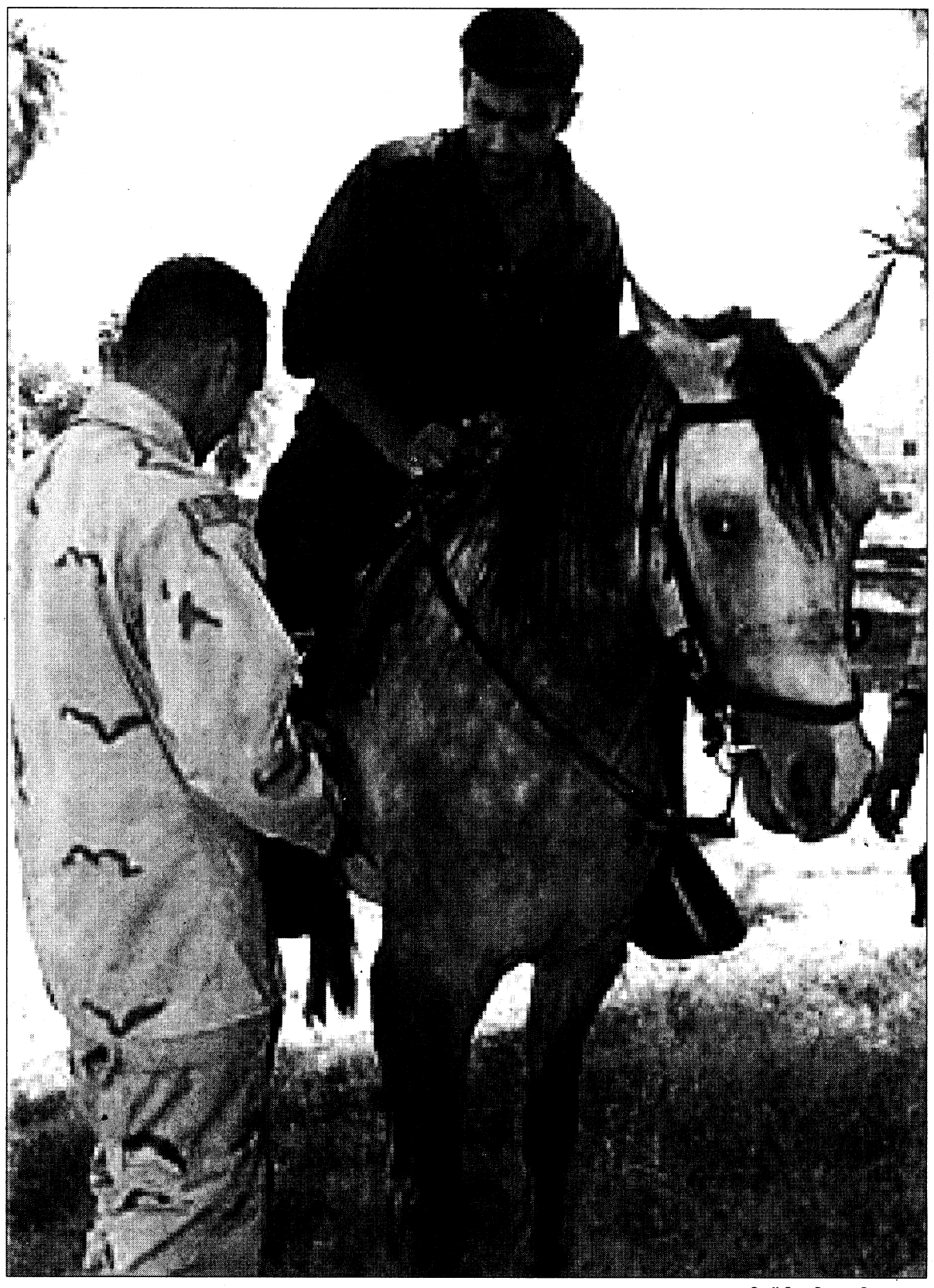
Maad Amer Mohammad, manager of the original Genetic Arab Horses Generating Center, has worked in the center for more than 10 years and wants to see more horses.

"By doing that, we can help other animal educators have horses with original Arab characteristics, especially the male horses," Mohammad said.

The Soldiers voiced their praise for a dappled gray stallion named Al-Adul, describing him as beautiful, strong and magnificent — a good horse for breeding purposes.

For breeding horses with traditional Arab features, the Iraqis preferred a smaller stallion with a narrow dished face.

"The horses are important to the Iraqi people, especially Arabic horses," Wali said. "Their history is with the Arabic people."



Staff Sgt. Susan Germanutt

Sgt. Scott Woodbury, farrier for the 1st Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment, adjusts the stirrup straps before veterinarian Wasseem Wali rides 7-year-old stallion Al-Adul.

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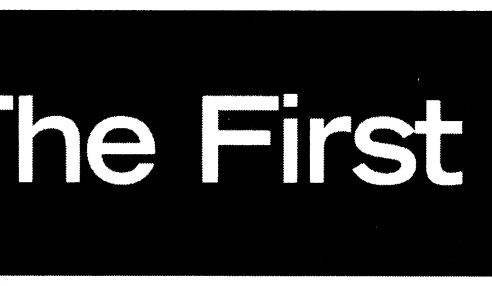
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Conference to benefit military students

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Military students have special needs. That's what a study by the Military Child Education Coalition found several years ago.

And to increase awareness of the problems facing military students, Fort Benning's school liaison officer has set up a training conference for Oct. 20 and 21.

"The schools need training — ongoing training on the military lifestyle and military issues," said Dewayne Baldwin.

Baldwin said the training conference is coming at a critical time because of the upcoming deployment and the activation of a new brigade on post.

"The training is geared for schools off post to get them up-to-date on what to expect," he said. The conference's objective is to empower primarily middle and high school guidance professionals with different tools and strategies to help ease the transition problems faced by military students.

The conference represents the first of a three-phase Transition Counselor Institute program. In this training phase, Baldwin said counselors from off-post schools will get an introduction to the MCEC and TCI programs and how to share them with their school district. But, more importantly, counselors will learn about Fort Benning's military lifestyle and culture, transition programs and transition challenges.

The post commander, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley will deliver the opening remarks at the professional conference and Fort Benning Schools superintendent Dr. Dell McMullen will be the keynote speaker during the working lunch.Baldwin said the majority of the conference's attendees are counselors from Columbus area schools. Five Fort Benning educators, who have already had the training, will also attend. If the conference goes well, Baldwin would like to hold another phase one training in the spring, as well as a phase two course. In phase two, counselors will get more training on the military lifestyle and delve deeper into understanding the social and emotional needs of military schoolchildren. Because military children attend anywhere from six to nine schools by the time they graduate from high school, Baldwin has set up a parent workshop on Oct. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Faith Middle School.

> "The schools need training — ongoing training on the military lifestyle and military issues,."
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> **Dewayne Baldwin**
> Fort Benning School Liaison Officer

The workshop is entitled *School Transitions: The Essential Ingredients.* MCEC professionals will talk to parents about moving to new schools, testing and assessment, preparing for college and social and emotional support.

For more information, or to register for the parent workshop, call 545-3062.

AROUND POST

PLDC graduation

The Primary Leadership Development Course Class 10-04 graduates at 10 a.m. Thursday in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

Excellence breakfast

The CG's Quarterly Recognition of Excellence Breakfast is 7:30 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Officers' Club.

Tickets cost $6.75 and will not be sold at the door. Tickets are available at Room 547, Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Janie Pearson at 545-5607 or e-mail Janie.Pearson@benning.army.mil.

SJA new hours

The Legal Assistance Division and Claims Division will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 545-3281, 545-3282 or 545-2285.

Red Ribbon celebration

The National Red Ribbon Celebration is at 1 p.m. Oct. 25 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

Speakers will be Jeremiah Castille, former MVP for the University of Alabama, and Paul Voorhees of Ranger Joe's.

Family Violence Awareness

A Family Violence Awareness Program will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Officers' Club.

Guest speakers are Judge Maureen Gottfried, Muscogee County State Court, and Chief Preston Robinson, Phenix City Police Department.

Silver Wings

The Command Exhibition Parachute Team is looking for candidates for membership in the Silver Wings. Candidates must be sergeant or higher, possess a current C license or higher and have no UCMJ actions or flags.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes at 545-1939.

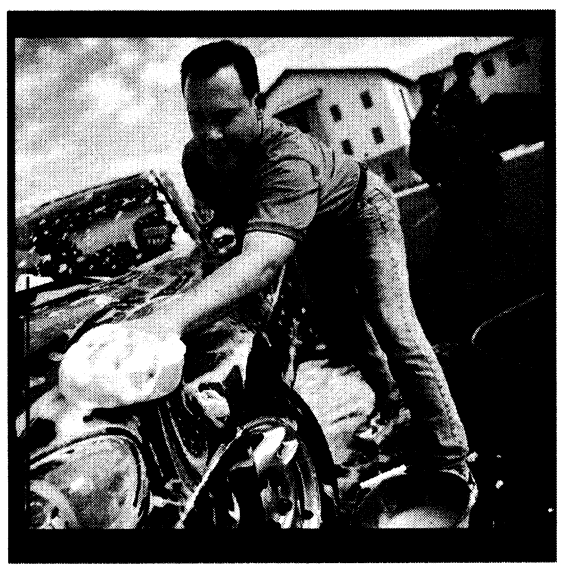
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Afghanistan presidential elections make history

Combined Forces Command Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The presidential elections in Afghanistan Oct. 9, were a "milestone" in the history of the troubled country, said coalition spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson in Kabul today.

Nelson said Afghans "demonstrated to all on Saturday their powerful courage and resolve in the face of terrorist propaganda and threats of intimidation and violence."

He said the success of the election is a testament to the will and perseverance of the individual Afghan citizen.

"We can all be nothing if not hugely impressed by the enthusiasm the Afghan people displayed," he said. "Terrorists suffered a resounding defeat at the hands of millions of Afghans voting for freedom," the Nelson.

United Nations officials estimate about eight million Afghans voted in the election. More than 10 million had registered. About 80 percent of the ballots have been collected, and others are in transit. The counting process has begun.

Nelson said the Afghan police and Afghan National Army deserve much of the credit for the election going off as smoothly as it did. While Taliban and al Qaeda sympathizers wanted to disrupt voting, they were unsuccessful, thanks in part to the effectiveness of the security forces and coalition troops.



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A Joint Electoral Management Body employee explains how to properly fill out a voting ballot.

"The government of Afghanistan, the Joint Electoral Management Body, the International Security and Assistance Force and coalition forces all contributed to this successful day," Nelson said.

"There are so many election day anecdotes demonstrating the Afghan people's commitment to peace, whether it was people across the country wearing their best clothes to vote, or the women of Konduz who refused to move when a rocket landed 200 meters from where they were waiting to vote," Nelson said during a briefing. "To leave, they said, would mean the rockets, and the people who fired them, would win. These women would defeat them by staying and voting."

There were reports of voter lines stretching 2.5 kilometers in the Maruf district of Kandahar — once a Taliban stronghold.

"Witnesses saw elderly people walking and being ferried in goat carts, amputees on crutches in droves moving towards the polling booths and then, late in the evening, more elderly adults running to beat the poll closing deadline to cast their vote," he said.

In Central Afghanistan, voters began arriving at a polling station at 3 a.m., in cold temperatures and a foot of snow, and waited for almost four hours for the station to open, Nelson said.

"The overwhelming success of this election is a strategic defeat for the Taliban and al Qaeda, and is a turning point for Afghanistan and the Afghan people," he said.

"This election confirmed that a peaceful political process based on democracy and freedom will always trump terrorist threats and intimidation," he said.

Internet provides 30,000 ways to connect with deployed Soldiers

Mark Hooter
Army News Services

WASHINGTON — Every day in cities, towns and rural outposts throughout America and around the world, hundreds of people sit down at their computers to carry out one mission: they head to the "To Our Soldiers" Web site.

"This site represents a viable communication tool for the general public to reach Soldiers while deployed or at their home station assignment," said Lt. Col. Todd Livick, community relations team chief with the Office Chief of Public Affairs, Community Relations and Outreach Division.

The Army.mil Web team first envisioned "To Our Soldiers" a week after the ground war started in Iraq, said Donnie Steele, Army.mil technical director.

"Department of Defense and all the services were getting calls from the public about how individuals could show support for our troops — a Web-based letter writing capability immediately accessible from link on the Army Homepage just made sense," Steele said.

The site, which has been accepting well wishes for 18 months, receives about 35,000 visitors per month. On Oct.1, the 30,000th message was posted to the Web site, addressed to a Soldier with the 4th Infantry Division.

"Perhaps the best part about the site is that it provides the opportunity to thank today's Soldiers in real-time measurements. It enables the general public to reach out to Soldiers and provides them the capability to voice their opinion," Livick said.

The Army community relations team posts several dozen messages per day, from supporters in countries from Iceland to Australia, and from Iraq to Afghanistan. In many cases, the screening staff has attempted to connect friends and family members with deployed loved ones, considering the restriction on posting senders' e-mail and mailing addresses.

Initially, there was some concern about the site being used as a means to lash out at Soldiers or the administration, Steele said. However, there were only about 30 negative messages out of thousands sent the first year, he said, and those were mainly wives venting their frustration at their Soldiers being deployed.

The site went live in April 2003 to meet a demand for ways to support Soldiers, according to an officer who was involved in the development.

"There were several reasons we wanted to have this site, but primarily we were overwhelmed with the requests from the hundreds and thousands of calls we received just prior to and after the start of the ground war in Iraq," said Lt. Col. Dan Williams, who was the community relations chief at the time.

Several months after overseeing the site's implementation, Williams was able to see and use the site himself, as a deployed Soldier on the receiving end of these messages.

"Overall, the tone of the messages being posted have been overwhelmingly supportive of the Soldiers' role in the Global War on Terrorism," Livick said.

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Earlier this year, Tammi Ketteman of Ohio, whose son was deployed, wrote a tribute and submitted "A Letter from Mom" to the site. The community relations staff turned the composition over to the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, whose arrangers set the letter to music and performed a dramatic reading at a concert near Ketteman's hometown.

"The Soldiers appreciate the notes and words of encouragement. Many times I have read the entry and am delighted to see the sender is from Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, and other parts of the world. Overwhelmingly these notes are messages of support, appreciation, and encouragement," Williams wrote.

Those wishing to show their support for Soldiers deployed around the world are encouraged to log on to www.army.mil/toursoldiers/ and submit a message.

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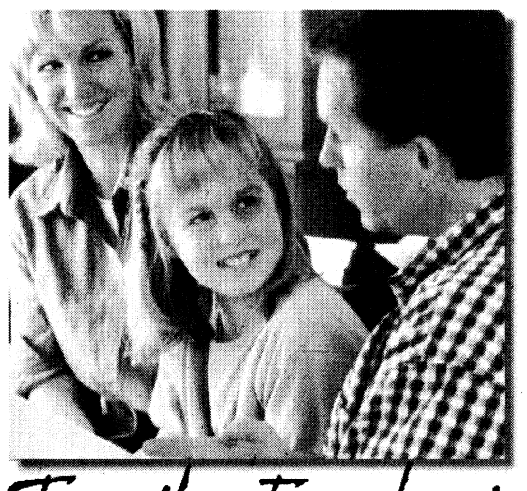
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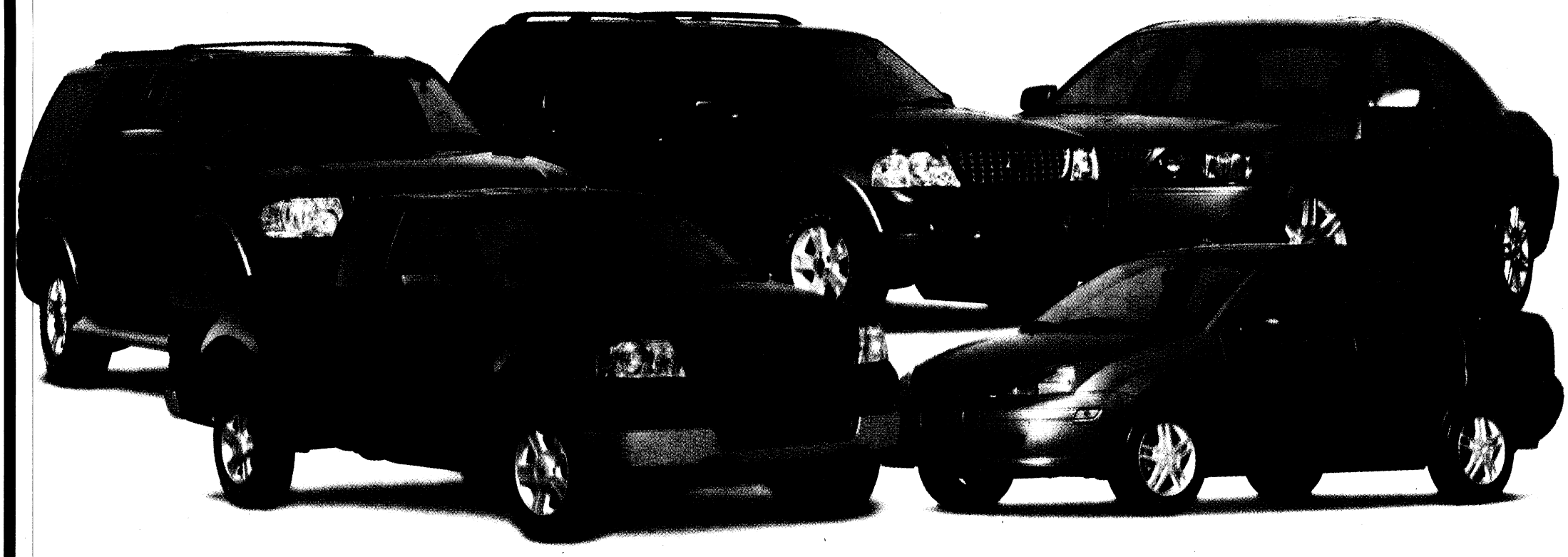
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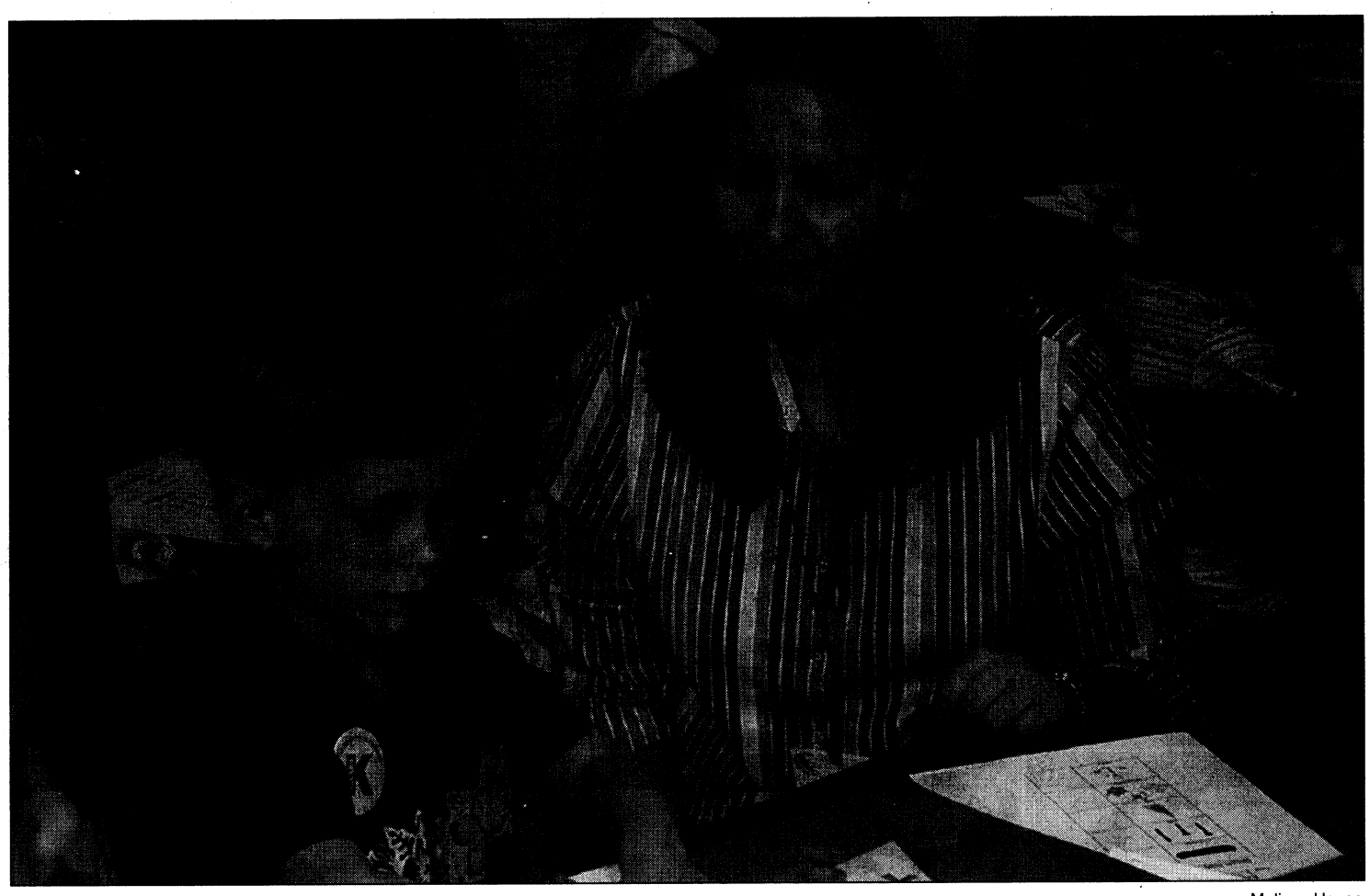
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Aspiring teachers flock to Fort Benning

Hone skills with military students

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Columbus State University senior Cathrein Sexton goes over a rubric with Dexter kindergartner Jonathan Fish in class Oct. 13. Sexton is a student intern who works with Amy Childers' class two days a week. While at Dexter, Sexton has the opportunity to practice lesson planning and teaching before entering the student teaching program next semester.

There are some new faces in the classrooms at Fort Benning's schools these days — lots of them.

The faces belong to the future of education, and this semester, they belong to a crop of student teachers and students doing field work from Columbus State University and Troy University.

Jaynie Nesmith, director of curriculum for Fort Benning Schools, said post schools usually host 10 to 12 student teachers and even more who spend only a few hours in classrooms each week gaining field experience.

Nesmith said the post has agreements with area universities to place students in classrooms with military children.

"They want to come here because of the diversity of our students," Nesmith said, "and because our test scores show that our students are getting a good education."

And while the college students gain valuable teaching experience, Nesmith said the schools benefit as well, learning what's new in the education field and what's coming.

Many of the students who request to do their student teaching at Fort Benning, apply for teaching positions once they've graduated.

"It's exciting to find people who want to come back to us," Nesmith said. "Some of our best teachers did their undergraduate training here and then came back."

One of those teachers is Amy Childers, a third-year Kindergarten teacher at Dexter, who now teaches in the same classroom she did her student teaching in. This semester, she's serving as a mentor for a student intern from CSU.

Dexter has nine student interns, all from two of CSU professor Dr. Vikky Collins' courses — *Language Arts* and *Reading Content in Social Studies.*

Collins likes the partnership with Dexter and the excellent reputation the Department of Defense schools have. Her students are at Dexter on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and bring their experiences into her CSU class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"This is their final block before student teaching," Collins said. "It's a really critical time for them."

CSU senior Cathrein Sexton is interning for Childers and hoping to return to Dexter next semester as a student teacher.

"I love it here," Sexton said after presenting a lesson Oct. 13 and receiving her evaluation from Collins, who visited Dexter to see her students in action. Sexton's lesson involved making glyphs of Christopher Columbus' ships with the Kindergarteners, tying social studies together with language arts. When the children finished, they used a rubric to make sure they had everything included in their finished product.

Childers said she wished she had had the same field experience opportunity before she did her student teaching.

"Having a student intern has enabled me to ensure all students are learning new and effective strategies for language arts and social studies development," she said.

That fits right in with the program's goal of high student achievement, said Dexter principal Vicki Rogers.

The reciprocal partnership benefits both military students and their student teachers, student interns and regular classroom teachers.

"We are learning from them," Rogers said, "in a collaborative effort in the teacher preparation process." In turn, post schools get help with their school improvement plans.

Dexter gave the student interns a "real life teaching experience" when the fire alarm rang. Intern Cindy Green was in the middle of her supervised lesson with her CSU professor.

"Although it was scary," Green said, "the children were excellent in completing the drill and returning to the lesson I was being graded on."

For the first time in several years, Troy University placed student teachers on post at Wilson elementary. The Troy program works differently from CSU's — there's no intern program and student teachers split their semester in half.

Wilson's two student teachers started the semester in first-grade classes and move soon to fifth-grade classes.

"This gives them a wide spectrum of what to expect in the elementary grades," Wilson principal Phyllis Parker said. Student teachers are placed in classrooms with teachers who have volunteered to be mentors and have completed a mentor/teacher training program. Parker said she's noticed a lot more is expected of student teachers now than in the past, especially with technology.

"I like that," Parker said. "It really helps our (military) students."

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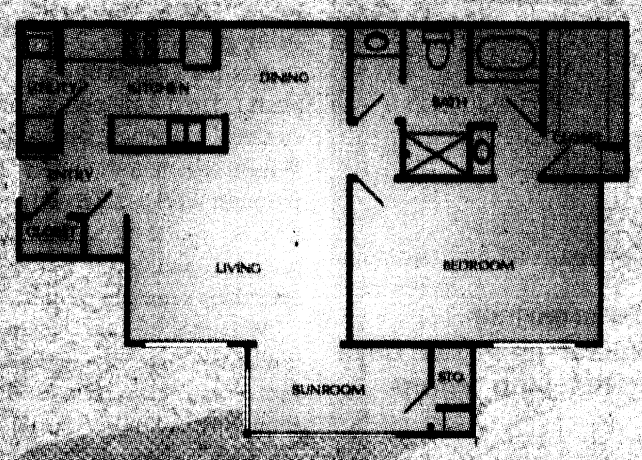
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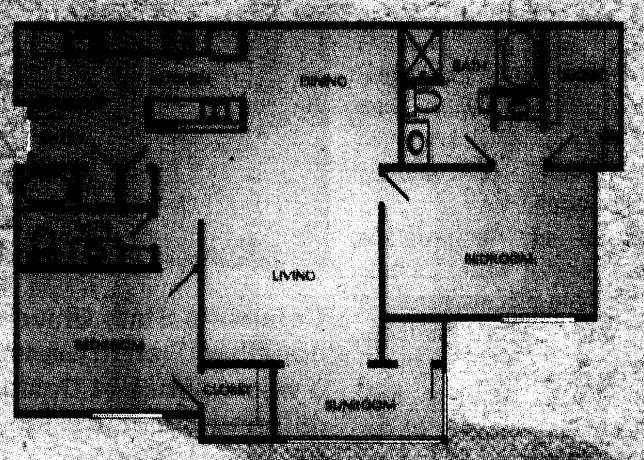
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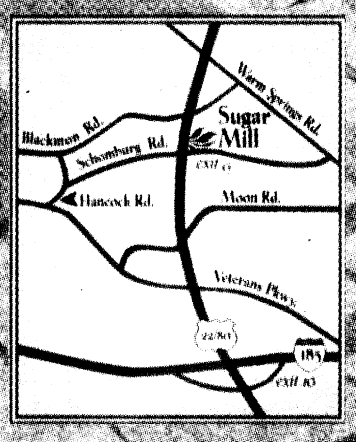
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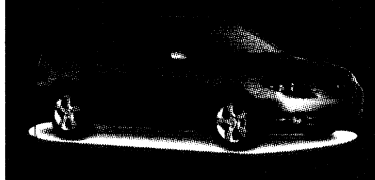
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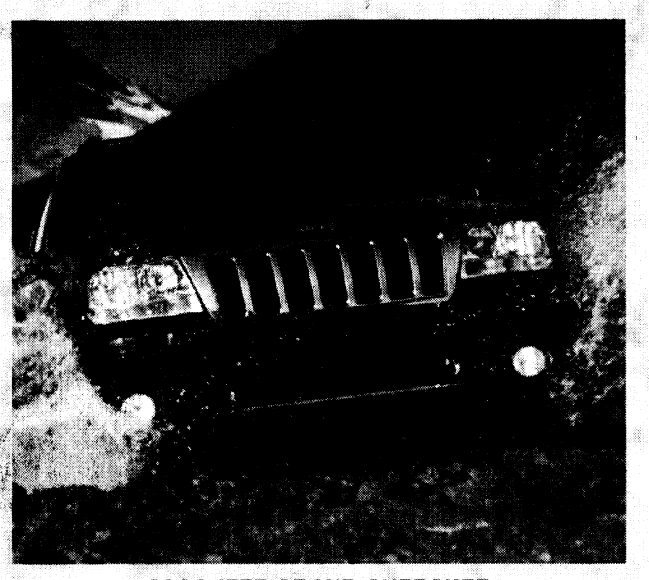
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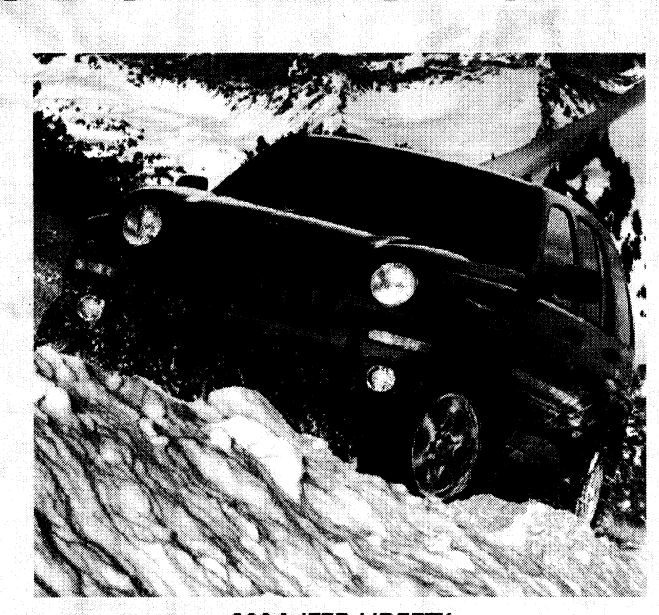
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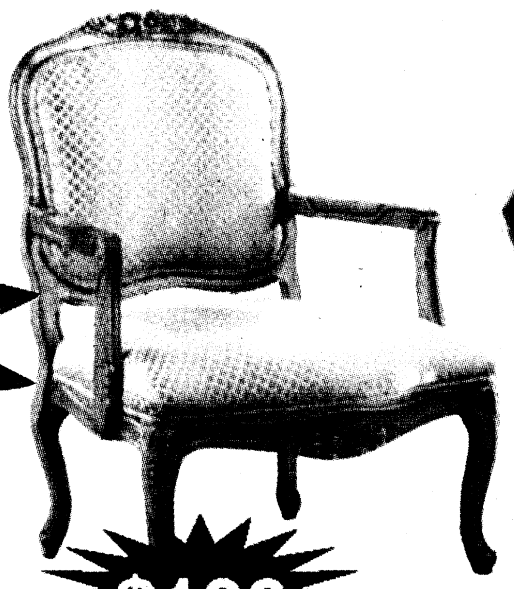
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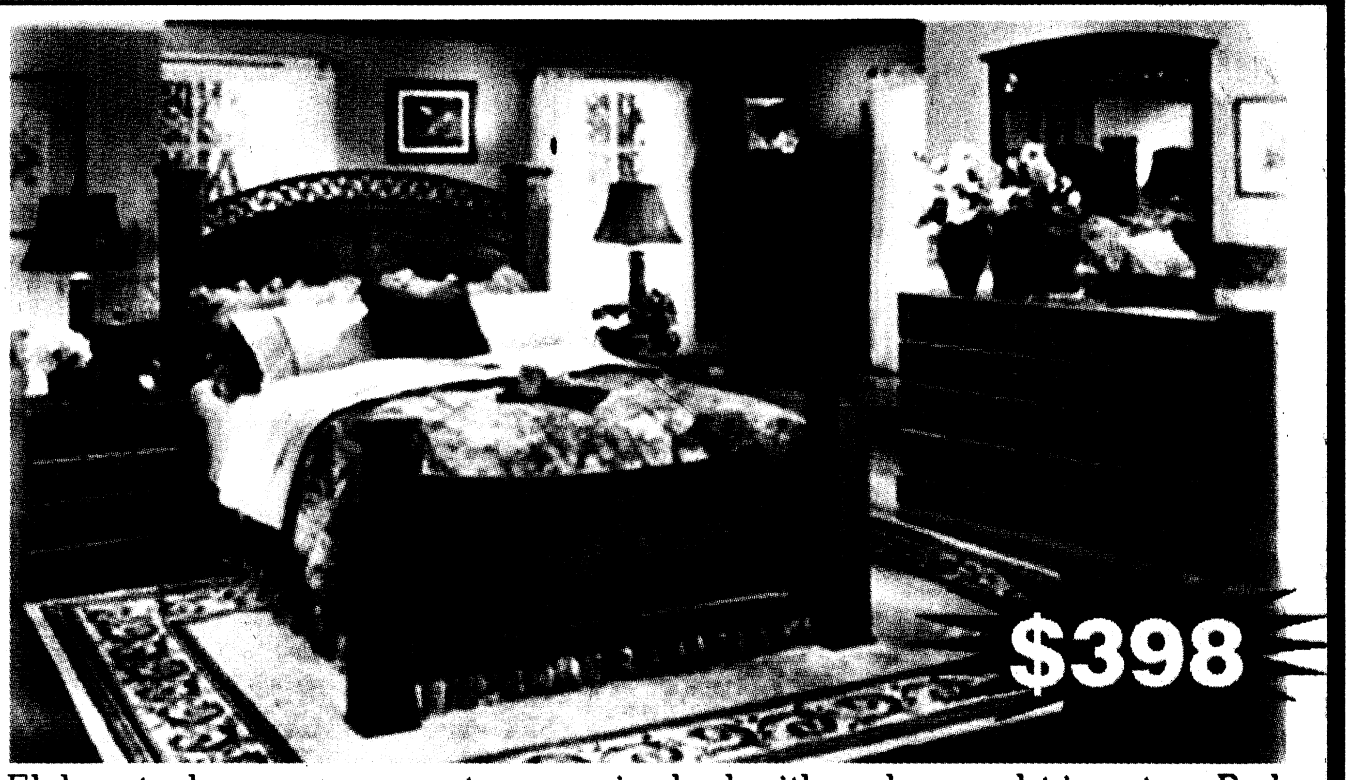




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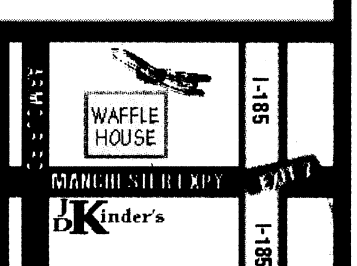
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New option for high school kids

Post students can attend next year

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Fort Benning students have another school to add to the roster of "choice" high schools.

Upcoming freshmen and sophomores can opt to attend Chattahoochee County High School next year.

Already, 50 freshmen from Cusseta have started the school year as CCHS Cougars, though they share a campus with the elementary and middle school students until the new high school is completed.

Classes are expected to start in the new facility, on Highway 26, when the 2005 school year begins in July.

Chattahoochee students will be on a modified schedule. Each session will be six weeks long, with optional remediation in between for students at risk of failing.

"We're excited about the new school, about the year-round schedule — about the whole picture," said Dewayne Baldwin, Fort Benning's school liaison officer, who has been working closely with Chattahoochee County school officials to develop a program and curriculum he feels is ideally suited for the military student.

"The whole concept is geared toward the Fort Benning child," Baldwin said.

"They've worked hard to make it competitive with Muscogee County Schools, and we're confident it'll stack up against any of them."

That wasn't always the case. Chattahoochee County hasn't had a high school in more than 30 years.

But with elementary and middle school test scores as good as and better than most local schools, Chattahoochee County school officials decided nearly four years ago to get back in the business of educating high schoolers.

They've developed a program "rich in technology, with student needs as the top priority," said Abdur Hassan, assistant superintendent of Chattahoochee County Schools.

Currently, all freshmen have a desk-top computer in every classroom, and Hassan expects the new school will soon be without textbooks completely. All work will be done on computers. Advanced placement classes will be offered.

The majority of Fort Benning high schoolers actually live in Chattahoochee County. The Muscogee/Chattahoochee county line runs along the Upatoi River, so housing areas south of the Upatoi are zoned for Chattahoochee.

But under the agreement worked out between the two school systems, all Fort Benning students will have a choice, regardless of which side of the river they live on.

"We want to be a team player," Hassan said. "We know our program will be the choice once parents understand what we're all about."

The school will offer a full athletic program, though that may take a few years to develop, Baldwin said.

"Fort Benning has offered them the use of all our athletic facilities — everything — so they'll get their sports programs up and running soon," he said. "Obviously, for the next couple years, it'll only be JV."

Fort Benning students can register for the new school at the school administration office in Cusseta.

Students and parents interested in learning more about the school can speak to Baldwin and Hassan at a Town Hall meeting Tuesday, at 7 p.m. at White Elementary School.

Postwide yard sale Oct. 23

Biannual event draws local crowd

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The postwide yard sale is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 23.

The biannual event is the only time Fort Benning residents can host a yard sale at their quarters without a sale permit from the Community Life Office.

Yard sale signs may be posted at intersections, but they should not be attached to telephone poles or traffic signs. All signs must be removed immediately after the sale.

Yardsale leftovers can be dropped off at the Thrift Shop between 2 and 4 p.m., said Rhonda Smith, manager.

Donations — clean, undamaged and in "saleable" condition — should be taken to the back of the shop on Ingersoll Street.

Many of these items will be donated to the Red Cross for families in the tricommunity who find themselves in dire straits, including those who suffer fire or flood damage, Smith said.

The postwide yard sale typically draws crowds of hundreds from the tricommunity, so shoppers are asked to drive with extra care in housing areas, and they should expect to walk a great deal in congested areas.

Housing policies and regulations, such as parking restrictions, remain in effect during the sale.

The next postwide yardsale is tentatively scheduled for May.

Post gathers to Help the 'Hooch

Volunteers work together, clean up river

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

It was chilly, early and the Friday morning of a four-day weekend. Yet more than 120 volunteers gathered Oct. 8 at 8 a.m. in front of Meloy Hall to Help the 'Hooch.

Help the 'Hooch is a program sponsored by the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission and Keep America Beautiful, a national nonprofit public service organization dedicated to litter prevention, recycling and beautification efforts, said Chris Slembarski, environmental awareness trainer with the Fort Benning Directorate of Public Works.

"This is a community project designed to help keep the riverside clean and attractive," Slembarski said.

Trash bags and gloves were handed out to volunteers, before they set out in caravans to destinations along the banks of the Chattahoochee River.

The volunteers split up into teams and covered different areas of the river.

More than 30 Soldiers and the command group from the 36th Engineer Group participated as a team.

"This is a good unit, post and community cohesion project," said Spc. Jazmine Brewington, from the 36th Engineer Group's 63rd Engineer Company. "It's good to clean up the environment, but it would be better if people just cleaned up after

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Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Pfc. Clara Abdulla, 63rd Engineer Company, dumps a metal container onto a pile of debris during the Oct. 8, Help the 'Hooch day on the Chattahoochee River. More than 120 volunteers gathered for the event, including a group of more than 30 Soldiers from the 36th Engineer Group. The clean-up began at 8:30 a.m. and ended with a picnic for all the volunteers at Uchee Creek.

Community Life reps are liaisons, not 'lawn police'

NCOs make big changes, lead from front

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

It has been months since Arianna Lay could open her hall closet without having to cover her nose.

Mold, caused by moisture from a leak in her roof, has flourished in the dark, damp space. It's covering the ceiling and moving down a wall.

"It started in July," Lay said.

"That was when the mold showed up, and it has progressively gotten worse."

Lay, who lives in Indianhead Terrace, filed a work order with the contractor in her area. The repairman came out, fixed the leak and told her he would be back later to fix the mold. He never came.

"I put in three to four work orders since then," said Lay, who is seven months pregnant with her sixth child. "Last time I called, in the beginning of September, they told me there was no funding to fix the mold until November."

On Tuesday, Lay contacted her Community Life representative. He immediately came to her home and assessed the situation.

"They said there was a problem that needed to be taken care of right away, and it would be done by the end of the week," Lay said.

"I knew I could go to my husband's chain of command with the problem, but I didn't know about the Community Life people.

I thought they were the yard patrol and dealt with neighborhood disputes. I didn't know they would help with housing problems," she said.

"I didn't know there was a third party who could say, 'There's a problem, fix it.'"

That's a misconception many people have about the Community Life program, said Master Sgt. Kelvin Boyett, Fort Benning's Community Life OIC.

"A lot of people think we are the lawn police, and that's a myth," he said. "We are are liaisons for the residents."

Master Sgt. Donald Brown, Community Life NCOIC, said residents are supposed to do all they can, through the proper channels, to resolve any issues they have, but when they still can't fix a problem they can go to Community Life for assistance.

"A misconception is that we handle any and all situations," Brown said. "Some are outside our realm. We are not family counselors, therapists or MP's, but we can tell you where to get help."

Community Life is responsible for providing the six Fort Benning communities with a forum to voice opinions and talk about community issues.

Town Hall meetings are hosted each quarter with the garrison commander and command sergeant major, director of the Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation, military police, housing representatives, Army Community Services, recycling representatives, contractors and others on hand to answer questions and address specific issues.

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BIRTHS

Twins

Angel Enrique and Luis Angel Rosario — born Sept. 24 to Spc. Yanina and Neftali Rosario.

Boys

Corey Glen Parker — born Sept. 23 to Deanna and Spc. Jerry Parker.

Samuel Scott Leuthner — born Sept. 24 to Amy and 2nd Lt. Scott Leuthner.

Dillon Chase Schembera — born Sept. 25 to Darla and Sgt. 1st Class Brian Schembera.

Keyvon Malik West — born Sept. 27 to Spc. Shandreka West.

Austin James Osier — born Sept. 27 to Sonya and Spc. Michael Osier.

Julio Cesar Villalta — born Sept. 29 to Maria and Spc. Moises Villalta.

Damien Gabriel Cobb — born Sept. 29 to Audrina Cobb and Quincy Miles.

Girls

Cadence-Grace Danielle Coburn — born Sept. 23 to Dana and Spc. Bryan Coburn.

Isabella Delayne Wilks — born Sept. 24 to Chancie and Pvt. Brandon Wilks.

Auri Shakira Foster — born Sept. 27 to Capt. Collette and Maurice Foster.

Danica Dior Jones — born Sept. 28 to Spcs. Barbara Moiso Jones and Delano Martinez Jones.

Lauren Michele Boyette — born Sept. 29 to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. John Boyette.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

October MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

• A smoking cessation class will be offered through the Family Practice Clinic at 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Oct. 28. An appointment is required.

• An expectant parents class will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday

• A child car seat class will be offered Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

• A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

• A diabetes lifestyle seminar is offered Monday from 8 a.m. to noon.

• Weight-loss classes for Soldiers are Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.

• A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.

• A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Call for an appointment.

• A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.

• A coumadin clinic is offered from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Internal Medicine Clinic. An appointment is required.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

K-Club barbecue — Dexter Elementary's K-Club will sponsor a barbecue from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday at the school to raise money to buy rocking chairs for the postpartum rooms at Martin Army Community Hospital.

The cost is $6 per plate and $15 for a slab of ribs.

For more information call Dexter Elementary at 545-3424.

School transition workshop — The Military Child Education Coalition will present a parent and professional workshop titled School Transitions: The Essential Ingredients, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Middle School.

To sign up, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin @benning.army.mil. For more information about MCEC, visit MilitaryChild.org.

Home-buying seminar — The Army Community Service Center Financial Readiness Program will sponsor a home-buying seminar from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359.

Registration is required by Oct. 21. To register, call 545-5485.

Bit of Benning special hours — The Bit of Benning gift shop, located next to The Thrift Shop, will be open from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 28.

Donations needed — Girl Scout Troop #134 is accepting clothing, non-perishable food items, bottled water, blankets, pillows, diapers, baby food, baby items and furniture to help the victims of Hurricane Ivan.

To make a donation, call 327-2646, or drop off at 1344 13th Ave. in Columbus.

Girl Scout leaders needed — Girls Scouts of Concharty Council is looking for leaders. No experience is required and training is provided.

For more information, call Emily Lakmaker at 327-2646 ext. 30.

***The Foreigner* Oct. 22-23, 29-30**

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Benning's Backstage will present the dinner theater production of *The Foreigner* (a British and Southern comedy), by Larry Shue, Oct. 22-23 and 29-30.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children ages 12 and younger.

The ticket prices include dinner and the show and can be purchased at the Officers' Club. The show is open to the public.

For more information, call Teresa McCall at 545-3328.

CYS offers home school classes — Child and Youth Services offers weekly classes to home-school families. The Digital Lab will be open Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and art classes are Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. All classes are held at Patch Hall, Building 7. There will also be a meeting for home-schooling families at 1 p.m. Thursday in Building 359.

For more information, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a provider. Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointments, call the CARE line at 544-2273.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services will offer an afternoon session for Benning Buddies from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This program is for children between 2 years old and preK. Fees are based on family income.

For more information, call 545-2079 or 687-4038.

Reclamation Sale — There will be a Reclamation Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 5 at 224A Upton Avenue. Cash only.

For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces 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, and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability.

Center sponsors are Tot Town CDC, Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, School Age Services, Patch Preschool and various Family Child Care homes.

For more information, call Judy Cobb at 545-2079.

SAS programs — School Age Services offers educational and recreational programs for children. Locations for school-age care for ages 6 to 10 include:

• Patch Hall, before and after school
• Bouton Heights, before and after school
• McGraw Outreach, after school only
• Loyd Outreach, after school only

To register, call 545-2079, or stop by the Central Registration Office in Building 359. All children must be registered.

First Steps Program — The First Steps Program provides support, education, resource referrals and follow-up contacts to parents of newborns.

For more information, call Rebecca Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager, at 545-4043 or Carolyn Harris, First Steps coordinator, at 544-2020.

TOPS meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Afterhours Club, Building 2502 on Indianhead Road.

For more information, call Diane at 562-9505 or Gorgia at 568-7111.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street.

The letter allows for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests. This affects occupants of Iron Triangle, the "white elephants," Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDonald Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call 545-4326.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The Army Community Service Lending Closet lends household goods to Soldiers and their families awaiting receipt of household goods or preparing to PCS. The lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

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.

Educational Task Force — Volunteers are needed for an Educational Task Force, which will deal with issues affecting military families and students. The task force will be comprised of parents who have students in the following school districts: Russell, Harris, and Lee counties, Phenix City, Fort Benning, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

Call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

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. 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.

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 a unit first sergeant or commander, the client can select a two-day supply of food.

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.

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.

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ASK THE JUDGE

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Chief of Claims

Question: I live on post and suffered some damage to my personal property as a result of hurricane Ivan. What can I do to recover losses I incurred, and what losses will be covered?

Answer: If you have either automobile insurance or renter's insurance, you need to call your insurance company and file a claim with them as soon as possible.

If you do not have insurance, or if your insurance carrier does not cover the entire amount of your loss, then your claim may be covered under the United States Army Claims Services. You may file a claim in the Claims Division of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA), Building 5, Vibbert Ave, which is located in between Doughboy Stadium and the Commanding General's residence.

Claims submitted for damage incurred to personal property on a military installation may be paid under Army Regulation 27-20.

Chapter 11 provides for damage to or loss of property due to hurricanes. The following is a step-by-step list of things you should do in order to get your claim paid as soon as possible.

Assess the Damage

The first thing you need to do is assess the damage to your property. Are there tree branches on your car? Did your lawn furniture blow into something? Did you lose power? Are your electrical appliances working? Did a power outage result in food spoilage? Did you suffer water damage inside your quarters? Once you have determined what your losses are, you will need to document them as specifically as you can. One of the best ways to document your damage is to take photographs of the damage.

Even if the damage is not evident in the photo, a picture will show the item to which your claim refers.

Obtain Estimates of Repair

Then you will need to obtain an estimate of repair for the item(s) damaged. Estimates will probably be required by your private insurance carrier, and they are also required if you submit a claim in the Claims Division. In the case of electrical items, a repair firm's statement should be obtained to show the loss occurred as a result of a power surge during a storm. In areas subject to frequent thunderstorm or power fluctuations, such as Columbus, claimants are expected to use a surge suppressor, to protect delicate items such as computers, VCR, DVD players and televisions.

File Insurance Claims

Then you need to consider whether you have any personal insurance that will cover the loss. Renter's insurance, automobile insurance or any other similar policy may cover your losses. If you have insurance, you should file a claim with the company as soon as possible, and include a copy of the estimates for repair that you have already obtained. If you do not have outside insurance then you may initiate a claim with the OJSA Claims Division.

Complete Claims Forms

To file a claim in the OSJA Claims Division for your loss you will need to complete DD Forms 1842 and 1844. This claim will be the cost of your deductible, and/or whatever part of the claim your private insurance carrier fails to cover.

Once your claim is filed with the Fort Benning Claims Division, and it is determined that your claim meets the requirements of the Army Regulation, the claims office will adjudicate your claim.

You may receive payment either for full replacement or partial replacement, depending upon a number of factors, including the month and year when the item was purchased, the cost of repair, and the current cost of replacement.

You may obtain DD Forms 1842 and 1844, at our office or on our website at http://www-benning.army.mil/SJA.

The claim forms will ask you to itemize each item of personal property you are claiming was damaged by the hurricane; briefly describe the type of damage incurred, and list the replacement or repair cost.

For example, if you are claiming that food spoiled in your refrigerator as a result of the power outage, you will need to list each item that spoiled and the replacement cost.

If you have furniture that suffered water damage, then you would list the furniture, and submit photos of the items, along with an estimate of repair.

Once you have the claims forms, estimates of repair, and photos of your damaged items, you may file your claim in the Claims Division located within the OSJA in Building 5 on Vibbert Ave.

Claims for damages incurred to off-post housing that are not leased or owned by the government cannot be paid.

We are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For answers to similar questions, you may call the Claims Division at 545-2285, or refer to our Web site at http://www-benning.army.mil/SJA.

Housing: NCOs improve services

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Every resident is given notice of the upcoming meetings, but Boyett said attendance is greatly lacking.

Less than 10 people attended the the last meeting, in Bouton Heights/Davis Hill, where 814 units house between 1500-1800 residents.

"On average, we have between two to five percent of the residents attend," Boyett said.

Boyett and Brown are new to their positions, having taken over in August and September. However, they have already started to make changes in the structure of the program.

"We've brought structure and discipline back into Community Life," Boyett said.

"We've put a standard operating procedure in place, established training schedules and physical training for NCOs. Basically we've made NCOs do NCO business again."

Boyett and Brown hope people will notice the visibility of their community NCOs.

"We want to be very visible to assist residents, so Soldiers and spouses will feel welcome at Fort Benning and want to live in on-post housing," Brown said.

Boyett also wants the brigade sponsoring units to become more involved.

"If I could get one or two words across, it's that here at Community Life, it would help us tremendously if the squad leaders, platoon leaders, first sergeants and commanders would drive through the Soldiers' neighborhoods on some type of rotation and see how the Soldiers live," Boyett said.

"Generally speaking, I don't think this is taking place, and it would help to beautify the area and just help them see how the families live."

With the Residential Communities Initiative coming on board in January of 2006, Boyett and Brown aren't sure how the Community Life program will change, but they plan to work hard over the next year to make Fort Benning's housing areas attractive.

"When they gave me this position, they said it would be a lot of responsibility to bear, and it's living up to that," Boyett said.

"It's hard, but we want people to know that above all, we care — not only Community Life, but post commanders care."

'HOOCH: Project cleans-up river

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themselves."

Col. James Brooks, 36th Engineer Group commander, said it's important for Soldiers to participate in events like Help the 'Hooch.

"This is our community and it's our responsibility to help clean and maintain it," he said.

The 36th Engineer Group took care of the Pet Cemetery area along the river, which Brooks said is known to be one of the worst.

"My troops are good about trying to help the installation and the community," Brooks said. "Whether it's clean up, self-help construction projects or House of Heroes, these troops are proud to use the skills they have as engineers and logistitians to help improve the community."

Other units participating in the event were the 13th Corps Support Group, the Infantry Training Brigade, the CONUS Replacement Center and the 249th Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

As Slembarski predicted, volunteers gathered a lot of dirty, muddy trash as well as piles of sheet metal, old chairs, tables and pipes of all shapes and sizes. Fort Benning Material Recovery Facility employees volunteered their time to pick up all the trash and recyclables collected during the day.

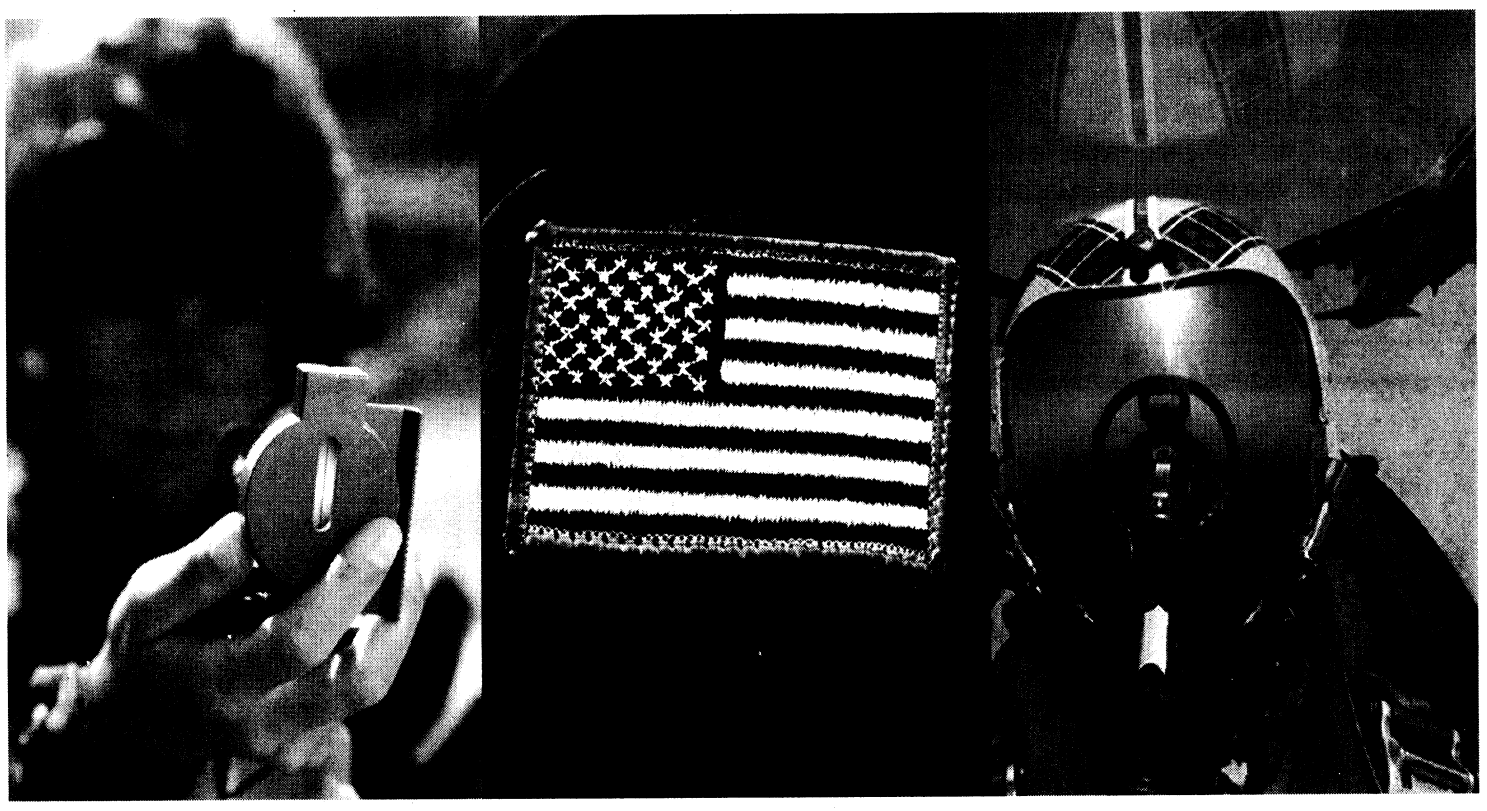
Last year, 200 Fort Benning volunteers collected more than 350 bags of trash from the banks of the Chattahoochee River. This year the volunteers gathered more than 200 bags of trash.

The volunteers ended the day with a picnic at Uchee Creek sponsored by the Commissary, a local Subway sandwich shop and the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

"There were lot's of good people out there both civilian and military," Slembarski said. "Everyone reported they had a good day and a lot of fun."

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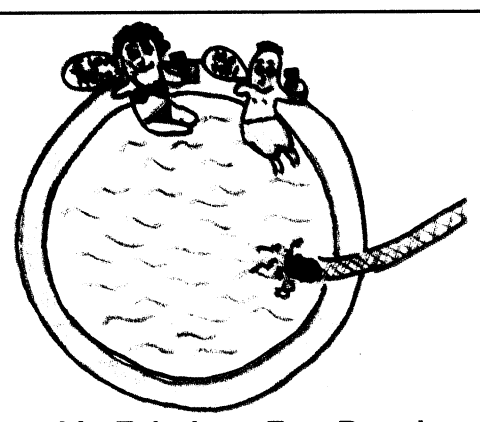
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Fort Benning youth in the news

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— Brianna Mosby

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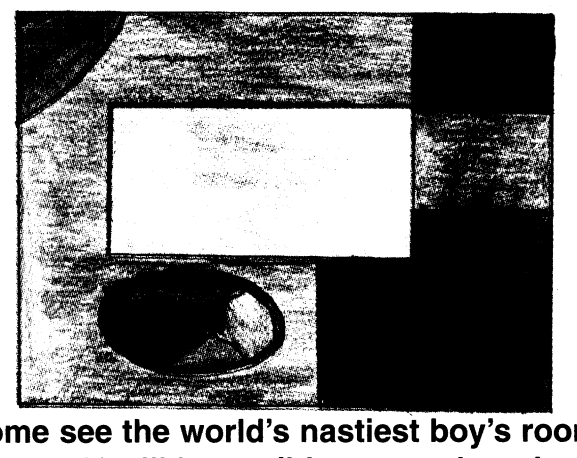
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— Kiana Loeak



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— Tamara Bonet



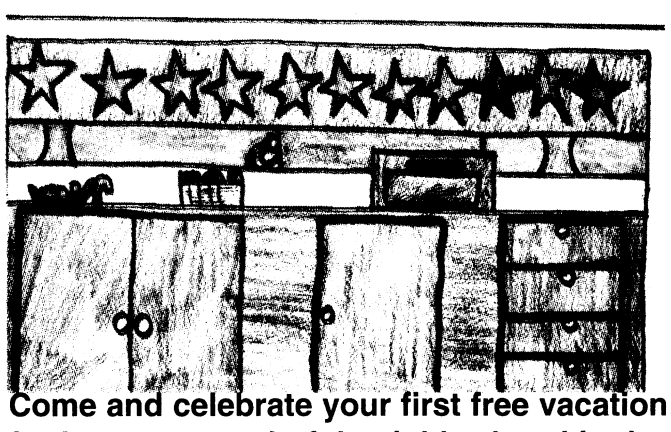
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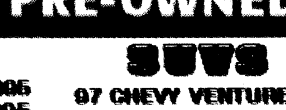
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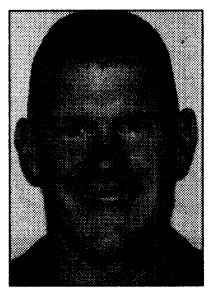
WORDS OF GOD

Speak them and life will have purpose

Live for God and find direction

Chaplain (Capt.) Brad Baumann
3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

REFLECTIONS



Baumann

Have you ever known somebody who just really had his act together, someone who always seemed to know where he was going and how he was going to get there? Are you envious of people like that?

Don't you wish you could live with a sense of purpose and direction so you could lead others to do the same?

You can! Take a few minutes today to read 1 Peter 4:1-11.

The fact that you are reading this article suggests you are interested in improving yourself.

I would encourage you to spend some time in God's word.

If you already have a personal relationship with God through Christ, then this passage is your recipe for living a life of meaning.

This scripture simply says we should have the same attitude as Christ and be willing to suffer for God's sake.

Be clear-minded and self-controlled so you can pray for guidance and make wise decisions in life.

The scripture tells us to love and serve others as instruments of God's grace.

Speak the words of God with the strength of God and your life will have purpose.

Are you living for yourself, or for others? Why not try living for God, your creator, and see if you can find that sense of direction so many are searching for?

Trust me, because I believe there is no better way to live. Jesus said, "You are either for me or you are against me." Isn't it time to submit to God's will for your life, so that you can start really living?

Wouldn't it be great to adopt this attitude and mature in your faith to the point where you could be finished with sin?

This passage tells us that this is possible!

What do you do at home when you are having trouble programming your new cell phone?

Don't you consult the instruction book from the manufacturer?

Our creator has also given you an instruction book — the Bible.

If you are interested in exploring the topic of living a life of purpose further, I encourage you to read *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren.

You will not regret it!

Quality time, conversation essential

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

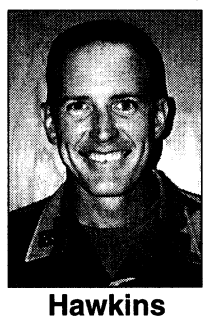
I was sitting in the back seat of the cab with several of my sidekicks. The snow was falling, we were in the Alps, and we'd just been cut loose for a weekend pass from the German Special Operations Winter Warfare School — life was good and we were rip-roaring and ready for some fun.

The only trouble was, the more I tried to tell the cab driver where we wanted to go, the more confused he looked. In the best German accent I could muster, I kept repeating a plea to get us where we were trying to go.

Finally, with a look of exasperation on his face, the cabbie, in excellent English, just broke down and said, "So, tell me in English, where do you want to go?"

For a while, we were "stuck" because "we no spoka the same language." And you know what? That happens in relationships all the time, doesn't it?

Last week I mentioned that I'm taking the five weeks in October and sharing with you the "5 Love Languages" as set forth by Dr. Gary Chapman in his million-seller by the same title. We said if you want to keep your love together when the Army is taking you apart, then you have to learn how best to fill your spouse's love needs.



Hawkins

What was the first language of love we talked about? It was the language of affirmation (verbal compliments, encouraging words and kind words).

The second language of love we want to talk about today is quality time.

As Chaplain Chuck Wood related this past weekend at CrossRoads, quality time is primarily made up of two investments on our part:

• Quality conversation — Now, I've been guilty more than once of not having a quality conversation with my wife. Usually a TV, a computer, a paper or a task becomes more important to me for the moment than she is. It took me several years into our marriage, a few relational "boards upside the head," and a little less arrogance before I discovered I was really just dishonoring her with my lack of focus (kinda learned the same thing with my children, too).

Fortunately, I "got it" that if I'm going to honor her, then I've got to give her my undivided attention — that's the foundation a quality conversation is built on.

• Quality activity — Once we get the conversation piece down, then we can begin to focus on what we're doing with each other, not just what we're saying to each other.

Ladies, many times this is where you can be especially helpful to your man if this is his language of love, by engaging in something that he enjoys doing.

Guys, many times this is where you can help fill her "emotional tank" by doing things highly meaningful to her (date night, playing with the kids, talking over financial issues that need your attention, etc.).

Whatever is meaningful or fun to the other is a great place to start — especially if this is their language of love.

Is "QT" (quality time) your language of love ... your mate's?

Does it meet your love needs and his or her love needs more than anything else?

If so, hit these two targets this week and see if it doesn't warm up your relationship in a new and exciting way.

Want some language tutoring?

Then come join me for our series, *Lord of the Rings: Keeping Your Love Together When the Army's Taking You Apart* at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel.

It's Sundays at 11 a.m. on Kelley Hill and it's postwide for everyone.

Or give me a call or stop in 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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

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Weekday Mass

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Saturday Mass

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6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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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1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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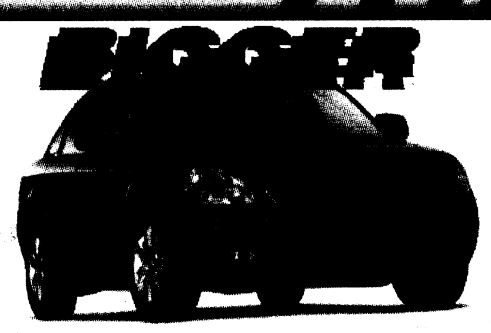
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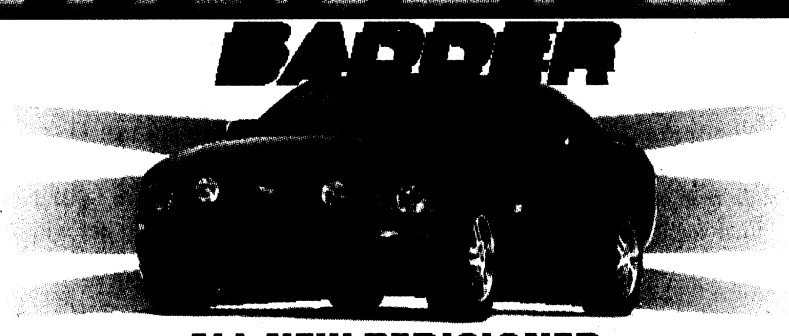
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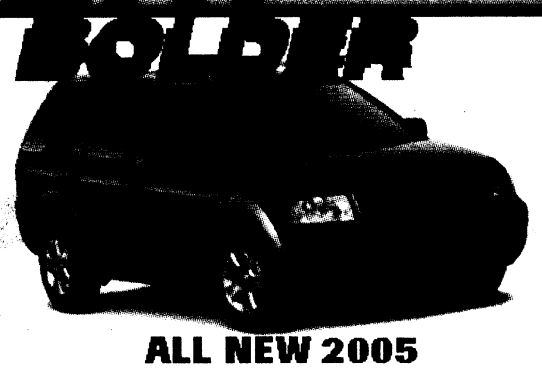
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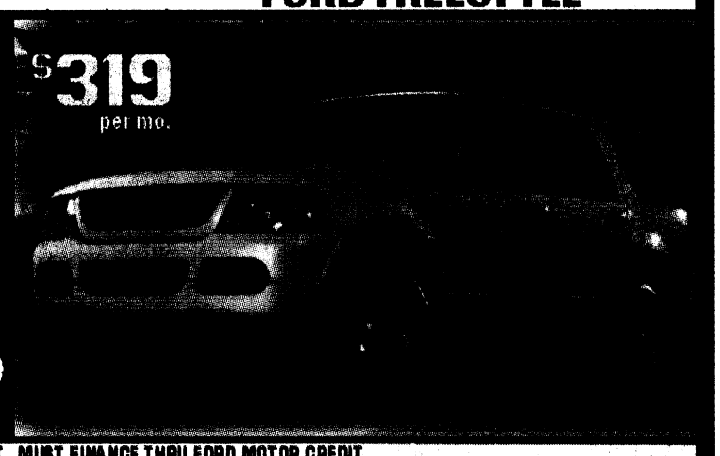
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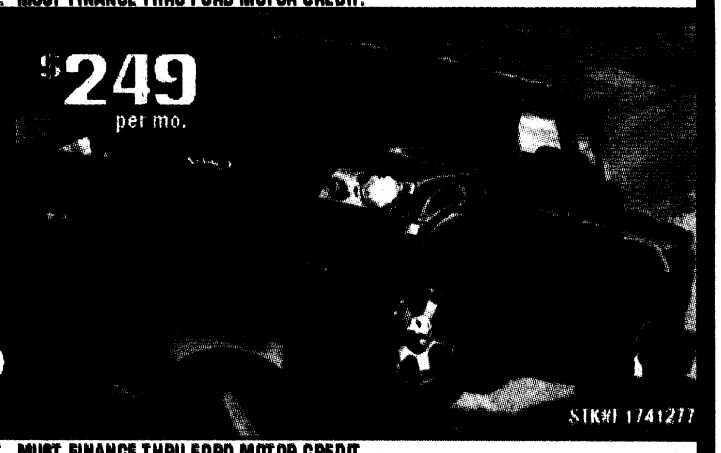
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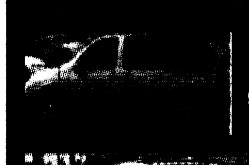
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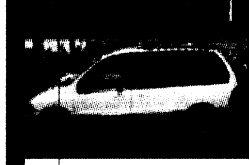
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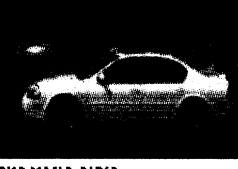
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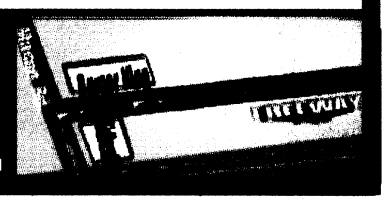
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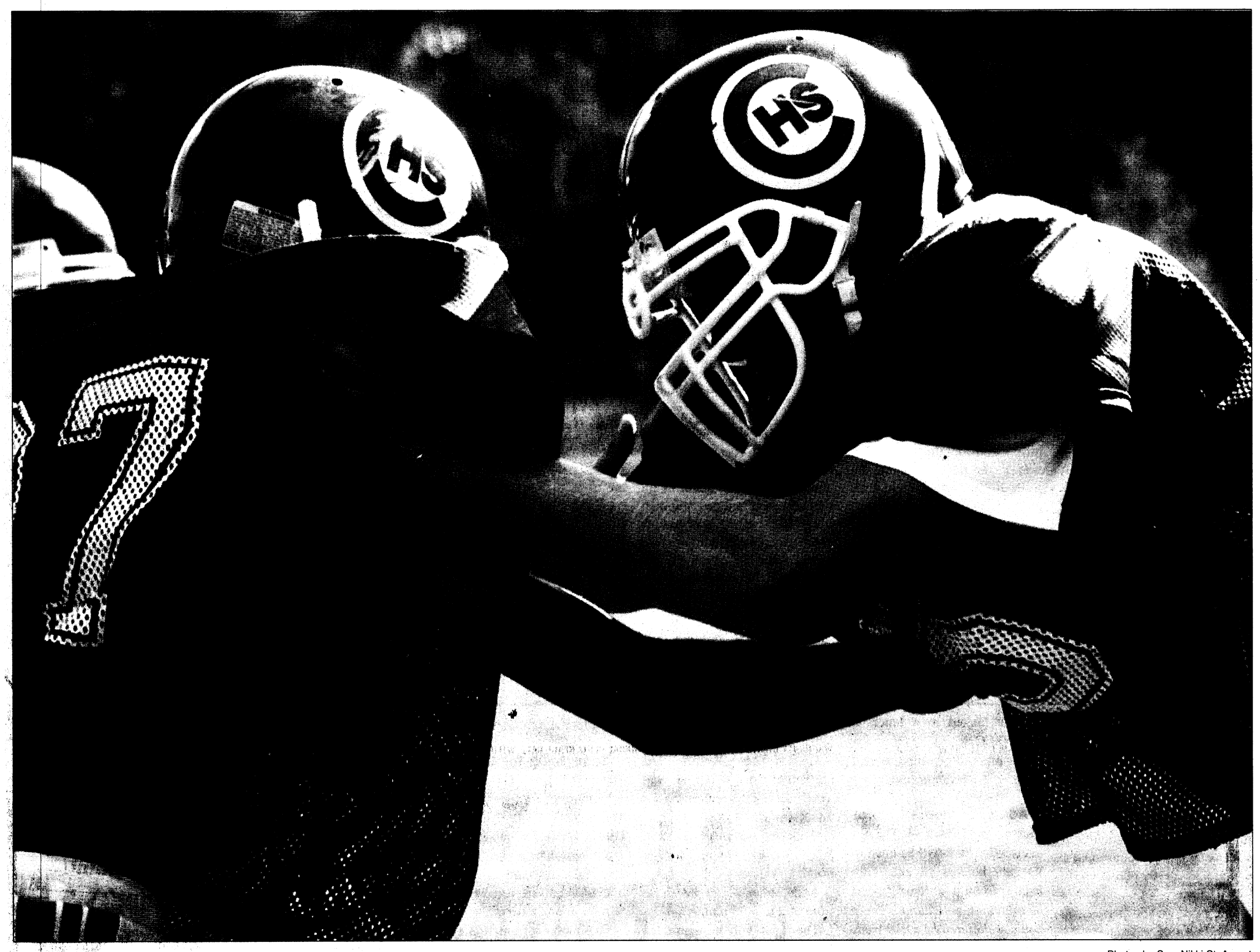
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Columbus High School tackle Frank Harman IV, right, goes head-to-head in a battle of brawn with a fellow teammate during practice Tuesday afternoon.

CHS tackle eyes West Point

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

"I'm not as big as most linemen, but I can count on the rest of the line, and together we usually get the job done."

At 175 pounds, Columbus High School tackle Frank Harman IV may not have a professional career in front of him as a football player, but the 11th-grader is taking a lot he has learned from football into his future.

He said he has learned the values of teamwork, cohesion, communication and continuity. Those are all important lessons for an aspiring officer.

At 16 years old, his young mind is already looking toward the future and a commission like his father.

Harman said college is a big priority in his future and West Point is his number one pick, but in the event that dream isn't realized, he will aim for a Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship elsewhere and major in either political science or business administration.

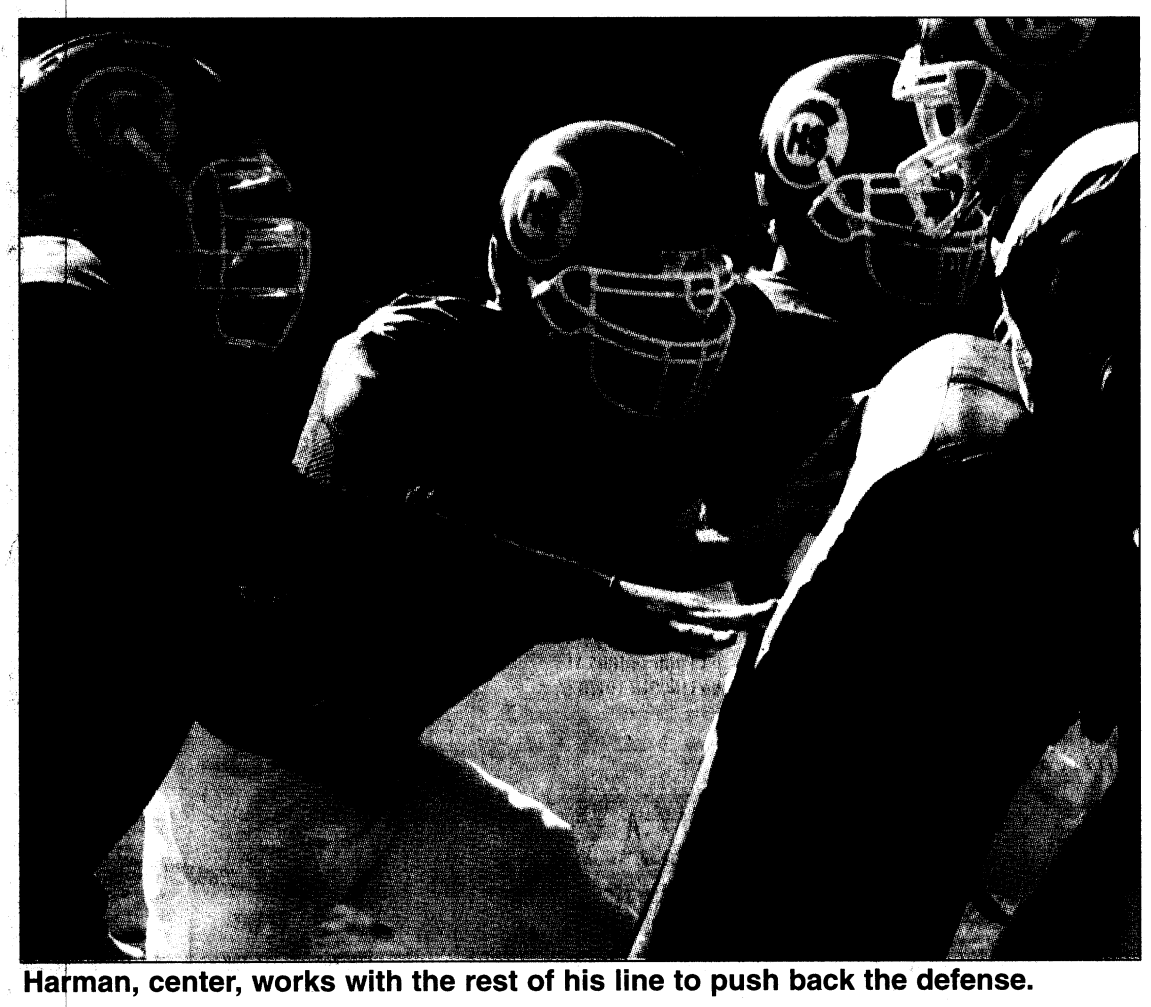
Part of that drive to excel and be part of something bigger and more important than just himself comes from being the son of a man who has spent his life serving his country and leading Soldiers.

"My dad expects more of me than the average high school student," the honor roll student said. "I wouldn't change that though. I have learned more responsibility and instead of settling for average, I try to go above and beyond what is expected of me."

Faced with Columbus' shaky 3-5 record and only two more games to go, he knows he can't turn the tide alone.

"Teamwork in football is just like teamwork in the Army," Harman said. "Without it, you won't get very far.

"I'm optimistic about these last two games. I'm confident in the team, in our cohesion," he said. "We don't have any one-man superstars on this team. We work together to accomplish our goals on offense and defense."



Harman, center, works with the rest of his line to push back the defense.



Harman practices laying solid hits at practice Tuesday afternoon.

Ammo Dogs dispose of Bravo Bulls

Ordnance Co. takes first win of season 13-0

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Ammo Dogs closed out the Bravo Bulls during their first game of the season and took a 13-0 win in intramural flag football action Tuesday.

During the first half, it looked like neither team was going to reach the goal line. Each put on a show with their defensive lines, holding the other team at bay.

Just before the half-time whistle, the 608th Ammo Dogs' quarterback, Keiyon Carpenter, found Quavis Thurman in the end zone with a 40-yard pass.

But the Ammo Dogs would have to settle for a 6-0 lead during half-time, because the B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment's Bravo Bulls stopped their attempt for the extra point.

After the break, both teams took the field with fire in their eyes but seemed a little over zealous. The Bravo Bulls got ahead of themselves and got nailed with several off-sides penalties, which gave the Ammo Dogs the ball on the Bulls' 20 yard line.

With another touchdown at their fingertips, Carpenter tried to hit his receivers in the corners of the end zone several times, but was unable to make a completion. Bravo Bulls' Kevin Jennings took advantage of the Ammo Dogs' passing plays and snagged an interception but only found his way back to the line of scrimmage.

The Ammo Dogs weren't about to give the Bravo Bulls an inch of field as they held them down on the 20 yard line and even sacked the Bulls quarterback Leon Johnson.

The Bulls were forced to kick on the fourth down, and the Dogs recovered on their own 30 yard line.

When the Dogs got possession of the ball, they wasted no time, reaching the Bulls 20 yard line again in three plays.

Once they were back within reach of the goal line, the Ammo Dogs didn't make the same mistakes as before. Carpenter personally delivered the ball to the end zone for a 12-0 lead.

He then shot a 10-yard pass to Ralph Hines for the extra point.

With less than four minutes left in the game, the Bravo Bulls scrambled to get points on the scoreboard, but Thurman caught his second interception of the night shutting down the Bulls for good.

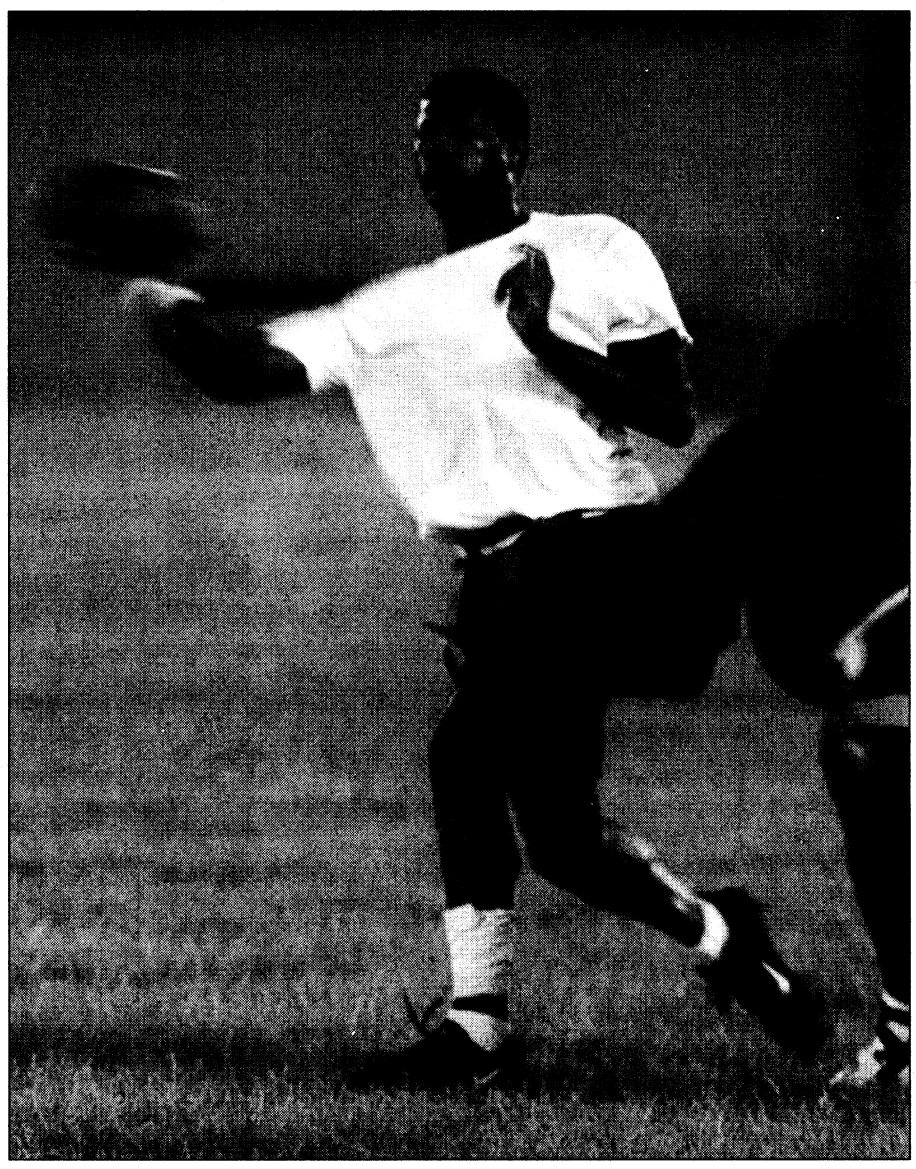
Bravo Bulls' Clay Coleman said he was a little disappointed with the loss, but said his team has been training for war for the past month and was unable to get in any quality football practice.

However, he said they played well considering the lack of practice, and now that they have the opportunity, they will get their game together.

Sidney Waller, Ammo Dogs' coach, said he was happy with the win and it was truly a team effort.

"Basically we knew we were outnumbered, because we only have 10 men and they have about 25, so we wanted to hold on to the ball and used running plays," he said. "But once they got aggressive on our runs, we started throwing more."

Waller said his offensive line can still use some work, but everyone put forth a tremendous effort.



Spc David Foley

Ammo Dogs' quarter-back, Keiyon Carpenter, slips past a Bulls' defender for a pass.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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WHINSEC FRG's golf tournament — The Family Readiness Group for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation will sponsor a golf tournament at 1 p.m. today at the Follow Me Golf Course.

The price is $30 per person for 18 holes of golf, golf cart, range balls, a gift certificate to the pro shop and participants will be treated to a lunch at WHINSEC.

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Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The class will be instructed by Clayton Coleman.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

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Shotgun starts are at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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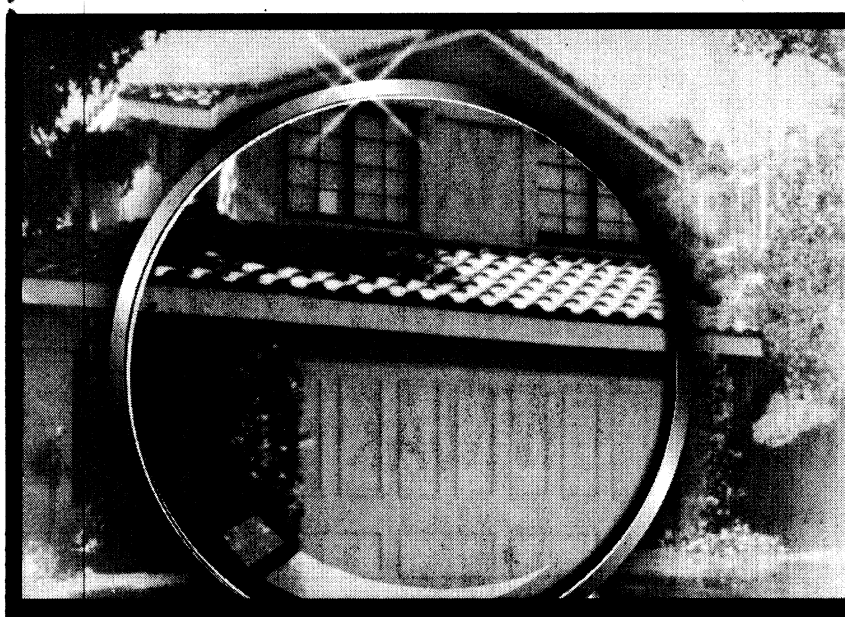
First rugby game — The Columbus, Fort Benning Cruise-a-matics will play their first game of the season at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cruiser Dome in Columbus.

Admission is free.

For more information, call Jeremy Bond at 507-3074 or 565-0700 or visit www.columbus-benningrugby.com.

Columbus Track Club — The Columbus Track Club has started the Run or Walk the Riverwalk Series. The event will take place Saturday and Oct. 30. The series will finish Nov. 2 with the running results and national election results at 7 p.m. at the Draft American Grill and Tap. It is free for Columbus Track Club members and $10 per run for nonmembers.

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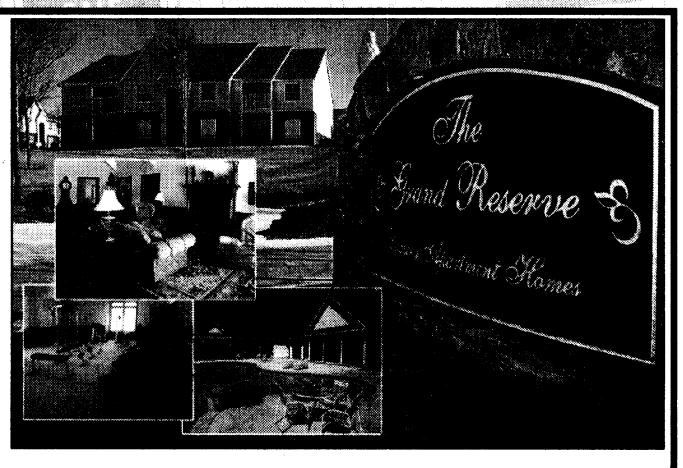


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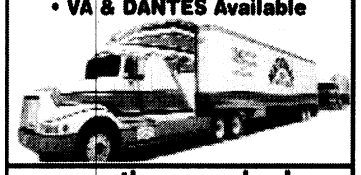


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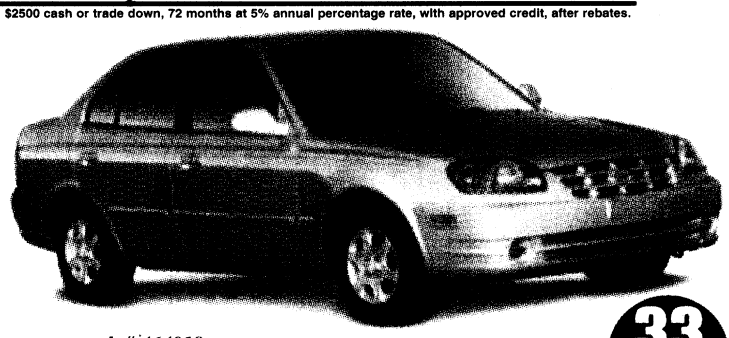
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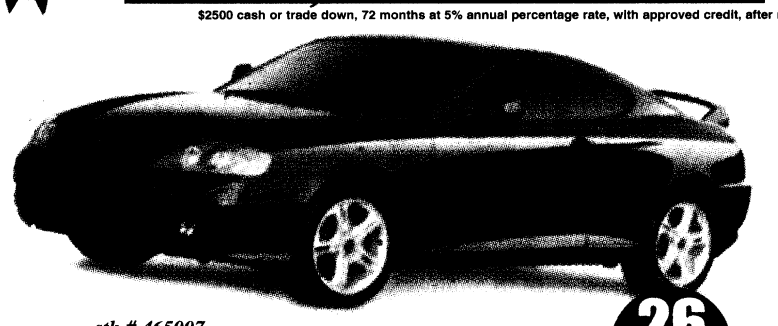
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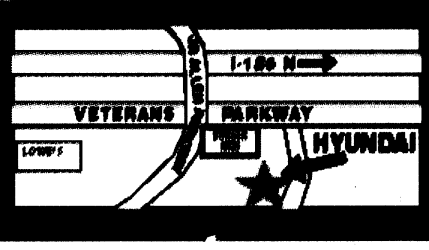
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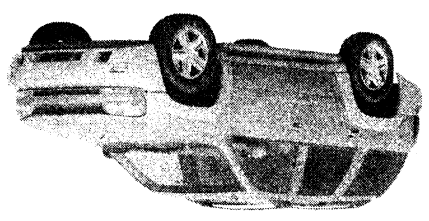
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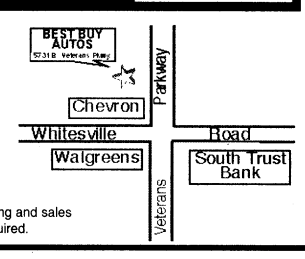
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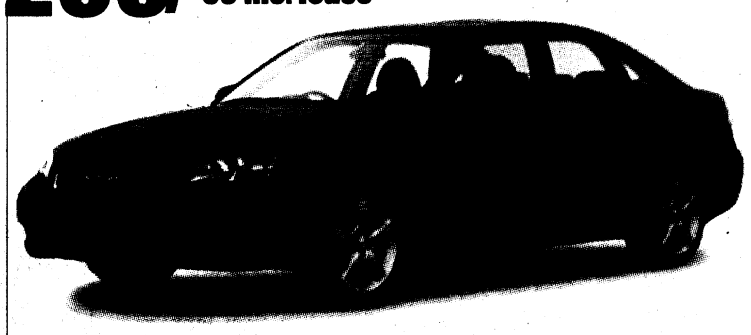
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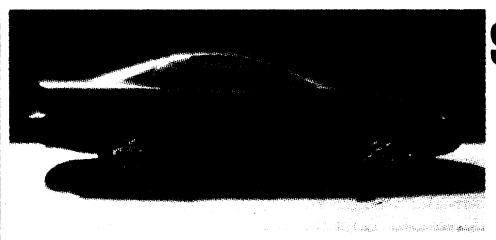
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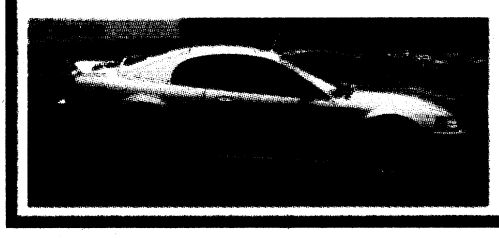
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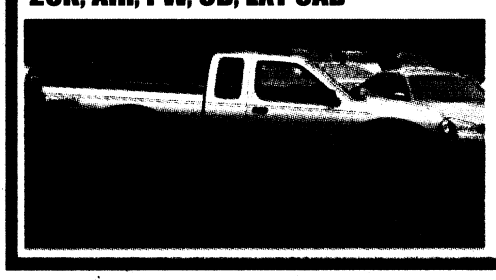
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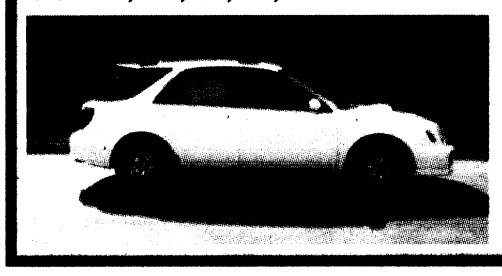
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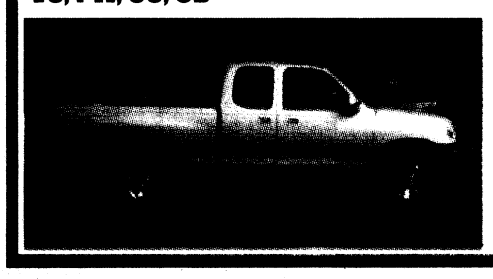
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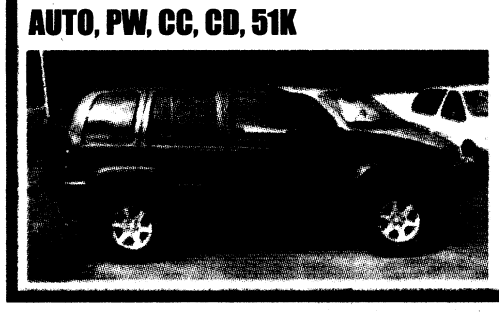
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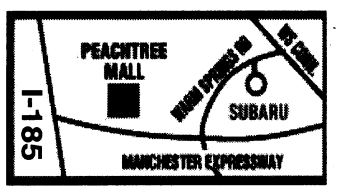
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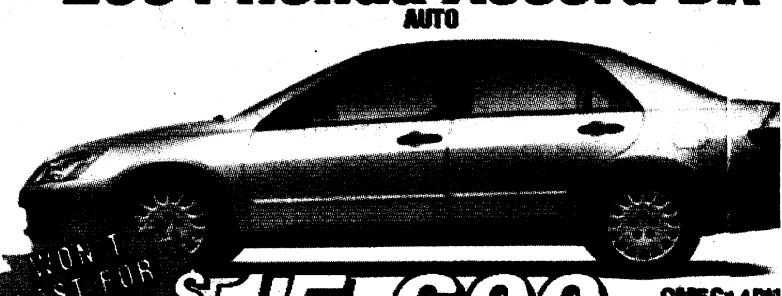
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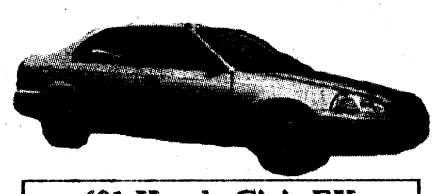
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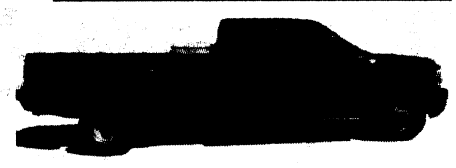
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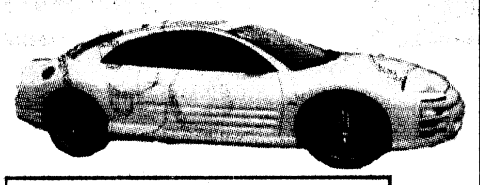
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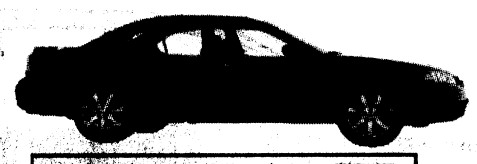
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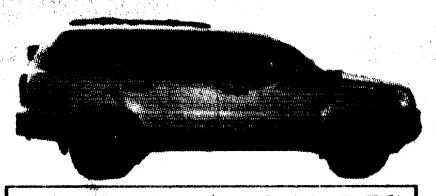
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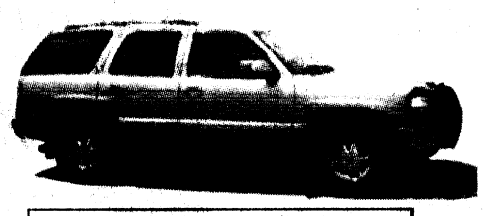
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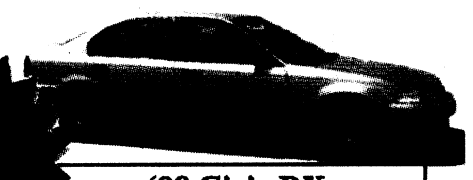
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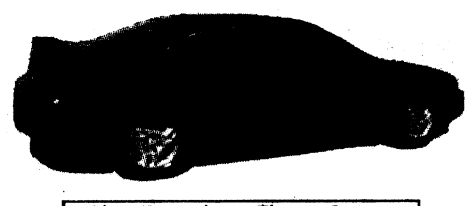
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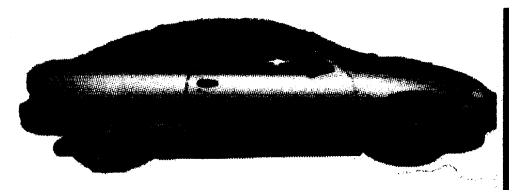
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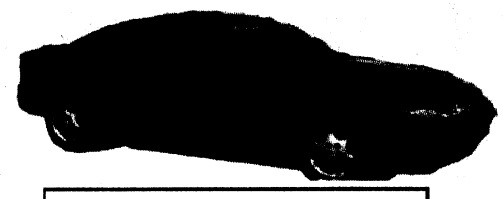
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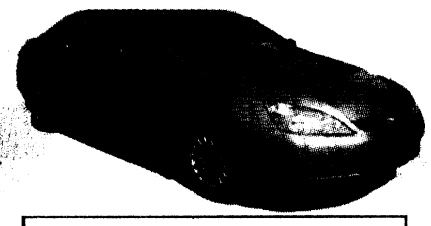
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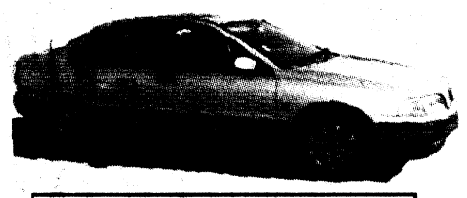
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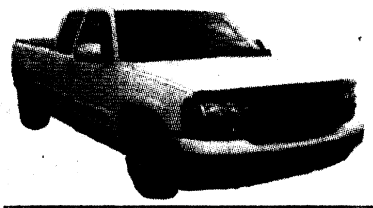
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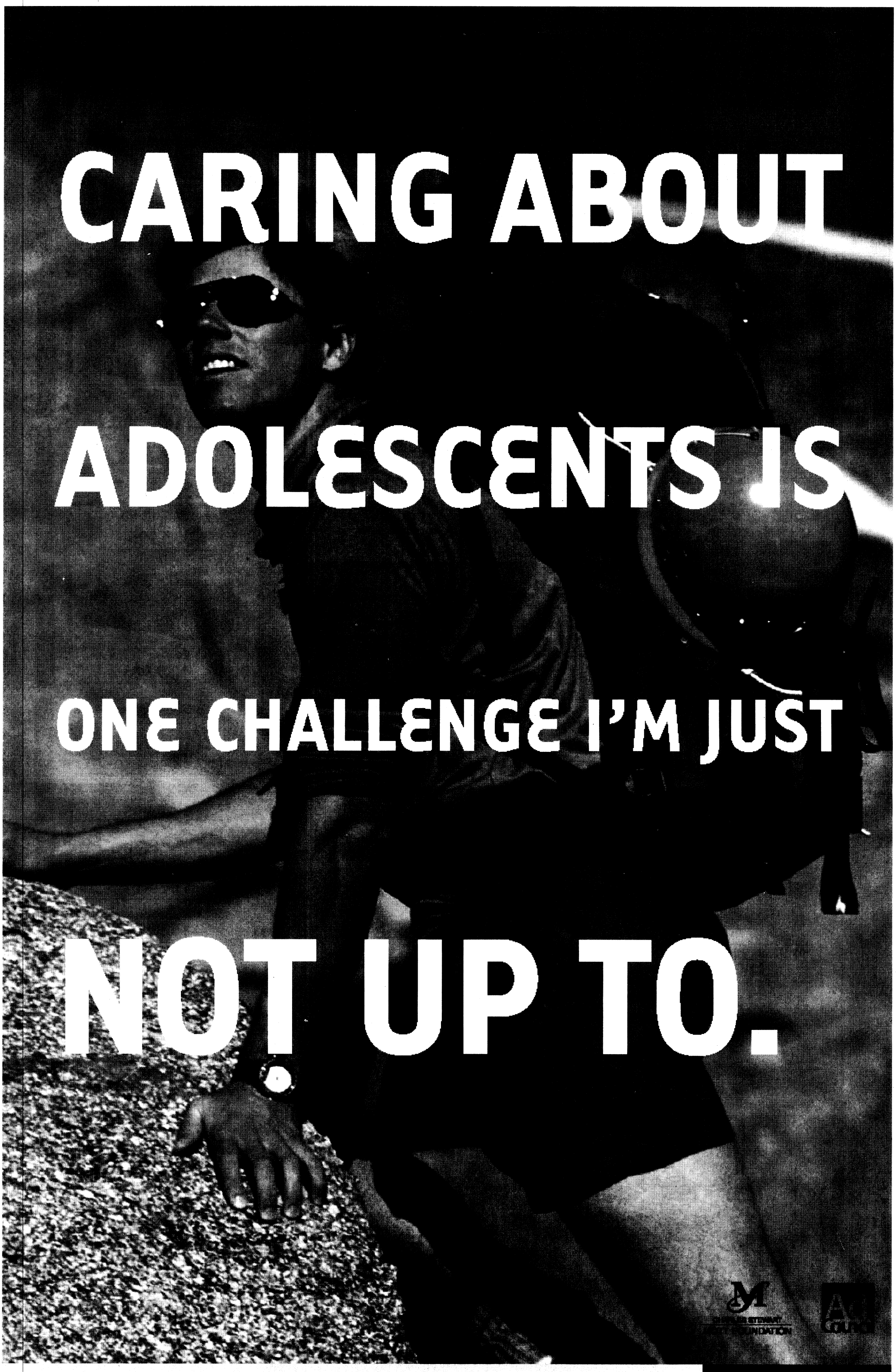
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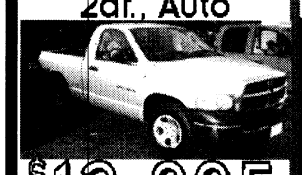
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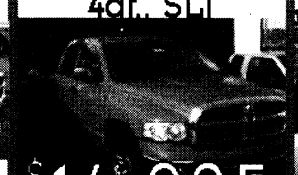
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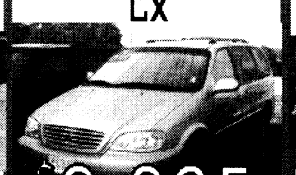
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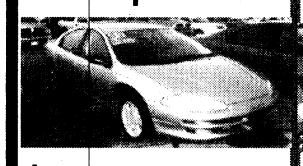
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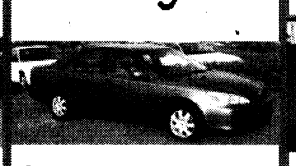
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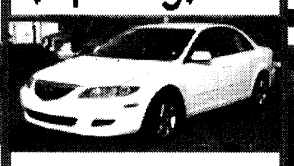
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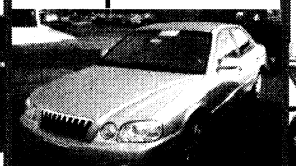
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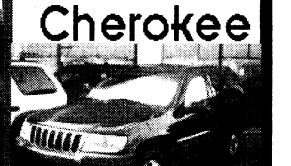
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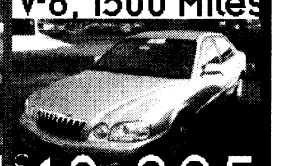
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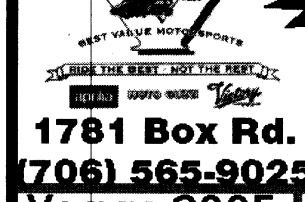
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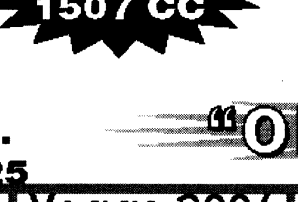
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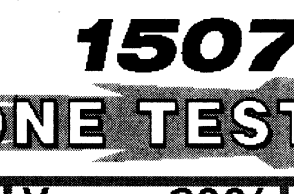
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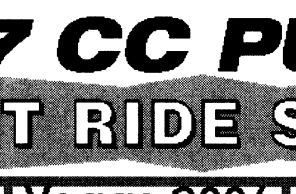
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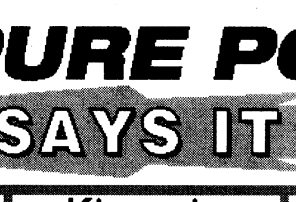
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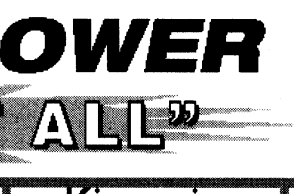
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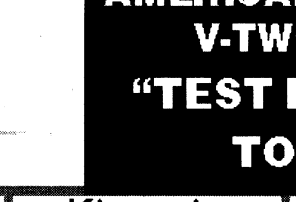
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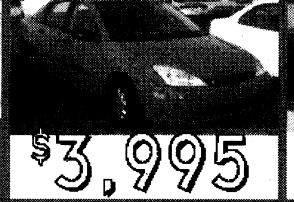
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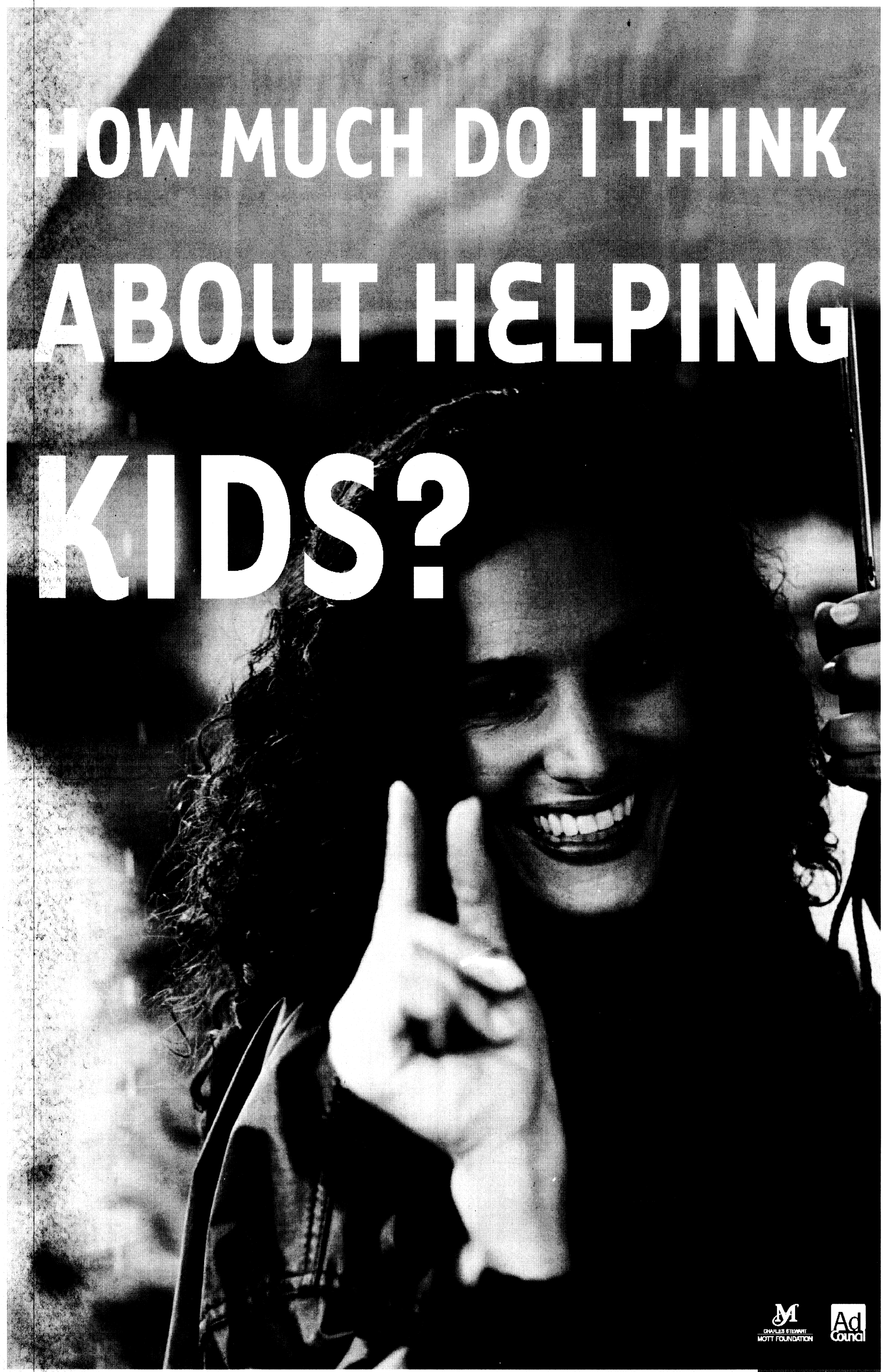
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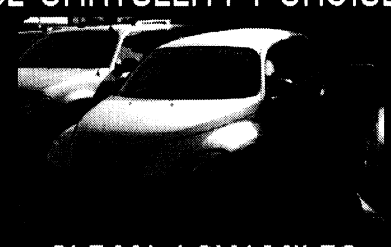
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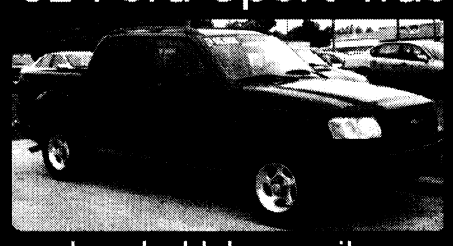
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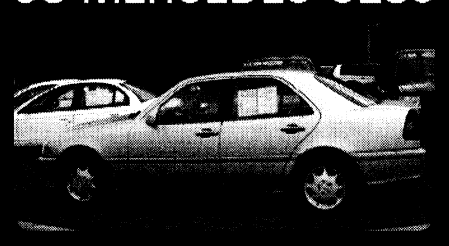
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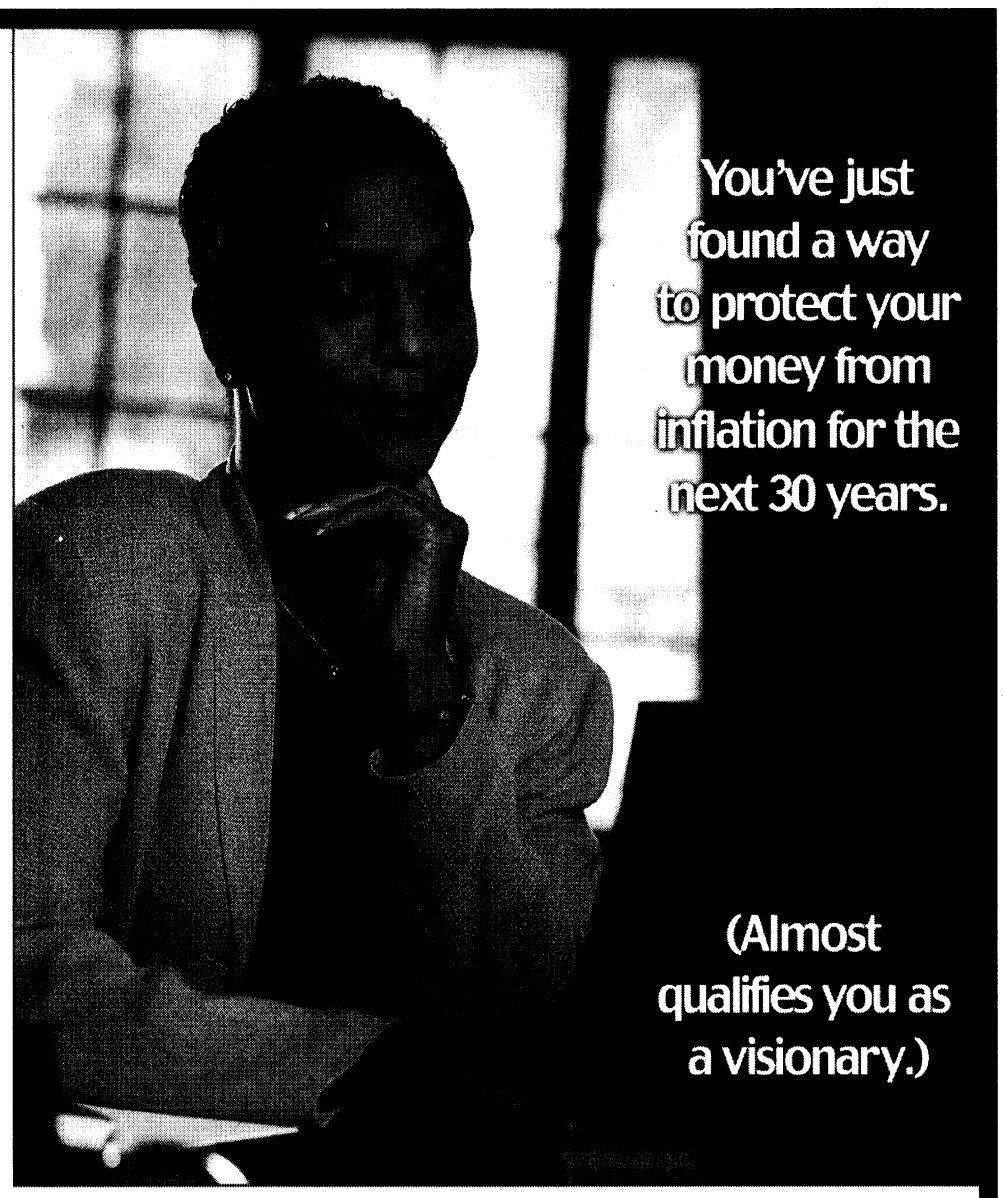
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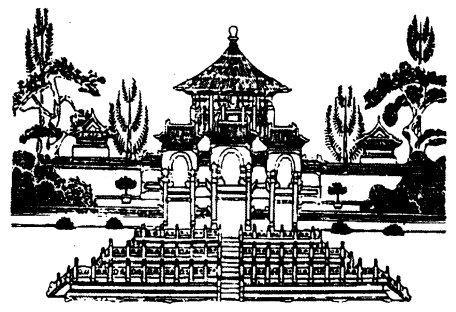
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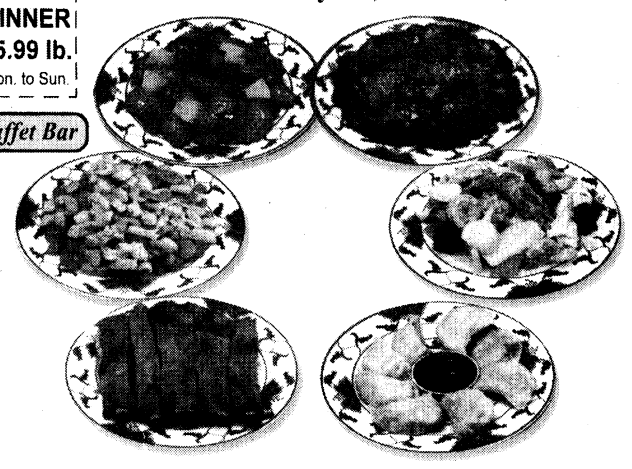
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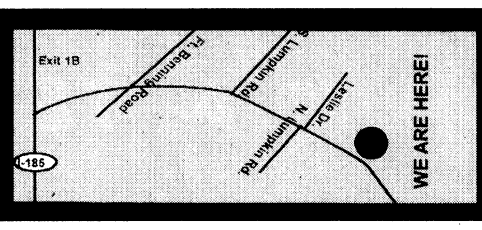


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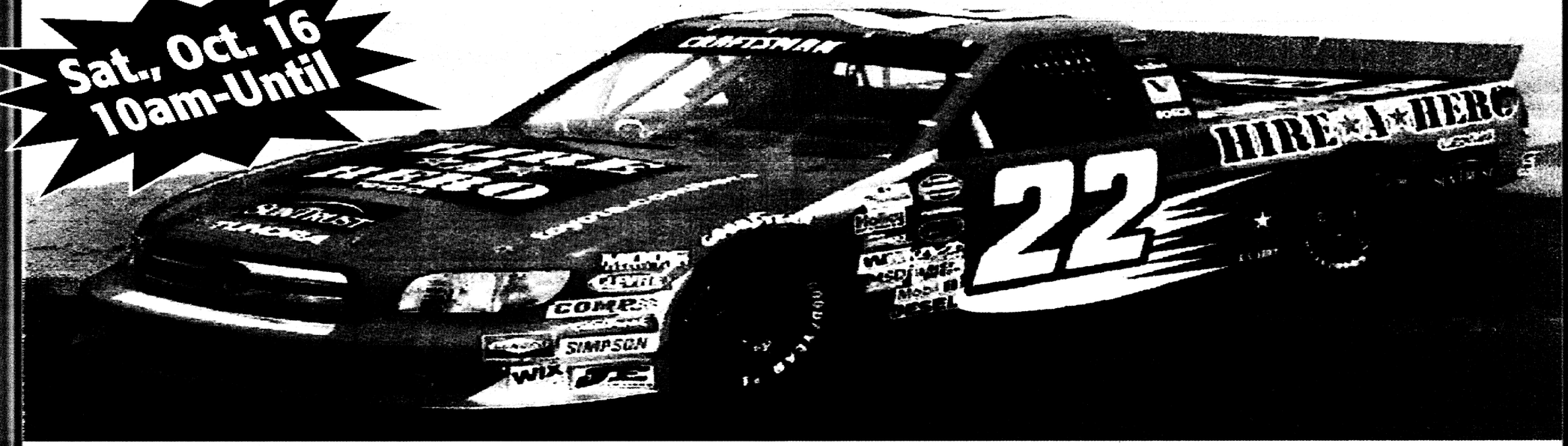
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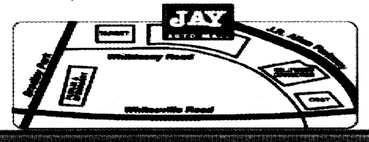
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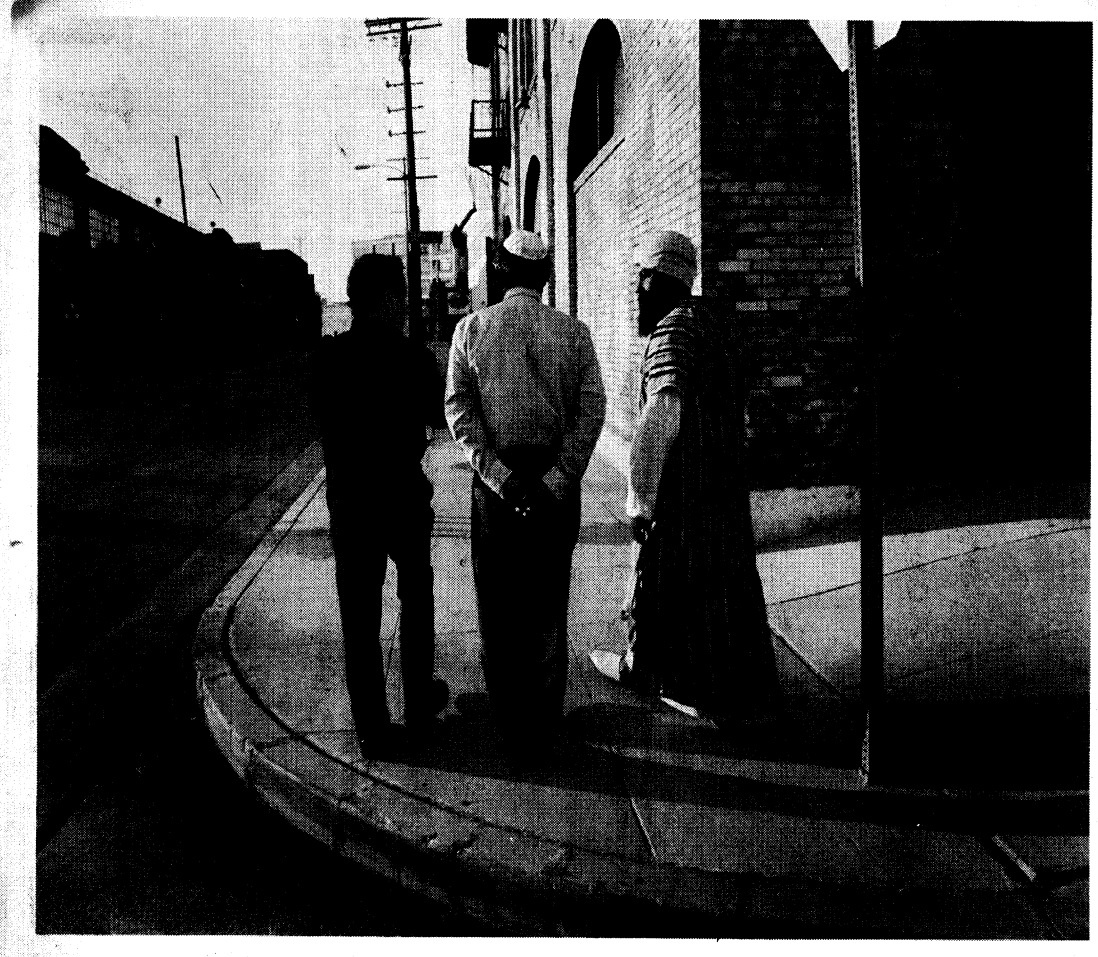


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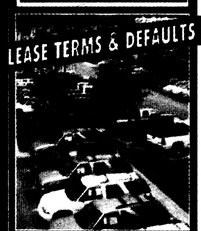
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Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Mock terrorist Officer Candidate Ann Still lies wounded and screaming "Praise Allah!" and "Die Americans!" after she and other terrorists "bombed" Gavin Hall during the force protection exercise Friday.

Terrorists attack in exercise

Two bombings, hostage incident test post

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A sequence of training scenarios starting Oct. 9 culminated Friday with a three-prong terrorist attack exercise on Fort Benning.

The exercise, called Bayonet Fury, was designed to test the post's ability to transition to a higher force protection condition in a timely, orderly manner and to respond appropriately in the event of an actual terrorist attack.

The attack started with a mock car bombing in the parking lot at Wilson Elementary School, which, because it was detonated far enough away from the school, caused the death of the terrorists involved, but did not damage the building or cause any civilian injuries or fatalities.

Military police, fire department, Emergency Medical Services, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Criminal Investigation Division personnel responded to the scene, established perimeters, cleared the area, swept the building and secured the crime scene.

The second attack began at 10:40 a.m., while the incident at Wilson was ongoing.

A car bomb went off at Gavin Hall, leaving a Soldier and three terrorists wounded.

The second attack forced first responders to balance their assets between two active incidents in two separate areas of post while continuing security and support to the rest of the installation.

As the scene at Gavin Hall was concluding, a report came in

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Clark Pinnacle tours post

Developer to build new post housing units

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Representatives from Clark Pinnacle, LLC, Inc., the firm selected to build Fort Benning's new housing as part of the Residential Communities Initiative, visited the post Oct. 15.

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley gave the Clark Pinnacle staff an in-depth briefing about Fort Benning and what makes it and the greater Columbus area unique.

"We have a lot of opportunities to gather as a community," Freakley said, "and we want to keep that going with your help."

Freakley talked about the post's population profile — the more than 105,000 people who do business on post each day. That number represents 31,000 Soldiers; 49,000 family members; 11,000 retirees and 6,000 civilians, but does not include the more than 100,000 visitors who come to Fort Benning to attend graduations.

Of the Soldiers, Freakley said, 10,000 live on post and another 20,000 live off-post.

"But the Soldiers — Staff Sergeants through captains — would rather live on post if the right quarters were available, and that's where you come in. We just can't get to January 2006 fast enough."

Freakley said the post, with more than 184,000 acres, is roughly one-fourth the size of Rhode Island and is the sixth largest installation. Benning has the third largest Soldier density and is growing.

"We are an expanding post and preparing for more expansion," he said. Any increase in the number of Soldiers training here translates into an increased need for instructors and an increased need for housing on post: The Infantry Training Brigade will increased their training load by 92 percent, and the airborne, Officer Candidate and Infantry Officers Courses are increasing by up to 38 percent. He said Fort Benning has a $1.9 million impact on the local economy.

"We want you to be part of our growth," he said. "And we are serious about access. Fort Benning is now your post."

Freakley told the representatives about community outreach programs like Habitat for Humanity and House of Heroes, and said he hoped Clark Pinnacle would join in on those projects.

Clark Pinnacles' managing director Scott Orrentia said the company did not use all of the land made available to them for the RCI project.

"There will be an opportunity for future expansion to meet any additional needs," Orrentia said.

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MEDDAC rations flu vaccination

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

MEDDAC will not have a mass immunization program this flu season because of the severe shortage of vaccines, said Terry Beckwith, MEDDAC Public Affairs Officer.

In order to ensure the available vaccines are used efficiently, MEDDAC will screen Tricare patients to ensure only high risk patients receive the vaccine, Beckwith said.

High-risk patients include:

- Soldiers who are deploying overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism.
- Patients with chronic, debilitating conditions such as moderate or severe asthma, emphysema, significant cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus and renal failure.
- Patients with weakened immune systems because of cancer, HIV or AIDS, immunodeficiencies, use of long term immunosuppressive medications.
- Pregnant women in their second or third trimester.
- Patients 65 or older have a lower priority unless they have chronic, debilitating conditions.
- Health-care workers with direct patient care responsibilities.

According to an Oct. 5, press release from the Department of Health and Human Services, the shortage of flu vaccines is due to the three-month suspension of Chiron's operating license. The England-based manufacturer was scheduled to supply more

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TSP open season kicks off

Higher maxes in 2005 mean bigger returns

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The federal government's Thrift Savings Plan kicked off its 2004 "open season" Oct. 15 with slogans to remind members of the uniformed services and civilian government employees that they can increase their retirement coffers substantially by investing in TSP.

Open season — the period when people can enroll in the program or change their options — runs through Dec. 31. "Let It Flow" is this open season's slogan aimed at federal civilian employees, while "Save For Later. Start Now" targets military personnel and other members of the uniformed services. Brochures are being distributed to eligible participants.

"A lot of people don't even think about (TSP) but it's a great deal," said Ann Pratcher, financial manager with the Army Community Service.

More than 85 percent of workers covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System and about 67 percent of employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System contribute to TSP, a 401K-type savings program.

Pratcher said TSP is one of the cornerstones of FERS retirement.

"As of the end of September, we have more than 1.8 million FERS participants, 475,000 CSRS contributors and 435,000 military participants," said Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for TSP's overseer, the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. "All of the money goes into the common fund and is invested by fund, which is more than $141 billion for military and civilian investors.

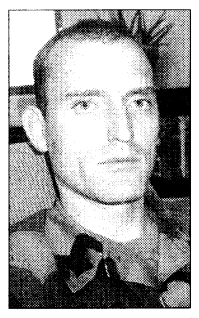
Most contributions are invested in five different funds. As of Sept. 30, the Government Securities Investment, or "G" Fund had $58.8 billion in it; the Common Stock Index

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Anti-drugs — they work

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff



What is your anti-drug? Just about anyone who has a television has seen the commercials.

Usually they feature an athlete who talks about how drugs are capable of destroying people's lives and crushing their chances for success. And I'm here to say that's true.

Drugs make it nearly impossible to succeed, because when people get addicted, they lose sight of their dreams and fall into a cycle of searching for the "next big high."

I have seen several of my friends fall into that cycle, and I can say from experience, it isn't pretty. Three of them are dead now, and one is infected with HIV.

If you are looking for a life of poverty, and loneliness, follow their example, but if you want to make it in this world and be able to live your dreams, find a good role model and follow their lead.

That's why drug awareness programs like Red Ribbon Week are so important.

In today's environment, kids are being tempted with all sorts of drugs, from tobacco and alcohol to crack and heroine.

And contrary to popular belief, it's not just in the inner cities. It is happening in rural America, the suburbs, and yes, even on military installations.

It is more important now than ever to let these kids know the dangers of drug use, so they can make the right decisions before they fall victim to the dealers.

The problem is, most parents don't talk to their kids about drugs because they don't want to face the truth, or they think their child already knows about the dangers of drug use.

Well, here's a newsflash. Your children are learning about drug use, and they are learning from the few bad apples who think drugs are fun or cool.

Fort Benning's Red Ribbon Week is like a weapon of mass destruction to eradicate drug use in the community.

During Red Ribbon Week, post officials and community members will join together to educate young and old alike on the dangers of drug use. The highlight of the week will be a celebration at 1 p.m. Monday in Marshall Auditorium.

Paul Voorhees, owner of Ranger Joes, and NFL football player Jeremiah Castille will speak during the program.

Red Ribbon Week is a great opportunity to start a discussion with your child or anyone who may be involved with drugs, but it is not a beat-all, cure-all. Ensuring your friend or family member stays off drugs should be an ongoing process that focuses on positive reinforcement.

I can tell you until I am blue in the face how bad drugs can be, and how important it is to talk with your kids about them, but I am no professional. Fortunately, the Army provides trained professionals who know how to get people off drugs and keep them off.

To speak with one of those professionals, call the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-1138. They can also tell you more about Red Ribbon Week.

Benning has fiscal year fun

Melissa House
Bayonet Staff



Forget New Year's resolutions. I have something better — fiscal year resolutions.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the fiscal year — it started Oct. 1 and, naturally, will end Sept. 30. I think it's the answer ... to everything.

Just like the experts don't recommend starting a new diet on a Monday, I don't suggest waiting until Jan. 1 to turn over a new leaf. Start fresh right now.

In the few short weeks since the year started, I've made a number of improvements, including giving up my million-Diet-Coke-a-day habit. Those of you up at the crack of dawn may have felt the earth shake a few times. Not to fear, it's just me hopping back on the fitness bandwagon and killing two birds with one stone.

I've, gasp, laced up my brand-new running shoes and am out pounding the pavement in an attempt to get back into shape. I have a son running cross country and would like to be able to run with him. But for now, I'm running with the dog and it's working well. I get my exercise and she gets hers.

And to get my house into shape, I've joined a Web based group. They send daily tips, reminders and cleaning missions. Since I'm cleaning up after a husband, three boys and a furry dog, I need all the help I can get.

But one of my biggest fiscal year missions was to start taking advantage of all the great things to see and do on and around Fort Benning. I started with the Infantry Band's concert series at Riverside, even before the fiscal year began. Let me say, if you live on post and you haven't gone, you're missing a great opportunity to hear a variety of wonderful music performed by talented musicians. Best of all, you don't have to dress up. You can go in sweats and mismatched running shoes like I did once. Once it got dark, no one noticed. Get out there Oct. 24 for the jazz band. It's your last chance for the season.

Then it was on to Oktoberfest. I said I would go and I did. The kids had a blast knocking each other around with pugil sticks — the best $15 investment for hours of entertainment.

I was free to enjoy the sights and sounds of the "oompah" band and the folks in German costume performing traditional dances.

Anyone with a keen eye and the patience to hunt down a good bargain shouldn't miss the postwide yard sale on Saturday. I've always been on the selling side, but this year, it's time to go see what treasures are out there.

For dinner theater that's not too stuffy-formal, look for me at Benning Backstage's *The Foreigner* starring some of the post's Soldiers and family members. It's another great deal, and a great way to have a night out with your spouse or your friends.

The play runs tonight and Saturday, and on Oct. 29 and 30 at Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for kids 12 and younger. Ticket prices include dinner and the show and is open to the public. Why not take advantage of all the activities Benning has to offer? I'm considering it my fiscal responsibility. Care to join me?

Sand Hill building boom

Capt. Trent Powell
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

If you haven't been to Sand Hill recently, then you would be surprised to see new buildings and a flurry of activity throughout the Infantry Training Brigade.

An increase in Army strength means an increase for the initial entry training units. 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, will add to its role another company which will bring the battalion's total to six.

The last time the 50th Inf. Regt. included an F company was during the Vietnam War. It was then known as Co. F (Long-range Reconnaissance Patrol), 50th Infantry, serving the 25th Infantry Division from December 1967 to January 1969.

Forming a new company is no small feat.

Just ask 1st Sgt. David Robinson, the new first sergeant of F Company.

A few short weeks ago, his company consisted of a grass field — no drill sergeants, no Soldiers, nothing.

Now, the company leadership and cadre of nine drill sergeants are developing systems and gathering resources to ensure the future infantry warrior is set for success during his 14 weeks of demanding training.

All tasks must be completed and every detail accounted for; furniture needs to be moved, equipment drawn, training schedules developed, logistics coordinated, and SOPs established.

What an already established company takes for granted must be created for the new company.

So how does a new commander and first sergeant make it all happen? Lots and lots of questions, that's how.

"I think I have sat on more first sergeant's couches getting feedback and ideas for success in the last few weeks than I ever had in my career," Robinson said. "Everyone does things a bit differently, so I was able to hear all the good and bad and then come up with a Foxtrot way. We will learn as we go, but I feel we have a great solid start to build on.

"Making infantry warriors is nothing new; it comes down to building the foundation using the Warrior Ethos and instilling it through their training. We have an awesome responsibility training the infantry warrior to join the war fighting units throughout the Army."



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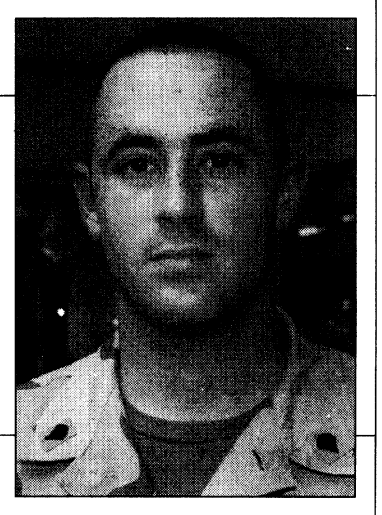
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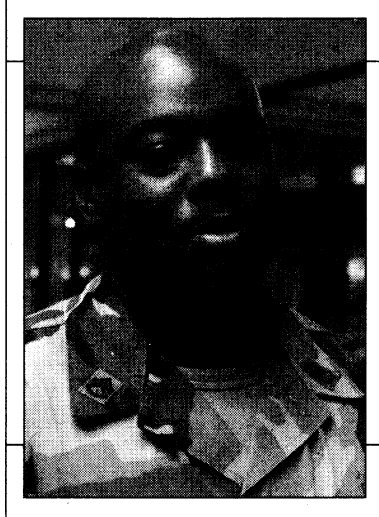
To find out more, attend the Red Ribbon Week Ceremony at 1 p.m. Monday in Marshall Auditorium.



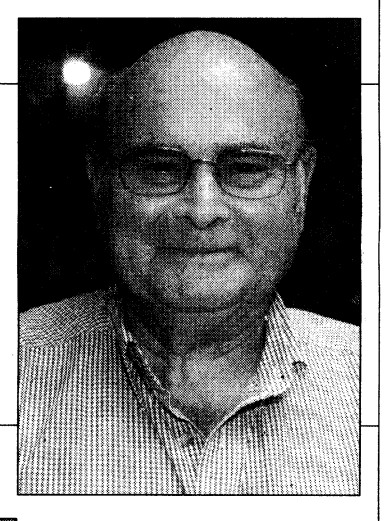
Pfc. Rachel Yerashunas, U.S. Army Infantry Center — "My job. This job requires so much attention that we can't jeopardize it with drugs."



Spc. Jamie Law, 1206th Quartermaster Company, Wetumpka, Ala. — "I play with my kids. I don't want to be a deadbeat dad. There are enough of them out there already."



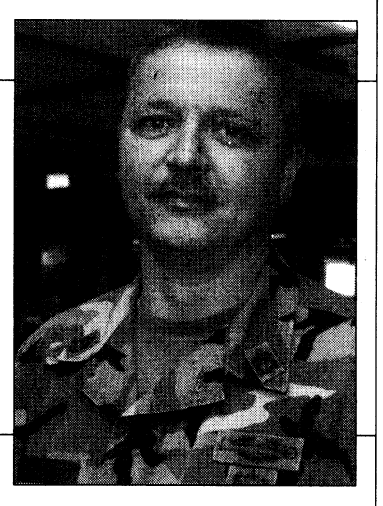
Staff Sgt. Elliot Reid, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment — "Video games. They keep my hands occupied and they keep me in the house."



Retired Maj. Vincent Hartmann, Seale, Ala. — "I was never influenced by drugs. You should listen to your parents and pastors and just stay away from them. Children who are in school ought to avoid the peer pressure."



Nelly Hoscheid, family member — "I keep myself busy. My kids keep me busy."



Sgt. 1st Class David Haas, U.S. Army Infantry Center — "Setting an example for my kids is my anti-drug. I make sure they're doing what I say and what I do. They're following my example."

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Special Reaction Team members plot possible avenues of assault on the hostage takers' lair.

FPX: Are we ready for action?

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that hostages had been taken at Building 239.

Being the only personnel trained to handle hostage negotiations, CID agents responded to the scene and established an operations center for the negotiations.

"Once hostage takers establish contact, the military police will turn it over to us as soon as possible," said Special Agent Mark Jackson, 86th MP Detachment (CID).

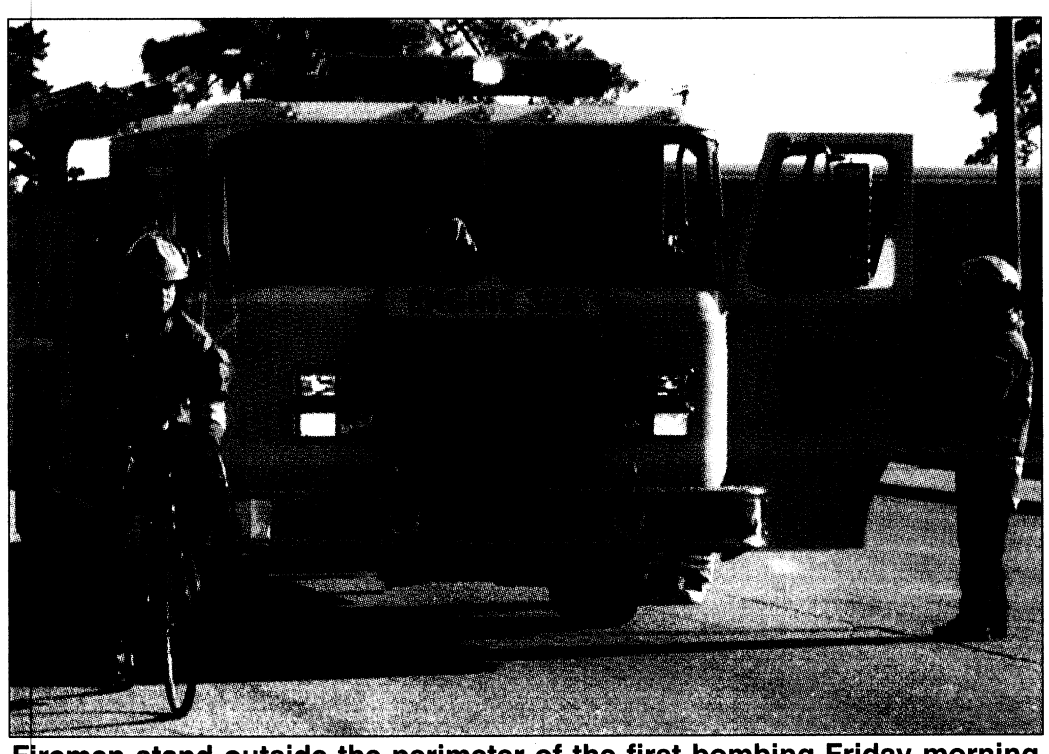
Once communication began between the negotiator and the hostage takers, the agents worked with the post's Special Response Team to get food and a reliable phone into the building.

After securing the release of one hostage and several hours of negotiations, the SRT team entered the building, killing both of the hostage takers and ending the exercise.

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bonham, the Directorate of Intelligence and Security NCOIC, said great effort was put into making the exercise as effective as possible within parameters designed to minimize the effects on those not in the exercise.

"We tried hard to make it as realistic as we could by integrating true terrorist techniques, tactics and procedures," he said.

The exercise will help post officials improve readiness.



Firemen stand outside the perimeter of the first bombing Friday morning as they wait for clearance from explosive ordnance experts.

Bayonet Fury FPX train up for next year's larger exercise

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

In an FPX after action review Monday afternoon, the post chief of staff Col. Charles Cornwell expressed appreciation for the effort put into Bayonet Fury, but advised that Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley's vision of the major FPX next year is "exponentially bigger" than the scope of Friday's exercise.

Officials representing each of the agencies that took part in the past week's force protection and antiterrorism training events rallied to discuss not only what went right and wrong, but how the installation force protection plan implementation will adapt, train and be ready for Freakley's massive training event next year.

The path to meeting that goal will include the establishment of specific protocols for specific scenarios, networking a viable communications system for first responders, supporting agencies and personnel, clarifying responsibilities and executing multiple training events both on the directorate and post level, said Bob Robertson, installation antiterrorism officer, and Jeff Shuck, chief of plans and operations.

Monthly, quarterly and semiannual training will become the standard, across the board, for all activities both on an individual and collective level, he said.

A working group will be formed to organize, formalize and review the training progress.

The next challenge on the path to meeting Freakley's expectations?

The annual TRADOC Antiterrorism Operational Assessment in April. The goal? Score in the top 10 percent.



AMU's Roundhouse needs repairs

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

What do John Wayne, Gen. George S. Patton, Capt. Hook, and the pilot of the Enola Gay all have in common?

The Roundhouse.

The Roundhouse is located in the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's range complex, and it's history is as unique as its architecture.

The only one like it on Fort Benning, and quite possibly in the world, the Roundhouse, built sometime between the late 1930s and the early 1940s, is wood-frame with a two-story rotunda connected to a one-story semicircular building below.

While there has been much speculation as to the building's original function, no one has been able to provide any proof.

In a quest for information about Hook Range and the man it was named after, Capt. Alfred J. Hook, who died in WWI, the AMU deputy commander, Robert Aylward, found out more than he bargained for about the building that rests on the range.

The Roundhouse, which has conveniently been dubbed the Trap and Skeet Building, because of it's location on Hook Shotgun Range, is presumed to have been built as a classroom for officer training.

It later became an extension of the Officers' Club, providing some of the military's top leaders a place to gather, tell stories and play cards, Aylward said.

Aylward found proof that Patton, Gen. Omar Bradley and Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, pilot of the Enola Gay, all spent time in the building.

He also puts "The Duke" at the range and says he was inside the building numerous times.

"John Wayne was at the range filming part of the movie *The Green Berets*, and since the Roundhouse was used as a preparation area for the movie, he was in there a lot," Aylward said.

The Roundhouse has fallen into a state of disrepair, and AMU doesn't have enough funding to restore it.

At one time, Aylward actually diverted the demolition crew that came to tear down an old pump house, but nearly destroyed the Roundhouse because of an error in the numbers on the buildings.

Rumor has it the numbers from the Roundhouse and the pump house were switched so someone could get a telephone line run into the pump house, Aylward said.

The building is no longer at risk of being demolished, but those who use the range say it is imperative it be renovated.

"As far as having a piece of history on the range, it's great," said Master Sgt. Rod Pinkston. "But right now, it's an eyesore. I'd like to get it remodeled, so it looks as good as the rest of the buildings on the range."

To say it is in need of remodeling may be an understatement. The paint on the wood siding is peeling off in silver dollar-size flakes, the floor-to-ceiling windows are boarded up, the floor sags in places, the stairwell to the rotunda was removed, and the list goes on.

Even in its decrepit state, the building has a certain ambiance.

The walls are lined with pictures of some of the greatest shooters in the world, dating back to 1964. Pictures of "The Duke" and other dignitaries who visited the site are pinned on a wall of fame.

And, to add to the building's hunting cabin charm, a boar's head from Russia, a turkey-like bird from Germany and water buffalo horns from Australia mounted on the walls.

What may be the building's saving grace is the Military Marksmanship Association, a group of retired veterans who have volunteered to fund the restoration efforts with no strings attached, Aylward said.

The possibility of the building's full restoration is still in the process of being approved by a group of military lawyers.

"I know there is a way to do it," Aylward said. "We just need to find it."



Photo illustration by Spc. David Foley

The Roundhouse on Hook Range is one of the most unique buildings on Fort Benning and was used as a recreation facility by some of the military's top leaders and "The Duke". The Military Marksman's Association and AMU are trying to have it restored.

Open house to show appreciation for retirees

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Retired Army Col. John Radke will be the guest speaker at the Retiree Appreciation Day luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 5 at the Officers' Club.

Radke, Chief of the Army Retirement Services with the Department of the Army, will update retirees on new legislation, rules and services that affect them.

There will also be time for questions, said Verna Clemons, Fort Benning's retirement service officer.

"Appreciation Day is a time for all the retirees to come together to get information," Clemons said. "Last year we had a total of about 500 retirees and family members come out."

The day begins at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast registration at the Officers' Club.

Participants will load a bus at 7 a.m. and head to the ITB dining facility for breakfast.

"The Soldiers, trainees and the drill sergeants are there, and the retirees will have a chance to talk to them about their service in the military," Clemons said.

At 9:30 a.m. the buses will travel to Victory Pond for a Rangers in Action graduation ceremony.

"The retirees haven't been to one of these graduations before," Clemons said.

"Normally we go to graduation for the training Soldiers, so this should be new and fun."

After the graduation, the participants will go back to Officers' Club for the 11:30 a.m. luncheon, Radke's presentation and door prizes.

Following lunch, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., will be the County Benefit Health Fair.

Clemons said they plan on having about 30 vendors present, from places such as commissary, PX, veteran's affairs and local banks.

MEDDAC will be on hand to give out a limited number of flu shots, check people's vital signs and provide cholesterol tests.

The cost for the breakfast is $1.60, lunch is $12.50 and the health fair is free.

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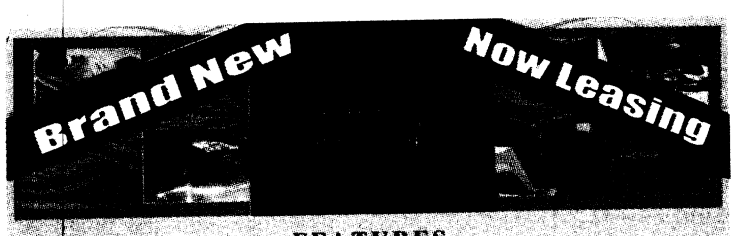
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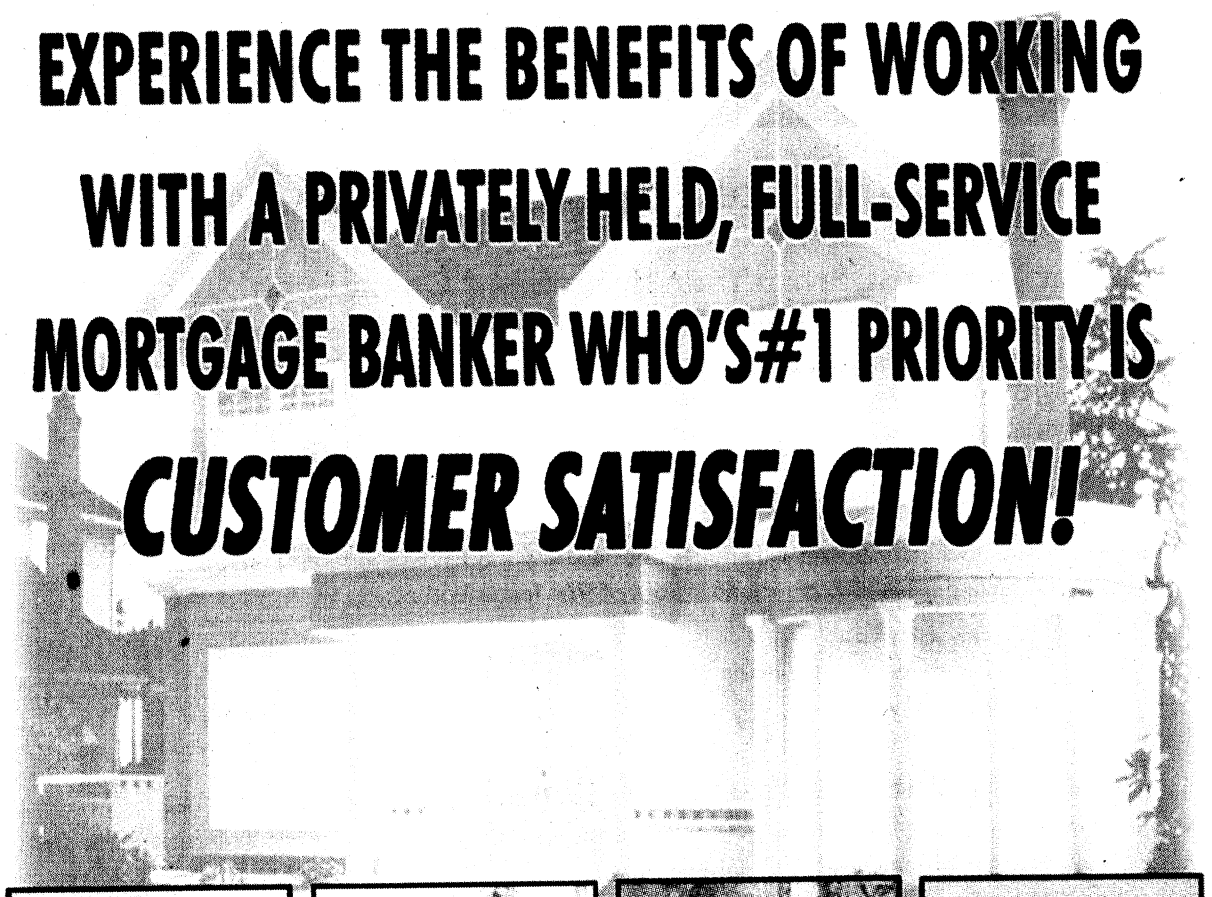
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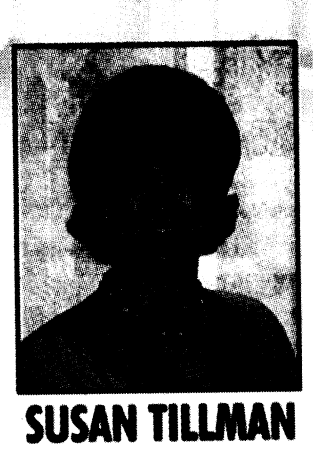
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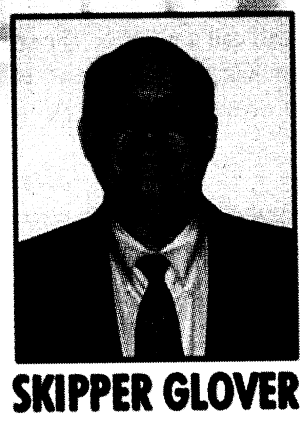
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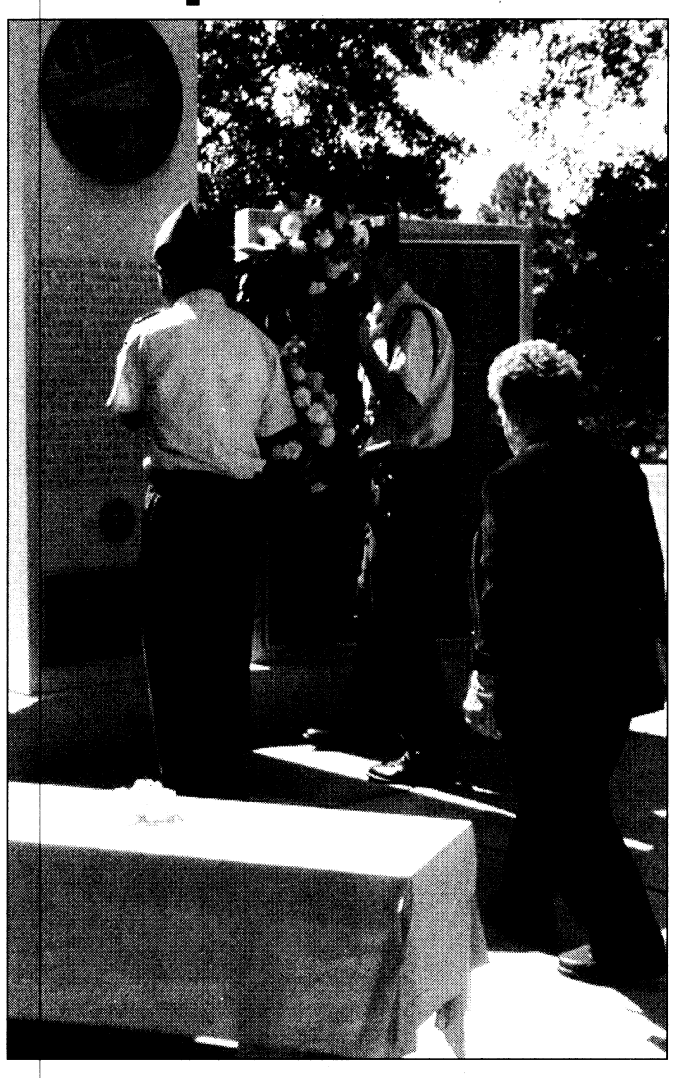
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Leopoldville



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Stephen Hill and Gary Moken, JROTC students from Hardaway High School, place a wreath at the Leopoldville Memorial on Sacrifice Field during a memorial and dedication ceremony Oct. 15. The students were accompanied by family members of Soldiers who died when the troop transport was attacked on Christmas Eve 1944. During the ceremony, two benches were unveiled as the final additions to the memorial.

TSP: Sign up during open season

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Investment, or "C" Fund had $59.6 billion; the Fixed Income Index Investment, or "F" Fund had $10.3 billion; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment, or "S" Fund had $7.6 billion; and the International Stock Index Investment, or "I" Fund had $4.5 billion.

"This brings the total up to $141 billion," Trabucco said.

"Open season is a good time make the initial decision on whether or not you will contribute to TSP if you're not currently contributing," Trabucco said. "It's also the time to increase your contributions to take advantage of the increased amounts that you're allowed to contribute this year. If you're not contributing the maximum, now is your time to take a look and see if you can or should."

The primary difference between the 2003 and 2004 TSP open season is "you can contribute more this open season," he said.

Pratcher said service members can contribute from special pay as well as basic pay. Civilians can contribute only from basic pay.

In the 2003 open season, which was really for calendar year 2004, the contribution limits were 9 percent of pay, up to a maximum of $14,000 a year, Trabucco said. "For the current open season, which will cover 2005, eligible employees who are members of the uniformed services may contribute up to 10 percent of pay, to a maximum of $15,000.

FERS people may contribute up to 15 percent of basic pay each pay period, but only up to the elective deferral limit of $15,000 that's set by the Internal Revenue Service.

Those who make more than $93,333 per year should be concerned about exceeding the $15,000 limit. Anyone in that category can get a fact sheet from the Web site, along with a worksheet that will help FERS people be sure to put in the maximum amount allowed and pick up the maximum matching contributions from the government.

As soon as employees are covered by FERS they are eligible for agency contributions, the agency will automatically contribute an amount equal to 1 percent of the employee's basic pay each pay period, whether or not they contribute.

If employees contribute their own money, the agency will match the employee's contributions dollar-for-dollar on the first 3 percent the employee contributes each pay period and 50 cents on the dollar for the next 2 percent the employee contributes.

Trabucco said that this may be the last TSP open season, because legislation has passed the U.S. Senate and is in the House of Representatives that would eliminate open seasons in the future.

The congressional measure would allow people to make their contribution elections at any time.

Trabucco said the board is looking into creating "Lifecycle Funds" beginning next year. These funds provide the benefits of professional asset management to participants.

"That means Lifecycle Funds will be set up based on years when you would plan on drawing down your account balance," Trabucco said. "We don't know what those years will be established at yet. That's part of the procurement process, and we're collecting bids from industry now on how to structure them."

ACS has a TSP class scheduled from 10 a.m to noon Nov. 22.

For more information, or to make a reservation for an upcoming class, call 545-5485.

Editor's note: *'Rudi Williams from the Armed Forces Press Services contributed to this article.*

Colorado extends absentee deadline

Federal Voting Assistance Program

There has been a delay in the mailing of absentee ballots to Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act citizens from Colorado for the Nov. 2 general election. Because of the delay, the Secretary of State of Colorado has extended the deadline for the receipt of absentee ballots from UOCAVA voters by 10 days up to and including Nov. 12.

Ballots must be cast by 7 p.m. mountain standard time on Nov. 2 and received by 5 p.m. on Nov. 12. Overseas voters who have not yet received their state absentee ballot can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (Standard Form 186) to vote for candidates for federal office.

FWABs are available from the voting assistance officer in their unit or at their embassy or consulate.

Colorado also allows return of the voted ballot by fax. Information on faxing is available in Appendix C of the Voting Assistance Guide at http://www.fvap.gov/services/faxing.html.

Flu: Shot to be rationed

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than 100 million flu vaccines for the U.S. this flu season.

The U.S. has had to find ways to replace the vaccines ordered through Chiron, Beckwith said. A U.S. manufacturer of the vaccine is Aventis Pasteur located in Swiftwater, Pa. Aventis is supplying 54 million vaccinations for this season, leaving the U.S. in search of other means, Beckwith said.

"Department of Defense only received forty percent of the anticipated vaccine," Beckwith said.

"Tricare primary care managers will decide which of their patients is a high risk patient based on their medical condition. So if you're healthy you won't need to get the vaccine. We want to stress to everyone that hand washing, proper rest, a balanced diet, exercise and limiting contact with sick people greatly reduces the risk of catching a cold or the flu."

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates, between 5 to 20 percent of Americans get the flu each year.

For more information about the flu shots, call the Tricare Primary Care manager at 544-2273.

RCI: Under way

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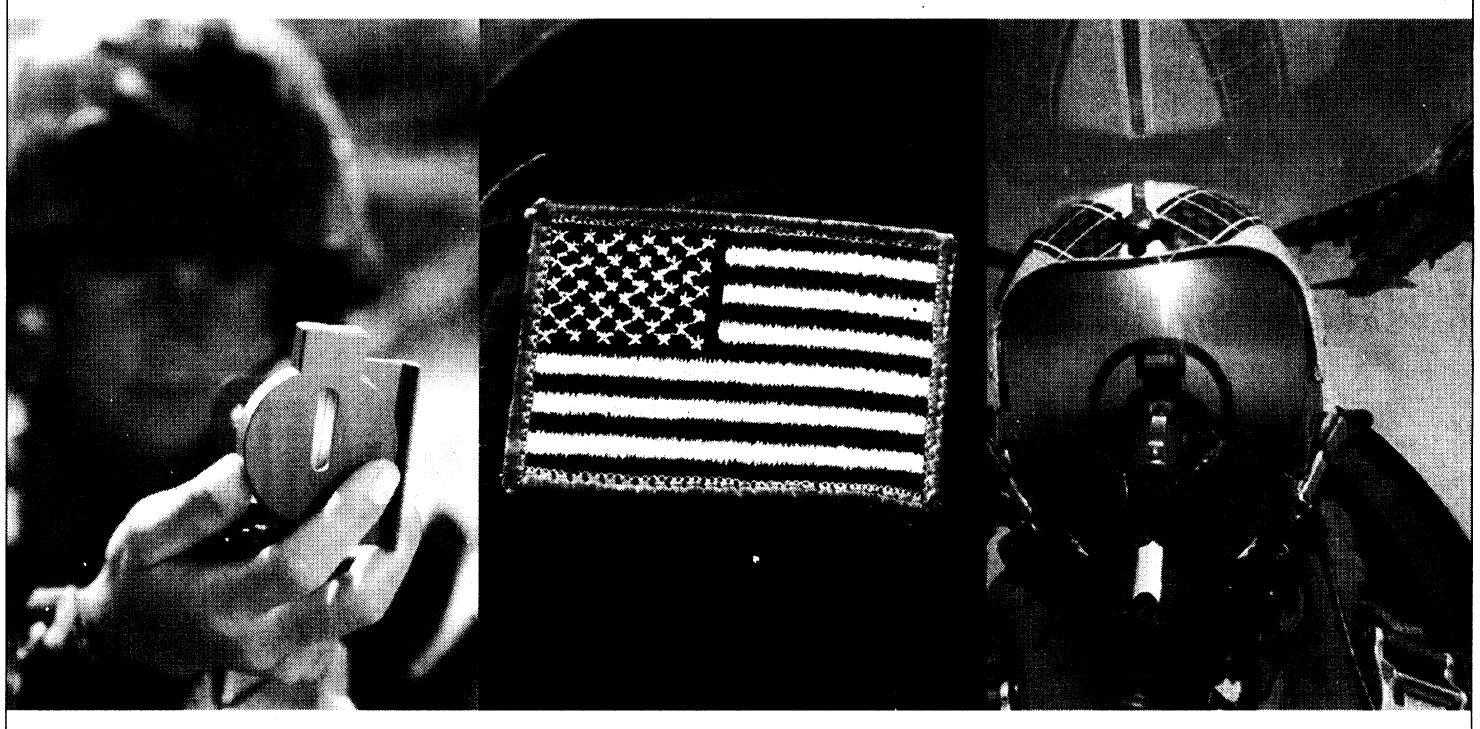
Future expansion may be necessary to meet the housing needs of the 5th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, which was not included in the planning when the contract awarded, and any other brigade Fort Benning may receive.

Garrison Commander Col. Rick Riera said Clark Pinnacle would become an integral part of one of 95 daily services — providing quality housing.

RCI staff accompanied the Clark representatives on the tour, which included the post's major training areas and all of the housing areas.

"We highlighted the historic areas and housing the Soldiers want — areas like the single-family homes in McDonald Manor," said Doug Ledford, RCI engineer. "And Clark's Mission Spanish designs will fit in well with a lot of the existing buildings."

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Benning to use Web for customer feedback

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
USAIC Public Affairs Office

A snowstorm is not a likely part of Fort Benning's immediate future, but garrison officials are hoping that the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, will take Fort Benning by storm and soon become a permanent asset to its customer service.

"The Army believes in the after-action review process as a way to improve itself," said Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander. "I believe that Interactive Customer Evaluation or ICE will provide us with accurate, timely feedback, which we can use as a learning and growing organization to make our services more effective and our delivery more timely."

A key part of the process is receiving feedback from customers, but that may be where the first part of the problem lies.

Typically, customers who receive either really poor or great customer service are the most likely to take the time to fill out a customer service card, said Brandon Cockrell, chief of the Plans, Analysis and Integration office. Most customers don't bother to respond for reasons ranging from being in a hurry to they may think their comments won't make a difference.

ICE solves the convenience problem, by being Web based. ICE can be accessed through the Internet day or night. Fort Benning's ICE Web site is http://www.ice.disa.mil. From there, customers should choose the "Army CONUS" link, then the "Fort Benning" link. On the Fort Benning page, there are links divided by related service category, such as housing. Customers may also choose the "show all" link for a complete alphabetical listing of Fort Benning service providers.

For customer convenience, ICE computer terminals are also being installed throughout the installation. Web site results are easily viewed, compiled and tracked by the garrison commander. Each directorate will also have the ability to view and track its own results, said Ginny Basl, plans specialist with the PAIO.

Customers can keep the ICE comments anonymous or they may supply their name and contact information to receive direct feedback.

Customers will still have the option of completing a hard-copy customer service card, which will then get input to the ICE Web site. Customers may also view the service provider's statistics by choosing the "report" link on the right hand side of the service providers ICE page.

All comments are greatly appreciated and encouraged, Cockrell said. However, the more specific the comment, the easier it will be to address the issue. Problems can be resolved and those providing notable customer service can be recognized.

"The big thing with customer satisfaction is that everything is from the customer's viewpoint. If we are not understanding our customers, then we are living in a dream world."

Customer comments are something the Adjutant General, Directorate of Human Resources has been collecting and analyzing for years, said Al Thrower, chief of Quality Support Division.

"We've been measuring customer service for 10 years and converted to ICE within the past 40 to 60 days."

The directorate has seen a dramatic increase in customer comments since converting to ICE. AG has processed more cards and ICE comments than all the other service providers on Fort Benning combined, Thrower said.

ICE has actually made it easier for the directorate, he said. With ICE, results can be easily tallied and converted to reports that show the directorate how they are doing across a number of fields.

The directorate, which enjoys a high satisfaction rate, did see a small dip in results with the switch to ICE, Thrower said. With ICE, two new questions were added, including satisfaction with the appearance of the facility and the facility's hours, both of which the employees have limited control.

"Soldiers in-processing were comparing the facility to one of the many brand new facilities throughout the Army and as a result, were giving the AG low marks for appearance. But with responses such as these we can now better see the appearance of facilities through the eyes of the customer and work to improve them," Throwler said.

The question "Did you have an appointment?" was also added recently, said Thrower, after noting long wait times in the ID card section. It was quickly determined the long wait times were attributed to customers without appointments. The AG then began a push for customers to get appointments for ID cards so that they could all receive the same timely service.

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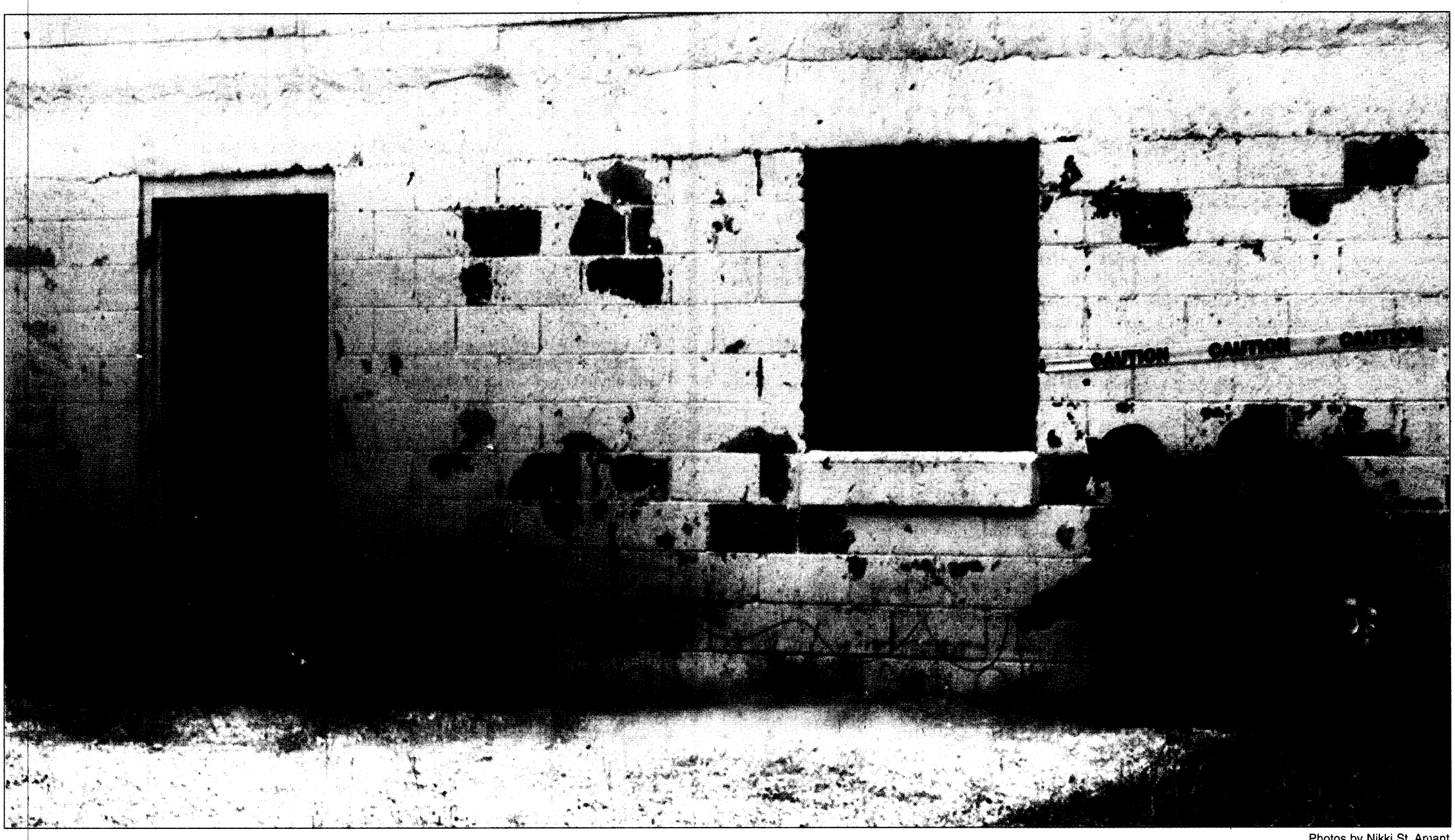
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Capt. Vince Bray, left, a combat engineer assisting IOBC with its breach training, blows a door open using detonation cord in a live demonstration Oct. 13.

IOBC, ANCOC team up, tighten up

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

When 2nd Lt. Rob Smith watches the news and sees the coverage flowing from war-torn cities and villages in Iraq and Afghanistan, he knows it's a snapshot of his future.

That future is a large-scale urban operation against faceless enemies who blend into crowded city streets, hide in the homes of the innocent and shift seamlessly among non-combatants, as they wage war using bombs, RPGs, IEDs and chaos as their weapons.

Smith, an Infantry Officer Basic Course student, is gearing up to face that as he nears completion of IOBC.

"When I watch the news, I feel that is the kind of stuff I know we are going to be getting into," he said. "So I've been looking forward to this week with the ANCOC students, because the majority of them have combat experience — both in Iraq and in Afghanistan."

Training has stepped into high gear Armywide, and ANCOC is working with IOBC, tapping the experience of senior NCOs to help prepare young officers for the realities of war.

During the senior IOBC classes' training at McKenna MOUT site last week, ANCOC students manned stations with IOBC cadre and gave instruction and insight in areas like breaching methods; individual, squad and platoon movements; clearing procedures in rooms, halls and stairways; and patrols. A question and answer session followed each class.

The ANCOC students affirmed for the IOBC students the doctrine and tactics they have been taught and offer insight on what works and what doesn't.

"I think it's great," said IOBC instructor Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Allard. "Here at the school we teach doctrine in a classroom for 13 weeks or so, but this is giving them a firsthand look and chance to talk with the guys who are doing it on the ground. It more or less validates the points we bring up as instructors."

Senior NCOs have the experience and knowledge to teach young leaders who will be tested in a combat environment, said ANCOC student Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Carpenter, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

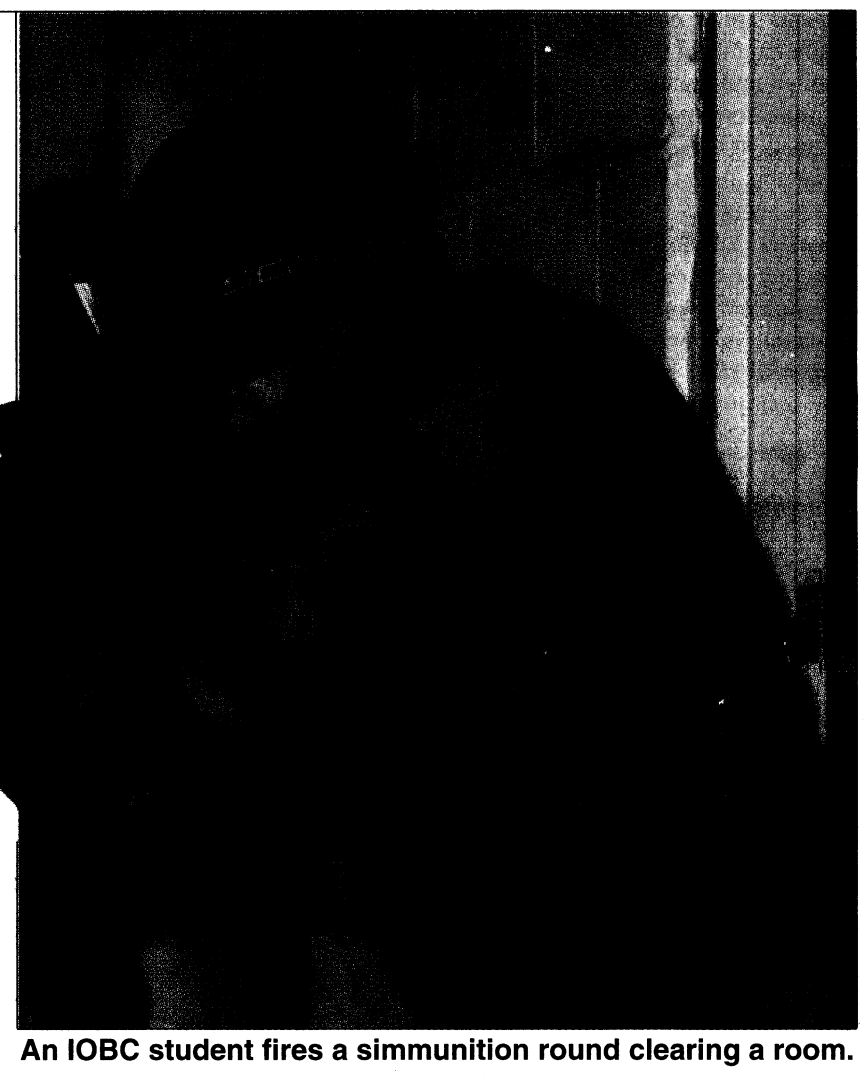
"I think what's being used on the battlefield is right on point with what's being taught in the classroom," Carpenter said. "These are viable techniques and doctrines these guys can use over there."

IOBC is taking this tightening up of training seriously and incorporated much more this cycle than ever before, said Maj. William Bestermann, B Company commander with IOBC.

While personnel from 3rd Brigade's Public Affairs Detachment role-play as civilian media, Bradley fighting vehicles were used to teach the integration of light and mechanized infantry in urban operations and, on Friday, a Stryker static display familiarized the IOBC students with the Army's newest fighting vehicle.

"I feel as prepared for war as I think I can be at this point," Smith said.

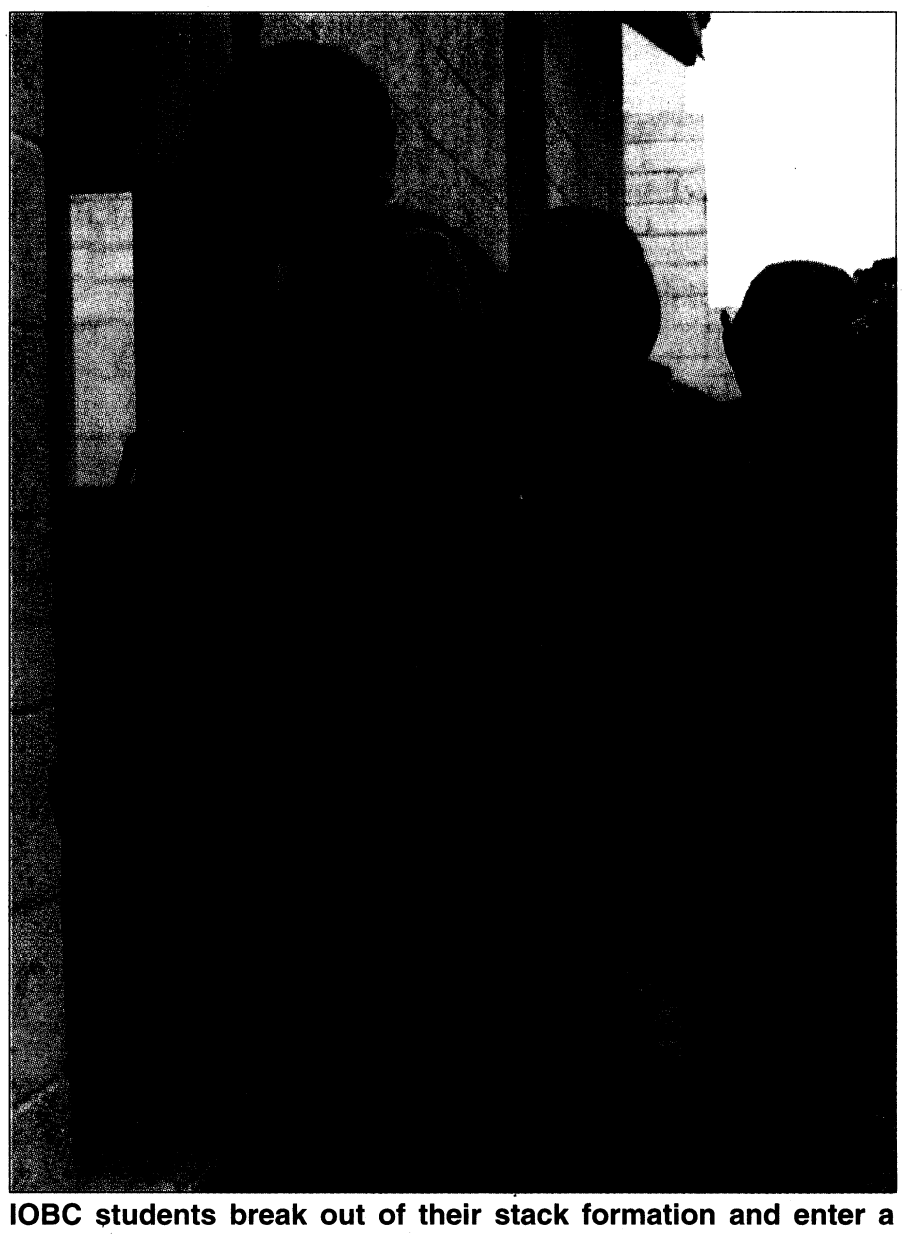
"You can never have enough training, and you never really know what to expect the first time you go to war. You just hope the guy to your right and left do the right thing and you come out all right."



An IOBC student fires a simmunition round clearing a room.



Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Carpenter, a Ranger with the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, currently in ANCOC, gives a class on breaching methods to IOBC students at McKenna MOUT site Oct. 13. Carpenter used experience gained during five combat deployments — four in Afghanistan and one in Iraq — to field questions about the real-world execution of doctrine taught in both ANCOC and IOBC.



IOBC students break out of their stack formation and enter a building to face some of their classmates in a clearing exercise at McKenna MOUT site Oct. 13.



A plane arrives at Lawson Army Air Field Tuesday afternoon under the surveillance of the air traffic controllers who operate the LAAF tower.

Air traffic controllers monitor, control skies

Lawson Army Air Field is home to many of Fort Benning's Soldiers who, day in and day out, perform jobs that are instrumental to the installation's training and nontraining missions. Some of those Soldiers are Soldiers like Sgt. 1st Class Walter Tisdale, an air traffic controller.

"People don't realize what we deal with on a daily basis," Tisdale said. "We have a lot of responsibilities as air traffic controllers, monitoring the air traffic that comes in and out the Fort Benning air space which covers an area of 4.2 miles and 2,700 feet."

A 15Q for 20 years, Tisdale has served in various countries around the world, including two tours in Korea and two tours in Germany.

On a bad weather day, Tisdale said his Soldiers may see one to two aircraft in a span of eight hours.

"We've had days with eight planes waiting either at the runway or waiting to land," he said.

During 18 weeks of training at Fort Rucker, Ala., Soldiers learn the basics of working in a tower, radar room and working in a tactical platoon, how to take into account the difference in size, aircraft speed and flight path of aircraft — all the basic rules and regulations that must be followed by tower personnel.

Tactical platoons are platoons that deploy with a humvee or five-ton vehicle and mobile air traffic control equipment performing the same duties minus the tower.

The regulations followed by air traffic controllers are the same followed by civilian personnel with the same job.

"All of our tower certifications are approved through the Federal Aviation Administration," Tisdale said. "We receive the same tower certifications that all air traffic controllers receive in the civilian sector."

The guarantee of good job training and certifications is what interested Tisdale in the MOS 20 years ago.

"After three years I realized that it's one of the better jobs in the Army," he said. "The training is useful outside of the Army and there are so many certifications that Soldiers may receive. There's also a lot of parts to this job, which makes it challenging.

"You may have been good at working in the tower, but once you go to another station you might have to work in a tactical platoon and you have to be able to adapt. It's a good job."

Because of the difference in installations, air field space, equipment and job positions, all air traffic controllers must recertify every time they move from one installation to another.

The Control Tower Operator Certificate is the first certification Soldiers can earn within the first seven months at an installation, Tisdale said. Upon arrival to Fort Benning, a Soldier is assigned a trainer who makes sure the Soldier both studies and receives performance training and critiques to ensure they meet the FAA standards. If Soldiers do not get a CTO certification they may be reclassed.

"This job requires discipline," Tisdale said. "These Soldiers have to constantly study, take tests, receive new certifications and still maintain a good mental health. You don't have to be a PT guru, but mentally you have to be sharp.

"We control the movements of the aircraft so we have to be alert at all times," Tisdale said. "If you aren't paying attention you can cause an accident. Pilots rely on us. We get at least one physical per year to ensure that we are in good health both physically and mentally."



Cpl. Scott Rector is an air traffic controller at Lawson Army Airfield. One of his duties is to man the local control point in the tower. The position includes reading the radar and talking to aircraft pilots while they are in Fort Benning air space.

Currently Tisdale has 11 air traffic controllers working under him at LAAF.

"Not a lot of people get to do this job," Tisdale said. "There's a lot of prestige in this job because there are so few of us. It's feels even better to be able to talk to pilots in their aircraft and know that I can do the same thing that civilians do on the outside."

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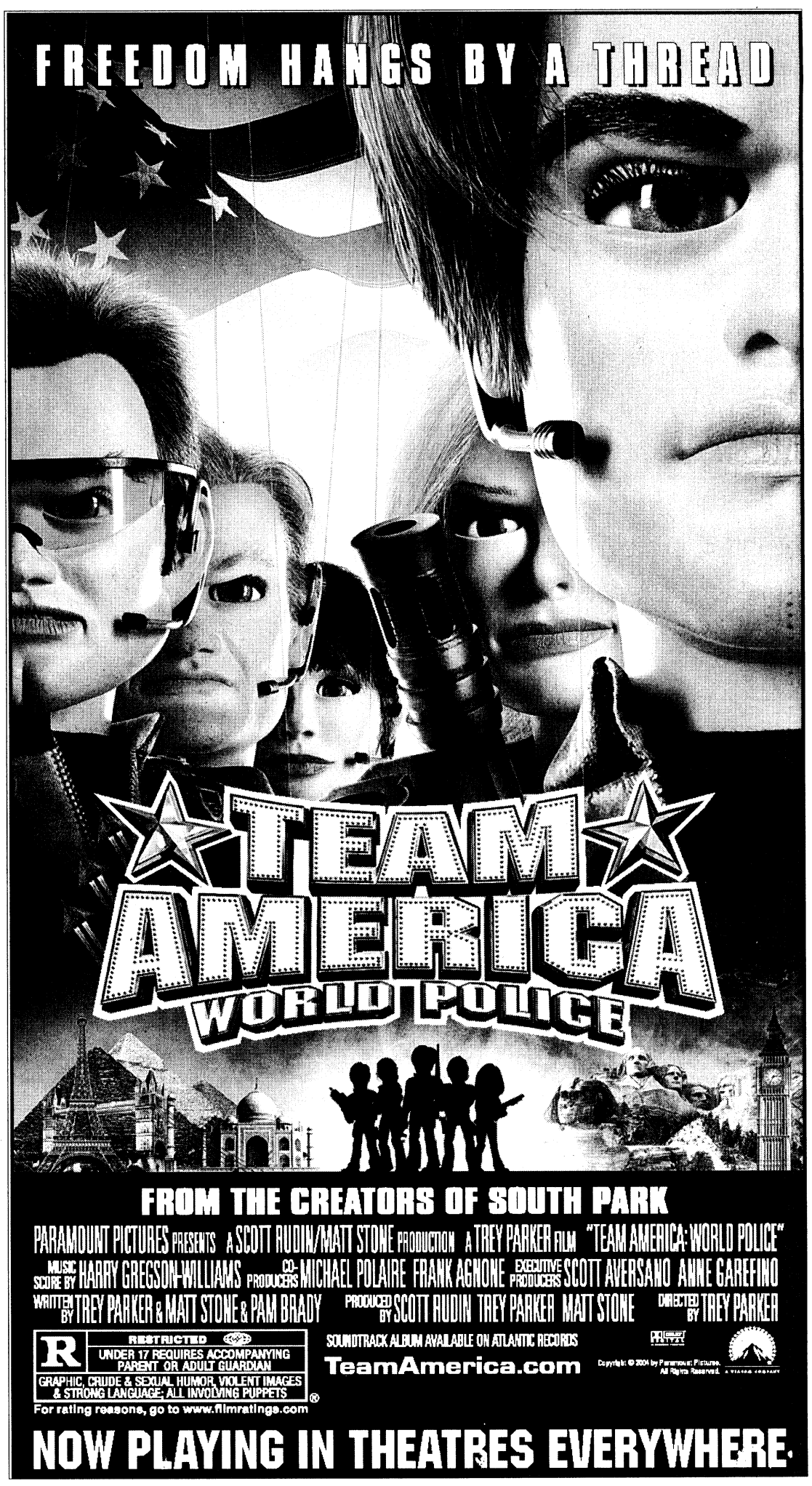
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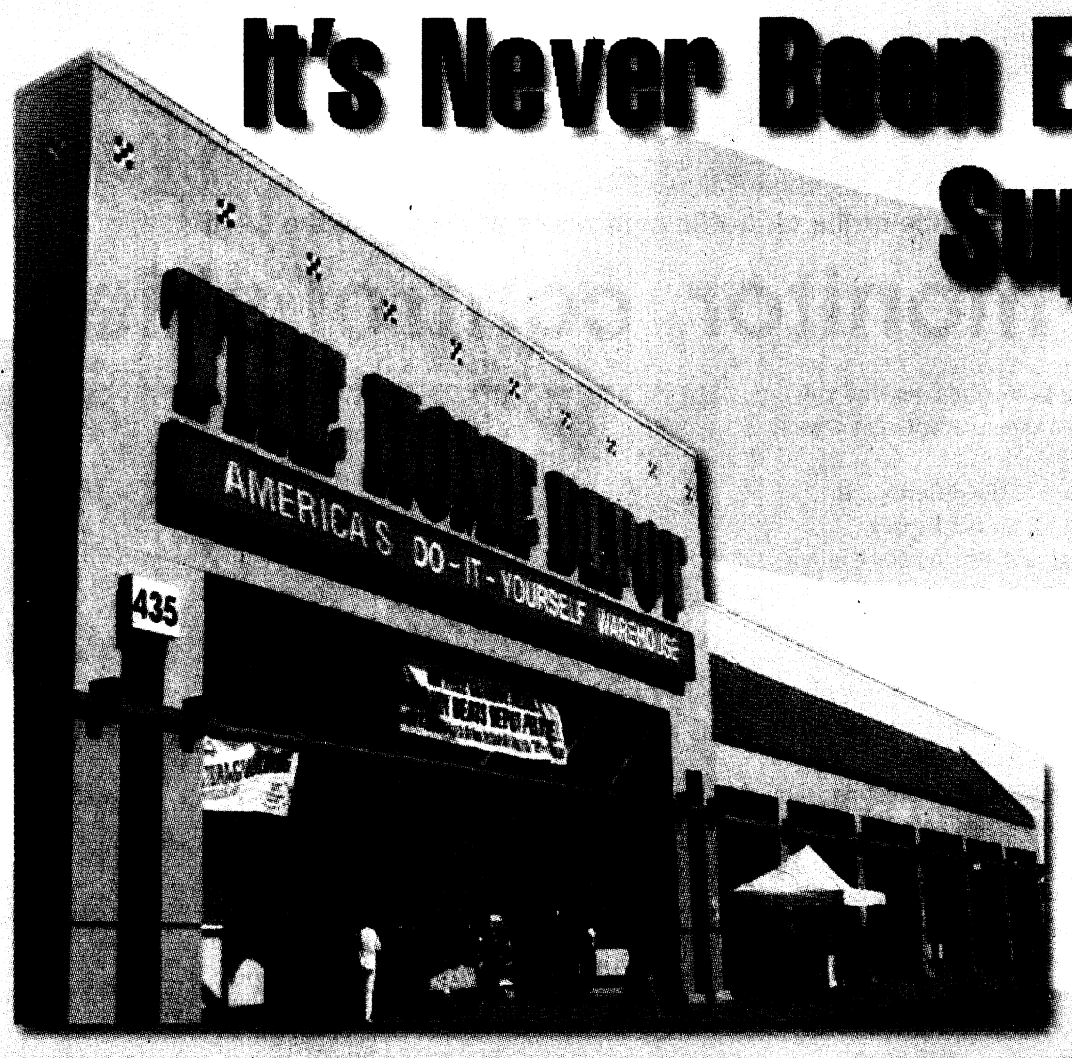
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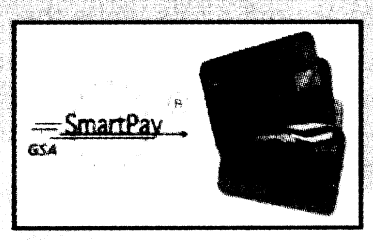
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SECTION B

Teachers talk military kid issues

Learn how best to meet kids' needs

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

What do military families and educator "families" have in common? Far more than the educators attending the first day of the Military Child Education Coalition's Transition Counselor Institute initially thought.

Seventy educators from Fort Benning and the greater Columbus area met Oct. 20-21 at the Officers' Club for training, designed to help them address issues faced by mobile military students.

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley welcomed the educators and gave them personal perspective on the issue.

"I am a military child," Freakley said. "And I have five military children. Our kids need you."

Because the annual turnover rate in the Fort Benning schools is above 50 percent — 54 percent rotated in 2003 — Freakley said the classrooms and the schools need to be the sanctuary for the students.

He said the educators need to start planning for the influx of military children who will arrive to begin the 2005 school year. They will be part of the 5th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, which stands up in October 2005.

"You have to let the parent and child know you'll take care of them and their needs," Freakley said. "There's nothing better than that triangle of parent, teacher and child working together."

He mentioned four elements of the Soldiers Creed he felt related to the educators — placing the mission first, never accepting defeat, never quitting and never leaving a fallen comrade.

"Any child we do not do our best for is a fallen comrade," he said. "All the potential rests in your hands, to turn that potential into capability."

Dr. Mary Keller, the executive director of MCEC, led the educators through the Oct. 20 training, focusing on finding common ground and sharing ideas, perspectives and programs to help military children.

Keller spent 21 years as a public school educator and several years as an administrator before helping found MCEC in 1997. Shelly Campos and Meg Wilkins, who help Keller facilitate the training, bring their experiences as military children and military spouses with them.

The private, nonprofit organization serves all branches of the military, school districts and individuals, spreads information about the educational needs of military children and shares solutions. Since 1997, the coalition has trained more than 2,000 teachers and counselors.

Keller handed the educators their first set of missions. First, she asked them to identify core values of educators and any public myths and biases. Then the groups repeated the process using military families as the subject. In each group of 10 was at least one educator who had been a military child, military spouse or an active-duty Soldier.

"I was moved by what General Freakley said," Keller said. "And educators serve too, just like the military."

Keller had the groups find the common ground between

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Benning Backstage



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

The cast of Benning Backstage rehearsed a scene from their current production, *The Foreigner*, Tuesday night at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. The show opens. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $19. For more information, call 545-3328.

CrossRoads a 'come as you are' kind of place

Pvt. James E. Lewis
3rd Brigade PAO

Casual, contemporary and relevant. If those words sound familiar, chances are you've seen the hundreds of signs around post promoting the CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel.

The chaplains of CrossRoads, with services at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill, are hoping to attract new members with a modern style of worship; and so far, it seems to be working.

Chaplain (Maj.) Harry Rauch, one of several chaplains who preach at CrossRoads, said the congregation averaged about 15 when the contemporary program was launched last summer. That number increased dramatically, with nearly 200 in attendance at its peak. Rauch credits the new approach to worship.

"The key words are casual, contemporary and relevant," he said. "It's a non-suit environment with a relaxed atmosphere. The music we play is non-traditional — we have a band — and we preach relevant biblical topics, relevant in the sense that they focus on issues young people experience every day."

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins, Fort Benning's Family Life chaplain, said CrossRoads has adopted a "come as you are" approach.

"If you want to show up in jeans and a T-shirt, that's just fine," said Hawkins, the CrossRoads team leader. "The main thing we want to get across is that we offer real solutions to the real problems that real people face."

Last month's series, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, focused on what Rauch described as "bringing up a *Seventh Heaven* family in a *Jerry Springer* world."

This month's series is called *Lord of the Rings*.

"It's focusing on marriage and offers good ideas on how to keep your love growing when the Army may be taking you apart," Rauch said. "It applies to Soldiers who are deploying and even the everyday stress Soldiers experience from their jobs, and how couples can improve their marriage as they go through that together."

Just so people know this is not their garden-variety church, CrossRoads takes its modern approach one step further by giving away prizes at the end of each series. So far, they've given away a motorcycle and a trip to Disney World.

At the end of *Lord of the Rings*, CrossRoads plans to give

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Chaplain to retire with 39 years service, sacrifice

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Two rings, placed on opposite hands, seem to represent the essence of all Joe O'Keeffe is.

On his left hand is a simple, silver ring with a cross. This represents his devotion to his religion, his God, his savior and his country.

A Black Hills Gold ring, placed on his right hand, declares "Dad." For a Catholic Jesuit priest, being a dad is not only uncommon, but a unique blessing for a man who has devoted his life to Christ.

Chaplain (Col.) Joe O'Keeffe, Garrison Catholic pastor, has spent more than half of his life in the service of God and country. On Nov. 24 he will take terminal leave, retiring officially Jan. 31.

Raised in an Irish Catholic family in upstate New York, in a town *Life* magazine once labeled as "Hometown USA" during World War II, O'Keeffe had the all-American childhood.

He was the only child of a school teacher and pharmacist and went to Catholic schools.

"My mother was very religious and every Sunday, without fail, we went to church," O'Keeffe said. "It was standard operating practice. After graduation from high school, that's when I felt a call to the ministry. It was a gentle, persistent voice saying 'Come, follow me.'"

At 18, O'Keeffe enrolled in ROTC as he attended Fordham College in New York. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned in June of 1965 in an armor division.

"I dated through my senior year of college," O'Keeffe said. "I even had someone who could have been my wife."

With the choice of a family of his own or serving in the ministry, he made a decision that he admits to sometimes looking back on with pains of regret.

"It is a very difficult thing to live a single committed life in giving, sharing and supporting others," O'Keeffe said, "and yet the walls don't talk to you when you go into the rectory."

After 10 years in seminary, O'Keeffe was ordained as a Jesuit priest, and after two more years with his reserve unit, he entered active duty, serving as the garrison Catholic pastor at Fort Sam Houston.

While in Texas, O'Keeffe became acquainted with a divorced mother of three who had developed cancer. He became a good family friend and kept in touch once he moved to Georgia.

"In January of 1983, while I was at Fort Benning, she had a flare-up," O'Keeffe said. "Jimmy had just completed the eighth grade and I said, 'Why don't you let me be his legal guardian. She agreed, we went to court and made it legal."

Realizing he had no health insurance for Jimmy, O'Keeffe went back to the boy's mother with a proposition. Let him adopt Jimmy so he could offer him military benefits. Both parents agreed and O'Keeffe became a "father."

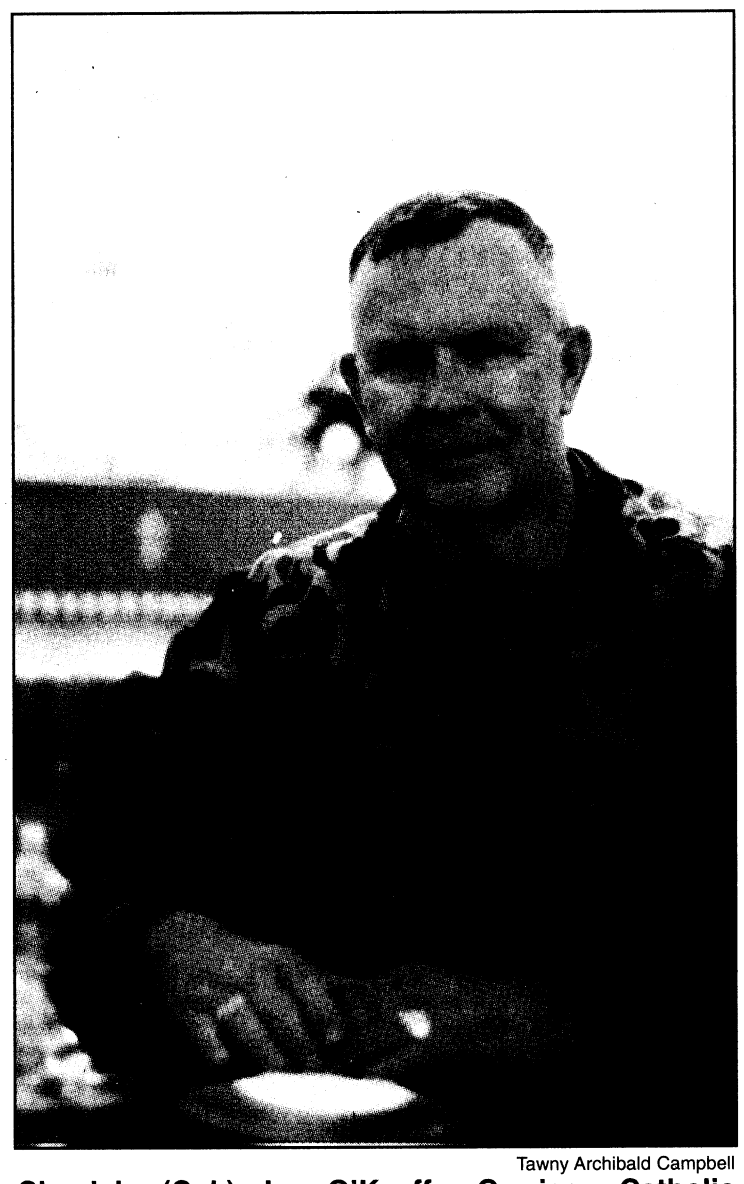
"About six months later, it appeared that there was some sibling rivalry, so I said, 'Why not adopt the two girls,'" O'Keeffe said.

The girls were adopted, but continued to live with their mother in Texas while his son lived with him. All of his children are now married and he has six grandchildren.

"It is really nice to be a father," O'Keeffe said. "My daughter came to Fort Myers when I was promoted to colonel and pinned my eagle on me. I consider it a huge blessing in my life (to have children) and it has given me a greater respect for parents with teenagers."

Becoming a dad and a Catholic father was something O'Keeffe never thought could be possible, but throughout his life he has seen many dreams come true.

"Ever since I had gone to a six-week ROTC summer camp and watched Soldiers jump out of planes, I wanted to become a Jesuit priest, airborne chaplain and see the world," he said.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Chaplain (Col.) Joe O'Keeffe, Garrison Catholic Pastor, will retire in November after an illustrious military career.

That is precisely what happened. O'Keeffe has served in Korea, Panama, Somalia, Alaska, Texas, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Georgia. O'Keeffe said every place

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Stopping cycle of violence is key

Family Advocacy Program

Violence is passed on from one generation to the next in homes where abuse takes place. Children first learn about the adult world in their families. What are your children learning if you are a battered woman? They could be learning violence in the home is a way to deal with conflict.

What effects does domestic violence have on children?

In homes where domestic violence occurs, children are at high risk of suffering physical abuse themselves. Regardless of whether children are physically abused, the emotional effects of witnessing domestic violence are very similar to the psychological trauma associated with being a victim of child abuse.

Children in homes where domestic violence occurs are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate 1,500 percent higher than the national average of cases reported in the general population.

Children may "indirectly" receive injuries when household items are thrown or weapons are used.

Infants may be injured if being held by their mother when the abuser strikes out.

Children from violent homes have higher risks of alcohol and drug abuse and juvenile delinquency.

Possible signs of an abuser:

• An abuser is often extremely jealous and possessive.

• An abuser's anger is frequently disproportionate to the problem that arises.

• The abuser's anger is often displaced and exaggerated, with the objects of violence often being small animals and property as well as family members.

• The abuser often describes the alcohol abuse as the cause of the battering.

• The abuser blames the battered woman for the violence and the alcohol and other drug abuse.

• The abuser has ineffectively or not dealt with his abuse as a child.

• The abuser has hit or been abusive with a partner in the past.

Possible signs of a battered woman:

• She is frightened of her partner's temper.

• She is often compliant in order not to excite the batterer.

• She apologizes for her partner's behavior.

• She drinks heavily or uses other drugs to cope with the violent situation.

• She has visible bruises, or other temporary or permanent injuries without appropriate explanation.

If you, or someone you know, is involved in a domestic violence situation, call for help. The violence rarely stops without outside intervention.

For more information, call Rebecca S. Welch, Family Advocacy Program Manager, or Theresa Sanchez, Victim Advocate, at 545-4013 or 545-7517.

Post observes Family Violence Awareness month

Post program to bring together professionals

Spc. David Foley

Bayonet staff

The Family Advocacy Program has invited the community to attend two events that will be the culmination of the observance of Family Violence Awareness Month.

"Our main focus is to educate the community about domestic violence," said Theresa Sanchez, a victim advocate with the Family Advocacy Program. "We want Fort Benning to attend because we have a code that says family violence is everyone's business."

Sanchez said domestic violence education is important because it affects everyone in one way or another.

"Family violence can and does happen to anyone," she said. "It doesn't just affect the rich or the poor, and it doesn't differentiate certain races, cultures or ages.

"Even if they aren't directly affected by violence, people have an obligation to know about the programs so they can pass on the information to those who need it."

There will be a candlelight vigil in the Government Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday that will be a memorial for the 42 Georgians who died this year because of domestic violence.

Sanchez said the vigil will also be a celebration of sorts for victims who have left abusive situations.

The second event will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Officers' Club and will feature two guest speakers from the local community.

Muscogee County State Court Judge Maureen Gottfried and Phenix City Chief of Police Preston Robinson will give their perspective on violence. The event will be a good opportunity for professionals from the community who work with couples or children to get together with other professionals and discuss ways to work together, said Rebecca Welch, FAP manager.

"We all need to constantly work together to combat violence," Welch said. "One person can't do it alone. The more people who know about the resources out there the better chance we have at stopping it."

For more information, call FAP at 545-4013.

Chapel: Offers new style

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away a cruise to the Caribbean.

"The giveaways are a good starter to get folks to say, 'Hey, there's something new, let's check it out,'" Rauch said.

"It's kind of a hook to get them to come in, and once they're here, we feel like they'll like what they see. Whether or not we'll continue the giveaways in the future, we'll have to wait and see."

Hawkins pointed out that the Kelley Hill services are open to everyone.

"This is a postwide ministry," he said. "There's a certain energy that Main Post brings to Kelley Hill.

"We've made it postwide so that once Soldiers from 3rd Brigade deploy to Iraq, there'll be a vibrant congregation left behind to minister to the families."

Like the congregation, CrossRoads' clergy team is comprised of chaplains from various units.

"We use a team approach to the service," Hawkins said. "Certain chaplains are best at certain things.

"Those who are best at speaking and administering — that's what we have them do. There's a place for everybody, and everybody has a place."

Hawkins said CrossRoads contemporary approach has received a phenomenal response from the Soldiers and community.

"It's just amazing," he said. "People are coming up and telling me this is exactly what they've been looking for.

"We are definitely meeting a need."

With attendance increasing steadily, Hawkins advises early arrival for those who hope to get a seat.

What will happen if the church runs out of room?

"The mission will be accomplished," Hawkins said. "We will make room. We'll never turn anybody away."

Teachers: Tackle tough issues with parents, kids

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the educators and the military families, and present their findings. Common threads were the respect for authority, resilience and high level of community involvement found in both military families and educators. One working group said as the military's role was to "defend and protect," their role was to "educate and prepare."

"All together, we serve in different ways," Keller said, "even military children."

Faith Middle School sent three representatives to the training, including assistant principal Jimmy Cochrane and eighth-grade teachers Becky Willoughby and Lee Strickland.

Both teachers were attending the training for the first time and were looking forward to learning things that would make them better able to help their students and help make their transition to high school more successful.

"We love our students," Willoughby said. "We believe in these students and they know it."

Strickland said they, as team leaders at Faith, would be responsible for going back and briefing the teachers in their teams.

"We'll be giving them all the information we get from this training," Strickland said. Educators who attended the training are eligible to receive continuing education credits.

Robert Pitts was among the contingent from Muscogee County hoping to walk out of the training with a better understanding of what the military student goes through.

"You don't realize the differences, or what you (as educators) have in common with the students until you sit down and talk," Pitts said.

Pitts is a part-time guidance counselor and part-time teacher at the Academic Success Center, and has several students each year from military families.

"I hope we can do a better job of serving the new influx of students," Pitts said.

O' Keeffe: To retire soon

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he has lived has taught him things about people, religion and himself. In Fort Sam Houston, O'Keeffe remembers watching a cardinal visit 40 Marines who had been severely burned in a barracks fire.

"It was an awesome, wonderful learning experience to watch how he related and connected to those Marines, as a 60-year-old man with 20-year-old Marines," O'Keeffe said. "I saw that age doesn't have to be a barrier if you know how to relate."

In 1998 Washington, D.C., O'Keeffe offered a prayer for the nation at the disinterment of the body in the tomb of the unknown Vietnam Soldier. That same year, when terrorists attacked the embassy in East Africa, he again offered up the prayer for the nation as the United States received the bodies of those military and state department employees who lost their lives in the incident.

"On my 50th birthday, I made my 50th airborne jump on the 50th anniversary of the combat jump into Sicily, at Fort Bragg with the regiment who originally jumped into Sicily," O'Keeffe said. "I have been truly blessed and honored with great positions. For me there are public highlights, but the most important things are the baptisms and weddings I perform.

"Doing a baptism for a family or getting a couple off on the right track with a spiritual emphasis on their wedding day — that is what it is all about. That is joy."

O'Keeffe will be conducting his last mass on Nov. 21. After retiring from the Army he will be moving to New Hampshire where he hopes to work at a VA Hospital.

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Q: ***Someone just named me as the father of her child. What should I do?***

A: If paternity is asserted against you, the first thing you should do is speak to an attorney. This topic is too complex to give guidance to fit all circumstances in a newspaper article, but some basics can be covered.

The process normally works as follows: The mother of a child born outside of marriage contacts a state agency and applies for public assistance and help in requiring the alleged father to pay child support.

The state agency will then contact the alleged father, and inform him that he has been alleged to be the father. If he is willing to admit to paternity, he can sign some papers and a monthly child support obligation will be computed.

If he does not admit to paternity, then a blood or DNA test will be court-ordered.

If the test excludes the man from being the father, the action against him is closed. If he is determined to be the father, then a child support obligation will be established, and he will have to repay the costs of the test.

If he does not participate in the test, then he will be named to be the father.

Anyone involved in a paternity action should seek specific advice from an attorney.

For more information, call 545-3281 or 545-1545.

BIRTHS

Boys

Zaelyn DaJuan Holston — born Oct. 1 to Latisha Holston and Spc. Jarael Holston Sr.

Daniel Matthew Lucas II — born Oct. 3 to Diane and Pvt. Daniel Lucas.

Eric Charles Black — born Oct. 4 to Mary and Sgt. Andrew Black.

Nolan Scott Button — born Oct. 5 to Stacie and Sgt. 1st Class Scott Button.

Dale Charles Brown — born Oct. 6 to Ashley and Spc. Tex Brown.

Damien Joshua Merrill — born Oct. 6 to Spcs. Bobbie Jo and Joshua Merrill.

Vashun Kentrell Williams II — born Oct. 6 to Latasha and Pfc. Vashun Williams.

Girls

Deborah Shyanne Pulliam — born Oct. 3 to Rebecca Pulliam and Pvt. Michael Faulk.

Abrianna Cole Myers — born Oct. 4 to Karen and Spc. Zacrey Myers.

Lacey Meredith Thompson — born Oct. 5 to Billie and Sgt. Chris Thompson.

Rebecca Anne Dodd — born Oct. 5 to Heather and Sgt. 1st Class Donovan Dodd.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

The Foreigner — The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Benning's Backstage will present the dinner theater production of *The Foreigner,* a British and Southern comedy by Larry Shue, today and Saturday and 29-30.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children ages 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Officers' Club. The show is open to the public.

For more information, call Teresa McCall at 545-3328.

Art auction — The Officers' Spouses Club will conduct an art auction with a viewing at 6 and the auction at 7 p.m. today. The next day sale will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Donations are $3 in advance and $5 at the door. Tickets are available at Bit of Benning and the Officers' Club membership office.

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.

October MACH classes — MEDDAC offers the following classes:

- A smoking cessation class will be offered through the Family Practice Clinic at 7 p.m. Thursday. An appointment is required.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered Tuesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes lifestyle seminar is offered Monday from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Weight-loss classes for Soldiers are Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class is offered Wednesdays in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Nutrition Clinic. Call for an appointment.
- A coumadin clinic is offered from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Internal Medicine Clinic. An appointment is required.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

Bit of Benning special hours — The Bit of Benning gift shop, located next to The Thrift Shop, will be open from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Donations needed — Girl Scout Troop #134 is accepting clothing, non-perishable food items, bottled water, blankets, pillows, diapers, baby food, baby items and furniture to help the victims of Hurricane Ivan.

To make a donation, call 327-2646, or drop off at 1344 13th Ave. in Columbus.

Girl Scout leaders needed — Girls Scouts of Concharty Council is looking for leaders. No experience is required and training is provided.

For information, call Emily Lakmaker at 327-2646 ext. 30.

CYS offers home school classes — Child and Youth Services offers weekly classes to home-school families. The Digital Lab will be open Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and art classes are Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. All classes are held at Patch Hall, Building 7. There will also be a meeting for home-schooling families at 1 p.m. Thursday in Building 359.

For more information, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

After hours clinics suspended — Family Practice and Pediatric after hours appointments are temporarily suspended due to the increased demands of the Global War on Terrorism.

MEDDAC is experiencing staffing shortages due to deployment and the mobilization and demobilization mission. Saturday appointments remain in effect.

To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273.

MACH appointments — Due to operational requirements for the Global War on Terrorism, Martin Army Community Hospital will have fewer appointments available during the next few weeks. MACH will assist patients in getting appointments with a provider.

Please use a network provider for acute or wellness appointments within the next month.

For appointments, call the CARE line at 544-2273.

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.

off post

New polling place — The polling place for the registered voters on Fort Benning who live in Chattahoochee County has moved from the Chattahoochee County Courthouse to the Robinson Activity Center.

Directions to the Robinson Activity Center are: head east on Hwy 280; turn left on Hwy 26 toward the city of Buena Vista; take the first right on Industrial Park Road. The sign marks the Chattahoochee County Industrial Park. Go to 127 Industrial Park Road.

For more information, call Kenneth Van Horn, Judge of Probate Court, at 989-3603.

Mass communications deadline — The Liberty Theatre's Mass Communications Department will begin registering students for the fall semester Oct. 30 at the theater from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Classes begin Nov. 6 and students will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Gayle Daniels at 653-7566.

ACT test deadline — College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on Dec. 11, the next national test date.

The deadline for postmark registration is Nov. 5. The late registration deadline is Nov. 18 (an additional $15 fee is required for late registration).

Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or can register online at www.actstudent.org.

Pre-Veterans Day program — The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Committee will conduct a Pre-Veterans Day Program at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 6.

The program is to honor all veterans, especially Vietnam veterans and their families.

The park is located at the junction of Buena Vista Road and Lawyers Lane.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357 or 321-9596.

A Tribute to Veterans — There will be a Veterans Day celebration at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13.

There will be military exhibits and World War II re-enactors, Flint Flyers radio-controlled model airplane fly-in and a Cordele Cruisers Antique Car Show.

The park is located 10 miles west off I-75, exit 101 in Cordele, Ga.

For more information, call (229) 276-2371.

Ms. Wheelchair Georgia — Ms. Wheelchair Georgia applications are now being accepted. To nominate someone, call Gail McKoon at 225-3632 or send the nominee's name and mailing address and she will be sent an application packet with a letter attached, explaining that she has been nominated to compete.

Deadline for entry is March 15.

Theology-on-Tap program — St. Anne Catholic Church offers Theology-on-Tap, a program geared toward inactive Catholics or Catholics who want to discuss and learn more about their faith who are in the 18-35 age range.

It is held the third Wednesday of each month at Longhorn Steakhouse on Macon Road. It is very informal with a "happy hour" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a presentation and discussion on a variety of Catholic topics and issues.

For more information, call Father Mike Ingram at 561-8678.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** hot ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** chili, chili mac, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** hamburger, mac and cheese, herbed broccoli, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** chicken and pasta, green beans, garlic toast, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** tacos, seasoned corn, peas and carrots, fruit, milk

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Housing chief sets goals

Tawny Archibald Campbell
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With his feet propped up on an open desk drawer, Jim Wiggins reclined in his office chair with a phone tucked under one ear.

He shook his head as he placed the phone back on the receiver.

"I just don't know what to do in this case," said Wiggins, Fort Benning's housing division chief. "I can't help them if they won't help themselves."

At first glance it would be hard to believe this easy-going man is responsible for all the housing on Fort Benning, the unaccompanied person housing and off-post housing for Soldiers.

"My goal is not to make the Soldier happy," Wiggins said. "It's to make the spouse happy. Ninety-nine percent of the time if the spouse is happy the Soldier will be too."

As a husband, father and grandfather who has worked in military housing for more than 20 years, Wiggins knows military housing needs to be a home — someplace where a family can feel safe and comfortable.

"My goal is to bring up the on-post use rate by making the



houses more appealing," Wiggins said. "(Off-post housing) is my competition for your BAQ. We have a commissary, PX, hospital and schools and that is all good, but if we offer you a piece of crap house and off post is a really nice house, what would you pick?"

Since coming to Fort Benning in September, Wiggins has come up with some ideas to improve the housing situation.

These improvements include providing more appealing residences through painting and landscaping, rewriting the housing handbook, enforcing housing rules already in place, increasing morale among housing staff and answering every question presented to him or his staff.

"When people talk to me, I will get them an answer," Wiggins said. "Will I guarantee them the answer they want to hear? No, but I will guarantee them an answer."

Wiggins said there are two main ideas he hopes to get across to his employees, which in turn should help increase their effectiveness and interaction with Soldiers and families.

"Number one is the KISS theory — keep it simple stupid," Wiggins said.

"The other one, which is directed more toward our inspectors, is if you wouldn't move your family into that house, it's not good enough for the Soldier."

Knowing what is good for the Soldier is something this Vietnam veteran is very familiar with.

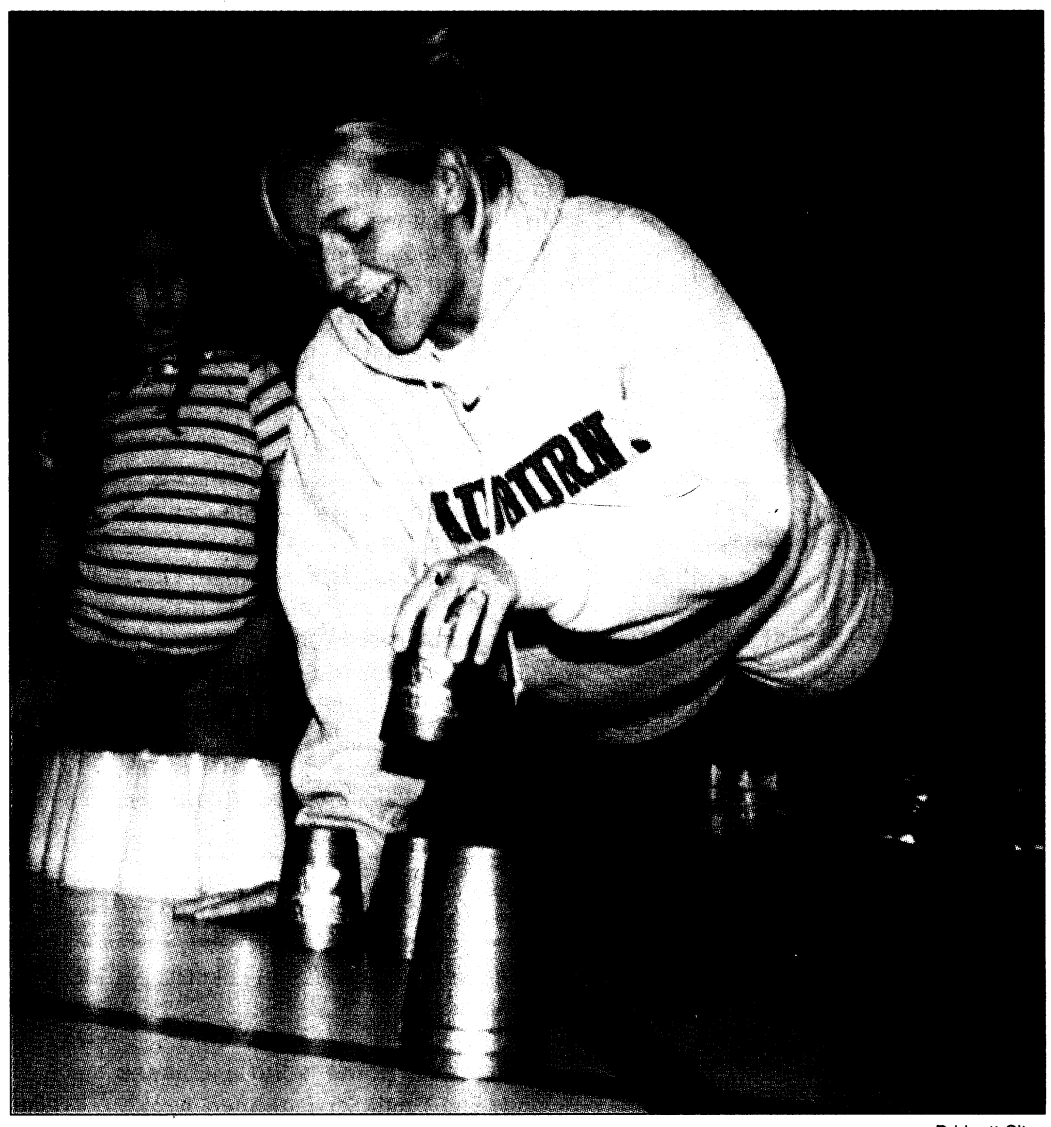
Since 1982 Wiggins has worked in the housing divisions in Fort Polk, La.; Fort Clayton, Panama; Hanau, Germany; Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico; Fort Sam Houston, Texas and other installations.

Even with his experience, Wiggins knows changing the housing division is a huge undertaking; however, he thinks within the next few months people should see a noticeable difference in their communities.

"I'm not saying it will happen November 1st, but starting in January there will be an increase in the quality of housing on Fort Benning," Wiggins said.

"At least once a week I will be checking out the housing areas. So, if you see a fat boy with gray hair in the neighborhood, it's just me."

Push-ups?



Bridgett Siter

Heather Blain, a student in Columbus State's Health and Physical Education program, demonstrates cup stacking in the push-up position as Samantha Villafane watches. CSU students manned one of the 19 stations at the annual Stowers Elementary School health fair.

OSC Art Auction
Today at the Officers' Club
6 p.m. viewing
7 p.m. auction
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This is OSC's fall fund-raiser with work by Wooster-Scott, Kinkade, Shvaiko, Wyeth, Raad, Neiman, and Civil War art.
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REFLECTIONS

The 19th century philosopher and theologian Soren Kierkegaard told a story about some wild geese that teaches a powerful lesson.

The geese came and went with the seasons as they had done for centuries.

One day, some of the geese, on their annual journey, landed in a farmer's barnyard.

He adopted them and saw to it that they had plenty of grain to eat.

Life was easy for these geese and they decided they had found the perfect place to live out the rest of their days.

But as time went along, the easy life took its toll.

The geese became fat and lazy, and their ambition to soar again in the high places faded away.

When they heard the familiar honks of their friends high above, the fat, lazy barnyard geese could only casually look up.

Once in a while, one of them would have an old stirring deep inside to join their friends and soar again where the air was pure, sweet and clear.

One day, one of the geese couldn't resist the urge, so it started its courageous run across the pasture, opened its wings, became airborne for only a few feet, and then plopped shamefully back to the ground.

Before long the call to the high places was all but gone in the barnyard geese.

Their friends would fly over, honking their call to the higher, nobler life, but the grounded geese pretty much ignored the call as they contently pecked away at the farmer's corn.

It wasn't long before the desire to return to the sky and long flights to freedom disappeared altogether.

They were made for high places but the soft life had ruined them.

In Philippians 3:4b-14, the apostle Paul tells us that we too were made for "high places," spiritually high places.

Epaphroditus had come from Philippi to Rome, where Paul was a prisoner, with news the Philippian church was not doing too well.

Pride had invaded the church, and some of the believers, giving in to self-centered desires, were living in the low spiritual swamp of pride, where the air was heavy and foul.

The once-pure fellowship of the Philippian church had been poisoned by the noxious fumes of selfishness.

Paul wrote to tell them that God made them for better things, and that they were to press on with holy determination to Christ-like character.

There is a divine call for them to a higher life.

The same is true for us today.

We can take the high road or the low road. We can live in the foul swamp of self-centeredness or reach for the high places of spiritual maturity.

John Oxenham wrote this about the choice we make:

To every man there openeth
A way, and Ways, and a Way
The High Soul climbs the High Way,
And the Low Soul groups the Low,
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way, and a Low
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go.

For the Christian who would like to live on the high plane of spiritual maturity and Christ likeness, there are some encouragements given in these verses of Philippians.

Paul said Jesus "took hold" of him. These words literally mean to lay hold of something as if to make it your own.

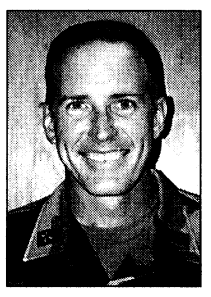
Jesus encourages us by making us his very own and pointing us upward toward life's high places for which we were made.

The second thing to remember, in this upward call to excellence, is the prize that awaits us.

That final, glorious thing that the father is working toward in redemption is to develop within us the character of Jesus Christ, because by it his name will be glorified.

Little gifts can mean a lot

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center


Hawkins

At the CrossRoads chapel this Sunday, a lean lieutenant came up to me and rattled off a sentence I didn't quite catch, so I said, "I'm sorry?" He then proceeded to say the exact same thing — which, again, in the exact same way I didn't understand!

Becoming a little bit perturbed I leaned closer and I had him try one more time when I realized that amidst the drone of noise and people around me he was *literally* speaking a language I didn't understand — he was speaking German!

Ever been a bit confused, perplexed or perturbed when somebody doesn't speak your language? Well, that can happen in relationships all the time, can't it? Did you know we each have a primary "Language of Love" (LOL ... it's the Army, you gotta love those acronyms.) And when you don't have somebody speaking your LOL, I can guarantee you you'll either feel confused, perplexed, perturbed or even hurt.

That's why for this month, I'm introducing you to the *The Five Love Languages* as set forth by Dr. Gary Chapman in his million-seller book by the same title.

So far, we've said that if you want to keep your love together when the Army is taking you apart you have to learn how to best fill your mate's love needs.

The first language of love we talked about was affirmation (verbal compliments, encouraging and kind words).

Last week we learned that for some folks the language they understand best is quality time (quality conversation and quality activity). This week we move to the third LOL, which is receiving gifts.

Now if this is your LOL, you won't need any help in understanding how to speak it. However, for the rest of us whose language isn't receiving gifts, here are a few tips to remember for that special person who's yearning for you to speak their LOL.

• It's not about the gift, but it is about the thought. The good news is your gift doesn't have to be pricey; it just has to be thoughtful. Just last week I gave my wife Lori the "gift" of a little silly note, kind of a homemade valentine, scratched on a memo pad in our kitchen. It now sits on the Hawkins wall of fame, the family place of honor — you guessed it, the refrigerator. It didn't cost me much, but to her that little note obviously meant a lot.

Get creative! Again, the good news is that creativity doesn't have to cost you anything but a few moments of strategic thinking. What's one way this week you could "ambush" your lover with a creative gift that demonstrates your love and is a tangible reminder of your commitment to him or her?

Make sure to give a gift that speaks to your mate and not to you. A new set of Craftsman wrenches may be the quickest way to your heart, but it may leave her a bit unimpressed.

Perhaps he'd get a bit more excited over dinner served to him in a way you've never served it before (minus the kids!), more than he would a gift subscription to the Harlequin Reading Club. Focus on giving a gift that's more meaningful to your mate than it is to you.

Want some more language tutoring? Then come join me for our series, Lord of the Rings: Keeping Your Love Together When the Army's Taking You Apart at 11 a.m. Sundays at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel. It's postwide for everyone.

You can also give me a call at 545-1760 or stop in at the Chaplain Family Life Center in Soldiers' Plaza.

I look forward to serving you!

Teachers and workers are needed for the Fort Benning Protestant Sunday School.
The school meets at 9 a.m. Sundays at Custer Terrace Chapel. Child care is provided.
For more information, call 545-4715.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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.	Mormon, 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

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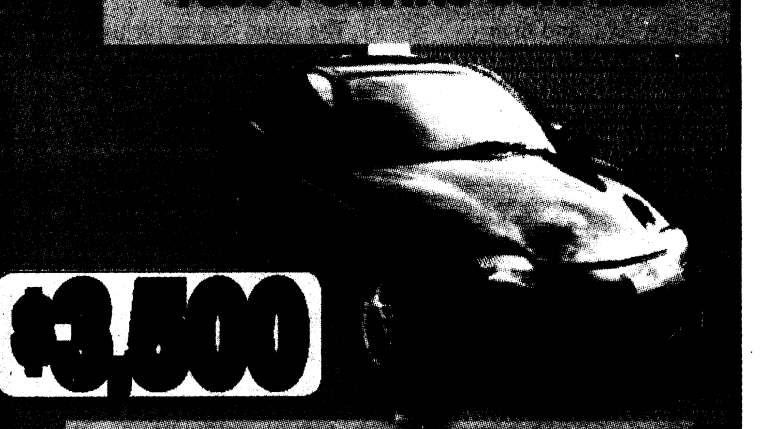
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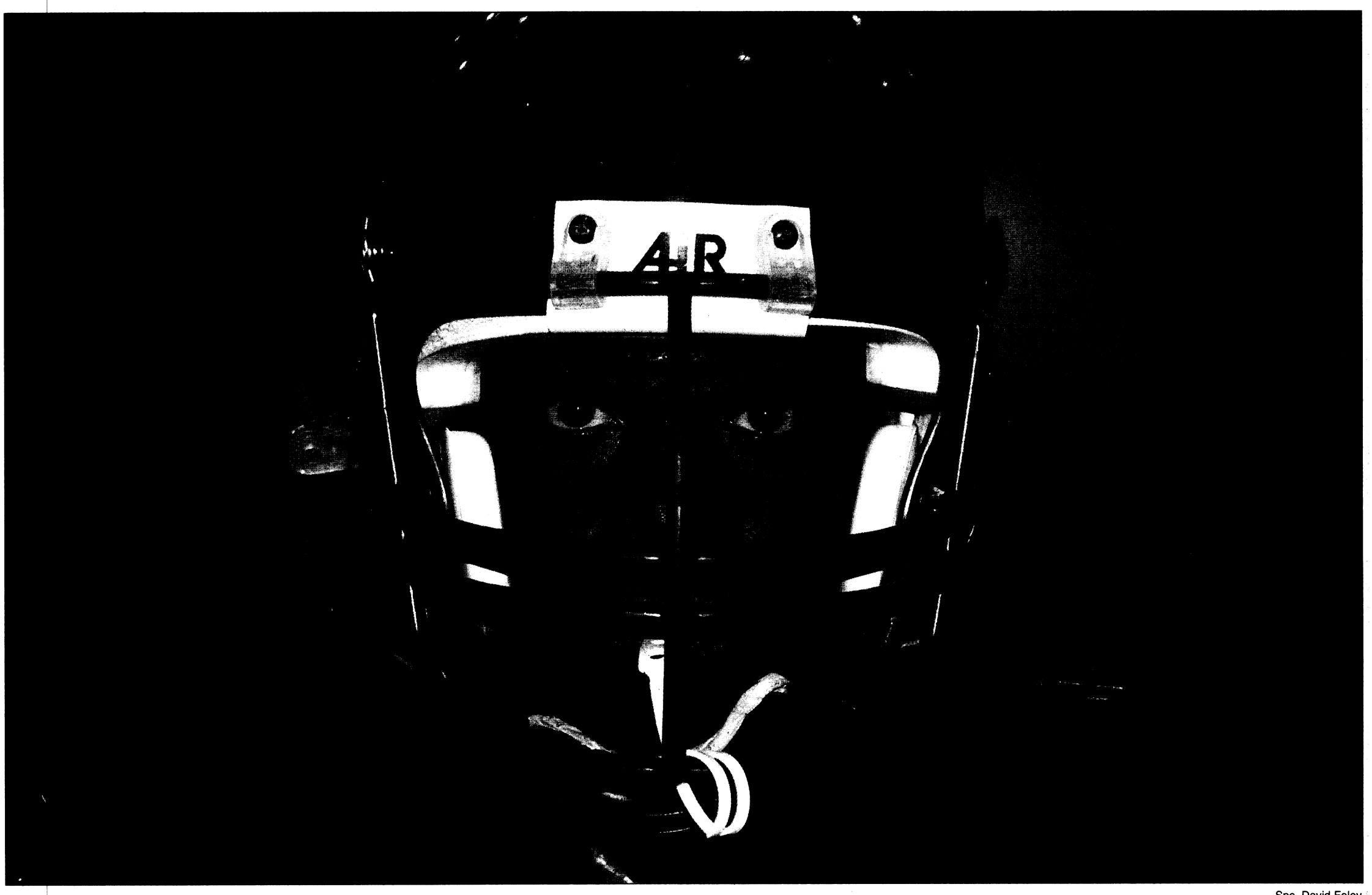
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Spc. David Foley

Daquin Cheek, a second string strong safety on Shaw High School's football team, says the winning feeling drives him and his teammates to do the right thing.

Shaw junior tackles hard work

Good attitude makes star player

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

While most teenagers are at home surfing the Internet or chatting on the phone, one Shaw High School junior is busy with other things.

Daquin Cheek, a second string strong safety on Shaw's football team, keeps himself occupied with ambitions of playing college ball.

Cheek also plays baseball and is the captain of the wrestling team, but said football is his passion.

"I love football, and I love it here because we win all the time," he said. "It's that winning feeling that drives me on."

Drive is definitely something Cheek has, balancing three sports and maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

"It doesn't leave a lot of free time," he said. "I go home, get my work done, take a shower and go to bed. There is no time to talk on the phone to my friends. If I were to do that, I would be on the wrong path."

Cheek said he owes a lot of his success to his father, Sgt. 1st Class Tarrol Preston, who was his coach while he played Youth Sports football on post.

"He's the one who gives me the kick in the butt when I'm down," Cheek said.

Cheek said his fathers' military service has also helped him become a more well-rounded person.

After attending seven schools during his academic career, Cheek said he has been around the world and had the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and can see things from all angles.

Jason Quinley, who is an assistant coach on the wrestling and football teams, said Cheek has a lot of potential and is making a name for himself as a leader.

Quinley said it is hard for anyone to break out of the second string line up on the football team, mainly because the starting line is so good; however, that doesn't discourage Cheek.

"He has been in several positions, and he is a quick learner," Quinley said.

"He always keeps himself with a partner who can push him."

Cheek also attends the summer work-outs when he is not involved in other sports.

Quinley said Cheek is usually seen with the seniors on the team because he wants to be associated with the "guys who get things done."

Cheek said the seniors provide great leadership to the younger members of the team which affects everyone involved.

"We always set the example," Cheek said.

"We want to make sure everyone knows that."



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

A 30th AG player makes a catch in a futile attempt to gain ground during the team's 13-6 loss to the 104th Transportation Company in flag football play Oct. 19.

Road Dawgs beat 30th AG

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The 104th Transportation Company "Road Dawgs" put the 30th AG in a kennel Oct. 19 during a flag football game at Engineer Field.

During the second play of the game, Road Dawg Jonathan Richards intercepted the first pass of the game from a shaky 30th AG offense.

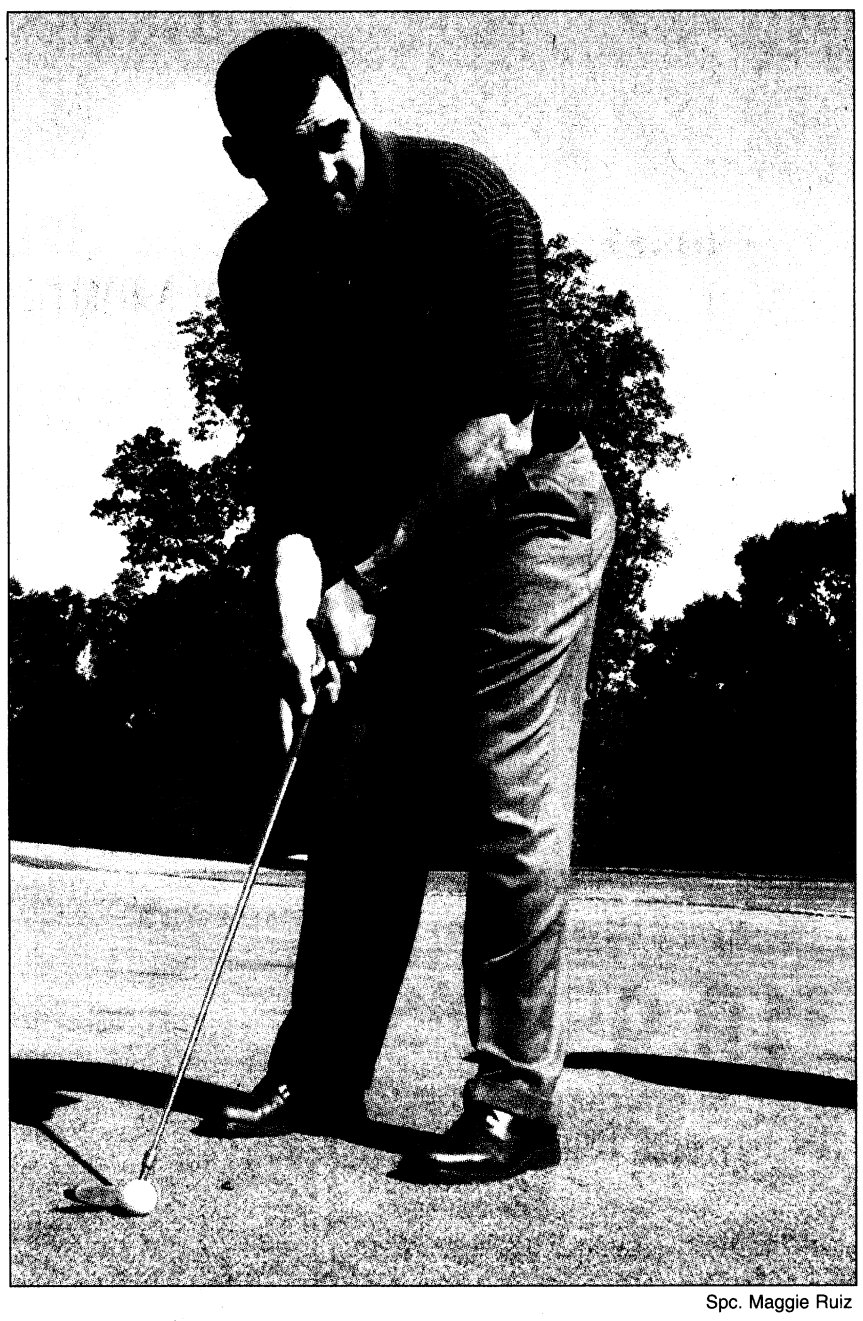
Martez Richmond was quick to capitalize, scoring a touchdown on the next play, putting the Road Dawgs up to an early 6-0 lead.

After an easy 1 point conversion by Kevin Smith bringing the score to 7-0, 30th AG's offense took the field to try again. After a few quick first downs taking 30th AG to their own 45 yard line, the Road Dawg defense turned up the heat.

Road Dawg Christopher Williams took to the air to block a nice floater from 30th AG quarterback Todd Powers and on the next play Derrick Adams went ahead and finished the 30th AG push up the field with an interception. But the Road Dawgs day arrived on the first play of that hard-won offensive possession when 30th AG defensive player Keith Rodgers picked off the Road Dawg quarterback. The play was called back on a technicality, but the Dawgs were out of steam and failed to

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WHINSEC Scramble



Spc. Maggie Ruiz

Ramon Cantu, a training developer at WHINSEC, sizes up his putt during the 2004 WHINSEC Golf Scramble at the Fort Benning Golf Club Oct. 14.

Wrestling grapples its way onto post

Youth Services to offer wrestling

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

When John Wright came to Fort Benning with his family, he realized they might have to give up one of their favorite sports — wrestling.

Since there aren't community wrestling programs in the area, and his son wasn't old enough for a high school team, the family had to find some way to keep their favorite sport alive.

"(Wrestling) was something we had been thinking about for quite some time as another program for the youth to get into," said Linda Laine, Child and Youth Services sports and fitness director. "We were approached by John Wright, and since we were already thinking of doing something like this, it was a stroke of luck. We will probably be one of the only (wrestling teams) around."

Wright, who will be the coach, said the team is open to boys and girls ages 4 to 14. It will be a traveling team, which will travel to weekend tournaments across Georgia.

There will be an organizational meeting for parents of interested youth at 7 p.m. Monday at the FUN Center, Building 359.

Wright, who has participated in, coached and refereed wrestling, decided to approach CYS about creating team after his 7-year-old son, who wrestled in Kansas, wanted to find a place to wrestle.

"Wrestling is a whole family affair," Wright said, "and there was nothing here on Fort Benning or in Columbus."

So far, Wright has eight other assistant coaches organized to help with the new team and already has the first tournament set up.

The folk-style wrestling team will be chartered by USA Wrestling.

"There is a myth out there that wrestling is only for boys," Wright said. "It is for both boys and girls, and as far as I know, tournaments have both boys' and girls' brackets.

"Wrestling is a confidence builder and it teaches discipline and hard work. Those attributes are not gender specific. You want those same disciplines built in your daughter as in your son.

"This past year was the first time women's wrestling was an Olympic sport, so there is a lot of visibility, too."

Wright feels that wrestling, as a sport, builds so much confidence in athletes because you don't have to be a champion to be a success at it.

"As long as you give 100 percent and learn, you are a success," Wright said. "You're a winner at the end of the season if you say you gave 100 percent."

Laine hopes this sport will be another success and that the athletes will enjoy having another sporting option.

She also said she is looking into starting up a youth track and field team.

The first practice for the wrestlers will be Nov. 16. Practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The first tournament will be Nov. 27 in Park View, Ga.

There will be a registration fee of $40 for the season for each participant.

"I think in Coach Wright they will have an excellent coach and will be able to enjoy this program," Laine said.

"This is a team event where people can really enjoy the sport."

Dawgs: Put 30th AG in kennel

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convert the third down.

30th AG took over again on offense, but quickly sputtered out in four short plays against the Road Dawgs oppressive defense.

Back on the drive for points, the Road Dawgs tried the run and met a wall of 30th AG linemen.

They turned to the air only to be foiled by Rodgers' second interception of the night.

The 30th AG took over at the Road Dawg's 15-yard line and wasted no time capitalizing on good field position.

A lofty end zone floater tipped off the hands of 30th AG receiver Mario Washington and landed in the hands of teammate Mark Rodriguez, pulling 30th AG to within one point of the Road Dawgs.

The extra point conversion failed, leaving 30th AG down as the game went into half time.

The Road Dawg offense started the second half with a long, drive up the field.

The players were stonewalled at the 30th AG 35-yard line when they failed to convert a third down.

30th AG's offense hit the ground running. A 40-yard run by Powers brought them within 20 yards of the end zone, but a pass caught by Rodgers was called back for pass interference.

Things only got worse for 30th AG's troubled offense when Road Dawg Williams came through for the second time that night and picked the ball off and running it back 70 yards to put the Dawgs ahead 13-6.

After going back and forth for several possessions without scoring, 30th AG took over with 19 seconds to go in the game.

A quick first down stopped the clock at 12 seconds and a second down run that made it out of bounds left 30th AG with 8 seconds to try a desperation last play.

As the last seconds of the game ticked off, a dropped pass ended the game, leaving 30th AG victim to the Road Dawgs, 13-6.

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on post

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CYS Tae Kwon Do registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do.

Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Appointments can be made from of 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The class will be instructed by Clayton Coleman.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

3rd Brigade Turkey Trot — The 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division's Dog Face Soldiers will conduct a 10K Turkey Trot at 10 a.m. Nov. 20 at the 203rd FSB motorpool at Kelley Hill.

There will be a 400 m kids run (12 and younger) at 9:30 a.m. A turkey will be awarded to overall male and female winners.

Cost is $3 for adults for early registration and $5 the day of the Turkey Trot. Children are free.

For more information, call 544-1365 or 544-3220.

CYS gymnastics registration — Child and Youth Services is now registering for gymnastics. Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made for the hours of 2 to 3:30 p.m. Registration will continue until all classes are filled.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

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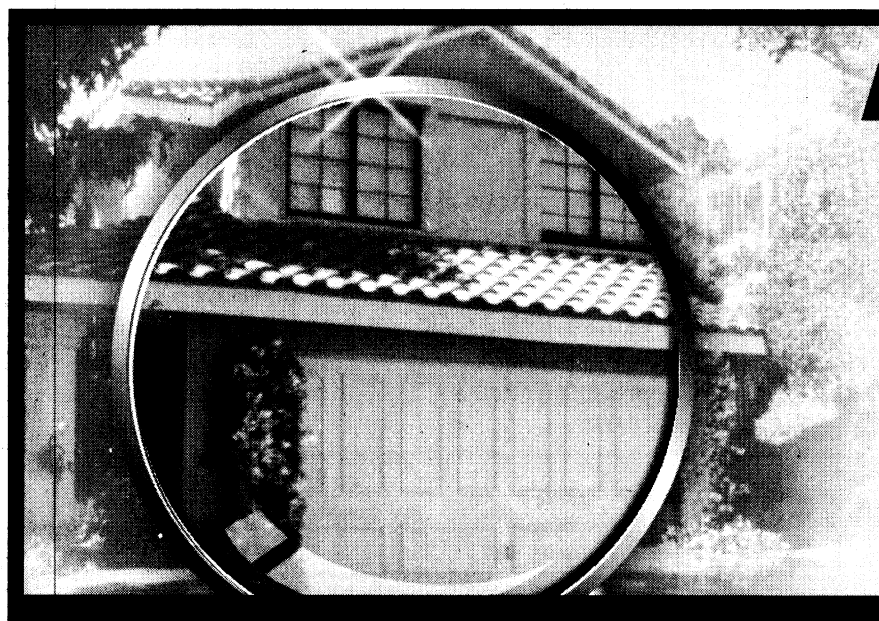
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For more information, call Tim Becwar at 225-1104.

Columbus Track Club — The Columbus Track Club has started the Run or Walk the Riverwalk Series. The last date is Oct. 30. The series will finish Nov. 2 with the running results and national election results at 7 p.m. at the Draft American Grill and Tap.

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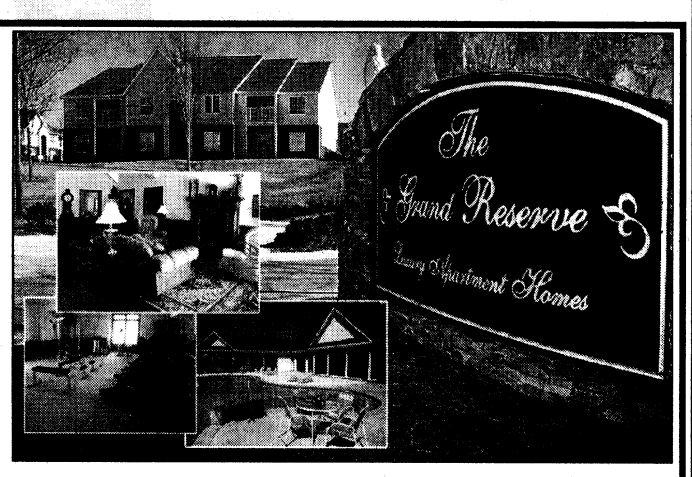
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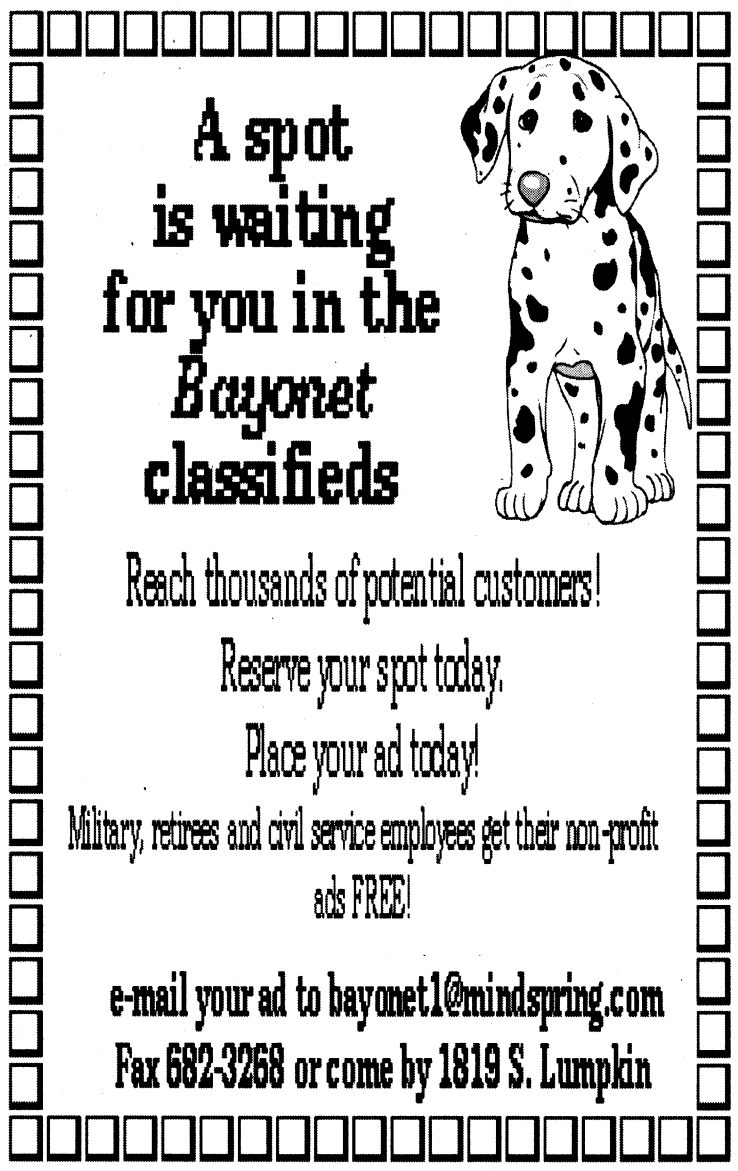
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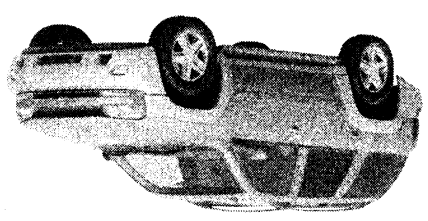
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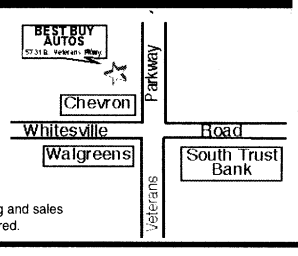
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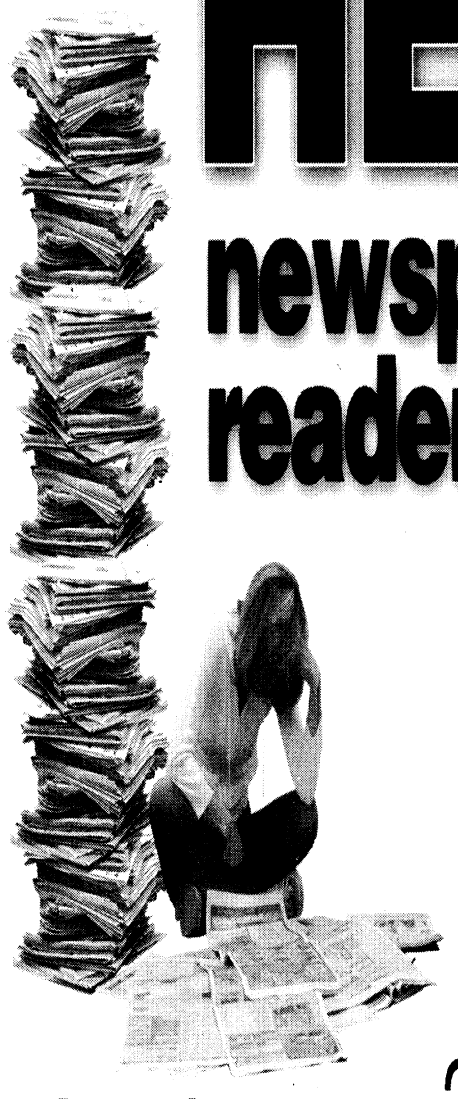
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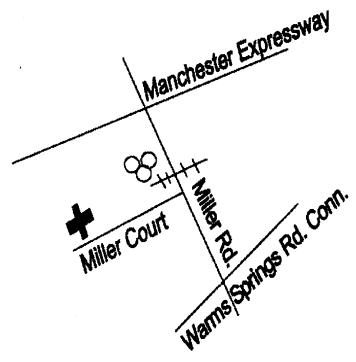
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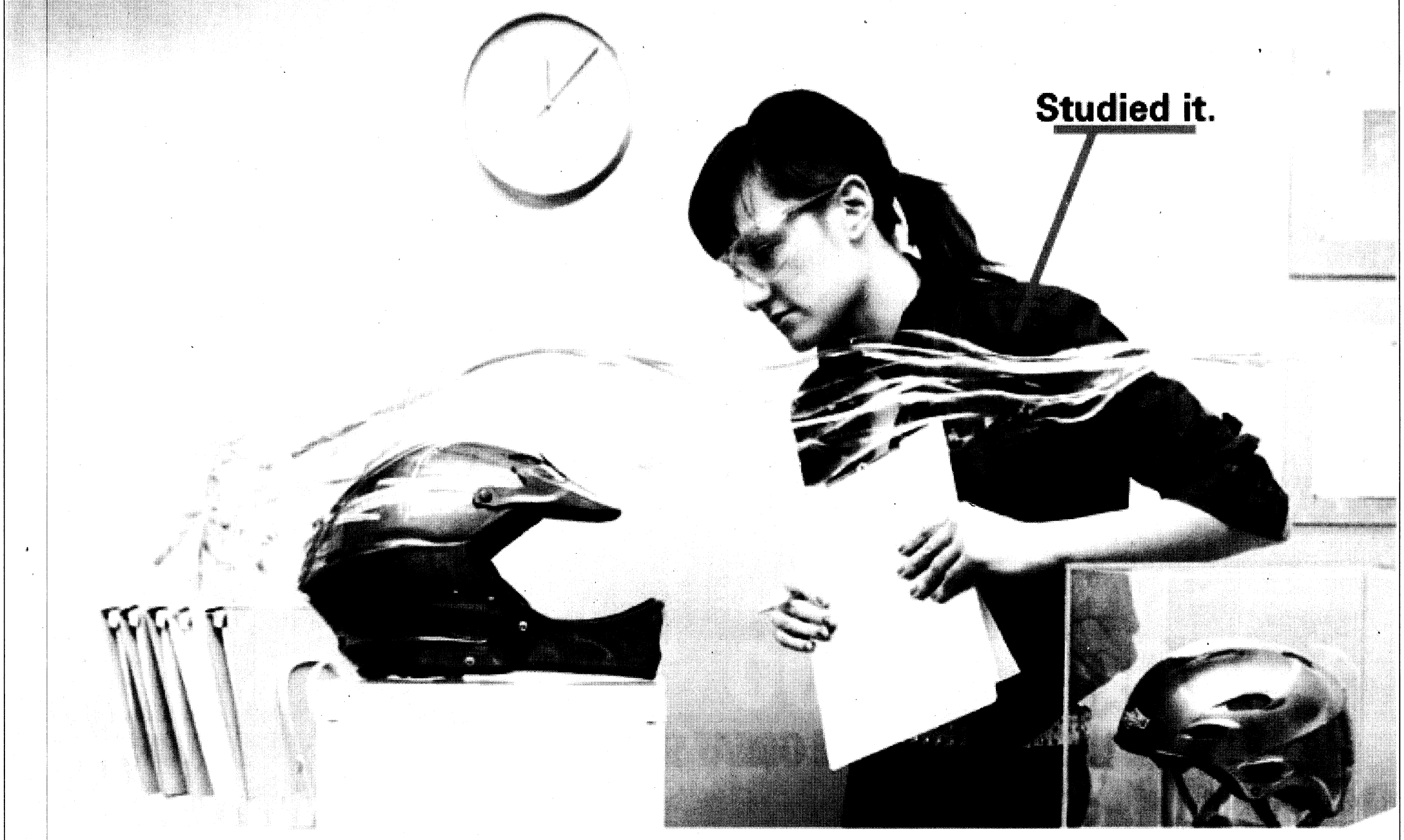
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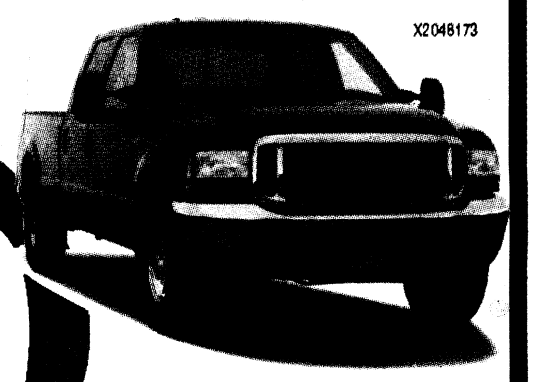
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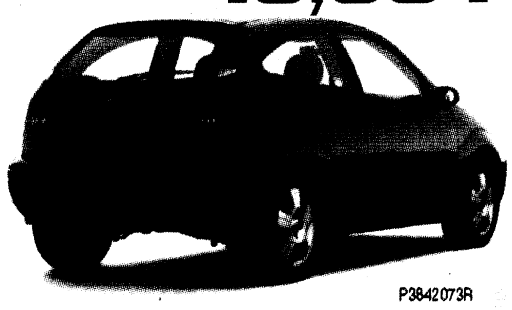

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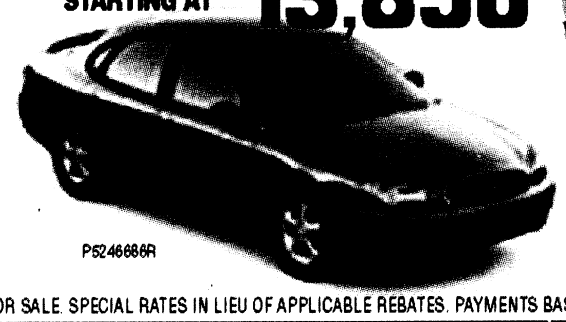
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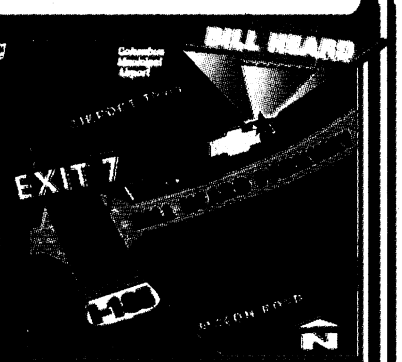
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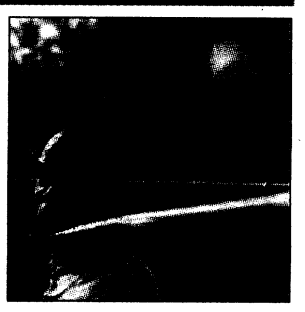
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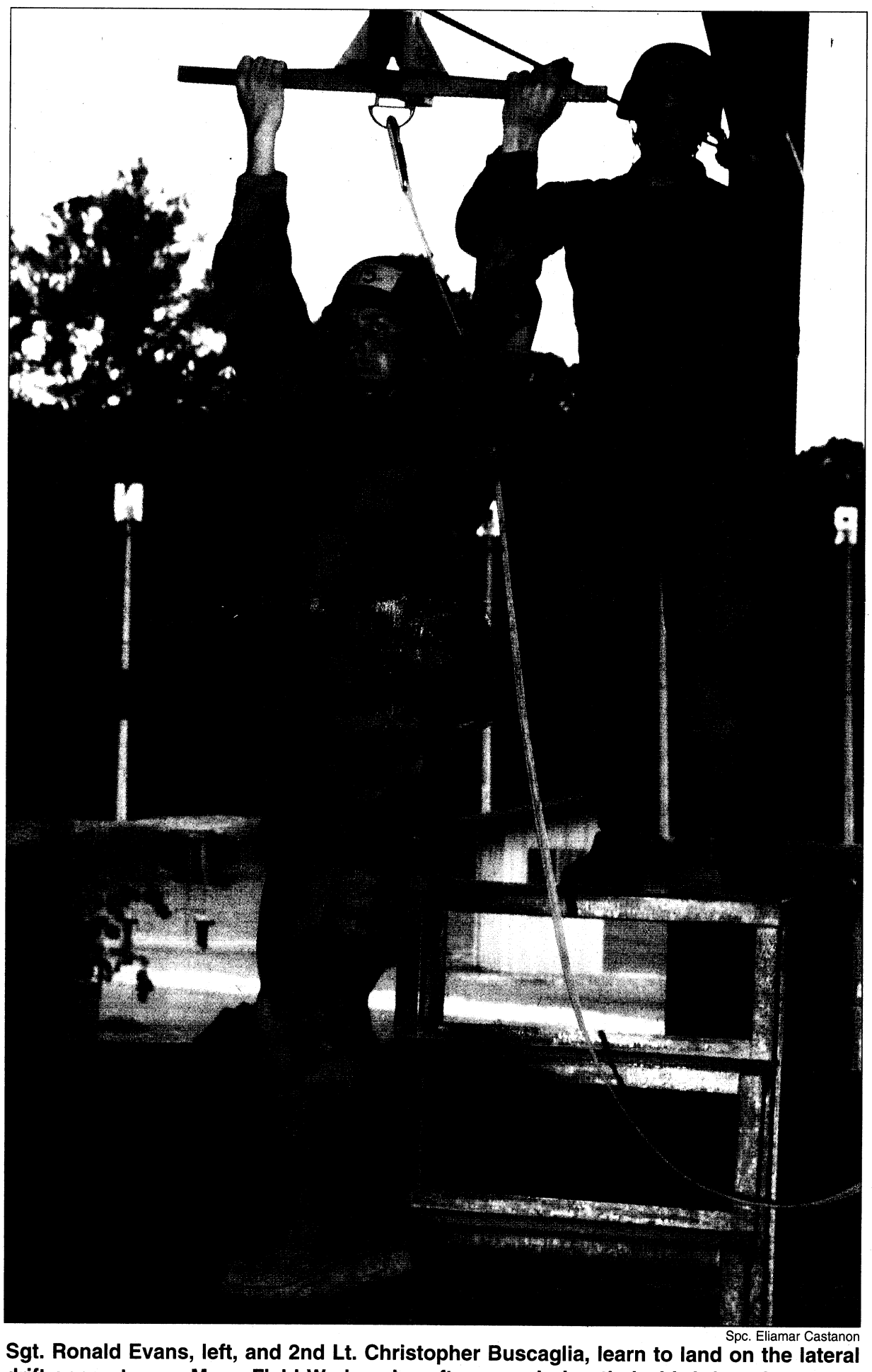
WASHINGTON — The 2005 base realignment and closure initiative will be different from previous rounds in that it will directly contribute to DoD's transformation efforts, a DoD official said Monday.

BRACs conducted between 1988 and 1995 closed 97 military bases and realigned 57, Raymond DuBois, deputy under-secretary of defense for installations and environment, told attendees at the Association of the U.S. Army's annual meeting. Officials today estimate the department still carries about 23 percent excess infrastructure. The 2005 BRAC will be unique in that besides paring no-longer-needed facilities, it will also support transformation goals, thereby making DoD better prepared for combating 21st century threats like global terrorism, DuBois said.

A key component of 2005 BRAC consideration, he said, involves weighing an installation's military value in view of how it contributes to and accommodates joint operations. Joint warfighting has proven to be the coin of the realm when confronting terrorists in Afghanistan and Iraq, he said. In the post-Cold War world, "the U.S. Army must own speed and surprise," DuBois said, noting that multiservice cooperation in the transportation field in recent years has greatly

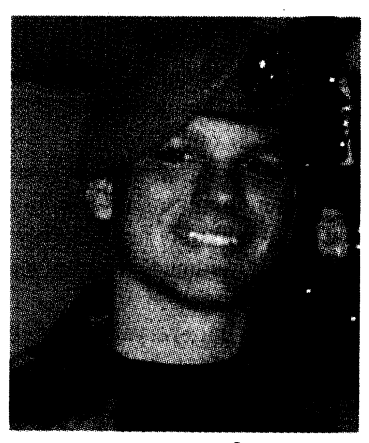
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Don't just fall, do it right!



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Sgt. Ronald Evans, left, and 2nd Lt. Christopher Buscaglia, learn to land on the lateral drift apparatus on Mann Field Wednesday afternoon during their third day of Airborne School. The Soldiers are part of B Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Parachute Regiment.



Courtesy photo

Amundson

Ranger killed on Afghan mission

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

A 75th Ranger Regiment Soldier was killed Oct. 18 when his vehicle rolled over during a combat operation in eastern Afghanistan.

Cpl. William M. Amundson, 21, a native of The Woodlands, Texas, was on his fourth deployment with the regiment's 3rd Battalion, headquartered at Fort Benning. He was a 60 mm mortar gunner.

During the three years he served with the Rangers, Amundson received several awards, including the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, for his support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal.

Amundson's family was unavailable for comment at press time. An online guest book was filled with notes of sympathy from friends, family and members of the Ranger community.

"My husband served side-by-side with Cpl. Amundson," wrote one wife. "God smiles down on those who selflessly

See **RANGER,** A-10

Woodpeckers picked to repopulate parks



Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

Wildlife specialists at Fort Benning will trap and send 16 endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers to national parks in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi in the next few weeks.

Eight male and eight female fledglings will be moved to three national parks, where there are fewer than 30 breeding pairs of birds, to supplement the small populations,

In the last four years, Fort Benning has moved 87 birds. Relocating birds increases small populations by introducing birds of breeding age. It prevents inbreeding so new generations will be healthy and genetically viable.

Fort Benning is one of four sites donating birds this year. A breeding pair of red-cockaded woodpeckers usually have only two offspring per year, which makes it difficult to increase their population.

The woodpeckers need open forest with mature long leaf pines to make cavities for roosting and nesting. The Directorate of Public Works has helped the red-cockaded woodpecker population grow by drilling into trees to place artificial nests and by banding and tracking the population.

As a result of DPW's efforts, Fort Benning's bird population is growing steadily. In 2002, DPW recorded 199 nests and located 222 nests this year.

There are 90,000 acres of habitat suitable for the birds at Fort Benning, and the Directorate of Public Works has a goal of 350

See **RCW,** A-10

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

No tricks, just treats

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff



There's something about October, specifically Halloween, which always excites me.

It may be that Halloween is the kick-off of the holiday season. Or maybe it's because when Halloween rolls around we all get to be little kids again and play dress-up. I don't know exactly what it is, but I love it.

I'm a Halloween freak. That's right, I'm one of those people who blankets her house with orange and black on Oct. 1. I decorate the bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room and every room in between. I have pumpkins, ghosts, witches, scarecrows, black cats, skull and crossbones, spiders, cobwebs and grim reapers.

But here is the real kicker — I hate scary things.

You got that right. I can't stand to be scared. Not even for a minute.

Don't believe me?

My husband begged me to go into the Scooby Doo Haunted House at Six Flags, and I couldn't do it.

You know those haunted house rides at amusement parks? I've been in one, and I had my head in my lap, with my eyes closed and my hands over my ears the entire time.

You see, not everyone wants to be scared on Halloween.

My favorite part of Halloween is making treats and dressing up. And now that I have a daughter, Halloween is getting to be more and more fun.

It seems, however, that the older I get, the more I see the "other" side of Halloween.

When I was a kid, I didn't worry about having reflectors on my costume, X-raying candy or carrying a security light. All I knew was the more houses I went to, the more candy I got.

Growing up in a small town in Idaho, you don't worry if your candy is safe or if you've planned a safe trick-or-treating route. I just tried to avoid the houses that required giving you a "trick" before you could have your "treat."

My three sisters and I would just take off, walking about five miles or more. We went alone, and if we were lucky, one of us might have remembered to bring a light. If not, we went in the dark.

Things have sure changed.

Here are a few things I've learned from co-workers, neighbors and the Internet about Halloween safety and etiquette:

First is safety.

Children need to have safe costumes that are easy to put on and take off. They need to fit properly, so the child can move easily without tripping.

Parents need to make sure their little angels and monsters are properly supervised. Sending a 5-year-old out alone with a pillowcase is not a bright idea.

Speaking of bright ideas, make sure your child wears a reflector or carries a flashlight or glow stick. Again, sending your child out with a lit pumpkin won't cut it.

Use common sense.

When it comes to those who stay at home, be mindful of Halloween etiquette. If you're through giving out candy, turn off the porch light and maybe even the living room or kitchen light.

Clear off your sidewalk. Having a child trip over a garden hose or pumpkin and being taken to the hospital because of your negligence is not fun for you or them.

Finally, don't assume that everyone who is out on Halloween night wants to be scared. I've heard stories of children running in front of cars because someone scared them.

Scaring me, on the other hand, might give me a mild heart attack and a trip to the E.R.

Let's all use a little common sense this Halloween and make it safe and fun for everyone.

I'll be out and about this weekend, and I hope to see a few of you at my door. I promise not to scare you.

But, my husband is a different story.

Forget Halloween, I'm thinking Christmas

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



I made a huge, tactical error last year, and I'm bound and determined not to make it again.

By lack of planning, I didn't make it over to the Officers' Club for the Benning Bazaar until 30 minutes before it ended. That meant that I only had time to make a quick trip around to see everything before dashing back to make what I call "desperation" purchases.

This year, I won't do it. I'm clearing my calendar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6. Don't call me, don't e-mail, don't drop by my house. I won't be there. I'll be shopping.

The annual bazaar offers a great selection of gift items by local vendors. Not only do you support the local economy, but you also support our Fort Benning Soldiers and their families.

The Benning Bazaar is one of the major fund-raisers for the Officers' Spouses' Club.

Most of the money raised goes right back into Fort Benning to our schools and Santa's Castle, among others.

Some of that money goes off to college as scholarships in the hands of military children and spouses.

There's lots to see according to Sandy Risberg, the OSC Bazaar chairman. There are more than 70 vendors offering everything from A (art) to Z (zippered purses). You'll need to come on out on Nov. 6 to see just what falls in between. I promise, you won't be disappointed.

Looking for a gift for someone who has everything? I bet you'll find it here, in a one-of-a-kind Christmas ornament, a handmade card or a battle bag. I'm not going to tell you exactly what a battle bag is — you'll have to come find out for yourself.

And you won't spend a fortune to get in the door. Admission is $3 for shoppers 13 and older — and that goes right back into Welfare and Scholarship programs, too. They raised more than $7,000 last year. With your admission comes an opportunity to win door prizes donated by vendors.

When you get there — look for me. (I know, I've been telling everyone to look for me everywhere around post lately.) I'll probably be standing right inside the front door at the quilt table, oohing and aahing over every stitch in the queen-sized quilt made by OSC members.

It's a simple pattern made with a beautiful combination of fabrics and it's being auctioned off to the highest bidder. I've heard the bidding is somewhere around $250 already. You'll just have to see it to believe it.

Fort Benning trick-or-treats Sunday

Fort Benning will observe Halloween from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. This is the only day trick-or-treating is permitted.

This fun time for children can be tragic if common sense precautions are ignored.

Parents can ensure their child's safety with the following actions:

• Children younger than 13 are allowed to trick-or-treat.

• Preschool children must be accompanied by someone 14 or older.

• Limit trick-or-treating to the housing area in which the participants live and only visit homes with lighted entryways.

• Children should wear light-colored, fire-resistant costumes that are short enough to prevent tripping. Costumes can be marked with reflective tape or glow spray paint.

• Observe all basic safety precautions. Use sidewalks and crosswalks. Do not cut through yards. Look in all directions before crossing the street.

• Wear masks or head coverings that do not restrict vision or substitute face paint or makeup instead.

• Pet owners should take measures to prevent pets from being a nuisance or a menace to children.

• Caution children about the wrongs of vandalism.

• Children should carry flashlights.

• Never let your child eat anything until you have inspected the treats.

The time it takes to protect our children is small compared to the lifetime of regret a mishap can cause.

Enjoy the occasion, but make sure your child is well prepared to avoid accidents and injuries.

— Col. Charles D. Cornwell
Chief of Staff

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wanted to share an experience I've had here at Fort Benning that the "welcome packet" doesn't address.

Occasionally, I need the POV, whether it's for vocation or volunteering, dropping off dry-cleaning, getting groceries or executing errands. Since my husband is with the 3rd Brigade, that means a "fun run" to Kelley Hill at O'dark thirty.

Let me enlighten those who have never had this experience. There are no lights on the hill, except for oncoming traffic.

For those who have enjoyed this early morning diversion, I hope I can describe this mis-adventure in a manner you can relate to and laugh about later.

From 4:30-5 a.m., it's Fort Benning at its best. But at 5:05 a.m., the tranquility is replaced by the Kelley Hill 500.

Forget everything you've ever learned in your defensive driving classes. Be prepared to reach deep inside and draw out survival skills usually reserved for the wilds of Africa.

Drink a cup O' Joe while on the road? Not unless you're wearing a coffee-colored outfit.

Between those attempting to get to formation on time and those trying to leave the hill before it closes for PT — Halloween holds no horrors like the Kelley Hill 500.

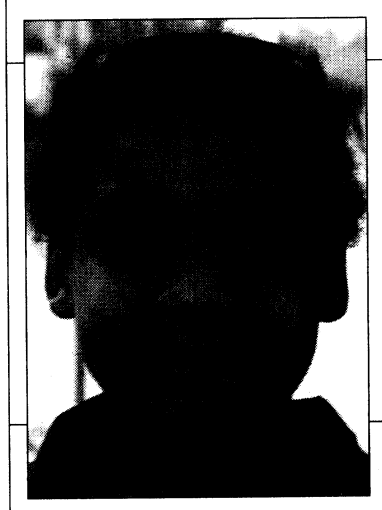
Don't get me wrong, it has increased my metabolism and decreased my caffeine intake, and so far, I am enjoying Fort Benning.

I'm chuckling as I write this. I just had to share the trip with those around me.

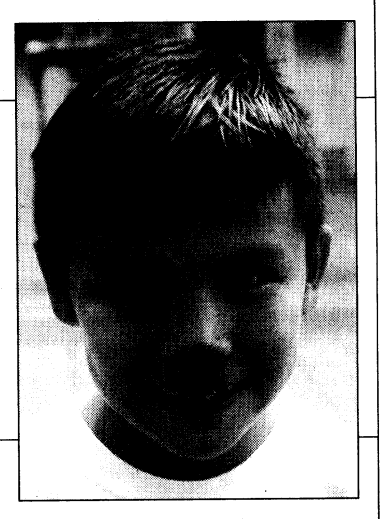
— Kathleen Thornton
Fort Benning

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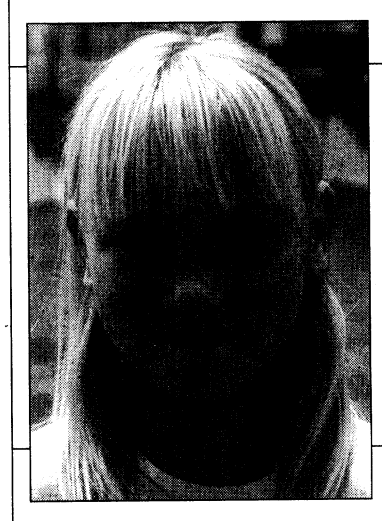
What are you going to dress up as on Halloween and why?



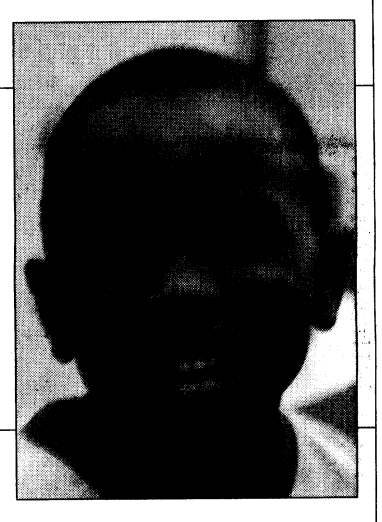
Alicia Hollis, 6 years old — "I want to be a Cyborg, because they're strong and scary, and I like scary stuff at Halloween. I like the costume and I want to get lots of candy."



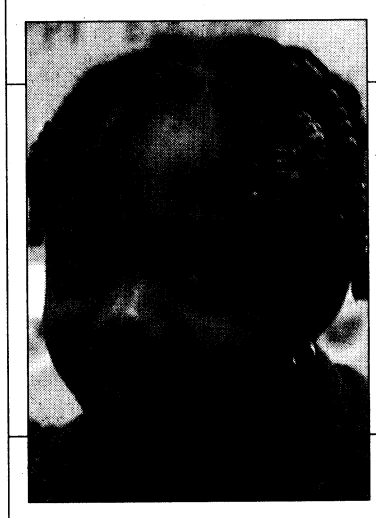
Quanah Astorga, 9 years old — "I want to be a dementor, a creature from the Harry Potter books. They're my favorite creatures in the movie, because they're the scariest and they can fly around."



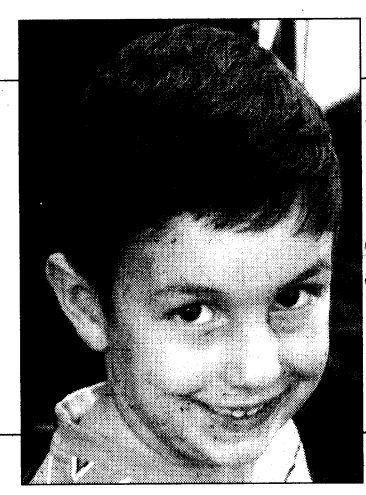
Alex Strickland, 10 years old — "I'm going to be a cheerleader. I used to be a cheerleader, and I love doing cheers because it's fun."



Jamal Williams, 4 years old — "I want to be Superman. He's cool and he can fly around and fight bad guys. Everyone likes Superman, so I'll get lots of candy."



Kennedy Green, 4 years old — "I am dressing up as a princess. Princesses are pretty, and I get to wear a crown and a bow."



Greg Cannata, 5 years old — "I am going to be Batman Beyond. He's good and he saves people. He looks spooky, and I want to look spooky for Halloween."

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Fallen troops remembered at unveiling

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Pvt. George S. Peters saved the lives of fellow Soldiers at the cost of his own, after the 17th Airborne Division's 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment landed near Fluren, Germany on March 24, 1945.

Peters, a radio operator, and 10 others were pinned down when they landed 75 yards from an enemy machine gun supported by riflemen. Trapped by their parachutes and under heavy fire, the men couldn't get to the equipment bundles nearby.

According to his Medal of Honor citation, Peters leapt to his feet and charged the machine gun, armed only with a rifle and grenades. He was torn from his feet by machine gun fire but rose again to run toward the machine gun. Once again, bullets tore into his body.

Lacking the strength to rise, Peters crawled through mud to reach the enemy. He threw his grenades, knocked out the machine gun, killed two of its operators, and pushed the riflemen back into the cover of the woods. The rest of the men in Peter's unit managed to secure their supplies and fight successfully.

Peters was one of only four men from the 17th Airborne Division to earn the Medal of Honor. The others were Sgt. Clinton M. Hendrick, Sgt. Isadore S. Jackman and Pfc. Stuart S. Stryker.

Fort Benning's own 1st Battalion, 507th Airborne Infantry Regiment fought in many battles while assigned to the 17th Abn. Div. in 1944 and 1945.

The unit, "Thunder from Heaven," was activated in April 1943 and entered WWII in December 1944. In 65 days of combat leading up to the end of the war, the division fought in three Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

In 15 months of combat duty, 1,191 of the unit's Soldiers were killed in action, 4,904 were wounded in action and 191 later died from their wounds.

A monument to the service of the 17th Abn. Div. was unveiled Oct. 21 on Sacrifice Field. Retired Col. John Korman, former state department diplomat and paratrooper, said the monument mean the division will not be forgotten.

"A nation honors itself not only in the men it produces, not only in the men it honors, but also in the men it remembers" Korman said.

The ceremony was attended by more than 200 veterans from the 17th Abn. Div., 11 Gold Star relatives, and 16 WWII widows wearing yellow roses.

The monument cost $250,000 and was funded primarily through contributions from family members and veterans of the 17th Abn. Div. Retired Technician 5th Grade Ralph Grooten spearheaded the fund-raising drive with the support of the division's memorial committee, an effort that took seven years.

The monument is made of black granite with the names of Soldiers who died in combat etched in bronze, and a brick walkway with the names of donors. Benches surround a pedestal with a bronze statue of a Soldier kneeling at the grave of a fallen Soldier. Dog tags and a helmet hang over a rifle.

The statue was designed by Grooten, and the name written on the dog tags is that of Howard Dowlan, Grooten's friend who was killed in the initial landing at the Rhine.

The rest of the memorial was designed by Donald Shirreffs, who completed this as his final project after a 45-year career.

Sixty years after the unit's deactivation, the ceremony was still very emotional for many. As *Taps* played, one widow wiped away tears and was comforted by family.

Veteran Joseph Hamorsky pointed out the names of friends killed in action to his daughter and son-in-law.

"This memorial is long overdue. I'm glad people will know what the feeling was for us during the war," he said. "My daughter and son-in-law are very supportive because they think it's important that my service is remembered. We're going to come back again next year."

Another veteran of the division, Clyde W. Priester drove from Pennsylvania with his daughter to see the dedication.

"I'm glad that we got (the monument). It should have been done a long time ago," he said, as his daughter snapped a photo of him in front of the statue.

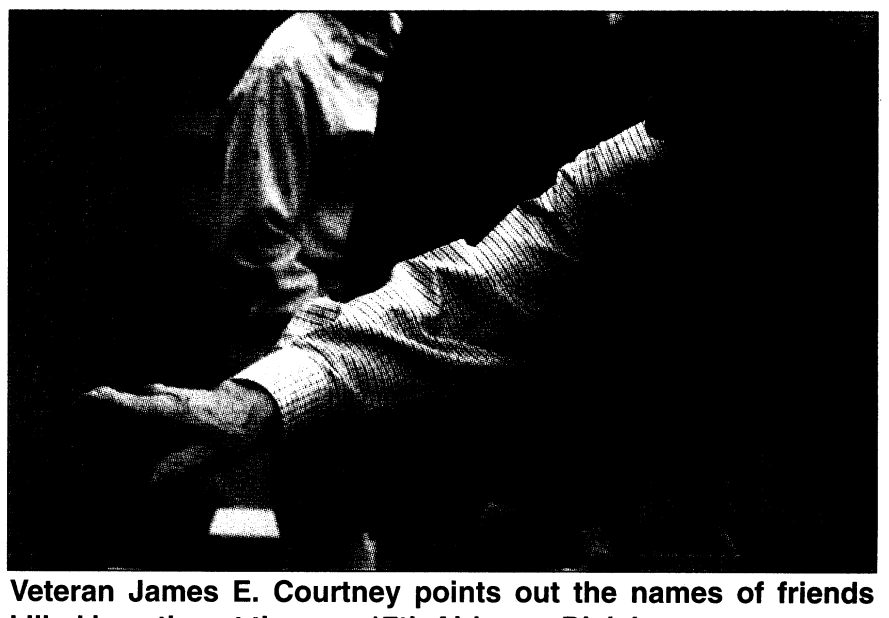
Grooten asked the veterans and family members in the crowd to tell their children and grandchildren about their experiences during the war and the sacrifices of the men killed in action.

"Close your eyes and you can hear them laughing, speaking," he said. "They're waiting around the corner for us to join them."



Photos by Annette Fournier

Lt. Col. Sean McCaffrey, left, helps Ken Amock and Joseph Quade, right, of the 17th Airborne Association, unveil the monument on Sacrifice Field Oct. 21.



Veteran James E. Courtney points out the names of friends killed in action at the new 17th Airborne Division monument on Sacrifice Field Oct. 21. The monument honors the unit which lost more than 1,100 Soldiers on the field of battle in WWII.



Benning names Career Counselor of Year

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Loving your job is one thing; being given an award for doing that job well is a bonus.

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Johnson was named Career Counselor of the Year for Fort Benning Oct. 12, for doing a job he considers "the best in the Army."

Johnson joined the Army 13 years ago as a cannon crew member in a field artillery unit. After seven years, he became the retention NCO on a company level, and in 2000 he put in his packet to become a career counselor. After being retrained at Fort Campbell, Ky., serving time in Kosovo and Korea, Johnson came to Fort Benning.

He was one of about five who volunteered to go before the board that would select the Career Counselor of the Year.

"It was set up to see how much we knew about retention by giving us real-world situations to see how we would solve them," Johnson said. "For instance, they would say we had a private or a specialist who had a $40,000 per year offer outside the Army, and they say, 'Keep me in.'

"We have to come up with the scenario for them. They want to see how well we respond under pressure."

Sgt. Maj. Lyle Hogue, post command career counselor, sat on the board that selected Johnson.

"He did very well on the board," Hogue said. "A lot of it was his composure and knowledge of subject matter. Those two things worked well for him."

One of the reasons Johnson said he loves his job is because people are so different, and every day there is a new type of person with a new story to tell.

"Most of the time Soldiers will come to the retention NCO before they go to their S-1," Johnson said. "We take care of legal, finance and personal issues and are psychiatrists and chaplains for the Soldiers. We are the eyes and ears of the unit."

Johnson says the difference between retention and recruiting is that a recruiter is the Army to whoever he or she talks to.

"For us, we're the advisor," Johnson said. "Our job is not to convince you to stay in the Army. We're here to give you all the information you need to make an informed decision. We do less selling and more informing."

One misconception Soldiers have about retention NCOs, Johnson said, is that they only need to see them when they are getting ready to re-enlist.

"The ideal situation is to come see us when you get into your unit," Johnson said, "because you are not in your (re-enlistment) window and you can prepare yourself so when you get into that window you know what to do."

The best advice Johnson has is to ask questions and find as much information as you can about your options, remembering that the Army uses Soldiers on an as need basis — if there is no need, there is no option.

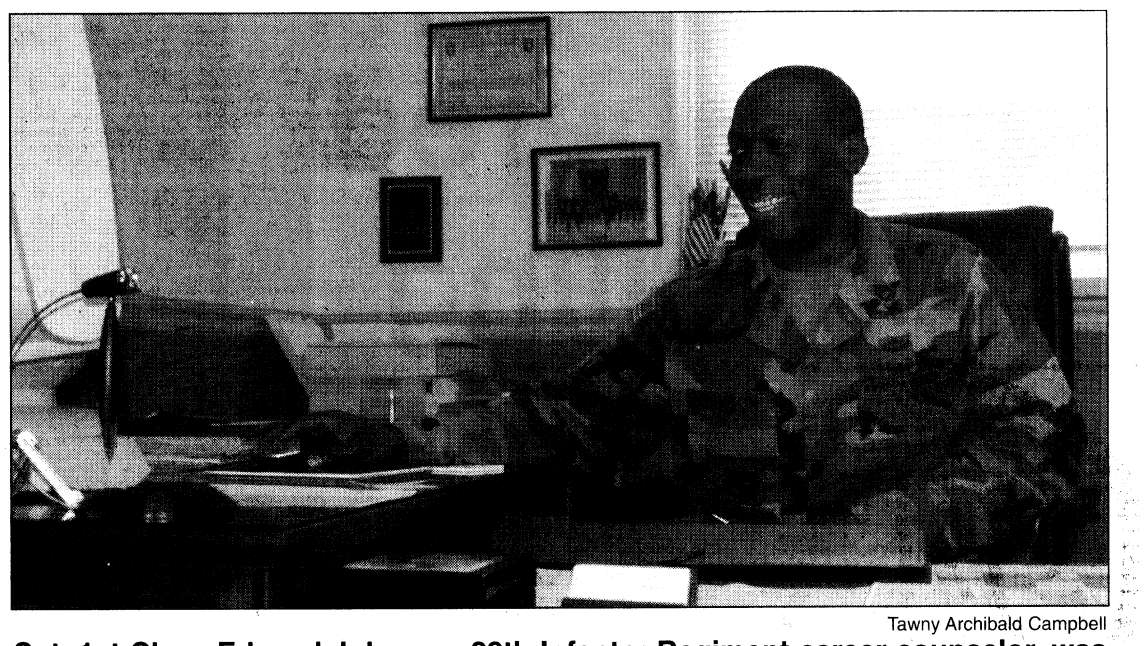
"The help they get from us is so important because we help Soldiers on an individual and personal level," Johnson said. "We will still see these people, so if anything goes wrong we will fix it. You have to be honest and integrity is the key."

Career counselors understand their job is a privilege. If they don't perform well, they can be reclassified to their previous MOS.

"This is an all-volunteer field," Johnson said. "We can't afford to have people in this job who don't enjoy doing it."

Johnson is currently working as the NCO for the 29th Infantry Regiment.

He will represent the U.S. Army Infantry Counselors at the TRADOC competition Nov. 15 in Phoenix.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Johnson, 29th Infantry Regiment career counselor, was named the post career counselor of the year for doing a job he considers the best job in the Army.

Post preps for fall cleanup Nov. 1-6

Housing areas, recycling get new focus

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It's fall. And that means it's time for the postwide fall cleanup.

Nov. 1 to 6 is set aside for all units, directorates and family housing residents to do a "clean sweep" of their areas.

Sgt. Maj. Jennifer Pearson, of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is in charge of the cleanup and said the focus would be the same as in the spring and with a "big push in the housing areas."

"The housing areas are now our weak areas," Pearson said. "There was a lot of rotation over the summer, and now we want to make sure we're cleaned up."

Although residents are primarily responsible for their houses, Soldiers from the neighborhood's sponsor unit will help in common areas.

Pearson said the fall cleanup week is the perfect time to throw away or recycle any large or bulk materials.

"We want everyone to recycle," Pearson said.

And while Pearson isn't responsible for any housing areas, she does oversee all of the activities on post that affect quality of life.

The gyms, bowling alleys and other DMWR activities directly benefit from money earned by the recycling program.

Dorinda Morpeth, the solid waste program manager for the Directorate of Public Works, said the Fort Benning recycling program is "about average" for Army installations, so there's room for improvement.

The recycling collected on post is processed by a "bare-bones minimum" recycling staff, Morpeth said. Not only does the staff handle what the contractor picks up in housing ares, but also that which is collected from offices and other workplaces.

"I want the Soldiers to please continue to recycle," she said, "but just remember to crush the cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycling dumpsters."

Morpeth said cardboard recycled from dining facilities and other supply points accounts for the majority of the cardboard collected on post.

In order to get the most out of recycling, family housing residents should ensure the recyclables are clean and not contaminated by soiled items.

Both Morpeth and Pearson said work is being done to ensure the contractor is picking up recyclables.

Residents can report any problems with recycling pick-up through their neighborhood Community Life NCO, and can replace broken or missing recycling bins at the self-help store.

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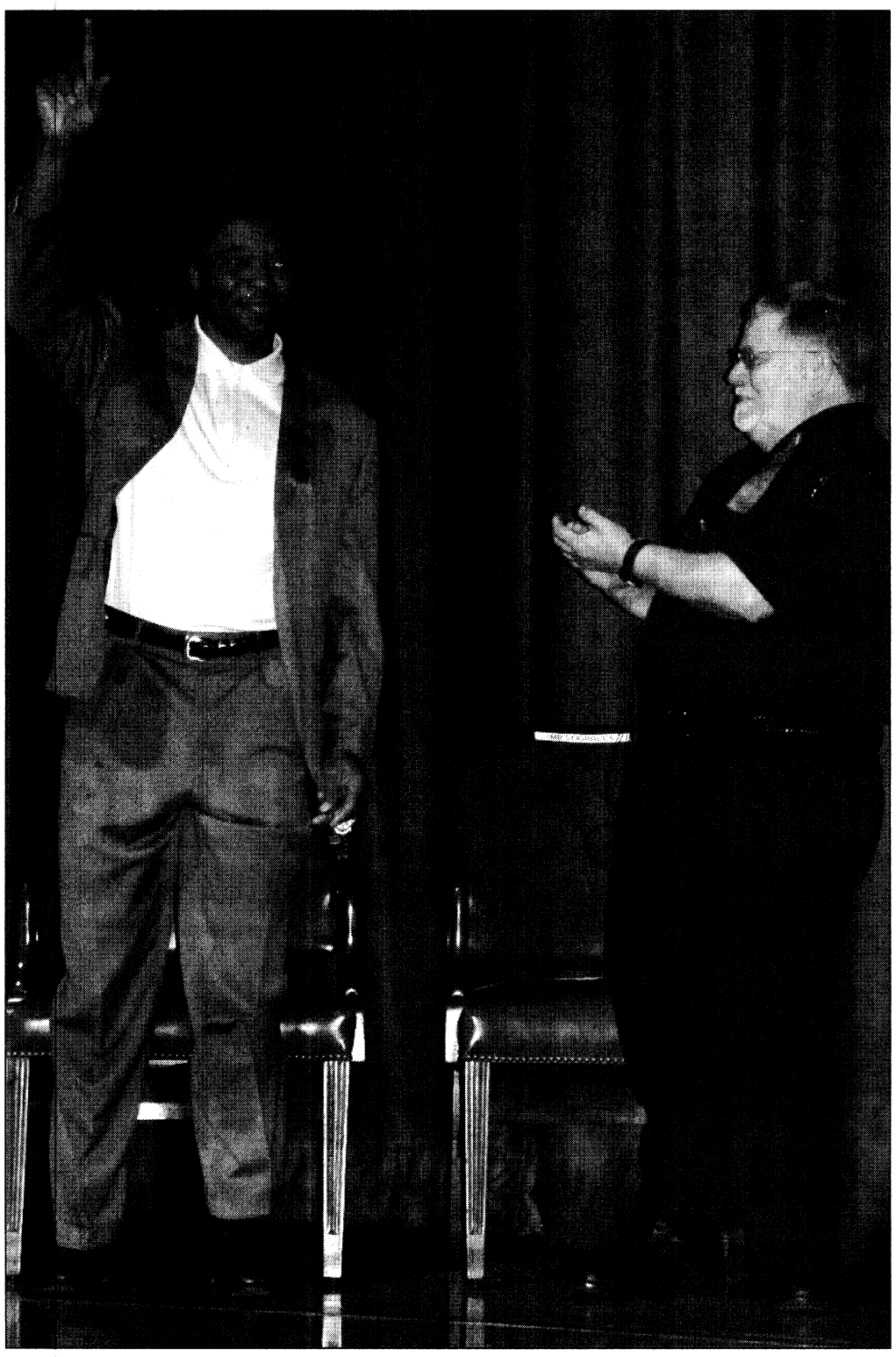
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RED RIBBON WEEK

Speakers share messages of dreams



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Jeremiah Castille, left, former professional football player, and Paul Voorhees, owner of Ranger Joe's, were guest speakers during the Red Ribbon Week program in Marshall Auditorium Monday.

Event marks anniversary of agent's death

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning Soldiers and civilians gathered in Marshall Auditorium Monday to kick off Red Ribbon Week, pledging to "say no to drugs, become educated on the dangers of drugs and provide information to the community."

That pledge echoed one first signed by high school students in Calexico, Calif., the hometown of undercover Drug Enforcement Agency Enrique "Kiki" Camerena, who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by a Mexican drug gang in February 1985. More than 500 DEA agents searched for his body.

The celebration, sponsored by several units on post, served as a symbol of unity in the ongoing fight against the use of illegal drugs in the United States.

Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander, rallied the audience before introducing the guest speakers.

"The war on drugs is fought at home and in your families," said Riera, who lost a friend to drugs. "This is a life and death struggle."

Guest speakers Jeremiah Castille, of Phenix City, and Paul Voorhees, of Columbus, shared their stories and positive messages.

Castille played football with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Denver Broncos before establishing Jeremiah Castille Ministries, which reaches out to inner-city youths through sports and faith-based activities.

The eighth child of nine, Castille grew up surrounded by drugs and alcohol. He now tries to use his story to help children reach for their dreams.

"We all grew up with heroes," Castille said, "and some people even tell me I'm their hero. It's flattering. The Soldiers defending this country — you're my heroes. I wouldn't have been able to play a great game of football if it weren't for men and women serving our country."

Castille said he felt there was a reason he didn't succumb to the temptation of drugs and alcohol while growing up in Phenix City.

"It all starts with a dream," he said, "and the first step is to make a decision that life is worth living."

He said he saw the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse firsthand. His mother, Mary, was an alcoholic for 25 years and has been sober now for 20 years.

Castille knew going to college and getting an education was the key to his success, so he worked hard and didn't let others' opinions or attitudes affect him.

Those opinions, he said, "added fuel to the fire that was my dream."

"If you want to know what your tomorrow's like, look at the decisions you're making today," he said.

"What's your dream? Does it get you up in the morning?"

Starting college at 5' 9" and 150 pounds, Castille pursued his dream and played for Paul "Bear" Bryant.

"He believed in me, and he was in the business of coaching people, not players," he said.

But playing for the "Bear" meant passing physical tests, like a seemingly impossible 1-mile run in around five minutes. Castille saw guys get cut — some ran too slowly, and some simply couldn't finish.

"I knew I had to run that mile," Castille said. "I had someone counting on me — my mom. If I was going to help her, I was going to run that mile."

And helping his mother overcome her alcoholism was part of the "big, burly dream" God placed in Castille's heart.

Columbus businessman Paul Voorhees, better known to Fort Benning Soldiers as "Ranger Joe" shared his list of 21 suggestion for extreme happiness.

"Drugs have nothing to do with extreme happiness," said Voorhees, who had the crowd laughing at a series of jokes before taking them into the heart of his message.

The three most important elements of happiness are integrity, hard work and family, he said, "and drugs have nothing to do with those things."

Voorhees said there are also three important decisions everyone must make — who to live your life with, what to live life in and what to live for.

"Most of you are living life for our government and for your families," he said, "and you can't do it with drugs. But in our society today, there is a pill for everything."

Voorhees shared the story of a family member who has "been picked up from the bowels four times," but who continued to be involved with drugs. His family took such good care of the addict, they actually enabled him to continue down his path of destruction.

"When you abuse drugs, you hurt the people who love you," he said. "And when you don't allow them to pay the price, you haven't helped."

Voorhees said his family is now hoping and praying that their "tough love" will help their loved one turn his life around.

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Retired Soldiers inducted in USAMU Hall of Fame

Olympians demonstrate trick shooting

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USAMU Public Affairs Office

More than 300 members, past and present, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, gathered Oct. 22 and 23 to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the unit's formation.

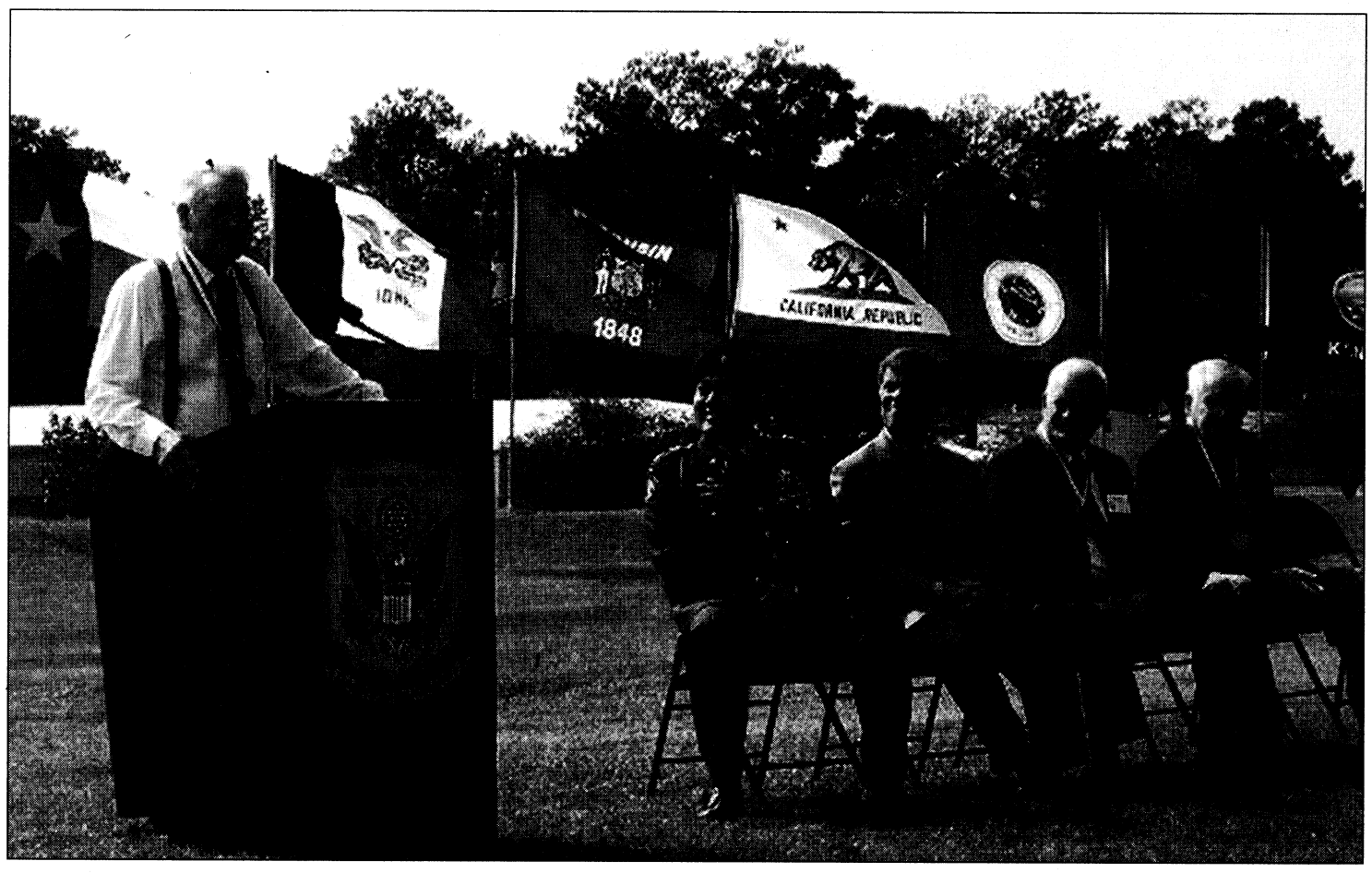
The Military Marksmanship Association, USAMU's alumni association, conducted the festivities, which started with a picnic at the Pecan Grove on Phillips Range the afternoon of Oct. 22.

The MMA reunion honored the shooters and staff of the AMU and provided an opportunity for the shooters of the past to meet the new shooters.

The morning of Oct. 23, MMA members gathered at Sharpe Hall, USAMU headquarters, for a ceremony inducting four retired Soldiers into the USAMU Support Hall of Fame.

The inductees were: Sgt. 1st Class Gerald J. "Hook" Boutin, service rifle shooter, armorer and sniper instructor; Sgt. Maj. Roy Combs, Service Rifle Team coach and former USAMU sergeant major; Sgt. 1st Class Leslie "Pappy" Drake, Service Rifle Team coach and shooting champion; and Master Sgt. William "W.O." Harden, service rifle shooter, gunsmith and chief of the USAMU Custom Firearms Shop.

"I'd like to thank them for their extraordinary service to the Army and this nation," said former USAMU Commander retired Col. Arch Arnold, the guest speaker at the ceremony.



Ray Carter

Retired Master Sgt. Robert Whitacre speaks, while USAMU Commander Lt. Col. David J. Liwanag, left, retired Col. Greg Camp, and Hall of Fame inductees Master Sgt. William R. Lee and Lt. Col. William C. Pullum look on during the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame Ceremony Oct. 23.

USAMU Commander Lt. Col. David J. Liwanag told the crowd that the work of the USAMU Custom Firearms Shop in producing more accurate weapons for the Army is "important in our global war on terror."

"Every unit has its standout," Liwanag said. "For the Army, that's the Marksmanship Unit. In the unit, our most precious assets are our shooters, gunsmiths and support people who make and issue the guns, ammo and equipment that make it possible for us to excel and dominate over challenges."

The USAMU Support Hall of Fame ceremony was followed by a trick-shooting demonstration by 2004 Olympians Sgts. 1st Class James "Todd" Graves, Bret E. Erickson and Shawn C. Dulohery at Hook Range.

The highlight of the 48th anniversary reunion was the Hall of Fame induction. Retired USAMU members Lt. Col. William C. Pullum and Master Sgts. William R. Lee and Robert D. Whitacre joined 20 former members of the USAMU who are honored in the Hall of Fame.

Pullum was the former coach of the USAMU Service Rifle, International Rifle and U.S. Olympic Rifle teams. He also competed as a service pistol and service rifle shooter and served as the USAMU shop officer.

"I've had a very enjoyable life with the Army Marksmanship Unit, and I've met some wonderful people. I want to thank you all very kindly," Pullum said.

Lee, a service rifle shooter, won the President's Hundred Match in 1976 and numerous other championships. He thanked the USAMU Custom Firearms Shop for his victories, stating that the work the AMU gunsmiths did on the M-16 rifles was a miracle performance.

Whitacre was a national indoor pistol champion who earned the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, the International Distinguished Shooters Badge and the President's Hundred Tab. He thanked the gunsmiths, coaches and support staff for the part they play in developing champions.

"I served with the best Soldiers in the best unit in the U.S. Army," Whitacre said.

Liwanag introduced retired Col. Gregory C. Camp, former Fort Benning chief of staff, who was the guest speaker at the Hall of Fame ceremony.

"Americans really like winners and these three inductees — and the entire Army Marksmanship Unit — are champions," Camp said. "The Army Marksmanship Unit has far exceeded the expectations of President Eisenhower when he formed the unit 48 years ago.

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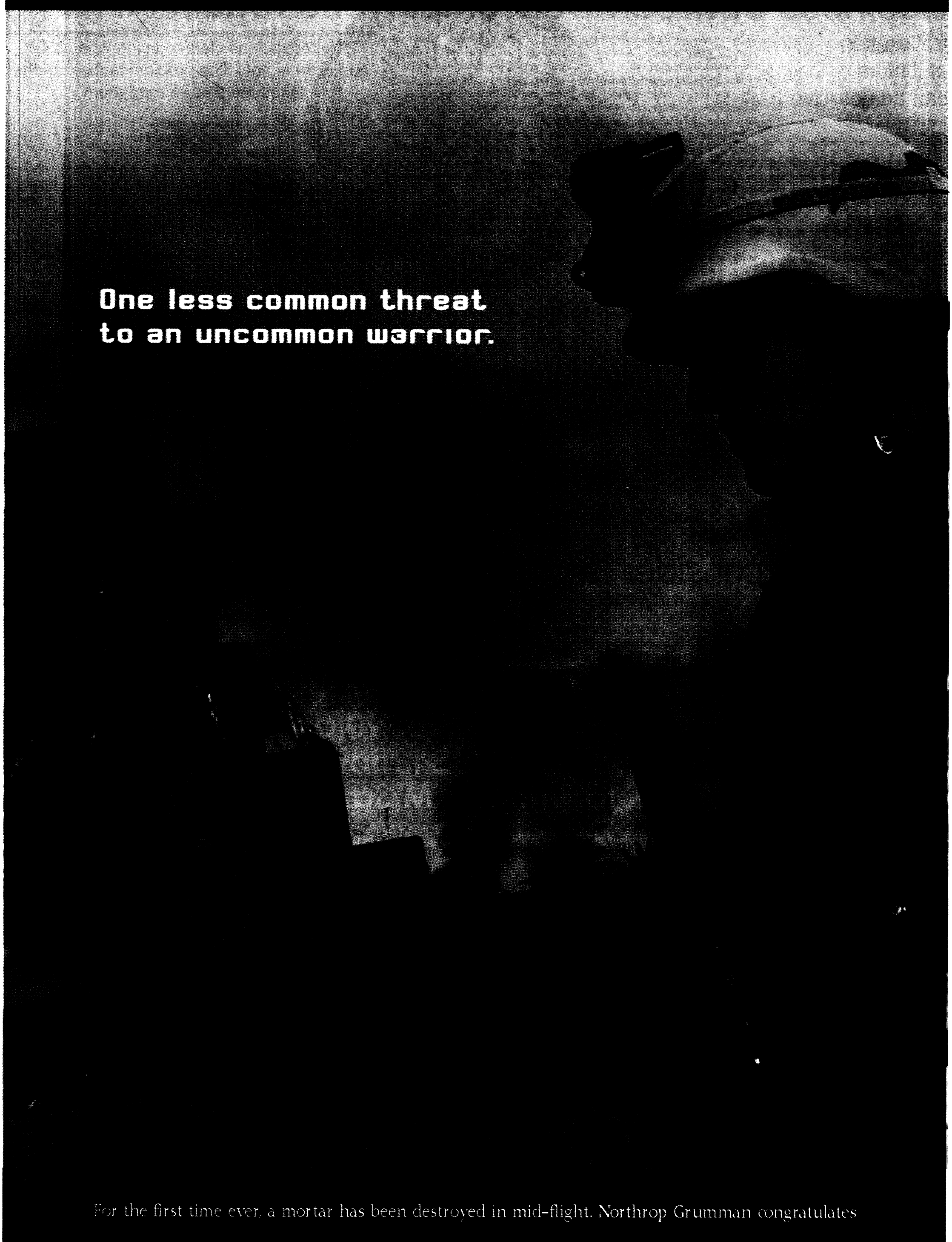
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"That was a bad situation. Nothing about that is right from start to end," Bernard Pfeiffer, chief of administrative law, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said.

The gray area of ethics is given definition by several publications including the Joint Ethics Regulation and U.S. Army Infantry Center policy memorandum 600-3, he said.

Those regulations define what kind of business relationships are appropriate with and between Department of Defense employees.

For instance, the one-time sale of a piece of personal property like a car or television between two service members, regardless of rank, is OK. But when the business is of a recurring type, like real estate sales on the side, insurance policies and stocks, the line is crossed, Pfeiffer said.

"The regulations clearly define what is OK and what is not," he said. "The problem is that no one takes the time to read them."

Other situations that may be questionable are business relationships involving organizations like AMWAY and Mary Kay cosmetics.

"A DoD employee shall not knowingly solicit or make solicited sales to DoD personnel who are junior in rank, grade or position, or to family members of such personnel, on or off duty," reads Chapter 5, Subsection 409 of the JER. "The posting of an advertisement in accordance with Federal Government building management policies does not constitute solicitation for purposes in this subsection."

Pfeiffer said the biggest problem is the situation where it appears that rank may have been used coercively.

Anytime a group is called together under the pretense of an official or unofficial function at the behest of a higher ranking individual and then is solicited inappropriately, there can be the appearance of coercion.

But not all solicitations on post are illegal, Pfeiffer said.

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Companies and individuals may apply for a license through the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Those individuals are given permission to sell goods or services only if they follow the terms laid out in the JER and local regulations regarding ethics and solicitation.

There can be repercussions for those who ignore the regulations and choose to peddle their wares outside the scope of the law, he said.

"Some areas of the JER are punitive," Pfeiffer said. "Many violations are at least enough to initiate an Article 92."

While the problem is not overly common on post, he said it does come in spurts and varies in level of severity.

Some information regarding solicitation is covered in SJA's ethics briefing held the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in Classroom 7, Infantry Hall, through December.

Ranger: Vehicle rolled over

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give themselves for the sake of country."

Amundson is the eighth Ranger killed in combat since the war on terrorism began. He is survived by his parents, Michele Sanderson, of Montgomery, Texas, and William Amundson, of Plano, Texas. The senior Amundson remembered his son as a confident Soldier.

"He knew what he was doing, and he was trained very well," Amundson's father told a reporter last week. "The only thing that has kept me going is his training and faith in God since he was in the service. My hat's off to the Army and the Ranger training."

A wake for Amundson was held Monday in Conroe, Texas, and Tuesday at Lakeside Bible Church in Montgomery, Texas.

No date has been set for a memorial locally or for burial at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

BRAC: To consider 'surge'

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leveraged the Army's combat projection power.

DuBois said the 2005 BRAC is aimed at combining that kind of power, including joint training, at installations that best offer it.

Also, he said, duplication can be reduced by merging military research and laboratory facilities.

Any new base closures would take into account the need to maintain a military "surge" capacity to deal with potential future threats, Dubois said.

Previous BRACs have provided $7 billion in annual savings to DoD since 2001, DuBois said. But, DoD still has $660 billion tied up in property inventory.

The Defense Department needs "to free up that kind of investment capital to support our troops in areas where those resources are needed," he said.

"We have a responsibility to provide the people defending our country with the highest quality training, technology, weapons systems, information and resources available," he said, "to include a well-maintained infrastructure by eliminating the unnecessary capacity."

Final 2005 BRAC recommendations will be presented in the spring.



Annette Fournier

Wildlife biologist Michael Barron prepares a net used to catch the red-cockaded woodpeckers that will be sent to national parks in nearby states.

RCW: Some to relocate

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breeding pairs. Currently there are 250 pairs.

"Some people wonder why we're 'giving away birds' if we haven't reached our goals yet. But just because we reach our goals at Fort Benning, it doesn't ensure the survival of the species as a whole," wildlife biologist Michael Barron said. "We need to think of the well-being of the species throughout the entire Southeast."

Helping smaller populations grow is also important to Fort Benning, Barron said. In 1989, Hurricane Hugo destroyed 70 percent of the red-cockaded woodpecker's habitat in South Carolina's Francis Marion National Park.

If something similar occurred at Fort Benning, other areas could donate birds to help Benning's woodpecker population recover.

Old-growth pine forests once covered much of the South, but the number of trees has sharply declined due to agriculture, development and logging. Today there are fewer than 300 million acres of long leaf pine forests left, 3 percent of the acreage present at the onset of European colonization.

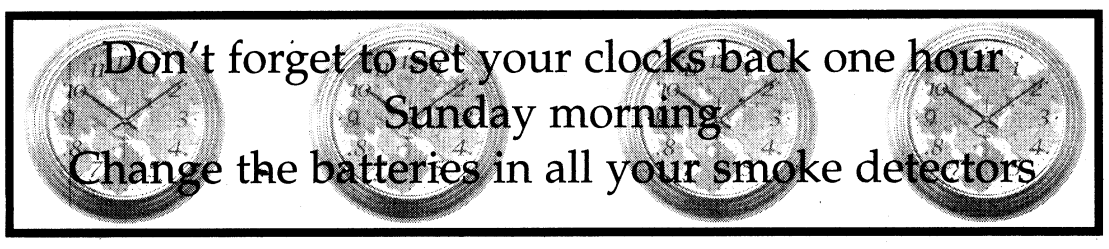
The only birds relocated are yearlings not yet attached to a particular territory. Before the birds can be moved, potential transfers must be identified by age and sex.

DPW locates a bird's roosting tree and sets up a net on an extendable pole directly in front of the hole into the nesting cavity. In the morning, when the bird leaves the nest, it becomes trapped in the net, and is moved into a wooden box where it will be shipped to its new habitat.

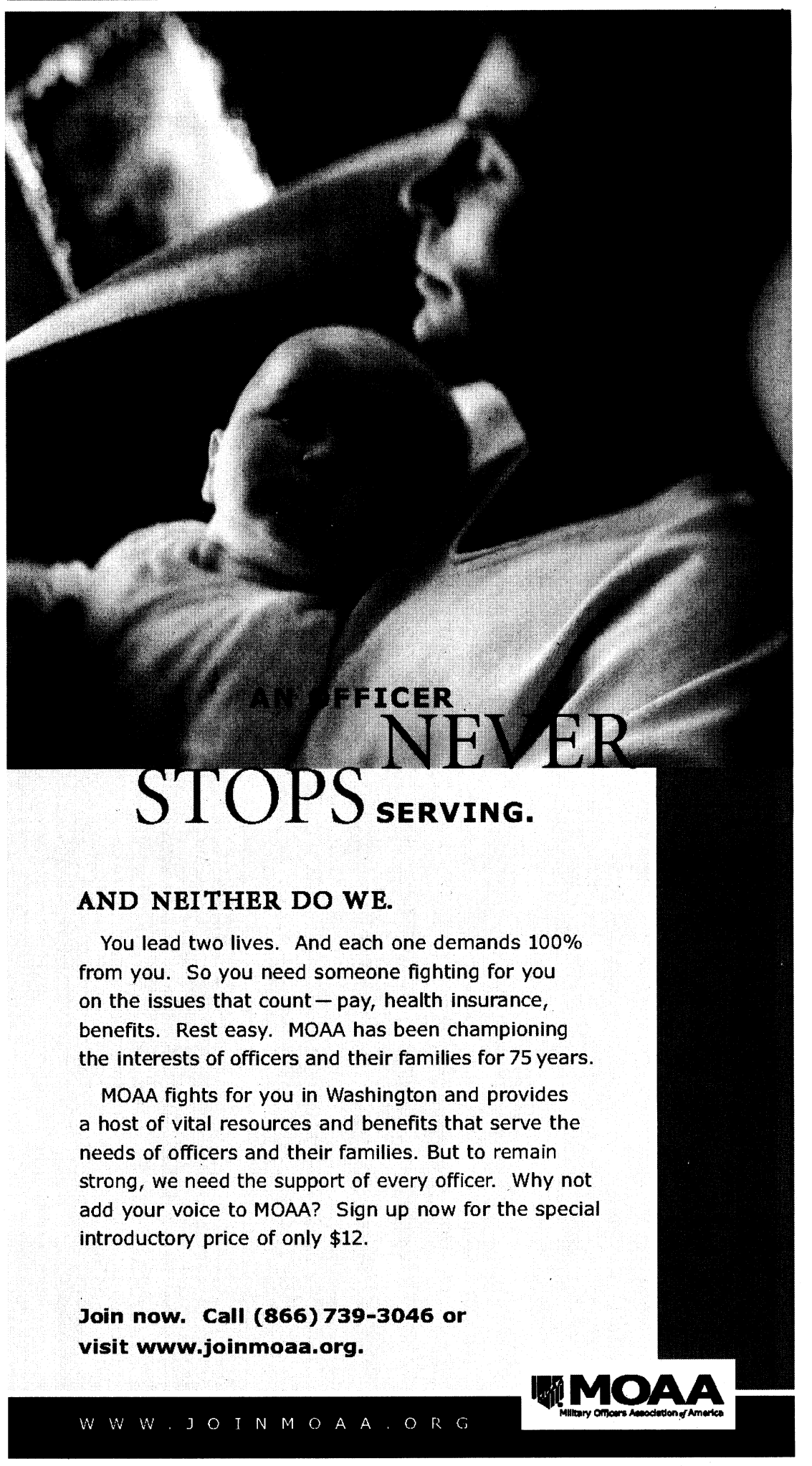
They will be released into the new habitat that has been prepared for them, and about 40 percent of the birds will stay in the new area. The most difficult part of moving the birds is catching them, Barron said.

"The birds don't always cooperate. We are very careful with them, and no birds have ever died in transport."

There are fewer than 10,000 red-cockaded woodpeckers in the Southeastern United States. Most live on Department of Defense preservation areas.



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The surveyors will mark these areas with stakes and concrete monuments. Use caution around these areas and do not remove them.

For more information, call Doug Ledford at 545-0669.

White House recruiting team

The White House Communications Agency Recruiting Team will visit post Nov. 9. They will conduct two separate briefings, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Classroom 30 of Infantry Hall.

The agency is looking for highly dedicated professional Soldiers to provide state-of-the-art communications support to the president of the United States.

The Soldier must be able to travel, work with little supervision and be extremely responsible.

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For more information, call PN1 Danielle Gunsett at (202) 757-5145 or DSN 284-2000, ext. 7-5145.

BOSS Disney trip

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers has planned a road trip to Orlando Nov. 11-14 to visit the Disney theme parks.

Participating Soldiers need to bring $45 per night for the hotel. There will be shuttle buses available to take the Soldier to the park of their choice.

Tickets for Disney can be purchased at Omega Travel or at the park. Signups will be taken for the trip until the bus is full.

A signed leave form will need to be provided prior to boarding the bus.

For more information, call Spc. Matthew Gobble at 545-6800.

Recruit the Recruiter

The U.S. Army Recruit the Recruiter Team will be conducting presentations at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nov. 22-24 in Classroom 30 in Infantry Hall.

The team will brief all sergeants through sergeants first class regarding the benefits, challenges and qualifications of recruiting duty.

For more information, call the Installation Retention Office at 545-8771 or 545-7387.

Silver Wings

The Command Exhibition Parachute Team is looking for candidates for membership in the Silver Wings. Candidates must be sergeant or higher, possess a current C license or higher and have no UCMJ actions or flags.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes at 545-1939.

SJA new hours

The Legal Assistance Division and Claims Division will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 545-3281, 545-3282 or 545-2285.

HOPE Grant Program

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For more information, call 685-8549 or go to Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Sergeant first class promotion board

The Department of the Army selection board will consider Soldiers for promotion to sergeant first class Nov. 2.

Soldiers must review their promotion ERB by logging on to the EREC Web site at www.hrc.army.mil.

For more information, call 545-5647.

Columbus Shuttle suspension

Columbus Shuttle, a local van service that provides service locally and to and from the Atlanta airport, has been suspended by the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command as an authorized carrier for DoD travelers on official business for one year.

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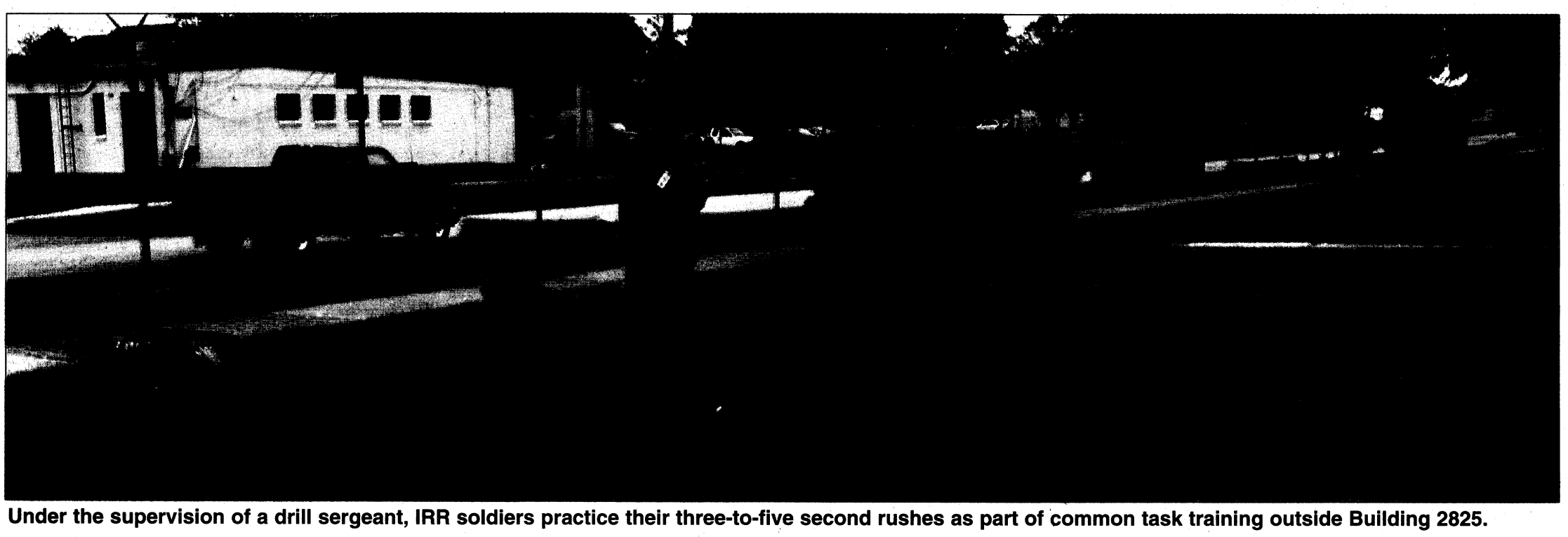
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Under the supervision of a drill sergeant, IRR soldiers practice their three-to-five second rushes as part of common task training outside Building 2825.

IRR trains at Benning

Reservists pass through Benning on way to war

Her husband, a member of the National Guard, was called up for seven months last year, but as a member of the Individual Ready Reserves, Spc. Maria Gregg never expected to get the same call.

Going to Iraq was unthinkable. She felt safe, knowing she was in a part of the military rarely called into activity.

"I got my orders before I got the mailgram, and they said I had one month to report," said Gregg, of Florida. "I didn't expect it. I was IRR and didn't think I could be called up."

Leaving behind her husband and 4-year-old daughter, Gregg reported to Fort Jackson, S.C., for an MOS refresher course and then to Fort Benning for common task training.

"I don't think my daughter is dealing with things very well," Gregg said. "I've never left her before. I told her I would come home, but I have to do my job first, and when I go home I will never leave her again."

For Gregg, it's not the training that's hard, it's missing her family. But the training she's receiving at Fort Benning is appreciated.

"I think it's good to prepare like this before we go overseas," Gregg said. "The better trained we are, the better we do. We don't know what we'll be doing when we get over there, so you can't be over prepared."

Two types of IRR Soldiers come to Fort Benning, said Capt. Ron DeWeese, commander of D Company, CONUS Replacement Center, an infantry one station unit training site. One "type" comes here for common task certification, he said. That includes infantry, special forces and aviation.

The others have already been certified at another post, but they come here to be "married up" with a unit deploying.

There are 21 IRR Soldiers on Fort Benning and more arrive each week, said DeWeese, who expects to have about 100 Soldiers by the end of the month.

The cadre and leadership are part of a mobilized reserve unit from the 1st Division, 330th Infantry Regimen, Fort Wayne, Ind.

They've been here since September.

"I think we are all proud to serve and are very conscientious in our training," said Lt. Col. Janet Kai, a Florida IRR Soldier.

"We are hungry for training, and the training here is superb. I can't say enough about how well D Company and CRC are doing."

The training the Soldiers receive includes weapons familiarization, movement under direct fire, land navigation, interaction with the media, reacting to unexploded ordnance, driving, vehicle searches, casualty care and evacuations, riot control, first aid and nuclear, biological and chemical warfare.

"I'm getting training here I've never had before," said Sgt. 1st Class William Dunn, of Tennessee.

"I'm in water purification, but on the battlefield you don't know if your convoy is going to come under attack, so this training may be exactly what you need. I am a Soldier first and water purification is second."

Both Dunn and Kai have been in the military for 21 years, work for a government agency and leave one teenager at home.

"My job (back home) is secure, but my big concern is if my family needs me, I'm not going to be there," Dunn said.

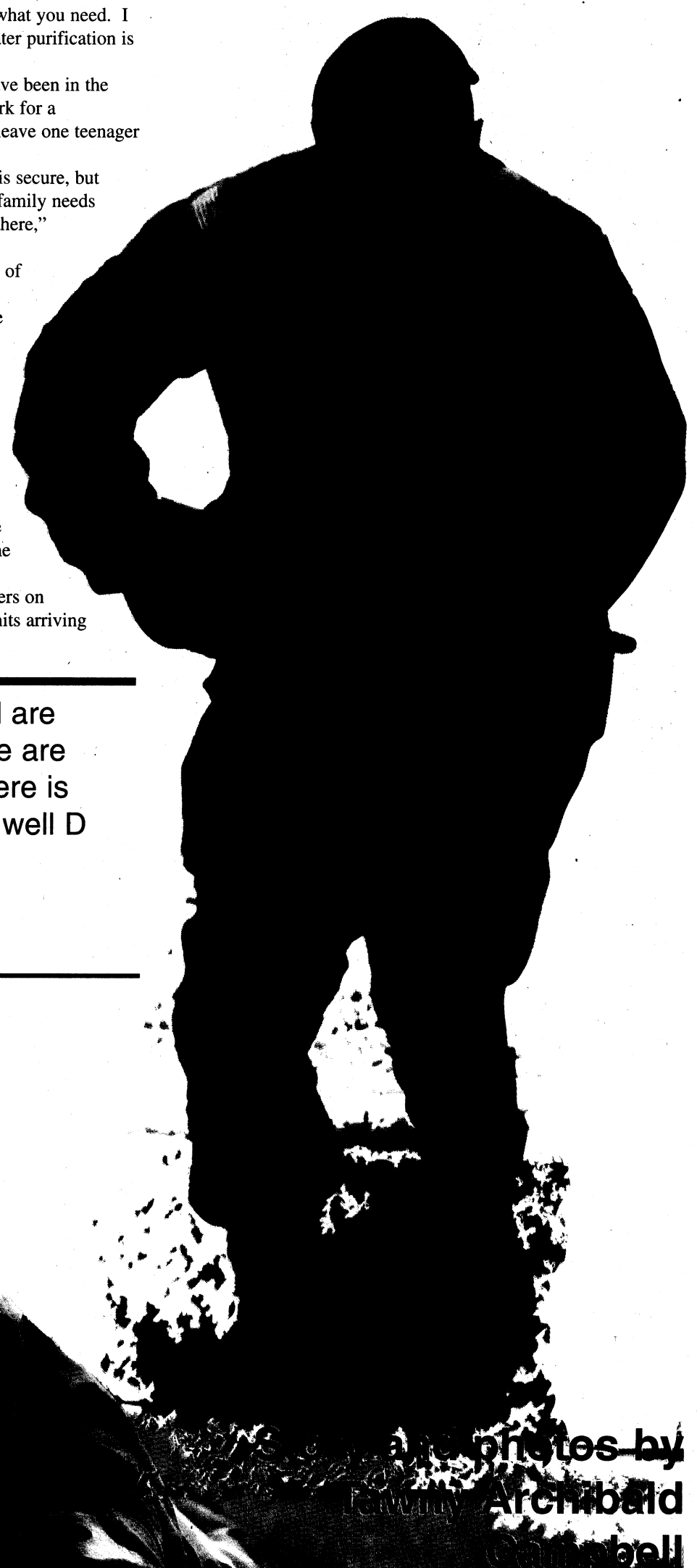
"The Army is the least of my problems."

The IRR Soldiers were all activated Aug. 31 and were the first group of reservists to be called up on presidential orders.

"Once a Soldier, always a Soldier," Dunn said.

"You do what you need to do when the time comes, and for us the time came on August 31."

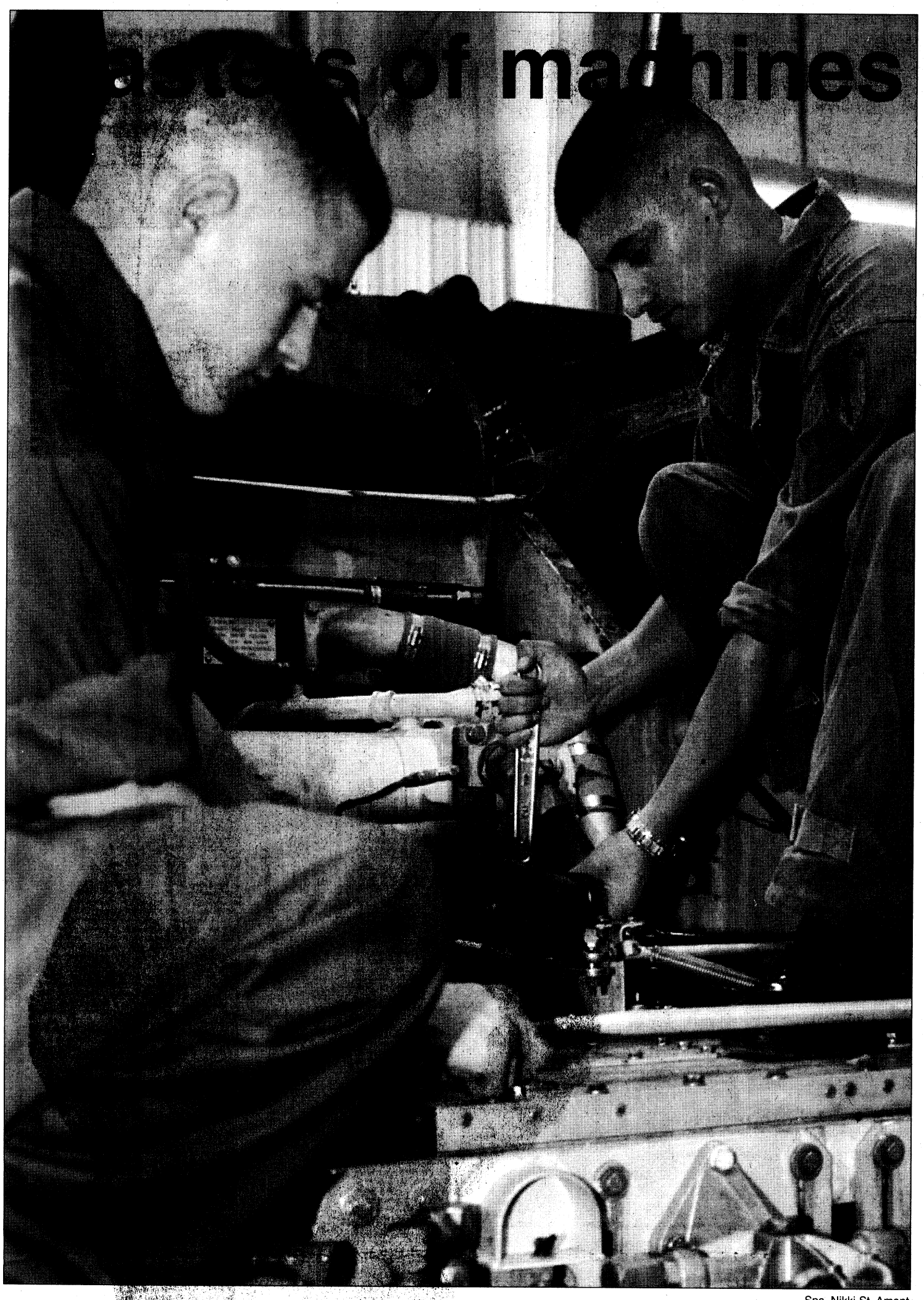
Most of the IRR Soldiers on Fort Benning will join units arriving Nov. 4 and Dec. 10.



> "I think we are all proud to serve and are very conscientious in our training. We are hungry for training, and the training here is superb. I can't say enough about how well D Company and CRC are doing."
>
> **Lt. Col. Janet Kai**
> Individual Ready Reserves



Photos by Tawny Archibald Campbell



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Pfc. Evan Yoss, left, and Spc. Caesar Rios, mechanics with the 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, put in some hard work on the engine of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle Oct. 26.

Mechanics in overdrive make missions

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Long hours governed by stacks of safety and Environmental Protection Agency regulations, pressing deadlines, life or death responsibility and — oh yeah — there's grease involved.

Pfc. Evan Yoss wasn't exactly sure what he wanted to do when he joined the Army in July 2003, but he knew he liked to work on vehicles. Yoss has found his "happy place" in the cavernous bays of the 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment's motor pool, maintaining and repairing Bradleys used in training all over post.

"I knew I wanted to improve my mechanic skills, but I didn't know if I wanted to work track or wheeled vehicles. Then I decided to go with something different," he said.

The 21-foot long, 50,000 lb. Bradley Fighting Vehicle Yoss works on is definitely not your garden-variety driveway project car.

"Our AIT and basic was six months long," he said. "We're required to fix anything that doesn't work on that vehicle, except the electronics.

"We are trained on the schematics and can identify those problems, but the repair work is sent on to the depot level, which is mostly civilians."

But making sure the U.S. Army's battle horses are in tip-top shape when they hit the ground running, here or overseas, isn't something a Soldier ever does alone — regardless of rank, experience or training. "Even though each of us knows the others can do the job, we always ask someone to check our work," said Spc. Caesar Rios, a teammate of Yoss'.

"The battle buddy system still applies," said Yoss. "Rank doesn't matter when there are lives on the line. We always have to be 100 percent up and up."

Rios said attention to detail is the number one priority in the shop because the equipment is expensive and lives are at stake.

But getting the equipment back to a "go" status as quickly as possible is also important.

"Every unit that does any kind of training on post with these vehicles depends on us," Rios said. "Without us, their mission doesn't happen."

Through the MOS course at Fort Knox, Ky., students train on the Bradley from top to bottom and front to rear.

"The course is taught in two phases," said Rios.

"The whole phase and the turret phase."

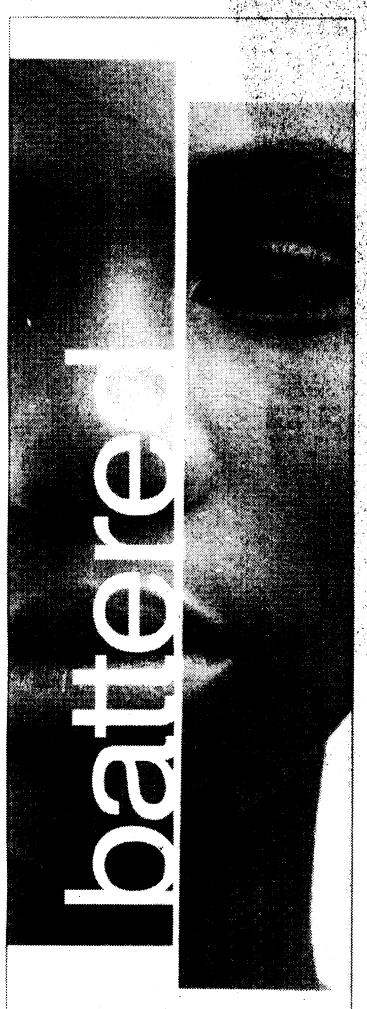
The two mechanics said the course was challenging when instructors placed "bugs" in the Bradley and students were required to identify, locate and correct the deficiency.

With Yoss out of school for nearly a year and Rios with about two and a half years on the job, they both feel comfortable with their work and their unit.

And even though the 29th Inf. Regt. is a nondeployable unit, the mechanics feel they are challenged and helping the war effort every day in every way.

"I'm still doing my job even though I'm not in Iraq," Yoss said.

"We help all those guys train up and get ready to go over there. They use our vehicles, our maintenance and our training."



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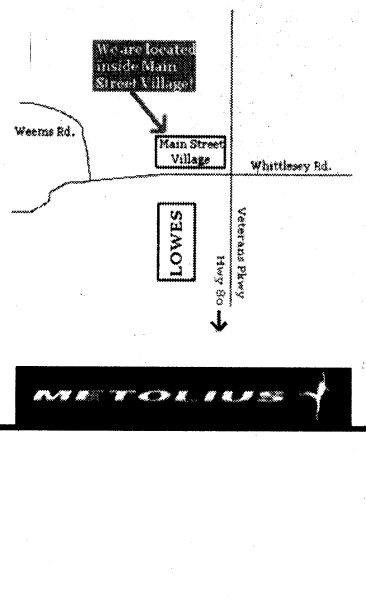
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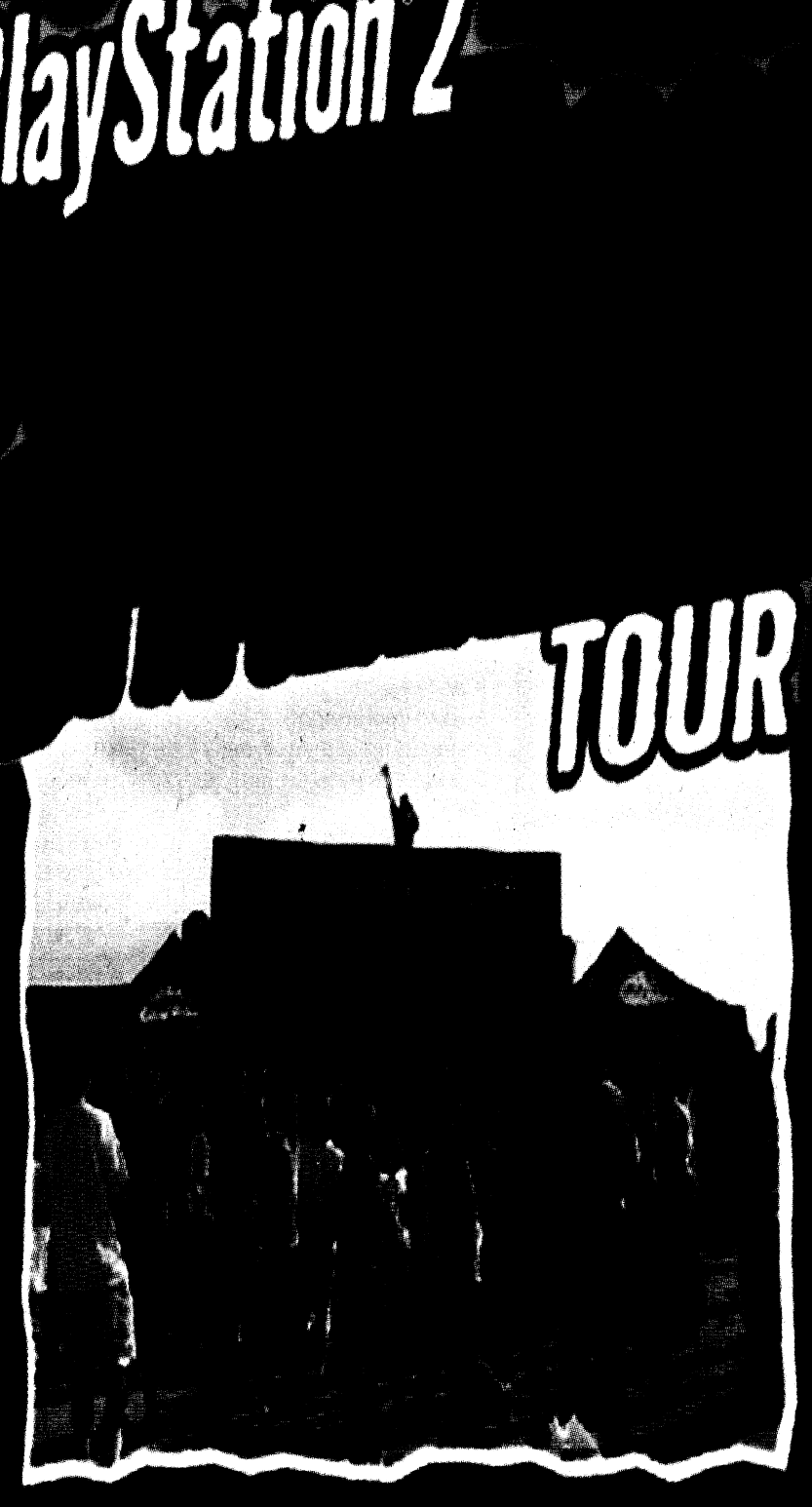
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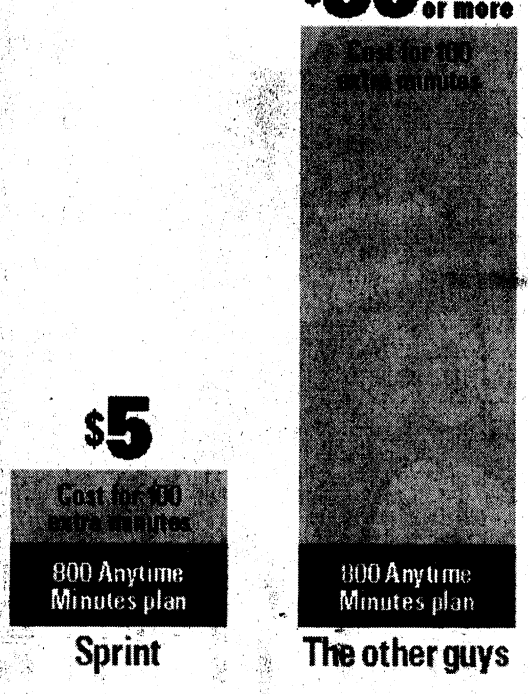


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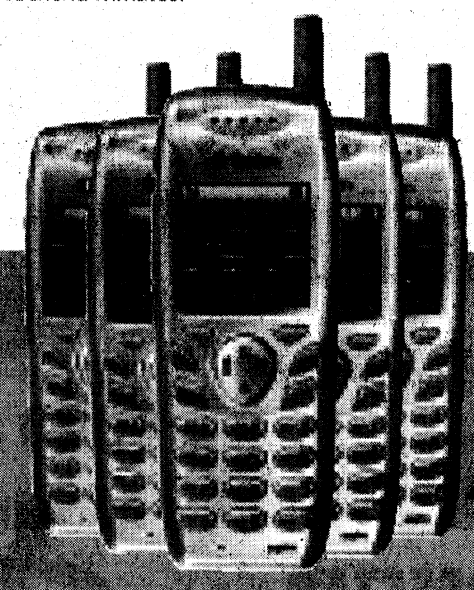
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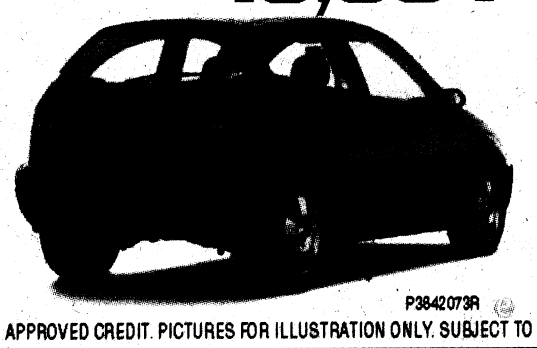
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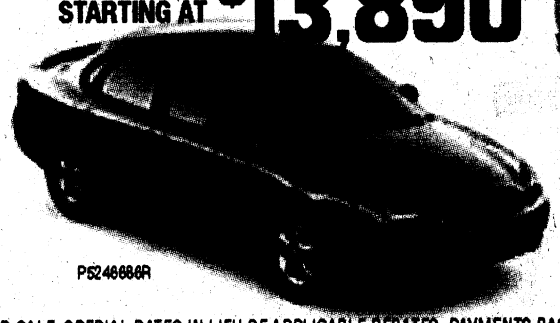


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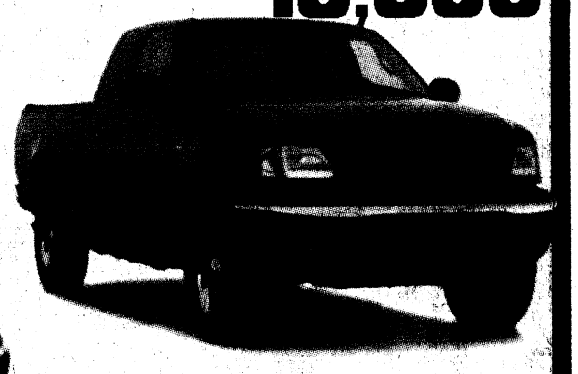
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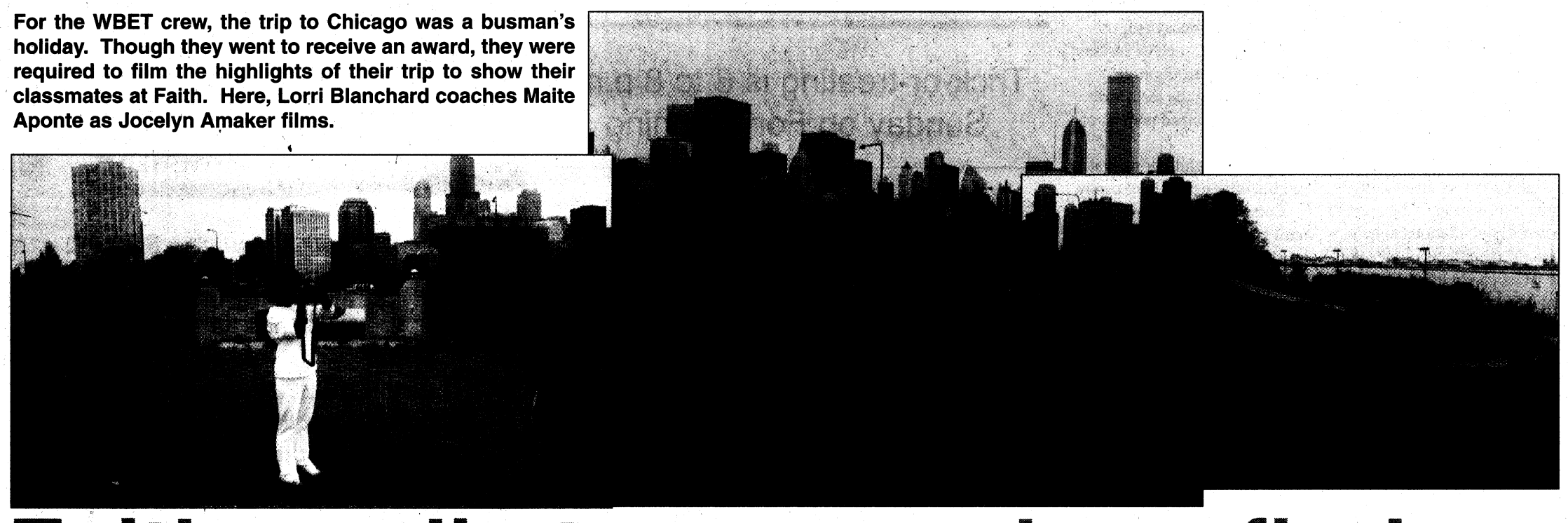
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For the WBET crew, the trip to Chicago was a busman's holiday. Though they went to receive an award, they were required to film the highlights of their trip to show their classmates at Faith. Here, Lorri Blanchard coaches Maite Aponte as Jocelyn Amaker films.



Faith media team members find CHICAGO their kind of town

Rangers: No Pain, No Gain earns international award

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Jocelyn Amaker is going places. Some she'd rather not. The 12-year-old former Faith Middle School student was a member of the school's award-winning media team last year, when she joined four of her classmates on a trek up a north Georgia mountain to film a seven-minute documentary on Ranger School. That was scary, Amaker said. She's afraid of heights.

The Association for Educational Communications and Technology recognized Amaker and her teammates last week by awarding *Rangers: No Pain, No Gain* first place in the 30th annual International Student Media Festival in Chicago.

The trip included a whirlwind tour of the Windy City, including a "trek" to the top of the Sears Tower, one of the world's tallest buildings with 110 stories.

"Whoa," said Amaker, daunted by the prospect of "climbing" a building that's height is equal to the length of five and a half football fields.

"I really don't like high places," she said to no one in particular, as she and her teammates stood gazing upward at the tower's entrance.

It's no surprise Amaker and her friends made it to the top of the tower and the competition. Their coach, Lorri Blanchard, Faith's multi-media teacher, insists her students overcome their fears, whether it's learning to interview strangers, operate a video camera or speak in front of an audience.

Every member of the media team, which is responsible for the production of the Warrior Bear Educational Television, the school's closed-circuit news station, is required to learn every aspect of video production — writing, filming, anchoring and editing. Cross-training, Blanchard calls it.

And those who had a hand in producing the team's Web site, *Influential Native American Tribes in Georgia*, which also placed first at the festival in Web site design, worked together every step of the way.

"If they work only on one area, on what they know or what comes easy, they'll never develop strengths in other areas," Blanchard said. "Some of these kids already know this is what they want to do as a career, so now's the time to learn every aspect of it."

Blanchard's applied this same "do-it-all" philosophy to her students' Chicago itinerary. She packed the trip full of educational and recreational opportunities, besides the ones afforded by the AECT — the awards ceremony, a film festival and various workshops.

The Fort Benning students, all seventh-graders at Faith, except for Amaker, who now attends school off post, visited a number of museums and historic sites besides the Sears Tower. Along the way, they documented their discoveries on film.

It was during filming at the Museum of Natural History that the team ran into another news team, the crew of CNN's *American Morning*, including Soledad O'Brien, who invited the students to be part of the show.

The students served as "extras" in some shots and were asked to prepare to speak on camera. They were disappointed when O'Brien's interview with Amy Dickinson, "the new Ann Landers," ran longer than expected, effectively reducing their on-camera time to a quick wave as the credits rolled.

But there was no time for self-pity. The team's jam-packed schedule called for a fast cross-town commute to the *Chicago Tribune*, for a behind-the-scenes tour and an interview with writers and editors.

When they arrived, the students were corralled into an office — Ann Lander's former office, at that.

When Dickinson walked in moments later, even the students appreciated the irony of the situation. Dickinson, who authors the *Tribune*'s *Ask Amy* column, apologized for "stealing the show" earlier and offered advice — her specialty — on what to see and do in Chicago.

The media team's meeting with Dickinson was one of several chance opportunities in the five-day adventure.

On the last evening of their trip, as the students and their chaperones waited for the bus to take them back to their hotel after a long, tiring day, (which included an excursion on a haunted ship), someone spotted a sign in a shop window. "Introduce your children to the blues," it read.

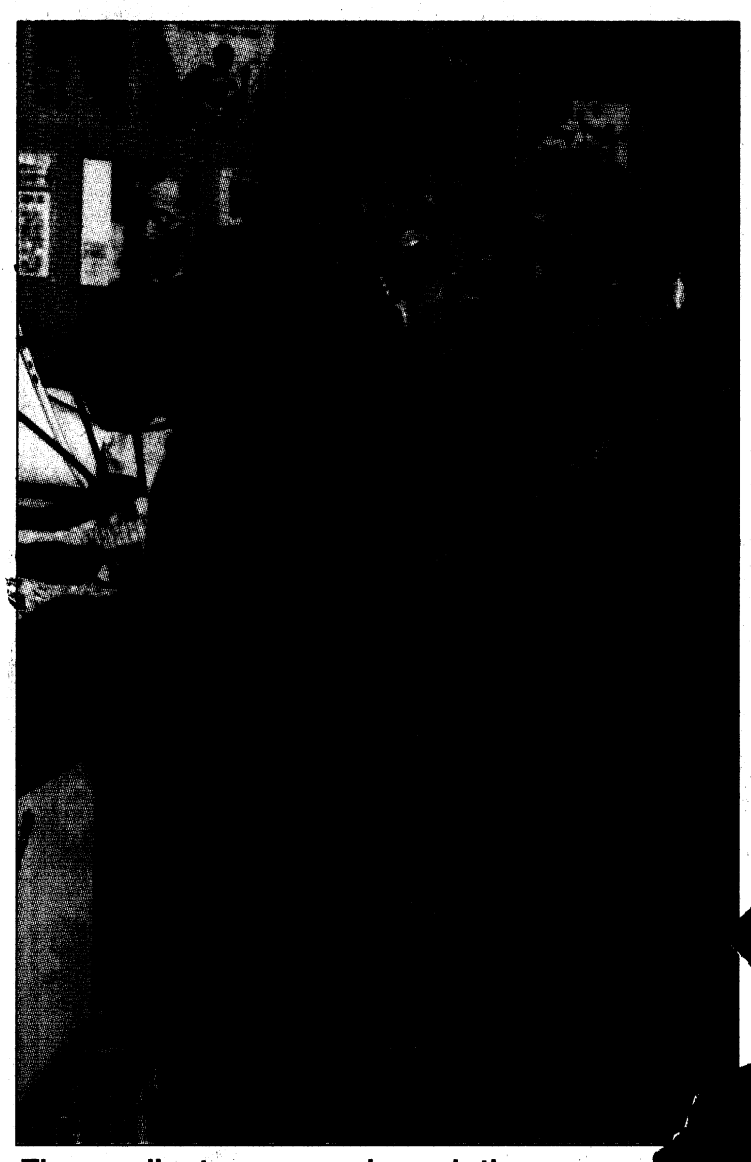
"No trip to Chicago would be complete without visiting a blues club," said Blanchard, who's 18-year tenure on Fort Benning included teaching music to elementary and middle schoolers. "But who would've thought we'd find one for kids?"

In the basement of the Blue Chicago Store, the group listened to Gloria Shannon and her blues band pay tribute to the late Ray Charles.

"It's mighty fine to have you all here. No offense to you people from other places, but we're gonna do a little *Georgia*," she said.

The song sounded good to Shannon's audience, particularly the tired group of middle-schoolers for whom the prospect of "doing a little Georgia" sounded mighty fine.

"It was awesome. The whole trip was awesome," said Kiana Loeak. "We were lucky. We noticed a lot of teachers here who didn't bring their students. Mrs. Blanchard didn't have to do all this for us. We should tell her how much we appreciate it."





MORE ABOUT THE ISMF

In 1974, members of the Association for Educational Communication and Technology created a "Super 8 Film Festival" to encourage student produced media. In 30 years, the festival has evolved, and the competition includes Web site design, PowerPoint, interactive games and electronic books, still photography, photo essays and more. Each year, the festival coincides with the AECT's annual conference and the event includes an award ceremony, workshops and a film festival, which allows competitors from elementary to high school to view the work of other winners. In 1992, 13 states submitted entries. Georgia submitted three. In 2004, with nearly 600 entries from 20 states and three countries, Georgia winners submitted 402 entries and dominated the Chicago show. Local winners included students from Blanchard Elementary, Edgewood Elementary and Columbus High School. More than 3,000 students participated this year. For more information about the festival, or to view the winning productions, log on to www.ismf.net.



The media team experienced the many "faces" of Chicago, including the Chicago Blues Club, above, a family friendly place to introduce children to the blues.

Story by Bridgett Siter
Photos by Bridgett and Brittney Siter

Dentist offers tricks to beat tooth problems for trick-or-treaters

Delta Dental

The warnings about Halloween and the effects of too much candy on trick-or-treaters' teeth have begun.

But it's not all doom and gloom this season. There are some simple solutions to help ward off the effects of some of the worst candy offenders to oral health, and all it takes is a little parental supervision, common-sense and moderation.

"Halloween can be fun, but there are things parents should do to prevent tooth decay in their children," said Max Anderson, DDS, a national oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plans Association.

Anderson said hard or sticky candies and bubble gum create the most problems. They simply stay in the mouth longer than other candies, exposing the teeth to the number one cause of tooth decay: sugar.

Hard candy, such as suckers and jawbreakers, dissolve slowly, coating the teeth with sugar for prolonged periods of time.

Have your child drink water or milk after eating hard candy.

Both liquids help rinse sugar until there is time for proper brushing.

Milk also contains anti-cavity properties that help counteract the harmful effects of sugar on teeth.

Also, consider serving your child a piece of cheese afterward. Cheese has been shown to protect teeth against cavity-causing acids.

Sticky candy like caramels and taffy can be harmful to dental work, especially braces, retainers, and fillings.

These sticky sweets adhere to teeth and can get trapped between dental work, making it harder to brush the sugar away.

Encourage eating treats that melt quickly in the mouth, such as plain chocolate pieces. They aren't as hazardous to dental work and are easier to brush away.

Also, munching on crisp fruits and vegetables after consuming sticky candy helps clean the teeth of sugary residue.

Regular bubble gum circulates cavity-causing sugars throughout the mouth and teeth and, like sticky candy, can be harmful to dental work.

If your child insists on chewing gum, give him or her sugar-free gum. Research shows that sugar-free bubble gum, particularly those containing the sugar substitute xylitol, can be better for teeth and help reduce tooth decay by weakening acid made from sugars.

Chewing gum also increases the amount of saliva you produce, which reduces the build-up of plaque.

"There's nothing wrong with having a little Halloween fun, as long as parents are mindful of the amount of sugar their children are consuming," Anderson said.

"If kids are on a regular schedule of brushing twice daily, flossing once a day, and visiting the dentist for regular checkups, (Halloween) probably won't set them back much."

Trick-or-treating is 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday on Fort Benning

BIRTHS

Twins

Linda Lorraine and Maria Elena Pena — born Oct. 12 to Kari Jones Pena and Sgt. Alvaro Pena.

Boys

Patrick Alexander Iverson — born Oct. 7 to Kelley and Maj. Ian Iverson.

Jaylin Keyonte' Flegler — born Oct. 7 to Annie and Ricky Flegler.

Bradley Ray Steinmetz — born Oct. 9 to Deborah and Sgt. Donnie Steinmetz.

Christian Issiah Braxton — born Oct. 12 to Pfc. Nasstassie Dornes and Damien Braxton.

Zachary Thomas Robinson — born Oct. 13 to Cathie and Sgt. 1st Class Randal Robinson.

Patrick Thomas Ream — born Oct. 14 to Jessica and Spc. Chad Ream.

Girls

Kyla Ayeral Coley — born Oct. 6 to Angela Branch and Darryl Coley.

Kiana Victoria Hillis — born Oct. 9 to Katherine and Spc. Kenneth Hillis.

Katelynn Michelle Quezada — born Oct. 10 to Andrea and Spc. Michael Quezada.

Valeria Estefania Rodriguez De Nobrega — born Oct. 12 to Sandra Rodriguez and Capt. Edward Rodriguez Acosta.

Kathryn Ann-Marie Ragan — born Oct. 14 to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Jesse Ragan.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

The Foreigner — The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Benning's Backstage will present the dinner theater production of *The Foreigner,* a British and Southern comedy by Larry Shue, today and Saturday.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children ages 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Officers' Club.

The show is open to the public.

For more information, call Teresa McCall at 545-3328.

Shaw changes air conditioning — Shaw will be turning off air conditioning and turning on heat starting Monday. If you do not have heat in your building by Nov. 10, call 545-2135.

This does not apply to family housing. Service calls for heat or air conditioning in family housing units can be called in at any time.

Reclamation sale — There will be a reclamation sale from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 5 at 224A Upton Ave. Cash only.

For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

Wilson Marketfest and Fitness Fair — Wilson School Kids Care Club will sponsor a Marketfest (yard sale) and Fitness Fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 6 on the front lawn of Wilson School, 112 Lavoie Ave.

There will be fitness exhibits, fun and games for kids, a silent auction and more.

If an individual or civic organization is interested in renting a table to sell their goods, the cost is $10 per table.

All proceeds will go to Kids Care Club projects.

For more information, call 545-7335 or 563-0902.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the ESC Clubhouse, Building 241 next to the Infantry Museum. All spouses of enlisted Soldiers are invited.

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

Donations needed — Girl Scout Troop #134 is accepting clothing, non-perishable food items, bottled water, blankets, pillows, diapers, baby food, baby items and furniture to help the victims of Hurricane Ivan.

To make a donation, call 327-2646, or drop off at 1344 13th Ave. in Columbus.

Girl Scout leaders needed — Girls Scouts of Concharty Council is looking for leaders. No experience is required and training is provided.

For information, call Emily Lakmaker at 327-2646 ext. 30.

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 to the Main Mall Post Exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on shoes, fragrances, fast food and more.

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 682-0826.

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New polling place — The polling place for registered voters on Fort Benning who live in Chattahoochee County has moved from the Chattahoochee County Courthouse to the Robinson Activity Center.

To get to the Robinson Activity Center, go east on Hwy. 280, turn left on Hwy. 26 toward Buena Vista, take the first right on Industrial Park Road.

The sign marks the Chattahoochee County Industrial Park. Go to 127 Industrial Park Road.

For more information, call Kenneth Van Horn, Judge of Probate Court, at 989-3603.

NAACP meeting — The next general membership meeting for the NAACP will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Mildred Terry Library. Candidates running for local NAACP offices will be announced.

Also, the NAACP is preparing for the 2005 Freedom Fund Banquet. Guest speaker is Judge Greg Mathis. Tickets are on sale now for $40.

For more information, call 322-1437.

Mass communications deadline — The Liberty Theatre's Mass Communications Department will begin registering students for the fall semester Saturday at the theater from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Classes begin Nov. 6, and students will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Gayle Daniels at 653-7566.

ACT test deadline — College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment Dec. 11, the next national test date. The deadline to postmark registration is Nov. 5.

The late registration deadline is Nov. 18 (an additional $15 fee is required for late registration).

Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or can register online at www.actstudent.org.

Pre-Veterans Day program — The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Committee will conduct a Pre-Veterans Day Program at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 6.

The park is located at the junction of Buena Vista Road and Lawyers Lane. For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357 or 321-9596.

A Tribute to Veterans — There will be a Veterans Day celebration at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13.

The celebration will include military exhibits and World War II re-enactments, Flint Flyers radio-controlled model airplane demonstrations and a Cordele Cruisers Antique Car Show.

The park is 10 miles west off I-75, exit 101 in Cordele, Ga.

For more information, call (229) 276-2371.

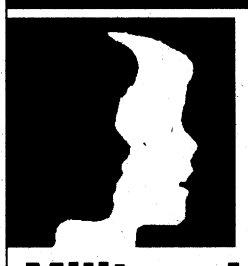
Ms. Wheelchair Georgia — Ms. Wheelchair Georgia applications are now being accepted. To nominate someone, call Gail McKoon at 225-3632. Nominees will receive an application packet.

Deadline for entry is March 15.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

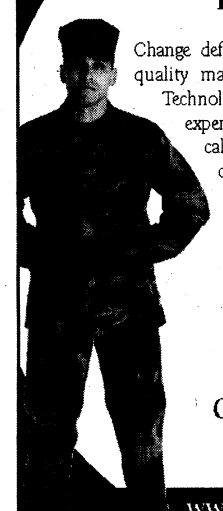
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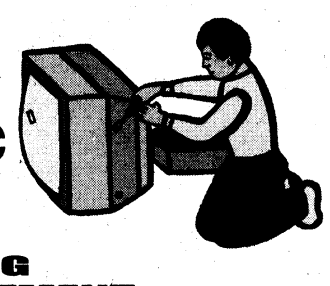
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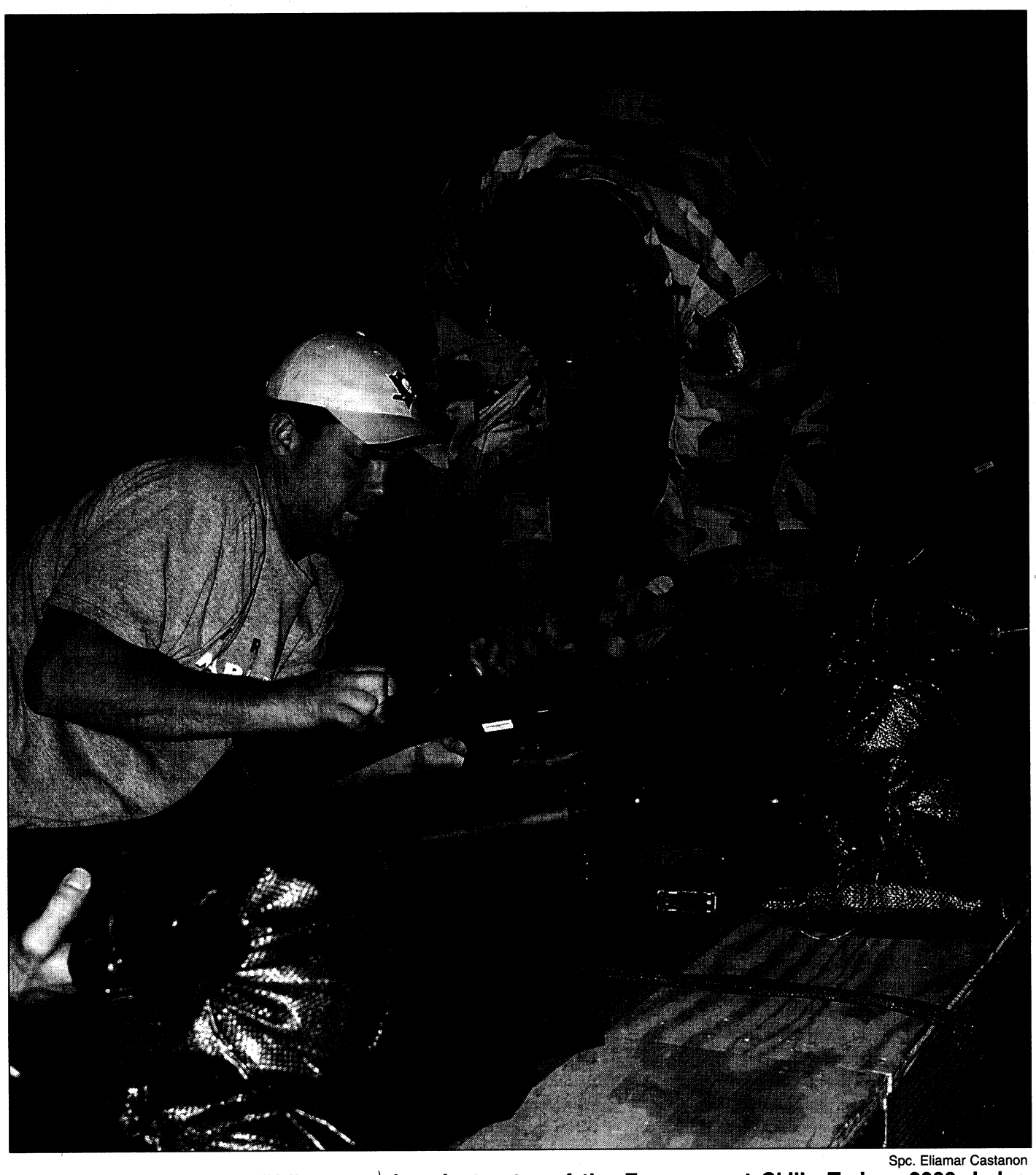
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Cottonmouths get 30 rounds



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Sgt. 1st Class Mariano Pidlaoan, trainer instructor of the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, helps Columbus Cottonmouths' right winger, Doug Mann, load an M-16 Tuesday afternoon at the Closed Combat Tactical Trainer. The Columbus Cottonmouths were invited to Fort Benning to try out the simulators to demonstrate what Soldiers go through in combat. This season, the Cottonmouths are showing their appreciation for the military by continuing to offer discounts to home games. Upper level seats are $10; with a military ID they are $7. Opening night is tonight and TIC has sponsored tickets for Benning Soldiers. Also, the first 5,000 people to arrive at the Civic Center will receive magnetic schedules, courtesy of TIC. For Saturday night's game, Wachovia Bank has sponsored 500 tickets for Infantry Training Brigade Soldiers and Burger King will hand out cheer sticks to the first 2,500 people to arrive.

AAFES helps deployed Soldiers with holiday gifts

Flyers, phone and Internet assist troops

Capt. Diane Weed
HQ AAFES Public Affairs

The holidays are right around the corner and deployed troops have enough on their minds without having to worry about how to get the perfect gifts for their loved ones.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service takes the stress out of holiday shopping with Operations Forward Thanksgiving and Forward Santa.

"The goal of this program is to assist those serving downrange with their holiday shopping and, hopefully, make them feel a little closer to their family and friends during the holidays," said Patty Dromey, AAFES' catalog and e-commerce manager.

Forward Thanksgiving and Forward Santa programs are specifically designed for deployed troops.

Flyers listing various gift items will be available at downrange AAFES stores for troops to pick up.

All the deployed person would need to do is check off which items they want and take the completed flyer to an AAFES associate no later than Nov. 10.

Deployed service members can also call (214) 583-5614, mention that they're deployed to OIF or OEF, and get specialized assistance placing holiday orders.

Calls and orders must be placed no later than Nov. 17.

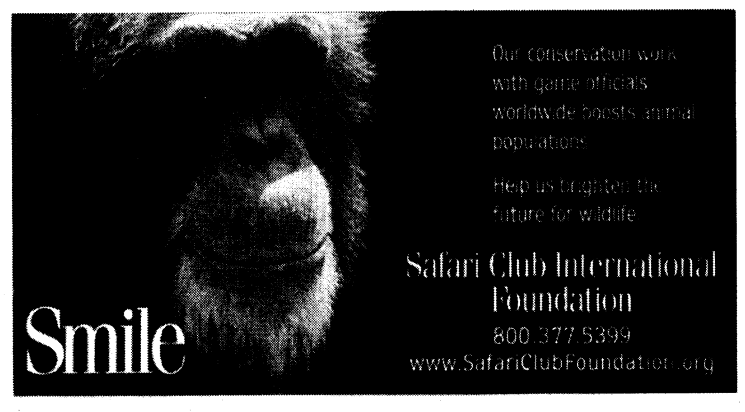
The third option for deployed troops wanting to take care of their holiday shopping from downrange is to log on to www.AAFES.com and browse through the vast assortment of products available through the eX Online store, Centric Mall and virtual vendors..

Dromey said that all items listed specifically for either operation are specially priced. Also, "when putting together the assortment, we tried to make sure we have something for everyone — mom, dad, kids, teens, wife, husband, girlfriend, etc.," she said.

Free gift-wrapping on all holiday items is available where applicable and Christmas packages are marked "Do not open until 25 December."

Take the guesswork out of gift giving by checking out your base or post exchange or eX Online this year.

Because of a nationwide shortage, the flu vaccination will not be available during the Retiree Open House.
The Retiree Open House is Nov. 5 at the Officers' Club.
For more information, call Retirement Services at 545-3019 or 545-2715.



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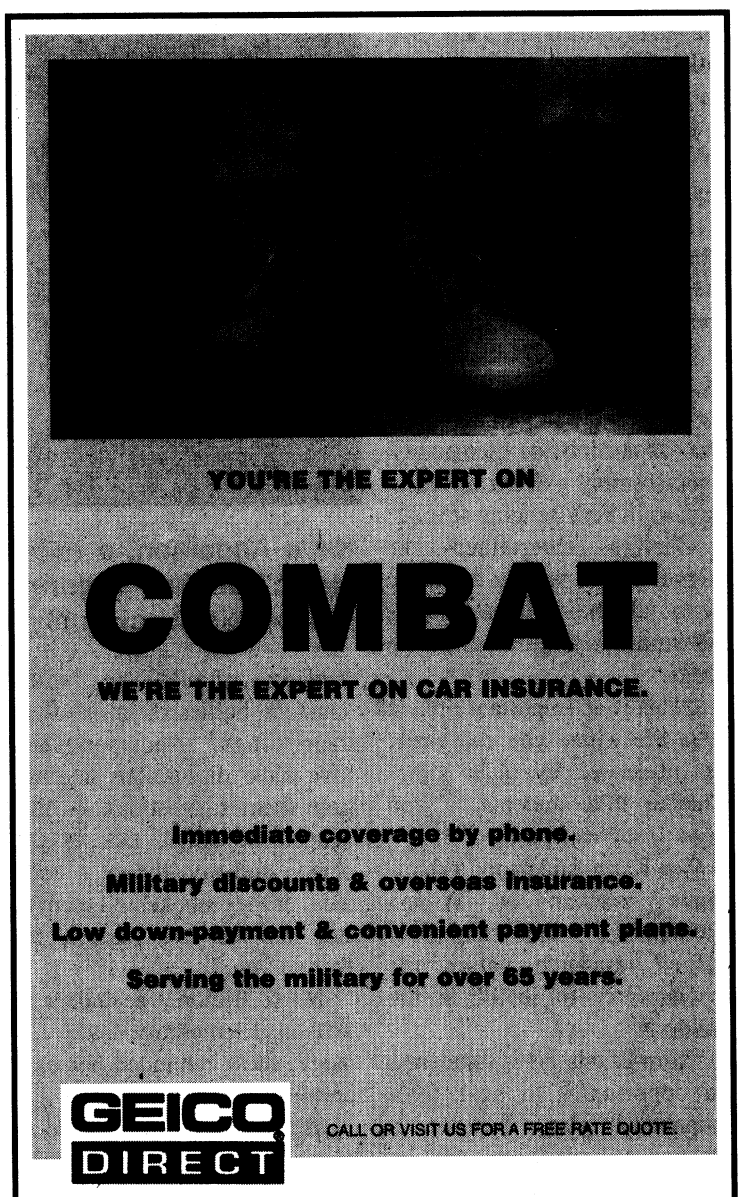
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Sgt. 1st Class Raul Muñoz, NCO Academy training NCOIC, far right, makes the JROTC students at Hardaway High School run sprints during a visit that is part of the Partners in Education program.

NCOA takes part in PIE at Hardaway

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

As Sgt. 1st Class Raul Muñoz walked into the cafeteria at Hardaway High School, a few students jumped to parade rest while others approached him to say hello.

Muñoz, NCO Academy Training NCOIC, just smiled and was as friendly as he could be.

"Relax kid, you don't have to do that for me," he said. "The kids here really like it when we come around. They always get excited because they know that if we're here we're going to do something interesting."

The "we" Muñoz is talking about refers to the NCOA staff who are Hardaway High School's Partners in Education since the beginning of this school year.

"There's nothing more important than kids and making sure they have good role models," Muñoz said. "We are here to present a positive example for all of these kids. But in the end we all benefit from this partnership."

The NCOA staff has spent as much time as possible with the students at Hardaway, from football games and Help the 'Hooch to JROTC training. Muñoz and Sgt. Wayne Crawley conducted physical training for the Hardaway JROTC students Oct. 15.

"I like it better when they do PT with us," said Chris McCracken, a JROTC student at Hardaway. "They have us do all the stuff they do for PT everyday."

McCracken, 15, first met Muñoz and Crawley while cleaning up the creek behind the school Oct. 9 for the Help the 'Hooch project.

"He's a bright kid with so much potential," Muñoz said. "All of these kids are like that. Not just the JROTC kids, but all of them. All you have to do is talk to them for a little while and they open up to you.

"When I was their age, I always asked a lot of questions and that's what I want to get through to them. It's OK to ask for help. That's what we're here for. Whenever I see them ask for help and succeed, I get excited for them and I know what we're doing here is a good thing," he said.

The NCOA will officially become the third PIE for Hardaway during an adoption ceremony Nov. 10. The NCOA will combine efforts with Richs'-Macy's and Ray Underwood in the PIE program for Hardaway students, said Karan Brown, Hardaway's PIE coordinator.

"The Soldiers being involved with school activities revved up the students," Brown said.

"They get a lot more excited in participating in school activities with the Soldiers' presence."

Brown said that this year alone the students gathered more trash during the Help the 'Hooch project than they ever had before.

"They were more brave about getting into ditches and getting dirty," she said. As partners, the NCOA will work with Rich's-Macy's and Underwood to enrich life experiences for the students, help improve their academic performance, as well as their career opportunities.

Muñoz and Crawley said that they are looking forward to bringing the students to Fort Benning and have them participate in different events.

"There's a lot to do still and we're in this for the long run," Muñoz said.

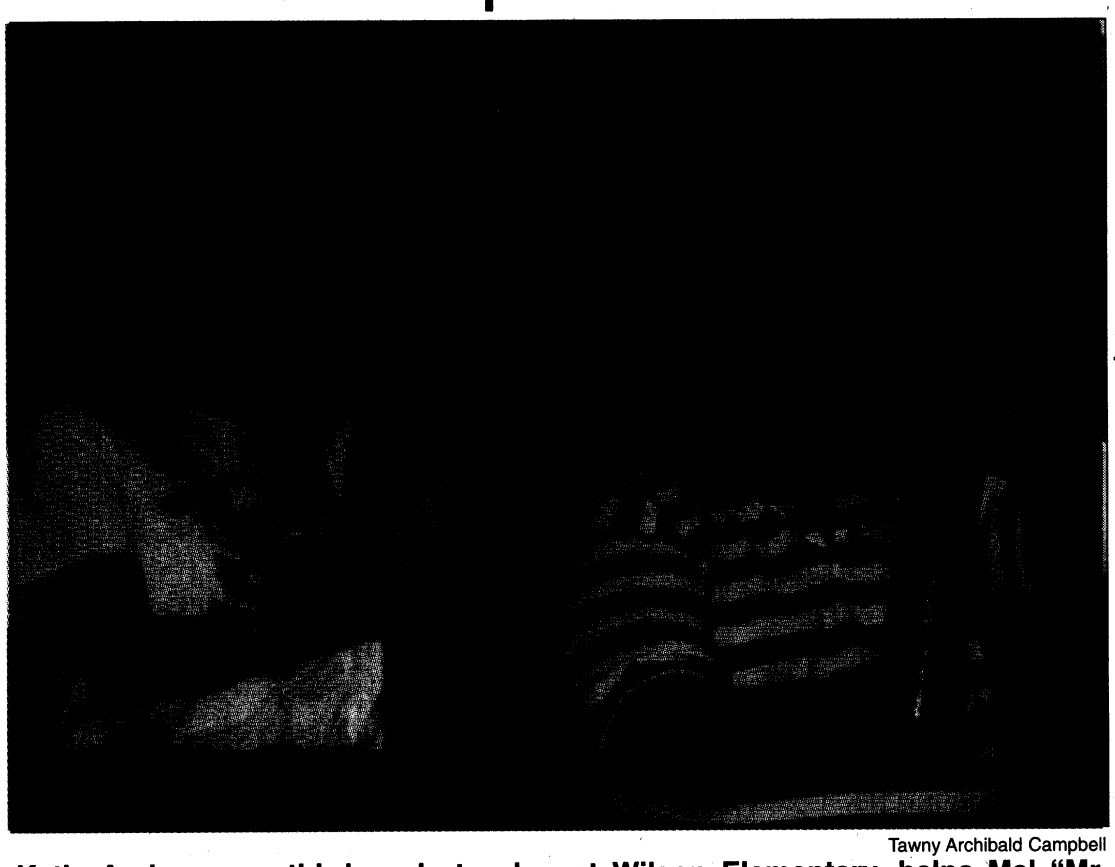
The next step for the NCOA is to design a tutoring program where they'll go to the school and work closely with students having difficulties.

"I can relate to some of the stuff these kids go through so I know that we'll be able to help them out," Crawley said.

Mr. Magic: Teacher of power of choice

Assembly part of Red Ribbon Week

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Katie Anderson, a third-grade teacher at Wilson Elementary, helps Mel "Mr. Magic" Chaffee perform a trick during the "Positive Choices are Magical" Red Ribbon Week assembly at McBride Elementary Oct. 22.

The audience gasped as the magician turned the card deck around, revealing face cards that had been blank moments before.

For third-graders, and many of the teachers, this is the first magic show they had ever seen live, and Mel "Mr. Magic" Chaffee hoped they'll remember the tricks as well as the message presented.

"Positive Choices are Magical" was the title of the Red Ribbon Week assembly Oct. 22 at McBride Elementary. The assembly was for all third-graders in Fort Benning schools.

Chaffee entertained the crowd with a variety of magic tricks, all the while reminding the students to just say no to drugs.

"This is an important time in your life where you can easily be influenced by older kids," Chaffee told students. "You need to say no to drugs."

For Katie Anderson, a third-grade teacher at Wilson Elementary, the assembly helped reinforce values the teachers try to instill in the children.

"I think this gives (students) an opportunity to hear from somebody else, besides a teacher, that there is an alternative to doing drugs — another outlet," Anderson said. "This is a really good idea and a great way to get the attention of a lot of children at one time, especially at this grade level."

Anderson said the lessons learned in the assembly will be brought back into the classroom, then into the home.

"At school we have lots of discussions about things students should do when someone bullies them or offers them drugs," Anderson said. "We have discussions and we give them suggestions — like instead of drugs, talk to the person and say it's not a good idea. If they smoke, tell them to stop and that it is harmful for both of you."

Mady Binion, a student at Wilson Elementary, said the magic show reminded her of a promise she already made.

"I'm going to just say no to drugs," Binion said, "because my dad used to smoke, but he stopped so me and my brother wouldn't do drugs."

Chris Shiller, a McBride Elementary student, is an amateur magician with books full of tricks.

Now, after the assembly, he may have found a new reason to do magic.

"Maybe, I could do magic and make the drugs disappear," Shiller said.

"I think I would be trying so much new magic that I wouldn't have time to even try drugs."

Chaffee said comments like Binion's and Shiller's are the reason he puts on assemblies like this one.

"It's got to be fun, and at the same time have subliminal messages," Chaffee said.

"If they remember the trick, they'll remember the message."

Chaffee said he tries to teach the students that to be a good magician they can't do drugs or alcohol, and they need to be polite.

"Basically I teach the children how to not be bad," Chaffee said.

"I do the show and put the message out, and then I leave. (The teachers) are here long after me to enforce the message."

Debra Manning, of the Army Substance Abuse Program, said the goal is for the student to go home and tell their parents about what they saw and learned.

"The Soldiers, in turn, come in and talk to me," Manning said. "We see residual effects."

Along with watching the magic show, students were also given a drug awareness activity book that can be used in the classroom, and Chaffee handed out drug awareness red ribbons.

Red Ribbon week commemorates the death of Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

Camarena was killed during a drug investigation in Mexico in 1985.

According to Manning, activities throughout the week-long celebration are designed to help promote drug awareness and present positive alternatives to drug and alcohol use for youths and adults.



You can't win, lose God's love

Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Vanderbilt
1st Battalion, 329 Infantry Regiment

REFLECTIONS

On Sunday, Oct. 31, 1517, the people gathered at the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, didn't know the full effect of the piece of paper nailed to the door.

Most of them probably didn't think anything of it; since the church door was equivalent to the weekly bulletin churches hand out today. They probably thought it was an announcement regarding worship times, office hours or some other innocuous event.

They thought wrong.

On that date, Martin Luther put forth 95 theses regarding the key tenet of theology, namely how a sinful person receives forgiveness. Luther sought to reform the theology of the church. What he didn't intend to do was to change the Western world.

On that date, Reformation began — a Reformation that would eventually lead to the political, theological and intellectual explosion we called the Renaissance.

But, this was not Luther's intent. The key theological teaching of the Reformation is this: God's love is unconditional and complete. God's love does not depend on what you have done or not done.

God's love does not depend on what you give or don't give. God's love cannot be earned in any way; it is freely given through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God's love for you in Christ is free and undeserved.

Yes, you. This is God's love for you.

Romans 3:23-24 puts it very plainly: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

All of us have fallen short of the glory of God. The good news is that Jesus Christ has made up the shortfall.

He does this freely, without any expectation. He just gives it away with no strings attached.

As Mike Yaconelli puts it in his book *Dangerous Wonder*, "The grace of God is dangerous. It's lavish, excessive, outrageous and scandalous. God's grace is ridiculously inclusive.

"Apparently, God doesn't care who he loves. He is not very careful about the people he calls his friends or the people he calls his church."

It's true. God doesn't care who he loves, which is to say, there are not any minimum standards for his forgiveness.

Everyone is forgiven and free in the grace of Christ. Even today, some 487 years later, this message still needs to be heard.

Each of us falls short of God's expectations and are in need of some forgiveness.

But all these years later, the message is still the same: God's forgiveness is available to everyone in Christ Jesus.

Small acts lead to great rewards

Relationships benefit from giving

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Sex Begins In The Kitchen. That was the title of the book. At the age of 13, when I spotted that book on the shelf, my curiosity far outweighed my comprehension.

I had absolutely no idea what they were talking about.

Fast forward a few years. Army sergeant, ring on my finger, first duty assignment and first year of marriage.

I still had no idea what that book was about!

It's been 20 plus years now since Lori and I tied the knot, and though I wouldn't lay claim to being a know-it-all (by the way, I saw a bumper sticker this week in Infantry Hall's parking lot that said, "Yes, I do know it all ... I just can't remember it all at once!"), I now understand exactly what that book was trying to say.

That book was all about the fourth Language of Love.

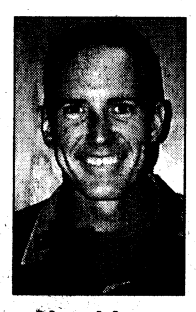
You'll remember that this month we've been walking through the *Five Languages of Love*, by Dr. Gary Chapman.

So far we've discovered a few principles that undergird how we best communicate with each other:

- We all have a primary Language of Love (LOL).
- When that LOL is well-spoken by the ones who are dear to us, our heart feels full, life feels good and love feels great
- God has a great sense of humor, so rarely does he put two people together who speak the same language.

Marriage, children, work relationship, etc., usually mean that if you want a great relationship you'll likely have to learn to speak a new LOL to get it.

The first LOL was affirmation — the ability to fill your mate's love tank with positive, encouraging, "cheerleading" words.


Hawkins

The second LOL was quality time — the gift of being present and engaged in quality conversation and quality activities that fill your mate's love needs.

The third LOL was gifts — some people "feel" your love best through items you give them that reflect your thoughtfulness and affection.

The fourth LOL that we'll focus on this week gets us back to the title of that book, *Sex Begins In The Kitchen* — the fourth LOL is acts of service.

How could doing a simple chore like helping prepare dinner, setting the table or washing dishes possibly be the path to an amorous evening?

Well, what I didn't know then, I get now! Too many acts of service speak their language of love powerfully.

For these, what will fill their needs far more than *saying* I love you (affirmation) will be *doing* I love you, i.e., acts of loving service.

If you're married to someone who speaks this language, rest assured that great things will happen in the bedroom, as well as everywhere else, as his or her needs are filled through your acts of service.

This week, figure out a way to "ambush" them with unexpected and unrequested kindnesses and watch the temperature of your relationship begin to warm.

If you need any tutoring in speaking a new language, come see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill.

It's our last week in the series *Lord of the Rings: Keeping Your Love Together When The Army Is Taking You Apart.*

You can register for a free cruise to be given away this Sunday after chapel.

You can also visit me at the Chaplain Family Life Center, Building 2606 in Soldiers' Plaza or call me at 545-1760.

Teachers and workers are needed for the Fort Benning Protestant Sunday School. The school meets at 9 a.m. Sundays at Custer Terrace Chapel. Child care is provided. For more information, call 545-4715.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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.	Mormon, 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

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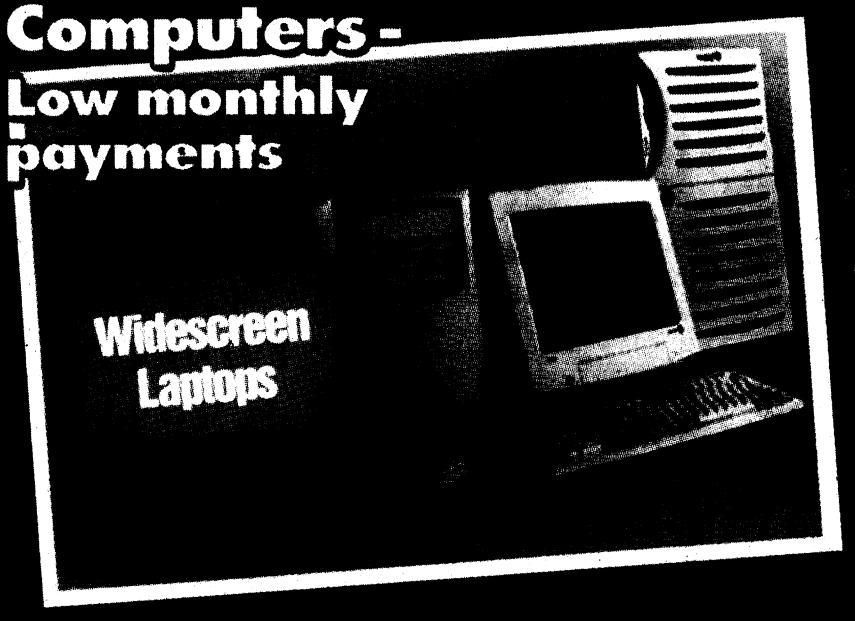
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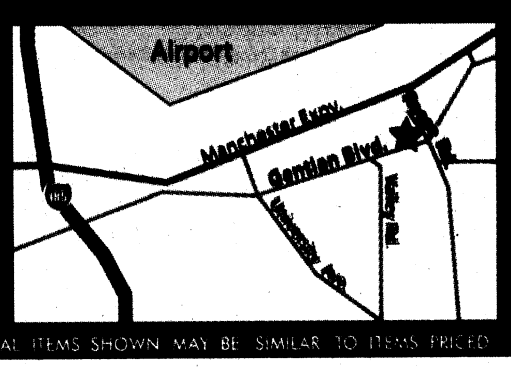
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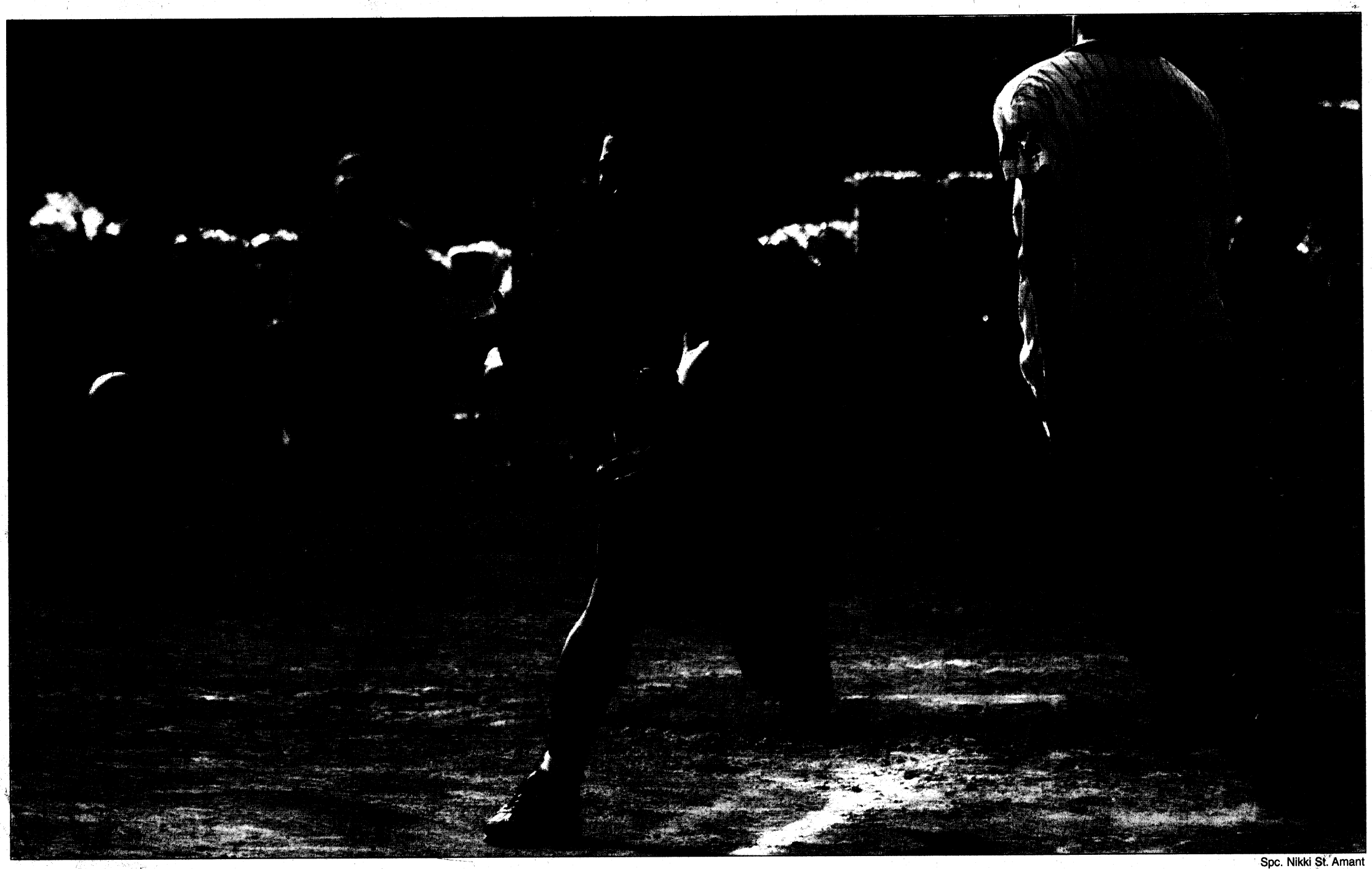
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SPORTS



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Absolute Airborne third baseman Steven Cooper skirts past the Leaders' catcher to score one of the winning runs in the final game of the 11th Infantry Regiment's softball tournament Oct. 22. Absolute Airborne was down 4-2 in the final inning and an impressive second comeback on the day to win.

Airborne's close call comeback win

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The 1st Battalion, 507th Airborne Infantry Regiment's softball team, Absolute Airborne, managed to pull out not one but two late-game, come-from-behind wins to stake their claim as the champion of the 11th Infantry Regiment's softball tournament Oct. 22.

The team came back from a seven-run deficit in their first game against the 3rd Battalion (OCS) and barely caught their breath before taking the field in the final game against the 2nd Battalion Leaders.

Down 4-2 in the top of the fifth and final inning, it seemed the champions of the post intramural softball league would be dethroned as the reigning softball superforce. But Absolute Airborne leadoff pinch hitter William Bennett unleashed an offensive onslaught against a quickly disintegrating Leader defense.

The barrage of airborne batting knocked in six runs in the first six at-bats and took the lead.

Absolute Airborne third baseman Steven Cooper took a trip around the bags to bring the score to 7-4 before two quick outs by left fielder Rafael Castañeda and pitcher Marvin Tom closed out the team's offensive showing for the day.

The Leaders, who came on strong in the first inning with runs scored by left center Steve Terrell, right center Reggie Hart and third baseman Ronald Wetherington, lost all steam with the championship on the line. Down 7-4 in the top of the fifth, the lagging Leaders lineup failed to produce and racked up three quick outs and leaving Absolute Airborne on top of the softball scene yet again.

"We like to give them a little encouragement, let them think they're on top of us, and then we pull it together and come out on top," Castañeda said.

The day wasn't all about softball though.

The regiment sprung for hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda and beer for all the Soldiers and family members who turned out for the rare Friday afternoon off.

"There are a lot of cadre in this unit who work hard every day to train the load, and it is good to carve out some time for them to enjoy themselves," said 11th Inf. Regt. commander Col. Mark Ritter. "Athletic competition is a great way to bring Soldiers together."

This was the first regimental level softball tourney for the 11th that Ritter knows about, but he said he plans to make it a permanent fixture as one way to keep unit morale up in increasingly challenging times.

"This is one of the highest student loads I've ever seen," he said.

"There are increases in OCS, Airborne and IOBC. Competition helps build up the esprit de corps for these guys."



Photos by Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Panther quarterback, Edward Rahming, runs for the goal line during the second half of the game. He made a 15-yard run before he was tagged.

Bulldogs declaw Panthers

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Bulldogs remain undefeated at 4-0 after taking on the Panthers Wednesday at a flag football game at Engineer Field.

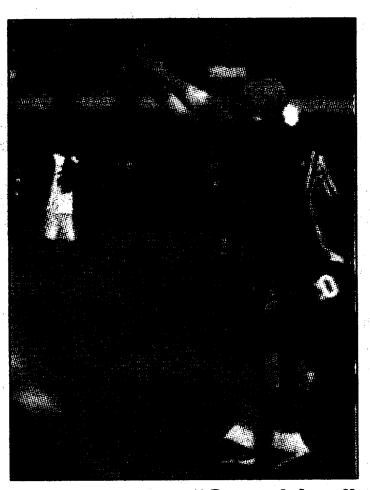
During the first few plays of the game, the 2nd Battalion, 69th FSC Panthers showed a great defense by gaining 15 yards on the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment Bulldogs.

Panther's quarterback, Edward Rahming, evaded the Bulldogs offense, gaining the second down of the first half. This was taken to the next level with Panther Willie Cason scoring a touchdown a few plays later, putting the Panthers at a 6-0 lead a few minutes before the end of the first half. After missing a 1-point conversion, things got tough.

The Panthers started the second half with a false start. A few downs later they were penalized 10 yards for a foul play by linebacker Brian Dewitt.

The Bulldogs took their chance and brought out their best defensive and offensive plays, gaining 25 yards on the Panthers in the first five minutes of the second half. Soon after, a touchdown and a 1-point conversion brought the Bulldogs to a 1-point lead, 7-6.

See **BULLDOGS**, C-2



Brian "Sunshine" Turner, jumps for the ball after the Panthers scored their first touchdown during the first half of the game.

Northside defensive end wraps up senior season

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The Northside High School Patriot football team goes into tonight's final game of the season with a dismal 2-7 record, but senior defensive end Xavier Amaker isn't letting the odds bring him down.

"It is my last game, and since the playoffs are obviously out of my hands, I want to go out on that field, win one more game and leave with a good taste in my mouth," he said.

The 17-year-old hasn't been daunted by the challenges the young team has faced. This is the first year Northside has fielded a varsity team.

"I learned from watching my dad in the military that things aren't going to come easy," he said. "I don't let that or anything bring me down."

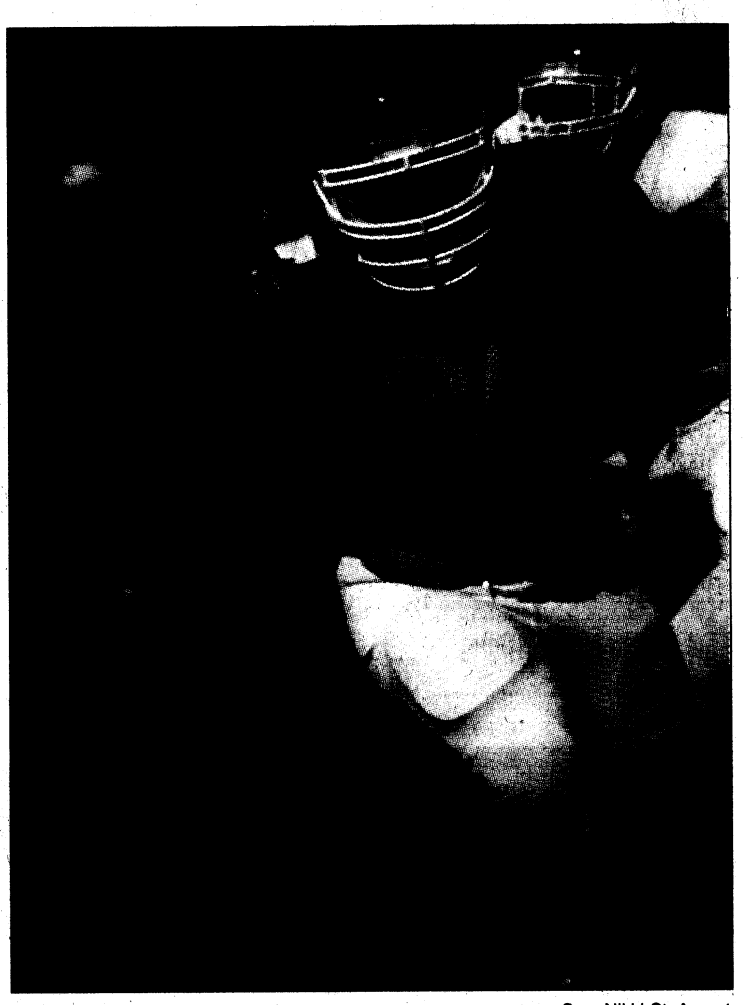
Bringing down everyone else is the number one thing on Amaker's mind.

With 35 tackles, seven assists, two tackles for a loss, one caused fumble, one recovered fumble and a sack he's a force to be reckoned with on the far side of the ball, Northside head coach Dwight Jones said.

"Xavier's a guy who works hard, plays hard and has never given up," he said. "He's been with us for three years and even though he isn't the biggest guy, he's got the desire, he's versatile and he's quick off the ball."

No matter what happens in tonight's game against Spencer, this will be the last time he will hit the field with the Northside Patriots. Does the little guy

See **AMAKER**, C-2



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Northside High senior defensive end, Xavier Amaker, runs plays in practice Tuesday afternoon.

Frisby comes back around

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

I've been inspired by a few people in my life. Christa McAuliffe, the teacher-astronaut of the ill-fated Challenger space shuttle, and Father Mychal Judge, New York City fire chaplain killed while administering last rites on Sept. 11, 2001, are just two.

Being a sports nut, I've also been inspired by teams, namely the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team and the 2004 Boston Red Sox. But never have I been inspired by an individual player — until now.

The person I'm talking about is Tim Frisby, a wide receiver for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks. Not yet quite a household name, but he rightfully should be.



Frisby is a 39-year-old retired sergeant first class.

He is Ranger-qualified and spent time with the 82nd Airborne Division. He is a veteran of Desert Storm and Kosovo. He also has six children younger than 16.

And, oh yeah, he carries a 3.8 grade point average in his major of broadcast journalism.

Frisby retired from the Army and decided he wanted to live his lifelong dream of playing football. Because of his military service, he was exempt from the NCAA age rules.

Though the NCAA says it doesn't keep records of ages, he is believed to be the oldest player ever in NCAA history.

Frisby was declared eligible to play Sept. 23. In a Sept. 25 game against Troy, which the Gamecocks won, "Pops," as he's called by his teammates, was in the game for four plays.

In days reminiscent of Rudy and Notre Dame, the crowd went crazy, shouting "Fris-by, Fris-by."

How many 39-year-olds these days, inspire college kids? For that matter, how many 39-year-olds inspire people of any age? Frisby certainly inspires me. He shows that age is not a factor, and that you can serve your country and still live your dreams.

He is a shining example of pursuing your dream, no matter what the circumstances.

Bulldogs: Stay undefeated

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During the last few seconds of the game, Bulldog wide receiver Manfred Malone, intercepted a pass and scored the second touchdown for the Bulldogs, bringing them to 13-6.

After an easy 1-point conversion the Bulldogs took the game 14-6.

"Although the Panthers started off strong, the win says it all," said Ruben Garza, Panthers coach. "These guys are very dedicated to this game. We began practicing three months before the season started and we practice on Sundays. It's about dedication and team work."

Amaker: It's all about respect

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with the big heart have aspirations for college or the pros?

Hamilton said he isn't holding any false hopes for a scholarship even though he and the coaching staff at Northside continue the search.

If the he doesn't win a n athletic scholarship, he will probably land an academic scholarship with impressive grades and multiple school activities.

Walking onto a college team is still a possibility in his mind, but only a remote one.

"My dad keeps telling me not to give up," he said. "We'll see."

For now, Hamilton is focusing on what he hopes will be a night of redemption for the Patriots.

"If you look at our schedule and record, all of our games were close except one," he said. "It's just the little things we need to work on. The biggest thing for me against Spencer is I want for us to get some respect."

The departing senior played through the difficult times of a young team struggling to make a place for itself against seasoned competition and now sees hope in the next few years for the teammates he leaves behind.

"I definitely see these guys making it to the playoffs soon. We have a great coaching staff that will develop the players they have and bring the best out of them," he said. "All I can do is try to be a role model for the younger guys, like a parent to a kid. Try to show them things like it feels good to me to lay a hit on someone. The other team tries to make you mad, but you can't let it get to you. It's about going out there and giving all you've got to be better than your opponent."

That's the experience Northside High will lose as the seconds roll out on the clock tonight and Xavier Hamilton's time as a Patriot becomes the past.

"He's been there for us," said Jones. "He's been one that won't be easy to replace."

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

CYS sports registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do, basketball, gymnastics and wrestling.

Wrestling is open to CYS members ages 4-14. In addition to the CYS membership fee, participants will pay a $40 team fee which will be used to register individual members with the USA Wrestling Association.

Basketball registration will begin Monday and continue through Nov. 20. Basketball is available to children ages 6-15.

Registration for gymnastics will continue until all classes are filled.

Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

3rd Brigade Turkey Trot — The 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division's Dog Face Soldiers will conduct a 10K Turkey Trot at 10 a.m. Nov. 20 at the 203rd FSB motorpool at Kelley Hill.

There will be a 400m kids run at 9:30 a.m. A turkey will be awarded to overall male and female winners.

Cost is $3 for adults for early registration and $5 the day of the Turkey Trot. Children are free.

For more information, call 544-1365 or 544-3220.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park will be open to ID card holders 18 and older from 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays at no charge.

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For more information, visit www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/sportsandfitness/application.

Columbus Track Club — The Columbus Track Club will wrap up the Run or Walk the Riverwalk Series Saturday.

The series will finish Tuesday.

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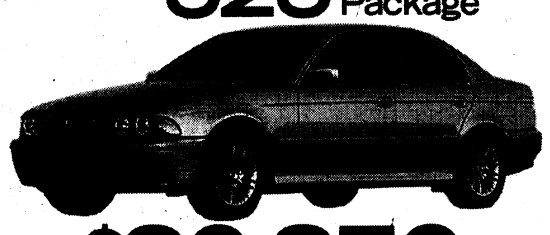
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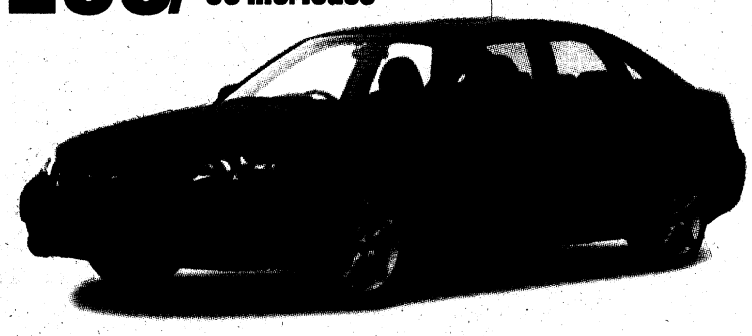
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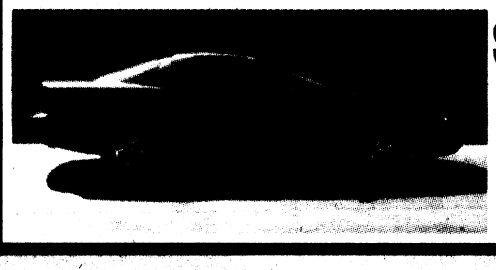


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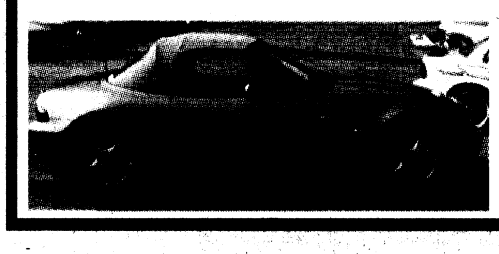
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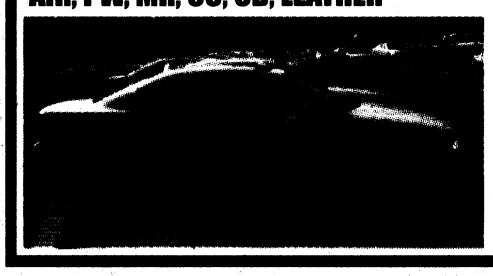
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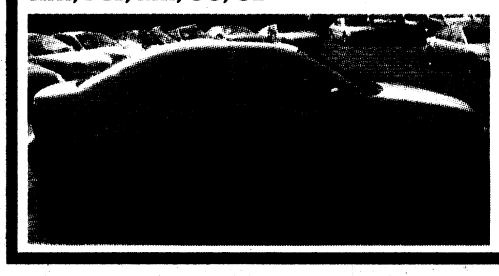
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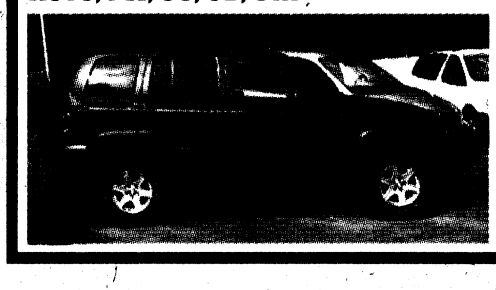
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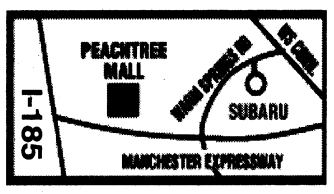
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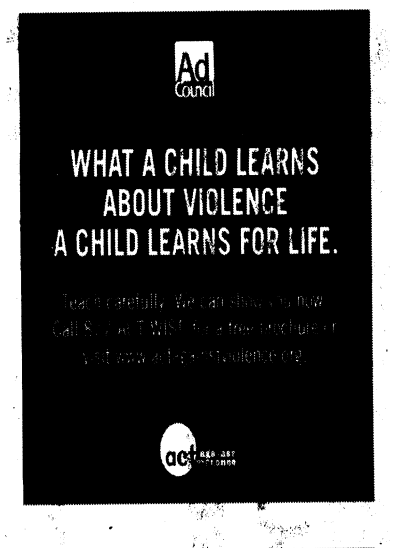
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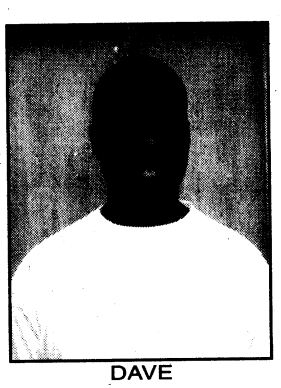




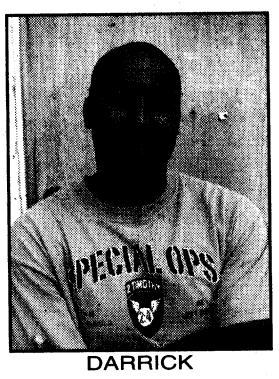
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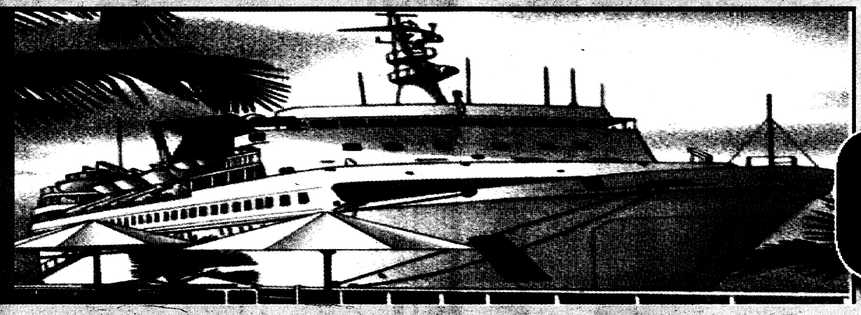
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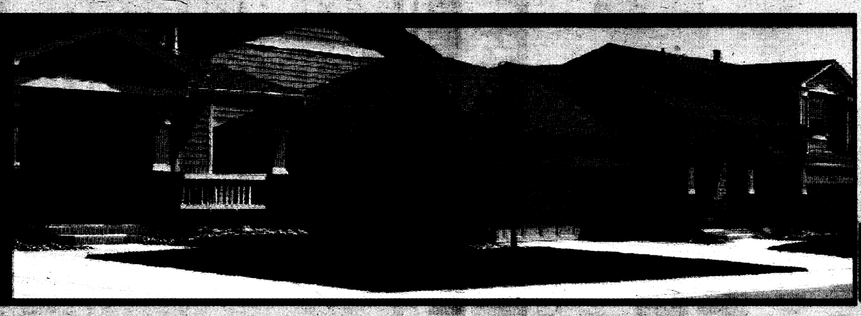
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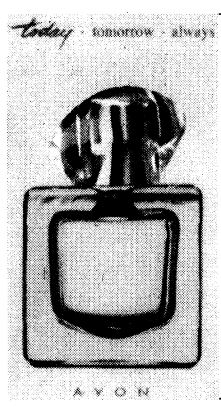
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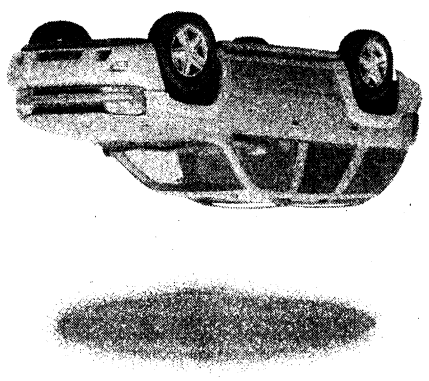
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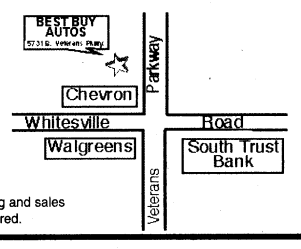
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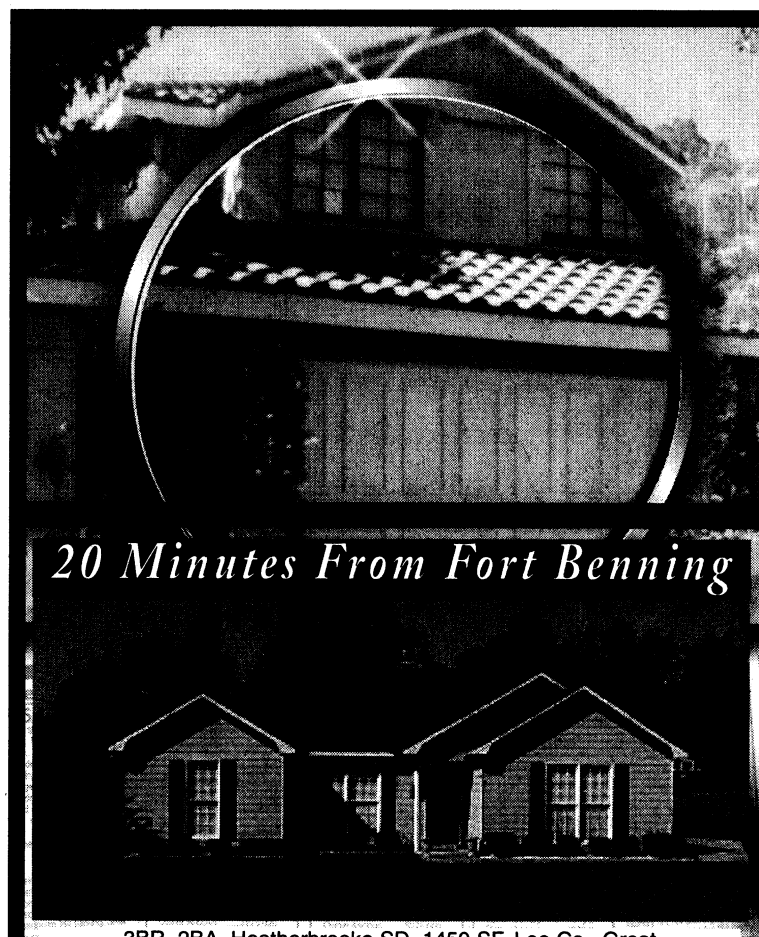
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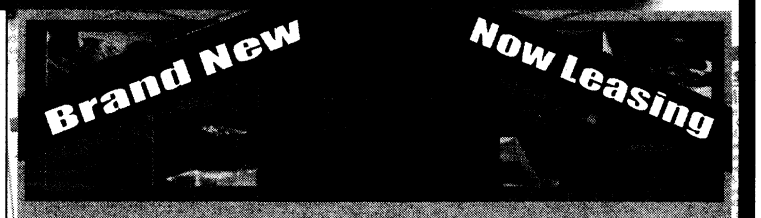
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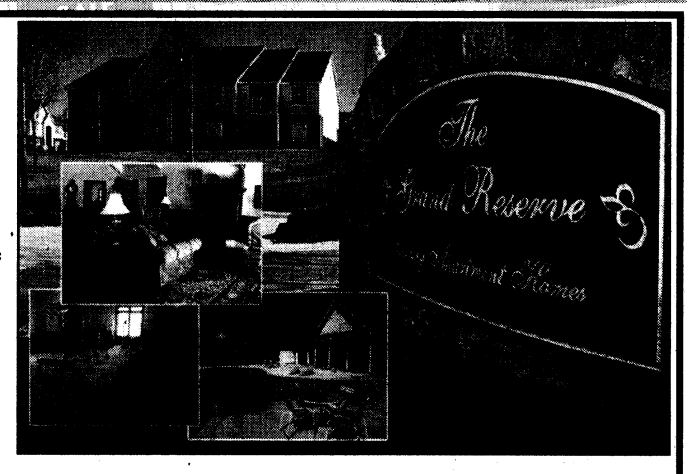
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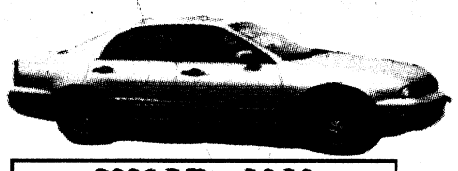
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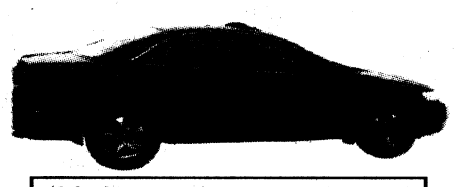
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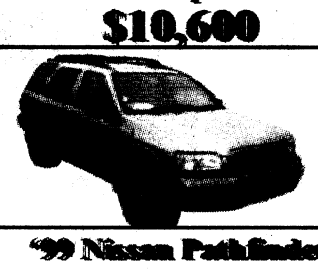
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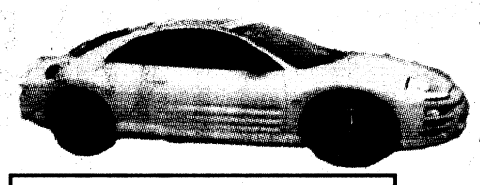
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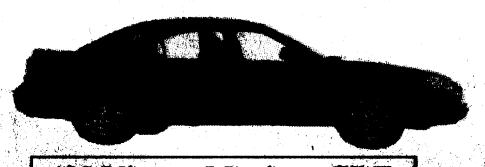
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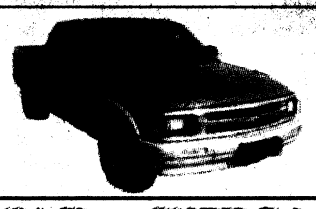
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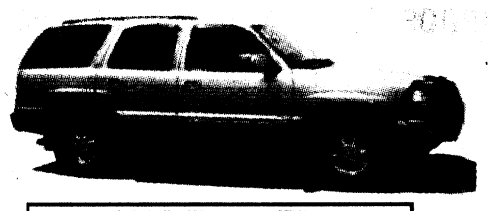
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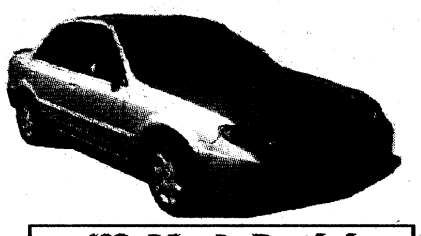
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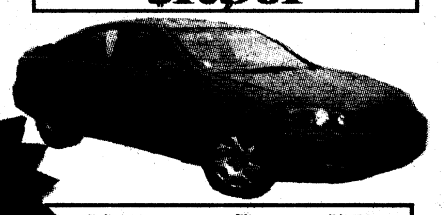
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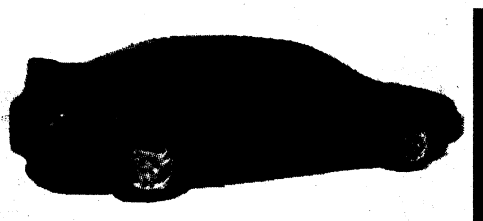
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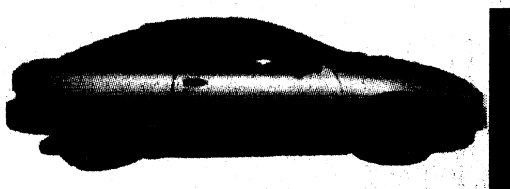
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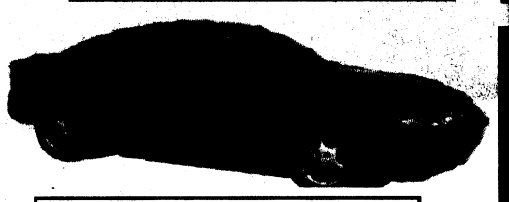
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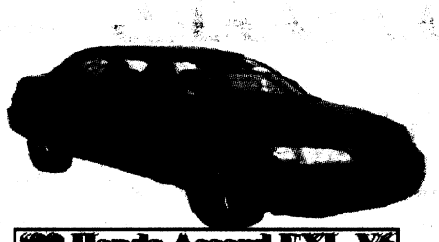
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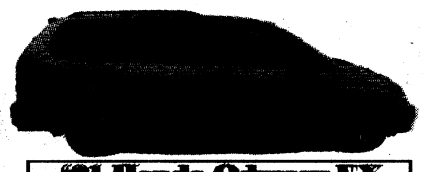
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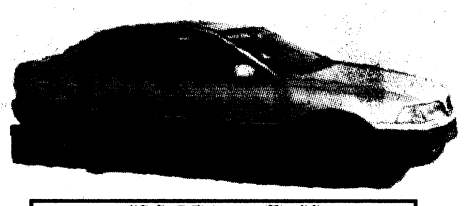
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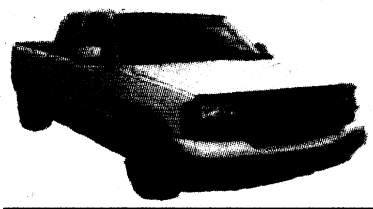
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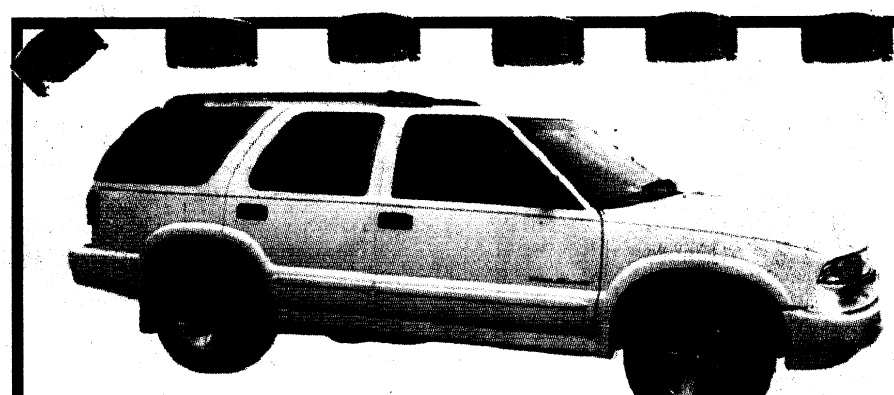
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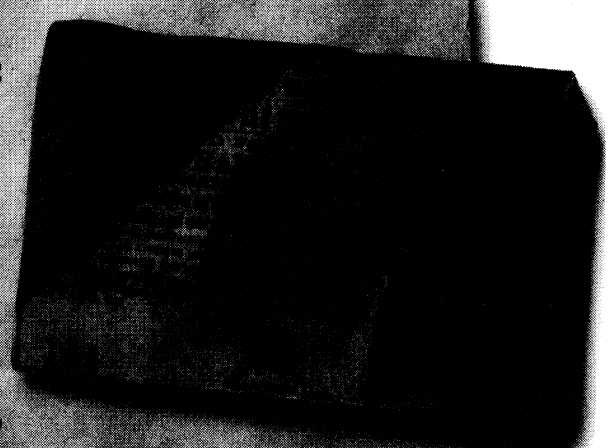
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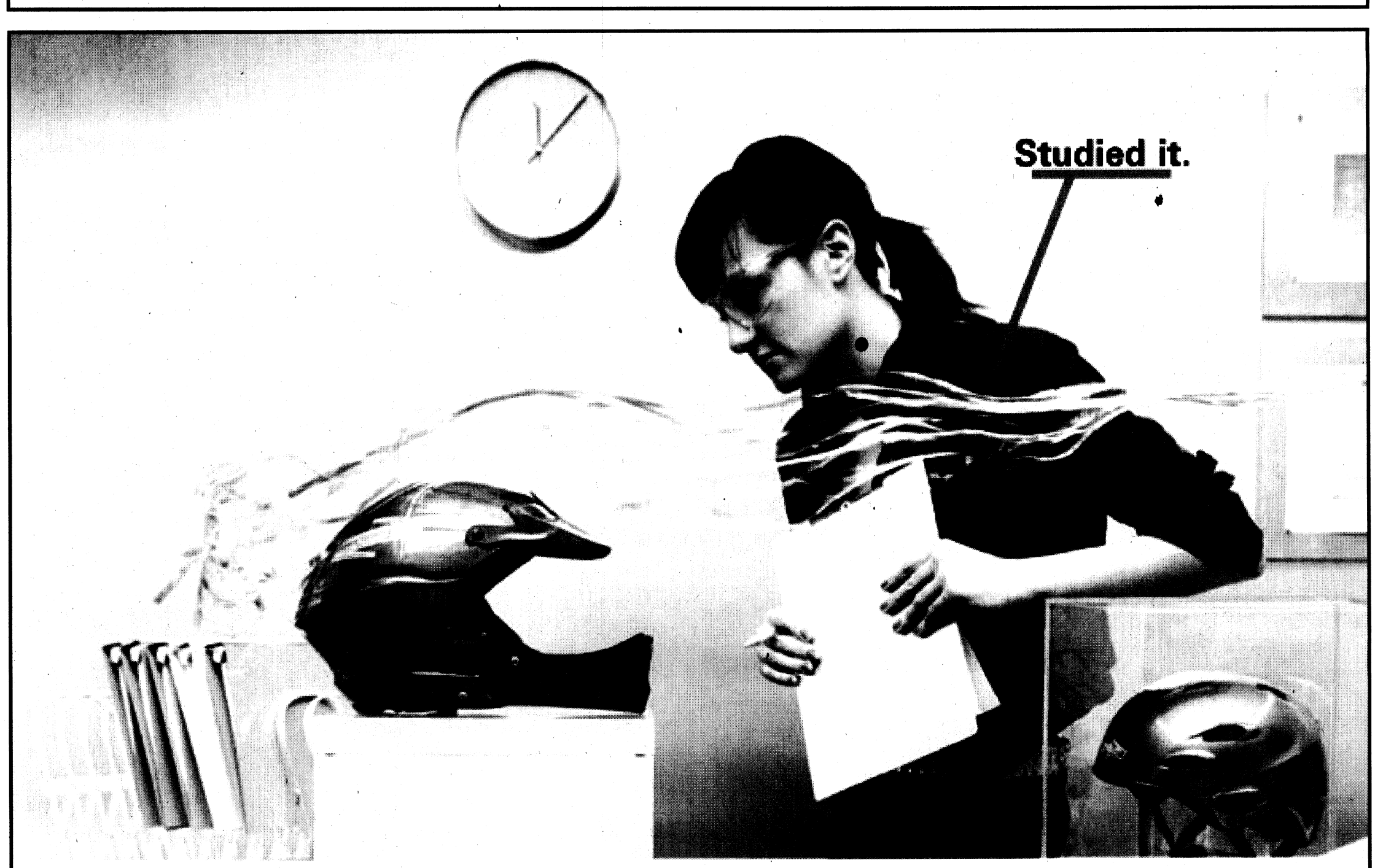


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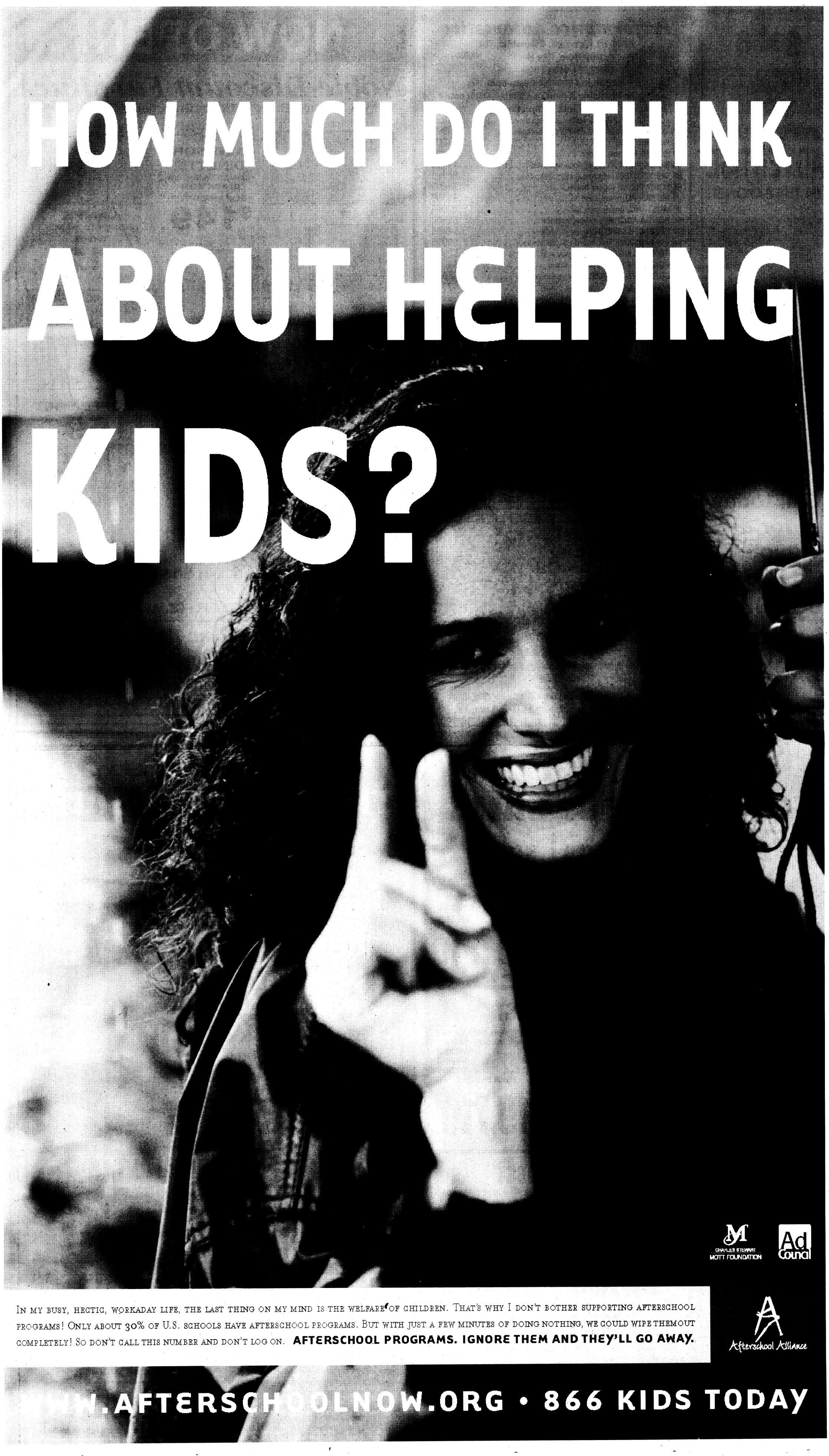
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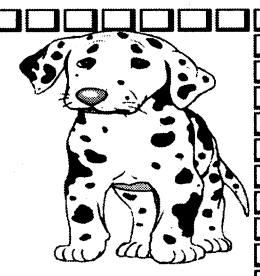
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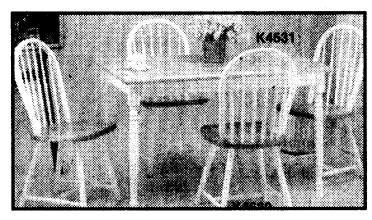
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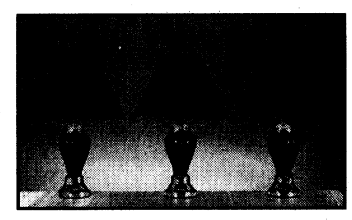
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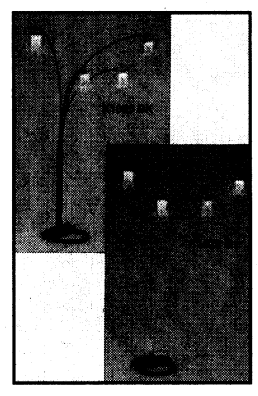
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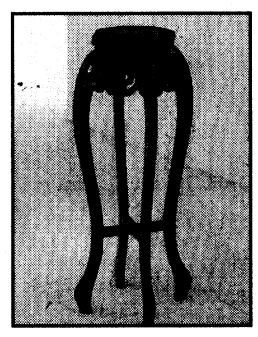
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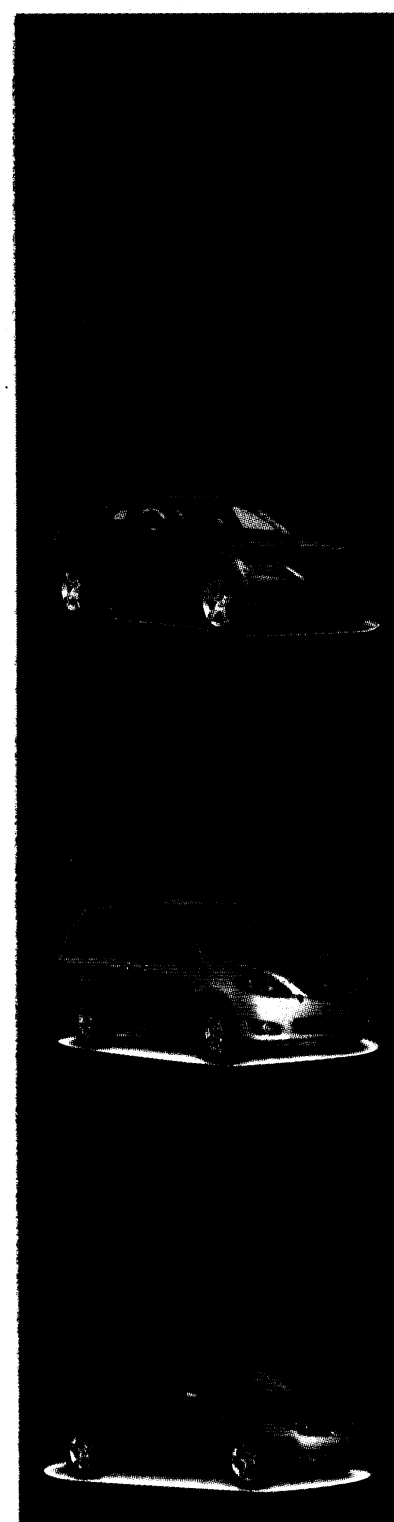
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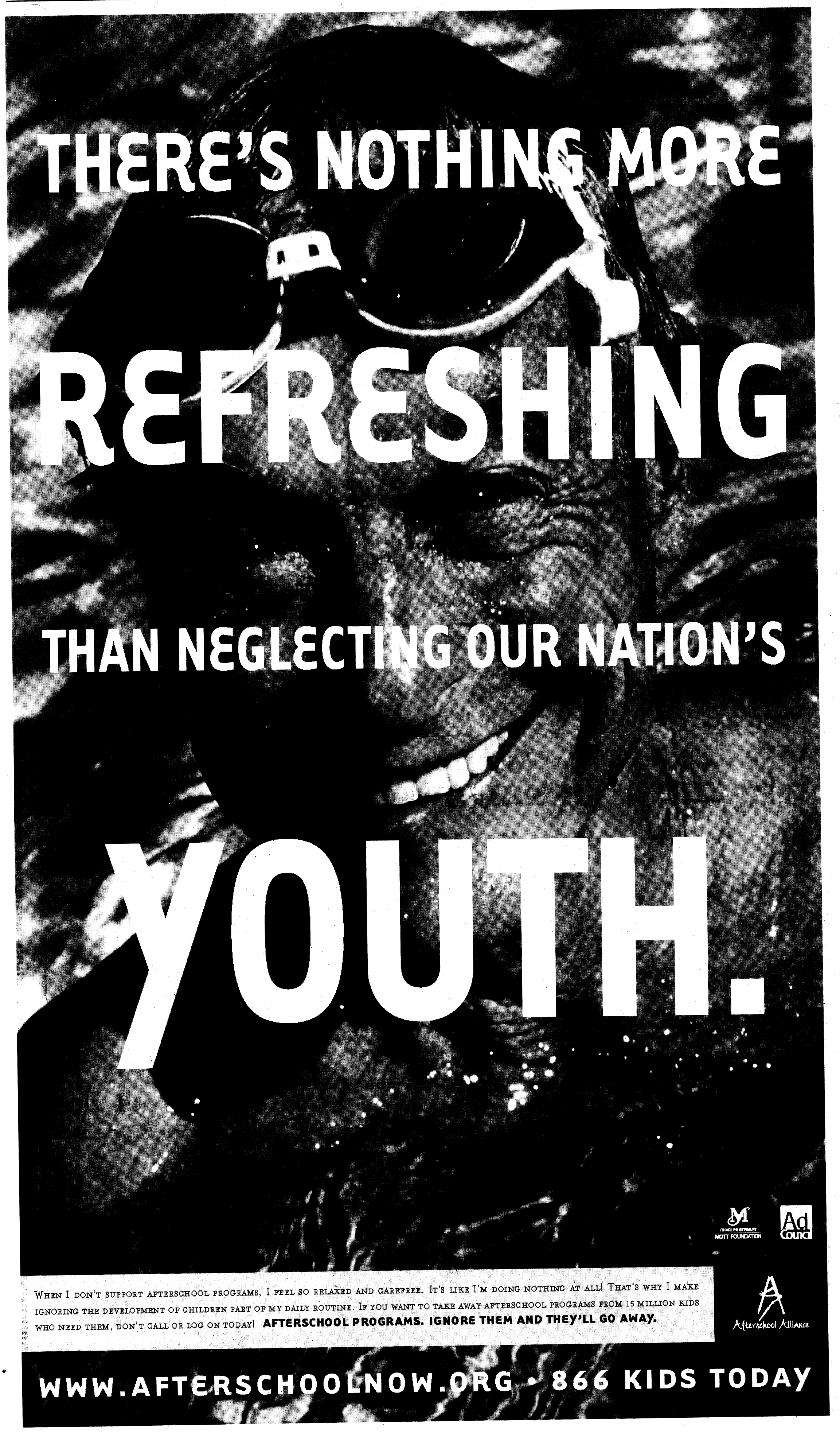
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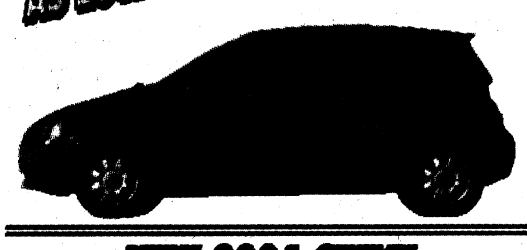
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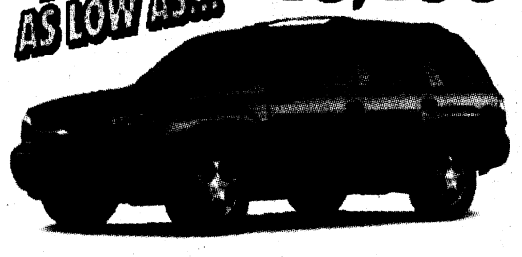
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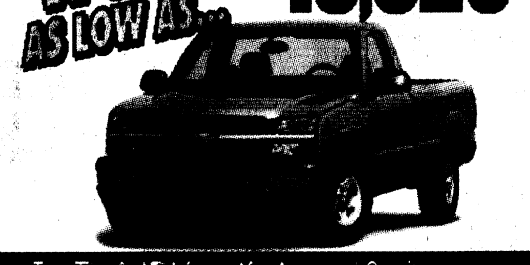
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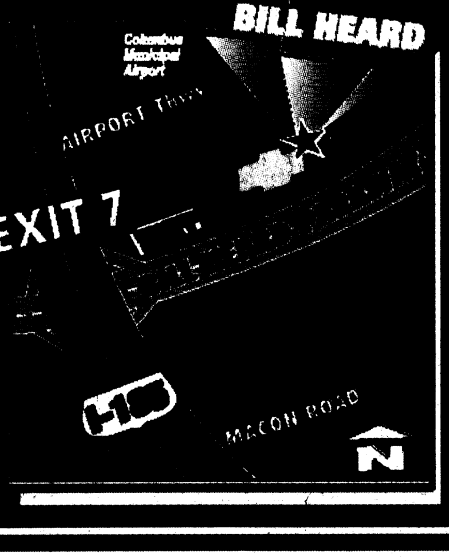
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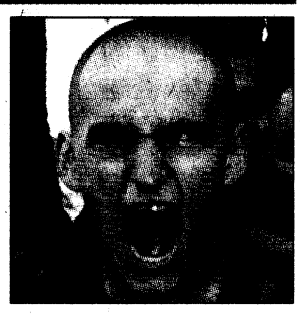


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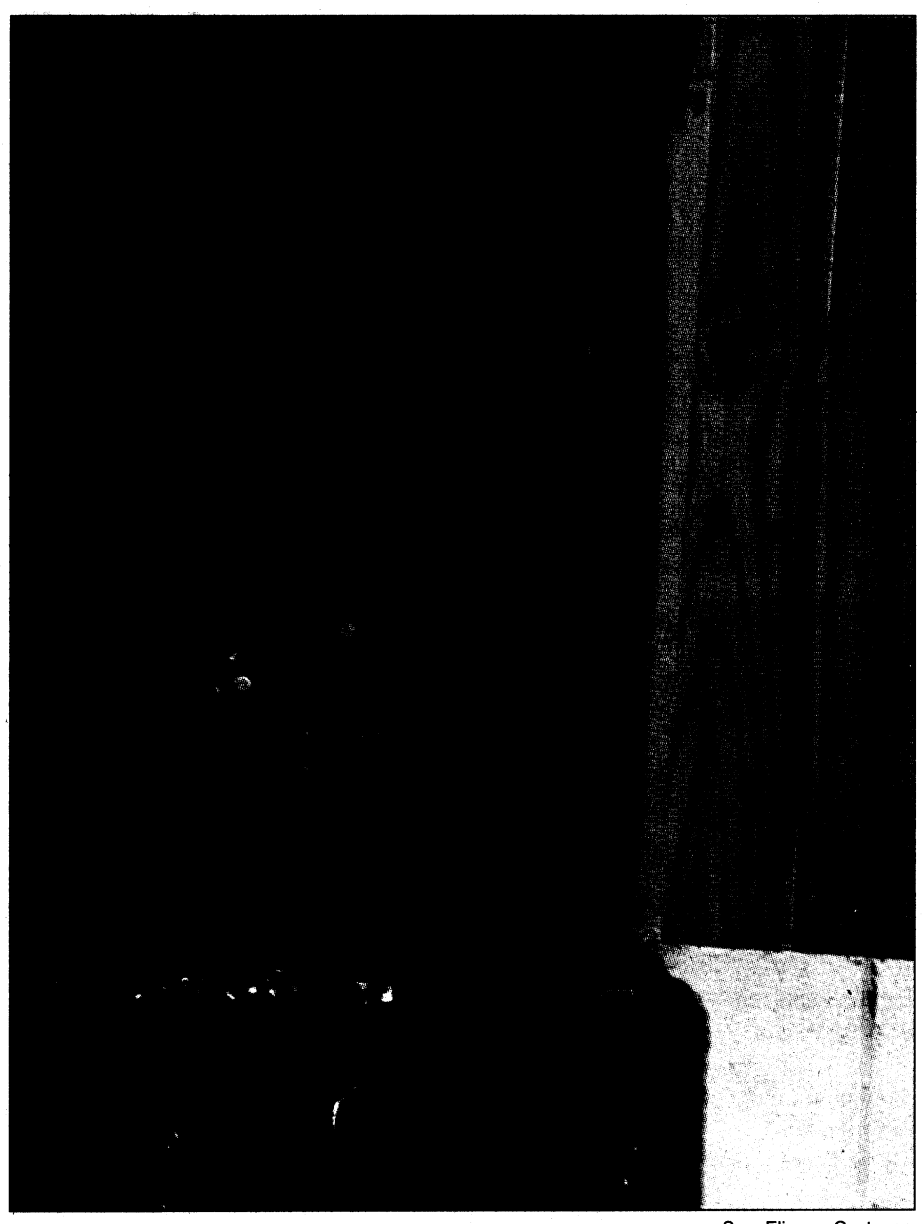
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FCS takes aim on Army future



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Spc. Brendon Mackenzie, EXFOR Company Soldier, fires an M-240 at insurgents during training at McKenna MOUT site.

Infantry tests survivability of lighter force

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Army is beginning the live "force on force" experimentation process for what is being called the Future Combat System — the future force of the Army.

The current Legacy Force will be replaced by the FCS and Fort Benning is the platform for the experimentation and training of the new force, said Bob Kruger, Fort Benning's project lead with Soldier Battle Lab.

"In the future, there will be a radical change as to how information is made available to units by various commands. The Air Assault Expeditionary Force spirals are a series of experiments to help us get there," he said. "The AAEF experiments will help transition the current force into the future force. The focus of the first experiment is to test how a force networked with a variety of new technologies can increase the survivability and lethality of a small, modular combat unit.

"The idea is for the size of mounted forces to be smaller and lighter to facilitate air transport," Kruger said. "With smaller units and less weight, there is less vehicle protection, meaning less armor to protect the Soldiers. To offset the reduction of vehicle protection, the experiment will test the concept that physical protection can be replaced with information overmatch."

Because of the advancements made in technology, how the Army handles information is going to change radically.

Kruger said in the future, there will be what's called information fusion — information will be populated and made available so units can pull from an information fusion cell the information they need to plan and execute missions.

The AAEF experiments are scheduled to range over the next four years. Each year there will be four to six weeks of live experimentation.

From Nov. 1 through 19, the EXFOR Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, is conducting a series of missions consisting of attacks and raids as part of the first set of live experiments.

The testing includes a variety of equipment developed by industry, Defense Advance

See **AAEF**, A-5

Veterans Day events to honor heroes

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Ceremonies at Fort Benning and the surrounding areas will be held in honor of those who have served their country.

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, has been recognized in the U.S. since 1954.

Local events are:

Infantry Hall Ceremony

Fort Benning will host the tri-community Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Follow Me Statue in front of Infantry Hall. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be in Marshall Auditorium.

Prelude music will be provided by the Infantry Band, followed by guest speakers Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley and Bob Poydasheff, mayor of Columbus. Several musical selections will be performed, followed by closing remarks by Col. Ricardo Riera, garrison commander.

See **EVENTS**, A-11

Force protection fencing project nearing completion

Congress OKd $5.5M for post security

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning is sporting a new feature, 34 miles of guardrail and chain link fencing.

The $5.5 million anti-terrorism, force protection cantonment fencing project was approved by Congress in fiscal 2003. The fencing improves the security of post's cantonment areas.

The Savannah District Corps of Engineers awarded the contract to The Clement Group, LLC, under a minority contractor program, said Folke Ahlquist, Installation Support manager for the Savannah COE.

Ahlquist said the contractor received the notice to proceed with the three-part contract in November 2003. The three contracts included installation of fencing and guardrail along the post's north boundary and Sand Hill, along U.S. Highway 27/280 on the eastern side of the reservation and along Lumpkin and Riverbend.

The fencing protects the main cantonment areas from unauthorized entry.

"The project is proceeding very well and on schedule," Ahlquist said.

The speed with which the contractor has installed the fencing has not escaped the notice of the post commander, either.

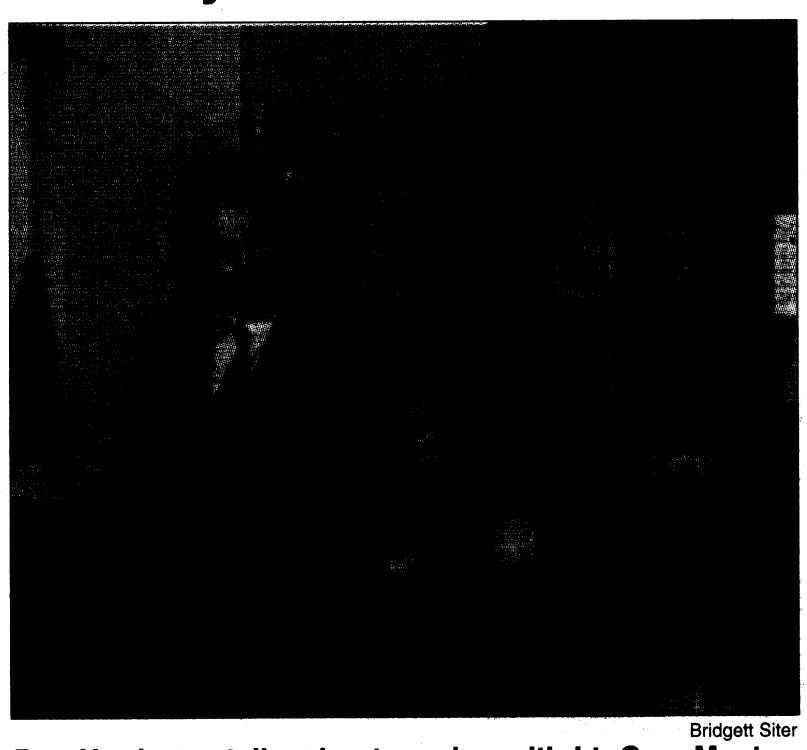
Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley mentioned the fencing in a briefing Oct. 15 to the contractor taking over post housing areas.

"I wish we could take a blood transfusion from the fencing guys and stick it into (some of the other construction contractors)," Freakley said. "They're working incredibly fast."

Clement Group Project manager, Randy Sterenberg, said the work is about 95 percent complete and should be finished in January 2005. In order to complete one section of the project along south Lumpkin Road, the Savannah COE and Fort Benning Real Estate office had to obtain a permanent easement from the city of Columbus. That easement, Alquist said, made it possible for the contractor to connect the South Lumpkin Road fencing with the Benning Boulevard fencing. The piece of Columbus city property is part of the National Infantry Museum site, Ahlquist said, and connecting the fences makes it

See **PROJECT**, A-5

Family donates $1 million for infantry museum



Bridgett Siter

Ben Hardaway talks about serving with Lt. Gen. Manton Eddy in WWII during a ceremony to mark Hardaway's $1 million donation to the National Infantry Foundation.

World War II hero honored in new museum

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

"He ran a hell of a mess."

That's how Ben Hardaway remembered Lt. Gen. Manton Eddy Friday during a ceremony at the National Infantry Museum in which the Hardaway family donated $1 million in Eddy's honor to the National Infantry Foundation for the construction of a new museum complex.

Hardaway, a name synonymous locally with construction, industry and education (think Hardaway High School), is the nephew of the late Manton Sprague Eddy, for whom Fort Benning's Eddy Bridge and Muscogee County's Eddy Middle School are named.

Eddy served in World War I and led the 9th Infantry Division through North Africa, Sicily and France during World War II.

Eddy married Hardaway's aunt, a Columbus native, but the two men barely knew each other when they met in France during the second world war.

"I ran into him — I mean literally. I almost ran him over with my jeep," Hardaway, 85, told his audience. "He said, 'Hardaway, what are you doing?' I said, 'General Eddy, I'm just trying to stay alive.'

"He chuckled and invited me to dine at his mess hall that night," Hardaway said. "He ran a hell of a mess."

Shortly thereafter, Hardaway became Eddy's aide-de-camp, and he learned to love the man who "never,

See **GIFT**, A-5

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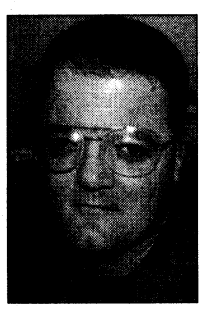
Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
USAIC Public Affairs Office

There was an ad campaign a few years ago. It seems people believed orange juice could only be consumed at breakfast in small glasses. This was becoming a problem for the orange growers and orange juice producers, so they came up with a campaign, the slogan of which was "Orange juice, it's not just for breakfast anymore."

I assume it was a successful campaign because the orange juice industry didn't go belly up.

Borrowing from their success, I'd like to start another campaign. The slogan of which will be, "NCOs — they're not just for breakfast anymore."

I'm starting this campaign because it seems there are Soldiers out there who believe NCOs can only help them with Soldier business and only during the duty day.



Just like those hapless OJ drinkers of years' past, they are mistaken. NCOs are, and should be, available to help Soldiers with issues including everything from personal problems to major purchases. NCOs don't want to make Soldiers' decisions for them, but they do want to make sure they have the information needed to make an informed decision.

Are NCOs experts on everything? No. But what we do have is an arsenal of expertise at our disposal.

I'd be the last one to give car-buying advice to my Soldiers, but I would tell them, if not direct them, to go to Army Community Services and take advantage of their car-buying seminar. Buying a car for thousands of dollars over its book value with thousands of dollars of other miscellaneous and unnecessary charges and an outrageous finance rate that costs thousands of dollars more is something ACS can help any Soldier avoid. And any NCO should be able to point any Soldier in that direction.

As a Soldier, if it feels like NCOs might be twisting your arm to get the information needed to make the right decision, think of the many Soldiers who don't get good information and make decisions on their own based on bad information. Who do they go see to fix the problem? That's right, their NCO, but now the NCO's hands are tied.

My message? If you are going to end up at your NCO's desk anyway, wouldn't it be better to ask for help to avoid a problem rather than deal with one? And, before you go, enjoy a glass of orange juice — no matter what time of day it is.

WWII vets continue to teach patriotism

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

I couldn't believe my ears at first. But unbelievably and unmistakably there it was.

Singing. Instead of just standing there quietly, they were singing.

And not just any song. The audience, most of them World War II veterans of the 17th Airborne, was singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

I couldn't remember the last time I'd heard an audience sing the national anthem. I couldn't remember the last time I'd sung the national anthem. But there it was … "Oh say! Can you see…"

Make no mistake, they weren't going to win any prizes. They weren't always in tune, weren't even close on the high notes, and the judges on *American Idol* would accuse them of being "pitchy," but it was spontaneous and the most heartfelt rendition I have heard in a very long time.



I considered kicking the power cable at my feet to silence the tape the veterans were singing to. The tape had perfect harmony, but the veterans had heart.

We are now losing what has been called "the Greatest Generation" at the rate of 1,500 a day.

We owe them much. And now I owe them for teaching me a lesson in what patriotism and honor really look and sound like.

Service members of what may very well be the next greatest generation are fighting a global war on terrorism today. Will they have to wait 60 years before we recognize the sacrifices they are making today? I hope not.

But I'll bet that in 60 years, when the opening bars of the national anthem play, it will be the veterans leading the singing.

At the end of the 17th Airborne's ceremony, the canned band struck up *God Bless America.*

The veterans creaked to their feet. Not as straight as they once were, but just as tall and as proudly as ever, they raised once hearty voices in song … "God Bless America! Land that I love …"

This time, I joined in. It would have been un-American not to.

You know what they say. "If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you're reading this in English, thank a veteran." Thanks, guys. I owe you. Again.

Like a good neighbor, WHINSEC's there

Spc. Adrian A. Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

"Fostering mutual knowledge, transparency, confidence, and cooperation by promoting democratic values; respect for human rights; and an understanding of U.S. customs and traditions," seems like a pretty agreeable and relevant mission for any professional military institution focusing on any hemisphere of our globe.

Why then do we have thousands of people stand outside Fort Benning's Main Gate every year (Nov. 20 this year) demanding the closure of such an institution as ours?

With wars being fought half-way around the world, following a Wilsonian-like plan to spread democracy while crushing terrorism and tyranny abroad, one would think these protesters would take a moment to reflect positively on the stability and cooperation we have in our own hemisphere.

This, I believe, advanced by institutes such as the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, is evident in more open and supportive relations with our neighbors.

Our professional staff and faculty continue to train some of the most civic-minded and knowledgeable civilian, law enforcement and military personnel in the world.

No doubt a valuable asset to any democratic society, their value is multiplied exponentially when they impart the ideals of freedom and the course-specific knowledge they learned here on to others.

This, one hopes, would eventually result in a freer, more stable group of hemispheric allies who wish the same globally.

A great example is found in a relatively recent *Washington Times* article about six El Salvadorans who were awarded the Bronze Star for their heroic actions in Iraq.

Mind you, their situation was the first reported incident of hand-to-hand combat in the entire war.

Why would a country such as El Salvador support us in such a war when other nations shy away?

I would say, by way of a rather simple analogy of our hemisphere, it's because we act as good neighbors and have developed a good neighborhood watch program.

For example, if a family in your apartment complex had a child who started up a meth-lab, would you shrug it off and say "not my problem" as some might have us do with the drug crisis on an international level?

Would you stand by and watch as a family fell apart because of internal problems, and as criminal activity increased in your community?

Or would you take action and intervene before the situation exploded and consumed not just the family's lives and property, but yours and the entire community's?

When I hear arguments for the closure of our Institute, I question why a group would advocate taking such a valuable tool away from the American people?

In order to secure and maintain the freedom and peace we enjoy in our hemisphere, we must continue to engage our neighbors.

An environment for intellectual exchange, which WHINSEC provides daily, is keystone to keeping our neighborhood free, safe and stable for many generations to come.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for help in time of need

I suffered a grand mal seizure at work, the Sightseeing Road Annex (Army Air Force Exchange Service), Sept. 22.

First of all giving honor to my God, I just wanted to personally thank everyone who has called, said a prayer or just asked about me.

I especially would like to thank my angels: Roy Whistle, HVAC shop; Sgt. Betran, Military Police; Spc. Tryone Simpson, 14th Combat Support Hospital; the Martin Army Community Hospital Emergency Room staff, the ambulance attendants and all AAFES employees.

It is truly a blessing to know that so many people care. To my husband, Earnest, my children Keith and Samantha, my church family, New Bride Christian Church, thank you for all you have done. I love you all. To my parents, thank you and I love you.

Again, thank you Fort Benning, for your open arms and caring people.

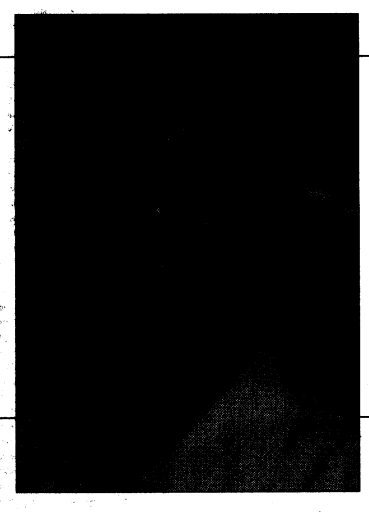
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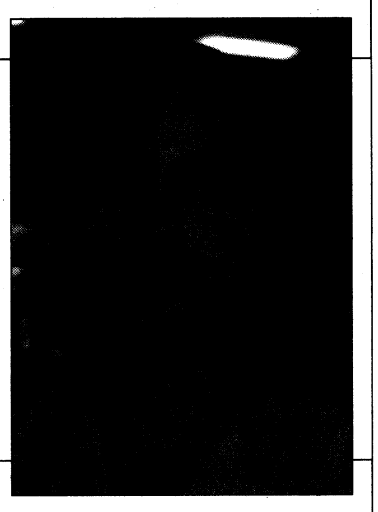
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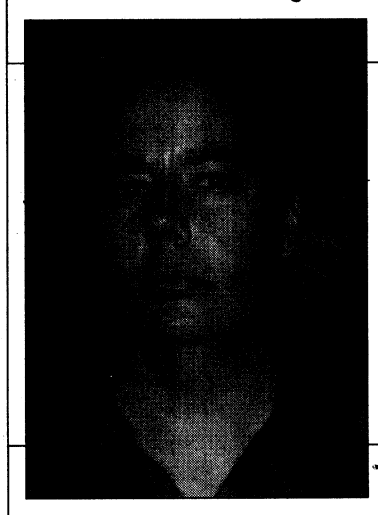
What is the best advice an NCO gave you that influenced your career?



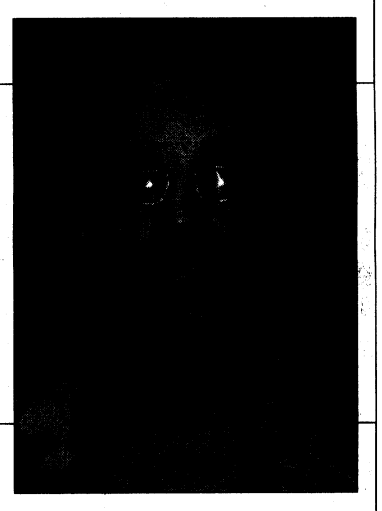
Spc. Eiesha Moton, 598th Maintenance Company — "I'm a welder and being a female in a male profession, the best advice I heard was don't give up and don't be intimidated. And because of that I'm willing to work extra hard and go the extra mile to prove myself."



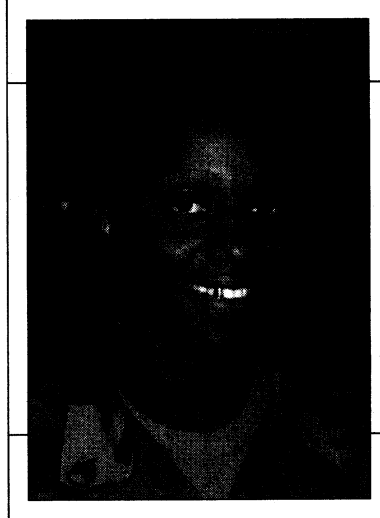
Maj. Jorge Roman, Detachment 4, 87th Division — "The best advice I ever received was to always be on time. It's something NCOs enforce. Also keep up with your vocation by going to all of the schools you are able to."



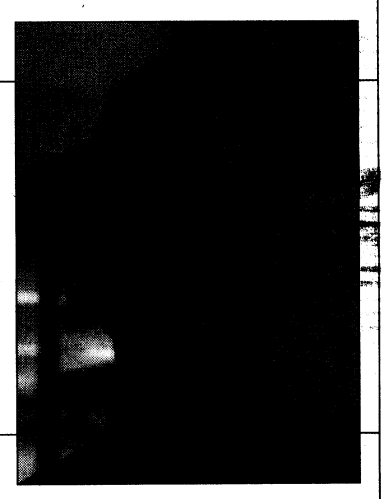
Spc. Cheryl Sherman, 249th Medical Company (Medevac) — "I only have three years left until I can retire, so the best advice I've heard is to just to stay in and finish the years I have left."



Staff Sgt. Jimmy Chambers, MEDDAC — "The best advice I ever heard was 'don't expect, inspect.' When you expect that Soldiers you're supervising will have something done, you need to actually go out and make sure it gets done."



Staff Sgt. Monique Bates, A Company, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "When I was a private, an NCO told me to take military correspondence courses because it would help me get promotions."



Sgt. Peter Flynn, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "Be willing and able to do anything you would tell your subordinates to do. And if you're not supervising, go help out. Your Soldiers will respect you because you work a lot harder."

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Warrior tasks, battle drills designed, refined to produce capable, battle-ready Soldiers in all components regardless of rank, MOS

Annette Fournier
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Task Force Soldier was initiated by Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff, in September 2003 for the purpose of equipping, training, and instilling the Warrior Ethos in Soldiers.

Schoomaker wanted to focus the Army's efforts on winning the Global War on Terrorism and ensure that training is relevant and Soldiers are prepared for combat. Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley seized the opportunity to assemble the Warrior Task Site Selection Board, an advising team focused on defining the goals of Task Force Soldier.

One of the goals was compiling a list of essential tasks and drills that all Soldiers should be proficient in.

The tasks and drills are important because many Soldiers finish basic training and are sent almost immediately into combat, and some skills are important enough to warrant frequent review for more experienced Soldiers.

"I thought it was right on track for what we needed to do," Maj. John Williamson of TRADOC System Management Soldier, said.

The Warrior Task Site Selection Board included subject matter experts, including senior NCOs and officers from active duty, the Reserve component and National Guard, government employees and contractors, as well as "gray-beard advisors," retired senior officers and NCOs who lent their unique perspective.

From a list of 400 tasks with skill level 1-3 from 97 MOS task lists, the panel initially recommended integration of 174 tasks, a 45 percent increase over the previously existing task list.

Upon further review, the panel cut it down to 40 tasks and nine drills that every Soldier must be proficient in. The extensive process took from September to November 2003.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Infantry Officer Basic Course students practice moving as a squad in an urban environment. Urban operations is one of the new warrior tasks all Soldiers are required to be proficient in.

The panel submitted their recommendations to Freakley, who approved it, and sent it to Gen Kevin P. Byrnes, TRADOC commanding general. From Byrnes, it went to Schoomaker, who added one task, bringing the list to its current standing.

Currently all incoming Soldiers are trained in the tasks and drills in basic training, and they are expected to gain some proficiency in them.

The usefulness and relevance of the selected tasks and drills was evaluated and refined in initial entry training studies at Fort Benning, Fort Knox, Ky. and Fort Jackson, S.C.

The purpose was to integrate the list, and evaluate any improvements that could be made, with the goal of successfully training battle-ready Soldiers.

"The Warrior Task Site Selection Board and Freakley deserve a great deal of credit for creating the task and drill list. This will enable Soldiers to be combat-ready, regardless of experience or MOS," Williamson said.

WARRIOR TASKS

Every Soldier Must Be Able To...

[redacted]

- Qualify with assigned weapon
- Correct weapon malfunctions
- Engage targets with M240B MG
- Engage targets with M60 or M249 MG
- Engage targets with M2 Cal. 50 MG
- Engage targets with MK-19 MG
- Correct malfunctions of MG (M2, M240B. M249, MK-19)
- Engage targets using an aiming light (AN/PEQ-2A, AN/PAQ-4)
- Employ hand mines (manned) and hand grenades

[redacted]

- Perform voice communications (SITREP, SPOTREP, call for fire, and MEDEVAC)
- Use visual signaling techniques

[redacted]

- Perform movement techniques during an urban operation
- Engage targets during an urban operation
- Enter a building during an urban operation

[redacted]

- Determine location on ground (terrain association, map, and GPS)
- Navigate from one point to another (dismounted and mounted)
- Move over, through, or around obstacles (except minefields)
- Prepare/operate a vehicle in a convoy

[redacted]

- Move under direct fire
- React to indirect fire (dismounted and mounted)
- React to direct fire (dismounted and mounted)
- React to unexploded ordinance
- React to Soldier-to-Soldier contact (combatives)
- React to chemical or biological attack or hazard
- Decontaminate yourself and individual equipment using chemical decontaminating kits
- Maintain equipment
- Evaluate a casualty
- Perform first aid for open wound (abdominal, chest and head)
- Perform first aid for bleeding of extremity
- Select temporary fighting position
- *Every Soldier is a sensor* (ES2)

BATTLE DRILLS

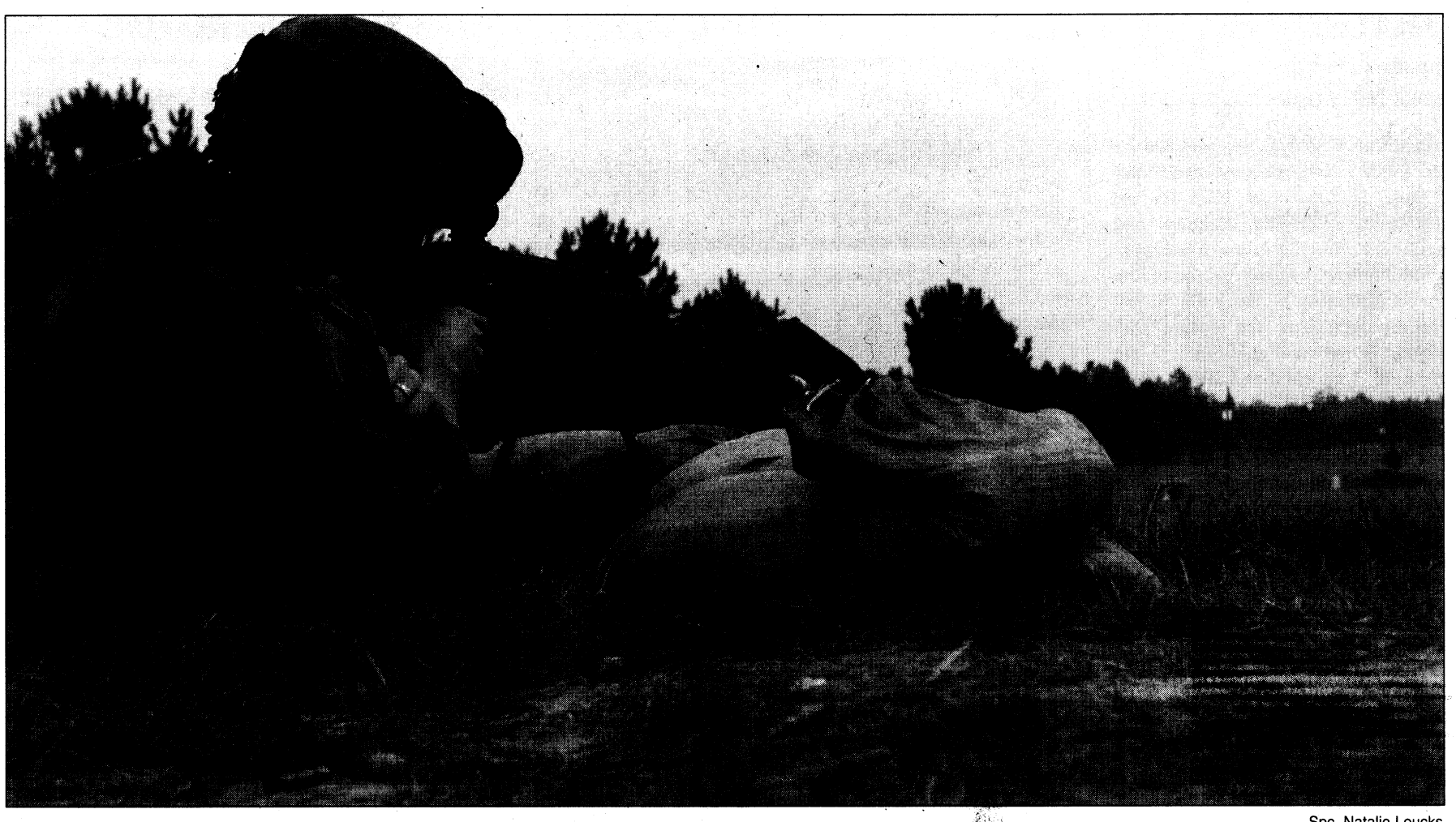
- Avoid contact, ambush, IED, RPG
- React to contact (visual, IED, direct fire, including RPG)
- React to ambush (blocked and unblocked)
- React to indirect fire
- React to chemical attack
- Break contact
- Dismount a vehicle
- Evacuate injured personnel
- Secure at a halt



Soldiers evaluate weapons, optics for program

Marksmen test fundamentals of firing

Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd Brigade Combat Team PAO



Spc. Natalie Loucks

Pfc. Gene Kemper, B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, fires the M-4 carbine at Griswold Range Oct. 27.

Soldiers fighting the Global War on Terrorism have stressed the need for a squad designated marksman — a rifleman whose marksmanship skill is higher than the average squad member.

To meet this need, Fort Benning's Soldier Battle Lab and Directorate of Combat Development teamed with Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, Oct. 18 to 29 to evaluate various weapons and ammunitions in support of the Squad Designated Marksman Program as outlined in Field Manual 3-22.9 Rifle Marksmanship.

The four evaluation weapons were the M-16 A4 rifle, the M-4 carbine, the M-14 rifle and an M-16 A4 rifle modified by the Army Marksmanship Unit. All weapons were mounted with the advanced combat optic gunsight for magnified and accurate target engagement, said Dutch Waldheim, project officer for Soldier Battle Lab's Lethality Branch.

At Griswold Range, 25 Soldiers fired each weapon at targets ranging from 100 to 600 meters. The hits and misses were recorded and sent for analysis of the percentage of hits for each weapon.

The Squad Designated Marksman Program has five phases to assess the Soldiers' ability to apply the fundamentals of marksmanship.

Phase I evaluates the Soldiers' firing position. Soldiers must be able to demonstrate the proper position and be able to consistently execute and maintain each position, as indicated by FM 3-22.9.

Phase II consists of dry-fire exercises to demonstrate the Soldiers' fundamentals of marksmanship including aiming, proper breathing techniques, correct trigger squeeze and relaxation.

In Phase III, Soldiers must demonstrate range estimation methods to determine the distance between their position and the target. Three factors that affect the range estimation of target distance are the nature of the target, the nature of the terrain and light conditions.

Phase IV consists of shifting the point of aim to achieve the desired point of impact.

This technique is used at varied distances ranging from 100 to 500 meters when the Squad Designated Marksman does not have time to change his sight setting.

The final phase of the program is a live-fire exercise where Soldiers must demonstrate, by using all of the fundamentals and techniques that he has learned through the program, that he can hit at least 14 of 20 targets each at 100 to 600 meters.

Once the firer has completed the Squad Designated Marksmanship Program, he is identified as a squad designated marksman.

"If the squad leader spots an enemy up in a window 400 or 600 meters away, he can rely on the Squad Designated Marksman to get him with one shot," said Staff Sgt. Robert Jones, with DCD.

Pfc. Gene Kemper, B Company, 1st Bn., 30 Inf. Regt., shot 20 out of 20 targets using the M-4 rifle the first time on the firing line Oct. 27.

"When I got up on the line, I concentrated on breathing and I focused on the targets," he said. "I tried to clear my mind of everything else."

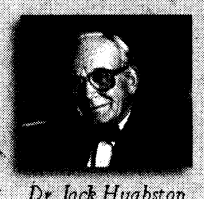
Waldheim said the Soldiers chosen are gaining more firing time and will be able to bring back to their companies the fundamentals and techniques they learned while out on the range.

HOW BAZAAR

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Soldier rapes child, sentenced to 45 years at Leavenworth

Staff sergeant reduced in rank, will forfeit pay

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

A Fort Benning staff sergeant was sentenced to 45 years in prison for the rape of a child under the age of 16 at a general court martial Oct. 15.

The staff sergeant was convicted of four counts of rape of a child, sodomy and indecent acts upon that and another child younger than 16.

The Soldier was stripped of his rank, will forfeit pay and allowances, receive a dishonorable discharge and was sent to Fort Leavenworth to serve his term.

He will attend counseling and be obligated to register as a sex offender.

He was also convicted of a number of other charges: fleeing from police and driving recklessly, violating the Fort Benning garrison regulation by not registering weapons and transporting them incorrectly, violating orders by contacting the victim and family members of the victim, threatening a neighbor and escaping from pre-trial confinement.

One of the escape charges occurred when the Soldier managed to remove his restraints, jump out of the vehicle he was being transported in and ran. He was pursued by 26 sheriff's deputies and finally caught by a canine unit. On a previous occasion, he led the MPs on a high-speed chase across post.

The Staff Judge Advocate's Capt. Rebecca K. Connally prosecuted the case.

"The verdict was a success in that the offender was punished and the victims feel a sense of justice and a sense of closure," said Connally.

In May 2004, a Fort Benning sergeant first class pleaded guilty to sexual abuse on a child younger than 16. He was sentenced to jail time and had his rank reduced.

The Army takes sexual abuse and molestation charges very seriously, and will prosecute, Connally said. If an alleged offender is found guilty, besides jail time, they can be barred from carrying a weapon, removed to a non-deployable unit, or administratively or punitively discharged, limiting their employment opportunities in the civilian world.

"We try these cases not only for a just result, but so victims will know that someone will stand up for them and support them, and the accused will receive his day in court."

The Staff Judge Advocate's Victim and Witness liaisons, Cenneta Gunn and Laura Grant, assisted the victims and their families during and after the trial process.

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> **Capt. Rebecca K. Connally**
> Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Grant and Gunn provided counseling, assisted the families in filing the correct paperwork to receive transitional compensation, and helped them find the services needed to deal with the traumatic events. They worked with the victims and their families from the time the accusations came to the attention of OSJA until after the case concluded.

"In cases like these, it's not just the victims who receive the abuse. Everyone in the family, and everyone who loves the family suffers," Connally said.

"That's why the Victim and Witness liaisons are so important. The trial is just one piece of the battle, and we couldn't do it without them."

Editor's note: *The names of the parties involved have been omitted to protect the privacy of the victims.*



Spc. Eliamar Castanon
EXFOR Company Soldiers attacked insurgents at McKenna Mout Site Monday.

AAEF: Tests technologies

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Research PA, and Communications-Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center. The equipment includes a digital network backbone, unmanned aerial vehicles, radar, airborne retransmission platforms, unmanned ground sensors, dismounted Soldier communications systems, and software platforms that facilitate distributed planning and command and control.

"If we provide timely and relevant information to the warfighters, they will be able to maneuver, position and employ effects to make them more lethal, suggesting they can be more agile and mobile because they are lighter," said Douglas Wong, deputy director for the Command Control Communication Computing Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance On-the-Move Testbed, based at the Communications Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

"Soldiers will be able to trade the weight of armor for ammunition and lethality. The idea is that if you have enough information you can avoid having to need more armor.

The AAEF experimentation process strives to determine the effectiveness of the C4ISR and its effectiveness in supporting smaller and less armored units.

AAEF will experiment with technologies the Army can and does use now, as well as technologies that are in early development and not expected to be fielded until 2012.

"We would like to take the technologies that work and integrate them into the field as they become available," Wong said. "Some of the technologies are still very raw in terms of development. The reason we're doing this experimentation early is to try to catch insights on them as soon as possible. We are not however, the final approval of for any of the experiments."

The next three spirals will take place in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Project: Nears completion

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possible to provide protection to the new museum site during periods of increased threat level.

Fort Benning's garrison manager, Chuck Walls, said the massive project was a good undertaking, helping bring the post in line with other installations.

"Benning has always had people encroaching," Walls said, "either for illegal hunting or illegal dumping."

He said it was not uncommon to find "industrial-sized dump sites" with loads of shingles or other large items, and the fencing would go a long way in keeping the post from becoming responsible for cleaning the sites.

"We started talking about this project in 2000," Walls said. "This fencing represents three years worth of funding and planning finally coming to fruition."

He said Fort Benning would not become a "closed post" because of the fencing, but one with "controlled access."

"If you want to do something legal on Fort Benning, you can come through one of our controlled access points," he said. "People will now have to make a conscious effort to come onto post illegally."

Gift: Helps foundation

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ever, lost sight of the plight of the Soldiers."

Eddy, who died in 1962, was remembered as a "Soldiers' Soldier," a forward-thinking leader who believed every Soldier should be a warrior long before the Army adopted such a policy.

He told his cooks and medics to take up the fight when American troops encountered a mass of German forces on France's Cherbourg Peninsula.

It worked, and Eddy earned a spot in history as "one of the greatest war fighters of the second world war," said Fort Benning's commander, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley.

It was entirely fitting, Freakley said, that the ceremony took place on the National Infantry Museum's third floor before a display case filled with photographs, uniforms and articles from Eddy's career. It was here, when the building was the new post hospital, that Eddy's daughter, Martha, was born — one of the first babies delivered there. Martha slept in a dresser drawer, because cribs had not arrived yet.

> "This is the perfect way to honor those who've gone before us. I can't think of a more deserving person than General Eddy"
>
> **Ben Hardaway**
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Eddy's story is the story of the military family, the story of the "marriage" of Fort Benning and Columbus, and the story of many, many brave infantrymen, Freakley said.

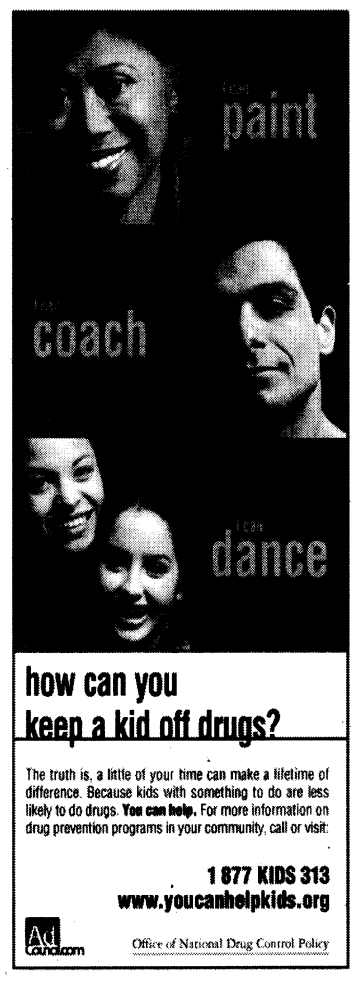
"All these stories will be told in the new museum. That's what this project is all about," he said.

The museum complex is scheduled to open in 2006 with a gallery devoted to the European Theater of World War II. That gallery will likely bear Eddy's name.

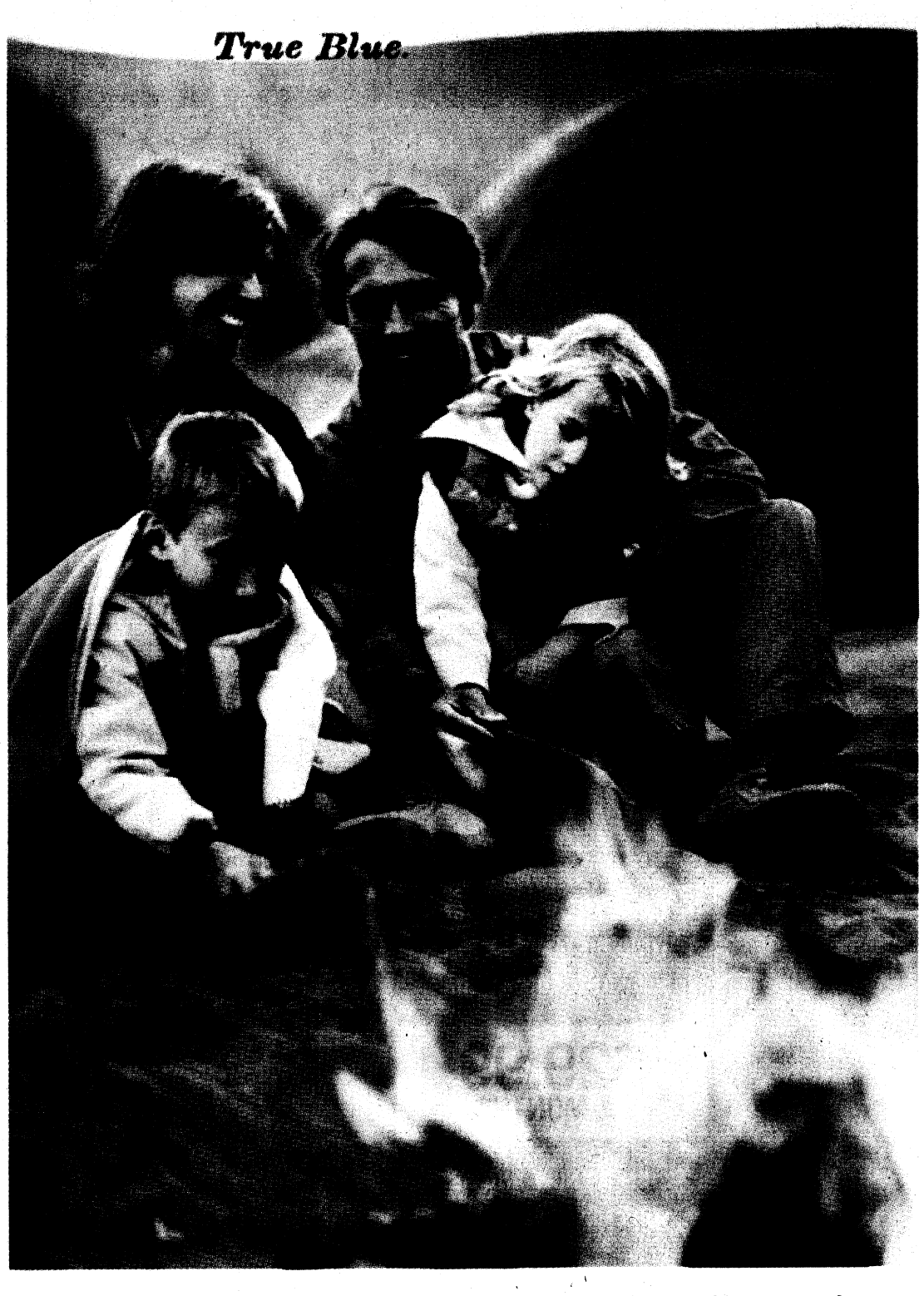
"This is the perfect way to honor those who've gone before us," said Hardaway. "I can't think of a more deserving person than General Eddy."

The foundation reached one-third of its $70 million goal with Friday's donation, said Cyndy Cerbin, the foundation's director of communications.

The new museum and Heritage Park will be built on 200 acres between South Lumpkin Road and Benning Boulevard.







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Fort Benning CFC nears $900,000 mark

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Combined Federal Campaign has surpassed any goal it has ever set by nearly hitting the $900,000 mark since the campaign kicked off in August.

Usually, the CFC would have ended by this time of year, but because of the continued support from Fort Benning, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, has not yet closed the campaign.

"The way the money is coming in, I predict we will hit the $900,000 mark by Monday," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager.

"Our initial goal was $800,000, which is a pretty hefty goal. I was really pleased with everybody's participation."

Walls credits the success of this year's campaign to the leadership at Fort Benning and communicating the sense of giving to the community.

"If you don't explain what (CFC) is all about to people, they have a tendency to not want to participate," Walls said. "I'm a believer that everyone has a sense to want to help others, you just have to touch that nerve. A lot of that has played a role in almost reaching $900,000."

Last year, Fort Benning won a Presidential Award as the most improved campaign out of the Department of Defense installations for exceeding it's goal of $770,000.

"Each year I see where Soldiers' hearts are," said Cindy Cain, tricommunity CFC director.

"The agencies that Soldiers give to indicate it."

Cain works with CFC all year to ensure all the money is going to the appropriate agencies.

"It's good to donate to CFC because it's the only campaign in the country that all nonprofit agencies fall under and donors are not being constantly hassled to give money to," Cain said. "Also, when people donate their money they can feel safe that it is going where they want it to go."

Since not all of Fort Benning's units have submitted their CFC packets, Walls said the campaign will remain open to garnish a little more success before shutting down.

Once the campaign is finally closed, Cain will insure all pledges are sent through finance for the payroll allotments to be set up.

She will also make sure the rest of the donations are sent to the appropriate agencies.

"It's been a very successful campaign and it's largely in part of the great support from Soldiers," Cain said.

Airborne Black Hat convicted of fraternizing, adultery

Offenses violated Army, unit policies

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Staff Sgt. James Agan, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, was convicted of fraternization, adultery, failure to follow a lawful order, filing a false statement and interfering with an investigation in a special court-martial held Sept. 21.

Agan was sentenced to 90 days hard labor without confinement, rank reduction to private, forfeiture of $500 a month for three months and a bad conduct discharge.

"The incident with Staff Sgt. Agan is indeed a blight on our regiment," Lt. Col. Sean McCaffrey, battalion commander, said, "We are entrusted with the sons and daughters of America — Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. Failure to discharge that trust by any NCO or officer is intolerable."

Between Feb. 1 and March 31, Agan, an Airborne instructor, had sexual relations with two airborne students on several occasions, violating both an Army Regulation, 600-20, and a 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Inf. Regt., policy letter outlining standards of conduct for cadre. At the time, Agan was legally separated from his wife, but still married.

"If you aren't divorced, you are married in the Army," said Capt. Matthew Nieman, trial counsel for the government in the court martial. "It doesn't matter if you are separated or not, it's still adultery."

State laws do not apply in military legal proceedings.

When Agan learned an investigation of his relationships was pending, he contacted both of the females and told them to lie in the event they were questioned. In a sworn statement, dated May 11, he denied the relationships existed and then recanted in a second statement.

"I believe the appropriate actions have been taken regarding his blatant lack of regard for the policies all the leaders in this organization espouse," McCaffrey said. "We'll continue to train the finest paratroopers, jump masters and pathfinders and fulfill our obligations to the Department of Defense."

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Benning's water safe to drink

Discolorations due to repairs, construction

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The post's water treatment plant filters about 4 million gallons of water a day.

Fort Benning residents can rest assured that the water they drink and use daily is safe — even if it occasionally looks a little brown.

Shaw and Columbus Water Works workers fielded several inquiries about the quality of the water last week after residents in Olson Hall and Davis Hill housing noticed their water was off-color.

"Historically, this happens because of old water supply lines," said Joe Wilkins, an environmental specialist with the Directorate of Public Works. "The old lines have accumulations of sediment and scale." And whenever there is a major change in the water pressure running through the lines, it stirs the sediment.

Wilkins said the normal pressure in the lines is about 75 psi, but drops to about 10 psi when segments of the lines are shut down for maintenance. When the line is opened, the pressure jumps instantly, stirring the sediment, which should settle within a day or two.

The water coming from the water treatment plant is "pretty clear stuff," Wilkins said, and should look clear. So, the discolored water is not coming from the plant, but from the pipes.

"It's a nuisance concern, not a public health concern," Wilkins said, "but we still have a responsibility to stop it." He said there is no bacteria or viruses associated with the turbidity caused by stirring up the sediment.

Turbidity is the measurement of the cloudiness of the water, and something the CWW Works workers measure hourly at the water treatment facility.

The turbidity is measured by shining a light through a water sample and taking the readings of the light transmitted all of the way through the sample as well as the light scattered as it passes through.

"A reading of under one is good. The closer to zero the better," said John Cooper, CWW's manager of water quality monitoring.

Cooper said the Environmental Protection Agency recommends periodically flushing water lines to get fresh water into the system and flush out the sediment.

Since the CWW has only had responsibility for the Fort Benning system for a little over a month, he said they are still assessing what needs to be done. By visiting different sites in the lines quarterly and testing samples, the CWW will be able to use the results in setting up a flushing schedule.

The CWW does test the water's iron levels when red water complaints come in to ensure the water doesn't have more than the .3 mg per liter limit set by the EPA.

"Increased iron levels are noticeable well below that limit," Cooper said, "but most of the time we can trace the cause of the red water back to construction activity or the fire department drawing water to extinguish a fire."

The CWW draws more than 4 million gallons of water daily from the Upatoi. That water spends several hours processing through the treatment plant off Marne Road before heading out through the distribution system to Fort Benning customers.

Fort Benning currently uses 4 to 6 million gallons daily and the plant is capable of providing 12 to 18 million gallons, if needed.

Robert Lee Barron, a class 2 water treatment plant operator, has been working at the plant since he retired from the Marine Corps in 1994.

During his shift, Barron tests the turbidity of four water samples every hour and records the results in the permanent log. He said a system of checks and balances ensures the customers are getting the best quality water from the plant.

Turbidity testing on Thursday showed a reading of 9 NTU — Nephelometric Turbidity Units, named for the inventor of the process — for the raw water entering the plant from the Upatoi. The raw water is then pumped into settling tanks, where the large sediment is removed.

The water then moves through a series of 12 filters where alum and lime are added to help remove clay and sand particles. The filtered water's .05 NTU reading is a big improvement from the quality of the raw water, Barron said.

Barron's final test is the finished water sent out to the customer.

While the turbidity reading of .13 NTU was higher than that of the filtered water, Barron said it reflects the added turbidity caused by adding lime, chlorine fluoride and phosphates to bring the pH of the water back up.

Family advocacy targets prevention, solutions

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

The Second Annual Family Violence Awareness Program brought together a few of the various agencies who fight domestic violence on Oct. 28 as Domestic Violence Awareness month drew to a close.

Speakers included Judge Maureen Gottfried of the Muscogee County State Court, Chief Preston Robinson of the Phenix City Police Department and social worker Debra F. Howell with Fort Benning's Family Advocacy Center.

The event, sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program, Social Work Services, Directorate of Public Safety, Chaplain Family Life Center and Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, focused on social work and intervention, law enforcement and the legal penalties for abuse.

Working together, the agencies can more effectively combat abuse, Col. Lyle W. Cayce, Staff Judge Advocate, said.

"I hope we understand that we are not alone in the fight."

Gottfried said the biggest challenge she faces is that most abuse victims try to drop the charges when legal penalties are possible, but it is often not their choice.

If physical abuse occurs, the state pursues charges, sometimes without the victim's testimony.

"It's a tough stance to take, but it's a tough situation. We have a duty to the victims and the community at large," Gottfried said.

Many people who are in abusive relationships grew up seeing abuse in their home and teach it to their children, perpetuating the cycle, Robinson said.

"We do what we saw our parents do," he said.

Domestic violence prevention programs need to focus on educating children and families that abuse is wrong, "starting from the beginning," Robinson said.

Robinson said 1,927 instances of domestic violence were reported in 2003 in Alabama.

Of 297 homicides, 80 percent were caused by domestic abuse.

Raymond Tillery of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate helped organize the event.

"We want to get the word out to people at Fort Benning. You're not isolated. There are people here who want to help you," said Tillery.

The Family Advocacy Center offers education, anger management classes, counseling and intervention for Soldiers, family members and civilians who are in abusive situations.

When a violent event comes to the attention of Family Advocacy, the first thing that happens is a 72-hour "cooling off" time, in which the abuser and victim are separated.

Family Advocacy works with the family to find solutions, and evaluates progress at least every 12 weeks.

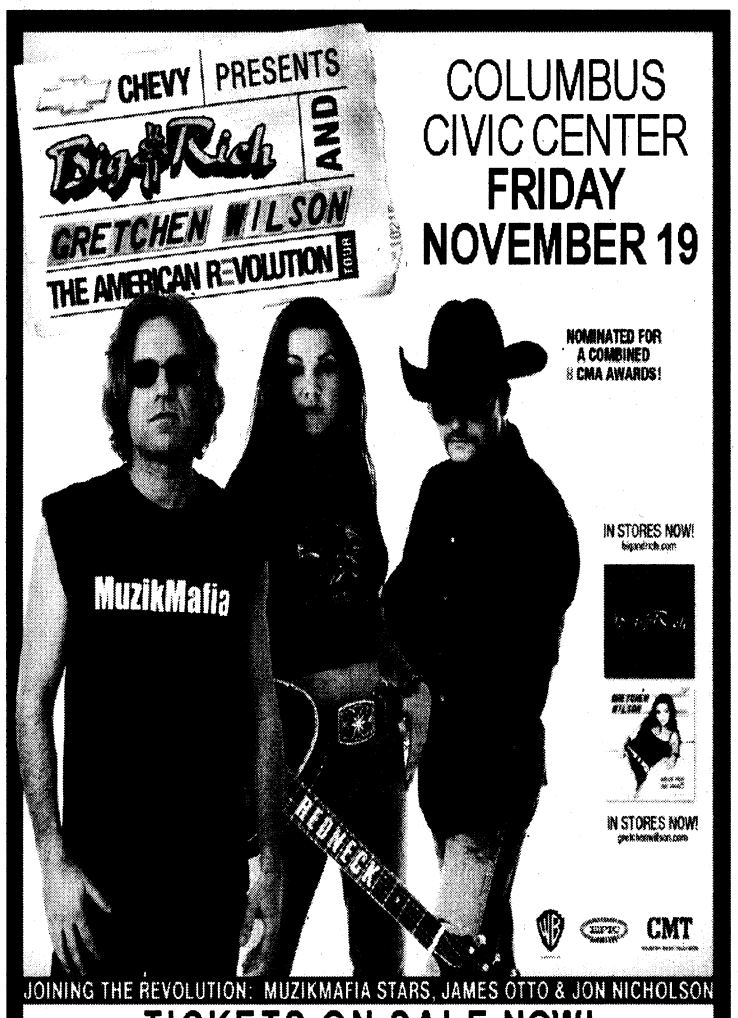
They also work with Phenix City and Columbus on programs such as the semiannual child abuse conference and off-post shelters for victims of abuse.

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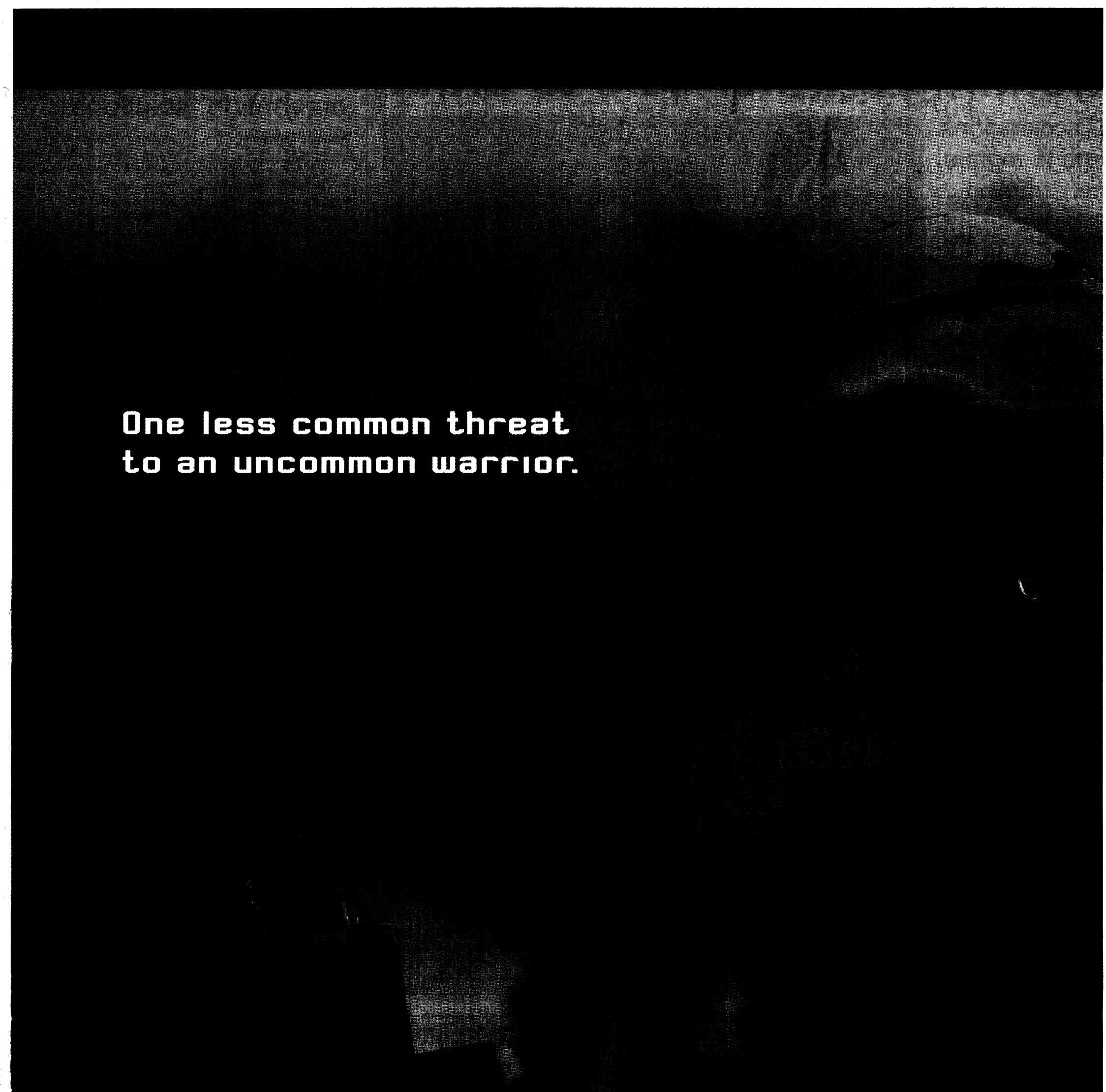
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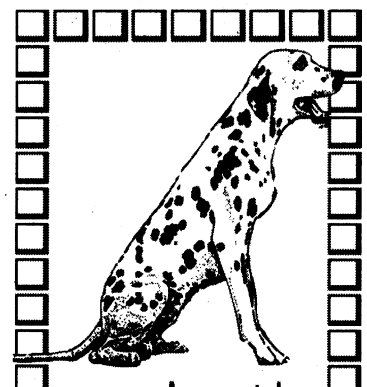
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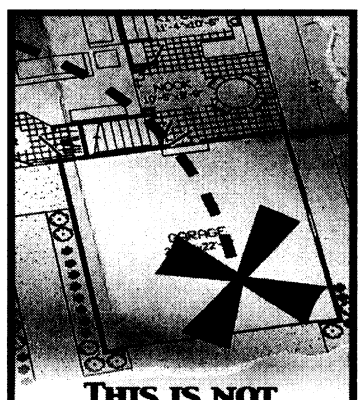
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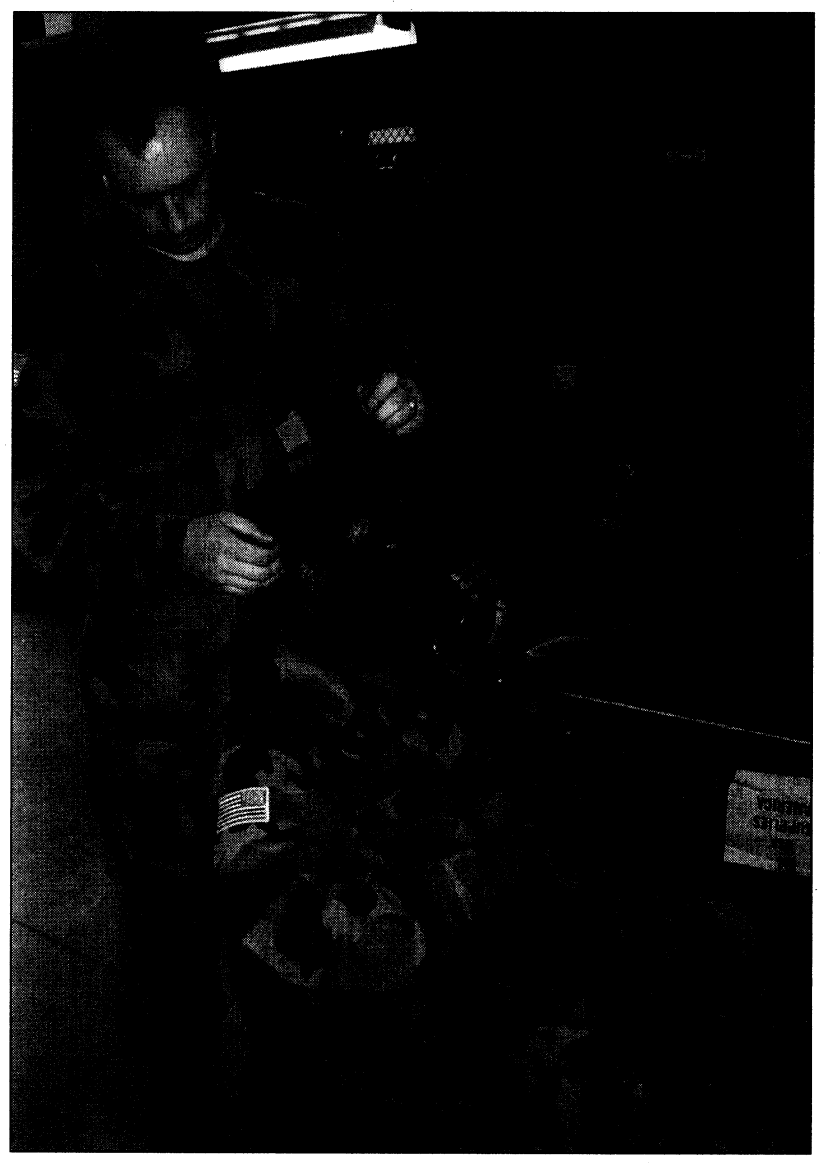
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Sgt. Chad Shier, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group NBC NCO, checks for a proper fit on Sgt. Charles Ramsey's protective mask in the NBC room Nov. 2.

MOS 74D replaced the 54 NBC MOS series last year.

Soldiers receive 19 weeks of Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

They are primarily responsible for:
- operating, maintaining or supervising the use of NBC detection and decontamination equipment
- providing training advice and assisting in establishing and applying NBC defense measures

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Chemical MOS not just NBC room ops

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Sgt. Chad Shier has found his niche in an MOS known jokingly as "bugs and gas" or "nobody cares.

Shier is the nuclear, biological and chemical NCO for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group and is working hard to prepare the unit's Soldiers for deployment to Iraq. He's been there once already and he knows the stress associated with the uncertainty of NBC warfare.

But what makes Shier unique, is he's really an 88M, a truck driver, with two years in the Army and eight years in the Marine Corps under his belt. He's in the process of reclassifying to become a bona fide 74D, chemical operations specialist. He's been filling the 74D position in HHC since he arrived at Fort Benning.

As a company NBC NCO, Shier is working in the least glamorous and most misunderstood positions in his adopted specialty.

"Until I came into this job, I knew nothing about the NBC world," Shier said. "It's definitely under appreciated."

After graduating from the post's two-week NBC school, Shier felt he had learned enough to do his job well.

Before the 36th's deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom last year, Shier was busy making sure the Soldiers in his company had the equipment and the training they needed.

"There was a great, big emphasis on NBC," he said. "Everything else took a back seat." And since no one knew whether Saddam Hussein possessed the capability or intended to use weapons of mass destruction, NBC preparations were important. Although Hussein didn't use any chemical or biological weapons during the deployment, Shier said the threat is still hanging over their heads.

"NBC is still a concern," Shier said, "but now the threat to convoys is greater than the NBC threat. That threat is real."

Shier manages the company's more than $300,000 of NBC equipment, making sure everything is maintained properly — from having Soldiers perform required maintenance on their protective masks, to checking key pieces of NBC detection equipment. He also serves as the company commander's primary resource on all matters NBC in the event the unit came under an NBC attack.

"My biggest focus right now is issuing masks and making sure everyone has their individual equipment," he said, "and on company training, both individual and equipment."

Shier's mentor in the unit is Master Sgt. Kerrethel Avery, the Group NBC NCO, a chemical Soldier with 18 years in the Army. When she arrived in the unit in August, she was impressed with the job Shier was doing, even though he's not a U.S. Army Chemical School-trained NCO.

"For the last few months he's been conducting all the mandatory skill level 1 training," Avery said. "Those are the (NBC) tasks that are going to save your life."

She said the non-74D Soldiers, like Shier, are doing excellent jobs.

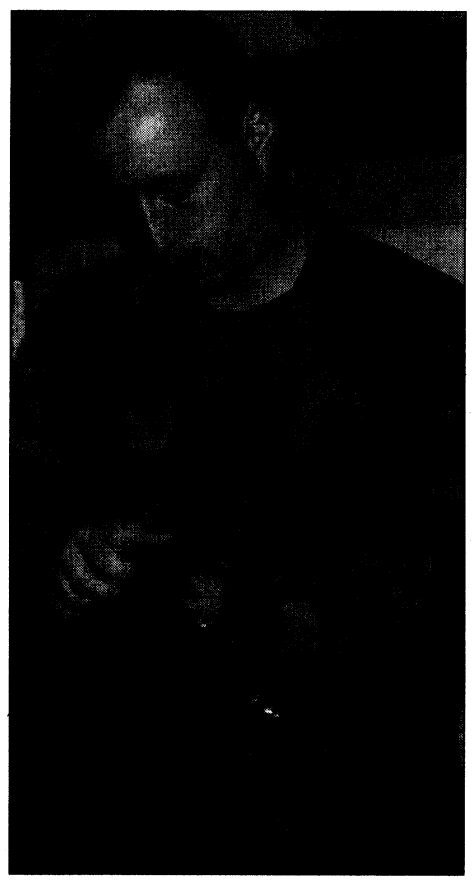
"They are so into their jobs," she said, "and they try hard."

Shier leads the HHC Soldiers through training on MOPP exchange and use of pieces of NBC equipment, like the M-22 Advanced Chemical Agent Detection Apparatus.

And when Shier finally is able to attend the 74D Basic NCO Course after he returns from the deployment, Avery said he'll get one piece of training unique to the Chemical Corps — a trip into the Chemical Decontamination Training Facility — a live-agent training event. There, Shier will perform chemical agent testing and decontamination in a environment contaminated with live nerve and mustard gas agents.

Shier's next assignment will most likely be in one of the few chemical units in the Army. He'll see the other side of the MOS, the part Avery likes the best, and can serve in a decontamination company, an NBC reconnaissance company, a smoke generating company or in a Technical Escort Unit.

Avery is a graduate of both the J5 TEU and L5 NBC reconnaissance courses, and has served in decontamination platoons, as a unit NBC NCO and as a drill sergeant for 74D Soldiers.



Sgt. Chad Shier, reassembles an M-40 protective mask after cleaning it. One of Shier's jobs is to ensure Soldiers are properly caring for their NBC equipment.

In the TEU course, she learned about chemical agent sampling and received extensive training on packaging munitions. Some of that training included more live agent training in Canada. While deployed to Israel during OIF, she served as an advisor to a Patriot missile unit, leaving only after the SCUD threat was over. She deployed again with the TEU to support the Solders in Afghanistan.

"The best part about (about being a 74D) is we're allowed to do different jobs all within one MOS," Avery said. "Women couldn't always serve in TEU or in smoke platoons. But now, I get to work around live chemicals. Our MOS is so versatile. You can take this experience (with you) once you retire."

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The White House Communications Agency Recruiting Team will visit post Tuesday. They will conduct two separate briefings, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m., in Classroom 30 of Infantry Hall.

The agency is looking for Soldiers to provide state-of-the-art communications support to the president of the United States.

The Soldier must be able to travel, work with little supervision and be extremely responsible.

The Soldier must be able to obtain and keep a top secret security clearance, have no history of derogatory information and be able to serve in a four-year Presidential Support Duty billet. The agency is looking for those Soldiers in the MOS of 25M, R, V, Z, F, P, S, W, X, 21W, 35E, W, 42L, 44E, 52D, 52X, 63B and 98G.

For more information, call Danielle Gunsett at (202) 757-5145 or DSN 284-2000, ext. 7-5145.

BOSS Disney trip

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers has planned a road trip to Orlando, Fla., Thursday through Nov. 14 to visit the Disney theme parks.

Participating Soldiers need to bring $45 per night for the hotel. There will be shuttle buses available to take the Soldier to the park of their choice.

Tickets for Disney can be purchased at Omega Travel or at the park. Signups will be taken for the trip until the bus is full.

A signed leave form will need to be provided prior to boarding the bus.

For more information, call Spc. Matthew Gobble at 545-6800.

Native American Heritage Month

The U.S. Army Infantry Center and the Equal Opportunity Office will present the Native American Heritage Month Celebration at 11 a.m. Nov. 16 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

Guest speaker is Tim Harjo of the Chickasaw Nation. There will also be a free food sampling.

For more information, see your unit's EO advisor or call the EO office at 545-6665 or 545-3200.

German Memorial Day

The German Army Liaison Staff will conduct a German Army Memorial Day Ceremony at 4 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Main Post Cemetery.

A reception will follow at 5 p.m. at the Follow Me Golf Club. Reservations are required by Nov. 15.

For more information, call 545-6251.

Recruit the Recruiter

The U.S. Army Recruit the Recruiter Team will be conducting presentations at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nov. 22-24 in Classroom 30 in Infantry Hall.

For information, call 545-8771 or 545-7387.

Events: To remember veterans' contributions

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Wreath Laying Ceremony

A wreath laying ceremony to commemorate Gen. Henry Lewis Benning will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Linwood Cemetery.

The ceremony will include an invocation, words by Freakley, the placement of the wreath and the playing of *Taps* and the national anthem.

Not Fancy, Just Tough

The Sledgehammer Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at 8 a.m. Thursday at the National Infantry Museum. They will remember the actions of Soldiers who bravely fought with the 3rd Inf. Div. to preserve the nation's freedom and spread liberty worldwide.

For information, call 544-4017.

Pre-Veterans Day

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park committee and the Combined Communities of Southeast Community will present a tricommunity pre-Veterans Day celebration at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park off Lawyers Lane and Buena Vista Road in Columbus. The keynote speaker will be retired Col. Russell Eno, editor of *Infantry Magazine*.

The celebration will also feature the U.S. Marine Corps Honor Detail and Color Guards from Albany, Georgia and music from the Carver High School Band, Rock Korean Presbyterian Choir, Double Churches Middle School and performers Ed Cox, Scott Bush, Wallace McCormick and Rose Massey.

Also featured are Gold Star Wives and Mothers, American Legion Post 267's drill team, the Russell County Jr. ROTC, a group of Jr. ROTC from Muscogee County School District, the Rolling Thunder, Medal of Honor recipient retired Col. Robert Nett and Fort Benning Chaplain (Capt.) Jeffery Van Ness. In case of inclement weather, the program will be at Wynnton Hill Baptist Church, 2620 Buena Vista Road.

For information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357 or 321-9596.

A Tribute to Veterans

A daylong Veterans Day Celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park. The celebration will include World War II re-enactments, military exhibits, an antique car show and Flint Flyers radio-controlled airplane demonstrations.

The park is located 10 miles west off I-75, exit 101 in Cordele, Ga.

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Soldiers from E Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, don't hide their war faces during a day of obstacles. The Soldiers took on two courses on Sand Hill to learn teamwork, discipline and the importance of motivation.

E Co. puts on its game face

Pvt. Franklin Porter has a war face like no one else. At the age of 19, he can scare his toughest adversaries with only a look.

Actually, if you check out any of the Soldiers at E Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, you'd be surprised at how much they look like infantrymen, although they are only in their second week of training.

The Soldiers spent all day Monday testing their abilities to face fear and work together as a team to take on the Confidence Course and the Obstacle Course on Sand Hill.

"The purpose of these obstacle courses is to instill team building and confidence in the Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Fernando Perez, 3rd Platoon drill sergeant.

"They're still in the learning phase — the total control phase. These Soldiers are still trying to figure out how to work together as a team to accomplish the mission. After three weeks, they'll figure out what to do to help each other out."

The Soldiers were faced with monkey bars, rope climbs, crab and bear crawls, log runs, low crawling through a pit of war under barb wire and the constant yelling from the drill sergeants to "wait for your buddy, you!"

"The obstacles aren't hard," said Staff Sgt. John Ingoldsby, 4th Platoon drill sergeant. "The hardest part for the Soldiers is remembering to wait for their buddies and completing the obstacles as teams."

"C'mon Porter! C'mon Stuckey! C'mon man!" Encouraging words from Soldiers trying to get through the courses together and trying to accomplish the missions as a team.

The Soldiers who couldn't finish an obstacle correctly dropped for 25 push-ups, while some of their buddies dropped and pushed with them to show their support.

"These are good people," said Pvt. Martin Griffin, 1st Platoon Soldier.

"It can be stressful and challenging, but there's a lot of good people in my platoon, and we keep each other going."

The 24 year-old from Oakland, Calif., joined the Army in search of better opportunities for himself and his family.

"The hardest part of all of this is being away from my two little girls," he said.

"But we're all going through the same thing, and we all have families we miss.

"My father is a Vietnam and Korean War veteran, and he told me it would be this way," Griffin said. "It's not as hard as I thought it would be, but don't get me wrong, it can really get hard at times.

But all of it is worth it to go out there and help the troops that are already deployed."

After accomplishing the Obstacle Course, Porter was muddy, wet and covered in sand from head to toe. The exhaustion was visible on his face as well as his battle buddies, but his motivation never wavered.

"I joined the Army to serve my country," he said.

"This is a lot harder than I expected it to be, both physically and mentally. I have to make it through though. I'm going to give the military a hundred and ten percent."

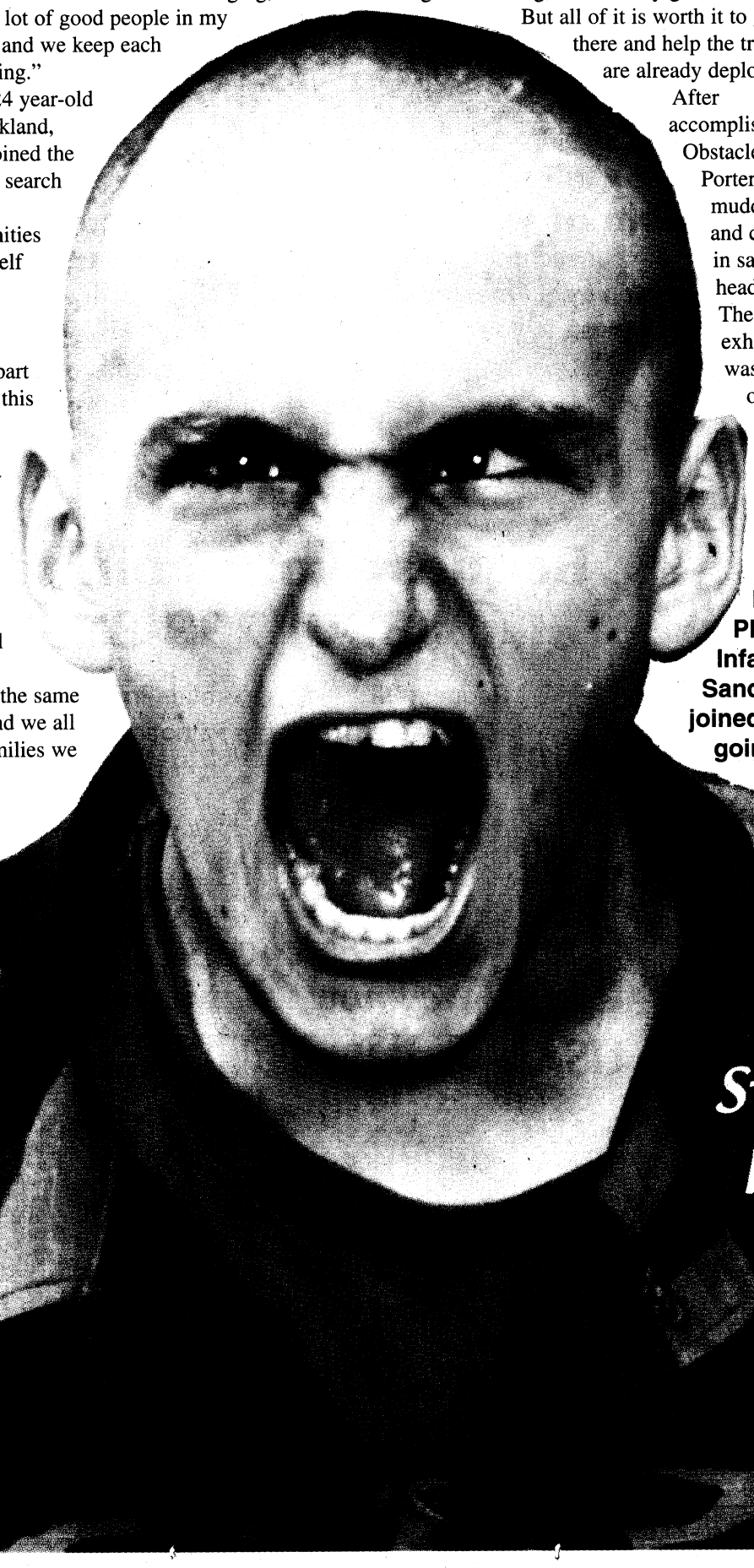
Perez said every cycle of Soldiers is different, so it's difficult to compare them. But the fact that these new Soldiers joined an Army at war is never forgotten during each training cycle.

"The fact that we're a country at war is stressed constantly during the cycle," Perez said.

"Even the National Guard and Reserve Soldiers get deployed now, so no one can take this training lightly.

"By the time these Soldiers graduate they'll fully understand the importance of situational and battle focus awareness."

E Co. graduates at 9 a.m. Feb. 11 on Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

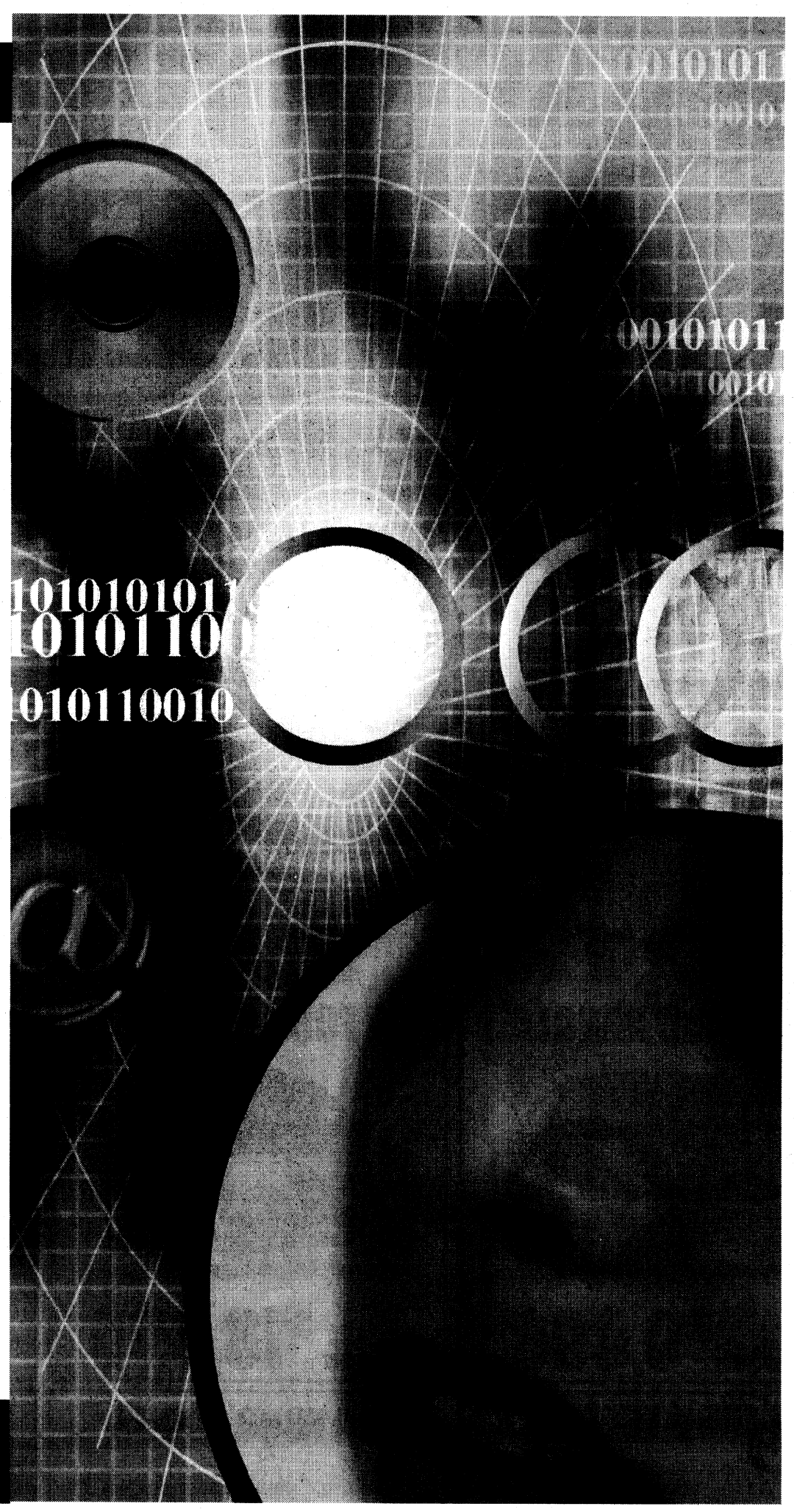


Pvt. Franklin Porter, 2nd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, shows his "war face" at the Sand Hill Obstacle Course Nov. 1. Porter said he joined the Army to serve his country and he's going to give the military 110 percent. E Co. will graduate from basic training Feb. 11.

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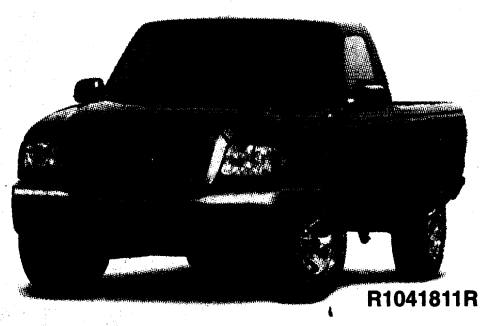
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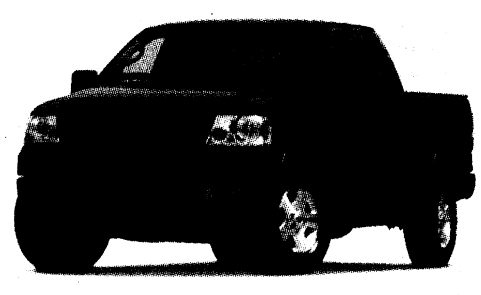
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COMMUNITY

On the 15th anniversary of freedom in East Berlin, local residents reflect on their thoughts about the day

the Wall came tumbling down

Local resident reunites with sister in Berlin

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

"In 1961 ... John Kennedy was president of the United States. Nikita Kruschev was premier of the Soviet Union. Jet passenger planes were still a marvel. Skyjacking was a threat. The Soviets had just orbited Cosmonaut Titov. To Kill a Mockingbird *was at the top of the moviegoer's list. Short haircuts and beehive hairdos were in style; so were pegged pants. Campus protests were in the news. Southern states still had segregated "colored" drinking fountains and toilets. And the Berlin Wall was erected."*

***— The Writings on the Wall,* Terry Tillman**

Tillman, recalling his first visit to the Wall in 1988, described Berlin as "a broken heart, two halves split ... a feeling of hurt." That from an American who admitted to feelings of ambivalence that left him unable to relate to the plight of Germans who suffered on either side of the wall. He simply wasn't interested in politics.

That much he had in common with Anna Davis. She wasn't interested in the politics of division either. But the wall that divided Germany divided her family. Davis knows more about the brokenhearted Germany than most.

Davis's mother, Frieda, was a war widow with three babies to raise, when she left East Germany in search of a better life. She traveled west, leaving her children with her mother until she could find a job and a home.

But the German Democratic Republic erected a barrier 800 miles long, seemingly overnight, dividing East and West Germany and effectively making West Berlin an island.

The young widow was stranded — or perhaps it was her mother and children who were stranded — afloat in a sea of despair and loneliness in a city, or half a city, of more than 4 million residents.

Frieda settled north of Frankfurt, married and had six more children. Anna was born in 1948.

When Anna was 5, she traveled by train to meet her siblings. Her memories are vague, or "fuzzy," as anyone's would be after half a century. She remembers her grandmother's goat. She barely remembers her older sister, who died from epilepsy as a teenager. Frieda was not allowed to attend the funeral.

Anna moved to the United States in 1966, five years after Berlin's "wall" became the Wall, 105 miles long, encircling the city.

She never returned to the East, and her mother died without her first-born children.

Now a resident of Columbus, with a family of her own, Anna remembers the day the Wall came down only as the leading story on the evening news, though she's hard-pressed to recall the actual date, Nov. 9, 1989. It was good news from abroad, but nothing personal.

"It never registered that something would change, that it would make a difference in my family," she said. "That was such a long time ago. We'd learned to live with it. We didn't even know if any of them were still alive."

But Anna's older sister, Brigette, wanted to find her family in the west. Her grandmother was dead and so was her mother, though she didn't know it at the time. All she had to go on was her stepfather's name, but that was enough to launch a successful Internet search.

Anna met Brigette at the train station in 1991. She remembers that well, because the U.S. was at war and plane fares were low, making it possible for Anna to travel to Germany with her husband, Burt, and their daughter Nicki, who's now 18, about the same age Anna was when she left her homeland.

The sisters' reunion was a bit awkward, remarkable only for its utter lack of emotion.

"We were total strangers," she said. "I wouldn't have known her if I passed her on the street. It wasn't like seeing a long-lost sister. It was more like making a new friend."

Anna admits she was skeptical about meeting Brigette — even doubted her motives at first. But the stranger at the station bore a resemblance to their mother, and Anna soon warmed to her sister.

They stay in touch, though they've never again visited. Anna has yet to meet her nephew or reunite with her older brother. Like Anna, he apparently feels no ties to siblings he can't remember.

That, more than anything, is the personal legacy of the Wall, Anna said.

"It's such a shame. We learned to live with it, but it's strange, you know, that (a wall) could do that to people," she said.

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> **Anna Davis**
> Columbus resident separated from sister by Berlin Wall

American remembers joy as Berlin chipped away at its Wall

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It's strange really, when you think about the emotions and lack thereof elicited by the Wall and its demise.

More than anything, Anna Davis is struck by the utter lack of enthusiasm she felt watching the event on the news. She was happy for her countrymen, but the effect the Wall had on her family could not be reversed. She couldn't get back what was lost.

Lois Whitmire, on the other hand, watched the Wall come down with a great sense of joy. She joined the celebration at the Brandenburg Gate with visitors from around the world.

Whitmire is an administrative assistant for Fort Benning's Directorate of Operations and Training, but in 1989, she was living in West Berlin with her three daughters and her husband, whose job with the Defense Commissary Agency took them to various parts of Germany for six years.

Whitmire, who grew up hearing stories about the Wall from a Sunday School teacher whose family had escaped from the communist regime, loved living in Germany. She frequently rode the duty train to East Berlin. At an exchange rate of about 5,000 marks for 50 American dollars, shopping in the east was a big attraction. And a five-course meal, including caviar and champagne, cost less than $5.

That's how Whitmire and her friends happened to be in East Berlin Nov. 9, 1989. Though the news that morning hinted at the Wall coming down, no one paid it much mind. No one dared take it seriously, save for a few East Berliners who tentatively stepped across the line and waited for the repercussions. No shots were fired, no one died, and as the day wore on, citizens dared to hope freedom was a reality.

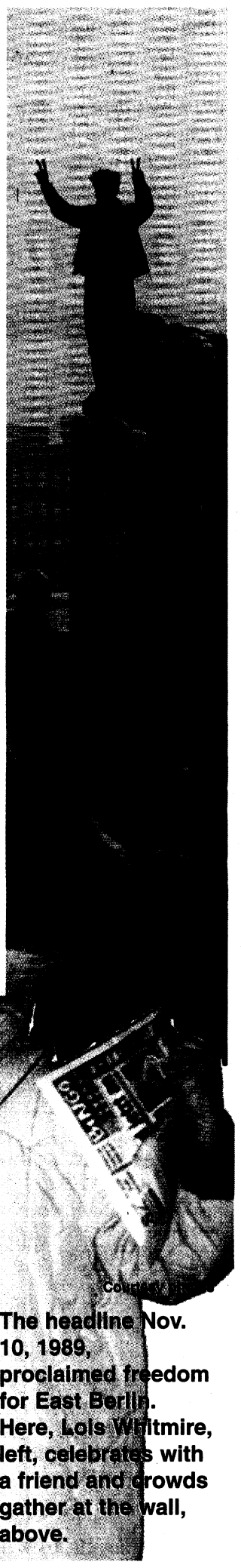
By nightfall, the streets leading to the checkpoints were jam-packed with motorists and pedestrians hoping to get a firsthand look at the free world.

Whitmire and her friends were caught up in the flood, enjoying being part of what they knew to be a historical moment. But as the clock edged toward midnight, the hour all Americans were required to be out of East Berlin, guards led them out. The next day, Whitmire returned and watched as Berliners from the East and West chipped away at the Wall and wept tears of joy.

"There was one man I'll never forget, he was hammering away as if he could get it to come down all by himself," Whitmire said. "There was that kind of passion everywhere. You couldn't help but be a part of it."

Whitmire, who keeps various mementos of her time in Germany, including pieces of the Wall, returned to take part in the ceremonial opening of the Brandenburg Gate in December of that year. Atop the gate, she met well-wishers from around the world who'd flown to Germany to take part in the event. More than ever, Whitmire appreciated her good fortune to be "in the right place at the right time."

"Before, when we'd visit the East, nobody smiles — ever. Nobody *ever* smiled," she said. "That all changed. It was so exciting to see them celebrate and sing and dance. They were shouting, 'The Wall is down! The Wall is down!' It was very emotional."



Courtesy photo

The headline Nov. 10, 1989, proclaimed freedom for East Berlin. Here, Lois Whitmire, left, celebrates with a friend and crowds gather at the wall, above.

Cold War's powder keg historically divided

Berlin's history one of walls, division

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Berlin has always been a "walled" city. The 800-year-old town has roots steeped in war and division. It grew from two merchant settlements, Berlin and Coelln, along the Spree River. The towns, plural, surrounded themselves with fortifications — a small section of which can still be seen in East Berlin's Littenstrasse.

In 1307, they merged and entered a very long period of turbulence. With the 30 Years War and a series of epidemics, Berlin's population was halved, from 12,000 to 6,000 in the mid-1600s. A campaign to encourage immigration and the merging of Berlin with four other towns increased its population to 400,000 during the next 150 years.

During the 18th century, the town became an important center of politics, business and culture — one of Europe's most important cities. Even today, Berlin's elaborate architecture speak of a 50-year period of renaissance.

The Brandenburg Gate was completed in 1786 and incorporated into the city wall, which was built in 1935.

Napoleon's troops occupied Berlin in October 1806, leading to a patriotic movement and a successful war of liberation. But when victory over France was secure, the Prussian King Frederick William III failed to keep his promise of emancipation, and the city once again knew conflict as revolution divided the nation.

The Prussian prime minister united Germany in 1871 "with iron and blood," and Berlin became the capital of the German Reich.

After the defeat of World War I, the Berlin we know emerged. In 1920, as a result of "territorial reform," the city's burgeoning population was divided into 20 governable boroughs. With more than 700 square miles, Berlin continued to flourish as the largest industrial city on the continent.

Economic crisis hit Berlin in the early 1930s, partly due to Europe's political upheaval. President von Hindenburg appointed Adolf Hitler chancellor in 1933, and the Nazis began their rise to power and soon, their reign of terror.

Hitler's henchmen began a full-scale campaign to oust communist, social-democrat and trade union party leaders. Many were murdered. In 1938, Hitler's furor was unleashed on the Jews, and paved the way for Nazi Germany's involvement in World War II.

The German army surrendered in Berlin in 1945, with the city on the verge of total destruction.

The Allies divided the city, the Soviet sector on the east, the west occupied by the U.S., Great Britain, and later, France. It wasn't long before the communist party controlled East Berlin and tensions rose.

In many cases, the individual sectors adopted governing policies inconsistent with one another.

Political differences that once paled in light of shared interest in the demise of the Nazis now became fuel for division.

Step by step, the Soviets disengaged from the Allies, refusing to recognize policies or the power of officials elected under their administration.

By 1948, relations were so strained, the U.S., Great Britain and France began to withhold information on resolutions taken in conference, disagreements over currency reform escalated, and the Soviet Union imposed a blockade of Berlin, prohibiting supplies to pass through its zone to reach the Western Allies by road, rail or water.

East Berlin, of course, continued to receive freight from the surrounding Soviet zones. The four powers entered the Cold War, and Berlin was the powder keg.

The blockade backfired on the Soviets. West Berlin received sufficient supplies via airlift, and what's more, the blockade caused the residents of Berlin to march in protest and shift their allegiances to the Allies. It forged a bond between the citizens of both sectors — a bond so strong it couldn't be severed by the wall.

The Berlin Wall was erected in 1961 under the guise of keeping the "Western Imperialists" out, though in truth, it was designed to keep East Berliners in.

Socialism had failed, and more than 2 million residents had fled to the west, despite efforts to control their movement through "identity cards" and travel papers.

On an August night in 1961, thousands of workers and units from East Berlin's People's Police marched to the sector boundary and hastily erected a barricade using barbed wire.

Construction of the Wall followed shortly after.

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Garrett Christopher Allsen — born Oct. 18 to Julie and Pfc. Bryan Allsen.

Jiovanni Anthony Guerra — born Oct. 19 to Carrie and Staff Sgt. Jose Guerra.

Hazen Barrett Powell — born Oct. 20 to Nicole and Capt. David Powell.

Jordan Tariq Young — born Oct. 21 to Jennifer and Spc. Paul Young.

Tyler John Svoboda — born Oct. 21 to Suzanne and Capt. Shawn Svoboda.

Elontei Raivon Housey — born Oct. 22 to Staff Sgts. JoeAnn and Donald Housey.

Alexander Coy Dial — born Oct. 23 to Marcy and Spc. Sam Dial.

Samuel Aaron Mondragon — born Oct. 23 to Shana and Spc. Fernando Mondragon.

Girls

Angel Nevaeh Tatiana Capri Fuller — born to Sandy Williams and Terrance Fuller.

Mikayla Savannah Ruffin — born Oct. 15 to Erin and Spc. Isaiah Ruffin.

Shannon Isabell Olsen — born Oct. 15 to Valeska and Sgt. Kristian Olsen.

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But what if you've never heard of the company the charge was paid to? If the charge is relatively recent, usually within 30-90 days, then the bank may refund the money while the charge is being disputed. If the charge is older than that, then it is usually the individual's responsibility to dispute the debt and try to recollect the money.

Debts should be disputed in writing, not by telephone. The person should state the dollar amount in dispute, and why it is being disputed. The company then has the responsibility of justifying the debt.

Disputing bills and charges can be a long process, sometimes taking months to resolve. Create a file and save all correspondence, even after the case is closed. For more information, call the Fort Benning Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Flu vaccine update — Because of the national flu vaccine shortage, Martin Army Community Hospital has not been able to provide vaccinations to all beneficiaries. All military installations have been ordered to vaccinate only those deployed or deploying Soldiers.

Reclamation sale — There will be a reclamation sale from 8 a.m. to noon today at 224A Upton Ave. Cash only.

For more information, call 545-1197 or 545-1128.

Wilson Marketfest and Fitness Fair — Wilson School Kids Care Club will sponsor a Marketfest (yard sale) and Fitness Fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the front lawn of Wilson School, 112 Lavoie Ave.

There will be fitness exhibits, fun and games for kids, a silent auction and more.

If an individual or civic organization is interested in renting a table to sell their goods, the cost is $10 per table.

All proceeds will go to Kids Care Club projects.

For more information, call 545-7335 or 563-0902.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the ESC Clubhouse, Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum. All spouses of enlisted Soldiers are invited.

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

Shaw changes air conditioning — Shaw has begun turning off air conditioning and turning on heat. If you do not have heat in your building by Wednesday, call 545-2135.

This does not apply to family housing. Service calls for heat or air conditioning in family housing units can be called in at any time.

Refuse, recycle pick-ups — Areas normally scheduled for refuse and recycle pick-ups on Thursday will be picked up Wednesday. All other scheduled pick-ups will remain as usual.

For more information, call 545-4749.

Pregnant spouses support group — The Family Practice Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital is forming a support group for pregnant spouses of deployed Soldiers.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Family Practice Connelly Conference Room. Space is limited to 15 patients.

To sign up, call 545-2273 and select Family Practice Clinic.

Evening, pediatric clinics resume — Family Practice and Pediatrics Evening clinics will resume Nov. 15. Acute and well-baby appointments resume from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the clinic mall area at Martin Army Community Hospital. Saturday clinic appointments continue to be available.

To make an appointment, call 545-2273.

Leaf pick-up — Shaw will be picking up leaves on a weekly basis in family housing beginning the last week of November.

Residents should rake the leaves to the curbside, not in the street. Tree limbs should be in a separate pile.

Also, the refuse contractor will remove bagged leaves and small piles of limbs on regularly scheduled trash pick up days.

The schedule is as follows:

- Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow avenues
- Tuesday: McDonald Manor
- Wednesday: Austin and Miller loops, Eames and Bently avenues, general officer's quarters
- Thursday: Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Regan Courts, Indianhead Terrace
- Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road

Donations needed — Girl Scout Troop #134 is accepting clothing, non-perishable food items, bottled water, blankets, pillows, diapers, baby food, baby items and furniture to help the victims of Hurricane Ivan.

To make a donation, call 327-2646, or drop off at 1344 13th Ave. in Columbus.

TOPS meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Afterhours Club, Building 2502 on Indianhead Road.

For more information, call Diane at 562-9505 or Gorgia at 568-7111.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. AA supports people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Free English classes — Free English as a second language instruction is being offered for adults from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation in Room 158.

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.

off post

ACT test deadline — College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment Dec. 11, the next national test date. The deadline to postmark registration is today.

The late registration deadline is Nov. 18 (an additional $15 fee is required for late registration).

Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or can register online at www.actstudent.org.

Fall concert — The River, Rhythm and Song Singer, Song Writer Showcase Fall Concert will be from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight at the Phenix City Amphitheater.

The concert will feature the Henry Conley Trio, the Clyde Baker Band, Joe McClure, Grandin Eakle, Still Magnolias, Angie Goins and many more.

Folding chairs, enclosed candles and picnic-style dinners are permitted or food can be purchased from the concessions.

An ID is required to purchase alcohol. No pets allowed, no outside coolers and no smoking inside the amphitheater.

Pre-Veterans Day program — The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Committee will conduct a Pre-Veterans Day Program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The park is located at the junction of Buena Vista Road and Lawyers Lane. For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357 or 321-9596.

Diabetes programs — In support of Diabetes Awareness Month, Health Matters of St. Francis will offer two special programs for people with diabetes:

- The Diabetic Foot and Other Common Foot Problems — Dr. Alap Shah, DPM, will discuss proper foot care, including the prevention of certain conditions. This free one-hour program at noon Wednesday includes free lunch.
- Special Eye Screening and Reception — From noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, there will be free eye screenings, refreshments and door prizes. It is open to people with diabetes and their families.

Health Matters of St. Francis is located at 3740 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

For more information or to register, call 257-7672.

A Tribute to Veterans — There will be a Veterans Day celebration at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13.

The celebration will include military exhibits and World War II re-enactments, Flint Flyers radio-controlled model airplane demonstrations and a Cordele Cruisers Antique Car Show.

The park is 10 miles west off I-75, exit 101 in Cordele, Ga. For more information, call (229) 276-2371.

March of Dimes Nightwalk — The March of Dimes Nightwalk at Callaway Gardens will take place Nov. 21. Registration is from 4 to 7 p.m. Advance registration is required.

Walkers can walk the entire seven-mile route or walk five miles and return on the bus. For more information, call 660-0160.

Mission needs food — Valley Rescue Mission's food pantry resources have reached their lowest point and are in need of assistance to serve hundreds of hungry people in the Chattahoochee Valley area.

Groups planning community service projects are asked to consider having a food collection drive.

For more information, call Rhonda Mobley at 322-8267.

Habitat volunteers needed — The Harris County Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for a three-day blitz of building a home in Shiloh, Ga. Nov. 18-20.

To volunteer and for more information, call Cay Grant at 628-4257.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** barbecue chicken sandwich, mac and cheese, veggie sticks with dip, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** Swiss steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** chicken fajitas, pinto beans, Mexicali corn, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** Veterans Day holiday
- **Friday:** cheeseburger, oven fries, mixed veggies, fruit, milk

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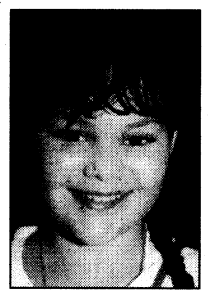
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Fort Benning youth in the news

Communication is key to healthy relationship between parents, kids

Sydney Hess
Faith Middle School



We were supposed to write about the one thing we argue with our parents about, but my parents and I couldn't think of a thing. We get upset with one another, but I think my parents and I have the best relationship ever.

I love that I can go to them whenever I need something, and they'll listen. Even if it's the worst of things, they always try to help me, even if they're upset.

We never argue because we communicate with each other. Whenever one of us has a problem, we call the family to the dining room table, and we talk about our problems together.

When we talk, everyone has an opportunity to say everything they want to say before another person talks.

We've found that when we talk things over, we see different sides of an issue that we may have missed initially.

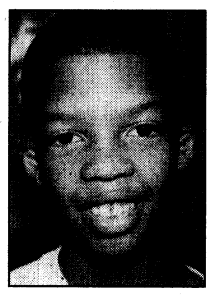
Sometimes, my parents tell my brother and me to leave the room and they talk. Then they call us back and we talk some more.

What I like is that my parents don't argue. Well, everyone has times when they get mad or need to have their say, but if my parents argue, it lasts no more than five minutes, and they never use angry words.

My brother and I understand that our parents need to talk and discuss things with each other as well, but like I said, I can't even remember a time they've argued in front of us for an extended period of time.

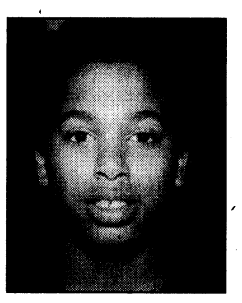
It makes me happy when my family sits and talks together. I think of those families that always argue, and I feel sad for them. When I think about my family, I can't help but feel joyful about how lucky I am to have the family I do.

Faith Middle School's Lisa Madler asked her seventh-graders to write about the issues they argue with their parents about. Here are some of their responses:



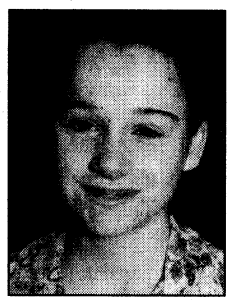
Jackie Bradford

"Our number one conflict is homework. I usually start right after school, but sometimes I can't concentrate so I take a break. Sometimes my break is so long that I don't finish my homework. My parents call it procrastinating. On weekends I wait till the very last minute on Sunday night, and my parents get mad, and I get in trouble."



Shon Neyland

"My dad and I argue a lot. We argue about me wanting to get my ears pierced and grow out my hair into a ponytail like the young men in Hawaii. We also argue about chores. We argue about silly nonsense — junk I can't even remember because it's all for nothing. I know my parents love me, even though we have blow-ups now and then."



Tiffany Wilson

"We argue about how I act. They say I act younger than someone who's just turned 14. They say I should be the role model for my younger sister. We always start off talking calmly, then the conversation gets louder and louder. My parents yell because they say I'm too loud and I can't hear what they're saying. For the record, I can hear them perfectly."

ATTENTION

parents of Fort Benning students

Now through **February 28, 2005,** students, sponsors, and teachers will be asked to respond to questions about Department of Defense schools. **Survey results will allow schools, districts and areas to make improvements** in the educational services provided to DoD students.

The surveys should take less than 20 minutes to complete. Schools will administer these surveys using the Internet, via a link on the DoDEA Web site, **www.dodea.edu/**. Those who do not have access to the Internet can complete the survey at school or request a copy from the school.

Sponsors are asked to complete a survey for each child enrolled in a DoD school in grades pre-kindergarten through grade 12. **Students in grades 4-12 will be asked to complete the survey at school.** All certified teachers and education support staff will also complete the survey.

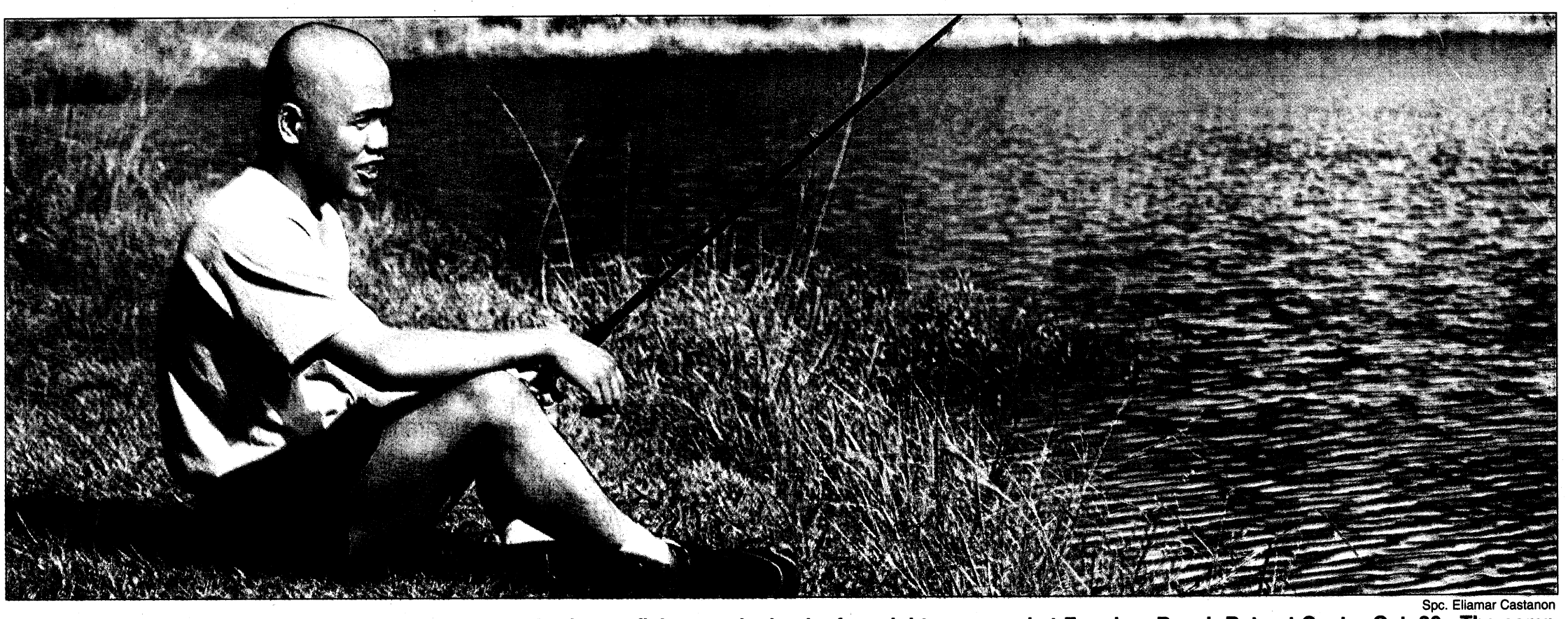
Survey results will be tabulated and reported to the DoD schools and communities. The survey is based on the "Phi Delta Kappan/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitude toward Schools," so **a comparison can be made between the DoD schools and public schools** in the states. Besides having a national comparison, the results will also help school personnel identify areas that need improvement.

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Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Pvt. Christopher Tubbali, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, fishes on the bank of an eight-acre pond at Freedom Ranch Retreat Center Oct. 30. The camp offered Soldiers the opportunity to enjoy the peace and quiet of the outdoors without the stresses of training.

BCTB Soldiers find escape from training stress

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Pvt. Christopher Tubbali sat on the bank of an eight-acre pond fishing for the first time in his life Oct. 30. Although he had no luck catching any fish, he didn't care. He was simply enjoying the short time away from what he just left and from what he will be returning to in less than 48 hours.

Tubbali is one of the Soldiers going through one station unit training at Fort Benning. He's part of 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, and just got the mid-cycle pass all Soldiers look forward to. Instead of hanging out in Columbus like most Soldiers do, Tubbali decided to go to the Freedom Ranch Retreat Center along with 17 other Soldiers in his battalion.

The Freedom Ranch Retreat Center is part of the Christian Servicemember's Center, an organization designed to be a home-away-from-home for service members providing a Christian fellowship in a relaxing environment, said Bob Ingram, Freedom House director.

Ingram, an Army veteran, learned about the Christian Servicemember's Center while at Fort Campbell, Ky.

"We make no bones about it," Ingram said. "We are evangelistic. We are very patriotic and pro-military as well. We work at reinforcing the core values of the military and are very aware of the influence we have on Soldiers as we seek to develop their pride as they serve our nation."

Ingram first began ministering to Fort Benning with the opening of The Freedom House, located next to the stone gate on Benning Road in July 2002.

Since then, the Freedom House has shared the Gospel with more than 3,000 people and has had more than 500 people respond to the Gospel message, Ingram said. Freedom House offers Bible studies for Soldiers in different units around post.

Searching for another way to reach more Soldiers, Ingram started another facility to benefit the Soldiers in basic training. In April, Ingram held the first Freedom Ranch Retreat on the land owned and provided by Grace Baptist Church. The retreat gives Soldiers a place to go during their midcycle passes or day passes with all expenses paid. Oct. 30, the Soldiers were picked up at Fort Benning and headed out to the 48-acre property with the lake and a cabin for them to bunk in.

Throughout the day, Soldiers could fish, play basketball or just relax. There were cell phones available so Soldiers could call home. As part of the outreach program, the Soldiers sat through various Bible studies throughout the weekend, one of which was premarital counseling.

"A lot of the Soldiers know they are going to be deployed soon after they are out of training, so we adjusted the premarital counseling class in order to offer it to the Soldiers since their girlfriends or fiancés aren't here," Ingram said. "Another lesson we offer is focused on salvation. Many of these Soldiers are going to be at war and we want to them to go into battle feeling confident about where they're going to go if something happens."

The Soldiers find out about the retreat through their chaplains who work in conjunction with Freedom House.

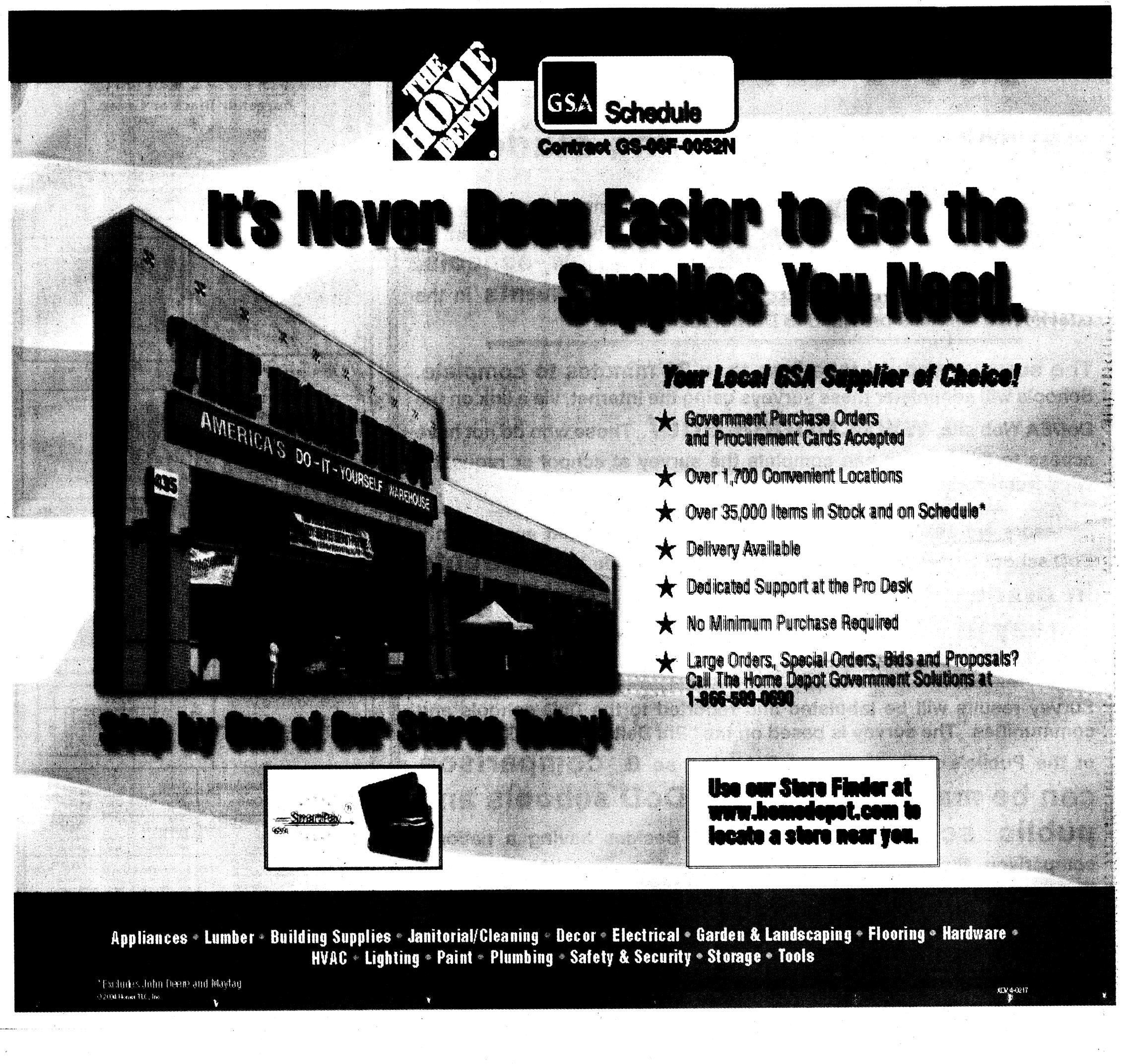
"We don't force anyone to do anything," Ingram said. "If a Soldier doesn't feel comfortable about a lesson he doesn't have to sit through it."

Pvt. Khang Phi, C Company, 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., and his buddies who were at the ranch on a day pass didn't seem to mind the Bible lessons at all.

"This is great!" Phi said. "They talk about a positive way of life. Plus, coming here helps us save money too."

"All the services provided by the Freedom House and the Freedom Ranch Retreat Center are free," Ingram said.

"We don't even ask the Soldiers for donations. Everything we have is donated to us. We will continue to do this as long as we have the funds to do so," he said.



Commit your heart to trust in God

Chaplain (Capt.) Eddie Kinley
1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment

REFLECTIONS

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to thy own understanding in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your path." (Proverbs 3:5,6)

Have you noticed how convenient our world has suddenly become? Technology is making life easy and comfortable. Everything is literally at your fingertips.

Who needs a map when GPSs are readily available on vehicles and even portable?

Why waste time with stereo systems when MP3s can store more than 8,000 songs on a device the size of a deck of playing cards?

Satellite phones are doing what cellular phones could never do. Get a signal anywhere on Earth!

Can you imagine the possibilities of technological advancements five years from now? I'm afraid to even ponder the thought.

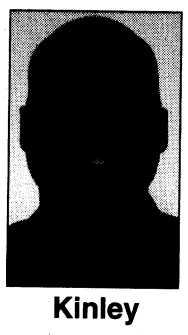
In the scriptures David makes a bold statement of faith.

He tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding."

This is not an easy task.

Whenever I need to know something I usually turn the computer on and surf the World Wide Web. Within minutes, answers appear on the screen from a myriad of sources.

Trusting in God without understanding is difficult. Just about every task we undertake is motivated by knowledge and understanding.


Kinley

David's request seems almost primitive.

"Why should I trust in God and not rely on understanding? What if his ways are not making sense to me? What if I disagree?"

The truth of the matter is that each of us has questioned God's movement in our lives at one time or another.

I must admit there are days when God does not make sense in my life.

Yet I have learned from experience to trust him in spite of my present circumstance and situation. I have learned to depend on him when my desires and plans are derailed. Learning to trust God implicitly is the work of a lifetime.

The Bible is filled with examples of men and women, prophets and disciples who failed to exercise faith in critical moments. Why? Because learning to trust God without wavering is the work of a lifetime. Yet how many wrongs have we experienced because we have relied upon reason and intuition instead of trusting God with our heart?

Today, let us commit our lives and hearts to trusting God in the good days and leaning upon him during the complicated days.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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.	Mormon, 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

Love can beat separation

Language of love offers final tip

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Love will make you do some crazy things, won't it? My wife, Lori, and I got a good laugh this Halloween as we thumbed through a photo album and stumbled across a picture from 15 years ago where she dressed us both up for a Halloween party as Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum.

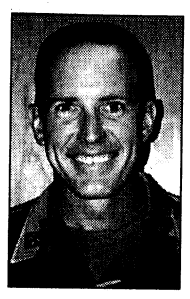
Do I even need to tell you who got to wear the Tweedle Dum outfit?

More poems have been penned, more songs sung, more things done in the name of love than for any other cause I suppose.

There's nothing as powerful as love. Yet keeping your love together, especially when the Army is taking you apart, is no small task.

That's why I've spent the last four weeks talking about a key skill that no military couple can be without.

I may not know much, but I do know these three things:


Hawkins

No. 1 — If you stick around the military long enough, you're going to be taken apart;

No. 2 — That being the case, we have to be better at our relationships than our civilian counterparts;

No. 3 — Tough times either bring us closer together ... or they blow us apart.

So how do we keep our love together?

We have to learn each other's language of love, because the amount of fulfillment in a relationship is always in direct proportion to your ability to speak your mate's LOL fluently.

There are at least five languages that Dr. Gary Chapman has identified.

Can you see which one is your LOL, your mate's?

During the past weeks, I mentioned that the first LOL is affirmation — kind, complimenting cheerleading words.

The second LOL is quality time — investing in quality conversation and quality activities with each other.

The third LOL is receiving gifts — thoughtfully, regularly, creatively sharing your love tangibly.

The fourth LOL is acts of service — doing something out of love for the one you love.

And that brings us to our fifth and final LOL — physical touch.

When it comes to touch being a language of love, there are typically three dialects you or your mate may speak — teasing, squeezing or pleasing.

"Teasing touch" is playful touch that enjoys just joking around together — kind of like Pop Rocks candy.

"Squeezing touch" is warm and affectionate touch that doesn't demand — a lot like fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies.

"Pleasing touch" is passionate and intimate touch — it's the red-hots of candy!

If you have the LOL of physical touch, which dialect do you most enjoy speaking ... how about your mate?

You can join me and the hundreds of others who've discovered just how helpful The Chaplain Family Life Center's team of trained life coaches can be.

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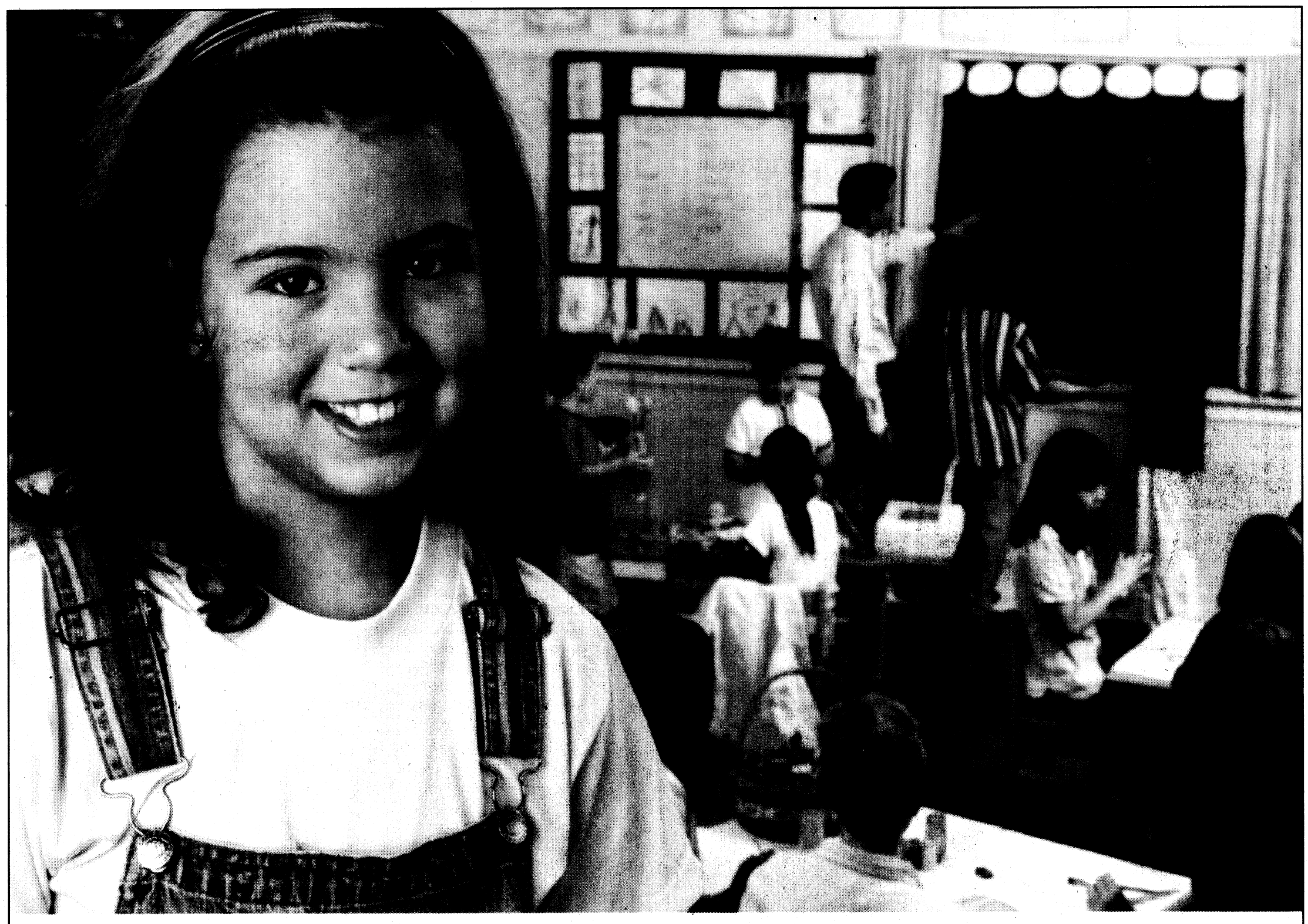
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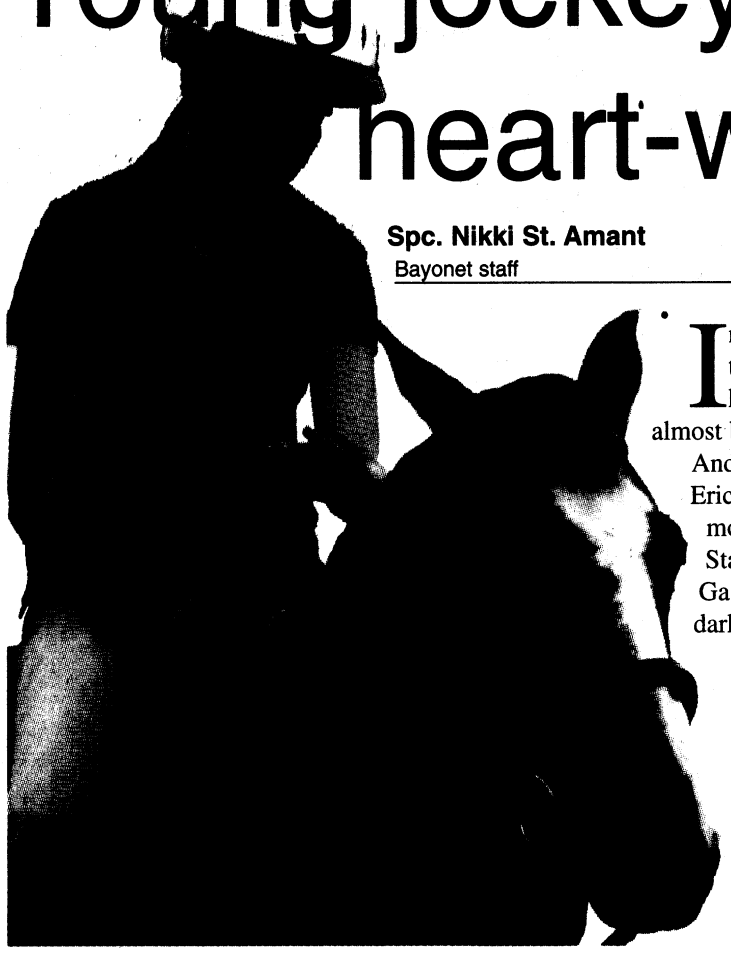
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Josie Carver takes 6-year-old paso fino Hurricane "Hutch" over a training jump during practice Nov. 1 for Saturday's Steeplechase at Callaway pony race.

Young jockey gives second chance to heart-winning paso fino



Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

In the corner of his stall trembling in fear, stood a horse broken in spirit and almost beyond salvation.

And then horse enthusiast Erica Franklin, whose mother owns Roosevelt Stables in Pine Mountain, Ga., fell in love with the dark chocolate paso fino and bought him on the spot as a project horse.

LEFT: Josie soothes a nervous Hutch during a pre-training warm-up session. The two have formed a special bond.

Paso finos were originally bred in Spain for cattle work. They are known for their speed, agility and smooth gait.

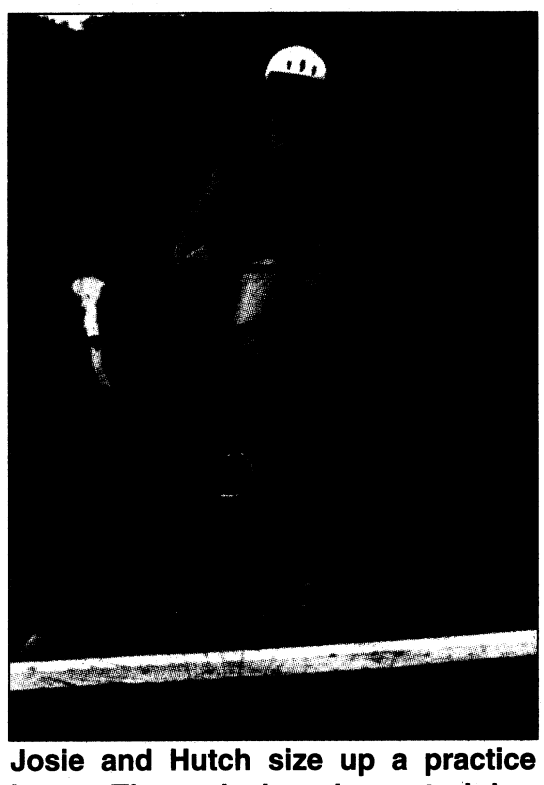
"This horse was so afraid," Franklin said. "He was so abused and would bury his head in the corner of his stall. But he just had this look in his eyes as if he was asking for a chance. I fell in love with him."

Now, eight months later, the horse that was unapproachable and almost beyond use, has come into his own. Hurricane, or Hutch as he is called by friends, will run at the Steeplechase at Callaway Gardens Saturday.

And who better to ride an underdog Seabiscuit of sorts, with the odds stacked against him, than a 12-year-old girl with only a year's riding experience?

Josie Carver, whose mom works at Roosevelt Stables and whose dad is an Airborne instructor with the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, will take Hutch's reins, betting against those odds that the six months they have been training together will pay off in the pony race. The event is for horses 14.2 hands and smaller with riders 16 or younger.

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Josie and Hutch size up a practice jump. The pair has been training together for six months, but have already won several ribbons.

Headhunters decapitate MPA in flag football squeaker

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

With two minutes left in the game, the Headhunters of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Batallion, 30th Infantry Regiment, scored on a conversion to put away the Military Police Activity in flag football game Nov. 2 at Engineer Field.

The game started out great for the MPA when Richard Fleming made an interception and claimed control of the field. Two minutes into the game, MPA's Patrick Bowser caught a five-yard pass to put the MPA on the board.

The Headhunters blocked the conversion, leaving the MPAs with a 6-0 lead.

The Headhunters' quarterback, Felipe Blanding, wasn't going to let the touchdown go unanswered. After a 12-yard gain on a quarterback scramble, Blanding called a lineman screen pass with a fourth down and goal.

Michael Sedlak came wide open in the end zone and caught an easy five-yard pass from Blanding to tie the game with 45 seconds left in the first half.

The MPA got off to another good start in the second half, scoring big on their first play. Fleming caught a 50-yard pass from Dion Weaver and ran 10 yards to put the MPs up 12-6.

"(The turning point) was when Jeremy Kreuger sacked the quarterback on the fourth down with fifteen yards to go, and a minute twenty five left in the game," Blanding said. "The game was over after that. We got the ball and that was it."

After Krueger's sack, the Headhunters gained possession of the ball and Blanding threw a beautiful pass to Steven Fuller, who cruised unopposed into the end zone on the 60-yard play to tie the score at 12-12.

The team gained their final point, and ultimately the win, with a successful one-point conversion, when Blanding broke through the line in a quarterback sneak.

The MPAs had another chance to score with Jay Repollet sacking the Headhunter's quarterback, but they couldn't get past the tough defense to score again.

"Our guys just played as a team," Blanding said. "If we keep practicing and playing as a team, we will make it far in the season."

The Headhunters are 3-2 and the MPAs are now 2-3 in the season.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Jay Repollet, of MPA, chases down Headhunter's quarterback Felipe Blanding during flag football Nov. 2 at Engineer Field.

Pennants and pigs fly

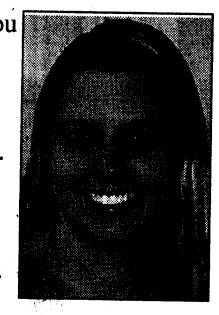
Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

I went outside Oct. 27 to get a glimpse of the lunar eclipse. What I didn't expect to see were pigs flying. And then a monkey flew out of ... a tree. Less than an hour later, the Boston Red Sox, yes, I said the Boston Red Sox, won the World Series.

As I wrote in a commentary in July, I am a diehard Red Sox fan. It has been a lifetime of heartache and disappointment, loyalty and entertainment.

The Red Sox hadn't won a World Series since 1918. New York Yankee fans say the Red Sox had a curse on them, since the owner of the Sox sold Babe "The Bambino" Ruth to the Yankees to finance his Broadway show in 1918. Well, we reversed the curse.

While reading various articles about the Red Sox victory, I came across a Web posting by a guy named Dan Smith, a Yankees fan. In an open message to Red Sox fans, he said, "You have stuck with your team no matter what. One cannot help but admire and respect your loyalty and devotion."



That's exactly who we Red Sox fans are. Loyal. Devoted. Even though our team hadn't won a World Series in 86 years, we still believed.

OK, I have to admit, I didn't have much of the "faith" we were told to keep when we were down three games in the American League Championship Series — to the Yankees, no less.

I knew it was possible, as did the rest of Red Sox Nation, and the Sox, in true Sox fashion, "cowboyed up."

While I was elated to come back and win four straight games, the last two in Yankee Stadium, I then had the World Series to worry about. I knew I had at least four games to chew my nails and fold a lot of laundry (which I do when I'm nervous).

But the Red Sox won. We swept the best team in the National League, the St. Louis Cardinals. We proved that we are the world champions, the best team in baseball.

So, fellow Red Sox fans, rejoice. The curse is gone.

While our team may be a bunch of ragtag men who really need a good barber, they have heart and soul.

They believed in themselves when they were written off as losers again. The determination and motivation was there — they knew the fans couldn't take another year of disappointment (especially me).

And next year, at opening day at Fenway Park, the Yankees will have to stand and watch while the World Series pennant is raised over our park, and our team gets the World Series ring.

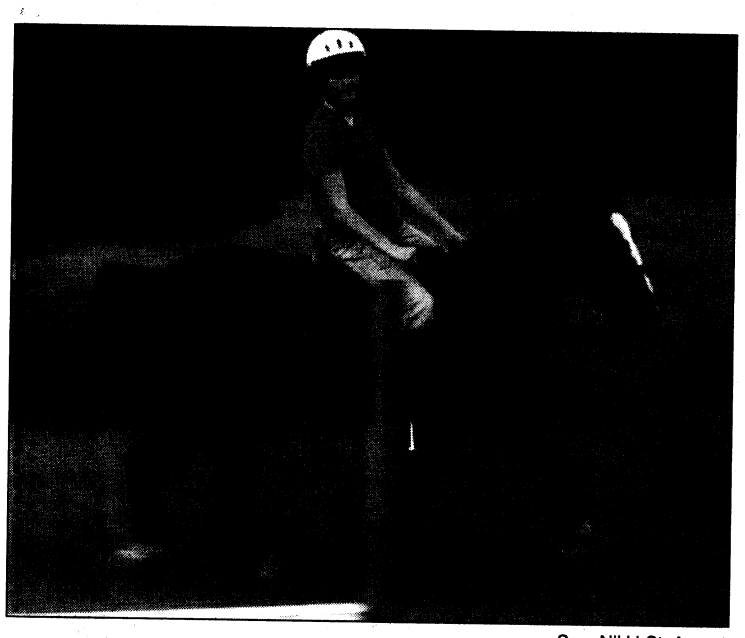
Whoever said revenge is sweet sure got it right.

Holy cow!



Spc. Maggie Ruiz

Members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, head out on a Halloween fun run Oct. 29 to build esprit de corps.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Josie and Hutch on the training field together Nov 1.

Race: Fear factor

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In the pair's first competition, a local, bi-state open horse show, Hutch's fear almost overcame him. But Josie maintained her composure, helping the rookie show horse work through his stage fright.

The dynamic duo pulled off an impressive first showing, placing in several events.

"The judge even commended Josie on her patience," Franklin said. "It was the first event for both of them and I was very proud of their performance.

"Josie is a spectacular kid," she said. "Not many have the patience to train with horses like she does, much less one like Hutch who went through God knows what.

"She took the time and really bonded with him," Franklin said.

"She soothes him, talks to him and doesn't get upset and jump the gun when he doesn't do exactly what she asks him to. Most kids want to whack the horse now and talk about it later."

The Parelli Natural Horsemanship Association preaches a brand of horse training geared to the way horses think and learn, not the way people do. Franklin said the method has been tremendously helpful in forging the bond between the wary horse and the soft-handed rider.

"This horse came to us with no trust, expecting to be smacked around," Franklin said.

"It takes so much time to build that trust back. On top of coming out here during the week, Josie sometimes spends 15 to 20 hours on the weekends riding. She's unique among young riders."

"When I first started, all I knew was how to sit on a horse and not fall off," Carver said. "Now, I am learning how to really ride."

The young jockey has found her passion riding horses and said she is committed to sticking with an undertaking that for many kids becomes a passing hobby.

"I want my own horse someday, and I want to stick with this," she said.

For now, Carver is free to ride Hutch or any of Franklin's horses whenever she likes, whether or not she wins or loses Saturday.

"Josie is one in a million, and she is welcome here forever," said Franklin.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Pro wrestling — The family readiness group of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment is sponsoring a pro wrestling night Saturday. Doors open at 3 p.m. with bell time at 4 p.m.

There will be a GWA Heavyweight Champion Triple Threat Match, a Georgia versus Alabama Champion Hardcore Match, plus other matches.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for kids. The event will be at Kefurt Gym on Kelley Hill.

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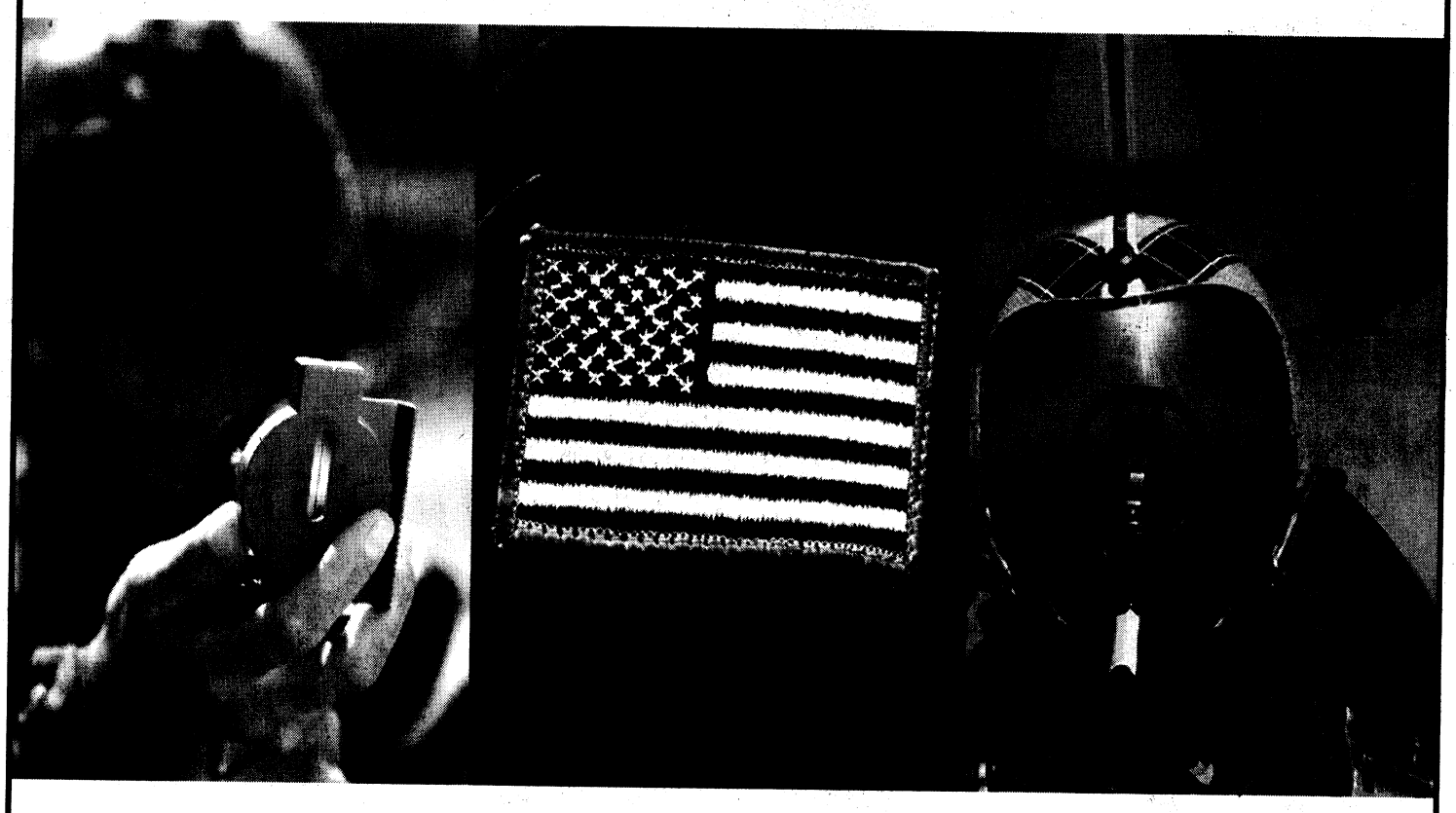
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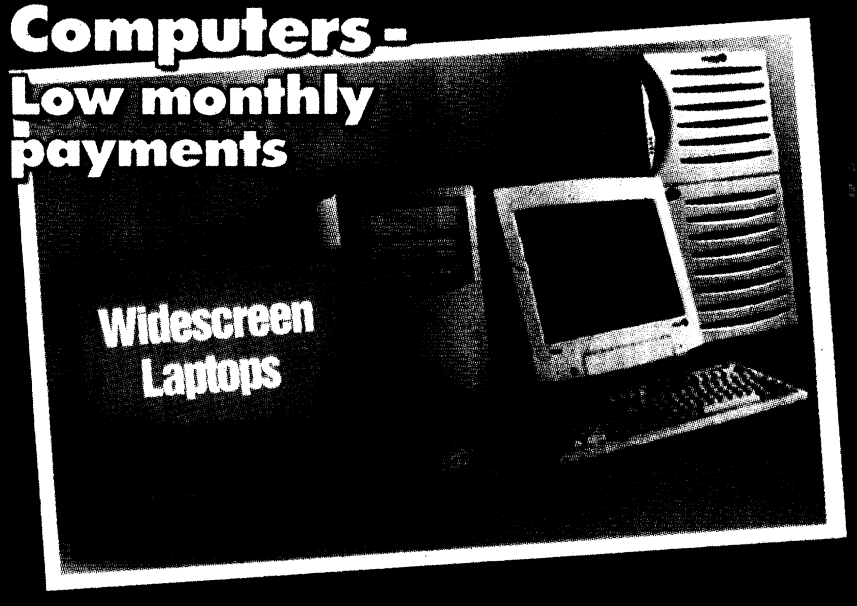
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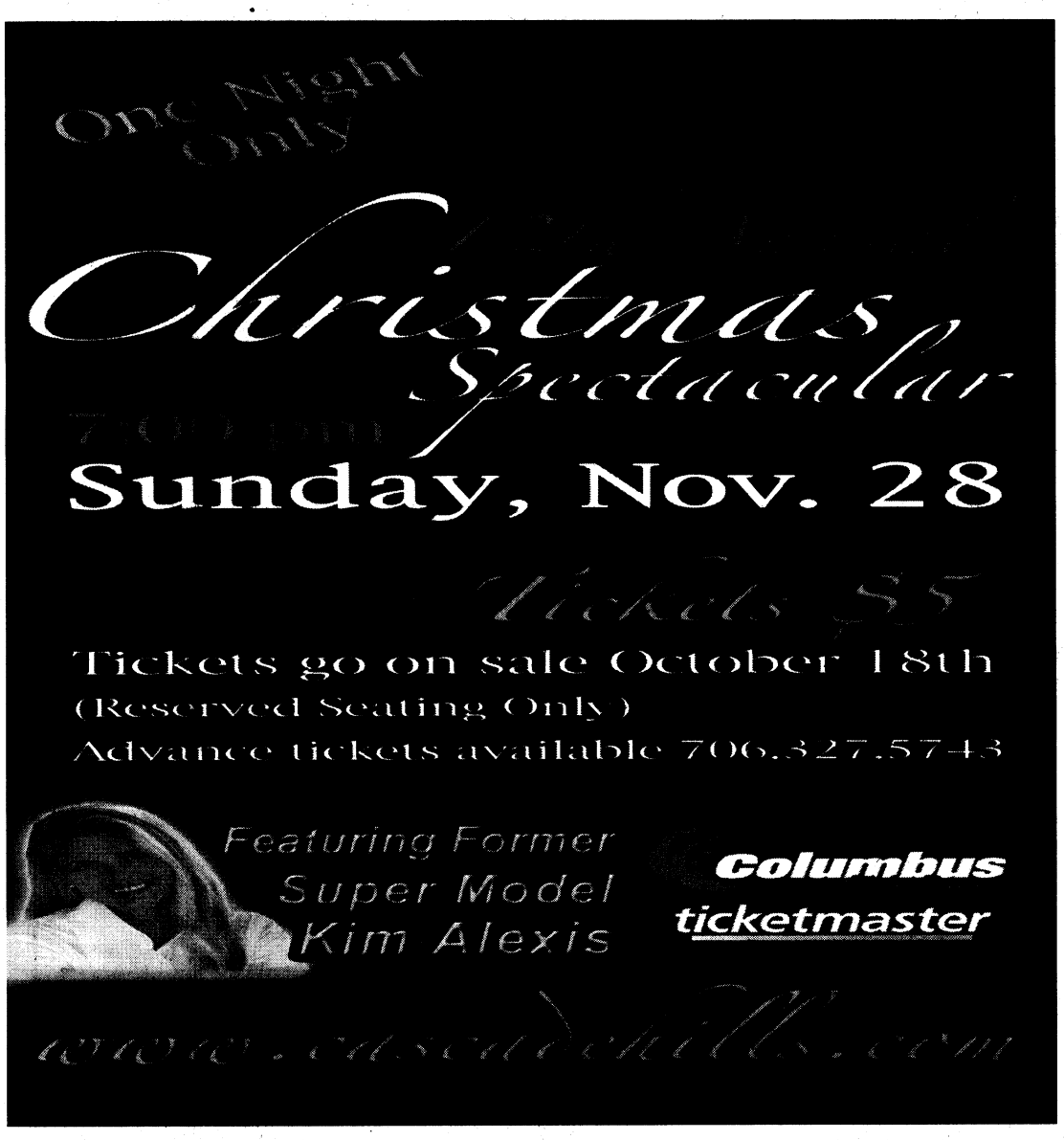


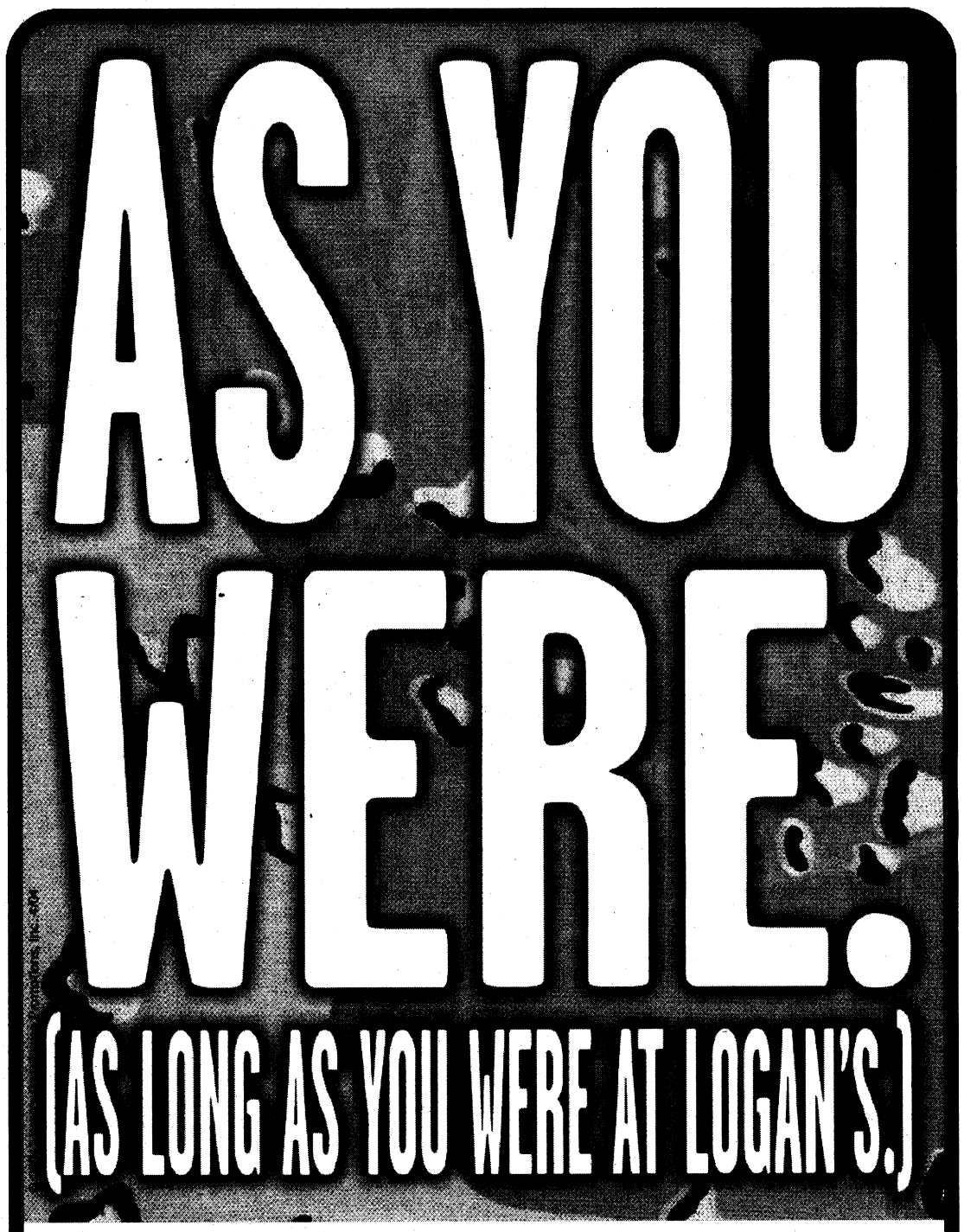
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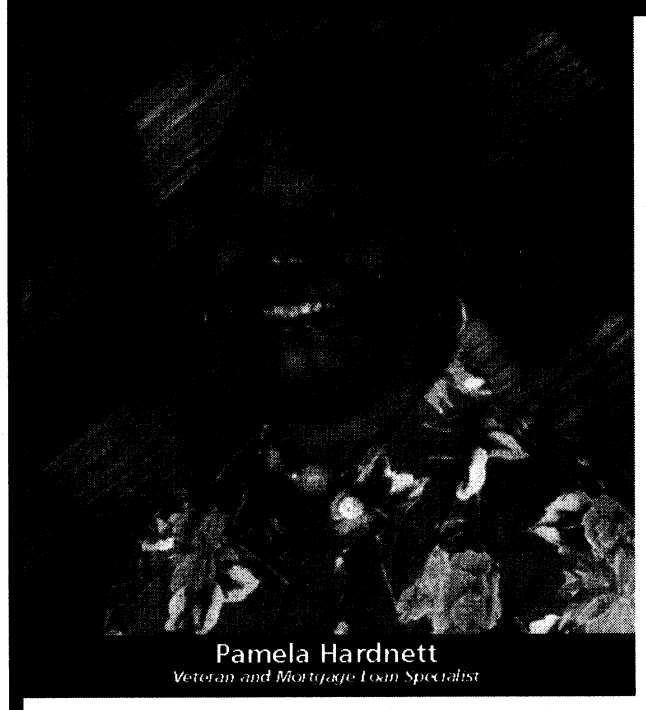




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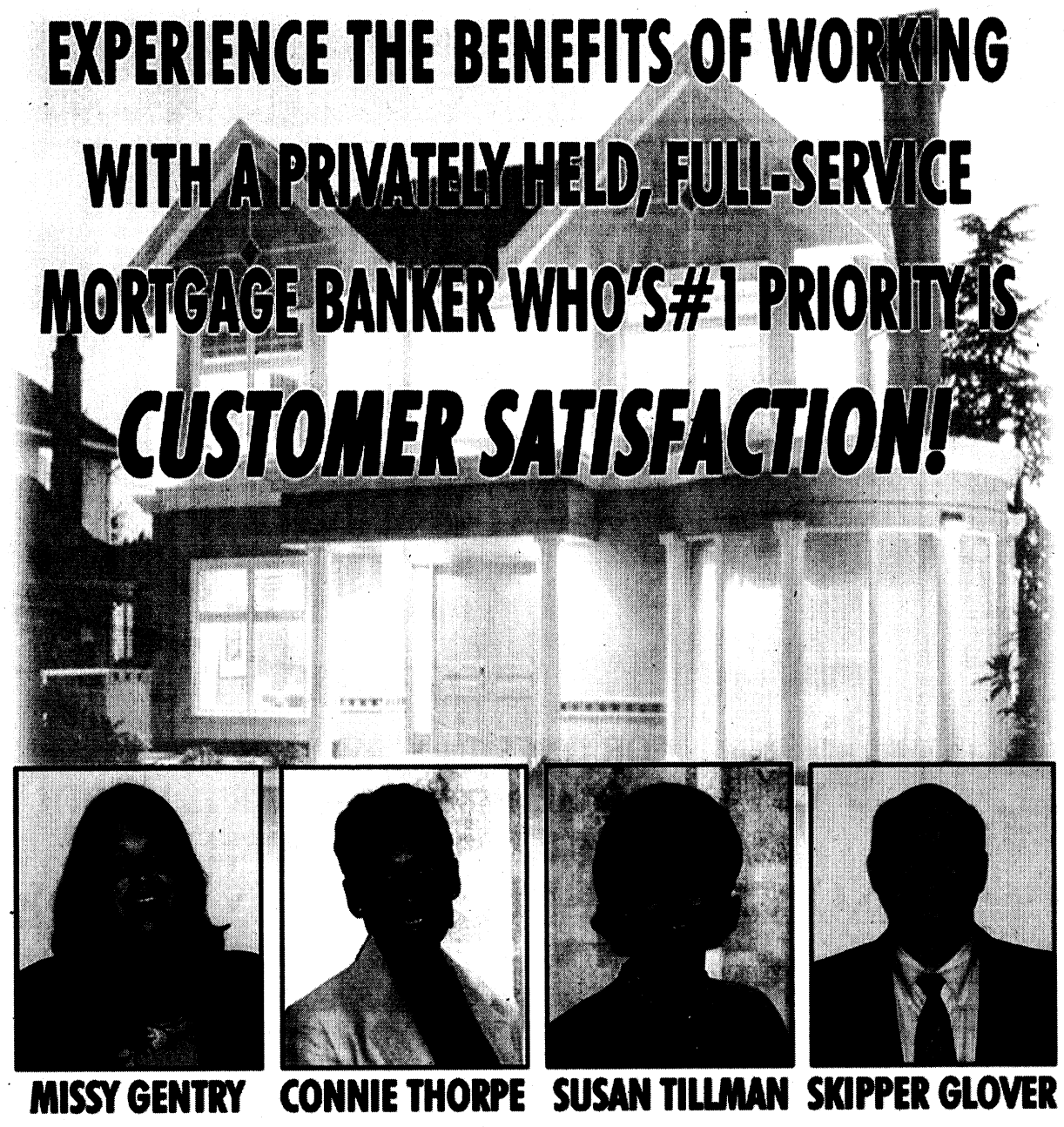
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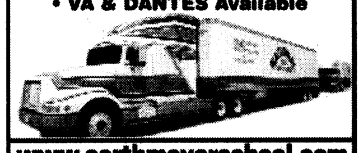
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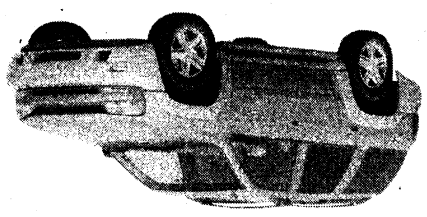
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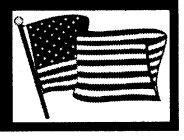
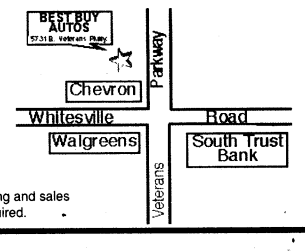
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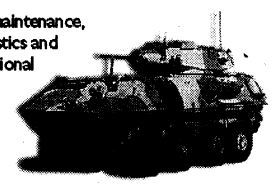
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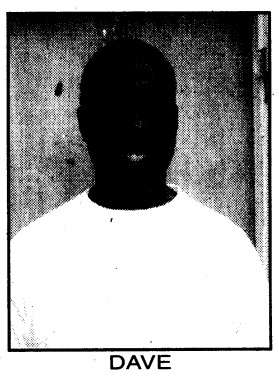
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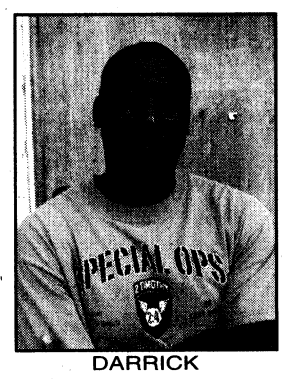
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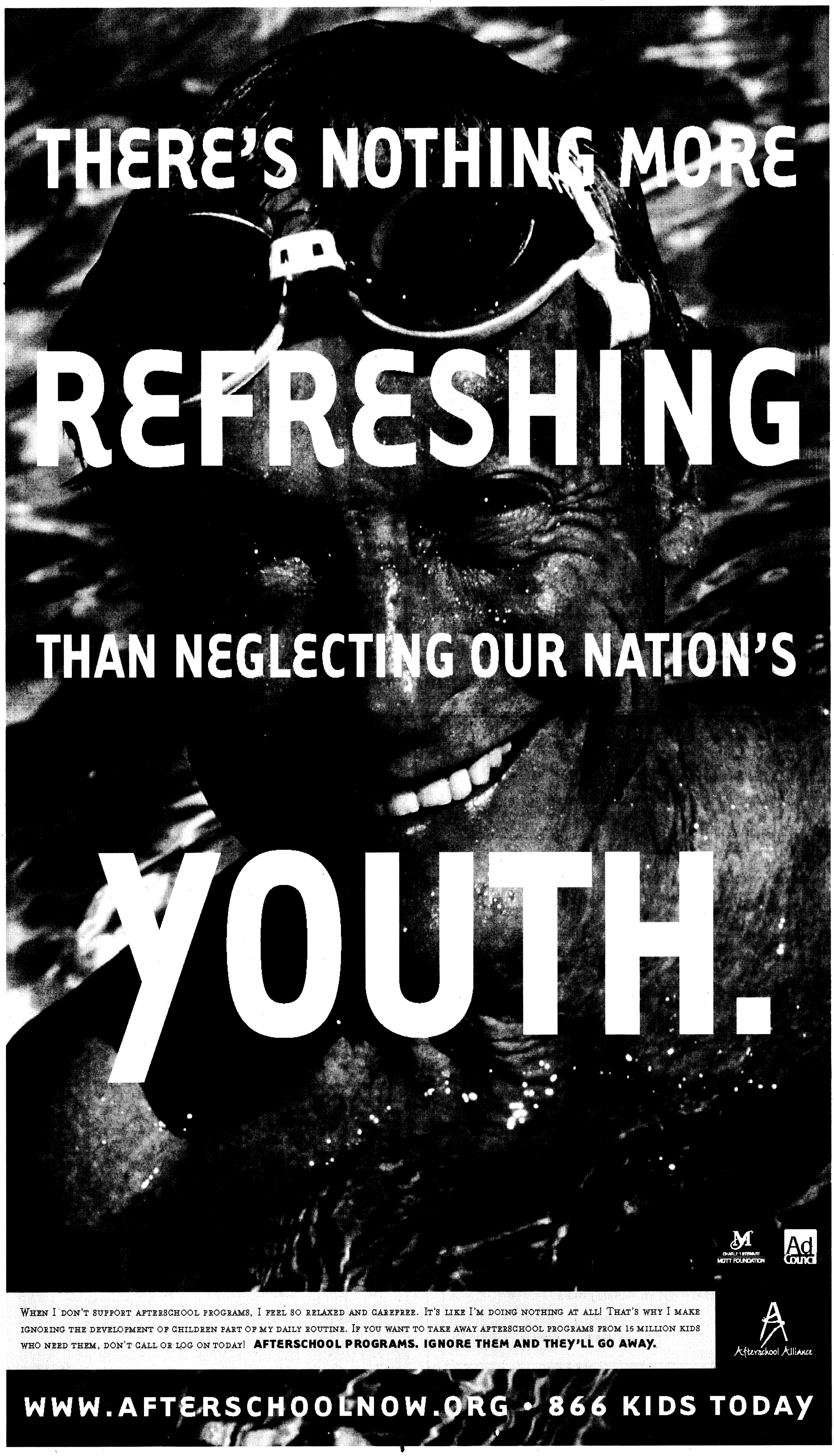
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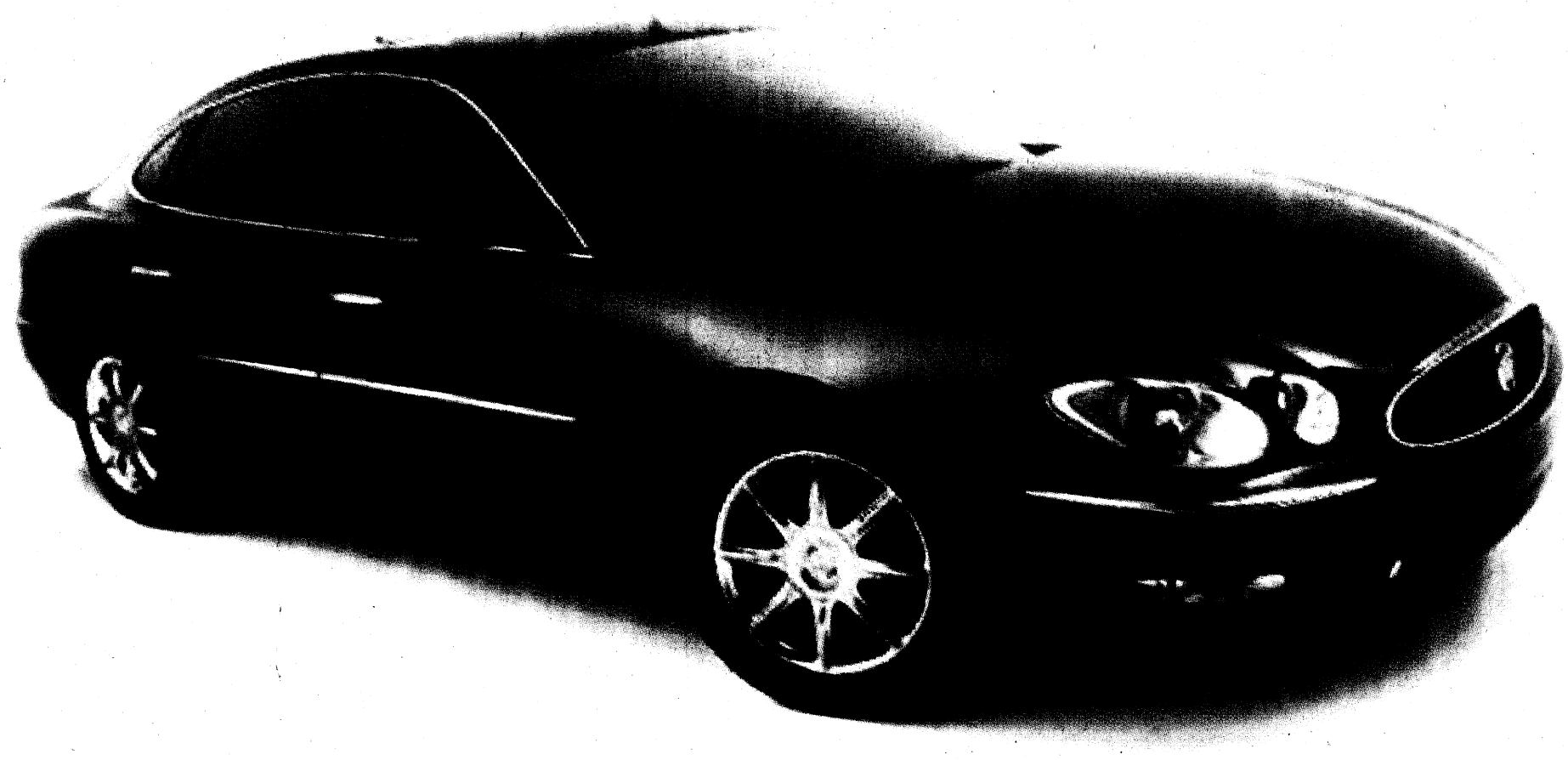
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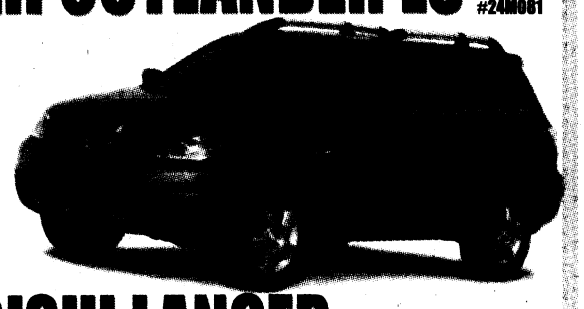
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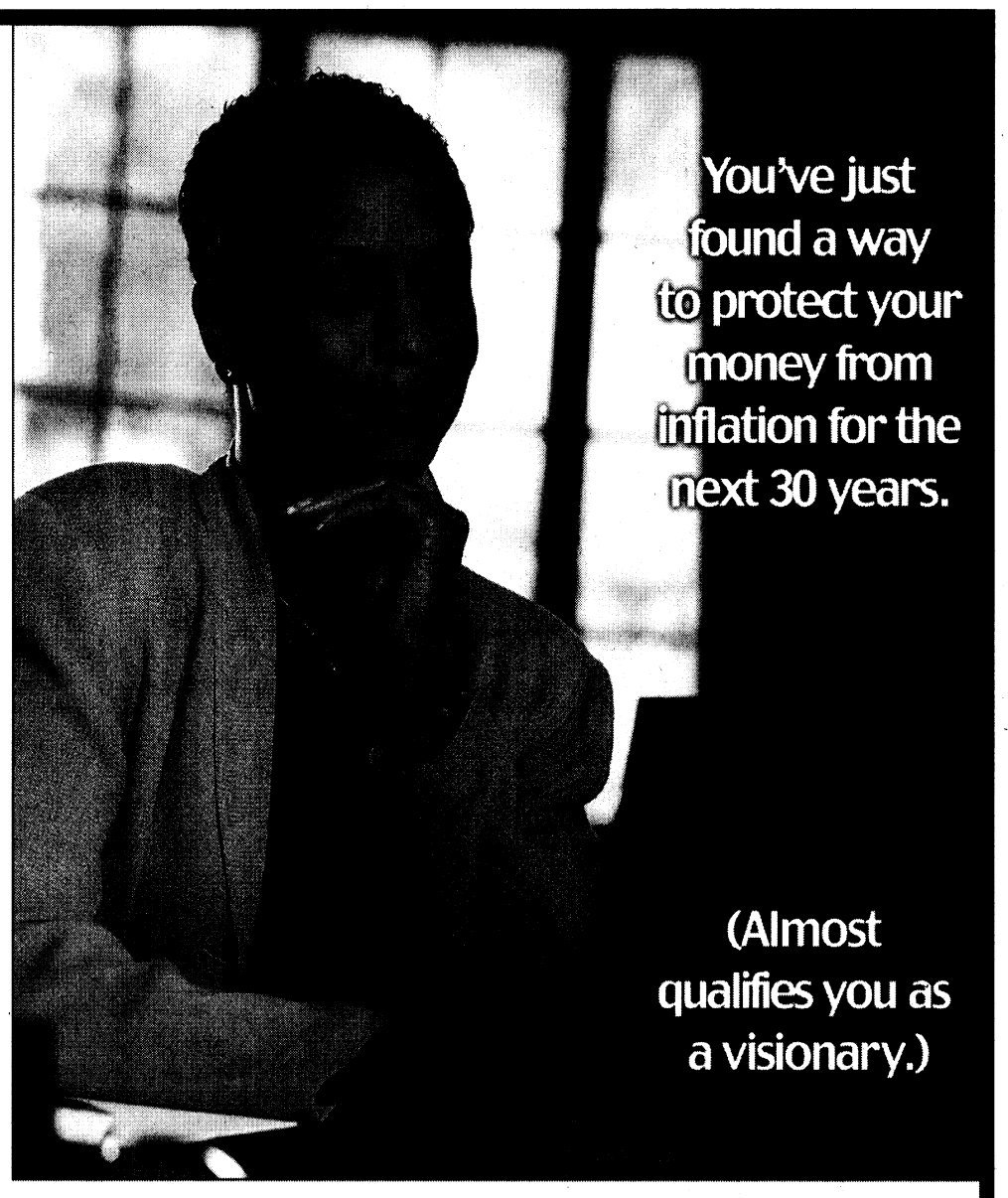
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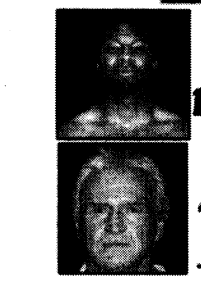
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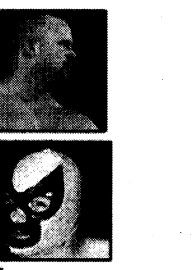
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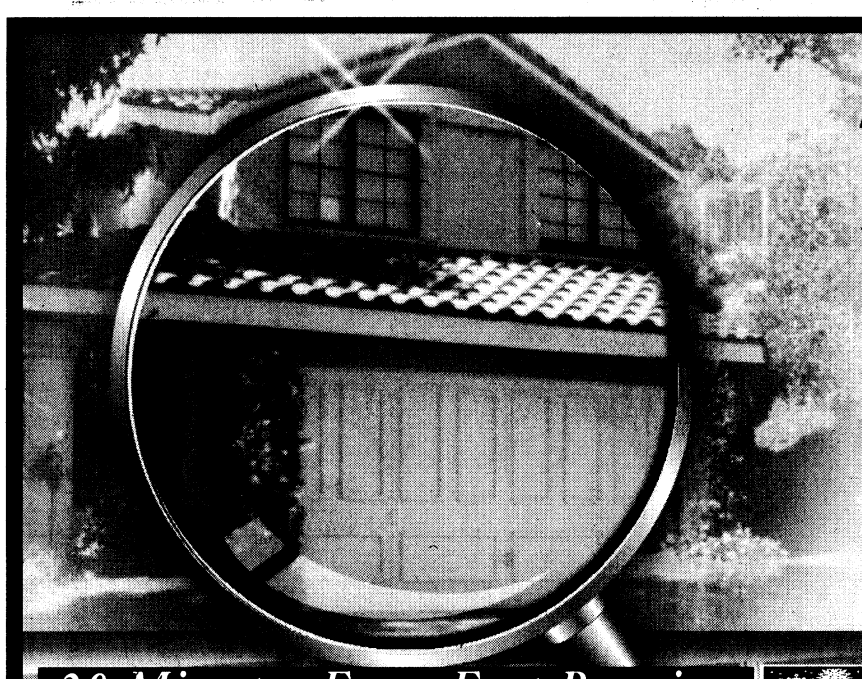
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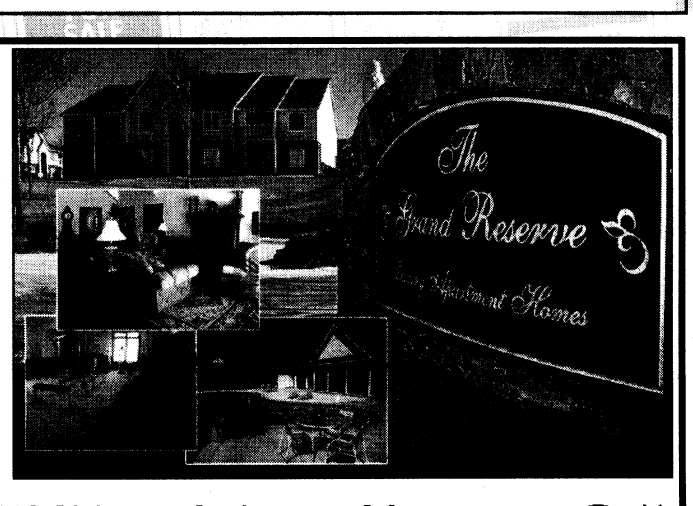
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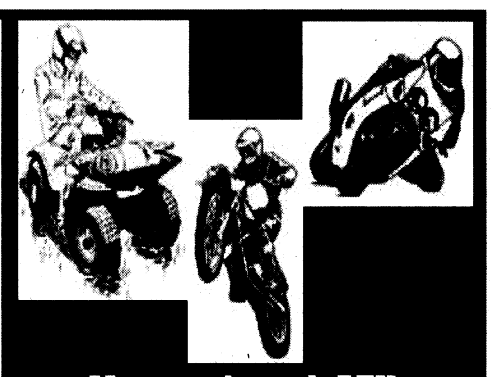
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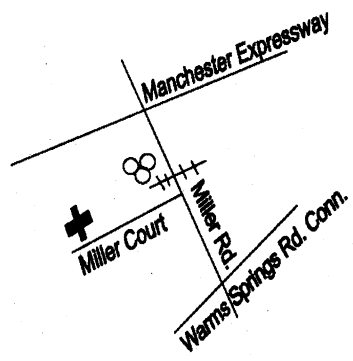
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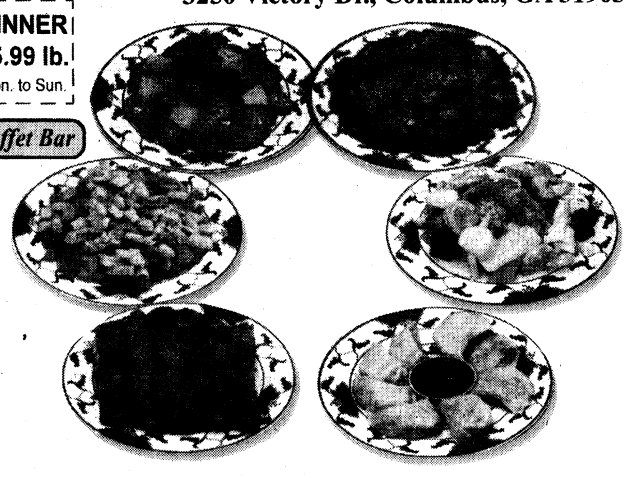
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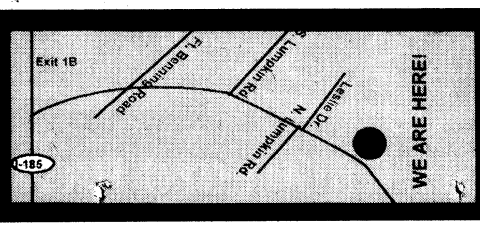


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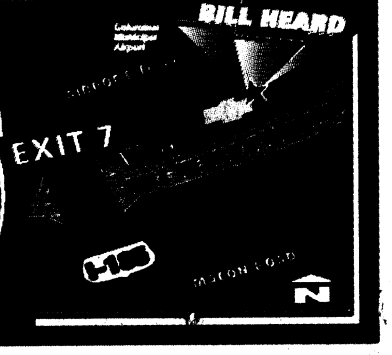
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Movin' on through



Melissa House

After numerous delays, the I-185 access control point is scheduled to open at 3 p.m. Monday. Benning Boulevard will close Nov. 19 before the annual protest outside the Main Gate Nov. 20-21 and remain closed for the ACP construction.

I-185 access point to open finally

Life in fast lane for those with DoD decals

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The highly anticipated opening of the I-185 access control point should take place Monday at 3 p.m. after months of delay.

The $4 million project, begun in December 2003, is the first of six ACPs to be completed. Studies conducted two years ago during the project's planning phase indicated that more than 30,000 vehicles use the I-185 entrance daily.

Drivers entering through the new ACP will notice a few improvements made during the past 11 months. Several new buildings went up and water, sewage and electricity were added. The road expands from two lanes to four lanes south of the Victory Drive overpass. Two lanes take inbound trucks through an inspection point.

The left hand lane leads vehicles without post decals into the parking lot of the visitors center, which was built in the median between the inbound and outbound lanes. Drivers will show identification and obtain authorization to enter Fort Benning, said Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, provost marshal.

Drivers leaving the visitors center can turn around and leave Fort Benning or proceed through one of five entry lanes.

Finnegan said this system will keep traffic flowing through the checkpoints, since drivers will not get held up by visitors needing passes or asking for directions.

The toll-booth style checkpoints provide each gate guard with heating and air-conditioning. The booths also have interior and exterior lights.

"This is much better," Finnegan said.

During peak hours, there will be

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Rally set to celebrate Fort Benning

Lee Greenwood, Harlem Globetrotters part of festivities

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning Soldiers and their families are invited to the third annual God Bless Fort Benning Rally beginning at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 20.

The idea for the rally originated in 2002 when Columbus resident Miriam Tidwell overheard protestors talking about the former School of the Americas. She asked a Soldier sitting nearby with his family how he felt about the protestors.

"He said it bothered him that no one stood up for the Soldiers," Tidwell said.

And so, less than 10 days before the protest, Tidwell sprang into action. She called the Columbus police department and notified them of her intent to stage a counter-protest.

"They tried to discourage me," Tidwell said, "but I was so annoyed by the reports in the paper that the protestors were good for the Columbus economy."

Tidwell said the majority of the protestors know nothing about the school, now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, and she felt compelled to educate the community and show support for the Soldiers.

The first event had few participants — about 200, Tidwell said — but raised more than $4,000 for Fort Benning's Santa's Castle. Last year, the rally landed in the parking lot of the Columbus Civic Center, where it will be this year

The rally kicks off with a free lunch for Soldiers, followed by a series of free concerts by the local band Cornbread and singer Lee Greenwood.

The rally will feature a motorcycle rally, and it will end with the home-opener of the Columbus Riverdragons basketball season.

> "The God Bless Fort Benning events are a way the community can thank the Soldiers and families for their sacrifices."
>
> **Miriam Tidwell**
> Event organizer

Tidwell said the event will go on, rain or shine, and encourages those who attend to bring their own chairs.

"Seating for ten thousand is a problem," said Jan Pease, the director of community relations at

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Sniper competition incorporates lessons learned

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Snipers ran from rooftop to rooftop, fired out of helicopters, ran through obstacle courses and fired from inside vehicles during the fourth annual International Sniper Competition at Fort Benning Nov. 1-5.

This year's competition was different than previous competitions. The Fort Benning Sniper School cadre incorporated events from lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This year's scenarios put the competitors in situations many of them will find themselves in or have already been in," said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Velez, Sniper School NCOIC.

Twenty two-man teams from Canada, the U.S. Air Force and Army units competed in this year's competition.

Some of the lesson learned scenarios included shooting from a helicopter, moving onto a target with the support of a Bradley, and various urban assault scenarios, including running from building to building while engaging targets.

On the last day of the competition, the teams started with a stress fire, which led them through a timed obstacle course that ended with a pistol shoot and a distance shoot.

The stress fire was designed to test the snipers' ability to engage a target after they've been under physical stress, Velez said.

The last event was the offset shoot, in which the sniper teams had to

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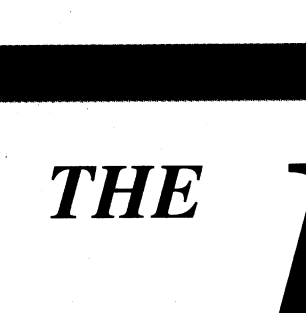


Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Sgts. Kellen Hansen, left, and Justin Little, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, compete at the fourth annual International Sniper Competition Nov. 5.

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Right time to quit?

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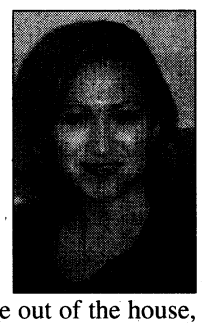
In the late 1950s, my father was doing his best to be a 14-year-old rebel. He sported a Fonzie hairstyle, leather jacket and motorcycle boots. A cigarette dangled from his mouth.

Over the years, his haircut went the way of saddle shoes, and he switched to polyester suit coats and loafers, but the smoking never did go out of fashion for him.

Growing up in a house with my dad smoking unfiltered Pall Mall Reds in the living room, I got used to the smell of cigarette smoke clinging to clothes, hair, furniture, the cat. Although he knew it was bad for him and worse for his kids, it was never quite the right time to kick the habit.

My mom finally got tired of overflowing ashtrays and burn marks on the sofa. When one of my sisters developed asthma, mom put her foot down, and dad and the nicotine started the slow journey out of the recliner and onto the porch.

First Dad had to sit next to an open window when he smoked. It wasn't so bad around summer, but by December, the rest of the household would shiver while freezing winds blew the smoke right back into the house.



Then he tried puffing next to the fireplace, trying to blow the smoke up the chimney. He developed a "system" of burning a newspaper while smoking, insisting that it created "a sucking draft" that would pull the smoke out of the house, while we watched it waft through the air behind him.

He would line up the smoked butts in a long row on the hearth, an army of stubby, burnt, white tubes perched atop a mountain of ash. Finally Mom got sick of the smell. Dad and the cigarettes got sent to the front porch.

After suffering a heart attack in February 2003, the advice from his doctors was predictable: change your diet, and give up the smokes.

He managed to quit cold turkey, for a couple of weeks. He had more energy, he no longer had a hacking cough in the morning, and we felt optimistic about his lifestyle changes. But the cigarettes crept back in, bit by bit.

He'd hide them in the car so Mom wouldn't know he was buying them, or smoke while she was at work. Then it was just one after dinner, or one before bed.

Almost a year after the heart attack, Dad is back to a pack a day. My dad has a great belly laugh that you can't help but join in with, but after almost half a century of smoking, his laughter inevitably turns to coughing.

He's tried all the quitting fads. First he pasted on patches and then switched to nicotine gum. He chomped on pretzel sticks, played with toothpicks and chewed straws to keep something in his mouth.

He tried inhalers that mimicked the smooth white stick and gave him puffs of nicotine. Most recently it was antismoking hypnosis and listening to optimistic lectures on tape. Mom insisted. Dad rolled his eyes.

The doctors suggested that he cut down by smoking a few less per week. He still polishes off a pack before the evening news.

I don't want to harass him every time he lights up, because only he can make the decision to stop. But I'm afraid he'll be back for another bypass (or worse) before another year is gone.

With National Smoke Out day approaching, please take a minute to question if the addiction is worth the risk. Think of the people who love you, and ponder if maybe today isn't the right day to stomp out the habit for good.

Kids can't be left home alone

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Last week a child left alone at home on post died. The circumstances are under investigation. For the record, I am not a perfect parent. I have two little ones and there are times that the responsibilities, inconveniences, headaches and costs of being a parent to them absolutely make me lose my mind. But when it comes down to it, I love them with every fiber of my being and do the best I can to do right by them, because they are the innocent by-products of my choices in life.

To me, there is no more horrible crime in the world than the abuse and neglect of children. There is not a single, credible excuse, reason or justification for it. Work comes second. Money comes second. Personal freedom comes second.

Don't get me wrong, I know it is horrible when your job suffers because the kids have appointments or the babysitter falls through. People don't want to feel like they are in trouble or looked down upon for letting their personal life cut into their time on the job. But there are services on post that can help in most situations.



Child and Youth Services has lists of on-post, in-home daycare providers — many of whom are available in an emergency situation when other arrangements fall through.

If paying for daycare is an issue, the Financial Readiness office can help you work out a budget that includes making sure your children are taken care of.

Many local daycare centers offer discounts to military personnel. And most neighbors, if they are worth anything at all — and remember that we are all one big Army family — will help out and watch your kids if you are in a bind.

And in the worst case scenario, when you just can't find someone to watch your kids, you call your chain of command and tell them you are staying home. You take the Article 15 for not having a fail-proof family care plan, you take the chapter out of the Army because your dependents are interfering with your service, but you don't leave little kids at home alone for 10 minutes or 10 hours!

They love you unconditionally. They depend on you, their creators, to provide for them. They are innocent, fragile little people who deserve every ounce of their parents' love, attention and care.

The legal system is pockmarked with loopholes and technicalities for criminals to slip through, but I hope that, when it comes to parents who violate the instinctual trust their children place in them, the guilty are weighed and measured and, if found wanting, are punished swiftly and severely.

Teen Challenge offers hope

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Rock on Pam!

Pamela Parker was a Partyer, with a capital P. She partied with the "in" crowd, the doctors and lawyers and developers of Jacksonville Beach, Fla. She shared their cocaine for nearly 18 years.

For a time, Pamela managed to juggle two lives. She got high on Saturday night and took her children to church Sunday morning. She learned to hate the habit, but despite three visits to a rehab center, she couldn't give it up.

Eventually, it cost her her career in civil engineering, her marriage, her money and her peace of mind. It very nearly cost her her life.

Now, at 44, Pamela is finally a quitter. Not a loser, mind you, a quitter. With the help of Teen Challenge of Columbus, she's free of cocaine, and for the first time in her life, she's feeling fulfilled.

"I had a great family, friends, money, boats ... you name it. But there was always something missing," Pamela said, when I met her and 10 of her friends at the Cracker Barrel in Columbus.

They were rocking, quite literally, on the porch. (Cracker Barrel has the best rockers, don't you think?) Pamela and 10 other Teen Challenge residents shared their stories with me, mostly stories of substance abuse and its consequences. Many of them have children somewhere "back home" hoping Teen Challenge is the answer they've been praying for. According to the statistics, it probably is.



You see, Teen Challenge, an interdenominational faith-based discipleship program with facilities in 83 nations, has the highest long-term success rate of any substance-abuse program — *any* one you can name. More than 80 percents of their "graduates" will never return to the lifestyle that brought them there and more than half go into some sort of ministry.

Claude Mooneyhan and his wife Berita have been the directors of the Teen Challenge women's facility in Columbus for 15 years. There's also a home for younger girls in Phenix City. Boys and men also have facilities of their own, but not locally.

Mooneyhan believes Teen Challenge's success stems from its commitment to discipleship. The women in his home study the Bible and pray daily. They meet with Christian mentors and counselors. They teach deliverance through faith in God, unabashedly and unapologetically.

"We specialize in the spiritual," Mooneyhan said. "We offer Christ as the answer and we won't compromise our beliefs."

Whether or not you agree with Mooneyhan's beliefs, you can't argue with success. Teen Challenge works.

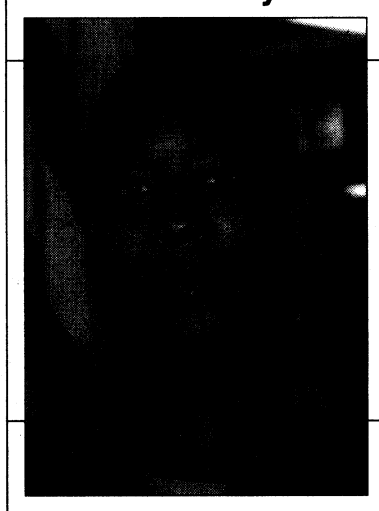
In fact, the residents of the Columbus Teen Challenge were at work when I met them, studying the Bible and memorizing scriptures. They were taking part in a rock-a-thon designed to call attention to their program by introducing Teen Challenge to the community.

Teen Challenge depends of the support of faithful donors, because they don't qualify for funds from federal faith-based initiatives, which would require them to make worship services and Bible instruction optional. That, Mooneyhan said, would strike at the core of their success. I'll buy that.

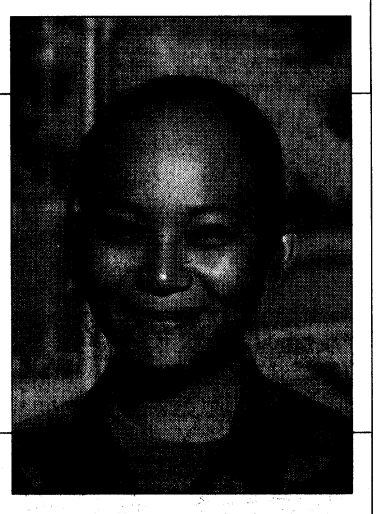
So when you're looking for a place to volunteer your time or donate your money this holiday season, keep them in mind. They're located at 2021 6th Ave. in Columbus, or you can call them at 323-5822.

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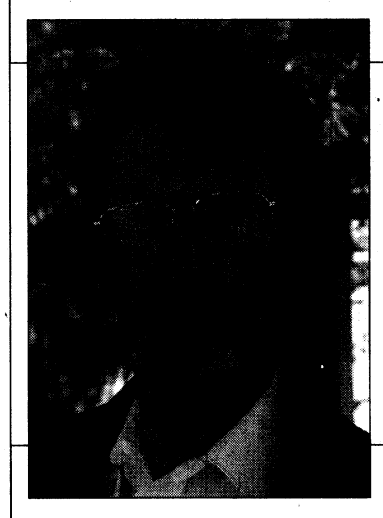
Thursday is the Great American Smokeout. Why did you start smoking and have you ever tried to quit?



Spc. Shawn Love, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "I started because it seemed like a stress reliever. I tried to quit because it's just nasty. I put a toothpick in my mouth, and it stops me from smoking."



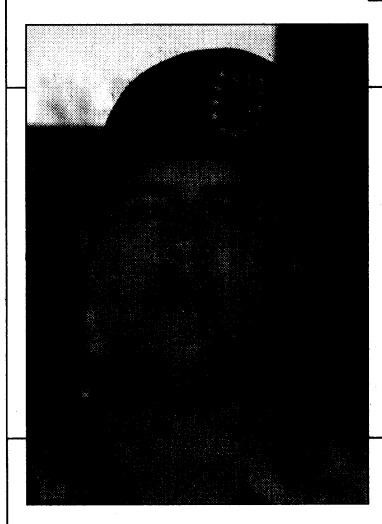
Spc. Stephanie Faulkner, 3rd Brigade Troops Battalion — "I started smoking out of boredom. I want to quit because I would like to able to run better in physical training."



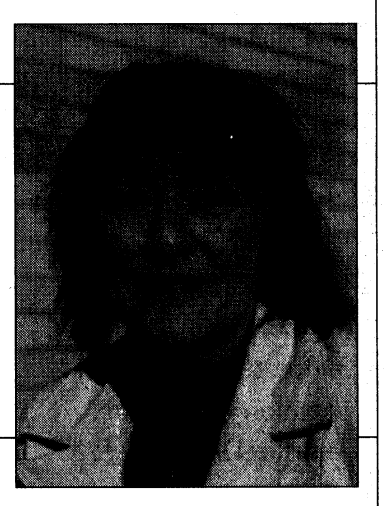
Mike Tyler, Commissary employee — "I started smoking because everyone else around me was doing it. I'm not trying to quit, but when I run out, I just see how long I can go without buying more."



Celeste Lee, Directorate of Training — "I started smoking in college, because I thought it was cool, sophisticated, and made me look grown. I'd buy some with little flowers and hold it all cute. I have quit several times. I just stop buying them."



Spc. Francisco Ramos, 461st Personnel Support Battalion — "I started in high school because my friends smoked. I did quit, but I picked it back up because of stress."



Karen Ferris, Directorate of Combat Development — "I started smoking because of peer pressure. I tried to quit using the gum. I urge children never to pick up a cigarette because it's so addictive."

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Snipers: Share techniques, skills critical on battlefield

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approach their target — two United Nation's vehicles taken by the enemy with hostages — using a Bradley.

The spotter stayed in the Bradley and used the thermal system to identify the enemy, while his partner moved closer to the target on foot and communicated with his spotter by radio.

"The teams came into this competition not knowing what the events were going to be," Velez said. "If they had competed before, they had an idea, but this year we changed it all around. Every year we try to change the events to keep it challenging."

Although the sniper competition is just that, a competition, Velez said it's not just about winning a trophy.

"We're trying to have a friendly competition but we also want everybody to exchange ideas and techniques," he said. "This is about sharing the knowledge that you learn in combat and passing it on to others. The foreign competitors do things differently but the end result is always the same. This competition gives us the opportunity to learn the techniques that other countries use and share the techniques that we use. It's an information exchange, a learning experience."

Velez said the event also identifies weaknesses and gives snipers the techniques and practice they need to improve their firing skills.

For first-time competitors Cpl. Eugenio Mendoza and Cpl. Nicholas Romero, from Fort Campbell, Ky., it was definitely a learning experience.

"We came out here to see what kind of weapon systems the other guys are using and to see if we could use them back at our unit," Mendoza said. "We learned a lot of different techniques here, and the cadre and other snipers have been really good at giving us pointers and telling us about different techniques we could use."

Mendoza said the hardest part of the competition was the pistol shoot.

"It's not something we do a lot back at our unit. I guess now we know that we really need to work on it. All in all, we came here to learn," he said.

The winners were announced at a banquet at the Four Point Sheraton in Columbus Nov. 5. First place was awarded to 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, in Alaska; second place to C Company, 3rd Battalion, 502nd Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition Squadron, from Fort Campbell, Ky.; and a Canadian team took third place.



Cpl. Nicholas Romero carries his teammate, Cpl. Eugenio Mendoza, during the obstacle course competition Nov. 5.

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> **Sgt. 1st Class Frank Velez**
> Sniper School NCOIC



Photos by Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Sgt. Justin Little, from 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, navigates an obstacle course last week during the fourth annual International Sniper Competition, hosted by Fort Benning's Sniper School. Little and his teammate, Sgt. Kellen Hansen, were one of 20 teams participating in the event, which is designed to give military snipers a chance to test their skills and share techniques with other units. The sniper competition was five days long.



Native American fest set for Nov. 16

Traditional food, dance mark heritage month

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning will celebrate Native American Heritage Month with traditional dancing, sampling of Native American foods and a guest speaker Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public. It will begin with a presentation by a dance troupe from the Chickasaw Nation, who will dance in cultural costumes from 11 a.m. to noon.

From noon to 1 p.m., attendees can sample traditional foods from various Native American nations. The menu includes smoked chicken from the Cherokee nation, the Chippewa's wild rice casserole, pork-stuffed fry bread from the Mohawk culture, wild rice from the Passamaquoddy nation, and broccoli and wild rice casserole from the Saxon, Ojibway and Lesh traditions.

Guest speaker Tim Harjo, from Oklahoma's Chickasaw Nation, will speak about Native American culture and representation in the military before the food tasting.

"Our foremost objective with this program is to educate Soldiers and our Fort Benning and Columbus communities about Native American culture," said Master Sgt. Paul Archangel, Equal Opportunity advisor. "The Army is becoming more diverse and there are lots of Native Americans serving."

In the past, between 250-300 people have usually attended the event. This year, EO is hoping that upwards of 400 people will turnout.

"We want to keep building until we can reach the entire Fort Benning community," Archangel said.

This year will be the first time the event's menu has included traditional ethnic cuisine. EO selected the food and guest speaker after consulting with people of Native American descent to ensure they chose appropriately, Archangel said.

"I hope people will come for the education, not just for free food," Archangel said. "It's a chance to open people's minds and for people to expand their vision. It's going to be a wonderful event."

83 post E-7s get bump to E-8

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

From Infantry units throughout the Army, 400 sergeants first class were selected for promotion to master sergeant. Of the 400, 83 Fort Benning Infantry NCOs and 37 NCOs from non-Infantry units were selected.

"I'm very excited about the number of NCOs selected," Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso said. "It says a lot about the quality of NCOs at Fort Benning."

The Army's Infantry promotion board was made up of colonels, lieutenant colonels, and sergeants major. The board determined the criteria applicants were judged on, with guidance provided by Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley.

To narrow down the applicants, the promotion board evaluated them based on several items, including previous assignments, military and civilian education, functional courses, assignments within TRADOC, performance of duty as reflected in an NCO's evaluation report, and scores on PT tests.

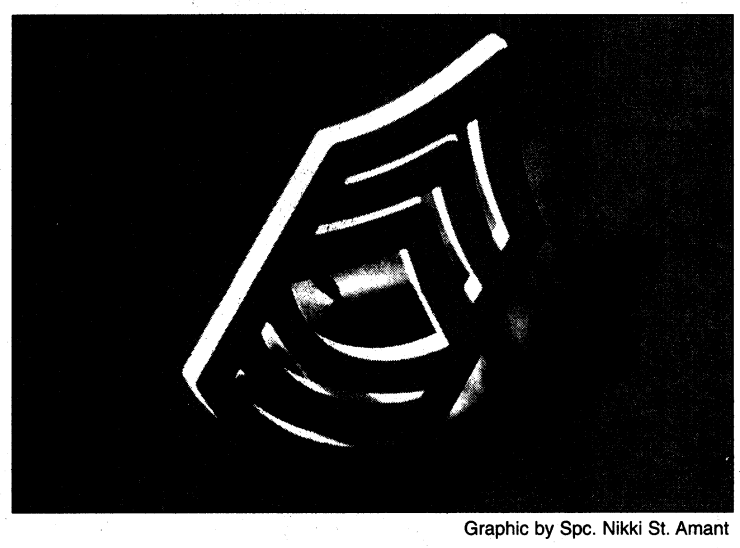
NCOs taking classes and pursuing their college education had an edge on those who were not.

> "I'm proud of all the NCOs who were eligible. Those who were selected and those who were not. We're an Army at war, so they'll be selected eventually."
>
> **Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso**
> Post command sergeant major

"The panel wants to see that you are making an effort to improve yourself," Kelso said.

Certain duty assignments add significant points. NCOs with the best chances for promotion are those with experience as observers and controllers at training centers, drill sergeants and teachers at Ranger school.

From Ranger Training Brigade, 35 NCOs were selected. All cadre at Ranger School have at least two years experience as a platoon sergeant, and most have combat experience, which makes them ideal candidates for promotion, Ranger Training Brigade's Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Greenway said.



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Other units also had significant numbers of NCOs chosen, with 13 Soldiers from 11th Inf. Regt., and 12 from the 29th Inf. Regt.

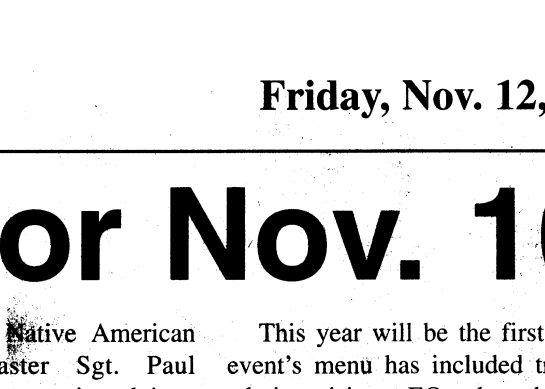
The majority of the Fort Benning NCOs selected, 62, are assigned to TRADOC.

"There's a myth that those assigned to TRADOC are not competitive," Kelso said.

"But these numbers indicate that TRADOC NCOs are getting the experience and the training they need to be competitive. It points to the quality of NCOs who are instructors in the Infantry school.

"We try to bring in NCOs who have already been deployed. They bring war experience into TRADOC and give Soldiers a good foundation in battle.

"I'm proud of all the NCOs who were eligible. Those who were selected and those who were not. We're an Army at war, so they'll be selected eventually."



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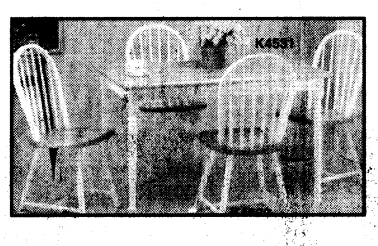
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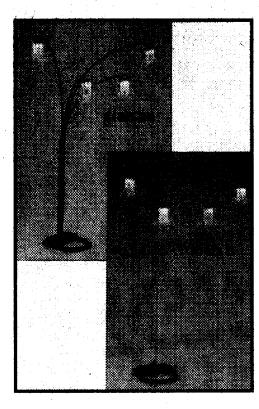
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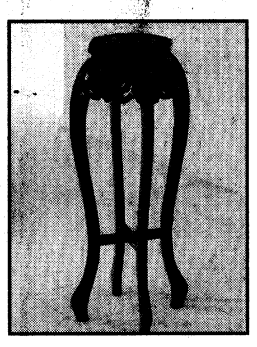
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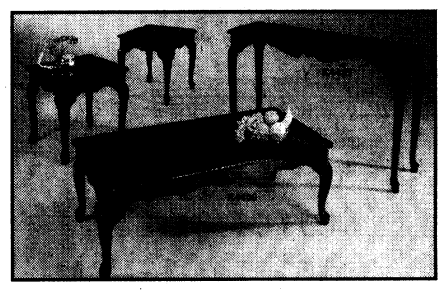
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Navy officer jumps ship to join Army

Ready to put boots on ground at Fort Bragg

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

The Navy's loss became the Army's gain, when 2nd Lt. Alex Katauskas began training at Fort Benning in late October.

Katauskas was sworn into the Army Oct. 23 after transferring from the Navy when an injury prevented him from finishing SEAL training.

"The best advice I've heard so far is to come willing to learn and be prepared to take a lot of criticism so I can improve," Katauskas said.

Katauskas grew up in Wallingford, Pa., a suburb outside Philadelphia. He chose to attend his father's alma mater, the Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Md., and graduated with honors in 2002. He majored in economics and was recognized on the Superintendent's List several times.

"I went to the Academy, because I wanted to serve my country, and I wanted the camaraderie I grew up hearing my dad talk about," Katauskas said.

The second lieutenant found more than an education at the Academy. In February he will marry Lyndsay Fredericksen, whom he met when they were in the Academy together.

Following graduation, Katauskas was commissioned and selected for the SEAL special warfare program after placing 10th out of 50 midshipmen in his class who took the physical fitness test and orientation.

But the SEAL program would not be smooth sailing for him.

Two months into the six-month program, a stress fracture in his leg forced Katauskas to drop out, and high officer end strength prevented him from re-enrolling.

He was stationed at Coronado Island, Calif., where he worked with marine mammals trained to detect underwater explosives and enemy divers.

"I enjoyed swimming with the dolphins, but the sea lions are ornery. They bite. The dolphins are really strong and fast, and you don't realize how big they are until you get into the water with them," the 5-foot-10-inch officer said.

But Katauskas really wanted to do "boots on the ground" kind of work, so he hung up his flippers and started looking for other options.

"I considered trying to be a Naval pilot, but my heart wouldn't have been in it."

He considered both the Army and Marines but chose the Army because of leadership opportunities for officers. He had attended Airborne school at Fort Benning, so he was familiar with the Army.

He sought an interservice transfer, trading in his two-year Navy commitment for four years in the Army.

This week, the 24-year-old finished his fourth week of Infantry Officer Basic training with 11th Infantry Regiment's 2nd Battalion.

"Katauskas is doing great, and physically he's probably in better shape than anyone in his platoon," said company commander, Capt. Joshua Gilliam.

Katauskas is enjoying training and camaraderie with officers in his unit.



Annette Fournier

2nd Lt. Alex Katauskas aims at becoming an Infantry officer in his training at Fort Benning.

"You find the same type of people in all branches of the military, and the people I'm working with are professional and well versed. The guys are ribbing me a little bit about being in the Navy, but I would be disappointed if they didn't," Katauskas said.

"It should be interesting watching the Army versus Navy game," said Katauskas, who'll root for Navy.

Men training with him praised his work ethic and positive attitude.

"I was skeptical at first when I heard he was a Navy guy, but he's one of the most high speed, squared-away guys in the unit," 2nd Lt. Lucas Wright said.

"At the end of the day, he's just a good guy, except he runs goofy," 2nd Lt. Luke Fedlam joked.

Katauskas is still trying to get used to small differences between the branches.

"In the Navy, the latrine is called the head, and the chow hall is the galley. The guys in my unit just laugh at me when I ask what time we're going to the galley. Old habits die hard.

"(And) in the Navy we don't salute when we're in PT gear. Every time someone salutes me wearing PT clothes I think, 'what are they doing'?

"There's a lot to learn, so I'm just trying to soak it all in," the new Soldier said.

After training, Katauskas will go to 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C.

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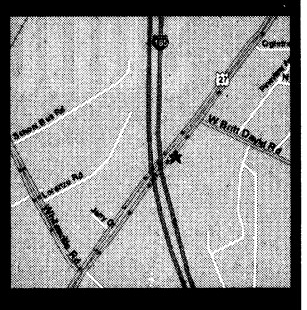
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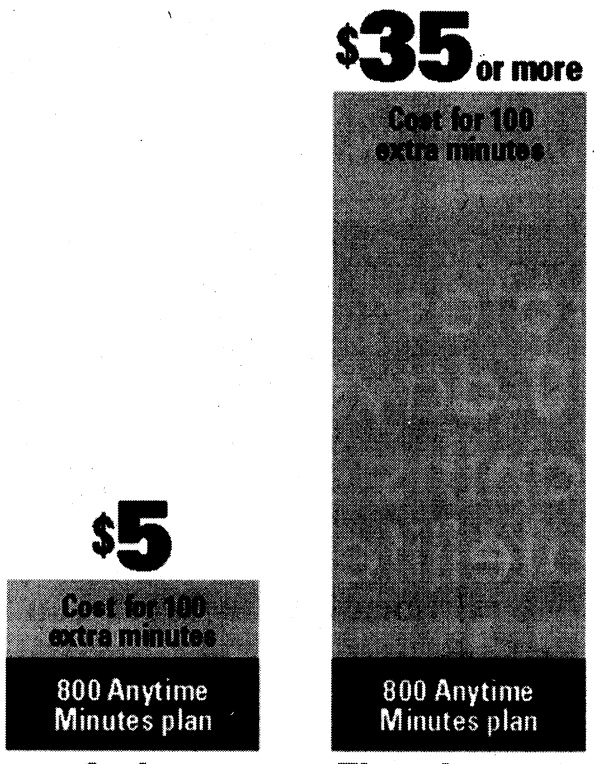


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Airborne musician strumming along

Cooper hopes to make it big for family

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Growing up on the mean streets of one of the toughest neighborhoods in Anniston, Ala., Spc. Steven Cooper found a pool of positivity in music.

His father and sister are musicians, and they helped teach the parachute rigger to play acoustic guitar when he was bitten by the music bug in 1999.

Inspired by bands like Default and soloists like Ryan Cabrera and Edwin McCain, Cooper said his material is "alternativish."

"Everything I write is something I am either going through or have been through," he said. "It's personal."

Aside from composing and playing his own music, Cooper plays a smattering of music from different bands, like Matchbox 20, Good Charlotte and classic Eagles tunes.



Cooper says music comes second to his family.

> "No matter how you play or how you sing, someone, somewhere is going to like you."
>
> **Spc. Steven Cooper**
> 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment

He has a grassroots publicity strategy. He plays for private parties whenever he can to get his name out.

"A good friend of mine is about to open a studio, and I'll be able to get some free studio time," Cooper said. "Once I cut a demo, I think I'll really start to take off. I'll make it one day."

The amicable crooner with the southern drawl swears the drive for the top isn't so much about money and fame as it is chicken soup for his soul.

"The money's not really a big thing to me," he promised. "I wanna affect somebody with the things I write and my music. That is the biggest rush in the world — to hear a group of people respond to the lyrics you write and the music you are playing," he said. "There is no way to explain it."

Cooper admitted the money a contract could bring wouldn't be a burden. After all, he has a wife, Heather, and 20-month-old daughter, Malaya.

"If the money did come my way, I guess it wouldn't hurt," he said. "I would put it all into a college fund for my daughter and investments. I wouldn't spend too much."

Making a way for Malaya and Heather is the driving force behind everything he does — from the Army and his job, to his music.

"Sometimes I play Malaya to sleep, and it's awesome because those are the two best things in my life — my family and my music," he said.



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Spc. Steven Cooper, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, strums his guitar outside work.

With the mountain of challenges that face any unknown artist, Cooper said a tough road lies ahead on the way to his dream, but he won't give up.

"I think the beauty of music is, no matter what anybody does to you or tries to take away from you, it is the one thing they can't take," he said. "It's always in your head and heart. No matter what you play or how you sing, someone somewhere will like you."

Cell phone towers to improve reception on post

Expect better service around first of year

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

In the next few months, cell phone users should see more bars on their displays and experience fewer dropped calls.

In August, a 193-foot cellular tower, built by Yarborough and Paradise Towers, was stacked behind Building 84 on Main Post. In the next few months, wireless communication carriers will install antennas on the tower, increasing coverage on the installation, said Peggy Mealing, Wireless Communications planner for Fort Benning.

Public Service Cellular, Verizon, Sprint and Cingular will be on the tower.

"These carriers haven't had towers on Fort Benning before, just to the borders of the post," Mealing said. "Before, they could only have antennas on telephone poles or have portable cows — a cell on wheels — but it just wasn't enough."

Besides the tower on Main Post, Mealing said two 250-foot towers will be erected by Tower Economics, one in the Harmony Church area and the other off Marne and Cusseta roads.

"The coverage should be great, awesome," said Jim Kernaghan, account manager of Tower Economics. "We did a triangulation study, and when you put the three towers together it will provide more coverage on post. Each area of the post will be covered by one of the towers."

The towers are erected through a contract with the Corps of Engineers. A private company owns the towers, but it leases the ground from the government. The owner is responsible for contracts with cellular companies.

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Mealing said Fort Benning has been trying to get towers erected for three years. Now, she's waiting to hear when the antennas will be put up.

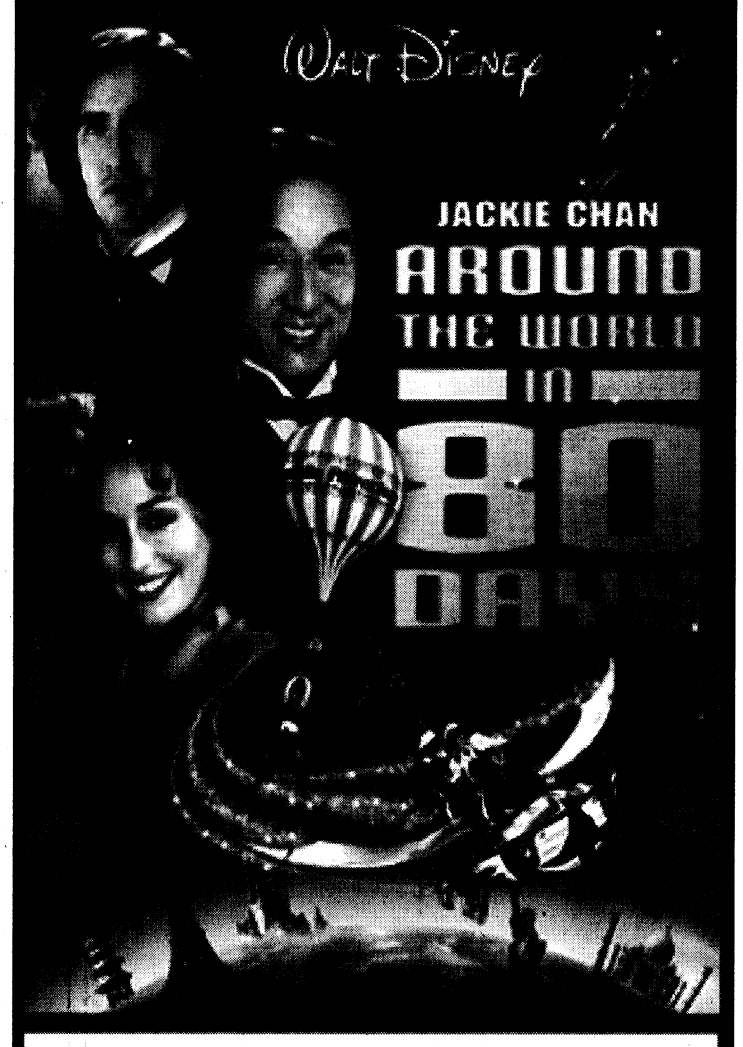
Kernaghan said his company will start stacking towers next week, and antennas should begin going up in January and February. They will carry PSC, Verizon, Sprint and Cingular.

Mealing said cell phone coverage on Kelley Hill, Sand Hill, McKenna MOUT Site, Highway 27 and Cusseta will increase greatly. Customers should see a noticeable difference in coverage by the first of the year.

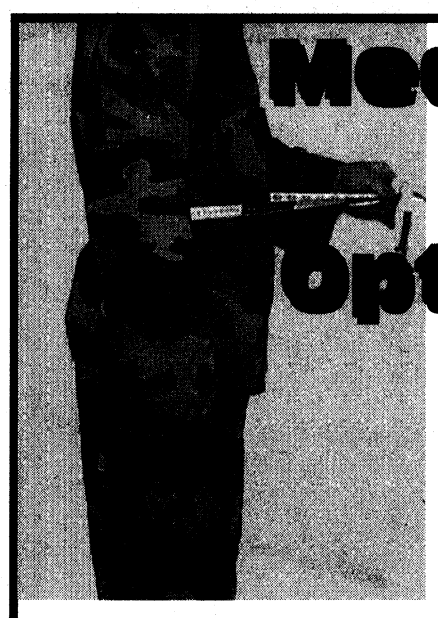
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Pvt. Michael Haan, C Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, guards his position with a squad automatic weapon as he role plays as the opposing force during his final field training exercise Tuesday afternoon. The Soldiers of C Co. do not end their FTX until Saturday morning.

ITB Soldiers fight for Honor Hill

Soldiers stretch out final steps to crossed rifles

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Pvt. Michael Haan never saw the Army as an option after high school. Tuesday, the 19-year-old found himself in the prone position with a squad automatic weapon, role-playing the opposing force for his final field training exercise of one station unit training.

Haan, from C Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, is one of the thousands of Soldiers who volunteered to join the Army after 9/11.

"It's a sense of duty," Haan said. "I never thought about the Army before (9/11). But now I'm here, and I've got only two weeks to go."

The Soldiers headed out to their final FTX Monday afternoon and will be in the field until tonight, when they begin a 12- to 16-mile road march to Honor Hill. There they will receive their crossed rifle pins and become Army Infantrymen.

During the weeklong FTX, the Soldiers will use all the training they received during their 14 weeks at Fort Benning in five days of battle drills.

Monday night, the Soldiers dug hasty firing positions through the night.

Tuesday, the Infantry Soldiers and the mortarmen used their skills to do a direct lay, which is a call for fire.

"The Infantry Soldiers move down the lanes and then give the mortar guys the coordinates for them to fire," said Sgt. 1st Class Clyde Harris, 1st Platoon drill sergeant.

Harris said C Co. has 43 mortarmen this cycle who were split up for advanced individual training with the 29th Infantry Regiment.

During the week, the Soldiers completed various lanes to assess their Soldier skills.

Some of the lanes included a squad ambush lane, movement to contact, enter and clear a trench, various night reconnaissance and surveillance missions and patrols.

Harris said because of the current Global War on Terrorism and the type of war being fought overseas, there has been an increase in the importance of military operations in urban terrain training.

"The Soldiers will enter and clear an objective on their road march to Honor Hill," Harris said. "That's something that hasn't been done before."

Another aspect stressed during training is the drill sergeants act as platoon and squad leaders during the final FTX.

"Many of these drill sergeants will be coming off the trail soon, and they need to be fighting the same fight," said Capt. Keith Madere, C Co. commander. "We're helping them 'stay blue.' In other words, they're training on what they will be doing as squad leaders and platoon sergeants once they leave here."

To incorporate the drill sergeants into the Soldiers' training, the drill sergeants executed every event with the Soldiers as their squad leaders.

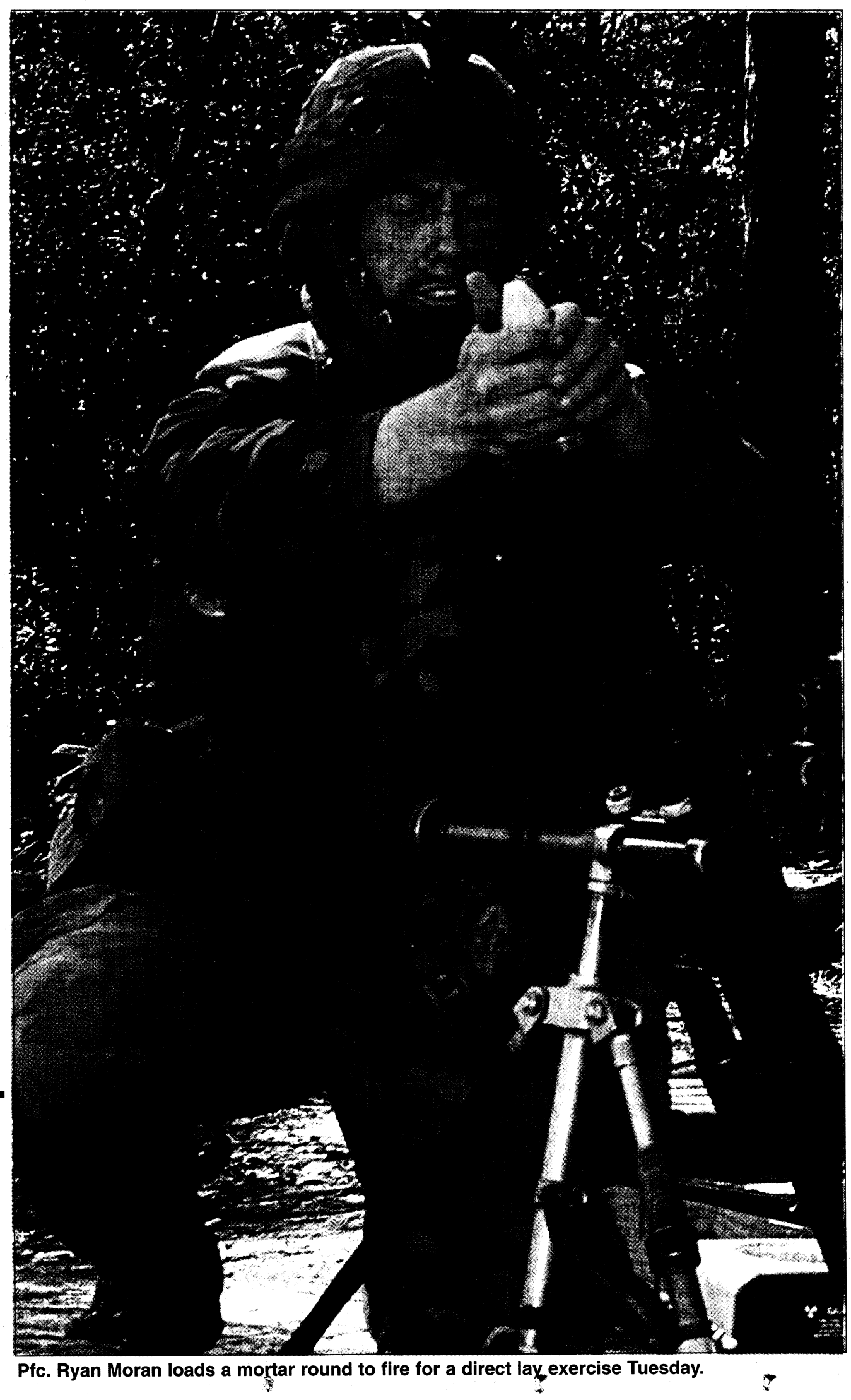
"Having the drill sergeants out there gave us an example of what our leadership is supposed to be like once we get to our units," Haan said. "It also gave us an example of how we need to act once we're in their position."

During tonight's road march, the Soldiers will carry a ruck load of 35-45 pounds as well as their weapons.

Once C Co. reaches Honor Hill Saturday morning, the Soldiers will have earned their crossed rifles and the right to be called Infantrymen. C Co. will graduate Nov. 24 on Kanell Field on Sand Hill.

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C Company commander, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment



Pfc. Ryan Moran loads a mortar round to fire for a direct lay exercise Tuesday.

NCO's drug, weapon charges nets jail time

75th Ranger gets boot, 42 months in pen

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet assistant editor

Sgt. Antonio Barrientes, Ranger Training Detachment, 75th Ranger Regiment, was court-martialed for and convicted of the wrongful acquisition and distribution of MDMA, also known as Ecstasy, the use of marijuana, improper relationships between an NCO and his Soldiers and wrongful transportation of a weapon Sept. 20.

Barrientes was sentenced to 42 months of confinement, reduction to private, forfeiture of five hundred dollars a month for 42 months, and a bad conduct discharge.

Between January and March, Barrientes entered into a partnership with a junior Soldier to have the drugs mailed to him, and he distributed those drugs to his subordinates free and for profit.

On more than one occasion, he used both Ecstasy and marijuana with his Soldiers and threatened to harm them if they told anyone of the illegal activities.

"This NCO violated quite possibly all the values we are taught to live by as Soldiers," said post command sergeant major Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso.

"What's even worse is that as an NCO, he brought his junior Soldiers into this. The trust his commander placed in him he deviated into something unfathomable."

Barrientes' lawyer, Capt. Michael McGlinchey, Trial Defense Service, said that while his client is sincerely remorseful for the mistakes he made, it is important to remember that the matters at issue in the court-martial took place during a two-month span.

McGlinchey said that during the vast majority of Barrientes' 10 years in uniform, he demonstrated patriotism, duty and selfless service.

Kelso said even though the nation is at war, the Army's standards of conduct can not be compromised, even if that means losing Soldiers with significant time in service.

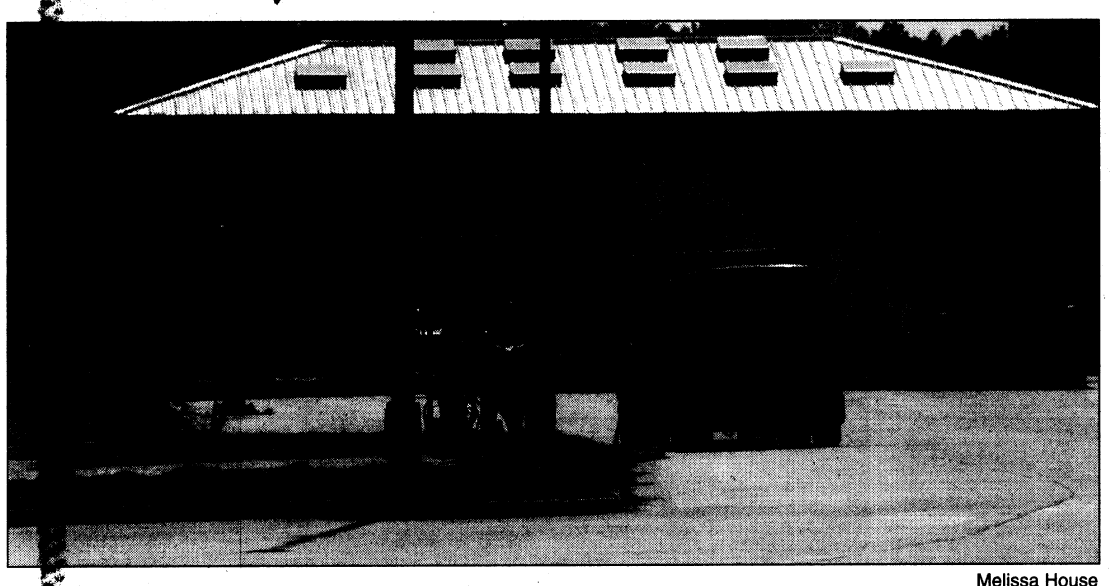
"If we fail to uphold the standards and values we live and Soldier by, then we are no better than the enemy we are fighting against today," he said. "There is not a Soldier in the Army who doesn't know this kind of behavior is wrong.

"It doesn't matter if you have eight, ten, twelve years of service — if you play with fire, you are going to get burned," said Kelso.

"I think he got off light. I'd have thrown him in jail for 20 years."

The Uniform Code of Military Justice provides for automatic appeal to the Army Court of Criminal Appeals for any Soldier who is sentenced to a punitive discharge or confinement for one year or more," said McGlinchey.

"So Barrientes' case will be appealed and he will also have a right to petition the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Supreme Court of the United States for review."



Melissa House

The access control point on I-185 is scheduled to reopen Monday afternoon.

I-185: To reopen Monday

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more than 20 guards at the gate, manning all 10 booths, truck inspection, visitors center and the random inspection stations.

Finnegan said random inspections will be conducted at stations on either side of the road after the vehicles pass through the booths. The stations have overhead light and cover.

"Once this gate and the Benning Road gate are open, (the contracted guards) will be employed full-time at the ACPs," Finnegan said.

One change already in place is 100 percent picture ID checks of each adult in a vehicle.

Col. Charles Cornwell, Fort Benning chief of staff, said this increased force protection measure would remain in effect until further notice.

Even with this added measure, Finnegan said drivers with decals will not have to wait long to get onto post.

"There will be times when it will take a few minutes," he said. "But not thirty to forty minutes. The ACP was designed so if we need to become more vigilant, we can still do it without a huge impact."

Finnegan said the new ACP will be tested by the increased traffic caused when the Benning Road gate closes.

The Benning Boulevard and South Lumpkin gates will close at 11 p.m. Nov. 19 because of the protest against the now closed School of the Americas. The Benning Boulevard gate will not re-open until construction is complete, but the South Lumpkin gate will reopen at 11 p.m. Nov. 21.

He said there is a possibility the Benning Road outbound lanes would be opened to help the flow of traffic off post during the peak evening hours, but the decision would not be made until the safety office makes an assessment.

"Fort Campbell (Ky.) had a serious head-on collision at night with someone coming in through the outbound lanes," Finnegan said. "We don't want that to happen here."

Rally: Features big names

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at the Tidwell Cancer Treatment Center, where Miriam works alongside her husband, cancer specialist Dr. Jack Tidwell.

But seating is a problem Pease and Tidwell seem fairly comfortable with.

"There are a lot of positive things going on," Pease said. "This is a tricommunity effort."

A local VFW post donated 20,000 flags for the rally.

Notable guests include Medal of Honor recipient, retired Col. Robert Nett, retired Col. Ralph Puckett, and authors Robin Moore and John Given.

Nextel will offer free phone calls for Soldiers, Barnes and Noble Booksellers will provide free refreshments throughout the afternoon, and 100 military children can get complimentary tickets for a basketball clinic with the Harlem Globetrotters at 2 p.m.

Soldiers can get free tickets for the Riverdragons game and discounted tickets for their families at the Civic Center Box office.

Tidwell said the motorcycle rally will be a large event this year, drawing more than 500 bikes and riders.

Thirty police officers will be on hand during the rally to ensure everyone's safety.

Tidwell, who grew up as a Navy daughter and married a retired Soldier, said she is proud of Fort Benning and all of the sacrifices the Soldiers make for the country.

"The God Bless Fort Benning events are a way the community can thank the Soldiers and families for their sacrifices," Tidwell said.

"This started because I was angry at the protestors. Then I was sad. Now I'm indifferent," she said.

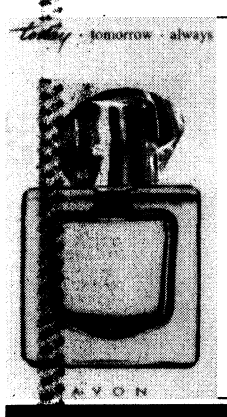
"This rally is not against the protestors, but against the message the protestors are sending to the world about our base.

"We're going to represent WHINSEC, along with the rest of Benning, in a positive way," she said.

For more information, visit www.GodBlessFortBenning.com.

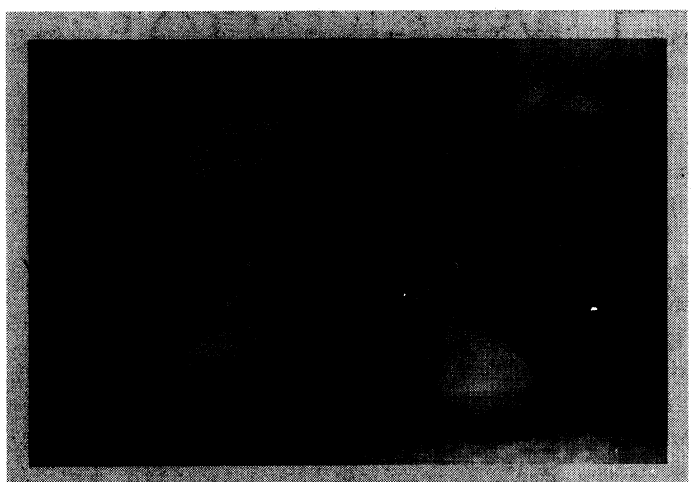
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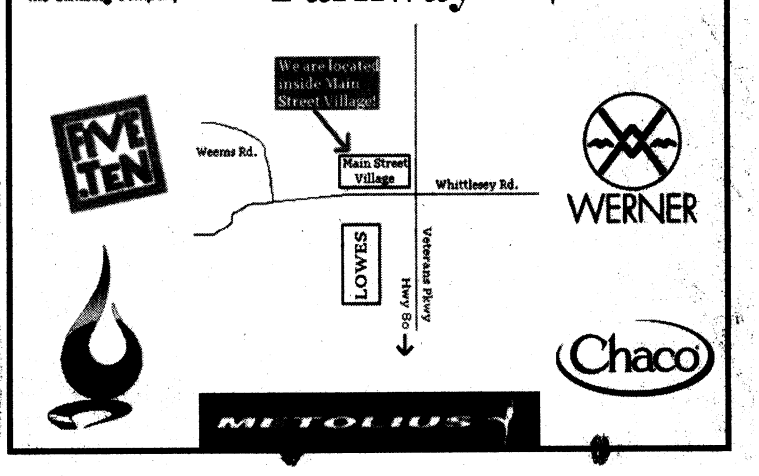
- Noon- free lunch for Soldiers
- 1 p.m.- Motorcycle Support Run
- Free concerts by Cornbread and Lee Greenwood
- 2 p.m.- Harlem Globetrotters vs. Columbus businessmen
- 4 p.m.- Globetrotters youth basketball clinic
- 6 p.m.- Riverdragons home opener
- Student area featuring Christian bands *Believe* and *180*
- Family area with games, magicians and moon walk
- Donation station for Santa's Castle

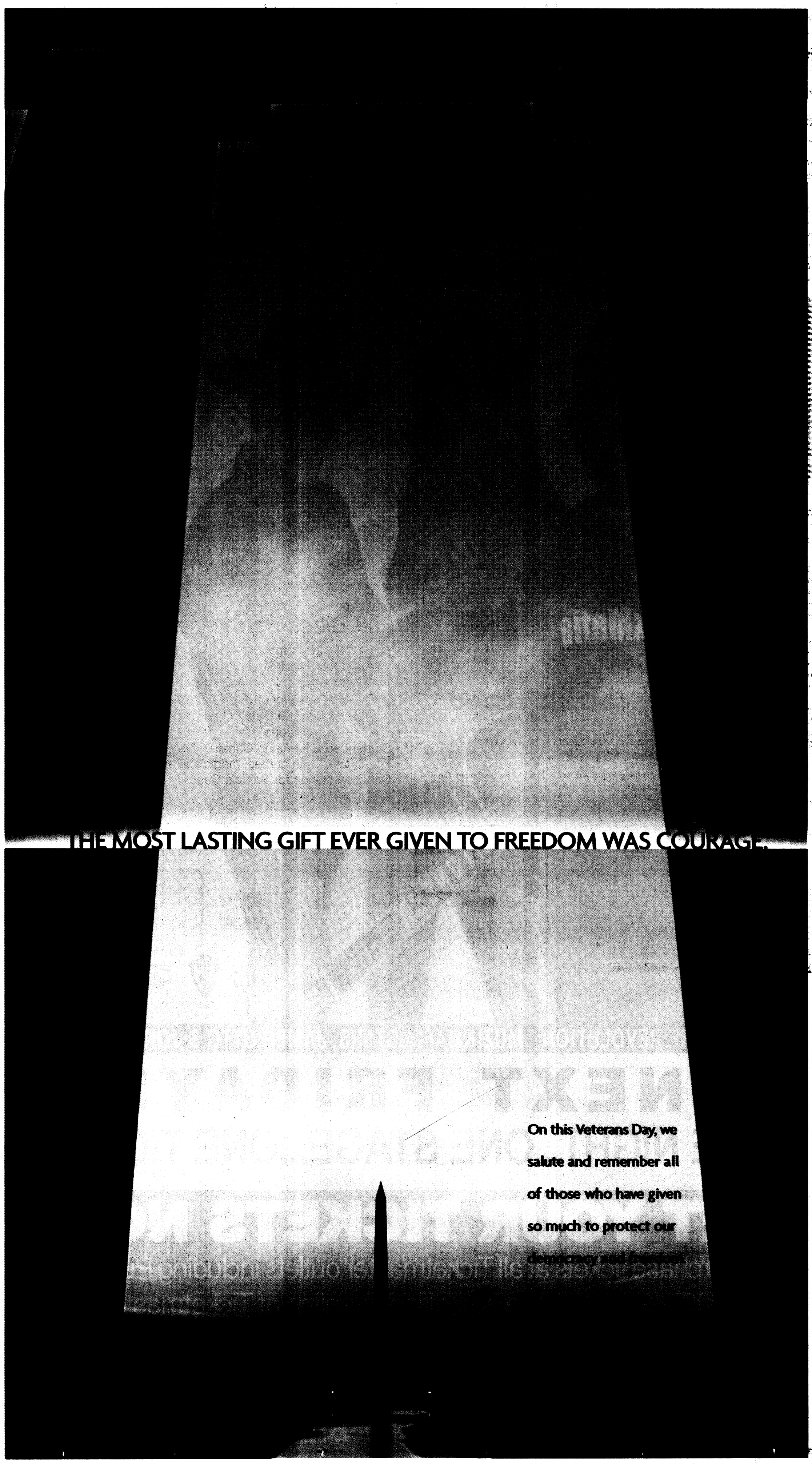


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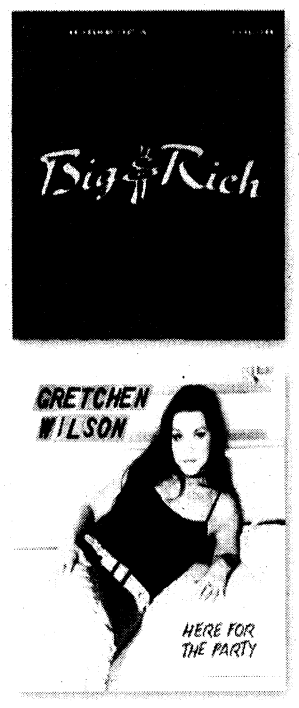
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Cannon crews rain fire from on high



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Staff Sgt. Terrance Sutton, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, a cannon crew member since 1991, uses the sights on the M-109 A5 howitzer.

Team bonds like family to survive battle

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Staff Sgt. Terrance Sutton has been a cannon crew member for a long time. Three deployments. Thirteen years. Countless crews and cannons.

The number one thing that sticks out for him in a career filled with an endless barrage of exploding ordnance and high-pressure, adrenaline-riddled experiences, is his family.

By family, he means his crew. The team is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment.

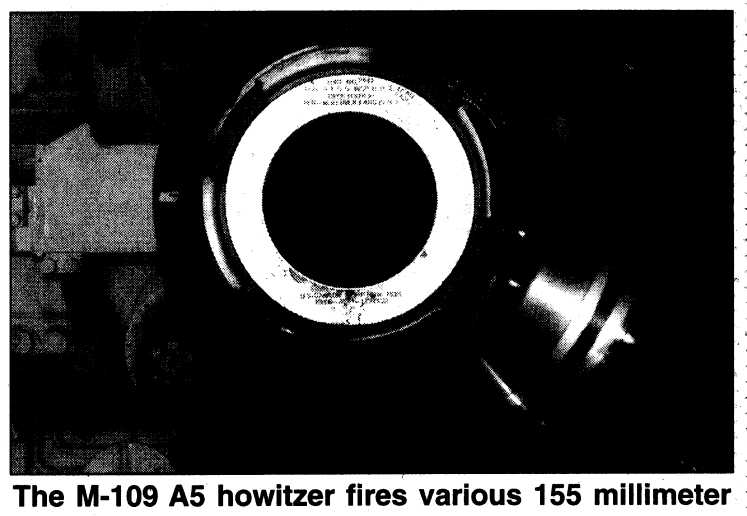
He equates it to a bond and common understanding between blood relations because, inside the back of a multi-ton killing machine, things have to move like clockwork. Life and death hang in the balance.

"We are talking big bullets here," said Sutton. "155 millimeter shells that can go up to 30,000 meters and put very big holes in very big things.

"These guys in my section are like my family. We train together for the real deal. We are going to war together."

The M-109 A5 howitzer the crew calls "Judy" weighs 55,000 pounds when combat loaded, can move at about 38 mph, is mounted with a 50 caliber machine gun and fires a variety of different shells with deadly accuracy.

"I could blow up a car from miles and miles away and this is built so that no matter what happens you always have a backup," said Sutton. "All the electronics have manual counterparts so that you are never left hanging."



The M-109 A5 howitzer fires various 155 millimeter shells with a range of up to 30,000 meters.

Sutton said it takes a team of four highly trained crew members to employ the M-109 safely and effectively on the battlefield. Each member has very specific responsibilities from driving, verifying and loading the rounds and charges, fire control and manning the gun.

"When you are firing, things move very fast in here," he said. "Everybody has to be on point. Each person is verifying every aspect of the mission — the target data, the size of the charge, the type of round and the time to target. If you make a mistake you can miss the target, kill yourself or hit friendlies."

The enormous pressure of combat duty as a cannon crew member isn't generated only by the enormous responsibilities of the missions. The imminent danger crews face as virtual sitting ducks on the battlefield can turn steely-eyed warriors' guts inside out.

"It isn't all fun and games in here," said Sutton. "This thing isn't armored at all.

"It is hard when you go to war and this track is home to you day-in and day-out and all of sudden you are hearing the rattle of rounds pinging off the side and you look over into the eyes of an 18-year-old. Those eyes are saying 'I read about this. I watched it on television, but when I signed up, I never thought this would be me getting shot at.' They are saying, 'Sergeant Sutton, I don't wanna die.'"

But the NCO has faith in his Soldiers even though most of his team for the upcoming deployment will be rookies.

"They are as ready as they are going to be," he said. "They go through eight weeks of AIT and then they come here and train hard.

"We are tight. None of my guys would rather go with anyone else," he said. "They don't want to go unless they can go together."

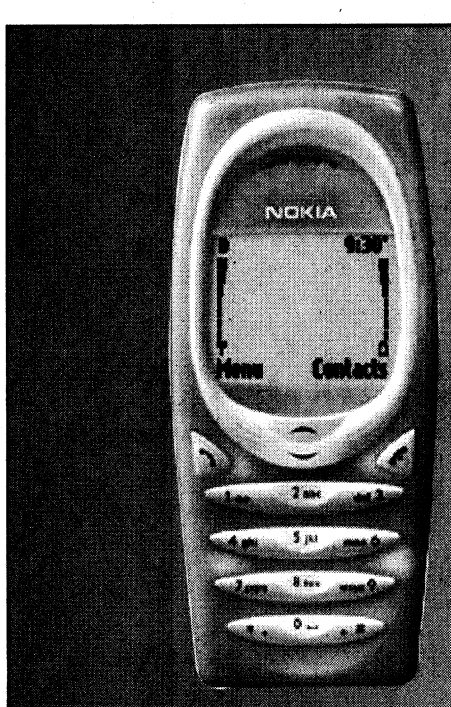
Sutton's perception was mirrored by his Soldiers on all points.

"We've got a great hard-working crew," said Spc. Santiago Soto. "I've been on three or four crews before this one and I could have gone Special Forces but I trained with these guys for awhile and now I am staying."

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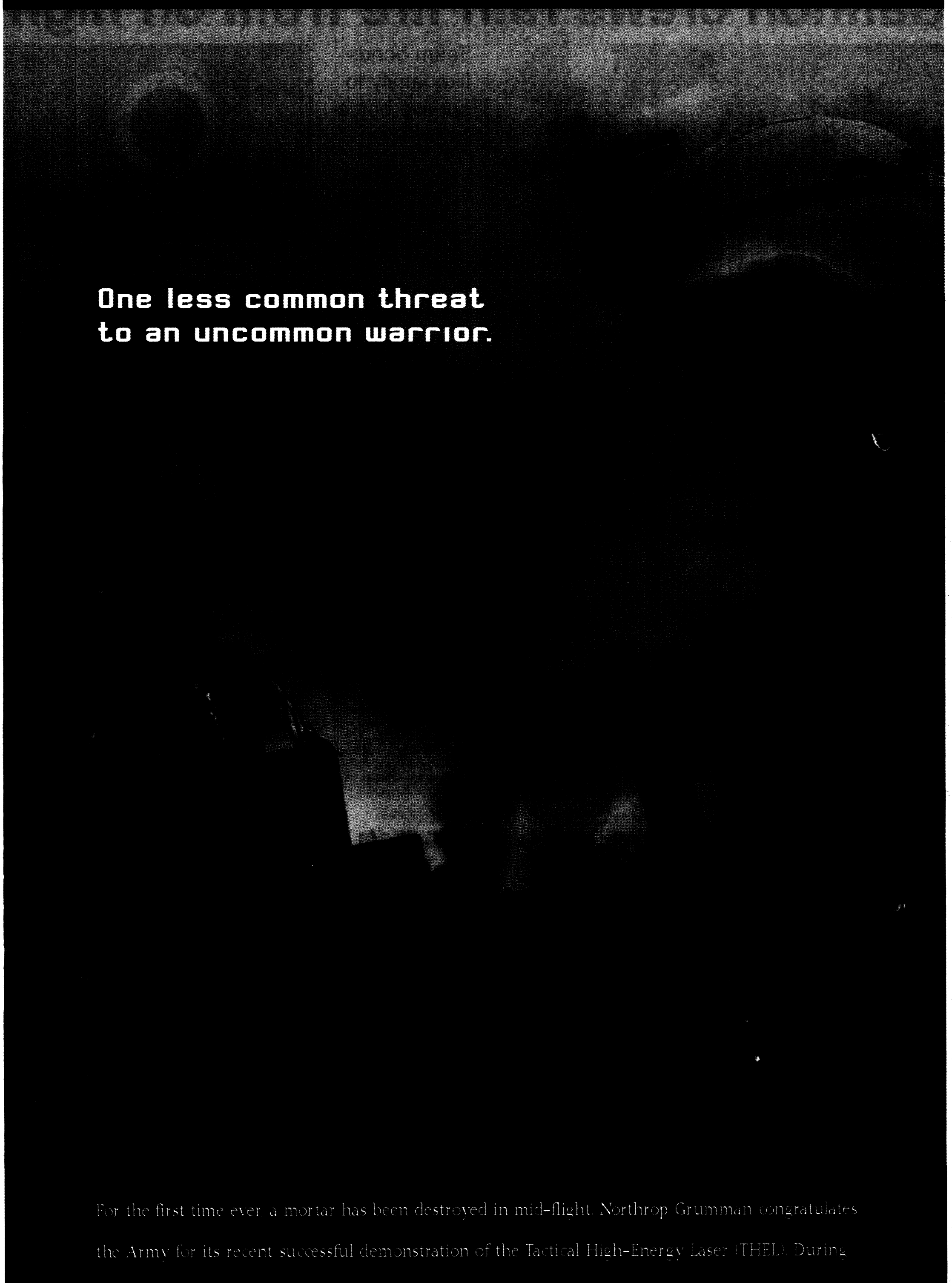
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For more information, call Doug Ledford at 545-0669.

Native American Heritage Month

The U.S. Army Infantry Center and the Equal Opportunity Office will present the Native American Heritage Month Celebration at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

Guest speaker is Tim Harjo of the Chickasaw Nation. There will also be a free food sampling.

For more information, see your unit's EO advisor or call the EO office at 545-6665 or 545-3200.

German Memorial Day

The German Army Liaison Staff will conduct a German Army Memorial Day Ceremony at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Main Post Cemetery.

A reception will follow at 5 p.m. at the Follow Me Golf Club. Reservations are required by Monday.

For more information, call 545-6251.

Recruit the Recruiter

The U.S. Army Recruit the Recruiter Team will present information at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nov. 22-24 in Classroom 30 in Infantry Hall.

The team will brief all sergeants through sergeants first class regarding the benefits, challenges and qualifications of recruiting duty.

For more information, call the Installation Retention Office at 545-8771 or 545-7387.

Silver Wings

The Command Exhibition Parachute Team is looking for candidates for membership in the Silver Wings.

Candidates must be sergeant or higher, possess a current C license or higher and have no UCMJ actions or flags.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes at 545-1939.

SJA new hours

The Legal Assistance Division and Claims Division will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 545-3281, 545-3282 or 545-2285.

Columbus Shuttle suspension

Columbus Shuttle, a local van service that provides service locally and to and from the Atlanta airport, has been suspended by the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command as an authorized carrier for DoD travelers on official business for one year.

Travelers on business on official travel orders should not use Columbus Shuttle for transportation service.

For more information, call 545-4788.

HOPE Grant Program

The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition, fees and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their dependents 16 years of age or older.

You must be stationed at Fort Benning and living in Georgia. Civilian employees are also eligible.

Fill out the required forms and register for classes at Columbus Technical College or at the Main Campus, 945 Manchester Expressway.

For more information, call 685-8549 or go to Building 2614 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Retirement package

If you are retiring, you should submit a retirement application 90 to 120 days before you retire to ensure a timely first annuity payment from the Office of Personnel Management.

To learn more, visit the ABC-C Web site at www.abc.army.mil.

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.

RCP change

The Retention Control Point for staff sergeants has changed from 20 to 22 years.

This 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.

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 mandatory pre-separation briefing.

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 545-4887 or 545-5424 or see your unit personnel NCO.

USAMU teaches classes

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle and Service Pistol teams will teach shooting techniques to Soldiers on the M-4, M-16 and M-9 weapon systems.

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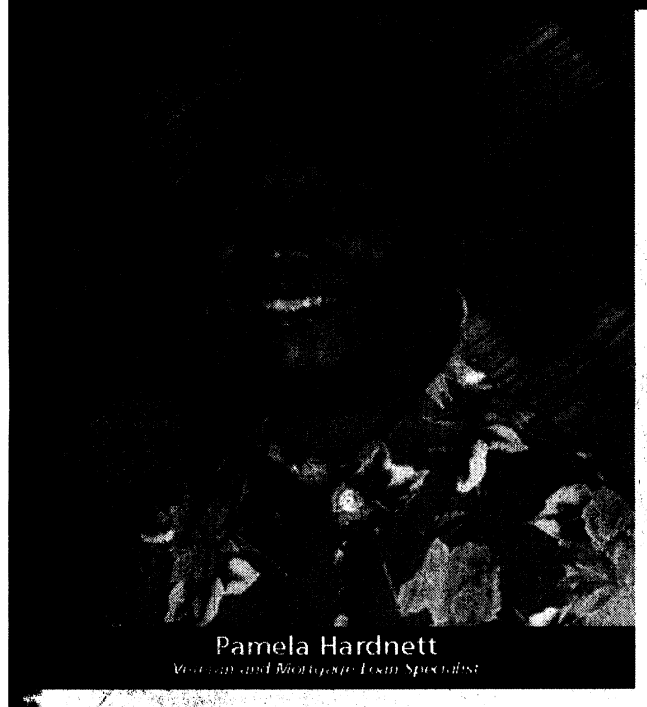
eArmyU Order of Merit list

The Army Education Center will conduct the eArmyU briefing at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Infantry Hall on Main Post.

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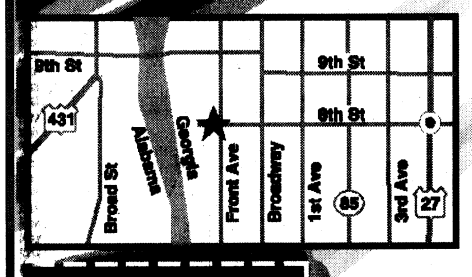
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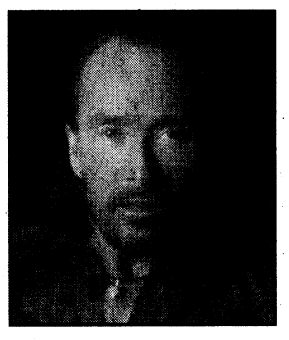
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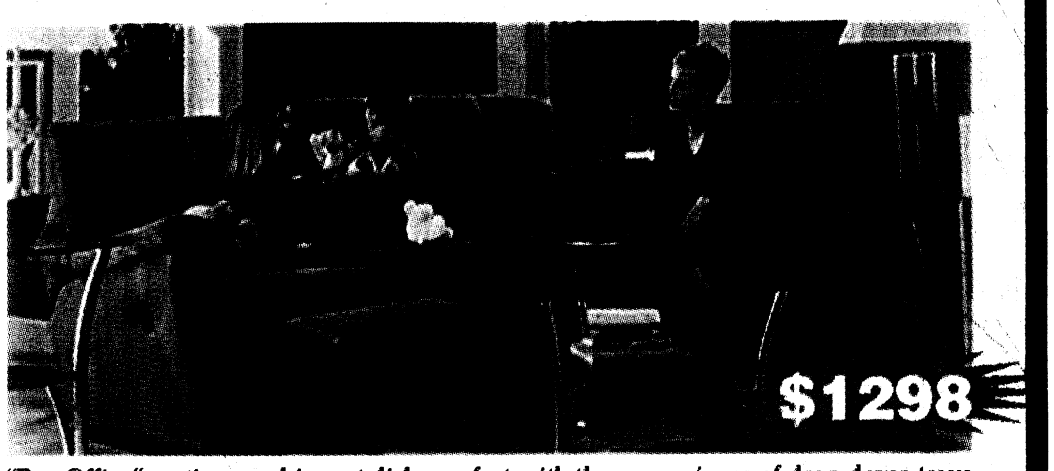




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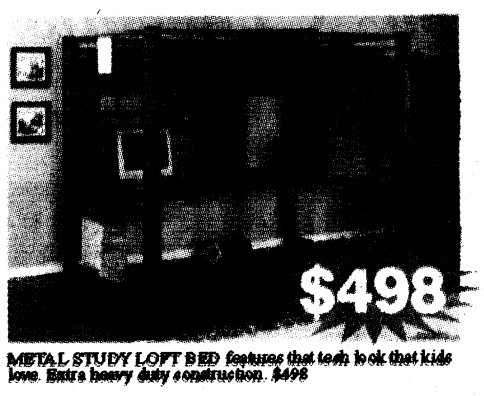
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers

Harris County plans three-day building blitz

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

The Harris County Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for a three-day home-building blitz in Shiloh, Ga., Nov. 18 to 20.

The pre-framed house will be the first of its type built in Georgia by Habitat for Humanity.

Workers will complete the foundation and floor this week in preparation for the blitz, when volunteers will put up the walls, the trusses and the roof. The walls are pre-wired, so once they're standing, the wiring will need only to be connected.

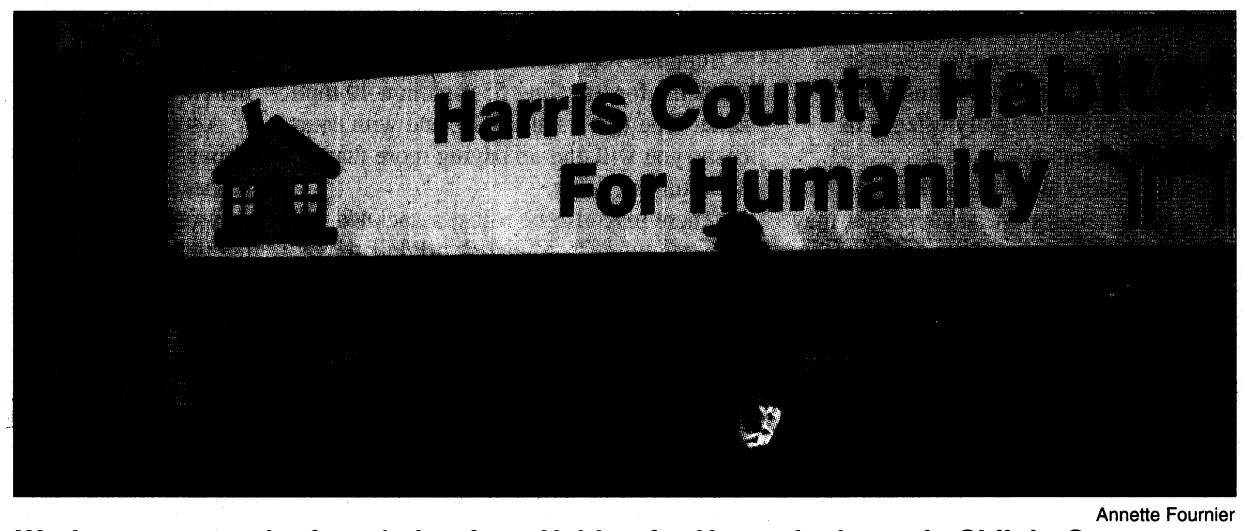
The three-bedroom, two-bath ranch-style home is being built for Curtis and Sonja Johnson and their two young children, Javianete and Precious. This will the Johnson's first home.

Habitat for Humanity builds modest homes and sells them for no profit.

Homebuyers are required to invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" in their home and pay the no-interest mortgage.

The nonprofit organization is asking for volunteers of all ages and abilities.

See **HABITAT** B-4



Annette Fournier

Workers prepare the foundation for a Habitat for Humanity home in Shiloh, Ga.

Fall clean up



Courtesy photo

Soldiers trim large bushes from a cherry picker Saturday during the annual McGraw Manor fall clean up.

ITB Soldiers 'bushwhack' McGraw Manor

Basic trainees participate in annual event

Capt. Anthony Oliveras
Infantry Training Brigade

What do you get when you cross a fork lift, a wood chipper, a cherry picker and dump trucks with the Infantry Training Brigade? A successful fall cleanup in McGraw Manor.

The Custer Road neighborhood was divided into six zones Saturday, and each basic training battalion tackled a zone, cleaned it, trimmed it, edged, cut and cleared it as part of the annual McGraw Manor event.

Pvt. Andrew Barto from Scottsdale, Ariz., was one of the Soldiers who spent the day tackling the common areas along the streets, wooded areas and playgrounds. The Army is about helping others, Barto said, and he was proud to help the community.

Sgt. Preston Yates, a McGraw resident, said the Soldiers cleared areas the residents couldn't get to.

Another resident, Rebecca Oaks, was equally impressed with the efforts.

"I think it's awesome," she said. "They did a really good job last time, and the Soldiers are really polite."

Installation officials have twice recognized the ITB for its cleanup efforts. The brigade received the Commander's Cup for Spring and Fall Clean Up Large Category in November 2003 and April of this year.

"The ITB is serious in its partnership with McGraw Manor to make it a better place to live," said Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Warnock, the brigade's command sergeant major. "And we hope the residents appreciate the efforts of our Soldiers and will continue to do their part to help make McGraw Manor the best community on Fort Benning."

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> **Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Warnock**
> Infantry Training Brigade command sergeant major

Golden Corral to feed vets Monday

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Military members and veterans can receive a free meal at Golden Corral restaurants across the country during the annual Military Appreciation Monday from 5-9 p.m.

"We do this to show our appreciation to men and women in uniform who do so much for this country," said Chris Murphy, associate manager of the Columbus Golden Corral.

Last year, the Columbus restaurant served 1,800 veterans.

This year, Murphy said, they will feed as many as they can fit in the doors.

To eat free, military members must tell the cashier they are, or were, in the military.

The event will start at 4:30 p.m. with an opening ceremony and ribbon cutting, followed by entertainment in the parking lot.

"Last time, the line was around the building and down the fence," said Johnny Wells, associate manager. "So we decided to provide entertainment while people wait."

Performers include bands and drill teams from local schools.

Throughout the weekend, Disabled American Veterans will be collecting donations at the restaurant.

While active duty and veterans eat free, family members will pay for their meal. The cost for non-military is $8.39 for the dinner and $1.39 for a drink.

The Golden Corral is located at 1505 Manchester Expressway.

For more information, call 320-0300.

Fort Benning students honor veteran's widow

Students in Carroll Thebaud's gifted class at Dexter Elementary School received House of Heroes hats last week when Pat Riccinto visited the school to thank the students for making cards for a local widow.



Bridgett Siter

Designs cards for House of Heroes

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

When Pat Riccinto tried to convince a nervous and skeptical Vera Ruehle to allow strangers into her home, he knew success was in the cards.

Riccinto, an employee at Total Systems, was the captain of a House of Heroes team of volunteers assigned to make minor repairs and spruce up Ruehle's Columbus home in September. The elderly widow of retired Staff Sgt. Henry John Ruehle was reluctant to participate, so Riccinto called on a group of Fort Benning students to ease the way.

Nearly 30 students from Carroll Thebaud's Dexter Elementary gifted class created greeting cards for Ruehle to thank her for her service — and her husband's — to the country. Staff Sgt. Ruehle was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam.

"While we were working on the outside, she sat inside reading your letters," Riccinto told the students Friday. "You sort of brought Mr. Ruehle back to her for a while. It was tremendous."

Riccinto and House of Heroes representatives visited Dexter to show the students pictures of the event and to give them House of Heroes hats as tokens of appreciation.

> "They did make me cry — not sad tears, but happy tears, tears of happy memories."
>
> **Vera Ruehle**
> Widow of Staff Sgt. Henry Ruehle

Ruehle couldn't attend the meeting, but by telephone, she spoke of the "beautiful cards and the sweet children who

See **HEROES** B-4

ASK THE JUDGE

Anthony Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: Is a traffic ticket a misdemeanor?

A: The answer depends on both the offense and the state. Many states consider minor tickets to be a "petty offense." A petty offense is less than a misdemeanor, and punishment is usually a small fine. Improper backing is a petty offense in Alabama, for example.

Misdemeanors are more serious, but not as severe as felonies. A misdemeanor may result in a larger fine or short jail sentence, usually one year or less. Reckless driving is a misdemeanor in Georgia, for example. A felony is usually an offense for which a jail sentence of more than one year is authorized. First degree vehicular homicide is a felony in Georgia.

Tickets for exceeding the speed limit are quite common. Drivers should know, however, that speeding can cost them in more ways than one — and for years to come.

Suppose you received a traffic ticket in Alabama for traveling 55 mph in a 40 mph zone. The fine itself is $20, and with court costs, you will end up paying more than $100 for the ticket.

There may also be a cost associated with "points." In Alabama, driving above the posted speed limit will result in a minimum of two points being assessed against your driver's license. These points will remain on your record for two years and can cost you down the line0.

When points are assessed against a driver, insurance companies will probably raise the premium on the driver's insurance. This increased rate will usually not be reduced until the points are removed, meaning you will pay more for your insurance for two years after the ticket.

Also, if you get a certain number of points, your driver's license may be suspended.

Speeding can result in higher costs than the ticket itself. The best advice is to stay within the speed limit.

For more information, call 545-3281 or 545-3282.

BIRTHS

Girls

Erika Lynn Starbuck — born Oct. 24 to Monae and Capt. Aaron Starbuck.

Jaslyn Janelle Gober — born Oct. 26 to Angelica and Sgt. Jared Gober.

Zenia Symone Johnson — born Oct. 26 to Bonnie and Sgt. 1st Class Willie Johnson.

Morgan JaSandra Jeffers — born Oct. 26 to Spc. Theola and Corey Jeffers.

Jakayla Nechele Wolfe — born Oct. 27 to Sheronneca Frazier and Derek Wolfe.

Alexia Cylisa Walden — born Oct. 27 to Sundair and Master Sgt. Anthony Walden.

Georgia Jean Hoover — born Oct. 28 to Donna and Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hoover.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

2005 Women's Conference — Volunteers are needed for the 2005 Women's Conference. The theme for the conference is "Bloom Where You are Planted."

For more information, call Carrie Snyder at 221-1489.

Flu vaccine update — Because of the national flu vaccine shortage, Martin Army Community Hospital has not been able to provide vaccinations to all beneficiaries. All military installations have been ordered to vaccinate only those deployed or deploying Soldiers.

Pregnant spouses support group — The Family Practice Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital is forming a support group for pregnant spouses of deployed Soldiers.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Family Practice Connelly Conference Room. Space is limited to 15 patients.

To sign up, call 545-2273 and select Family Practice Clinic.

Evening, pediatric clinics resume — Family Practice and Pediatrics Evening clinics will resume Monday. Acute and well-baby appointments resume from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the clinic mall area at Martin Army Community Hospital. Saturday clinic appointments continue to be available.

To make an appointment, call 545-2273.

PX, Commissary meeting — There will be a PX and Commissary meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Benning Room of the Officers' Club.

For more information, call Tabitha Smith at 545-3328.

Cadre Appreciation Night — BCTB and ITB cadre are invited to attend Sand Hill Cadre Appreciation Night from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Sand Hill NCO Club. The event is free and food and drinks will be provided at no cost.

For more information, call 544-8568.

Town hall meeting — There will be a town hall meeting to introduce the Residential Communities Initiative partners Clark Pinnacle Family Communities, LLC. Attendees will learn about the RCI project and implementation on post and understand how RCI will affect them.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in Marshall Hall in Infantry Hall. Refreshments will be available and also a drawing for prizes.

Christmas tree and wreath auction — The Officers' Club, in partnership with the Officers' Spouses' Club, will host a Christmas tree and wreath auction at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 19. Family readiness groups, units, activities or offices can get together to decorate a tree or wreath and submit it for the auction. Items will be judged by who brings in the most money from the auction and prizes will be awarded.

For more information or to register, call Kathy Bolar at 687-9818.

Thanksgiving brunch — The Officers' Club will host a Thanksgiving brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 21. Enjoy traditional Thanksgiving favorites plus a variety of other menu items.

For more information, call 687-1120.

Leaf pick-up — Shaw will be picking up leaves on a weekly basis in family housing beginning the last week of November.

Residents should rake the leaves to the curbside, not in the street. Tree limbs should be in a separate pile.

Also, the refuse contractor will remove bagged leaves and small piles of limbs on regularly scheduled trash pick up days.

The schedule is as follows:

- Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow avenues
- Tuesday: McDonald Manor
- Wednesday: Austin and Miller loops, Eames and Bently avenues, general officer's quarters
- Thursday: Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Regan Courts, Indianhead Terrace
- Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road

Tower Lighting Ceremony — The Tower Lighting Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Airborne 5000 bleachers.

Donations needed — Girl Scout Troop #134 is accepting clothing, non-perishable food items, bottled water, blankets, pillows, diapers, baby food, baby items and furniture to help the victims of Hurricane Ivan.

To make a donation, call 327-2646, or drop off at 1344 13th Ave. in Columbus.

Girl Scout leaders needed — Girls Scouts of Concharty Council is looking for leaders. No experience is required and training is provided.

For information, call Emily Lakmaker at 327-2646 ext. 30.

PCS reminder — Families PCSing soon are reminded to hand carry medical and immunization records for all family members. Proof of immunizations is a requirement for school enrollment both in the continental U.S. and overseas.

For more information, call Terry Beckwith at 544-3470.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services offers an afternoon session for Benning Buddies from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This program is for children between 2 years old and preK. Fees are based on family income.

For more information, call 545-2079 or 687-4038.

SAS programs — School Age Services offers educational and recreational programs for children. Locations for school-age care for ages 6 to 10 include:

- Patch Hall, before and after school
- Bouton Heights, before and after school
- McGraw Outreach, after school only
- Loyd Outreach, after school only

To register, call 545-2079, or stop by the Central Registration Office in Building 359. All children must be registered.

Food program — The Department of the Army sponsors the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Free meals will be available to enrolled participants at the centers listed, 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.

Free English classes — Free English as a second language instruction is being offered for adults from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation in Room 158.

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

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

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.

off post

Habitat volunteers needed — The Harris County Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for a three-day blitz of building a home in Shiloh, Ga., Thursday through Nov. 20.

To volunteer and for more information, call Cay Grant at 628-4257.

March of Dimes Nightwalk — The March of Dimes Nightwalk at Callaway Gardens will take place Nov. 21. Registration is from 4 to 7 p.m. Advance registration is required.

Walkers can walk the entire seven-mile route or walk five miles and return on the bus.

For more information, call 660-0160.

Home 4 the Holidays — Iams Company is sponsoring Home 4 the Holidays, a pet adoption drive, through Jan. 2. Shelters in the area include: Muscogee County Humane Society, 7133 Sacerdote Lane in Columbus and Morning Star Animal Shelter in Hamilton.

For more information, call (800) 566-5038 or visit home4theholidays.com or iams.com.

GED Online — The Muscogee County Adult Education program now the updated GED Online Solution program.

This updated version that has many added features making the program easier to use. For more information, call 685-7771, ext. 106.

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Fort Benning youth in the news

Lisa Madler asked her Faith Middle School seventh-graders to write about "What My Family Means to Me." Here's what they had to say about being part of a military family:

Darius Czerny

"What does my family mean to me? That's not a question I can give a simple answer to. My family and I do many things together. We argue and kid around with each other. My parents are usually embarrassing and my brothers are, of course, dumb and different. Joseph and Jaylin, my two younger brothers, are bossy, touchy, dirty and obnoxious. My dad is strict, athletic and fun to be around. My mom is wonderful, and she means the world to me. She's caring and funny and has a heart of gold."

Desireay Anthony

"My family is always there for me when I am feeling down. Family, to me, is a group of people who love each other no matter what happens. My family is very special, because we stick together no matter what happens to us. When my dad goes overseas, we pray that he will come home safe. My mom works hard to keep us together during these separations. When she was working and the hurricane was moving this way and the rain started to get heavy, we were afraid that she wouldn't be able to get home that night. But she came, and we all kissed and held each other, and I knew everything would be all right. This is what my family means to me: love, hope, happiness and togetherness."

Lionel Wilson

"My family is kind of like a movie to me. We're always moving from one place to another, like on a movie set. Usually, we don't stay in one place very long. The place I've really liked the most is Fort Benning, because we've got to stay here and get to know each other again before we have to move on. I hate that part — when you're just getting settled and then it's time to leave again. My stepdad is in the Navy, and he's a lot of fun to be around. My mom is a caring and concerned person who helps me with my grades and problems. My sister is all right, but at times she can be annoying. I think my parents like her better, but I'm sure she'd say the same thing about me. Isn't that how it always seems?"

Ferrenzo Bren

"My family means the world to me. When I need to talk, my family is there to listen and they're the first ones I speak to. When I make bad grades, my family encourages me to do better, and they help me. The usual speech I get sounds like this: 'Ferrenzo, if you do not make good grades, you will not make it anywhere in your life.' This speech gets old, but I'm very appreciative about the things my parents tell me. Family is a big deal to me, and I will always love them no matter what."

Ashley Ballesteros

"My family is the most important thing to me in the world. They made me who I am. My family includes Stacy, my mom, Victor, my dad, Alexis, my sister, Victor Jr., my little brother, and Jake, my doggy. They help me through my problems by listening and making suggestions. My dog helps me practice being responsible with my chores. My parents and sometimes my brother and sister help me with my homework and chores. Sometimes they can get really annoying, but I still love them. This sharing with each other and participating in each other's lives is what family means to me."

Kendra Marshall

"My family means love. The definition of love is trust and honesty and other things you share only with your family. My family is the greatest family anyone could ever have. Even though my brother and sister talk about me and argue with me, I still love them and would do anything for them. Even though my mom doesn't understand my life, she is a swell 42-year-old, and she's been in the Army all her life. She's cool, and I would take care of her all my life if she needed me to. I love my mom and all the fantastic things she does for me and my brother and sister. Thank you, Mom."

Xaimarie Rodriguez

"My family means a lot to me. They're always there when I need them. They're so special that words cannot describe them. We always have our ups and downs and imperfections just like every other family. Whenever I'm feeling sad or mad, I know that my family is always there for me. I can talk to them about my problems and I know they care and they're listening. My brothers are sometimes trying and mean to me, and sometimes I wish they never existed, but most of the time I feel lucky to have them by my side. No matter what, I know they'll always love me."

Amanda Perez

"My family is always there when I need them. They're supportive when I'm down. I love my family very much, and they mean the world to me. My parents help me solve problems at school and home. My mother is a hard working woman, and she also goes to school. I look up to her, because she takes care of us all. My father also works hard. He works long hours, even Saturdays. My father is like a teddy bear — he looks mean on the outside, but he's he's sweet and lovable. My brother is 16 and good looking. He's usually mean to me, but I still love him. My sister is 15, very intelligent, and usually very nice to me. I guess you could conclude that I have one of the best families in the world."

Kelley Hill Soldier delivers baby

Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd Brigade Combat Team PAO

A 3rd Brigade Soldier helped bring a baby into the world Oct. 28 at the Winn Dixie grocery store on South Lumpkin Road in Columbus.

Pfc. Brandi Fontenot, a truck driver with 203rd Forward Support Battalion, was shopping, when she heard cries for help shortly after 2 p.m.

"It didn't look like anyone was rushing over to help, so I walked over to see what was going on," said the 23-year-old Louisiana native.

Fontenot, who has been in the Army for a year, found a woman about to give birth in the back seat of an SUV.

"I've delivered babies before, but never like this," said Fontenot, a former medic with the Acadian Ambulance Service of Louisiana. "I still feel like it's my job."

After Fontenot delivered the baby, she wrapped it in her battle dress uniform top. She hasn't been able to contact the mother since the delivery, but she hopes to talk to her soon.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Fort Benning Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

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What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other action. We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly may be at an increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPAS Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What happened? What was done?

A problem occurred with the treatment system at the water plant. The reason for the higher turbidity values on these days was at temporary loss of operational control. The system returned to compliance levels of turbidity within 6 to 12 hours after the initial high turbidity levels when the filters were backwashed.

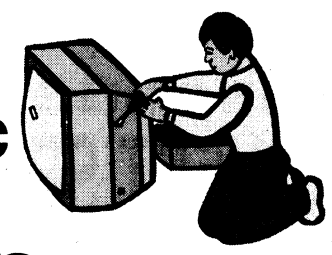
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Habitat: Sponsors three-day building blitz

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Building supervisor Cindy Dimmitt said there will be jobs for all volunteers, even if they have no building experience or have physical limitations.

Following the three-day event, volunteers will be needed on Saturdays to hang drywall and paint.

Volunteers are asked to:

• arrive between 8-8:30 a.m. and stay until 5 p.m., or as long as possible,

• bring hand tools, such as hammers, power drills or tool belts,

• wear comfortable work clothes, sturdy shoes, a hat, gloves and sunscreen.

Habitat for Humanity will provide lunch and beverages.

"Volunteers can expect to meet lots of nice folks, and have a pleasant experience," Dimmitt said. "We'll work hard, but have fun.

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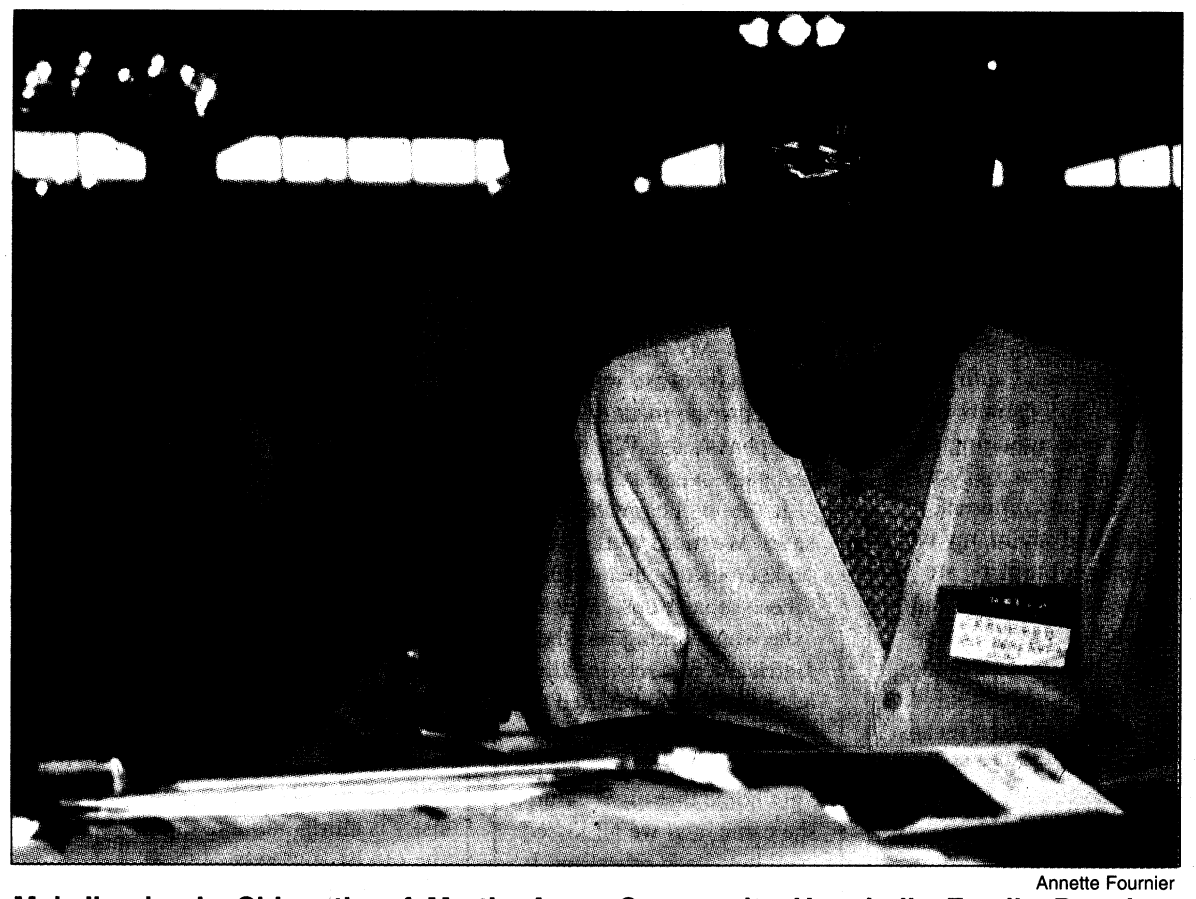
Shiloh is about 35 miles northeast of Fort Benning. Take 185 North to the Manchester/Hwy. 85 exit and merge onto Hwy. 85 North.

Take Alt. 85 to the left when Hwy. 85 splits, and follow this road into Shiloh. Turn left onto First Street and take a right at 103 Elm Street.

Signs will help direct volunteers.

For more information, call Cay Grant with the Harris County Habitat for Humanity board of directors at 563-8468.

Retiree Day



Annette Fournier

Maj. Iluminada Chinneth, of Martin Army Community Hospital's Family Practice, completes a health screening form with retired Lt. Col. Cody A. Crawford, at the Retiree Health Benefits Fair Nov. 5 in the Officers' Club.

Heroes: Offer thanks to veterans, families

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made them."

"They did make me cry — not sad tears, but happy years, tears of happy memories," she said.

Riccinto, whose father was a career Soldier, was a student at Dexter more than 25 years ago. Thebaud was his favorite teacher. So when faced with the dilemma of Ruehle's reluctance, he turned to Thebaud for help.

Her students put a lot of time and creativity into designing the cards, Thebaud said.

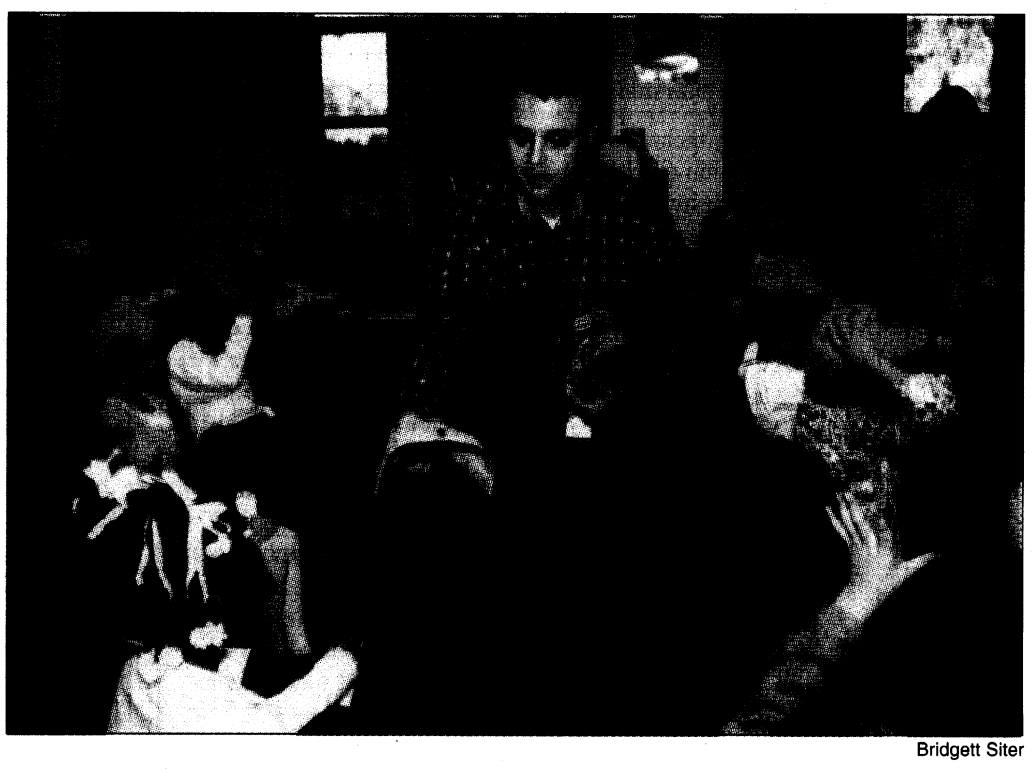
"They were honored to have a little part in this — the best part, I think," she said.

The students learned about the House of Heroes program, which was started five years ago to honor local veterans, public servants and their widows.

"Through House of Heroes, we can express in action what can never be said with words," Riccinto told the class.

The students' words, however, must have come pretty close. Riccinto said he and his wife cried as they pored over the cards before presenting them to Ruehle.

"I can't tell you what an impact you had on a family you've never even met," he said. "Through House of Heroes, we're making a difference."



Bridgett Siter

Pat Riccinto distributes hats to students at Dexter Elementary School. Riccinto was the captain for the House of Heroes team of volunteers who worked on Vera Ruehle's home in Columbus.

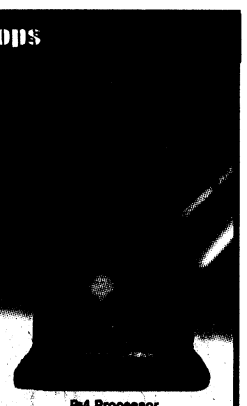
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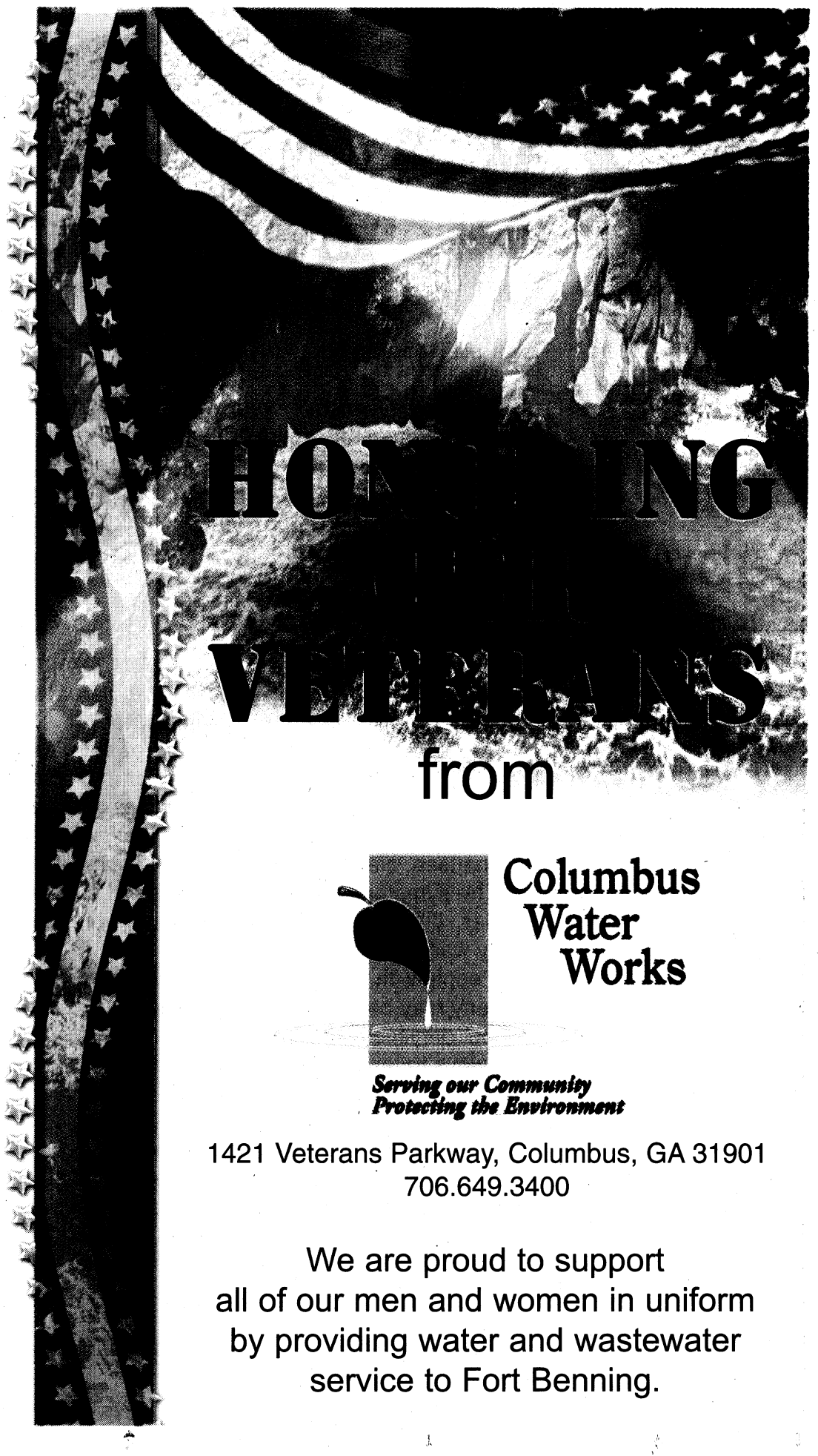


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REFLECTIONS

Eighty-six years ago, World War I ended. At the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent and the war to end all wars between Germany and the Allies was over.

To commemorate that date, Americans began celebrating Armistice Day. Later, after World War II and Korea, the name was changed to Veterans Day.

Veterans Day honors all those who served in our armed forces, in peace and war — those who have stood guard at Freedom Bridge in the DMZ of Korea, at Check Point Charlie in Berlin, or along the fence in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.


O'Keeffe

It also honors all prisoners of war and those who gave their lives in defense of freedom.

So, who is a veteran, and why do we have a federal holiday to honor veterans?

A veteran is a man or woman who raised his or her right arm and swore an oath to "protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic."

A veteran is a member of the military who realizes there are values, so noble and so right, more important than life itself.

These precious values of freedom, liberty, justice and equality are guaranteed in the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

For more than 200 years, veterans have been willing to leave home and family to defend these values, often at great price in terms of life, health and finances.

And so it is just, right, proper and fitting that a grateful nation pauses each November to honor those heroes whose service enables us to enjoy the rights, privileges and opportunities of this great country.

For us who are in the military, Veterans Day is a time to reflect on our oath of allegiance and what it means to us personally.

We remind ourselves that what is "big enough to live for is important enough to die for."

I think of the example of Pat Tillman, the NFL player who gave up a multimillion dollar football contract to serve his country in Afghanistan He lost his life there.

I am reminded of a song, *The Rose*, in which Bette Midler sings, "It's the one afraid of dying who never learns to live." Tillman knew what was really important in his life and wasn't afraid to live life to the fullest with courage and honor.

What makes America great is that there are countless unnamed men and women like him, who have given up a lot in order to protect and defend America.

On this Veterans Day weekend, let us all give thanks to God for the commitment of all American veterans and renew our commitment to protect and defend this nation of ours.

Owner's manual can provide direction, knowledge

Trust creator to give purpose to his complex creation

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

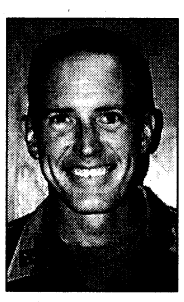
"Hand me the tension overdrive resecting bi-level attenuator," the mechanic said.

To which I replied, "The what?"

Do you know what a tension overdrive resecting bi-level attenuator is? Do you know what it's purpose is? Me neither.

In fact, when it comes to discovering the purpose of a complex invention like a tension overdrive resecting bi-level attenuator, it's always great to: (a) know the inventor, or (b) have the owner's manual nearby.

This past week the Army sent me to southern California, and on a whim I drove about 12 miles from where I was at a conference to the famed Laguna Beach.


Hawkins

It was about 15 minutes before sunset. The surf was crashing, the air was crisp, and it was shaping up to be a stunning sunset.

As I walked the beach, I decided to ask the folks I came across one simple question — "What on earth are you here for?"

Interestingly, folks were much more open than I feared they might be, as they rattled off a litany of answers.

Some folks thought it was a geographical question:

"I'm here from Portland,"

"We came to town because of a business conference."

"I live here and walk the beach every day."

But some folks caught the deeper meaning in the question and were bold enough to offer an opinion:

"I'm here to enjoy the relationship with my wife."

"I'm here to promote peace and harmony (hey, I was in California, right.)"

"I'm here to share what God has done for me with others."

What would you say to that question? If I met you on the beach and asked, "What on earth are you here for?" what would you say?

You might be tempted to look inside and ask yourself, "Well, what do *I* think that *I'm* here for?"

Let me toss you a crazy idea — perhaps we've got it backwards.

Maybe the best way to know our purpose, just like the tension overdrive resecting bi-level attenuator, is to ask the inventor, or at least turn to the owner's manual.

Doesn't it make sense if there's a complex invention, there's got to be a competent inventor? Isn't it simply rational thinking that if there is a marvelously complex creation, there's just got to be a marvelously competent creator?

Creations only find their purpose in the intention of their creator, don't you think?

So, what on earth are you here for?

Don't ask yourself that question, ask your creator, or at least dive into his owner's manual, the Bible, where it's all laid out for us.

I'll be talking about how you can discover your purpose in life in the weeks to come.

Can't wait until then?

Come check out the Chaplain Family Life Center's team of trained life coaches at 545-1760, or come see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays at Kelley Hill Chapel.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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.	Mormon, 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

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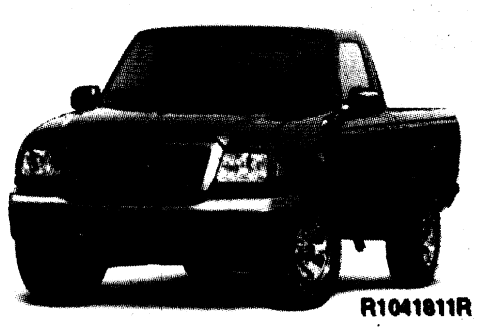
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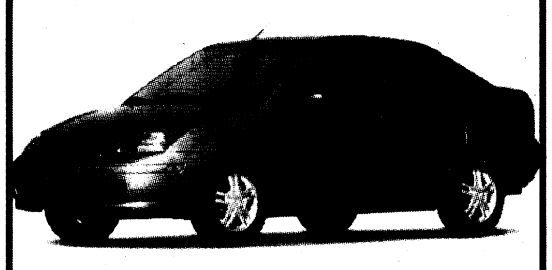
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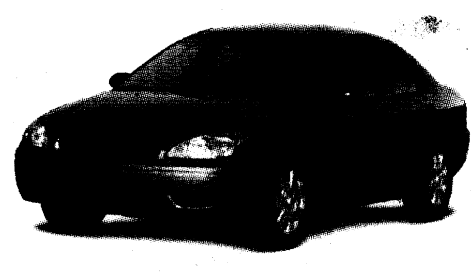
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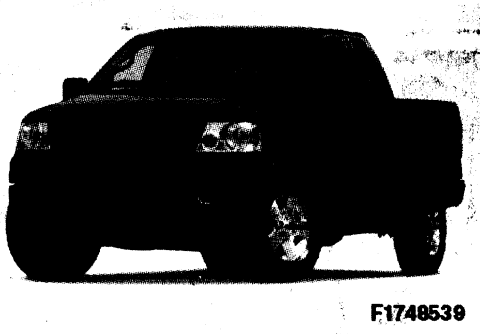
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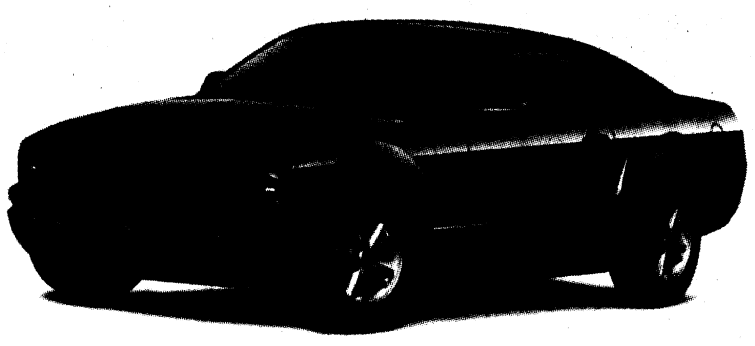
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SPORTS



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Navy officer candidates desperately dig their heels in during the tug-of-war event at the Joint Military Athletic Competition at Doughboy Stadium Nov. 6.



Officer candidate Jason Rogers crosses the finish line in first place, winning the 400-meter relay event for team Army.

Navy slips, Army wins JMAC

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Teamwork forged in the heat of competition. Camaraderie given wings in the throes of each small victory. Determination wrought by pride, cast in the warriors' garb of discipline, dedication and devotion. Such were the weapons brandished on the field of battle during the 2004 Joint Military Athletic Competition at Doughboy Stadium Nov. 6.

In the quest for the highly sought after trophy, the "Bomb," the winning team carries home, officer candidates from the Army, Navy and Air Force faced each other in events like the 400-meter relay, a super physical fitness test, three-mile run, volleyball tournament and the battle of brawn tug-of-war.

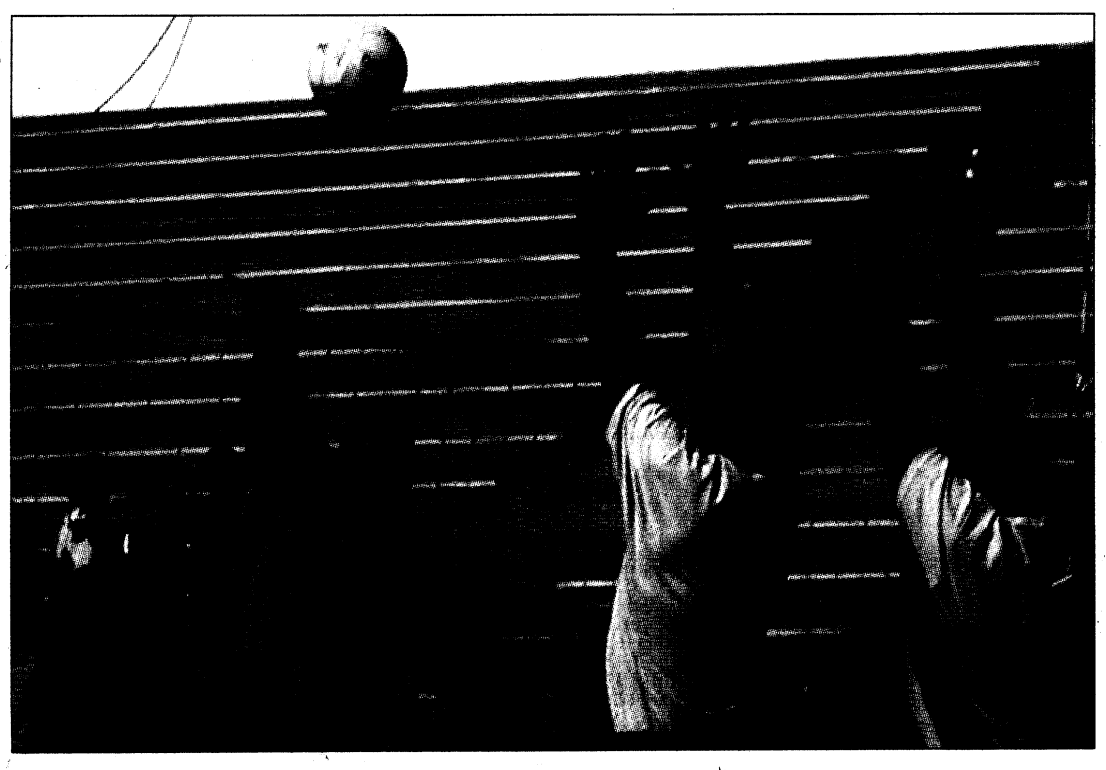
Last year's champion Navy team was dashed upon the rocks of defeat by an Army force bound and determined to claim victory at home, and fell to an Air Force arsenal unwilling to finish in last place yet again.

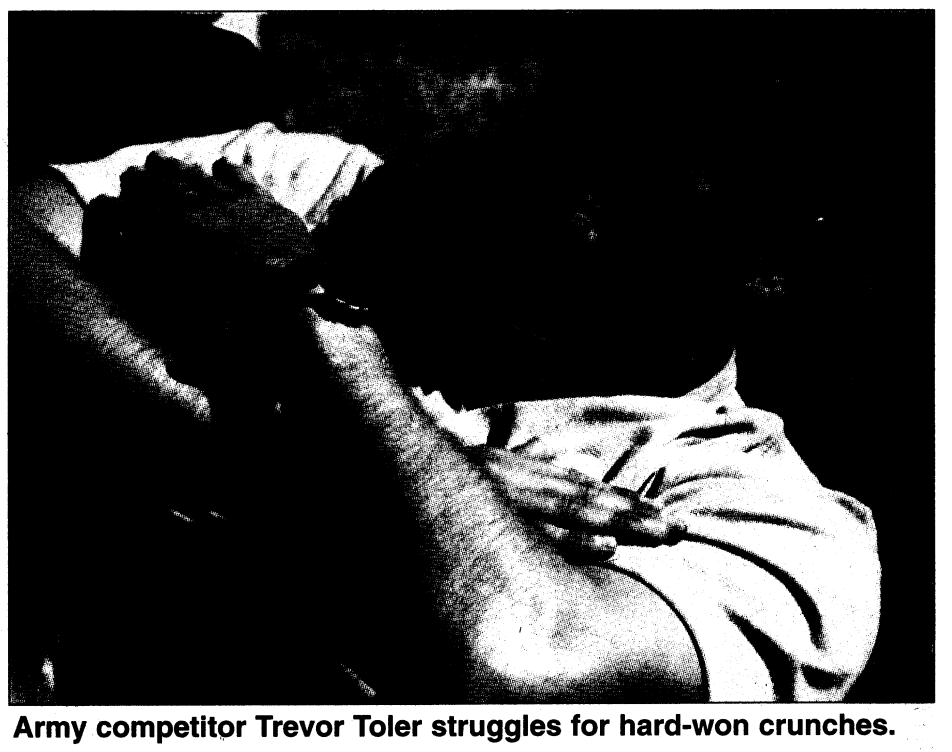
With Army seizing control of the Bomb, Fort Benning officer candidates secured themselves a place to sleep for the duration of their stay on post. Post Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley jokingly told them in his opening ceremony speech they would be "kicked to the curb" if they failed to bring home the coveted trophy. But it wasn't all about winning at this year's multiservice games.

See **JMAC**, C-2



Air Force officer candidates fly high as they try to stop an airborne assault by Army officer candidates during the volleyball event. Army won the game and JMAC.





Army competitor Trevor Toler struggles for hard-won crunches.

Post offers Tae Kwon Do



Photos by Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Chance Coleman spars at the Child and Youth Services Center Monday afternoon.

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Michelle Furney sat on the side of the basketball courts at the CYS building Monday evening watching her kids, AJ, 12, and Marissa, 9, kicking in every direction.

No, they weren't throwing a tantrum. The Furneys are studying Tae Kwon Do — the art of hand and foot. The class is available through CYS to children from the ages of 6 to 18.

"A small desire to begin taking the class always helps," said Capt. Clayton Coleman, one of the two Tae Kwon Do instructors. "Discipline and technique is something they will continue to learn as they progress through the class."

Coleman has been studying Tae Kwon Do since 1989 and has his entire family involved. His sons, Mathew, 9, and Chance, 8, are already Tae Kwon Do black belts. His wife, Barbara, is also a CYS Tae Kwon Do instructor and a second degree black belt.

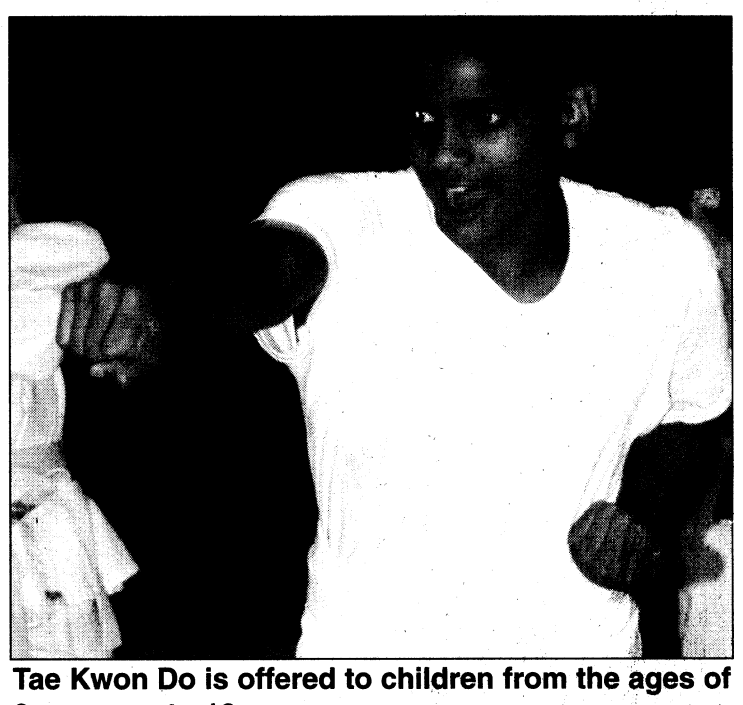
"Martial arts help promote physical and mental well being," Coleman said. "Kids get their own self being. Their confidence level grows so much that it doesn't matter what other kids are doing, because they know what they can do themselves. They can be made fun of by their peers and simply walk away, where other kids would get angry and turn confrontational."

Furney said she realized AJ needed discipline and Marissa needed self assurance when they began Tae Kwon Do in April of 2003. Now, she said, "they're getting there."

"No martial art is better than any other," Coleman said. "They all promote the same things. I will say we're better than any martial art that teaches aggression without a cause. Everybody teaches something a little different. Everything is always beneficial, if it's positive and brings out the best in people."

At CYS, the Colemans teach traditional Tae Kwon Do by splitting the kids into groups according to their abilities, so both instructors can concentrate on each students' strengths and weaknesses.

There are various levels or "belts." First belts are white, yellow and green. Secondary and more advanced are senior green, blue, senior blue, purple, senior purple, red, senior red and black.



Tae Kwon Do is offered to children from the ages of 6 years up to 18.

If students test successfully on their skills, it may take two years to become a black belt, Coleman said.

When the students get to be red belts, they begin breaking boards. But they don't break the same boards as adults do.

"The boards are catered to the age specific weight," Coleman said, "meaning they are not the same type of boards that grown men break."

The Colemans are still taking registrations for those interested in participating. The CYS monthly fee is $35, plus a one time registration fee of $35 which includes the uniform and the admission into the International Tae Kwon Do Alliance. Classes are Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with an opportunity to train once a week at Monika Bishops Taekwondo Plus in Columbus.

For more information, call 545-2079.

JMAC: Not just about win

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"I don't know anything about the Army or the Navy," said Air Force Officer Candidate Maria Cicio. "It's good because we get to meet people from other branches. They are our peers — we are going through the same type of training. "This is a glimpse of our future when we will be working together and at the same time I'm having great fun," she said. "The Army has been a really outstanding host."

Hospitality may have been the Army's forte for the day, but performance was a hair behind in second.

The Army team fell just one event short of sweeping the tournament and beat second place Navy by a solid 10 points.

And though Army lost that particular battle, the war itself was won.

At the day's rugged end, upon the glorious field of athletic conflict, within the hallowed walls of Doughboy Stadium, stood Soldiers victorious, as the Bomb was handed over for another year.

"Yeah, we won the whole thing overall, but we lost in tug-of-war to the Air Force and the regimental commander's gonna have my butt for that," said Sgt. 1st Class Ron Quinn, the Army team coach this year.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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CYS sports registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do, basketball, gymnastics and wrestling. Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 545-2079.

3rd Brigade Turkey Trot — The 3rd Brigade will conduct a 10K Turkey Trot at 10 a.m. Nov. 20 at the 203rd FSB on Kelley Hill.

There will be a 100-meter kids run at 10 a.m. Winners will get prizes.

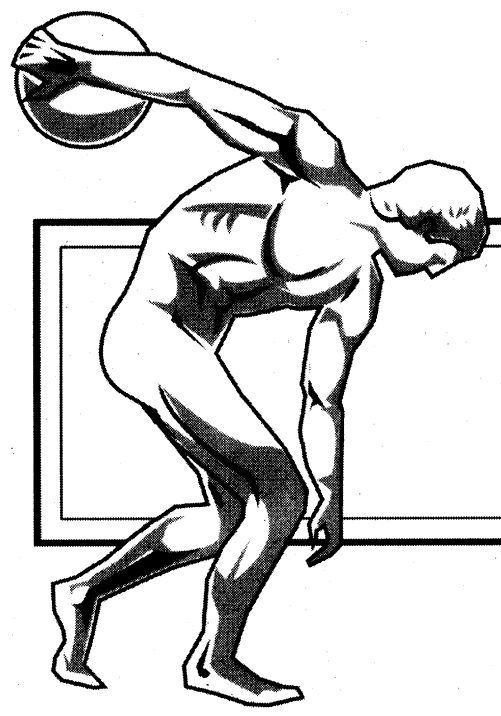
Cost is $3 for adults. Children are free.

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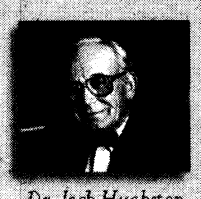
Riverdragons Military Appreciation Night — Riverdragons Military Appreciation Night will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Columbus Civic Center. Active-duty ID card holders receive free admission and family members pay $7.

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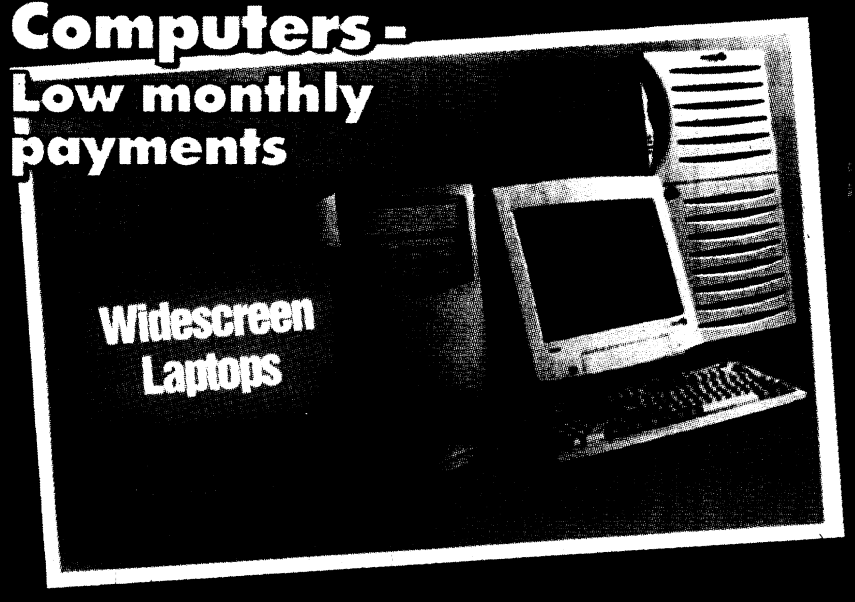
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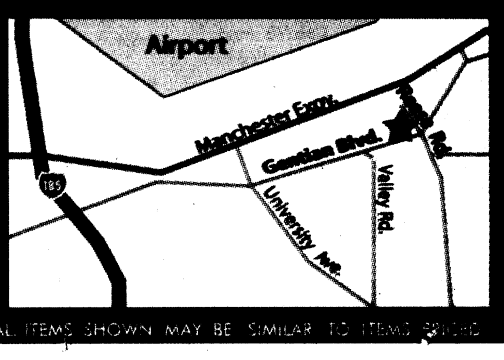
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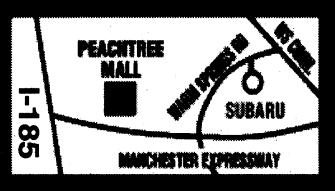
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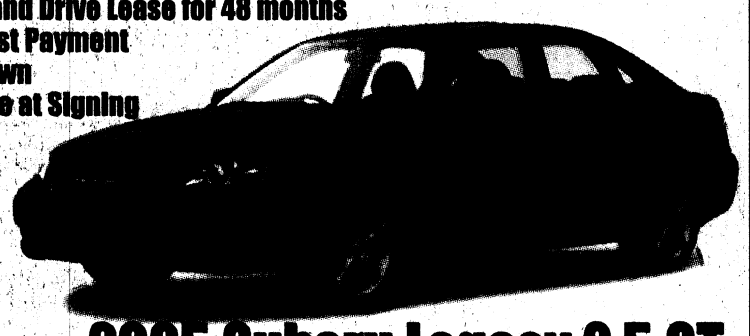


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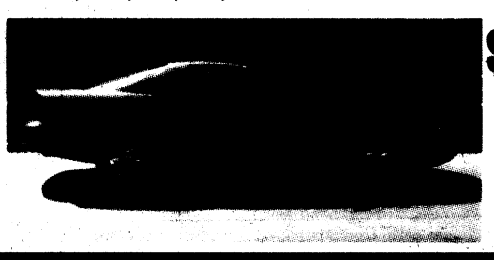


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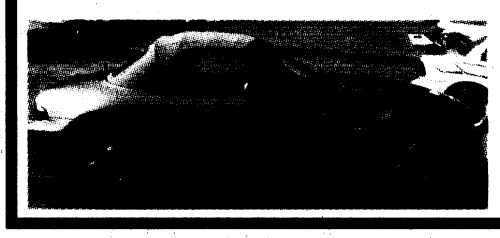
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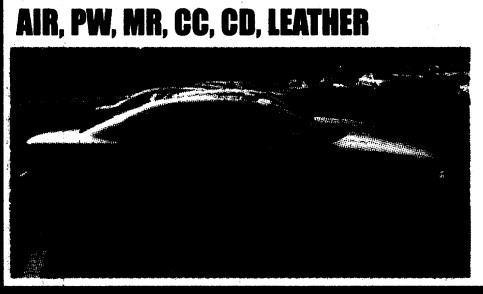
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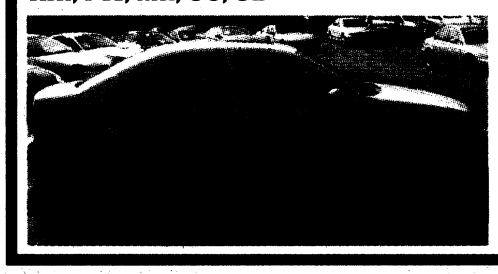
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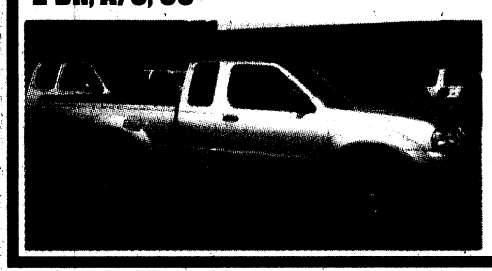
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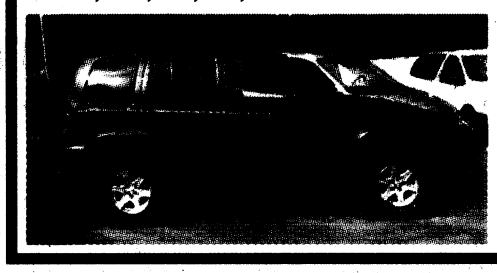
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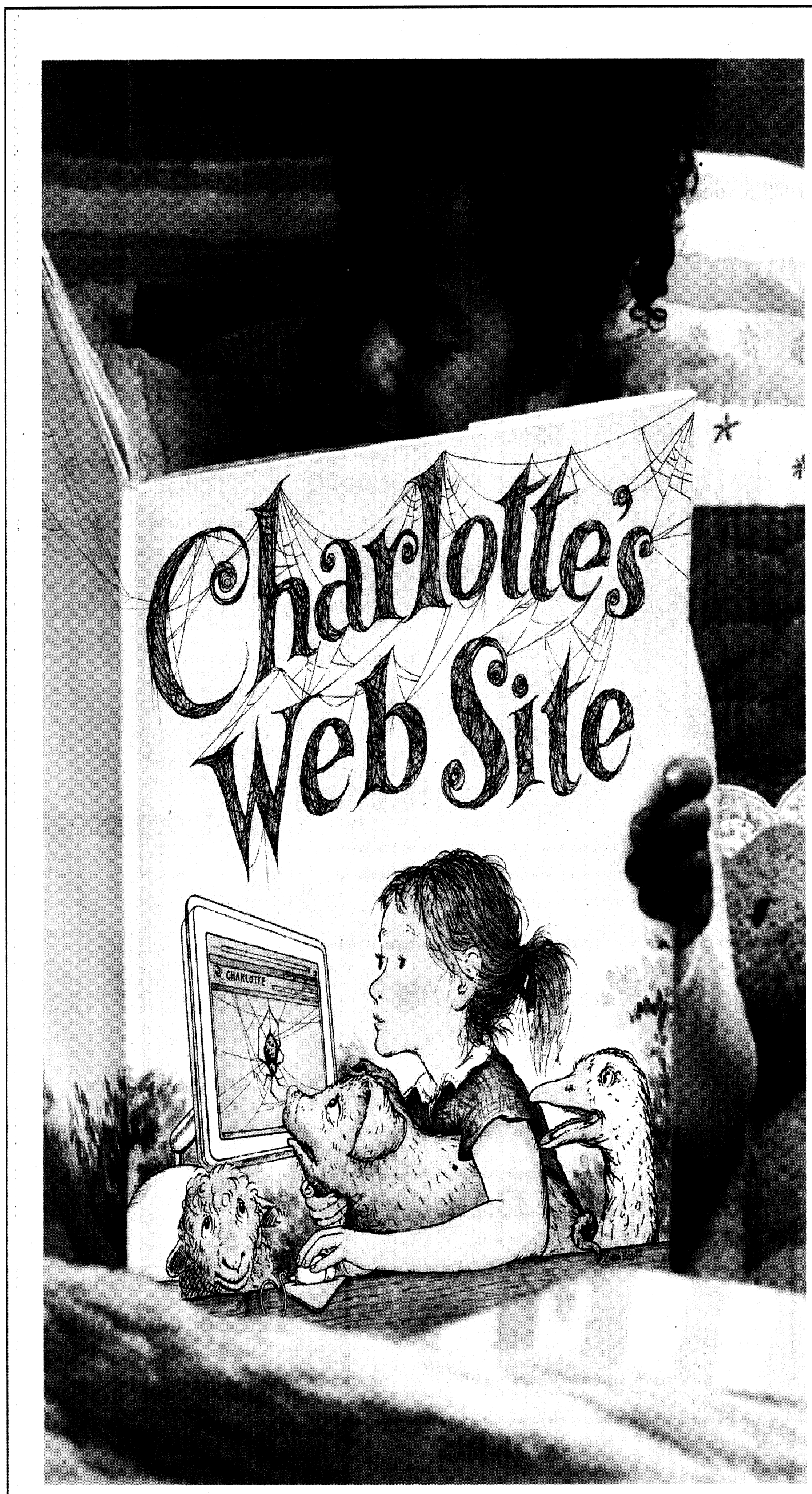
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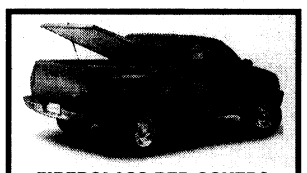


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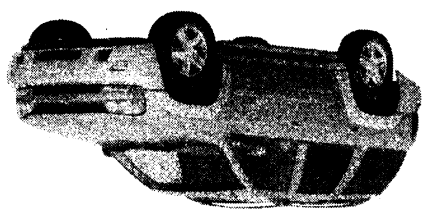
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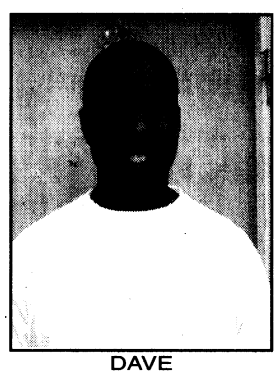
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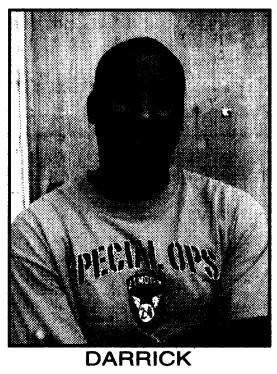
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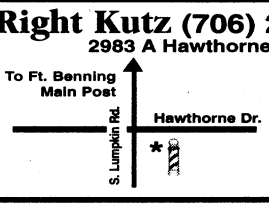
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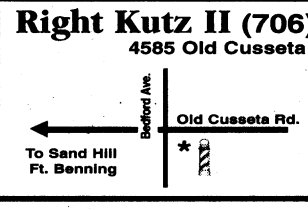
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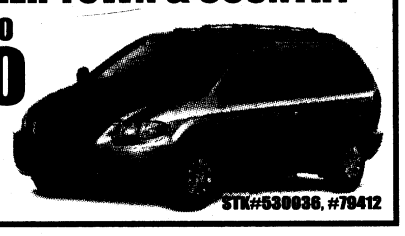
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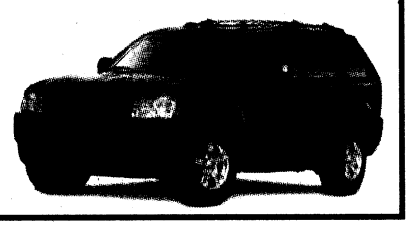
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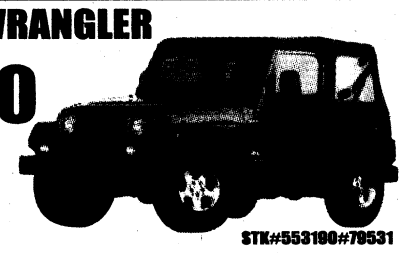


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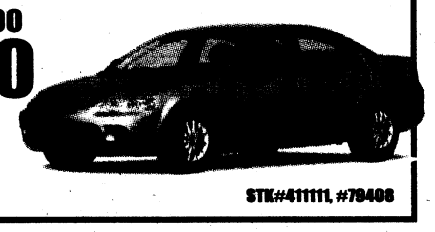
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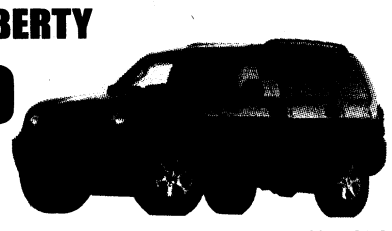
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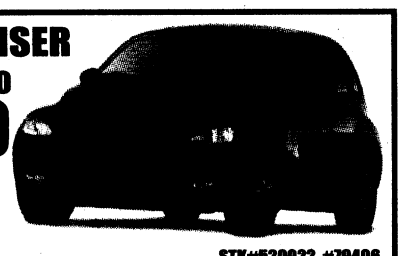
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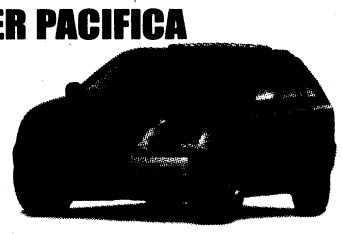
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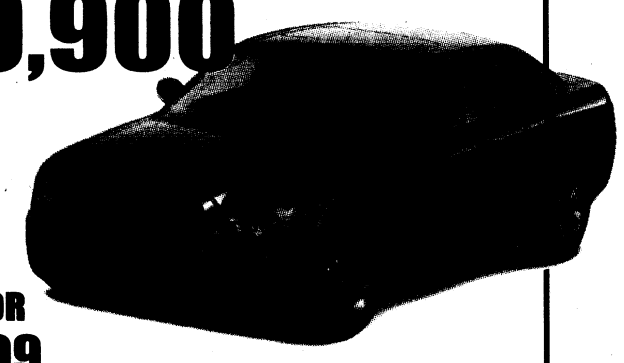
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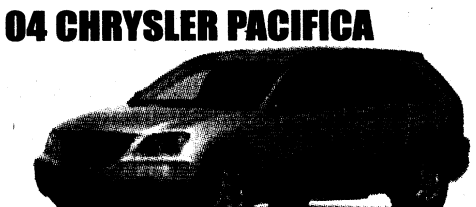
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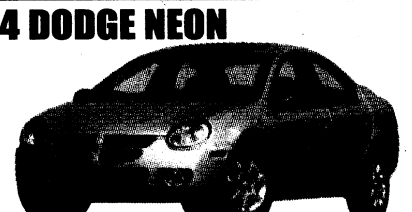
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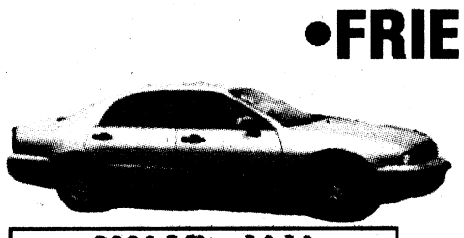
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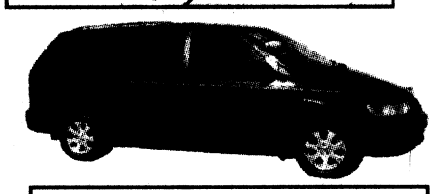
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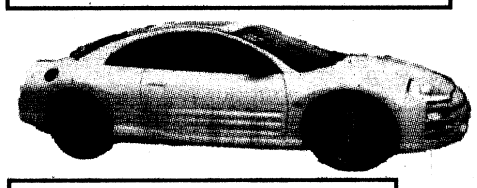
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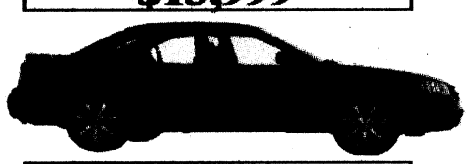
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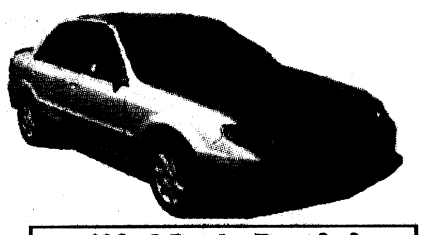
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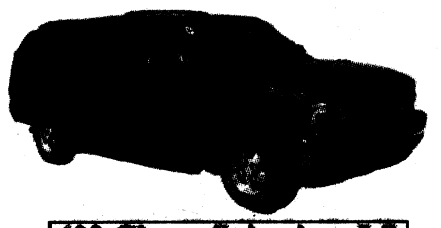
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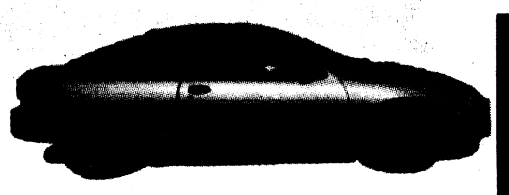
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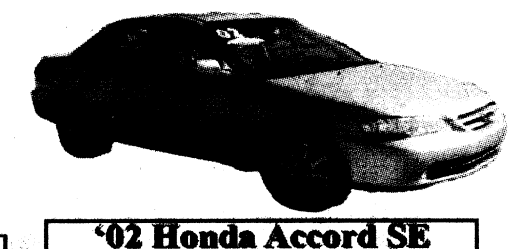
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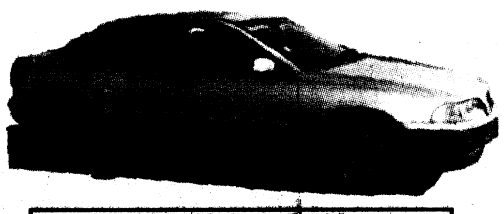
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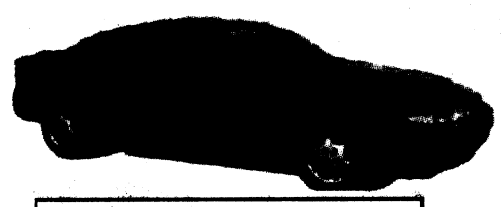
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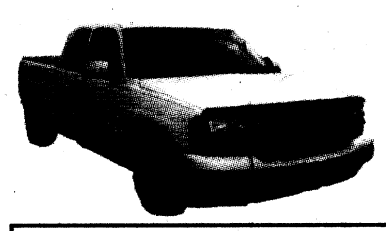
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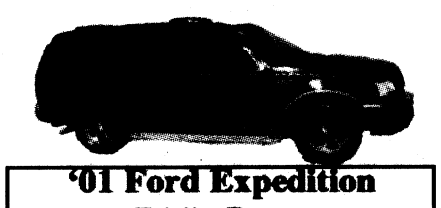
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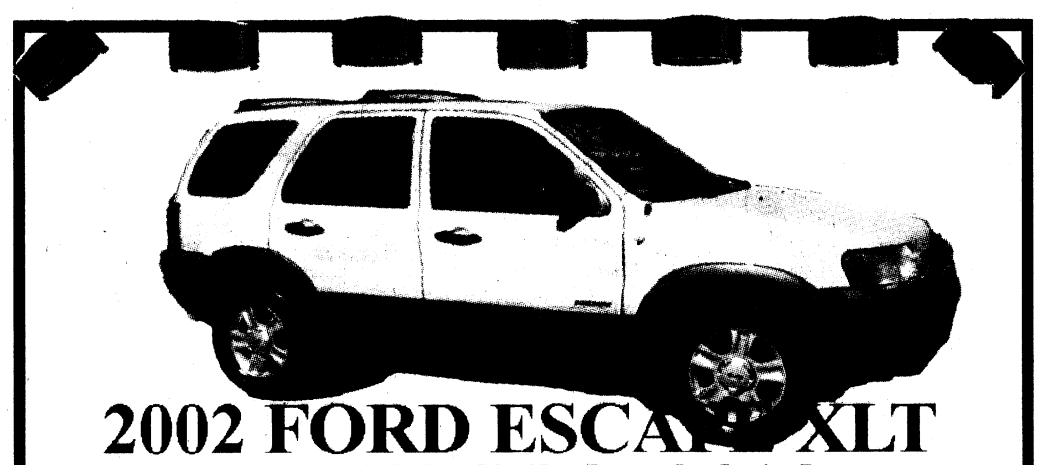


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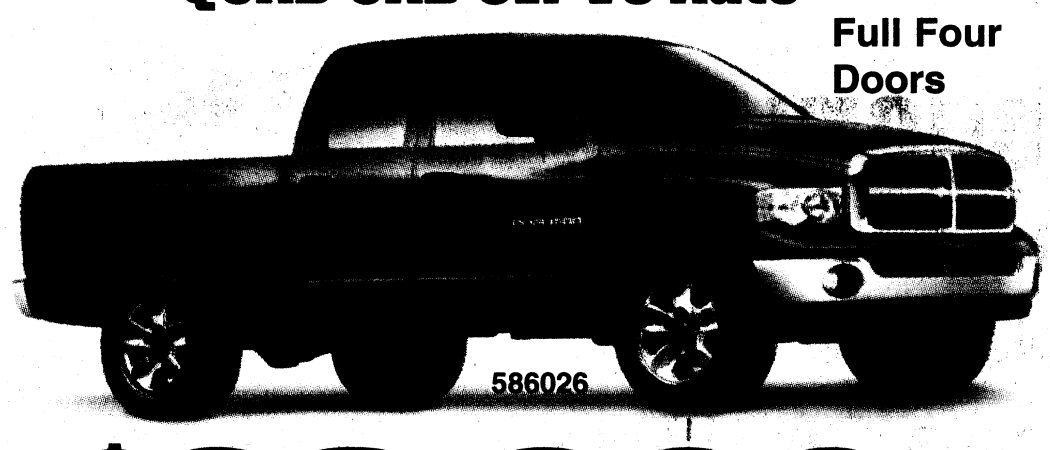
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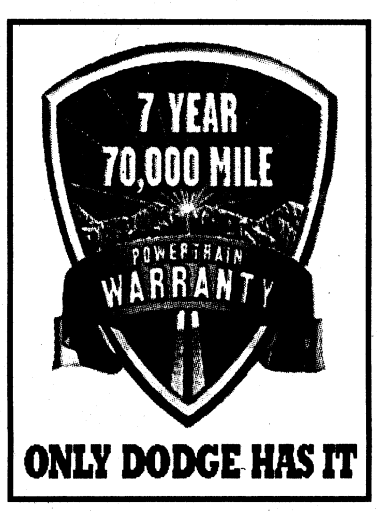
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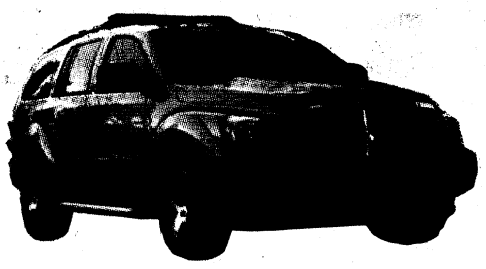


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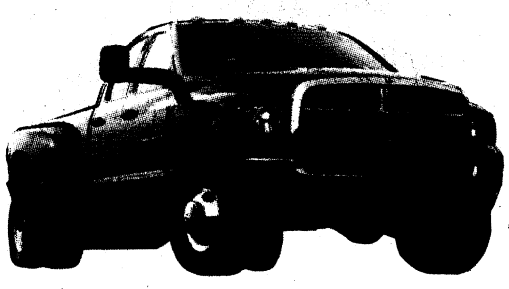


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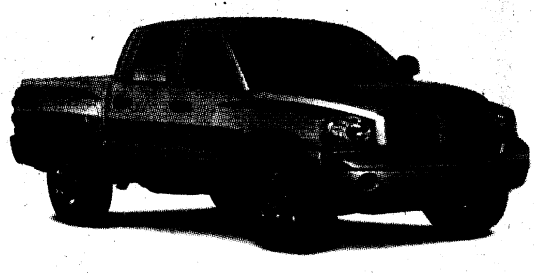
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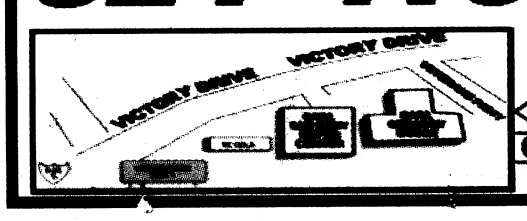
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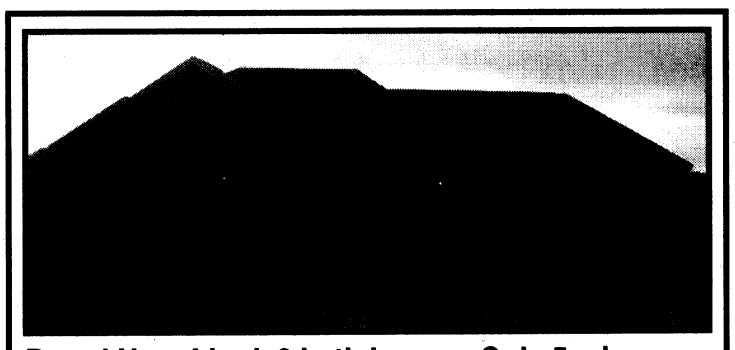
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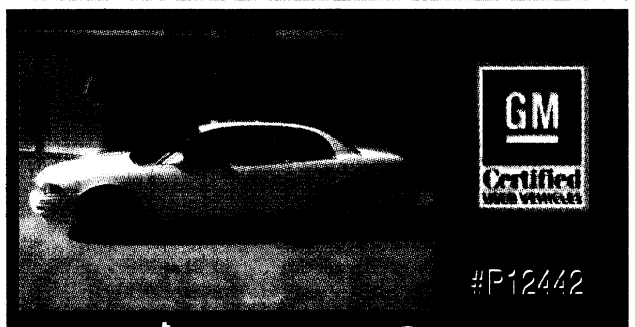
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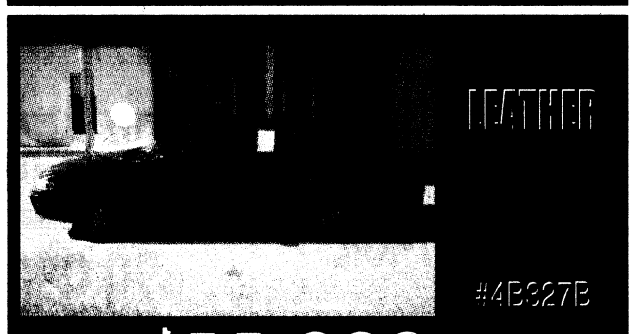
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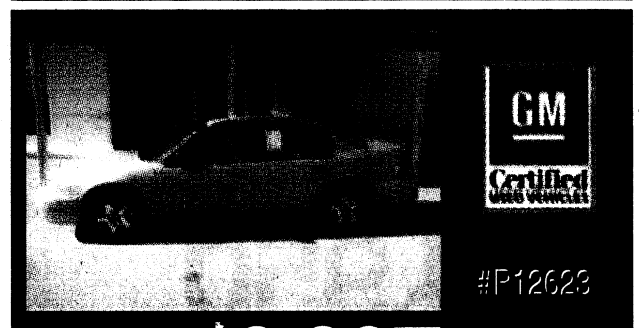
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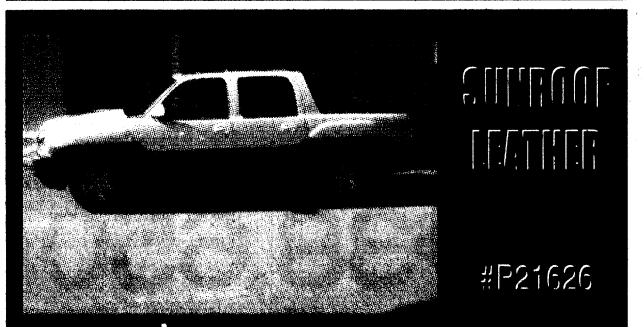
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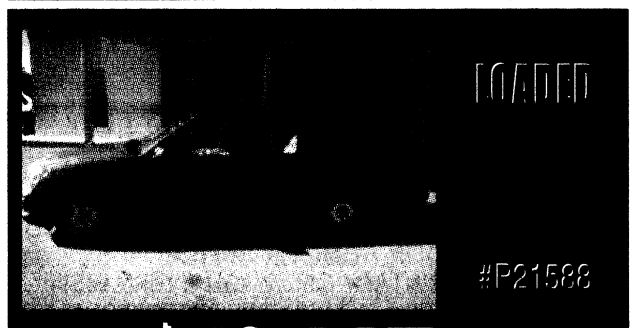
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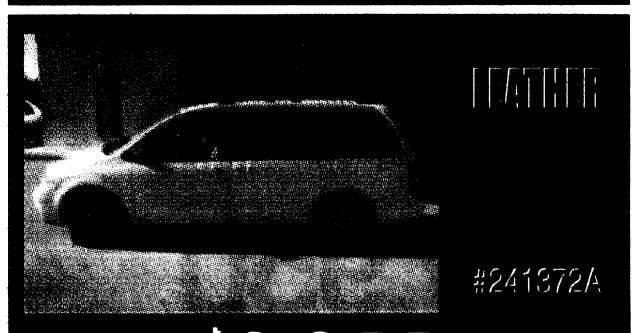
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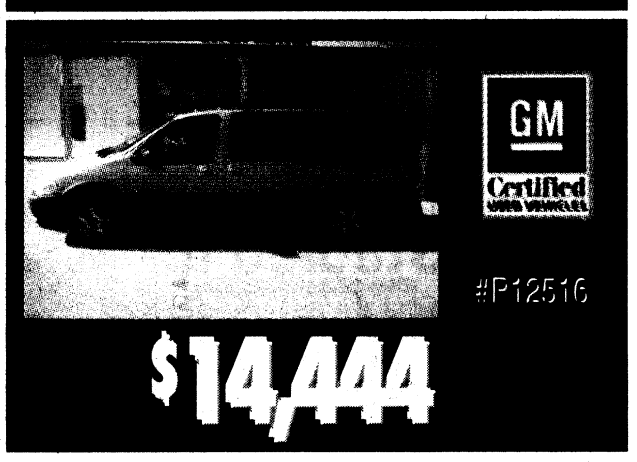
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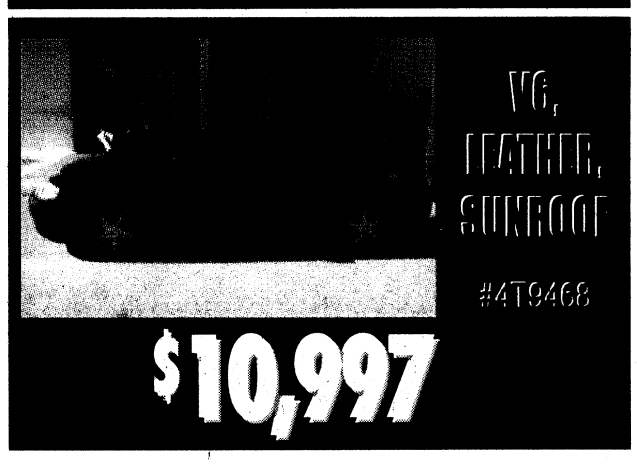


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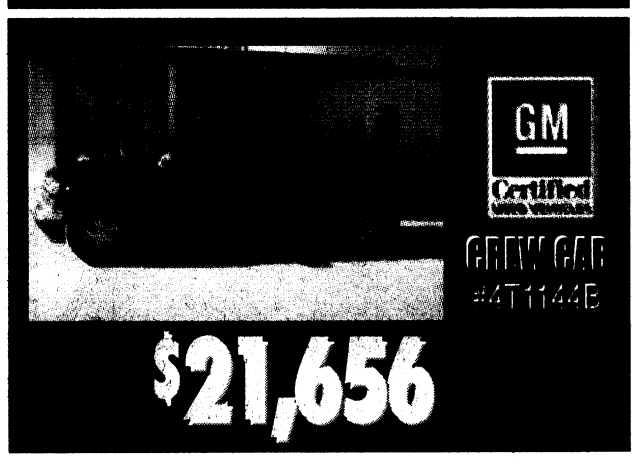
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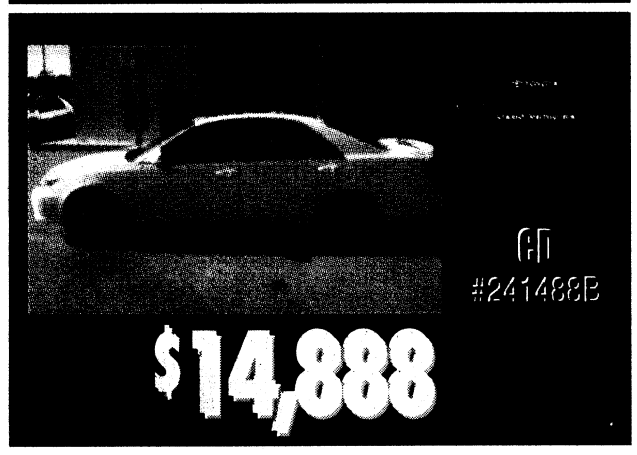
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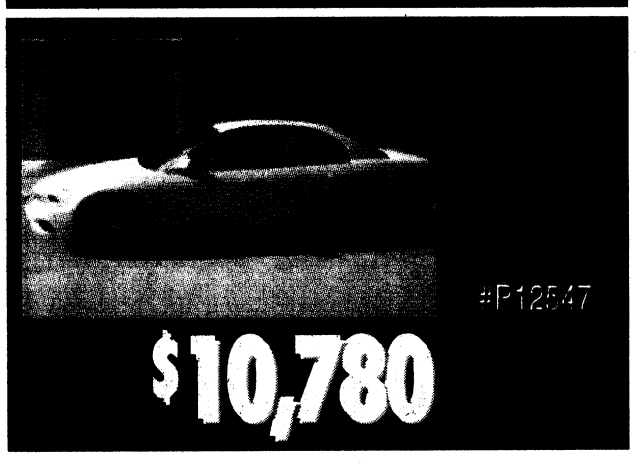
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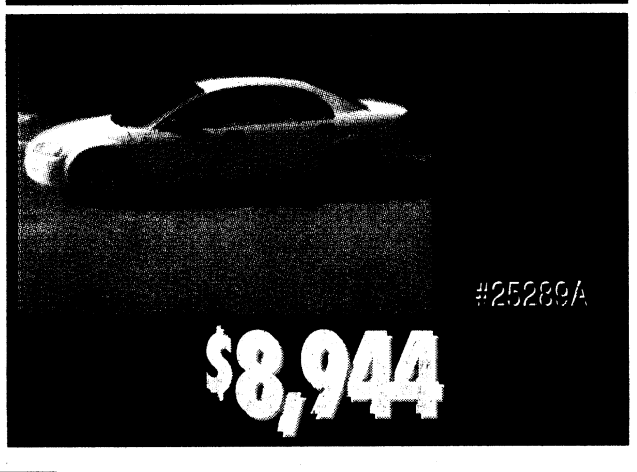
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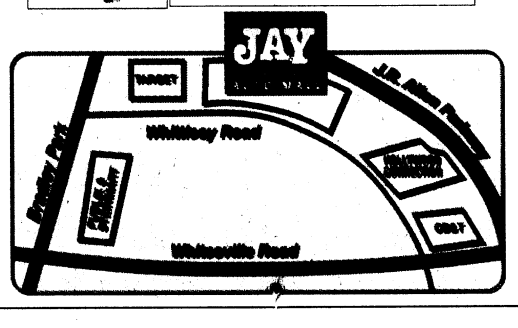


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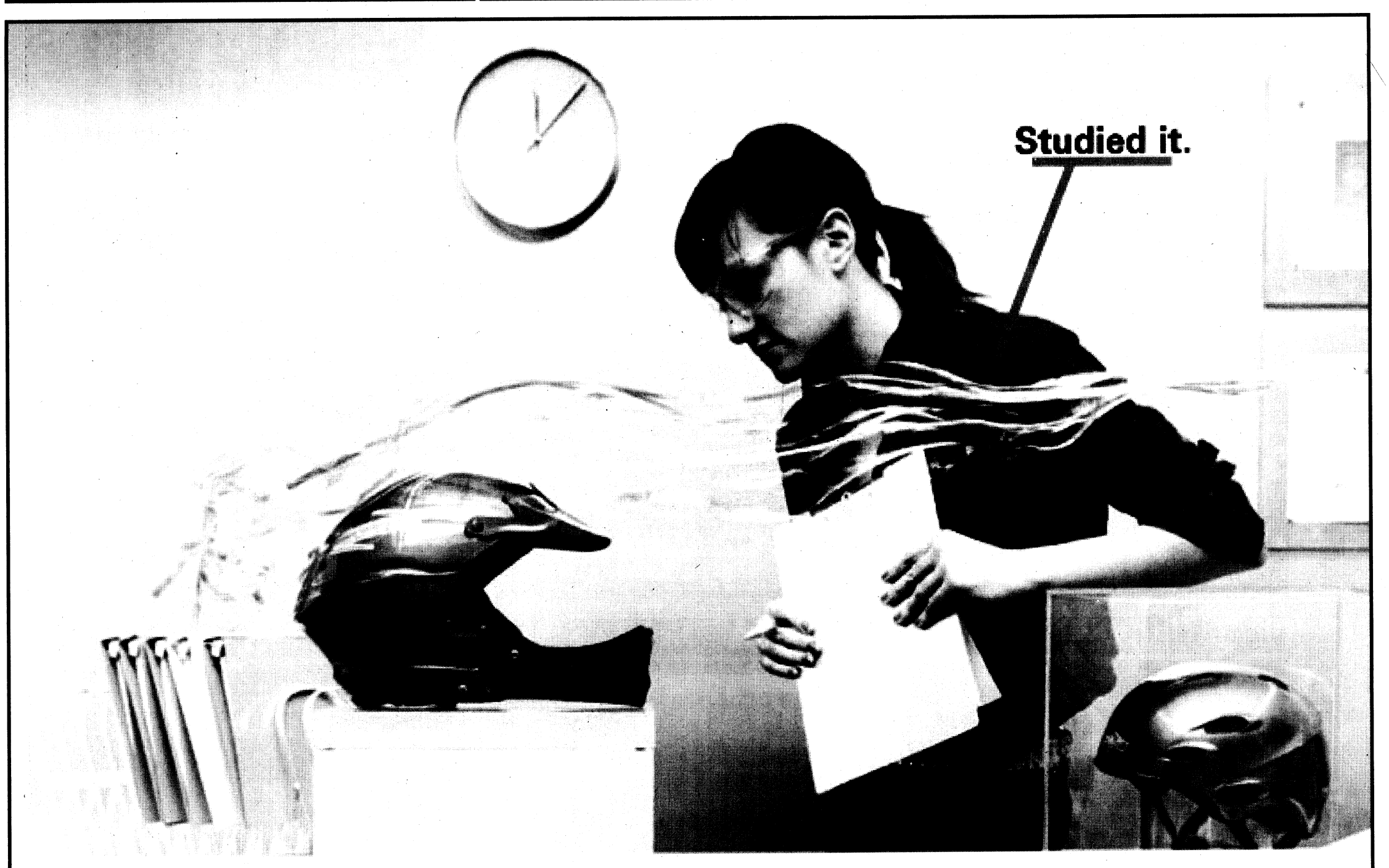
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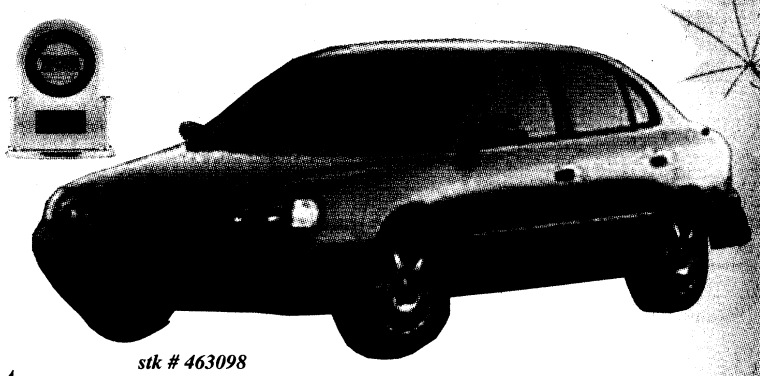
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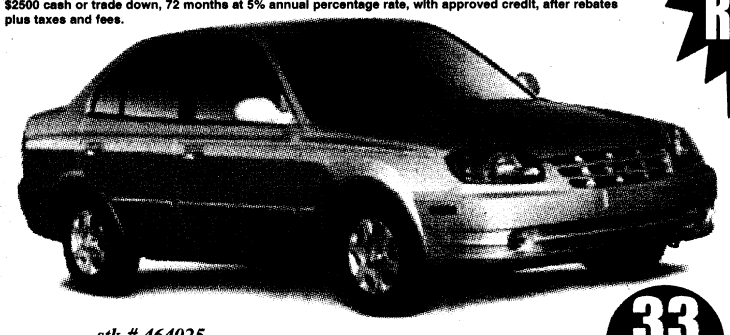
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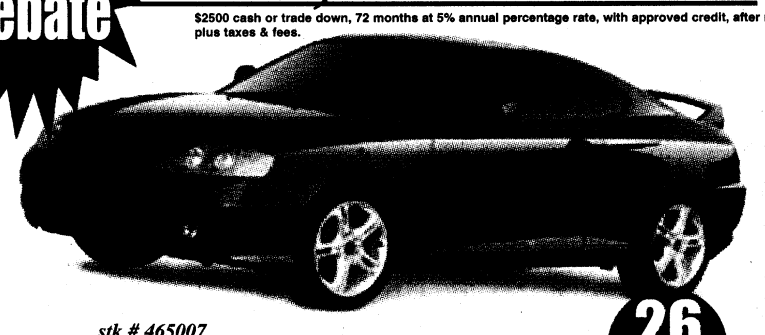
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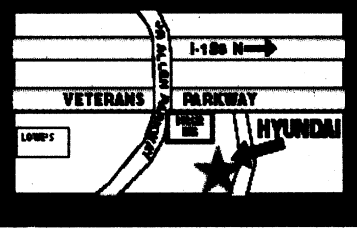
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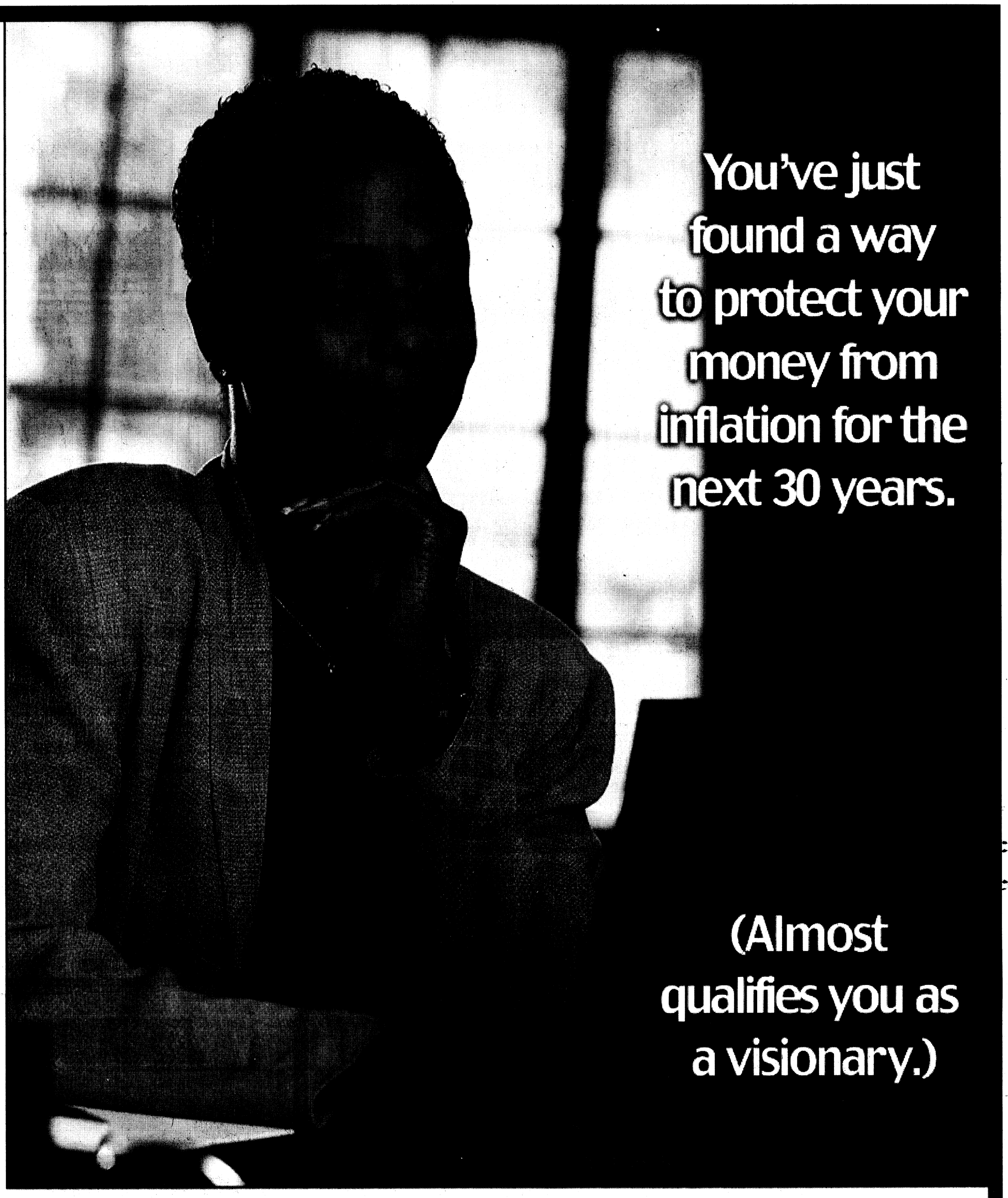
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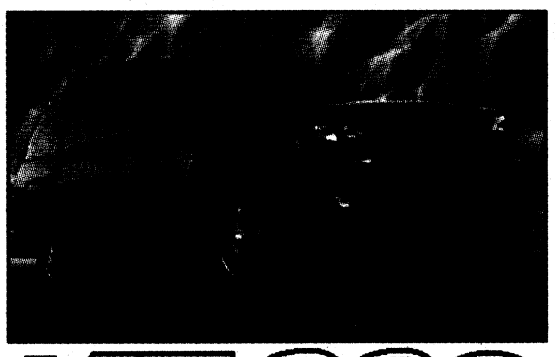
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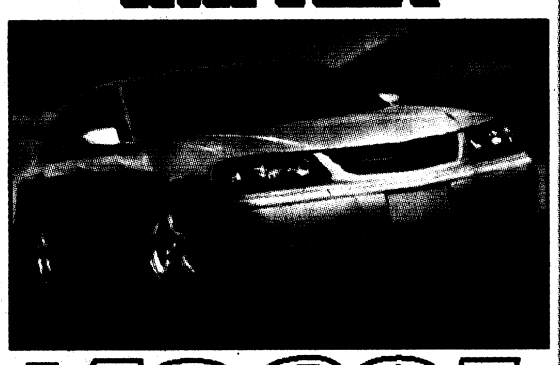
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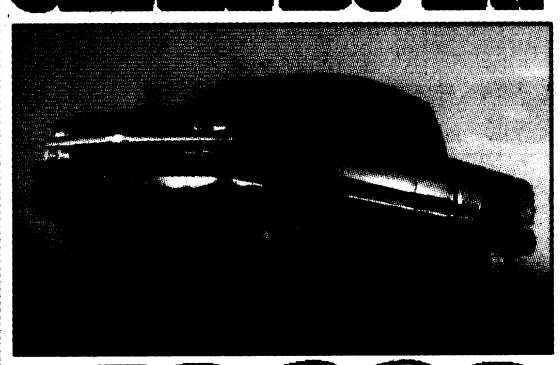
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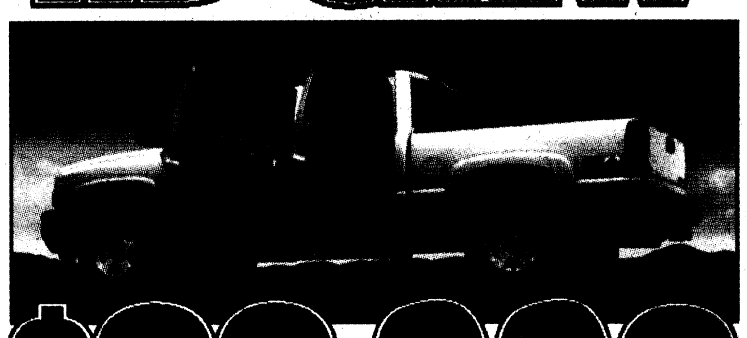
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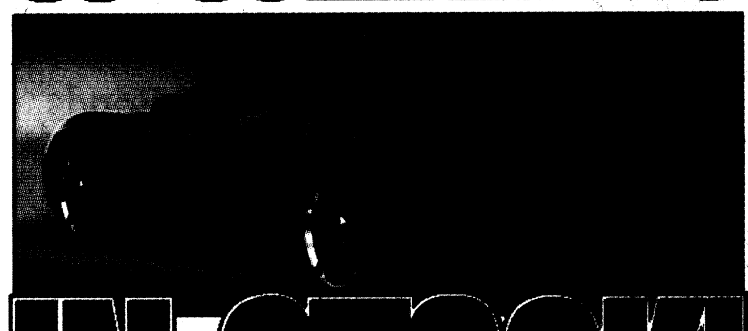
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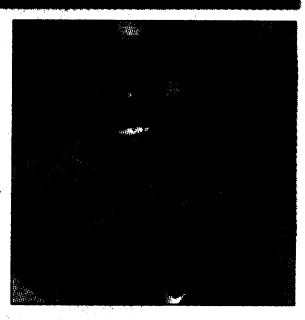
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13th CSB deploys

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Sonnet Pichardo stood on the sidewalk holding her 3-year-old son Anthony as she watched her husband, Sgt. Ricardo Pichardo, deploy for the second time. Ricardo lefy Wednesday with the 13th Corps Support Battalion.

More than 70 Soldiers from the unit's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and the 233rd Heavy Equipment Transportation Detachment left Fort Benning for Iraq and Kuwait.

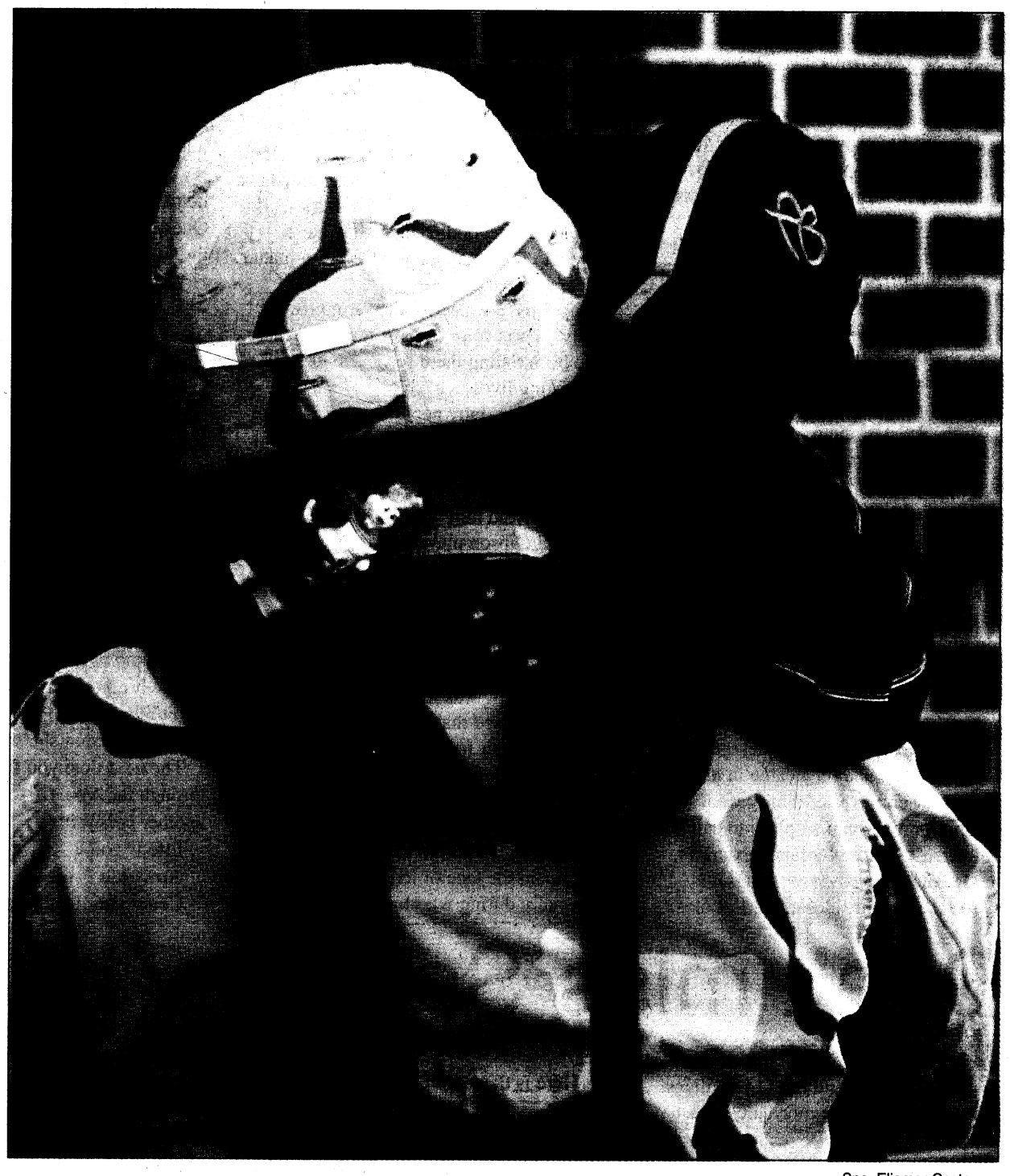
"The Soldiers over there are tired. It's time for them to come home and for us to go back," said Lt. Col. Matthew Higginbotham, 13th CSB commander, to the deploying Soldiers. "That's what we came in the Army to do, and we're proud to do it."

Sonnet and her husband deployed together in 2002 with the 233rd and were married after their return to the states. In January 2003 Pichardo deployed again for six months, leaving her husband and son at home. Pichardo is no longer in the Army. This time she watched as her husband and many of her friends departed.

"We knew he was going to be deploying since I got back from my last deployment," Pichardo said. "It's easier for me this time around to see him go, but when (Anthony) notices his dad isn't coming home tonight, it's going to be hard."

Although the families may have a hard time dealing with the absence of loved ones, the Soldiers will concentrate on the job ahead.

"The 233rd HET mission is to transport heavy equipment such as tanks, containers and oversized items from Kuwait into Iraq, while the 13th CSB Headquarters will provide command and control of logistics support operations, as required in Iraq," Higginbotham said. "We train constantly. There's never a time we're not training. We're always preparing to deploy, deploying or redeploying. That's our cycle."



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

At 3, Anthony Pichardo is a "veteran" at good-byes. Both of his parents have been deployed. Wednesday, he said good-bye again to his father, Sgt. Ricardo Pichardo.

Historically, the 13th CSB has deployed Soldiers year-round.

This rotation in no different. The 233rd HET Detachment will be deployed for six months and the 13th CSB Headquarters will be deployed for a year.

The rest of the Soldiers from the 13th CSB Headquarters Company

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Move over, please

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

Between Nov. 13 to Dec. 7, almost 3,000 National Guardsmen, Reservists and and Airmen will arrive at Fort Benning from New York, Florida, Connecticut, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Wisconsin, Tennessee and Puerto Rico.

The Soldiers will process for deployment to Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq.

"This is the last home these Soldiers will know before going into battle," said Col. Robert W. Kenyon, commander of Mobilization Troop Command, the unit responsible for administration and logistics for the troops' billeting and other needs.

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Receiving almost 3,000 Soldiers in a short period of time is unusual, even for a post Fort Benning's size. The post is handling these Soldiers because of training diversions from other installations, such as Fort McCoy, Wis., Fort Dix, N.J., and Fort Bragg, N.C.

The Soldiers will train in common tasks, weapons qualification, nuclear, biological, chemical threats, convoy training and combat life saver.

"Fort Benning becomes their home, albeit briefly, and serves as the last reminder of why it's so important to live in a free society," Kenyon said.

Soldiers who mobilized through Fort Benning last year are beginning to return.

Soldier dies in accident

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff



Howard

A Fort Benning Soldier was killed on South Lumpkin Road Tuesday when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a car.

According to a police report, Spc. Michael L. Howard Jr., B Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, was pronounced dead at 8:09 p.m. after sustaining massive blunt force trauma to his head and body.

Howard was traveling north on South Lumpkin Road when a Plymouth Neon attempted to cross the road at its intersection with Wise Street.

Howard's Suzuki GSXR 750 hit the passenger side of the Neon and he was ejected from the motorcycle.

The accident is under investigation.

Howard was assigned to Fort Benning in July 2002. Upon return from Operation Iraqi

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Celebration marks Native American Month

Traditional dance, food part of event

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

Native American Heritage Month was celebrated with traditional dancing, guest speaker Tim Harjo of the Chickasaw Nation, and a sampling of Native American foods Tuesday in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium.

Nearly 200 people watched the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe from Oklahoma perform a spiritual dance symbolizing the passage of a day, "from sun-up to the next sun-up."

The dancers held hands and shuffled in a circle, stomping their feet, while the men chanted and sang. A gourd filled with pebbles and the women's decorative anklets rattled, providing the musical accompaniment.

To symbolize fanning a fire and praying in a tobacco ceremony, the dancers bent forward and raised their arms upwards, their gestures sending prayers to the Creator, Harjo said.

Other highlights included an invocation by Lee Frazier, Chickasaw elder and Harjo playing on the flute.

Harjo talked about the "Unconquered and unconquerable" Chickasaw people's historical struggle to maintain their culture, respect their ancestors, and still adapt to the American society.

> "Today we join hands to keep this land and this country strong, as it is."
>
> **Tim Harjo**
> Speaker, Native American Heritage celebration

"Our ancestors fought to keep their land. It gives us strength to know where we came from. Today we join hands to keep this land and this country strong, as it is" he said.

Chief of Staff Col. Charles

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WEEK OF THE MILITARY FAMILY

I love my (Army) family

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Forget your self-help books and Dr. Phil. I know the secret to happiness and success for the military family. Count your blessings.

That's the one thing you must learn to do — and teach your children to do — if you want to have a happy home wherever the Army sends you.

For every "negative," you have to find two "positives."

Now you don't need me to preach about the finer points of Fort Benning or the Army in general. Nor should you feel guilty for not appreciating every aspect of it.

And we should all continue the good fight to improve what we call "quality of life" for those who follow. But in the meantime, don't get mired in pessimism. Look on the bright side.

If you don't like your quarters, hey, it's OK not to like your quarters. But learn to make the most of them. I like to think the 13 houses my family has lived in has taught me exactly what I need in a home.

I love deep, dark-colored walls, but about mid-winter, I begin to feel claustrophobic and depressed. No more dark walls for me. Four or five bedrooms are nice, but ample storage is more important. Old houses are charming, but they're noisy. And hardwood floors are beautiful, but with four kids and two dogs, the upkeep isn't worth it.

These are all lessons I've learned in Army housing, and they came in handy just recently when the Siter family went looking for a permanent place to call home. We weren't swayed by fancy exteriors, trendy colors or crown moldings.

No sir, show me closets, lots of closets.



And big windows for natural lighting. We know what we like in a house, thanks to Uncle Sam.

I know the constant moving from post to post presents a challenge to even the most optimistic person. You can choose to let it get you down, or you can look for adventure along the way. Every duty station has its good points, even Fort Drum, N.Y., though I can't think of any right now.

I've taught my kids to anticipate new friendships and to keep count of the states where their friends live. To date, they have friends in 42 states and five countries. If they're really good friends, they have power to influence the world. It's a matter of perspective.

My kids' perspectives have improved lately. Visits from cousins reaffirm what I've been telling them for years — we lead interesting lives.

"Cool," said my nephew, when we had to stop the car to let a tank cross the road during a short tour of post.

"It's like living in a movie," he said.

We showed him where Eisenhower lived and Mel Gibson played. We stopped to watch Rangers fall from the sky. We introduced him to desert-clad Soldiers just back from Iraq who described some unimaginable creature called a camel spider. Very kid cool.

My nephew was impressed, and my kids were impressed that he was impressed. They saw their lives through someone else's eyes, and they liked what they saw. Being part of a military family is pretty darn cool.

Granted, it's a little harder to stay chipper in the face of lengthy separations, especially during wartime.

But if your Soldier is alive and well and that's the only thing you can be grateful for today, run with it. It's no small thing.

Encourage the kids to keep a list of all the good things they want to tell your Soldier when he calls or returns. (The one with the longest list gets to talk to him first?) Teach them to cloak their conversation in sunshine, literally. "Did the sun shine today where you're at?" sure beats, "Let me tell you about the lousy weather here."

I admit I'm guilty of feeling sorry for myself too often. Of my four children, two have a mild learning disability. Just the other evening, as I was struggling to help my little one, who was struggling with her homework, I thought, "Why me, God? One child, OK, but two? Why must I go through this again?"

Wednesday I met a woman with two young sons diagnosed with a terminal illness. "Every now and then I get mad at God," she said. "I think, 'Why me? One child, OK, I can get through it. But two? Why us?"

I asked her how she copes. It seems she knows of another mom who lost four children to the same disease.

"When I think I've got it bad, I think about her. Things really could be worse," she replied. "Every morning, I thank God they made it through another night."

Talk about perspective.

She knows how important it is to look on the bright side. She's my hero, a word I don't take lightly.

Did I mention she's an Army wife?

The next time you find yourself wading through the woe, try to look at things from another perspective.

Life is good.

Army life is great.

Count your blessings.

Don't miss Saturday event

Sometimes Soldiers, their family members and our DA civilians wonder if anyone cares about them and if anyone else realizes how we are serving our nation during the fight on the Global War on Terrorism.

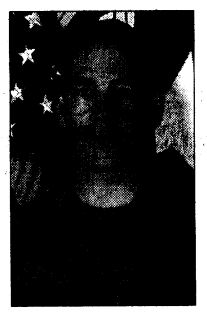
Well, Saturday you can see just how much you're appreciated, as Columbus leaders and the tricommunity salute our Soldiers, civilians and family members during the third annual God Bless Fort Benning Day.

God Bless Fort Benning Day is going to be a major event at the Columbus Civic Center.

We can thank Jack and Miriam Tidwell, the organizers, for what promises to be a day of fun and good old patriotism.

The Tidwells, with help from the Columbus community, are going to put on a party to thank all who work and serve at Fort Benning.

If you leave the event without feeling a surge of patriotism and appreciation for what the local community does for Soldiers and their families, then you don't have a heart.



Here is the gist of the day:

A free picnic runs from noon to 4 p.m. Soldiers will eat free. Civilians will be asked for a donation.

It will feature free concerts, by Lee Greenwood and Cornbread, and a red, white and blue motorcycle convoy.

Children will be treated to Moon Walk bounces, inflatable games, clowns and magicians.

The Legends of the Harlem Globetrotters will play at the Civic Center from 2 to 3 p.m. Again, Soldiers are admitted free. Cost for family members is $7. Those tickets are also good for the Riverdragons basketball game which begins at 6 p.m.

A Veterans Den honoring veterans from WWII, Vietnam, Korea, Desert Storm and Iraq and Afghanistan will be on hand for people wanting to talk to these warriors.

Our basic training Soldiers will be bused to the event by Fort Benning, and the Tidwells will provide buses for the rest of the installation.

Check page A-15 in *The Bayonet* for the event schedule.

Everyone who serves at Fort Benning is encouraged to attend with family and friends.

There are several good reasons to be there.

First, you'll have a good time.

Second, you can donate to Santa's Castle to help our young military families have a great Christmas.

Third, it's a great time to thank the community for putting this event on just for us.

So go see for yourself, and discover just how much other Americans care about the sacrifices made by Soldiers, their families and our DA civilians.

See you there. Follow Me!

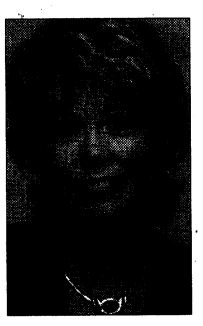
— Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley,
Commanding General

Thanks to all in the family

The Family Advocacy Program of the Army Community Service Center wants to remind everyone that Military Family Week is celebrated during the Thanksgiving holiday.

We would like to take this time to express our appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices made by service members and their families in our community.

In the daily press of activities that characterize our modern lives, we often overlook opportunities to express our appreciation to those who make a special contribution. To amend that oversight, we take this opportunity to salute military families.



Military families in our community, on post and off, are separated from their own hometowns and friends.

They are also frequently separated from each other because of military duties.

We, as civilians, should value and commend every Soldier's contribution during this week.

To show our appreciation, the ACS Center Family Advocacy Program will have a display set up at Building 2624 from Monday through Nov. 24 with educational materials for Soldiers, spouses and children.

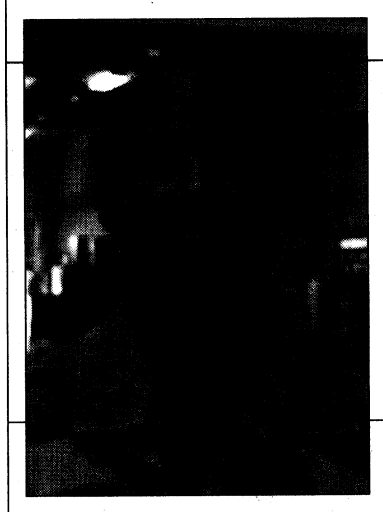
All Soldiers and family members who stop by the ACS Center on Wednesday will receive a free canvas tote bag.

For additional information on Military Family Week, call me at 545-7517.

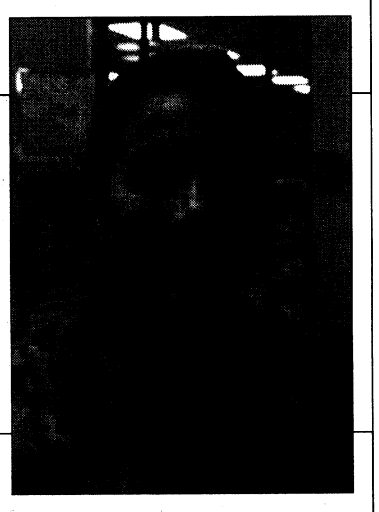
— Rebecca S. Welch,
Family Advocacy Program manager

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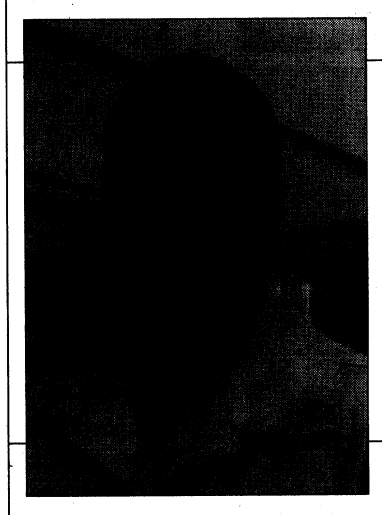
How do you deal with the challenges of being a military family?



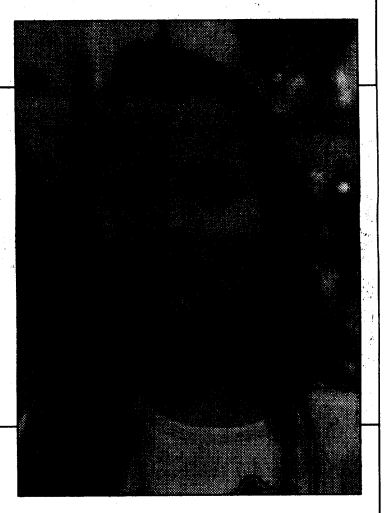
Sgt. Eric Preston, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "My wife and I communicate well, and we work together hand in hand prior to deployment so it's an easier transition. We are a little older, so we can handle the separation better than some younger couples."



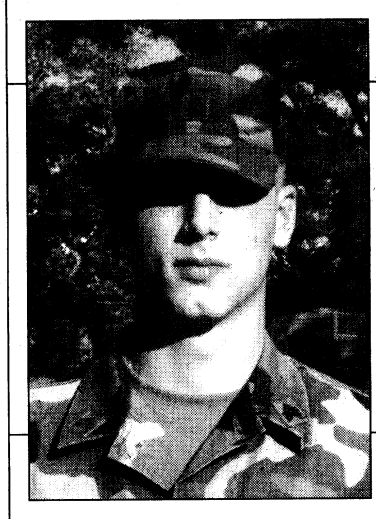
Spc. Sandra Jimenez, 1065th ASMC Medical Company — "My family is sad when I have to leave them, but they know it's my career. We keep in touch with letters and by phone. I keep myself busy with my studies and learning."



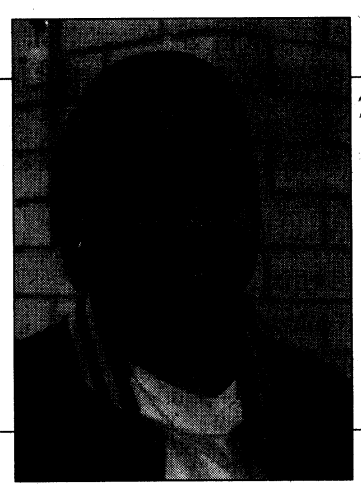
Sgt. 1st Class Efrim Larry, 233rd HET Detachment — "After being in so long you get used to the challenges. The younger the kids are the harder it is for them to adjust. You need to have a solid family foundation."



Sierra Baker, family member — "My dad was in Iraq and right now he's gone. Sometimes I write letters to him. And my mom bought a cat to keep my brother and me company. We named it Liberty."



Sgt. Craig Dalen, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment — "We just take it day by day. Being able to call and use e-mail to keep in touch with my wife and kids helps a lot when I'm gone."



Leatisha Fletcher, family member — "I feel sad that my dad is leaving. It's hard on my family not knowing when he's coming back. I write to him when he is gone."

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Tricommunity honors veterans

Melissa House
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The tricommunity gathered Nov. 11 to honor the nation's veterans in ceremonies in Columbus and at Fort Benning.

Columbus Mayor Bob Poydasheff led the ceremony at historic Linwood Cemetery at the grave of Gen. Henry Benning.

Poydasheff thanked Fort Benning's commander, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, for starting the tradition in the tricommunity.

"(Soldiers) come off post to demonstrate love, honor and respect not only for the city, but for the Soldier Benning — a great statesman who lived in contentious times," Poydasheff said.

Having read Benning's history, the mayor is convinced Gen. Benning would be proud of the nation for taking a course to allow democracy to flourish throughout the world.

Freakley said the ceremony at Linwood more than honored Gen. Benning — it honored all veterans, beginning with those from Columbus.

"Our city has been giving up its sons and daughters for years," Freakley said. "When you walk among the headstones, they tell a story of service to the nation in almost every war.

"Today is about veterans, not about causes," he said. "And we want to honor our namesake. This was a man with no military training, who exemplified not only service in uniform, but a lifelong dedication of service to others."

Freakley and Poydasheff placed a wreath at Benning's grave, and then headed to post for the ceremony in Marshall Auditorium.

Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin opened the ceremony at 11 a.m., quoting Gen. Omar Bradley. Bradley once said America was running on the "momentum of a godly ancestry, and when that momentum runs down, God help America."

Cocklin prayed that the Soldiers of today would have "a sincere level of commitment to ever keep the torch we have been handed lit brightly."

Freakley welcomed visitors from the tricommunity who came to pause and reflect on Veterans Day with the Soldiers at Fort Benning.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day — with celebration held at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — and served as a day to honor those who fought in "the war to end all wars."

"Only the dead have seen the end of war," Freakley said. "And today we are a nation at war, fighting for our very survival and for our liberties."

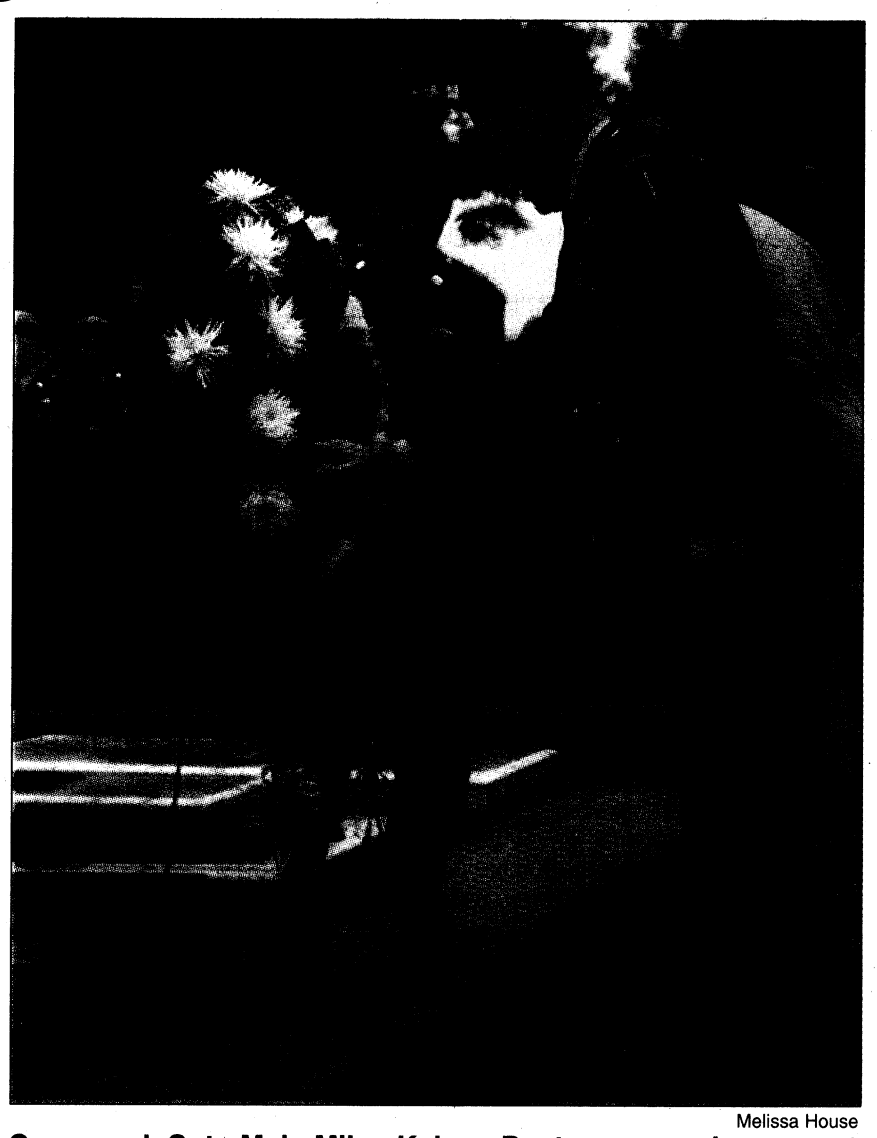
All those great things, he said, are at risk today as Soldiers fight an evil foe with no face and no country.

"The fifty-five million people who have been liberated, have been given God's greatest gifts — freedom and liberty," he said. "And, our veterans serving today will fight this fight."

Freakley thanked the community for supporting Fort Benning's Soldiers, because Soldiers have not always known community support. Those who fought in Korea returned to a country that appeared indifferent, he said, and after Vietnam, the Soldiers were scorned.

"Scorn and indifference have no place in our heroes' homecoming," he said. "And you are there to greet them. When they are deployed, you support them, pray for them and hold their families hands."

Freakley said the veterans — any Soldier who served honorably — also include Soldiers currently in uniform. The more than 100,000 Reserve and National Guard Soldiers patrolling the streets of Iraq or stabilizing the Balkans, he said, are "citizen Soldiers who serve our country well."



Melissa House

Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, Post command sergeant major, left, and commanding general Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley place a wreath at the grave of Gen. Henry Benning Nov. 11. Benning is buried at the historic Linwood Cemetery in Columbus.

In a separate ceremony on Sand Hill, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment Soldiers took a break from basic training to honor and pay respect to all veterans past, present and future.

Lt. Col. Frank Burns, battalion commander, and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kauffman presided over the event.

Highlights of the ceremony included the performances of Christine Spaulding, who sang the national anthem, and Jennifer Robinson, who performed *Taps* on a bugle while her friend played the trumpet. Both girls are the daughters of battalion cadre members.

E Company was the honor company for the ceremony. Most of its Soldiers had never participated in a Veterans Day ceremony before.

3rd Brigade remembers veterans

Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd Brigade Combat Team

Threatening rain clouds cast shadows over the Infantry Museum Veterans Day as members of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, liaison officers of foreign countries, 3rd Brigade Soldiers, friends and family gathered.

This year's ceremony was to give special recognition to veterans of the Korean War.

"Our motto is not fancy — just tough," said Col. Steven Salazar, commander of the 3rd Brigade, the first of two key speakers of the day.

In his speech, Salazar addressed the current situation in Iraq.

"At every turn, American Soldiers demonstrate their firm resolve, just as the 3rd ID has done for nearly a century," he said.

The Soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div. have trained hard and are prepared for this upcoming deployment, Salazar said, giving assurance to the retired Dog-Face Soldiers.

Salazar also spoke of the history of the 3rd Inf. Div. bringing to light the division's wartime involvement.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Saint, former 3rd Inf. Div. Soldier who served in Korea, stood in front of the audience as the second speaker of the morning.

"Twice in my life I have felt helpless," Saint said. "Once was last April, when my wife was given two weeks to live. The other," he said "when I see this patch going where you're going, and I'm too old to go help you."

When both speakers were finished, a wreath was laid at the base of the 3rd Inf. Div. memorial and dog tags were placed on the fallen Soldier display.



Former Infantry chief shares hard lessons

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

A man known for speaking his mind and telling hard truths — units not combat ready, units not manned or funded for training — spoke to future combat leaders Nov. 5 in Marshall Auditorium.

Retired Gen. Jay Hendrix, former commanding general of the U.S. Army Infantry Center, 3rd Infantry Division, 5th Corps, and Forces Command, talked about battlefield leadership.

He shared lessons he learned the hard way — never wait, always dig in, and call in fire support, because if an Infantry unit is not attacking, it's defending.

He said combat leaders must:

• Maintain focus, individually and as a unit. When the unit is least prepared, the enemy will strike. Focus is key.

• Train and maintain — every piece of equipment must be 100 percent ready all the time. Clean weapons at every stop.

There is time to train in a combat environment, to prepare for engagement, to train on combat skills, Hendrix said.

• Set core standards — in combat standards can erode. It's important that the basics are fortified, he said. Professionalism matters.

An example he used was a Soldier who carried 87 rounds of high explosive rounds in his ruck, versus the mandatory 40. Leaders need to enforce the standards.

• Build teamwork — a team is better than the sum of parts. In combat, using subordinate leaders grows Soldiers into more capable leaders who will accomplish the mission and save lives.

• Build confidence, trust and respect.

"The last thing a Soldier wants is a leader who comes down to his level," Hendrix said. "Soldiers want leaders they trust, who will do the right thing ... treat them with respect."

• Share hardships and danger, he said, but don't be reckless — one of the worst things to happen to a combat company is to lose their leader; yet leaders can't follow the rules all the time — sometimes the commander can't be a platoon back all of the time.

• Use every Soldier regardless of rank.

"It's an effectiveness issue," Hendrix said. "All Soldiers are an asset, but some you need to tell to shut up. The goal is to succeed and live."

• Don't dehumanize the enemy. If Soldiers start doing that, war crimes will occur. It's not OK to brutalize captives.

• Have a positive attitude, a leader's most effective tool. People respond better to a positive attitude than a negative one.

Hendrix also told the audience what Soldiers want from leaders in combat:

• Good judgment. Soldiers are committed to the mission but they want to live through it, he said.

• Competence — leaders who know how to fight.

• Leaders with good nerves, cool under fire, who won't fall apart in combat.

• Moral courage — a leader who'll speak on their behalf. But it's important to know the difference between moral courage and stupidity.

• Fair treatment. "If 1st Squad is up front every time, pretty soon there won't be a 1st Squad," he said.

• Genuine respect for Soldiers.

• Selfless commitment. "Selflessness in combat is evident," Hendrix said. "Do you expose yourself or do you take cover?"

• Personal courage. Soldiers will recognize it — it's overcoming fear in the presence of danger, quickly, he said.

• Honesty. An organization like the Army can't be run without integrity.

"War brings out the best and worst in people," Hendrix said. "Combat leaders need to watch their own people for weaknesses ... they need to keep buddies safe and keep the perimeter firm."

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No One Special strikes chord

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
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"For me it's all about what I call the 'triple H factor'," said J.R. Browning, lead guitarist for the punk rock band No One Special. "When I am up there playing for a crowd, everything I do comes from my head, through my heart and out my hands."

The fourth "H" factor is home — something Browning and three other 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, Soldiers who play in the band with him will sorely miss when 3rd Brigade deploys in the coming months.

Browning and his band aren't looking forward to a year without their instruments.

"We are going to do our best to stay together and not miss out on opportunities that have come our way lately."

Though the fledgling band has been together only a year, he said, it has made its presence known in Columbus and larger markets nearby.

Clubs in Atlanta, like The Masquerade, are offering gigs to the up-and-coming group. And a Pennsylvania label is considering a contract.

The band, which likens itself to big names like Finch, Pennywise and Story of the Year, has come a long way in a short time. Singer Scott Stasny met Browning on a previous deployment in Iraq and, when they came home, teamed up with fellow unit members Seth Dix, a bassist with musical inclinations going back to his elementary school days, and guitarist John McBride, who has been playing about four years, and a drummer from the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment.

After the drummer exited stage left about six months ago, No One Special was left hanging without a reliable, talented anchor in the beats section.

The group soon found the right match in drummer Wes Barron, who was introduced to the band through his girlfriend Michelle Little, who works in one of the barber shops on post.

Since then, it has been tough balancing band practice at the Kelley Hill recreation center or Barron's house with the demands of an intense train up for the pending deployment to Iraq.

Working around a military schedule is hard, Browning said. The band practices two times a week.

"It would be a lot easier if my neighbors didn't call the cops all the time," Barron said.

Even as the preparations for deployment intensify, the band's successes have grown.

After an impressive showing at a local Battle of the Bands final competition Nov. 11, No One Special earned themselves a paid second appearance at the 4th Quarter Bar. And the interest from the Pennsylvania label packs a lot of punch, considering Tooth and Nail is one of the nation's largest punk record labels.

While the band's mouth is definitely watering for the sweet success that would come with a contract and tour, all the players agreed the music, not the money, is what it is really all about.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Guitarist for No One Special, John McBride, jams at the Battle of the Bands Nov. 11 at the 4th Quarter Bar. No One Special will perform there Dec. 2.

"It's about all those people I've never met going crazy over us tonight," McBride said after the Nov. 11 show.

"Playing live on stage — you get lost in it."

"It's truly amazing the five of us can get together and write songs that people will really listen to," Browning said. "It's the greatest feeling in the world to have that kind of power."

No One Special is available for booking at commercial locations or private parties.

For more information, call Browning at 573-4677.

Gates close for protest

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The Benning Boulevard and South Lumpkin gates will close at 11 p.m. today in preparation for the annual SOA-Watch protest Sunday.

The Benning Boulevard gate will remain closed for access control point renovation until further notice.

The South Lumpkin gate will reopen at 11 p.m. Sunday.

The I-185 gate reopened Nov. 15.

Activities going on this weekend, other than the protest, are the God Bless Fort Benning Rally on Saturday and the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's open house.

The God Bless Fort Benning Rally starts at noon Saturday at the Columbus Civic Center. The event will offer a free lunch to Soldiers and concerts by local band Cornbread and singer Lee Greenwood.

God Bless Fort Benning coordinator Miriam Tidwell suggested bringing chairs, and said the event will go on, rain or shine.

Also featured is a motorcycle rally, expected to draw more than 500 riders, and the opening home game of the Columbus Riverdragons basketball season.

Tickets to the season opener are free to active duty service members and are available at reduced prices to family members.

WHINSEC's open house event will bus preregistered visitors in from the South Lumpkin gate. The visitors will tour the Institute and receive briefings from instructors about the curriculum taught at the school, said Spc. Adrian Lugo, WHINSEC public affairs.

God Bless Fort Benning Day

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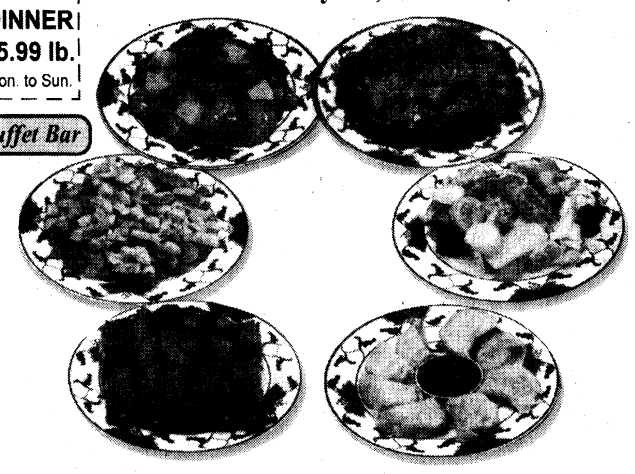
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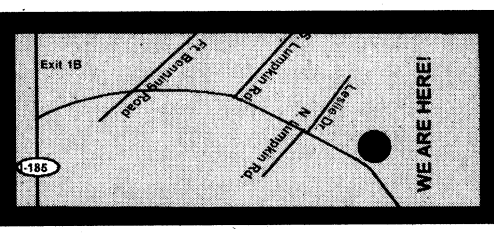
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CENTCOM 1-year PCS assignments

Army senior leaders decided to transition many of the CENTCOM 179-day Individual Augmentee taskings to one-year PCS tours effective Jan. 1 to increase operational capability and increase stability for these deployed operational HQs.

Volunteers with the right skills and experiences to meet these requirements are needed.

These headquarters include: Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Multi-National Security Transition Corps-Iraq, Task Force 134, Project and Contracting Office-Iraq, and Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

The total current PCS requirement is approximately 733 positions (443 officers, 43 warrant officers, and 247 enlisted). Of these positions, approximately 40 percent have a PCS report date of January 2005. The remaining positions are phased throughout 2005.

The positions call for all grades, commissioned and warrant, and nearly all skills.

The total requirements for January to March 2005 are 414 Soldiers.

For more information, contact your career manager today.

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The U.S. Army Recruit the Recruiter Team will conduct presentations at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in Classroom 30 in Infantry Hall.

The team will brief sergeants through sergeants first class about the benefits, challenges and qualifications of recruiting.

For more information, call 545-8771 or 545-7387.

Career lecture

There will be a free, lecture, "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career," from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 2 in Classroom 30 of Infantry Hall.

The lecturer, by retired Col. Jerry Crews, is for officers and senior NCOs who plan to leave the service within the five years.

Spouses are invited.

Attendees will learn about job searches, resumes, salary negotiations and more.

For more information, call 545-1353.

ID card schedule

The Identification Card facility, in Building 2638, Soldiers' Plaza, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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The Identification Card section will be closed Nov. 25-26 for Thanksgiving, and reopen Nov. 29th.

For Christmas, the section will be closed Dec. 24-27th, and reopen Dec. 28th. It will also close Dec. 31-Jan. 3, and reopen Jan. 4.

ROAD CLOSURES

- Benning Boulevard and South Lumpkin Road **will close** at at 11 p.m. Friday for the SOA Watch demonstration.
- South Lumpkin Road **will reopen** 11 p.m. Sunday. South Lumpkin Road will remain open for two-way traffic, 24 hours a day.
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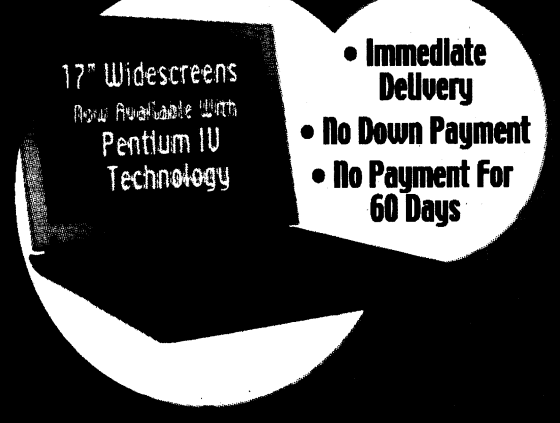
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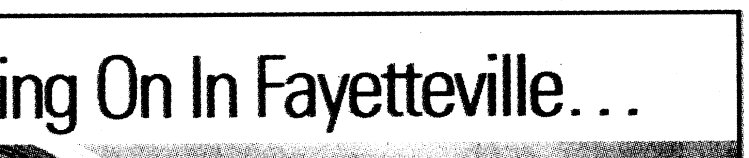
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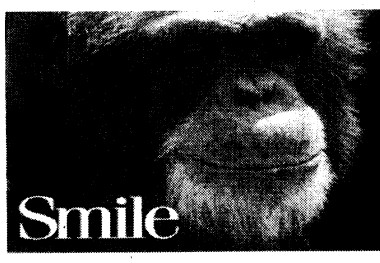
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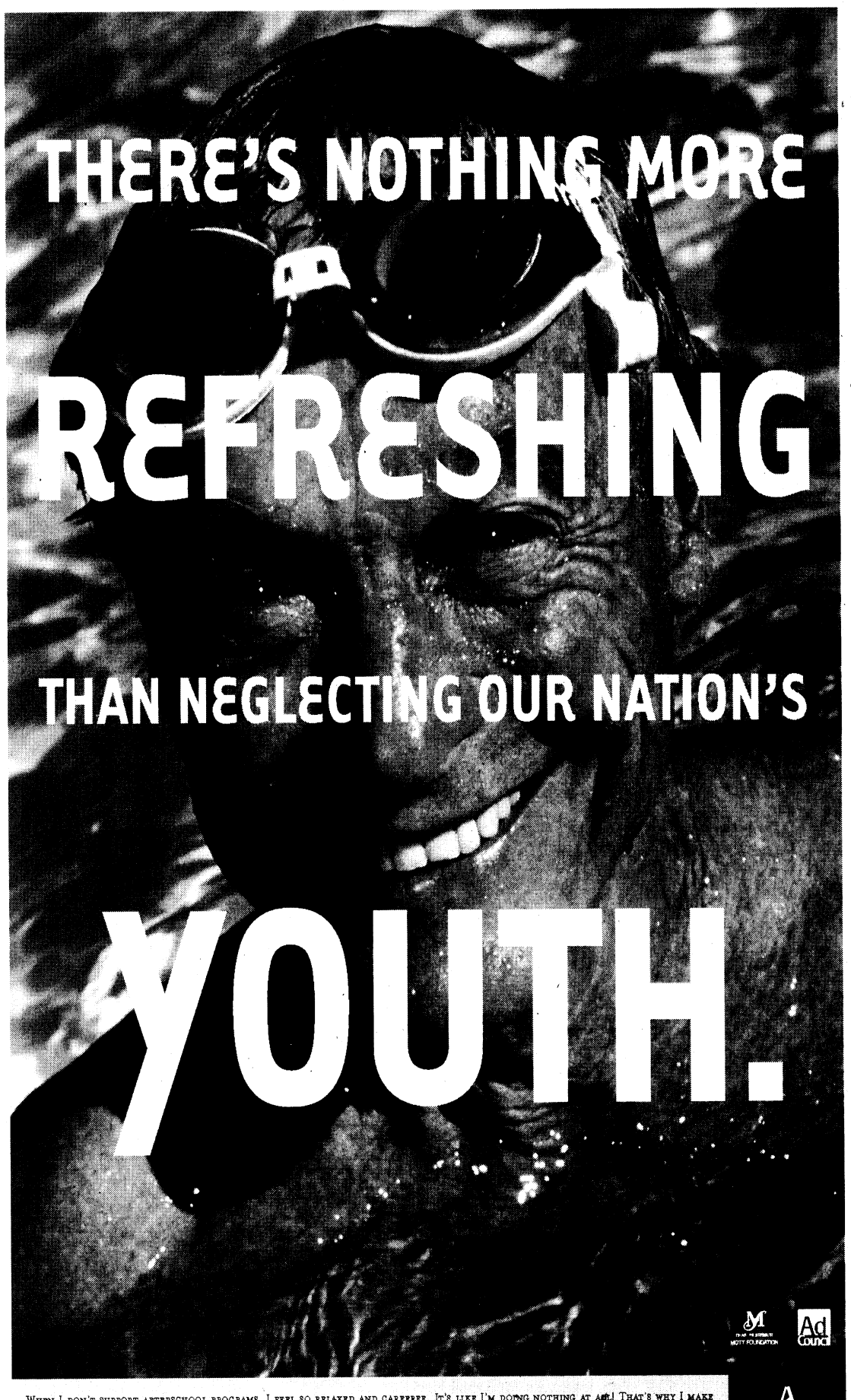


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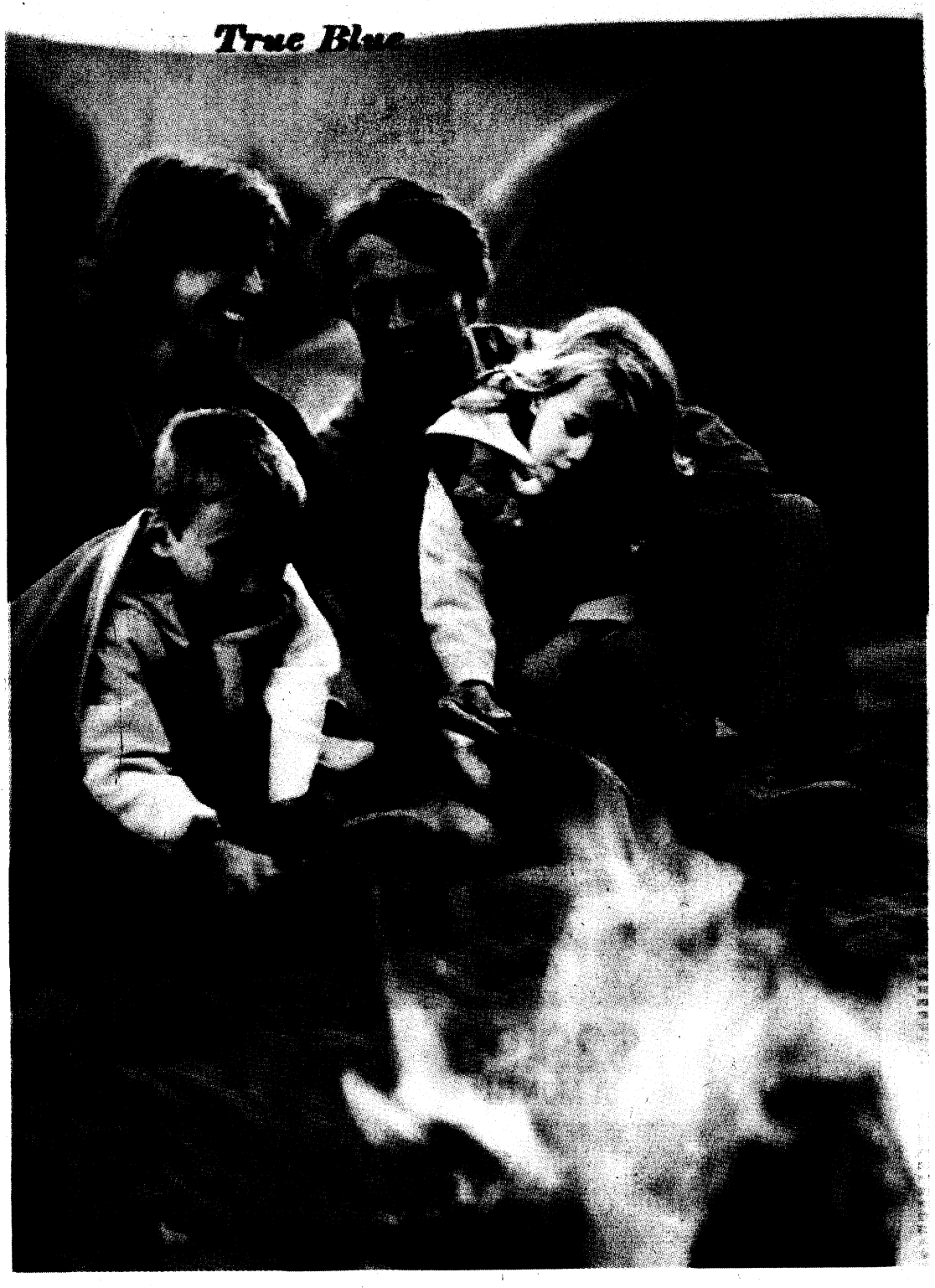
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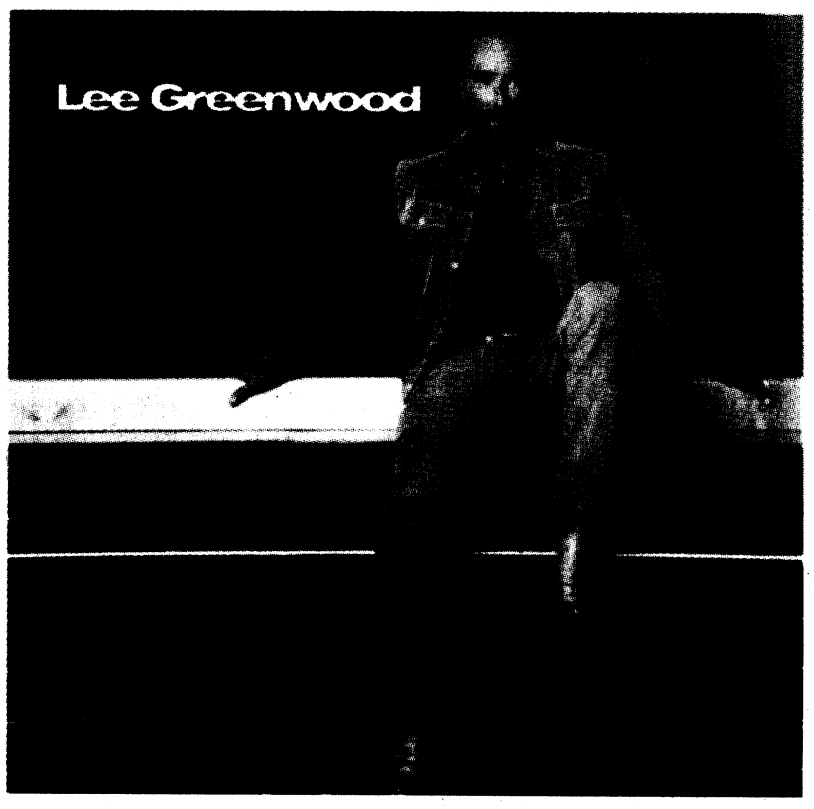
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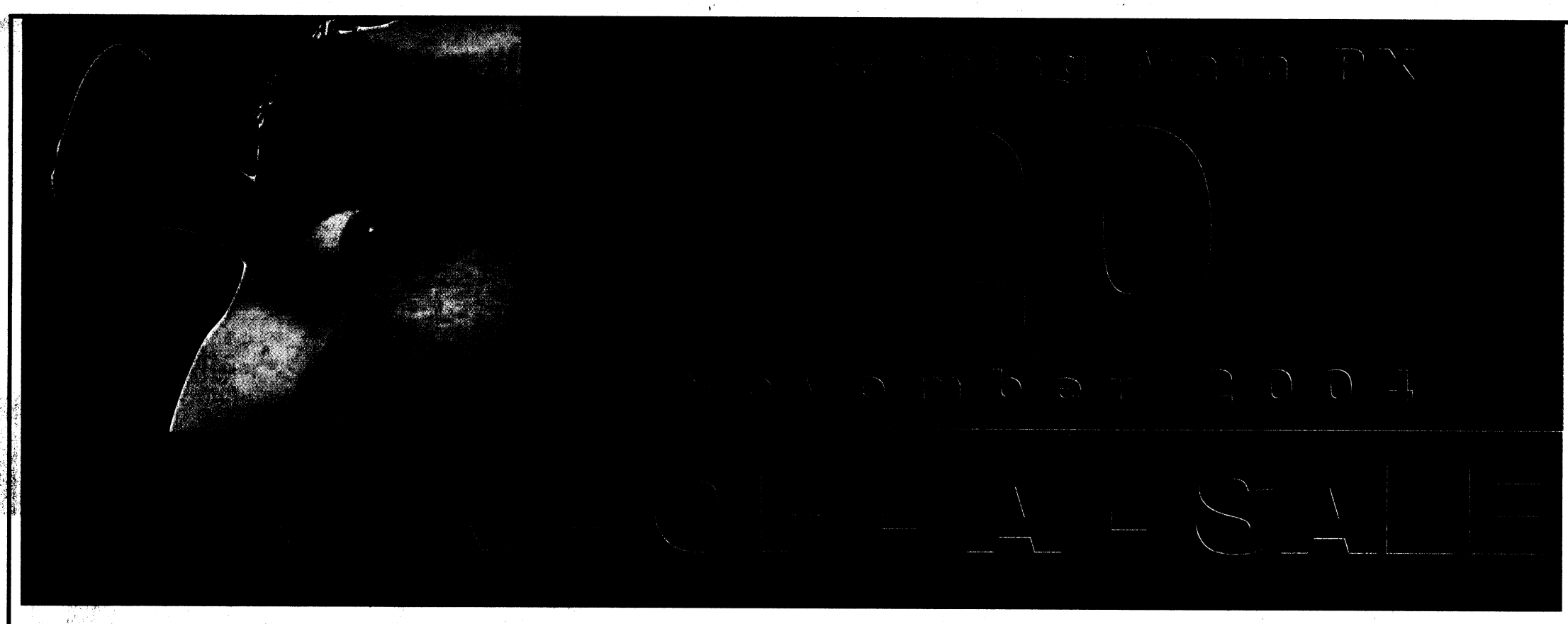
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The annual Native American Heritage celebration drew nearly 200 people to Marshall Auditorium Tuesday.

Event: Highlights Native Americans

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Cornwell said Native American Soldiers have served in the Army for more than 200 years and continue to support the military.

"In the French and Indian War, the Chickasaw people fought against the French. Some people say that their participation is why we're speaking English today," Cornwell said. He thanked Harjo and presented him a Follow Me statuette.

Faith Middle School's Choral Ensemble, directed by Lorri Blanchard, sang the national anthem.

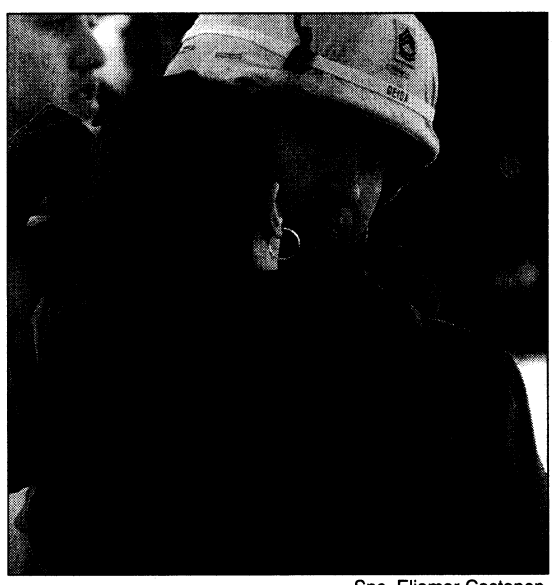
"I think this is a good opportunity to learn about Native Americans and I'm honored to sing the National Anthem," seventh-grader Tiara Wallace said.

"I am excited to learn about their heritage," sixth-grader Qwaonna Pendleton said.

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>
> **Col. Charles Cornwell**
> Post chief of staff

Chaplain's assistant Sgt. Jason Sewell enjoyed the program and the food tasting.

"The flute was beautiful. Tranquility came to mind and made me feel good and calm," he said. "The event was wonderful."



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Sgt. 1st Class Abel Deida, 13th Corps Support Battalion, hugs his wife, Daisy, before departing Tuesday morning.

Deploy: Soldiers left Wednesday

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will deploy within the next few days. The equipment the Soldiers will need while deployed was shipped a month ago, so it will be in theater once the Soldiers arrive.

"The Soldier's reaction to this deployment is interesting, because this is what a lot of them came in the Army to do," Higginbotham said.

"Some of them have been a little apprehensive, but it's only because they're new to the unit and have never deployed. Some of these Soldiers are excited to go back. But they all know the importance of the job."

Higginbotham said the hardest part of every deployment is being apart from families.

"The first thing the Soldiers worry about is disconnecting from their families, especially the Soldiers who are new to the unit and have families with young children. We have a superb family readiness group so the Soldiers can now break away knowing their families are taken care of."

Spc. Paul Regan, with the 233rd HET, said he is confident of his second deployment because of his NCOs.

"Our NCOs have made sure that we're all squared away," Regan said. "It's easier because now I know what to expect."

Death: Soldier to be missed by all

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Freedom, he was assigned as a command group driver and guidon bearer for the battalion.

"He was the best Soldier I've ever had," said Sgt. Scott Anderson, Howard's first-line supervisor. "I never had to worry that something wouldn't get done with him."

Howard was well-liked in the unit and known for his perpetual smile, Anderson said.

"He had this roaring loud laugh," he said. "Everybody loved him. I don't think there is a single person in the battalion who didn't like him. He will be missed."

While deployed during OIF, he met Sgt. Christopher Williams and the two quickly became riding buddies and best friends.

"(Howard) was the type of person who would help out anybody if he could and never expect anything back," Williams said.

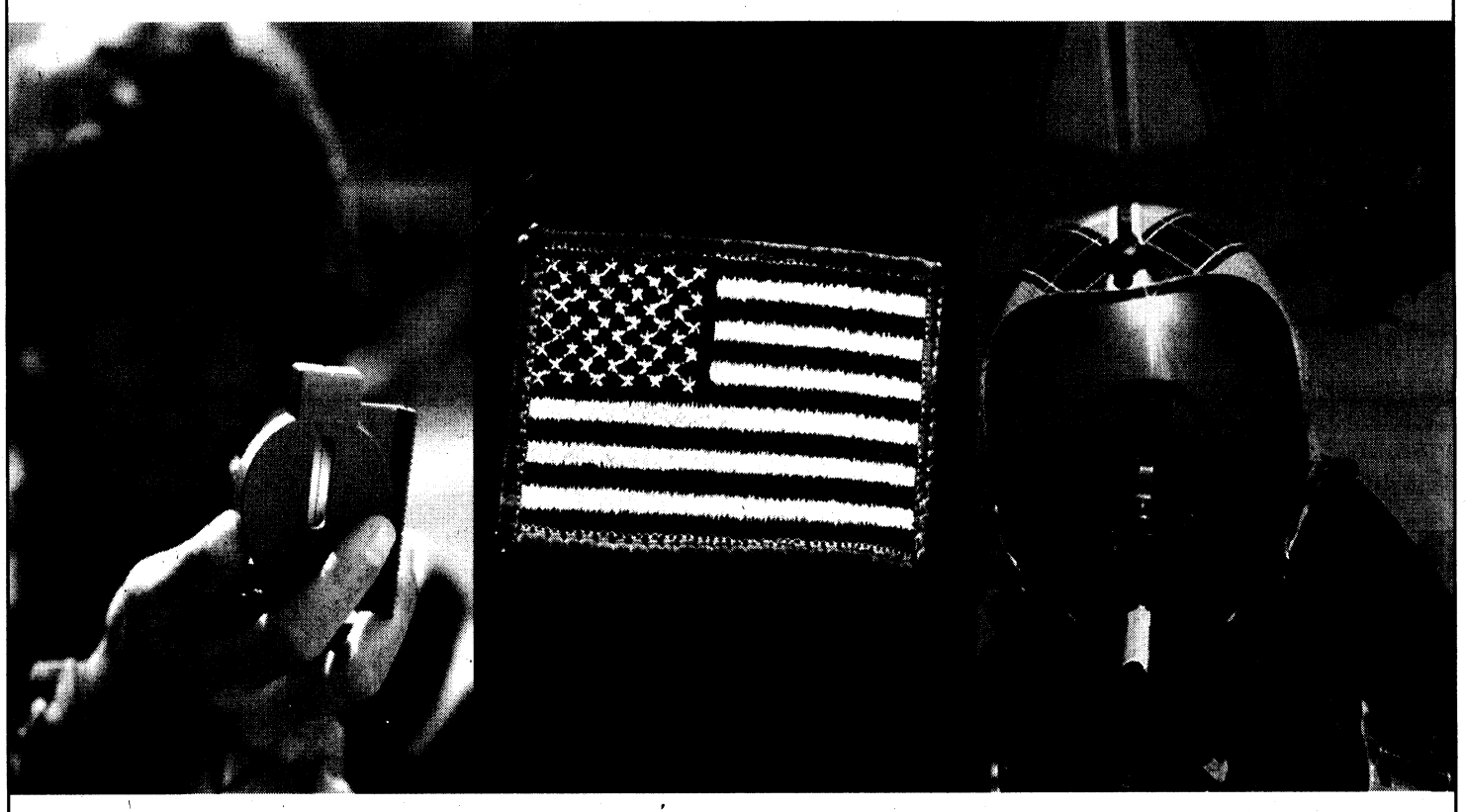
"He was a silly comic who no one could hate. I'll always remember him calling me Sunday morning and saying 'Hey, you riding today?'"

During the five years Howard served in the Army, he earned numerous awards and ribbons that include two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the NATO Service Medal.

The Virginia native is survived by his parents and a brother.

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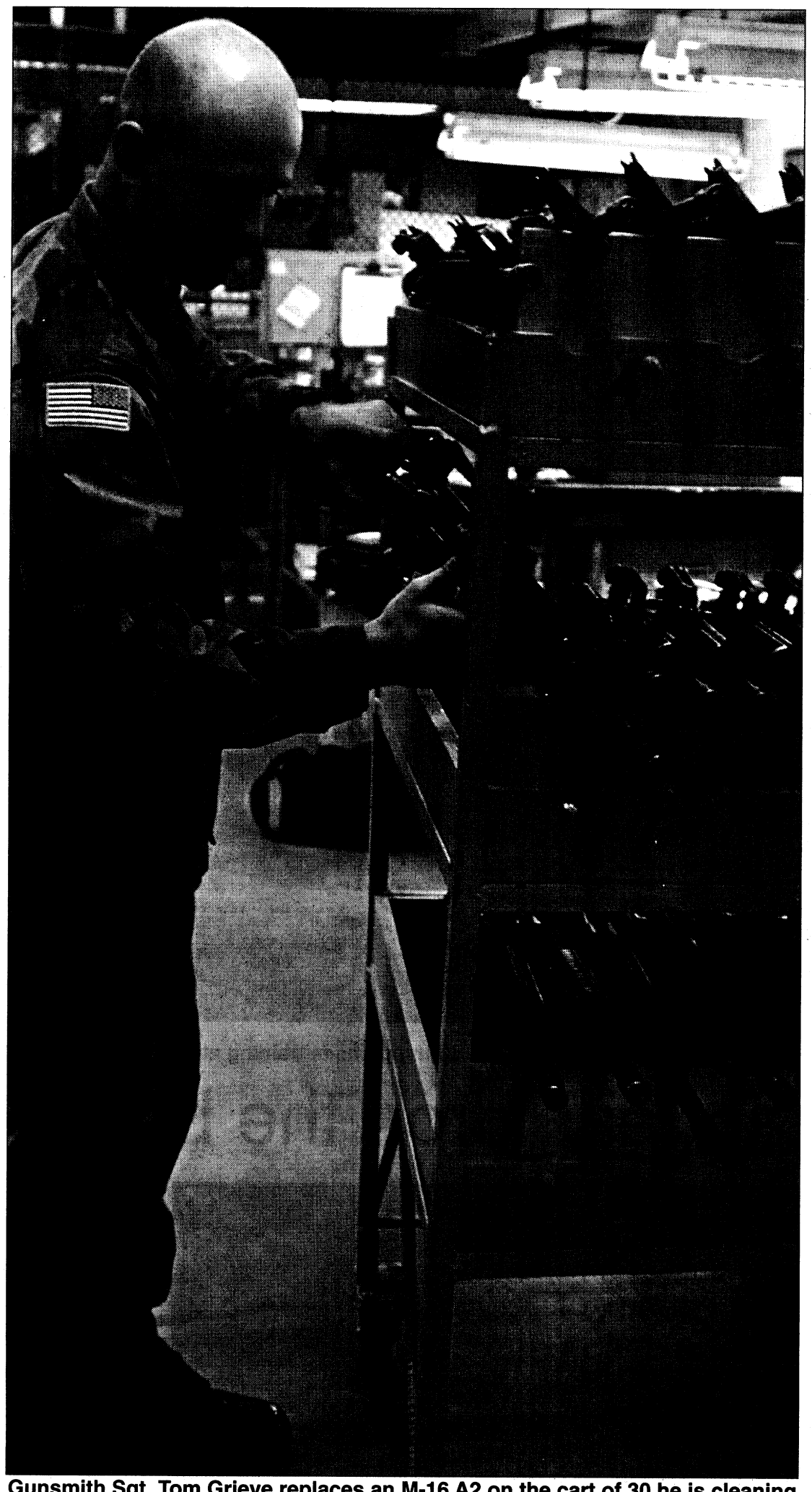
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Gunsmith Sgt. Tom Grieve replaces an M-16 A2 on the cart of 30 he is cleaning and gauging.



A ball-peen hammer and a punch are used to adjust the rear site on an M-16. Gunsmiths assigned to the Army Marksmanship Unit do more than most MOS 45Bs or 45Ks.

Photos by Annette Fournier

Gunsmiths build, refine, fix weapons, towed artillery

Annette Fournier
Bayonet Staff

Building Olympic quality rifles, cutting new trigger locks and barrels out of rough chunks of metal and improving the accuracy of state-of-the-art competition weapons are all in a day's work for the Soldiers working in the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's firearms shop. In small arms and artillery repair, MOS 45B or 45K, a Soldier learns to perform direct and general support maintenance on small arms and other infantry weapons and towed artillery.

But the Soldiers in the firearms shop are highly educated craftsmen who do much more than general support maintenance, said Paula J. Randall Pagán, Public Affairs officer for AMU. They service and alter 50 makes and models of pistols, rifles and automatic weapons, and every weapon is field tested for accuracy and safety.

The 45B and 45K Soldiers in the shop can modify or repair M-4s, M-16s, designated marksman and match rifles, among others. The shop's two missions are modifying weapons for competition, and building weapons for combat.

To modify them for competition, the gunsmiths make the guns lighter and easier to handle, improve the accuracy of firing and add special features so both competitors and their weapons are in peak condition for matches.

The lessons learned from adaptations on competition guns are used to improve combat weapons. The Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division will take just under 250 specially built weapons from the marksmanship shop with them when they deploy.

More than half of the Soldiers in AMU's shop have a degree in gunsmithing. Graduates from good gunsmithing programs can be hired directly out of college for the express purpose of working in the shop.

The AMU recruited Sgt. Tom Grieve two years ago, after he served eight years as a gunsmith in the Marine Corps.

Grieve completed AIT at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and trained for a year with the Precision Weapons Section at Quantico, Va., before joining the Army in February 2003.

He said the long hours can be taxing, but he enjoys his job.

"Its satisfying to work with your hands. It's great to take a rifle, build it, and then see someone win a championship with it," Grieve said.

After 10 years as a gunsmith, Grieve said he still learns something new every day.

"You have to be a person who pays attention to detail. If you lose your focus and screw up, you could kill someone," Grieve said.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gartland graduated with a gunsmith degree from the Colorado School of Trades, and was the only gunsmith to accompany the AMU team to the Olympics in Athens.

"It made me pretty proud to be picked to go with the team. Working (on the weapons) pays off when you get someone who wins a medal," Gartland said.

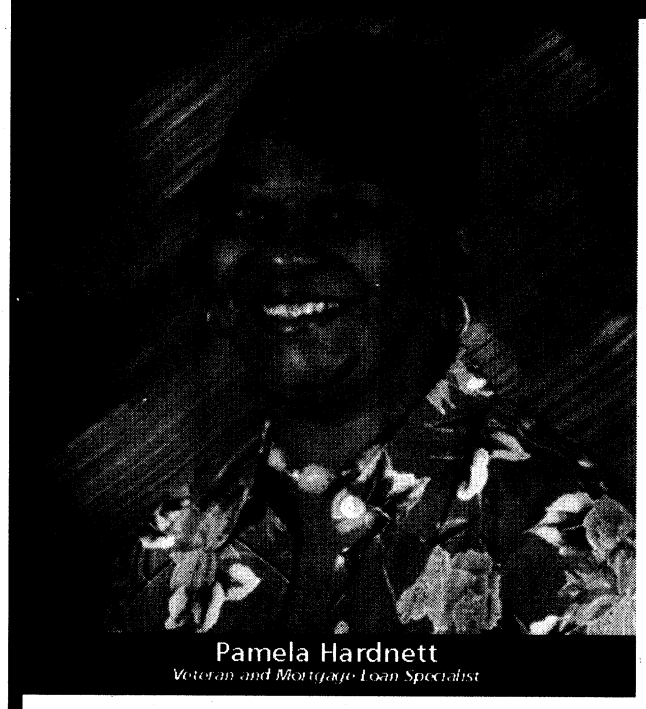
"For the Olympics, I brought a big toolbox with everything under the sun, from hand tools to grinders to drills. Most of the work was done in advance. I was just waiting around for something to break. Everything was checked by the officials, so mostly I just made small trigger adjustments," Gartland said.

During his 13 years at AMU, Gartland has been the official gunsmith for three Conseil International du Sport Military Shooting Championships and for the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg, Canada.

"It's hard to find someone who can do this job on the level we need to be able to. There's a lot to learn, so experience is valuable when coming into this job," Gartland said.

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Soldiers with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, practice the prone and standing throwing stance during grenade training at Malone 1 Nov. 16.

Trainees face first-time frag fear, drop the bomb

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Initial entry training Soldiers of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, conducted their first training with grenades at Malone Range 1 Nov. 16.

The troops only had one day to conduct a wide range of training. Through the course of the day, they learned three different throwing positions and five different types of grenades. They also qualified throwing simulation grenades at different ranges with varying levels of accuracy and employed two live hand grenades each.

Range cadre of the 29th Infantry Regiment conducted a mass briefing for the company, going over the basics of different throwing styles and types of grenades the Soldiers would be tested on before the unit conducted drills to reinforce the training.

"We don't expect you to give us the specific name or use nomenclature when you test on identification," said a range cadre member to the company. "Just be able to tell us what each of these grenades are and what they do."



A Soldier pulls the pin on a simulation grenade.

The five types of grenades the troops trained on were the M-67 fragmentation grenade, the M-18 colored smoke grenade, the AN-M8 white smoke grenade, the AN-M14 TH3 incendiary grenade and the AB M52A2 CS grenade.

The troops practiced the prone standing, prone kneeling and alternate prone throwing stances using simulation grenades.

After training runs on the throwing stances and live fire procedures, the unit moved to the live bay and each Soldier attempted to qualify by successfully employing two fragmentation grenades.

"This isn't something you get the chance to do as a civilian," said Pvt. Justin Bretz.

"I'm excited. It's making a pretty big thud in my chest."

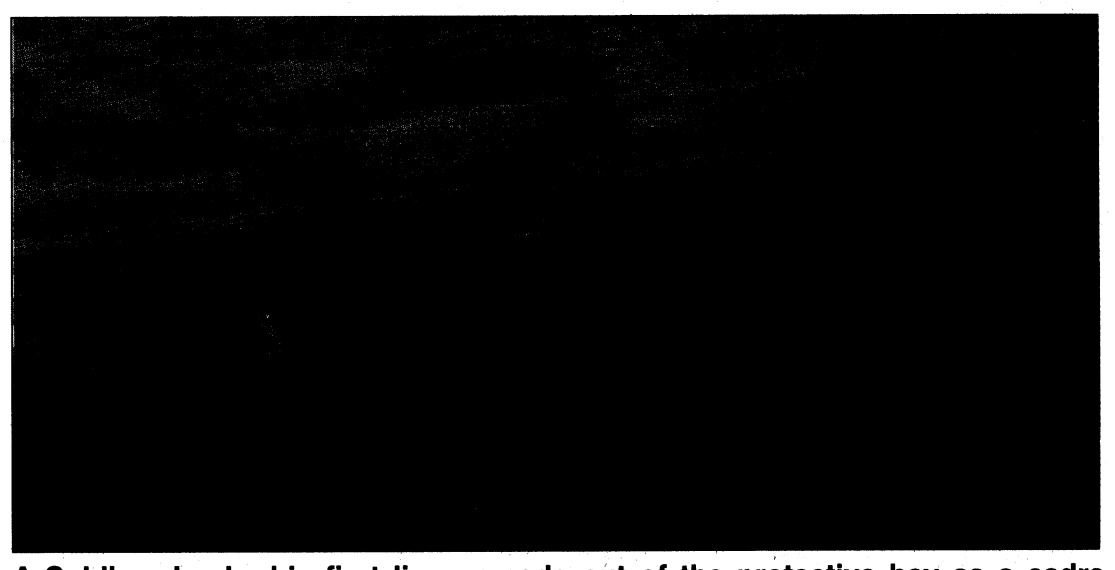
After qualifying on the live range, the Soldiers were allowed to watch one grenade explode through protective windows before moving off the range to continue qualifying at other stations.

"That was pretty cool," Bretz said, after throwing his live grenades.

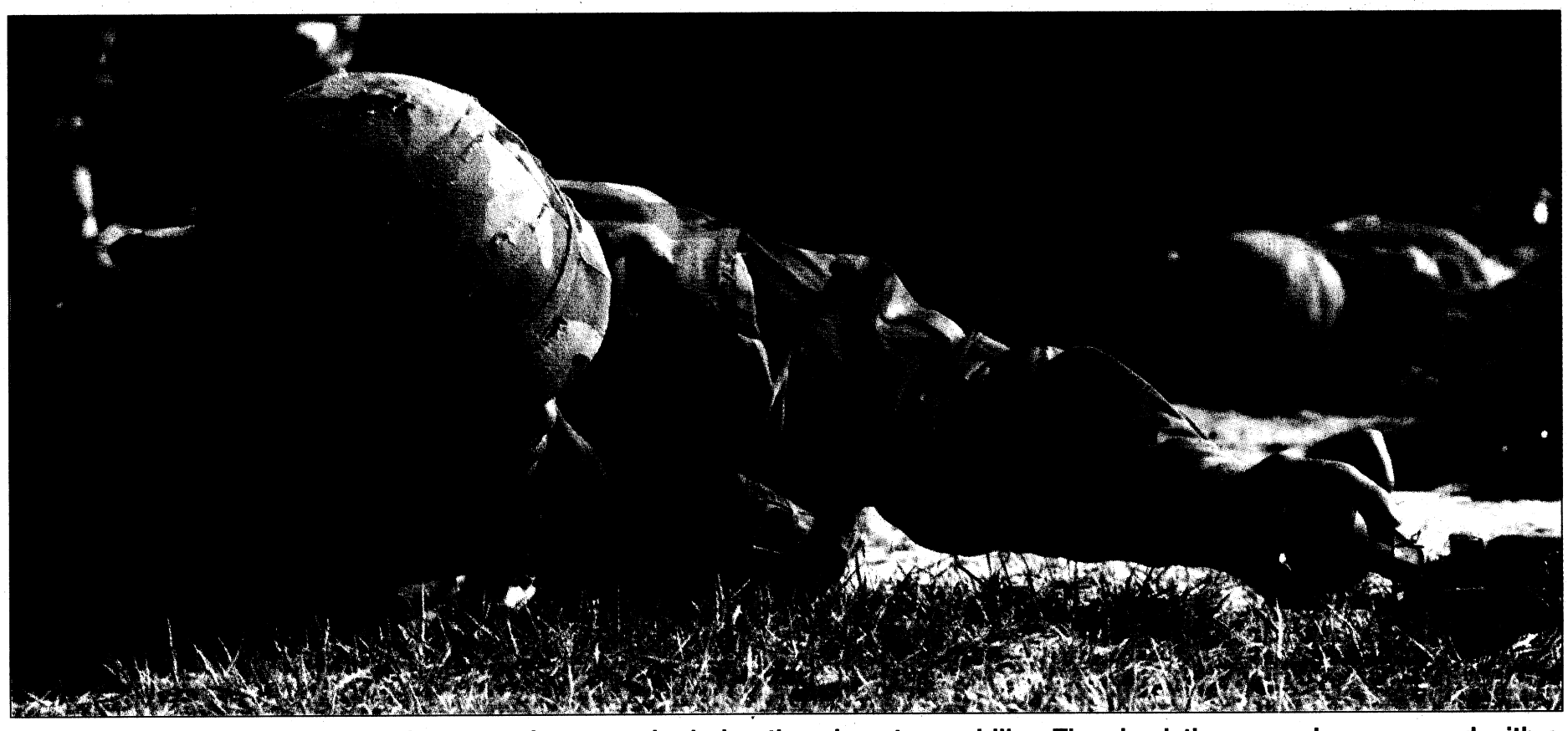
"The concussion was a lot harder and the sound a lot louder than I thought it would be. The simulated rounds were anything but similar."



An incendiary grenade finishes up its destruction of an ammunition can during a familiarization demonstration for the basic trainees.



A Soldier chucks his first live grenade out of the protective bay as a cadre member signals the tower that a round is going downrange.



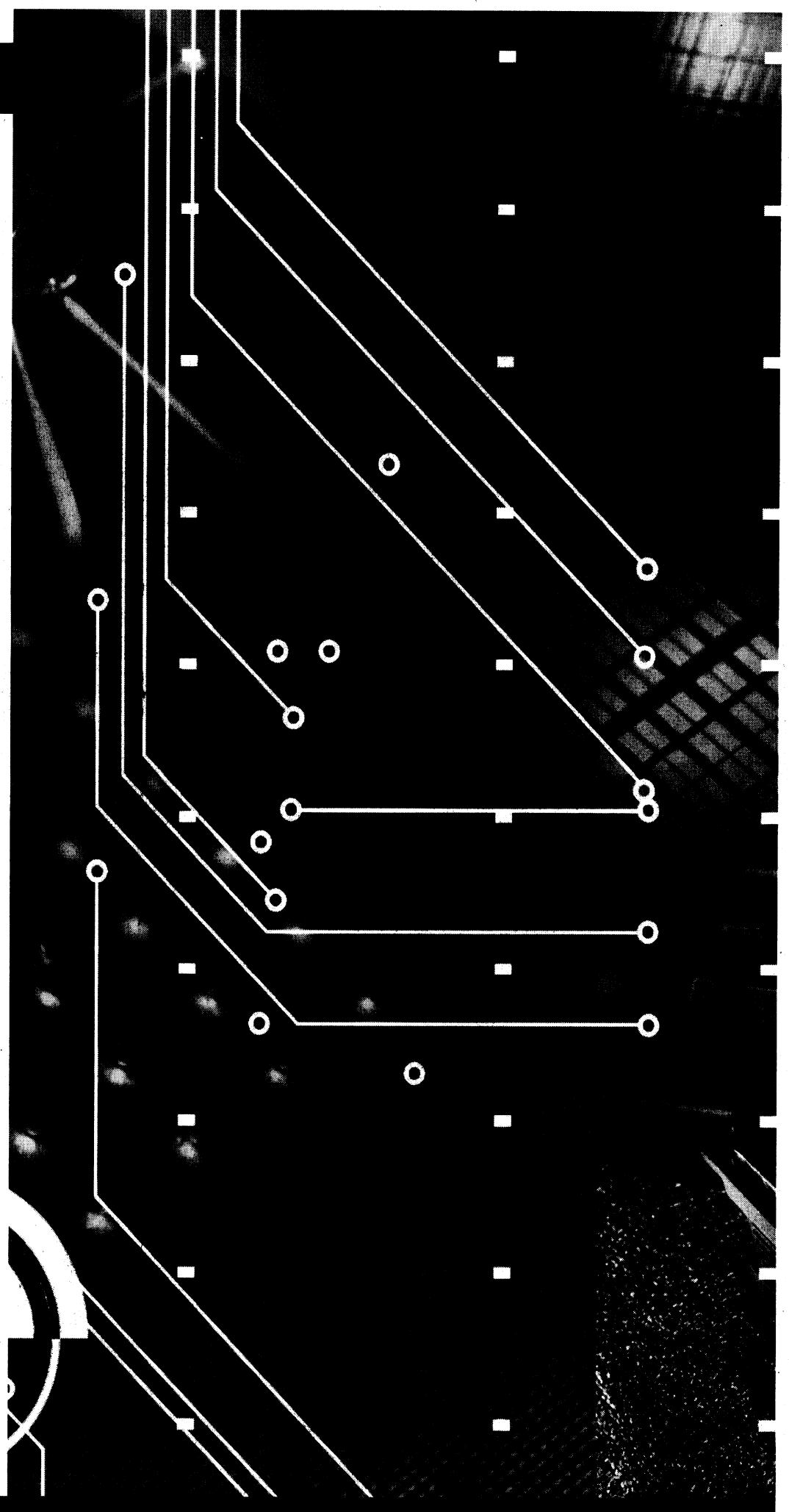
A Soldier picks up a simulation fragmentation grenade during throwing stance drills. The simulation grenades are armed with a training fuse that will produce a small bang and spread small shrapnel capable of taking a finger off and causing burns without risking a fatality. The Soldiers later qualified with two live grenades.



An incendiary grenade burns through an ammunition can during a familiarization demonstration.

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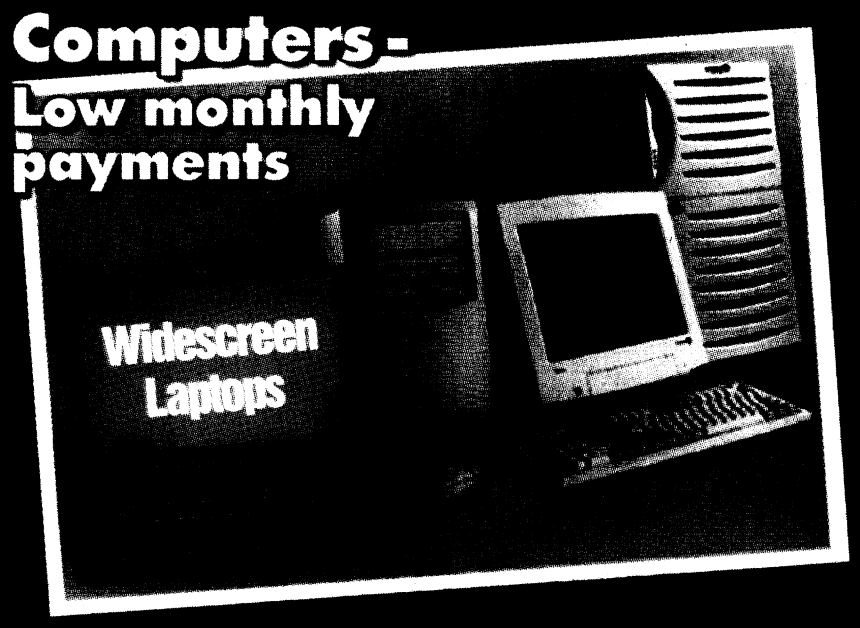
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Shop to replace, repair barracks furniture

Warehouse, repair shop now open

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Barracks rooms will be having a new look, a less dilapidated look, thanks to the Furniture and Repair Exchange Activity.

The new warehouse and repair shop is designed to replace or repair furniture not up to the new military standards, said Craig Taylor, acting public works director.

The standards for trainees include metal beds, metal wardrobes, trunk lockers, three-drawer chests with padlock hasp, mattresses and vinyl bed connectors. Permanent party standard issue includes a single bed, wood foot and head boards for a single captain's bed with drawers, three-drawer chests, wood desks, bookcases, desks, chairs, wooden wardrobes, mattresses, refrigerators and microwaves: The dayroom issues include lamps, tables, sofas and lounge chairs

However, Taylor is quick to say this is not an office furniture business.

"A unit can schedule an appointment to turn in any broken or damaged furniture for a direct exchange," said Roy Bannerman, manager of the Furniture and Repair Exchange Activity.

"If we can repair it, we will and then return it to inventory."

The repair shop will work on tables, chairs, foot lockers, beds, mattresses, and pretty much anything metal or wood, Bannerman said.

"If a footlocker is broken, or a shelf or a hinge — instead of hauling it down, they can call us and we can schedule to fix it on site," Bannerman said.

Taylor said the goal is to improve furniture management and accounting of furniture, which in the end should save Fort Benning money. In an average year, Ken Strumpler, Director of Logistics for Fort Benning, said they plan on seeing about 10 to 15 percent replacement rate on the furniture.

"Mostly, mattresses need to be repaired or replaced," Taylor said. "There are hundreds out there that we know of. If a soldier doesn't sleep well, he doesn't train well."

Other items that will need to be routinely replaced are components, like drawers and hinges.

With 25,000 barracks spaces, which include Kelley Hill, Sand Hill, Main Post, Harmony Church and Dahlonega Ranger Camps, there is a demand for the service the new facility offers.

"We want to make the process as customer service friendly as possible," said Bannerman.

> "I'd encourage all the S-4's to come in and visit me and let me show them what I have to offer. I'd gladly give them a walking tour and discuss the process (to turn in furniture) and answer all their questions."
>
> **Craig Taylor**
> Acting director of public works

Between the repair shop and the warehouse there are 10 employees working in 32,000 square feet of space. Bannerman also said he has about 1,500 items in stock, and will replenish them as needed.

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Taylor said he has already talked with many of the supply NCOs to get their input on how to better provide for the soldiers and run the new facility.

"We want to provide a better quality of life with a net decrease in cost over time," Strumpler said.

The Furniture and Repair Exchange Activity is located in Buildings 259 and 260, off Upton and Edwards streets. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed holidays.
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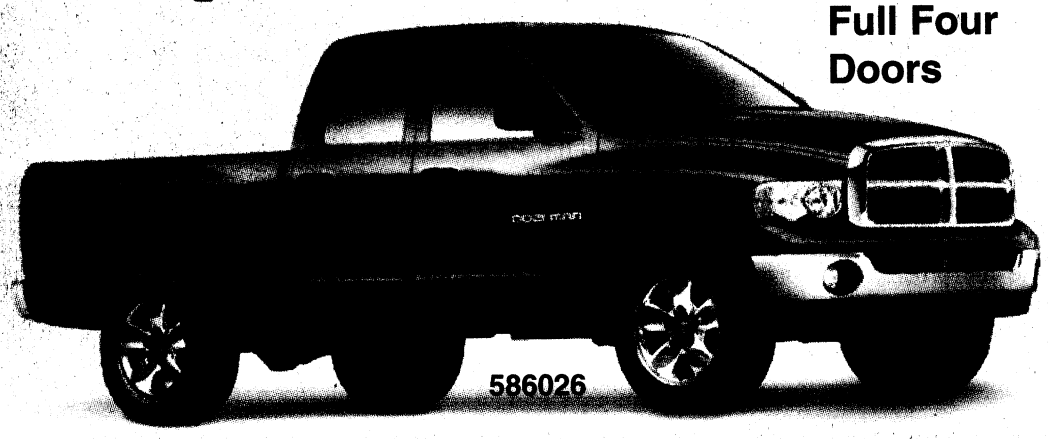
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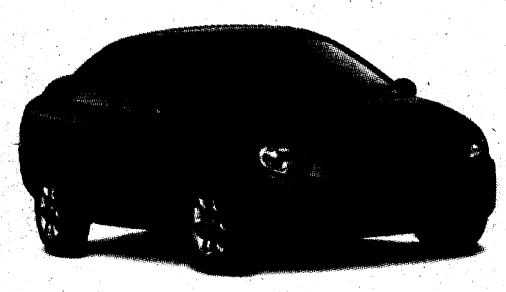
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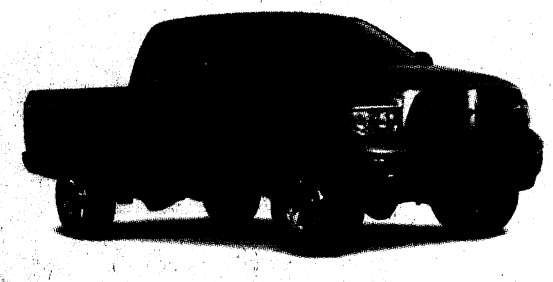
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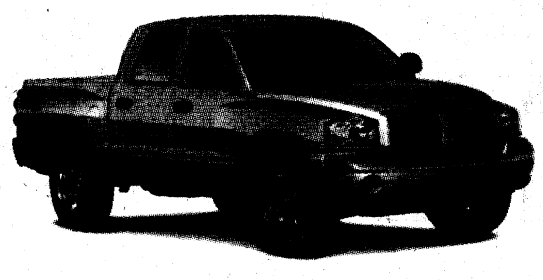
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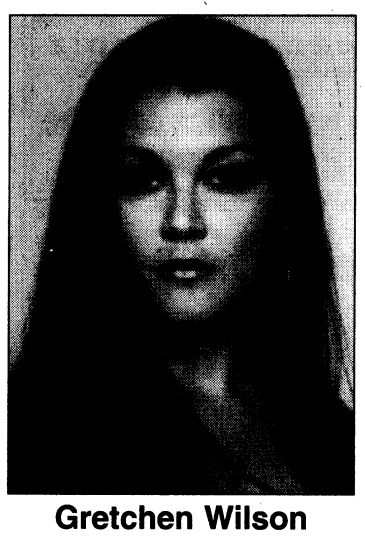
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Gretchen Wilson

Wilson, now 'big' and rich, stays true to red-neck roots

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

"Now honey, I'm a Christian, but if you don't knock it off, I'ma gonna kick your pretty little butt ..."

— Homewrecker

If you've had it up to here already with untangling those confounded Christmas lights, take a break tonight and see Gretchen Wilson perform at the Columbus Civic Center. If you never bothered to take them down last year, you probably already have tickets. Just a hunch.

Wilson, a 30-year-old single mom from Pocahontas, Ill., population 727, is the granddaughter of a World War II veteran, and Soldiers hold a special place in her heart.

"In this industry, talking war and politics can come back at you," she said Wednesday, via telephone, during a tour break at a Walmart somewhere in Texas.

"But I believe, and I think everybody I know in the industry believes, we're so fortunate to have young men and women so willing to put their lives on the line to keep us safe and free."

Wilson is best known for her in-your-face *Redneck Woman*, the anthem of barefoot, beer-guzzling broads nationwide. She's country music's female answer to Toby Keith.

She's got attitude, rooted in her trailer park past, and talent, honed at Big O's, where she started tending bar and singing at 15. It's hard to say whether the attitude or talent landed her at the top of the Billboard charts, but the combination is obviously working well for her. *Here for The Party*, her debut album, sold 100,000 more copies in its first week than any other country debut.

American Country Countdown calls her, "earthy, raucous, passionate ...," which is just another way to say "red-neck." It's all the same in her book.

She chews tobacco and admits it, for Pete's sake. She's over-the-top redneck and proud.

But don't take my word for it. Tonight, Wilson's taking her attitude center stage at 8 p.m. She'll join her friends Big&Rich, of *Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy* fame.

All three are members of the Muzik Mafia, a smattering of Nashville musicians who fancy themselves kin to the old school outlaws of country music (think Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings.)

Theirs is a love-it-or-leave-it attitude, so plan on loving it or save yourself the $28.50.

For more information, call the Civic Center at 653-4472.

Jersey town donates to Kelley Hill troops

Army mom gathers goods to show support

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Summit, N.J., is a tiny town, smaller than Fort Benning. It's 30 miles from the site of the World Trade Center. Summit residents saw smoke that day.

One saw fire.

Michael Truhe planned to join the Army right after high school, but his mother coaxed him into college. After 9-11, there was no stopping him.

"Something in him shifted that day," said Dr. Christine Truhe, a business psychologist who struggled to deal with the business of war.

Michael, 23, joined the 3rd Brigade's Troops Battalion as an MP six months ago. In the wake of the Abu Ghraib scandal, his mother worried about the morale *and* morals of her son and the Soldiers he serves with, and she revealed her misgivings in a "generic" e-mail she sent to Fort Benning.

In essence, she asked, how do you train them to do the right thing in the midst of evil and chaos?

Christine received a response from Capt. Aimee Bateman, who will be the rear detachment commander when the 3rd Brigade returns to Iraq in January. Bateman assured Christine that "U.S. Soldiers are the most professional Soldiers in the world. They live by the Army values."

The two began to correspond fairly regularly, and when Christine went searching for a way to channel a worried mother's energies, she decided to "adopt" her son's unit.

She enlisted the help of her neighbors and launched Summit Supports Our Troops, a drive to collect sundry items for the troops here and abroad.

Monday, she visited Kelley Hill with another Summit mother, Dorothy Burgur, whose son is also serving with the Troops Battalion. The two delivered 1,000 pounds of snacks and toiletries to be distributed when the Soldiers deploy.



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Dr. Christine Truhe accepts a certificate of appreciation from Lt. Col. Scott Spellmon Monday after delivering gifts to Kelley Hill.

"It's all about you," Christine told the troops. "You're doing the most important job in the world, and before I

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Three generations, two services, five wars

Three veterans share lessons of war with local school children

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

"What kind of ship do you drive?" the little boy asked the Soldier.

"I call it a tank," he replied.

Twinnette Pope's fifth-graders at Mulberry Creek Elementary School near Pine Mountain, Ga., tried hard to digest the differences between the Army and the Navy, officer and enlisted, World War II and Iraq.

Carl Bland III — Trey to his friends — introduced his father, his grandfather and a family friend, Capt. Roy Bolar, to his classmates during the school's annual Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11.

Bolar, the commander of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, served in Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He described conditions in the desert and recruited pen pals for his Soldiers, who'll return to Iraq early next year. And he regaled them with bathroom humor — he once used Saddam Hussein's bathroom and has pictures to prove it, a detail that drew snickers and a "cool" or two.

A tough act to follow, but Carl Bland Sr., a three-war veteran, was equal to the task. During combat in Korea, he went weeks and weeks without a shower.

"But I really didn't mind so much, because everybody stunk," he said. The students *loooved* that one.

Which war was the worst, the students asked.

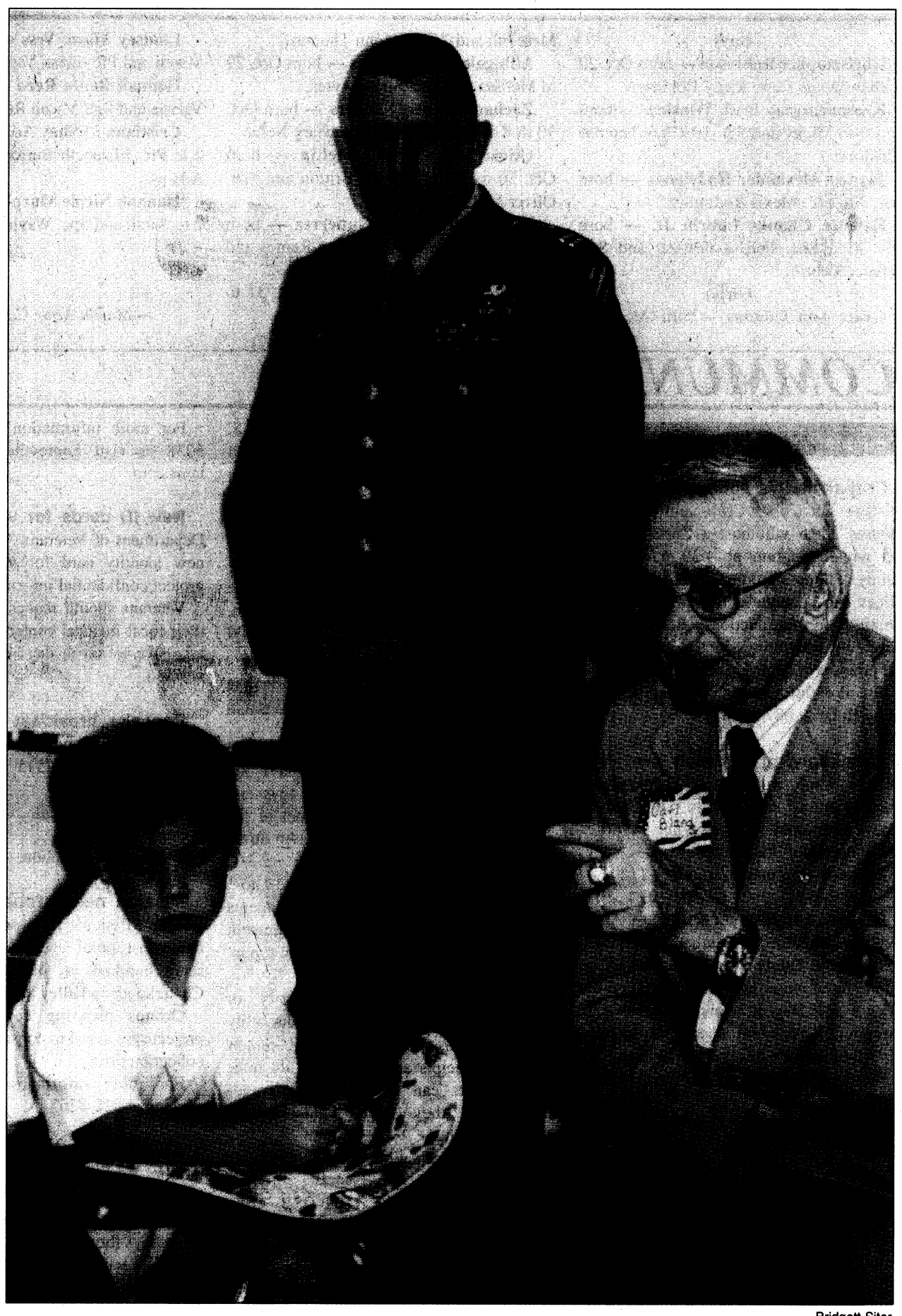
"During World War II, I had a place to sleep," said the senior Bland, a retired Soldier who served in the Navy aboard a minesweeper during that war.

"In Vietnam, you didn't know who you could trust, and Korea — I've never been so cold in my life. I guess there's no such thing as a good war. They were all bad."

The students asked the veterans to name their heroes.

"My Soldiers," Bolar replied.

"You are my heroes," said the senior Bland, who served first in the Navy aboard a minesweeper during World War II, and later in the Army. "The young people I see are my heroes, because you will lead us into the future."



Bridgett Siter

Capt. Roy Bolar and his son, Jacob, listen as Carl Bland Sr. talks to fifth-grade students at Mulberry Creek Elementary School Nov. 12.

Veteran opens farm to deploying Soldiers

Box Spring man hosts barbecue

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Russell Merritt was a man on a mission when he drove to Fort Benning and walked through the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment company areas.

At each company, he issued the same invitation — bring your Soldiers and their families out to my farm. Merritt didn't have any takers until his flyer landed in B Company.

"I said, 'Wow, are you serious,'" said 1st Sgt. John Gaston, B Co. first sergeant, "and he told me he just wanted to do something for the Soldiers before they left."

Merritt's 180 acre farm backs up to the northeast corner of post in Box Springs, Ga., with a stocked pond just waiting to be fished.

So Gaston told Merritt he'd talk to the Soldiers and let him know how many would be going. That's when Merritt told him he'd like to know the numbers so he'd have enough food ready.

More than 70 B Co. Soldiers and their families went to Merritt's farm Nov. 6.

"It was awesome," Gaston said. "We had pig barbecue, beans, chips and sodas. It was a great opportunity for the company to get together and have a good time."

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>
> **1st Sgt. John Gaston**
> B Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment

There was a method to Merritt's madness in inviting armor Soldiers to the farm.

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AAFES offers way to send gifts to service members overseas

Programs allow presents without security concerns

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS — With the holidays quickly approaching, many Americans are searching for ways to reach out to troops overseas. The Department of Defense announced, due to security concerns and transportation constraints, it will no longer accepts items mailed to 'Any Service Member.'

Those wishing to send support to troops overseas have another option. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" programs allow anyone to make a direct contribution towards the morale of deployed troops without compromising security or increasing the strain on the military mail system.

DoD reported that some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual service member overseas, which, according to the DoD, clogs the mail system and causes unnecessary delays in delivery. Military APO cannot guarantee delivery by a specific date due to processing constraints.

"Gifts from the Homefront" certificates, which can be purchased by any individual, business or civic organization, allow troops to purchase items at PX and BX facilities around the world including 51 exchanges in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The gift certificates may also be personalized with a message to troops.

Service members can purchase exactly what they need with the certificates. Reports from Iraq and Afghanistan indicate that the certificates are being used for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks, beverages and phone cards.

AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost said that "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help our Troops Call Home" are excellent ways for all to show they care.

"I encourage every American who is concerned about the welfare of deployed troops to buy a gift certificate or a phone card," she said.

"While these troops are doing superhuman tasks in countries halfway around the world, we must remember that, after all, they too are human and the holidays can be a tough time to be away from friends and family. Something as simple as a gift certificate or phone card can deliver the much-needed 'connection home' troops crave during the holiday season."

Those wishing to send "Gifts from the Homefront" can log on to aafes.com or call (877) 770-4438.

"Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards are also available at aafes.com or by calling (800) 527-2345.

From there, the gift certificates and phone cards may be sent to an individual service member (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the USO, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

"Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards can be addressed to "any service member" or individual service members.

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BIRTHS

Boys

Khrisztopher Robinson — born Oct. 29 to Shawna and Capt. Rusty Robinson.

Keosonemyxay Bush Winslow — born Nov. 3 to Micky and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Winslow.

Jayden Alexander Rodriguez — born Nov. 3 to Pfc. Alexis Rodriguez.

Hefence Chanks Lubrin Jr. — born Nov. 4 to Spc. Felissa Grissett and Sgt. Hefence Lubrin.

Girls

Grace Ann Thomas — born Oct. 28 to Meredith and 2nd Lt. John Thomas.

Abbigale Brooke Ayres — born Oct. 29 to Melissa and Spc. Shane Ayres.

Zacharia Denee' Sanders — born Oct. 30 to Katrina Sanders and Zachary Nolen.

Olivia Jalise Britton-McLin — born Oct. 30 to Spc. Lakeshia Britton and Spc. Oliver McLin.

Hilda Mari Brown-Gutierrez — born Oct. 31 to Anna Gloria Brown-Ramos and Sgt. Othoniel Brown-Ramos.

Kyla Je'Nai Custis — born Oct. 31 to Krystal and Spc. Adrian Custis.

Lindsey Marie Vess — born Nov. 1 to Mandi and Pfc. Brian Vess.

Hannah Renee Reed — born Nov. 2 to Valerie and Sgt. Micah Reed.

Cristiana LaShay Adams — born Nov. 2 to Pfc. Elizabeth Burton and Christopher Adams.

Hannah Nicole Murphree — born Nov. 2 to Sarah and Spc. Waylon Murphree.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Christmas tree and wreath auction — The Officers' Club and Officers' Spouses' Club will host a Christmas tree and wreath auction at 4:30 p.m. today. Family readiness groups, units, activities or offices can decorate a tree or wreath and submit it for the auction. Items will be judged by who brings in the most money and prizes will be awarded.

For more information or to register, call Kathy Bolar at 687-9818.

Thanksgiving brunch — The Officers' Club will host a Thanksgiving brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Enjoy traditional Thanksgiving favorites plus a variety of other menu items.

For more information, call 687-1120.

Refuse, recycle pick-ups — Areas normally scheduled for refuse and recycle pick-ups on Thursday will be picked up Wednesday. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Nov. 26 will be picked up Nov. 29. There will be no yard waste pick-up Nov. 29. All other pick-ups will not change.

For more information, call 545-4749.

2005 Women's Conference — Volunteers are needed for the 2005 Women's Conference, "Bloom Where You are Planted."

For more information, call Carrie Snyder at 221-1489.

Scrapbooking class — Sayers Memorial Library will host a scrapbooking class at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30. Learn how to turn your pictures into creative memory books. Basic supplies will be available, but bring your own pictures.

To reserve your spot for this free class, call 545-4911.

Christmas tree, menorah lighting — The Fort Benning Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Field of Four Chaplains, next to the Infantry Center Chapel. Enjoy holiday music by the Infantry Center Band.

This event is free and open to the public.

Holiday Ornament Workshop — Sayers Memorial Library will conduct a Holiday Ornament Workshop for preschool kids at 11 a.m. Dec. 7. School-age kids will have a workshop at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8. This event is free.

For more information, call 545-4911.

USAIC Holiday Concert — The U.S. Army Infantry Center Holiday Concert will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Bill Heard Theatre in the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts.

This event is free to the public.

Tower Lighting Ceremony — The Tower Lighting Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 on Main Post at the Airborne 5000 bleachers on Burr Street.

off post

Holiday assistance sign-up — The Valley Rescue Mission will have its assistance sign-up for Christmas toys and holiday food baskets in the chapel of the corner of 2903 Second Ave. and 29th Street in Columbus.

Sign-up times are 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. today and Saturday. Working parents sign-up (must bring proof of current employment) will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Bring children's social security or Medicaid cards, proof of income, disability documentations or separation notice, rent or mortgage receipts and current utility bills. Grandparents can sign up their grandchildren if they have legal custody documentation.

For more information, call 322-8267.

Yard sale — The 110th CSB Army National Guard Family Readiness Group will have an indoor yard sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the National Guard Armory at 2505 Victory Drive.

To rent a table for $10, call 685-7507 or 685-7531. There will also be a hot dog and bake sale.

The public is invited.

March of Dimes Nightwalk — The March of Dimes Nightwalk at Callaway Gardens will take place Sunday. Registration is from 4 to 7 p.m. Advance registration is required.

Walkers can walk the entire seven-mile route or walk five miles and return on the bus.

For more information, call 660-0160.

Home 4 the Holidays — Iams Company is sponsoring Home 4 the Holidays, a pet adoption drive, through Jan. 2. Shelters in the area include the Muscogee County Humane Society, 7133 Sacerdote Lane, in Columbus, and Morning Star Animal Shelter in Hamilton.

For more information, call (800) 566-5038 or visit home4theholidays.com or iams.com.

New ID cards for veterans — The Department of Veterans Affairs designed a new identity card for veterans that will protect confidential information.

Veterans should request the new card at their local medical center. Processing will take five to seven days once eligibility is verified.

Pancake breakfast — Easter Seals will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at 2515 Double Churches Road.

Tickets are $3.50. Children 5 and younger are $1.50.

For more information, call 660-1144.

Mission needs food — The Valley Rescue Mission's food pantry has reached its lowest point and needs assistance to serve hundreds of hungry people in the Chattahoochee Valley area.

Groups planning community service projects are asked to consider having a food collection drive.

For more information, call Rhonda Mobley at 322-8267.

Adult Re-Entry Program — The Adult Re-Entry at Columbus State University will start Jan. 11, with classes from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 3.

Adults who complete this program will receive one credit after they are admitted to CSU.

For more information, call Linda Hurst at 565-7846.

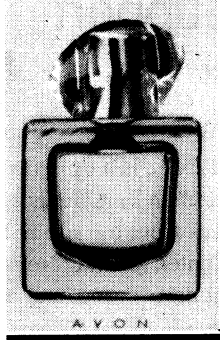
Phone cards for troops — The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards for troops who are deployed.

To donate a prepaid calling card to a military member, go to www.aafes.com or www.navy-nex.com.

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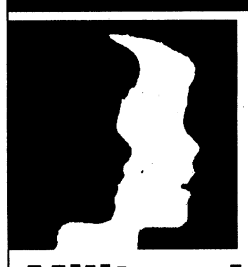
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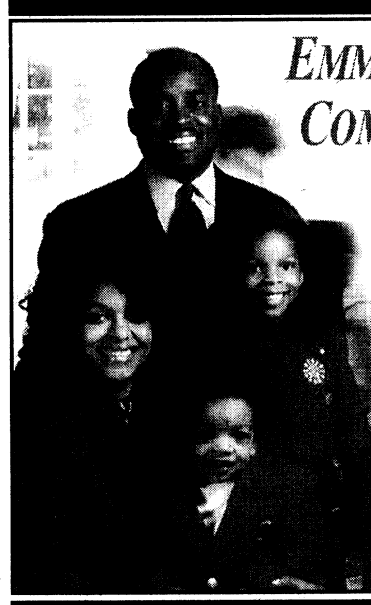
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National program funds teacher certification for troops, spouses

Program can ease financial burden

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Troops and spouses throughout the military can receive funding to become teachers.

Troops to Teachers and Spouses to Teachers are national, federally funded programs designed to assist military members getting out of the service, and spouses who want to become teachers.

"This is not a certification program," said Bill Kirkland, program director for TTT in Georgia.

Troops to Teachers can help pay up to $5,000 dollars to help meet certification requirements. Spouses to Teachers will reimburse spouses up to $250 to pay for exams.

The TTT program also offers up to a $10,000 bonus if the military members choose to teach in a high needs school, where 50 percent of the students receive free or reduced lunches.

The STT program is being tested in six states, including Georgia.

Currently, it provides spouses with a limited reimbursement for exam fees, information about completing degrees, taking state exams, becoming certified and offering placement help once the spouse is certified.

The programs for troops and spouses have different criteria for enrollment and funds qualification.

Military members receive what Kirkland calls "free money," but they must be willing to teach three years in a public school in the U.S.

"We won't tell you what subject to teach, what to certify in or what age to teach," Kirkland said.

Participants in Troops to Teachers must have served a minimum of six years active duty, and if they haven't retired, must commit to a three year reserve enlistment.

They can also have 10 years as a drilling reservist or have been medically separated after January 2002.

Participants must also have a four year degree from an accredited university or one year of college and at least six years experience in a vocational area taught in high schools.

> "School systems need good male role models and mentors. That's why I'm interested in the program. It gives me another option."
>
> **Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Knox**
> Retiring Soldier

Spouses qualify for the program if they're married to an active-duty military member or a reservist or individual ready reserve Soldier called to active duty.

"Basically if they have an active-duty ID card and a four year degree, or are working on a four year degree in education, they qualify," Kirkland said.

Spouses receive a voucher after they take the tests to become certified.

They'll be reimbursed for the cost of tests.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Knox, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Infantry Center, will retire in June.

He's looking at the opportunities available in the civilian world.

"School systems need good male role models and mentors," he said.

"That's why I'm interested in the program. It gives me another option."

Those Soldiers and spouses interested in state-specific information about teacher certification, can log on to www.proud toserveagain.com or www.tttga. net.

There are links on both sites to program applications and eligibility requirements.

Kirkland will make another presentation about the program at 10 a.m. Nov. 30 in the Learning Resource Center, Room 32A, Infantry Hall.

Healthy choices can help prevent flu

Use over-the-counter aids for symptoms

Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Lines have been long, the wait unbearable and the news has been making headlines everywhere. Flu shots are in short supply this year.

Although deploying service members and high-risk beneficiaries will get flu shots, those who catch the flu will find help at the Commissary.

The Commissary offers significant savings on over-the-counter medications that can help lessen the discomfort of flu and cold symptoms.

Over the last year, Commissary shoppers have purchased more than $18 million in analgesics such as aspirin and acetaminophen, nearly $13 million in cold, allergy and sinus medications and more than $5 million in cough remedies and nasal products.

"Commissaries exist to help military personnel, retirees, Guard and Reserve personnel and their families save money no matter what they need," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency.

"We also stock an impressive assortment of products to relieve the symptoms of colds and the flu; name brand products sold at cost."

There's merit to the expression 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away.' Eating nutritious meals, with plenty of fruit and vegetables, can help prevent illness, but there are other common-sense guidelines, said Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety and security for DeCA.

"Avoid close contact with people who are sick, get plenty of sleep and drink plenty of water, exercise and manage your stress," said Wolken.

One important step in preventing infectious illnesses is keeping hands germ free.

"It's a good idea to carry a hand sanitizer for those occasions when you come in contact with someone who is ill and you aren't near a washroom," Wolken said.

In a recent interview on the Pentagon Channel, Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said prevention measures are important in avoiding illness, but he also recommended avoiding practices that put others at risk.

"Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze," he said. "Then stay away from other people if you're sick. Don't spread an illness."

The military health care system, Tricare, will have tips on treating and avoiding the flu at http://www.tri care.osd.mil.

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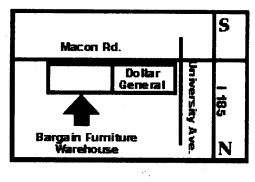

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Connections Count: Helps celebrate family

Activities planned for annual event

Terry D. Sybrant
The Family Center

Celebrated for more than 30 years, National Family Week is the week of Thanksgiving.

It provides everyone a chance to honor the connections that support and strengthen families. That's why the theme is "Connections Count."

Who are some of the special people and organizations that help your family?

Perhaps it's a grandmother or neighbor who watches the kids during the workweek, a placement center that helped you find a new job, or a community leader who made sure a new park was built in your neighborhood.

Perhaps it's that special someone in the family who is always ready to listen and give you a big hug.

One Columbus, working with many organizations, is planning special activities for the Columbus area, including two contests your children may wish to enter.

WRBL Television is sponsoring a drawing and essay contest. To enter the drawing contest, a child must draw a picture of his or her family and send to or deliver it to WRBL. There will be several categories and the winners will be presented savings bonds.

To enter the essay contest, a child needs to write a short essay on, "What my family means to me."

There will be several categories and the winners will also receive a savings bond. Entrants are encouraged to e-mail the essays to WRBL's web site.

Tune in to the WRBL for the details of the contests.

The winners will be presented their prizes at a televised breakfast Tuesday.

Also, you are invited to join families in our community for a family appreciation walk Tuesday. It will be held on the Riverwalk.

There will be no sign-in, no registration, no sales or solicitations.

Just come with your family and walk together as long as you wish. We encourage families to walk between 6 and 8 p.m.

There will be a unified, community-wide church service Wednesday. It will be held at First Baptist Church, 212 12th Street, at 7 p.m.

Here are some easy ways to celebrate National Family Week and enjoy your family:

- Write a letter to thank someone who made a difference in the life of your family.
- Discover different ways to spend quality time together, such as volunteering.
- Hold a "family supper" with your neighbors or the families of your kids' friends.
- Select an issue in your community that's important to your family and get involved
- Visit a local community center and learn what kinds of family activities are available.

Summit: Supports Kelley Hill troops

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left to come here, people stopped me on the street. They pointed their fingers at me and said, 'You tell them we're behind them one hundred percent.'"

Since May 31, when the mayor of Summit gave the program his official endorsement, Summit Supports Our Troops has taken on a life of its own, Christine said. Schools, churches, Scout troops and businesses offered their assistance. More than $5,000 was raised without so much as a formal fund-raiser.

Burgur said the town is proud of its 27 young men and women in uniform.

"This is an outpouring of love from everyone who watched them grow up," she said.

Christine said Summit's support program will continue. For more information, visit www.ssot.org.

Farm: Chance for fun before combat

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Before retiring, he served as the first sergeant in C Co., 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., from 1974 to 1978 in the old Harmony Church area.

About seven years ago, he stocked the three-acre pond with more than 6,000 fish he feeds daily. He has occasionally opened the pond to the public.

"But I wanted to do something for the troops," Merritt said, "so I put out a flyer (on Kelley Hill) and no one came."

Not to be deterred, he made another flyer, with a map, directions, his name and phone number, inviting any armor Soldiers to come out one day in October. Again, no one came.

Then Gaston called him. They set a date, and Merritt got up early in the morning to throw two pigs in the fire pit.

B Co. commander, Capt. Bobby Toon, said he thought Merritt enjoyed seeing the Soldiers and their families enjoy his land.

"It's a beautiful farm," Toon said. "He's a great American. He didn't want anything from us, just wanted us to have a good time."

Toon said he knew Merritt came "looking for tankers" and wondered how he'd take the news the B Co. Soldiers were actually infantrymen as a result of the new 3rd Brigade structure. But Merritt didn't mind. He said he thought something was different when he saw the A Co. guidon in an infantry battalion.

"They're all Soldiers and they all go to the same place and face the same dangers and some may not come back," he said.

As a Vietnam veteran, he knows that first-hand. Although Merritt has been retired for 26 years, he's in tune with what the Soldiers face. He reads a lot to help him understand the enemy they're fighting today.

"Before combat, you're in competition, but once you get in combat, you're all brothers."

He said the Soldiers were all "good guys" who helped him at the barbecue and gave as much as they got. The whole point of inviting them, he said, was to give them an opportunity to enjoy themselves in the short time left before they deploy.

"It's nice to have them out here," he said. "I have the place and the time. But it's not really mine. God just gave it to me to use while I'm here and then someone else gets it."

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Make the home team champions

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

"I've lived all my life to see my team pull together like that!"

That's what the 80-year-old Boston Red Sox fan said when his team did the impossible this fall.

They came from three games back in the playoffs to beat the New York Yankees and become the first team ever to overcome such a deficit and win the World Series. Folks everywhere pointed to the Red Sox as the epitome of teamwork.

So what do the Red Sox and your family have in common?

Ever felt like you're in the biggest game of your life parenting your children and leading your family, only to discover you're three games down, bottom of the ninth, with two outs against you?

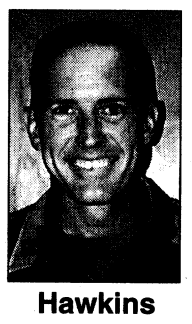
Let's see what the Red Sox can teach us about building a championship team right under their own roofs.

• **Lesson No. 1 —** You gotta have a championship vision. Major league baseball teams don't win by accident.

They don't stumble into victory.

They focus on their objective, on their dream, on their vision.

Families live up to, or down to, visions they set for themselves. What's your vision for your family?


Hawkins

• **Lesson No. 2 —** You gotta have a training plan. The Sox were known for their diligence and work ethic. They knew when to take a break and when to have fun together.

It's the same with your club.

When you've got a vision of for your family, the next step is to get specific in terms of what your family is training to be and do.

• **Lesson No. 3 —** You gotta get the right player in the right position.

Would it make sense to put a first baseman in center field? How about swapping the pitcher and catcher?

Championship teams know there's a place for everybody and everybody has a place.

What's your child best at? How do his or her differences in interests or temperament qualify them to play a different position on the team?

Want more ideas on how to build a championship family team?

Call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 or come see me at 11 a.m. Sundays at the CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel.

Thankfulness requires humility

Chaplain (Maj.) Luis R. Scott
Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

REFLECTIONS

Thankfulness seems to be a lost art. Warren Wiersby illustrated this problem in his commentary on Colossians.

He told the story of a ministerial student in Evanston, Ill., who was part of a life-saving squad. In 1860, a ship went aground on the shore of Lake Michigan, and Edward Spencer waded again and again into the frigid waters to rescue 17 passengers.

In the process, his health was permanently damaged.

Some years later, at his funeral, it was noted that not one of the people he rescued ever thanked him. (*Our Daily Bread*, Feb. 20, 1994)

A story is told about 10 lepers who approached Jesus seeking relief for their pain.

Anyone who is dying would want healing, and these men were no different. I do not blame them for coming to Jesus.

He sent them to the priest who could declare them clean and restore them to the community. Jesus performed a great act of grace for these men.

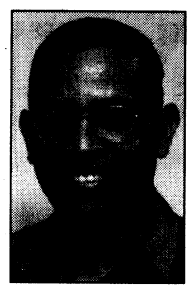
When Jesus sent them away, he put their gratitude to the test. Only one leper returned to give thanks.

Jesus was disappointed the other nine chose to ignore the source of such a great act of grace.

This story shows that men can be very ungrateful, even when their lives have been spared.

"Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

The one who returned was the Samaritan, the most unlikely person to be grateful. Yet he was the only one ready to show his appreciation for his healing.


Scott

Isn't this ironic?

Those who have all the reasons in the world to be thankful are not. And those who, on the surface, appear ungrateful, are thankful.

Whenever I read the 10 lepers story, I'm stunned at the nine men who did not return to thank Jesus for the miracle.

These men were not suffering from a mild headache. They were decaying while they were alive, with sores all over their bodies. They had begun to rot and smell.

And yet, after seeing themselves clean for the first time in years, only one had enough gratitude to acknowledge the man who had blessed them so.

Have you ever come across an ungrateful person? Sometimes this is the person who receives a blessing, a gift or a favor but is unable to recognize the grace shown to him.

Other times, he knows he's blessed but he feels entitled to the blessing. It's infuriating. Our instinct is to say, "I'll never share with him again."

God wants us to pay attention to the little things that take place around us. God wants us to look at our neighbor and say, "I am going to be a blessing to him today."

What attitude do I need to be thankful? I need a humble attitude. I need to accept that I am not the center of the universe. This means I am not entitled to have other people's possessions, their time or their lives.

Whenever someone gives me his time, I should be thankful.

Whenever someone meets one of my needs, I should be thankful.

Whenever someone goes out of his way to assist me, I should be thankful. Whenever someone goes the extra mile for me, I should be thankful. Going the extra mile means he overlooks my flaws and stays with me.

Someone suggested the following excuses for the nine lepers who did not return to be thankful:

One waited to see if the cure was real.

One waited to see if it would last.

One said he would see Jesus later.

One decided he never had leprosy.

One said he would have gotten well anyway.

One gave the glory to the priests.

One said, "O, well, Jesus didn't really do anything."

One said, "Any rabbi could have done it."

One said, "I was already much improved." (Charles L. Brown, Content The Newsletter, June 1990, p.3)

Thankfulness demands I share grace with others.

Thankfulness does not come easy for many people because it requires the acknowledgement that we owe something to someone.

Ultimately thankfulness proceeds from a humble heart that not only acknowledges God, but rejoices that God has accepted us.

For that, I am thankful.

Be thankful today for your blessings.

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9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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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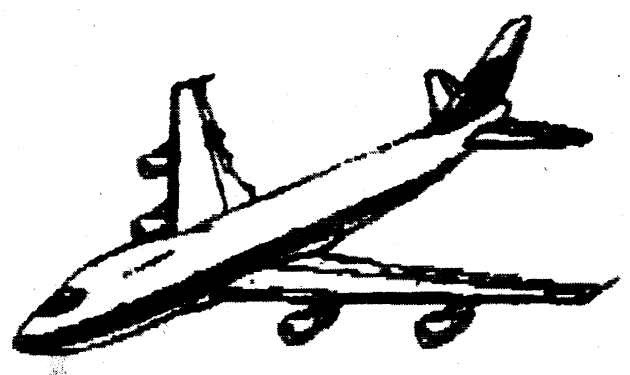
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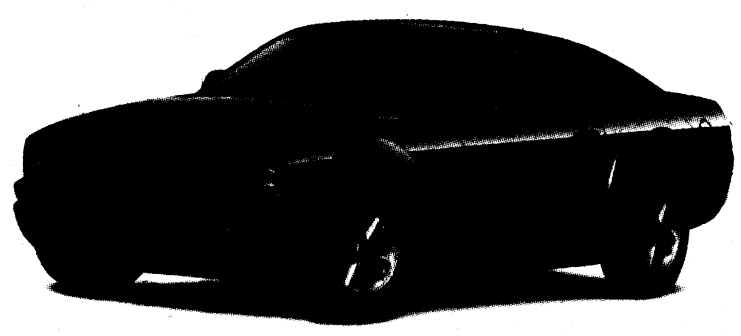
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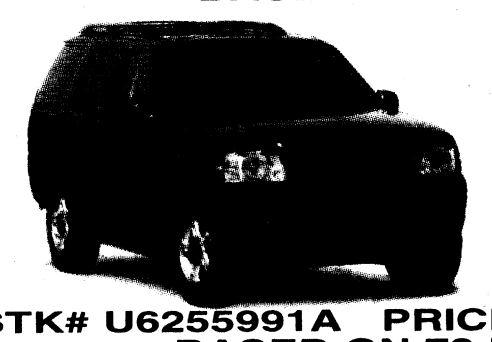
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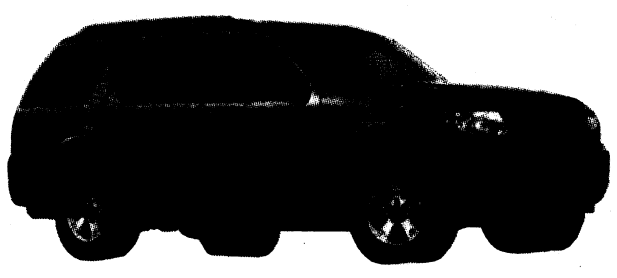
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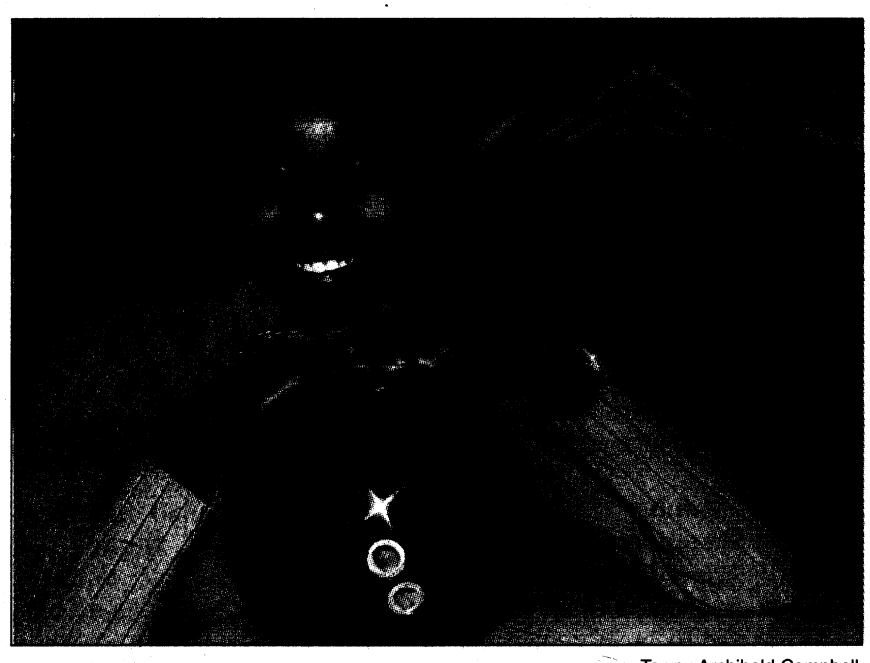
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Columbus bowler scores perfect game



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Carole Brown bowled a perfect 300 game at Fort Benning's Mall Bowling Center Nov. 9.

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

It wasn't until the ninth frame that Carole Brown pried herself away from the DVD player to realize she was one frame away from a perfect game — all strikes.

Bettie Eddy, secretary of the Women's International Bowling Conference of Columbus, said it is a feat accomplished by only four women in Columbus.

"Honestly I wasn't paying much attention to what I was doing," said Brown, 24, of Columbus. "I was watching a movie with my sister on a portable DVD player. I just wanted to hurry up and bowl so I could get back to the movie."

Brown, who coaches a youth bowling team, didn't realize she could bowl a 300 until one of her young bowlers mentioned, in the ninth frame, that "you're going to do it before I do."

"I just started shaking," Brown said. "I double dribbled the ball, and then the ten pin tried to stand up, but then it finally fell over. I didn't know what to do. I was just shaking so bad."

By the time the final ball rolled down the lane, Brown had the attention of most everyone in the building. Her mother, Gail Holston, was in lanes one and two while Brown was bowling lanes 23-24.

As soon as the last pin fell, Holston came running.

"She was screaming. When I finally made it through the people to her, she was just screaming and crying. I was crying," Brown said. "She literally held me for about 10 minutes."

Brown, who has been bowling since 1994, has the bowling gene.

"I guess I just wanted to be like my mom," said Brown.

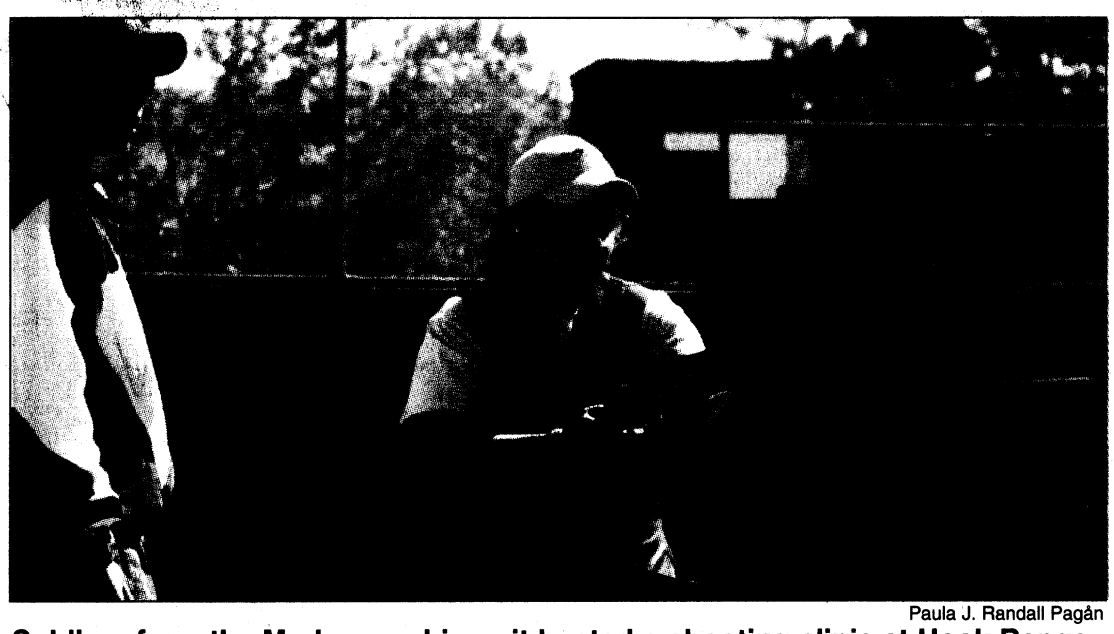
Her mother, who retired from the Army, was a regional pro while they were living in California.

Jim Cantrell, business manager for the Mall Bowling Center, said in his 42 years at the center, this is the first sanctioned 300. There have been a few other 300s, but they have been in league play, not open play.

"I was called at home immediately after it happened," Cantrell said.

"It is a big event, for a man or a woman."

Brown has been awarded a watch, pin and patch by the sanctioning organization of Columbus for her 700 plus three game score and a ring for her perfect game. Her name has been put up on a plaque in the bowling center.



Paula J. Randall Pagán

Soldiers from the Marksmanship unit hosted a shooting clinic at Hook Range.

USAMU trains Olympic hopefuls

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

The Olympic shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit passed along their expertise in shotgun shooting to nearly three dozen college and high school students who have dreams of someday becoming Olympic champions.

The Soldier athletes of the USAMU Shotgun Team, along with former USAMU Shotgun Team Coach Burl Branham, put on a shooting clinic for more than 30 teenagers from colleges and high schools around the country Nov. 3 to 7 at Hook Range, concluding with a 100 percent target competition Nov. 7.

Eighteen of the students were from Lindenwood University of St. Charles, Mo. Others were from high schools in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey.

The USAMU has not hosted a collegiate clinic at Fort Benning for several years, said Master Sgt. Rodney G. Pinkston, USAMU Shotgun Team noncommissioned officer in charge.

"We used to run these shooting clinics every year," Branham said. "This is good for the students and good for the sport of Olympic-style shotgun shooting."

Branham and his friend Jack Harwick got the idea for the clinic and said they chose Lindenwood College because it is one of the few, if not the only, college that promotes the international shotgun sports.

"A lot of these students are on shooting scholarships, so they're pretty good," Harwick said.

Lindenwood University is the only college in the country that offers shotgun scholarships,

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Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Bill Green shoots skeet. Green was the first in the military to shoot 400 and 500 targets straight.

Champ blows skeet outta sky

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Lt. Col. Bill Green grew up with skeet shooters, which may account for his title as a Skeet Shooting World Champion.

Since he was 8, Green competed with some of the best skeet shooters in the sport. As a kid, he was part of Fred Misseldine's squad.

"Fred used to have a shooting school," Green said. "I never went to it formally because seeing him at the shoots, he would pull me aside and work with me. I learned all of my basics from my dad and Fred."

Green left the sport during college. He joined the Georgia National Guard and, at the age of 23, enlisted in the Army as a Ranger. A year later, he went to the Officer Candidate School.

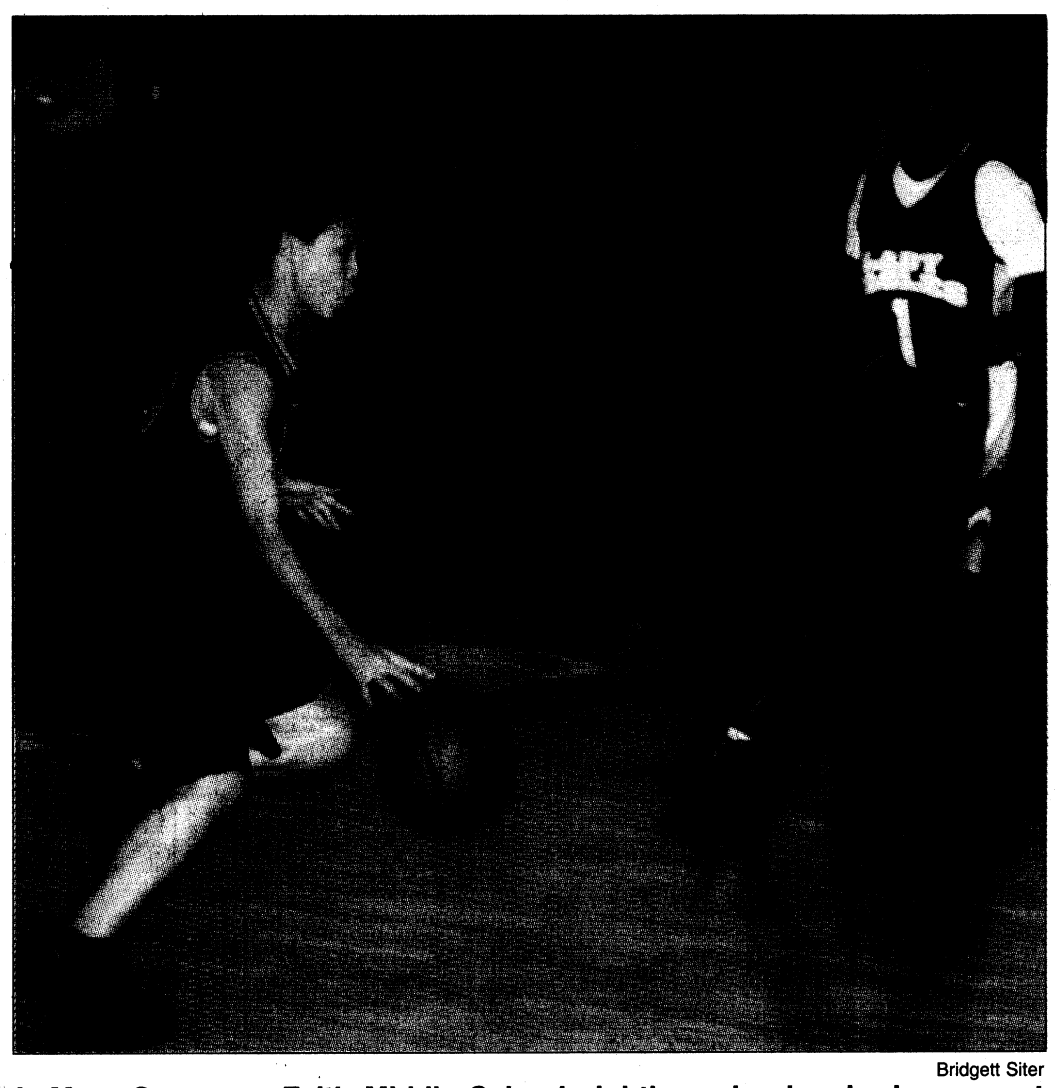
Green was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.; Italy; and in the early '90s, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he joined the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta.

While at Fort Bragg, a friend, Wade Herrington, challenged Green to compete again. In a two-day competition, Green beat Herrington, 200 to 199. After that, they began shooting together.

In 1998, back in the game less than four years, Green won the Skeet Shooting World Championship. He also took

See **SKEET,** C-2

Season opener



Bridgett Siter

LaMyra Cason, a Faith Middle School eighth-grader, heads down court during the Lady Warrior Bears first game of the season Tuesday against the Webster County Eagles. The Faith girls lost, 41-19, but the boys' team, lead by seventh-grader Kris Spicer, beat the Eagles, 31-10.

Volleyball ace plays cool as college creeps closer

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

When your dad is a battalion commander in the Army, you learn a lot about stepping up to the plate and making things happen. Hardaway High School senior Jessica Dill knows all about that.

She spent three years in South Korea learning to play volleyball at a different level than most American teenagers. She trained at Korean volleyball camps, played in leagues on post and competed in the annual Far East Volleyball Tournament in Japan.

Dill returned to the states after her sophomore year and found herself practically coaching a volleyball team through its infancy.

The 2003 season was the first year Muscogee County high schools fielded volleyball teams, and Dill was teamed with Hardaway coach, Michael Fowler, in the struggle to build a program from the ground up.

"Jessica was basically like an assistant coach," Fowler said. "She's the ideal player, person and student."

Dill's foreign training helped build the team's skills and improved upon the 2003 9-16 record, taking them all the way to the state tournament this year.

Her volleyball skills and leadership attributes aren't all the senior has going for her. With a 3.9 GPA, she is in the top 5 percent of her class. Her academic performance, coupled with her athletic prowess, should guarantee her a scholarship just about anywhere she is interested in going, Fowler said.

"I'm sure she'll sign," he said. "She's what every teacher wishes they had 30 of in a class and every coach wishes they had 20 of on a team."

Dill misses Korea, which she said she loved, but, as an Army brat, she's used to change.

"I have learned to adjust to changing around," she said. "Especially living in Korea, I have been exposed to a lot of different cultures. It's been difficult, but I've enjoyed it because I get to travel a lot."

Growing up a military kid has taught Dill other things like determination, commitment and strong discipline.

"My dad is strict, but it is bearable," said Dill. "He pushes me hard, but he is fair just like he is with his Soldiers."

That drive helped Dill's success with the newly formed Hardaway team and is one of the things Fowler said he will miss the most when she graduates.

"She is a natural-born leader," he said. "She always did what she was asked and always kept driving on — even when I came down on her. A lot of kids aren't mature enough to handle that kind of pressure."

"The team was starting from scratch when I got here," said Dill. "I was able to step in, bring my drills and formations and teach them, and this year we were able to really start competing."

As Dill finishes up a chapter of her life, she will go forward with far more experiences under her belt and with much more confidence than many of her peers. Her personality, talents and Army upbringing leave her well-prepared for whatever the future may hold.

"High school is almost over now," she said. "I can't wait — it's exciting."

USAMU: Offers camp

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said Joe Steenbergen, the school's shooting sports director. Lindenwood is home to the 2004 Collegiate National Championship Team and the 2004 Skeet Junior World Championship Team.

Branham volunteered to teach the classroom portion of the clinic and Harwick, with help from the Military Marksmanship Association, funded all the prizes and food for the students. Pinkston and USAMU Shotgun Team Coach Dean Clark organized the clinic.

USAMU shooters, including 2000 Olympic Skeet Bronze Medalist Sgt. 1st Class James Todd Graves, a four-time Olympian, coached the students out on the line to help them increase their shooting skills. Other Soldiers participating included 2004 Olympians Sgts. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery and Bret E. Erickson, 2000 Olympian Staff Sgt. William H. Keever, 1996 Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt and 2004 Olympic Alternate Staff Sgt. Joetta R. Dement.

"This is a great opportunity for my students. They got a lot of one-on-one training," Steenbergen said. "If I wanted to hire someone of Todd Graves' caliber to coach my kids for a week, it would cost me about three thousand dollars."

"I think it's awesome; I learned a lot," said Samantha Olsen, a junior at Battlefield High School of Virginia.

Skeet: Green promos sport

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the Armed Forces World Championship twice, in 1999 and 2003. He's the first military shooter to shoot 400 and 500 straight.

"It was like riding a bicycle," Green said.

"Once you learn how to do it right, it doesn't take much to remember how to do it again."

Green said his Army leaders encouraged his participation in the sport.

"My chain of command understood the importance of the sport and encouraged me to continue," he said.

"Skeet shooting is one of the best eye-hand coordination training methods there are. We used it for close quarter battle shooting training. It improves the rapid acquisition and shooting of targets when found in CQBs."

Green said many of his subordinates and peers found skeet shooting great as a sport and a training exercise.

After more than 11 years with Delta Forces at Fort Bragg, Green was stationed at Fort Benning with the Training and Doctrine Command System Manager Close Combat Missile System Office.

He left his wife, Becky, his son; William, 12, and his daughter, Blakely, 13, back at Fort Bragg, where Becky works in the county school system. Both kids go to school in the same system.

Green said his wife and daughter shoot a little for fun but they'd rather pull for him. His son is a little more interested.

"I know William is going to be pretty good," Green said.

Air Force Master Sgt. Stuart Brown has been a friend of Green for more than seven years.

He was behind Green on the field when he won the World Championship in 1998.

"Bill is probably one of the most professional shooters on and off the field," Brown said. "Not only does he like the sport, but he likes to promote it. He's always been the one to help shooters by teaching them better techniques or giving them pointers to improve their shooting."

Since his arrival at Fort Benning, Green spends whatever free time he gets shooting. He's also become a good friend with Soldiers in the Army Marksmanship Unit, shooting with them every once in a while.

"Those guys have a great coach and they are really good," he said.

When asked about the downfall of being a world champion, Green said nothing bothers him more than bad sportsmanship.

"There's always going to be someone that doesn't like it that you're better than them," Green said. "I think that's petty. I believe its more important to learn from others instead of disliking them for being better than me. Whenever a person achieves world champion status, there's jealousy," he said.

Brown said he considers Green and himself "old school" shooters because they shoot with the tradition and history of the sport in mind.

"It's a very respectful sport, and not many shooters now-a-days shoot knowing it," Brown said. "(Green) and I are proud of the sport and of shooting. He's very respected when he's on the field. In many ways he's intimidating to those who know he will be competing against them. Intimidation is good in this and any sport."

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

CYS sports registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do, basketball, gymnastics and wrestling.

Wrestling is open to members between 4-14. In addition to the CYS membership fee, participants will pay $40 to register with the USA Wrestling Association.

Basketball registration, for ages 6-15, will continue through Saturday.

Registration for gymnastics will continue until classes are filled. Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

3rd Brigade Turkey Trot — The 3rd Brigade will conduct a 10K Turkey Trot at 10 a.m. Saturday at the 203rd FSB on Kelley Hill. There will be a kids' 100-meter run at 10 a.m. Winners will get prizes. Cost is $3 for adults. Children are free.

For more information, call 544-1680 or 544-3220.

Late Night Basketball League — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will host a Late Night Basketball League for teens in grades nine through 12.

Starting in December, games will be the second Friday of every month at the YS gym, Building 1055. This will be street-style basketball. Teams must be formed by 8 p.m. on game night. High school teams are not allowed.

For more information, call 545-3540 after 3 p.m.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park is free to ID card holders 18 and older from 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

For more information, call 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for the pool and the gym. Pool hours are 5 to 6 p.m. three days a week, and gym aerobics hours vary. Instructors must be certified.

For more information, call Larry McCoy at 545-4388.

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.

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Riverdragons Military Appreciation Night — Riverdragons Military Appreciation Night will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Columbus Civic Center.

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For ticket information, call 225-1112.

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The Benning Boulevard and South Lumpkin Road gates will close today at 11 p.m. for the SOA Watch protest.
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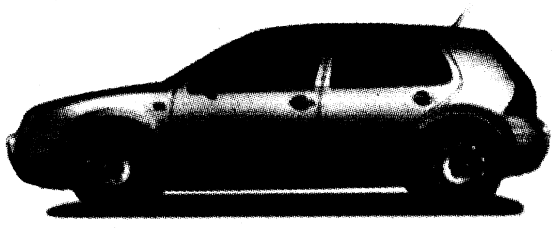
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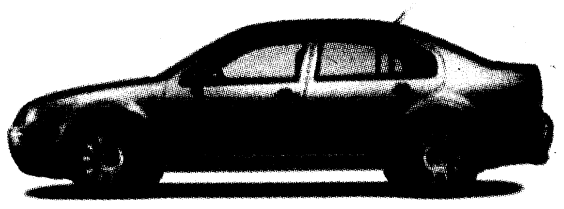
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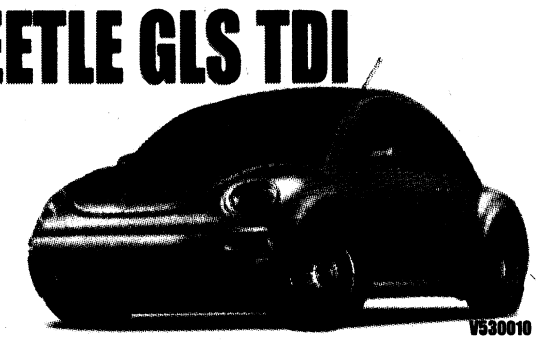
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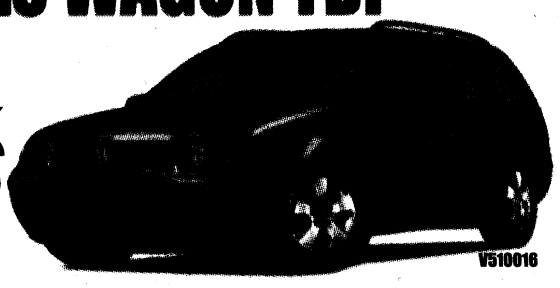
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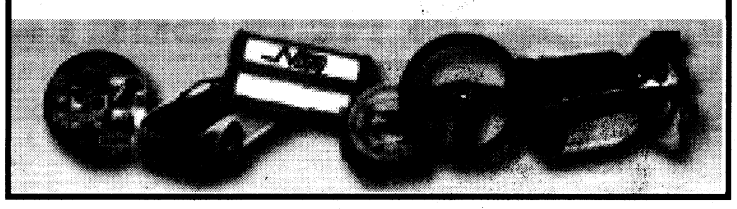
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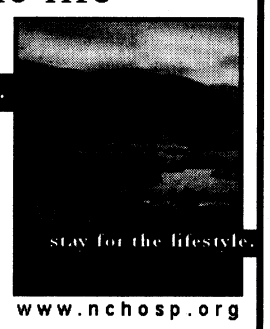
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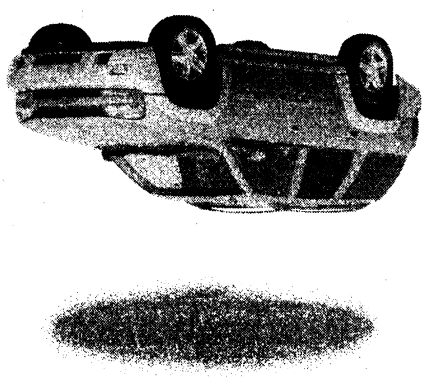
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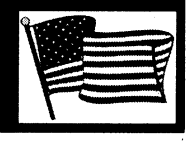
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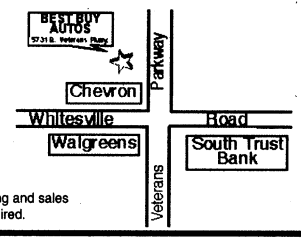
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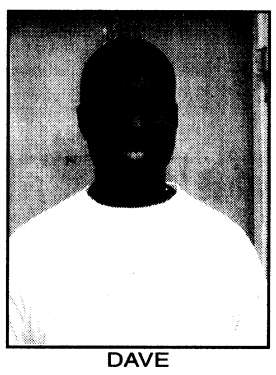


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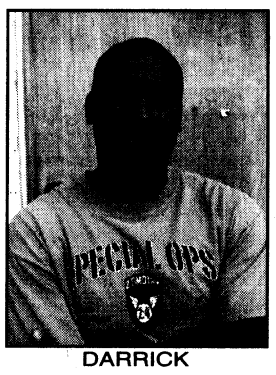
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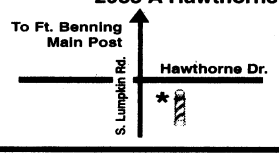

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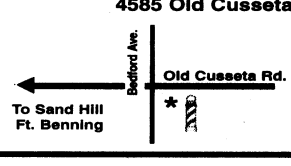
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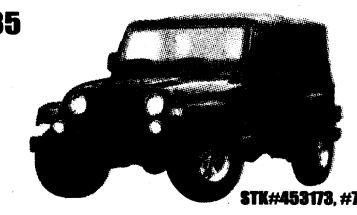


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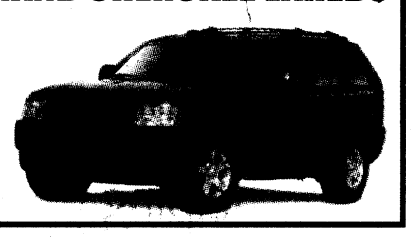
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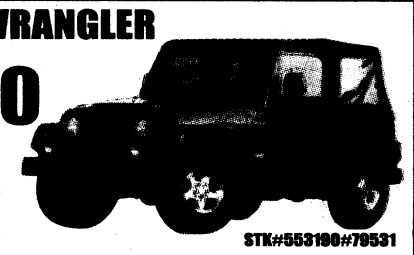
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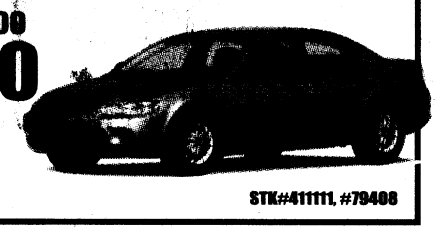
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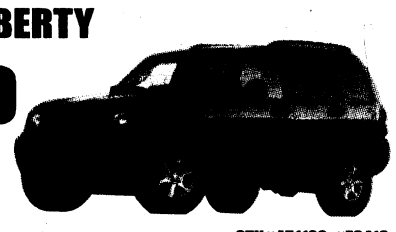
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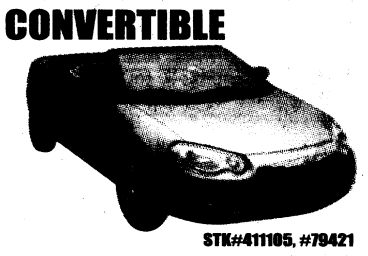
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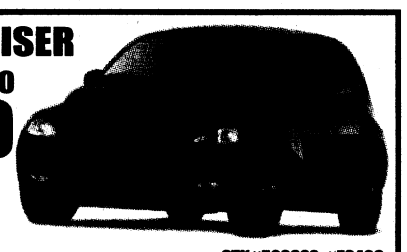
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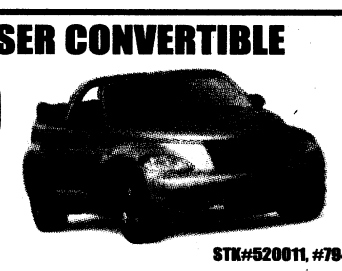
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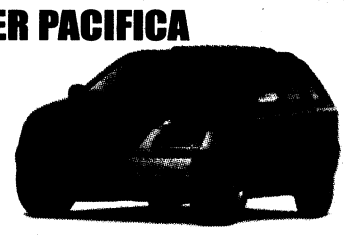
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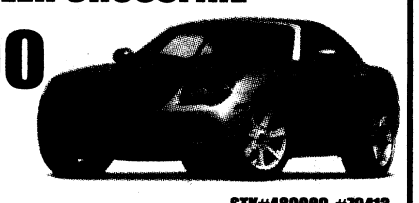
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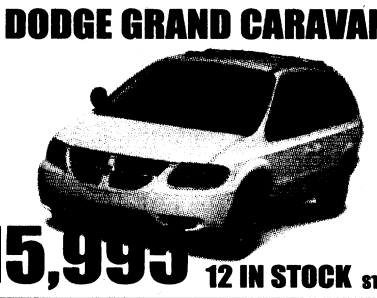
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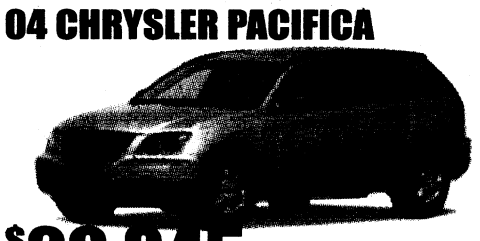
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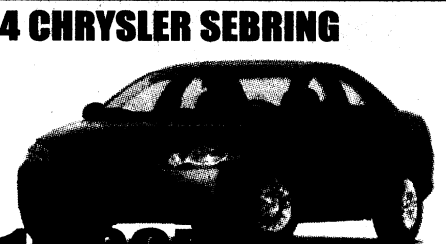
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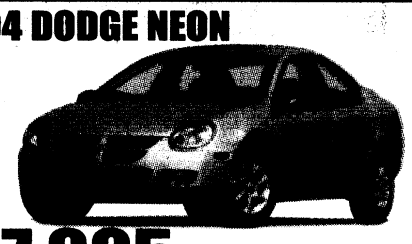
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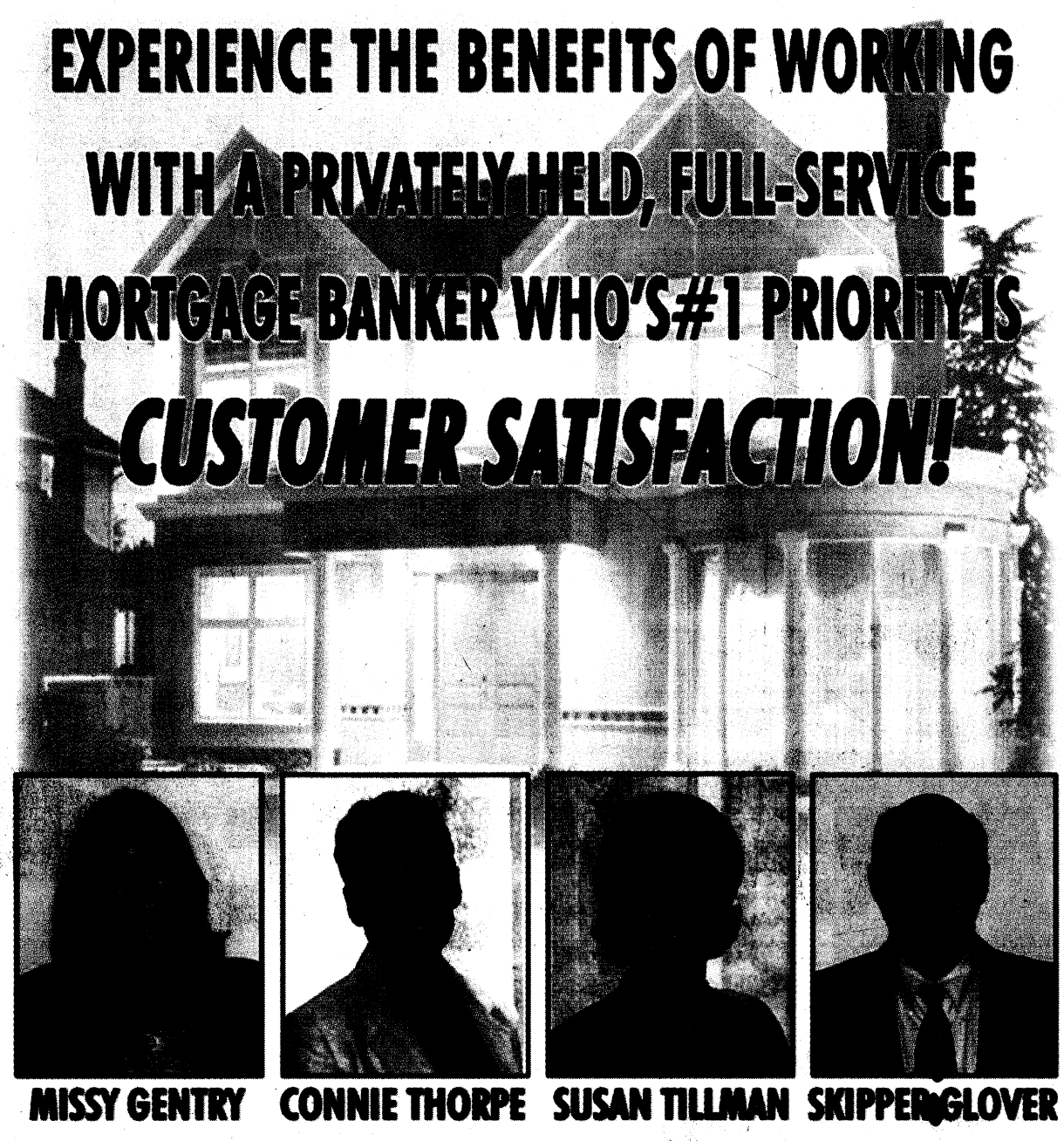
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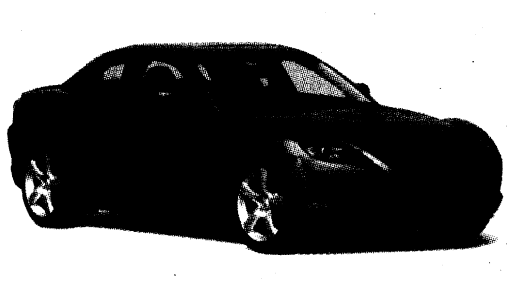
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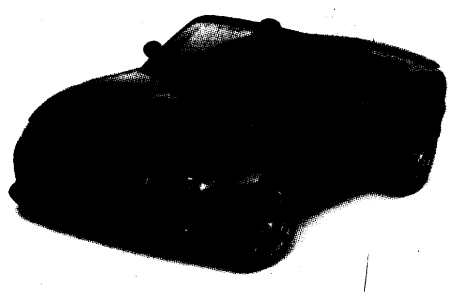
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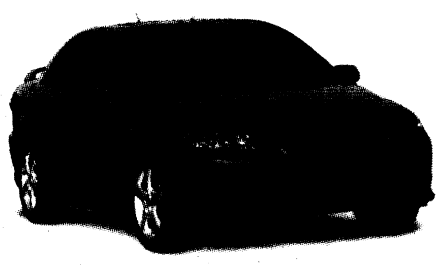
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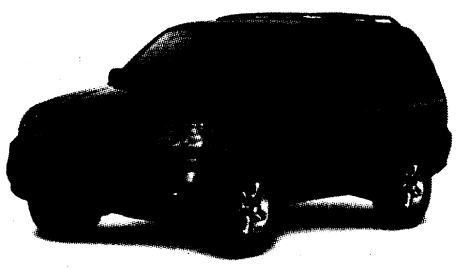
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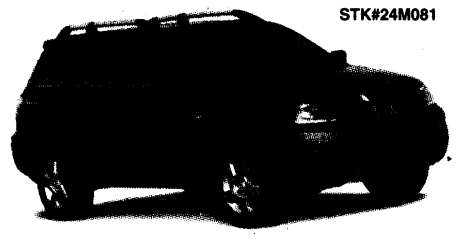
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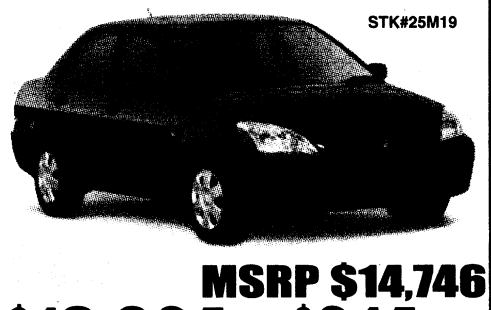
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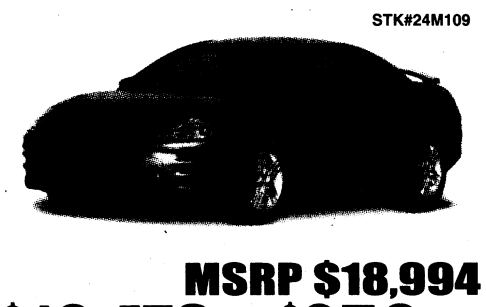
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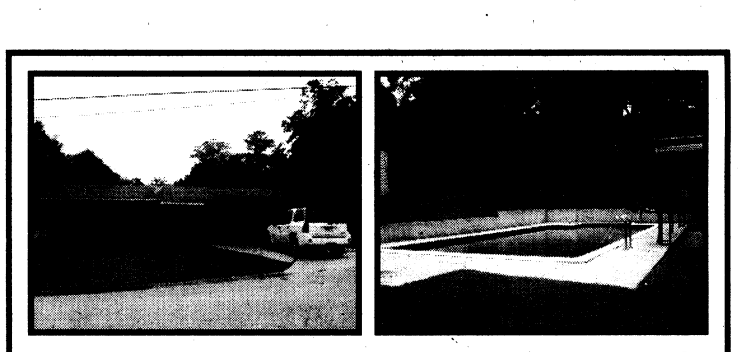
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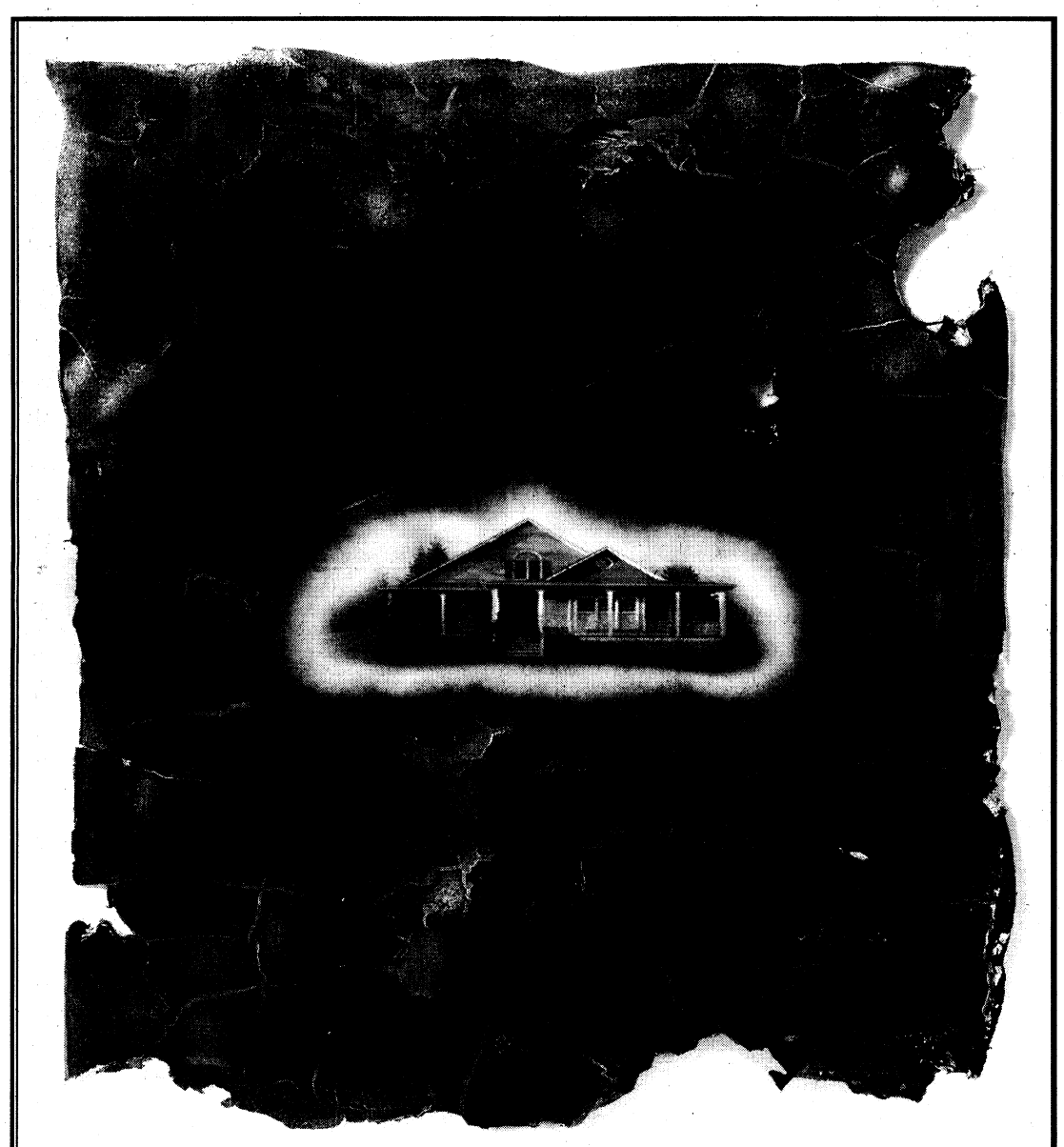
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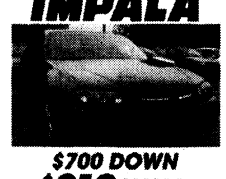
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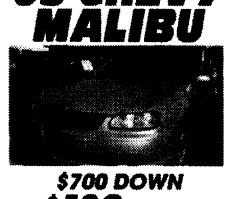
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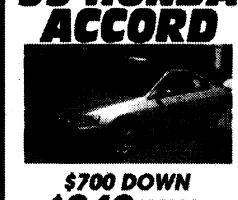
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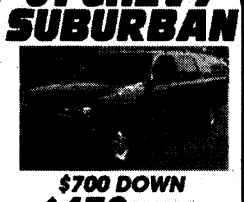
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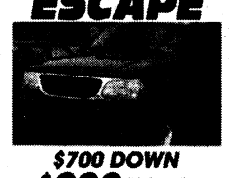
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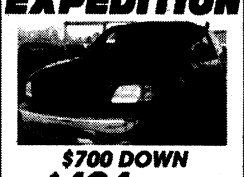
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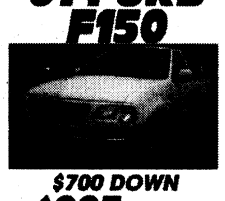
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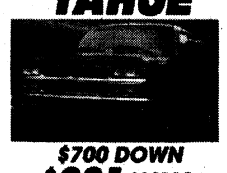
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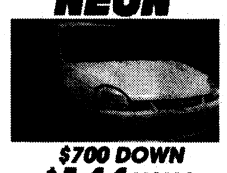
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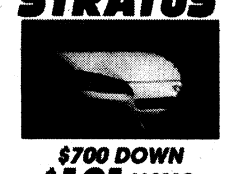
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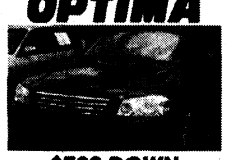
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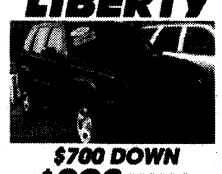
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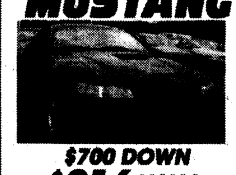
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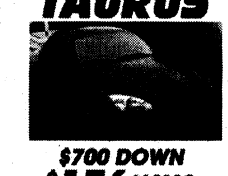
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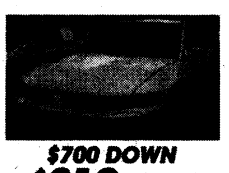
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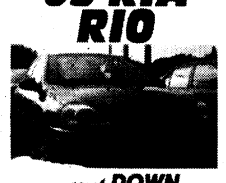
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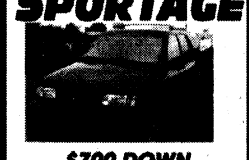
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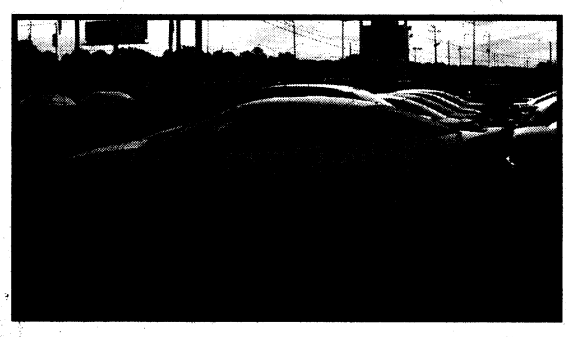
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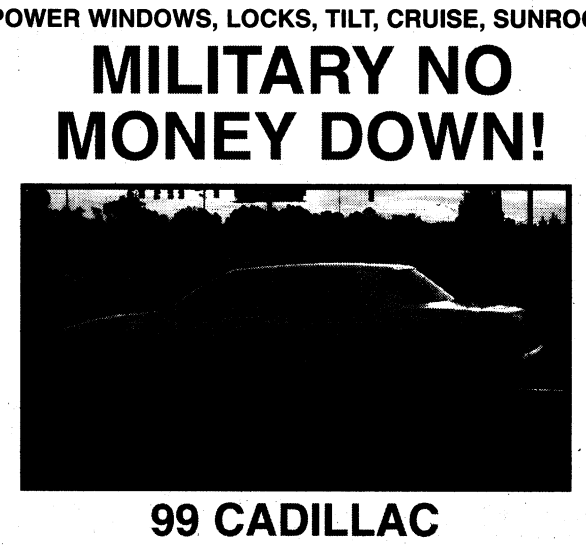
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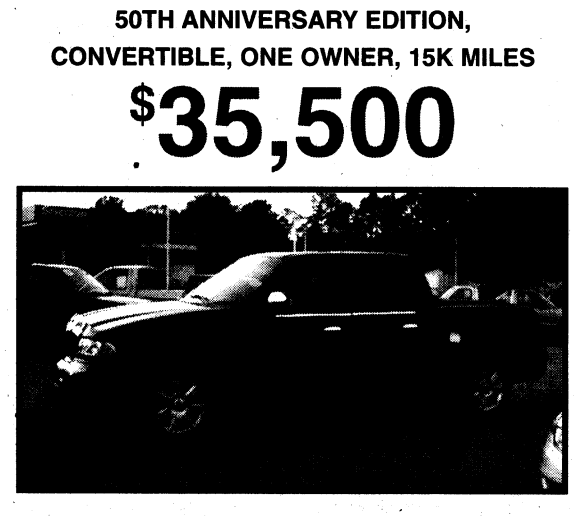
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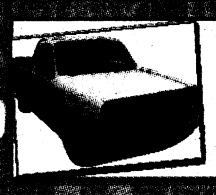
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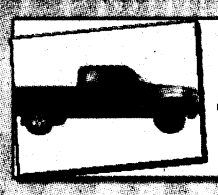
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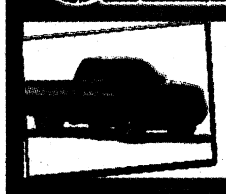
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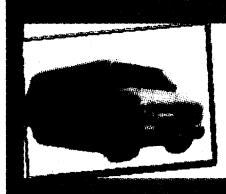
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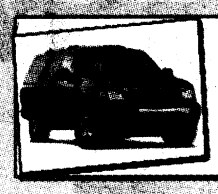
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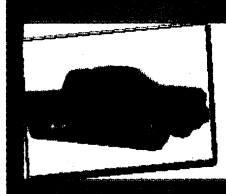
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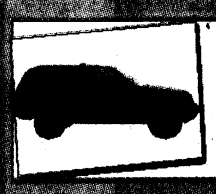
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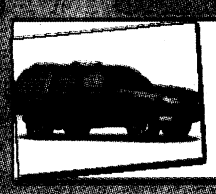
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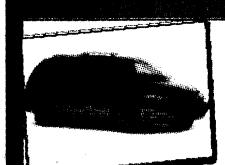
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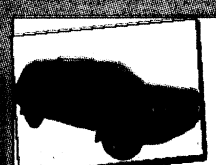
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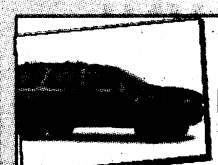
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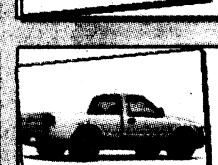
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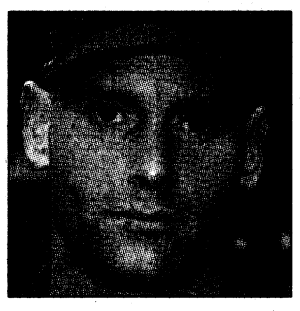
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Thanksliving

"More than once I've asked myself, where does this come from — this undefeatable optimism, the capacity to count your blessings, not because of circumstances, but *in spite* of circumstances?" said Chaplain (Maj.) Jeff Hawkins. "At this point in my journey, I've picked up two lessons: It's not what happens to you that makes the difference, it's what happens *in* you. And Thanksgiving isn't a day, it's a decision."

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Some days it would be easier to stay in bed, and for quite some time, Amy Riley did just that.

These days she rises early, wakes her three children, and helps 9-year-old Austin into his wheelchair. Then she whispers a prayer.

"Thank you Lord for giving him another day."

It would be a stretch to say Amy's "made peace" with her sons' condition — Austin and his 5-year-old brother have a rare and aggressive form of Muscular Dystrophy. She still gets angry with God from time to time.

But she no longer allows herself to wallow in the fear and depression that consumed her several years ago when the boys were diagnosed with the same disease that claimed the life of Amy's 20-year-old brother. Doctors say Joshua and Austin will not live to be as old as the uncle they never knew.

"Sometimes I still get mad," Amy said last week, as she sat in her Bouton Heights home watching her youngest son play with Sally, the abused dog the Riley's rescued last Christmas. "Sometimes I think, 'Why us God? One child, it hurts, but two is unbearable. Why us?'"

But, Amy said, every day she thanks God for her children "just the way they are." And when the going gets rough, she counts her blessings. She knows of another mother who lost four children to the same disease.

"I can't imagine what she's gone through," Amy said. "I think about her, and I realize there are people worse off than me."

Lately, things have gotten rougher. Austin has trouble eating and he struggles to breathe at night. He needs a special mattress designed for a hospital bed, something the family is saving for.

Last year, he was walking. Now he's confined to a wheelchair — a wheelchair that somehow got lost in a red tape shuffle between the insurance company and the wheelchair manufacturer for nearly a year. It recently arrived, defective. It'll have to be returned. Amy and her husband Lonny, an Airborne School instructor, dumped a hefty part of their savings into the co-pay for the chair.

They spent hundreds more on a special chair that allows Austin to bathe — the insurance company considered it a luxury.

"I'm just thankful we had the money to get it. We'll make do," she said. "It won't be a big Christmas, not the way we'd like it to be anyway, but they'll get something. I worry about Kristena. She's going through a lot, but she seems to understand."

> **"It's just money. As long as we're all together, we'll make do. That's all that matters. I'm just thankful we're all together."**
>
> **Amy Riley**
> Fort Benning mom

Amy is the only mom 13-year-old Kristena's ever known. Her birth mom, Lonny's first wife, abandoned her when she was 5-months old, when he was preparing to deploy to the Middle East. Lonny got out of the Army to care for his baby.

He married Amy more than a decade ago, and re-enlisted in 2000 just about the time Kristena's birth mother put in an appearance. She's kept the family in legal limbo ever since.

They've spent thousands of dollars on attorney fees and travel back and forth to Mississippi for court appearances. Kristena wants nothing to do with her birth mom, and the Rileys are hoping the next trip they make to court in January will put the custody problem to rest.

But the financial problems that have resulted from the case and the boys' illnesses won't go away soon.

"It's just money," Amy said. "As long as we're all together, we'll make due. That's all that matters. I'm just thankful we're all together."

Amy's made a conscious decision, a choice Chaplain (Maj.) Jeff Hawkins calls "thanks*living*." She's chosen the hard optimism over the easy — and most would say justifiable — pessimism.

"Optimism is a decision," said Hawkins, the Fort Benning's Family Life chaplain. "It's a great skill to have."

It's not a matter of "why are bad things happening to good people," Hawkins said. It's a given: bad things *will* happen to good people. They'll happen to everybody. How one chooses to deal with them is what sets people like Amy Riley apart, people who possess what Hawkins calls "undefeatable optimism."

"We all know 'the rain falls on the just and the unjust,'" he said. "It's not so much what happens to you that makes the difference, but what happens in you. That's (the difference) between despair and hope, tragedy and triumph."

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God Bless Fort Benning



Bridgett Siter

An estimated 8,000 people showed up Saturday for the God Bless Fort Benning rally at the Columbus Civic Center. Here, Sharon Snapp, center, and the Rev. Helen Berenthein, right, cheer as Lee Greenwood sings *God Bless the USA*.

Thousands rally for Benning

Greenwood performs for Soldiers

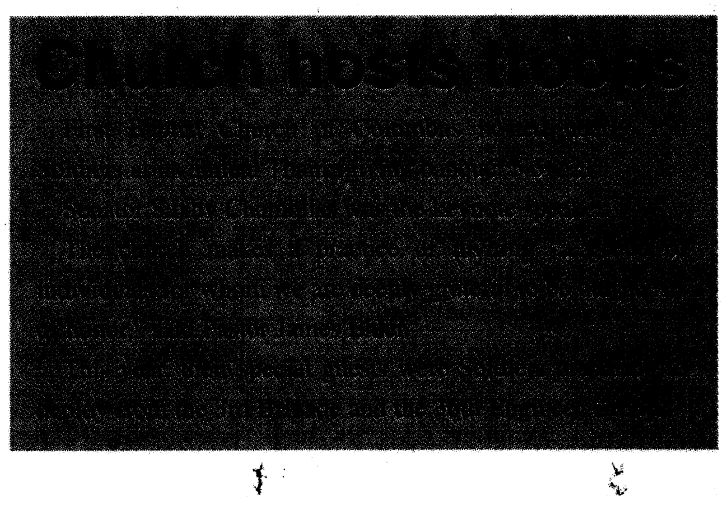
Bridgett Siter
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Dennis Jacques is an angry man. He's outraged when he hears about Soldiers and their families being hemmed in, threatened or derided by the very people they protect.

"I'm all in favor of free speech, but if you don't like what's happening, go to Washington and do what you have to," Jacques said Saturday, as he suited up to ride with nearly 400 bikers "to the edge of reason and back," a eight-mile circuit from Victory Drive to the site of the SOA-Watch protest and back to the Columbus Civic Center parking lot, where an estimated 8,000 people gathered for the third annual God Bless Fort Benning Day.

Jacques is a member of Iron Cross, the club

See **RALLY**, B-1



I gotta lotta thankfulness

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



It was truly a dark and rainy night. As we sat at the red light, I was trying to explain the SOA-Watch protest to my children. They wanted to know why we couldn't just turn right and go our normal route.

In the middle of my explanation, I looked across the intersection, catching a glimpse of a car hurtling down the hill. A quick glance at the light showed it was still red, and I wondered what the driver was going to do. In the next second, I heard the answer in the sickening crunch of metal. The speeding car plowed into the rear end of a blue car waiting at the light, sending it flying through the intersection. The second car came to rest not far from me.

I pulled around the corner, scrambled for my cell phone and dialed 911. Then I went to see if anyone needed an ambulance so I could tell the dispatcher.

People stopped to help — right there in the middle of Victory Drive — people late to get places and, thankfully, people who could offer more help than I could. One man limped over to the blue car and said he was an Army medic. I held the trunk down while he climbed in through the rear window. He sat inside the back seat, in shorts, in the middle of the broken glass, offering his help to an injured driver who had no idea what hit him.

Across the intersection, a grandmother from Pennsylvania had been sideswiped by the speeding car just before it slammed into the other. She had just arrived in the area to attend her grandson's basic training graduation.

In the back seat of her car — her granddaughter's two small boys, teary-eyed, but safe in their car seats.

It was in that moment, I realized how fortunate they had been.

I originally thought I'd write about how thankful I am to call Fort Benning home right now. But I can't be thankful about Fort Benning without being thankful for Columbus as well.

The Columbus police officers who arrived at the scene were the same ones I had just seen in McDonald's, their late dinner interrupted by the accident call. They were probably working overtime as part of the city's response to the same protest I was trying to explain to my boys. Although I'm sure they're compensated with additional pay, the money won't ever replace the time they lost with their families.

And being thankful just can't stop there. We live in the greatest of nations, where our forefathers crafted a document establishing justice, providing for our common defense, our general welfare and securing the blessings of liberty. Ours is a nation where we can honor protesters' First Amendment rights to speak freely and peaceably assemble. A nation where all citizens have the right to vote in elections where the results aren't going to spark violent uprisings.

And our community, with its own challenges, is still a place where people will come to the aid of total strangers. I didn't get the name of the Soldier who crawled into the car and sat in the broken glass, so I can't thank him personally.

But he and the man who directed traffic earned my heartfelt thanks that night for being in the right place at a difficult time. One black, one white — to me they represented the essence of our community and our country — working together for someone other than themselves.

Show thanks with service

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff



I was in a hurry leaving the post exchange a couple of weeks ago and felt slightly annoyed to see a woman peddling something that I knew, no matter what it was, I didn't want.

As I scanned the parking lot looking for my husband, I could hear her approaching.

"Would you like to buy a Girl Scout calendar?" she said.

"No thank you," I quickly muttered, turning back to the parking lot.

Two young privates, all dressed up in their crisp, new Class As, waiting for a cab, turned as the woman said, "Well, thank you anyway."

"How much do they cost?" one of the Soldiers asked.

The woman, looking a little startled, told him the cost and he started to reach for his wallet.

"You want one, too?" he asked his buddy.

I stopped looking for the car and started paying attention to their conversation.

"What are you boys doing here all dressed up?" the woman asked.

"It's family day and our families couldn't come out," they responded.

I was awed as one of the Soldiers explained that he would send the calender home. He wanted to help the Scouts and the community.

I've thought of that exchange several times this week.

Those Soldiers took the time to not only buy a calendar, but to teach me a valuable lesson.

They didn't need a calendar. They bought it to help someone else.

On the way home, I started thinking about how I could help others. As a family, we decided we'd provide Thanksgiving dinner for those who would like to be in a family environment but are too far from home to do so.

A friend of mine offered to let us use his house for the meal. Saturday, at the Turkey Trot, the first-place winner handed us his turkey gift certificate, knowing we had a lot of mouths to feed.

Another Soldier who works with my husband offered to help too.

As Thanksgiving falls upon us yet again, let's take the time to think of those who may need a little extra love and assistance this holiday.

Maybe it's the single father with young children. The mother of five whose husband is serving in Iraq.

The newlyweds who are spending the holidays away from their families for the first time.

Or the young Soldiers living in the barracks, some of them still teenagers, who are alone — many spending their first holiday away from family and home.

Instead of sitting around the dinner table giving thanks and counting your blessings (which, by the way, is a very good idea), take the time to see how you and your family can bring blessings to others.

I have heard it said that the best way to show your thanks is to serve those around you, like they do in the movie *Pay it Forward*.

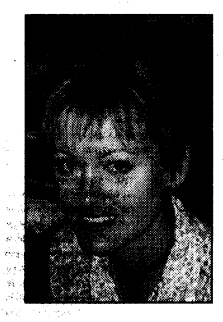
So, as you are preparing the yams, potatoes, turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie, look around. See if there's someone you can help.

Let's do what we can to put the "thanks" in Thanksgiving this year.

Remember, the best way to show gratitude is with service.

God bless us, every one

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



It's time to say thanks. I'll start with the Tidwells, Jack and Miriam, the Columbus residents who organized the God Bless Fort Benning rally.

I met Miriam two years ago at a debate between officials from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and SOA Watch. Miriam had enough of the protesters' diatribe, the false accusations, half truths and exaggerations. When the audience was given the chance to speak, she made an impassioned plea for support from the tricommunity.

Besides the fact she is a Columbus resident and a patriotic American, Miriam had no dog in the fight, so to speak. But she was concerned enough about the allegations to do her homework. She read past the slick rhetoric, did some online research and met with the institute's commandant, at that time, Col. Richard Downie. In the end, she cast her lot with the folks at Fort Benning.

In tears and righteously indignant, she stood before an audience evenly divided and, in essence, drew a line in the sand. I suspect that was the moment God Bless Fort Benning was born.

Less than two weeks later, a couple hundred supporters gathered at a business on Benning Road. While the protesters chanted and marched, the Benning supporters carried on a counter rally. Miriam, who owned Miriam's Café at that time, fed the crowd. Supporters brought toys for Santa's Castle.

It was a beautiful start, though things got a bit tense at times. While no one was looking, someone stole a "B" from the God Bless Fort Benning sign, effectively making it a Godless Fort Benning. That was also the year the mayor's car was vandalized.

So last year, the Tidwell's moved their show down the road to the Civic Center parking lot, where they had a tidy little turnout and no trouble at all.

This year, it exploded. Local businesses, organizations, scout troops, churches and entertainers joined the effort to make God Bless Fort Benning Day a success. Nearly 400 leather-clad bikers showed up to make sure no one crashed the party, and law enforcement turned out in case they did.

Nearly 5,000 basic trainees were bused in from Sand Hill and nearly that many Soldiers, family members and civilians showed up. Some came to bless, others came to be blessed. In the end, I think everybody got blessed.

I'm not talking about the free food and fun, though my daughter would certainly classify the candy she toted home as a sweet blessing. And the weather was most definitely a divine blessing.

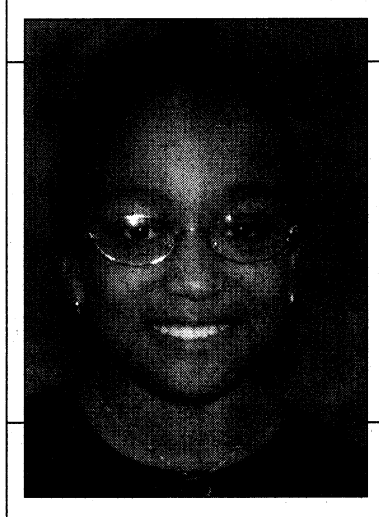
But no, it was the incredible sense of community that made the day special. I think I speak for the Fort Benning community when I say we felt truly appreciated.

So thank you, Jack and Miriam, your "right arm," Jan Pease, and all the wonderful people who worked so hard to make God Bless Fort Benning a success.

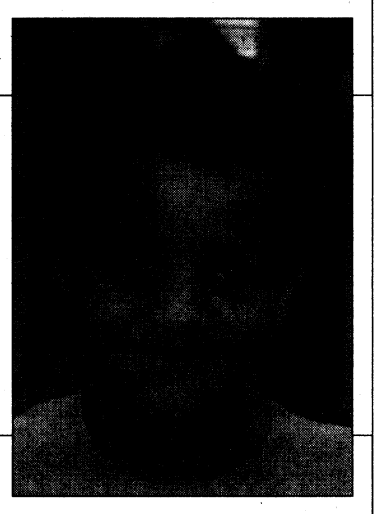
And thank you, neighbors, for showing up. It would've been a real bummer to see all Miriam's hard work go to waste. The rally was the community saying thank you. Your presence was Fort Benning's way of saying "you're welcome."

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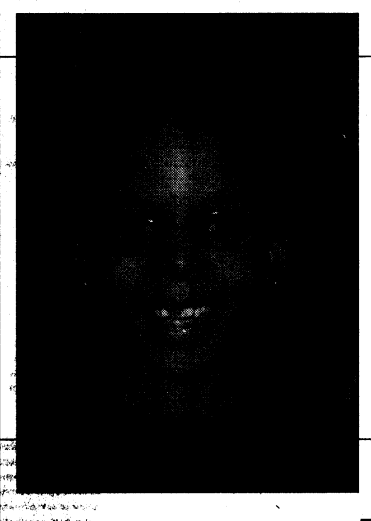
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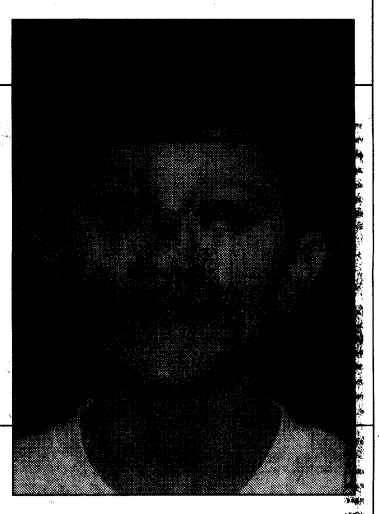
Tacarra Miller, 10 — "I'm thankful for my parents and my family. My parents are loving and take care of me. They give me everything I need, like food, shelter and education. My sisters watch after me, and we do chores together."



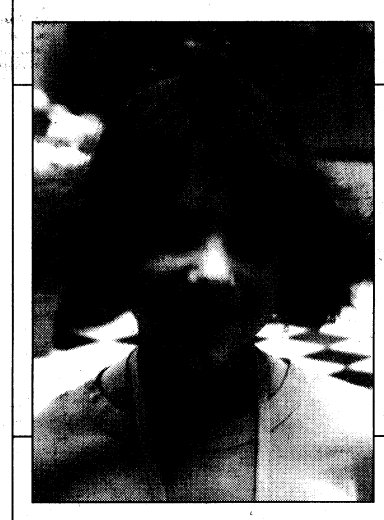
Nico Moore, 7 — "I'm thankful for my family because they're nice. My brother plays with me, and my sister takes care of me. I'm thankful for my kittens, Donald and Mickey, too. They're cuddly. It's funny when they keep jumping off my bed."



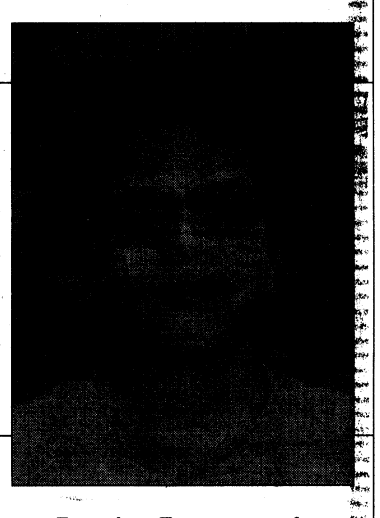
Trinity Singleton, 7 — "I'm thankful for my parents, my room and the stuff I have. My parents feed me and play with me. I'm thankful for my stuff because if I didn't have it, I would have to sleep on the floor."



Bobby Holmes, 9 — "I'm thankful for food and water because they keep me alive. I'm thankful for my family too, because they take care of me and make sure that I'm safe."



Jasmin Ketterman, 10 — "I am thankful for my parents. If I didn't have them, I would have to live on my own. I wouldn't have any food, and I'd have to take care of myself."



Santino Herrera, 6 — "I'm thankful for my mom because she's nice and she's the best mom. She cooks nice dinners, tucks me in and reads me books."

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Thanksgiving: A choice, not a day

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Amy has made a decision to count her blessings, not because of her circumstances, but in spite of them, Hawkins said.

"When I look around and see how much I've been blessed, and then I see others whose road in life seems so much steeper and their load so much heavier, it teaches me something," he said.

"Some of the most positive and mature people that I've had the privilege of knowing have also been folks that you'd think would have the least to be thankful for."

At 83, Ann Benson is mature and positive. The widow from Pensacola, Fla., who lost the home she'd lived in nearly 50 years during Hurricane Ivan, said her faith makes her strong.

"There were times I cried. It was very odd, you know, to look at the things you had acquired all your life ... ," she said. "It's hard to put it in words. I knew I'd have to leave my home one day, but I never dreamed it would be like this. It wasn't what I had planned at this age."

Benson didn't have flood insurance. She's living in a rented, furnished apartment. Still, she says, she's "more blessed than most people."

"I've been inconvenienced, but there are people out there with children," she said. "They suffered the most."

Benson said her positive outlook on life, her decision to remain optimistic, stems from years of helping others. For nearly 20 years, she's volunteered in a local hospital, where she meets people whose needs are far greater than hers.

"It's the most rewarding thing I do. It makes you so thankful," she said. "When I leave there, if I've not helped but one person that day, it was worth my time."

Benson believes "God had his hand in everything" she went through. She gives him — and Walmart — credit for her optimism.

Boxes of family photos and her great grandmother's Bible were not damaged in the flood. In fact, they floated, carefully wrapped in layers of Wal-Mart bags.

"I tell you what, Wal-Mart bags are the best," she said with a laugh.

It's that sense of humor that helps Benson find a reason to smile.

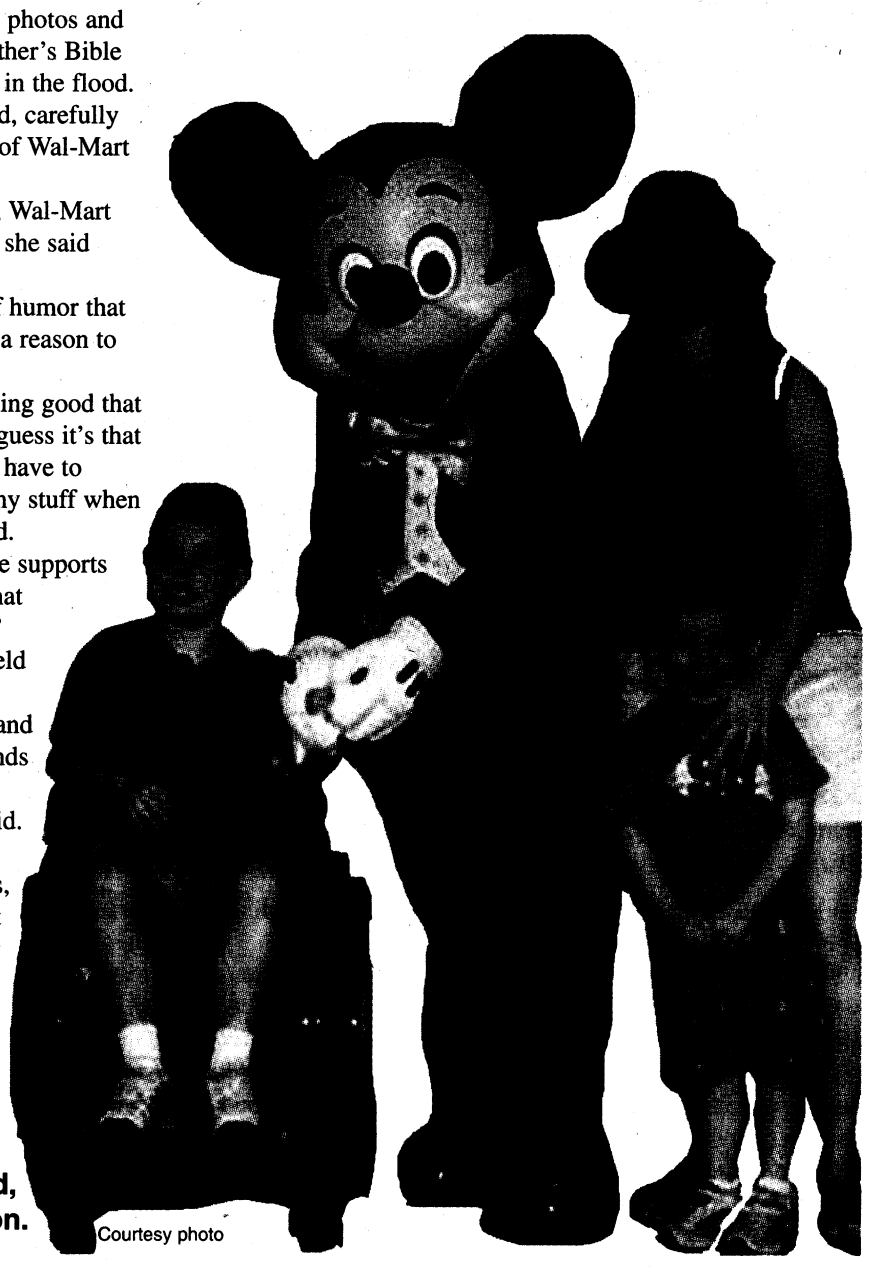
"If there's anything good that came out of this I guess it's that my children won't have to clean through all my stuff when I'm gone," she said.

Benson's attitude supports Hawkins' theory that "optimism works."

"The medical field tells us we'll live longer, live better and die with more friends if we give thanks more often," he said. We can't change what happens to us, life's surprises, but we can determine what happens *in* us. That's life's spirit.

"It's (a) choice ... thanksgiving and thanks*living*."

> "We all know 'the rain falls on the just and the unjust.' It's not so much what happens to you that makes the difference, but what happens in you."
>
> **Chaplain (Maj.) Jeff Hawkins**
> Family Life chaplain



The Riley family went to Disney World, courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Courtesy photo

Soldier dies in motorcycle crash

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A second Fort Benning Soldier in less than a week was killed in a motorcycle accident off post Sunday.

Capt. Curtis J. Agee, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, lost control of his motorcycle and crashed on Buena Vista Road.

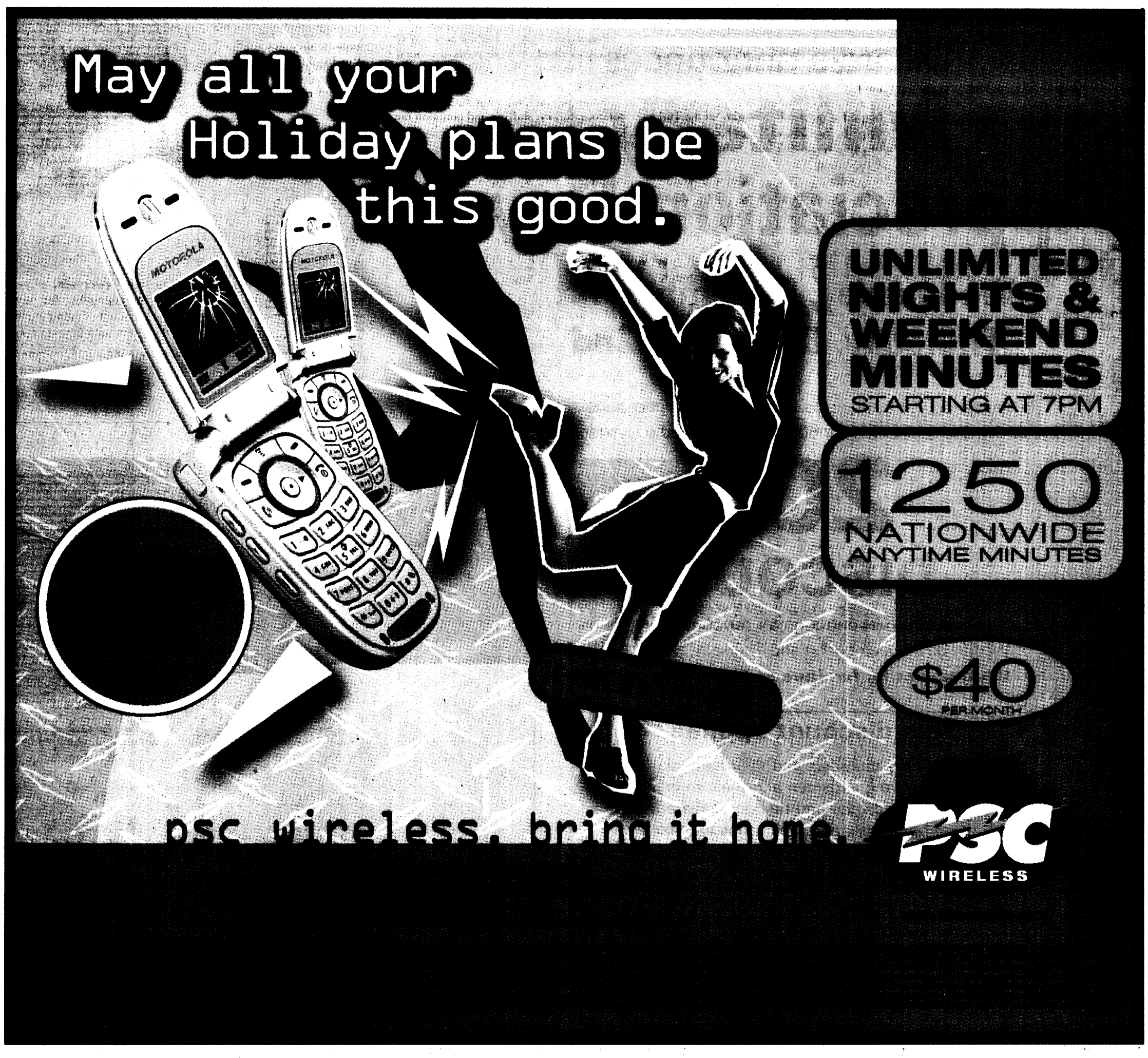
Initial police reports could not identify what caused Agee to lose control of the motorcycle but ruled out the involvement of other vehicles and said there was no evidence Agee was under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Six Soldiers have died in motorcycle accidents Army-wide since Oct. 1, according to the Army's Safety Center.

Last week, Spc. Michael Howard Jr.., 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, died in a motorcycle accident on South Lumpkin Road.

According to Training and Doctrine Command Regulation 385-2 all persons operating a motorcycle on any Army installation or on official business must wear all appropriate safety gear and complete an Army-approved motorcycle operator's course.





WHINSEC opens doors for informational tours

Tours inform visitors about mission

Spc. Adrian A. Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

An eight-bus convoy lined the South Lumpkin Gate entrance early Saturday morning, ready to transport their first round of passengers to the Department of Defense's Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

This would mark the first of three trips made throughout the day to the institute, which hosted its third annual open house.

An estimated 450 high school and college students, reporters, religious leaders and academics from Canada to Argentina and all points in between came en masse for a tour of the facility.

Lasting more than two hours, the visit featured a walk-through tour of the Mediterranean-styled building's three floors, highlighting its atrium, public library and Gallery of Liberators — a collection of donated oil paintings and artifacts regarding the founding fathers of each hemispheric ally nation.

The tour wound down in Pratt Hall auditorium, beginning the question and answer session for the institute's guests.

Attendees were invited to engage military and civilian panelists in questions and comments regarding WHINSEC, U.S. foreign policy, the closed School of the Americas and general information about the military.

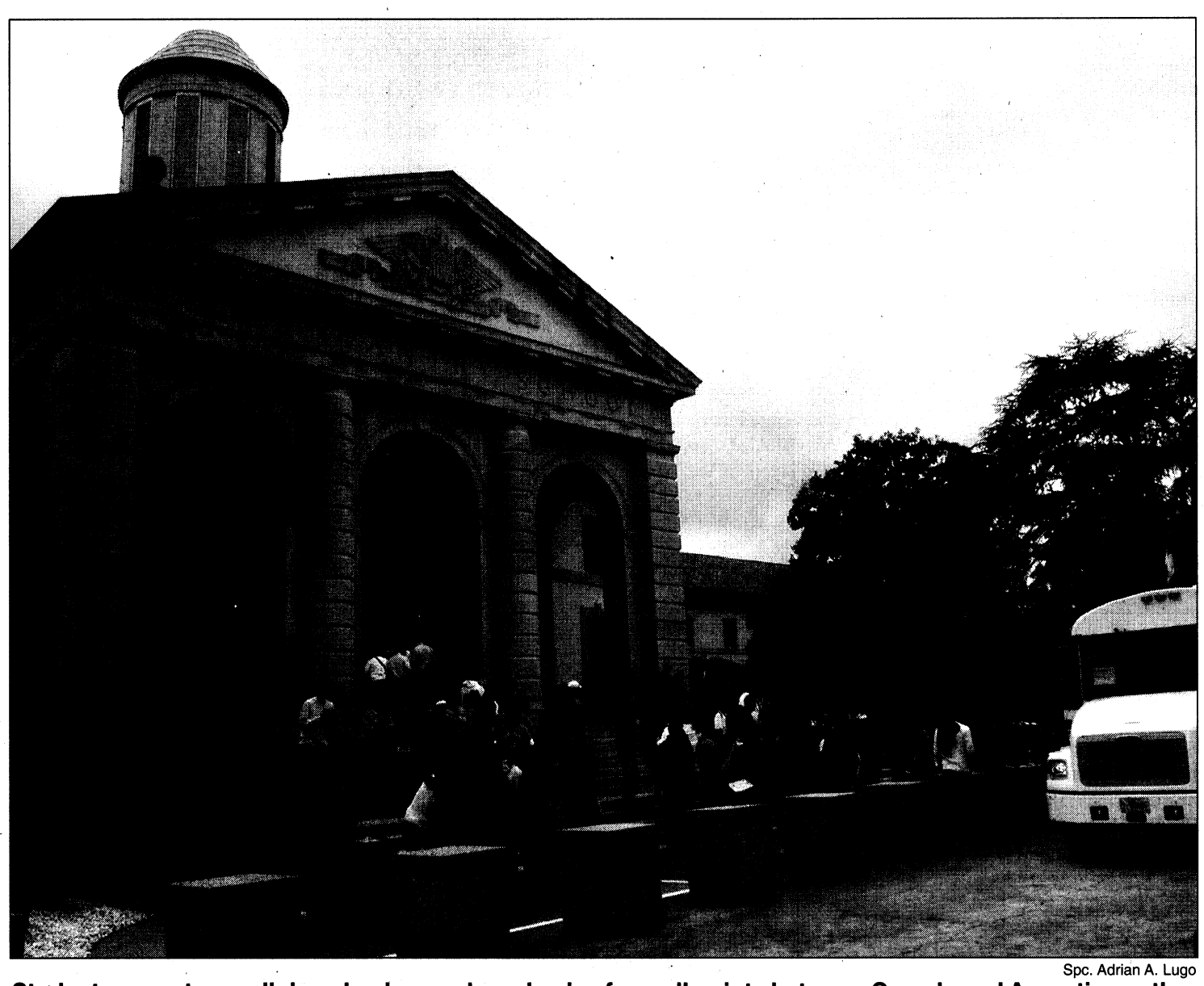
Lt. Col. Jose Pizarro, WHINSEC chief of staff, opened the session by providing the command brief and emphasizing the institute's mission.

"It's important to note that, regardless of how many green suits you see here today, this institute, its mission and curriculum is ultimately civilian run," Pizarro said.

Reading the mission word for word from the Defense Authorization Act of 2001, Pizarro placed further emphasis on the fact that, along with "providing professional education and training to military, law enforcement, and civilian personnel of the Western Hemisphere within the context of the democratic principles of the Organization of the American States (OAS)," the institute is charged with "promoting democratic values and respect for human rights."

"These very principles promoted here daily are the same ones protesters outside the gate are calling for," said State Department representative and panelist Paul Trevelli, answering questions regarding foreign policy.

Other panelists included WHINSEC's Commandant Col. Gilberto Perez; Lt. Col. Linda Gould, chief of the LATAM Branch for the deputy chief of Staff of the Army, who fielded questions regarding the closed School of the Americas; Steven Schneebaum, partner, Patton Boggs LLP, Board of Visitors chairman and Human Rights liaison; Donald Harrington, WHINSEC dean of Academics; and Maj. Tony Raimondo, director of Human Rights Instruction at WHINSEC. Though a few questions posed seemed slanted or one-sided, the session appeared to be an even intellectual exchange.



Spc. Adrian A. Lugo

Students, reporters, religious leaders and academics from all points between Canada and Argentina gather at the front steps of Ridgway Hall, the annual open house tour of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Nearly 450 visitors toured the institute.

Many questions and comments from the audience focused more on the theme of human rights and its depth of instruction.

"Is eight hours of instruction really enough?" questioned one Jesuit educator.

"Eight hours is a minimum," Raimondo said.

"We often go above and beyond that," he said, listing examples of courses such as the Command and General Staff Officer Course that has a mandatory 40 hours.

Answering further, Perez explained that at WHINSEC "human rights training doesn't just stop in the classroom. It's performed in practical exercises, and explored outside in the community in our Field Studies Program where students continue to be exposed to democratic and humanitarian principles.

"You came here with an open mind. That's all we ask of our guests. We were not here to persuade or change your minds. We are here to inform the public about the operation of one of their interests, and to engage in good dialogue as to how we might improve. ... You should be applauded for coming here for yourselves, and doing something that many outside the gate for years have yet to do," Perez said.

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German army Sgt. Maj. Peter O'Grady reads the names of the German prisoners of war who are buried in the Main Post Cemetery during a Volkstrauertag, the German National Day of Mourning, ceremony Nov. 17.

Ceremony remembers German POWs

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

With red, yellow and black flags waving in the breeze, Sgt. Maj. Peter O'Grady, German liaison sergeant major, read the names of POWs who were laid to rest at Fort Benning.

"Today, as we have done in the past," said Lt. Col. Herbert Sladek, the German liaison officer, "we would like to remove (the POWs) from the anonymity of numbers on headstones, and instead remember them by their ranks and names and thus give them for one moment in time their identity again."

The recognition, which included a wreath laying ceremony, was part of Volkstrauertag — National Day of Mourning in Germany. The commemoration is a combination of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Sladek said.

"The message of this Memorial Day must be clear," Sladek said. "Let us not forget them. They deserve to be remembered and honored for their selfless service, their contributions and for their sacrifice and courage."

Forty-four German POW Soldiers, from private to lieutenant general, who died between 1944 and 1946 were laid to rest in a place far from their homeland, on foreign soil, here at Fort Benning.

"These memorial days cannot change the world," said Andreas Zimmer, deputy consulate general for the Federal Republic of Germany in Atlanta. "But they influence our vision of the past and our interpretation of the present."

Zimmer said there is a duty to engage people in the cause of peace, freedom, justice and decent living for all, in memory of the suffering and sacrifices made by those Soldiers and civilians who have gone before.

"We honor all Soldiers, all victims of war and those who lost their lives because of their race, religion, ideology or their political convictions," Zimmer said.

15 protesters arrested during annual SOA-Watch protest

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Several thousand people gathered outside the main gate on Benning Boulevard to protest the School of Americas Sunday.

The crowd, composed of college groups, human rights watchdog organizations, religious organizations, anti-war groups and individuals, protested the School of the Americas, which closed in December 2001.

The Department of Defense opened the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation in January 2002 with oversight from a Board of Visitors.

The Defense Authorization Bill, which created the WHINSEC, called for a federal advisory committee to maintain independent review, observation and recommendation regarding operations of the institute.

The 13-member board includes members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, representatives from the State Department, U.S. Southern Command and the Training and Doctrine Command; and six members designated by the Secretary of Defense. These six include representatives from the human rights, religious, academic and business communities.

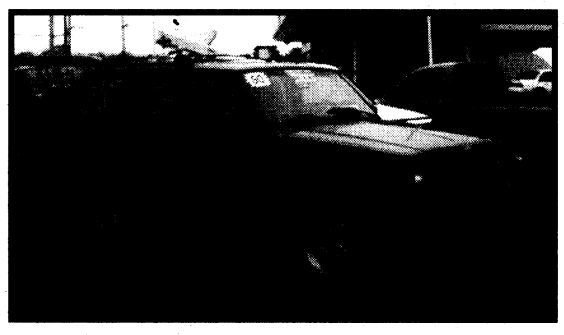
The board reviews and advises on areas such as curriculum, academic instruction and fiscal affairs of the institute. Their reviews ensure relevance and consistency with U.S. policy, laws, regulation and doctrine.

Military and local police supervised the protest, which closed both the Benning Boulevard and South Lumpkin gates for the weekend.

Military police apprehended 15 individuals for entering or attempting to enter the installation. They were transported to the Muscogee County jail by U.S. marshals.

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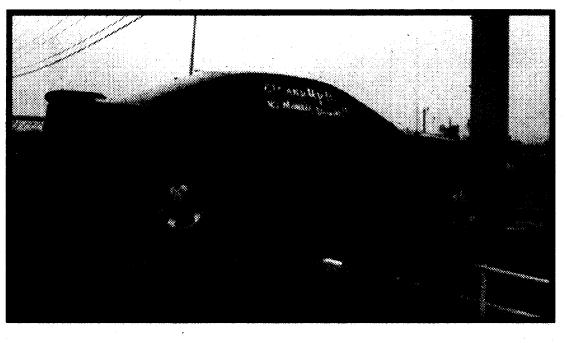
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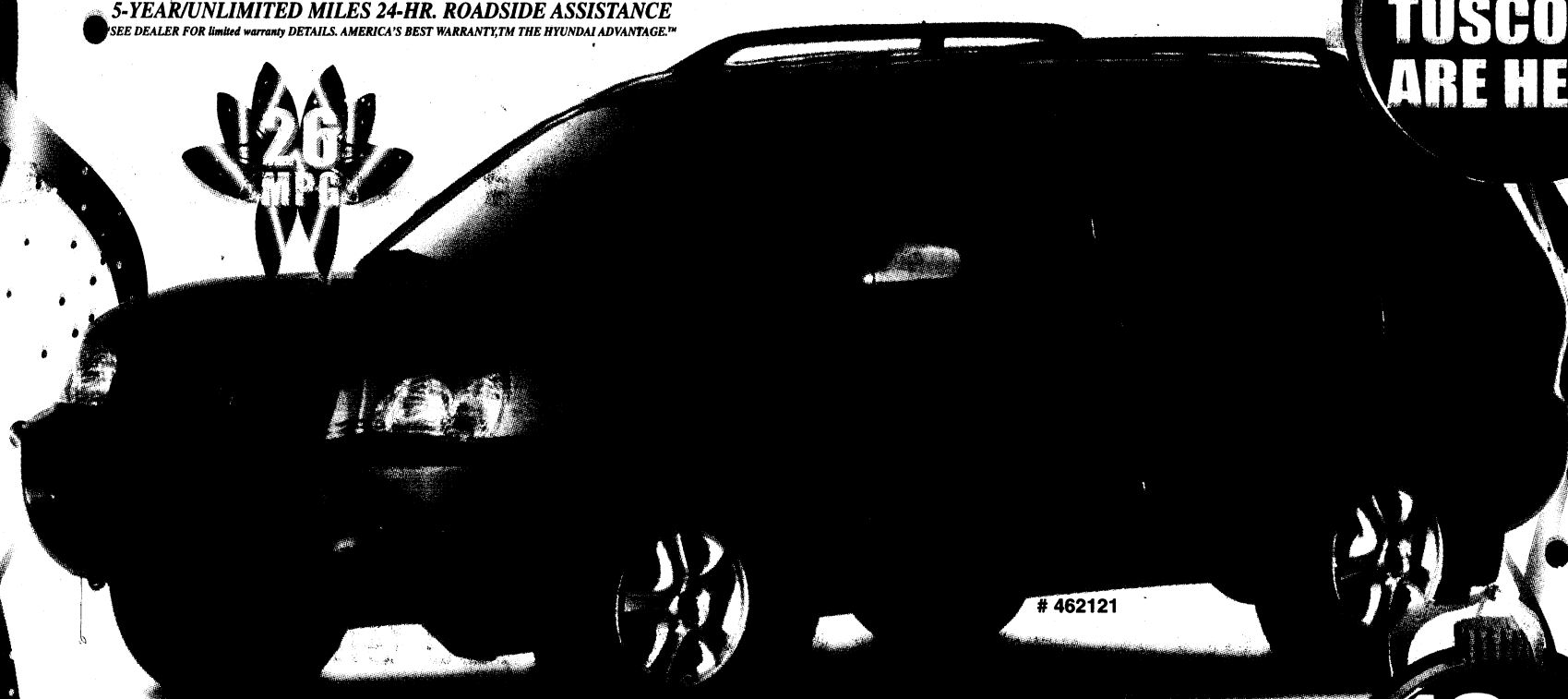
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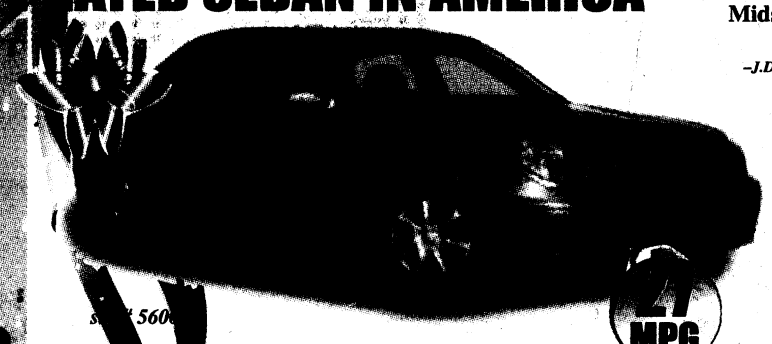
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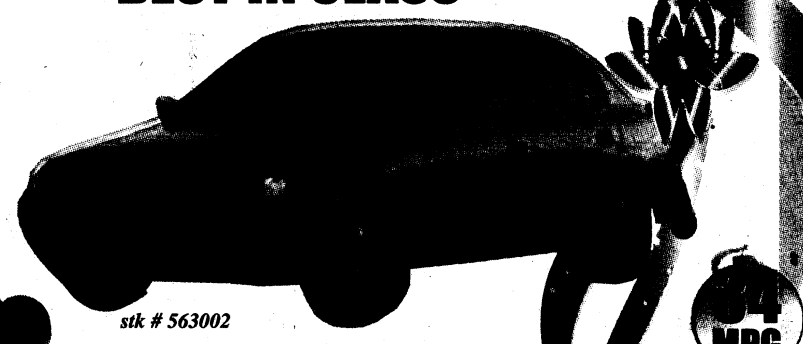
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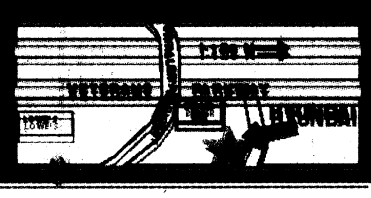
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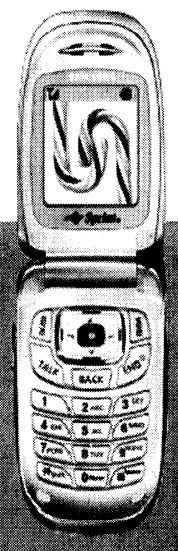
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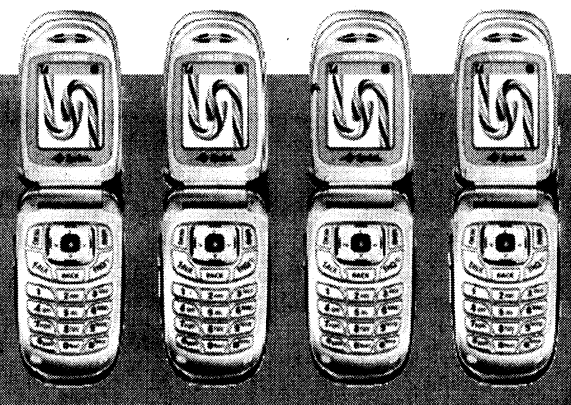
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Operating room techs are a part of a close-knit team of medical professionals responsible for the lives of Soldiers and family members around the globe.

Operating room techs get hands in it all

91D opens up avenues of opportunity

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

"I love the guts and blood," said Spc. Marji Simmons, an operating room technician at Martin Army Community Hospital, when asked if what she sees in the course of her day bothers her.

Indifference to blood is just one of the characteristics that sets operating room techs apart from other jobs in the Army, she said.

"You have to be really good working with people," Simmons said. "As a tech, you are usually the first person to greet the patient when they come in for surgery and it is your job to reassure them that everything is going to be OK. A lot of people are scared when they come in. When you have surgery, you are putting your life in someone else's hands."

People skills are one aspect of the job Simmons said she's always had. Everything else is learned in the crash course phase one training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The first phase of the advanced individual training course for operating room techs is an intense study of human anatomy and physiology, operating room and instrument sterilization procedures, basic laboratory procedures, diagnostic tools and basic medical procedures.

The second phase consists of an internship at a military treatment facility, where students put their training into action and become comfortable in their MOS.

"AIT was tough," Simmons said. "It takes a lot of studying and memorization. You either have it or you don't."

Once operating room techs reach their first permanent duty station, they are proficient in several tasks.

In the course of a duty day, techs are responsible for initial patient contact, sterilization and organization of the operating room equipment, preoperative and postoperative procedures, maintaining the cleanliness of the operating room and creating sterile fields for procedures to be performed in. Techs also assist medical staff with procedures and can triage and provide initial treatment for emergency and battlefield patients.

"I have learned so much through this job," Simmons said. "I decided to go into this field after I had surgery, not really knowing what it was about, and it has given me so much."

Teamwork in a high stress environment, like an operating room, is something Simmons said is critical to things running smoothly.

"Everything comes back to the staff of people you work with," she said. "They can either make your job fun and easy or a real challenge. We have a great team here. It's almost like we are a big family."

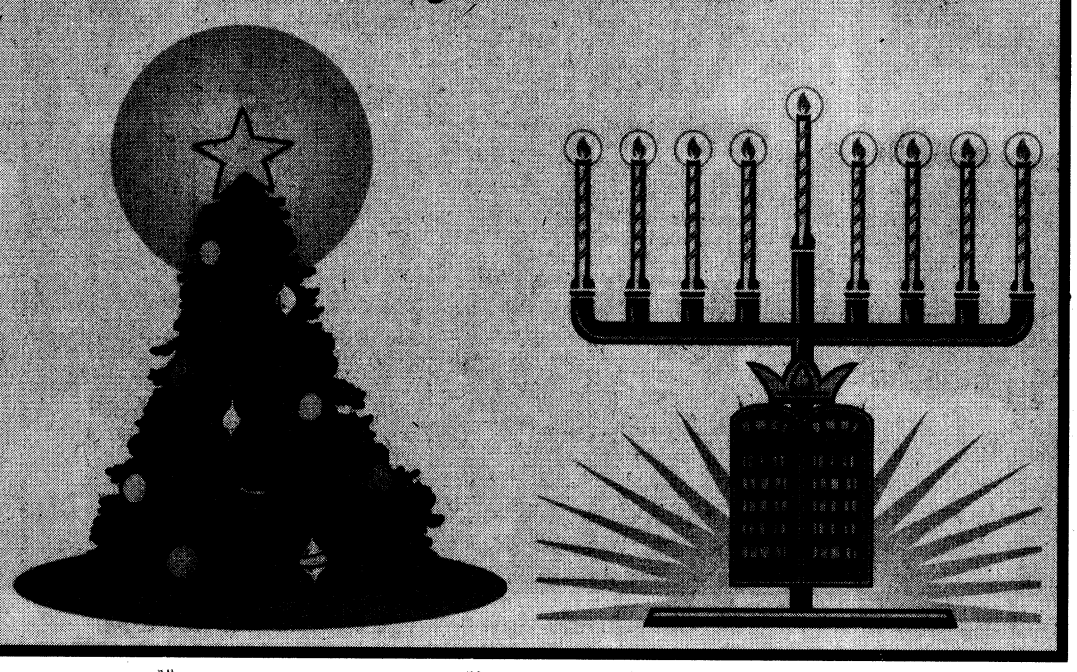
The close-knit relationships fostered by the working environment aren't the only perks of the job.

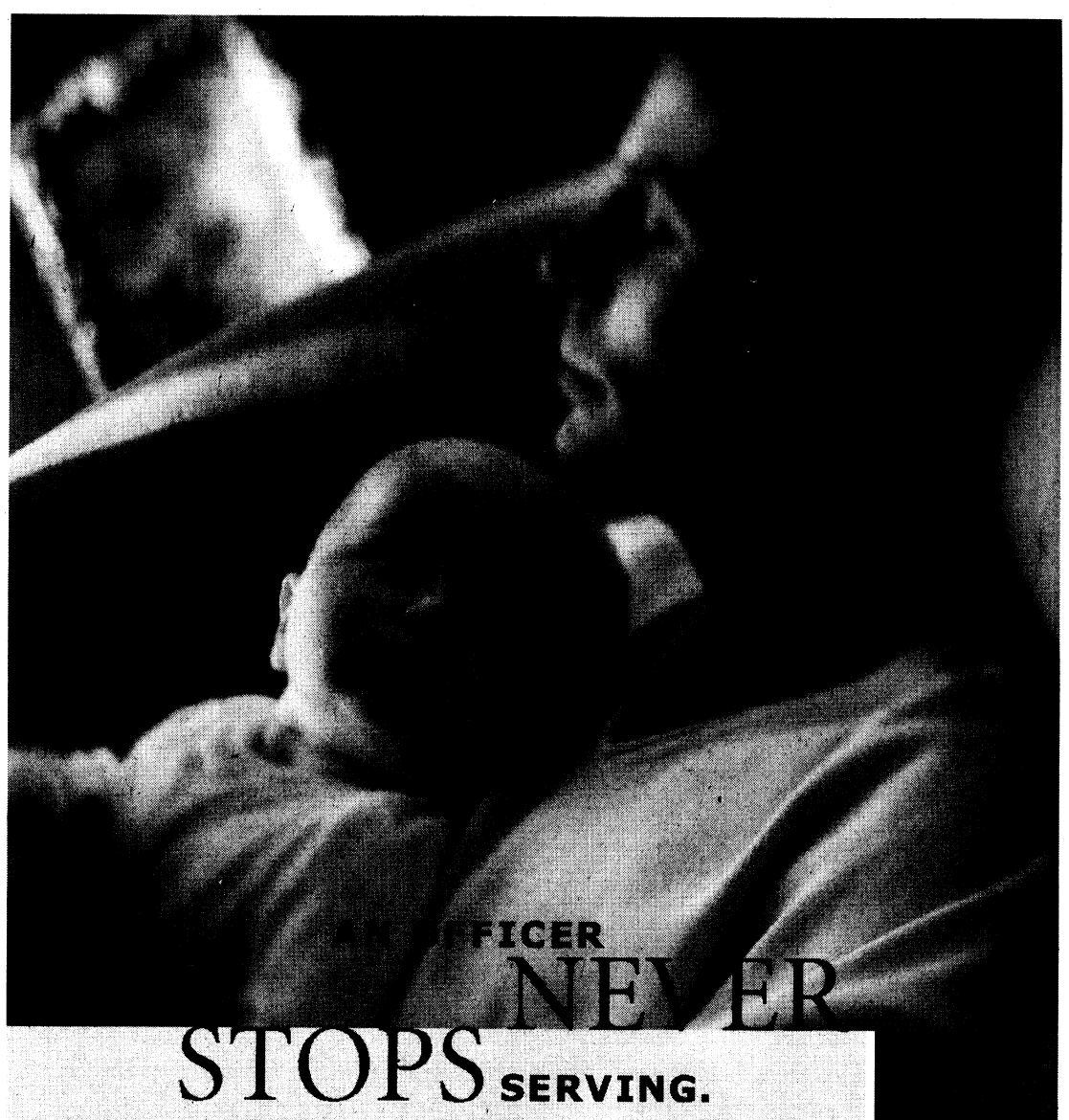
"Being in the medical field and especially stationed here, there are a whole lot of avenues that are open if you are squared away," Simmons said. "MEDDAC will send you to RN school, PA school and all kinds of medical training courses — all paid for by the Army."

With three years under her belt, she is happy with her Army experience and plans to stay in the medical field even after her remaining three years are over.

"The long hours are tough sometimes, but I like my job. It's never the same," she said. "You meet all kinds of people — the good, the bad and the crazy. And sometimes it's really cool, like when I work a C-section and get to see a baby brought into the world. It's a joy."

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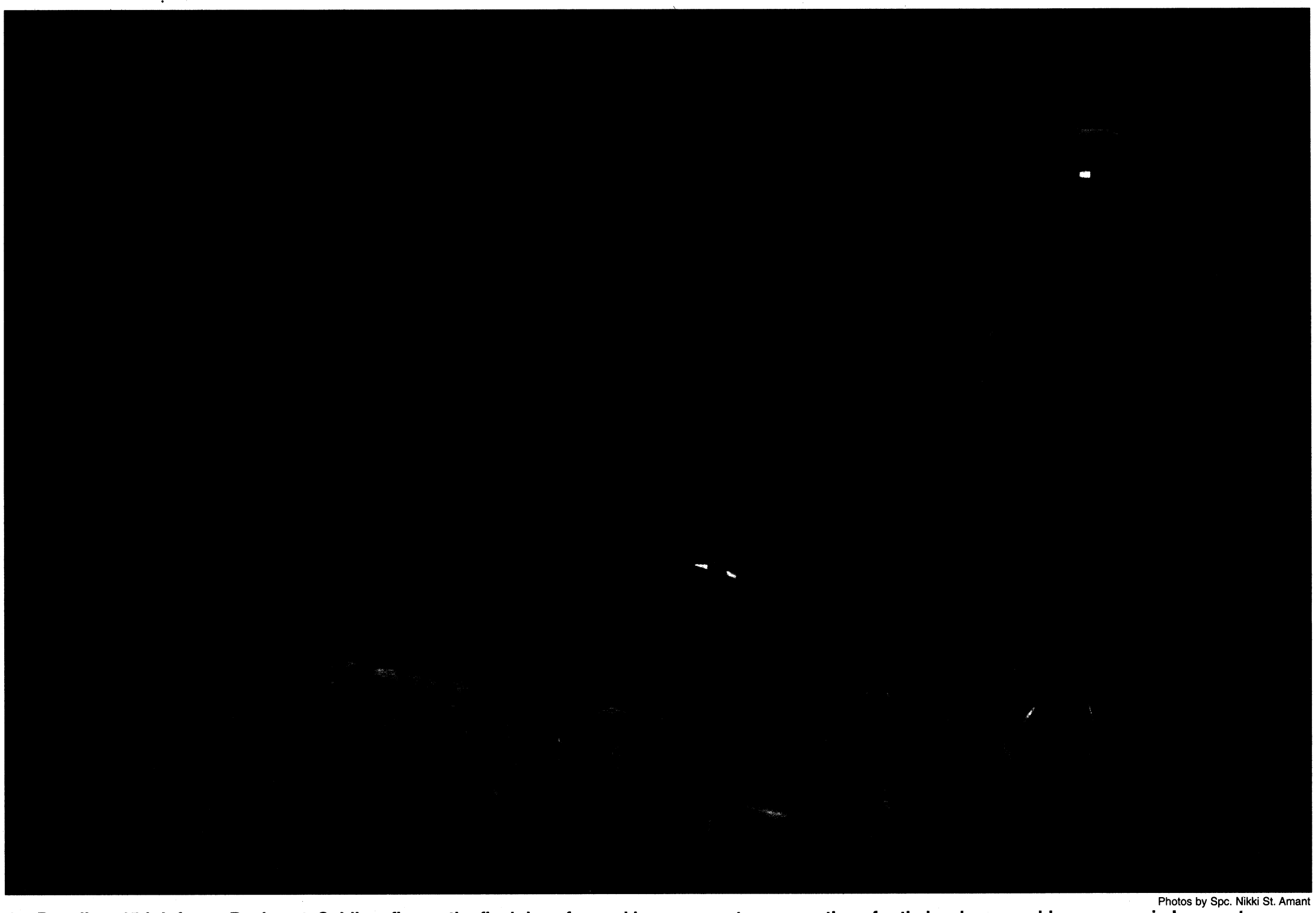
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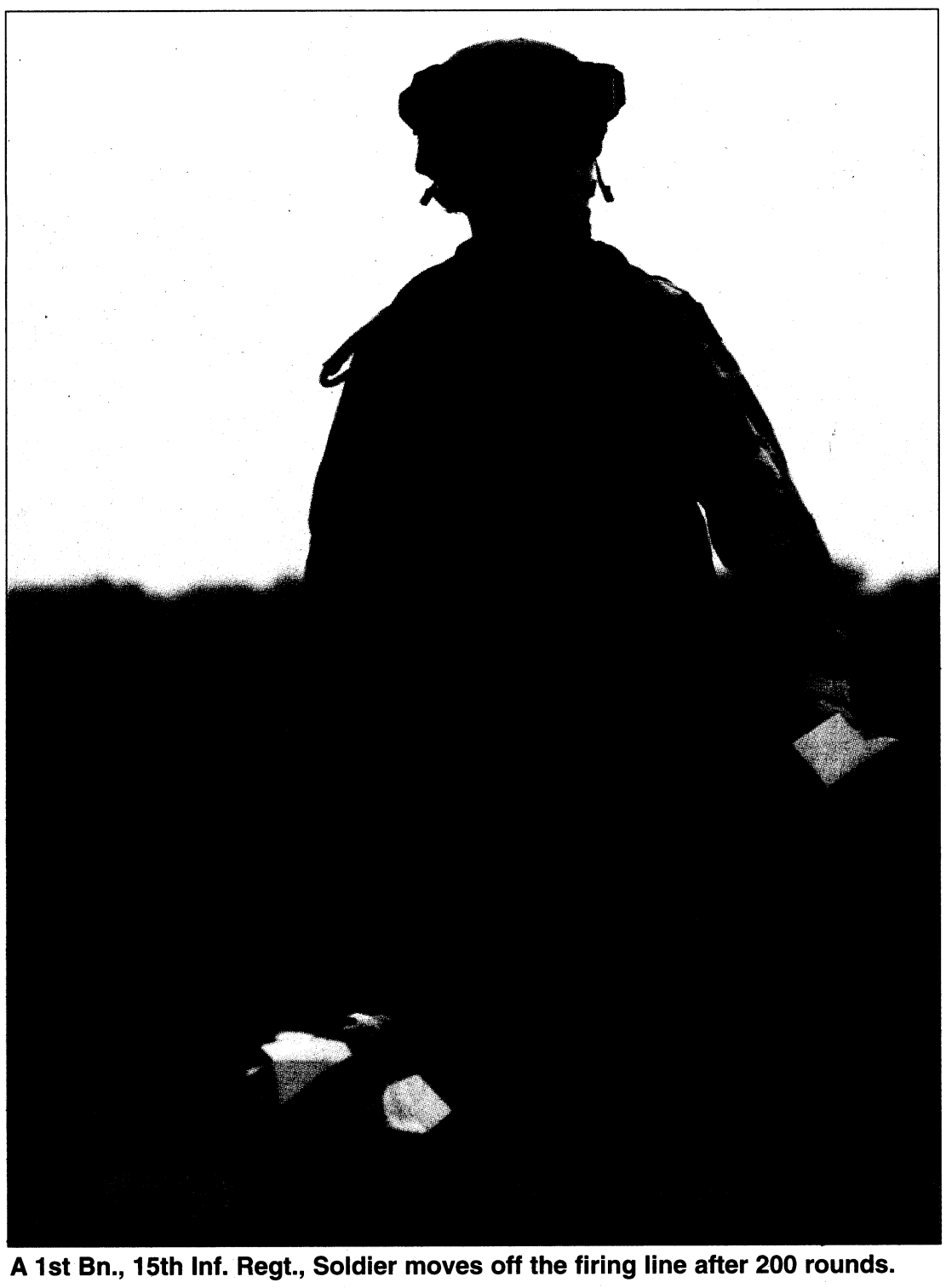
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1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, Soldiers fire on the final day of a weeklong course to prepare them for their role as machine gunners in Iraq next year.

Dragons get ready to breathe fire in Iraq



A 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt., Soldier moves off the firing line after 200 rounds.



A squad leader gives detailed suppressive fire directions to his SAW gunner during the machine gunner course. More than half the class will deploy for the first time early next year.

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, conducted a machine gunner course last week to prepare its Soldiers for an upcoming deployment to Iraq.

The class of 92 Soldiers was composed of mostly junior enlisted Soldiers, about half of whom have never deployed.

The course covered the use of the M-240 and M-249 squad automatic weapons.

"This is essential training," said Staff Sgt. Michael Byers, an instructor. "There are a lot of new gunners and a lot of guys not used to being in a unit of action."

Throughout the week, the students learned a variety of skills relating to their mission as machine gunners.

Familiarization with both weapon systems included classes in maintenance, loading, clearing and malfunction correction procedures.

Classes were also taught covering the role of the automatic weapon in a squad and on the battlefield. An important part of the classroom training was range card procedures, said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Bloom, a course instructor.

"A range card tells each person and squad what section they are responsible for," he said. "If it is set up correctly, when you move out, the platoon that moves in after you can effectively set up."

The students conducted crew and battle drills to reinforce their comfort level with the weapons and the tactics used to employ them before conducting several days of live-fire practice.

During the last day of training, Bloom said the class fired more than 70,000 7.62 mm rounds and 60,000 5.56 mm rounds.

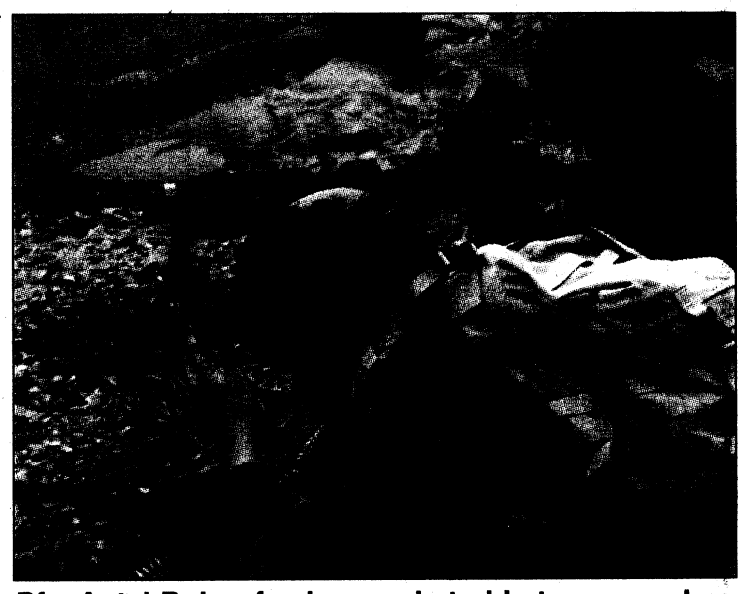
A six-mile road march in patrol gear accustomed the new machine gunners to carrying the weight of the heavier weapons. No one fell out.

"The purpose of the SAW is to provide small arms suppression on the battlefield," Bloom said.

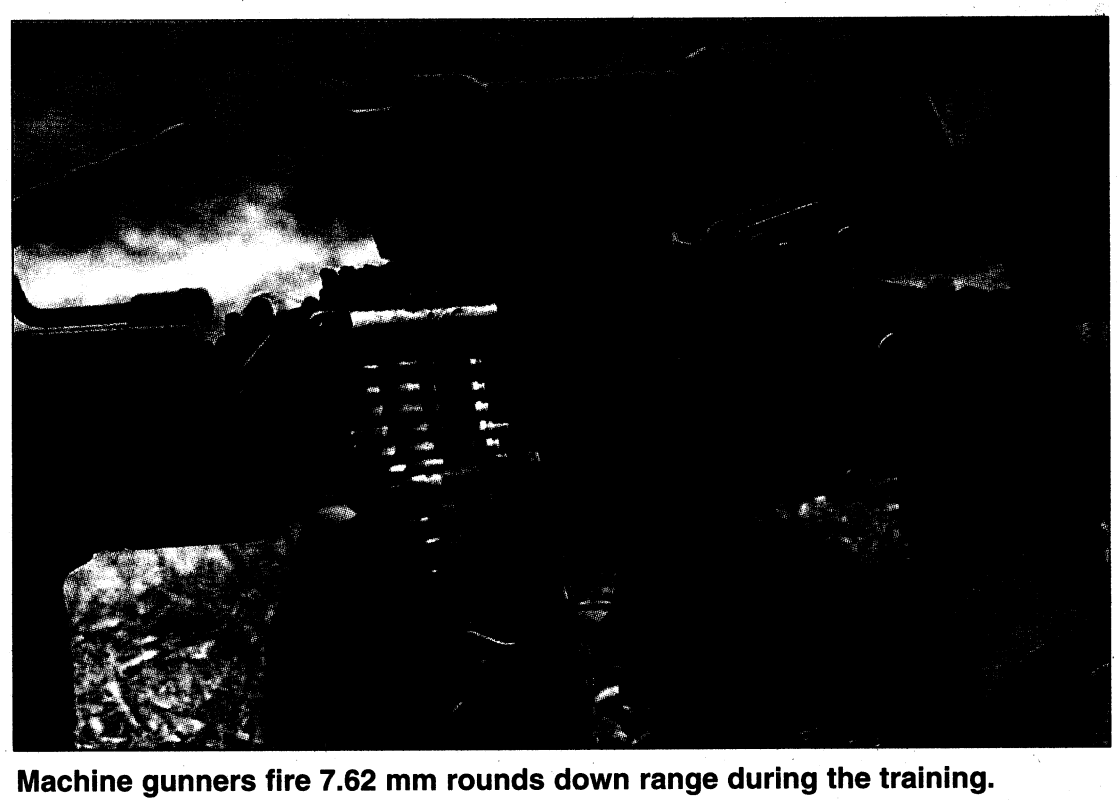
"I feel confident in their abilities to carry out that mission."

Pfc. David Grove deployed with the unit for the first rotation to Operation Iraqi Freedom and is gearing up for his second combat experience.

"The first time, I was brand new, right out of AIT," he said. "But after going to NTC, JRTC, training with the unit and courses like these, I feel strongly about my ability to handle different situations. It was a good course. I learned a lot."



Pfc. Antal Bokor feeds rounds to his team member, Pfc. Carlos Solis, as he fires down range.



Machine gunners fire 7.62 mm rounds down range during the training.

AAEF experiments new technology, gadgetry

Unmanned vehicles, gold mines of info

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

The Air Assault Expeditionary Force finished the second spiral in the Future Combat System experiments at McKenna Military Operations in Urban Terrain area Friday.

The purpose of the experiment was to take 17 cutting-edge technologies, developed and tested in a controlled environment and tested in hundreds of simulations, and observe how that technology would work on the battlefield, said Bob Kruger, project lead with Fort Benning's Soldier Battle Lab.

All of this is being developed to protect the lives of Soldiers in combat and increase their lethal affect on the enemy. A team of 210 people worked full time to plan and carry out the experiment, at a cost of $20.5 million.

The Soldier Battle Lab, in conjunction with other agencies, focused on developing new communication systems. The technology will enable commanders to develop intelligence before Soldiers ever reach an objective and evaluate the best possible course of action.

The equipment being developed includes unmanned aerial vehicles and satellite feed that will provide commanders and troops a birds-eye-view of the battlefield, and unmanned ground vehicles that gather information in potentially dangerous areas.

Communications between Soldiers and commanders would be improved by giving both access to a "system of databases," with an enormous amount of information, Kruger said. A commander could query the system to learn more about the battlefield situation, communicate objectives to Soldiers, and track every single troop on the ground. A Soldier could see photographic images of the layout of a mission objective before ever approaching it.

One of the unmanned ground vehicles, the prototype STTW, is a robotic tracked vehicle with a high powered camera can roll up to a building and detect movement through the walls. The robot can detect potential enemies hidden within buildings before a Soldier steps foot in the vicinity.

At this point, the technology is still in the early stages, Kruger said. The development team must figure out how to make the equipment impenetrable to moisture, dust, sand, bugs, wear and tear, and extreme heat or cold.

Right now the equipment has multiple antennas must be condensed down to one.

For the purposes of this experiment, much of the equipment was mounted on Strykers and humvees, but in the future it will be on robotic unmanned vehicles, in command stations, or compact and light enough for Soldiers to carry.

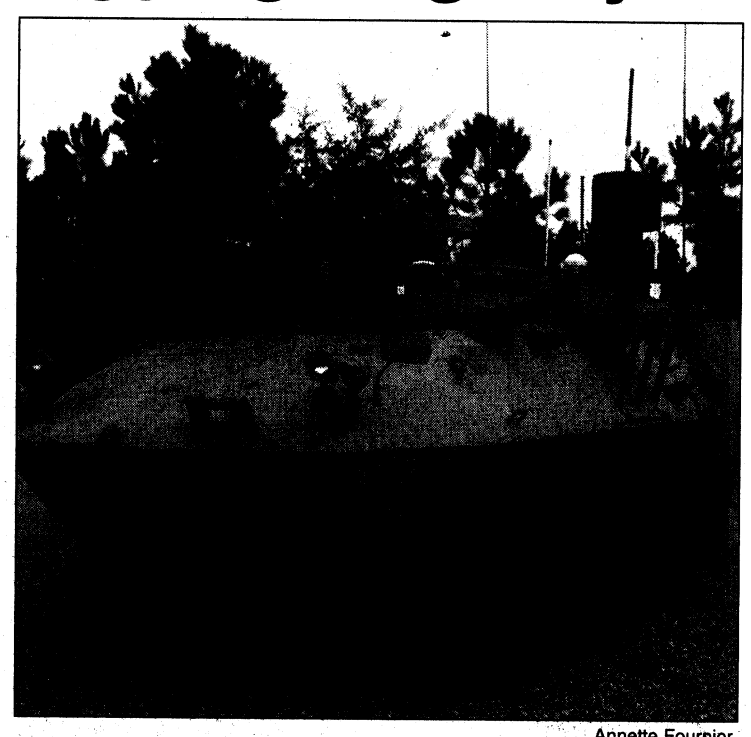
Soldiers from the EXFOR Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, participated in the 10 missions

"As a platoon leader, it gave me a better situational awareness of both mounted and dismounted troops," said 1st Lt. Dave Fischer of EXFOR Company. "I could shape how the objective would go, not let the enemy determine it. It increased the survivability of my men."

The goals and ideas behind the the project are promising, although the experimental technology was challenging to work with, Staff Sgt Christopher Merz said.

"Right now the equipment is really big, but that's because they're just prototypes. It was helpful to have near-real time information, and be able to narrow down the focus of an objective."

Insights from EXFOR Soldiers will be used to plan and improve the system for the next experiment, which will be split between Fort Benning and Fort Rucker, Ala., and is tentatively scheduled for next year.



Annette Fournier

A Stryker is used to test some cutting edge technology for the Air Assault Expeditionary Force Future Combat System experiments.

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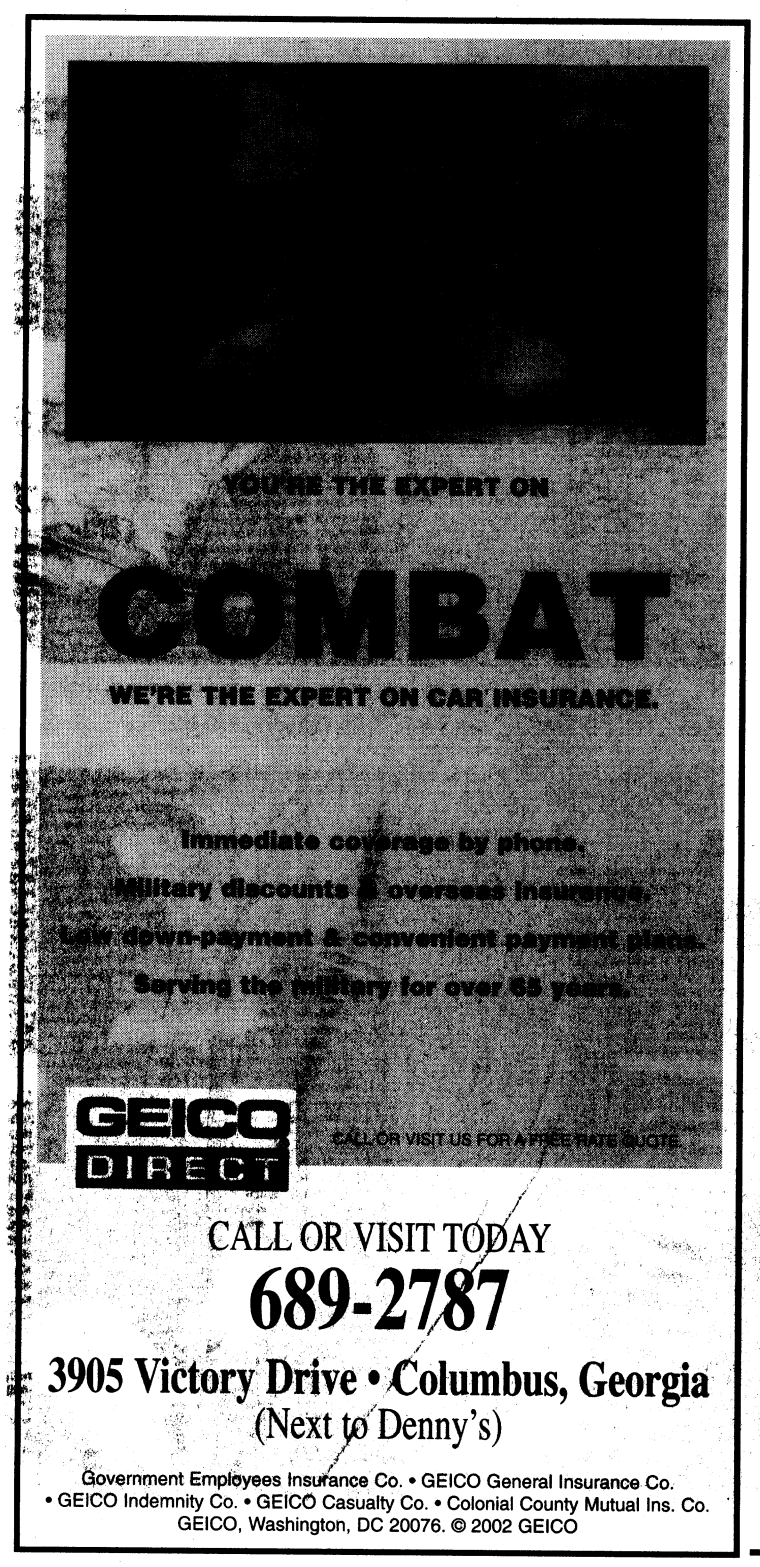
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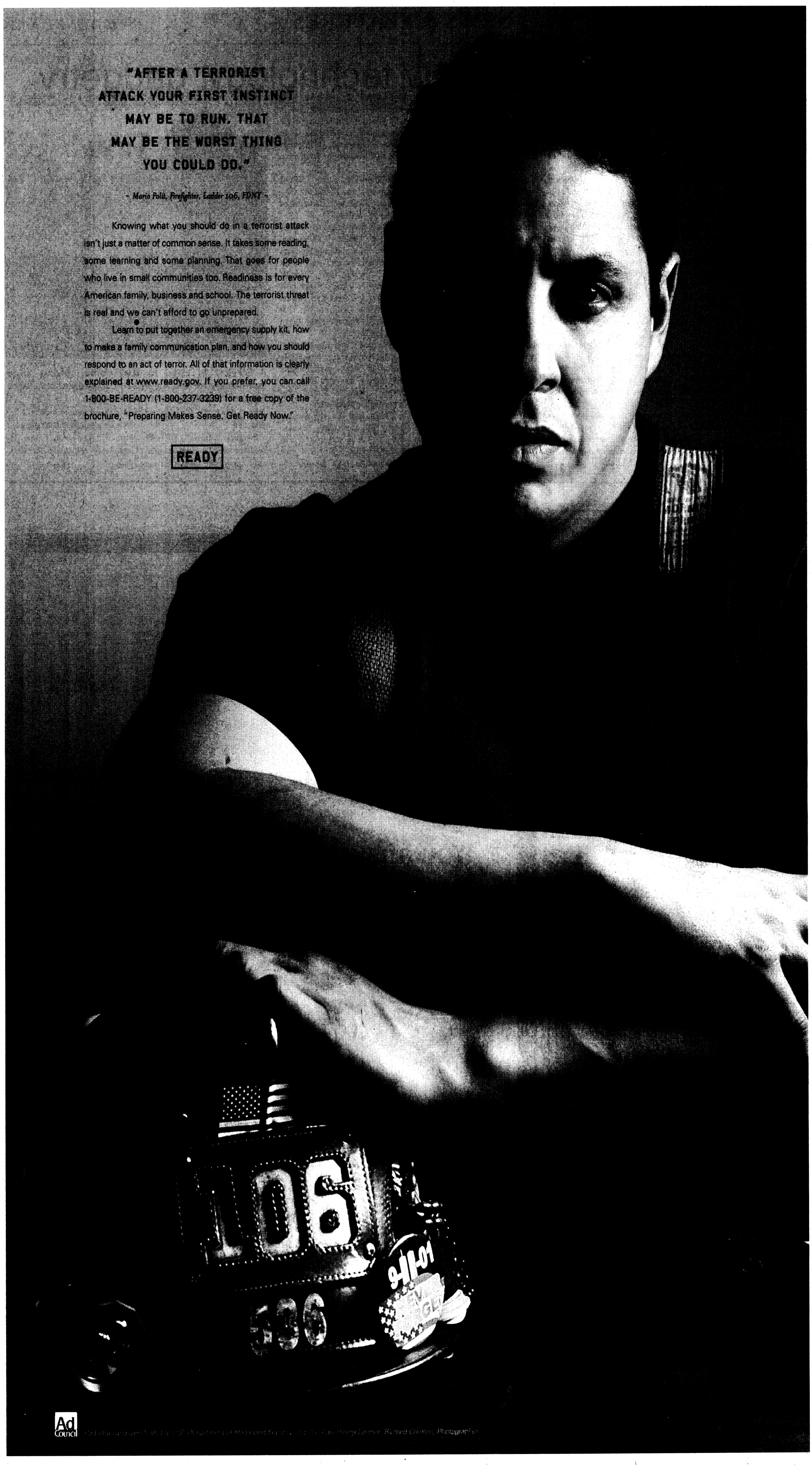
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SECTION B

Ground zero fireman joins Infantry

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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As the rain poured down on Pfc. Galen Lélusché's patrol cap Friday afternoon, he said he didn't mind. He isn't made of sugar, he's seen worst days than this and that's not a lie.

Lélusché was one of the firefighters called to help with rescue efforts for 9-11 at ground zero in New York City.

A firefighter and paramedic, Lélusché was a lieutenant in a Phoenix, Ariz., fire department and a member of a National Task Force Emergency Response Rescue Team.

"I was driving to work when I got the call," Lélusché said. "Nine hours later, I was in New York. We worked for 63 hours straight before we went home. I have never seen so much devastation in my life."

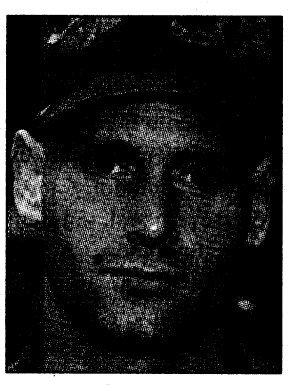
He never really thought about what had happened until after he got home.

"When I was there, I just went straight to work," he said. "I didn't let myself get caught up in it. In my job, you see so much that if you let it get to you, you'll fall apart and won't be able to do your job."

After eight years on the Emergency Task Force and working with the fire department, Lélusché finally had enough. He helped with the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and during various earthquakes in California. A father of two, he was getting burnt out.

"The worst part was having to go respond to calls where children were involved in the accidents," Lélusché said. "Being a father I hated seeing that stuff. I wanted a change in pace."

A patriotic man, Lélusché said he has always had the upmost respect for anyone in the military.


Lélusché

"The way I saw it, if you're wearing a uniform you're doing something good," he said.

It took Lélusché two years to convince his wife, Laura, to let him join the Army.

A couple months ago, at 34, Lélusché left his family and a job that paid more than $100,000 a year in Phoenix to be a part of 4th platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, and become an Infantryman.

"I'm not worried about the money," he said. "Money doesn't buy everything. I want to be part of a Special Forces team as a medic some time down the line, and I know that coming in as an Infantryman would better prepare me for it."

Staff Sgt. Tony Ingoldsby, Lélusché's platoon drill sergeant, knows a little about giving up a good paying job to serve his country. Ingoldsby is one of the many Reserve Soldiers who were activated in the summer to come to Fort Benning and train the plus up of the Infantry.

"What this Soldier is doing is a noble thing," Ingoldsby said. "The concept of him willingly giving up what he did to fight for us and our freedom says a lot."

Ingoldsby said Lélusché is a squared away Soldier.

"Being older and more mature, he's got experience behind him," Ingoldsby said. "He holds a leadership position in the platoon, and I know that if I need something done, all I have to do is go to him."

Lélusché graduates training Feb. 11 on Sand Hill's Kanell Field. After that he will head to Airborne School and then Fort Bragg, N.C.

He said he knows that he'll have to deploy but that doesn't bother him. He would like to go to Afghanistan when he does deploy.

"The mission there is as important as the one in Iraq and it doesn't get the same attention," he said.

Lélusché said there have been two things he's had a problem with during his training, one of them is missing his family.

"The other is rank. I have 34 years of calling everyone sir and ma'am against me. One of these days I'm going to get smoked for it.

EXFOR Soldier saves injured trucker's life

Getting lost puts Soldier in right place to help

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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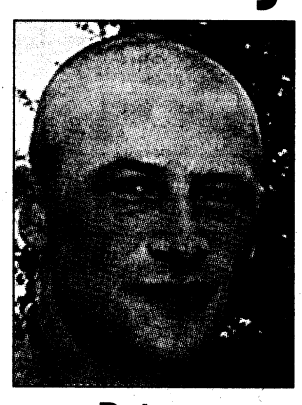
Never did Spc. Jonathan Dotson think that getting lost would possibly earn him a Soldiers Medal.

Dotson, a grenadier with the Expeditionary Force Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, was driving back to Fort Benning from Atlanta July 31 when he realized he was lost on Highway 16.

As he drove behind an 18-wheeler he noticed the semi was driving straight for a T-intersection without getting ready for the upcoming turn. At the last moment, the driver noticed he was driving straight into a field and tried to turn but it was too late and the semi flipped over onto it's side and continued to slide into a field.

Dotson immediately pulled over into the median and ran straight for the semi as he dialed 911. As he approached the semi, Dotson saw the fuel tank had busted and was spilling fuel everywhere.

"I could feel the fuel spraying my face when I got closer, but to be honest at that moment I didn't even think about it," Dotson said. "I just ran for the cabin to get the driver out."


Dotson

When he reached the door Dotson found the door jammed. He kicked in the window and climbed inside to find the driver still conscious but pinned to the seat by the steering wheel.

"I patted him down to see if he had any broken bones, that's when he told me he couldn't feel anything," Dotson said. "I patted different parts of his body and he kept telling me he couldn't feel anything. I just tried to keep him calm and asked him his name and to tell me about his family."

Dotson stayed in the cabin until the EMTs showed up and took over rescuing the driver. Dotson was treated at the spot for hand injuries he obtained while breaking into the cabin.

"I did the same thing anyone else would do," Dotson said. "I don't think anymore of myself for it."

His chain of command, on the other hand, thinks differently.

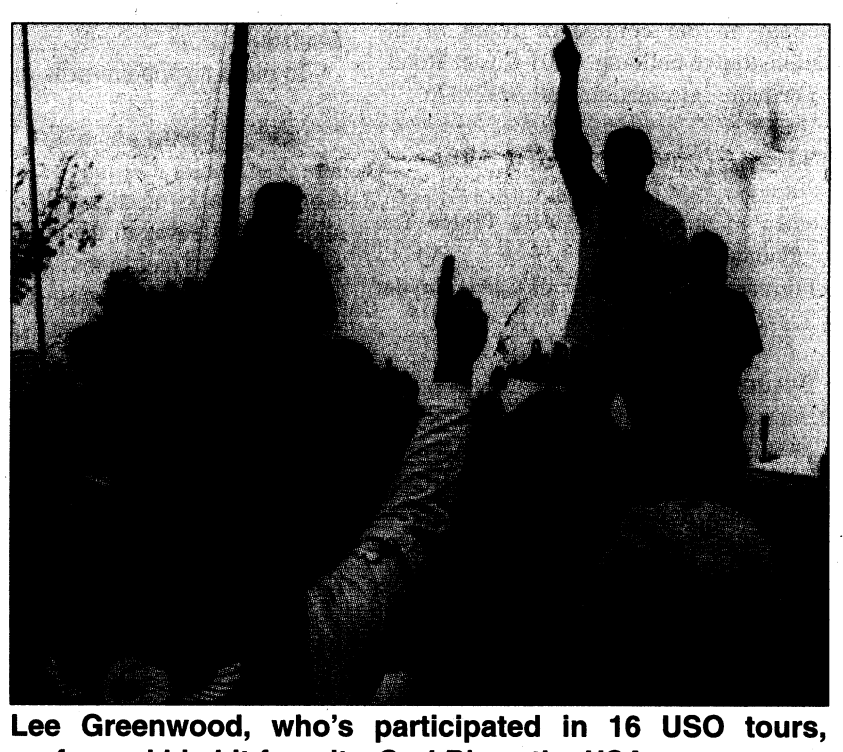
"He's an outstanding Soldier and our 'go to' guy," said Sgt. Kyle Sisco, Dotson's team leader.

"There's many awards we've wanted to put him in for but this gives us the chance to put him in for a Soldiers Medal."

"I don't think I deserve a Soldiers Medal," Dotson said. "Guys in Iraq and Afghanistan do greater thing and they don't get the recognition they deserve."

Currently an EXFOR Soldier, Dotson hopes to get orders to go to a unit he can deploy with soon. As an infantryman he said he wants the combat experience.


More than 5,000 Soldiers attended the rally. Here, basic trainees make free phone calls home, courtesy of Nextel. The Soldiers waited in line for hours to make calls, and individuals offered their cell phones to those waiting.


Lee Greenwood, who's participated in 16 USO tours, performed his hit favorite *God Bless the USA.*


Barry Bruch, a Vietnam veteran, joined the thousands who attended the rally, which was sponsored by Dr. Jack and Miriam Tidwell, local businesses and organizations.

Photos by Bridgett Siter

Rally: Draws thousands of Soldiers, civilians Saturday

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responsible for planning the motorcycle rally at the behest of Dr. Jack and Miriam Tidwell, who organized the God Bless Fort Benning event in response to ever increasing misinformation disseminated by SOA Watch.

"We're here staging our own rightful protest, if you will," Jack said during the opening ceremony shortly after noon. He recited *It is the Soldier*, and drew rousing applause from the crowd when he said, "It is the Soldier who gives us the freedom to protest."

The crowd, which began to trickle in before noon, paused from the dozens and dozens of free activities, including rides and games and military static displays, for the unveiling of a flag, 25 feet tall and 35 feet wide, created by area school children.

Fort Benning Scout troops presented the colors, and the mayor of Columbus, retired Col. Bob Poydasheff, addressed the crowd after greetings from Fort Benning's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, and the mayor pro tem of Phenix City, Ray Bush.

Poydasheff made no pretense of political correctness when he chided SOA Watch as a propaganda machine "dishonest and uniformed ... with absolutely no interest in the facts."

But, he said, U.S. troops defend the rights of those protesters to express their views, and "that's the beauty of America."

More than 5,000 Soldiers attended Saturday's event, which included a concert by Lee Greenwood, best known for his anthem *God Bless the USA*, a clinic by the Harlem Globetrotters and the opening game of the Columbus Riverdragons basketball season.

Fourteen thousands meals were served to Soldiers and their families, and basic trainees were allowed to make a free phone call home, courtesy of Nextel.

Individuals also offered their personal cell phones to the hundreds of basic trainees who waited in line for hours to make a call.

All in all, Jacques said, the turnout and the generally festive atmosphere of the rally "sent a resounding message" to the community and the thousands of protesters visiting this weekend.

"We won't mix their negativity with our positivity," said Jacques, whose brother is a Soldier.

"In this case, might makes right."

Greenwood echoed that message when he took the stage wearing a Fort Benning T-shirt and shouted, "Peace through strength."

"It breaks my heart when I hear people saying we shouldn't be at war in the Middle East," said the Grammy Award-winning country singer, who has entertained U.S. troops in 16 USO tours.

"I say, if we fight it there, we won't have to fight it here. A free Afghanistan and Iraq is one less place terrorists can hide."

Awareness important in protection of prostate health

Danielle Wong
MCG Health System

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Prostate cancer. The very words send a chill through most men. Yet too few really understand the disease and what can be done to diagnose, prevent and treat it.

"Prostate cancer begins in the cells of the prostate gland and can spread to other parts of the body, including the bladder, rectum and bone," said Dr. James Brown, a urologic oncologist at MCG Health System.

Some of the leading risk factors for prostate cancer include:

• Age. The risk of prostate cancer increases with age.

• Diet. Some studies have found that a diet high in animal fat may increase a man's risk for developing prostate cancer, while a diet high in fruits and vegetables may decrease the risk.

• Heredity. If a man's father or an older sibling has had prostate cancer, he is at increased risk. Also, Black men are at increased risk.

There is no clear cause for prostate cancer. However, experts believe that you can reduce your risk for many types of cancer by:

• Not smoking

• Eating a low-fat, high-fiber diet

• Getting plenty of exercise

Prostate cancer may initially present with no symptoms. In fact, by the time symptoms occur, the cancer is often advanced. This is why an annual digital rectal exam and a prostate specific antigen test are recommended for men 50 and older to check for signs of prostate cancer.

Black men and those with a family history of prostate cancer are recommended to begin prostate cancer checks at age 40.

Thanks to advances in treatment techniques, a cure is possible for a large percentage of men with the disease.

Treatments include:

• Prostate removal, via traditional or laparoscopic methods,

• Radiation therapy,

• Chemotherapy,

• Investigational therapies such as cryotherapy,

• Hormone therapy.

Remember, awareness of the risk factors and the importance of annual checkups can help decrease the risk of developing prostate cancer.

BIRTHS

Boys

Christian Lee Tyler — born Nov. 4 to Spc. Jessica and Pfc. Mark Tyler.

Jonathan Alexander DeBenedetto — born Nov. 5 to Hillary and Spc. Alexander DeBenedetto.

Calix Curtis Carpenter — born Nov. 7 to Amber and Sgt. 1st Class Chad Carpenter.

Xavier Logan Harris — born Nov. 7 to Felicia and Pvt. Dainsworth Harris.

Scott Matthew LaVelle II — born Nov. 10 to Valarie and Sgt. Scott LaVelle.

Girls

Tenia Arie Wright — born Nov. 4 to Staff Sgt. Valarie and Sgt. 1st Class Alton Wright.

Rinnah Jolie Z. Tolentino — born Nov. 5 to Spcs. Josette and Marlon Tolentino.

Hailey Natasha KayLynn Armendariz — born Nov. 6 to Lucinda and Spc. David Armendariz.

Gabrielle Kaylynn Hooks — born Nov. 7 to Catherine and retired Master Sgt. George Hooks.

Camille Harrington — born Nov. 10 to Emily and Capt. Mark Harrington.

Nishelle Juanita Griffin — born Nov. 11 to Pfc. Rajsheda Griffin.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Refuse, recycle pick-ups — Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Friday will be picked up Monday. There will be no yard waste pick-up Monday. All other pick-ups will not change.

For more information, call 545-4749.

School board meeting — The next Fort Benning School Board will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the administrative building, 7201 Custer Road.

For more information, call 545-7276.

2005 Women's Conference — Volunteers are needed for the 2005 Women's Conference, "Bloom Where You are Planted."

For more information, call Carrie Snyder at 221-1489.

Scrapbooking class — Sayers Memorial Library will host a scrapbooking class at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Learn how to turn your pictures into creative memory books. Basic supplies will be available, but bring your own pictures.

To reserve your spot for this free class, call 545-4911.

Christmas tree, menorah lighting — The Fort Benning Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Field of Four Chaplains, next to the Infantry Center Chapel. Enjoy holiday music by the Infantry Center Band.

This event is free and open to the public.

Holiday Ornament Workshop — Sayers Memorial Library will conduct a Holiday Ornament Workshop for preschool kids at 11 a.m. Dec. 7. School-age kids will have a workshop at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8. This event is free.

For more information, call 545-4911.

USAIC Holiday Concert — The U.S. Army Infantry Center Holiday Concert will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Bill Heard Theatre in the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts.

This event is free to the public.

For more information, call 545-4583.

Tower Lighting Ceremony — The Tower Lighting Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 on Main Post at the Airborne 5000 bleachers on Burr Street.

Flu vaccine update — Because of the national flu vaccine shortage, Martin Army Community Hospital has not been able to provide vaccinations to all beneficiaries. All military installations have been ordered to vaccinate only deploying Soldiers.

Pregnant spouses support group — The Family Practice Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital is forming a support group for pregnant spouses of deployed Soldiers.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Family Practice Connelly Conference Room. Space is limited to 15 patients.

To sign up, call 545-2273 and select Family Practice Clinic.

Evening, pediatric clinics resume — Family Practice and Pediatrics Evening clinics will resume Monday. Acute and well-baby appointments resume from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the clinic mall area at Martin Army Community Hospital. Saturday clinic appointments are available.

To make an appointment, call 545-2273.

Leaf pick-up — Shaw will pick up leaves in family housing weekly beginning the last week of November. Residents should rake leaves to the curbside, not into the street. Tree limbs should be in a separate pile. The refuse contractor will remove bagged leaves and small piles of limbs on trash pick up days.

The schedule is as follows:

• Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow avenues

• Tuesday: McDonald Manor

• Wednesday: Austin and Miller loops, Eames and Bently avenues, general officer's quarters

• Thursday: Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Regan Courts, Indianhead Terrace

• Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street.

The letter allows for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests. This affects occupants of Iron Triangle, the "white elephants," Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDonald Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call 545-4326.

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Spoke'n Word Ministry — The First Presbyterian Church will collect and repair used bikes for children throughout the community at 6 p.m. Dec. 2, 7, 9 and 16. Volunteers are needed to collect and distribute bikes, manage the volunteers and work on publicity.

To donate bicycles, call 322-4523.

Pancake breakfast — Easter Seals will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at 2515 Double Churches Road. Tickets are $3.50. Children 5 and younger are $1.50.

For more information, call 660-1144.

Home 4 the Holidays — Iams Company is sponsoring Home 4 the Holidays, a pet adoption drive, through Jan. 2. Shelters in the area include the Muscogee County Humane Society, 7133 Sacerdote Lane, in Columbus, and Morning Star Animal Shelter in Hamilton.

For more information, call (800) 566-5038 or visit home4theholidays.com or iams.com.

CVCC certification programs — Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Fort Benning, starts 100 (four to six months) certification programs in late January in the following skills: EKG, Cardiovascular tech, medical billing plus coding, pharmacy tech and more.

For more information, call 687-3420 or e-mail clovec.quick@us.army.mil or quickcloviec@msn.com.

New ID cards for veterans — The Department of Veterans Affairs designed a new identity card for veterans that will protect confidential information. Request the new card at your local medical center. Processing will take five to seven days once eligibility is verified.

Mission needs food — The Valley Rescue Mission's food pantry has reached its lowest point and needs assistance to serve hundreds of hungry people in the Chattahoochee Valley area. Groups planning community service projects are asked to consider a food collection drive.

For more information, call Rhonda Mobley at 322-8267.

Adult Re-Entry Program — The Adult Re-Entry at Columbus State University will start Jan. 11, with classes from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 3.

Adults who complete this program will receive one credit after they are admitted to CSU. For more information, call Linda Hurst at 565-7846.

Theology-on-Tap program — St. Anne Catholic Church offers Theology-on-Tap, a program geared toward 18- to 35-year-old Catholics who want to discuss and learn more about their faith.

It is on the third Wednesday of each month at Longhorn Steakhouse on Macon An informal "happy hour" is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by a presentation and discussion of Catholic topics and issues.

For information, call Father Mike Ingram at 561-8678.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

■ **Monday:** pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, milk

■ **Tuesday:** chicken nuggets, creamy potatoes, mixed veggies, garlic toast, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** hamburger, oven fries, mixed veggies, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** barbecue pork sandwich, seasoned corn, cole slaw, fruit, milk

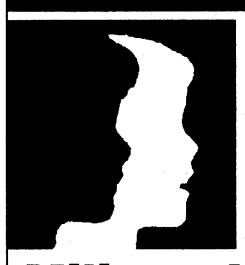
■ **Friday:** corn dog, potato rounds, peas and carrots, fruit, milk, glazed peanut butter cake

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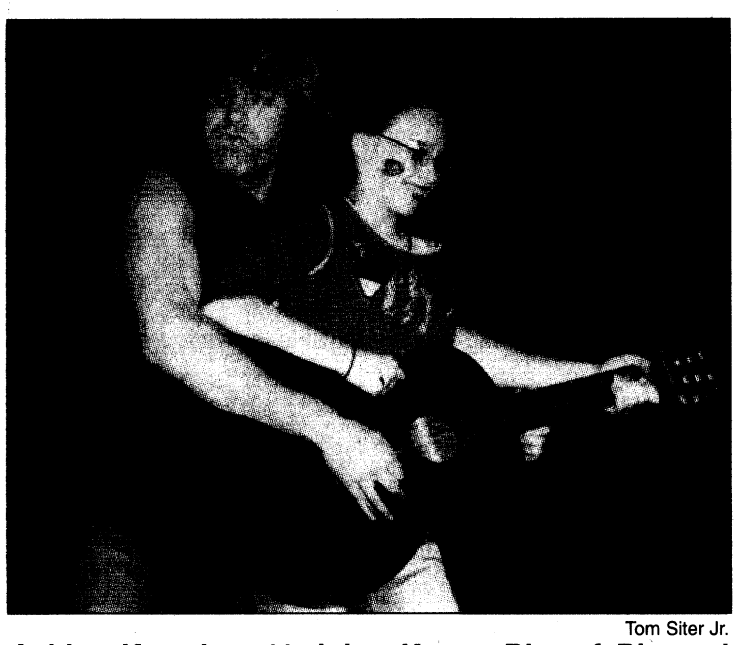
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Tom Siter Jr.

Ashley Knowles, 11, joins Kenny Big, of Big and Rich, on stage Friday night at the Civic Center.

Big and Rich honor troops at concert

Benning Soldiers up stage with Gretchen Wilson

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

The Redneck Woman, Gretchen Wilson, and her friends Big and Rich were a no-show Friday at Fort Benning, where Soldiers waited in the rain for nearly three hours.

They hoped to make amends by offering free passes to their 8 p.m. show at the Civic Center, and those who took them up on it were ready to let bygones be bygones by the end of the night.

"That was the best concert ever, I mean ever, hands down," said one Soldier, who gathered on stage with a handful of other Soldiers and their families for the final number of the evening. The "unplugged" session with Wilson, Big and Rich, their Muzik Mafia friends and on occasion, any Soldier's child who wandered close enough to a microphone to contribute was a definite hit with the crowd.

Wilson, the evening's headliner, wowed the audience with her personal favorite, a happy-ending cheating song called *When I Think About Cheating*, and then paid homage to Loretta Lynn (who was redneck proud long before the term needed defending), with *You Ain't Woman Enough (To Take My Man)*.

Sandwiched between the Muzik Mafia and Wilson, Kenny Big and John Rich carried the evening with a mixed bag of rock-heavy country and a little Sunday preaching.

The irreverent reverend Big, the duo's showman (or shaman?), encouraged his audience to "greet your neighbor" with a handshake, and ever so often, he did a little spin number with his guitar, revealing a "Love Everybody" message on the backside.

"We want you to know there are people who care," he told the Fort Benning families.

"And we want to thank you out of respect for all you do."

Gobble gobble



Bridgett Siter

Savalas Patterson, a first-grade student in Miriam Aiken's class at Stowers Elementary, enjoys a Thanksgiving meal Friday. Fort Benning schools hosted the meal for students and parents.

Delta gets slice of PIE from school

Capt. Brett Brown
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

"Half-right, face!" — words we all dread to hear, knowing the pain that is sure to follow.

However, at Saint Mary's Magnet School, students perform the facing movement with giggles and smiles. They love doing the same things as their heroes — U.S. Army Soldiers.

Drill sergeants and cadre from the Infantry Training Brigade have spent time with local school children through Partners in Education.

The goal is to mentor the kids through reading, playing sports and introducing them to the seven Army Values. The experience has been rewarding for everyone involved.

"The children can't wait to see you guys!" said Debbie McMillan, a third-grade teacher at Saint Mary's.

D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, was assigned the entire third grade at Saint Mary's Magnet School. Each month, as training dictates, the company gathers NCOs and officers to make the trip to the school. Kickball, simple drill and ceremony, and cadence calling are some of the favorite children's favorite activities.

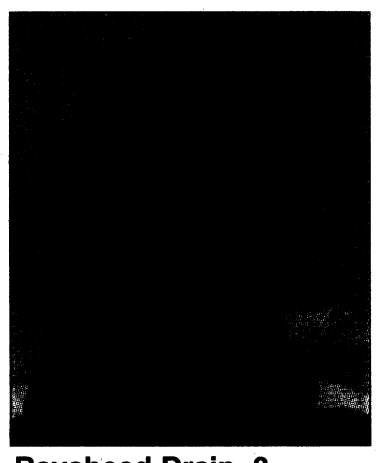
Every visit is tied into an Army value — November's value is integrity. October's value was respect, which was demonstrated by listening to the teacher, and treating other students as you want to be treated.

D Company is considering an award system to reward students who best display the Army values. Students like the "Citizen of the Month" and "Listener of the Week" could receive a badge or ribbon to symbolize their achievement.

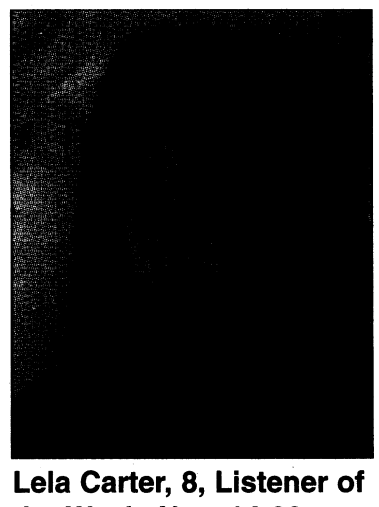
"Who remembers what integrity is?" asked Staff Sgt. Dave Davis, at the end of another hour of PIE.

"We don't lie, cheat or steal!" the children yelled, standing rigidly at the position of attention with smiles on their faces.

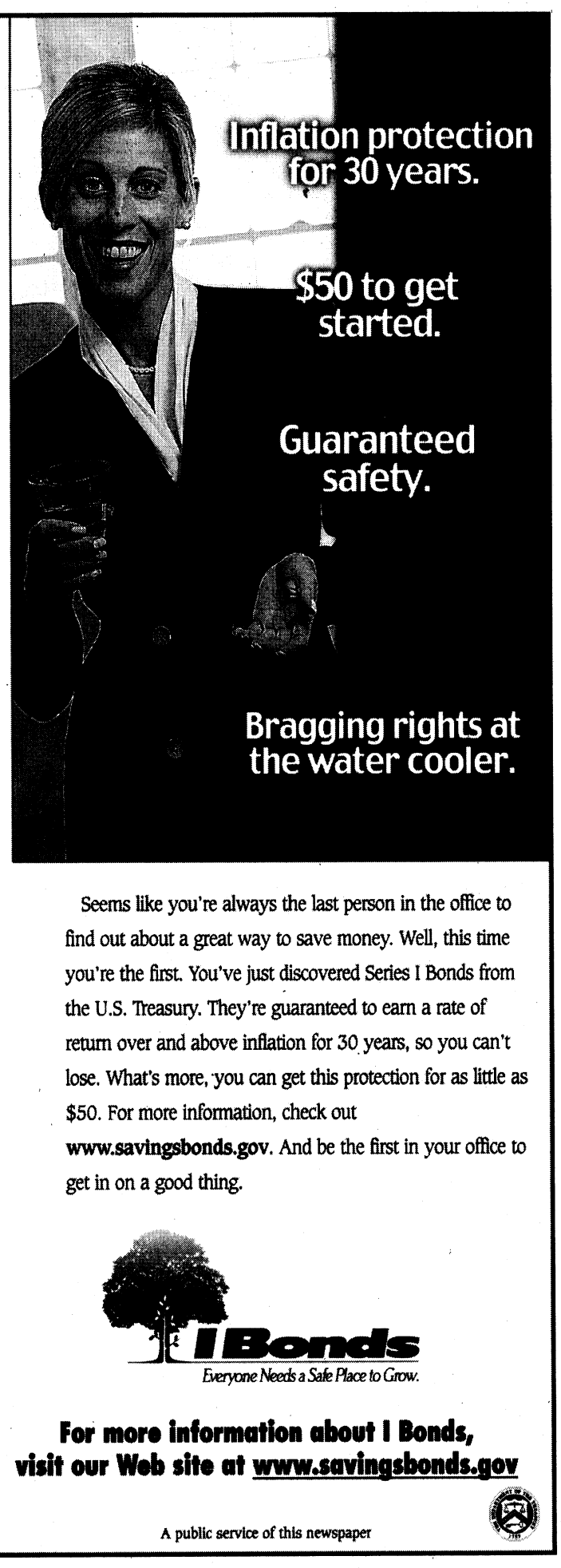
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Raysheed Drain, 8, Citizen of the Month



Lela Carter, 8, Listener of the Week, Nov. 14-20

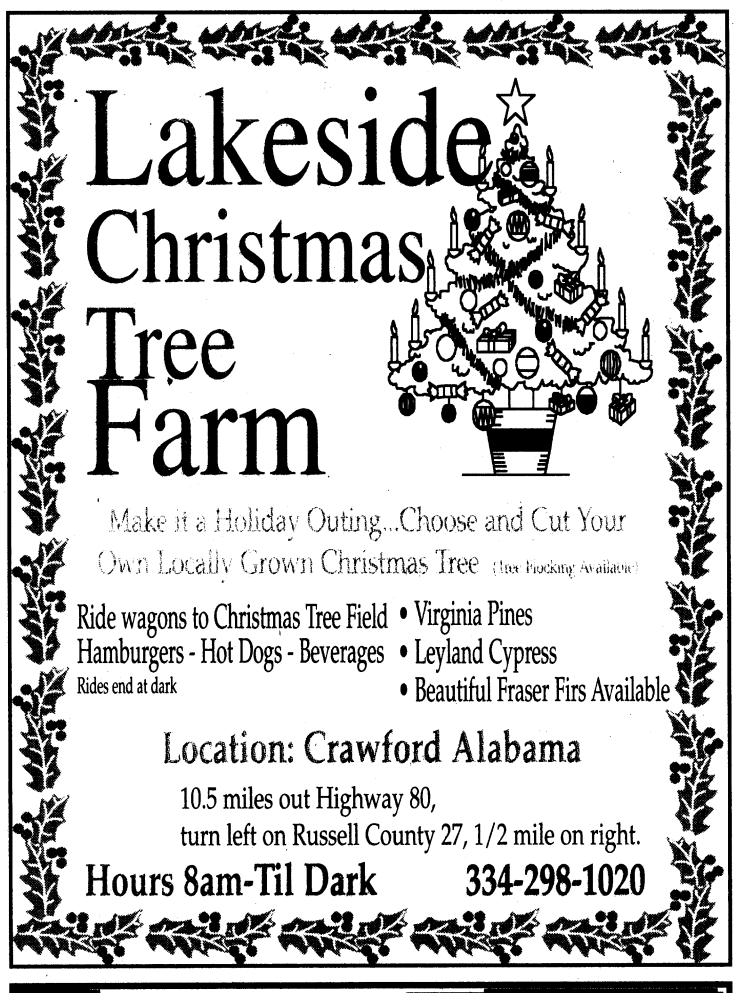


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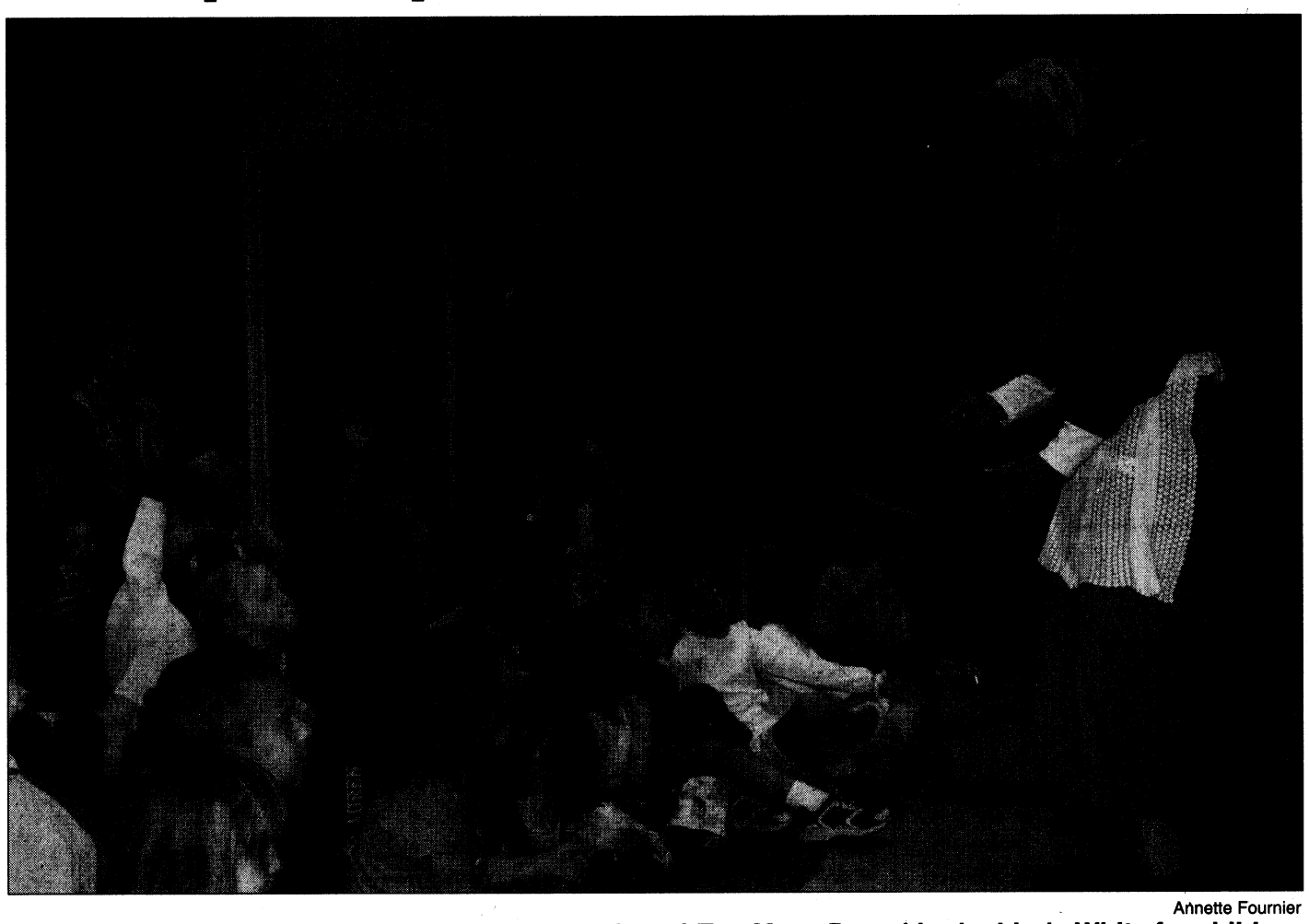
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Pumpkin performance



Annette Fournier

Peggy Cornwell performs a dramatic interpretation of *Too Many Pumpkins* by Linda White for children from Wilson Elementary School's kindergarten and preK classes Friday. Cornwell acted the role of Rebecca Estelle, a woman who finds a creative way to make friends and get rid of hundreds of pumpkins growing in her garden.

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PREPARING CHILDREN FOR DEPLOYMENT

Conference offers tips

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Senior leader spouses from 3rd Brigade gathered for a conference, Nov. 16 through Thursday, to discuss topics affecting their families. Nov. 17 was dedicated to family relationships and preparing children for deployment.

Boyce Fields, a licensed clinical social worker and retired Army officer, presented a class on children and deployments to kick off the day.

Fields said the Army first recognized a Soldier's job performance was directly related to the health of his or her family — physical, emotional and even spiritual health — and conducted a study in 1983. Within two years, he said, the Army began spending money on programs for families.

Fields was invited to speak at the conference by Kimberly Coe, who had been reading articles about children and deployment and thought it would make a good class for the spouses. Staff with the Army Community Service office put her in touch with Fields, who works at the Troop Medical Clinic at Kelley Hill.

"I was just reading for myself," Coe said, "because my husband hasn't been deployed for this kind of conflict since we've had kids."

Field's presentation included information about the different variables affecting children during deployments.

"Everything affects them," he said. "Their age and stage of development, sex, emotional make-up, length of the parent's absence and the family relationships prior to the deployment all play a role."

He said parents should be aware their children can, indeed, be under stress while a parent is deployed. Children who become depressed will act differently from an adult who is depressed.

"Your child is watching you and how you respond to stress," Fields said, "and they will take their cues from you."

A spouse's ability to adjust to their Soldier's absence and expand their role at home, he said, affects how the children will cope.

He presented some of the stress-related behavior patterns parents might see with their children that should "raise a red flag."

Infants and toddlers may experience sleep and appetite changes along with increased tantrums; pre-schoolers may become irritable, whiny, distracted or begin blaming themselves for their parent's absence; school-age children may exhibit open suffering, difficulties at school, and guilt and worry; and adolescents may show open hostility, mood swings and act out.

Fields shared strategies deploying Soldiers could use to prepare their children for their absence — involving them in packing, talking openly and honestly with them and spending quality time alone with each child.

Positive physical contact, he said, was something the Soldiers shouldn't overlook.

"Boys need hugs and kisses, too," he said. "And keep the connection with your Soldier by sharing letters, tapes and photos."

Journals, he said, may be an excellent tool to help children clarify their feelings.

Fields said the at-home parent should try to cope with the Soldier's absence by maintaining routines and giving children responsibilities. Setting limits, giving clear directions and learning to say "no" will help the parent deal with the discipline issues that will inevitably arise during the deployment.

Coe said she was pleased with the information Fields presented and thought it was a great start to hopefully continuing dialogue between Fields and the brigade's spouses.

"I'm interested in having a healthy mindset," she said. "My boys are 4, 3 and 1. A year is a long time."

Fields and his colleague, Bill Sweeny, also a licensed clinical social worker, are available to the spouses and children for counseling through the care management program. Coe wants word to get out about their confidential counseling services, so spouses having difficulties don't feel as if they have to find help off-post to maintain anonymity.

In the afternoon session, Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins, family life chaplain, and the 3rd Brigade chaplain, Chaplain (Maj.) Harry Rauch talked the spouses through classes on parents as leaders and healthy families, giving them what they called "survival skills" for military families.

"What I've discovered," Hawkins said, "is that successful military families can communicate to their child that they are unique and valued and they belong in the family."

Hawkins said ideally, the strongest families look to each other and to God for support and have learned to speak, listen and cooperate with each other. The quality time the families have, he said, is always a product of the quantity of time they spend together, but sometimes the best "teachable" moments parents have with their children aren't even planned.

The healthy families, he said, have adults in charge and leave room for family members to be close or apart. Planning for change, he said, is especially important for military families.

"Give your children the gift of encouragement," Hawkins said. "That will take them a long way in meeting the challenges of life as a military family."

CLOSER LOOK

Strategies Soldiers can use to prepare their children for deployments:

- Talk openly and honestly about the separation
- Prepare children for their absence during special times, like holidays and birthdays.
- Spend quality time with each child alone and together as a family
- Provide positive physical contact — both boys and girls need hugs and kisses
- Set the stage for positive school experiences
- Instill pride in the Soldier's job in their children

Coping strategies during the separation include:

- Be honest, share feelings
- Maintain routines as much as possible
- Give children responsibilities
- Have realistic expectations

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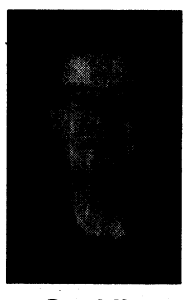
Stop and say thank you to God on Thanksgiving

Chaplain (Col.) Joel W. Cocklin
USAIC Chaplains Office

REFLECTIONS

Isn't it strange that, despite the tremendous achievements of modern civilization, we are more worried about our lives than ever before? Medically, we have more knowledge and technology than ever, which allows us to live healthier and longer lives. Or take security devices such as smoke detectors, food inspections, catastrophic insurance, airport safety and checking account overdraft protection all of these things are designed to allow us to live worry-free lives.

Yet, the 20th century has been dubbed the "age of anxiety" because people in the Western Hemisphere, including you and me, tend to worry about our present and future lives more than ever. Perhaps that's why


Cocklin

Bobby McFerrin's song, *Don't Worry, Be Happy,* was such a big hit. Remember the song? I figure it must have been the words. Certainly couldn't have been the music that made it successful. People just realize that they need some remedy, some way to deal with their worries.

But does this message really bring a remedy? "Don't worry — be happy." That sounds easy, but how exactly do we do that? Try using that on the fellow who just fell out of the window of the 87th story of the Empire State Building: "Hey, don't worry, be happyyyyyy... " It seems to me that our worries need to be addressed at a deeper level.

A Day of National Thanksgiving was set aside in the first year of the presidency of George Washington in 1789 to remember all the blessings God had poured down upon our nation and its citizens. Just as our Pilgrim ancestors more than 100 years before that presidential proclamation, we too recognize we are only where we are because of God's goodness. So we express our thanks to God for providing us, for caring for us, for getting us through hard times. We need this remembrance as a nation. But how many of us really want to give thanks individually when we are worried about marital problems, difficulties at work, death of a loved one, health issues, challenges of raising children or deployment separation?

Thanksgiving begs us to give thanks to a loving and caring God. And we believe that it is the right thing to do on a Day of Thanksgiving. The amazing phenomenon is that even in the midst of a storm, our worries subside when we stop to say "thank you" to God. Perhaps this is because we may remember how God has helped us in times past or it may be that thanking God allows us to focus beyond ourselves and to see the bigger picture of what is going on around us.

This is one of the teaching points Jesus had in mind when one day he saw a couple of birds in a nearby tree. Jesus says, don't worry. Nothing has ever been gained by worrying. Instead, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" He wanted us to say to ourselves, "Yes, if God takes such good care of a bird, he will certainly take better care of me."

Our focus can be so narrowly limited to our own circumstances that we truly believe we have nothing for which to be thankful. Thankfulness is an attitude formulated in the mind and only has a chance of surviving when we force ourselves to get beyond ourselves to see the bigger picture.

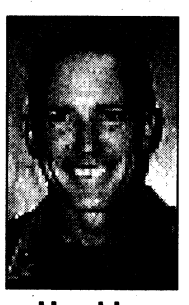
There are always those better off than us and those who are worse off than us — we are somewhere in the middle. And God loves all of us the same and extends his love and mercy unconditionally. May our state of mind be one of thanksgiving, not only on this fourth Thursday in November, but each day of the year. Truly the attitude of gratitude is in our control, for it is a state of mind!

What's your list of thanksgiving look like this year?

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

It's a great month to be in the military, isn't it? Just about the time that you recover from the benefits of a Veterans Day four-day weekend you run smack into another four-day holiday with Thanksgiving. So for all the overtime you never got paid, all the birthdays and anniversaries you missed, all the late nights and early mornings you endured, and for many of you, all the bullets you've dodged ... kick back if you can, and enjoy a well-deserved round of football, food and fun. And should you choose to do what the Pilgrims did 400 years ago, so much the better!

You realize that the Pilgrims were ahead of their time, don't you? When they paused to give thanks in the midst of some perilous times, there were no Ph.D.'s in their midst. There were no mental health counselors. Dr. Phil hadn't even been syndicated yet. But somehow they knew that to stop and give thanks to their creator, and to stop and celebrate divine blessings with friends, were the most important things they could do on that first Thanksgiving Day.


Hawkins

Our history lesson is clear: "Tough times don't last, but tough people do ... when they turn to God and count their blessings."

This Thanksgiving Day, what will your prayers of thanksgiving be? What blessings will you choose to count? Where will you exercise the power of optimism in your life? Each year, I recount what I'm most thankful for in life, and the list tends to look the same. It's not because I'm boring — I like to think that I enjoy a good bit of variety in my life.

The list looks the same because I'm most appreciative of things that are timeless, unchanging and enduringly important! This is my list:

First of all I'm thankful for my freedom. There is no substitute for being in the Army, traveling the world, seeing the good, the bad and the ugly and then coming home to realize, truly, "there is no place like home."

Freedom is never free, and I'm grateful for all giving some, and some giving all, to make this the land of the free and the home oF the brave.

Second, I'm thankful for my family. There is no greater joy than slipping into my children's bedroom at night, their eyes closed, chest rising and falling silently with each breath, knowing that they have everything they truly need: love, laughter, food and a roof. To be married to my best friend, to have healthy children, to have the means to support them, I know what the writer of the country song meant when he sang, "And the view I like the best ... is from my front porch looking in ..."

Last, I'm thankful for my faith. Freedom is wonderful. Family is priceless. But faith lasts forever.

That's what I'm thankful for: freedom, family and faith ... how about you, "pilgrim?"

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9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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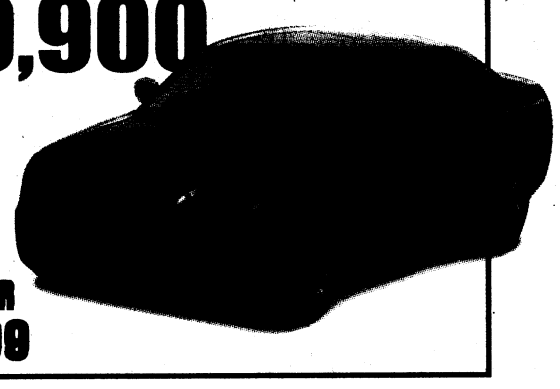
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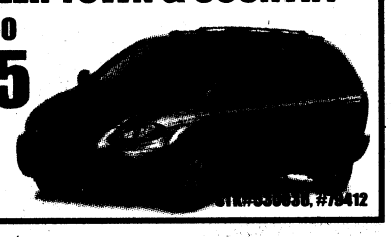
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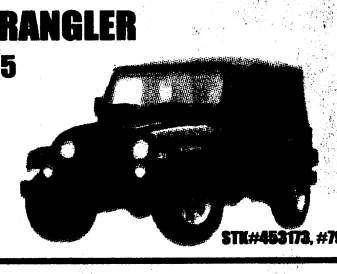
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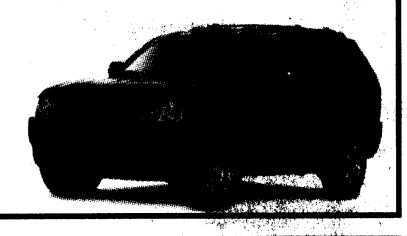


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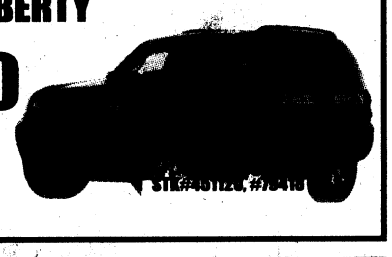


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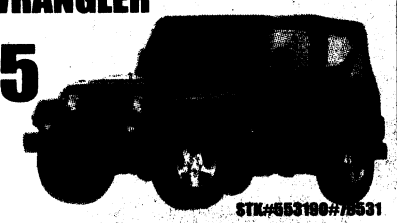


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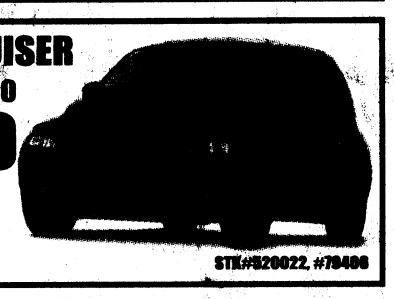
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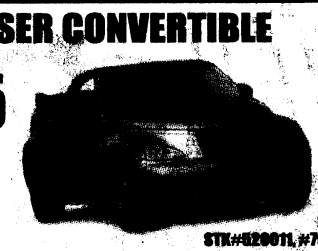
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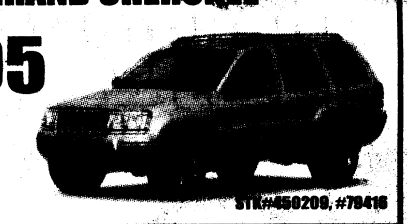
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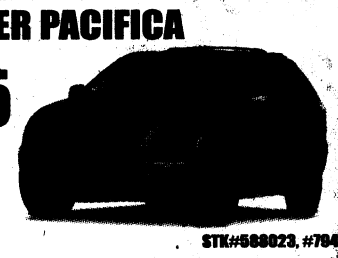
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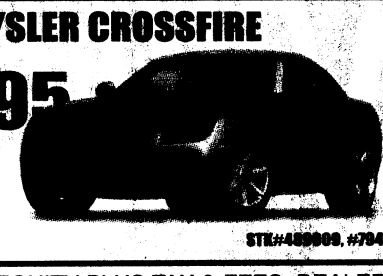
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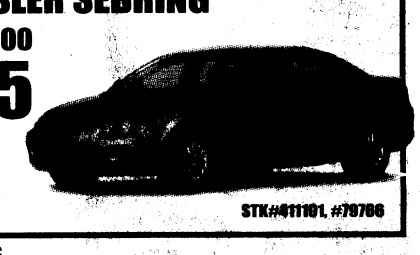
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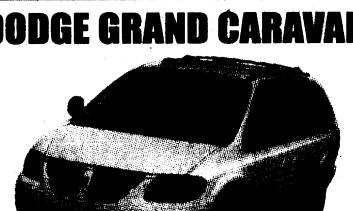
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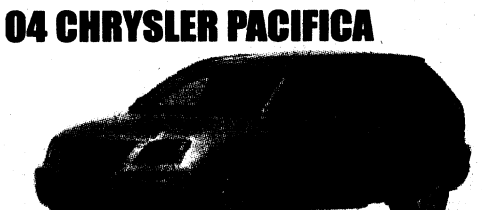
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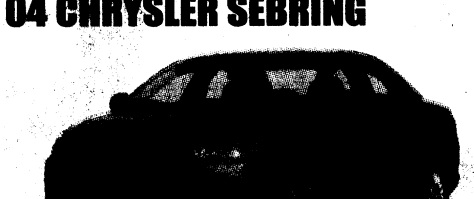
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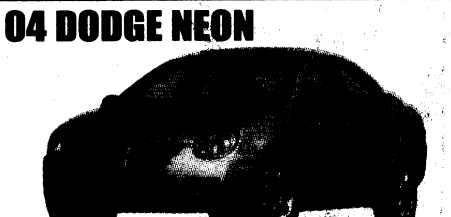
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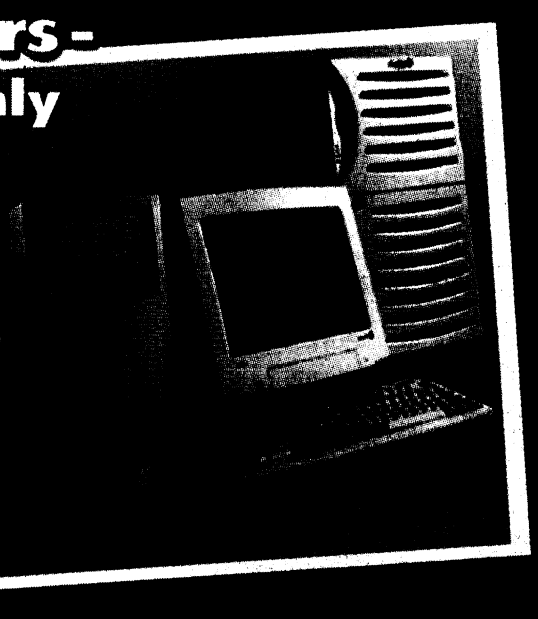
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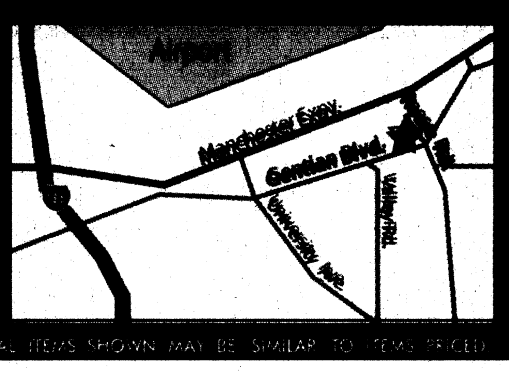




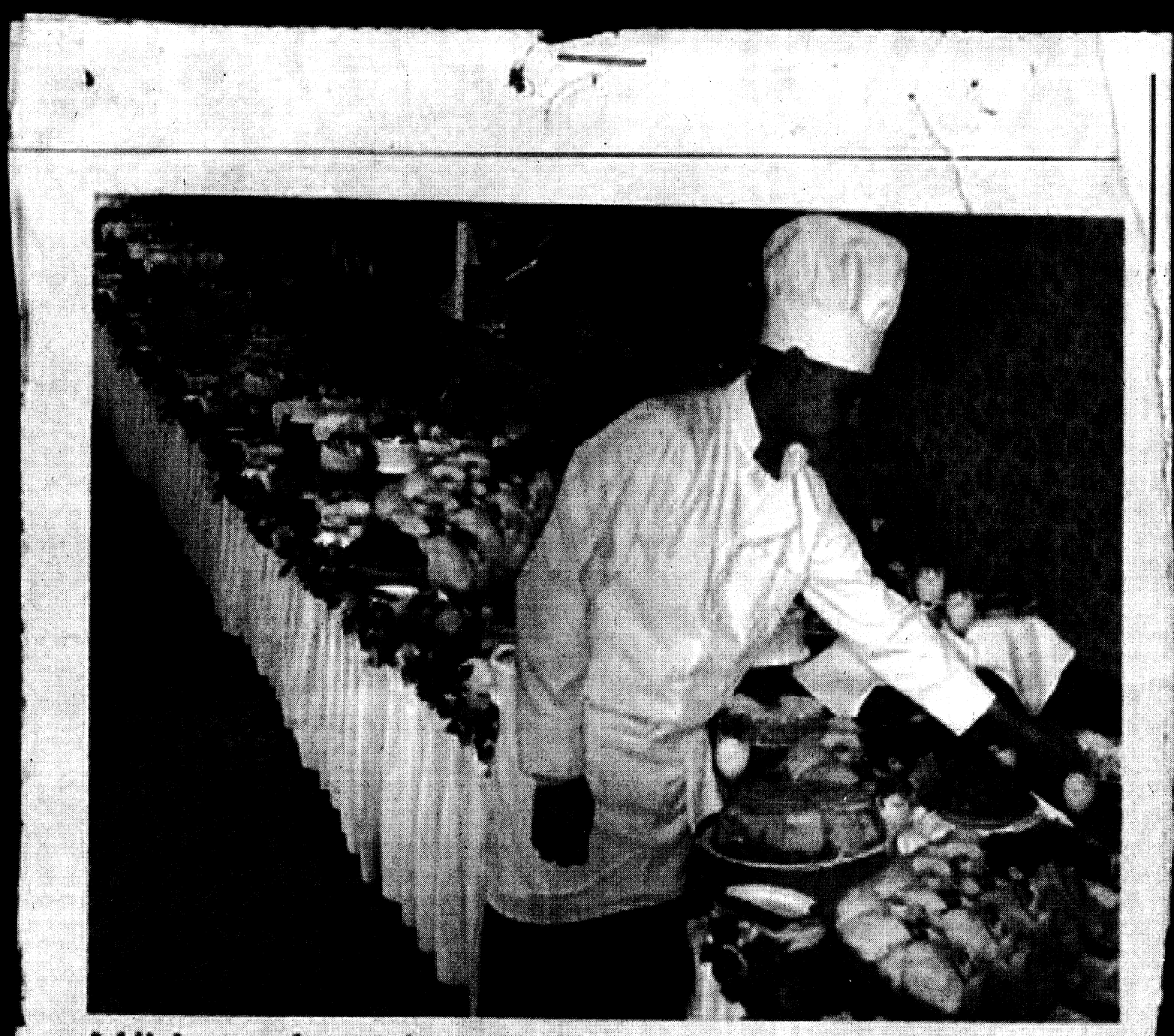
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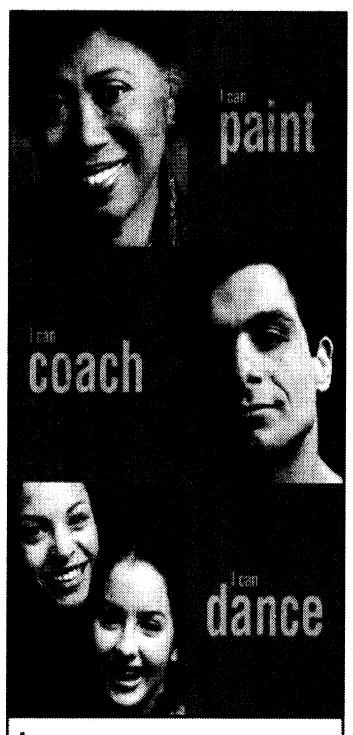
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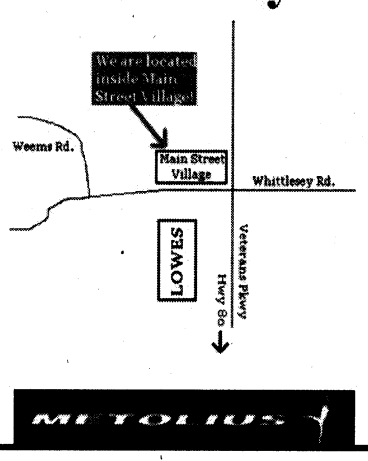
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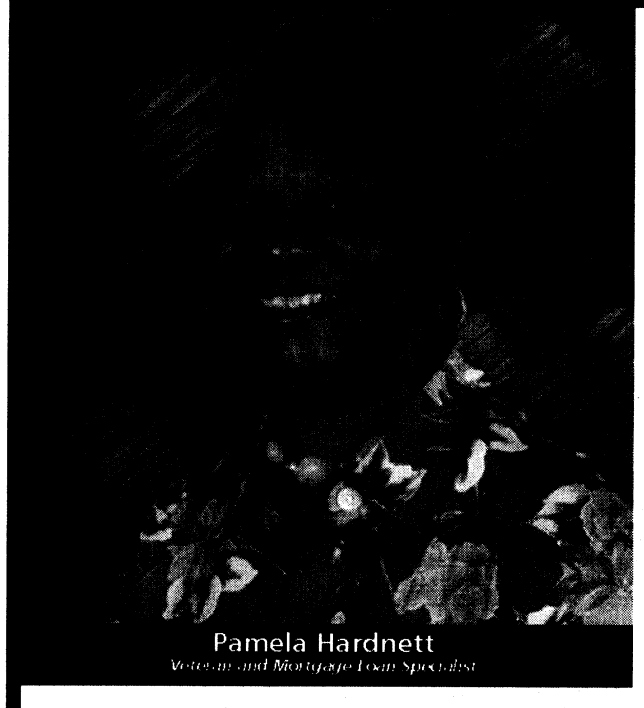


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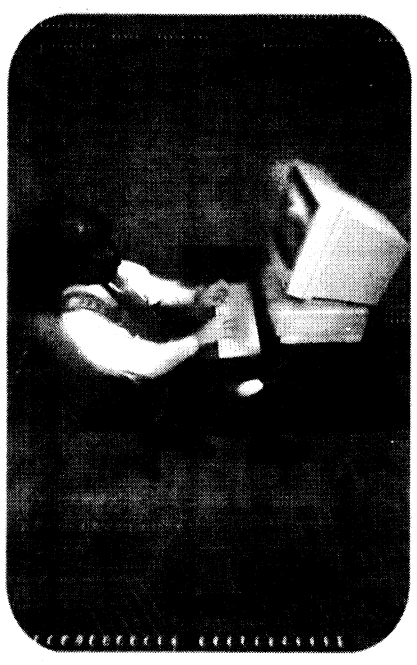
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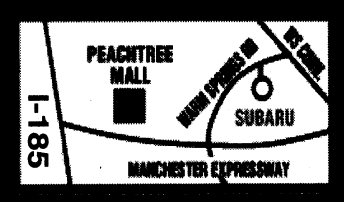
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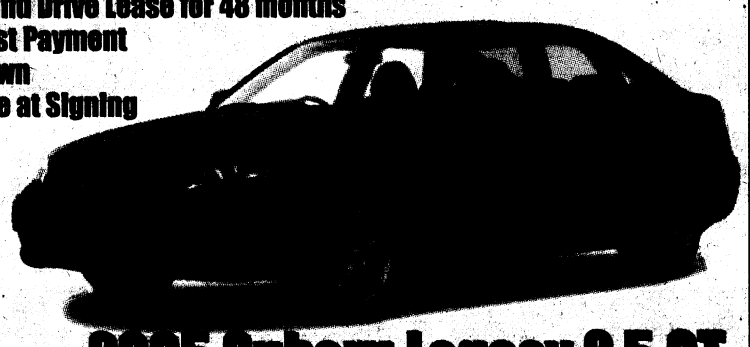


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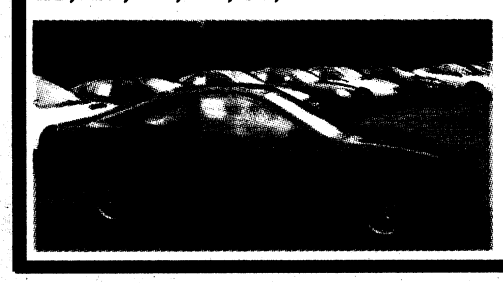


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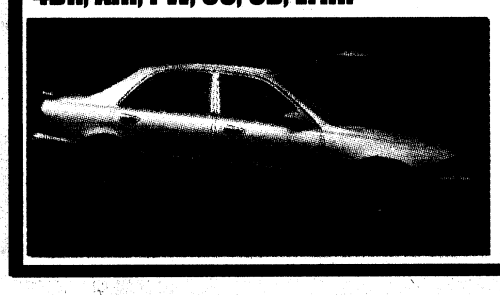
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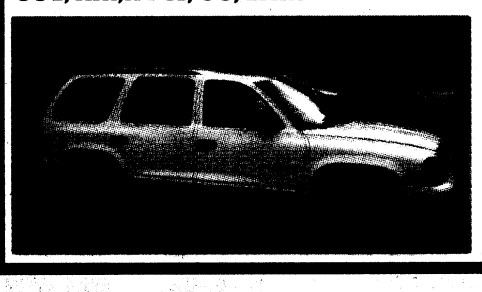
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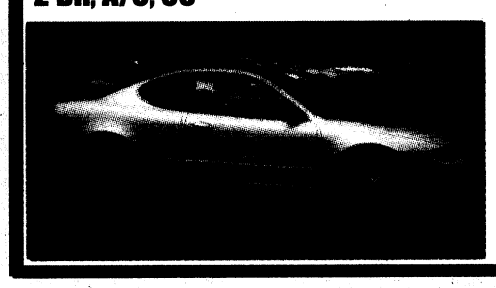
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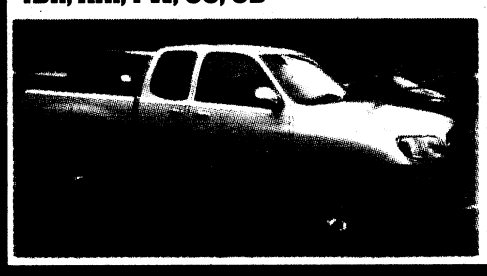
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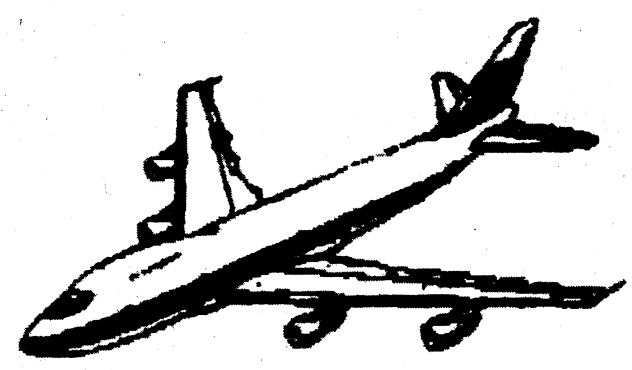
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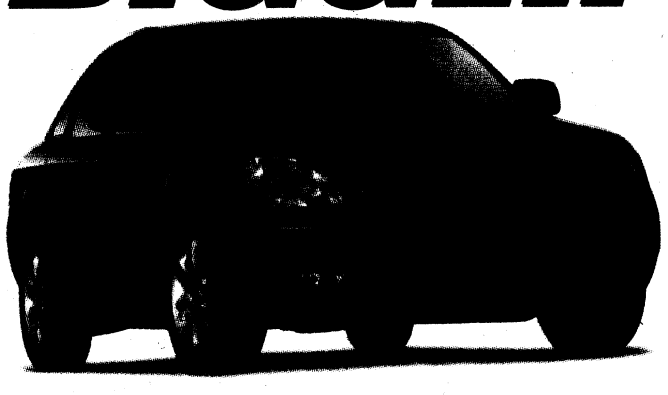
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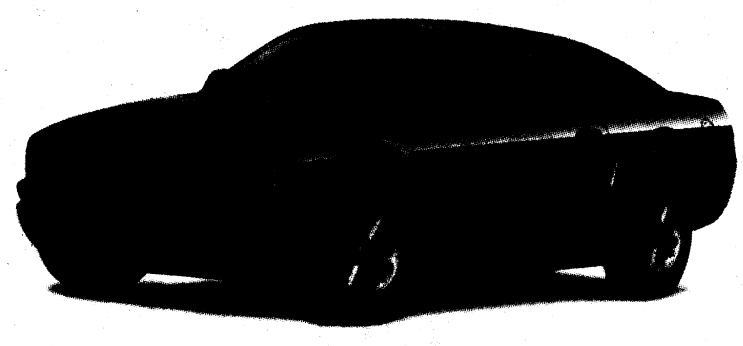
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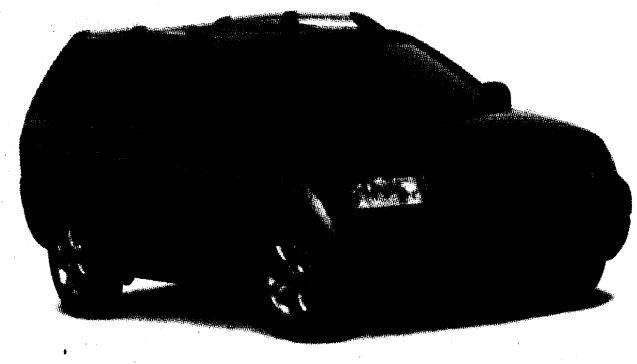
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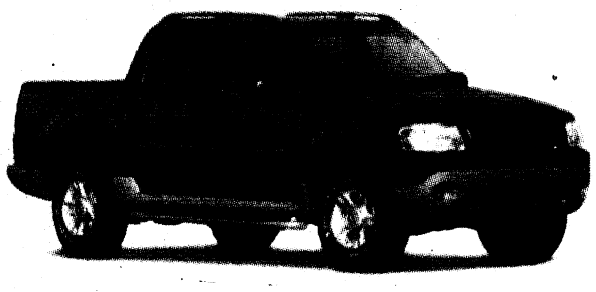
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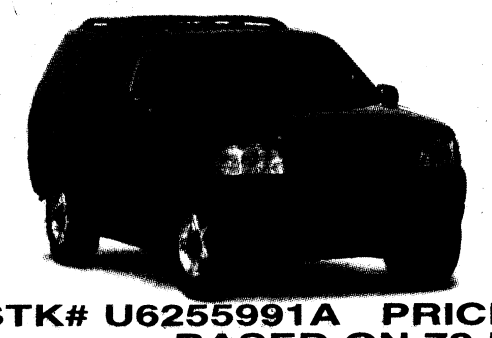
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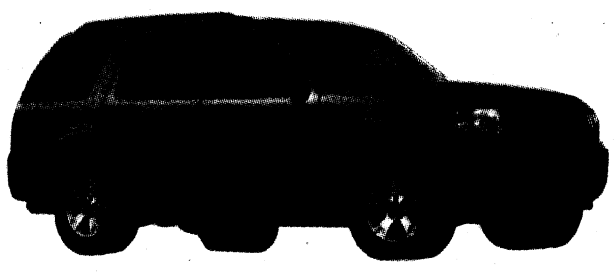
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SPORTS

Turkey trot lands gobblin' good time

10K race tough haul through turkey terrain

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

It was a warm and humid morning as runners took their mark, ready to give all they had in a challenging 10K race Saturday at Kelley Hill.

The annual Turkey Trot, sponsored by the 203rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, was designed to provide an environment where battalion members could enjoy time together in a relaxing and fun environment, said Michelle Culliver, one of the event's organizers.

The event started at 10 a.m. with a 100-meter children's run. Ribbons were awarded to the top three finishers in each age division.

About 15 children participated in the event.

"We wanted to build cohesion in the battalion for families, Soldiers and everyone else," said Kemberly Brantley, another race organizer.

"We work all day and this is a time to relax and get to know the families before we deploy."

At 10:30 a.m., 69 runners began a course that was described as muddy, sandy, hilly and extremely challenging.

The race course left the company area and traveled along the main road down to a tank trail that wound around Twilight Pond.

After circling the pond, runners came back out on to the main road, turned right and ran down beyond the underpass to the old Cusseta Highway, where they turned around and ran back to the company area.



Jasmine Davis is awarded a first-place ribbon after winning the 100-meter run in her age group.

"The course was tough and muddy, and hilly and it was humid and muggy and anything else," said Shannon Swords, the overall winner, with a time of 37 minutes flat.

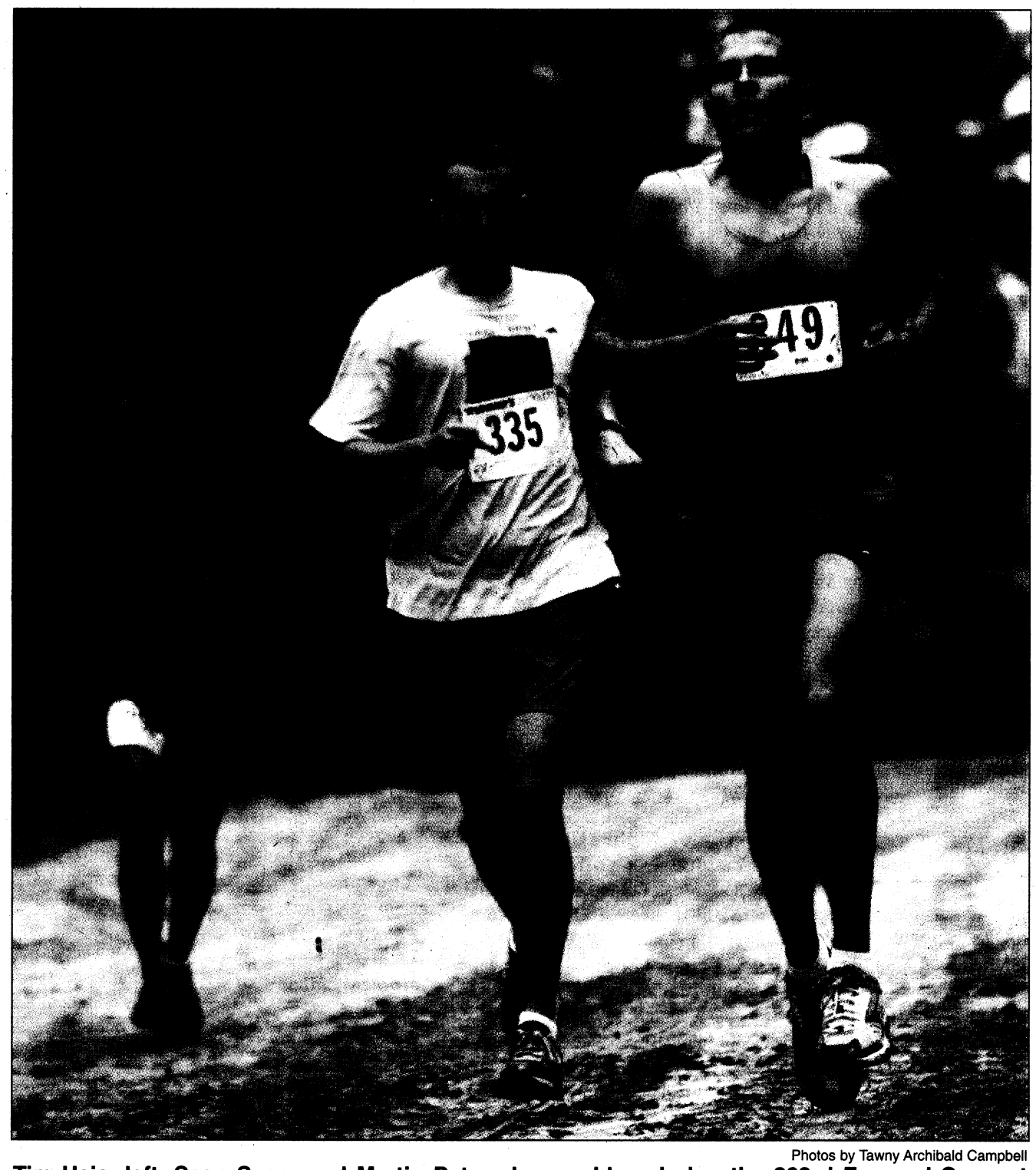
"The hills were the toughest part. That last hill was a bear."

Swords, a seasoned runner who ran for four years with the All-Army Track Team and then ran for four more years with the All-Army Cross Country Team, held a controlled lead throughout the race and finished strong.

"That was the toughest 10K course I have ever raced," said Sharon Kircher, who finished second in the women's division with a time of 50:49. "It was just hills, trails and hills."

While the adults were running, the children participated in kid activities, such as making festive Thanksgiving

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Photos by Tawny Archibald Campbell

Tim Hsia, left, Sean Svarc and Martin Peters burn rubber during the 203rd Forward Support Battalion's annual 10-kilometer Turkey Trot. Peters took third place in the competition.

Class VI makes Bulls see red

14th CSH boosts record to 7-1 in post football league

Tawny Archibald Campbell
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A couple of long bombs to the hands of a readied receiver was all it took for Class VI to wound the Bulls' ego and walk away with the victory.

The 14th Combat Support Hospital's Class VI team beat the Bulls of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 21-6 in flag football action Nov. 17th at Engineer Field.

The fast-paced, physical game started out with a great play for the Bulls when D.J. Wood made an interception within the first minute of the game to gain possession of the ball and control of the field. Leon Johnson took the pigskin and ran a four-yard quarterback sneak for the first touchdown of the game and the lead.

Class VI's Chris Harris made a 40-yard run on the next play to get to their own five-yard line. The team was able to push forward only one yard before the Bull's Kevin Jernigan made another interception at the one-yard line and pushed for a 14-yard gain toward the Bull's goal line.

The ball changed hands several times as teams sweated and strained to make any headway. Class VI grabbed the ball, and Ross Seidel pressed his luck by keeping it in a quarterback sneak, which paid off in a big way — a 15-yard gain.

With the confidence that comes from a first and 10, Seidel threw a long bomb to Harris for a 50-yard touchdown.

The first half ended with the score tied, 6-6.

After the half, Class VI had the Bulls penned.

A Seidel to Dewey Williams pass resulted in a 15-yard run toward the goal line minutes into the second half; however, Williams' flags were pulled one yard before he could claim the touchdown.

Class VI could smell the points, and with a pitch from Seidel to Thomas Tucker the score grew to 12-6.

After a 60-yard pass from Seidel to Harris, the Bulls were unable to push Class VI past the 20-yard line as flags flew and penalties abounded.

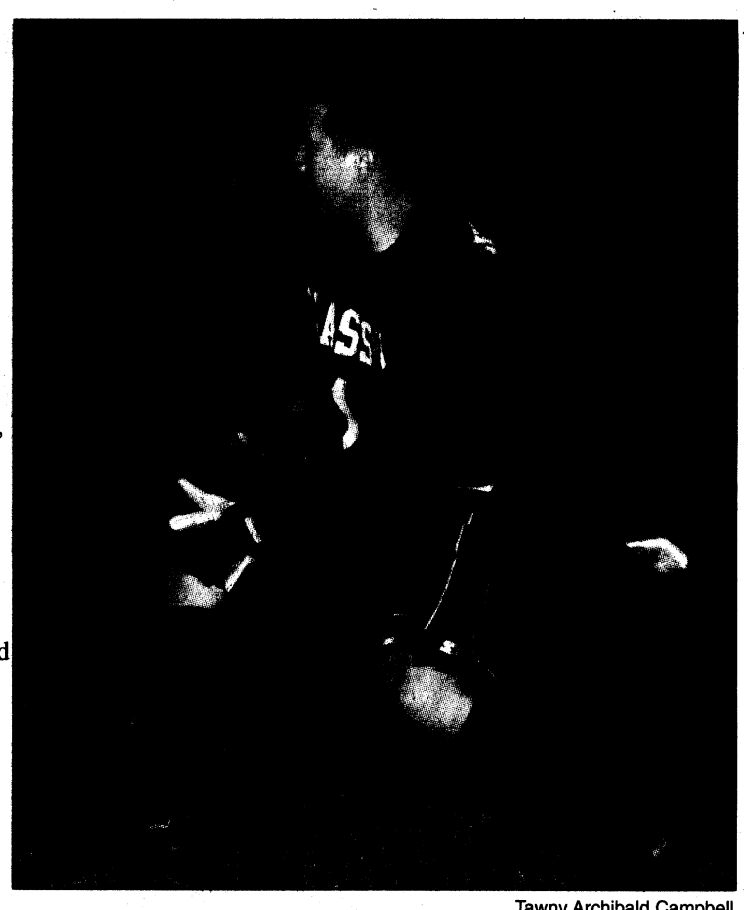
A technical on the Bulls, for pass interference, handed Class VI two more points on a safety. Moments later, Cornell Williams took the ball in for a touchdown, and after a successful one-point conversion, the score was 21-6 and the fate of the Bulls was sealed.

"We got the lead in the beginning and got an interception to accomplish a touchdown in the first half," Johnson said. "They just came back and scored after the half. They played a better game than us and had two deep throws for touchdowns."

Anthony Clark, Class VI's coach, said his team started out slow, throwing three interceptions on consecutive possessions, which put them down 6-0, but the throwing power and speed of his team was what helped them capture the win.

"Ross Seidel, our quarterback, threw a

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Class VI's Ross Seidel maneuvers his way down the field during post intramural football action Nov. 17.

AMU wants Soldiers for pistol team

Quality shots to compete in major matches

Paula J. Randall Pagán
U.S. AMU Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good shooters.

The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for Soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2005.

"We do this every year," said Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson, NCOIC of the USAMU Service Pistol Team.

"Soldiers who wish to represent the U.S. Army in pistol competition, marksmanship instruction and recruiting assistance are welcome to apply. This is a highly visible, fast-paced mission."

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 Army Marksmanship Unit trains its Soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development.

The world-class Soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army.

The Army Pistol Team is always looking for active Army Soldiers who are highly motivated, disciplined and competitive by nature, Jacobson said, adding that no previous competitive shooting experience is required.

Soldiers in the rank of staff sergeant and below with fewer than 15 years of service, who obtain approval from their commanders can travel to Fort Benning in April, at the expense of the Army Marksmanship Unit, to participate in the initial training.

The Soldiers are then trained in advanced pistol marksmanship skills.

Once that is complete, pistol team officials will select shooters to participate in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July.

After the three-month tour, Soldiers return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training that can be harvested by unit trainers to improve the marksmanship skills of their Soldiers, Jacobson said.

Soldiers who are interested in the developmental pistol shooter program, can call Jacobson at 545-7022 or 545-3893 or DSN 835-7022 or e-mail Roger.Jacobson@usaac.army.mil.

For more information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, contact the USAMU's Public Affairs Officer Paula J. Randall Pagán at 545-5436, paula.pagan@usaac.army.mil or visit the USAMU Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/.

Soccer action



Spc. Adrian A. Lugo

Lt. Col. Mynor Mus races to steal the ball from Maj. Omar Sepulveda during the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's Copa del Commandante held at Fred Field Friday. The faculty won 5-1.

Sports stars role models, like it or not

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

"I am not a role model," said NBA star Charles Barkley years ago in a Nike commercial. I beg to differ, Sir Charles. Unfortunately, you are a role model, whether you like it or not.

As my 5-year-old son becomes more interested in sports, I've come to realize there is a dearth of athletes who I really want him to admire, to model himself after. Common sense tells me my husband and I are his true role models, but society also tells me athletes are role models.



While there are many athletes to admire, there are also many who aren't quite living up to their media-imposed "role model" titles.

Take Ricky Williams, for example. A star tailback for the Miami Dolphins, Williams tested positive three times for marijuana. So, Williams abruptly retired in July, saying he was quitting football so he could smoke pot. Um, hello? I really don't know if Williams knew what he was doing when he made this statement, when the kids who admire him were listening.

Anyone who follows football knows Ricky Williams. Any kid who is a Dolphins fan knows the name Ricky Williams like they know the name Dan Marino. Those same kids know why Williams left football. And unfortunately, those kids who looked up to Williams, maybe imagined themselves like him someday.

Now Williams is trying to get reinstated in the NFL. I'm against it, but if he undergoes a drug treatment program and speaks about the mistake he made, he can right a lot of wrongs he made.

What shocked me the most was Olympic gold medalist swimmer Michael Phelps' drunken driving arrest recently. The Olympics was centered around 19-year-old Phelps. Kids everywhere knew Michael Phelps. They cheered him on to victories. He was the poster boy for success, with endorsements flying in and magazine covers galore.

He made a mistake. What athletes need to realize is when they do screw up, everyone is going to know. Phelps has since issued an apology on his Web site and is speaking about it to kids. He said in a visit to a Boys and Girls Club, "It was extremely hard to stand in front of kids who I let down, who looked up to me."

And he wasn't only talking his height. At least Phelps is owning up to his mistake, and maybe he can make a difference to kids.

The one athlete I will make sure my son looks up to is Pat Tillman. Tillman turned down a $3.6 million contract with the Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the Army in May 2002. Most people would not do this — but Tillman was not like most people. He felt a need to serve his country, to make a difference. Tillman made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He is a true athlete, one who could walk away from the money and glory.

All athletes should model themselves after Tillman, for there is no better example of a role model in athletics.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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CYS sports registration — Child and Youth Basketball registration has been extended and will run until December 30th. Sign-ups will be taken from 8 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, with the exception of holiday closings, at Building 359. Anyone wishing to register after noon must call 545-2079 for an appointment.

The basketball fundamentals clinic and skills assessment dates will remain the same for those who have already signed up.

For more information, call 545-3582.

CYS sports registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do, Oriental dance, gymnastics and wrestling.

CYS will offer Raks Sharki Oriental dance, which is a middle eastern folk dance. The dance will be held at the CYS gym, Building 1055 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is open to family members ages 13 and older. Youth family members must be CYS members to attend.

Basketball registration, for ages 6-15, will continue through Saturday.

Registration for gymnastics will continue until classes are filled. Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

Late Night Basketball League — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will host a Late Night Basketball League for teens in grades nine through 12.

Starting in December, games will be the second Friday of every month at the YS gym, Building 1055.

This will be street-style basketball.

Teams must be formed by 8 p.m. on game night.

High school teams are not allowed.

For more information, call 545-3540 after 3 p.m.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The YS Skateboard Park is free to ID card holders 18 and older from 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

For more information, call 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for the pool and the gym. Pool hours are 5 to 6 p.m, three days a week, and gym aerobics hours vary. Instructors must be certified.

For more information, call Larry McCoy at 545-4388.

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 545-4388.

Football: Class VI plays on

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bomb to Harris for that first touchdown and it shifted the momentum of the game," Clark said. "The second half we took over to rally 15 unanswered points leaving the Bulls scoreless. We did really good tonight."

Class VI is now 7-1 for the season and the Bulls are 6-3 as the championships approach.



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Bulls lineman Laparis Johnson tries to bring down Class VI quarterback Ross Seidel Nov. 17.

10K: Swords rises to top

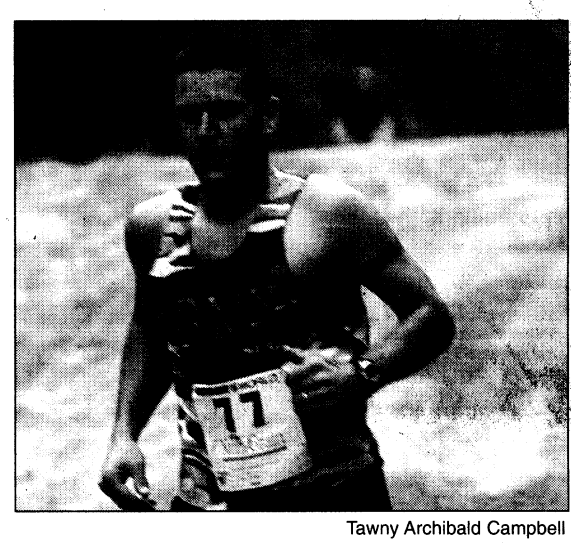
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holiday turkey headdresses.

"We wanted to have something for everyone," Culliver said.

"We were hoping to have a little more of a turn out, more of the community, but I think everyone had a good time."

Swords was followed by Joseph Campbell and Martin Peters. On the women's side, Michelle Pryor finished first with a time of 50:33, followed by Kircher and Jennifer Headlee.



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Shannon Swords drives on during the 203rd FSB's 10K Turkey Trot Saturday. Swords won the race with a time of 37 minutes.

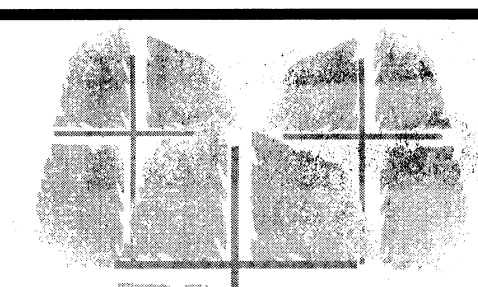


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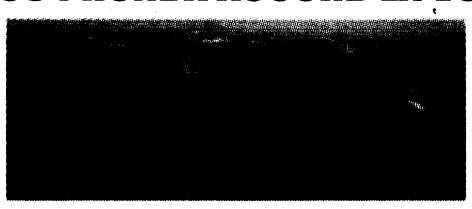
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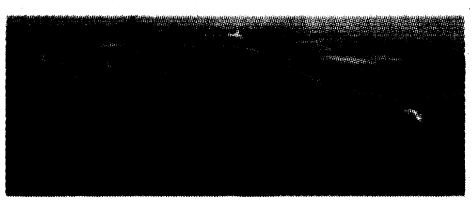
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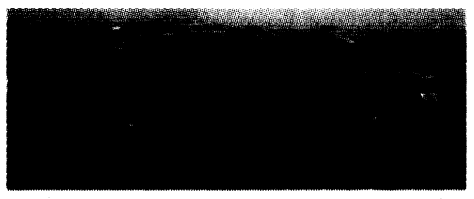
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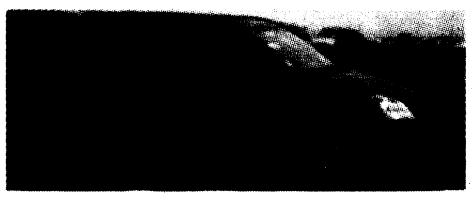
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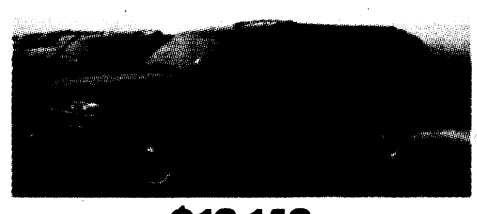
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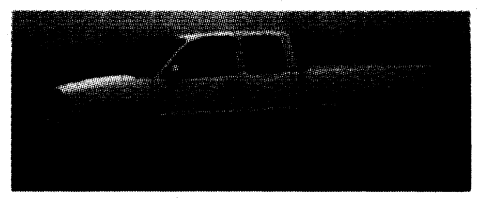
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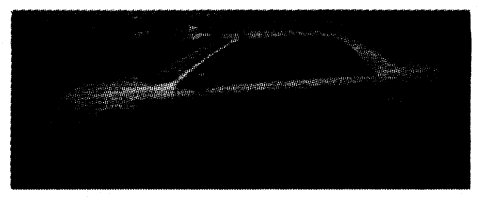
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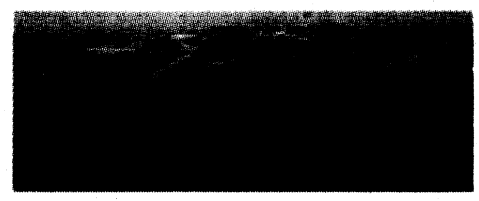
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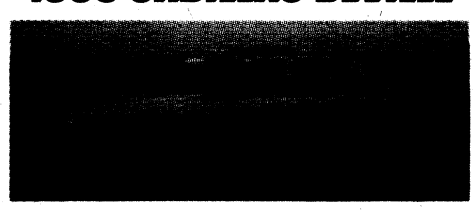
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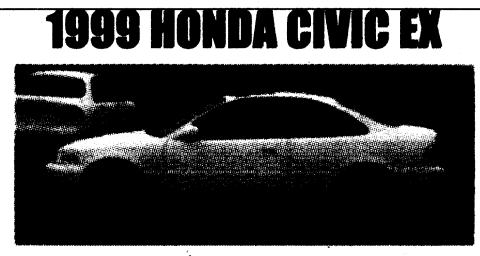
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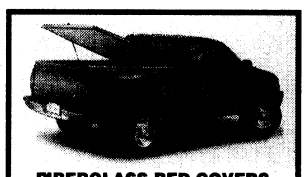
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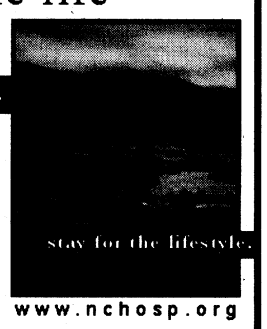
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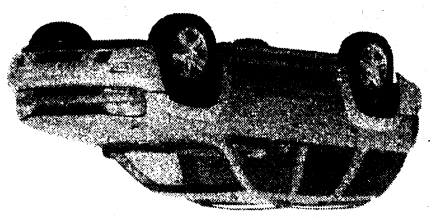
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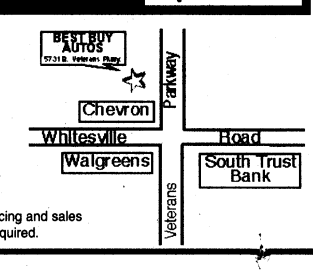
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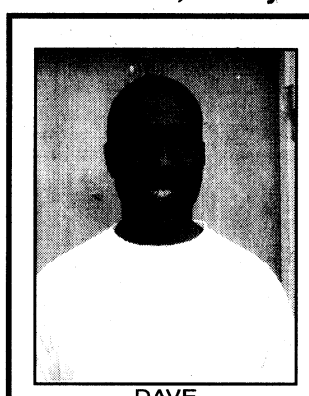
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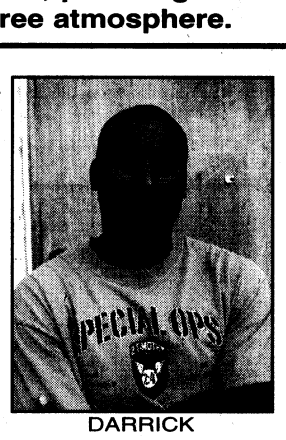
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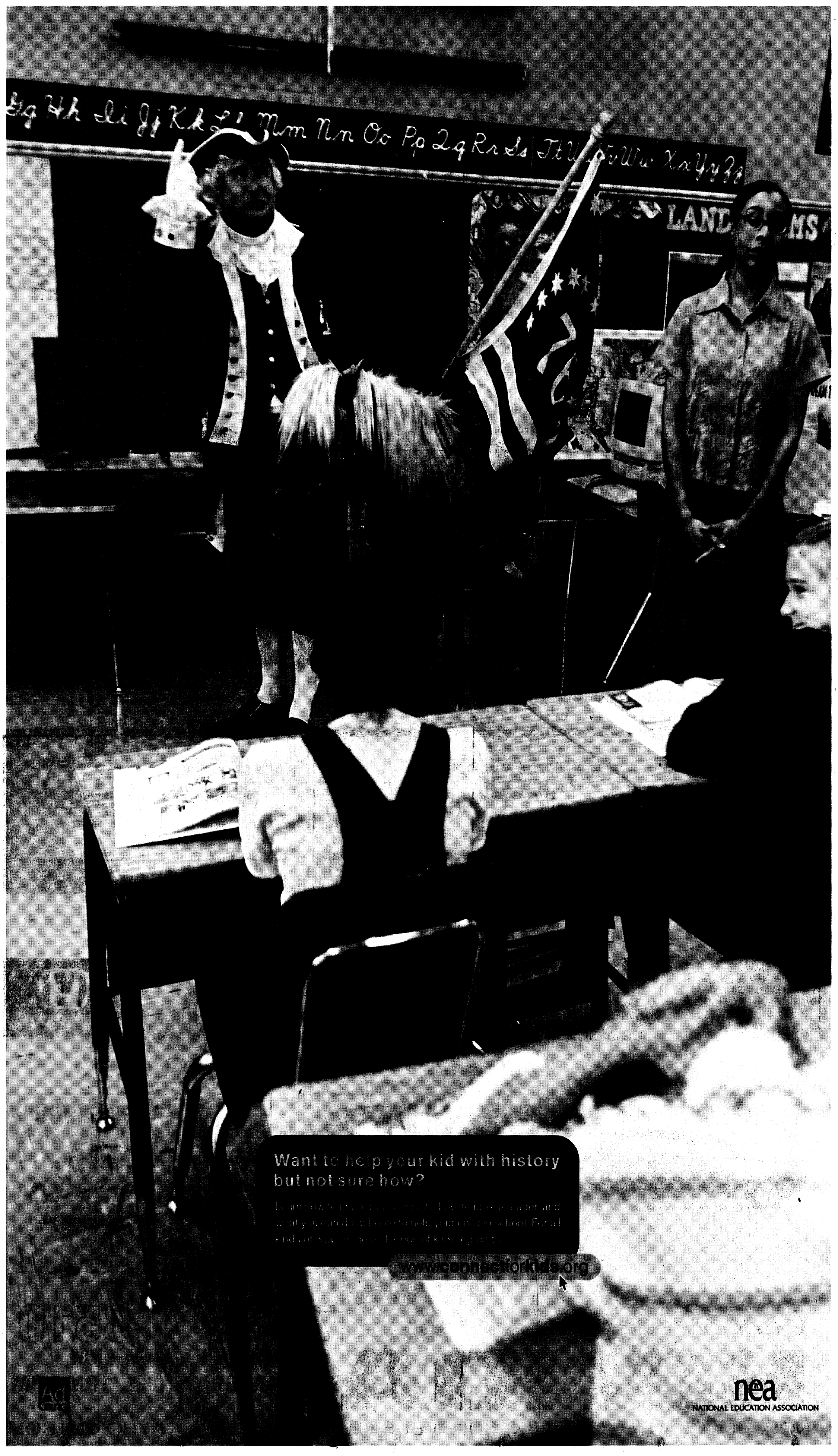
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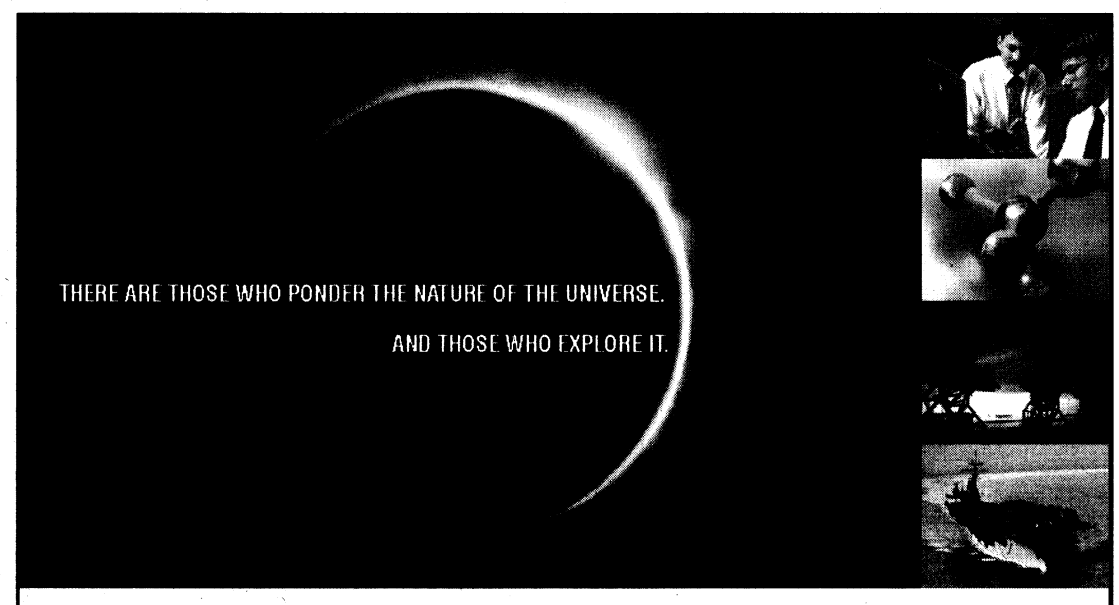
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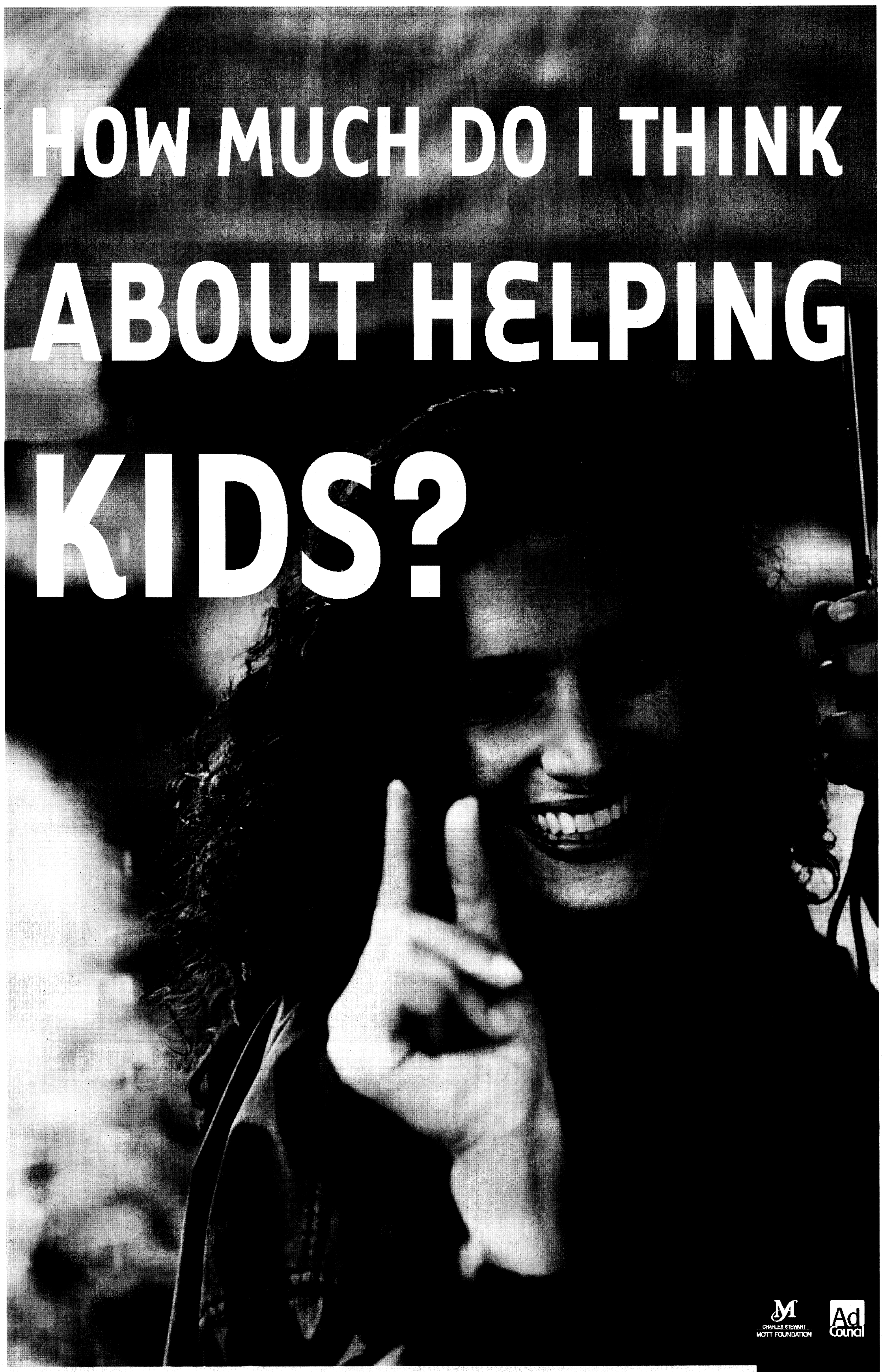
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"Bill Heard will take over your old trade-in loan balance and pay it off once a deal is made! Regardless of condition" Wood said. "We also have several finance managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got tons in inventory to choose from. You're invited regardless of your credit history. We want to remind everyone that it is a one-time sale only. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations, and at eighty-eight dollars you can imagine the demand." You can preview the cars at Bill Heard Chevrolet. Any questions can be directed to 1-866-686-2326 at Bill Heard Chevrolet in Columbus.

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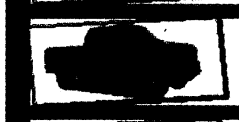
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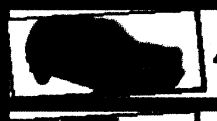
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CG stresses safety

Motorcycle deaths cause officials to emphasize safety equipment, training

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

After two Fort Benning Soldiers died in motorcycle accidents in a one-week period in November, post officials are pushing a strong safety message and enforcing post regulations governing safety equipment and rider training.

Starting today, Soldiers operating motorcycles without a valid license, equipment and documentation of completion of an approved safety course, will be turned over to their chain of command immediately, ticketed and the motorcycle will be impounded.

Family members and civilians with a valid license and equipment but no safety card will be escorted to post boundaries and informed they have to attend the safety course before operating a motorcycle on post. If they are not licensed or are not wearing proper safety gear, the motorcycle will be impounded and they will be ticketed.

Properly licensed and attired riders will be allowed on post the day of the safety course provided they have a

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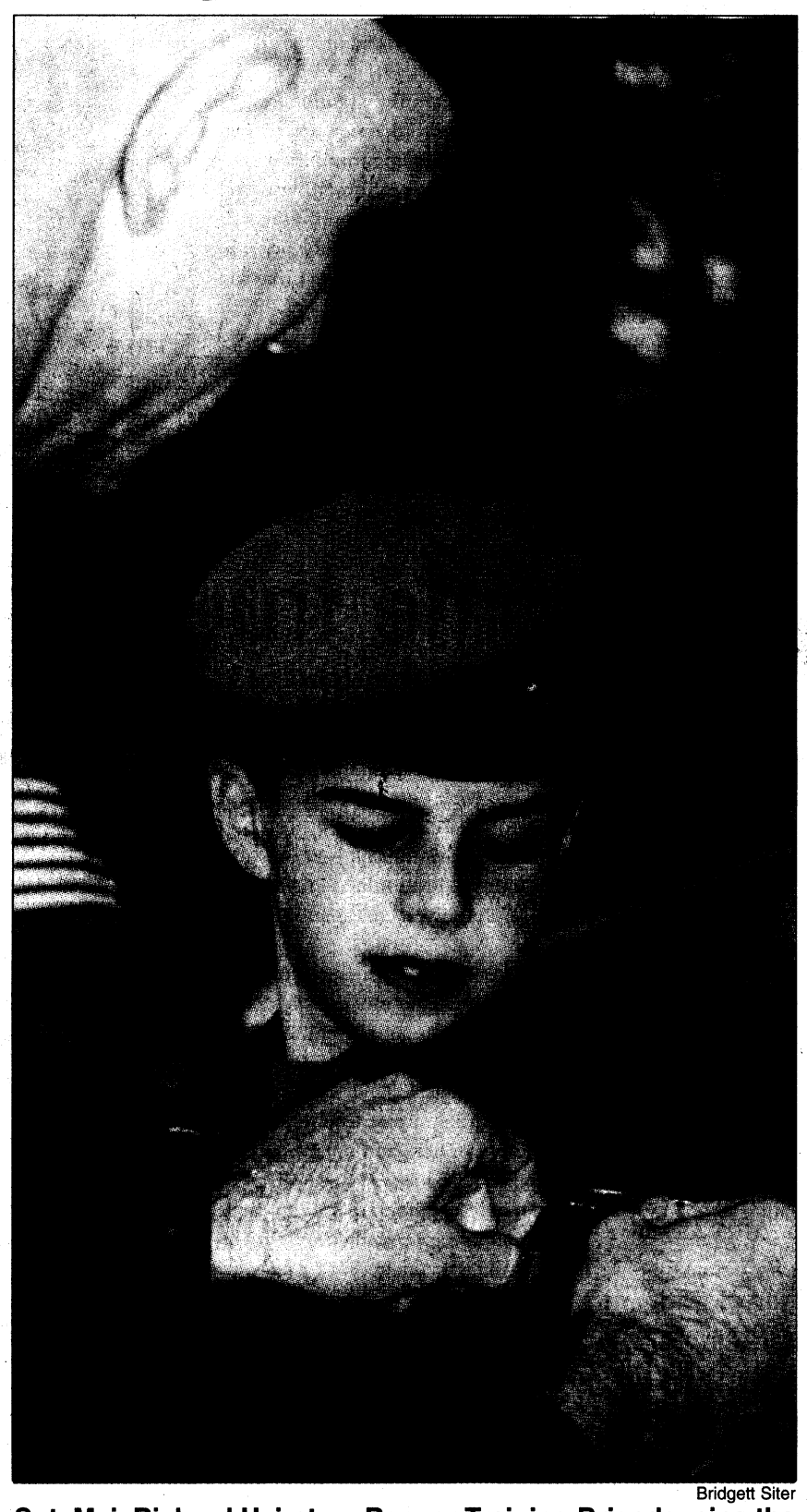
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The holidays are a special time of year. The number of fatal automobile accidents is 34 percent higher than any other time of year.

The National Highway and Safety Administration attributes

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Ranger dream comes true



Bridgett Siter

Sgt. Maj. Richard Hairston, Ranger Training Brigade, pins the Ranger tab on Evan Schneider, a third-grader from Murrieta, Calif., who visited post last week as part of the Make-A-Wish program.

9-year-old Makes-A-Wish to visit post

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It's safe to say, he has more heart than most 9-year-olds. Evan Schneider, the California boy who underwent heart transplant surgery at 1 month, put his whole heart into the pursuit of his dream to become an Army Ranger.

Last week, Pfc. Schneider attended basic training, breezed through jump school and earned his Ranger tab faster than you can say hooah. Almost.

"It's a blessing, an incredible blessing," said Cristy Schneider of her family's five-day stay at Fort Benning, the fulfillment of Evan's request to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego.

Despite "one small rejection incident," the third-grader from Murrieta, Calif., is in excellent health, his father said.

Indeed, it takes stamina and a healthy heart to endure the fast-paced training schedule Evan and his 14-year-old brother, Austin, endured last week. The boys and their parents, Cristy and Steve, spent Nov. 22-25 with Soldiers in various Fort Benning units.

Before 8 a.m. Monday, Evan was issued BDUs and combat boots on Sand Hill, where he completed a condensed basic training and tried his hand at being a drill sergeant. By lunchtime, he'd earned his jump wings.

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Benning Soldier dies

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

A Fort Benning Soldier died Nov. 21 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany from injuries he suffered while preparing for combat operations in Afghanistan Nov. 17.

Sgt. Michael C. O'Neill, 22, of Mansfield, Ohio, was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, as an automatic rifleman. He was wounded when a grenade he was carrying was accidentally detonated.

It was O'Neill's third deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom since 2002. He also served in Iraq last year.

"He was the type of man that, no matter what, if you needed help or just to talk, he'd be there for you," said Sgt. James Campbell, who served in B Company with O'Neill.

Campbell and O'Neill attended Ranger School and Primary Leadership Development Course together, and Campbell said "it's tough to imagine never seeing him again.

"In my eyes, Mike was everything a man and a Ranger should be," he said.

O'Neill, who enlisted in June 2001, is survived by his parents, George and Holly O'Neill, and a brother, George K. O'Neill.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

A memorial service was conducted Monday at the Ressurection Parish in Mansfield.

O'Neill will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

National Guard unit prepares for deployment

Wisconsin Soldiers send vehicles to port

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
Bayonet staff

The 1158th Heavy Transportation Company began loading 96 heavy equipment transporters Monday to drive to Charleston, S.C., where they'll be loaded on boats and shipped overseas for the company's support to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 1158th, Wisconsin's largest National Guard unit, mobilized in October. They'll deploy just in time for unit rotations in Iraq.

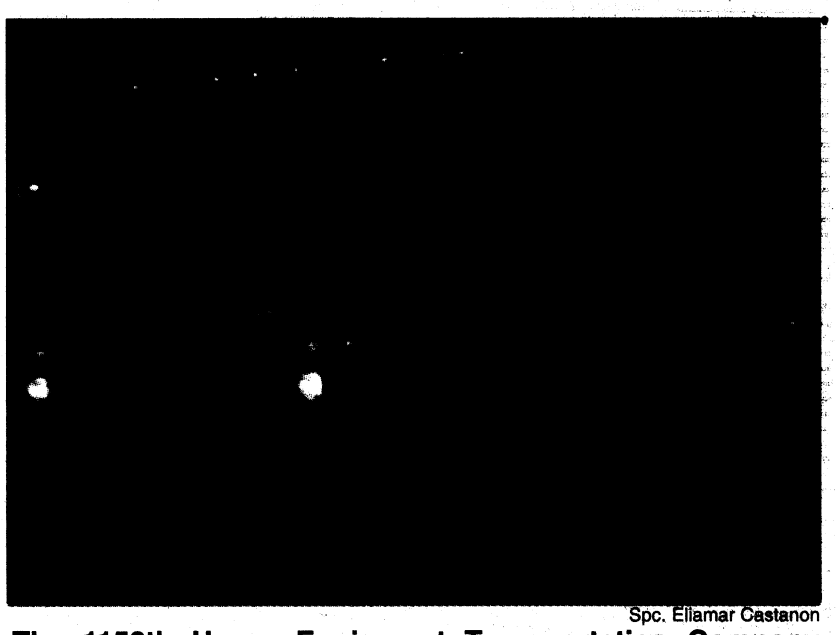
"We'll be transporting Abrams tanks and all other heavy equipment for units moving out of Iraq to Kuwait and from Kuwait into Iraq," said 1st Sgt. Richard Bergemann. "Our orders say we'll have boots on the ground for (a year) but there's a possibility of an extension."

The 1158th consists of four platoons of drivers and one maintenance platoon. Soldiers from the Alabama National Guard will join the 1158th before it deploys.

This is not the first mobilization for the 1158th Soldiers. Many of them returned less than a year ago from a mobilization that supported other deployed transportation units. Nearly 300 were mobilized in January 2003 and sent to Fort McCoy, Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Irwin, Calif.

"Many Soldiers had to volunteer for this mobilization because they are only allowed to deploy for 24

See **DEPLOYMENT**, A-15



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

The 1158th Heavy Equipment Transportation Company began moving transporters at 4 a.m. Monday. It took three days to move 100 trucks to Charleston, S.C., where they'll be loaded on ships.

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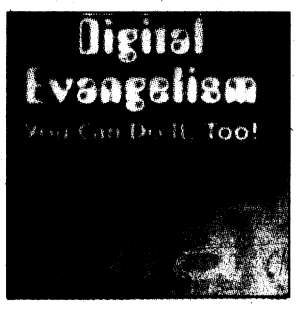
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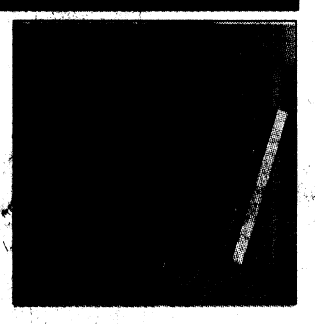


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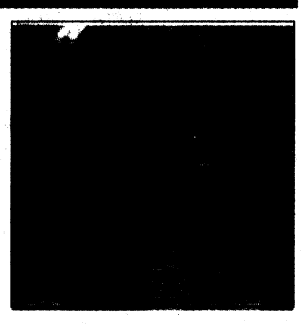
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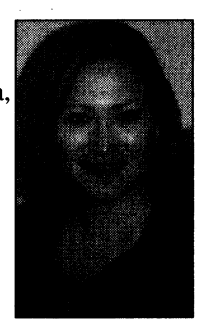
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Friday		high 63 low 33
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Avoid Christmas crime

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff



The frenzy of the holiday season is upon us. The day after Thanksgiving, dubbed Black Friday, is the beginning of packed parking lots, cranky shoppers in lengthy lines, and the often repeated phrase, "credit or debit?"

As you race frantically from store to store to find the perfect gift, it would be wise to remember that criminals are out for Christmas, too.

Here are some important tips to remember when you're out shopping:

Don't carry a large amount of cash, and never show that you have a lot of cash on you.

Be conscious of your personal space and keep your wallet or purse close to your body and securely closed, and check it occasionally to make sure everything is still there.

In the jostling of crowded stores, pickpockets can sneak away with more than you bargained for.

When you park, find a spot in a well-lighted area, preferably with the driver's side door facing the entrance to the store. Keep your purchases out of sight in the trunk.

When approaching your car, be aware of the people around you, and women especially should look in the back seat and under the vehicle before unlocking it.

Once home with your purchases, there are other tips to keep your home safe. The peak time for home burglaries is the month of December, according to www.crimeprevention.org.

While it looks festive to leave curtains open to show off a beautiful tree, seeing valuables wrapped in pretty paper can be tempting for burglars. Keep the curtains closed and don't put presents under the tree until you're ready to open them. When hiding presents, its not just from the kids.

When leaving your house during the holidays, keep your lights on or install a timer to turn them on when no one is home.

Leaving the TV or a radio on also helps an empty home appear occupied.

After the wrapping paper is in the trash and the eggnog is gone, there are still steps you can take to avoid theft. If you set the box for your new DVD player on the curb for the trash, it sends a message about the type and value of electronics in your home. Break down boxes and put them inside a trash bag before setting them out.

Also copy the serial numbers of electronics and write identifying information such as your name or driver's license number on the back or bottom of valuable gifts.

Let's face it. Most of us will spend entirely too much on presents anyway. After all that, take extra effort to protect your belongings. With a little caution, awareness and common sense you can have a theft-free holiday.

Finding perfect gift challenging

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff



Have you ever noticed how hard it is to shop for Christmas presents? Especially when the list is longer than the Snake River that runs through my home state. I have a HUGE family. I have 30 nieces and nephews, 22 in-laws, four siblings (two who are pregnant), two parents, my husband, a daughter and a partridge in a pear tree.

The strategy I decided to use this year began last Dec. 26. The day after Christmas I put into place a plan I hoped would alleviate any problems. The plan was simple and can be boiled down to one word — clearance.

My plan was to spend the year looking through clearance racks, and when I found a gift screaming the name of someone on my list, I would fork over the meager amount, cross that person's name off the list and move on. The idea has worked — kind of.

As I started to wrap my Christmas purchases, I realized I had gifts for all but two of the kids, but only one adult was marked off. Obviously, my perfect plan is still lacking. We are now in December, and my list is fairly long.

When I ask my family what they want for Christmas, I always get the answer, "I don't know."

When I press them, they give outrageous wish lists, and when I tell them to think reasonably, they just shrug and say anything is good. It wasn't until my sister asked me what I wanted that I realized my gift-giving dilemma was also a gift-*getting* dilemma.

Personally, I think I should stop trying so hard. I can't remember what I got last year. What makes me think they are going to remember either? Sometimes I think the gift you give is more important to you than the person receiving it. They say it is the thought that counts. I know I like the thought more than the gift.

I know. Maybe I'll just send everyone a portrait of me and my family, who are 1,700 miles away, so they won't forget me. That, or I can always stress out, wait till the last minute and give them a gift card. Or, I can get nice popcorn tins at the store and plan a new strategy for next year.

Benning makes wish come true

Elsie Jackson
Public Affairs Office



They say you're never so tall as when you stoop to help a child. That being the case, there are a lot of very tall Soldiers on post.

I know because over the past few weeks I had the pleasure and privilege of planning an itinerary for Evan Schneider, a 9-year-old boy sponsored by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

When I began sketching out a schedule for Evan's visit, I started with 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, a unit that hosted a similar visit earlier this year.

"Well, SURE! We'd be glad to put him in a Bradley," they said. "And a Stryker too."

Not wanting to be outdone, the 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Parachute Inf. Regt., volunteered their 34-foot towers. After all, there was already a class scheduled for training there. What's one more jumper? And from the riggers?

"Come on down!" they said.

Next, the "Army Ranger" part of the wish. "Hello? Ranger School?"

"You've got what on the schedule? He asked to do what? We're light ... we don't have Bradleys and tanks. We've got rappel towers though … AND night observation devices."

Next on the wish list was a tank. Enter 3rd Brigade.

"Yeah, we've got tanks, but I don't think we can take him for a ride," they said. "Airborne School is letting him do what? 29th is doing what? Um. Let me call you back."

A half hour later, a ride down a tank trail was penciled into Evan's agenda, compliments of 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt.

On the day of his visit, to his delight, the tank even had Evan's name stenciled on it.

Evan set a record at 30th Adjutant General Bn. (Reception) by inprocessing and getting promoted to corporal in two hours.

The cast of characters went on, including AAFES, the 75th Ranger Regt. and Thanksgiving dinner at 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt.

People who weren't even in the e-mail string took up a collection so Evan would have a pair of boots.

USAMU hosted a visit. Evan and his brother got to try on an Olympic bronze medal and took pictures with some of the best shooters in the world.

The 14th Combat Support Hospital brought out their moulage kits and the boys "treated" some very realistic looking victims.

In the end, one wide-eyed little boy who dreams about being an Army chaplain, an Army Ranger and an Army medic while riding in a tank and looking through NODs got his wish, and a lot more.

Evan's dream came true thanks to a lot of people, Soldiers and civilians, who stooped to help him.

You were considerate enough to see his brother standing in the background and got him involved in the action.

You took the time to show the Schneiders what you work with and while doing so showed what you're made of.

You know who you are.

It may not show in a mirror, but you're ten feet tall.

And rest assured in the eyes of one very special little boy and his family, you are.

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of *The Bayonet,* a Marine Corps LAV was mistakenly identified as a Stryker. *The Bayonet* apologizes for this mistake.

LETTER

Mom says thanks

My son is in the Basic Combat Training Brigade at Fort Benning.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Nextel and the people letting the trainees use their phones. No contact during basic training is hard, especially during a holiday. The phone call on Thanksgiving was a very special blessing and I truly thank you.

I enjoy reading *The Bayonet* online and have learned a great deal from your newspaper.

Jan Smith
via e-mail

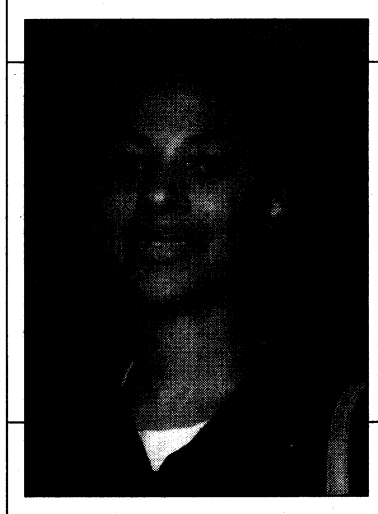
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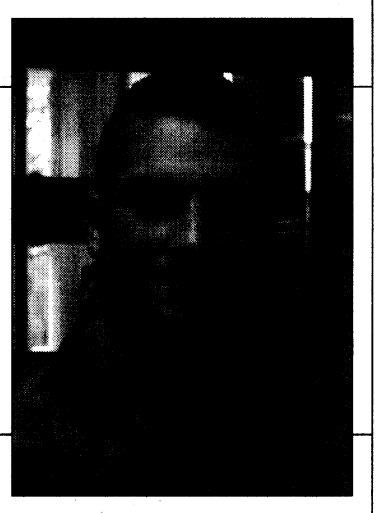
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VARIOUS VOICES

Who is the hardest person to buy Christmas gifts for, and why?



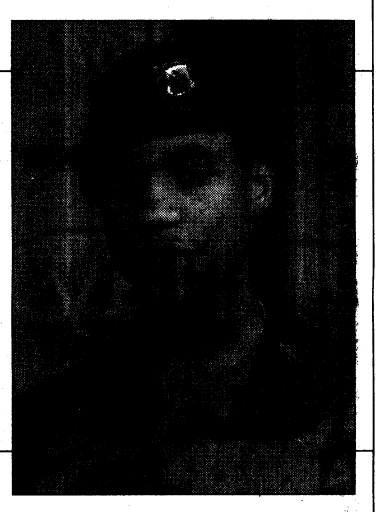
Suella Davis, family member — "My father-in-law is the hardest person to shop for because he's a grumpy old man, and he's never satisfied. He gets upset if you ask him what he wants, but then he never likes what you do get him. Either way he's fussing."



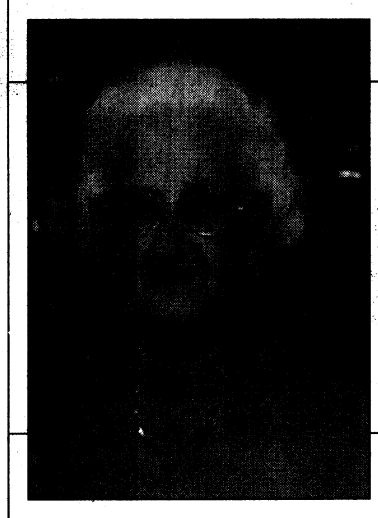
Spc. Joseph Minzak, 36th Engineer Group — "My sister is impossible to shop for. I can't nail down what she likes because she has a million different styles. If you pick something, she'd prefer something else. But she's nice and doesn't return anything I get her."



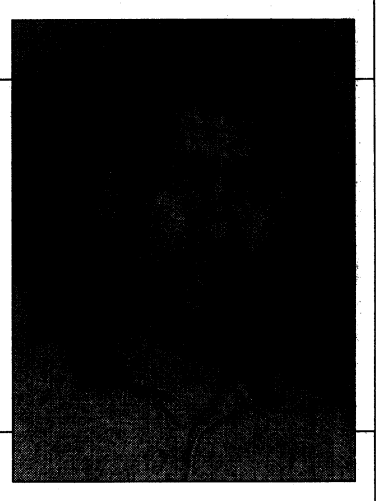
Myrtle Berklite, family member — "I have teenage grandsons and a granddaughter who are the hardest to shop for. They want to see what they're getting before I buy it. So this year, I will give them all money and forget about it."



Spc. Elroy Willridge, 209th Forward Support Company — "My 4-year-old daughter is difficult to shop for. No matter what I get her she wants something else. She likes a present for about one minute and then it's like, 'I want this, I want that.' I have no idea what to get her."



Ida Max, family member — "My teenage grandkids are the hardest to shop for. They're too big for toys and too little for anything else. The things I want to get them, they don't like."



Sgt. 1st Class Juan Vendrell, 306th Field Artillery — "My wife is hard to shop for because she's kind of picky on what she likes. It's tricky to guess what she wants, so I still haven't bought anything for her yet."

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Instructors compete for Black Hat of the Year

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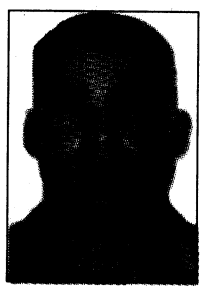
The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment's Black Hat of the Year ceremony will be Dec. 10.

"They're the NCOs who stand out," said Sgt. 1st Class James Dennis, the 507th assistant operations sergeant. "These are the ones the students look up to."

Nine black hats are competing for money, prizes and military recognition, which includes an Army Commendation Medal and a chance to attend the military's freefall school.

Dennis said the events include a modified physical fitness test, a jumpmaster pre-inspection test, a test on procedures used before and during the exiting of an aircraft and a general written exam.

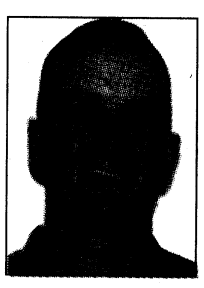
This year's candidates are:



Staff Sgt. Avel Marte, 32
Hometown: Port Charlotte, Fla.
Family: Wife, Patricia, children, Alliah, 6, and Nathan, 2.
Army service: 10 years
Career highlight: "Serving as a team leader with the 82nd Airborne Division. It was cool, because you meet face to face with Soldiers every day and teach them the basics — from shining boots to maneuvering; you get to make a big difference."

Why black hat?: "I got orders to come to Fort Benning, went to battalion and asked for this job. I didn't want to work in any other job but here."

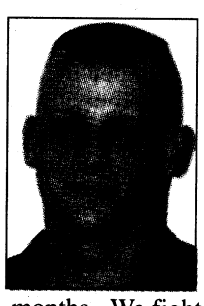
Favorite part of Airborne: "I like jumping, but I also like when I get an individual who has never flown in a plane. They begin the course totally petrified and when jump day comes, they are so confident."



Staff Sgt. Eric Doss, 40
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.
Family: Wife, Parish, and children, Ivy, 17 and Laney, 14.
Army service: 10 years
Career highlight: "From Fort Bragg, I went to England for a month to train with British paratroopers on a program called the Reciprocal Unit Exchange. Another (highlight) was when I graduated from Ranger School."

Why black hat?: "To get some instructor time after spending nine rough years in line units. I wanted to get a break."

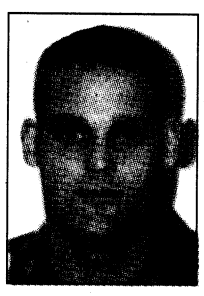
Favorite part of Airborne: "My favorite thing about being an instructor is making a positive impression on new Soldiers."



Staff Sgt. William Barrett, 30
Hometown: Moberly, Mo.
Family: Wife, Tonia, and son, Jacob, 16 months.
Army service: 9 years
Career highlight: "I led a squad in Iraq in March 2003 and was there for eight months. We fight our nation's battles and being able to lead Soldiers, accomplish real missions and keep them alive was great."

Why black hat?: "My son was 4 months old and I wanted to be able to get home to him and my wife every night."

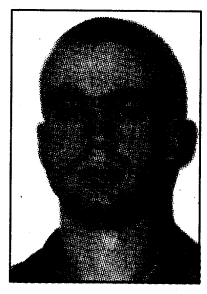
Favorite part of Airborne: "Taking a Soldier who knows nothing and teaching him to do (the training) without getting hurt. I like taking someone who is scared to death and give him the confidence to do things."



Staff Sgt. Travis Pheanis, 26
Hometown: Franklin, Ohio.
Family: Single
Army service: 8 years
Career highlight: "Serving in Alaska, because the people there were so awesome."

Why black hat?: "The recruit command (I was at) had civilians take over, and we were told we could go anywhere. I wanted to go to Italy, but a buddy here told me how great it was. So I came here. Then he left last December."

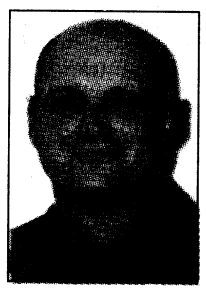
Favorite part of Airborne: "In jump week, I like to see (the Soldier's) faces in the aircraft. Through the program you see them crawl, walk and run. I like watching how they perform. You see everything from day one. When they jump, it's 90 percent what you taught and 10 percent them."



Staff Sgt. Joseph Hissong, 28
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio.
Family: Wife, Christine, children, Joseph, 9, and Logan, 2.
Army service: 9 years
Career highlight: "I jumped in Thailand and got my Thai wings."

Why black hat?: "It was the lesser of all evils. I had to get instructor time and I wanted to stay on jump status."

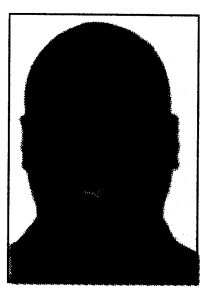
Favorite part of Airborne: "It's the students and working with people who make this enjoyable and bearable."



Staff Sgt. Zachary Armstrong, 38
Hometown: Madison, Wis.
Family: Wife, Tami, children, Alec, 8, and Ian, 6.
Army service: 12 years
Career highlight: "A highlight was being OPFOR for the Special Forces Qualifying Course. You get to run around in the forest without a ballistic helmet."

Why black hat?: "I had admiration for the black hats when I went through Airborne School. There are very few people in the Army who get to be airborne on a regular basis, let alone be an airborne instructor."

Favorite part of Airborne: "You get in ground week and the Soldiers are all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, and then you see the fear start to set in. It is neat to see them overcome that fear in the end."



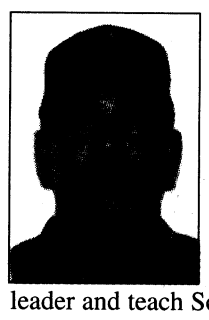
Staff Sgt. Jarrell Williams, 32
Hometown: Columbus
Family: Single
Army service: 12 years
Career highlight: "My first three years in the 82nd Airborne Division.

"It was a different time back then.

"Life was good and training was more realistic."

Why black hat?: "I put in my drill sergeant packet and got orders, but I was sent to the 507th Airborne because they were in need of a jumpmaster."

Favorite part of Airborne: "There is always a rush that initial four seconds out of the plane. The rest is just 'Oh, well.'"



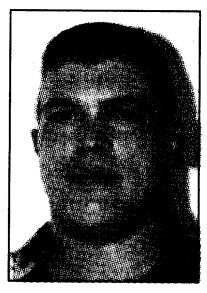
Staff Sgt. Ari Abenojar, 27
Hometown: Stockton, Calif.
Family: Wife, Lisa, and child, Ariston, 2.
Army service: 7 years
Career highlight: "When I became an NCO. Basically, it was a big change because I actually got to become a leader and teach Soldiers everything they need to know."

Why black hat?: "I wanted to pass on skills to other Soldiers who wanted to become paratroopers."

Favorite part of Airborne: "I love all of it, from training on day one all the way through graduation.

"It is fun to see Soldiers become excited to be airborne.

"It's something different from everything else in the Army."



Staff Sgt. David Rowan, 30
Hometown: Watertown, Conn.
Family: Wife, Michelle.
Army service: 12 years
Career highlights: "The Ranger Regiment was the best training.

"It's a good place to grow up from a private to an E-6.

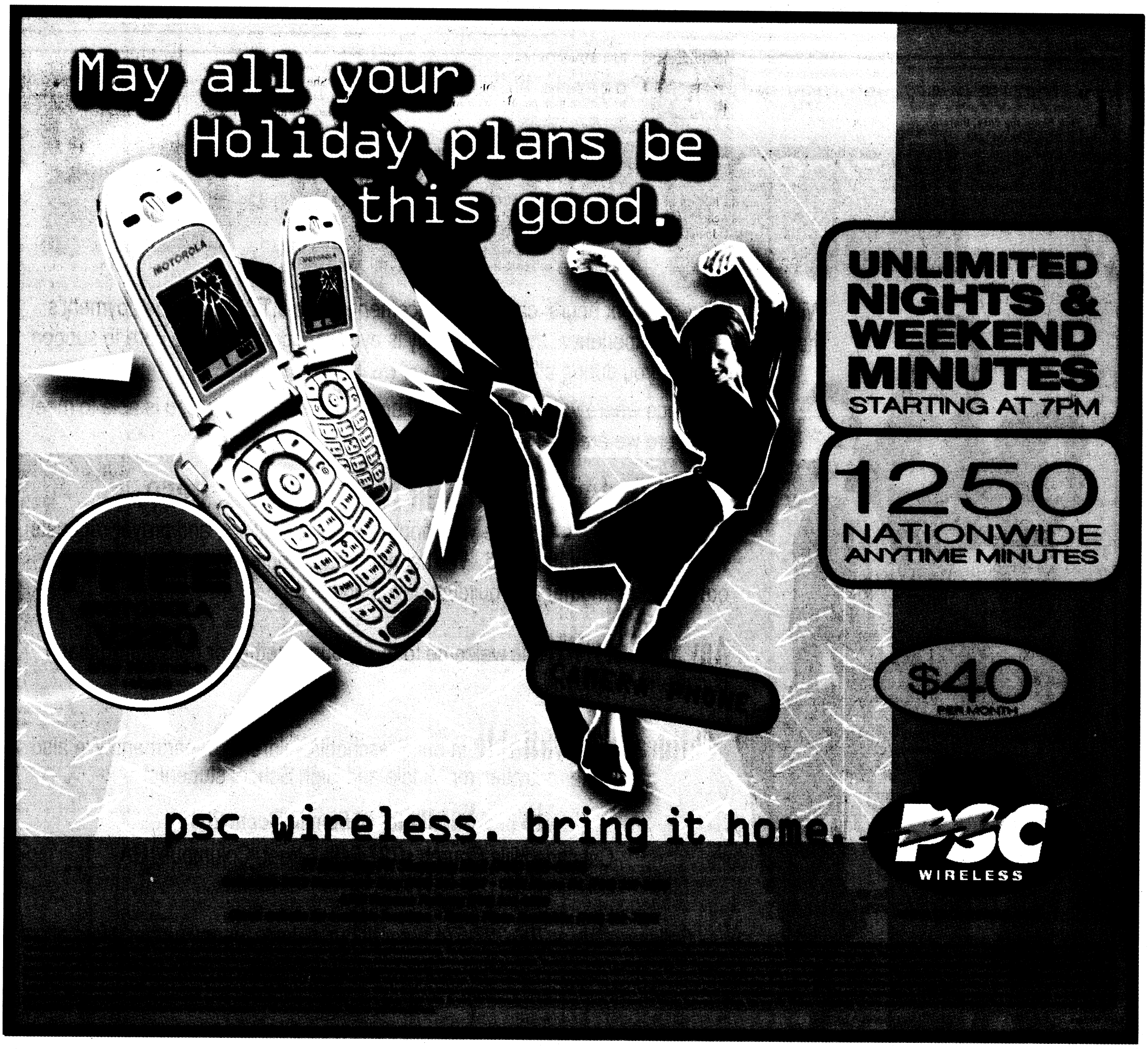
"Being a young jumpmaster has to be up there, too.

"On my Panama deployment at the Jungle Operation Training Center, we crossed the Sagris River in a Zodiac at night and hit the enemy in the middle of the night."

Why black hat?: "There's really only one way to excel as a black hat — you have to learn. You can learn (to teach) as many classes as you want here."

Favorite part of Airborne: "If I have to do instruction time while war is going on, at least I am training people for that war.

"And, I can do a Hollywood jump with a dash one in the daytime if I want."



Fort Benning Exodus to begin Dec. 17

More than 3,500 trainees to leave post

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Robert Theis was a 20-year-old private going through advanced individual training in 1965 when he experienced his first "Exodus," the mass departure of training Soldiers headed home for the holidays.

Theis and a buddy headed south to sunny Florida, where they hung out on the beach and ate pizza for two weeks. It was a welcome break after the rigor of basic training, said Theis, now a civilian operations employee with the Infantry Training Brigade and one of those responsible for executing the annual Sand Hill Exodus.

Theis has "experienced" Exodus from all the angles. In 1976, when Fort Benning's basic training was located at Harmony Church, he was a drill sergeant. As such, he warned his basic trainees headed home for the holidays about the perils of alcohol, laziness and gluttony.

Not much has changed, Theis said. As Sand Hill prepares to "deploy" more than 3,500 trainees to the "four corners of the world," they'll receive a safety briefing on what will be expected of them during their holiday break, Dec. 17 through Jan. 3.

"They're told to stay away from the things they know they shouldn't touch," he said. "They know there'll be a hundred percent urinalysis when they return."

Surprisingly few don't return, Theis said. By and large, the AWOL problem is not a issue. And maybe there's a reason for that.

All of the trainees will have at least three weeks of basic training under their belts before they leave. The first three weeks are the hardest — that's typically when basic training units lose the most Soldiers.

Monday, Sand Hill filled its last company this year. The C Company Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment will have just reached the three-week mark when the Infantry Training Brigade and the Basic Combat Training Brigade begin the Exodus.

As many as 200 buses will pick up Soldiers on Kannell Field and transport them to the local bus station and the airport in Atlanta. The process will reverse when the Soldiers return in January.

Omega Travel will temporarily set up shop on Sand Hill to help trainees plan and purchase tickets home. Those who live within 200 miles of Fort Benning can take a bus or ride with a family member.

Nearly 200 December AIT graduates will return to Fort Benning in January for Airborne School.

The school typically experiences a 10 percent "drop rate." Last year, 364 students started Airborne School after Exodus. One hundred failed.

The graduates returning in January are urged not to make the same mistake their predecessors did, said Staff Sgt. Dennis Campbell, the NCOIC of student accountability for Airborne School.

"When they're on break, they should definitely continue PT," he said. "Do something every day to keep your heart rate up."

Soldiers leaving Fort Benning will also be briefed on receiving medical assistance when needed. They must contact their Military Medical Support Office, at (888) 647-6676, or (800) 444-5445, before seeking non-emergent health care off post.

In the event of an emergency, they're told to seek immediate help at the nearest hospital, then contact their unit and the MMS office.

Those few who don't go home — they live too far or don't have a home to go to — will stay in the 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment barracks.

They'll be treated to local ball games and bused to The Sign of the Dove Bed and Breakfast in Buena Vista, Ga., for Christmas dinner.

Soldier, son find missing Columbus man

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

When Staff Sgt. Daniel Fox took his 10-year-old son Tyler hunting Saturday, the last thing he expected to find on the way home was a man hobbling down the middle of Wildcat Road in the rain with no shoes or jacket at 6:30 at night.

"I had to swerve to avoid hitting the poor guy," Fox said. "I rolled down my window to talk to him, and as soon as he started talking, I knew something was really wrong."

Fox, a drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment, and his son had stumbled upon 34-year-old William Hardin.

The mentally disabled man walked out of his mother's house on 19th Avenue at about 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Day and, for unknown reasons, walked the 25 miles to the backwoods of Fort Benning.

"He was shivering so bad, so between his disability and that, I couldn't understand a word he was saying," Fox said. "He was really, really confused and really scared."

Fox managed to get Hardin's wallet and called the military police. During the wait, he tried to get Hardin warm using a poncho liner and gave him water to drink.

"He could hardly walk and he was covered in mud," Fox said. "At the time, I didn't know this guy had been out there for three days alone."

Hardin, whose core body temperature was only 93 degrees, was taken to Martin Army Community Hospital for treatment for hypothermia.

"He's lucky, because he probably wouldn't have made it if he'd been out there much longer," Fox said.

Hardin's stroke of luck was even more fortunate, given that so many others had passed by without stopping to help him. Fox wasn't the only hunter prowling the area during the holiday weekend.

"I couldn't believe that there were people just driving right by," he said. "If you see a guy walking down the road in the middle of the woods that far out, you stop.

"I just did the right thing," he said. "I don't think I did anything out of the ordinary. It's what any other person should have done."



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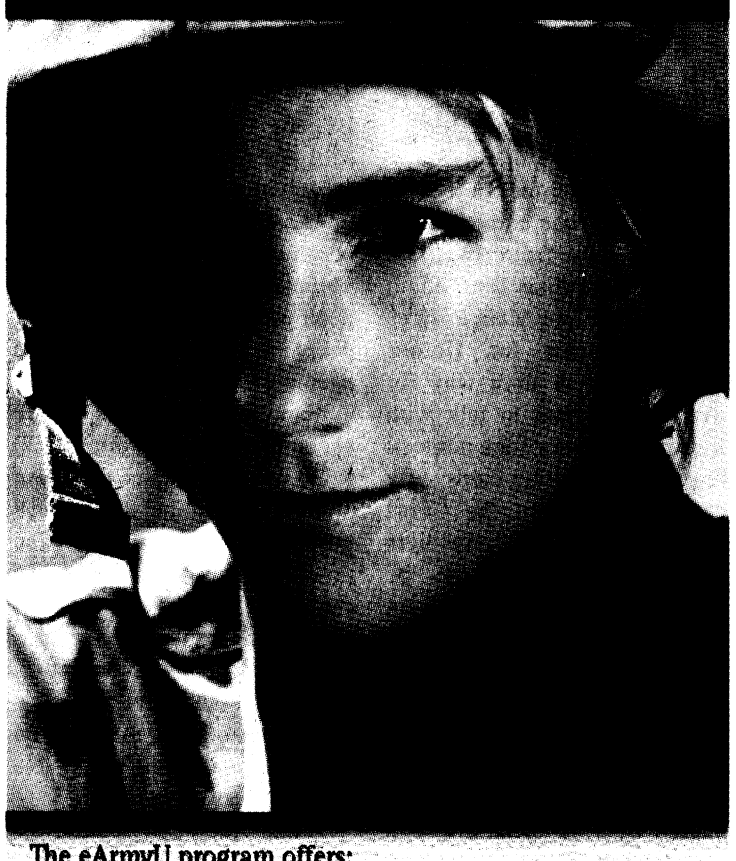
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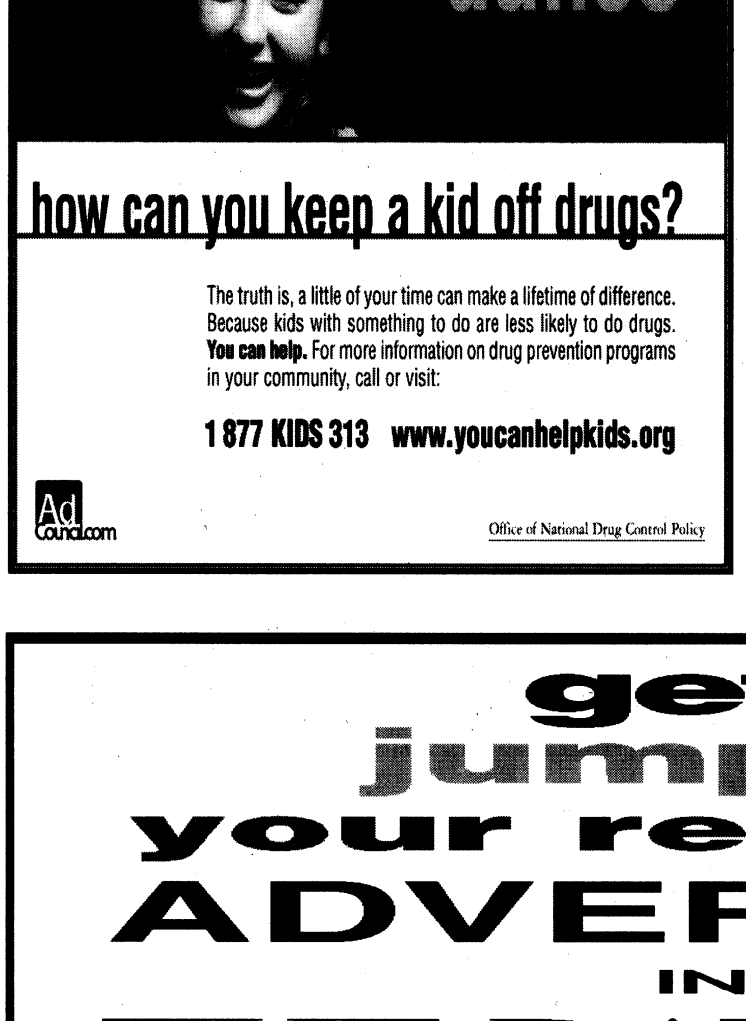
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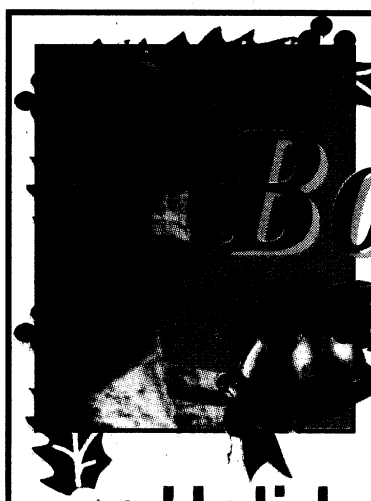


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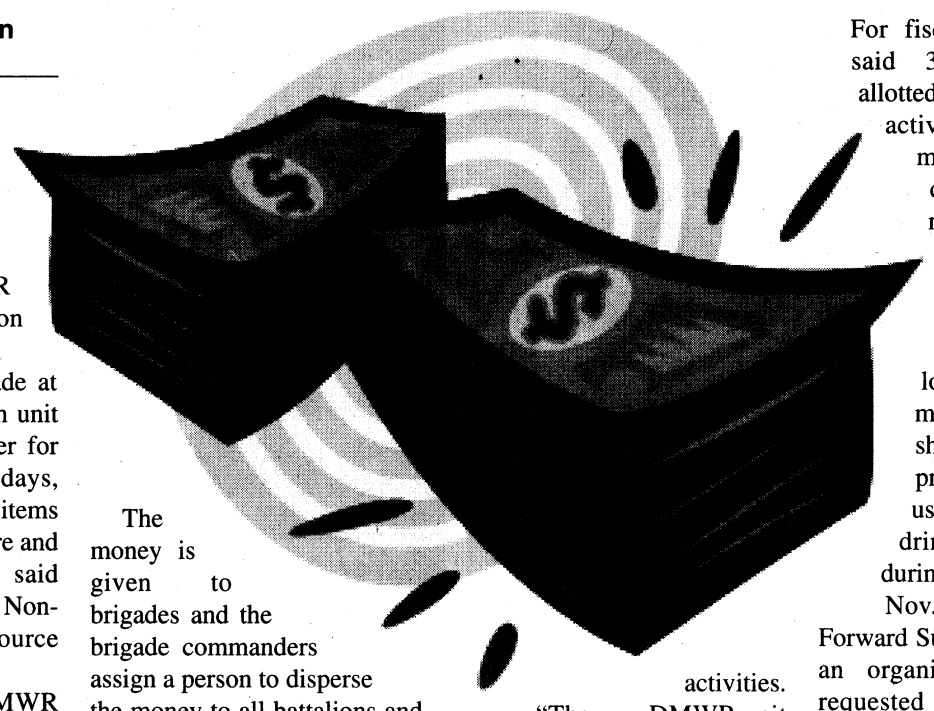
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Out of the money made at the DMWR facilities each unit receives $6.25 per Soldier for unit organizational days, activities or to purchase items to improve morale, welfare and recreation of Soldiers, said Maggie Pope, chief of the Non-appropriated Fund Resource Management Division.

"The Army and DMWR realize that recreation is valuable to Soldiers and their morale," Pope said.

"We feel it's very important for Soldiers to get a time to relax. This year's budget includes $145,000 for unit funding," Pope said.

The money is given to brigades and the brigade commanders assign a person to disperse the money to all battalions and below.

Sgt. 1st Class Toni Hopkins, with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, is the Comptroller NCOIC.

Her job is to help disperse and approve all requests to use units funds for events and activities.

"The DMWR unit funding program is a good way to help improve Soldier morale," Hopkins said.

"The best thing about the program is that the money isn't just for one group of Soldiers. We try to give it to all Soldiers so everyone benefits."

For fiscal 2005, Hopkins said 3rd Brigade was allotted $28,300 for unit activities. With the money allotted, different units can request funding for special events or projects as they see fit.

Hopkins said a lot of units use the money to purchase T-shirts for unit runs to promote cohesion or use the money to have drinks and snacks during redeployments.

Nov. 23, the 203rd Forward Support Battalion had an organizational day and requested $1,800 to help purchase the food, drinks and activities.

"The units can use the funds to purchase items to benefit all Soldiers," Pope said.

"If you're watching cable in your day room, unit funds paid for it."

Post hiring for heroes' hotline

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

The Hotline for Heroes is seeking part-time employees to transfer calls from overseas Soldiers beginning Dec. 15 in Building 1792 on Main Post.

The Hotline for Heroes began last year as a way for overseas Soldiers to talk with loved ones free or for a nominal fee on their calling cards. By calling through the Fort Benning hotline, Soldiers making local calls can be transferred without charges, and Soldiers calling locations throughout the United States get charged American long-distance rates rather than overseas rates.

Last year the call center was staffed by volunteers, and was open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., but this year, it will be staffed 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, to serve deployed Soldiers. The call center will be staffed until 36th Engineer Group and 3rd Brigade Combat Team return, said Paul Yates director of Information Management.

"Last year, the call center became a social center where volunteers could support deployed Soldiers, meet other people from the community and have a good time," Yates said.

Family members are encouraged to apply for the 20 to 30 positions, Yates said. An applicant must be at least 18 years old to be eligible. The positions will be with the contractor, TEL-TEC, and are not government service positions. People interested in applying should have a flexible schedule and be able to work on a rotational basis. No experience is necessary.

After the call center is established, family readiness groups and other organizations will be encouraged to volunteer.

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Brothers stationed together for third time

Fort Benning rendezvous point during service

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"My brother and I always had the normal brother rivalries when it came to sports and board games," said 1st Sgt. Patrick Durr, former Primary Leadership Development Course branch chief.

"But he was the one with the straight As in school and I was more into the social aspect."

Durr is talking about his big brother, Col. Chuck Durr, director of Combat Development.

The brothers, sons of an Air Force officer, joined the Army more than 21 years ago and have been stationed together three times, each time at Fort Benning.

"It started when I came here for basic training," Patrick said.

"He was going through Ranger School at the time, so we would meet at Mass on Harmony Church every Sunday."

They were together a second time when Patrick was a first sergeant at the Infantry Training Brigade from 1999 to 2001.

In high school, Chuck began JROTC and continued ROTC in college. A Gator, he was commissioned in Gainesville, Fla., August 1983.

The following December, Patrick enlisted.

Both chose the Infantry.

"When I enlisted, my intention wasn't to stay in for a long time," Patrick said.

"I only signed up for three years. After that, I never pursued becoming an officer, because I knew I would be more successful as an NCO." Though Chuck is an officer and Patrick a senior NCO, there is no longer rivalry between the two.

"We have never competed against each other when it comes to our careers," Patrick said. "We're both close professionally and have the same desire to mold our fighting force into the most efficient force in the world. We'll do anything in our power to do that."

The Durrs have two siblings, all born in January. Chuck was born in 1961, Julia in 1962, and Patrick and his twin brother, Timothy, in 1963.

"There was no ganging up, but (Chuck) always had the upper hand," Patrick said.

"He went into every confrontation well-planned, and he always got what he wanted. He always won."

Chuck and Patrick agree they enjoy having the same reason to get up in the morning — "our nation and our profession."

"As far as I'm concerned, my brother is the future Sergeant Major of the Army," Chuck said.

"He's incredibly competent and dedicated to everything he does. I'm proud to be his brother."

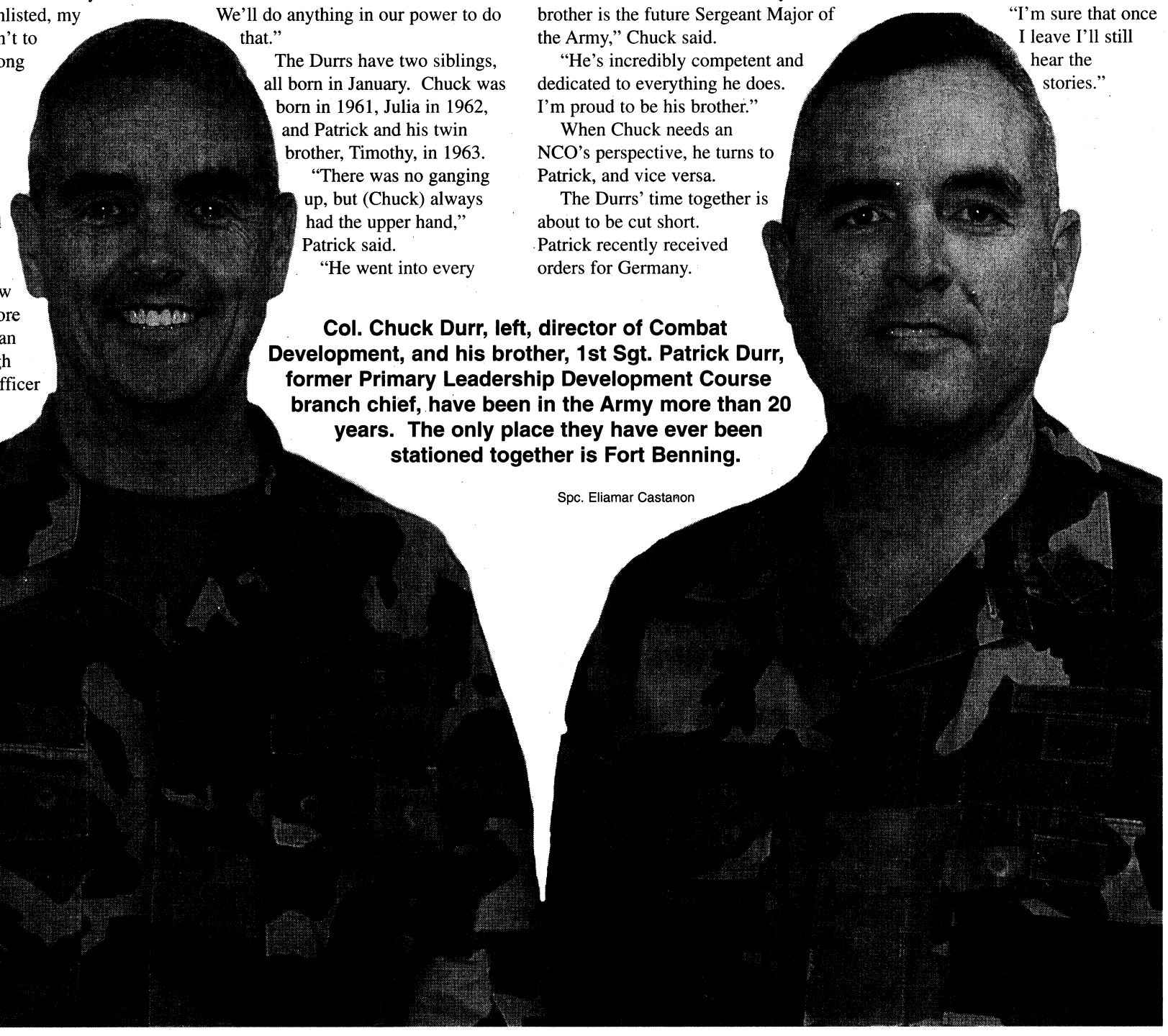
When Chuck needs an NCO's perspective, he turns to Patrick, and vice versa.

The Durrs' time together is about to be cut short. Patrick recently received orders for Germany.

Chuck will be taking command of the Basic Combat Training Brigade in the summer.

"We've both done the best in our fields and I've always enjoyed hearing good stories from NCOs who have worked with (Chuck) through his time and vice versa," Patrick said.

"I'm sure that once I leave I'll still hear the stories."



Col. Chuck Durr, left, director of Combat Development, and his brother, 1st Sgt. Patrick Durr, former Primary Leadership Development Course branch chief, have been in the Army more than 20 years. The only place they have ever been stationed together is Fort Benning.

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PHIL 212	Intro to Ethics [R/W/S (Eng Comp I)]	Moatos	Fri/Sa/Sun: Feb 4/5/6 & 25/26/27
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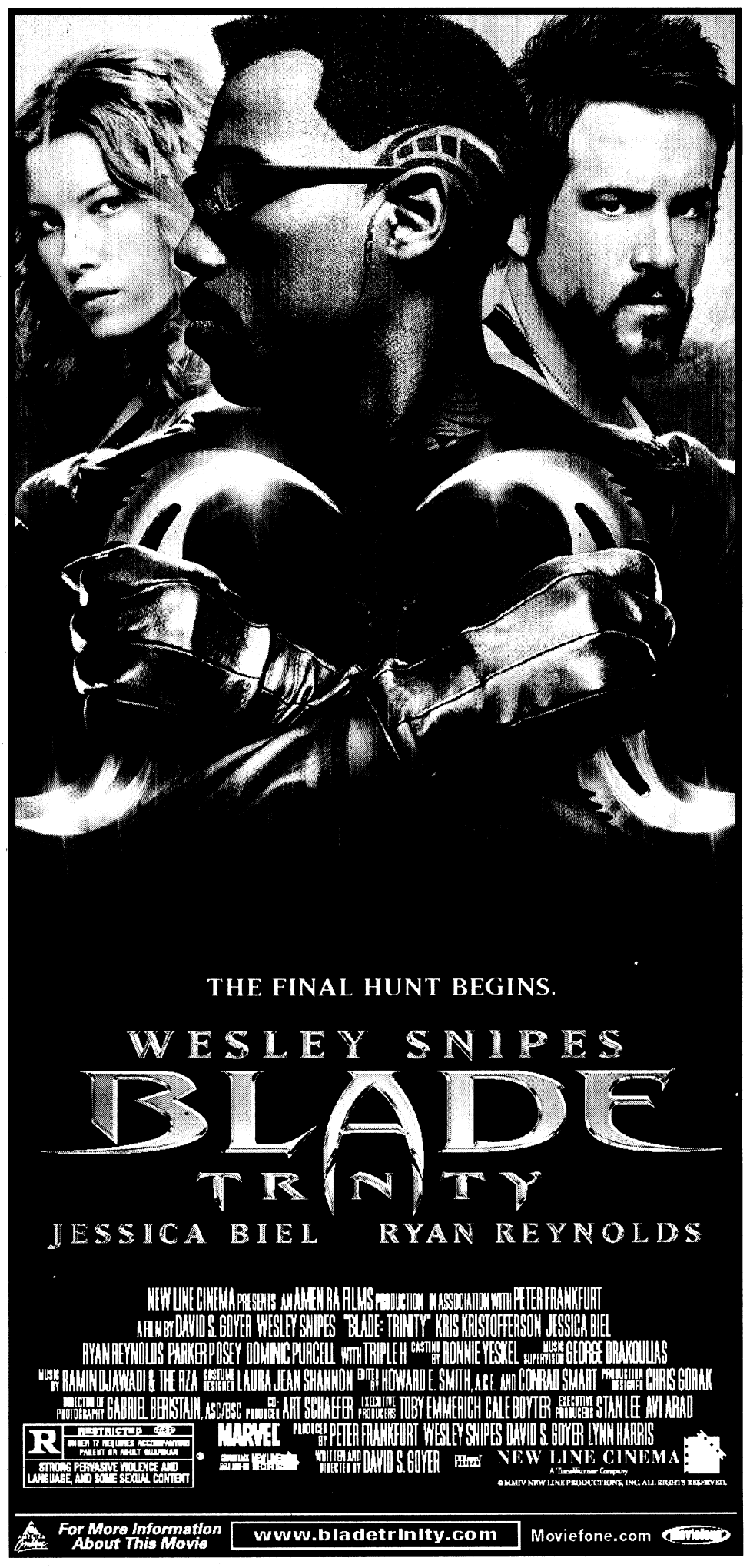
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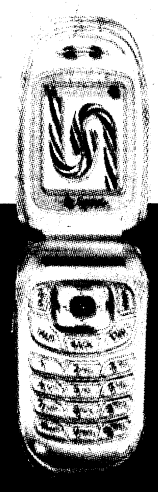
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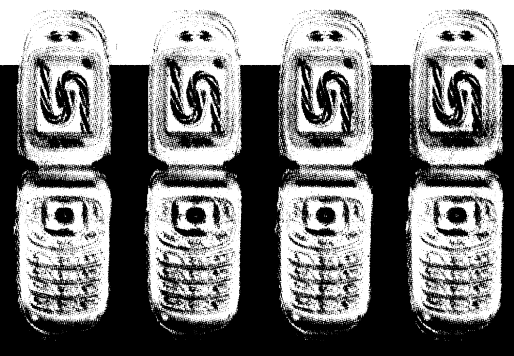
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The meeting will be held at the Officers' Club in the Regimental Room.

The guest speaker will be Sylvia Kidd. She is a spokesperson for Army family programs and support to the Soldier community. There is no cost to attend the meeting.

Rocks, Inc.

An interest group meeting for the organization of a Fort Benning Chapter of the Rocks, Inc. will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Doughboy Room in Infantry Hall to determine the feasibility of starting a Fort Benning Chapter.

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Audie Murphy Club meeting

The post Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the 30th Adjutant General dining facility. The secretary and treasurer board seats will be voted on.

For more information, call 1st Sgt. Sherman Roberts at 544-7324.

MLK commemorative service

The Equal Opportunity Office will host a commemorative service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 11 a.m. Jan. 13 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

The guest speaker will be Reverend Otis B. Moss III, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga.

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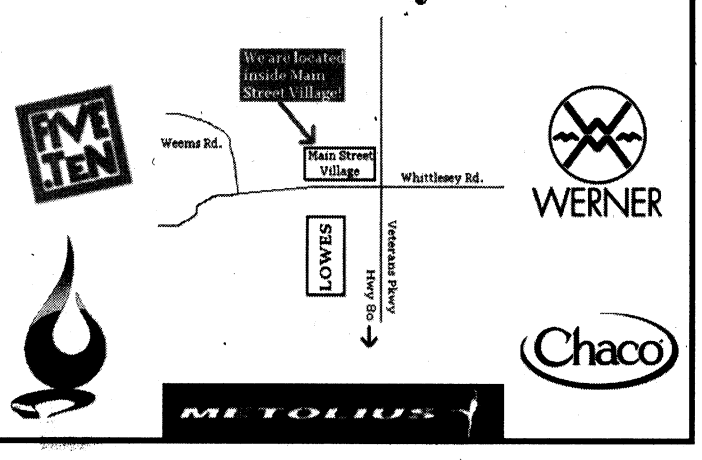
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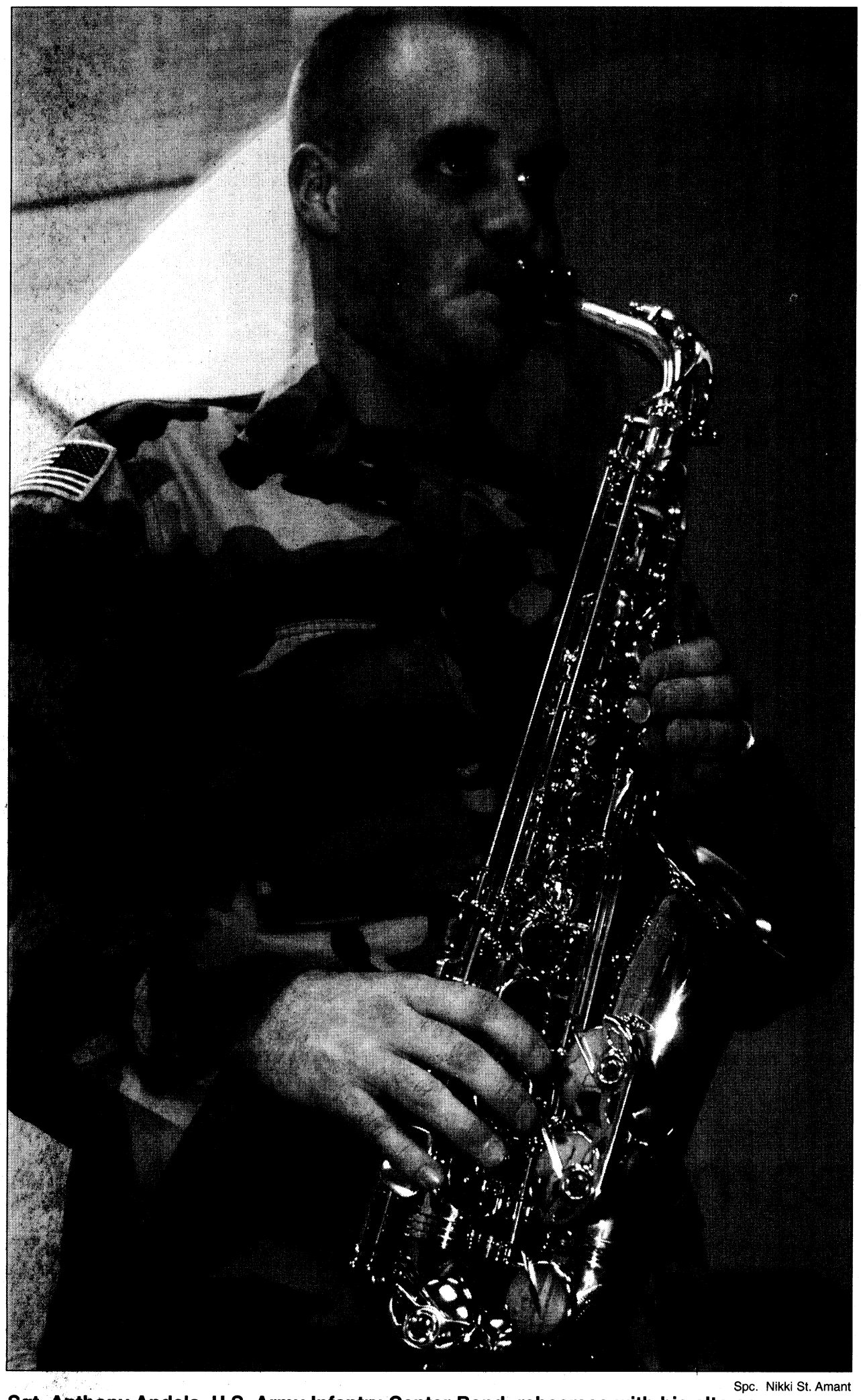
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Sgt. Anthony Andela, U.S. Army Infantry Center Band, rehearses with his alto sax.

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> "We aren't just civilians who put on BDUs. We train, we deploy just as much as anyone else. We take PT tests. We are Soldiers too."
>
> **Staff Sgt Stephen Spohn**
> Infantry Center band member

For the musically inclined, the Army offers lots of ways to be a Soldier. Even before day one, those who decide to join the ranks of the Army band march to a very different tune than the rest of the force.

The Army band MOS falls under the Army's Civilian Acquired Skill program. To join as a musician, prospective enlistees must already be proficient with an instrument and must pass an audition before an Army band commander.

Not many recruiters know much about musical instruments, chords, scales or keys. So, for each region, there is a band liaison who assists recruiters and prospective enlistees with the process and answer any questions that arise, said Staff Sgt. Stephen Spohn, a trombone player with the Infantry Center Band.

Once an enlistee is accepted and has completed basic training, he or she attends advanced individual training at Little Creek Naval Amphibian Base, Little Creek, Va., the site of a joint training center for Navy, Marine and Army musicians. While there, blossoming musical masters fine tune and refine their skills, ever mindful of the strict four-point grading system.

Students are graded on sight reading and four scales — major, minor, harmonic minor and melodic minor. Students must achieve a 2.75 grade point average to graduate. Musical training continues for band members just like any other MOS. BNCOC students must achieve a 2.8 to graduate and ANCOC 2.9.

The few and proud who master their instruments and earn a 3.0 or above receive a C1 identifier and are eligible for assignment to bands in Italy, Belgium, Heidelberg, Germany, and other locations, Spohn said.

Special bands conduct more public performances outside installation gates than division-level bands and provide support for high-ranking or VIP government officials, such as the president.

When the major military mission is to maintain proficiency with an instrument and constantly rehearse pieces for various ceremonies and performances, musicians spend an enormous amount of time playing, Spohn said. But a lot of time is still spent Soldiering, despite what most people think.

Spohn said the Infantry Center Band conducts physical training every day that a performance doesn't interfere and many afternoons are devoted to common task training. The unit conducted a live-fire convoy exercise in March — training many garrison units never see.

"We do have a war-time mission that is different than what we do here," Spohn said.

"When the war kicked off, the 3rd Infantry Division Band and the 101st Airborne Division's band were over there. Our role then was to provide security for the TOC. Our job was to augment the military police.

"We aren't just civilians who put on BDUs," he said. "We train, we deploy just as much as anyone else. We take PT tests. We are Soldiers too."

Band members routinely work nights and weekends supporting functions like official dinners, unit dining-ins and concerts both on- and off-post. Days are filled with countless graduations and other ceremonies.

"We have to remember that even though we see the same graduation week after week, for parents and trainees, it is their first time and it has to be a spectacular performance," Spohn said.

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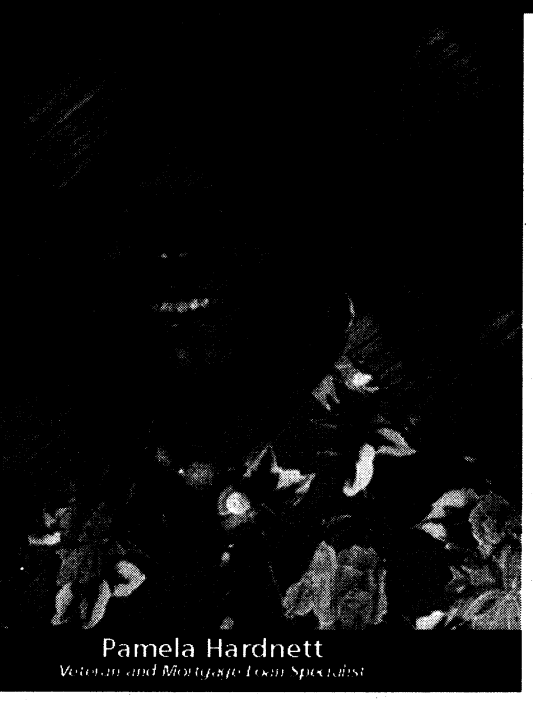
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Sgt. Tommy Pafford, a Reconnaissance Surveillance Leader Course student, lies on the ground during a rendezvous with a partisan during training.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

Recon students learn how to get home

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A four-man reconnaissance team comes under fire behind enemy lines. Communication with higher echelons is compromised. There are double-digit kilometers between the current location and the likely extraction point and a team member is wounded. The team is on its own and running hard.

That situation is one of many students in D Company, 4th Ranger Training Battalion's Reconnaissance Surveillance Leaders Course are trained to handle during their 33-day stay at Camp Rogers.

The current class spent Wednesday reviewing three critical evasion and recovery tasks designed to facilitate an effective escape from enemy contact, said Maj. Eric Flesch, company commander.

The first of those tasks established a team standard operating procedure. Students learned how to plot corridors of escape, plan waypoints, and predetermine signal protocol in case a rally with another nation's forces or a partisan is necessary.

Partisans are local nationals, in whatever country a recon team is operating, who are hired by the American government to provide aid in the event a team can not be evacuated by other, safer means.

At the second station they rotated to, students participated in a mock rendezvous with a partisan agent. Contact with friendly forces and host nation forces is preferred over partisan contact because of the inherent risk they may double-cross the stranded team, Flesch said.

The students practiced providing cover for the Soldier designated to make initial contact with the partisan, challenge and password protocols and handling partisan demands after contact has been established.

The students were well-versed in the ins and outs of constructing a recovery activation signal.

The third station of the day's training covered the RAS in detail. The symbol used is almost always the letter of the day determined in a team's air tasking order special instructions, said instructor Sgt. 1st Class Mark Herlick.

When a RAS is built, it is dug or built either one meter deep or one meter high. It must measure 14 feet by 14 feet, the legs of the letter must be one meter wide and the symbol must be easily seen from the air, but not easily found by enemies on the ground.

At that point, the team could use additional symbols to let searchers know how many Soldiers are at that particular point, how many are wounded or other important information.

Satellites or aircraft relay images of the symbol through the chain of command, providing data on the isolated team's movements and status until it reaches the selected area for evasion, where an extraction or rally with a rescuing force is possible.

Wednesday's training was almost the halfway mark for the class. And as the group prepared to move into the most intense phase of the course, they felt the pressure.

"There's a whole lot of information they throw at you from the very first day," said Sgt. Thomas Worley, a student team leader. "You have to be able to process it and immediately turn around and apply it.

"But the instructors here really know their stuff. They are all subject matter experts and I feel I'll be ready to hit the ground running."



An RSLC instructor points out possible corridors of escape if a recon team comes under fire during a mission.



Sgt. Benjamin Simpson, top, 2nd Lt. Derek Raymond and Sgt. Tommy Pafford, right, observe and provide cover for a comrade during a rendezvous with a partisan during evasion training.



RSLC students are challenged by a partisan, played by instructor Staff Sgt. James Marinucci, during evasion training.

New unit, commander 'ready to execute'

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

He started late, according to military standards. First he studied architecture, but decided to teach instead. Then he tried his hand at medical sales. When that didn't satisfy, at age 29, Jeffery Haun decided to give the military a go.

"I fell in love with it," said Haun, now *Col.* Haun, commander of the 14th Combat Support Hospital. "I have never been happier in my life than being around Soldiers, training Soldiers and doing missions."

Haun joined the 3rd Armored Calvary Division as a hospital administrator, wanting to "stay with the medical side, but (still) be in a field environment." Two years and two hospital jobs later, he found a way to "have it all." He became a medevac pilot.

Haun now faces the daunting task of standing up a unit, the 14th CSH, a unit that's converted from a field hospital to a combat support hospital. It's grown from 84 Soldiers to more than 200 in a month.

"Our goal is to get ready to execute a mission if and when we are called to do so," Haun said.

The unit will conduct field training exercises in January. It's gearing up to perform surgeries out of a mobile operating room alongside Martin Army Community Hospital in the spring. And 14th CSH Soldiers will attend the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk in September.

Haun has experience with deployed medical units. He commanded an area support medical battalion in Iraq from March to August of 2002.

The unit was set up in five locations from Tikrit to an area south of Baghdad. In the initial six months of the tour, Haun said, they treated 22,000 patients.

"We had two companies who were in direct support of the 3rd Infantry Division when they crossed the berm into Iraq," he said.

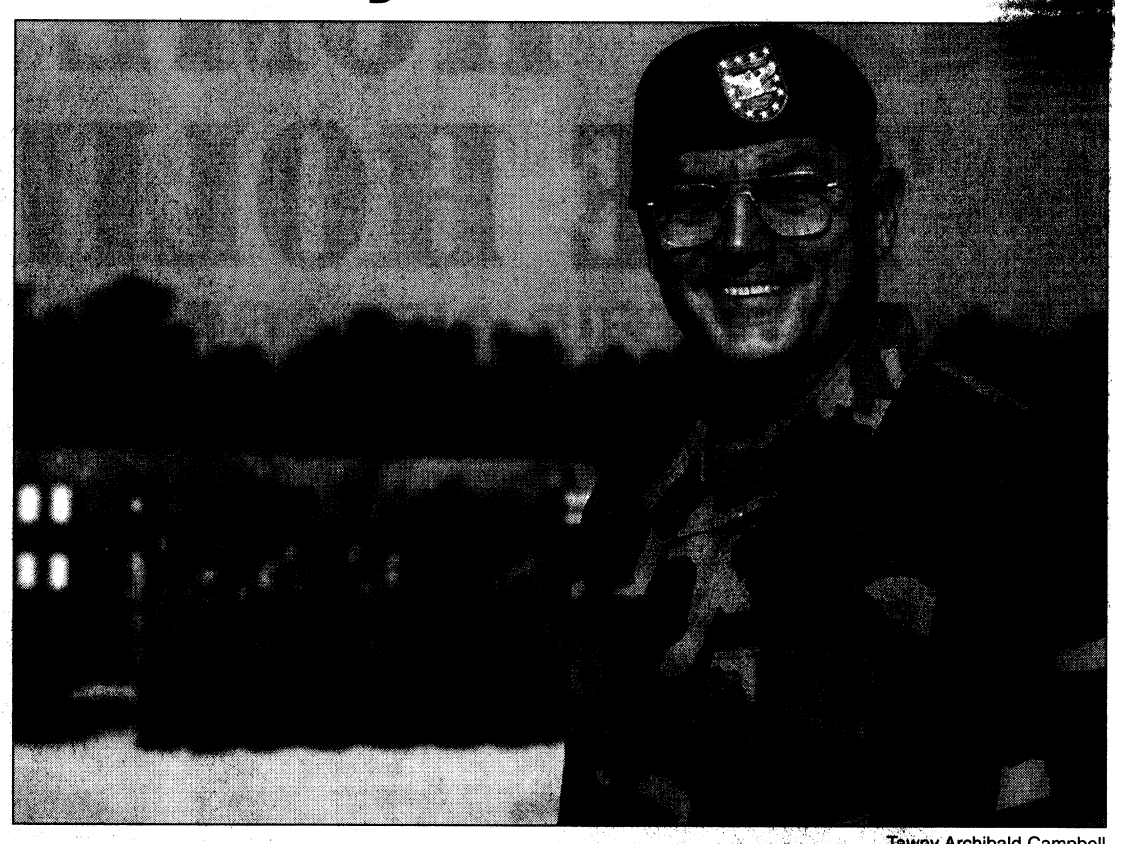
The battalion treated U.S., coalition and Iraqi forces, enemy prisoners of war and Iraqi civilians. The detainees were among those pictured on the "America's Most Wanted" playing cards handed out to the Soldiers.

Haun enjoyed serving alongside the Soldiers in Iraq. He sees himself as an involved leader who wants to be with the Soldiers, because, "a lot of what the Soldiers are asked to do is fun."

He won't ask the Soldiers to do anything he won't do, his wife said.

"He feels his job is to make sure they meet their potential and exceed it," Mary Ann said. "He wants them to go as far as they can."

After 29 years of marriage, Mary Ann knows more about the colonel than anyone else. She sees the kind side, the loving side, the worried and concerned side.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Col. Jeffery Haun is commander of the 14th Combat Support Hospital.

"He sees the best in people," she said. "It's not just a job for him. He cares about everyone and their welfare."

The Hauns have three sons, one serving in Iraq with the 1st Calvary Division and the other two in school in Texas.

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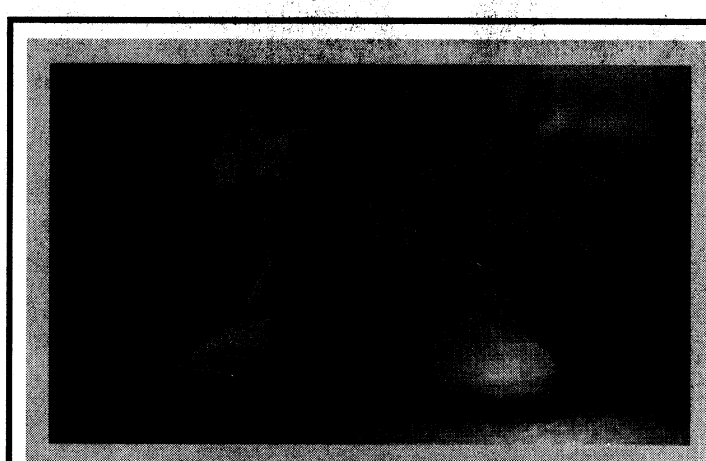
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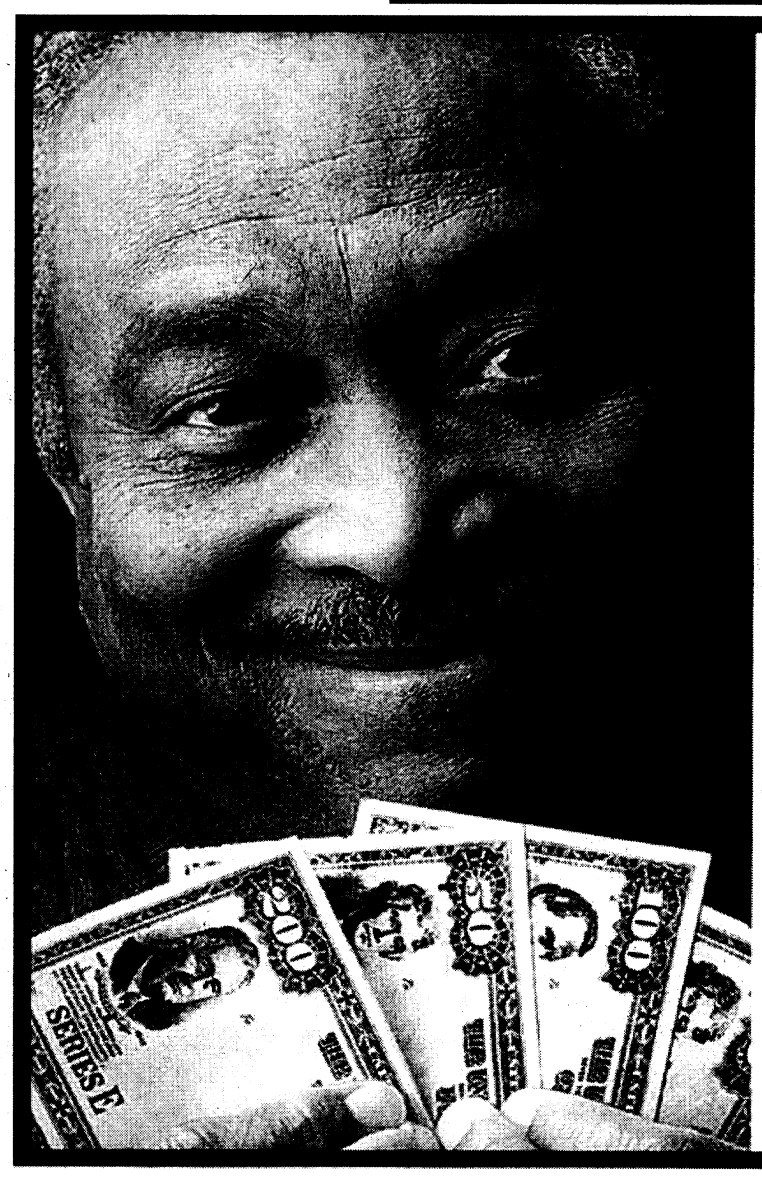
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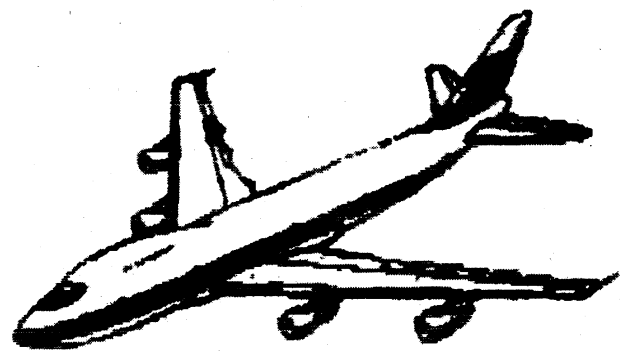
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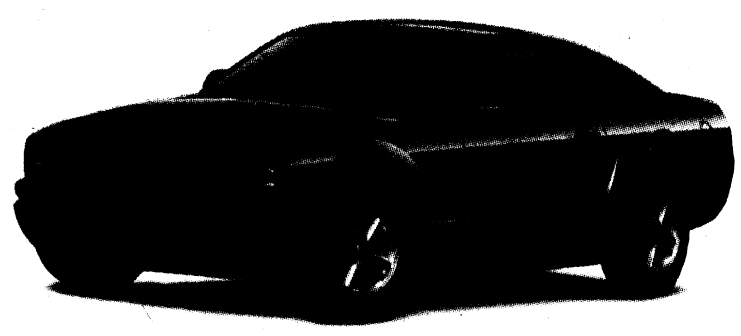
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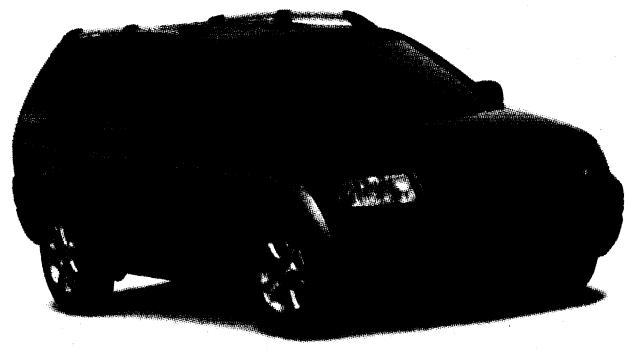
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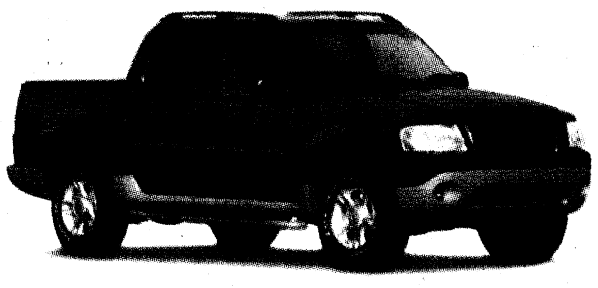
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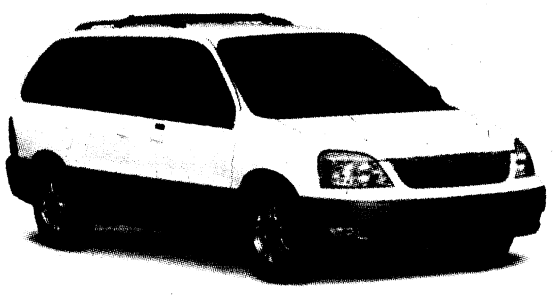
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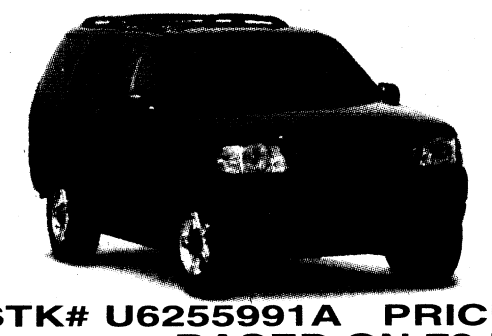
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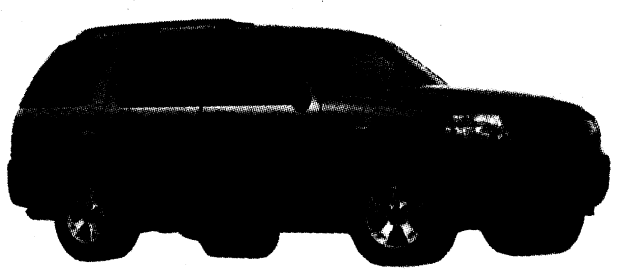
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Tuesday was the highlight of his trip, Evan said. He spent the morning with Soldiers on Kelley Hill and the afternoon at the 4th Ranger Training Battalion. His favorite part?

"Rappelling. I did it three times," he said.

Evan was honored at Wednesday's Rangers In Action demonstration, and later that day, he met Olympians from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

The Schneiders ate Thanksgiving dinner with Soldiers at the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment Dining Facility. The meaning of the day wasn't lost on Evan.

"I'm thankful that I could come here and be with them," he said.

Though the Schneider family has always had a "great deal of admiration for the military," Evan's interest in the Army, and the Rangers in particular, stems from a library book he brought home last year, his dad said.

"It grew from there," Steve said. "And of course, with the war in the news, we talked about it a lot. We have a lot of respect for the men and women who choose to serve our country. So when we heard from the Make-A-Wish people, that's the first thing that came to mind."

> "It was far above what we expected, more than we could've dreamed it would be."
>
> **Steve Schneider**
> Evan's father

Steve said his family considered it an honor to visit Fort Benning, "a chance to say thank you" to the Soldiers.

"But everywhere we went, they kept saying it was an honor for *them* to have us there. That was a real surprise," he said. "It's hard to put into words. It was far above what we expected, more than we could've dreamed it would be."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation and the people at Fort Benning gave the Schneider family an experience they'll never forget, Steve said.

"To me, that's what Make-A-Wish is all about," he said. "It's something we could never have provided for him."

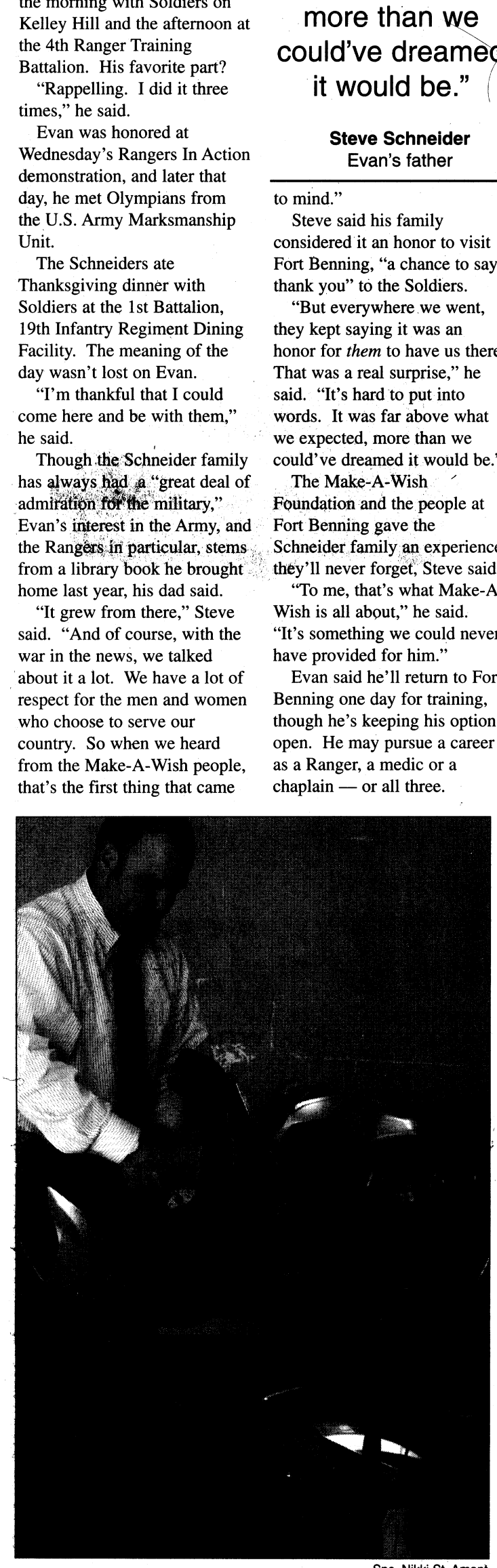
Evan said he'll return to Fort Benning one day for training, though he's keeping his options open. He may pursue a career as a Ranger, a medic or a chaplain — or all three.



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Nine-year-old Evan Schneider is outfitted for duty Nov. 22. Schneider and his 14-year-old brother spent four days on Fort Benning participating in various unit activities and training.

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The towing fee for motorcycles is $50 and must be paid before a bike will be released from the post impound lot.

Army and post regulations require motorcycle riders on post to have certification showing they have completed the post motorcycle operator's course and must be wearing all required safety equipment.

That equipment includes, at a minimum, a Department of Transportation-approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeves and long pants, over-the-ankle shoes, full-fingered gloves and a high-visibility reflector vest at all times, according to Army Regulation 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

The Motorcycle Safety Association said the proper use of helmets is the most important factor in saving lives in a motorcycle crash.

Helmeted riders are three times more likely to survive head injuries in a crash than those who do not, according to MSA statistics.

That is a statistic motorcycle riders should keep in mind, since the MSA also calculates that 20 percent of crashes result in serious head and neck trauma.

"A car is built around safety," 21-year riding veteran Geoff Wollin said.

"It has crash cages, air bags and seat belts. On a motorcycle, all that is wrapped up into the gear you put on your body."

Seatless chaps and fingerless gloves aren't the kind of gear Wollin, an intelligence analyst with the Directorate of Intelligence and Security, is talking about.

"You should always wear full gear," he said. "Head-to-toe armor, full leathers, full-face helmet. There's a saying that goes 'dress for the wreck, not for the ride'"

Not all wrecks are avoidable, but inexperienced riders and car drivers not seeing motorcycles are two of the biggest factors in avoidable collisions, Wollin said.

According to the AMA, a motorcycle is roughly a fifth the size of most passenger vehicles making it much harder to see in traffic, especially at night.

Young riders hitting the road often make irresponsible choices and put themselves in even greater danger than the inherent risk of riding a motorcycle, Wollin said.

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> Veteran motorcyclist

"The street isn't the place for tricks and speed," he said.

"I go to the track down in Florida and can slide a bike around a corner at high speeds, but I don't try it on the streets."

One of the biggest factors in becoming safer on the road as a biker is education, Wollin said. He recommends the motorcycle safety course here on post.

The course is usually held once a month and is mandatory for all Soldiers, whether they plan to ride on or off post, and civilians who wish to ride on the installation, said Staff Sgt. Robert Johns, motorcycle safety course instructor.

"Motorcycle riding is serious, and this is a serious course," he said.

"We don't want riders to blow it off as something they just have to do to be able to ride. We want them to take it seriously. The stats prove over and over again that this course works."

The two-day class includes five to seven hours of classroom instruction and eight to 10 hours of intensive riding instruction .

"We emphasize a lot of risk management in the course," Johns said. "We teach street strategies for staying safe, maneuvering, swerving safely, avoiding collisions, changing lanes and awareness of other drivers' blind spots."

The next course is scheduled for Jan. 20 and 21.

Deployment: Soldiers 'confident in leadership'

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months under one executive order," Bergemann said. "We were very happy to have more than 100 volunteer. Their dedication is impressive.

"The only ones who didn't volunteer were the ones who had to attend basic training or AIT.

"We also had Soldiers from other Wisconsin National Guard units volunteer to deploy with us," he said.

Since their arrival at Fort Benning, the Soldiers have been training for their deployment scheduled for mid to late December.

The training includes common tasks, nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, reactions to improvised explosive devices, live-fire exercise and convoy operations.

"The hardest part of this deployment will be handling tactical convoys with the enemy using guerilla-warfare techniques," Bergemann said. "But between the last mobilization and this one, the troops are more ready, they've been training harder and taking this seriously."

"I just want to get out there so I can hurry up and come home," said Sgt. Sarah Pelikan, a 24-year-old from Jefferson, Wis., who is leaving behind a worried family and fiance. "I'm taking a pillow my little sister made for me so I can remember home."

For her, the hardest part is deploying during the holiday season.

Spc. Mikkel Dunnum, a 27-year-old from La Crosse, Wis., finds it easier to deploy after serving in the active Army for three years at Fort Bragg, N.C., with an air defense unit. He was mobilized in 2003 and was sent to Fort Knox to help the training brigade there.

"I feel confident in this deployment and our leadership," Dunnum said.

"I think we worked out all the bugs last year in preparation for this deployment. Everybody knows what they're doing."

The morale and closeness among the Soldiers was notable as they stood around and joked with each other awaiting their turn to depart.

"I've been in this unit for 16 years," Bergemann said. "I know most of these kids' parents. We're like a family. If worse comes to worse and any of them gives me problems, I'll threaten to call their mothers."

Program: Tries to keep roads safe during holidays

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the increase in part to the higher number of drivers hitting the road under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Volumes of shoppers in a rush, tired travelers and bad weather are also major contributing factors.

The Army dubs the season between Thanksgiving and early January the "Loaded 45."

In that 45-day period last year, 11 Soldiers were killed in POV accidents.

Fiscal 2005 is off to bad start. POV accidents account for 75 percent of accidental deaths this fiscal year, which equates to one Soldier dying every other day on the road, said Regis Beighley, post safety manager.

Soldiers and commanders are urged by Beighley and the post commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, to take POV inspections, safety briefings and driver training requirements seriously.

"This is a time when you have a lot of Soldiers on the road traveling, partying and just trying to have a good time," said Harley Chase, safety specialist. "This is a time of danger when, more than ever, commanders need to use the tools available to them."

In a memorandum dated Nov. 19, Freakley reminds post personnel that drunken driving is especially dangerous and there are options available to avoid getting behind the wheel while intoxicated.

Always have a sober, reliable, designated driver available or take a cab. The Safety Cab program runs from Dec. 10 to Jan. 1 and offers free taxi rides home for those who call 660-6069.

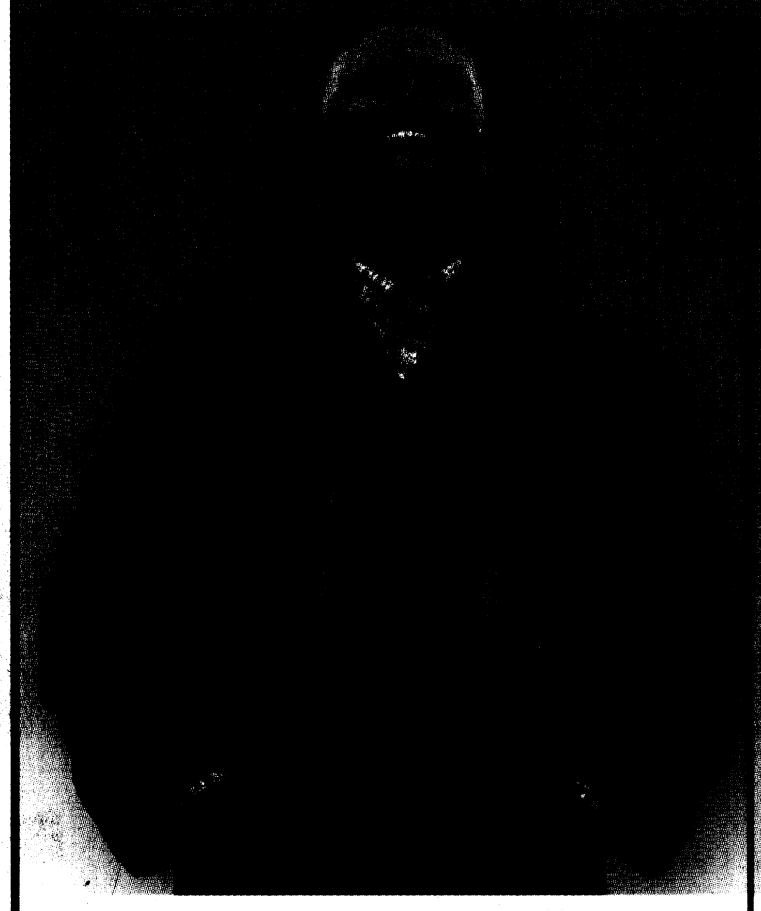
Seatbelts are also an important part of staying safe. Post, city and state laws require the use of seatbelts to minimize the risk of injury and death in the event of accidents.

The Army Substance Abuse Program is available to assist units in providing an effective substance abuse prevention program, including DUI prevention.

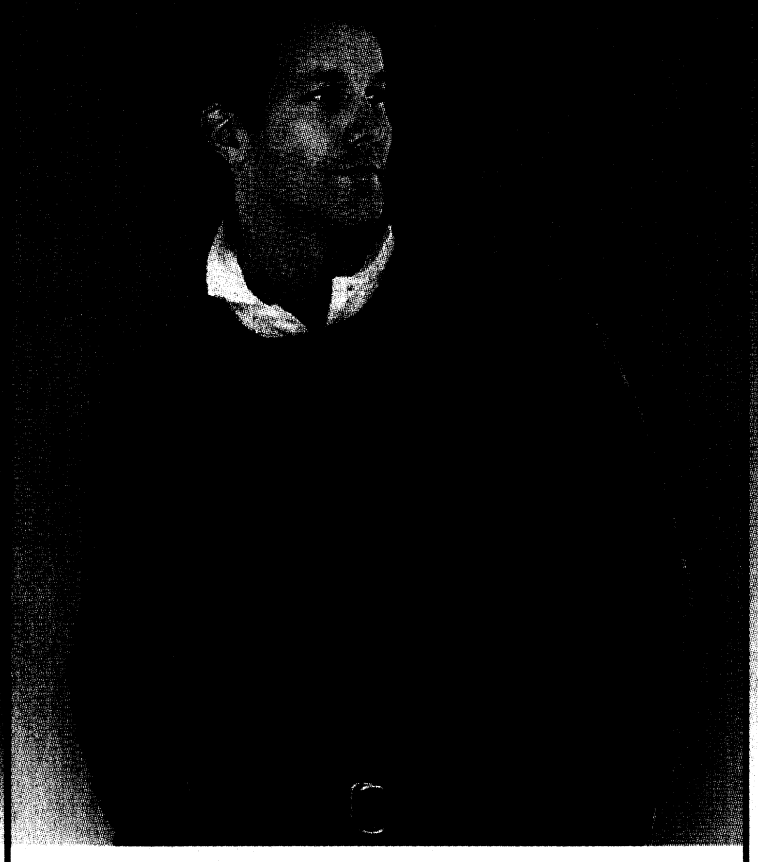
And the military police traffic section can assist by providing traffic safety classes.

For information, call ASAP, at 545-4993, and the MP traffic section, at 545-7241.

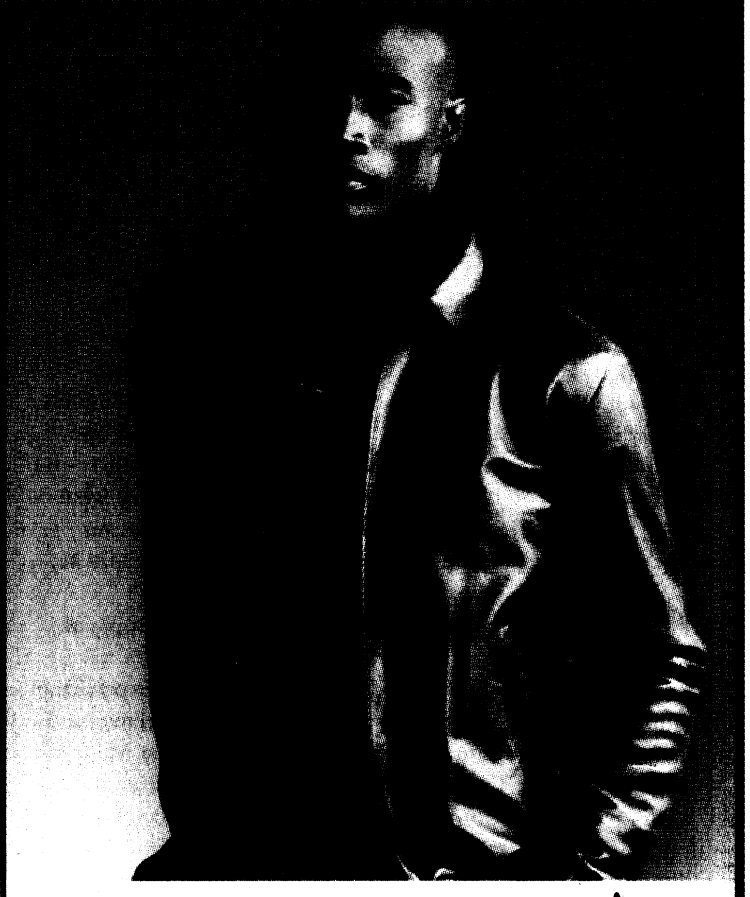
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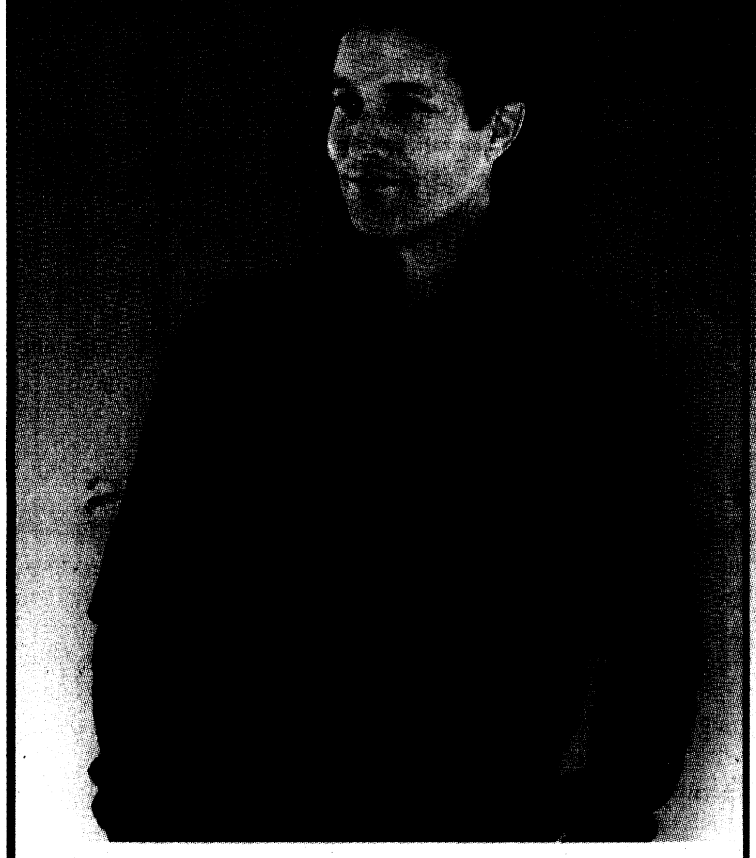
Turnbury "Atlantic" ¾ length double breasted lambskin coat with convertible pockets and quilted lining. Black. M-XL. $495.



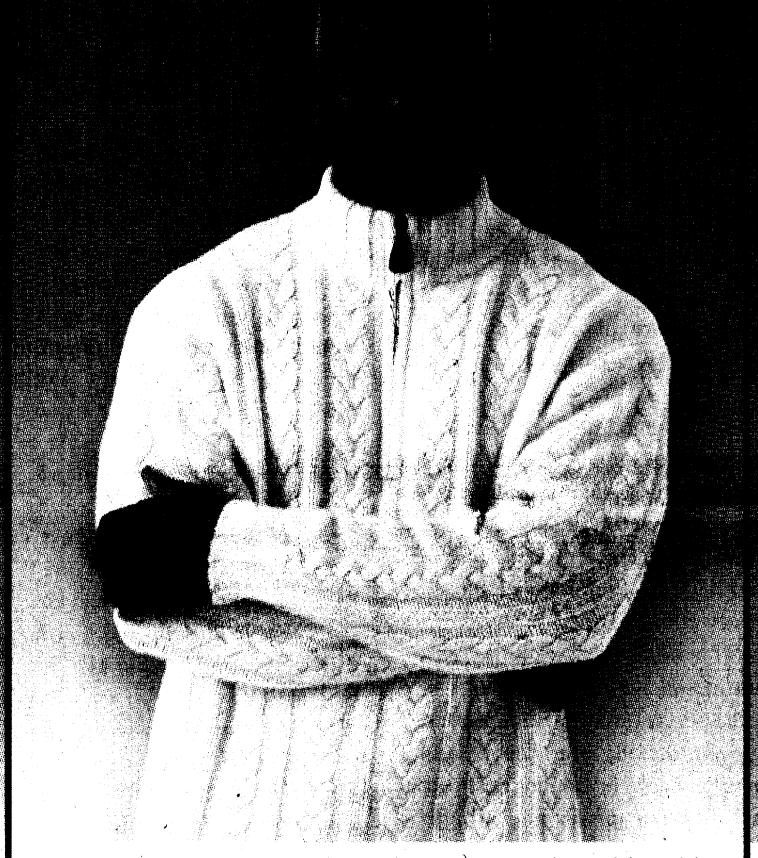
Polo Ralph Lauren 7-gauge cashmere cable knit sweater. Lime, lemon, orange or royal. M-XL. $397.50.



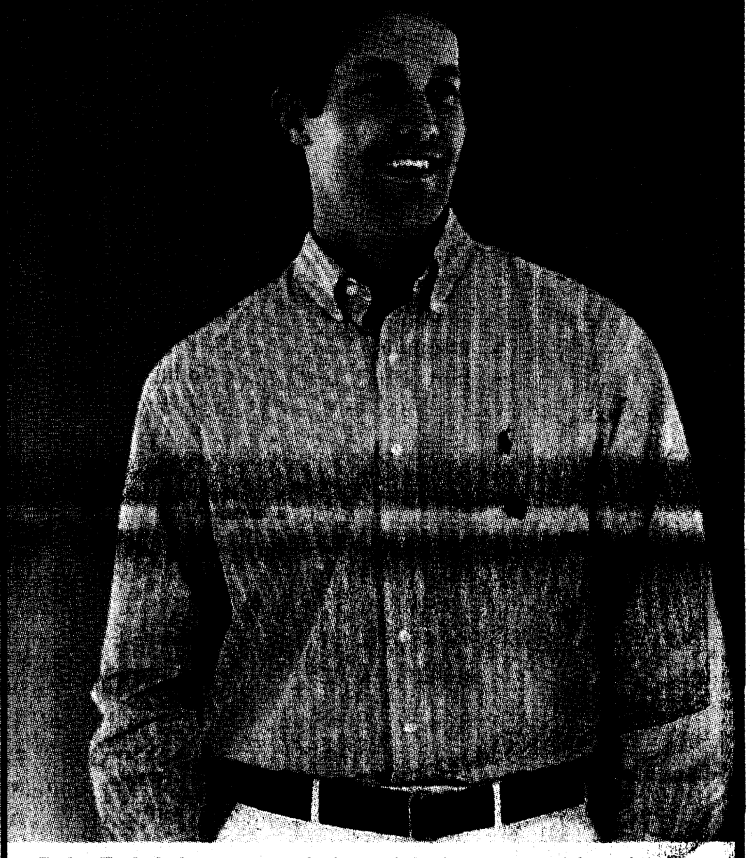
Polo Ralph Lauren lambskin leather jacket. Brown or black. S-XL. $595.



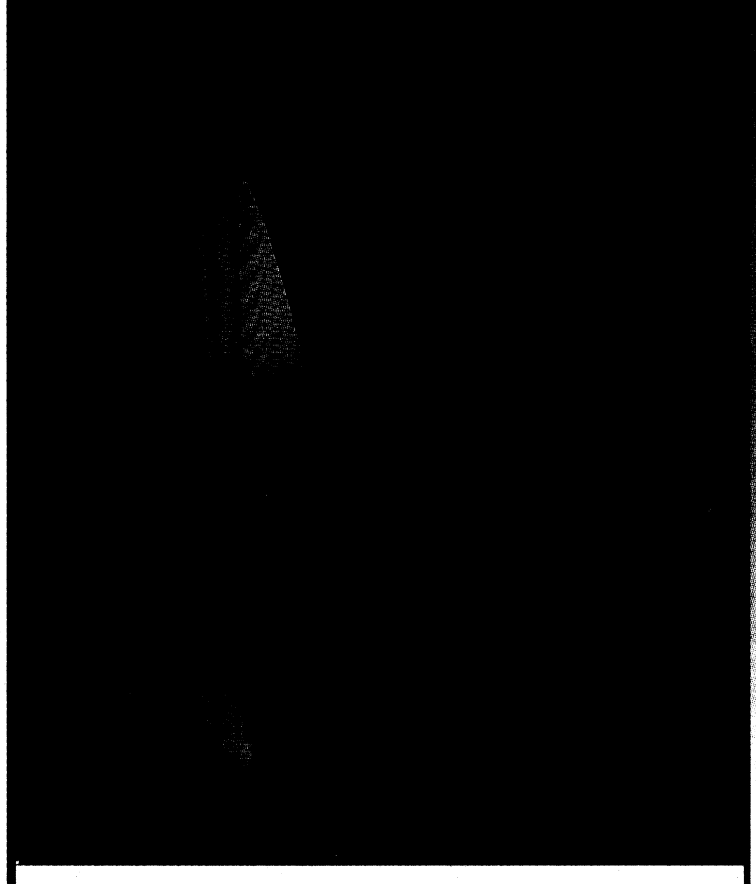
Polo Ralph Lauren cotton rib separates, brushed inside and out for comfort. Navy, grey, red, fawn or black. M-XXL. $75-$85.



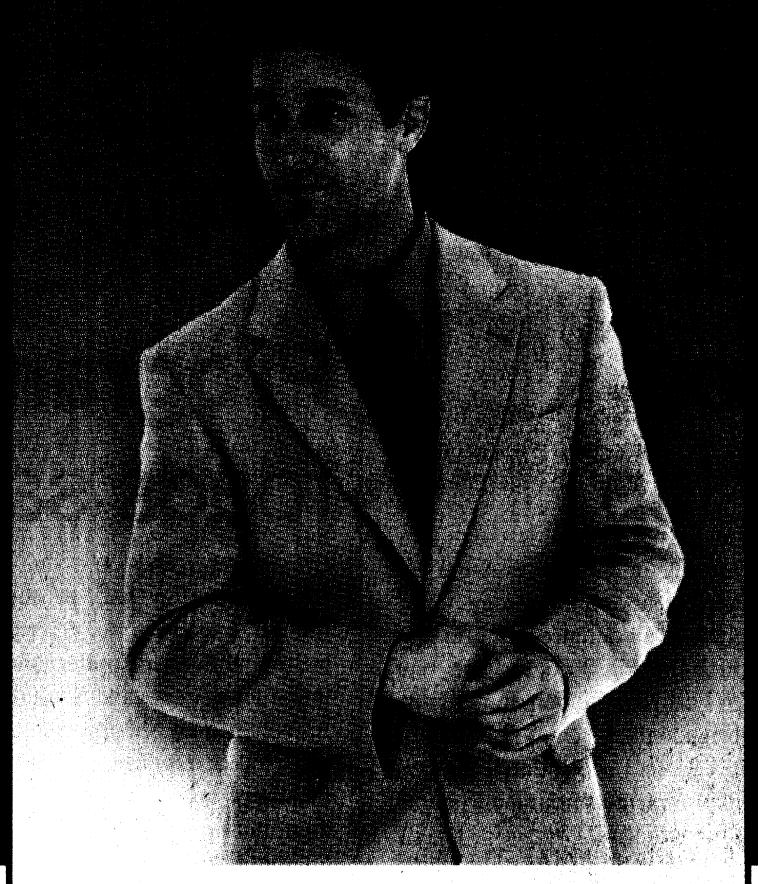
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Polo Ralph Lauren 80's broadcloth woven shirts, in the classic "Blake" fit. Stripes of yellow, blue, orange or green. S-XXL. $79.50.



Johnston & Murphy "Jarret" leather kiltie tassel slip-on. Tan or black. 8-12, 13 medium. $185.



Hart Schaffner Marx two-button pic-stitched camelhair sportcoat with center vent. Natural. 36-48 regular and long. $495.



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Chaplain writes book on digital evangelism

Merges ministry with love of computers

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

When Michael White went to talk with the Army recruiter in 1981, he knew exactly what he wanted.

"I asked him if there was something religious," White said, "and if there wasn't, I was walking out." White spent three years as a chaplain assistant and eight years in the National Guard. After graduating from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, he entered active duty in 1996.

And now, with 23 years of service, Chaplain (Capt.) Michael White has found a way to merge his love for God with a love for computers.

In October, White became a published author. His book *Digital Evangelism: You Can Do It, Too!* came off the presses in a limited print of 500 copies.

"I love to write, I love computers, and I love to minister," he said. "But I may have attention deficit disorder, because I move from project to project."

White, a Methodist pastor, said he always wanted to be a writer and has book ideas, both fiction and nonfiction, running through his head.

"The hard part is making the time and being disciplined enough to sit down and actually write," he said.

That's truly the case. Not only does White provide spiritual services to the Soldiers at the CONUS Replacement Center, he also hosts his own Web site, www.parsonplace.com — quite a bit to keep him occupied.

The book, he said, represents a "natural outgrowth" of his hobbies. He writes a number of devotional and self-help articles for his site and for publications like *Christian Focus Magazine*. And since he's been on active duty, he's created Web sites for the chapel communities at Fort Sill, Okla., Korea and one for Fort Benning while he worked at Sand Hill.

His evangelist Web site has more than 340 regular subscribers and nearly 2,000 visitors monthly. People drop in to the site for everything from spiritual enlightenment to learning how to create batch files.

So, last summer, he decided to get serious about writing his book — what he calls "a collection of great ideas for using computers and the Internet to share the Gospel" — hoping to have it published in time for an annual Christian booksellers convention in Atlanta.

Although he didn't quite meet that deadline, he met his goal of publishing a book that was straightforward, simple and easy to understand, White said.

"I like to be brief, so I took a cue from Hemingway and I met my goal," he said.

The book's 14 chapters are all short, quick reading for anyone who is into computers.

"If not," he said, "it may be dry and boring." The book is written in White's style — conversational — another thing he strove to do and feels good about the end result.

White's goal was to bolster confidence in the reader and get them excited about using computers to minister to their own church, community and people around the world.

His Parson Place newsletter has subscribers around the world, from Argentina to Singapore, Croatia, Ethiopia, India, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

The information in the book, ideas he thought were good for any church or military chapel program, is targeted at the intermediate computer user.

"But every congregation has someone with computer savvy who could set a program up," he said. "And I tried to make it simple and exciting for a lay person as well as a professional."

Although the military ministry is more supervisory than civilian churches, White thinks the information in the book can still be useful if modified to fit the unique style of the military ministry.

He takes readers through creating Web sites, creating e-mail newsletter and prayer lists, offering computer, public literacy and education classes and creating mission support programs.

White said he didn't do any market research to see what was already published on the subject and knows there are bound to be other books out there on the same subject.

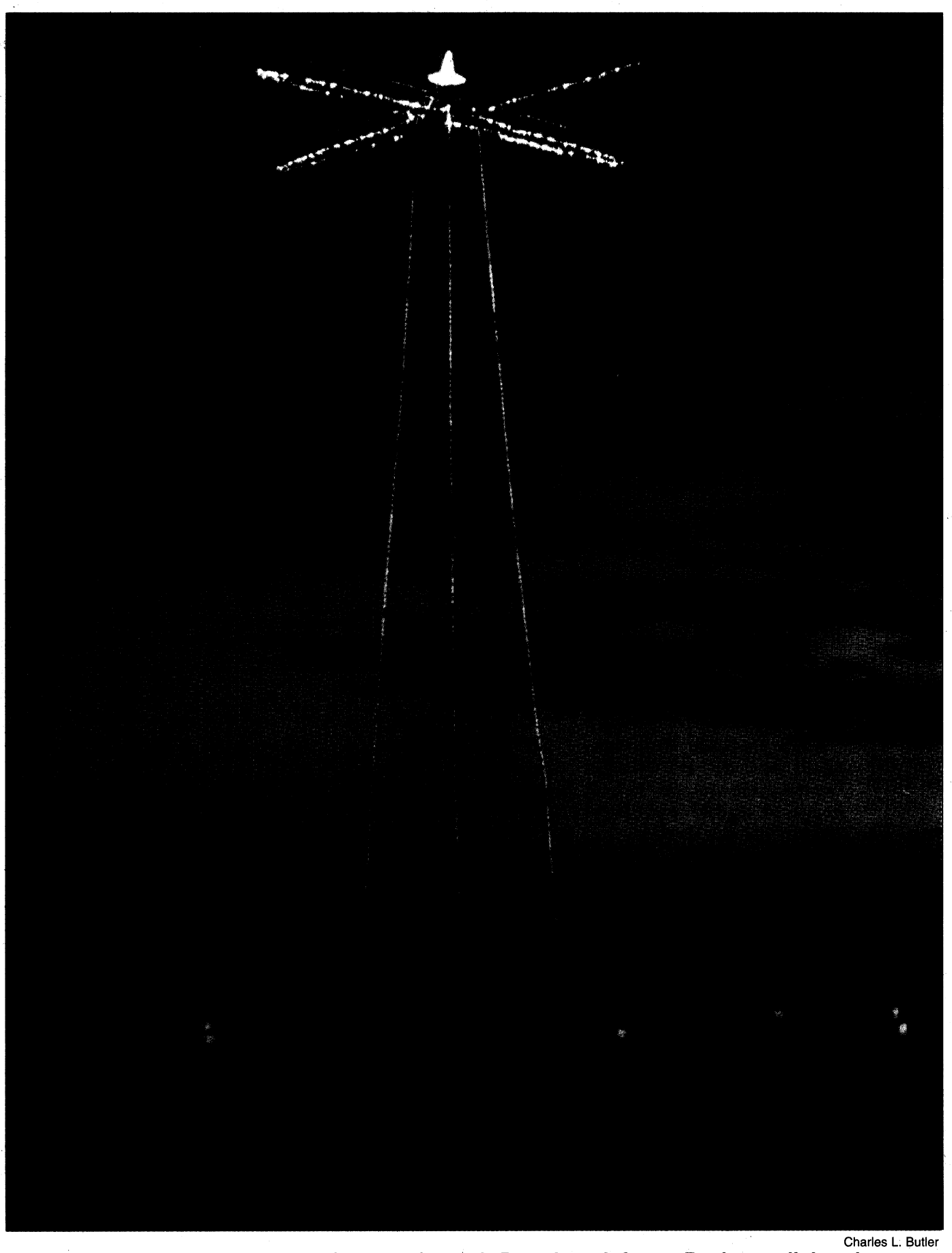
"This book is unique because I wrote it," he said, "and I still want to write other books. My head is swimming with ideas."



Melissa House

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael White combines ministry and computers in his book, *Digital Evangelism: You can do it, Too!*

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> author



Charles L. Butler

This year when the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, lights the tower Dec. 17, a "surprise" visitor is expected to "drop in" with the Silver Wings, Fort Benning's Command Parachute Team.

Holiday activities to keep all busy

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

This is the time of year that activities on Fort Benning abound for families and children of all ages to get into the holiday spirit.

Carols by Candlelight

The public is invited to the annual Carols by Candlelight at 7 p.m. Sunday at The Infantry Center Chapel.

Ornament Workshop

Sayers Memorial Library will have a series of holiday ornament workshops.

The first is during preschool story time, at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Grade schoolers are welcome at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The entire family is invited at 2 p.m. Dec. 18.

Crafters will make several ornaments, some for the library tree and some to take home.

They will make candy cane reindeer, snowflakes, paper Christmas stockings and painted bread dough ornaments.

All workshops are free.

For more information, call 545-7141.

Christmas Parade

The Bi-City Christmas Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 11 in Phenix City at Broad Street and Dillingham.

The route will follow Broad Street and turn right onto 13th Street, cross the 13th Street bridge into Columbus and right on Broadway to 9th Street.

The parade will last about 45 minutes and will include 150-200 entries.

For more information, call (334) 291-4719.

Band Concert

The U.S. Army Infantry Center Band will perform from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Bill Heard Theatre at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. The event is free.

Sit with Santa

Santa will be at Child and Youth Services from 3 to 6 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14. There will be candy canes and a guest appearance by Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves.

The event is free and parents are welcome to take pictures.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Tour of Homes

The Officer Spouses' Club Tour of Homes "Home is Where the Heart is" will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Fort Benning Officers' Club where appetizers will be served. The tour will begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at Bit of Benning, the Thrift Shop and the Officers' Club membership office or by calling Kris Bailes at 682-8163 or Elizabeth Slater at 685-1924. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday.

Santa at Riverside

The annual Santa at Riverside party will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at Riverside. There will be choral groups performing, light refreshments, Christmas caroling, jugglers, balloon blowers, Santa and his elves. The event is free to the public.

Tower Lighting

The annual Airborne tower lighting ceremony will be at 3 p.m. Dec. 17 at Eubanks Field.

'Right' cabbage could win scholarship

Bonnie Plant Farm

Gardening can be an enjoyable activity for the entire family and thanks to a scholarship program, it can be rewarding as well.

Bonnie Plant Farm, the nation's largest grower of vegetable and herb plants is sponsoring a Third Grade Cabbage Scholarship Program.

Cabbage plants can grow in small spaces or even a large container. They need plenty of sunlight, as well as some ongoing care including watering, fertilizer, and pest control.

Within 10 to 12 weeks, a cabbage head will be ready for harvesting.

While many associate gardening with the warm, summer season, crops such as cabbage thrive in cooler weather.

Throughout 2005, third-grade students from across the country, including Georgia, may participate in Bonnie Plant Farm's Third Grade Cabbage Program, with the opportunity to win a $1,000 scholarship for his or her college education.

Each student participating in the program will receive a free O-S Cross cabbage plant. The name O-S Cross is short for "Oversize."

This type of cabbage plant can grow heads that are bigger than a basketball, often up to 40 pounds.

"This is our way of sharing our love of gardening," said Dennis Thomas, general manager of Bonnie Plant Farm.

Approximately 1 million third-graders from 54,000 schools across the country are expected to participate in the program. Representatives from Bonnie Plant Farm's 31 growing stations will deliver cabbage plants and educational literature to schools.

Teachers from each third-grade class will select the student who has grown the heaviest cabbage, and that student's name will then be included in a statewide drawing to receive a $1,000 scholarship. Bonnie Plant Farm will award a total of $42,000 in scholarships, and each state's winner will be selected during summer 2005.

The program is not offered in Alaska, California, Florida, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, North Dakota or South Dakota.

Both third-grade teachers and students in participating states are encouraged to visit the company's Web site to obtain registration information and details about the program.

The site also offers tips on gardening and plant care for more than 50 types of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. To learn more or to register, visit www.bonnieplants.com.

BIRTHS

Boys

Devin Matthew Stone — born Nov. 12 to Deiry and Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Stone.

Alexander Craig Galiano — born Nov. 13 to Staff Sgt. Jovanny and Jacqueline Galiano.

Connor William Ramones — born Nov. 15 to 1st Lt. Stephanie Stroik-Ramones and Paul Ramones.

Braeden Clay Dunbar — born Nov. 16 to Amanda and Pvt. Donald Dunbar.

Girls

Lauren Marie Raines — born Nov. 11 to Patricia and Pvt. Dustin Raines.

Princess-Kenyatta Julia Rosado — born Nov. 11 to Spc. Eureka Pennington and Sgt. Luis Rosado.

Louciel Mae Thomas — born Nov. 12 to Christina and Capt. Zachary Thomas.

Kira Lee Jones — born Nov. 12 to Sgts. 1st Class Melissa and Anthony Jones.

Nevaeh Angelina Romero — born Nov. 13 to Nicole and Staff Sgt. Adrian Romero.

Elena Rogers — born Nov. 14 to Karin and Maj. Carter Rogers.

Hailey Shae Stewart — born Nov. 15 to Dana and Sgt. 1st Class Denis Stewart.

Harlee Tara Nelson — born Nov. 15 to Lisa and Pfc. John Nelson.

Lillith Abigail Knabenshue — born Nov. 17 to Spc. Rachel and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Knabenshue.

Eryka Lyn Rice — born Nov. 17 to Karie and Spc. Ryan Rice.

Anjelica Latrese Jimenez — born Nov. 18 to Kathryn and Spc. Johnandrew Jimenez.

Trinity Ke'ala PuaLani a me Kanami Makana 'O Kalani Sayles — born Nov. 18 to Alice and Spc. Brandon Sayles.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Coat drive — The Noncommissioned Officers Association will conduct a coat drive from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Dec. 10 at the Main Post Exchange. NCOA will collect coats and funds to be distributed to needy families in Fort Benning and the Columbus area.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Earl Richburg at 545-1657.

Spouse Education Fair — The Fort Benning Education Center and Spouse Education Initiative are offering a mini-education fair geared for spouses of deployed or deploying Soldiers to help them meet their educational goals.

The fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 8 in Soldiers' Plaza, Building 2614.

Representatives from six local colleges and universities will be on hand.

The Spouse Education Initiative's goal is to provide academic and financial aid counseling, tutoring, computer support and child care assistance to spouses interested in taking courses.

For more information, call Stacey Scroggins at 685-5703 or Martha Borowski at 685-5759 .

2005 Women's Conference — Volunteers are needed for the 2005 Women's Conference, "Bloom Where You are Planted."

For more information, call Carrie Snyder at 221-1489.

Holiday Ornament Workshop — Sayers Memorial Library will conduct a Holiday Ornament Workshop for preschool kids at 11 a.m. Tuesday. School-age kids will have a workshop at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. This event is free.

For more information, call 545-4911.

Tower Lighting Ceremony — The Tower Lighting Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 on Main Post at the Airborne 5000 bleachers on Burr Street.

EFMP enrollment — The Exceptional Family Member has mandatory enrollment for special needs family members (child or spouse). Enrollment does not hurt the Soldier's career, but assists military personnel divisions in considering the medical and educational special needs of the family member in the assignment process.

Enrollment is necessary if the spouse or child meets the following criteria: asthma, a current or past mental health diagnosis, a high-risk pregnancy, cancer (past or present), attention deficit disorder or diabetes.

For resource information and referrals, call 545-7517 or 545-4043.

Pregnant spouses support group — The Family Practice Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital is forming a support group for pregnant spouses of deployed Soldiers.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Family Practice Connelly Conference Room. Space is limited to 15 patients.

To sign up, call 545-2273 and select Family Practice Clinic.

Evening, pediatric clinics resume — Family Practice and Pediatrics Evening clinics will resume Monday. Acute and well-baby appointments resume from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Martin Army Community Hospital. Saturday clinic appointments are available.

To make an appointment, call 545-2273.

Leaf pick-up — Shaw will pick up leaves in family housing weekly beginning the last week of November. Residents should rake leaves to the curbside, not into the street. Tree limbs should be in a separate pile. The refuse contractor will remove bagged leaves and small piles of limbs on trash pick up days.

- Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow avenues
- Tuesday: McDonald Manor
- Wednesday: Austin and Miller loops, Eames and Bently avenues, general officer's quarters
- Thursday: Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Ragin Courts, Indianhead Terrace
- Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. AA supports people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

USAIC Holiday Concert — The U.S. Army Infantry Center Holiday Concert will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Bill Heard Theatre in the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts in Columbus.

This event is free to the public.

For more information, call 545-4583.

Spoke'n Word Ministry — The First Presbyterian Church will collect and repair used bikes for children throughout the community at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Dec. 16. Volunteers are needed to collect and distribute bikes, manage the volunteers and work on publicity. To donate bicycles, call 322-4523.

Pancake breakfast — Easter Seals will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday at 2515 Double Churches Road. Tickets are $3.50. Children 5 and younger are $1.50. For more information, call 660-1144.

Liberty Theatre auditions — The Liberty Theatre will hold auditions from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday for *Hambone*, a play written by Javon Johnson.

They are looking for male actors who are able to play an African-American in his teens. Anyone interested in auditioning will be required to perform a two-minute monologue as cold readings from the script. Call for an appointment.

For more information, call Gayle Daniels at 653-7566.

Home 4 the Holidays — Iams Company is sponsoring Home 4 the Holidays, a pet adoption drive, through Jan. 2. Shelters in the area include the Muscogee County Humane Society, 7133 Sacerdote Lane, in Columbus, and Morning Star Animal Shelter in Hamilton.

For more information, call (800) 566-5038.

CVCC certification programs — Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Fort Benning, starts 100 (four to six months) certification programs in late January in the following skills: EKG, Cardiovascular tech, medical billing plus coding, pharmacy tech and more.

For more information, call 687-3420 or e-mail clovec.quick@us.army.mil or quickcloviec@msn.com.

GED Online — The Muscogee County Adult Education program is now the updated GED Online Solution program.

This updated version has added features making the program easier to use. For more information, call 685-7771, ext. 106.

Mission needs food — The Valley Rescue Mission's food pantry has reached its lowest point and needs assistance to serve hundreds of hungry people in the Chattahoochee Valley area. Groups planning community service projects are asked to consider a food collection drive.

For more information, call Rhonda Mobley at 322-8267.

Adult Re-Entry Program — The Adult Re-Entry at Columbus State University will start Jan. 11, with classes from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 3.

Adults who complete this program will receive one credit after they are admitted to CSU. For more information, call Linda Hurst at 565-7846.

School Lunch Menu

- **Monday:** steak patty, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, biscuit, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hot ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** sloppy joe, baked potato, green beans, fruit, milk, dessert
- **Thursday:** chicken fajita, pinto beans, Mexicali corn, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** glazed ham, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread, milk

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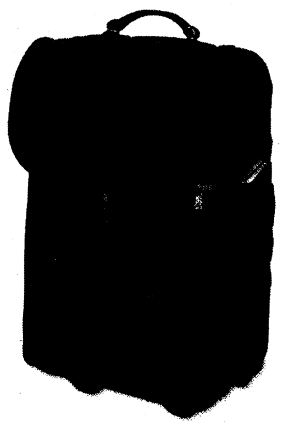
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Enjoying, protecting age-old holiday

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In the seventh century, a monk in Germany became a missionary to teach the word of God. Legend has it that he used the triangular shape of the fir tree to describe the Holy Trinity of God —the father, son and Holy Spirit. The converted people began to revere the fir tree as God's Tree. By the 12th century, people hung the trees upside-down from ceilings at Christmas time in Central Europe, as a symbol of Christianity.

The story that has been passed down from generation to generation is that the first decorated tree was at Riga in Latvia in 1510. In the early 16th century, Martin Luther is said to have decorated a small Christmas tree with candles to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night.

The Christmas tree took on many forms as the custom passed from century to century and country to country. Eventually, they became popular in America.

Original decorations were primarily plucked from Mother Nature, such as pine cones, dried fruit and other things gathered in the countryside and small towns.

Candles and even flowers were affixed to early trees, and presents were put under them for Christmas Day.

Trees were cut down wherever they could be found and used in the homes of pioneers across the young and growing nation.

Today, however, cutting down a Christmas tree any old place might land you a hefty fine or a nice cozy seat in the local jailhouse. But there are places where perfect trees, and advice on how to pick and care for them, can be found — like Callaway Enterprises' Rocky Branch Garden Center.

Caring for a cut Christmas tree…

Proper care of a Christmas tree is the best assurance against a short life due to loss of moisture, loss of color and needle drop. Here are some tips from Helen Phillips of Rocky Branch Garden Center to keep your tree fresh and beautiful so it can be enjoyed throughout the holiday season:

• Before picking a tree, break a needle or two and hold it to your nose. It should smell fresh. It shouldn't break in half very easily. Otherwise, it might be dry.

• If you are buying a tree, and going straight home and putting the tree up and in water within two hours, the cut on the base of tree should be sufficient. If you are not putting the tree up within two hours, the tree should be stored in a cool, shady place in a bucket full of water.

• You can also sprinkle the foliage and bark daily with water to protect it from the drying winds. A tree will not recover once it has dried out, so make sure it gets plenty of water.

• When you are ready to decorate, make a fresh cut on the bottom of the tree and immediately place it in the stand and fill with water. Keep this filled each day since the warm temperature and dry air in the home from heat will cause the tree to absorb water very quickly.

• There are several formulas that claim to fireproof or increase the life of the tree, but there are no guaranteed statistics. It is most important to obtain a fresh tree, give the trunk a fresh cut, water it daily, and remove the tree when the needles become brittle and fall off.

• Be sure the tree is well supported and is away from the source of heat such as radiators and air ducts. This will keep the loss of moisture to a minimum.

• Open flames should never be used on or near a Christmas tree.

• Check electric lights and connections. Worn or frayed wires on electric cords must not be used.

• Do not use combustible decorations or flammable reflectors. Be certain to keep metal foil or tinsel out of all bulb sockets.

• Keep wrapping paper and other flammable material from accumulating under the tree.

• Turn off the tree's lights whenever no one will be in the room for any length of time.

Caring for Christmas plants

Christmas plants provide color during the winter holidays and make wonderful gifts. With proper care, their flowers and fruits will often live through the whole winter. Several general rules apply to all indoor plants during the winter.

• Water less than you would during the summer.

• No need to fertilize them this time of year.

• Empty water from drain saucers after an hour to avoid over-saturation.

• Most plants with showy flowers and fruits need bright light, so do not display them in a dark location for long periods of time.

• Avoid drafts, heat ducts, and other places where temperatures are likely to fluctuate greatly. If plants are very close to windows, remove them at night to prevent chilling. However, most plants do prefer cooler temperatures during the winter then at other times of the year.

What you need to know about optimum growing conditions for four common Christmas plants

Poinsettia — Euphorbia pulcherrima is the traditional Christmas plant. It is showy and may be red, pink or white.

• Light: Sunny window facing south or east

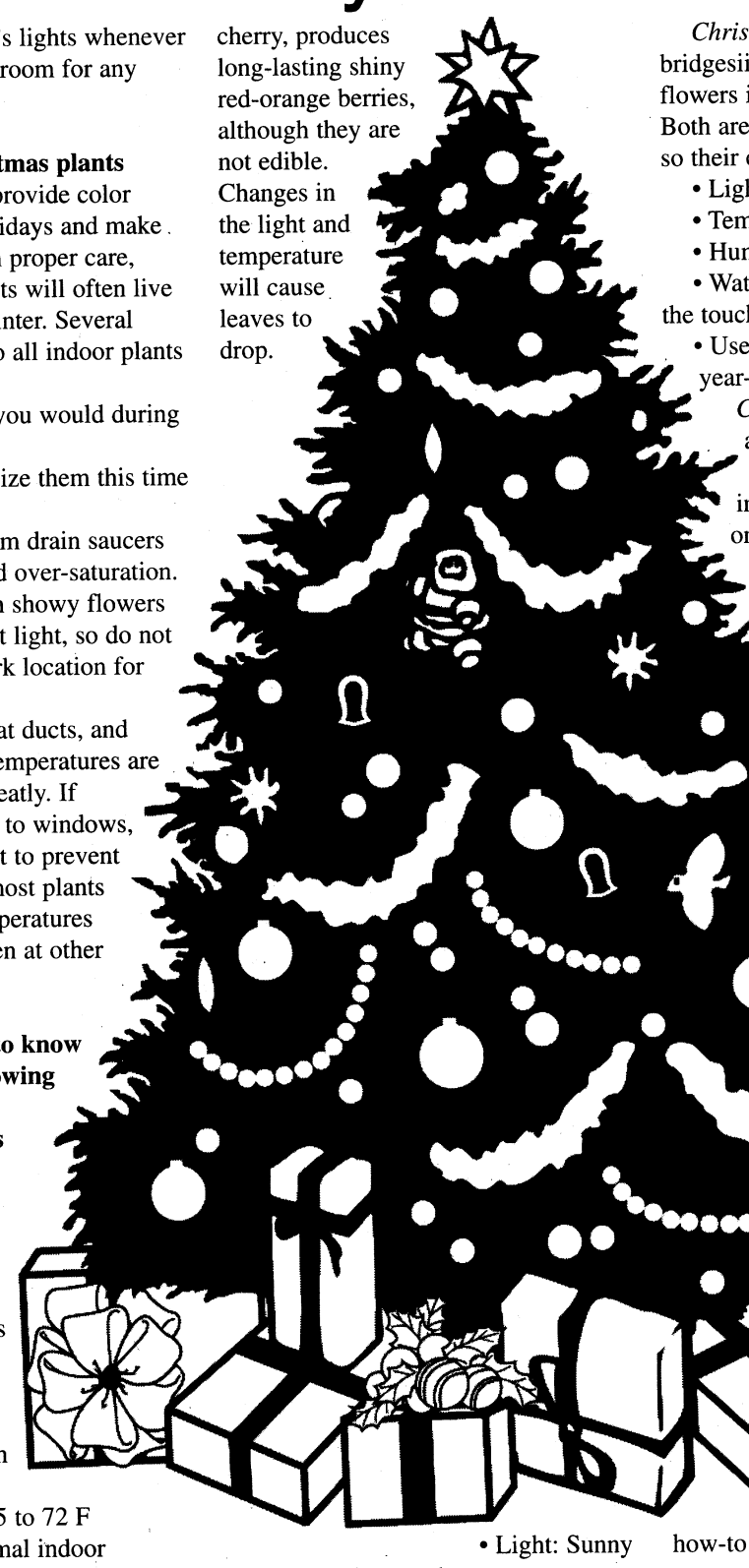
• Temperature: 65 to 72 F

• Humidity: Normal indoor

• Water: Water thoroughly when soil is almost dry one inch from surface

• Uses: Can be used as an indoor plant all year and with proper care, can be forced to bloom again.

Jerusalem cherry — Solanum preudocapricum or the Jerusalem cherry, produces long-lasting shiny red-orange berries, although they are not edible. Changes in the light and temperature will cause leaves to drop.



• Light: Sunny window facing south or east

• Temp: 60 to 70 F

• Humidity: Stand on gravel tray with water below top of gravel.

• Water: Keep soil fairly moist to the touch.

• Uses: Decorative specimen plant that will fruit each year.

Christmas cactus — Schlumbergera bridgesii produce red or lavender flowers in November and December. Both are originally from rain forests, so their care differs from other cacti.

• Light: Bright, but not direct sun

• Temp: 60 to 70 F

• Humidity: Normal house

• Water: Keep soil slightly moist to the touch one inch below the surface.

• Uses: Hanging basket or pot plant year-round.

Christmas pepper — Capricum annum bears oblong red and yellow fruits. As its name indicates, this plant lives only one year.

• Light: Sunny window facing south or east

• Temp: 65 to 75 F

• Humidity: Normal house

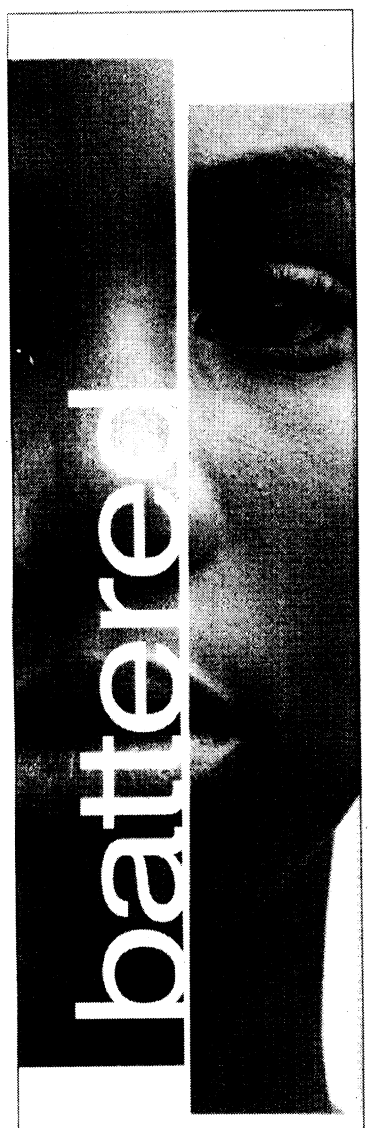
• Water: Keep soil evenly moist

• Uses: Some cultivars produce edible fruits.

Learn for yourself

For more information to help you garden successfully, stop in the garden center and ask the staff help you select the right mix of plants and a special variety of holiday tree to meet your needs. Also, the center offers classes on many fun how-to topics such as how-to make your own Colonial Williamsburg-era table arrangements, how to care for winter plants indoors and out, how-to plan for your early spring garden, and many others.

Visit Callaway Enterprises' Rocky Branch Garden Center this Christmas and discover the magic of the holiday



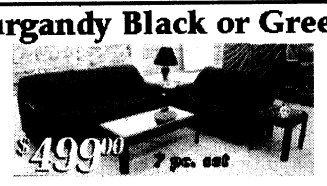
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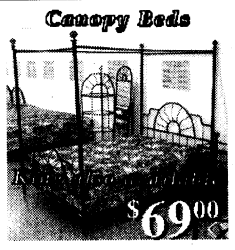
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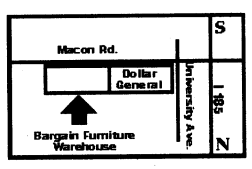


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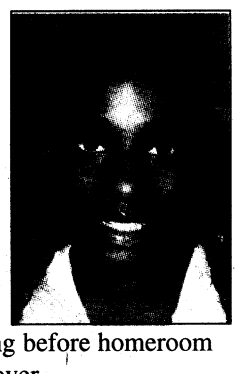
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Fort Benning youth in the news

Who decides the meaning of what I choose to wear?

Aissa French
Faith Middle School

Yes, I've had clothing that sent a message, and it caused a really big problem. When I was in the sixth grade, I came dressed in a khaki Dickies jumpsuit with white and navy blue shoes. I had no idea my outfit was inappropriate or considered "gang apparel" until it was too late.



I was sent to the principal's office right off the bat. I mean, first thing in the morning before homeroom was even over.

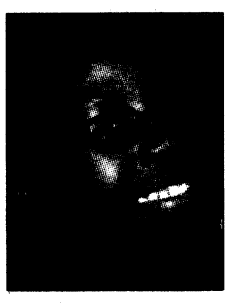
This is really frightening, because I was only 10 and had never been in trouble at school before.

When I was in the office, I thought about how people judge others by the clothes they wear. They make judgments about what people are like based on their clothes.

My mom was not happy, because I was suspended for the day and she wasted $140 on this outfit that I am now too afraid to wear. I didn't get in trouble with her, because I didn't know anything about gangs or gang colors.

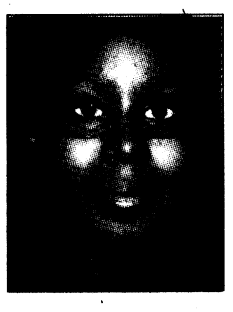
So yes, I've had clothes that sent a message (people thought I was in a gang), and it was a problem. I was mad people would think the worst of me because of that outfit. The message I got was that they were judging me without getting to know me.

Faith Middle School's Lisa Madler asked her seventh-graders to respond to the question: Do the clothes you wear carry a message, and has this ever been a problem? Here are some of their responses:



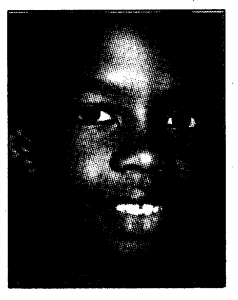
Brianna Mosby

"Sometimes it's a problem because I'm teased for wearing skirts. I'm a quiet, conservative dresser. My clothes are me. When I dress differently than how people think I should dress, I try not to get mad when they talk about me. I feel everyone has different styles and standards which should all be respected. Although this may cause a conflict, I don't think this right should be taken away. I believe the clothes we wear can be a very optimistic way to express your personality."



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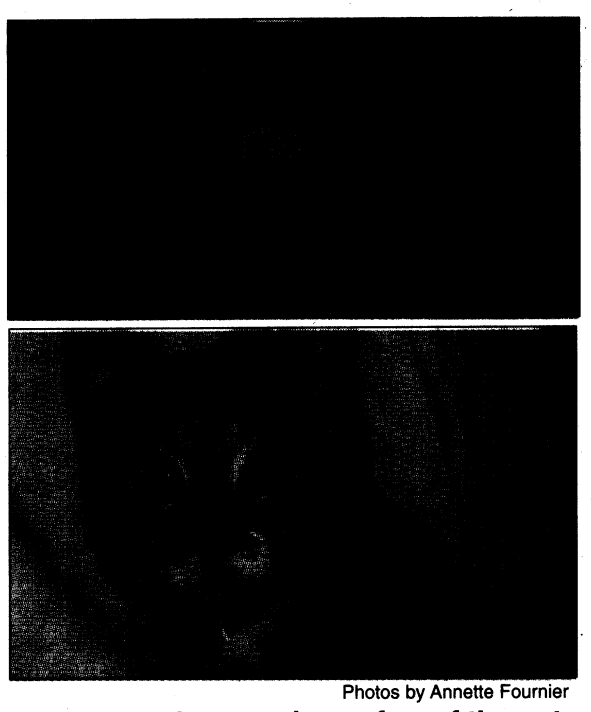
"The clothes I wear send a message of comfort. People at my school dress up, but I don't see why. I like the way I dress. I see my clothes as comfortable and unique. I like to stand out from the crowd. If I don't, my friends will think I'm just like everyone else, which I'm not. The bottom line is, if I dress like everyone else, I would let myself down. My clothes represent my inner self, my personality, beliefs and sense of style."



Jackie Bradford

"Do teens wear clothes with a message? Yes, I think the way you dress tells others something about you. When I'm at home, I put on a T-shirt and jeans. That's so I can relax. When I go to school, I want to dress for success. If I dress in a nice outfit and have a positive attitude, it sends a message that I want to learn. I've noticed that many of my peers dress differently when they are away from home. As such, they're judged by what they wear instead of who they are."

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Be watchers, not waiters, this season

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ruben D. Colon
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REFLECTIONS

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It's like a man going away, he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner will come back — whether in the evening or at midnight or in the morning, or at dawn if he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping, what I say to you, I say to everyone, Watch!"

(Mark 13:32-37)

We were on a flight home after months of deployment.

The plane was filled to capacity, and all the military personnel on board sat back for a 36-hour flight.

After about an hour, I noticed one troop who kept looking out the window and glancing at his watch.

Every so often, I dozed off and awoke to find this same man with his nose to the window. I don't know if he ever slept during the long flight.

But then it occurred to me, there were two ways to deal with the agonizing anticipation of our return home. While he was watching, I was merely waiting.

Advent is the period just before Christmas which begs an active response. Do we watch, or merely wait for Christmas?

Advent calls us to be courageous and gives us true hope. The Gospel of Mark 13:33 calls us to a vigilant watch. The key word is "watch." Watching brings more rewards than waiting.

Going back to my illustration, that Soldier was actively watching for his return home, whereas I was merely waiting.

In Advent, "watching" implies a readiness, whereas waiting implies passivity. Waiting implies a sense of doubt — maybe we would be diverted to another conflict and never get home?

To make Advent simply a time of pleasure is wrong and superficial. To do so is like giving up on all the hopes and promises the Christ child brings at Christmas.

In other words, Advent, which begins the year for the Christian, is a reminder to all believers that God has come into our world through the Christ child. It is a reminder that we need to be on the alert for his appearance in our lives.

The joyous experience of his salvation for all people is like counting on someone who will always be with you. That Soldier on the plane knew his family was there watching and waiting for him.

He anticipated the passion and desire of his arrival much like we anticipate the arrival of the Lord.

We may be forgotten by the people and the things of this world, but we are not abandoned.

Once again, God has come to us. He continues to come. We are not on an endless or fruitless search. We are actively watching for the appearance of God in our world and in our lives.

Be an active watcher rather than a passive waiter.

This is a season of vigil, during which Christians actively anticipate the coming of the Messiah.

Just as the shepherds, wise men and all those who were lead to the manger could declare "Blessed be the Lord, and Glory to God in the highest and peace and good will toward men."

Remember reason for season this holiday time

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

So, now that you've worked your way through a dozen-and-one ways to slice, dice, spread and dread the Thanksgiving bird and you've begun to come out from under the food and football coma of last week, it's time to turn your attention to the Christmas season.

I don't know how the season of goodwill and cheer looks from your front porch, but let me tell you what I saw in an Indianapolis parking garage last Saturday afternoon ...

"'Twas the month before Christmas and all through the lot, tempers were flaring; I was about to get shot!"

No joke, Thanksgiving had no sooner come and gone than I found myself in holiday gridlock, because one individual in her Chevy Trailblazer would not budge.

The problem was, the first Christmas gift she wanted was the parking spot to her right, which happened to be occupied by someone trying to leave the mall.

However, the Trailblazer had pulled too far forward to let the Lexus back out.

Now, at any other time of the year, the driver of the Trailblazer would have simply said, "Shoot, I missed that spot, I'll have to keep circling until I find another parking space."


Hawkins

This being the season of good cheer, though, she refused to move an inch, fearing the vehicle behind her would swoop in and steal the parking space for which she was filibustering.

So there we sat, about a dozen or so cars lined up behind her, wondering what was going through her mind.

"Did she hear the bell ringers?"

"Was she interested at all in the 'peace and goodwill toward men'" part of the Christmas story?

"How about the season of giving bit — like give up your claim to the parking spot already!"

At any rate, much to my amazement, despite repeated horn honks and visits to her window by drivers stuck in the queue, this dear child of God did not budge.

Consequently, the Lexus had to inch back and forth, back and forth ...

Finally, it went over a parking block and curb and found the open road.

We were all amazed at the holiday spirit the driver of the Trailblazer demonstrated.

When it was my turn to pass the driver, I was certainly not going to miss my opportunity to join the others in giving her a piece of my holiday mind.

It was at that point my wife of 22 years, sensing I was about to say something I, as a minister, chaplain and Soldier, ought not to say, valiantly fought for control of the electric window button.

Showing great tenacity, valor and mission focus far above and beyond the call of duty, she succeeded in selflessly placing herself (and the window) between me and my target.

The storm passed; sanity was regained.

Here's the wisdom I gained as I reflected:

Insight 1: Let's be nice this Christmas season.

Insight 2: Let's be nice this Christmas season.

Insight 3: Let's be nice this Christmas season.

Want to work on your parking skills or anything else to help make this Christmas a time of peace on Earth and goodwill toward men at your house?

Call the Family Life Center at 545-1760, or see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel 11 a.m. Sundays.

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, Sand Hill, Building 3420
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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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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4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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 Worship Service

9 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

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1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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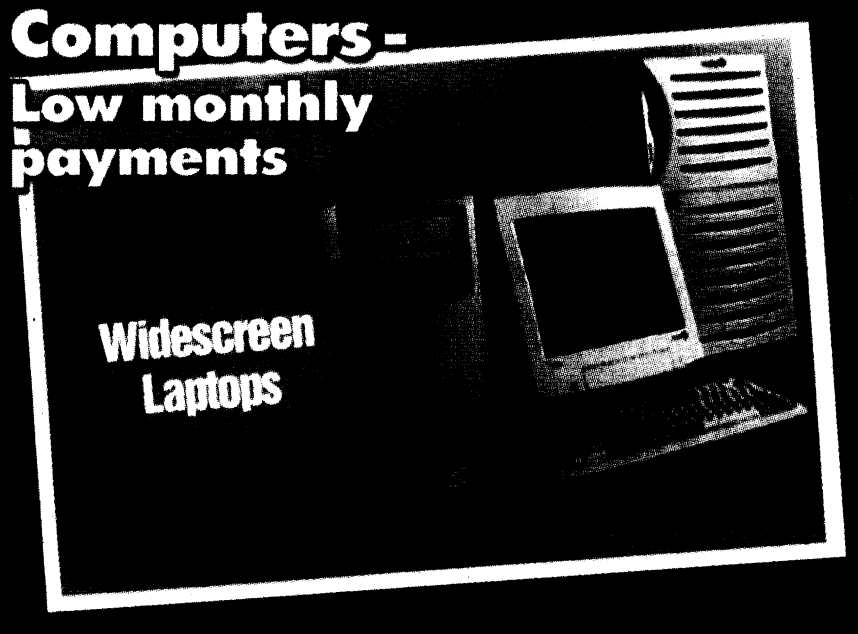
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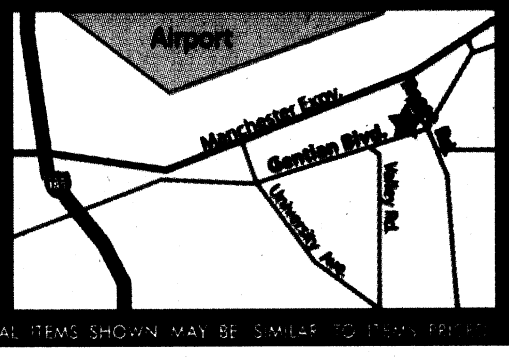




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It's natural to shun the cold and embrace the warmth of, say, the couch, as winter begins to creep in. But, naturally, the weight-gain follows.

It's important to stay active during the holiday season one way or the other.

According to a study by the National Institutes of Health in 2000, a typical weight-gain during the holidays is 1 pound, but 1 pound here and there accumulates through the years and contributes to obesity later in life.

Fort Benning's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers a variety of activities throughout the year to help people stay fit and keep the weight off this winter.

• In the spirit of basketball and Christmas, the Santiago Fitness Center on Sand Hill will host the annual Christmas Basketball Tournament from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 13 through 17.

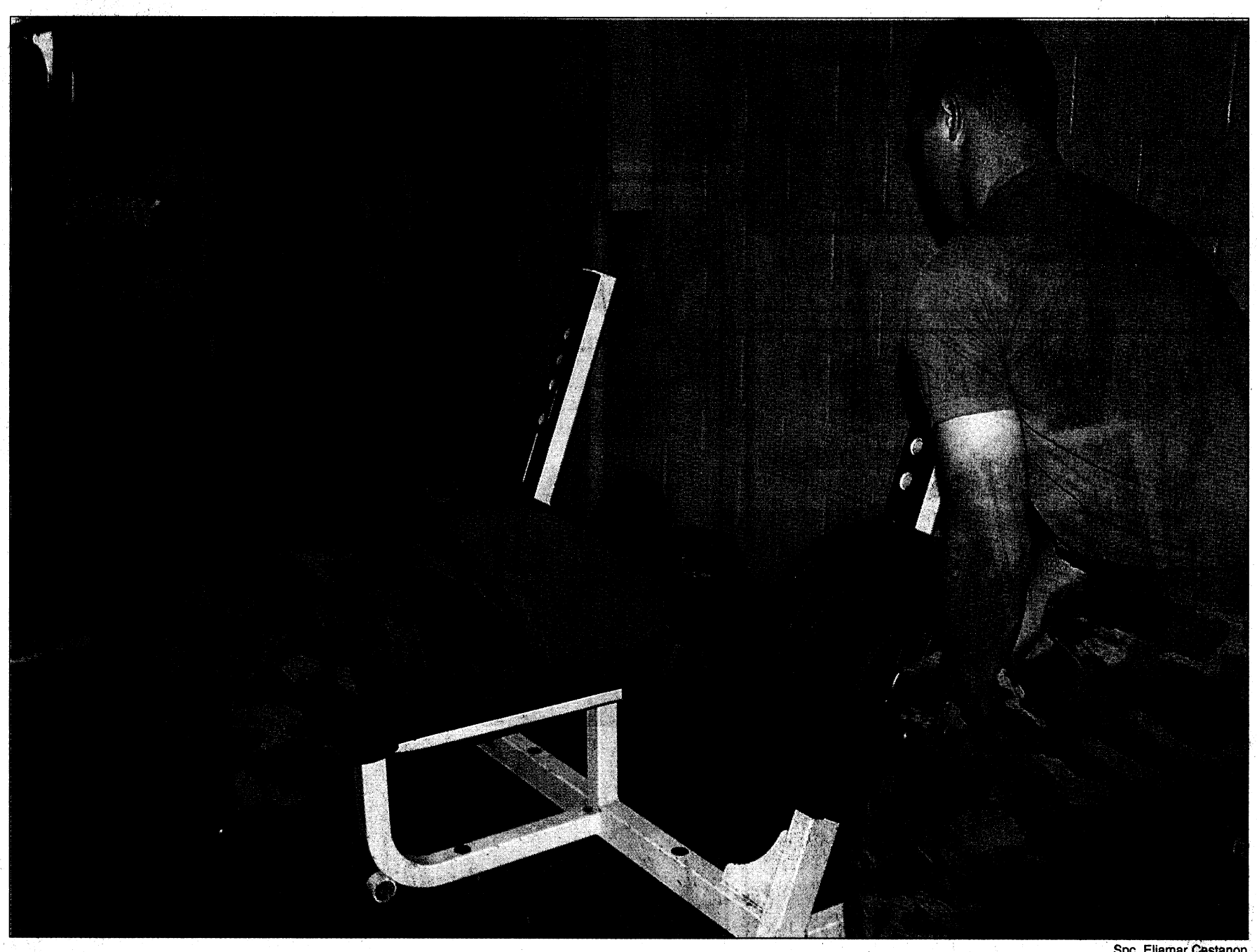
The event is a single-elimination tournament, so the more teams that sign up, the longer the tournament will last, said Fred Woods, sports specialist with the Audie Murphy Fitness Center.

The tournament is open to all active-duty Soldiers with a military ID, Woods said.

Today is the last day to turn in rosters for teams who want to participate. Teams can include up to 12 players from the same unit.

There will be a tournament organization meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Gowdy Field on Main Post.

For more information on the tournament or to sign up, call Woods at 545-1940 or 545-9220.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Cpl. Johnathan Galloway, B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, pumps 325 pounds during a weight-lifting competition Nov. 23 at his unit. Galloway was just one of more than 30 Soldiers who participated in the event. A good way to maintain body muscle during the winter season is by lifting weights. The fitness centers around post offer free weights and other weight-lifting equipment as well as treadmills to help stay in shape.

• A post flag football tournament will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Dec. 6 through 10 at Engineer Field on Main Post. Elimination games will be Dec. 6 through 9. Championship games will be Dec. 10.

For those who aren't football or basketball afficionados, the fitness centers offer a variety of aerobics, aquatic aerobics, box aerobics, Pilates and spinning classes, said Nancy Hadley, acting sports director.

The classes are offered at the Bryant Wells Fitness Center and the Wellness Center. Cost is $3 per class or an unlimited amount of classes for $25 a month.

For more information, call 545-1940 or 545-9220.

DNR to OK limited hunting to cull deer herds in 3 state parks

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources will host a public meeting in Covington Dec. 14 to announce the deer management plan for three Georgia state parks: Hard Labor Creek in Rutledge, Red Top Mountain in Cartersville and Richard B. Russell in Elberton. Wildlife biologists and parks staff will present research on current deer populations, discuss goals of the deer herd reduction and answer questions from participants.

A combination of limited hunting opportunities and professional marksmen will be used to reduce the over-populated deer herds at these parks. DNR is working with University of Georgia wildlife biologists to study the environmental impact of the deer management plan.

"As with many other park systems throughout the country, some of Georgia's state parks have such large deer populations that their ecosystems have become damaged, and there is an increased possibility of deer-car collisions on state park roadways," said State Parks Director Becky Kelley. "Legal hunting is the preferred method to thin the deer herds, but in areas where hunting is not feasible due to safety concerns or other issues, DNR also will use professional marksmen to help reduce populations."

Earlier this year, professional marksmen significantly reduced the deer population at Red Top Mountain State Park, and the same approach will be used on the golf course at Hard Labor Creek State Park this winter. To help maintain a healthy deer herd, DNR will offer limited quota hunting opportunities at these parks during the next hunting season. Richard B. Russell State Park has hosted hunts for handicapped sportsmen for the past several years.

Specific regulations will be imposed to ensure the state park hunts are a safe and practicable reduction method that will allow the ecosystem to repair itself and provide improved habitat for a wide range of species. One of these regulations will require hunters to take at least one doe before harvesting a buck.

Detailed hunting regulations and quota application information for each park will be included in the "2005-2006 Hunting Seasons and Regulations" booklet produced by DNR's Wildlife Resources Division.

Any participant at the meeting may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, either orally or in writing. Statements should be concise to permit everyone an opportunity to speak. Participants are required to register upon arrival and to notify the registering official of their intent to make a statement. Those unable to attend the meeting may submit written statements, prior to close of business on December 17. Statements should be mailed to:

Chuck Gregory, Resource Management and Interpretation
Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1352 East
Atlanta, GA 30334

The public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Turner Lake Recreation Complex in Newton County. From Conyers, take I-20 east to exit 90. Keep right and yield onto Turner Lake Road. At the next light, turn right into the Turner Lake Complex. From Madison, take I-20 west to exit 90. Go straight at the traffic light crossing over Hwy. 278 onto Turner Lake Road. At the next light, turn right into the Turner Lake Complex.

For more information on the public meeting, call (404) 656-2770.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

CYS basketball registration — Child and Youth Basketball registration has been extended until Dec. 30.

Sign-up is from 8 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, with the exception of holiday closings, at Building 359. Anyone wishing to register after noon must call 545-2079 for an appointment.

The basketball fundamentals clinic and skills assessment dates will remain the same for those who have already signed up.

For more information, call 545-3582.

CYS sports registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do, Oriental dance, gymnastics and wrestling.

CYS will offer Raks Sharki Oriental dance, which is a Middle Eastern folk dance.

The dance will be held at the CYS gym, Building 1055, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is open to CYS members ages 13 and older.

Registration for gymnastics will continue until classes are filled.

Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

Late Night Basketball League — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will host a Late Night Basketball League for teens in grades nine through 12.

Starting this month, games will be the second Friday of every month at the YS gym, Building 1055. This will be street-style basketball.

Teams must be formed by 8 p.m. on game night.

High school teams are not allowed.

For more information, call 545-3540 after 3 p.m.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The Youth Services Skateboard Park is free to ID card holders 18 and older from 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

For more information, call 545-1248 or 545-7357.

Aerobics instructors wanted — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor for the pool and the gym. Pool hours are 5 to 6 p.m. three days a week, and gym aerobics hours vary.

Instructors must be certified.

For more information, call 545-4388.

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 545-4388.

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

Riders meet at 10 a.m. at Briant Wells Fitness Center and ride 10, 15, 20 miles or more.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Columbus Riverdragons — The Columbus Riverdragons will play the Roanoke Dazzle at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Columbus Civic Center. Patrons who buy one ticket get one free.

The Riverdragons will play the Asheville Altitude at 7 p.m. Thursday. As part of the Budweiser Concert Series there will be a Thirsty Thursday beer special.

For more information, call 653-4472.

World Wrestling Entertainment — The WWE is coming to the Columbus Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Matches include Randy Orton and Chris Benoit versus Edge and Batista and Victoria versus Lita versus Molly Holly. A special discount is available to all military personnel. Show a valid military ID at the box office and receive a $10 ticket.Regular ticket prices are $20, $25, $30 and $40.

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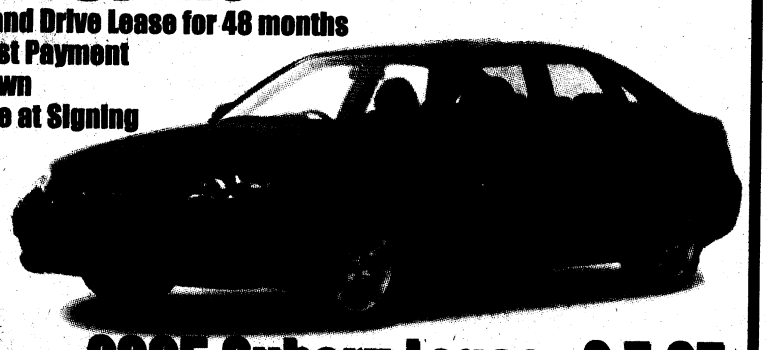
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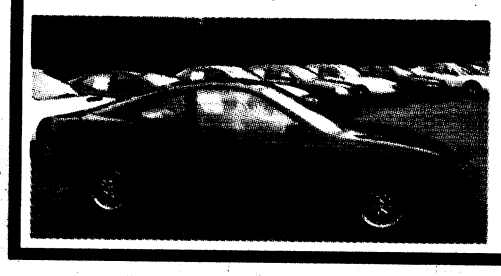
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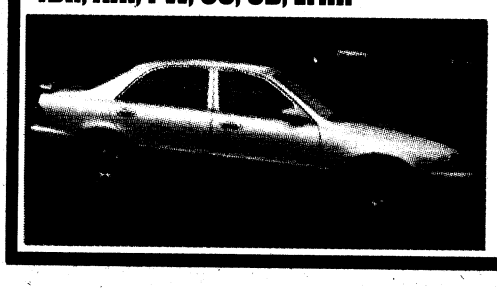
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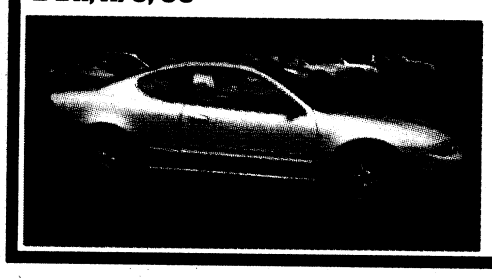
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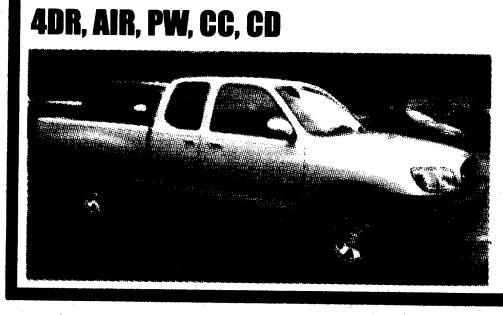
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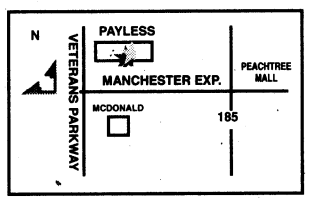
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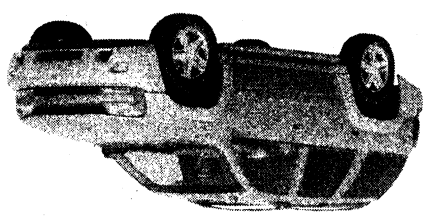
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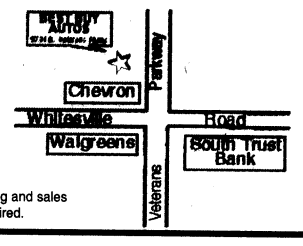
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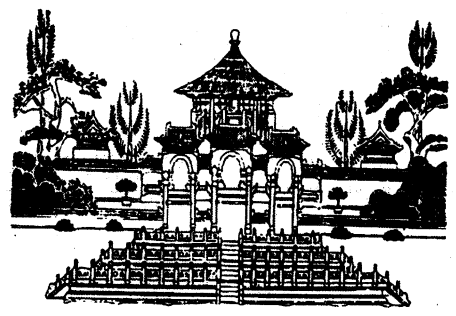
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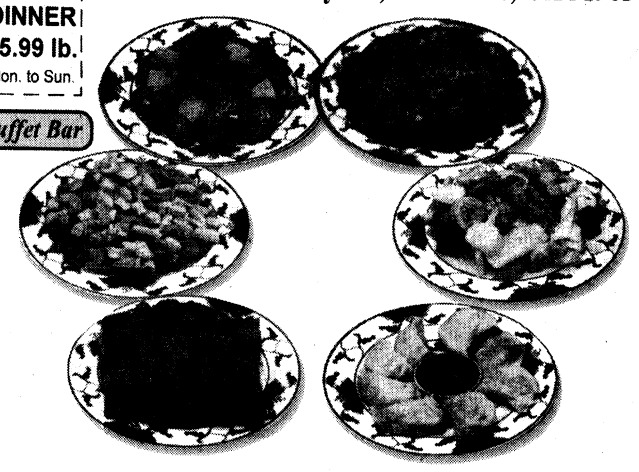
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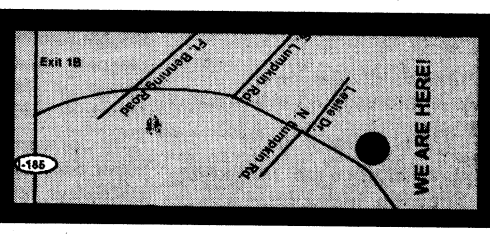
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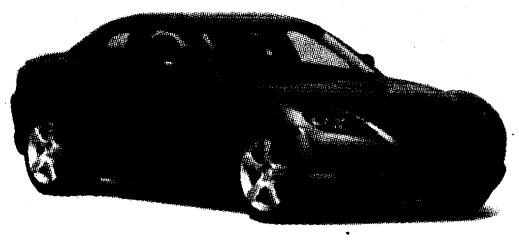
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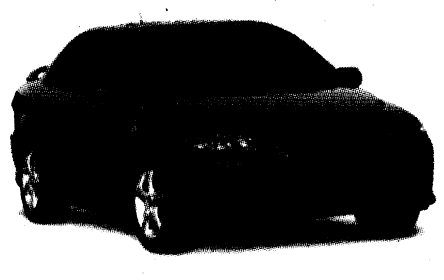
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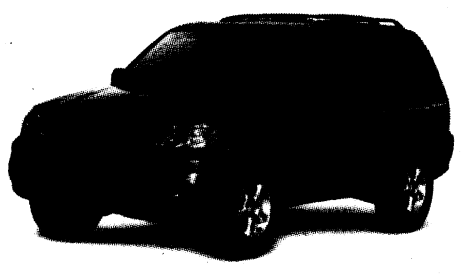
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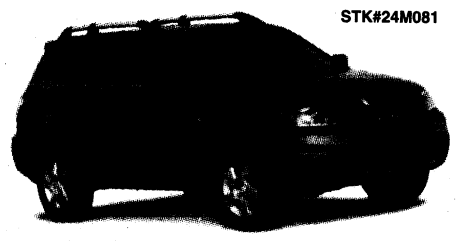
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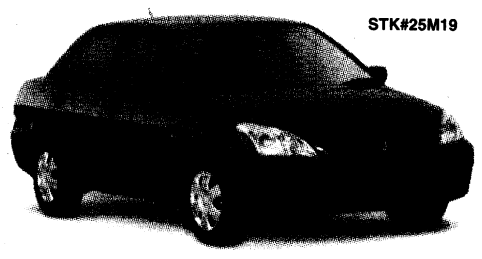
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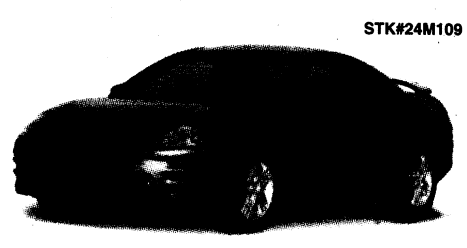
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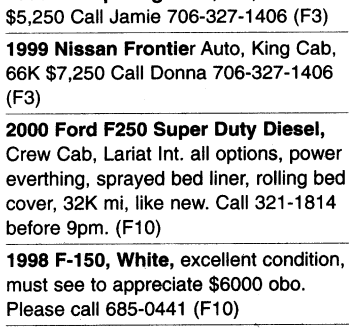
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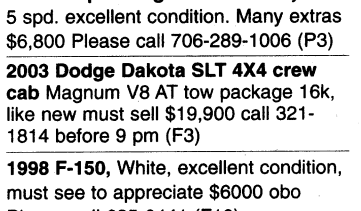
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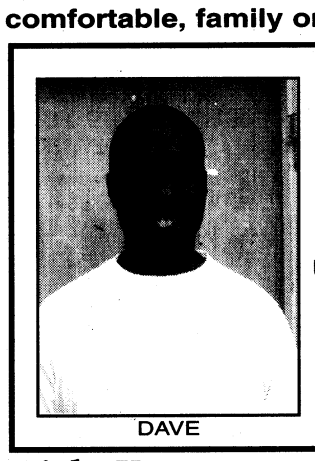
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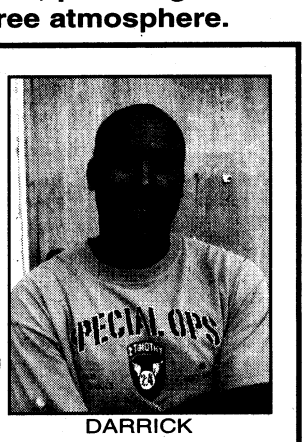
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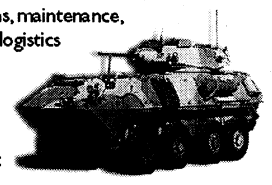
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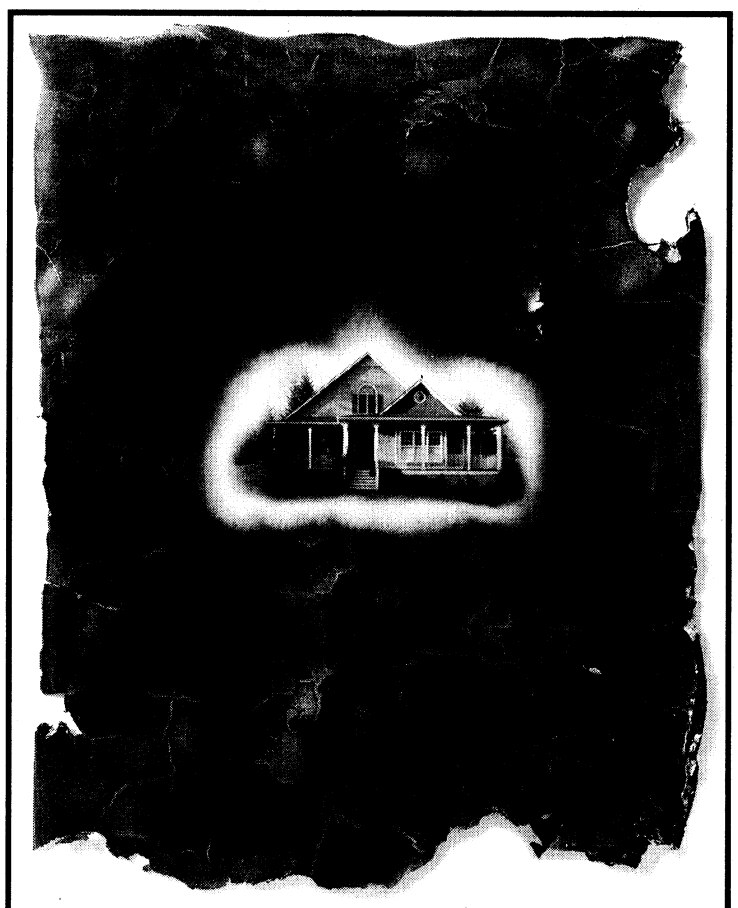
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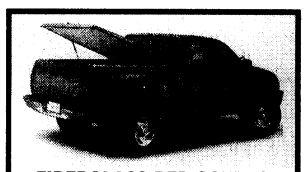
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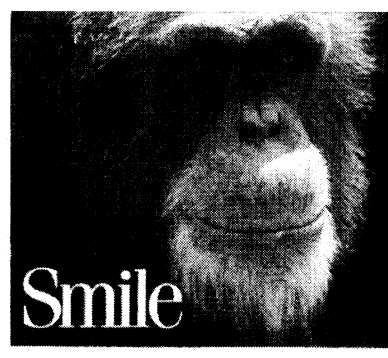
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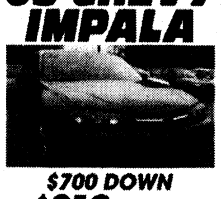
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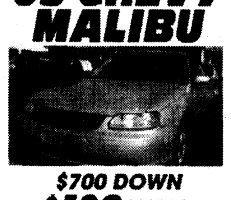
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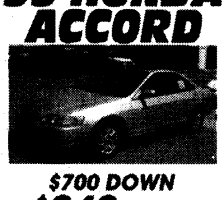
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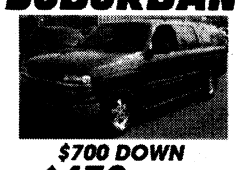
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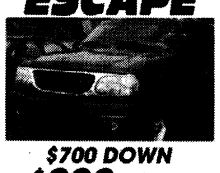
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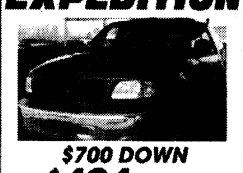
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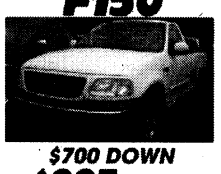
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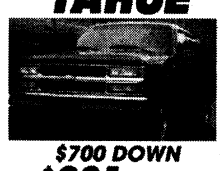
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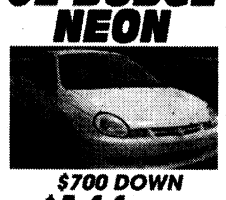
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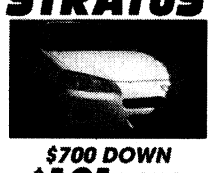
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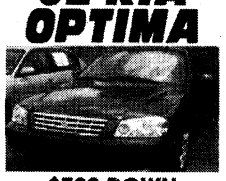
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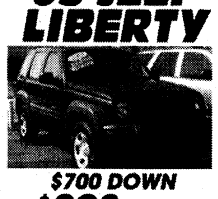
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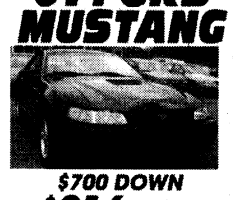
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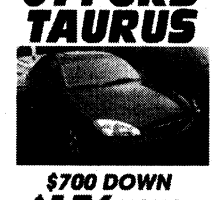
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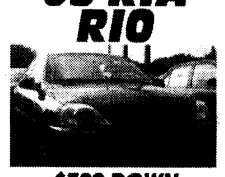
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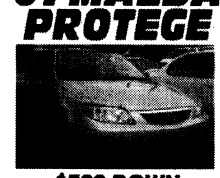
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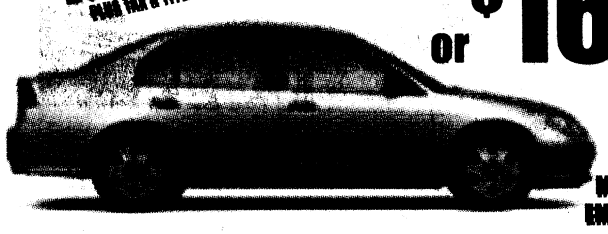
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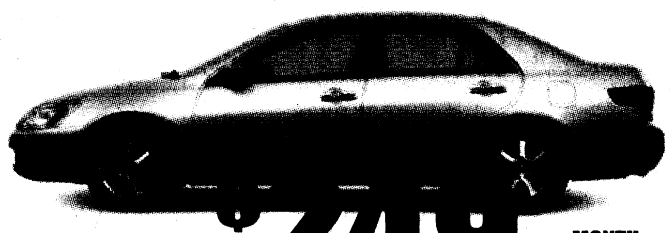
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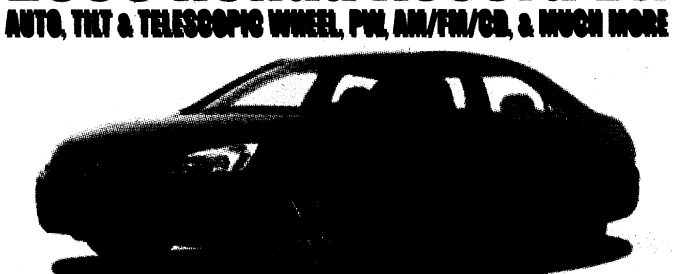


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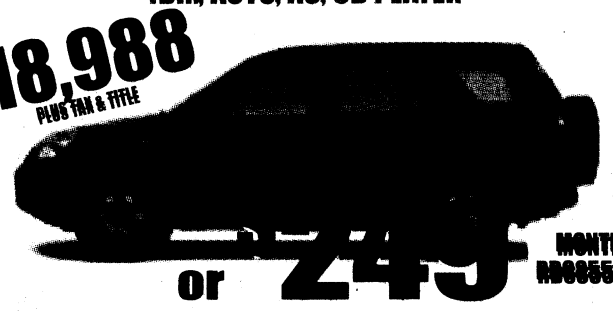
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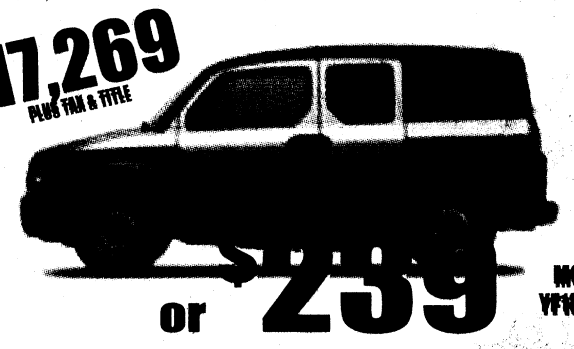


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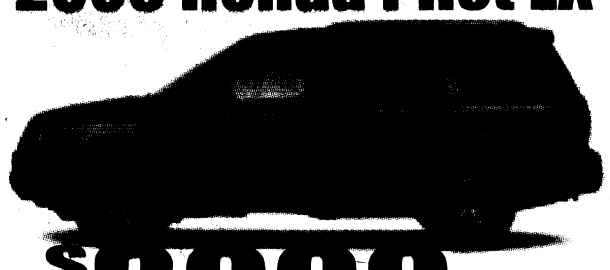
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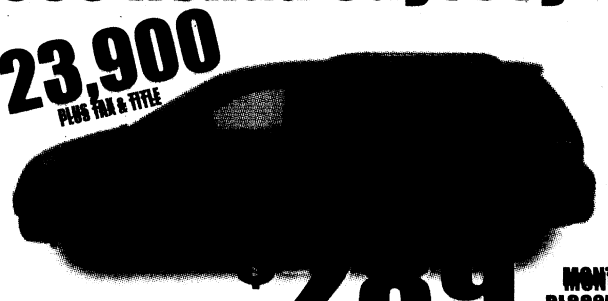
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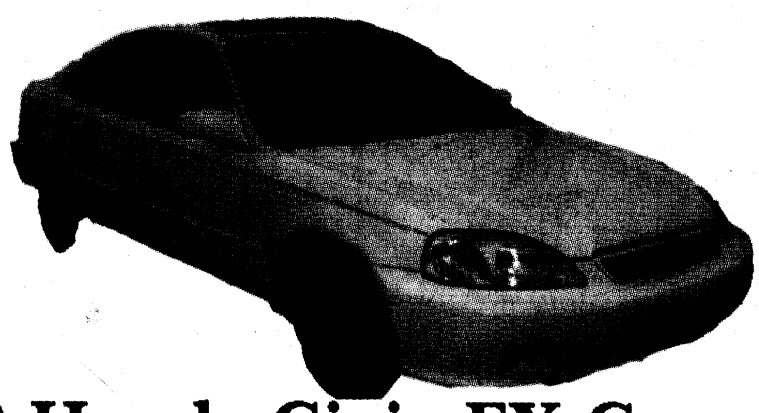
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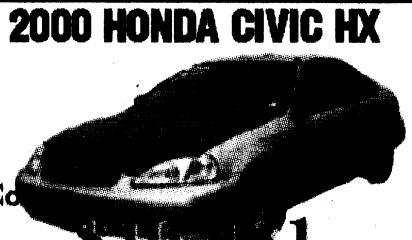
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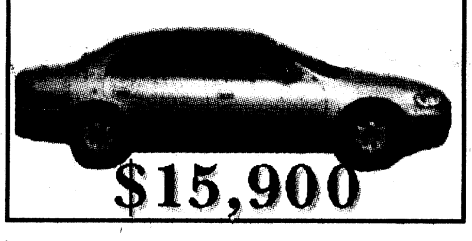
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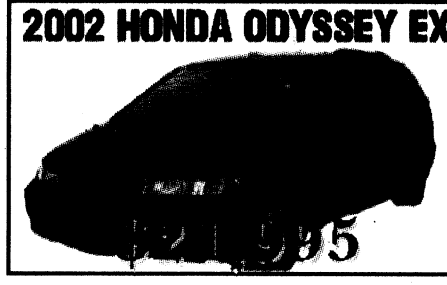
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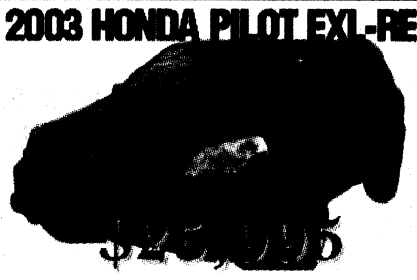


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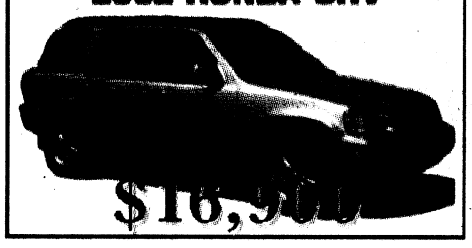
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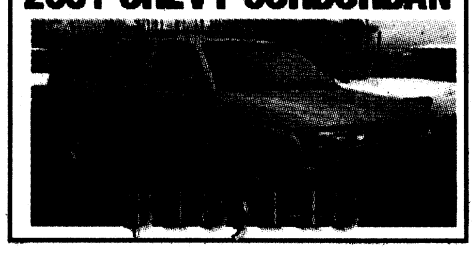
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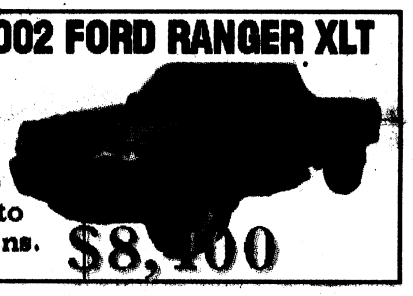
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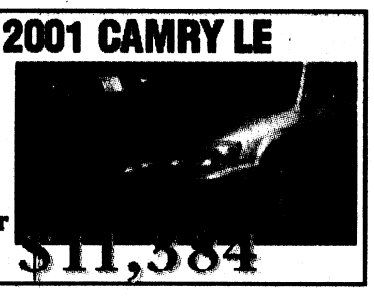
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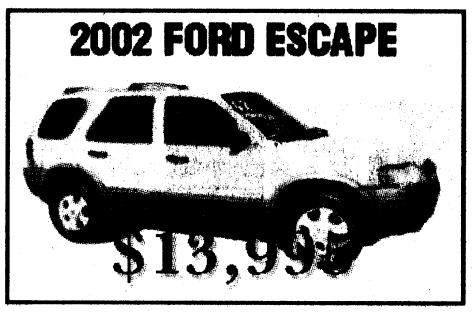
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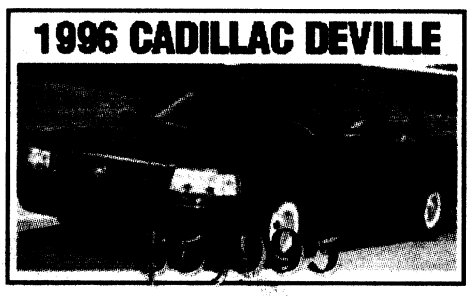
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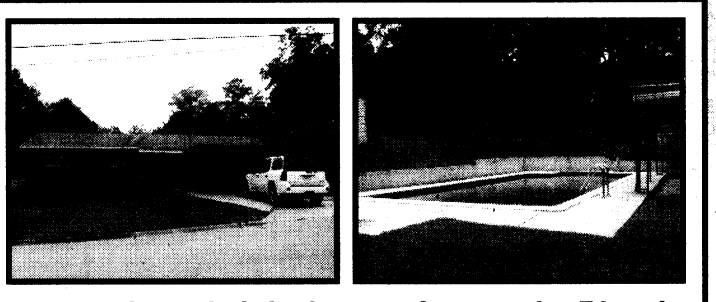
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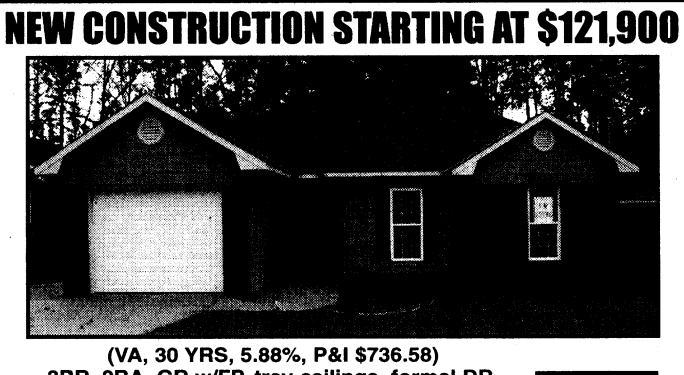
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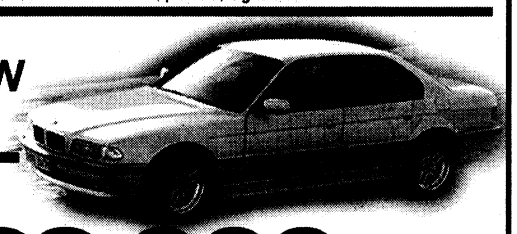
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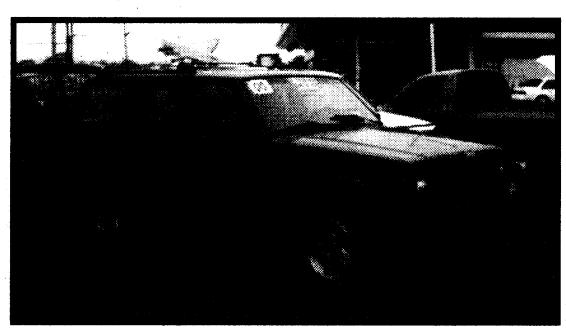
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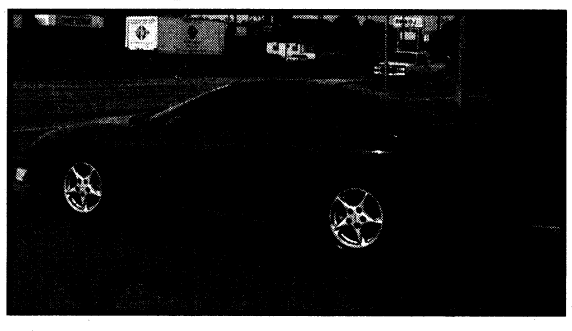
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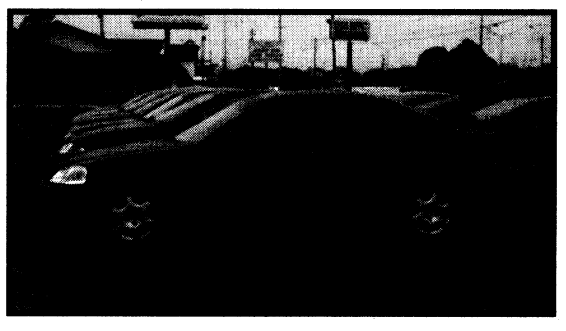
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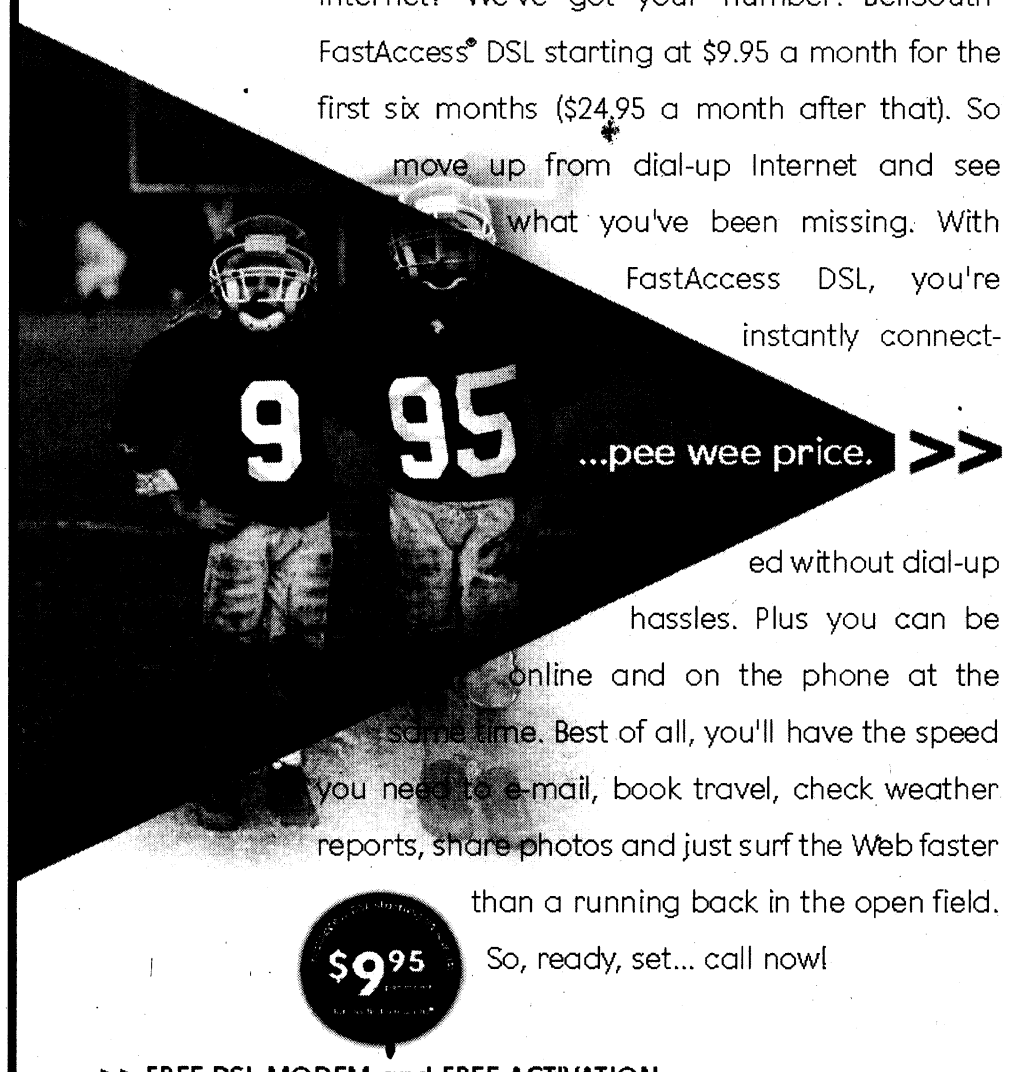
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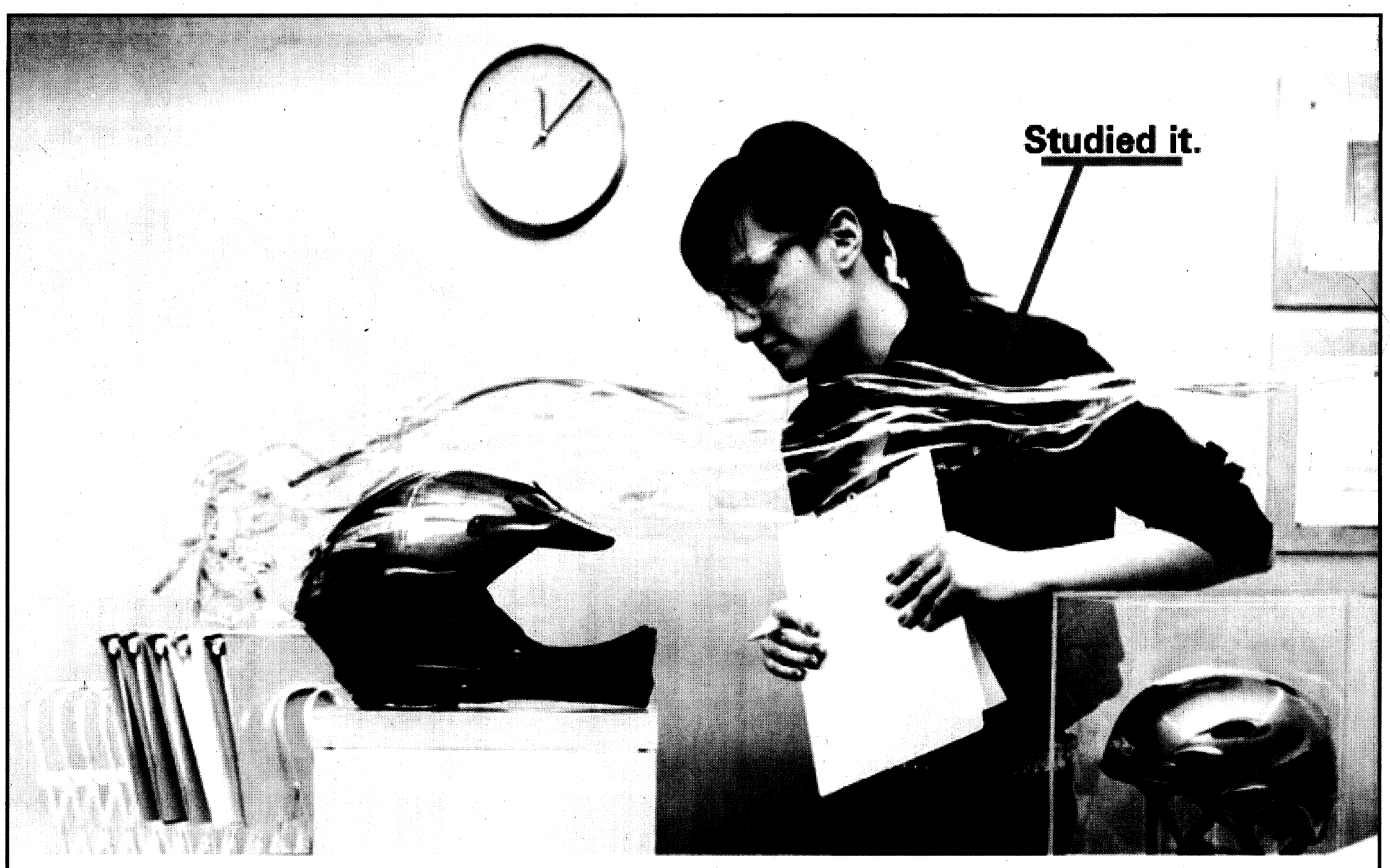
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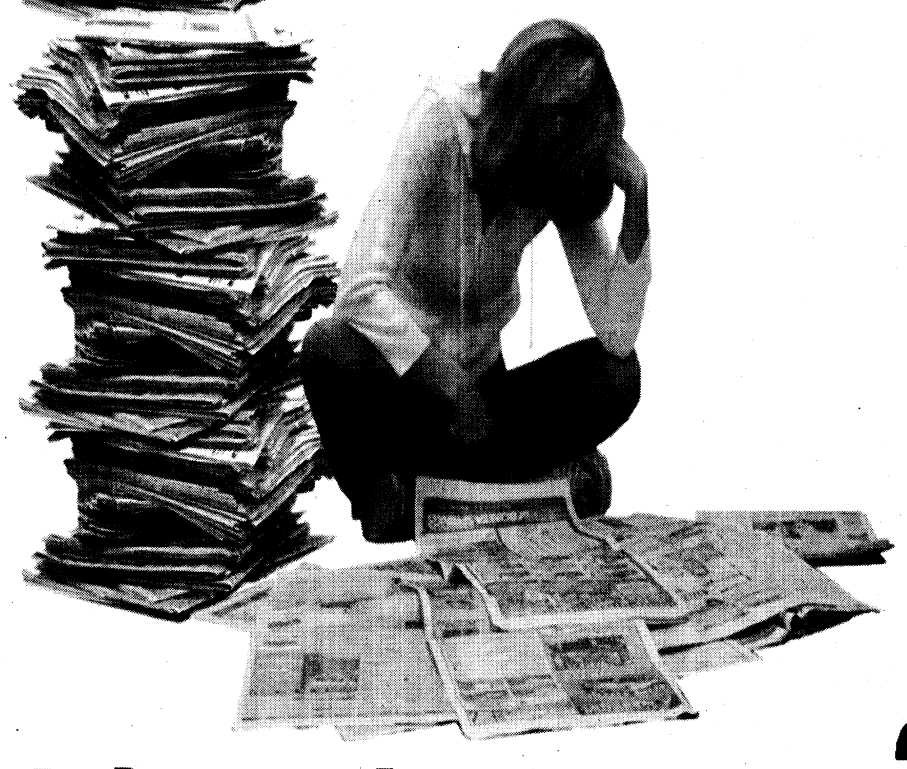
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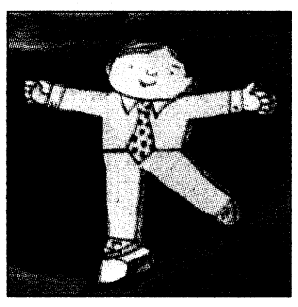
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MPs deploy to Afghanistan

Annette Fournier
Bayonet Staff

Soldiers from the 209th and 71st MP Detachments and the 988th MP Company deployed Dec. 9 for training at Fort Campbell, Ky. before deploying to man a confinement facility in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The group of Soldiers will become the 716th A Detachment upon arriving in Afghanistan in early 2005, and were selected from a list of MPs who volunteered to deploy.

Company Commander Capt. Wendy Brinson was impressed with the number of MPs who volunteered.

"About a month ago we called for volunteers and we had more people than we needed volunteer," Brinson said. "The MPs know that they're needed for a mission, and they're ready and willing to do their part."

"We assembled an excellent team of Soldiers, with strong leadership. Our NCOs are strong, motivated, dedicated and care about the Soldiers," Brinson said.

The MPs selected had many reasons for volunteering, and for many it will be their first deployment.

"I get to be a part of something larger than myself," said Pvt. Michael Soon of the 209th MP Detachment. "I will get to to do something for others and support the Army's mission in the Global War on Terrorism."

See **MPs,** A-8



Annette Fournier

First-grader Sabrina Barry puts yellow ribbon on Loyd's Deployment Tree Monday.

AUSA speaker visits post

Annette Fournier
Bayonet Staff

Sylvia E. J. Kidd, director of Family Programs for AUSA, talked about programs supporting Soldiers and their families Dec. 8, during a meeting of the the Chattahoochee Valley-Fort Benning Chapter of the Association of the United States Army at the Officers' Club.

Kidd's presentation, "Meeting the Family Needs of an Army at War," focused on the Disabled Soldier Support Program, the Rest and Recuperation Programs, Deployment Cycle Support, and Franklin Covey's "Smart Marriages" program.

"We really want to get the message out that AUSA is a resource for families, and we support the Army's missions and needs,"

Kidd has a history with the Army as the wife of retired Sgt. Major of the Army Richard A. Kidd.

The daughter of and mother to a Soldier, she's deeply concerned for the welfare of military families, said Stephen R. Hesler, chapter president.

See **AUSA,** A-8

Soldier thanks post school

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

Sgt. Jose Acevedo of the 498th Medical Company, presented Loyd Elementary an American flag that flew in 36 missions in Iraq.

Acevedo presented the flag to Principal Julita Martinez in a ceremony at the school Monday to say thanks for watching over his children while he was deployed.

Acevedo had been at Fort Benning for two months when he deployed, leaving his wife, Betzaida, to care for Jose, 7, Isaack, 5 and Ashley, 4. Their family readiness group and Loyd staff helped ease the transition and make the family feel welcome at Fort Benning, Acevedo said.

"The school really reached out to my children," he said. "This is the first time I've been separated from

See **THANKS,** A-8

Ho, ho, hum: Families face Christmas without dad

Wives share concerns at holidays

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

In her book, *Hero Mama*, Karen Spears Zacharias pays tribute to her mother's Southern-bred grit during her husband's Army career and after his death in Vietnam.

"It was our Mama — not just Daddy — who paid the tab for freedom's sake," she wrote. "She paid it in one broken dream, one searing heartache, one belated bill at a time."

Hero Mama gives voice to "all of the families who hunker at the home front anxiously waiting." It's the heartbreaking story of a Columbus family's struggle to deal without dad.

Like the Spears family and the countless others who waited through every war ever fought for our nation's freedom, Fort Benning families wait today. Some will wait tomorrow. Some will wait for months, some for a year or more.

Four wives met at a local restaurant Monday night to talk about the waiting. Saying good-bye is oh-so-hard, they said. Homecomings mean tension and readjustment — they're seldom picture-perfect as "outsiders" would believe.

But waiting, they all agree, is the hardest part.

Laura is a veteran "waiter." She married her high school sweetheart soon after he enlisted 19 years ago. They have a teenage daughter and son. This is the first Christmas they'll spend apart.

Erin and her husband of eight years have a 5-year-old son who wonders if Santa will leave daddy's presents "here or over there." This will be Erin's first Christmas without her husband. He's missed more anniversaries and birthdays than she cares to count, but this is much more difficult. Families, she said, shouldn't be separated at Christmas.

Kristin is spending her second Christmas without her husband of five years. This time is worse than the first, since the couple's daughter will celebrate her second birthday on Christmas.

> "It was our Mama — not just Daddy — who paid the tab for freedom's sake."
>
> **Karen Spears Zacharias**
> *Hero Mama*

Morgan is a young newlywed who came into the marriage with her eyes wide open. During their courtship, the couple spent more time apart than together. She knew what to expect, but that doesn't make it easier.

Here, Laura, Erin, Kristin and Morgan talk about the ways they cope. They confess emotions they seldom share with their husbands. They talk about their predecessors — those who had it harder than these women care to imagine. And they say what they wish other people knew about the problems shared by Army wives everywhere.

Laura's story

It was a bad day. The kids' pet rat died suddenly, and Laura suspects she's to blame. The Web site she searched in a desperate attempt to save the ailing rodent said rats can catch strep throat from adults. It's usually fatal.

Laura's been battling a sore throat for weeks. Today, she had an appointment with a doctor. But first, she had to bury a rat.

"I cried. It was pitiful, me crying over a rodent," she said. "Then I thought about my dog. If I carry on like this over a rat, can you imagine ..."

Then, she said, she thought about her husband.

"You know, sometimes I think I'm prepared for the worst. I can handle it if I have to," she said. "But after today, I know there's no way. You can't be prepared for anything bad."

In spite of the rat incident, it's easy to see that Laura is an optimist. Maybe "overcomer" is a better word. She's making the best of a bad situation.

"It's not going to be a bad Christmas," she said softly but adamantly. "It'll be different."

Laura makes sure her kids are aware of others in need. She focuses on "the giving aspect" of Christmas.

"They need to know there are folks in nursing homes who don't have anyone to visit," she said. "There are so many people who have it worse, and there are so many right around us who are in the same boat we are.

"Everybody wants their husband home, their dad home. But you can't mope about it — not for long. It just makes it harder."

Laura doesn't let her kids dwell on dad's absence. They keep busy with schoolwork and extra-curricular activities, though she's careful to make sure they're not overloaded. That would only compound the stress.

"I think it's a little easier for me than for some of the

See **WIVES,** A-7

HOLIDAY CHEER

Family brightens season

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It was definitely a Christmas to remember. There were 20 of us, spanning four generations of Benchoffs, Munsons and Sloans.

That was the year my brother brought his fiancee and we were introduced to one of her family's customs — the sweater. It was red and black striped, and looked, at first glance, like a normal sweater. But once you held it up, you realized it was a sweater made for two.

We laughed all night at the two of them in the sweater, playing cards. She had the right armhole, he had the left and both their heads came out of one oversized neck.

And that card game lasted all night, too. There were at least 10 of us playing a game of Aggravation with five decks of cards.

And we didn't take our turns fast enough for Grammy, who was one impatient cardplayer. She could never remember which hand went with which level, so the table was littered with her handwritten reminder cards.



My great uncles didn't play, but sat close enough to the table so we could still listen to their stories of life growing up on the farm in the tiny town of Soldier, Pa. They were important to us and we soaked up every word, every story they told of their brother, the grandfather I never had the chance to meet.

That Christmas has become the prototype Christmas for me, and every year since, I hope to have that same feeling of peace, joy and utter contentment — even as we tripped over each other and waited in line for the bathrooms in my parents' house.

Another thing I remember, when we sat down to that big family dinner for 20, I was sure that it was finally my year to move beyond the kids' table, to the "grown-up" table. I hovered on the fringe, waiting to take my seat.

Those of you wondering how old you have to be to finally leave the kids' table won't like the answer. A few moments later, there I was, presiding over the kids' table like I had for so many years as the eldest of the six cousins.

That meal was just a little different. My husband was there with me and we took turns entertaining our son, who was a little over one year old. I guess it proves you're still a kid when you go home, no matter how old you are.

This Christmas is going to be bittersweet.

On one hand, I'm counting my blessings that my husband is home to celebrate with us. On the other, counting the days left before my husband leaves. It won't be a loud and jovial Christmas. No extended family, no card game. Just us.

So this year, I'll be presiding over the kids' table again — my dining room table with my kids — hoping to create some good memories that will carry us through next Christmas.

I will survive, make it through

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

The Christmas season is in full swing. This year I am lacking in any type of holiday spirit. I am going through the motions but just not feeling it. I think I have pretty good reasons, and I really do wish I could feel one iota of Christmas cheer, but it just isn't happening.

I first knew Christmas was going to be different this year a few months back. My husband, who we knew was being deployed, told me he wouldn't be home for Christmas. After nine years in the military and eight years of marriage, this is the first Christmas holiday we will not be together.

The double whammy came two weeks ago when I found out my 18-year-old brother, fresh out of basic training, was deploying to Kuwait, and then Iraq. This does not make for a very merry Christmas for me. But I've been trying to make the best out of it, the best a born pessimist can possibly get.

I unearthed all our Christmas decorations, and got to work. It took me hours to decorate outside. Usually my very tall husband, a full 13 inches taller than me, can just walk the length of the house and string up the icicle lights. Being 5 feet, 2 inches tall, I had to drag my kitchen chair from nail to nail.



I have all the decorations up, 95 percent of my presents bought and wrapped and the ones for family sent.

I sit on the couch and watch the Christmas specials with my son, while visions of Frosty melting and Rudolph's nose blowing a fuse runs through my head.

Yes, I may be not be happy, but I am thankful. I am thankful my husband and brother are alive. There are many families who will have their first Christmas without their loved one, because their loved one is never coming home. That helps put everything in perspective for me.

We will celebrate Christmas with my husband when he does come home, a luxury some families will not have. And next year there will be many families without their loved one for the first time. But they will cope, just like me and countless other families.

While I'm feeling sorry for myself, there are still bright spots to this holiday. I have a 5-year-old son who believes wholeheartedly in Santa Claus and a best friend I wouldn't trade for the world.

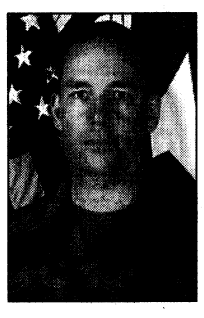
We plan on indulging ourselves, relaxing and giving my son the best possible Christmas he can have without his hero around. The thought of waking up Christmas morning and watching my son open his presents without my husband around makes me want to curl up in the fetal position, alternately seeing how many marshmallows I can cram in my mouth and washing it down with spiked eggnog. But I won't. I will put on my game face and take pictures to send to my husband and the rest of the family. And I will be eternally grateful to my friend for being there and sharing the day with us.

So, while I may be lacking in the merriness of the season, and rather enjoy feeling like the Grinch, I do have plenty of reasons to be grateful.

CG's holiday greeting to all

Happy holidays! My family and I wish you a blessed and happy holiday season. During this time of year, we pause to celebrate many wonderful events and traditions. With the Christian celebration of Christmas and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, this season is accented with hope, peace and joy. I trust each of you will use this time to strengthen your family and your traditions.

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Our diversity, varying backgrounds and traditions make us a strong nation. I am encouraged by the spirit and dedication of our Soldiers, family members and civilians who work at Fort Benning. Let us enter the new year with renewed vigor to face the challenges and opportunities that await us. I look forward to serving with you and pray God's richest blessings will be yours.

Have a wonderful holiday season. May God bless you and your families.

— Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley
Commanding General

Really support our troops, buy phone card

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
Bayonet staff

An e-mail was forwarded to me that really caught my attention. I don't usually forward anything to anyone but this one is important — it's about *really* supporting our troops — especially those who are wounded and recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The number one request at Walter Reed from Soldiers is phone cards. The government doesn't pay for long distance phone charges, so wounded Soldiers are rationing their calls home.

Many of these Soldiers will be there through the holidays and will want to call home.



So if you really want to "Support our Troops," buy a phone card or two and send them to:

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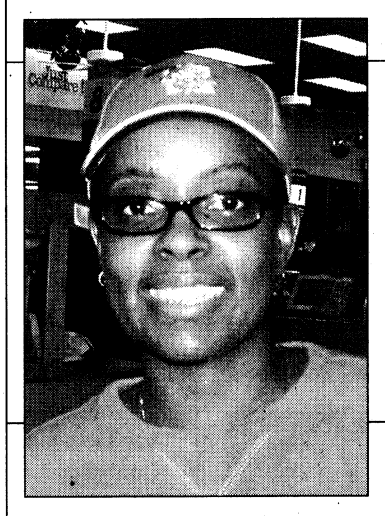
We all have the yellow ribbons and the "Support our Troops" bumper stickers, but if you really want to support the troops, send a calling card or two.

When I was in Maryland two years ago, I visited a couple of friends at Walter Reed and met a lot of Soldiers who were there being treated for injuries they received overseas. A few of them had their families send them cell phones, but not all of them were that lucky.

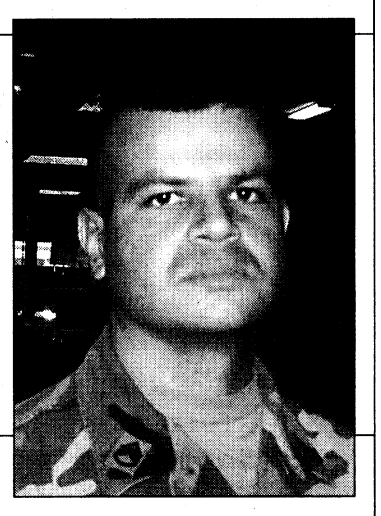
So this holiday season, remember the wounded troops waiting to go home and send them a gift. As the e-mail read, "I am sure you will feel better about doing that, than to buy something for a third cousin, who will find it on a closet shelf six months later, and wonder where it came from."

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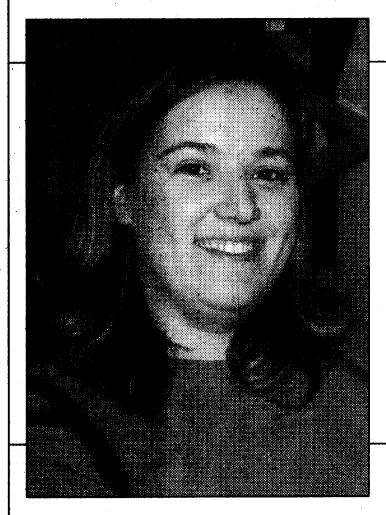
How are the deployments affecting your holidays?



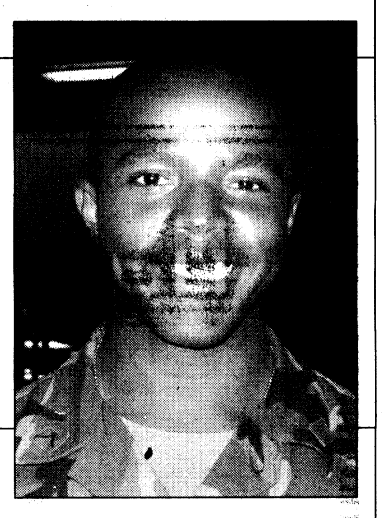
Karen Larry, family member — "This year is harder because my husband is deploying, and I have to be both mom and dad to our two girls. I respect single parents because they always do it by themselves. This is the third time he's been deployed in two years, so I'm used to it."



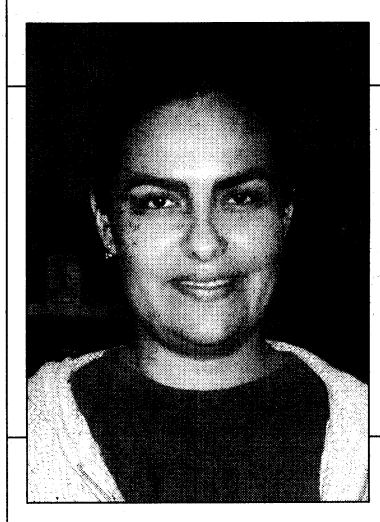
Staff Sgt. Felix Diaz, 30th Adjutant General Bn.— "I'm not deploying this time, but I have friends going. Sometimes I reflect that it could have been me, and how tough it will be on them and their families. I'm thankful that I'll be home for Christmas but I know I'll be going again soon."



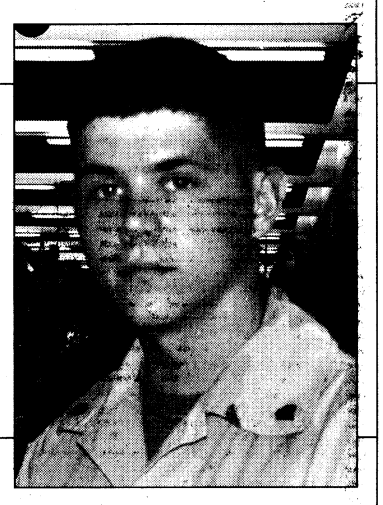
Piper Allen, family member — "It's stressful to have my husband leave around the holidays. We're going to visit family before he leaves, and it will help the transition for our son to see his grandparents. We'll deal with it as it comes."



Pvt. Matthew Winder, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment — "This Christmas I will spend a lot more time with my family, because I will deploy in a few weeks. I'm going home to California for Christmas and I really want to make the most of my time with them."



Laura Sanchez, family member — "I'm trying not to think about my husband deploying, and I'm just trying to reassure our kids. I'm telling them everything will be OK, and dad will be home soon."



Spc. Cory Burke, 598th Maintenance Company — "My family is going to miss me during Christmas, and I'll miss spending time with my family and friends. I leave this week, but at least I got to have Thanksgiving here."

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Lawyer proud to become Soldier

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Who doesn't own a DVD player? When you make $120,000 a year, you're expected to own one, but Spc. Michael Brown does not have a DVD player.

"As long as I can still rent movies on VHS at Blockbuster, I don't need a DVD player," Brown said.

Nevermind the DVD. Why — or how — does a specialist earn $120,000? Brown was a lawyer. Now he's an Infantry Soldier in B Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment.

The 26-year-old Mississippi native graduated law school from the University of North Carolina in 2003, passed the bar began working as a civil defense lawyer, earning nearly $120,000 a year. But a year later, he knew something was missing. So he joined the Army.

"People kept asking me why I gave up my career to join the Army," Brown said. "The way I see it, you really have to determine what's the greatest joy in your life. For me it is adventure and camaraderie.

"I learned that in football. We have a mission, and it's to win the game. That's the adventure. The camaraderie comes from going into a game knowing your teammates are watching your back. The only other place I knew I could find that was in the military."

Brown began seriously considering the change of career on a mission trip to Peru, when the topic of 'what if' situations arose. The only 'what if' situation he could think of was, "what if I had joined the military?"

Brown was in college when terrorists attacked the U.S. in 2001. He remembers feeling he had to do something, maybe join the military. But his father always told him never to quit anything, so he finished college and became a lawyer. Soon after, the thought of the military started creeping in.

While doing research on the different military branches Brown learned about Rangers and Special Forces.

"That's what did it," he said. "When I saw how tightly knit those units are and their mission, I just had to do it. I saw a recruiter."

Brown has been with B Company for three weeks and is expected to graduate March 4.

Having barely completed the total control phase of infantry one station unit training, Brown has earned the respect of his fellow Soldiers.

"He's the type of guy that, even as a peer, you look up to him," said Pfc. Joshua Gibson, one of Brown's battle buddies. "He's a very accomplished, very focused, loyal, motivational, faithful and responsible kind of guy. Everything about him is what you look for in a Soldier and a friend."

Gibson said that Brown has started to teach the Bible to Soldiers in their bay.

"(Brown) is very religious and faithful to the Lord," Gibson said. "In basic, you're around stuff you typically aren't used to. Even though it gets tough sometimes, Brown hasn't cursed once. That's just the type of guy he is. He's never picked on anyone here. If anything, he's very supportive to all the Soldiers, regardless of what they are like. I wish that all the guys in the Army were like him."

> "The pride I feel every time I put on a uniform makes the few hairs I have left on the back of my head stand up. I'm just proud to know that the next time someone asks me what I do, I'll be able to say that I'm a Soldier."
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> **Spc. Michael Brown**
> B Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

Gibson said that the best thing about Brown is that he isn't cocky about his accomplishments.

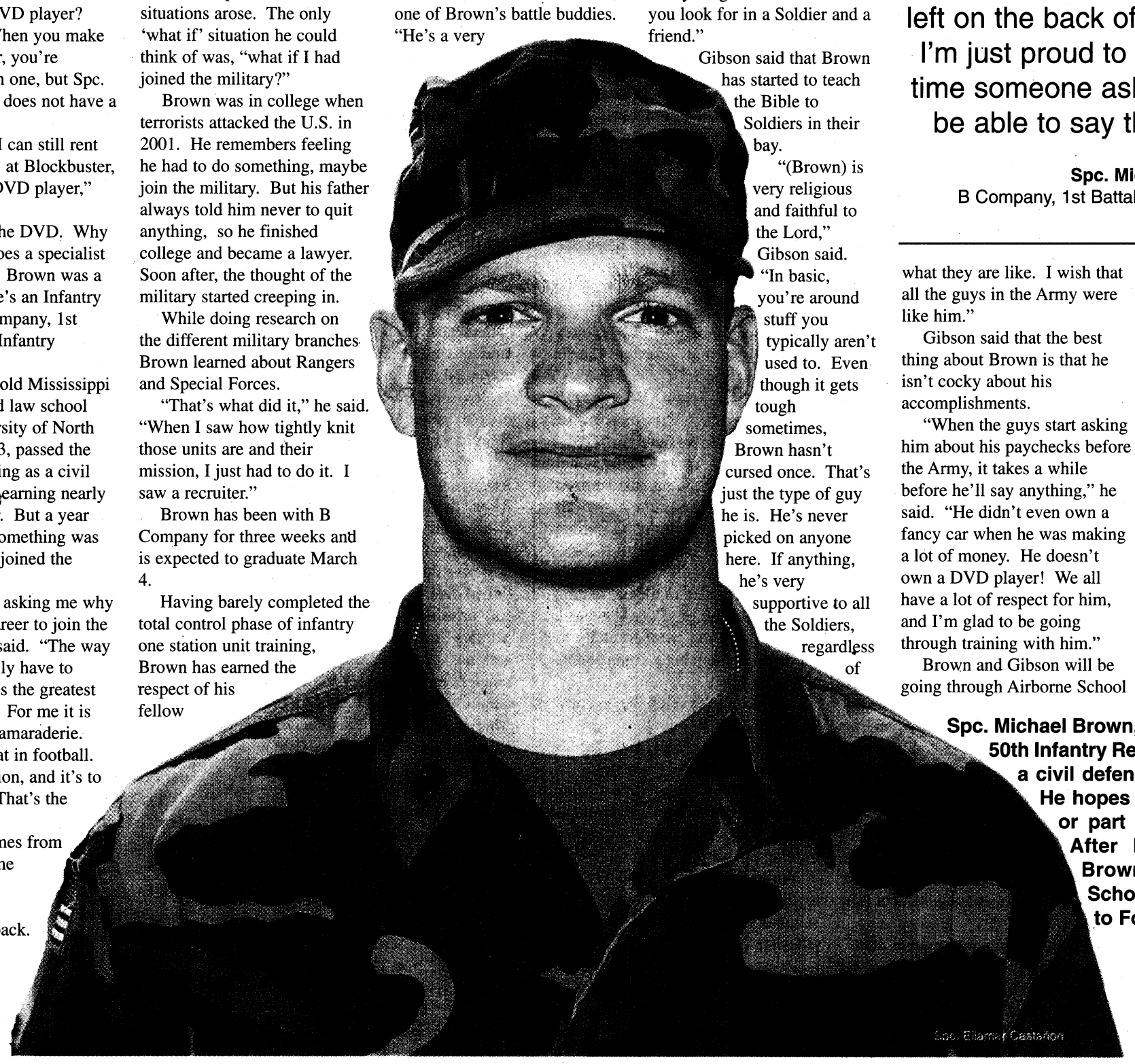
"When the guys start asking him about his paychecks before the Army, it takes a while before he'll say anything," he said. "He didn't even own a fancy car when he was making a lot of money. He doesn't own a DVD player! We all have a lot of respect for him, and I'm glad to be going through training with him."

Brown and Gibson will be going through Airborne School together when they graduate. Gibson, who has a Ranger contract, is trying to convince Brown to become a Ranger instead of joining Special Forces.

"I'm just excited I have the opportunity to experience either of them," Brown said.

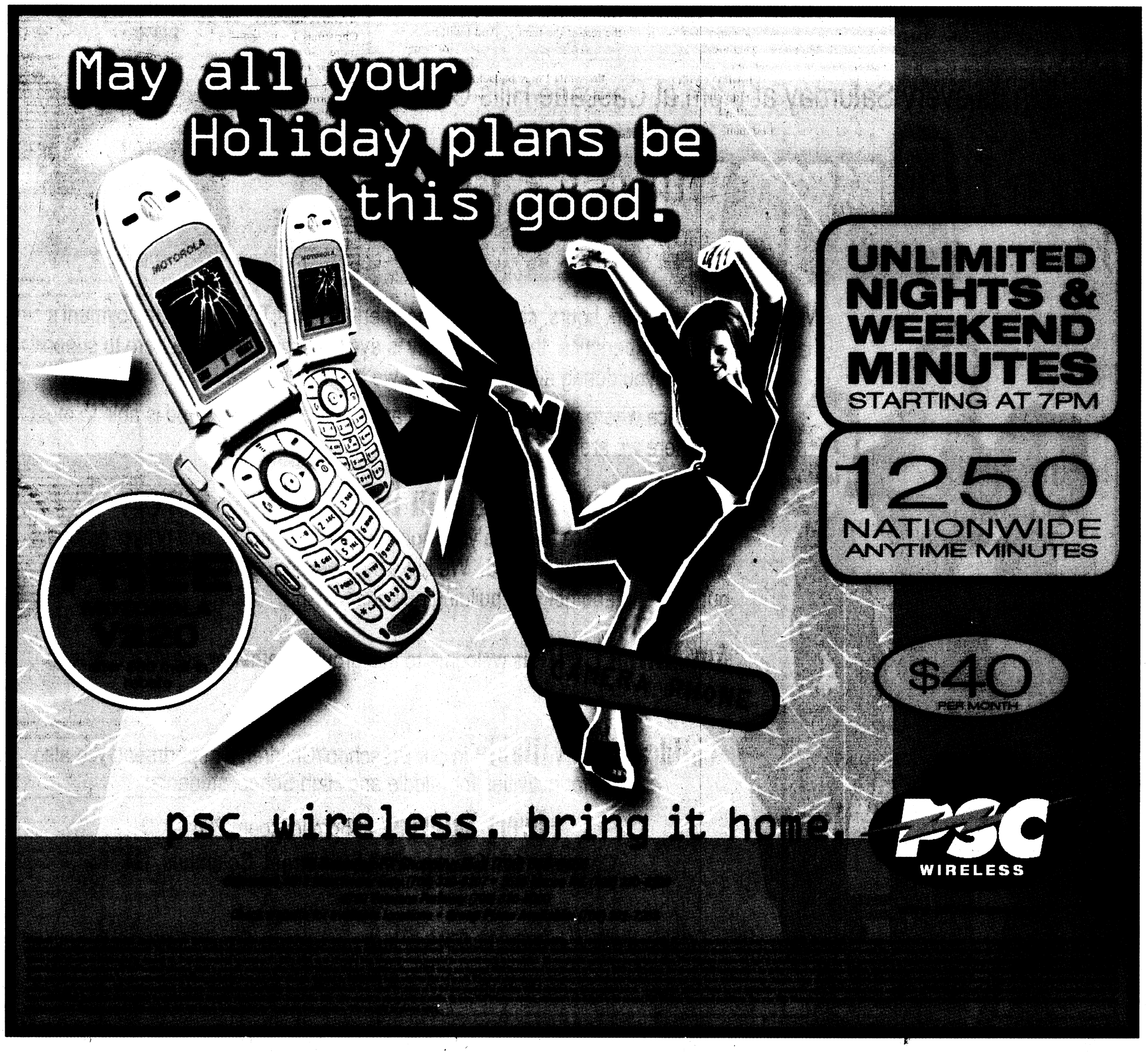
Brown has orders to go to Fort Bragg, N.C., after completing Airborne School.

"I'm not afraid of deployment," Brown said. "I'm expecting it to happen soon. That's why I'm here. The pride I feel every time I put on a uniform makes the few hair I have left on the back of my head stand up. I'm just



Spc. Eliamar Castañon

Spc. Michael Brown, B Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, gave up a career as a civil defense lawyer to join the Army. He hopes to become either a Ranger or part of a Special Forces team. After his graduation March 4, Brown will attend Airborne School and currently has orders to Fort Bragg, N.C.



ICCC learns about media

Training 'force multiplier' for Army PAOs

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Students in the Infantry Captain Career Course Class 03-04 received a new block of instruction on media awareness Dec. 3.

The class, although not part of the formal program of instruction, is something most instructors cover at some time, said Maj. Campbell Paine, an Australian army exchange officer who teaches the course.

Paine, who said he has a "fair bit of experience" through the media training he's received in his courses in Australia, thought he could do a bit more to help the students.

"The media is a powerful tool," he said, "and they are with the Soldiers on the battlefield. It's an ever-present thing you consider when you analyze problems."

He made a few phone calls and set up the one-hour block of instruction with Monica Manganaro, Public Affairs officer, to give the students information on who the media are, and the whys and hows of engaging the media.

During their coursework, the students cover the military decision making process at the company level.

In addition to conducting terrain and weather, enemy, troop, and time analysis in the mission analysis phase, they also must take civilian consideration into account. That's where Paine sees the media awareness training fitting in.

He said 70 percent of the students in Class 03-04 are combat veterans with good stories to tell, and a surprising number of them had experience with the media.

"But there's a perception that the media are the enemy and (the students) feel helpless to a degree," Paine said.

"As company commanders, they can generate large amounts of media coverage, and 95 percent is good."

He said he wanted to "tool up the guys a little bit better" so they would be able to generate good stories about their Soldiers and what they do.

Paine also saw the opportunity to give the captains a chance to get in front of a camera, giving live interviews based on experiences in their military careers.

"Getting in front of the camera changes everything," he said, "and people out there are influenced by how you look on camera."

Photo and broadcast journalists from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team added realism to the training, conducting the interviews on camera. Then the students saw their interviews on a big screen TV.

Capt. Jeremy Secrest, a field artillery officer who did two on-camera interviews, said he had few dealings with the media during his tour in Korea.

"Most things were handled by the PAO," Secrest said, adding that he, personally, would prefer not to talk with the media. He said it was helpful to see the tapes and get critiqued.

"It was good for us to see how we looked on camera and see potential ways the things you say can be distorted," he said.

"Your words might be right, but your body may be saying something different."

Secrest said he thought the company-level training would be good to share with his Soldiers once he gets to his next assignment at Fort Drum, N.Y.

"The training was a good start," he said, "and applicable because on any deployment, you're more than likely to have reporters and have to deal with the media and public perceptions. There are always ways to integrate the media into your training."

Manganaro sees the training as a force multiplier for PAOs Armywide.

"PAO can't be everywhere," she said, "and if we can incorporate media training here, Infantrymen everywhere can influence the coverage the public sees."

She said she was encouraged by working with the captains, who seemed hungry for answers on how to work with the media.

"They were interested in understanding what they could do to influence others," she said. "They asked good, hard, pointed questions and we only scratched the surface in one hour."

Capt. Patrick Malone said the training would be good for Soldiers at all levels, not just the Career Course captains.

"It could always be longer," Malone said. "The more time invested, the higher the payoff."

Both Manganaro and Paine would like to see the training standardized across the entire course so all students can receive the maximum benefit from the training.

For Manganaro, it represents a natural progression of media training efforts already in place in basic training units and an opportunity to set the future company commanders up for success.

"We want to develop the practical side," Paine said.

The Combat Arms and Tactics Directorate is exploring a partnership with Columbus State University journalism students as they develop the media awareness training program.

While all instructors cover the media in discussions with their seminar students, some, like Paine, put more focus on it.

Paine said the ICCC students need to consider how their stories or pictures could be modified or misinterpreted.

"With media awareness training, they now have the ability to modify perceptions," he said.

Shoplifting not way to give gifts

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

As Christmas draws closer, money gets tighter, shopping lists get longer and shoplifting becomes more and more of a problem.

Fort Benning sees shoplifting as a very real problem, said Nick Nguyen, manager of the post exchange. Last month, about 15 people were arrested for shoplifting, and the numbers are bound to grow this month.

Eric Doss, the operation's manager at the PX, said 224 shoplifters were apprehended last year. The total dollar amount was $22,000; $3,000 of that was attributed to employee thefts.

"It is a big problem, and the awareness of our other shoppers would help," Nguyen said.

"The earnings we make go to help the Army and Air Force community, and when there is shoplifting it directly affects our earnings and takes money away from the military community."

Active duty members who shoplift are turned over to base security and their unit for criminal and Uniform Code of Military Justice action. On top of those actions, AAFES and other federal retailers are authorized to collect a $200 administrative fee on top of the value of what was stolen. This fee offsets the expenses AAFES incurs because of shoplifting.

With a 100 percent prosecution rate, shoplifting not only affects the active duty member's career, but can cost them a lot of out-of-pocket money. And, family members are not immune to the repercussions of shoplifting, Nguyen said.

Sponsors are also financially responsible for their family members' actions, under the terms of the AAFES program. Parents of minors caught shoplifting will be billed for the costs. These administrative charges are separate from any criminal prosecution or military disciplinary action, said Glenn Schubert, Fort Benning Post Exchange general manager.

"At one time juveniles were more likely to shoplift than anybody else," Doss said. "Now, it has about evened out. Active duty thefts have grown a little more this year."

Doss said nearly 60 percent of all thefts are committed by active duty service members.

"Whatever excuses people come up with to justify their actions, the fact remains that none of them are good enough reasons to risk a career over," Shubert said.

Military exchanges spend millions of dollars each year to foil shoplifters, including measures to deter and detect thefts, Schubert said. As a result, AAFES worldwide apprehends more than 10,000 shoplifters each year.

"I hate to see someone's career negatively impacted by shoplifting," Nguyen said. "Shoplifting is across the board, but this time of year we see it happen more with younger kids and teenagers. They lift trading cards, computer and video games."

Doss said they tell all of their employees to be aware of any suspicious activity, and if they see it to report to their supervisors immediately. He would suggest customers do the same. If they see anything suspicious, tell an employee immediately.

"Unfortunately, when individuals steal, they commit a crime against themselves, their family members, other Soldiers and Airmen, and the military community," said Brig. Gen. Toreaser Steele, AAFES vice commander.

"It's a real shame since they are taking money out of the hands of commanders who use the AAFES dividends to improve their quality of life."

Editor's note: *Capt. Diane Weed, HQ AAFES Public Affairs, contributed to this article.*

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Veterans remember Pearl Harbor

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"I remember Pearl Harbor like it was yesterday," said Jim Coppeler, one of nearly 30 World War II veterans who participated in Tuesday's remembrance ceremony at the Veterans Center on Victory Drive.

It was Dec. 7, 1941. Coppeler, then a sophomore in high school, was having breakfast with his sister, scheming to get out of attending Sunday school that morning. His mom was at the stove, and his father was in the living room listening to the Philco radio.

"My dad never cussed in his life," Coppeler said. "All of a sudden, he said, 'Son of a b----, the Japs have bombed Pearl Harbor.' I thought, 'What the heck is a Pearl Harbor?'"

What *was* Pearl Harbor? A tactical disaster, according to retired Col. Russ Eno, editor of *Infantry Magazine* and the guest speaker at the event. Pearl Harbor was a tactical disaster for Japan.

"(They) had no concept of the will of the American people or the unimaginable industrial might of this country," Eno said.

Then, as now, following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the "sleeping giant" responded swiftly and with relentless determination.

"The September 11 attacks are sometimes compared to Pearl Harbor, and in many ways, it's a valid comparison," Eno said. "Both were launched in hopes of breaking America's will to fight. And in both cases, they were wrong."

Eno, a veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm, thanked the veterans for their service and said "countless and nameless" men and women in uniform who have "accepted the torch you offered."

America, Eno said, continues to be "the hope of the world in troubled times," as President Roosevelt said in a fireside chat shortly after the attack.

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> **Retired Col. Russ Eno**
> Editor of the *Infantry Magazine*

But from Sgt. Lewis McIlvain's perspective as a "pelican" on the forward mast of the USS Nevada, there was little reason for hope, as Japanese fighter planes peppered the deck 80 feet below him.

The Nevada, moored alongside the ill-fated Arizona, lost 2,000 Sailors that day. McIlvain was one of the 800 survivors, and he cried Tuesday as he recounted the horror of watching his shipmates die around him.

"From up where I was, you could see 'em — the planes coming in," he said. "There wasn't nothing we could do. Fifteen bombs hit us .. That was a mess."

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Robert Sellers is a three-war veteran. His friends call him "the survivor."

He was wounded in the Phillipines during World War II, left part of his hip on Korea's Pork Chop Hill, and was medevaced out of Vietnam's bloody Ia Drang with malaria. At 82, Pearl Harbor remains among his worst memories.

Sellers manned a 9 mm gun in a foxhole on a hill overlooking the harbor. For nearly four months, his unit of artillerymen anticipated some sort of attack. But when it came, they were without ammo.

"If we'd had ammunition, we could've shot a lot of them down," he said. But then, he said, the Japanese would've spotted his unit and destroyed them in short order. "If we'd had ammunition, I wouldn't be here today."

Sellers' voice remained steady until he recalled trying to help two injured Sailors out of the bloody waters of Pearl Harbor.

"I got the first one out, but ... This is bad," he sobbed. "When I tried to pull the other one out, his skin came off."

The attack on Pearl Harbor 63 years ago cost America 2,400 lives, five battleships and 188 planes. It was the costliest attack on the American homefront until Sept. 11, 2001, when 2,973 people died, mostly civilians.

"They failed to consider the consequences of that attack," Eno said, and they failed to consider the consequences of this one.

"America is slow to anger," he said, "but we tend to settle the score in ways our enemy will never forget."

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Wives: Discuss worries, woes, coping strategies

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ones with younger children, because mine have more experience under their belt," she said. "They know our tradition and what a typical Christmas is at our house. And obviously, this one won't be the same. But they handle it well."

Laura's mom died six years ago at Christmastime, and the holidays haven't been the same since. This year was going to be a turning point, Laura thought. She could feel it.

"I could actually see myself enjoying Christmas again," she said.

Then came word that her husband wouldn't be home. How is Laura coping?

"I made up my mind that we'll do all the things (my husband) doesn't really enjoy — the things I love to do," she said. "He doesn't like to travel at Christmas, and I do. So the kids and I are going to (the mountains) for a few days.

"I'm going to indulge my Christmas ideals," she said. "If I could get my kids to go carolling, I would."

Erin's turn

It's been a bad week, and Erin's frustrated. Her son has cried more in the past week than the last two months.

"He's daddy's boy. Daddy's *it*," she said. "Mom's OK, but it's all about Dad."

Erin's said she's a pessimist by nature, "a realist." She's witty, but frank. She says what she feels, and lately, she feels angry a lot. And she definitely doesn't feel like celebrating Christmas.

"I'm forcing myself for (my son's) sake," she said. "If it was just me, forget it. I'm angry inside, but I have to put on a happy face for him."

Fortunately, Erin's son is too young to wrap his Christmas expectations around traditions.

"I don't think he realizes it will be different," she said. "He's focused on what Santa's bringing him. He misses his dad, but he won't let it ruin his Christmas."

In spite of her natural pessimism, Erin forces herself to "look on the bright side." She knows wives who will say goodbye to their husbands soon after Christmas. They have it worse, she believes. She's staring at the "tail-end" of her husband's deployment.

She's careful to surround herself with friends who are "bringer uppers," so she doesn't wallow in anger and self-pity. Her friends see her true emotions, she said. Her husband doesn't.

"I have to stay positive when I'm on the phone with him," she said. "I tell him about our day, what we did, where we went. If I start talking about how I feel, how I *really* feel, I'll break down and lose it."

When Erin's husband comes home, *whenever,* he'll find a real Christmas waiting — the lights, the tree, the gifts, the whole kit and caboodle.

"I think it's important for all of us," she said. "It'll help us get through (Christmas) knowing we'll have it with him. I think just watching (my son) give his dad the presents he's been waiting to give him will help me get over the anger."

Indeed, it's a misconception that the problems created by lengthy separations end the instant a Soldier returns.

"It takes a while to readjust," Erin said. "We have to get back in the groove of having him around and change the routine we've gotten into without him."

Kristin copes

It's only fair. That's what Kristin tells herself when she starts to feel self-pity. She and her husband were Army brats, and their grandfathers served in Korea.

"Being without him at Christmas — it isn't what I'd choose," she said. "But I think about all the others who have gone through it. I listened to our grandmothers talk, and I think, 'How did they do it?'

"They didn't get phone calls or e-mails. They went months without knowing where their husbands were. I think about them, and I think we don't have it so bad. We do what we have to. It's only fair."

The phone calls and e-mails — they can be a two-edged sword, Kristin said. Just recently she shot her husband an e-mail she regretted.

"I had a 'poor-me' last week," she said. "I wrote him and said 'I'm tired of doing it all myself. I'm tired of changing all the diapers. I'm tired of making all the plans, the packing, the lawn care.'

"I laid it all out — everything," she laughed. "Then he wrote me back, 'Do you need to see a chaplain?'

"I just needed to get it off my chest," she said. "It's hard work, what we do. You don't get thanked for it. Sometimes you really want someone to say 'How are *you* doing?'"

Morgan waits

It wouldn't be the same back home. That's why Morgan stayed here when her husband deployed.

"I'm surrounded by memories of him — when I came to visit before we got married, the places we went. Somehow it helps," she said. "I guess I prefer to be here with people who are going through the same thing."

Morgan will go home for Christmas, and it'll be a good one, she said. Her faith helps her focus on the holiday's spiritual meaning, and that's something she and her husband will share, no matter how great the distance between them.

"We don't have a shared Christmas to compare it to, so that probably makes it easier," she said. "I'll be busy, and I'll be with my family and his, so it will be good."

When the going gets tough — and it does — Morgan and her husband pray together over the phone.

"We believe whatever happens is for the best," she said. "But yeah, I get scared. The biggest thing for me was having to give him up and say, 'OK God, he's in your hands.'"

Morgan's husband will likely leave the Army when his enlistment is up. He wants to go to school. But memories of the time they've spent "married to the Army" will last forever.

"I'd never been around anybody military until him," she said. "It's pretty amazing. I have so much respect for what (Army families) go through.

"If it's this hard on me and him, imagine what it's like for people with children. It's tough to be alone."

In *Hero Mama*, Zacharias shares a letter her mother sent to her father in Vietnam.

"I (went) to the doctor," she wrote. "He said I was pushing myself too far and was headed for trouble if I don't slow down and rest. He was talking about the worry and upset of moving here, finding a place and trying to get settled, plus trying to work and take care of the family, also worrying about you over there."

Hero Mama clearly illustrates the unchanging nature of waiting. Nearly four decades ago, Fort Benning wives were plagued with the same worries our Soldiers' spouses face today.

Laura, Erin, Kristin and Morgan do, however, believe Family Readiness Groups and a nation that learned from the mistakes it made 40 years ago have made life a little easier for spouses today.

"We have come a long way," Erin said. "I think we have more support from the community than the wives of Vietnam and Korea, and we have e-mail.

"Deployments will always be hard, but we have it better than they did. It helps to remember that."

Hero Mama

Sometimes classmates at school would ask me about my father. The only comments I remember any of them making were hurtful things. Like the time one of my friends said, "It really bothers me that you don't have a daddy. I don't like being around you because of that."

"I'm sorry," I said. — **Hero Mama**

There are lessons to glean from *Hero Mama*, Karen Spears Zacharias' memoirs of a life spent trying to cope without dad. Lessons for everyone — spouses, parents, children and friends of anyone who's ever served.

Because the experiences of military children shape their future and color their view of the world. It affects their relationships with family, neighbors and co-workers. For some it will be an overwhelmingly positive experience. For others, negative. But for most, it will be both.

Zacharias' experience was more extreme than most. She lost her father in Vietnam. Her mother raised three children alone in a Columbus trailer park and put herself through nursing college.

Zacharias' book is beautifully written. She's gifted with words. Unfortunately, her mother wasn't. Zacharias tells of a childhood spent longing for her mother to share her grief, to talk about her father, to acknowledge her children's pain.

But Shelby Spears couldn't express or surmount her own grief long enough to deal with her children's. For a time, she buried her feelings in alcohol and men. *Hero Mama* is the story of a war widow's struggle to overcome and her children's journey through the turbulent teens, the wrong choices they made, and the long road back to self-respect and acceptance.

Readers will enjoy Zacharias' wit and style. But they'll have to wait a little while more for the book to hit the shelves. It's still in the editing process, but it'll be worth the wait.

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MPs: Volunteer for year deployment

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"I'm anxious to get over there and get started on our mission," said Spc. Jon Cotton with the 71st MP Detachment. "All the predeployment stuff can be frustrating. I've been at Fort Benning for two years and haven't been deployed. It's my time and I'm ready for the challenge."

Pfc. Doug Chapman with the 209th volunteered partly because he wanted to experience combat, and to get the chance for training that could further his Army career.

"I also decided to volunteer because if single Soldiers like me volunteer, it prevents troops who are married or have kids from having to be away from their families for a long time. I think its worth it to keep families together."

For their own families, the Soldiers agreed that their parents are concerned for their safety while they are overseas.

"I don't think any parent wants their kid to go to war, but they understand that it's our job," Soon said.

"My parents taught me strong faith, which helped me get through Basic Training and difficult times I've had in the Army, so I'm counting on my faith to sustain me while we're deployed," Soon said.

"Knowing that we're going, I feel like I'm having all emotions at once," Chapman said. "One minute I'll be excited that we're going, then sad because I have to leave my family, and nervous about going into a combat environment. Anything could happen, and you feel all emotions at once."

All three Soldiers feel confident that the unit will be a strong team.

"When we first got picked, we hardly knew each other," Soon said. "But now we're starting to band together with each other. It's a great group of guys going, and I know we can get the job done."

Thanks: Soldier appreciates Loyd

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my family for such a long time, and I'm so thankful to the school for taking care of them. My kids have excelled here, and the teachers and staff have provided so much support."

The flag was Acevedo's way of saying thank you for all the deployed Soldiers who have to leave their kids.

"I'm sure the support my kids have gotten is not unique," he said. "I'm sure it's this way with all the DoD schools."

After the presentation, children and teachers tied yellow ribbons on a "Deployment Tree" bedecked with lights and American flags. Acevedo gave the tree its crowning touch, a large yellow bow on top.

The Acevedo children, in second grade, kindergarten, and preK, watched their father being honored.

"I feel proud that my dad is a Soldier," said Jose. "I'm so happy he came home for Thanksgiving, but I'm going to feel sad when he (leaves.) He's a medic and he needs to go back, because he saves people when they're hurt."

Acevedo will return to Iraq Dec 11. He's not sure when he will be home again.

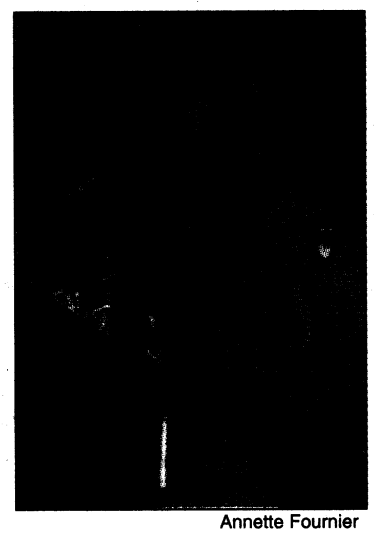
The flag that Acevedo presented the school flew during missions in Kirkuk, Tallafar, Mosul, Baghdad, Balad and Tikrit. The school reciprocated by giving Acevedo a stuffed panther, the Loyd mascot.

Martinez was pleased to accept the flag from Acevedo.

"We will treasure this flag and honor the men and women who are fighting for our country," she said. "They are heroes protecting our freedom."

Martinez also acknowledged all the children in the school who are waiting for family members to come home.

"It's not easy. It takes a lot of courage to have family members deploy."



Annette Fournier

Sgt. Jose Acevedo spoke at Loyd Elementary Dec. 6.

AUSA: Visits post to educate Soldiers

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AUSA members questioned Kidd about the Military Child Education Coalition and ongoing studies focusing on the continuation of DoD school systems.

One member expressed concern on behalf of 3rd Brigade families, saying Soldiers feel uncomfortable with the possibility their children won't be able to attend DoD schools.

Kidd assured members that maintaining the school system is a priority of AUSA.

"It would be a slap in the face to ask our Soldiers to go to war but take away the schools they think so highly of," she said.

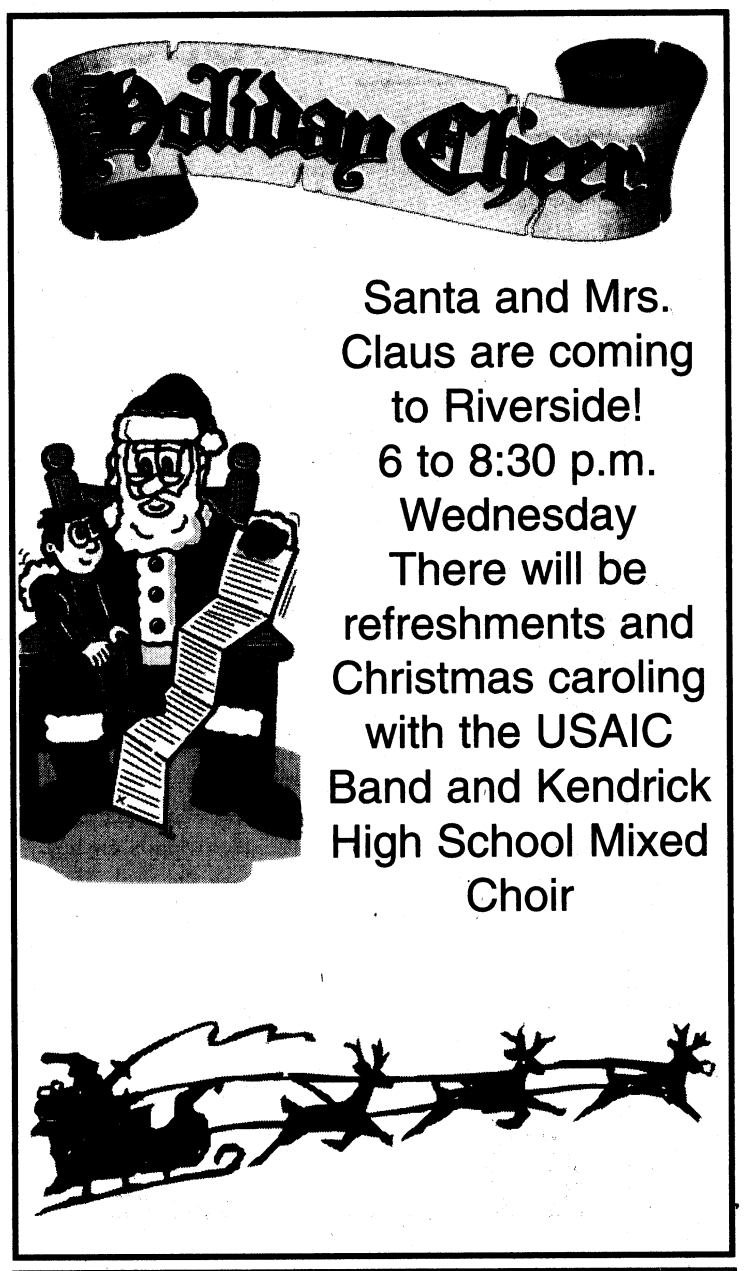
Among other issues, members brainstormed ways to better serve injured Soldiers and their families during their stint at Walter Reed Medical Center and afterwards, when Soldiers return to Fort Benning.

Hesler said AUSA needs to ensure that injured Soldiers feel welcomed home, so they know their sacrifices are appreciated.

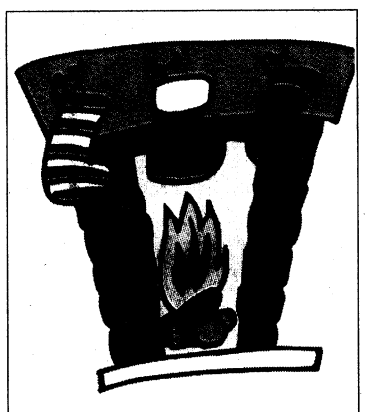
Kidd wants to see improved services for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who return from combat and re-enter the civilian world, citing the shock that some Soldiers experience in returning to civilian life.

"These Soldiers do not have the same support network active duty Soldiers have," she said.

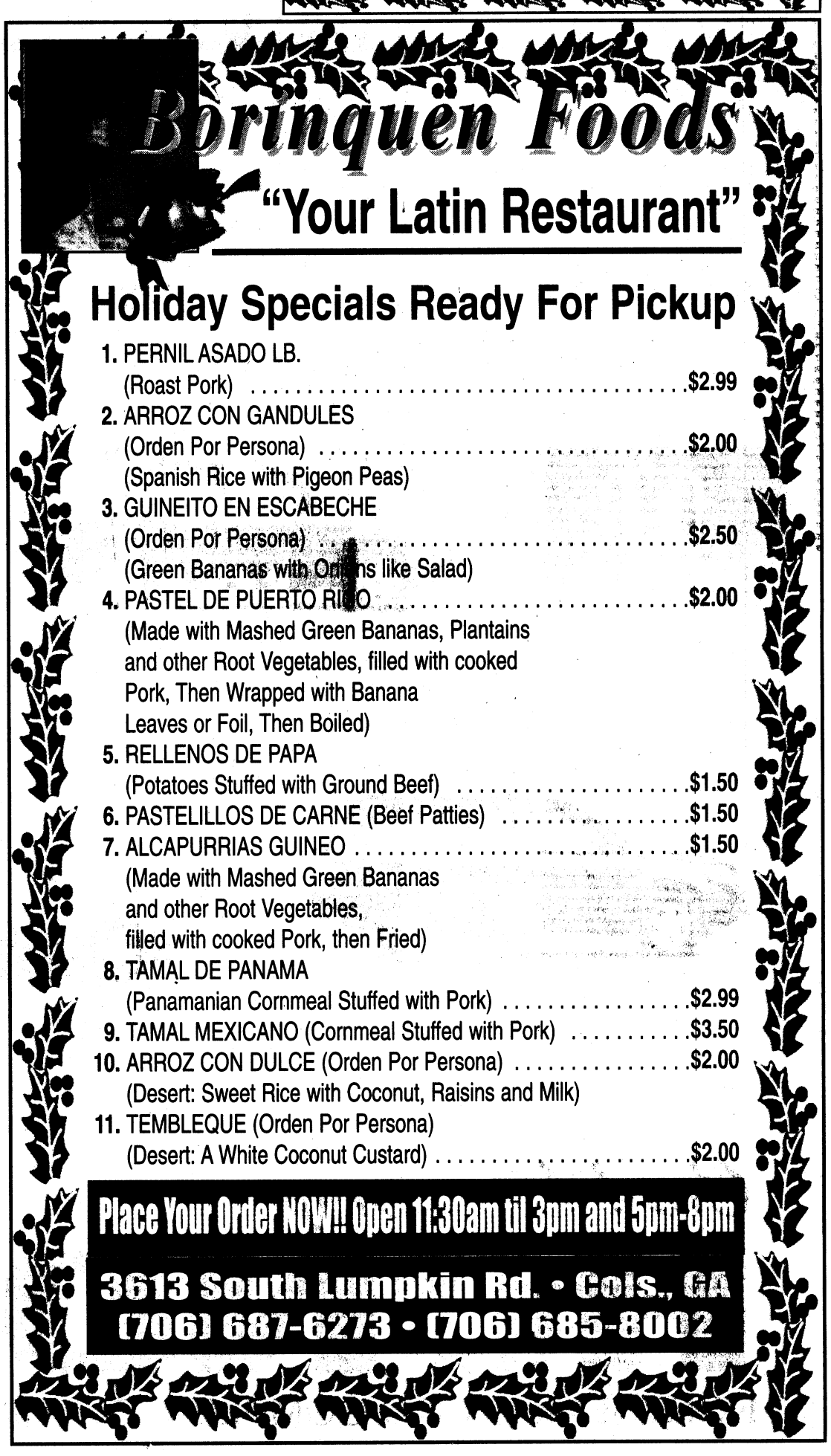
"When they go back to their lives, the civilians around them are not going to understand their experiences in combat. Many emotional responses don't emerge until much later, and we need ongoing support for these men and women, so they have someone to talk to when they need to."











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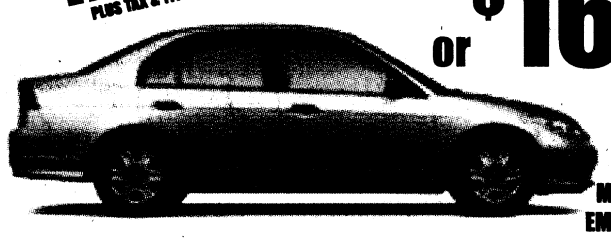
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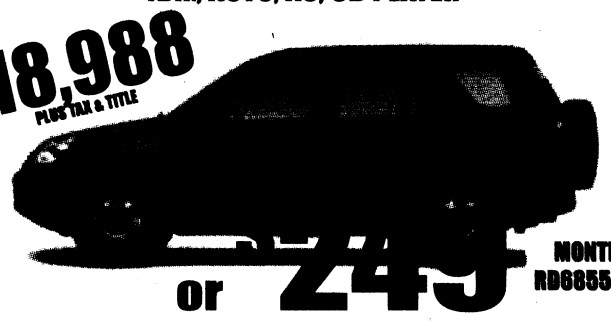
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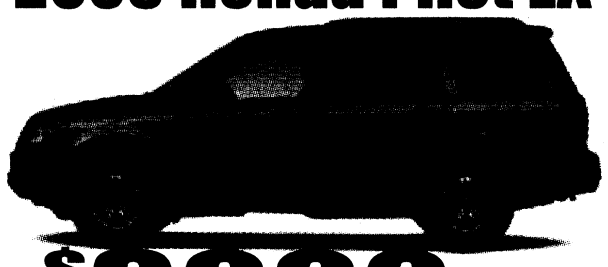


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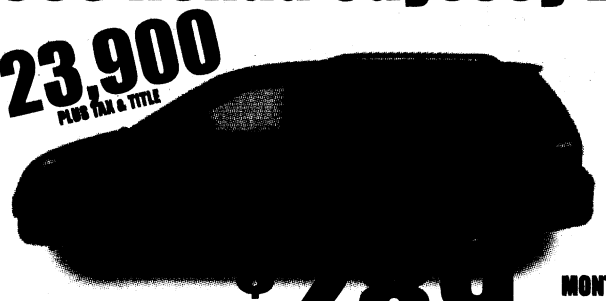


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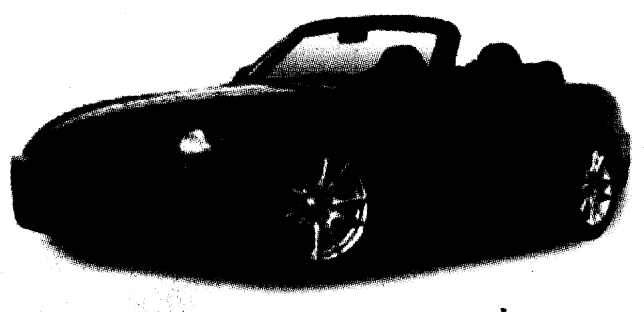


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NCOA to administer wireless tests in courses

NCO Academy automates classroom test taking

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
Bayonet staff

The NCO Academy will incorporate the Classroom Performance System into its Advanced NCO course beginning Thursday. The system will reduce the use of mark-sensored tests.

The wireless system uses infrared technology to communicate between handheld response pads and a receiving unit during course exams, said 1st Sgt. Patrick Durr, PLDC branch chief.

The new system allows instructors to administer tests on a big screen that will provide immediate results and reduce the time spent on grading.

"The students will be given test booklets, but will answer each question on a big screen with the use of a remote control," Durr said.

The way the system is set up, students will be assigned a number at the beginning of each class and will use that number throughout the course. When taking a test, the student will have the remote that corresponds to a specific box on the big screen.

The instructors will be able to see which students have answered which questions and if they were answered correctly.

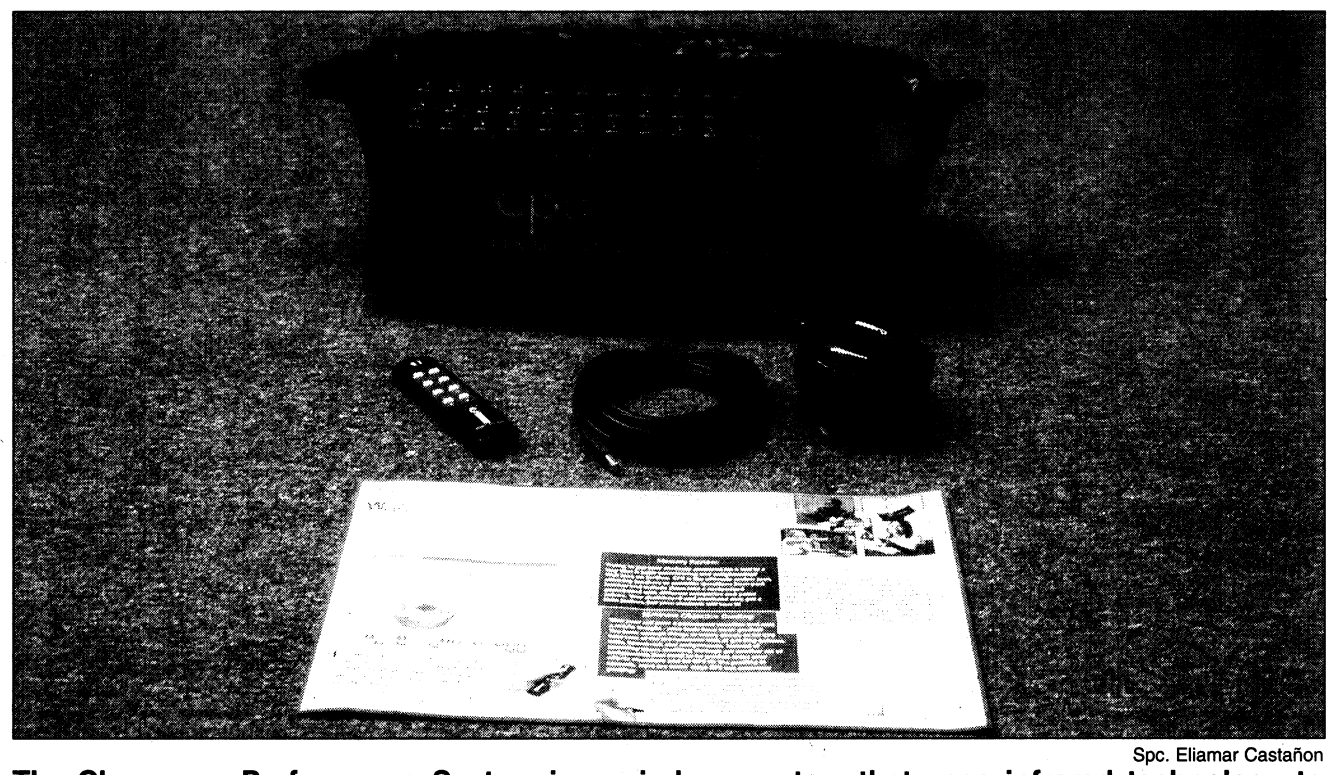
The system allows each question to have at least eight possible answers and allows the test administrators to put time limits on every question.

"Unlike mark-sensored tests, students will not be able to continue answering questions once the time limit is up or go back to change answers" said Sgt. 1st Class Raul Muñoz, NCOA chief of training.

The new system also reduces the possibility of cheating.

"Each test question has to be entered manually into the central computer in the test control center," Durr said. "This means only the test administrator has access to the tests, no one else can save or print.

Once the students are ready to take the test, the control center will send the test to the receiving unit which will then project the answer boxes onto the big screen."



Spc. Eliamar Castañon

The Classroom Performance System is a wireless system that uses infrared technology to communicate between handheld response pads and a receiving unit. The NCO Academy will use the system to administer tests to the different branches in the academy.

Durr said the NCOA has administered simulated runs with the CPS to ensure it works correctly. Once the system is incorporated into ANCOC course tests, he said it may be used later on for team projects in PLDC.

Former vice CSA to speak to leaders

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The eighth Combat Leadership Speaker Program is scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday at Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall. This month's lecturer is retired Gen. John Keane.

Keane retired from the Army in 2003. Prior to his retirement he served as the vice chief of staff of the Army.

Guest speakers are chosen based on their name recognition and past performance, said Lt. Col. Doug Harding, deputy director of the Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate.

He said Keane will speak about combat leadership at the small unit level.

With 37 years of service in the Army and having commanded at every level through corps commander, Harding said speakers like Keane are important because they have years of experience and have had the opportunity to reflect on it.

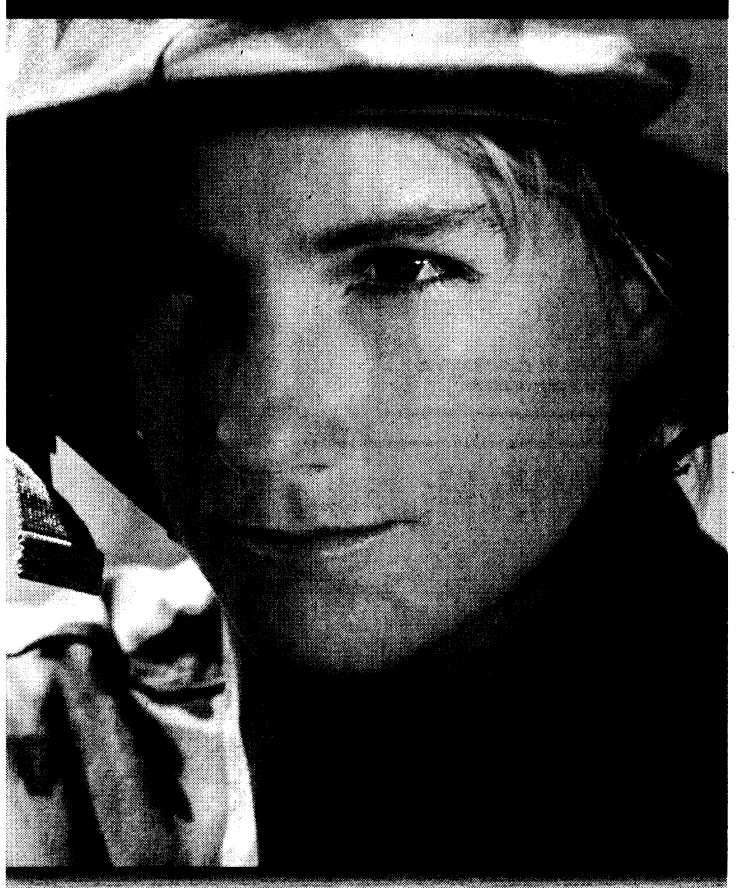
"The guest speakers are Vietnam veterans," said Lt. Col. Jim Riley, CATD Tactics division chief, "because they are the last guys before this current crop who have had sustained combat experience."

Riley said the commanding general and command sergeant major's program is geared for students — Officer Candidate School, Infantry Officer Basic and Career Courses, and Basic and Advanced NCO courses — and for company commanders and first sergeants on post.

"It equates to the commanding general's monthly officer professional development program," Riley said, "and anyone is welcome to attend."

Retired Lt. Gen. George Crocker, a former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division who also served two tours in Vietnam, will be the speaker at next month's CLSP Jan. 12.

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21Ws hammer out work

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Spc. Isaiah Hall, Pfc. Brandon Richardson and Sgt. Richard Hennessey repair the mock aircraft on Eubanks Field. The trio of carpenter/masons are responsible for safety and repair of apparatus used by the Airborne School.

Few people know who puts the Christmas lights up on the 250-foot airborne tower. Many would be surprised to find out it is three carpenter/masons.

Assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, maintenance section, these 21Ws do everything from bricklaying, roofing, new construction, cement work, metal work, ceiling work, shingles, dry wall, electrical and welding — to yes, even stringing Christmas lights.

"We do pretty much anything to do with the Airborne School," said Sgt. Richard Hennessey. "We even spent three days putting 1,800 feet of Christmas lights up on one of the airborne towers and put the star we redesigned last year on top."

The trio, consisting of Hennessey, Spc. Isaiah Hall and Pfc. Brandon Richardson, are the only three 21Ws assigned to Fort Benning.

Their primary job is to perform safety inspections each week on the airborne apparatus and fix anything that breaks, Hennessey said. They also reorder supplies, do minor repair work in the airborne barracks, make specialty items for units and run the 250-foot towers.

These engineers are responsible for Eubanks Field, Mann Field, the drop zone, ground branch, jump branch and the airborne barracks.

"This is different from what I expected after AIT," Hall said. "I wanted to build houses and lay concrete."

Hennessey, who has been in this MOS since 1986, said he loves his job and decided to become a carpenter in the Army after taking vo-tech classes in high school.

"In other units you get to deploy and go out and help people," Hennessey said. "You get to see the people you are helping firsthand, you meet the children."

Hennessey has worked in the Middle East, Korea, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Guatemala. He has spent most of his deployments building schools and helping with hurricane relief efforts. He helped build the original Camp Doha, Tap Line Road in Saudi Arabia and 300 miles of six-inch fuel line, laid 25 feet at a time, through the Middle East.

All three chose this MOS for the same reasons. They all liked working with their hands, and wanted an MOS that would transfer over to the civilian world when they leave the Army.

"I want to be able to build my own house," Hall said. "And, once you have a house, you're going to have kids and there are going to be holes in walls. You need to know how to fix those walls."

This particular MOS also allows the carpenters a chance to use their creativity. They are currently making batons for the Silver Wings to pass to each other when they jump. Because of a lack of wood, they are using pieces of old barracks furniture, sanding them down and staining them.

Even though they do have special projects, most of their time is spent running the airborne towers.

"They call us 'Buttons' because we push the buttons in the tower," Hall said. "We run the towers every day but Tuesdays, and on Thursdays we drop the students."

Hennessey said no matter how mundane their work may be seem some days, he still thinks his job is the best in the Army.

"It all goes back to seeing the people," Hennessey said. "In this job you see those you help. You don't get to do that in (other military jobs)."

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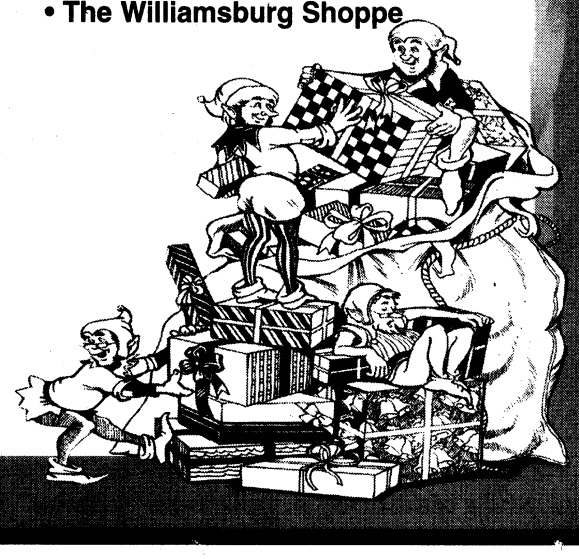
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Pvt. Andrew Byrnes waits for a signal from the drill sergeant to move forward during a live-fire exercise Dec. 3 at Shelton Range.

Trainees get down, dirty at live fire

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Eyes dart from side to side and with weapons at the ready, Soldiers begin to move forward with cautious, steady steps.

A target pops up and a drill sergeant yells for the trainees to drop behind a pile of sandbags.

Bang. Bang. Bang.

The sound of gunfire resounds over the range from one Soldier while his buddy moves forward.

This is the eighth week for the Soldiers of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, and the Soldiers are learning to move under fire.

The individual tactical training, live fire and individual movement techniques teaches the Soldiers how to close with and destroy the enemy, said Capt. Herman Blancaflor, company commander.

"Two Soldiers move in tandem," Blancaflor said in describing the exercise. "One Soldier shoots at the enemy while the other Soldier moves closer to the enemy. This allows them to alternate bounds."

More than 175 Soldiers tackled the 100-meter qualifying range and the neighboring practice range. The trainees ended up getting a little bloody and muddy as they clawed their way, on their stomachs, to their next objective.

"They have one shot, and if they receive a no go, they are required to do it all over again after everyone has gone through," Blancaflor said.

There are five targets that pop up for the Soldiers to shoot; however, Soldiers do not pass or fail based on how many of the targets they hit. They are graded on their movement techniques and the ability to suppress the enemy.

There is one drill sergeant for each Soldier and after they complete their lanes they are given an after-action review where they are critiqued on their performance. Blancaflor said typically only five to 10 Soldiers have to repeat the exercise.

"We do a prep day with blanks the day before," Blancaflor said. "It is like a dress rehearsal."

On the practice range Soldiers do three-to-five second buddy rushes, high crawls, buddy team movements and engage a target with a hand grenade.

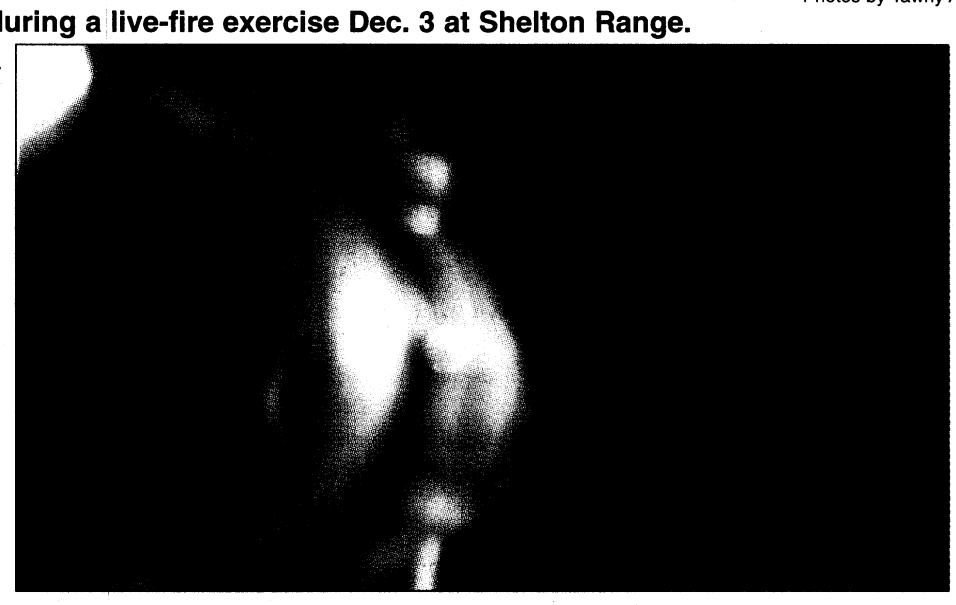
"This helps them to be able to survive in combat," said Staff Sgt. Brian Law, one of the drill sergeants.

"In a very short time, some of these Soldiers can be in harm's way, depending on if they are sent to a light or mechanized Infantry unit. If they were in the streets on a foot patrol, they would most likely use this to find cover."

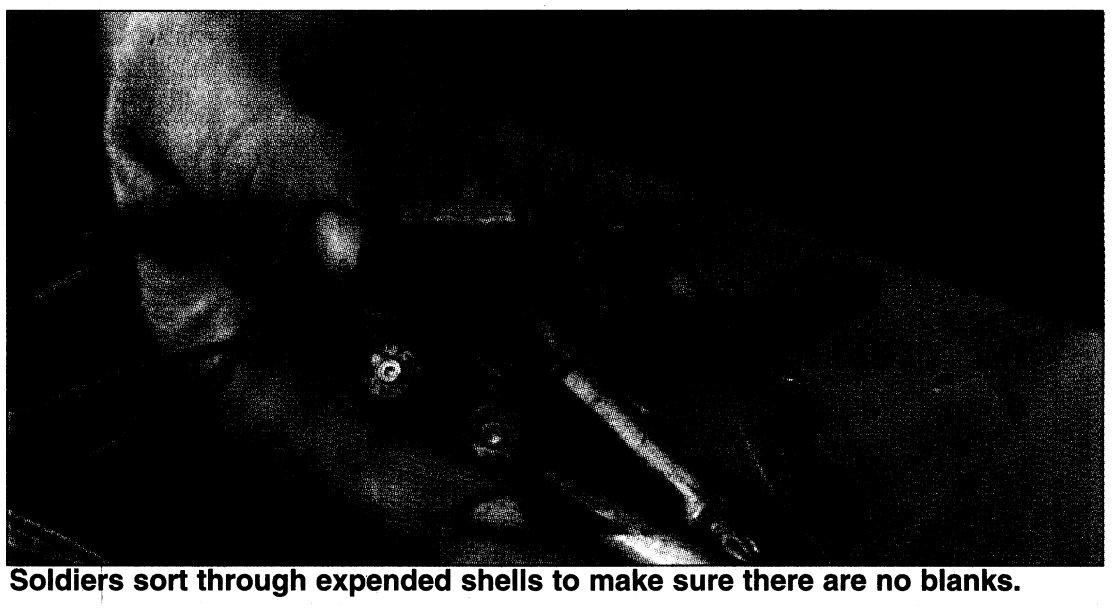
Law said on a scale of one to 10 he would consider this skill an eight or higher in importance.

"They have to learn to master moving as a buddy team before they can learn to work as a fire team," Law said. "This is one of the more fun and more physical tasks they will learn while they are in training here."

The Soldiers spent 16-18 hours over two days perfecting their movement skills.



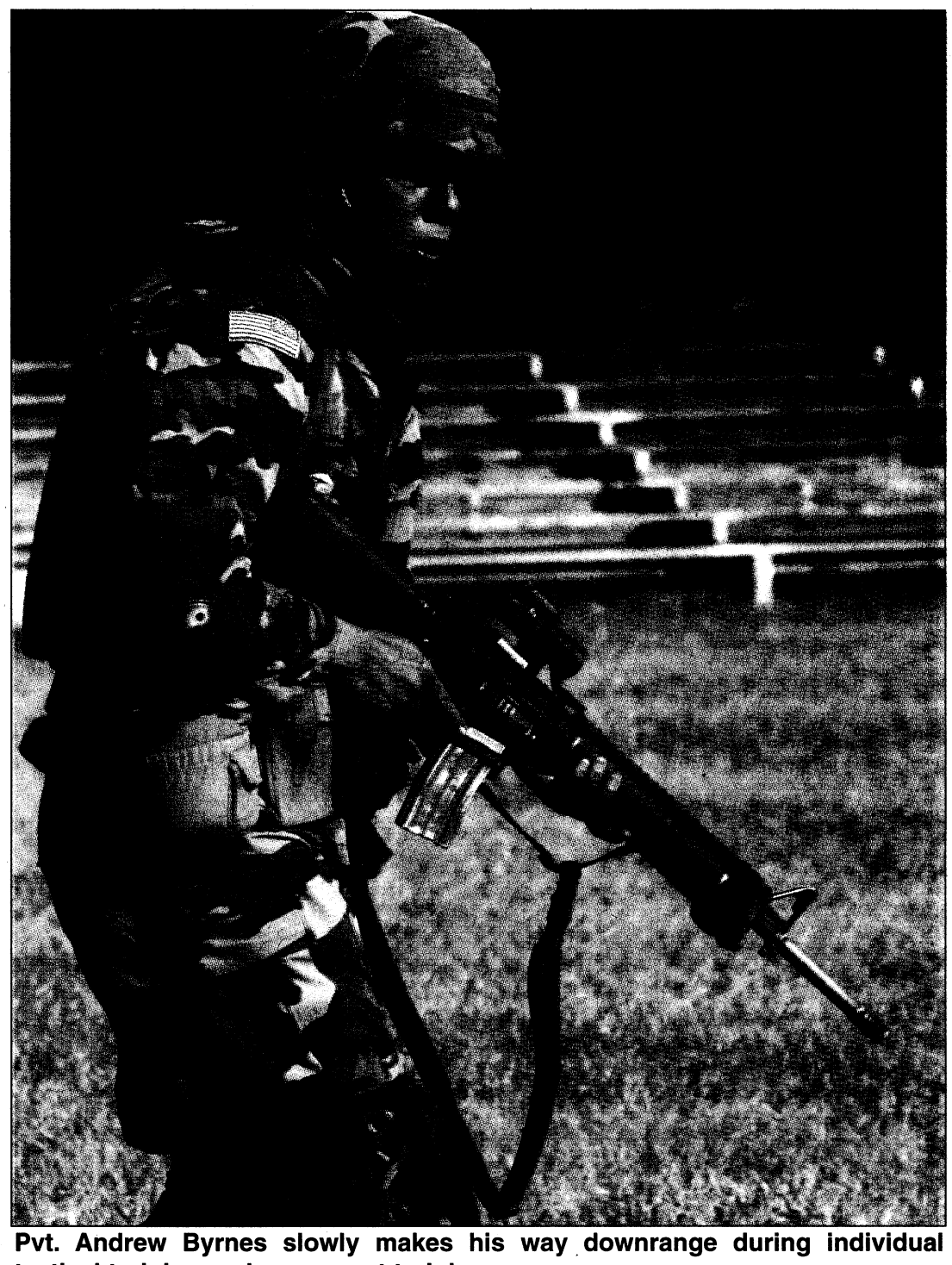
Pfc. Jesus Esquivel looks down the scope of his M-16 during practice training at Simpson Range.



Soldiers sort through expended shells to make sure there are no blanks.



Pfc. Nicholas Salazar sprints from one barricade to another, moving farther up range while his buddy suppresses "enemy" fire.



Pvt. Andrew Byrnes slowly makes his way downrange during individual tactical training and movement training.

Increase terror awareness

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

During the holiday season, Army leadership is emphasizing that Soldiers, family members and civilians must remember we are a nation at war and are at risk for new terrorist attacks.

Throughout the holidays, individuals and facilities are a softer target for terrorism, said Lt. Col. Trese Bannister.

"Recent audio-taped threats and recent terrorist activity throughout the world show al-Qaeda's, and those sympathetic to their cause's, continued interest and efforts in attacking within the United States," Bannister said.

To emphasize the need for increased awareness, the Directorate of Intelligence and Security is offering specific terrorism awareness training to all Infantry Training Brigade and Basic Combat Training Brigade Soldiers, as well as Soldiers going overseas, taking stateside leave, and units that will deploy to support the Global War on Terrorism.

Soldiers leaving Fort Benning during the holidays and and especially those going outside the continental United States are warned to be especially diligent in their awareness of their surroundings, Bannister said.

"Soldiers stick out, and could be a target for potential terrorists or terrorist groups," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bonham, NCOIC of Directorate of Intelligence and Security.

"Basic training Soldiers especially need to realize they are now Soldiers, and this makes them have more value as a terrorism target then when they were a civilian."

Soldiers stand out because of their appearance and demeanor, Bonham said.

"Soldiers have access to information, locations and facilities the common civilian doesn't even know exists."

Soldiers also need to remember sensitive information should not be shared with people who do not have a need to know, Bonham said.

Right now there is no specific indication Fort Benning is at risk for an attack, but Bannister said that is no reason for personnel to let their guard down.

"With what's going on in the world, we want to keep an eye on our piece of the world and make sure we're safe."

To ensure the security of Fort Benning, the Directorate of Security and Intelligence assesses the risks at all high-profile events.

They also work closely with the military police and Columbus officials to communicate and act on possible risks.

"There are very few coincidences. If something doesn't seem right, it's probably not," Bonham said.

Bonham said anyone noticing suspicious activity or anything that seems out of place should contact the MPs with their suspicions.

If intelligence analysts get enough indicators a risk may exist, they can take the proper precautions to protect the safety of the Fort Benning community.

"We don't want to make people feel paranoid, Bannister said. "We just want to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings,"

CLOSER LOOK

Indicators that may suggest planning for a terrorist attack

- Unusual or prolonged interest in security measures, entry points and access controls or perimeter barriers such as fences or walls.
- Foot surveillance involving two or more individuals working together.
- Observation of security reaction drills or procedures.
- Suspicious or improper attempts to acquire official vehicles, uniforms, badges, access cards or identification for key facilities.
- Presence of individuals who do not appear to belong in the workplace, business establishment or near a key facility.
- Unusual behavior such as staring or quickly looking away from personnel or vehicles entering or leaving designated facilities or parking areas.
- Increase in anonymous telephone or e-mail threats to facilities in conjunction with suspected surveillance incidents.
- Attempts to gain sensitive information regarding key facilities or personnel through personal contact, by telephone or e-mail.
- Use of multiple sets of clothing and identification, or the use of sketching materials.
- Stockpiling suspicious materials or abandoning potential containers for explosives (vehicles, suitcases, etc.).

AROUND POST

Audie Murphy Club meeting

The post Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 30th Adjutant General dining facility. The secretary and treasurer board seats will be voted on.

For more information, call 1st Sgt. Sherman Roberts at 544-7324.

USA Express Auditions

USA Express, the Army's premiere touring show band, is accepting performer and technician nominations.

Interested Soldiers should submit a complete packet to Jim Shoemaker. Packets must include a detailed resume outlining experience, a copy of the enlisted records brief, the latest record APFT, a VHS tape showing performance capabilities and other documents.

All packets must be received no later than Dec. 30.

For more information and to submit a packet, call Shoemaker at 544-8031 or 681-6980.

MLK commemorative service

The Equal Opportunity Office will host a commemorative service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 11 a.m. Jan. 13 in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Fonseca at 545-3197 or 545-6665.

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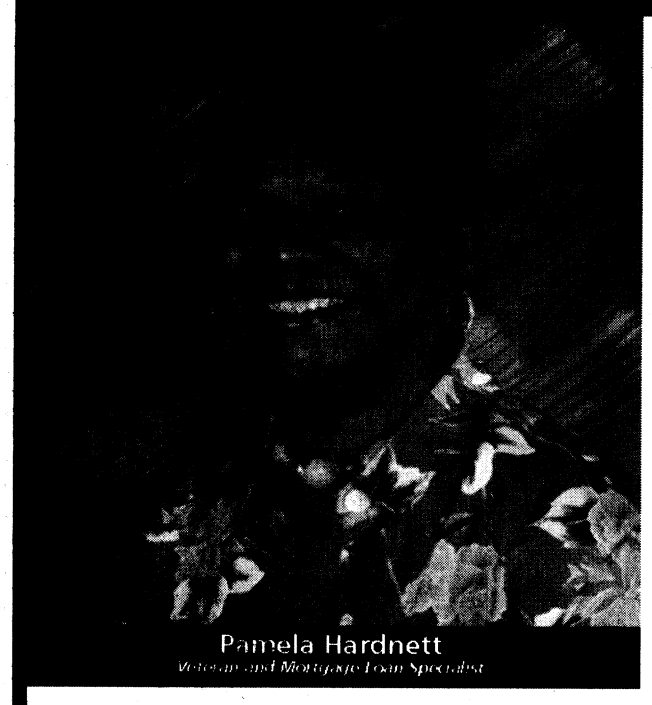
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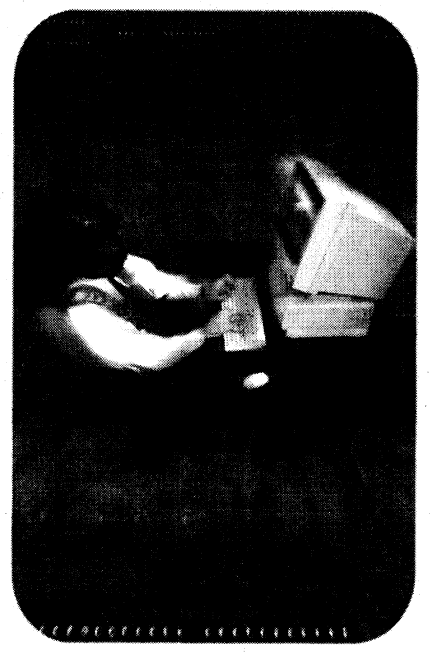

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Flat Stanley



Story and photos by Melissa House

Dear Aunt Melissa,

I really miss you and your family. My teacher read me a book called Flat Stanley. *You have to send stuff back. I hope you send good stuff.*

love,
Page

I was in a panic. Who is Flat Stanley and what, exactly, was I supposed to do?

Luckily, the note from Page's teacher at Walden Lake Elementary School in Plant City, Fla., Sandy Van Oosten, had more information.

The book's title character, Stanley Lambchop, was flattened one day by a falling blackboard. As a result, he can now visit his friends anywhere in the world by traveling in an envelope.

The author, Jeff Brown, created Flat Stanley after a bedtime conversation with his two sons, now grown. Brown said one son was stalling at bedtime, thinking of things he was afraid of, in order to keep his father in the room. One of those fears was that the bulletin board over his bed would fall on him during the night.

Brown, who died of a heart attack in December 2003, posted the story on the project's site and said his response, "You'll probably be flat," had his boys laughing and thinking of adventures.

Not long after Stanley's accident, Brown put pen to paper and wrote the children's book. In 1995, the Flat Stanley project was born in Ontario. A group of teachers saw Flat Stanley as a way to provide their students with another reason to write.

According to the project's Web site, Stanley has been around the world, seen at the Eiffel Tower and hobnobbing with famous folks. He even orbited the Earth 217 times with the Discovery astronauts.

More than 7,300 teachers around the world are registered with the project. Fifty-two are from Georgia, and more are found in Australia, Cameroon, Kenya and Thailand, among others.

Only teachers from accredited institutions register to participate in the formal project, a rule the project administrator Dale Hubert said is for the safety of the children.

Some teachers, like Van Oosten and E.A White Elementary School fourth-grade teacher, Joyce King, use Flat Stanley in a slightly different way. Instead of participating in the formal project, they have their students send Flat Stanley to visit relatives and friends.

Van Oosten said the project is an educational experience for her students, enriching their reading, writing, geography and history skills.

So Page, bless her heart, sent Stanley to vacation at Fort Benning, and it was my job to take him to see interesting things here.

I have to admit, I needed a little inspiration; so, I went to King's class asking for help. Her students had sent their Flat Stanleys around the world and were already enjoying hearing about some of his adventures.

King said she's been using Flat Stanley in the classroom off and on for the past 10 years.

"It's an incredible project," King said. "The students learn so much about their world."

When Flat Stanley comes back, the student who sent him gets to give the class a report on what he's done and seen.

"Most of the time they say, 'I didn't know that," King said. "It's great when they send him to relatives because it gives grandparents an opportunity to be involved. And the kids learn things they'll never learn from a social studies book."

King said they've received PowerPoint presentations from Stanley's visit to NASA, shared fortune cookies from his visit to a Chinese restaurant, and seen his photo album that included his picture with the governor of Texas.

Although they, and Page, sent Stanley out with a curfew, he's still trickling back in from his many adventures.

"The kids are so excited to get him back," King said, "but we don't mind waiting."

So with my own Flat Stanley project a little overdue, I knew King's class would give me a jumpstart in finding some neat places here to share with Page's class.

"We would have a nice relaxing fish at Russ Pond," said Chad Middleton, "and take a look at the tanks at the Infantry Museum."

In fact, everyone in King's class recommended the museum as a must-see on Stanley's itinerary, which also included "the general's house," the Riverwalk and the jump towers. And those of you looking for ways to entertain young visitors over the holidays, the kids also recommended Columbus attractions like the Columbus Museum, Coca Cola Space Science Center, Callaway Gardens and Hollywood Connection.

To make this an educational experience for everyone, I thought I'd enlist the help of Infantry Museum curator, Frank Hanner, to help plan some stops on post slightly off the beaten path as well.

Hanner, who first came to Fort Benning in 1981, recommended I find a copy of the Fort Benning Historic Trail pamphlet and go see the Campbell King Horse Bowl, the pet cemetery and a few other notable sites. The pamphlet has interesting facts about the sites along the trail.

So, with Flat Stanley in tow, off I went, armed with my list from Hanner and the children.

Stanley took some photos and posed for some photos during our whirlwind, one-day tour of post. He selected his favorites.

Can you tell where he went? The

Drive safely, avoid accidents

Precision Tune Auto Care

Throughout this holiday season and for all of 2005, Precision Tune Auto Care's driving ambition is to keep Americans safe on the roads with the annual holiday safe driving tips:

• Don't drive under the influence of alcohol and never permit someone else who has been drinking to drive. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, alcohol was involved in 52 percent of the 2,126 traffic fatalities that occurred between Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's 2002.

• Wear a seat belt. It's more than a law; it's proven to reduce fatalities. Research by NHTSA has found that lap and shoulder safety belts, when used, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent. For light truck occupants, safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent and moderate-to-critical injury by 65 percent.

• Avoid driving while you are fatigued or taking medication that will make you drowsy. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in 2000, there were 1,773 traffic fatalities attributed to fatigue and drowsiness.

• Drive defensively and maintain the speed limit. According to the NHTSA, the economic cost to society of speeding-related crashes is estimated to be $27.4 billion per year. In 2000, speeding was a contributing factor in 29 percent of all fatal crashes, and 12,350 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes.

• Anticipate problems before they happen. On the highway, be alert to potential acts that may cause crashes and adjust driving and speed accordingly.

• Keep an emergency kit in your car, including a call-for-help sign, a flare and a first-aid kit.

• Practice routine car maintenance to avoid highway breakdowns, including a check on brakes, hoses, belts, horn, windshield solvent, wipers and headlights. Keep your vehicle properly lubricated, tuned and oiled. Never mix radial tires with other types of tires, and make sure your tires, including your spare, are properly inflated as recommended in your owner's manual.

• Emergencies occur. Be ready with a charged operable cellular phone, but don't use the phone while you are driving. According to the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, drivers talking on their phones are responsible for about 6 percent of U.S. auto accidents each year, killing an estimated 2,600 people and injuring 330,000.

• For front-wheel skids, wait for the front wheels to grip the road before straightening the car; for rear-wheel skids, just before the rear wheels stop skidding, counter steer until you regain the desired direction.

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Davion Kirk — born Nov. 21 to Spc. Tia Watson and Sgt. Tyrell Kirk.

Sir Ty Turner — born Nov. 22 to Scarlet and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Turner.

Gabriel Paul Der — born Nov. 22 to Stephanie and Spc. Christian Der.

Dominic Travis Perry Jr. — born Nov. 23 to Jeanne Salinas and Pfc. Dominic Perry.

Dustin Shea Grimshaw — born Nov. 23 to Bridgette and Spc. Damon Grimshaw.

Elijah Joel Bell — born Nov. 24 to Staff Sgts. Sherise and Edgar Bell Jr.

Kyle Robert Stanard — born Nov. 24 to Kelli and Staff Sgt. David Stanard.

William Cobey Lane — born Nov. 26 to Bridgit and Capt. Christopher Lane.

Wyatt Kaito Bernard — born Nov. 27 to Ayako and 2nd Lt. Matthew Bernard.

Brendan Robert Lay — born Nov. 28 to Arianna and Sgt. Daniel Lay.

Girls

Camialin McNeil — born Nov. 18 to Rebekah and Cpl. Brandon McNeil.

Alexis Pauline Terry — born Nov. 19 to Toni Gollyhorn and Spc. Michael Terry.

Alyssa Anastazie Wilburn — born Nov. 19 to Tonya and Spc. Lance Wilburn.

Sydney Grace Bowen — born Nov. 21 to Crystal and Staff Sgt. James Bowen.

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— Martin Army Community Hospital

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Coat drive — The Noncommissioned Officers Association will conduct a coat drive from 6 to 8 p.m. through today at the Main Mall Post Exchange. NCOA will collect coats and funds to distribute to families in Fort Benning and the Columbus area.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Earl Richburg at 545-1657.

2005 Women's Conference — Volunteers are needed for the 2005 Women's Conference, "Bloom Where You are Planted."

For more information, call Carrie Snyder at 221-1489.

Sunday brunch — The Officers' Club will host a brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Cost is $11.95 for members and $14.75 for non-members. Children ages 6 through 12 are half price. Children 5 and younger are free.

To purchase advance tickets or make reservations, call 682-1120.

AAFES holiday tree — AAFES is displaying a special holiday tree where customers and associates can display messages and photos showing their support for deployed family members.

Special tree cards are available for any customer to fill out with their own special message or photo.

Tower Lighting Ceremony — The Tower Lighting Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 on Main Post at the Airborne 5000 bleachers on Burr Street.

EFMP enrollment — The Exceptional Family Member has mandatory enrollment for special needs family members (child or spouse). Enrollment does not hurt the Soldier's career, but assists military personnel divisions in considering the medical and educational special needs of the family member in the assignment process.

Enrollment is necessary if the spouse or child meets the following criteria: asthma, a current or past mental health diagnosis, a high-risk pregnancy, cancer (past or present), attention deficit disorder or diabetes.

For resource information and referrals, call 545-7517 or 545-4043.

Pregnant spouses support group — The Family Practice Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital is forming a support group for pregnant spouses of deployed Soldiers.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Family Practice Connelly Conference Room. Space is limited to 15 patients.

To sign up, call 545-2273 and select Family Practice Clinic.

Leaf pick-up — Shaw will pick up leaves in family housing weekly. Residents should rake leaves to the curbside, not into the street. Tree limbs should be in a separate pile. The refuse contractor will remove bagged leaves and small piles of limbs on trash pick up days.

• Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow avenues

• Tuesday: McDonald Manor

• Wednesday: Austin and Miller loops, Eames and Bently avenues, general officer's quarters

• Thursday: Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Ragin Courts, Indianhead Terrace

• Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road

PCS reminder — Families PCSing are reminded to hand carry medical and immunization records for all family members. Proof of immunizations is a requirement for school enrollment both in the continental U.S. and overseas.

For more information, call Terry Beckwith at 544-3470.

off post

USAIC Holiday Concert — The U.S. Army Infantry Center Holiday Concert will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Bill Heard Theatre in the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts.

This event is free to the public.

For more information, call 545-4583.

Spoke'n Word Ministry — The First Presbyterian Church will collect and repair used bikes for children throughout the community at 6 p.m. Thursday Volunteers are needed to collect and distribute bikes, manage the volunteers and work on publicity. To donate bicycles, call 322-4523.

Home 4 the Holidays — Iams Company is sponsoring Home 4 the Holidays, a pet adoption drive, through Jan. 2. Shelters in the area include the Muscogee County Humane Society, 7133 Sacerdote Lane, in Columbus, and Morning Star Animal Shelter in Hamilton.

For more information, call (800) 566-5038.

CVCC certification programs — Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Fort Benning, starts 100 (four to six months) certification programs in late January in the following skills: EKG, Cardiovascular tech, medical billing plus coding, pharmacy tech and more.

For more information, call 687-3420 or e-mail clovec.quick@us.army.mil or quickcloviec@msn.com.

Mission needs food — The Valley Rescue Mission's food pantry has reached its lowest point and needs assistance to serve hundreds of hungry people in the Chattahoochee Valley area. Groups planning community service projects are asked to consider a food collection drive.

For more information, call Rhonda Mobley at 322-8267.

Sears military special — Sears Portrait Studio offers free portrait sessions and 20 percent off all in-studio and online portrait purchases through Dec. 31 to customers with a military ID.

For more information, call Robyn Frankel at (877) 863-3373.

Phone cards for troops — 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

■ **Monday:** Salisbury steak, steamed rice, broccoli, hot roll, fruit, milk

■ **Tuesday:** cheeseburger, tater tots, green beans, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** pizza, pasta salad, mixed veggies, fruit, milk, peanut butter cookie

■ **Friday:** manager's menu

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Flat Stanley visited, top to bottom: The Airborne Walk, 34-feet and 250-feet jump towers; the Chinese arch presented to the 15th Infantry Regiment for its help during civil strife in 1924; Russ Pond; the 11th Airborne Division's monument on Sacrifice Field to the Soldiers who fought in World War II and Korea; and a 1917-model, 75 mm cannon in front of the Infantry Museum.

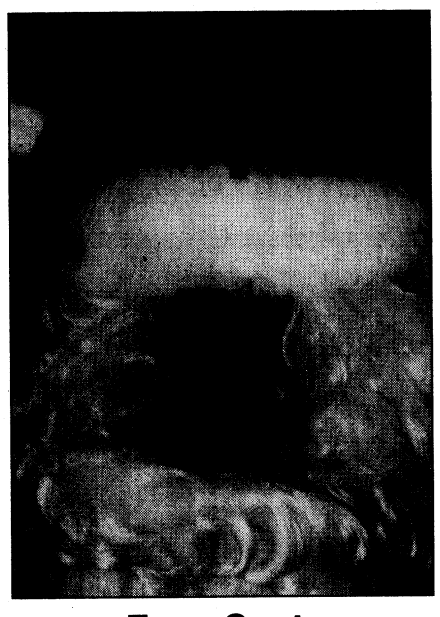
Prospective Santas vie for jolly, jewel of a job

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Even the president gets booted after eight years, if he's lucky. So why does Santa Claus (aka Kris Kringle, St. Nick, Father Christmas) get to wear the suit year after year after year?

A number of local candidates think it's high time Santa gets a new schtick.

Here they list the reasons they believe they're qualified to replace him. We'll let you decide.



Foxy Santa

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Fox, Office of Infantry Proponency

Do you like children? "Not particularly. I like mine. I'm less tolerant of other people's. You're not going to put that in there are you?"

Do you have any food issues? "Do you mean am I lactose intolerant? No, but I prefer 2 percent. And no peanut butter cookies. You can't say 'ho, ho, ho' with your tongue stuck to the roof of your mouth."

No personal biases against fruitcakes? "You don't ask, I won't tell."

How do you explain Santa to an alien? "Well, he is the spirit of Christmas that lives in the dreams of children."

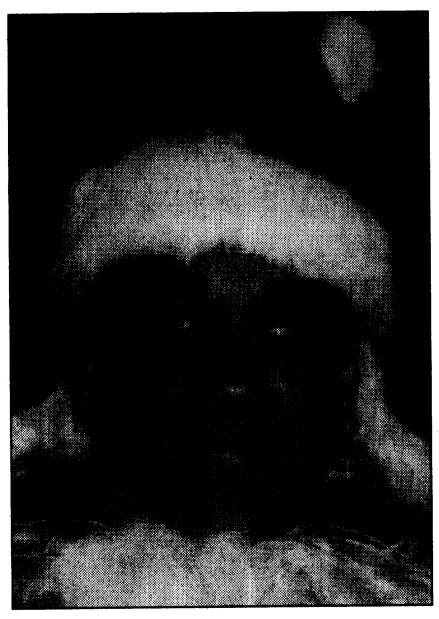
How do you convince a child who doubts? "Have you ever noticed when you quit believing, you get fewer presents?"

When children go before the Santa board, should their award be based on performance or potential? "Definitely performance. Christmas is designed to encourage their continued good performance."

Sounds like you're dancing all around the word 'bribery.' "You say that like it's a bad thing."

Can you name Santa's reindeer? "Donner, Dasher, Darnit, Huey, Duey and Luey. And Rudolph."

In *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, what was Ma wearing and what was she doing? "Hmmm. Ma ... was ... wearing, umm, a nightgown, I think. She had an upset stomach, because she threw up the sash."



Mexican Mullet-wearing Santa

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Ramirez, Office of Infantry Proponency

Santa experience: "I coached little league, and I've had a lot of immature co-workers."

Do you like children? "Is it a job requirement? I mean, do I have to *like* Soldiers to do my job now?

"I think we both know the answer to that."

Do you have any food issues? "I prefer Mexican cookies and whole, homogenized, past-your-eyes milk.

"That low fat crap will get you nothing but coal in your stocking."

What would you do to update Santa's image? "A goatee, definitely. And I'd cut the whole Grateful Dead, ZZ Top beard thing.

"I'd go with a Ben Wallace 70s 'fro. Plus, I'd institute a cash only, gift-giving policy and cut back on the overhead."

Is the world ready for a Mexican Santa? "It's time. Way past time. Cheech and Chong had my vote twenty years ago."

How does Santa do it all in one night? "It's a time zone thing. That and nitrous oxide."

What do you do if you're caught in the act? "What act?"

Can you name Santa's reindeer? "Of course ... Donner, Dancer, Rudolph ... Blitzen, Vixen, Rudolph ... uh ... Chewy, Paco ... and Rudolph."

In *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, what was Ma wearing and what was she doing? "Fishnet stockings? I don't know. What the (heck) kind of question is that?"

Do you have a campaign slogan? "Oh, geez, are we getting away from that whole 'ho, ho, ho' thing?

"How about, 'South of the border Santa!'?



Santa, sir

Lt. Col. Gary Daniel, deputy chief of staff

Experience: "I'm trained to operate in cold weather at night."

Do you like children? "I could learn to if it meant job security."

How would you update Santa's image? "Santa's timeless, like pork-chop sideburns and polyester pants."

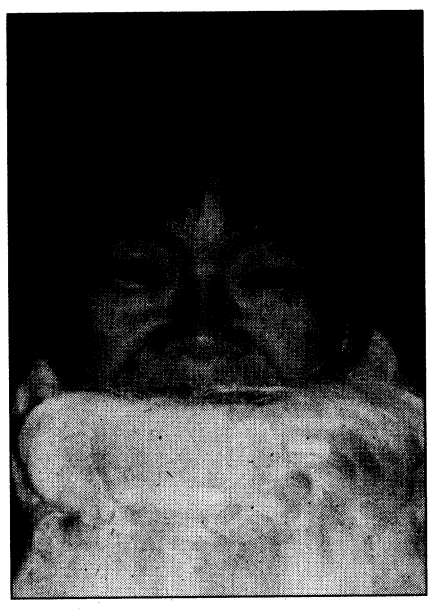
What toy would you like to see make a comeback? "The little airplane with the rubber band propeller. Now *that's* timeless."

OK, what would you say if you were caught in the act? "Admit nothing, deny everything, make counter-accusations."

Do you have any food issues? "My standards are pretty low — I'm a Soldier. I'll eat anything that'll be still long enough."

Do you have a campaign slogan? "I'm thinking just a great big S, One initial, that's it. Worked for the president."

How does Santa do it all in one night? "That's classified information — trade secret. But he doesn't use performance-enhancing drugs."



Short, Latte-drinking, Asian, Female Santa

Elsie Jackson, Public Affairs Office

Experience: "I'm a mom, therefore I am a multitasker. All moms are multitaskers. And since Santa's gotta be the ultimate multitasker, I'm more qualified than anyone here to be Santa."

Do you like children? "Mine, or other people's?"

How would you update his image? "I'd put him on a diet and exercise program. Obviously, he gets plenty of strength training, but he definitely needs some cardio. Maybe a stationary bike.

"As it is, he's setting a pretty poor example for kids, don't you think?"

Do you have any food issues? "I never met a cookie I didn't like. But no milk. I prefer a latte, skinny, hold the whipped cream."

And if little Johnny catches you delivering the goods? "Not an issue. Who's gonna believe a story about a short, latte-drinking Asian woman putting presents under the tree?"

What's the job appeal? "The elves. I'm 5 feet, 1 inch tall. I just wanna tower over everyone else for a change."

Can you name Santa's reindeer? "Why bother? It's not like they'll come when you call. I'm thinking I'd prefer a dog sled."

In *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, what was Ma wearing and what was she doing? "That depends. Was she being naughty or nice?"

Santa, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, St. Nick. Do I detect an identity crisis? "No, that's public relations. He's appealing to various markets around the world. It makes good business sense."

Is the world ready for a female Santa? "Look, you and I know Mrs. Claus has been running the show for years.

"It's way past time to put a woman in his place, but we've been too busy running the world."



A Santa of One

Master Sgt. Paul Ebner, Public Affairs NCOIC

Job appeal? "I'm getting ready to retire, and I'm set in my ways. I'm way too old to start having to choose something different to wear everyday. That whole one-uniform thing works for me."

Do you like children? "As long as they're not mine."

How would you update his image? "He needs a new name, definitely. Maybe a symbol. We could call him 'the jolly guy formerly known as Santa.'"

Do you have any food issues? "No, I want soft oatmeal raisin cookies with diet soda."

How old were you when you stopped believing in Santa? "There's no Santa?"

Can you name Santa's reindeer? "No, I can't, but I don't think they'll be around much longer, anyway. It's a matter of time before PETA puts 'em all in the unemployment line."

In *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, what was Ma wearing and what was she doing? "Long, thick nightgown. Stockings. She had a headache."

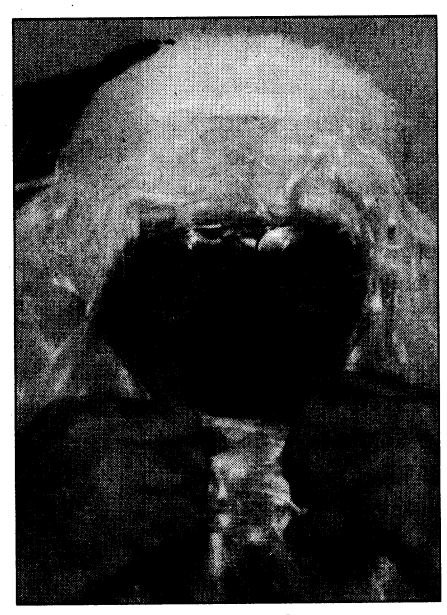
What would you do if you were caught in the act? "There would definitely be some spin involved. I mean, I *am* in public relations."

When children go before the Santa board, should their award be based on performance or potential? "Good question. I think we should rethink the whole naughty-list, nice-list format. I was a naughty kid. I *know* naughty. I set the standard. And I think most of the kids on the naughty list today don't really qualify. They're misunderstood, maybe, but not naughty."

What toy from your childhood would you like to see on today's most wanted list? "The big, dangerous, metal TONKA trucks."

Is the world ready for a Soldier Santa? "American Soldiers give the most valuable gift in all the world — the gift of freedom. So yes, I'd say a Soldier has a lot in common with Santa. They'd make a good team."

What would his motto be? "How about, 'A Santa of One?'"



Redneck Santa

Bill Brickner, retired Soldier, local hunting legend, owner of Sushiko restaurant in Columbus

Experience: "I have the suit. I *am* Santa."

Do you have any food issues? "I was in food service in the Army for nearly 30 years. I own a restaurant. Do I look like I have food issues?"

Let me rephrase that. Do you like milk and cookies? "Cookies are good, but I prefer a glass of wine."

How about fruitcake? "Heavy on the rum."

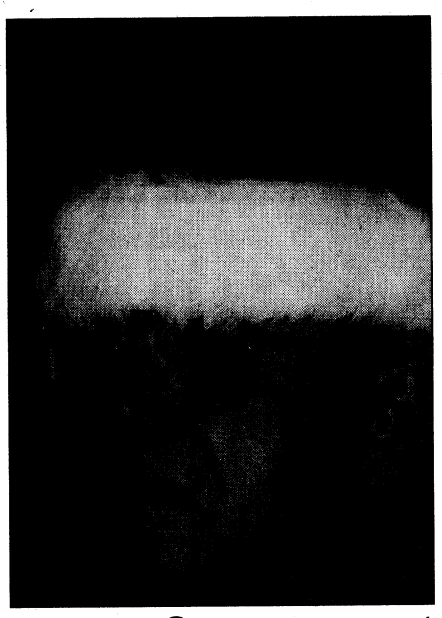
What would you do to update his image? "Camouflage coveralls and a pick-up truck."

Whoa, what about the reindeer? "Reindeer?! In Alabama?! During hunting season?! Are you crazy?!"

Do you like children? "Love 'em. I was one myself once. Kids are the greatest thing ever invented. Next to scent-block."

What do you do if you're caught in the act? "First of all, you better have done your homework. You better know the kid's name. Then you say, 'You seem like a nice enough kid. I have some goodies for you, but maybe I better check my list again to see how good you've been. Unless, of course, you're on your way back to bed."

Do you have a campaign slogan? "Vote for Sushi Santa."



Scrooge

Charlie Butler, retired Soldier and motorcycle afficionado

Experience: "I worked with explosives. Fireworks. I guess that's the wrong holiday, huh."

Do you like children? "Oh yeah. Deep fried."

How would you update Santa's image? "He should ride a motorcycle — a real bike, not a Harley. Maybe a vintage Vincent Black Shadow with a sidecar. He should probably wear red leather."

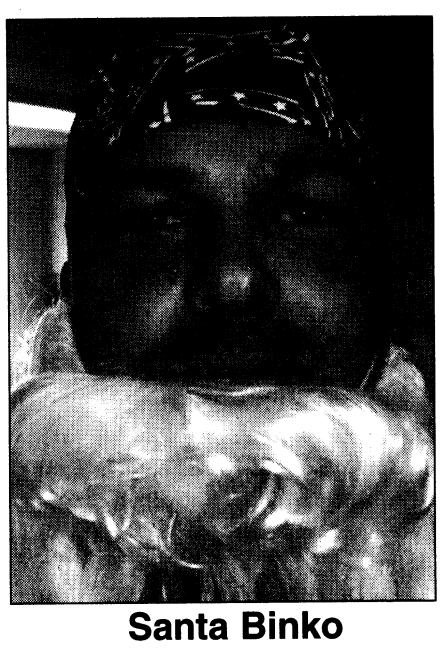
How would you explain Santa to an alien? "Aliens are so thick. It's hard to explain anything to 'em. I wouldn't bother."

OK, what would you say if you were caught in the act? "This isn't what it looks like, officer."

Can you name Santa's reindeer? "Ummm, Matchless, Norton, Indian, Vincent ... ummm. I guess you could put Harley in there, if you don't mind lowering your standards."

What's the job appeal? Why do you want to be Santa Claus? "I don't want to be Santa. I thought this was the line for Scrooge."

If you did want to be Santa, what would your campaign slogan be? "Santa — he should cycle!"



Santa Binko

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Arabinko, Staff Duty

Job appeal? "Staff duty's pretty great. You only work seven days a month. Imagine working once a year. How cool is that?"

Experience: "I can drop door bundles with pretty fair accuracy. Plus I've done fast-rope roof assaults, so I'd never actually have to land the sleigh.

"And if there's no chimney, I'm pretty handy with a breach kit."

Do you like children? "I'm trying to get a restraining order against my own. We tried to lose them in the Commissary a couple of times, but they know our address."

Are you OK with the cookies and milk thing? "I'm more of a brown liquor and red meat kinda guy. Leave me a steak and a match."

How would you update Santa's image? "Did we learn nothing from that whole Coke debacle? Why mess with success? Why fix what ain't broken? Santa's a classic."

What would you do if you were caught in the act? "Don't leave witnesses."

In *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, what was Ma wearing and what was she doing? "A kerchief and not much else."

Can you name Santa's reindeer? "Rump Roast, Shoulder Roast, Ground Beef ... Steak.

"This sounds like a good place to plug Daffin's Meat Processing. They're good people. They'll treat you right."

Santa, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, St. Nick. Do I detect an identity crisis? "Absolutely not. We all go through life with different names.

"Look at me, I'm Brian, Sgt. Arabinko, Bink, Binko, that d--- Arabinko kid ..."

How do you convince a child who doubts? "Bribery. It works for federal judges."

How do you explain Santa to an alien? "Why would I? If he doesn't know about Santa's he's not expecting a visit from Santa.

"Why make more work for myself?"

What toy from your childhood would you like to see on today's most wanted list? "See, there's the problem — everybody wants to relive their childhood Christmas fantasies. I say there's too much emphasis on the kids, who, let's face it, have way too many toys to start with.

"I'd make my target audience adults. Give them lots and lots of novelties. Ho, ho, ho, you know what I mean?"

Editor's note: *For the record, Santa's reindeer are Donner, Dancer, Cupid, Blitzen, Dasher, Vixen, Prancer and Comet. And Rudolph.*

And 'Twas the Night Before Christmas *reads, "And Ma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled in for a long winter's nap." Duh.*

Thanks to all our good-natured, delusional, self-deprecating candidates.

Don't quit your day jobs.

Lighting spreads holiday cheer

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
Bayonet staff

Families from Fort Benning and the surrounding communities bundled up in coats, gloves and hats to attend the annual Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting ceremony sponsored by the 30th Adjutant General chaplain staff on the Field of Four Chaplains at Fort Benning Dec. 9.

The Infantry Center Band performed a selection of Christmas music and the Faith Middle School choir sang Christmas carols. Two students from Faith dressed up as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman and gave out candy to the crowd.

Laughter broke out from the crowd as Frosty's belly — a pillow — came out of his costume when he left the area.

Col. James Yarbrough, deputy commanding general, was the guest speaker.

"We're in one of the busiest times of the year, but it's great to stop and say it is the holiday season," Yarbrough said.

"This helps get us a step closer to the holidays and it helps us recognize the beginning of the Christmas holy season and Hanukkah. It gives us a chance to reflect on the true meaning of the season, rejoice, take time out to be thankful and spend some family time together."

Yarbrough said the tree and Menorah were placed at the Field of Four Chaplains for everyone and relayed an important message.

"This tree is our collective tree," he said. "This tree is for the 30,000 Soldiers and civilians that are here at Fort Benning. We are a tight-knit family of hard workers with good senses of humor who come together in the tough times."

For the lighting portion of the ceremony, Yarbrough asked all the children in the audience to get into a line and hit the switch at the same time.

Soon after, Santa Claus rode up in a fire engine and the children chased after him into the Infantry Center Chapel Annex. In the annex, chaplain assistants dressed up as elves took photos of all the children with Santa.

After Benjamin Johnson, 4, got his picture taken with Santa, he went outside with his parents and looked at the Nativity set up next to the Christmas trees.

"Mommy, I really liked seeing Santa," Johnson said. "But where was Santa's sleigh?"

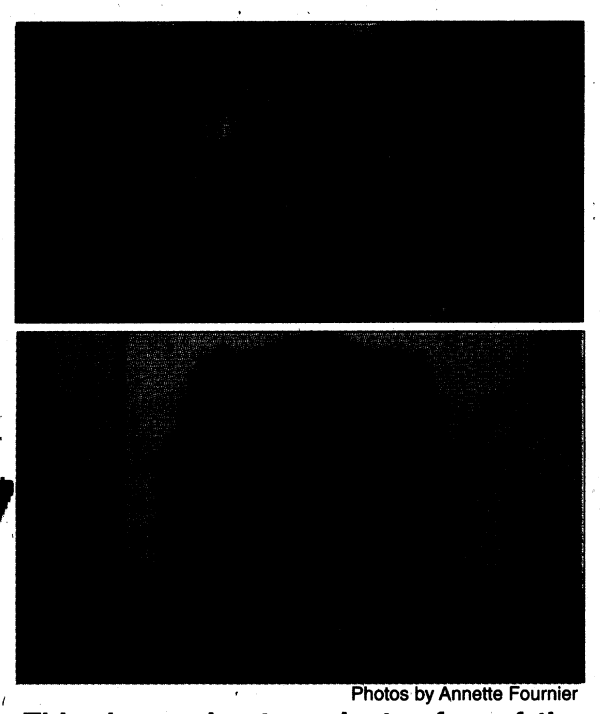




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Santa, Chap. (Maj.) Tom Waynick, and his elf, Daniel Waynick, pose for a photo with Leslie and Britney Diaz, above, after the Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting ceremony at the Field of Four Chaplains on Main Post Dec. 9. Benjamin Johnson, left, visits the Nativity set displayed outside the Infantry Center Chapel after he had his photo taken with Santa. His main concern was where Santa left his sleigh.

PETS OF THE WEEK



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Advent starts holiday season celebration

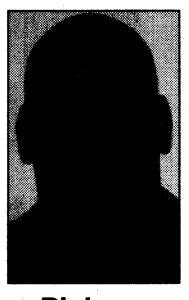
Chaplain (Capt.) Tommie Pickens
203rd Forward Support Battalion

REFLECTIONS

Long ago, before our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ became so intimately associated with elves, flying reindeer, jolly fat men in red suits and riotous shopping at the mall, the Christmas season was ushered in by an ancient tradition called Advent.

Let's not lose sight that the celebration of Advent and Christmas once appropriately focused on the sacrifice God made for us, and through that sacrifice, we can be assured the sacrifices we make here are not in vain.

The word "advent" has its roots in Latin, and means "a coming or an arrival." Specifically, Advent celebrates the time God chose to come down from glory and live among men.


Pickens

The arrival of Christ on earth is exciting, life-changing news that unfortunately gets eclipsed annually by a collective fit of unbridled consumerism.

Today, Advent is observed mostly by Catholics and some Protestant denominations. The Catholic church designates the four weeks prior to Christmas Day as Advent, which began Nov. 28.

The exact date of the first Advent celebration has been lost in the dark corners of antiquity.

We do know Advent then was different from the way it's celebrated today. Originally, Advent was a time of introspective prayer and fasting.

Around the fourth century, two major events occurred in the early church that irrevocably changed modern western thought about Advent and Christmas.

First, the emperor Constantine of Rome, who eased much of the earlier persecution against Christians, declared the birth of Jesus a national holiday. Also, Julius, bishop of Rome, set the date of that celebration to be Dec. 25.

To this day, the celebration of the Christ's birth turned from a time of solemn reflection and physical self-denial into a festive, celebratory season of feasting and revelry.

Where red and green are the colors associated with Christmas, Advent typically is adorned with purple.

As this season celebrating the first coming of Christ fast approaches, don't neglect to remember the promise of his second.

Tomorrow is not promised. The Bible reads, "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." (Thessalonians 5:2)

If there is anything you want to do for God or ask of God, seize the day, the hour, this very moment, to do it.

Jesus came as a lamb, and was slain as the perfect sacrifice so our sins and iniquity could be blotted out before God.

Know that our savior understands the sacrifices that we all make — both in our personal and professional lives, to keep our nation safe.

Don't let that sacrifice be in vain. Don't let it be too late. In these uncertain times of war, why not take the opportunity to stand solidly on the promise of his return?

Heed the call given in the Gospel of Matthew 24:44; "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Turn frenzy of 'holidaze' into calm, spiritual 'holidays'

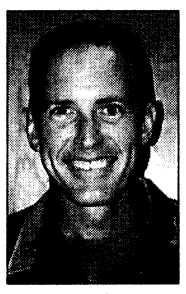
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

I was in the PX last night, and it was frightening. There he stood, trance-like, halfway between the discounted DVDs and the plastic singing Santa. He had a 5-year-old man-child attached at the end of his pinkie pulling valiantly toward a set of SpongeBob underwear and an infant girl squirming in his other arm crying loudly just because she could.

He was confused; he was perplexed. He had forgotten why he was there, what the season was all about and what his first name was.

There was no doubt about it — he had a bad case of the "holidaze."

Each year this seasonal reaction seems to strike an increasing number of unsuspecting Soldiers and their families.


Hawkins

Perhaps you've already experienced this tragedy yourself — if so, for you and the ones you love, there's hope.

If you're caught somewhere between school plays, church programs, Christmas card lists, cookie clubs and the ever expanding Christmas list, then grab a cup of cider, take a seat and prepare to deprogram your "holidaze" into genuine "holidays."

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Sounds like Jesus (You remember him, right? The one who the whole Christ-mas thing got named after) has a soft spot in his heart for people caught in a holidaze (or any other tough spot for that matter).

As Karen O'Connor wrote, "Merchants don't want you to rest. They want you to buy their goods. Bankers want to loan you money for shopping. Friends want you to come to their party. And family? If you rest, who'll prepare the meals and shop for gifts, organize the family get-together and pay for it all when the bills arrive?"

This holiday season, if you want something different in terms of your pace and your peace, then try something different.

What would it be like if you put others on notice that you, your spouse and your children are taking care of each other this year — giving the gift of each other to each other this year?

In the military, we refer to things that get in the way of the most important things as "training distractors."

What's getting in the way of the most important thing this Christmas season (focusing on the gift God gave Christ and the peace and hope that can bring to us all)?

Whatever it is, try this — write down every item or obligation this holiday season. With your spouse, read the list aloud together, then give it to God and let it go. He'll show you what's important and what isn't.

As invitations to social events and the like come in, compile them, talk them over with each other and then determine which enhance your main mission for the holidays and which are "training distractors."

Being honest with yourself and each other will help you make choices that work for both of you.

No one can do everything, and that's OK.

Need some personal coaching on turning the "holidaze" into the "holidays?" Come see me at the Chaplain Family Life Center in Soldier's Plaza or at 11 a.m. Sundays at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel on Kelley Hill or call 545-1760.

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill; Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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.	Mormon, Weaponeer Building, Sand Hill, Building 3954
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, Episcopalian, 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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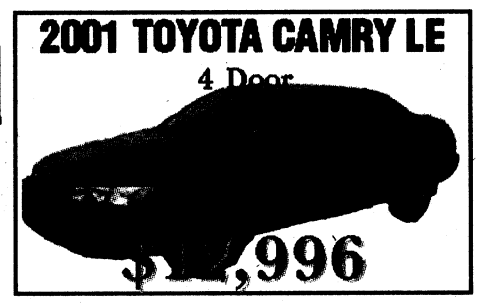
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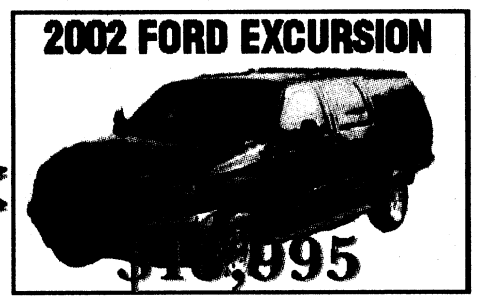


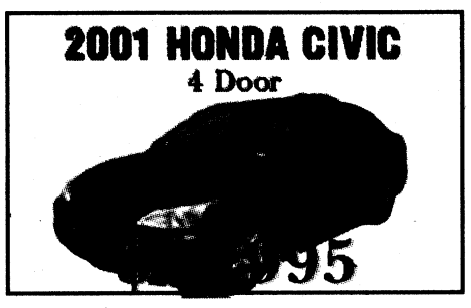


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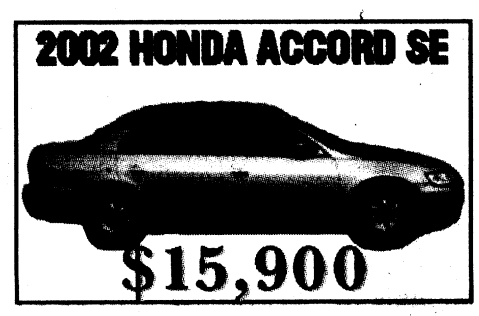
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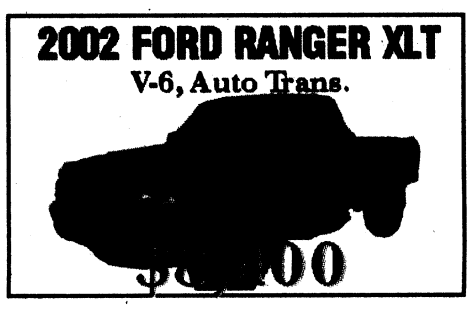
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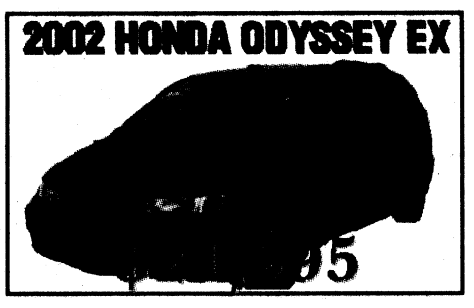
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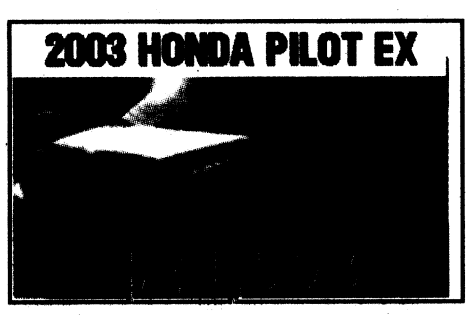
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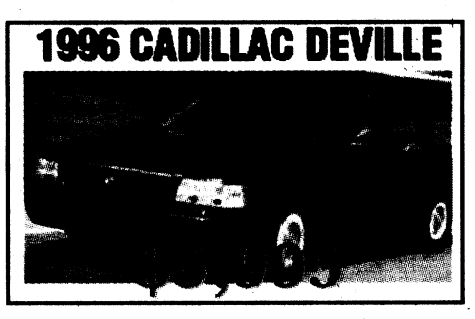


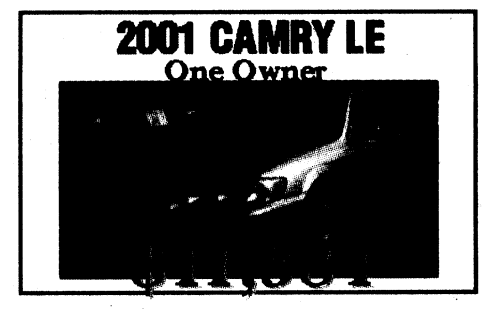


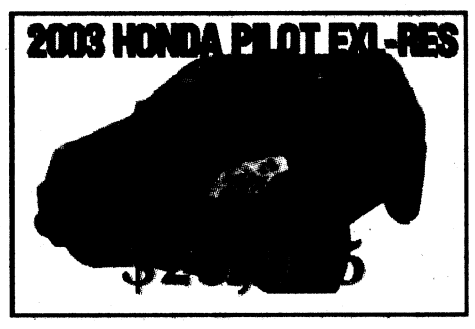


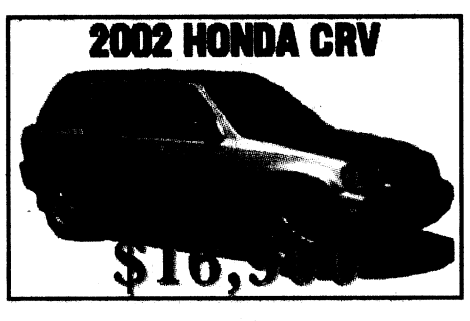




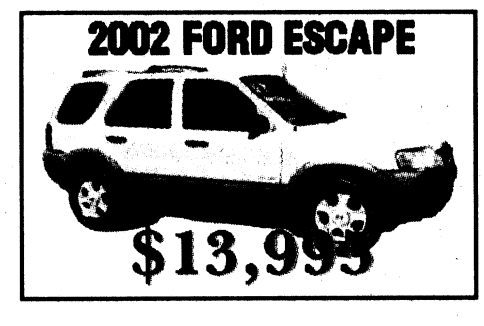














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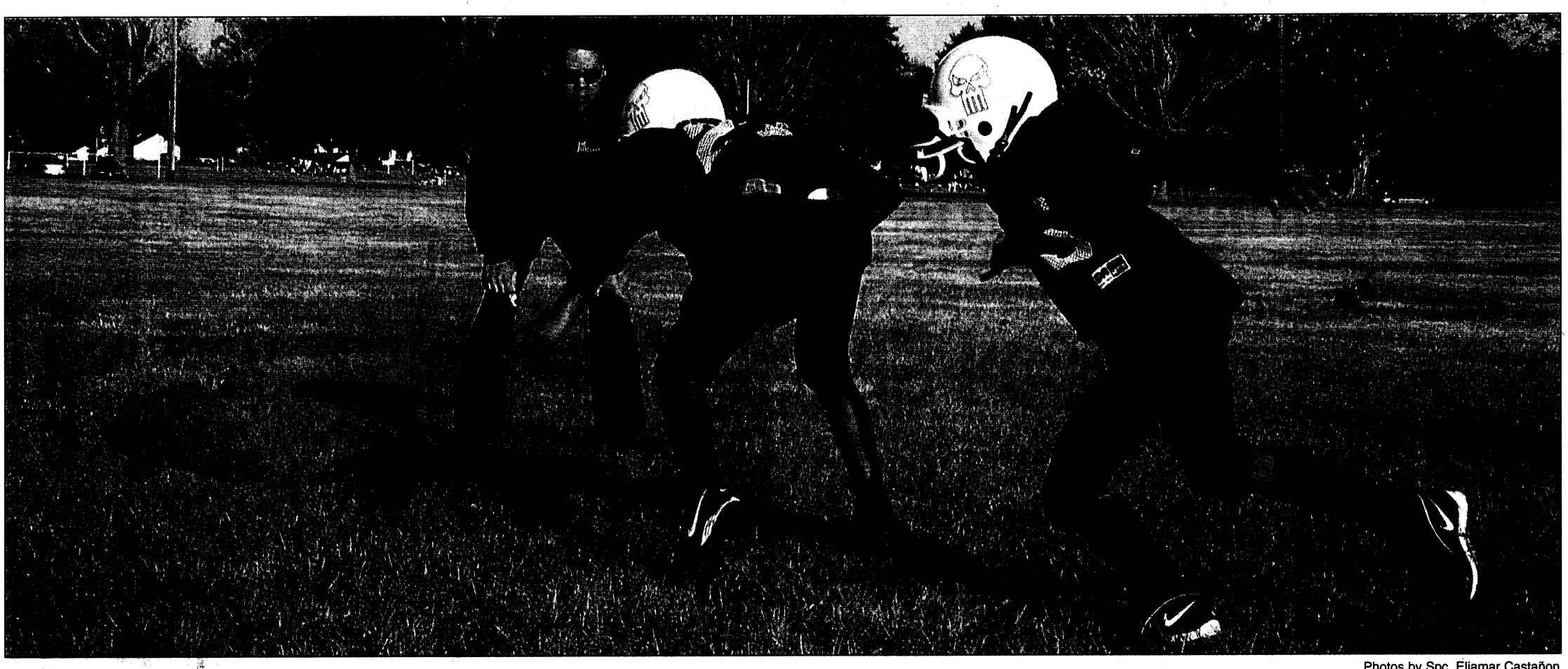
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SPORTS



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Capt. Christopher Curley, coach of the Punishers, leads drills before the Dec. 4 game. The team of 11- to 12-year olds finished the season, 8-0.

Coach makes Punishers undefeated

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
Bayonet staff

If you saw this coach at a game, you'd want to tell him to chill out, it's only a game. But Capt. Christopher Curley's strict attitude and sometimes over-the-top character is the reason the Punishers were undefeated this football season. The team of 11- to 12-year olds took the title Saturday against the Blazers, 48-18. They ended the season, 8-0.

"When the season started, I told the parents I was going to be hard on the kids, and I would yell if I needed to get their attention," Curley said.

Sgt. Demetria Peoples was initially surprised by Curley's methods.

"When I first saw him at practice, I was thrown off a little by the way he was with the kids, but my husband told me that it was football and that's what good coaches are supposed to be like," she said.

Peoples' husband, Alex, was impressed by Curley's emphasis on his players grades.

"He was very concerned with the kids having good grades while they were playing football," Alex said. "He told them grades come before football. He even gave an incentive — the kids who kept straight As would get to throw a pie in his face."

Curley began coaching youth basketball as a specialist stationed at Fort Polk, La., in 1989. Since then, he's coached football, basketball, baseball and softball. He's also refereed high school basketball games.

Curley said it's been a great experience. He's coached his own kids and grown closer to them in the process.

"It's all about the kids," he said. "Aside from getting to coach my own kids, I became a role model for other children. For me it's not only about what they do on the field, it's about being well rounded."

Curley wants his players to perform well on and off the field. When the season began, he scheduled practice once during the week and on weekends, so it wouldn't interfere with homework.

Practices began three weeks before the season, which was good considering Curley taught the kids to execute plays high school football teams run. By the time the season began, the kids knew football terminology and the fundamentals — blocking, tackling and execution.

"I was hard with them," Curley said. "I demanded respect, responsibility, execution and dedication. If they missed practice, they had to call me instead of their parents."

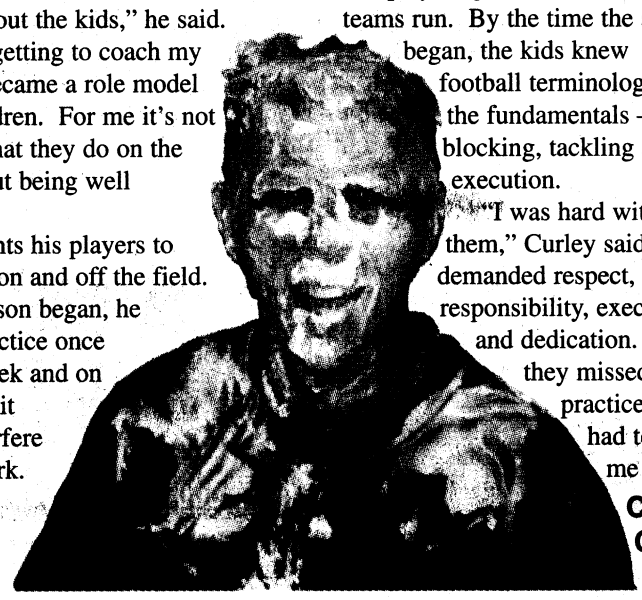
But, he said, he also gives them hugs, high fives and nicknames.

For the end of season banquet, Curley didn't ask parents for money to purchase the trophies or the food, said Christine Camden, team mom.

"He put everything together himself by gathering donations," Camden said. "He's been a great leader and teacher to the kids."

Cornelius Donald, running back for the Punishers, had straight As during the football season and got to throw a pie in Curley's face.

"He was tough but he was good," Donald said. "I don't think I'll ever have another coach like him again."



Cornelius Donald tossed a pie at Capt. Christopher Curley as a reward for earning all As.

Steroids plague athletes, tarnish sports records

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

New York Yankee Jason Giambi admitted last year that he used steroids.

You didn't have to hit me over the head with a corked bat to make me realize that. His gaunt appearance in the few games he played this year (80, and he only batted .208) was not the Giambi we've seen in the past.

In other words, he was a *regular* player.



Now slugger Barry Bonds, who broke 700 lifetime home runs this year, is saying he "unknowingly" took steroids.

Uh-huh.

Victor Conte, founder of BALCO, who distributed these steroids, recently said he watched Olympic five-time gold medalist Marion Jones inject herself with human growth hormone. He taught her how to do it correctly. Jones denies these charges.

Maybe I'm just a skeptic or a realist, but Conte has nothing to lose, so why lie?

Of course Jones and others are protecting themselves, because although they were granted immunity for their testimony, they can still be brought up on other charges.

That leaves the question as to why. I liken these athletes who have taken illegal steroids to the actors, actresses, models and Hollywood types who get Botox, implants and such to stay at the top of their game. There's always someone waiting in the wings to steal a role or break a record.

That doesn't make it right. Whatever happened to the good old days, when men played baseball because they loved the sport? When did it get so intense that athletes had to resort to illegal steroids?

In one word: money. Top players bring in the top bucks. Giambi signed a seven-year deal with the Yankees in 2002 for $120 million, the sixth-highest deal in baseball history. Athletes know the better they are, the more money they get.

Is money worth the irreparable damage caused by steroids?

Giambi was out most of the season this year with various ailments, including a benign tumor in his pituitary gland.

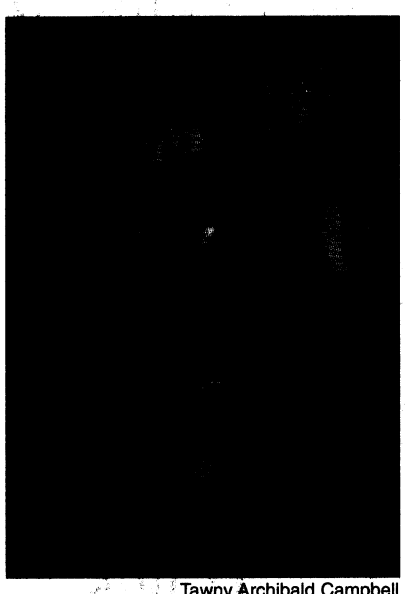
He testified that he *might* have used the drug Clomid, a female fertility drug. Medical experts say Clomid can aggravate a pituitary tumor.

Testing for drugs, including steroids, needs to be rigorous for all athletes, and not just during the season. Stiff penalties should be handed to those caught using.

Athletes are not above the law.

Sure, records are made to be broken, but not with performance-enhancing steroids. Any record broken, any milestone set, should be taken with a grain of salt.

The next time I watch a baseball game (hurry up April!) I'll be wondering, along with the rest of the nation, "Is that a legitimate homerun?"



Tawny Archibald Campbell

The Bulls Dustin Boyette tries for a touchdown.

Undefeated Dawgs leave Bulls seeing red

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

One touchdown was all it took to drive the Road Dawgs to the next round of the playoffs and put an end to the Bulls championship dreams.

The 104th Transportation Company's Road Dawgs beat the Bravo Bulls of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 8-0, in flag football, Dec. 7 at Engineer Field.

The only touchdown of the night happened in the first few minutes of play.

The Bulls made the first three runs but were stopped short by a strong Dawg defense.

In an attempt to put space between the Dawgs and their goal, the Bulls chose to punt. It landed in the able hands of the Dawgs defensive back, Marcus Williams, who sugar-stepped his way past the Bulls for a 50-yard run and a goal.

To pour salt on the wound, Curtis Simmons slipped the ball to Kevin Smith for the conversion, putting the Dawgs on the board, 8-0.

"We just blocked well and opened up holes, and Williams just ran straight through," said the Dawgs coach, Antonio Miller.

"(The Bulls) had a few guys who could have stopped the play, but (Williams) just shook them and kept on going."

The Bulls coach agreed the punt return was the play that made the game.

"We had two dropped passes in the end zone, and they returned a punt on us," Clayton Coleman said. "It was a defensive game the whole time."

Both teams had several chances to score, but the defense turned up the heat each time.

The Bull's Leon Johnson had the best chance to score after the half, when he made a 24-yard run to put the ball within 15 yards of the goal line. Two attempts to run the ball and a failed pass led to a turnover and a Dawg possession.

The Dawgs pushed their way to within four yards of their line, with the help of a 10-yard run from Simmons. They were stopped cold on a quarter-back sack.

The Bull's Dustin Boyette dashed down the field, gaining about 20 yards, but the Dawgs defense was impenetrable.

With four seconds left in the game, the Dawgs took a knee and waited for the Bulls season to slip away.

At 11-0, the Dawgs are the only undefeated team in league. The Bulls season ended 9-4.

Championship games start at 1:30 p.m. today at Doughboy Stadium.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Paintball parties — Birthday parties are available at the Paintball Park for $20 per child with 10 or more children. This includes 200 rounds of paint, a sandwich, chips and drink.

With at least 150 players, units can use the park for $25 per person for 500 rounds. Unit or training funds can be used.

For more information, call 405-9777 or 267-5038.

Basketball — CYS Basketball registration ends Dec. 30. Sign up from 8 a.m. until noon at Building 359. Call 545-2079 to register after noon. For more information, call 545-3582.

CYS registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do, gymnastics, wrestling and Raks Sharki Oriental dance.

The dance will be held at Building 1055 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration for gymnastics continues from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 545-2079.

Late Night Basketball — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness hosts Late Night Basketball for high schoolers the second Friday of the month at the YS gym, Building 1055. Teams must be formed by 8 p.m. game night. School teams are not allowed.

For more information, call 545-3540 after 3 p.m.

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World Wrestling — See the WWE at the Columbus Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. today. Military personnel can purchase a ticket at the box office for $10. Regular prices are $20 to $40. Purchase tickets at the box office, Ticketmaster outlets or call 494-8330.

Columbus Riverdragons — The Riverdragons will play Roanoke at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Civic Center. For more information, call 653-4472.

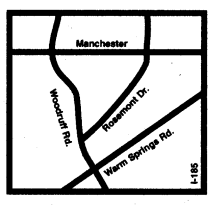
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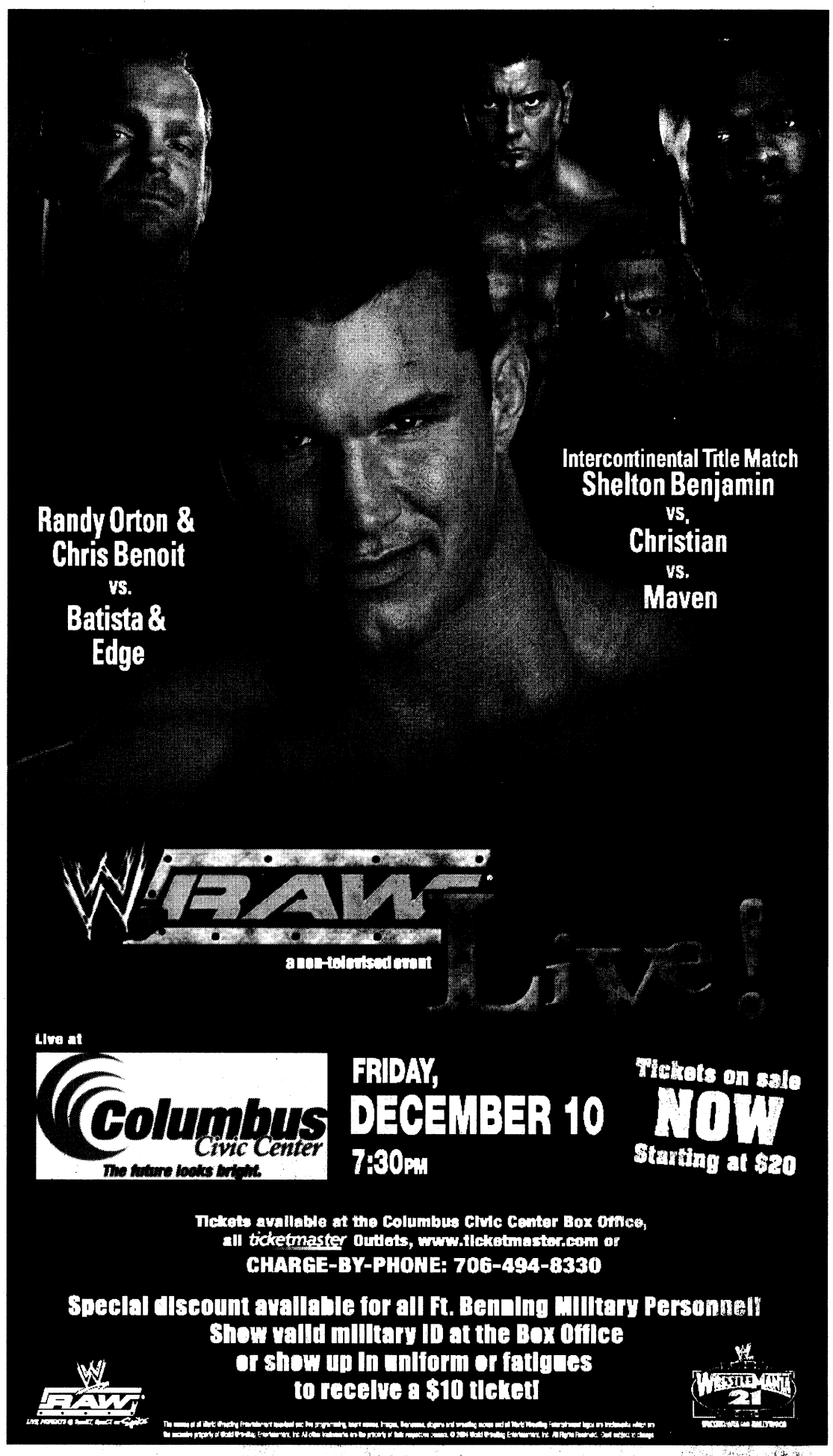
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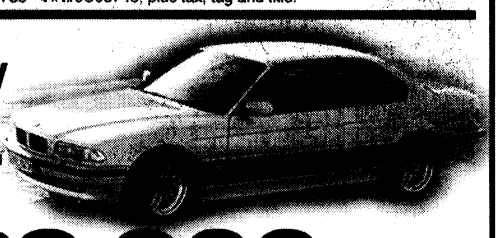
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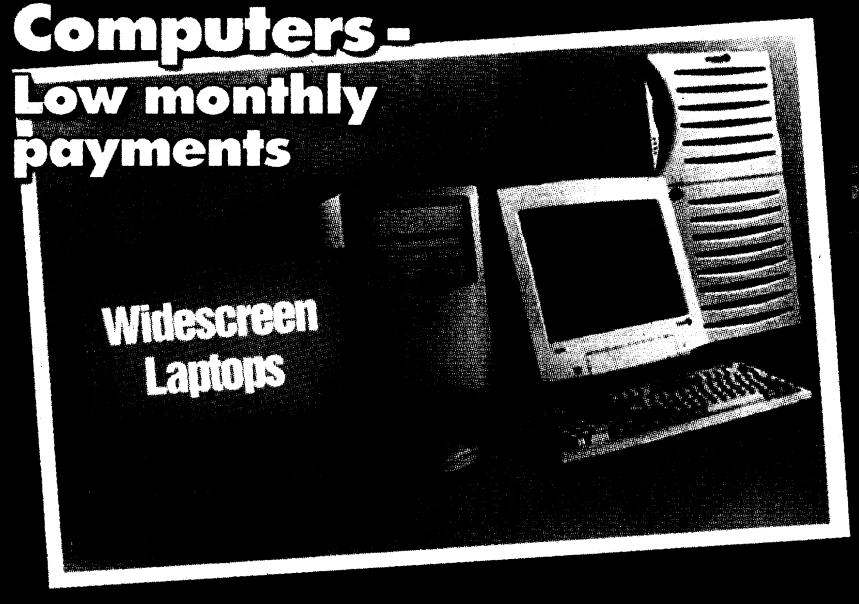
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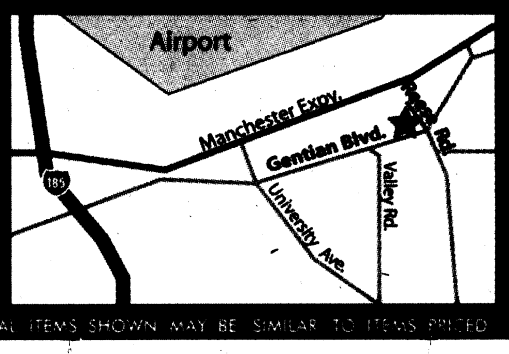
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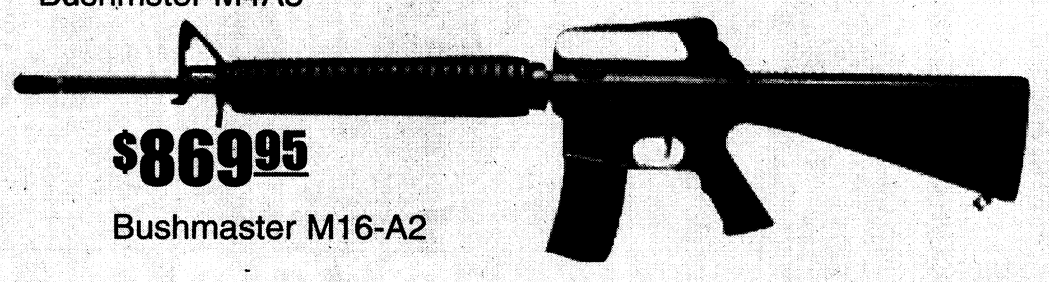
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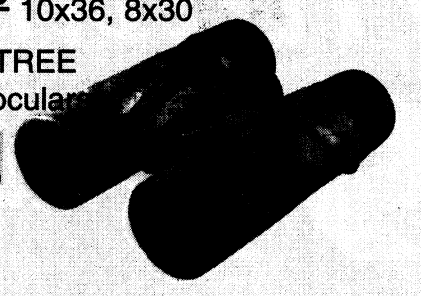
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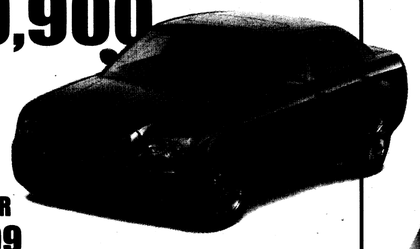
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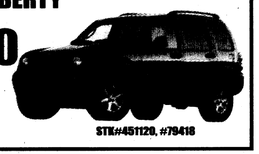
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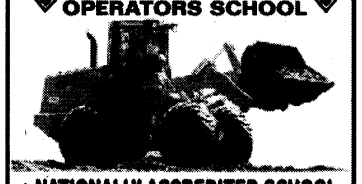
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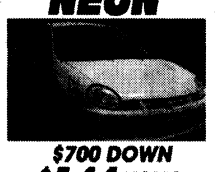
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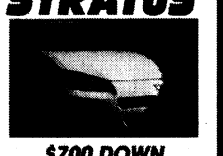
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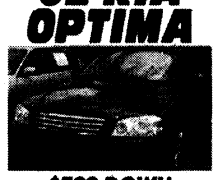
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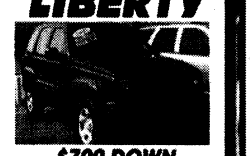
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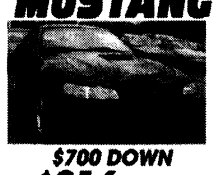
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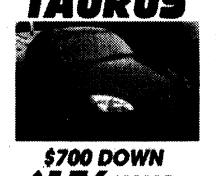
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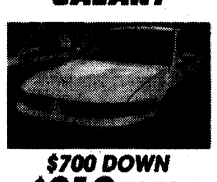
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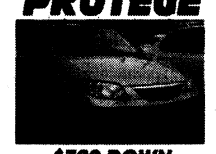
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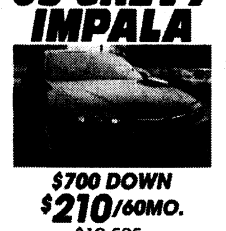
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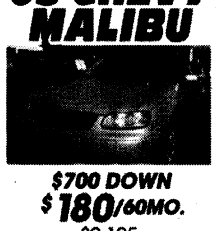
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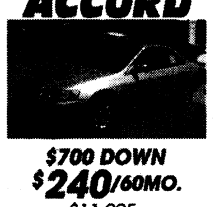
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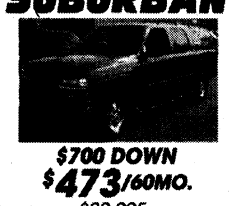
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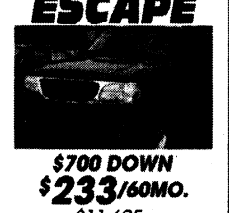
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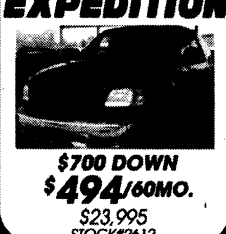
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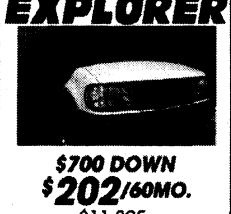
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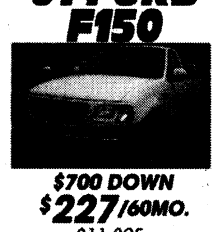
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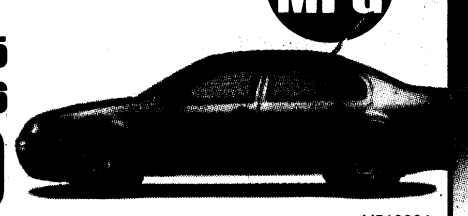
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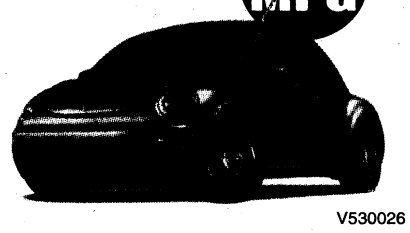
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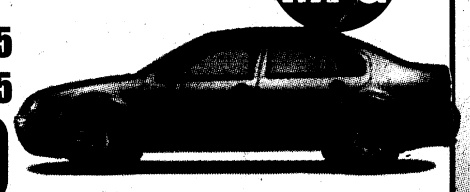
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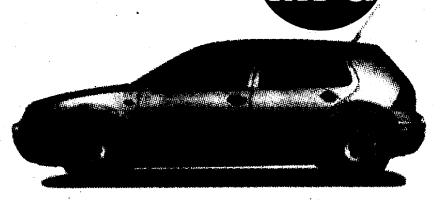
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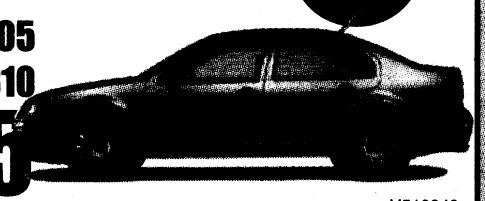
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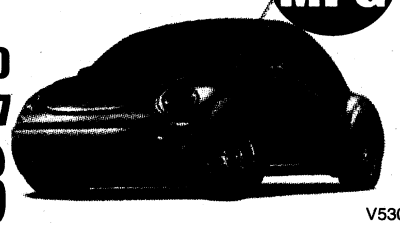
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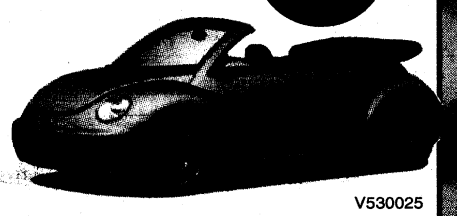
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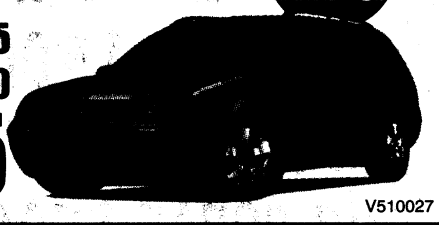
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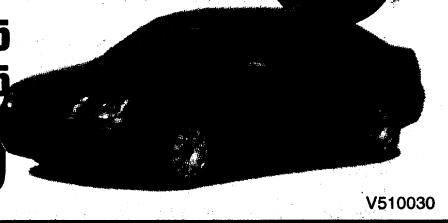
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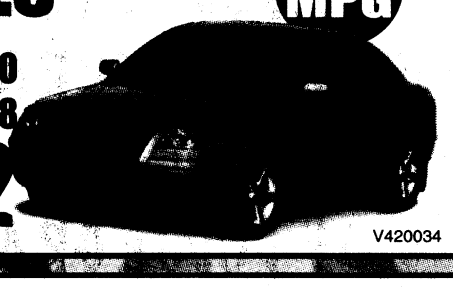
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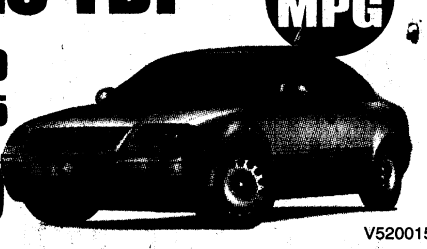
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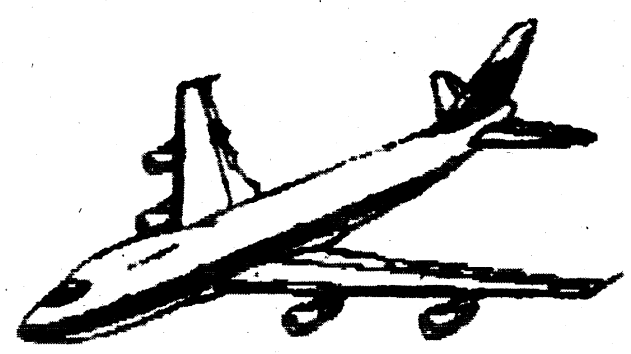
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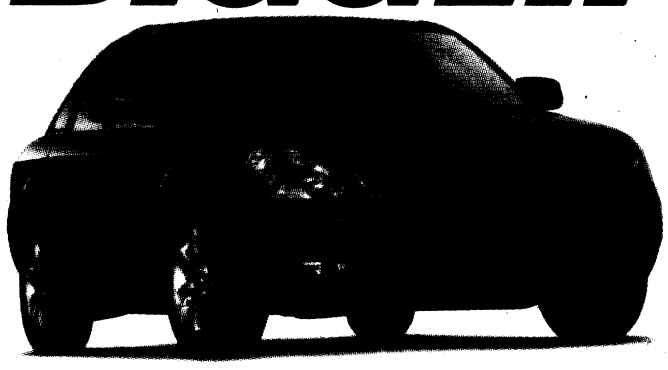
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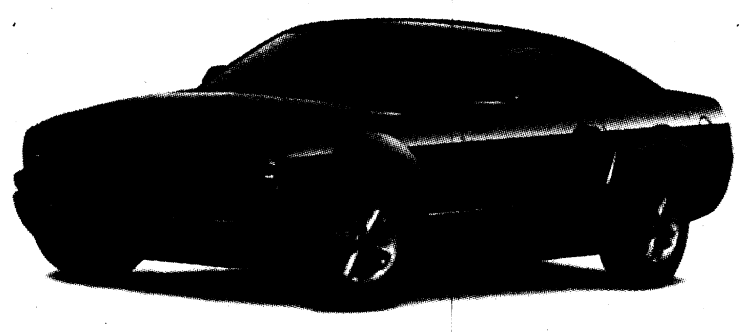
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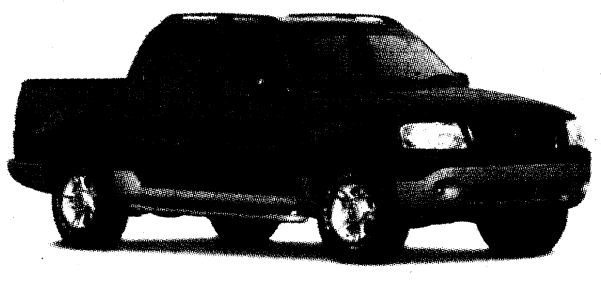
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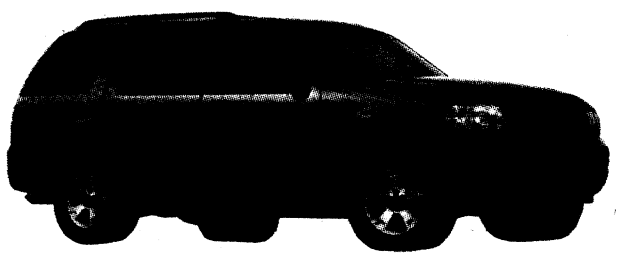
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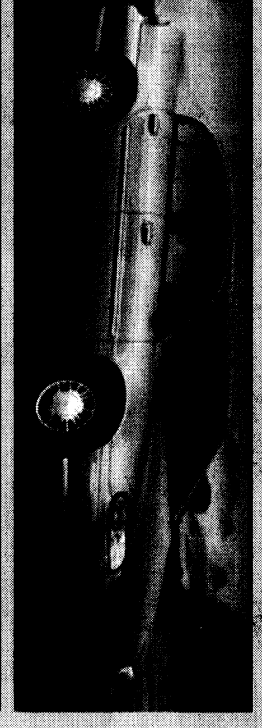
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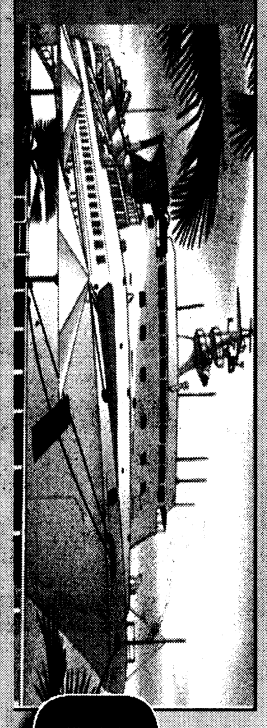
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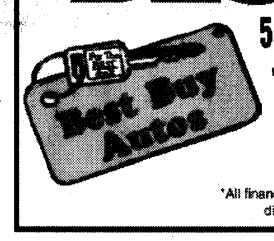
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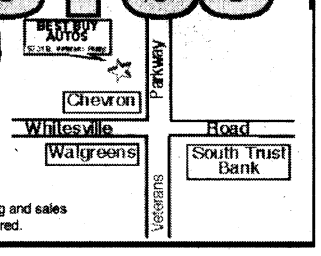
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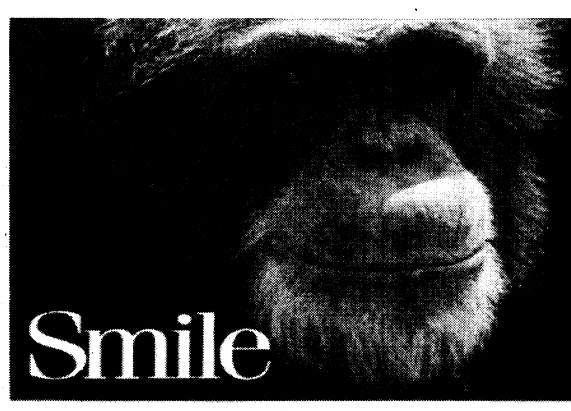
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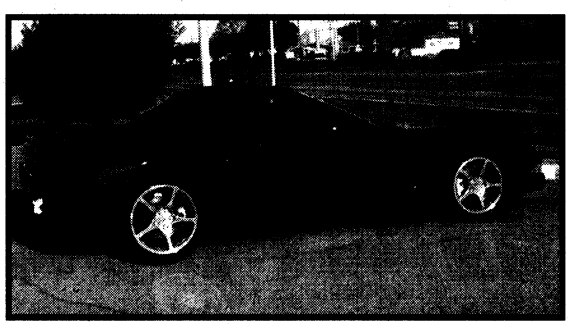
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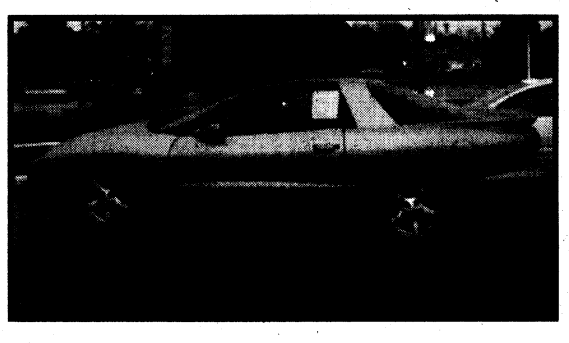
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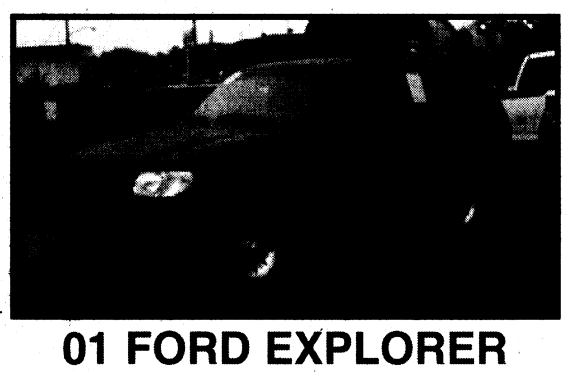
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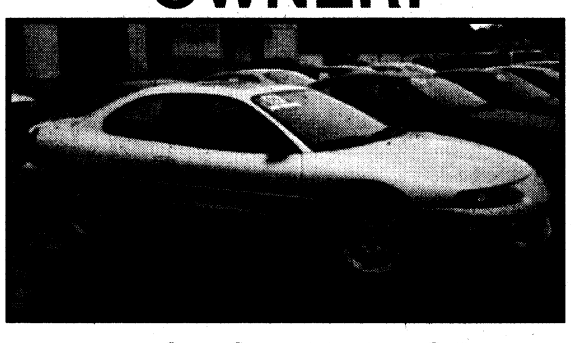
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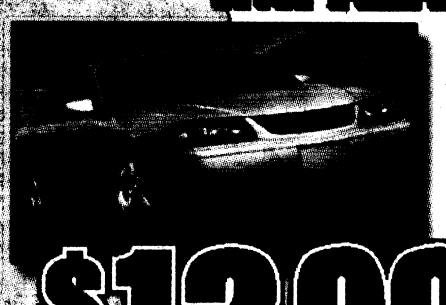
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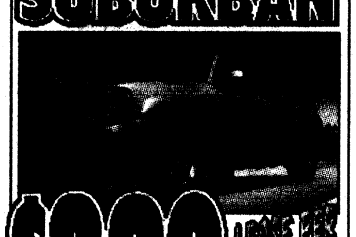
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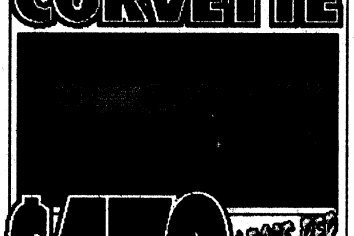
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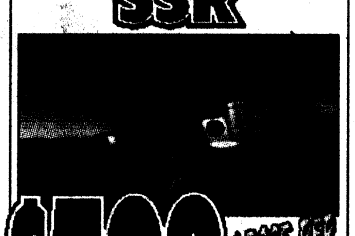
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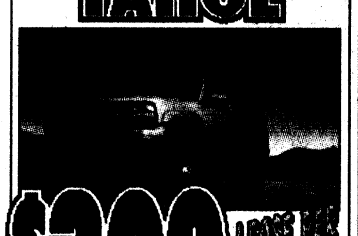
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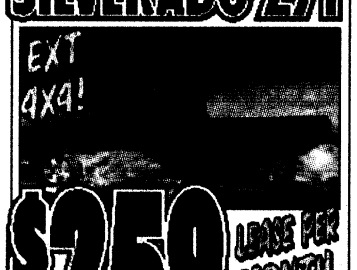
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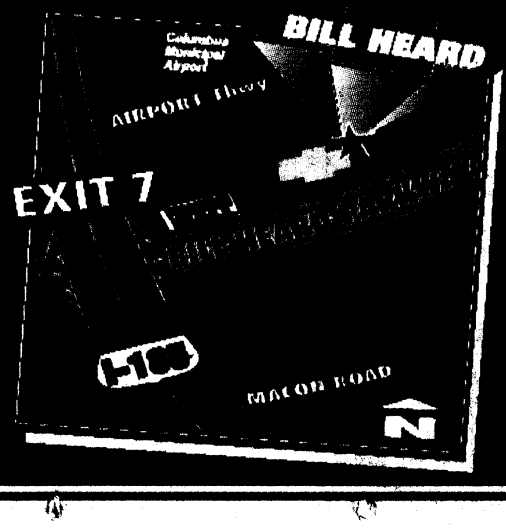
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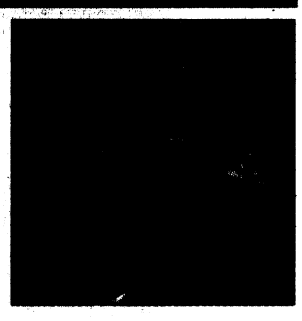
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598th mounts up, rolls out

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
Bayonet staff

There were many hugs and tears Dec. 10 when the Soldiers of the 598th Maintenance Company left Fort Benning for Iraq with orders for 365 days or until the mission is completed.

"(Saying goodbye) is the hardest part of what you have to do," said Col. James Brooks, commander of the 36th Engineer Group. "The Army has given you the best equipment it has available. To all the family members present, just so you know, that's the newest improved body armor, protective eyewear, and desert clothing. The job these Soldiers will be executing is an important job."

Brooks said the 598th will provide direct and general level maintenance support to units working in the Baghdad area. One of their missions may be to help with the add-on armor program for vehicles already in theater.

"They did it for our own vehicles, they're going to do it for themselves, and they're going to do it for the vehicles overseas," Brooks said.

Brooks said the Soldiers of the 598th have been preparing for this deployment for the past six months. They focused their maintenance efforts on getting their equipment in good shape and building ring mounts for their Humvees. Also, the Soldiers trained on individual and crew-served weapons proficiency, convoy live fires, first aid, land navigation, and other basic soldier skills.

The MOS part of the Soldiers training is done on an everyday basis, Brooks said. The Soldiers

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Spc. Eliamar Castañon

Spc. Alberto Newcomb says goodbye to his 7-month-old son, Javier, before leaving for Iraq with the 598th Maintenance Company.

'Boar' house offers sanctuary

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Necessity is the mother of invention, at least, it was for "Battle Boar" Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment.

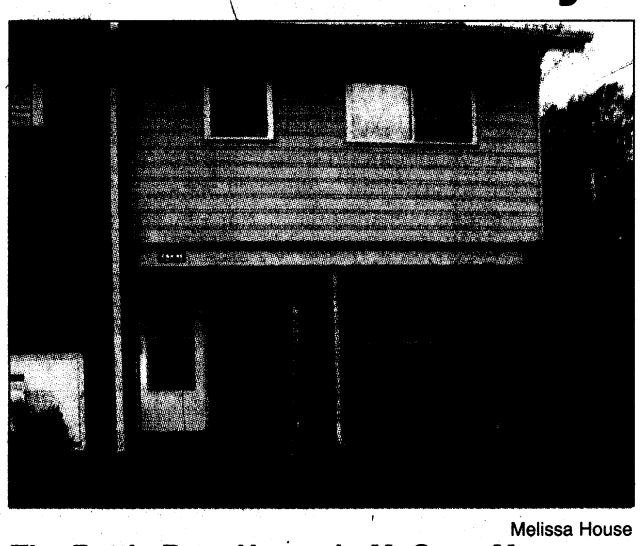
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Its purpose — to provide free lodging for the families of Soldiers who may need to come to Fort Benning while the unit is deployed next year.

1st Lt. Virgil Dwyer, the 1st Bn., 30th Regt. rear detachment commander, said the idea for the house originated in July during the rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. During the rotation, a Battle Boar Soldier sustained a serious head injury and required round-the-clock observation. The Soldier, Dwyer said, was not married, so his mother came from Florida to care for him.

"She didn't have the financial means to stay in guest housing or in a hotel for an extended period of time," Dwyer said. "And we weren't going to put her in the barracks with him."

So the battalion went to the post's garrison commander, Col. Rick Riera, asking for permission to sign for an empty set of quarters to use for emergencies. Riera agreed, and the Battle Boar House was underway.



Melissa House

The Battle Boar House in McGraw Manor.

During the past months, the battalion's Soldiers and spouses have put a many man-hours into completely renovating, refurbishing, and decorating the house. Dwyer estimates there are a good 400-500 volunteer hours in the project.

"The house did not look like this when we started," Dwyer told visitors. "Everything in here was donated by businesses in the community and the work on the house was done by Soldiers." A photo collage in the foyer shows what the house looked like when

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Post to farewell 3rd BCT

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

A send-off ceremony for 3rd Brigade Combat Team will be held Jan. 7 at 4:00 p.m. in Doughboy Stadium, in preparation for their return to Iraq in mid-January.

The ceremony will feature up-and-coming country singer, David Staton, who will perform his song, "Godspeed" in a free concert to thank troops for their service.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley and special guests will deliver remarks, and the Command Parachute Jump Team, the Silver Wings, will jump carrying to the U.S. flag and 3rd Brigade's colors. They will present the colors and flag to 3rd Brigade commander, Col. Steven L. Salazar.

"This ceremony is very important to our community so we can acknowledge and thank our Soldiers and their families," said Chuck Walls, the garrison manager.

"It's important to the families of the Soldiers leaving. The spouses and kids can look around at the other families there and remember that they're not alone. We want to tell our Soldiers, we will be here when you get back and we will take

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Mist snuffs out student sniffles

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

With the shortage of flu vaccines this year, the only people eligible are high risk patients, including the very young, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems due to certain medical conditions.

But Soldiers at Sand Hill and Officer Candidate School will receive the FluMist vaccination between now and June.

The Soldiers are receiving the vaccine because they live communally and could be contagious for several days before exhibiting symptoms, spreading the virus to other trainees and cadre, said Maj. Darlene Burns, chief of Preventive Medicine with MEDDAC. Soldiers are also under stress both physically and mentally, endure rigorous training and adverse conditions that weaken the immune system making them more susceptible to illness, Burns said.

The nasal-spray flu vaccine, called LAIV, for live attenuated influenza vaccine, was licensed in 2003. Commercially sold as FluMist, it's different from other vaccines because it is administered by nasal spray rather than injection.

The LAIV contains three different live, weakened live influenza viruses, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. When the body

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Raise the regifting bar

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office



Regifting. Taking that lurid chartreuse scarf that Aunt Martha sent you for your birthday, rewrapping it and passing it on to your sister-in-law for a birthday gift.

Or maybe it's a set of kitchen towels from your cousin that end up at the office Christmas party as your contribution to the "Secret Santa" gift exchange.

Whatever. You know what I'm talking about and you know who you are.

Personally, I have no issues with regifting. I do think that unless the item is an antique and supposed to be old, you should only be passing on new things — something you would have liked to have if you could stand the color, aroma, taste or whatever. Hopefully the person you are passing the gift to likes the color, aroma or taste.

But maybe it's time we raised the regifting bar.

We are fortunate enough to live in a country where excess is almost the norm. So this year, when you are opening your gifts and are blessed with more underwear and pajamas, and your stocking has yet another manicure kit in it, think about this.

Soldiers recovering from injuries they sustained fighting to keep the bad guys "over there" could put your extra stuff to good use.

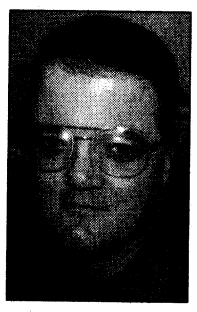
Save one of the shipping boxes arriving on your doorstep this week. On Dec. 26, let's bring back Boxing Day. The stuff you got as gifts that you don't really need? The underwear, sweatpants, stationery, hard candy, nail clippers, crossword puzzle books?. Box it up. Add a book of stamps and a phone card or two to the lot and regift the stuff.

Send it to the heroes at Medical Family Assistance Center, Walter Reed Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20307-5001.

Done right, regifting doesn't have to be your dirty little secret any more.

Help wanted: Wife shopper

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
USAIC Public Affairs Office



For most of the world, there is only one week of shopping left before Christmas. For most men, the shopping season doesn't open for another week. For my fellow shoppers who will be slugging it out in the trenches on Christmas Eve — good luck, keep your head down and may God have mercy on your soul Christmas Day when the woman in your life opens the gifts from you.

It does sound hopeless, and it is. But, I offer this advice in an effort to keep your stay in the doghouse as short as possible. After all, have you checked the temperature out there lately?

First, no clothes! And, in case you're considering it, no clothes! Women's clothes are just way too complicated a purchase to even consider. There are thousands of designers, sizes, colors, and styles that will not look good on your lady or will have her accuse you of thinking she is fat. You'd have better luck winning the Mega Millions lottery. I'm sorry. I didn't make the rules. It's just the way it is. Lingerie is good, but like all good things, there has to be some moderation.

Anything advertised with "as seen on TV" is also a bad choice, as well as household appliances or anything for the house. No. The homemade coupons are also a bad idea. And, there is no way you will be able to convince her that power tool you've been wanting is actually a great gift for her.

I know that doesn't leave a whole lot. So you are going to need some help. If you have an older daughter or know a friend of your lady, pump her for information and enlist her help. Bribe her if you must. We are not playing anymore.

Money is always safe, though not very thoughtful. Gift cards are better. And for goodness sake, keep the receipts! Your lady is going to need them to get full credit when she returns everything.

Offer to drive her around the day after Christmas to make those returns. You'll get out of the doghouse and into a warm vehicle with your lady and may even score some lunch. For extra credit, buy her something expensive she sees.

You'll be in my prayers. And if you find yourself in my neighborhood, how about bringing me a blanket.

Tips erase holiday stresses

Dr. Bernard Davidson
MCG Health System

The holidays are meant to be a fun, special time enjoyed and shared with family and friends. But all too often, the pressures of gift-giving, entertaining and travel can take a toll, causing unneeded stress and marring the pleasure of the holiday season.

So how can you keep stress at bay? The following steps can help you manage holiday stress.

• Recognize the facts. If you know you are prone to depression and anxiety, recognize that holiday stresses could cause these feelings to escalate. Be sure to take appropriate measures to ease stress, such as setting aside "me" time for enjoying a relaxing bath, a soothing cup of tea or reading a book. It's also important to maintain a regular exercise regimen, and moderate eating and drinking during the holidays. You will feel much better for it once the holidays are over.

• Stay organized. Procrastination — whether related to shopping or party planning — makes tasks seem even tougher. Try to make a plan to accomplish what you need to do during the holidays and stick to it.

• Get the timing right. Battling crowds in stores and on the roads can lead to frustration, anger and stress. Instead, take advantage of early hours at malls and other stores to get shopping done before work, and benefit from no crowds and no lines. If you are traveling, try to leave as early as possible to avoid holiday traffic jams and make sure you carry food, water, CDs and an emergency kit.

• Remember the holidays are not about everything being perfect. Think about past holidays. Weren't the most memorable moments the ones that were not perfectly scripted or posed? So relax and focus on the real meaning of the season-cherished moments with family and friends.

Editor's note: *Some of the agencies available to help with holiday stress and problems are Chaplain Services, Army Community Services, Behavioral Health, Social Work Services and the Financial Readiness Programs.*

Undersecretary says farewell



It has been a great honor and privilege for me to serve as the Undersecretary of the Army for the past three years and concurrently, for the past 18 months, as the Acting Secretary of the Army.

Our nation's greatness was achieved by generations of Americans who have served their country with honor. From your grandparents who fought and won the Second World War and assured freedom for South Korea, to your parents who served our nation in Vietnam and in the Cold War, in Panama and Desert Storm, to today's conflicts, the courage and sacrifices demonstrated by American Soldiers remain the foundation of our Army.

Soldiering is an affair of the heart, and it is that spirit, that fundamental commitment to volunteer, to place the nation's needs above one's own, that makes our Soldiers the best in the world today. Your professionalism, dedication, and valor are the hallmarks of the values our Army has upheld for over 229 years of service to our nation.

I am immensely proud of what our Army has accomplished during the past three years. Our Army has carried the heaviest burden in fighting this Global War on Terror. Soldiers have set two nations — Iraq and Afghanistan — on the path to democracy and economic recovery. Less than 12 months since we first rotated our combat formations in Iraq, the Army, for the second time, is executing the most massive movement of troops and equipment seen since WWII. And, even as we continue to take the fight to our nation's enemies and improve the quality of life for our Soldiers' families, our Army continues transforming its training, organization, and equipment.

Our Army is far more than people and equipment — it is made of men and women with hopes and dreams, a passionate commitment to the ideals of freedom and the willingness to fight for those ideals. But freedom is not free! And in today's War on Terror, some of our Soldiers have lost their lives, and many have been wounded. I have had the honor of visiting many of these wounded Soldiers, and I am always moved by their unanimous expressions of dedication, their commitment to service, and their desire to return to their units and comrades-in-arms. I'm equally touched by the tremendous commitment displayed by their families, and the support that they provide.

When we talk of service and sacrifice, we must never forget the wives, husbands, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, and other loved ones who stand behind our Soldiers. Their unconditional love and their steadfast loyalty to our Soldiers are invaluable in every aspect of what our Army does. The devotion and support of our Army families represent all that we fight for and all that we hold dear.

It has been my honor to represent the wonderful men and women who volunteer to be a part of the Army — and their families as well. The nation will be eternally indebted to you for your service and sacrifice.

God bless each of you, God bless the United States Army, and God bless this wonderful nation we all love and so proudly serve.

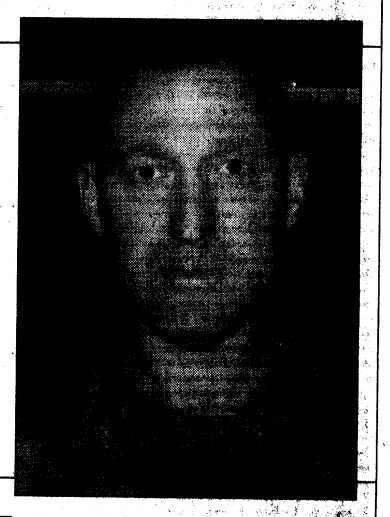
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Undersecretary of the Army

VARIOUS VOICES

What is your favorite holiday tradition?



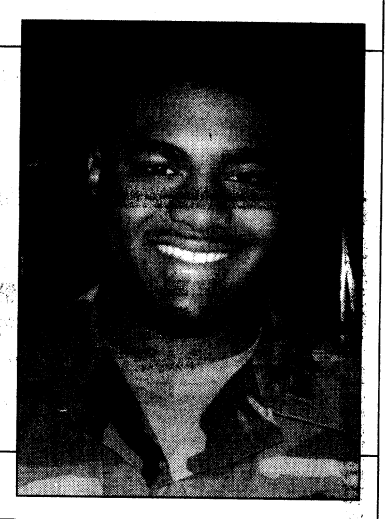
Joyce Hudson, family member — "My favorite tradition is cooking Christmas dinner for my family. I make a turkey and a ham with pineapple on it, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, pies and fruitcake. It's special because I make it for the people I love."



Staff Sgt. Michael Petsch, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "When I was a kid, my favorite traditions were the presents and the tree. But now I go to Mass to celebrate the birth of Jesus, because Christmas for my family isn't about Frosty or Santa. It's about the birth of Christ."



Danielle Westlake, family member — "My favorite tradition is when we open the presents. You get to see everyone's happy faces when they see what they got. It's fun to give presents to my sisters and parents, but I love getting them too!"



2nd Lt. Quincy Manzey, 36th Engineer Group — "When I was a kid, my family and all my aunts, uncles and cousins went to my grandmother's house for Christmas. The whole house would be full of presents and food. Now my family doesn't get together like we used to."



Patricia Medeiros, family member — "Decorating the tree is my favorite tradition, because my kids, husband and I do it together. My daughter always puts the angel on top."



Pfc. Angel Lopez, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment — "I love the food my family makes at Christmas. We have a Puerto Rican dish, candied rice. And we wait for the whole family to open gifts. It's not the same if someone is not there."

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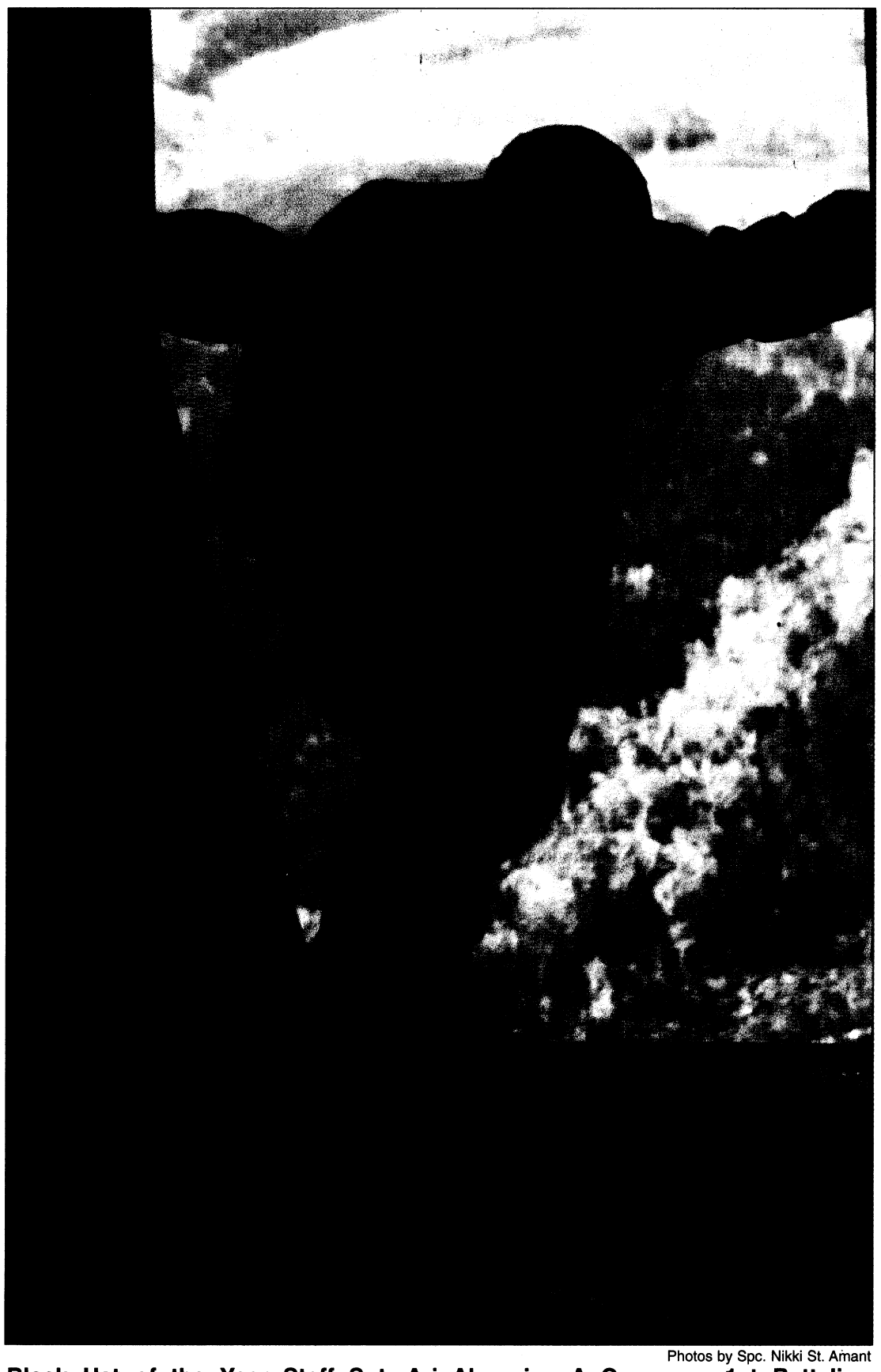
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Black Hat of the Year Staff Sgt. Ari Abenojar, A Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, looks out for Fryar Drop Zone from the troop door of a C-17 Globemaster during a jump Tuesday morning.



Staff Sgt. Ari Abenojar, the Black Hat of the Year, goes through safety procedures as Airborne students make their way to the door before making their third jump.

Black Hat free-falls into 2004 top spot

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Staff Sgt. Ari Abenojar didn't want to compete in the Airborne School's Black Hat of the Year competition. He didn't think he had a chance to win when he was ordered to go ahead and represent his company anyway. So when he was notified that he was selected as the Sergeant Airborne of Sergeants Airborne for the year, he was shocked.

"From day one, I never thought I was going to win," the Stockton, Calif., native said. "I didn't want to do it, was told to do it, but I went out there and gave it my best."

So why would A Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, pick a guy who wasn't interested in competing to represent the unit in the Superbowl of Airborne School? Because the Black Hat of the Year from last year dropped Abenojar's name in the first sergeant's lap.

"I work with him day in and day out, so I see his work ethic," said fellow black hat Staff Sgt. Shawn Nevius. "And, honestly, I felt he was professional enough and intelligent enough to put the level of effort into it that it requires to come out the winner."

Nevius didn't volunteer Abenojar for the job and then walk away. The outgoing champ mentored the champ-to-be through the whole competition, turned over his personal study guides and gave an insider's view of the events that make up the challenge.

"It paid off," Nevius said. "Alpha has won three out of the last four years."

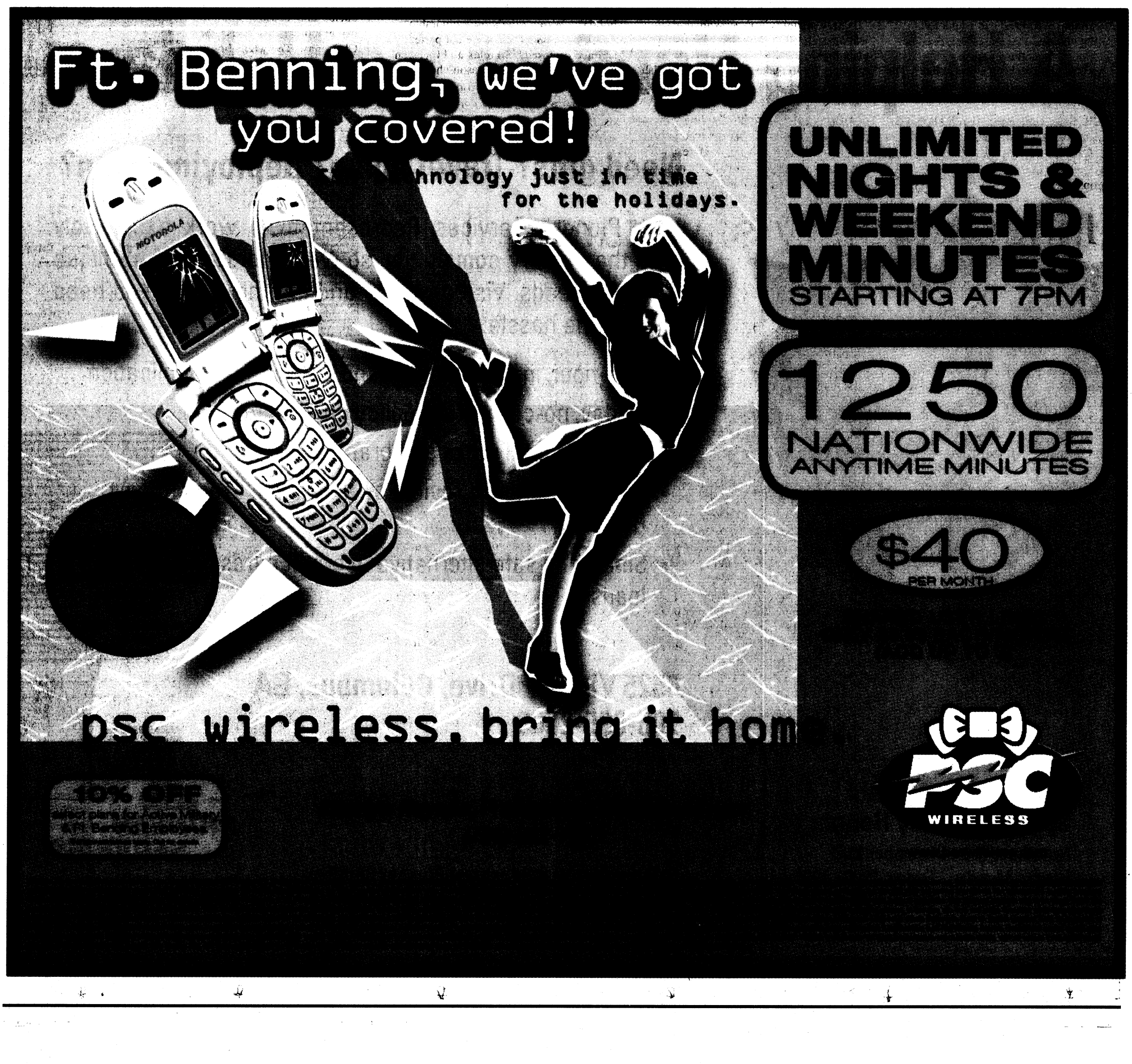
Winning the competition and continuing the trend set by his unit brought more than just bragging rights, said Abenojar. The gift certificates, cash and plaques awarded to the winner were nice, but coming out on top was about a lot more.

"You really put a lot of time and effort into it and you go up against the best black hats in Airborne School," he said. "When you win, you represent the whole instructor base."

The title also assures the seven-year veteran something he has only dreamed of until now — a slot at the Army's High Altitude Low Opening school.

The course is usually available only to Special Forces and Rangers.

"HALO is what anybody who is anybody and airborne qualified ever wants," Abenojar said. "To experience that free-fall feeling."



Involved leadership can decrease AWOL offenses

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has prosecuted more than 60 Soldiers for going AWOL and desertion since Jan. 1.

General and special courts-martial for AWOLs of 30 days or longer were held for 15 Soldiers. Each of these Soldiers received confinement and a bad conduct or dishonorable discharge. Confinement in some cases was up to two years. Another 25 Soldiers received 30 days confinement and an other than honorable discharge. In lieu of courts martial, 12 Soldiers received adverse administrative discharges. Many more received punishments at Article 15 proceedings.

AWOL offenses during time of war are taken very seriously, said Maj. Josh Shuey, chief of Criminal Law with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Soldiers often tell the court that stress, substance abuse, relationship problems and financial problems were their reasons for going AWOL, Shuey said. Most Soldiers do not understand that going AWOL will not solve any problems, Shuey said.

"A lot of these Soldiers are dealing with problems and they made bad choices because they didn't know what else to do," Shuey said.

"Many Soldiers don't take advantage of the support outlets that can help them deal with their problems," said Staff Judge Advocate Col. Lyle Cayce. "Using the open door policy to let your chain of command know about the problem is a great first step."

Also available to help are Army Substance Abuse Program education and counseling, chaplain services, Army Family Advocacy Program, Community Mental Health Services Social Work Service and Budget counseling through the Financial Readiness Program.

"Units that have active, involved leaders who know about the problems of their Soldiers have lower AWOL rates," Cayce said.

"Obviously when a Soldier goes AWOL during war, whatever the reason, he subjects himself to increased punishments," Cayce said. "Commanders are rightly concerned of the impact that AWOL has on the unit's mission and its ability to perform in combat."

"We will continue to prosecute Soldiers who go AWOL because it serves to reduce the number of Soldiers who commit this offense. Going AWOL doesn't solve any problems." Cayce said. "It only creates more."

DoD announces next Iraq, Afghanistan rotations

Officials say rotations could be tailored as situation changes

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Stryker Brigade in Alaska and a brigade of the Georgia National Guard are scheduled to begin deploying to Iraq in mid-2005, along with the returning 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and 4th Infantry Division, a brigade of the 10th Mountain Division and a brigade of the 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kan.

Two other brigades of the 10th Mountain division from Fort Drum, N.Y., will deploy to Afghanistan next year along with the headquarters of the Florida National Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade, Defense officials announced.

Department of Defense released a partial rotation list Dec. 14 of units scheduled for deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As other units are identified and alerted, officials said subsequent announcements will be made.

OIF Rotation

For Operation Iraqi Freedom, the rotation is consistent with the current force structure in Iraq of 17 brigades and three division headquarters, DoD officials said. The partial troop deployment list includes:

- 48th Infantry Brigade (Separate), Georgia Army National Guard
- 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.
- 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault (division headquarters and four brigades), Fort Campbell, Ky.
- 4th Infantry Division (division headquarters and four brigades), Fort Hood, Texas
- 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

The 101st Airborne Division went into Iraq in March 2003 as part of the initial assault and began redeploying to Fort Campbell this past February. The 4th Infantry Division entered Iraq in April 2003 and returned to Fort Hood this past April.

The first units deploying to Iraq in the next rotation are scheduled to arrive in mid-2005, officials said, and successive units will deploy at various times through mid-2006.

OEF Rotation

For Operation Enduring Freedom, the 3rd and 4th Brigades and headquarters elements of the Army's 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., will deploy to Afghanistan next year along with the headquarters of the Florida National Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade.

This OEF rotation is consistent with the current force structure of three brigades and a division headquarters in Afghanistan, DoD officials said. They said the first units deploying to Afghanistan are scheduled to arrive in mid-2005, and successive units will deploy at various points through mid-2006.

DoD's goal is to increasingly pass responsibility for security and governance of Iraq and Afghanistan to the security forces of those nations, officials said. They added that U.S. force rotations may be tailored based upon changes in the security situation in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Army seeks boost in up-armored Humvee production

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — An additional 100 up-armored Humvees per month could soon be heading to Iraq, Army officials said.

Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey is looking to modify the Army's contract with Armor Holdings, Inc. of Jacksonville, Fla., which currently produces 450 of the specialty vehicles, known as UAHs, per month, . Robert Mecredy, president of Aerospace and Defense Group for Armor Holdings, told Harvey the company may be able to put out as many as 100 more a month.

"Once I was informed of the additional production capacity, I wanted to ensure those additional vehicles were going directly to our forces in Iraq," Harvey said.

An up-armored Humvee has steel-plated doors, ballistic-resistant windows and steel plating underneath the vehicle that offers better protection against bullets, rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive devises. The UAH weighs about 3,000 pounds more than the regular version.

The Army, which provides the UAHs to all U.S. forces in Iraq, aims to have 8,105 of the vehicles in its inventory by March 2005, officials said.

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of the 598th routinely provided direct support maintenance to the rest of the 36th Engineer Group and other FORSCOM units on Fort Benning.

Brooks tried to put the minds of the family members at ease the by reassuring them of the good quality of life and leadership of his troops.

"(The Soldiers) will have access to phones or the Internet at least once a week," he said. "If they don't call you or don't write to you, don't be afraid to call me. They will be at a driving distance from me and I will go over there and check on them for you every once in a while. The leadership there has two jobs. First, they have a mission to get accomplished; second — to make sure our Soldiers are safe and as well-prepared for the missions as they can be.

"This is one of the few times in the country's history that we're doing this fighting for the security of our own country, not just for freedom in somebody elses country. We want to stop terrorism so that our sons, daughters and grandkids have a safe place to live. That's what our Soldiers are doing today.

"Soldiers — you're trained and you're prepared. I have confidence in you that you're going to go over there and get our mission done and come home. Let's get out there and do this."

As Spc. Alberto Newcomb hugged his wife and 7-month-old baby goodbye, he said the hardest part of deployments is always separation.

"This is the second deployment for us," Newcomb said. "This one, however, is tougher because now we have a baby, but I'm confident of this deployment. Everyone and their families will be in my prayers."

House: Refuge for families

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they signed for it in July before the renovation began.

He said the unit was able to purchase items at greatly reduced cost using money they generated through fund-raisers. Guests will find a stocked pantry, linens, towels and even laundry detergent.

Although the unit would prefer not to have to use the house, Dwyer said it will be available for families for any emergency that arises during the extended deployment. The house has five beds and a crib in the upstairs bedrooms, but Dwyer said the main effort went in to the living space on the first floor.

"That's the area where the family will gather to talk and take care of paperwork and other things," he said. "That's where they will spend the majority of their time when they are in the house."

Soldiers built a gazebo and fencing around the back patio to provide a space where families could sit outdoors away from prying eyes.

Photos in the stairwell are of 3rd Brigade Soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1. Dwyer asked the staff of the Training Support Center for help with those, and they responded. When Sissy Hines, the TSC chief, initially couldn't envision what Dwyer wanted, he took her out and showed her the house.

Bobby Jones, the TSC visual media lead, said Hines is an interior designer who took her cues from the colors of the slate-topped coffee table in the living room.

"The colors are repeated in the frames of the pictures you see going up the stairs," Jones said, "so when you see it, it all goes together." The photos, he said are ones they have collected since OIF. His shop matted and framed the photos in less than a day, then delivered them to the house and spent the evening hanging them on the walls.

"We chose photos that touch you," he said. "They show happy times and bring a happy feeling.

"The house is a great place," Jones said. "It felt good when we were finished."

Dwyer said the house has an impact on the neighborhood as well. The neighbors are watching out for the house as it sits empty.

"And they'll be watching out for our families, our Soldiers," he said, "and they've done a great job. They understand why it's there."

The house was featured on the Officers' Spouses' Club Tour of Homes Dec. 14 and as the tour wound down, Dwyer answered a cell phone call.

"It was the staff duty," he said. "Someone called to report there were people in the Battle Boar House and wanted to make sure we knew."

Farewell: To support troops

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care of your families while you are gone."

The event is open to the public. The community is encouraged to come show support for the troops.

Veterans associations can reserve spaces by calling Cliff Davis, master of ceremonies, at 545-9734.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be canceled. For more information, call 545-2218.

AROUND POST

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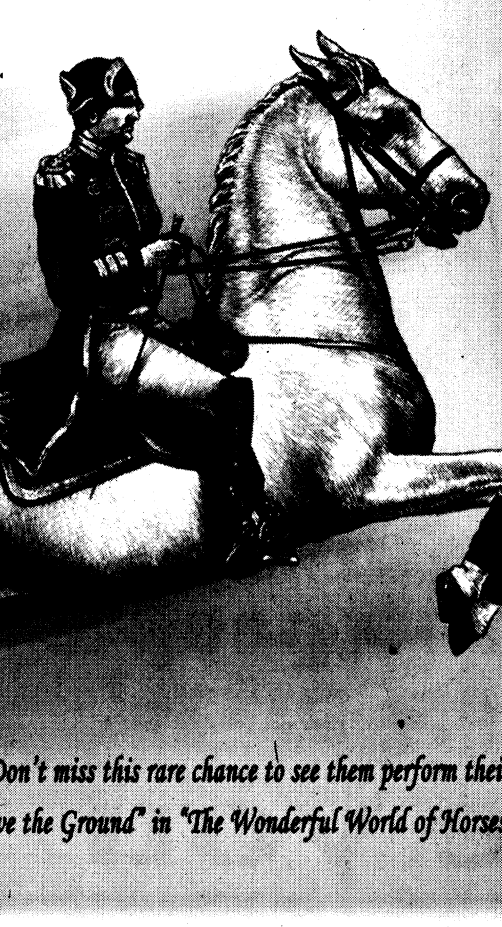
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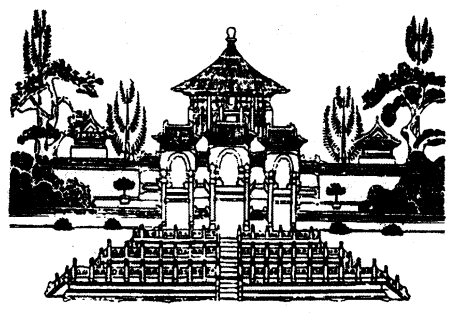
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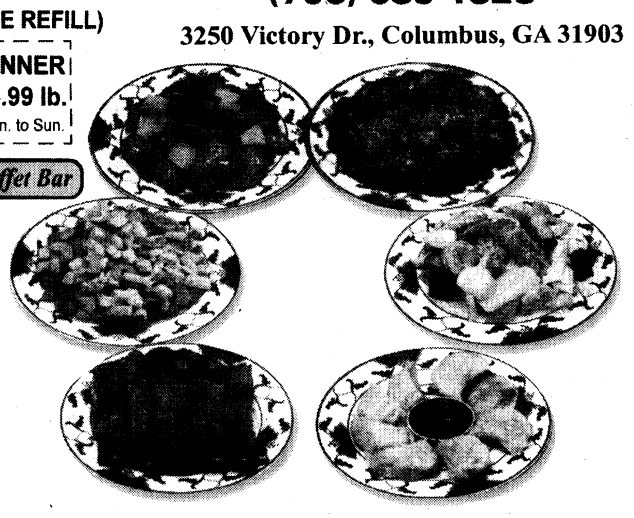
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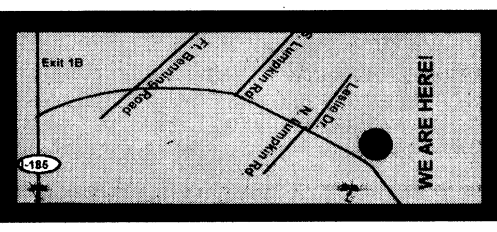


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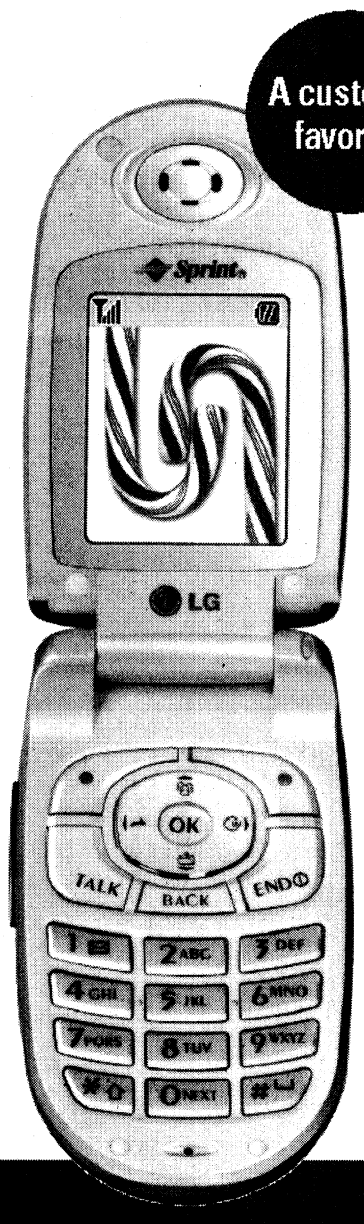


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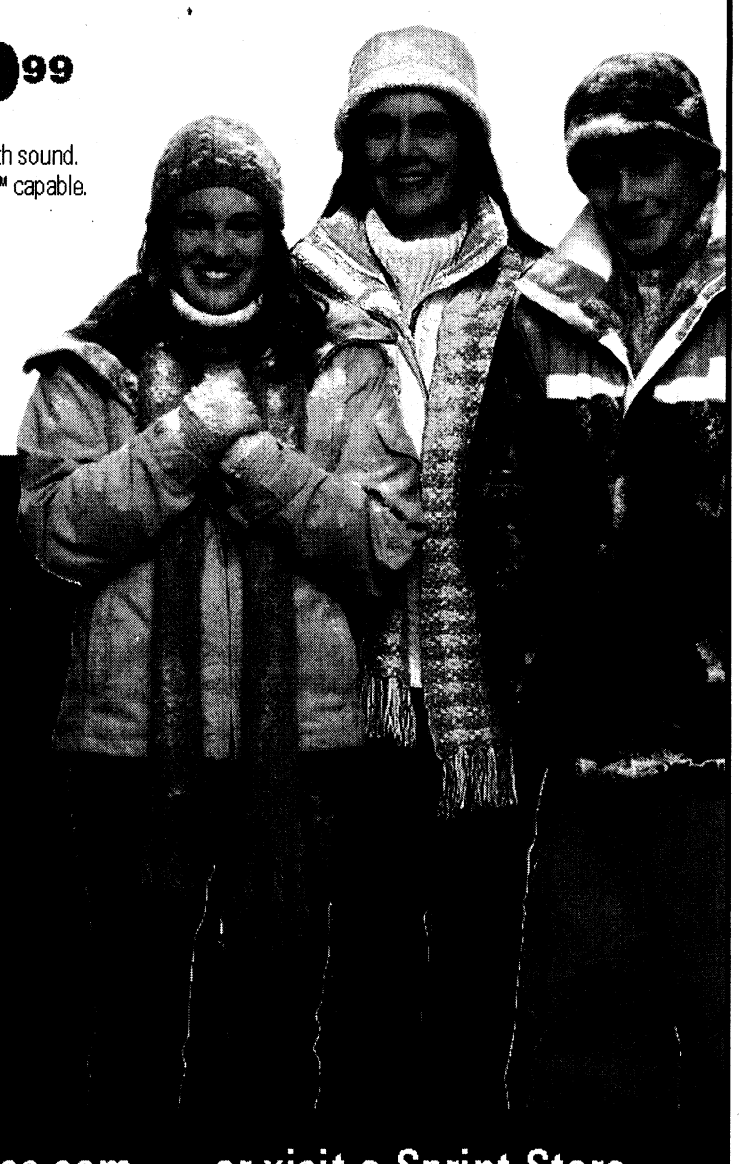
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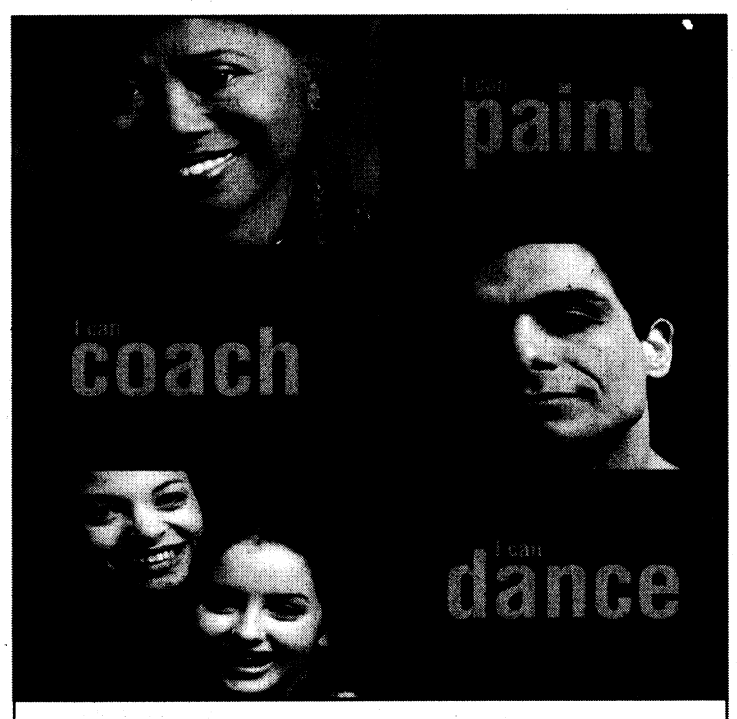
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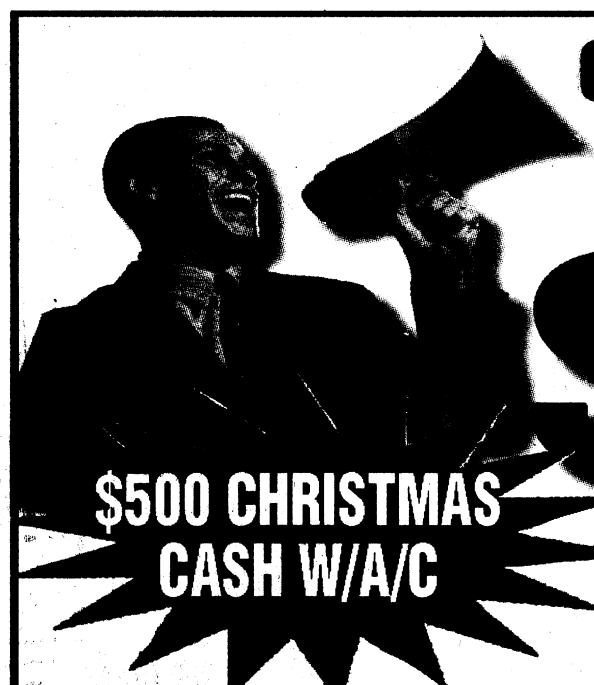
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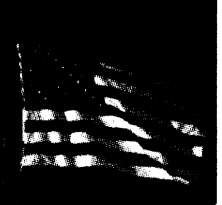
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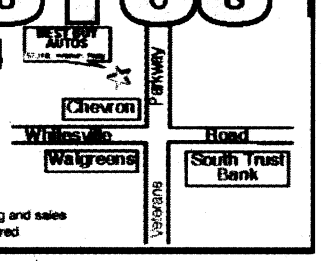
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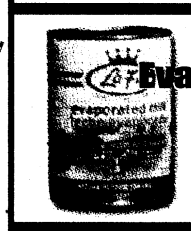
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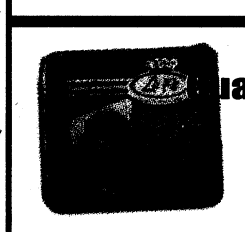
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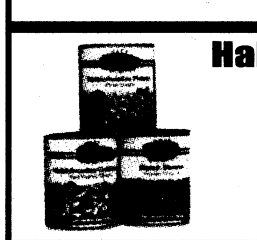
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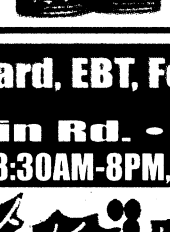
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Staff Sgt. Carlos Osorio, drill sergeant with D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, center, checks the sights of Pvt. Michael Cooper's weapon before he qualified Wednesday.

New POI changes BCTB

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
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The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command has changed the program of instruction for initial entry training by incorporating the M-16 into all parts of training and using the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 to enhance marksmanship techniques learned on ranges.

Originally, Soldiers in IET received instruction on the M-16 during the basic rifle marksmanship phase of training. The new POI has Soldiers being issued an M-16 and a magazine with five blank rounds of ammunition one week into training.

"The idea is for Soldiers to become more familiar with their weapons and are comfortable using it," said Capt. Cecil Henry, commander of D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment.

The EST 2000 is an emerging training simulator using virtual reality to project a variety of scenario possibilities and allows for immediate feedback of shooting techniques without ever having to go to the field.

Henry said an EST 2000 will be brought to Sand Hill in January for BCTB and Soldiers will use the simulator at least three days in conjunction with time spent at the range.

D Company is not the only cycle of basic training Soldiers that has converted to the new POI.

Three other cycles have completed basic and the feedback from the commanders was positive, said Capt. Alina Martinez, Basic Combat Training Brigade adjutant.

"The BRM scores for the Soldiers who carried the weapons the entire time in basic improved immensely," Martinez said. "The first time go's for the different companies have improved immensely."

Henry agreed with Martinez and said 91 percent of his Soldiers received first time go's on the practice range for their BRM qualifications.

Pfc. Matthew Bacon, with 3rd Platoon, guaranteed an expert score shooting Wednesday at the range.

"I've been shooting rifles for more than 20 years now, but never an M-16," Bacon said. "Having it with me all the time really makes me more comfortable now that I'm firing it."

Bacon and other Soldiers in his company said they carry their weapon everywhere and sleep with it hanging on a rack next to their bunk.

"We have it with us at all times even when we sleep," said Pvt. Joshua Cronk. "It doesn't matter what your MOS is, you have to be familiar with your weapon because you never know when you'll have to use it. You have to be prepared for anything at all times."

Pvt. James Tolman said they all received instruction on how to properly carry an M-16 the first weekend they were in training.

"I can take it apart and put it back together in two to three minutes," Tolman said. He also expected to get an expert shooting score to beat his brother, Samuel Tolman, who is currently in one station unit training unit.

Officials sign RCI partnership

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

"Christmas has come early to Fort Benning. Santa has delivered all the goods," said Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley before he signed partnership documents formalizing the relationship between Fort Benning and Clark Pinnacle Family Communities Dec. 15.

Freakley, who has been in the Army long enough to have seen the change from green uniforms to BDUs and C rations give way to MREs, said nothing he's seen is of greater significance than what the Army is doing through the Residential Communities Initiative. The RCI program was enacted by Congress in 1996, allowing the military to obtain private sector capital and expertise to develop, manage and improve military family housing.

"We're putting Soldiers in the houses they deserve," he said. "We're excited. This is a volunteer Army and we enlist Soldiers, but re-enlist families. We'll be able to put Soldiers in homes with adequate square footage that are protected and secure."

Freakley said the homes in the Main Post area were built in the 1930s with Depression-era laborers working for the Works Progress Act. Seventy years later, families will wait up to a year to live in the historic homes.

"The challenge 50 years from now is will Soldiers wait a year for a Clark Pinnacle house because of the care and workmanship?" he asked.

Bill Armbruster, the deputy assistant secretary of the Army for privatization and partnerships, attended the ceremony, bringing news that the new secretary of the Army, Dr. Francis J. Harvey, is making quality of life issues and taking care of Soldiers the top priority during his tenure.

Armbruster said the Army's ambitious and bold program through RCI would take care of the large inventory of neglected and inadequate housing.

"Congress initially put a cap on this program," he said. 'This year we reached the cap, but we got congressional relief and the program is alive and well."

The Army plans to renovate more than 80,000 homes — 50,000 of which had been transferred to the private sector by last week.

Clark Pinnacle, he said, has proven itself in projects at the former Fort Ord and Presidio of Monterey in California.

"You guys are in for a great program here," he said. "This is a 50-year commitment. They'll be here for you."

Clark's managing director of military housing, Scott Orrantia, said his company is looking forward to taking the lessons learned from the previous projects and putting them into place at Fort Benning.

The $600 million project, Orrantia said, represents a partnership with the post and with Columbus and Phenix City.

"We look forward to tapping into your resources," he said. "We cannot make this a successful venture without the support of the local community."

Approximately 75 percent of the subcontracting work will be given to local companies.

Orrantia mentioned a sign he saw outside the 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment area the first day he toured post.

"It said 'Standards, no compromise,' and it struck me as being what this partnership is all about," he said. "Brigadier General Freakley has set the standard and Clark Pinnacle will not compromise to meet it."

"They need to take a lot of photos of the old housing before they tear it down," said Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Greenway of the Ranger Training Brigade, "so when Soldiers start to complain about something like this, they can break out the old pictures. And if they build good, quality houses, it can get Soldiers motivated to stay in the military. This will be great for retention and for the Army overall."

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Infantry School partners with Webster University

Agreement grants credits for grad degrees

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Representatives from the Infantry School and Webster University signed an agreement Dec. 8 designed to help level the playing field between captains and their civilian counterparts.

The agreement establishes a cooperative master's degree program and provides Infantry Captains Career Course graduates the opportunity to complete a degree with the university through shared academic credits.

Students can pursue a master of business administration, master of arts in human resources development or a master of arts in management and leadership.

After evaluating both the ICCC and Webster University curricula to ensure educational quality and comparability, administrators at both institutions determined ICCC graduates could receive nine credits toward the MBA and 12 credits toward the two MA degrees.

The credit hours awarded are from qualitative analysis and decision making, organizational behavior and leadership.

The process began in early September, said Skip Rey, an instructional systems specialist in the DOT, when he contacted the university and got information.

Less than six weeks later, Webster representative Ralph Southard, the senior director for cooperative degree programs, met with Col. John Carmichael, the director of Operations and Training to present the program.

Rey said Southard sent a draft memorandum of agreement two weeks later.

Rey then sent the ICCC program of instruction to Southard so he could convert it and award Webster credit hours.

ICCC students will get information on the cooperative program during their in-brief, Rey said. Graduates can complete their degree by enrolling at a Webster University campus at their subsequent duty assignment or by enrolling in their distance learning program. Webster has seven international campuses and 68 campuses in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

And the agreement applies to graduates of the previous Infantry Officer Advanced Course and past graduates of ICCC, said Joe Staudenraus, chief of the DOT's Training Development Branch.

Staudenraus had worked on a similar agreement for the U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute at Fort Jackson, S.C., in 2001.

At the Dec. 8 signing ceremony, Randy Wright, Webster's associate vice president for academic affairs and director of military programs told Infantry Center assistant commandant Col. James Yarbrough he had a phone call to make as soon as he walked out the door. He had captains at Fort Bragg who were waiting for the news that the agreement had been signed so they could enroll.

"This program gives the captains a head start on earning their master's degree," Rey said.

"It's all about helping Soldiers."

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Pvt. Sherman Brown struggles forward while navigating the Night Infiltration Course at Young Range Monday night.

Night lanes nightmare for troops

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Soldiers from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, braved mud, water and cold temperatures under clear skies and a sliver of a moon when they tackled the Night Infiltration Course Monday evening.

The course challenged the Soldiers to employ some of the basic tasks they learned during the previous nine weeks of training.

"These guys use a lot of different skills during the course," said Staff Sgt. Scott Huffman, a drill sergeant with the unit. "They high crawl, low crawl, back crawl under wire obstacles and react to flares. They know how to freeze when the flare goes up and keep a low profile to avoid detection by the enemy when moving through the woods."

Most of the Soldiers didn't look forward to the course because of the mud and long crawl, said Huffman. But after completing it, most said they enjoyed it.

"If you don't know what it feels like to have bullets shot over your head, what are you going to do in combat?" asked Pvt. Danny Priest, a 20-year-old from Bainbridge, Ga.

Priest said he joined the Army for the discipline and chose the Infantry because he wanted to see some combat.

He said the night infiltration course is important because it's a taste of what war is really like.

The course is a fixture at all basic training installations and is one of the tools the Army is using to get Soldiers ready for what faces many of them soon after graduation — deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Many aspects of basic training are now directly applicable to the ongoing war on terrorism, Huffman said. The Center for Army Lessons Learned plays a strong role in the rapidly changing basic training doctrine units are following. New battle tasks and drills reflect challenges troops are facing in Iraq and Afghanistan.

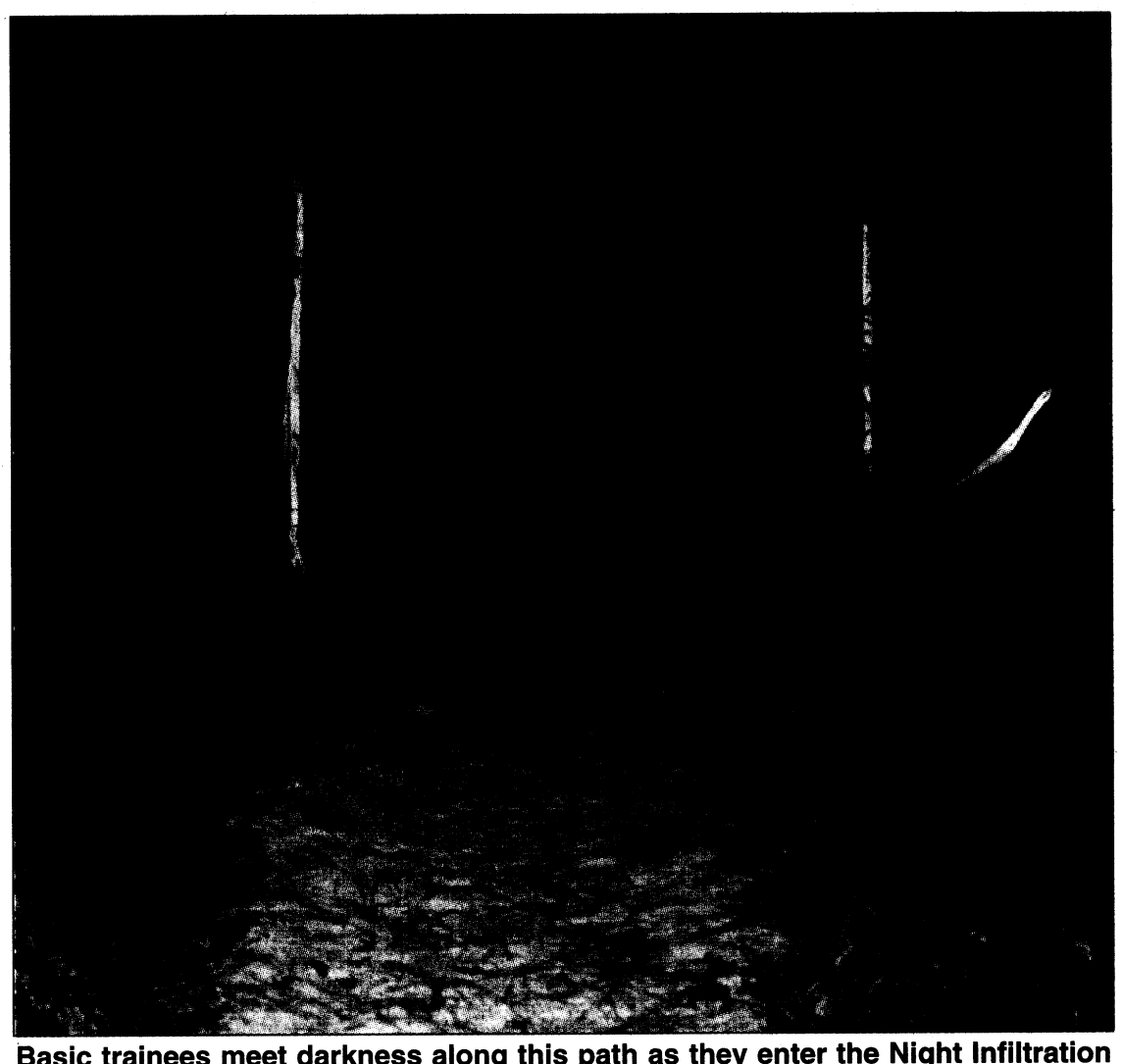
More advanced, Ranger-quality first aid, IED training, mounted training and urban operations all play a part in getting Soldiers ready to move on to their units to prepared to be part of a combat team.



A drill sergeant talks to a mud-covered Soldier as he flounders through the last 15 meters of the timed course.



1st Platoon Soldiers charge forward despite the course conditions.



Basic trainees meet darkness along this path as they enter the Night Infiltration Course and practice navigating in low-light situations before tackling obstacles.

Stryker performance scores high with Army leaders

'Perfect vehicle in urban environment,' users say

Sgt. 1st Class Tammy M. Jarrett
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Speed, protection and mobility are just a few reasons Army leaders are praising the Stryker's survivability in urban combat and arctic environments.

"The Stryker is the system that is providing our Soldiers with battlefield speed, situational awareness and protection that is unmatched with any other Army system that we have," Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, director of Management and Horizontal Technology Integration, said during a Stryker media roundtable at the Pentagon Dec. 9.

Sorenson and other Department of the Army leaders held a video tele-conference with Stryker Brigade Combat Team commanders from 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash., and 172nd Infantry Brigade, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, discussing the system's operational successes and lessons learned from the field.

"It's fast and quiet and tracks very well in the snow," said 172nd Commander Col. Michael Shields, via VTC from the brigade's tactical operations center. "The Soldiers have complete confidence in the weapon system. It's incredibly accurate and lethal, and it works well in the arctic environment."

The 172nd was in day seven of a war fighting exercise, using lessons learned from 3rd Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., which returned from Iraq in October, to shape its training as it undergoes transformation as the Army's third SBCT.

Stryker proves its worth

"The Soldiers have complete confidence with the survivability based on the dialogue with their counterparts in Iraq," Shields said. He said they are also impressed with the overall digital equipment capabilities.

Lt. Col. Gordie Flowers, commander of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, said the Stryker vehicles have proven their worth in protecting Soldiers from rocket-propelled grenades and car bombs. He said while in Iraq, more than 50 percent of his Strykers were hit with RPGs and IEDs.

"No Soldiers in my battalion have been killed from either attacks in the Stryker vehicle," Flowers said. "It has provided unprecedented protection of our infantry as we moved on the battlefield. It's the perfect vehicle in an urban environment."

Lt. Col. William "Buck" James, commander of 3rd Brigade, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, said the Stryker system has unmatched mobility both mechanically and tactically.

"It gives you armor protection to deliver an infantry squad to the point of attack — rapidly issue orders — to be able to maneuver and gain the advantage over the enemy," James said.

Lessons learned improve Stryker capability

Although the Soldiers like the Stryker and are confident in it, officials said it isn't the perfect weapon.

Army procurement officials have taken lessons learned from Iraq and are making changes to be implemented in the near future to provide the most combat effective equipment to support Soldiers on the battlefield.

Col. Don Sando, Training and Doctrine Command system manager, said some of the midterm improvements include changes to the remote weapon station, day and night optics, laser range finder on the Infantry carrier vehicle and some of the other variants. Platforms will be stabilized so that new and improved weapons can be introduced.

They are also looking at weight initiatives to reduce the overall weight of the vehicle with the add-on slat armor to prevent it from getting stuck in the soft terrain in Iraq.

Other changes have already been applied to the vehicles, for example the anti-tank guided missile carrier.

Col. Peter Fuller, Stryker project manager, said the carrier's hatch only opened to a 45-degree angle. This didn't allow the Soldiers the room to add weapons to the system or stand behind the weapons.

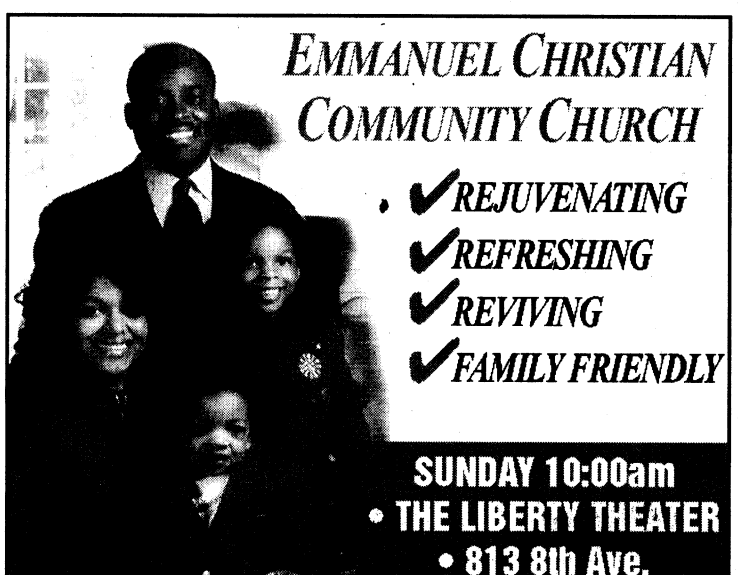
"We immediately modified the hatch to open all the way back to allow the Soldiers to put crew-served weapons on the back of the weapon and have people standing in the back, providing security," Fuller said.

Fuller said they have also added a swing, mounted on the vehicle, so Soldiers hang their crew-served weapons in the back and are experimenting with a shield to go on the hatch to give Soldiers more protection.

Lt. Col. Steven Townsend, 3rd Bde., 2nd Inf. Div. commander, said he is convinced that the Stryker is ahead of its game and is exceeding the Army's expectation.

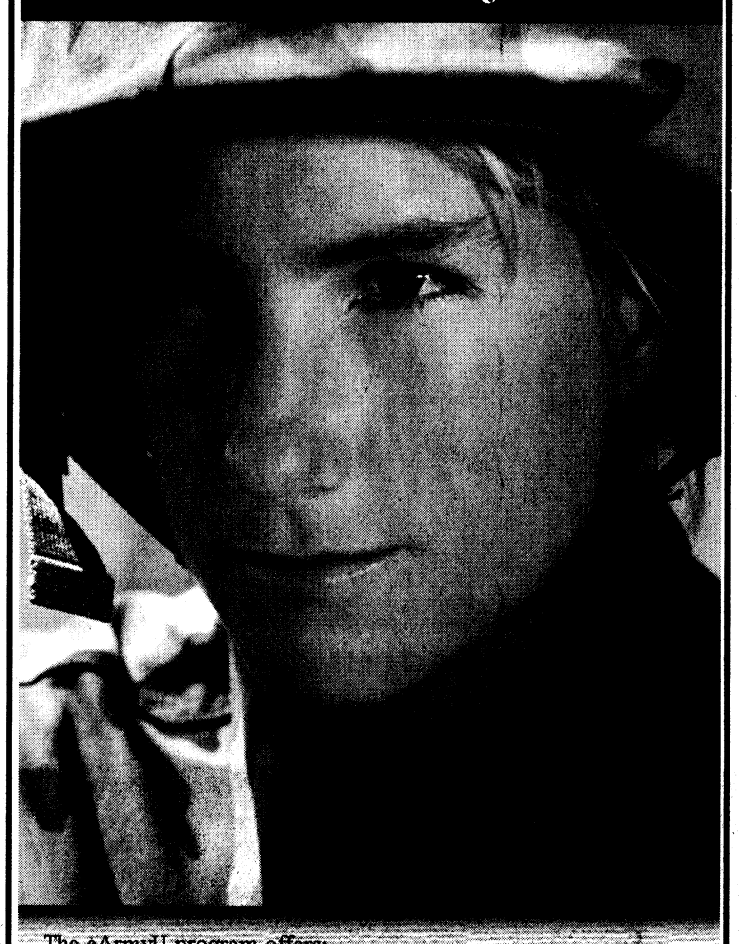
"The Soldiers know this vehicle is not perfect, but they do know and believe it's the best vehicle available and they have it to use today," Townsend said. "Our Soldiers have the confidence in the Stryker that it will provide, and get there fast and quiet."

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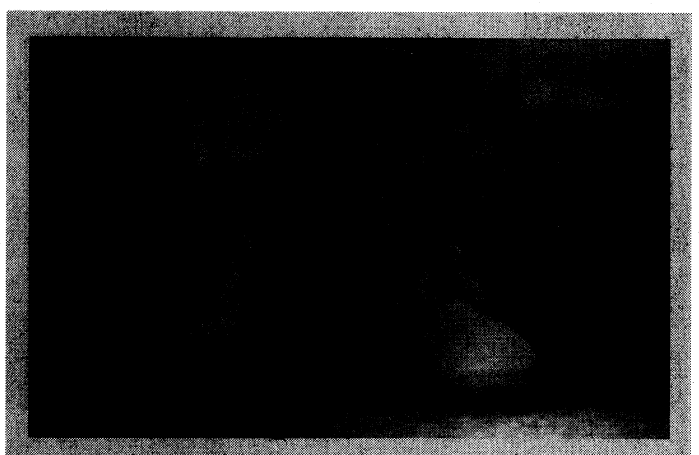


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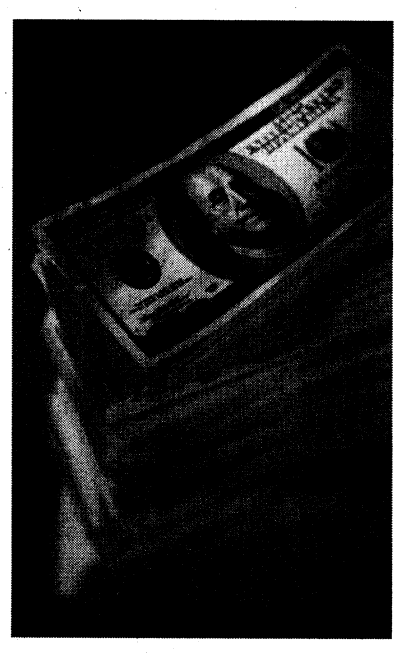


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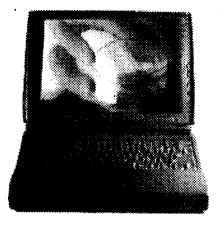
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Combat engineers clear way for troops

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"When I signed up, I thought I was going to build things, not blow them up," said Staff Sgt. Charles Warner, a combat engineer with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment. "This job, though, is a lot more fun."

As a combat engineer, Warner went through 13 weeks of one station unit training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. While in training, combat engineers learn about explosives and demolition, landmine warfare, rigging, bridging, and how to negotiate water obstacles.

The water obstacle training came in handy Tuesday morning when the Soldiers took on the Leaders Reaction Course on Main Post. But the water obstacle training the Soldiers received during basic did not save some of them from taking a dive into the freezing water.

Sgt. Joseph Terrell, has been a combat engineer for more than two years now, and much like Warner, thought he was going to be building things instead of blowing them up.

"My favorite part of my job is the camaraderie that there is in our unit," Terrell said. Which he saw a lot of Tuesday when the only equipment the Soldiers had to use to complete the obstacles were ropes, a couple of wooden boards, aluminum barrels and plenty of teamwork.

A 21B for more than 10 years, Warner has deployed with different combat engineer units five times — four times to Kuwait and once to Iraq.

"In theater, the mission of combat engineers varies depending upon mission requirements," said 1st Sgt. Roy Ward, E Company first sergeant. "For the most part, combat engineers will be conduct sustainment operations and support operations, route clearance operations, and IED reductions,"Ward said.

Thus the combat engineer motto came to be, "Advance and Overcome," for their fundamental role in providing mobility for advancing troops by overcoming all obstacles.

Before brigade combat teams came to be, Warner said combat engineers deployed as battalion-sized elements and were tasked to support other units. Now, each battalion has its own company of combat engineers.

"Instead of units waiting for us to get to them and clear the way, we have become part of their battalion so we are available when needed," Warner said. "We're going to be taking a bigger role as Infantrymen."

An engineer's role differs according to his unit. Since combat engineers have different techniques for accomplishing the mission, and the number of Soldiers is few, their tasks are split into five different categories.

There are field engineers, armored engineers, bridging engineers, plant engineers and explosive ordnance disposal engineers.

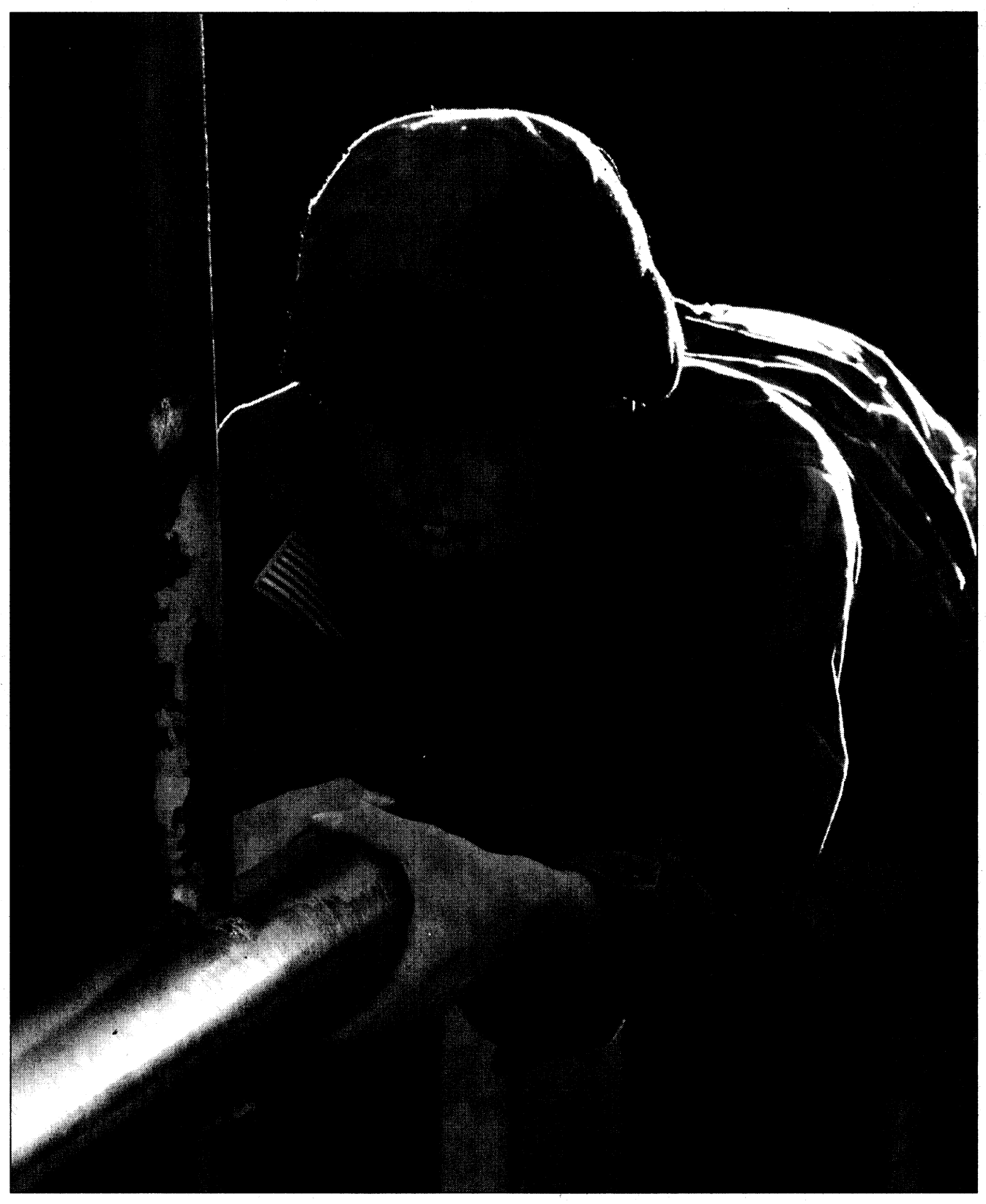
Field engineers clear obstacles in the paths of advancing troops to ensure mobility. They build obstacles in the paths of the enemy troops to counter their mobility and erect field fortifications to ensure the survivability of friendly forces.

Armored engineers work together to pave the way, removing all obstacles by means of heavy lifting and dozing protected by thick armor.

Bridging engineers provide the means to project combat troops and vehicles across rivers and water obstacles to engage the enemy. Their equipment includes float bridges, rafts and assault boats.

Plant engineers are the backbone of the engineers as they can turn any terrain into something that will result in their units' safety or advantage as well as help maintenance of Army supply routes.

Explosive ordnance disposal engineers are the experts in explosive handling and disposal. They remove explosive threats and clear unexploded munitions. The combat engineers of E Company will deploy for a year in January with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.



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Sgt. John Reynolds, a combat engineer with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment tackles an obstacle Tuesday at the Leaders Reaction Course on Main Post. He eventually made it to the other side without getting wet.

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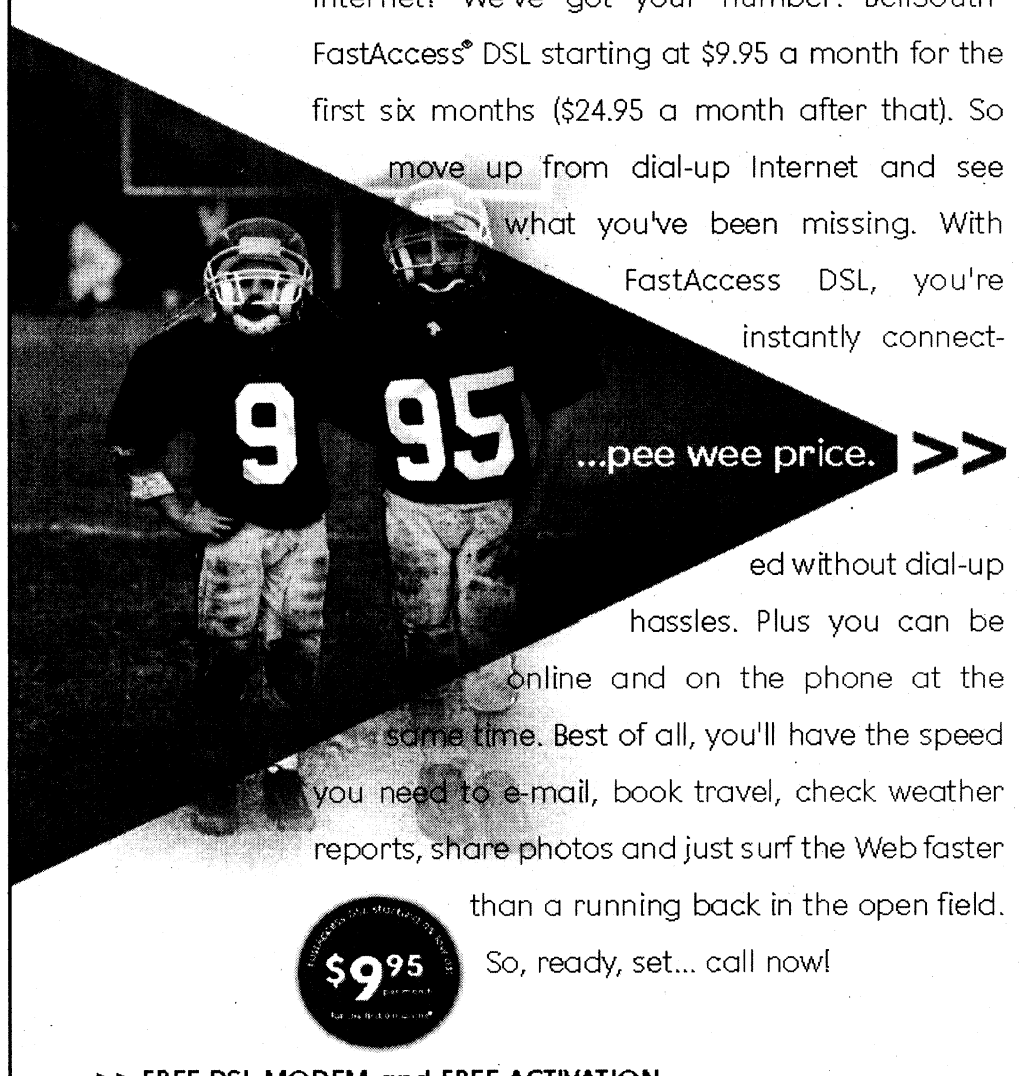
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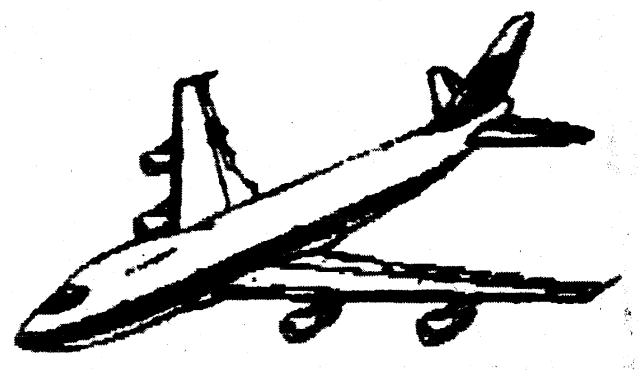
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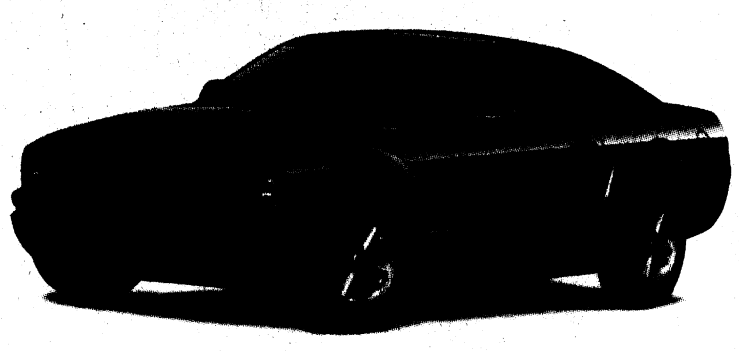
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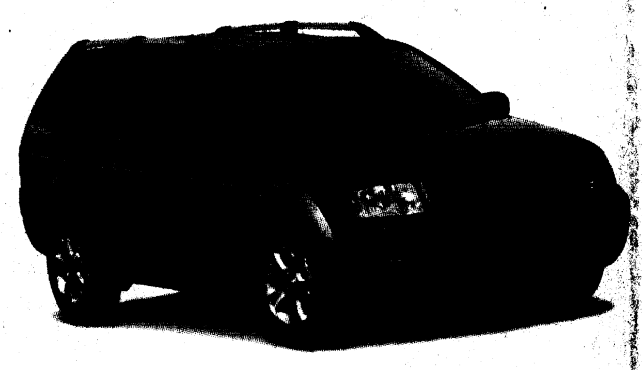
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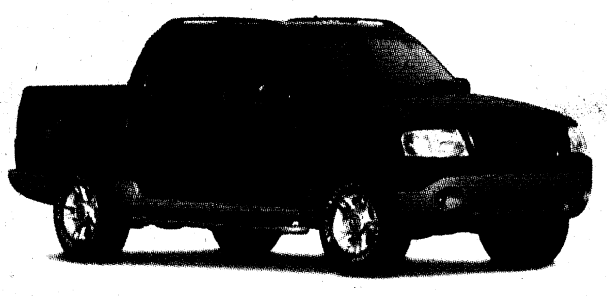
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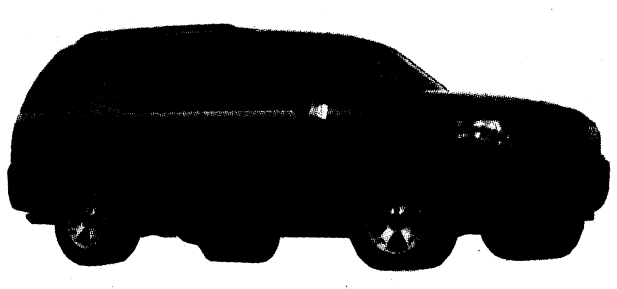
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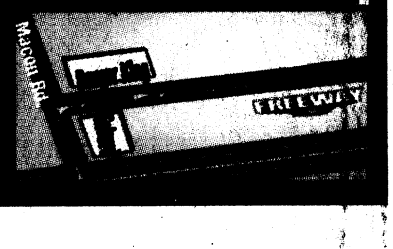
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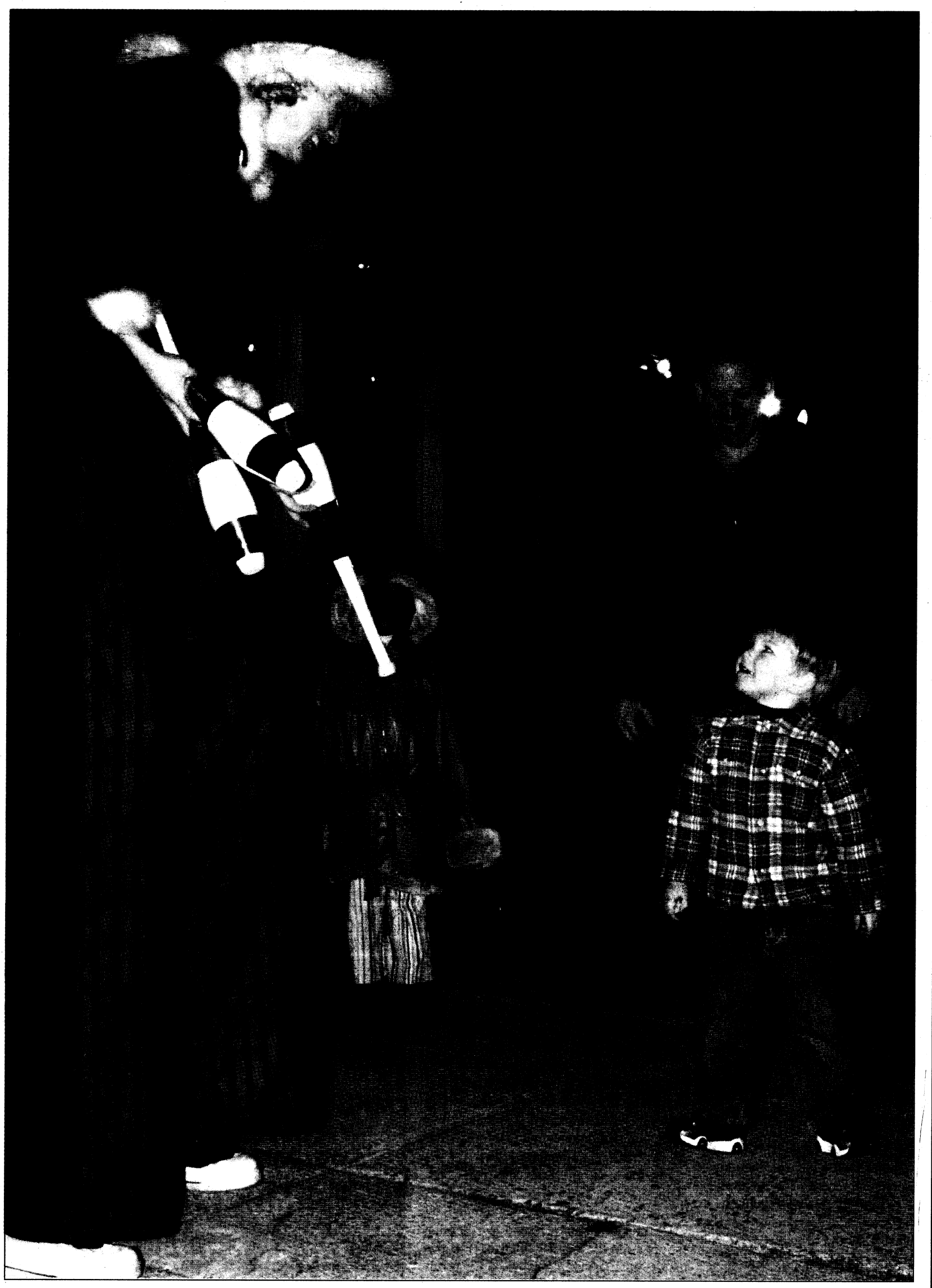
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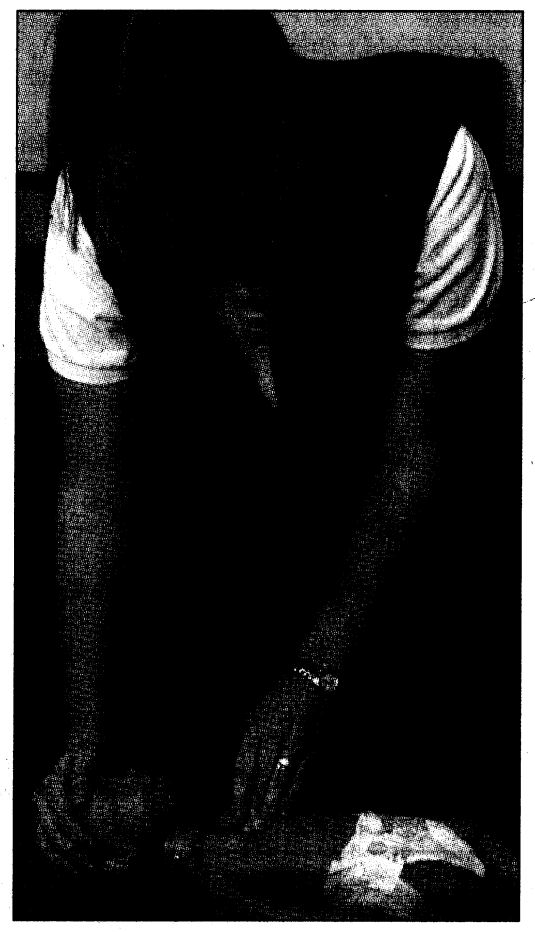
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Alex Rakocy, 3, and his father, Maj. Jason Rakocy, talk to Carrie McQueen, Santa's "tall elf," while waiting in line to visit Santa during the "Santa at Riverside" event at the post commanding general's home Wednesday. The Fort Benning community gathered at Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley's home to celebrate Christmas. The Kendrick High School Mixed choir sang Christmas carols and members of the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers helped take photographs of the children with Santa. Susan Hicks and Tonya Whitaker from Patch Hall School Age Services dressed up as a Christmas tree and a gingerbread man. Sprint Services had a booth set up where guests could spin a wheel and win prizes.



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Kimberly Cassant, a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation instructor, teaches infant CPR during the Red Cross Open House Tuesday.

Give life this year, learn CPR

Spc. Eliamar Castañon
Bayonet staff

What is your New Year's resolution? How about learning to save a life.

"Knowing how to properly provide CPR during an emergency is essential," said Michele Walton, Red Cross health and safety director. "You never know when the life you save will be that of a loved one."

Walton has been working with Red Cross since she was 15 years old and is a CPR instructor for the class offered by the Red Cross. In her lifetime, she has had to provide CPR for three different people.

"I was a lifeguard at a swimming pool when we noticed a little girl at the bottom of the pool," Walton recalled. "She had a seizure under water and by the time we pulled her out she was already gone. We conducted CPR until the paramedics came and took her to the emergency room. Today that little girl is playing for the Women's National Basketball Association Lakers."

The second time Walton had to administer CPR was at a football game, when a 4-year-old girl began choking on popcorn and no one else knew what to do. Walton ran up the bleachers and helped the little girl.

The last time Walton used her CPR training wasn't as successful. When a man suddenly dropped in a YMCA weight room, Walton tried to help but he had previous cardiac problems and died on the way to the hospital.

In those days, Walton had no children. Now, the mother of a 7 month-old, Megan, Walton sees that the importance of everyone knowing CPR, especially parents.

"Children are notorious for choking on things like formula or small pieces of food," Walton said. "Everyone should take a CPR class because they never know when they'll need it."

Would you be prepared to correctly administer CPR if you were faced with an emergency?

According to the Palmetto Health Web site, CPR performed promptly and properly with a rapid arrival of paramedical personnel can save the lives of 43 percent of cardiac arrest victims. About two-thirds of deaths from heart attacks occur before the victim reaches the hospital. Many of those deaths can be prevented if the victims get prompt help from someone trained in CPR.

Fort Benning Red Cross will offer CPR classes from Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 at a discounted price of $25. Normally the class costs $42. It consists of adult, child and infant CPR as well as basic first aid instruction.

Classes are Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red Cross office on post. Although there is no age limits, CPR students must be old enough to read and write.

For more information on the CPR course offered by the Red Cross or any other Red Cross program, call 545-5194.

CG spins holiday tales for Wilson kids

Annette Fournier
Bayonet staff

"If you can hear my silver bell ringing, then you must really believe in Santa," said Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley from a wooden rocking chair in front of a crowd of kindergartners.

Freakley was ringing a bell he claimed was from Santa's sleigh, imitating the boy in Chris Van Allsburg's award winning book, *the Polar Express*, which he read to three Kindergarten classes at Wilson Elementary School Dec. 13.

"The holidays are a great time to share a warm story like *the Polar Express* with kids," Freakley said. "My wife and I had five sons, and it was one of our favorite stories to read to the boys."

Freakley was not the only guest reader entertaining children at Wilson Elementary. Chief of Staff Col. Charles Cornwell, Peggy Cornwell, and USAIC Command Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin also read holiday stories to the kids. Freakley said that reading to and staying involved with children is very important.

"It's important to reinforce reading to kids," Freakley said. "If you can read, you can do anything. It's important that parents stay actively engaged in their child's education, and reading is a great way to teach kids to like learning."

Cocklin also emphasized the significance of reading to kids.

"Taking the time to read to kids lets them know that they're important and special people," Cocklin said. "I would encourage parents to make reading to their kids a daily practice. Parents need to keep in mind that children are aspiring to be adults, and kids will model their behavior after what they see adults do."

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> USAIC Command Chaplain

Freakley said that he would like to encourage parents and community members of Fort Benning to get involved with the schools.

"We have such wonderful role models here in the black hats, the drill sergeants, the Ranger instructors and the Soldiers. By volunteering, they can demonstrate Army values, like emphasis on education and family."

Cocklin said volunteering in the schools is important and fulfilling.

"I find it rewarding and very energizing. It's a great break from the pressures and routines of the day."

Fort Benning has 34 units that volunteer with local schools, both on and off post, through the Partners in Education program, said school liaison officer, Dwayne Baldwin.

"Fort Benning has a strong volunteer base and we give a lot of time to our students. It goes back to our commitment to education, and that begins with top-down leadership."

To learn more about volunteering in Fort Benning schools, call Dwayne Baldwin at 545-6811.

BIRTHS

Boys

Johathan Levan Jennings Jr. — born Nov. 29 to Kanovva Browning and Johathan Jennings.

Matthew Lawrence Alexander — born Nov. 30 to Angela and 2nd Lt. Brian Alexander.

Nolan Hill — born Nov. 30 to Isabel and Staff Sgt. Nathan Hill.

Jordan Dupree Yancey — born Dec. 2 to Stacy and 2nd Lt. Jonathan Yancey.

Girls

Lauren Campbell Palmer — born Nov. 29 to Karen and Sgt. Donald Palmer.

Sarah Lauren Hunt — born Nov. 29 to Starla and Staff Sgt. Shawn Hunt.

Anniston Young — born Nov. 30 to Chrystal and Pfc. Jason Young.

Faith Irene Gilliam — born Nov. 30 to 1st Lt. Katie and Capt. Joshua Gilliam.

Alyssa Smith — born Dec. 1 to Lisa and Staff Sgt. Matthew Smith.

Molly Kristine Salus — born Dec. 1 to Kristine and 2nd Lt. Erik Salus.

Katelyn Danae Thomas — born Dec. 2 to Kathy and Sgt. 1st Class Donnie Thomas.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

ASK THE JUDGE

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: Can my child's parent and I agree to reduce my monthly child support payments?

A: If a Soldier's income is reduced for some reason, such as loss of a part-time job or a decrease in rank, can the Soldier simply lower his monthly child support payments? Suppose the other parent agrees to the change, would it then be OK?

If the parties have not gone to court, and all they have between them is an agreement on the monthly amount of child support, then such an agreement can be changed if both parties agree.

To prevent disputes, child support agreements and any changes to the agreement should always be in writing.

If there is a court order for child support, the Soldier must pay the court-ordered amount until a court changes that amount.

Even if both parents agree on lowering the amount, a Soldier should not reduce his monthly child support payment unless the court has modified the court order.

Soldiers who reduce their child support payments below the court-ordered amount are in technical violation of the court order, and subject themselves not only to punishment under the UCMJ, but also wage garnishment and offset of their income tax refund.

While it can be time-consuming and expensive to go back to court, court orders can only be modified by a court.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Tower Lighting Ceremony — The Tower Lighting Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. today on Main Post at the Airborne 5000 bleachers on Burr Street.

Flu shot update — The flu vaccination is now available at Martin Army Community Hospital for high-risk patients.

The clinic hours for walk-in flu shots are: Internal Medicine, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Family Practice, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.; Adult Primary Care Clinic, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Pediatric Clinic, call for an appointment.

For more information, call 545-2273.

Refuse, recycle holiday schedule — There will be no yard waste picked up in family housing Dec. 27.

Areas normally scheduled for refuse pick up on Friday will be picked up Dec. 23. There will be no refuse or recycle pickups Dec. 24.

There will be no refuse or recycle pickups on New Year's Eve. Areas normally scheduled for pick up Friday will be picked up Dec. 30.

For more information, call 545-4232.

MACH holiday hours — In observance of Christmas and New Year's, all clinics, including the refill pharmacy, lab and radiology will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

Hours for Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 are as follows:

Pharmacy: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; refill pharmacy: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; pathology: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; radiology: emergency x-rays only. All other clinics and services are closed.

For more information, call 544-2041.

2005 Women's Conference — Volunteers are needed for the 2005 Women's Conference, "Bloom Where You are Planted."

For more information, call Carrie Snyder at 221-1489.

AAFES holiday tree — AAFES is displaying a special holiday tree where customers and associates can display messages and photos showing their support for deployed family members.

Special tree cards are available for any customer to fill out with their own special message or photo.

EFMP enrollment — The Exceptional Family Member has mandatory enrollment for special needs family members (child or spouse). Enrollment does not hurt the Soldier's career, but assists military personnel divisions in considering the medical and educational special needs of the family member in the assignment process.

Enrollment is necessary if the spouse or child meets the following criteria: asthma, a current or past mental health diagnosis, a high-risk pregnancy, cancer (past or present), attention deficit disorder or diabetes.

For resource information and referrals, call 545-7517 or 545-4043.

Red Cross classes — The American Red Cross will offer the following classes:

• Babysitting training: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 15, Feb. 5 and March 26; $32; ARC building.

• Swimming lessons: Mom and Tots, preschool, adults; Jan. 25-27, Feb. 1-3, 8-10; $30; Briant Wells indoor pool.

• Lifeguard training: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 19-20, 26-27, March 19-20, 26-27; $125 with ID card; Briant Wells indoor pool, ARC office.

• Water Safety Instructor Training: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 5-6, 12-13; $150 for ID card holders; Briant Wells indoor pool, ARC office.

• Community First Aid and Safety: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 22, Feb. 12, March 12; $42 for ID card holders; ARC office.

All classes must be registered and paid in advance.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Leaf pick-up — Shaw will pick up leaves in family housing weekly. Residents should rake leaves to the curbside, not into the street. Tree limbs should be in a separate pile. The refuse contractor will remove bagged leaves and small piles of limbs on trash pick up days.

• Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow avenues

• Tuesday: McDonald Manor

• Wednesday: Austin and Miller loops, Eames and Bently avenues, general officer's quarters

• Thursday: Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Ragin Courts, Indianhead Terrace

• Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road

National Prayer Breakfast — The National Prayer Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Officers' Club.

Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Robert L. VanAntwerp Jr.

For more information, call 544-9601.

PCS reminder — Families PCSing soon are reminded to hand carry medical and immunization records for all family members. Proof of immunizations is a requirement for school enrollment both in the continental U.S. and overseas.

For more information, call Terry Beckwith at 544-3470.

CYS offers home school classes — Child and Youth Services offers weekly classes to home-school families. The Digital Lab will be open Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and art classes are Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. All classes are held at Patch Hall, Building 7. There will also be a meeting for home-schooling families at 1 p.m. Thursday in Building 359.

For more information, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services offers an afternoon session for Benning Buddies from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This program is for children between 2 years old and preK. Fees are based on family income.

For more information, call 545-2079 or 687-4038.

First Steps Program — The First Steps Program provides support, education, resource referrals and follow-up contacts to parents of newborns.

For more information, call Rebecca Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager, at 545-4043 or Carolyn Harris, First Steps coordinator, at 544-2020.

Thrift Shop hours — The Thrift Shop is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. 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 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 a unit first sergeant or commander, the client can select a two-day supply of food.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. AA supports people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

***The Bayonet* delivery** — Experiencing a problem with *The Bayonet* delivery? Call 682-3346.

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Outdoor Living Nativity — Central Christian Church will present the 47th annual Outdoor Living Nativity from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and a candlelight service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. There will also be a living nativity from 8 to 9 p.m.

The event is free.

Central Christian Church is located at 7775 Moon Road in Columbus.

For more information, call 323-2925.

Home 4 the Holidays — Iams Company is sponsoring Home 4 the Holidays, a pet adoption drive, through Jan. 2. Shelters in the area include the Muscogee County Humane Society, 7133 Sacerdote Lane, in Columbus, and Morning Star Animal Shelter in Hamilton.

For more information, call (800) 566-5038.

St. Jude Dream Home — Starting Jan. 6, a limited number of chances to win the St. Jude Dream Home and other prizes will go on sale for $100 each. The winning names will be drawn live on WTVM Newsleader9 April 17.

To donate products or services for the St. Jude Dream Home giveaway, call Chrystal Hodges at (800) 654-8563.

CVCC certification programs — Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Fort Benning, starts 100 (four to six months) certification programs in late January in the following skills: EKG, Cardiovascular tech, medical billing plus coding, pharmacy tech and more.

For more information, call 687-3420 or e-mail clovec.quick@us.army.mil or quickcloviec@msn.com.

Employers sought for job fair — The Georgia Department of Labor's Columbus Career Center and Clear Channel Radio are looking for employers to participate in the Clear Channel Job Fair and Career Expo in February in Columbus.

The event will be held for veterans, active duty military, dependents, students and other job seekers in the Columbus and Fort Benning area.

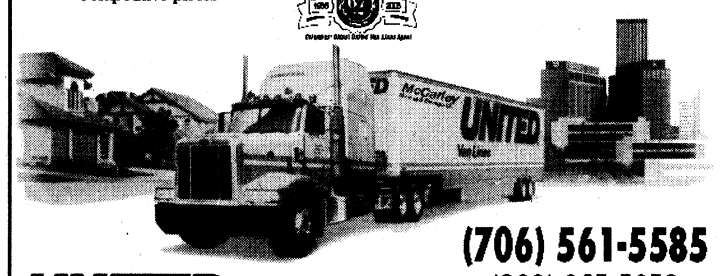
Employers who would like to participate in the job fair can call Walter Pollock at 649-7423.

New ID cards for veterans — The Department of Veterans Affairs designed a new identity card for veterans that will protect confidential information.

Request the new card at your local medical center. Processing will take five to seven days once eligibility is verified.

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Keep holiday decorations safe

Directorate of Public Works

With the approach of the holidays, many wish to decorate their residence in celebration of the season. Doing so requires prudence in the interest of safety, facility upkeep and energy conservation.

Family Housing

No decorations, lighted or unlighted, are allowed on roofs because the installation can be dangerous to individuals and cause damage to roofs.

Decorations may be affixed to walls, the underside of eaves and displayed elsewhere in adjoining yards. When attaching decorations, use the smallest possible fasteners like staples. Use only Underwriter's Laboratory electrical decorations.

Do not overload electrical circuits. Do not leave tree lights and candles unattended while burning.

Barracks

Exterior lighting is not permitted in the barracks. Inside do not overload electrical circuits. Do not leave tree lights and candles unattended while burning.

Offices

Non-electric decorations will be used in office and operational facilities throughout the installation.

Given the ever-diminishing funding resources, energy conservation is important. Be judicious in family housing and barrack areas when using electrical decorations. Do not turn on outside electrical decorations until dusk and turn them off prior to midnight.

Moderation in the use of electrical decorations will allow everyone to enjoy the holiday season.

Holiday Safety Tips

Today's Christmas lights use energy efficiently and still provide enough light to brighten the season, but be ever mindful of safety. Here are some safety tips that will hopefully make this a safer holiday period:

• Buy light sets approved by the Underwriters Laboratories. Use the right lights for indoor use, outdoor or both.

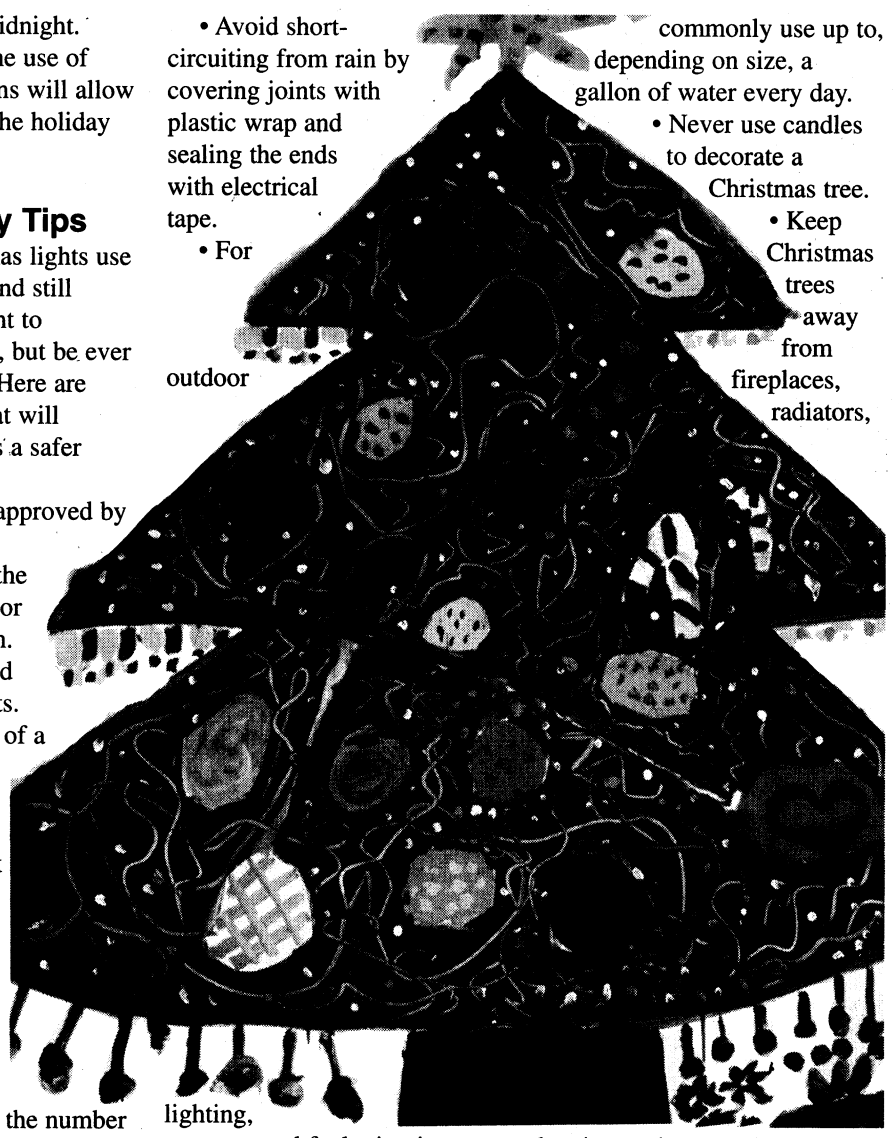
• Do not overload the electrical circuits. Maximum capacity of a 15 amp circuit is 1,800 watts and a 20 amp circuit is 2,400 watts. Check the breaker or fuse controlling the circuit to determine the amperage. To compute the holiday lighting load, multiply the number of bulbs by the number of watts per bulb. Be sure to include house lamps, appliances and other electrical equipment on the same circuit.

• Before decorating, check lights for frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked insulation. If there are defects replace the entire set.

• Hot bulbs can ignite dry branches. Avoid fire by keeping natural trees well watered and keeping extension cords and light sets away from the water.

Light the tree when at home and awake to enjoy it. Always unplug the Christmas tree when not at home.

• Keep a fire extinguisher handy.



• Avoid short-circuiting from rain by covering joints with plastic wrap and sealing the ends with electrical tape.

• For outdoor lighting, use a ground fault circuit interrupter on each circuit. If current leaks through frayed or damaged wires, the interrupter shuts it off. Interrupters cost about $7 to $10.

• Don't use more than one extension cord per outlet, and never hide cords under carpets or rugs.

• Buy a tree that is fresh. If the needles are already falling off, the tree is too dry and it should not be purchased. Leave the tree outside until time to decorate. It is a good idea to trim at least a one-inch piece from the bottom of the tree. This increases the tree's ability to absorb water. Keep a live tree watered. Trees commonly use up to, depending on size, a gallon of water every day.

• Never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree.

• Keep Christmas trees away from fireplaces, radiators, heating registers and space heaters.

• Keep a working smoke detector in the room above the Christmas tree. Consider purchasing a "tree-detector." This is a smoke and heat detector that looks like a Christmas ornament that actually hangs in the tree.

• Remember holly, mistletoe and poinsettias are all poisonous plants to people and pets.

• Be careful of ornaments and decorations that include ribbons or garlands that can easily become snagged on a passing child. This alone could cause a full-sized tree to fall on a child.

OFF LIMITS ESTABLISHMENTS

The following establishments are off limits for all military personnel:

1. Gold Lounge, 3613 Victory Drive
2. Traffic Light Inn, 2210 Fort Benning Road
3. Cellar's Lounge and Candlelight Inn, 3456 Victory Drive
4. Coach's Corner, 3709 Gentian Boulevard
5. Ponderosa Motel, 3668 Victory Drive
6. G & C Boom Boom Room, 2102 Cusseta Road
7. The China Inn Express, 739 Veterans Parkway
9. Drive 1 of Columbus, 4411 Victory Drive
10. The Firehouse, 5251 Sidney Simons Boulevard
11. American Amicable Insurance Company of Texas, P.O. Box 2549
12. American Fidelity National Life Insurance Company, P.O. Box 25523, Oklahoma City, OK 73215
13. Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc., P.O. Box 55975, Birmingham, AL 35209

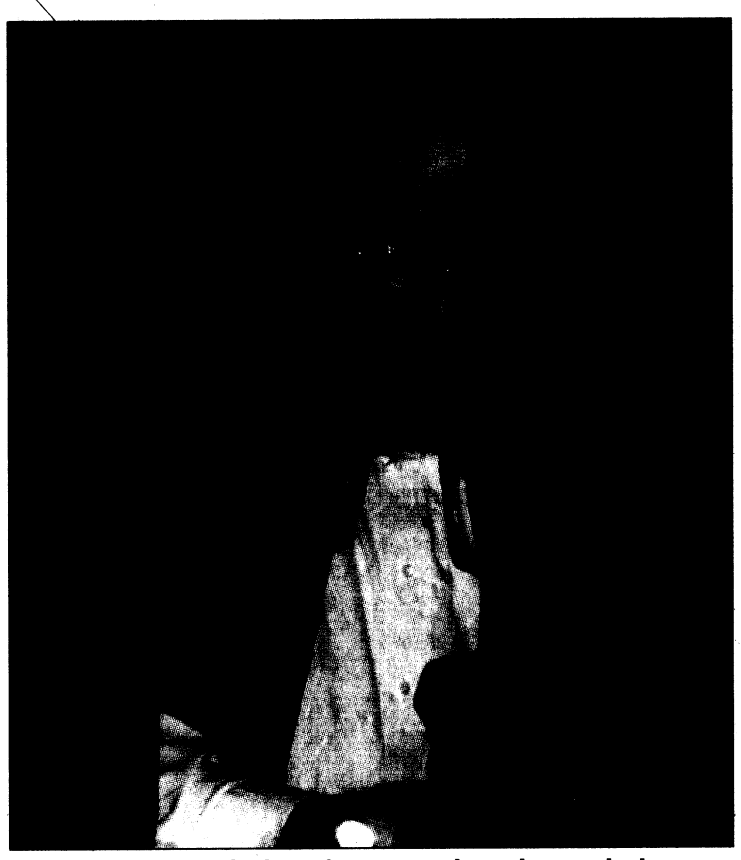
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A man warms his hands over a burning yule log.

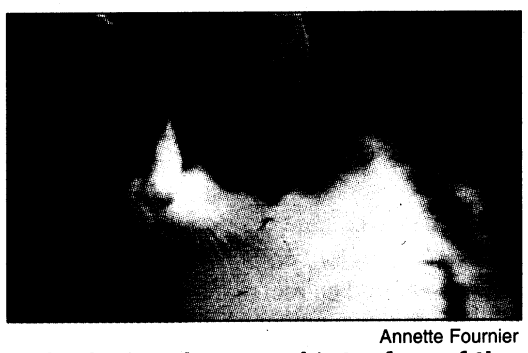


Photos by Tawny Archibald Campbell

A girl joins in a round of Christmas carols during Westville's yule log burning ceremony.

PETS OF THE WEEK





Annette Fournier

This dog and cat are just a few of the pets available for adoption. Call 545-4444.

Christmas lights up Westville

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

Girls in red caps topped with bells, and flickering candles and lanterns all contributed to the ambiance that surrounded the traditional burning of the yule log at the 1850s living history village of Westville.

Under a rustic wooden arbor, set deep in the woodline, three local reverends led a crowd of about fifty in a ceremony that reflected the romanticism of an age long gone.

My family and I were there to experience our first ever yule log ceremony and to step back in time to see how Christmas was celebrated 150 years ago.

The more than 30 authentically furnished pre-Civil War buildings were decorated in festive red bows, holly berries and fresh fir boughs.

A horse-drawn wagon wound its way through the dirt streets, giving tired visitors a way to rest their legs as they enjoyed the holiday atmosphere.

Throughout the month of December, Patty Cannington, public relations director for Westville, said there would be special activities each weekend.

At 2 p.m. Saturday there will be a tree-lighting ceremony at the Singer House. At 2 p.m. on Dec. 26 there will be the burning of the greens to close out the year.

There is only one tree set up in Westville each year. Early Christmas trees were a German tradition, so the only home to have a tree is the Singer home, built by Johann Singer of Germany.

The tree will be lit with homemade candles and will be gaily decorated with gingerbread men, popcorn strings, cranberries and yarn dolls. Authentically dressed interpreters will present the story of Santa Claus followed by the biblical Christmas story and *The Night Before Christmas*.

All visitors will be treated to homemade yule log cake and wassail.

In the potter's shop, Steven Hawkes talked to a handful of visitors as he meticulously formed the wet clay in his hands into a beautiful vase. Farther up the road, a group of costumed girl scouts were rehearsing Christmas carols for the yule log ceremony while a woman worked in her kitchen rolling out dough to make biscuits and group of volunteers hung fir boughs above a doorway.

Westville is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

General adult admission is $10; seniors, college students and military are $8; students are $4. Free tickets for all military are available at the Sand Hill Recreation Center. Westville is located 40 miles south of Fort Benning in Lumpkin, Ga.

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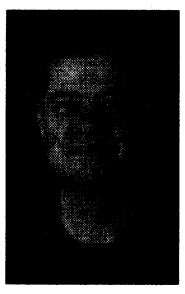
REFLECTIONS

It is amazing how our ideas, impressions and even beliefs about Christmas are influenced by stories, music and art. Hallmark cards would have us believe that Bethlehem was a quiet, serene, underpopulated village the night Jesus was born. The carol writers formulate our views by giving such impressions as "All is calm, all is bright" the night Mary went into labor in "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!" Still, quiet, calm — Bethlehem was the exact opposite that night and the days following.

I feel certain that not a word was mentioned at the innkeeper's breakfast table the next morning about the young pregnant girl and the older man with her who had to be turned away. It was anything but quiet and calm.

People were tired and cranky and angry that the government had once more interfered in their lives with an inconvenience caused by an unnecessary census. It is doubtful that anyone mentioned the couple's arrival or wondered about the girl's condition. They were too busy.

There was too much to do to ever comprehend that the impossible had occurred — God had entered the world as a baby. At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what he is doing, is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She looks at him and remembers the words of the angel, "His kingdom will never end."


Cocklin

He does not look like a king, but he is majesty in the midst of the mundane, holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat, and divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable in front of kind, but bewildered shepherds.

Meanwhile, the village hums. The merchants are unaware that God has visited their planet. The innkeeper would never believe he had just turned God out into the cold.

And the people would be outraged if anyone told them that the Messiah lay in the arms of a teenager in a stable just outside of town. You see, they were all too busy to consider the possibility. Those who missed his majesty's arrival that night missed it not because of evil acts or malice; no, they missed it simply because they weren't looking.

Little has changed in the last 2,000 years, has it?

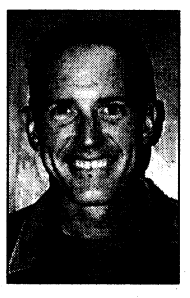
See Christmas through Mary's eyes

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Since block leave is right around the corner (I can hear the engines running in the barracks' parking lot already), I thought it might be worthwhile to write this week on "How to Have the Best Christmas Ever."

Whether you're traveling all the way to Bumfuzzle, Idaho, or sitting in your own living room this holiday season, everyone I know is interested in having a great Christmas.

Ever have one of those Christmases where you had big plans, but reality just didn't seem to pan out like you thought it would? You had hopes of something that looked like it was straight off a Norman Rockwell painting or a Currier and Ives postcard. And lo and behold, your Christmas wound up looking like something off a Simpson's rerun! Well, Christmas is loaded with expectations — ones that frequently just can't be delivered upon. But this Christmas, I'm going to ask you to join me in committing to the best Christmas ever. How can we do that? At our house we're going to do it by looking through a different set of eyes: the eyes of a woman, a man and a child.


Hawkins

Here I'm going to do it through the eyes of a woman. What better woman could we turn to than the young lady who was there at the start of it all? What lessons could we learn from Mary's first Christmas? If Mary were here right now, what might she tell you and me about how to have the best Christmas ever? Well, there are a lot of things she *could* say, and based on what we know of her story in the Bible in Luke 1:26-38, I think these might be three early Christmas presents of insight she'd give us:

• Be open to divine disasters. What appears to be disastrous may actually be divine. It just could be that things don't go exactly according to plan this Christmas. Guess what? They didn't for Mary, either. Being told by an angel that you're going to be pregnant before marriage in a culture where she could have been killed for that was not exactly her idea, initially, of Good News. But, it wound up being the greatest blessing of her life. You never know — what appears to be a disaster may actually be something divine coming your way.

• God's working a plan ... You're part of it, but it's bigger than you. Mary was amazed that God would use her to bring to the world someone so incredibly special. She began to realize over time that God was "working a plan." And she was privileged to be a part of it — but she wasn't all of it — it was much larger than she. Keep that in mind this holiday.

• Testing + Trusting = Blessing. Faithfulness gets rewarded!

God blessed Mary because she said, "OK, I don't quite understand all this, but I'll trust you, God." It works the same in our life. If you're looking to have the best Christmas ever, then be open to some "testing" over the holidays, turn to God with some "trusting," and then enjoy the "blessings."

Need some personal coaching on turning the "holidaze" into the "holidays?" Come see me at the Chaplain Family Life Center in Soldier's Plaza or at 11 a.m. Sundays at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel on Kelley Hill or call 545-1760.

The Fort Benning Protestant Sunday School will have a
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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
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, Building 3220
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420
11 a.m.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
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, Building 3220

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220
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 Worship Service

9 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8 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.	Mormon, Weaponeer Building, Sand Hill, Building 3954
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, Episcopalian, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
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SPORTS

Class VI number one

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

The number one Road Dawgs fell to number two Class VI in the winner takes all flag football championships.

The unbeaten Road Dawgs of the 104th Transportation Company experienced defeat at the hands of the Class VI medics from the 14th Combat Support Hospital Dec. 10 at Doughboy Stadium.

The Road Dawgs started paving their way to the top when the first ball was snapped. Melvin McCollum ran the ball down the sideline to put the Dawgs within scoring range. Quarterback Darrin Simmons threw to Markus Williams who made his way into the end zone and on the scoreboard. A failed conversion left the score at 6-0 Road Dawgs.

Class VI pushed down field with a combination of passes and runs. A quarterback keeper by Ross Seidel moved the ball 10 yards up the center for a first down, but a sack and a few incomplete passes resulted in a turnover and Dawg control.

Williams had an eight-yard run with two minutes left in the half, but several penalties resulted in time running out.

The first half ended with only the Road Dawgs lighting up the scoreboard.

Three minutes into the second half Seidel threw a 20-yard bomb to Dewy Williams which resulted in a touchdown for Class VI. The failed conversion tied the game.

The Dawgs were stopped cold by a tough defense and were unable to gain any yardage on the next possession.

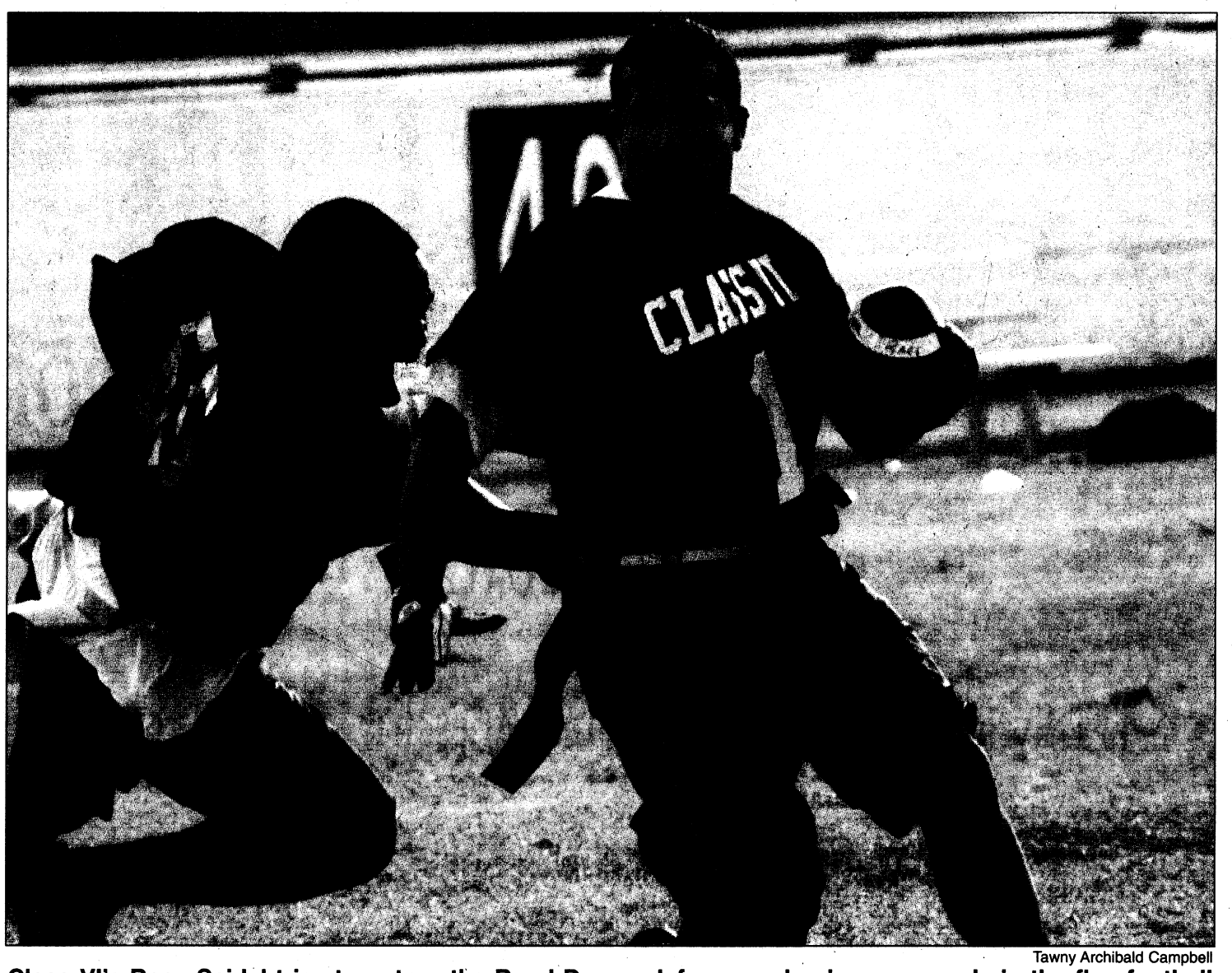
An unsportsmanlike call on the Dawgs moved Class VI 10 yards closer to their goal and then a 10-yard run by Seidel put them within scoring distance.

With the ball on the five-yard line, Seidel ran a quarterback keeper and put Class VI in the lead. Seidel then threw a pass to Thomas Tucker for the one point conversion. The score was 13-6 Class VI with nine minutes, 32 seconds left.

Tony Abraham sacked the Dawgs quarterback,,resulting in a six-yard loss which forced the Road Dawgs to punt the ball.

With just over five minutes left in the game Class VI decided to let the clock run out, and they grabbed the flag football championship title.

"We stopped the first two drives and got the ball and moved down the field for a quick touchdown," said Antonio Miller, Road Dawgs coach. "The defense held up through the half, and after that we made some silly plays and gave up some interceptions. We just didn't click, and they ran away with (the game)."



Tawny Archibald Campbell

Class VI's Ross Seidel tries to outrun the Road Dawgs defense and gain some yards in the flag football championship Dec. 10 at Doughboy Stadium. Class VI went on to take home the trophy.

Miller said Class VI's defense wasn't the best they have seen all year, but his team seemed to lose heart.

"They gave up too soon and got down," Miller said. "We had a flawless season and then to lose on the last game … They capitalized on our mistakes."

Seidel said the wind was a deciding factor.

"We were against it in the first half and with it in the second," he said. "We had a good defense and defense wins games."

The turning point in the game, Seidel said, was in the second half when he captured an interception and two plays later scored a touchdown.

"From that moment, I knew we would win," Seidel said.

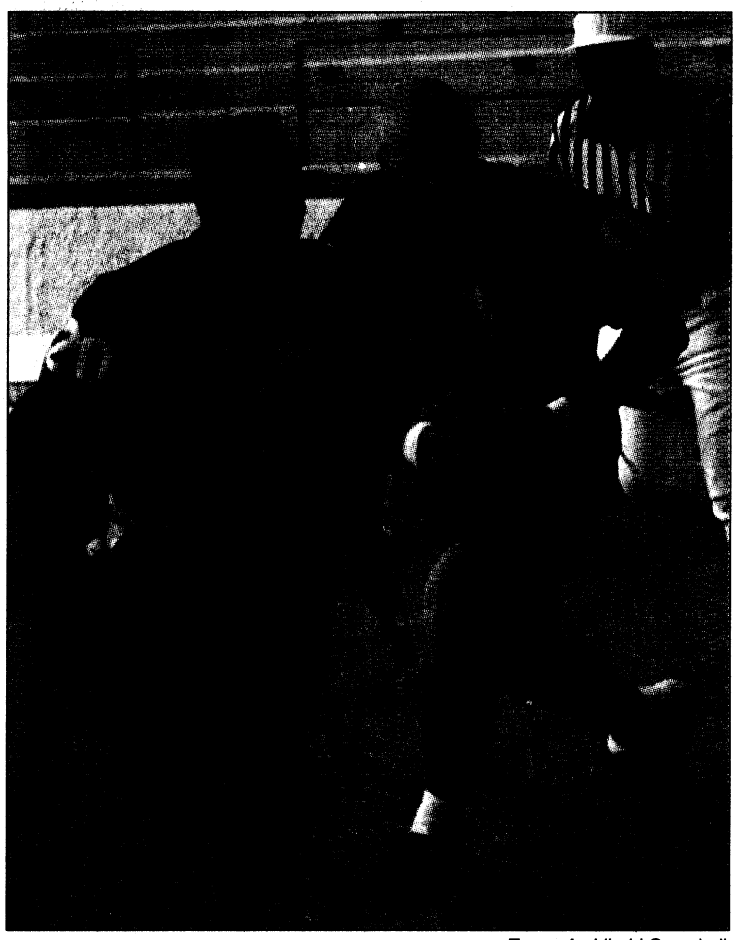
Anthony Clark, Class VI coach, agreed with Seidel, saying the energy of his team picked up after that play.

"We started off sluggish in the first half and had to regroup for the second," Clark said. "We executed better on offense, got up 13-6 and never looked back."

The one word Clark would use to describe this season is perseverance.

"We went through some adversity and lost an early game, but it made us stronger," Clark said. "Even though we had tough games, instead of putting each other down we picked each other up. It was a great season."

The 14th CHS, formerly the 14th Field Hospital, won the championship title last year also.



Tawny Archibald Campbell

The Bravo Bulldog's Larance Washington blocks for Brian Turner during the flag football third place game at Doughboy Stadium Dec 10.

Bulldogs beat Finance

Tawny Archibald Campbell
Bayonet staff

With a third place trophy on the line, the Bravo Bulldogs chewed their way though the Finance defense to take a commanding lead and walk away with all the change.

The Bulldogs of the Bravo Company 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, beat the Defensive Military Pay Office (Finance) 20-6 in the flag football playoffs Dec. 10 at Doughboy Stadium.

The game started off with a punt and an interception in the first two minutes of the game.

A short-handed Finance team was sent reeling when Bulldog Richard Clifton intercepted the ball which resulted in 26-yard pass from quarterback Brian Turner to Wayne Rice. With the ball on the Bulldogs one-yard line, Finance turned up the heat, and the defense. Not wanting to be scored on so soon, Finance forced the Bulldogs to a fourth and goal.

Turner dished the pigskin off to Larance Washington who ran around the side of the line for a touchdown. With a successful one-point conversion, the Bulldogs were up 7-0 eight minutes into the first half.

Finance tried their hand at passing, in a successful effort to pass the Bulldog defense.

Demetrius Crittenden caught a pass from LaNorris Crumby which resulted in a 10-yard gain. That was immediately followed three plays later by another Crumby to Crittenden pass for 25 more yards and a touchdown.

A failed conversion left the score at 7-6 Bulldogs at the half.

"The biggest drive was the 25-yard pass and an 18-yard pass from Crumby to Crittenden," said Finance coach, Joey Wilcoxson. "They passed well, but we have a team that has been roughed up a bit and not everyone was here. Three to four guys were out hurt."

The battle-worn Finance team seemed to run out of steam after the half, and the scoreboard showed it.

Once the Bulldogs gained control of the field, Turner took over. A quarterback keeper put the Bulldogs on their own 20-yard line. An incomplete pass from Turner to Rice was quickly forgotten when Turner sent a long bomb down field into the arms of Manfred Malone, who landed in the end zone to put the Bulldogs up 13-6.

Richard Clifton intercepted a Finance pass and ran up field eight yards. With a flag pulled on the three-yard line, it was just a waiting game.

Finance managed to deflect two passes and got control of the game once again, but threw an interception, caught by Malone.

With the game once again in Bulldog hands, Turner handed the ball off to Washington who made an easy dash to the end zone. With a successful one-point conversion, the Bulldogs sealed Finance's fate with the 20-6 victory.

"The first half we started to run the ball, and then threw a few key passes caught by Rice," said Ruben Garza, Bulldog coach.

"They scored, but we came out in the second half and had a few good passes and runs from Washington, the best halfback out here."

Another key to the win, Garza said, was the interceptions made by Clifton and Williams.

"We all played a good game, "Wilcoxson said. Finance was just glad to have been in the final four. "Overall we just came out to have fun on this last day of football," he said. "Unfortunately we lost; but we had a fun season."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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CYS basketball registration — Child and Youth Basketball registration has been extended until Dec. 30.

Sign-up is from 8 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, with the exception of holiday closings, at Building 359.

Anyone wishing to register after noon must call 545-2079 for an appointment.

The basketball fundamentals clinic and skills assessment dates will remain the same for those who have already signed up.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Paintball parties — Birthday parties are now available at the Paintball Park. The cost is $20 per child with 10 or more children. This includes 200 rounds of paint plus a Subway sandwich, chips and a drink.

Units can also use the Paintball Park at a cheaper rate.

With a minimum of 150 players, it is $25 per person for 500 rounds of paint. Unit or training funds can be used and there is an option of playing on other designated paintball fields.

For more information or reservations, call 405-9777 or 267-5038.

CYS sports registration — Child and Youth Services is registering for Tae Kwon Do, Oriental dance, gymnastics and wrestling.

CYS will offer Raks Sharki Oriental dance, which is a Middle Eastern folk dance.

The dance will be held at the CYS gym, Building 1055, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is open to CYS members ages 13 and older.

Registration for gymnastics will continue until classes are filled.

Walk-ins are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, go to Building 359 or call 545-2079.

Late Night Basketball League — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will host a Late Night Basketball League for teens in grades nine through 12.

Starting this month, games will be the second Friday of every month at the Youth Sports gymnasium, Building 1055. This will be street-style basketball.

Teams must be formed by 8 p.m. on game night.

High school teams are not allowed.

For more information, call 545-3540 after 3 p.m.

Adult hours for Skateboard Park — The Youth Services Skateboard Park is free to ID card holders 18 and older from 6 to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

For more information, call 545-1248 or 545-7357.

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 545-4388.

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

Riders meet at 10 a.m. at Briant Wells Fitness Center and ride 10, 15, 20 miles or more.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Columbus Riverdragons — The Columbus Riverdragons play Asheville Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Civic Center. They play Florida at 4 p.m. Dec. 26 and Fayetteville at 6 p.m. Jan. 1 and 7 p.m. Jan. 6.

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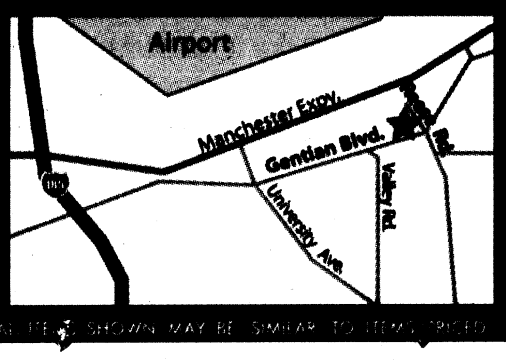




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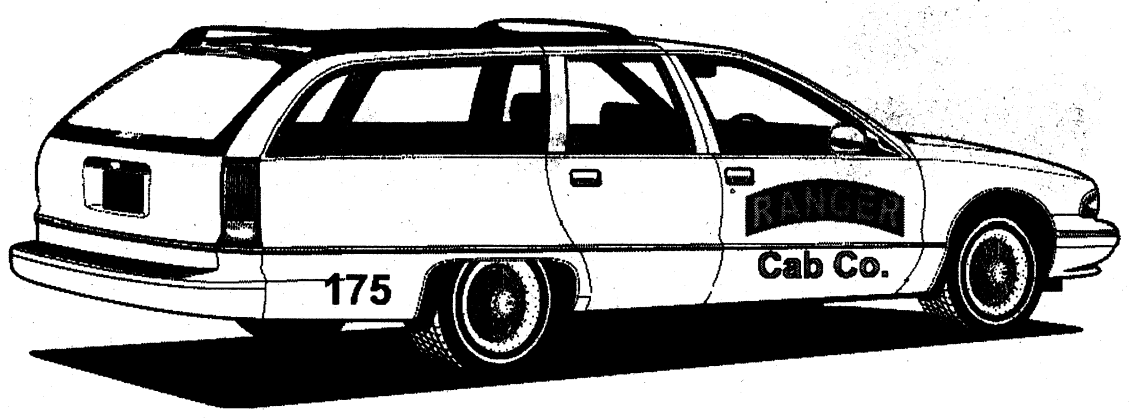
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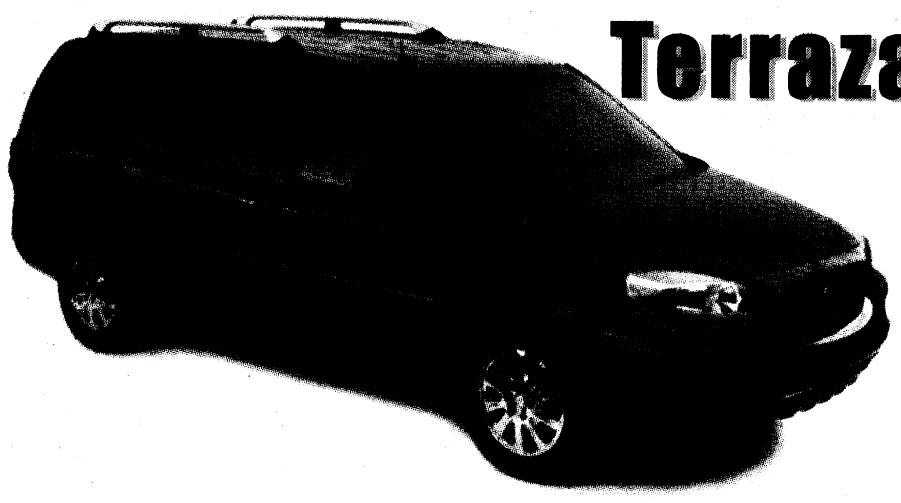
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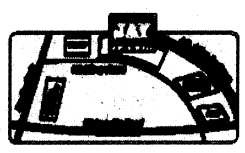
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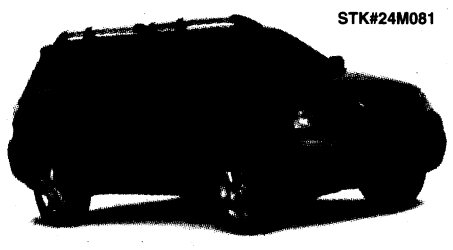
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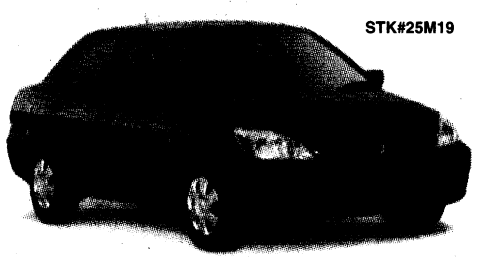
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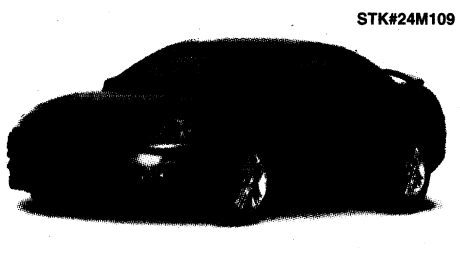
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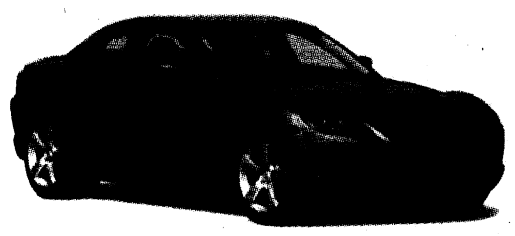
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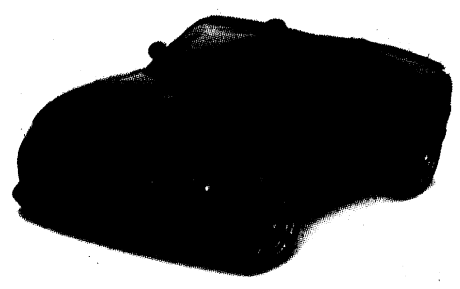
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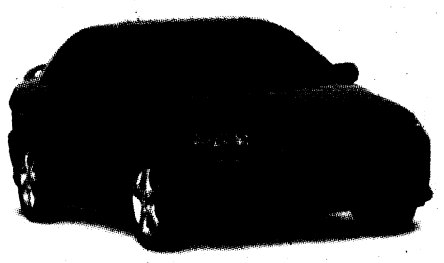
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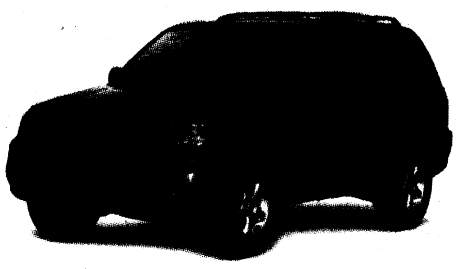
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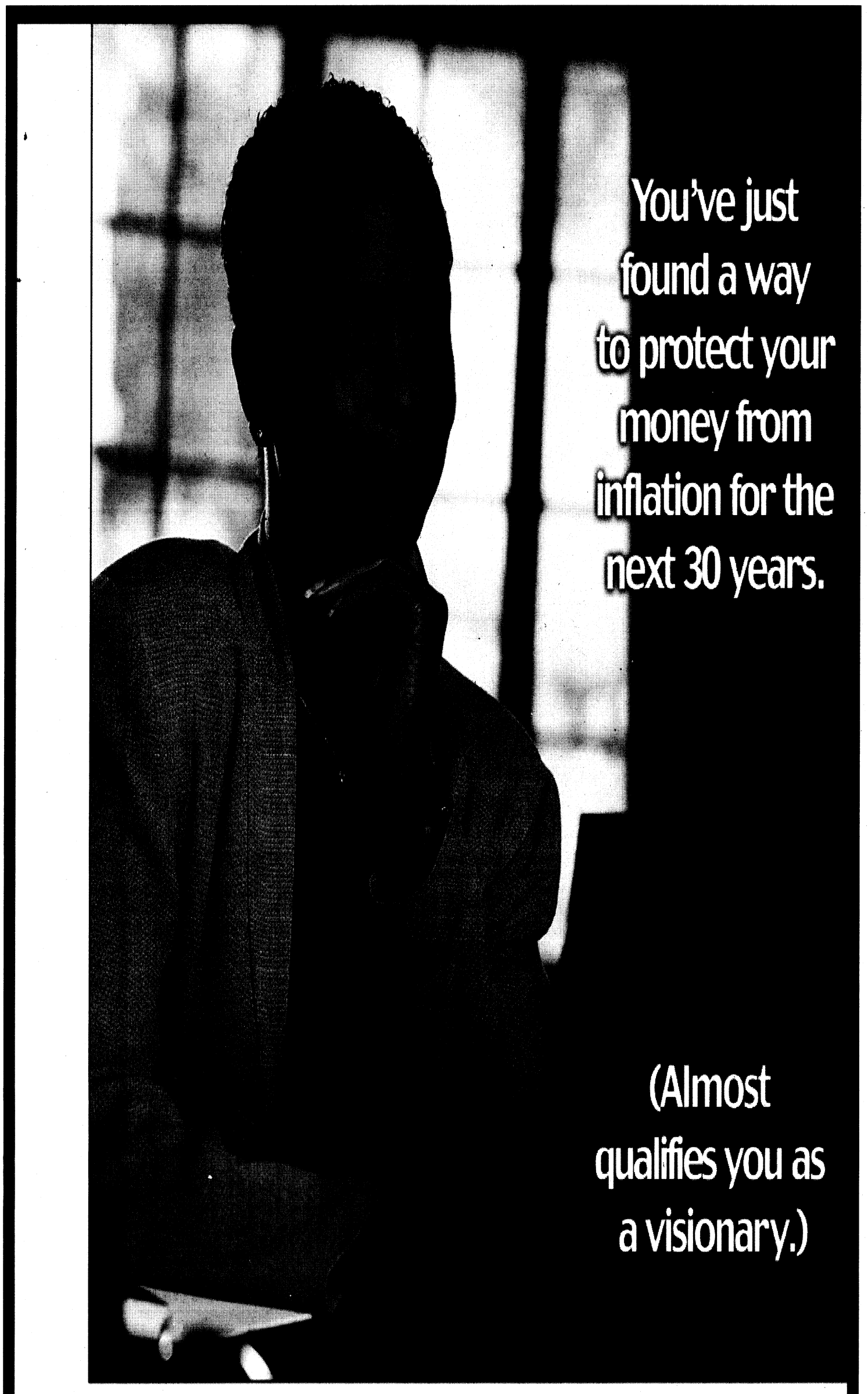
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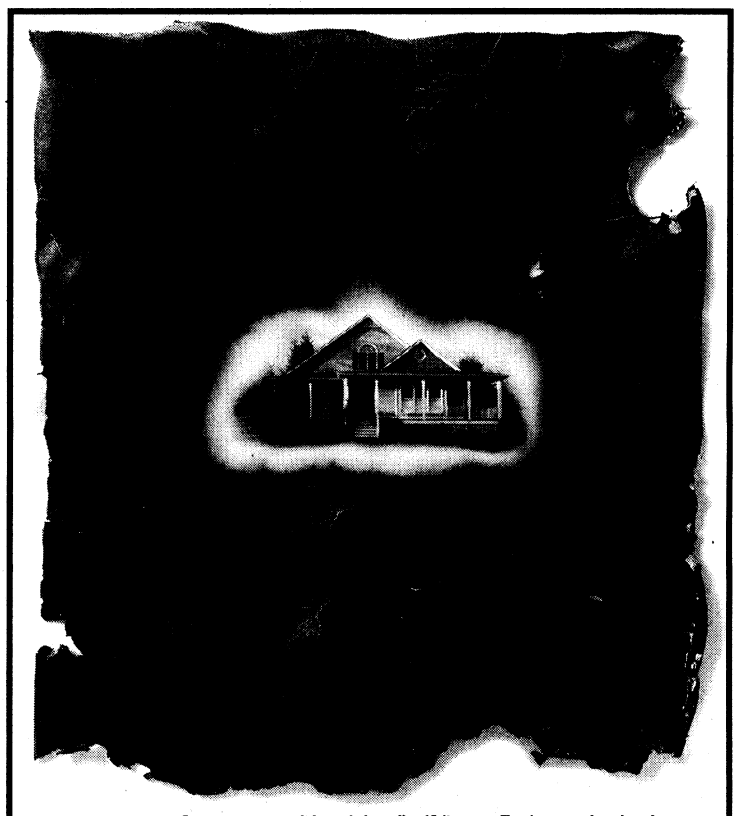
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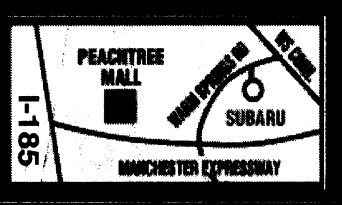
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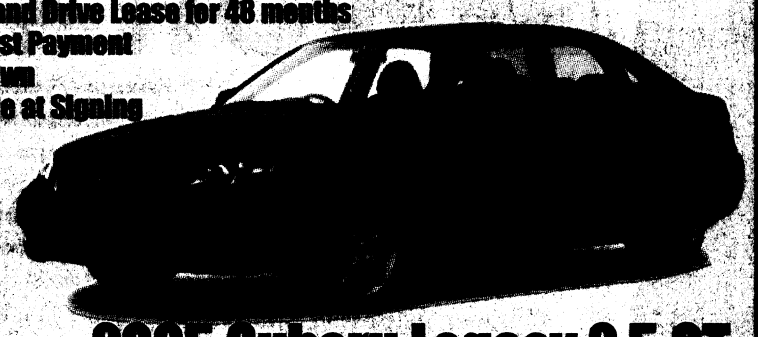


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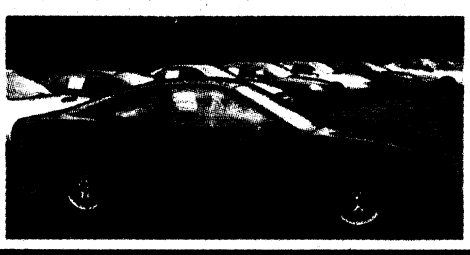


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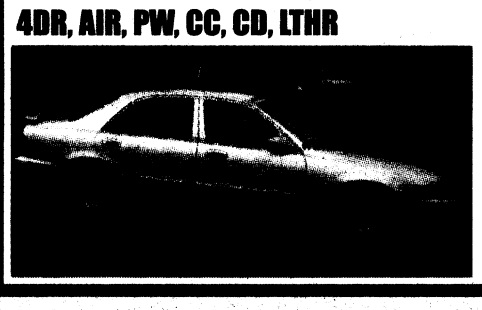
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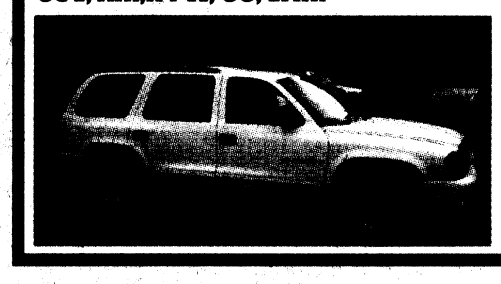
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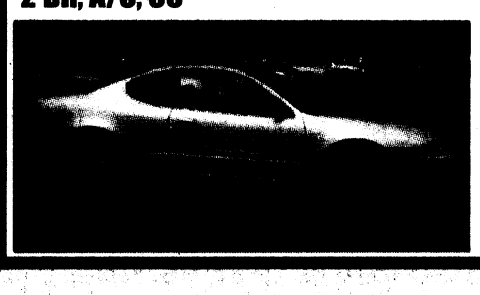
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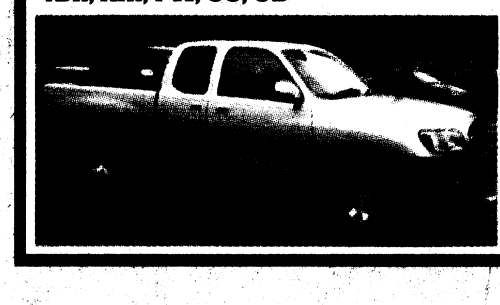
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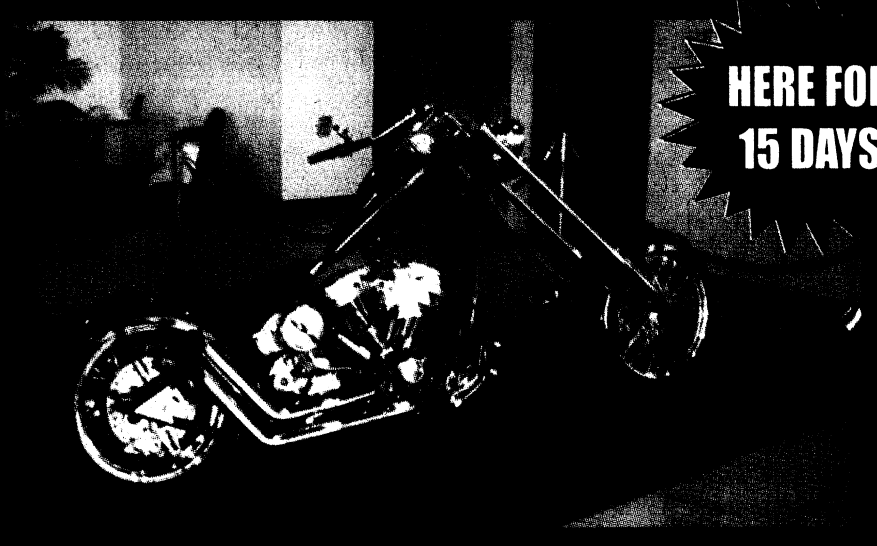
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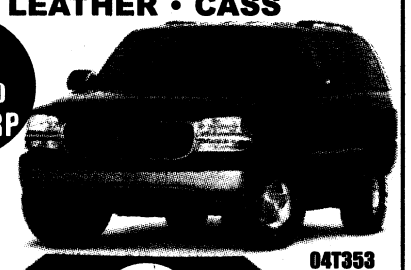
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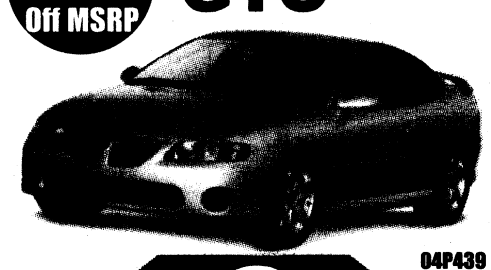


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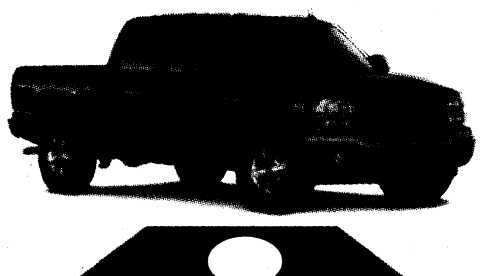
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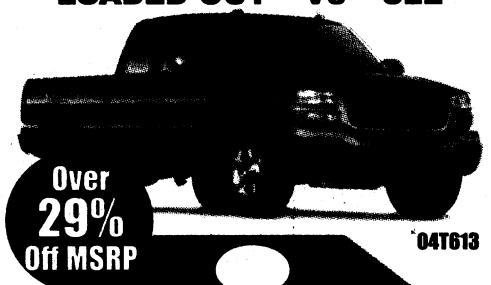
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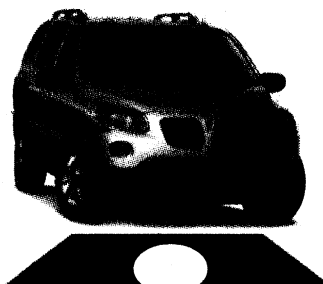


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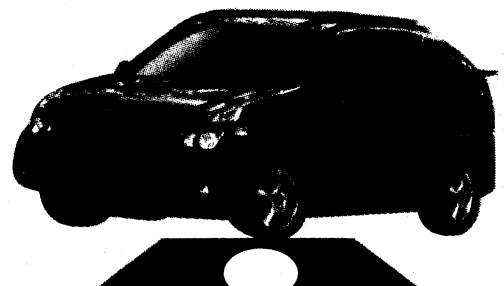
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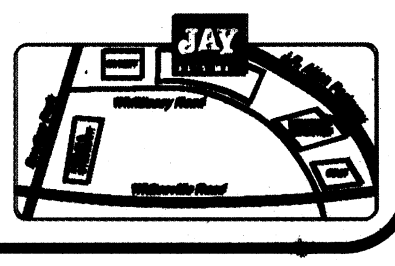
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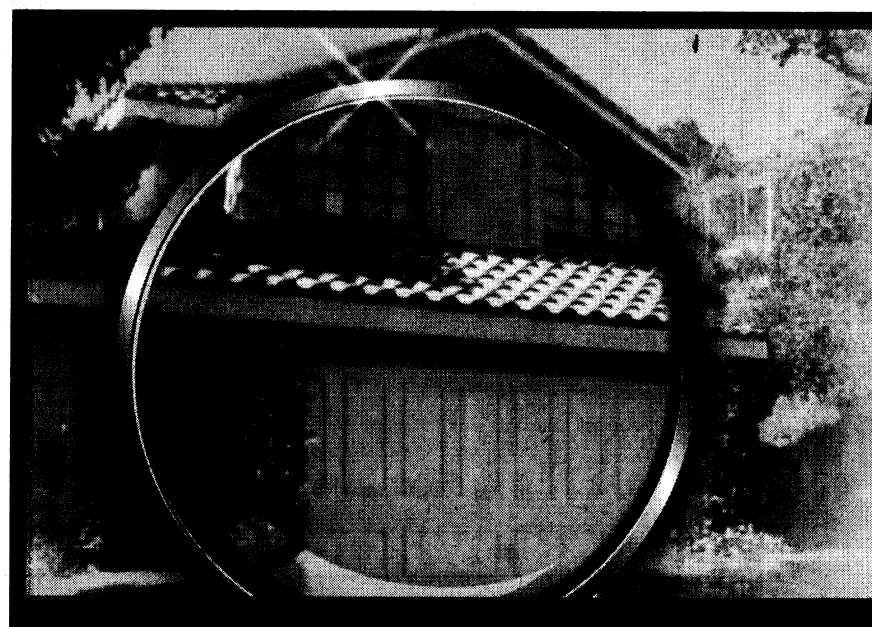
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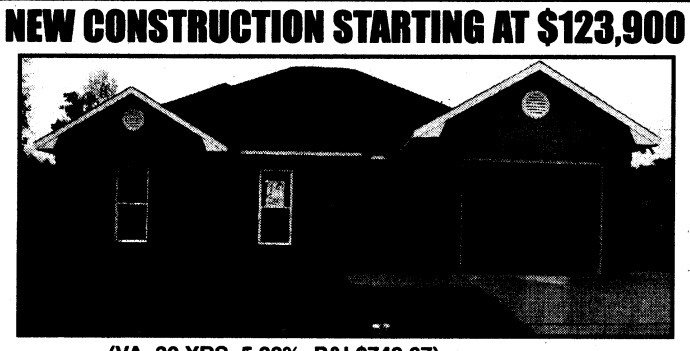
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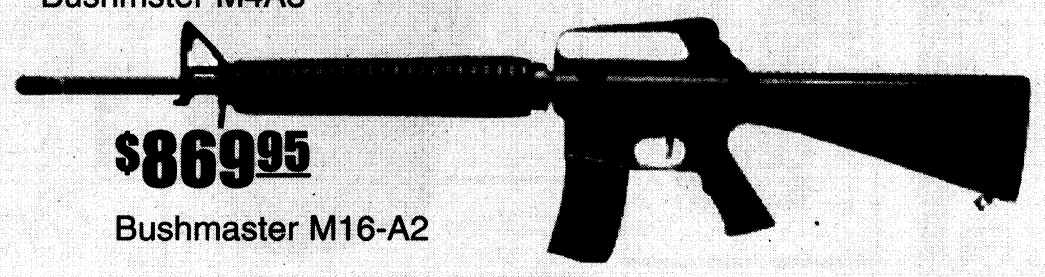
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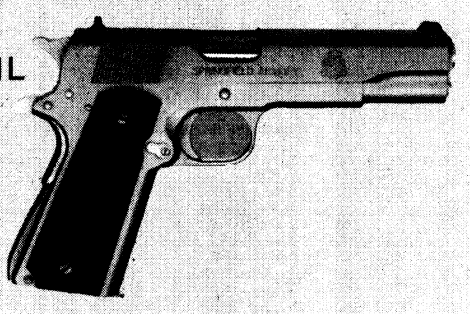


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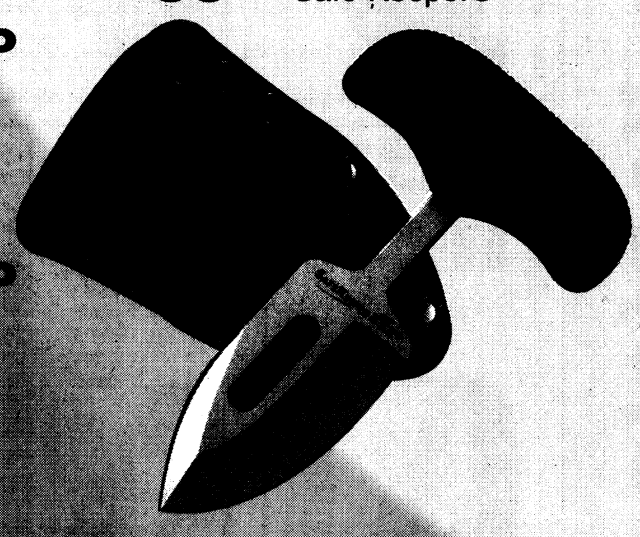
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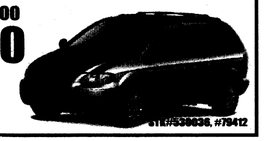
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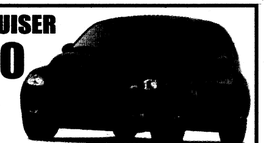
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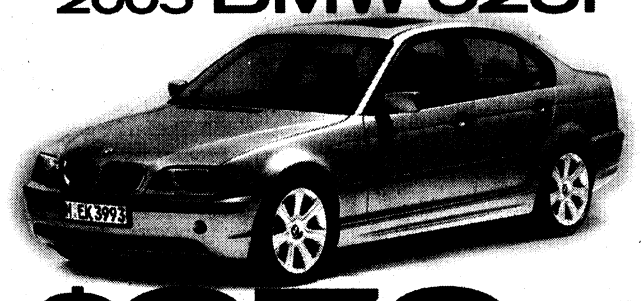
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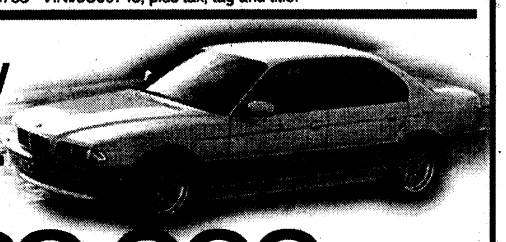
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Many happy returns: Second chance at holiday faves

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The week before Christmas abounds with opportunities to catch repeats of the holiday TV treats whose original airings you missed while working or shopping for presents.

To enhance your viewing experience, we've included suggestions for accessories to have on hand while you watch.

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

(Sunday and Dec. 24, ABC Family Channel): The annual classic focuses on Kris Kringle and his forgiveness of the stingy Burgermeister Meisterburger.

Warm Fuzzy: The cranky person down the street just wants to be loved.

Accessories: A yo-yo and a penguin.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

(Sunday and Friday, ABC Family): A family of animated mice tries to placate Santa after one of its members offends the Jolly One by disbelieving.

Warm Fuzzy: All creatures can live in peace.

Accessories: Cheddar cheese and Ritz crackers.

Nestor the Long-Eared Christmas Donkey

(Monday, ABC Family): A donkey delivers a pregnant Mary to Bethlehem — to deliver.

Warm Fuzzy: Even the most unlikely creature has great potential.

Accessories: Hay, popcorn and a shining star.

Eloise at Christmastime

(Tuesday, ABC Family): The hyperactive little girl (Sofia Vassilieva) makes the best of a holiday spent with Nanny (Julie Andrews).

Warm Fuzzy: Everything will turn out all right in the end.

Accessories: Tranquilizer darts.

Prancer

(Thursday, ABC Family): A reindeer is discovered and cared for by a lonely girl.

Warm Fuzzy: A girl and her pet, whom she must let go for the good of all.

Accessories: Reindeer feed and identification tag.

The Bishop's Wife

(1937) (Thursday, Turner Classic Movies): An all-too-human angel tries to help repair a marriage.

Warm Fuzzy: Love conquers all.

Accessories: Forgiveness and forbearance.

A Christmas Carol

(1938) (Thursday, TCM): One of the earlier treatments of the Charles Dickens novel about a skinflint who redeems himself after being visited by ghosts.

Warm Fuzzy: All is not lost.

Accessories: Black top hat, cane, proper British accent, snow and no source of heat.

A Christmas Carol: The Musical

(today, NBC): A musical rendition of the classic tale.

Warm Fuzzy: Anything can make it as a musical.

Accessory: Suspended disbelief.

Christmas in Connecticut

(today, TCM): An urbanite magazine columnist pretends to be the ultimate homemaker for a Soldier on leave.

Warm Fuzzy: Nothing can stand in the way of true love.

Accessories: A one-horse open sleigh, cows and women's magazines.

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

(today, PBS — check local listings): Holiday and religious music performed by a professional choir.

Warm Fuzzy: Music lifts the heavy heart.

Accessories: Bathrobe or school graduation robe, holiday songbook and a ruler for good posture.

It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie

(today, Hallmark Channel): Kermit and the gang need to come up with a bundle of cash to avoid foreclosure on their theater.

Warm Fuzzy: You're never poor if you have good friends.

Accessory: An 8-by-10 photo of Jim Henson surrounded by incense and candles.

Miracle on 34th Street

(1947) (today, AMC): A world-wise little girl who doesn't believe in Santa and her mother receive a visit from St. Nick.

He needs help proving his identity in court.

Warm Fuzzy: Belief is a powerful force.

Accessories: Santa suit, precocious child and lawbooks.

A Christmas Story

(Dec. 25, TBS): A boy tries to survive bullies, his odd family and life in general during the winter season.

Warm Fuzzy: Surviving childhood is possible.

Accessories: Oversized scarf, ice cube to stick your tongue on, list of old wives' tales, and Mom's phone number so she can say, "I told you so."

It's a Wonderful Life

(Saturday, NBC): An angel shows a suicidal man how his loved ones would have lived if he had never existed.

Warm Fuzzy: You do mean something to this world.

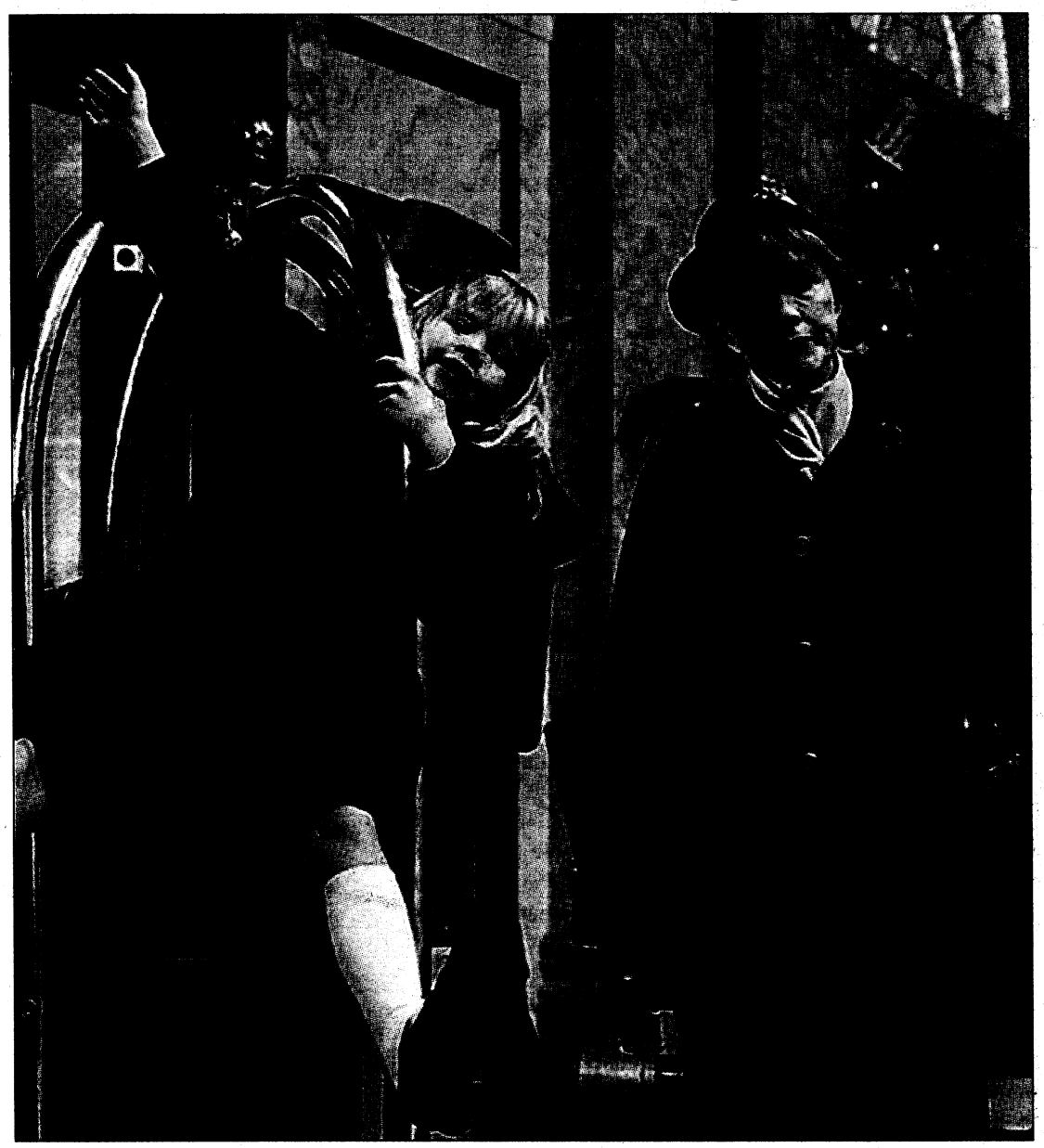
Accessories: Cardigan sweater, a list of family and friends' phone numbers, a cherished photo album, and two boxes of tissues — the extra-large kind.

The Sound of Music

(Saturday, ABC): A nanny and her employer fall in love as they try to get his kids out of the country without being captured by Nazis.

Warm Fuzzy: Stick together and everything will be fine.

Accessories: A passel of children, a place to hide and a pastoral picture so you can envision the hills being alive with the sound of music.



Courtesy photo

A girl (Sofia Vassilieva, left) prepares for the holidays with her nanny (Julie Andrews) in *Eloise at Christmastime*, Tuesday on ABC Family Channel.

Opening today

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events — This is the story of the Baudelaires, three young orphans, Violet (Emily Browning), Klaus (Liam Aiken) and Sunny. They're looking for a new home, and are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film. Count Olaf (Jim Carrey), hopes to snatch their inheritance from them.

Violet is the oldest of the Baudelaires at 14, and is their brave and fast-thinking leader. The only boy is middle child Klaus, 12, who is intensely intelligent and obsessed with words. The youngest is infant Sunny, who speaks in a language only her siblings can understand and she has a tendency to ... bite.

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events is rated PG for thematic elements, scary situations and language.

Spanglish — Cultures collide when Flor (Paz Vega), a beautiful Mexican woman, and her 12-year-old daughter move in with an affluent Los Angeles family (Adam Sandler, Tea Leoni and Cloris Leachman).

Of all the horrors Flor imagined about this new culture, she never fathomed the peril of being truly embraced by an upscale American family.

Spanglish is rated PG-13 for sexual content and language.

Flight of the Phoenix — When a C-119 cargo plane full of oil workers crashes in Mongolia's Gobi Desert during a sandstorm, the survivors attempt to build a new plane from the parts they find in the wreckage to escape.

The plane was piloted by Capt. Frank Towns, an employee of oil company Geodel, whose job it is to go to remote oil rigs and shut them down when their productivity has decreased.

Having accomplished his job with one such rig, his plane crashes with all of the employees aboard on the way back to Beijing.

The movie stars Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi, Miranda Otto and Hugh Laurie.

Flight of the Phoenix is rated PG-13 for language, action and violence.

Opening Wednesday

Meet the Fockers — Having given permission to male nurse Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) to wed his daughter (Teri Polo), ex-CIA man Jack Byrnes (Robert De Niro) and his wife (Blythe Danner) travel to Detroit to "meet the parents," who this time around are Mr. and Mrs. Focker (Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand), who are as different from them as can be.

Meet the Fockers is rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a brief drug reference.

Opening Christmas Day

The Aviator — Directed by Martin Scorsese and written by John Logan, *The Aviator* tells the story of aviation pioneer Howard Hughes (Leonardo DiCaprio), the eccentric billionaire industrialist and Hollywood film mogul, famous for romancing some of the world's most beautiful women.

The drama recounts the years of his life from the late 1920s through the 1940s, an epoch when Hughes was directing and producing Hollywood movies and test flying innovative aircraft he designed and created.

Also starring Alan Alda, Alec Baldwin, Kate Beckinsale and Cate Blanchett.

The Aviator is rated PG-13 for thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and a crash sequence.

Darkness — A teenage girl (Anna Paquin) moves into a remote countryside house with her family, only to discover that their gloomy new home has a horrifying past that threatens to destroy the family.

Darkness is rated R for terror, violence and language.

Fat Albert — Bill Cosby's character, "Fat Albert," comes to the big screen as a live-action, animated feature film.

The movie is based on Cosby's stand-up comedy monologues about his childhood, centered around a group of urban adolescents growing up in a Philadelphia neighborhood.

Fat Albert is rated PG for language.

In Good Company — Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid) is headed for a shakeup. He is demoted from head of ad sales for a major magazine when the company he works for is acquired in a corporate takeover.

His new boss, Carter Duryea (Topher Grace) is half his age — a business school prodigy who preaches corporate synergy. While Dan develops clients through handshake details and relationships, Carter cross-promotes the magazine with a cell phone division and "Krispity Krunch," an indeterminate snack food under the same corporate umbrella.

Dan and Carter's uneasy friendship is thrown into jeopardy when Carter falls for, and begins an affair with, Dan's 18-year-old daughter Alex (Scarlett Johansson).

In Good Company is rated PG-13 for sexual content and drug references.

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou — Internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou (Bill Murray) and his crew — Team Zissou — set sail on a expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive, possibly nonexistent Jaguar shark that killed Zissou's partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure.

They are joined on their voyage by a young airline co-pilot who may or may not be Zissou's son (Owen Wilson), a beautiful journalist (Cate Blanchett) assigned to write a profile of Zissou and Zissou's estranged wife and co-producer, Eleanor (Anjelica Huston). They face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnapping and bankruptcy.

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou is rated R for language, drug use, violence and partial nudity.

Also playing

Ocean's Twelve — Danny Ocean's (George Clooney), reignited flame Tess (Julia Roberts) and the rest of the band of thieves and con men team up for another three huge heists.

Ocean's Twelve is rated PG-13 for language.

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Performances are at 8 p.m. today and Saturday.

Tickets range from $23-$28.

For tickets, call 327-3688, (888) 332-5200 or visit tickets.com.

A Tuna Christmas
through Dec. 24

The Springer Opera House will present *A Tuna Christmas*, a play about the citizens of Tuna, Texas, and their holiday plans, in Foley Hall through Dec. 24.

Performances are at 8 p.m. today, Saturday, Wednesday, Thursday and Dec. 24 and a matinee at 2:30 p.m. Dec. Sunday.

Tickets are $10-$23; $5 for students Wednesday.

For more information, call 327-3688.

Space Science Center
Saturday

The Coca Cola Space Science Center will present a Lunch with Santa at 11 a.m. and noon Saturday. Seating is limited. Cost is $10 per child.

The CCSSC will also present a LASER blowout Saturday. At 6 p.m. is LASER Mannheim Steamroller, 7 p.m. LASER Beatles and 8 p.m. LASER Doors. Cost is $4 for the first show and $1 for each additional show.

In addition, there will be an Omnisphere blowout Dec. 23. Starting at 6 p.m. with *Greatest Wonders of the Universe*, continuing at 7 p.m. with *Encounters* and ending at 8 p.m. with *Mysteries from the Depths of Space*. Cost is $4 for the first show and $1 for each additional show.

For more information, call 649-1470 or visit www.ccssc.org.

Westville Tree Lighting
Saturday

Westville's Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at the Singer House at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The tree features period decorations and beeswax candles.

After the program, visitors are invited to the McDonald House for yule log cake and wassail.

Westville is located in Lumpkin, Ga., 35 miles south of Columbus on US 27.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is $4 for students and $10 for adults.

For more information, call (888) 733-1850.

Holiday Film Fun
Sunday

Kids of all ages are invited to the Patrick Theatre in the Columbus Museum Sunday, starting at 1:30 p.m., for Holiday Film Fun.

Movies to be shown are *Olive the Other Reindeer*, *Arthur's Perfect Christmas* and *'Twas the Night: A Holiday Celebration*. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The movies are free.

For more information, call the museum at 649-0713, ext. 39.

Wonderful Wednesday
Wednesday

Children ages 5 and older are invited to the Columbus Museum's Patrick Theatre to participate in the performance of Veronica Byrd and Bert Tanner: Have We Got Something to Tell You! at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The event will discuss tales of the winter season. Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa stories help kids discover the special differences and comforting similarities among various traditions.

The event is free.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations are required for groups of five or more and limited to a maximum of 25, including adults.

For more information, call 649-0713, ext. 39.

Fantasy In Lights
through Dec. 31

Callaway's Fantasy In Lights returns through Dec. 31.

With the black of night as a canvas, 8 million tiny lights create spectacular roadside scenes such as Santa's Workshop, The March of the Toy Soldiers, Twin Trees, Twelve Days of Christmas, Snowflake Valley and Enchanted Rainbow Forest.

New this year is the North Pole Express.

Guests of all ages can ride the train (for a small fee) around Chickadee Lake.

The woods are decorated with holiday lights and scenes depicting winter activities such as learning to ice skate, sledding, warming by the fire and more.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 6 through 12. Tax is additional. Children 5 and younger are admitted free but require a free child ticket.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (800) 225-5292 or visit www.callawayonline.com.

Schedule for USAIC-TV:

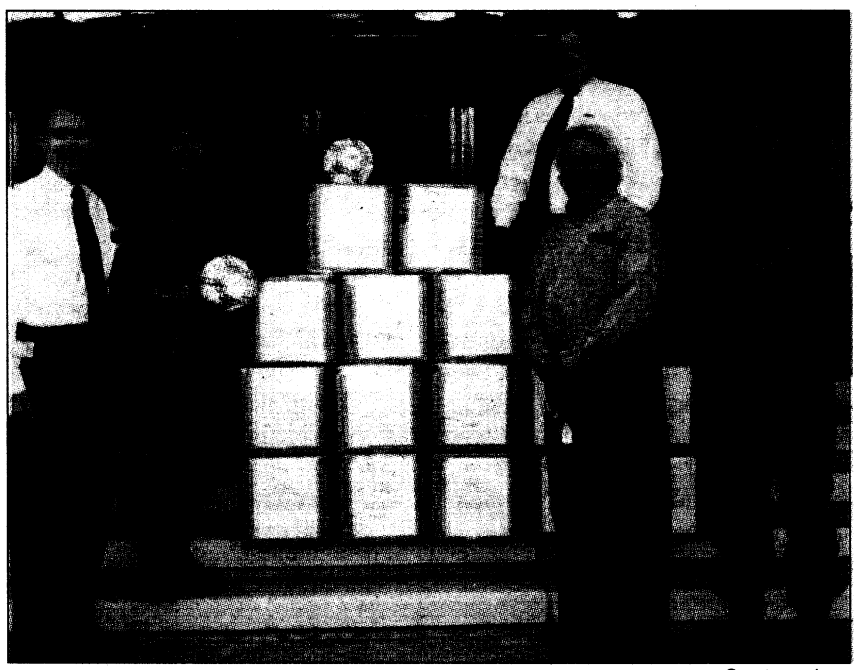
Around the Army newscast features combat engineers, flu vaccine half-dose and holiday safety tips.

The Community Calendar showcases upcoming events, and make microwave toffee on Benning Bivouac.

The Chaplains' Reflections features an inspirational message from the chaplain.

Happy New Year!
Fort Benning Officers' Club
presents
New Year's Celebration
December 31, 2004
Featuring Live Music by
Blackberry Jar
Bar Opens 6:30 pm
Dinner 7-8 pm
Buffet Breakfast at midnight
Breakfast Buffet Includes:
Scrambled eggs, Grits, Hashbrowns, Sausage, Waffles, Biscuits, Juice & Coffee
Blackeyed Peas & Greens
$75 per couple
Includes Dinner, Breakfast Buffet, Party Favor & Split of Champagne
$99 per couple
Includes accommodations in Gavin Hall, Dinner, Breakfast Buffet, Party Favor & Split of Champagne
Reservations Required
682-1120
or 682-0640
Tickets on sale now!

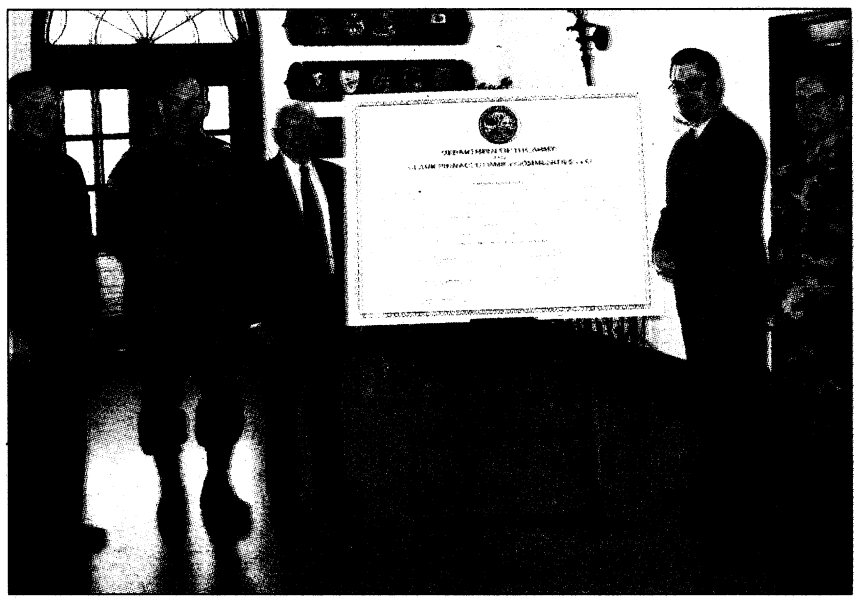
Play ball



Courtesy photo

The Fort Benning Futures Partnership organized a project to supply soccer equipment for 10 Iraqi soccer fields. They were assisted by the Columbus Youth Soccer Association and funded by Columbus Bank & Trust. The boxes of nets, balls, pumps and scrimmage vests were given to 36th Engineer Group for delivery in Iraq.

Partners



Melissa House

D. Michael Rouen, Pinnacle's director of military housing, left, Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Bill Armbruster, Clark Realty's Military Housing Director Scott Orrantia and Garrison Commander Col. Rick Riera, stand with the ceremonial partnership agreement they signed Dec. 15. The ceremony formalized Clark Pinnacle's 50-year partnership with Fort Benning to build and renovate family housing.

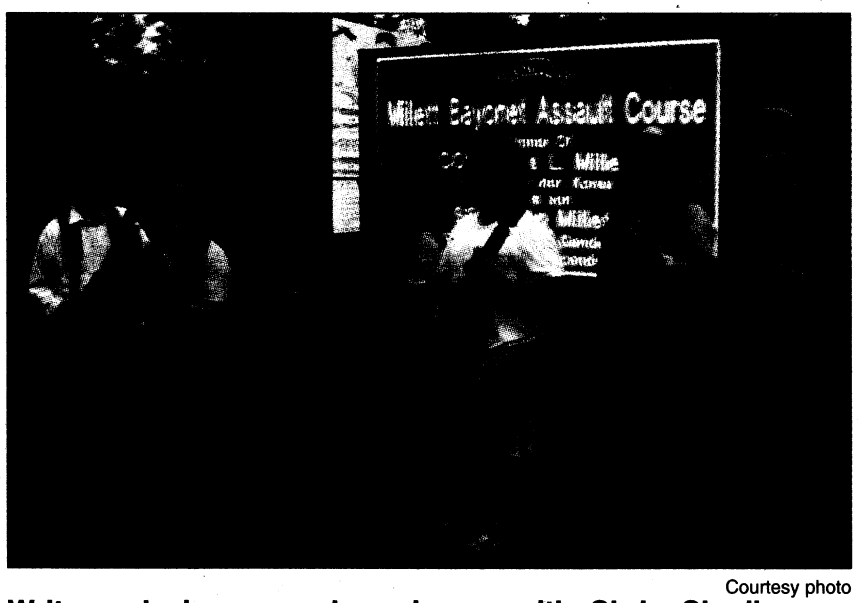
Thank you



Courtesy photo

During the holiday season, the First Methodist Church in Duluth, Ga., provided food donations for the families of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment. Battalion Soldiers pose for a photo with church volunteer Angie Doerlich.

Charge!

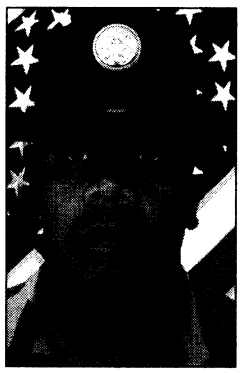


Courtesy photo

Writers, designers and producers with Chris Chadbourne and Associates, the firm selected to design the new National Infantry Museum's exhibits, take on Millet Bayonet Assault Course during a three-day visit to Fort Benning for "boot camp." Infantry, airborne and Ranger training were part of the hands-on experience for the Boston group. Chris Chadbourne said, "I have a new appreciation for the role Fort Benning plays in our nation's security. I want the rest of the country to appreciate it too."

Graduations

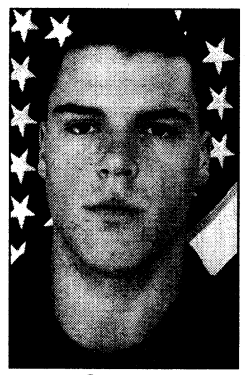
Staff Sgt. Ralphel Wilkins, Drill Sergeant of the Cycle, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment



Drill Sergeant of the Cycle

Wilkins is from Hampton, Va. He joined the Army in 1990. A previous assignment was as a recruiter. He is married. His hobbies are golf and football.

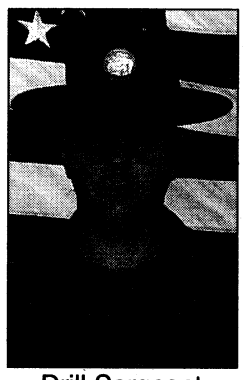
Pvt. Shawn Gilbert, Soldier of the Cycle, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment



Soldier of the Cycle

Gilbert is from Caldwell, Idaho. His assignment after graduation is at Fort Lewis, Wash. His hobby is hunting.

Staff Sgt. Scotty R. Franks, Drill Sergeant of the Cycle, A Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment



Drill Sergeant of the Cycle

Franks is from Wylie, Texas. He joined the Army in 1993. His previous assignments include Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Hood, Texas, Korea and Honduras. He is married. His hobby is golf.

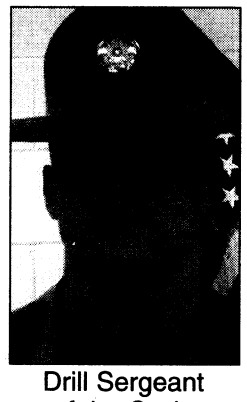
Pvt. Isaac J. Gruszynski, Soldier of the Cycle, A Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment



Soldier of the Cycle

Gruszynski is from Crivitz, Wis. His assignment after graduation is Airborne School. His hobbies are soccer and boxing.

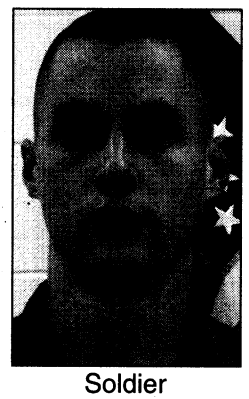
Staff Sgt. Damron A. Yancey, Drill Sergeant of the Cycle, B Company, 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment



Drill Sergeant of the Cycle

Yancey is from Shelbyville, Ind. A previous assignment was at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. His hobby is weightlifting.

Pvt. Raymond Burnside, Soldier of the Cycle, B Company, 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment



Soldier of the Cycle

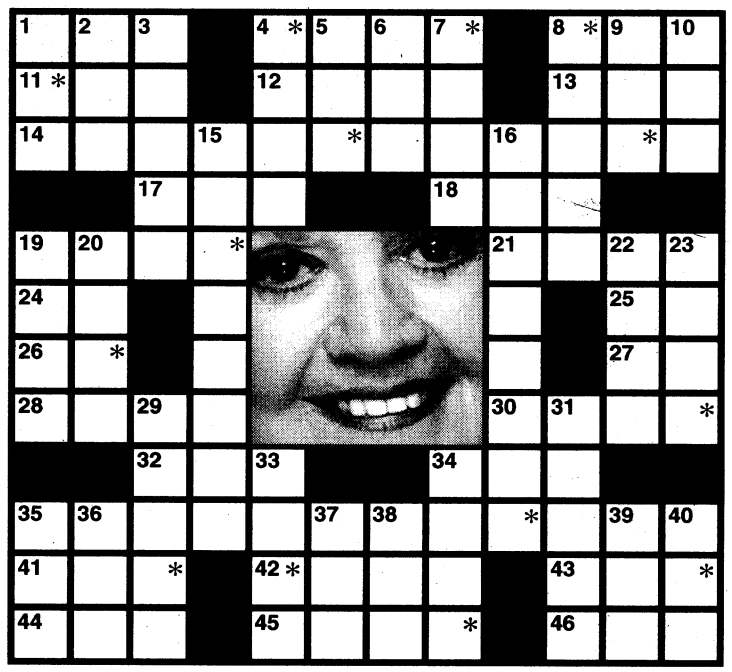
Burnside is from Santa Rosa, Calif. A future assignment is Special Forces. His hobby is cycling.

Congratulations

The following Soldiers have been selected for promotion to colonel:

Lt. Col. Jeffrey L. Bannister
Lt. Col. John D. Harding
Lt. Col. Daniel A. Kessler
Lt. Col. James G. Riley
Lt. Col. Jeffrey R. Sanderson

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

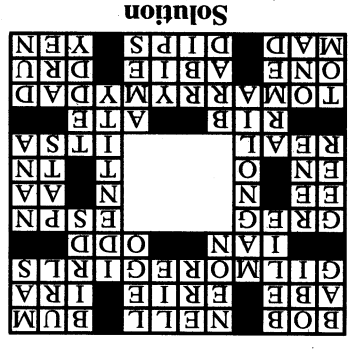


The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS
1. Hope
4. __ Carter
8. Freddie the Freeloader, for one
11. Bart Simpson's grandpa
12. Shallowest of five
13. Alan Rosenberg's role on "Cybill" (1995-98)
14. Series about a single mom (2)
17. __ Carmichael
18. "__ Birds"; 1985 Michael Moriarty movie
19. Mekhi Phifer's role
21. Cable network letters
24. Suffix for honor or train
25. Author Milne
26. Prefix for rage or large
27. Dolly Parton's state of birth: abbr.
28. "__ People" (1979-84)
30. "__ __ Miracle"
32. "Adam's __"; '73 sitcom
34. Downed
35. "Who Wants __ __ __ __?"
41. "__ on One"
42. Lover of an Irish Rose
43. Joanne __
44. "__ About You" ('92-'99)
45. Chips' accompaniments
46. Dough for sukiyaki?

DOWN
1. Capture
2. Geisha's item
3. Misrepresent
4. "__ Rider" (1990-94)
5. Mess up
6. Tell a tale
7. Toy building piece
8. "The __"; 1963 Hitchcock chiller
9. Web site address letters
10. Bell and Barker
15. 1999 Tom Cruise movie
16. "My Secret __" ('88-'91)
19. Actor Will
20. __ Auberjonois
22. Carroll and O'Brien
23. Dog in "Peter Pan"
29. "__ and Dangerous"; 1986 John Candy film
31. "The Famous __ Z" (1989-90)
33. Garrett, for one
34. Singing brothers' name
35. Role on "Married to the Kellys"
36. "Love __ __ Rooftop" (1966-67)
37. Stat. for Piazza
38. High-pitched bark
39. "The Boys __ Back" (1994-95)
40. Demand for payment

Solution
Angela Lansbury



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FRIDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 17

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	News (CC)	CBS News	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer		JAG "The Four Percent Solution"		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (CC)	(:35) Late Show
WTVM 9	News	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	8 Simple Rules	Complete Sav.	Hope & Faith	Less-Perfect	20/20 (CC)		News	(:35) Nightline
WLTZ 38	Girlfriends (CC)	NBC News	Dr. Phil Christmas giveaways. (N)		"Secret Santa" ('03, Christmas) ★★ Jennie Garth. (CC) (DVS)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Every-Raymond	Tonight Show
WXTX 54	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	The Parkers	Living Single	The Simpsons	Popeye-Voyage	Jingle Ball Rock 2004 (N) (CC)		News	(:35) Seinfeld	King of the Hill	Paid Program
WJSP 28	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Georgia Week	Business Reprt.	Nature "Horse and Rider"		Wash. Week	Wall-Fortune	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (CC)		Tavis Smiley	Business Rpt.
WSWS 66	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Fear Factor "Las Vegas" (CC)		Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)		America's Next Top Model (CC)		Frasier (CC)	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Drew Carey
WCGT 16	DJ and Friends		News (CC)	Bi-City Apt.	Lunkerville	Heartland	Soul's Harbor Ministries		Janet Parshall's America		Park Avenue Jewelry	
A&E	City Confidential (CC)		Sell This House	Sell This House	Find & Design "Holiday Special"		At Home With the Brave		"Karroll's Christmas" ('04, Comedy) Tom Everett Scott. (CC)			
AMC	(5:15) "The Bonfire of the Vanities" ('90) ★★ Tom Hanks. 'R'				"Addams Family Values" ('93) ★★½ Anjelica Huston. 'PG-13'				FilmFakers "Holly Holiday" (CC)		Movie Club	"The Omen" 'R'
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Ashanti Cmas	"Love Come Down" ('00, Drama) ★½ Larenz Tate, Deborah Cox				Club Comic View		Nightly News	Maad Sports
CNBC	Bullseye (CC)	Louis Rukeyser	Late Night (N) (CC)		The Apprentice After the final tasks, one candidate is hired. (CC)						The Apprentice (CC)	
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
COM	Comedy Central's Last Laugh '04		The Daily Show	Mad TV (CC)		Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
DIS	Braceface (CC)	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of Future	That's So Raven	"Inspector Gadget" ('99) ★ Matthew Broderick.				(:35) "Inspector Gadget" ('99) ★ Matthew Broderick. 'PG' (CC)			Boy Mts. World
E!	Dr. 90210	Holidays-Stars	E! News (N)	Diary of Affair	Entertainer of the Year (N)		Usher		Saturday Night Live (CC)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			NBA	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Miami Heat. (Live) (CC)					NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Seattle Sonics.		
FAM	7th Heaven "Go Ask Alice" (CC)		Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" ('92) ★★½ Macaulay Culkin.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	
FX	Fear Factor "Female Models"		Fear Factor (CC)		Fear Factor (CC)		Fear Factor (CC)		Fear Factor (CC)		Billionaire: Quest for Best	
HBO	(5:00) "S.W.A.T." ('03) ★★½		Inside the NFL (CC)		"Face/Off" ('97, Suspense) ★★★ John Travolta. 'R' (Adult language, violence) (CC)					Chris Rock	Real Sex Xtra	"Last Samurai"
HBO2	"Everyone Says I Love You" (CC)		(:15) "Just Married" ('03, Comedy) ★ Ashton Kutcher. (CC)				The Sopranos "Marco Polo" (CC)		The Wire "Slapstick" (CC)		The Wire "Reformation" (CC)	
HIST	History vs. Hollywood (CC)		Modern Marvels "Helicopters"		Heavy Metal "PT Boat" (N) (CC)		Battlefield Detectives (N) (CC)		Heavy Metal The Challenger tank.		Artillery Games (CC)	
LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Ms. Scrooge" ('97, Fantasy) ★★ Cicely Tyson. (CC)				"A Very Cool Christmas" ('04) George Hamilton, Donna Mills. (CC)				Merge (CC)	
MAX	"Incognito" 'R'	"Ghost Ship" ('02) ★ Julianna Margulies. 'R'			"From Dusk Till Dawn" ('96) ★★ George Clooney. 'R' (CC)				"Intolerable Cruelty" ('03) ★★★ 'PG-13' (CC)		Erotic Confessn	
MAX2	"Pale Rider"	"Seabiscuit" ('03, Drama) ★★★ Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper. (CC)					"Broken Lizard's Club Dread" ('04) ★½ (CC)			(:45) Thrills (CC)	(:15) "The Matrix Revolutions"	
MTV	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	Pimp My Ride	Got a Friend	$2 Bill	
NICK	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show
SCI	Stargate SG-1 "The Light" (CC)		Andromeda "Decay of the Angel"		Stargate SG-1 "Revelations" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Affinity" (CC)		Stargate Atlantis "Underground"		Stargate SG-1 "Affinity" (CC)	
SHOW	"Equilibrium" ('02, Science Fiction) ★ Christian Bale. iTV. 'R' (CC)				"The Hunted" ('03) ★★ Tommy Lee Jones. 'R'			Best Boxing	HUFF Russell gets a new client.		Boxing: Burton vs. Elder	
SHOW2	(5:35) "Standing In the Shadows of Motown" (CC)				"Year of the Bull" ('03, Documentary) ★★★ (CC)		"The School of Rock" ('03, Comedy) ★★★ Jack Black. (CC)				"The Italian Job" ('03) ★★★	
SPSO	I, Max (N)	Southern Spts	Countdwn-Sign.	Fant. Football	NHL Hockey 2002 Carolina Hurricanes at Detroit Red Wings.				Southern Spts	Southern Spts	Countdwn-Sign.	Countdwn-Sign.
STARZ	(5:30) "Duplex" ('03) ★★ (CC)		"Hollywood Homicide" ('03, Action) ★★ Harrison Ford. (CC)				"Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd"		"Cop Land" ('97) ★★★½ Sylvester Stallone.			
TBS	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	"Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" ('95) ★★ Jim Carrey. (CC)				"The Mask" ('94) ★★★ (PA)	
TCM	"Look for the Silver Lining" ('49, Musical) ★★★ June Haver. (CC)				Howard Hughes: Women-Movies		"Bringing Up Baby" ('38) ★★★½ Cary Grant.			(:45) "Bombshell"	('33) ★★★ Jean Harlow. (CC)	
TDC	Monster Nation (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		Wing Nuts "A Wing and a Prayer"		Wing Nuts "Let It B-25"		Wing Nuts		Wing Nuts "A Wing and a Prayer"	
TLC	Clean Sweep		In a Fix		Clean Sweep Awards		Best of What Not to Wear (N)		What Not to Wear "Ellyn" (CC)		Clean Sweep Awards	
TMC	"Crime Spree"	"Ring of Darkness" ('04) Adrienne Barbeau. 'R'			"The Crossing Guard" ('95, Drama) ★★ Jack Nicholson. 'R' (CC)				"Colors" ('88, Drama) ★★★ Sean Penn, Robert Duvall. 'R'			
TNN	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		True Dads With Bruce Willis (N)				CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
TNT	Charmed "PreWitched" (CC)		Law & Order "Burned"		Law & Order "Blood Money"		"Panic" ('00, Drama) ★★★ William H. Macy, Neve Campbell. (N)				Law & Order "Extended Family"	
TOON	Static Shock	Codename: Kid	Foster's Home	Puffy AmiYumi	Powerpuff Girls: Fight		Scooby-Doo	Atomic Betty	Codename: Kid	Foster's Home	Puffy AmiYumi	Ed, Edd n Eddy
TTC	Hawaii Revealed (CC)		World's Best		Road Trip (CC)		Top Ten Hawaiian Beaches (CC)		Great Outdoors Hawaii. (CC)		Road Trip (CC)	
TVL	Wings (CC)	Wings (CC)	Wings (CC)	Wings (CC)	Brady Bunch	Happy Days	3's Company	Cheers (CC)	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	ALF's Show	3's Company
UNI	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera		Rubí		Amor Real		La Escuelita	Casa de la Risa	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	JAG "The Measure of Men" (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Monk (CC)		Monk (CC)		Monk (CC)		Law & Order: SVU	
WGN	Home Improve.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	"A Vow to Cherish" ('99) Barbara Babcock. (CC)			Becker (CC)	WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)

WEEKDAY LATE NIGHTS — DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 23

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
WRBL 3	Late Show	(:37) The Late Late Show		Judge-Brown	News	CBS Up-Minute	Varied Programs				C Media	CBS News
WTVM 9	Jimmy Kimmel	Var. Programs	Paid Program	(:36) The Insider	Montel Williams	Var. Programs	(:06) ABC World News Now		Var. Programs	Paid Program	World News	News
WLTZ 38	Tonight Show	(:37) Late Night		(:36) Last Call	(:05) Extra	Access H'wood	(:05) Girlfriends	Recipe TV	First Business	Early Today	Early Today	Wake Up Col.
WXTX 54	Blind Date	Just Shoot Me	Paid Program	Paid Program	Jerry Springer		Blind Date	The Insider	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Moesha	Becker
WJSP 28	Varied Programs				Learning Class.	Var. Programs	Right From Birth	Going to School	Irasshai	TV 411	Workplce-Skills	GED Connection
WSWS 66	Entertainment	Street Smarts	Paid Program	Street Smarts	Varied Programs		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs	
WCGT 16	Fully Charged		Varied Programs						Coin Vault			
A&E	Varied Programs						Crossing Jordan		Biography		Paid Program	Paid Program
AMC	(11:30) Movie	Varied Programs							Movie	Varied Programs		
BET	Midnight Love		Club Comic View		BET Late		UnCut	Var. Programs	BET Inspiration			
CNBC	Dennis Miller		McEnroe		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	CNBC World		Wake-Up Call	
CNN	Larry King Live		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Daybreak	
COM	Varied Programs								Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
DIS	Proud Family	That's So Raven	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Even Stevens	Recess	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Madeline	Book of Pooh
E!	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live		Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Wild On...		Paid Program	Paid Program	Bloomberg TV	Var. Programs
ESPN	SportsCenter	Var. Programs	SportsCenter	Var. Programs	SportsCenter	Var. Programs	College Football	Varied Programs			SportsCenter	Var. Programs
FAM	Family Matters	Family Matters	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
FX	Cops	Cops	Married... With	Married... With	Movie				Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
HBO	(11:30) Movie	Varied Programs										
HBO2	Movie	Varied Programs								(:20) Movie	Varied Programs	
HIST	Varied Programs				Modern Marvels		Varied Programs		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
LIFE	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Providence		Suddenly Susan	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
MAX	(12:15) Movie	Var. Programs	(:10) Movie	Varied Programs							(:15) Movie	Var. Programs
MAX2	(11:15) Movie		Varied Programs		(:05) Movie	Varied Programs						
MTV	Varied Programs			Room Raiders	Varied Programs							
NICK	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Wings	Wings	Full House	Full House
SCI	Movie		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Quantum Leap		Varied Programs				Paid Program	Paid Program
SHOW	(11:00) Movie	Var. Programs	Movie		Varied Programs							
SHOW2	(11:00) Movie		Varied Programs				Movie		Varied Programs		(:15) Movie	Var. Programs
SPSO	Best-Sports	Southern Spts	The Sports List	Totally Football	Varied Programs		College Basketball		Varied Programs		Paid Program	Paid Program
STARZ	(10:30) Movie	Varied Programs								(:20) Movie		Var. Programs
TBS	Varied Programs										Interstitial	Cosby
TCM	(10:45) Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs						
TDC	Varied Programs				American Chopper		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
TLC	Varied Programs				In a Fix		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
TMC	Movie		Var. Programs	(:45) Movie		Varied Programs						
TNN	Varied Programs		Blind Date	Blind Date	Maximum Exp.	Var. Programs	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
TNT	Varied Programs											
TOON	Hungerforce	Inuyasha	Wolf's Rain	Witch Hunter	Futurama	Family Guy	Hungerforce	Inuyasha	Wolf's Rain	Witch Hunter	Time Squad	Captain Planet
TTC	Varied Programs				World's Best		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
TVL	Cheers	Cheers	All in the Family	Sanford & Son	3's Company	3's Company	Cheers	Cheers	Brady Bunch	Happy Days	Dream-Jeannie	Bewitched
UNI	Estamos Unidos		Alma Rebelde		Huracán		Clásicos de Cristina		El Gordo y la Flaca		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	Varied Programs									Paid Program	Coach	Coach
WGN	Home Delivery		Celeb Justice	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Elimidate	Paid Program	Paid Program	Home Improve.	Matlock		Paid Program

SATURDAY MORNING — DECEMBER 18

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	Animal Rescue	Castle Advrt.	Lazy Town (El)	Miss Spider	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Saturday Early Show (CC)				Little Bill (CC)	Blue's Clues
WTVM 9	Georgia Farm	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Good Morning America (CC)		Lilo & Stitch (El)	Fillmore (CC)	Proud Family	That's So Raven	Phil of Future	Lizzie McGuire
WLTZ 38	Home Again (N)	Wall Street Jrnl	Awesome Adv.	Wild About	Today Games as gifts. (CC)				Home Show	Tutenstein (El)	Trading Spaces	Endurance (N)
WXTX 54	Real Life 101	Sher. Holmes	Under-Helmet	Animal Advent.	Cramp Twins	Winx Club (CC)	Sonic X (N) (CC)	One Piece (N)	Mutant Turtles	F-Zero, Legend	Kirby: Right	Shaman King
WJSP 28	Wash. Week	Wall-Fortune	Jakers! The Ad	Thomas-Friends	Sesame Street (El) (CC) (DVS)		Clifford's-Days	Clifford-Red	Dragon Tales	Dragon Tales	GPB Favorites	
WSWS 66	U.S. Farm Report (N)		Urban Style	Black Forum	Amer. Athlete	Steel Dreams	Automotivevisn	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Classic Christmas	
WCGT 16	(3:00) Coin Vault						For Sale by Owner		Kickin'	Sell Realty Shw	Coaches Show	Auburn Review
A&E	Paid Program	Paid Program	Biography "Fyodor Dostoevsky"		Midsomer Murders "Tale of Two Hamlets" (N) (CC)				Sell This House	Sell This House	Sell This House	Sell This House
AMC	Sergio Leone: Once Upon a Time		"Angel and the Badman" ('47) ★★★ John Wayne. 'NR' (CC)				"The Fighting Kentuckian" ('49) ★★½ John Wayne. 'NR'				"Shepherd of the Hills" ★★★	
BET	BET Morning Inspiration						BET Start		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count
CNBC	Outside the Box	Paid Program	Guthy-Renker	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
CNN	CNN Presents: The Two Marys		CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	CNN Saturday Morning (CC)		On the Story (CC)		People in the News (CC)	
COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Duckman (CC)	Duckman (CC)	Dilbert (CC)	Creature Comf.	Mad TV (CC)		Mad TV (CC)		"The Hebrew Hammer" ★★½	
DIS	Winnie-Pooh	Bear in House	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley (CC)	Rolie Polie Olie	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch
E!	Bloomberg Television		Entertainer of the Year		Coming Attr.	Behind-Scenes	E! News Weekend (N)		Holidays-Stars	Life Is Great	Love in Heir	Love in Heir
ESPN	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			NFL Countdown
FAM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Beyblade (CC)	Beyblade (CC)	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Dragon Booster	Digimon (CC)	Digimon-Digital	Spider-Man (CC)	X-Men (CC)
FX	Paid Program	Paid Program	"Wall Street" ('87, Drama) ★★★ Michael Douglas, Charlie Sheen, Daryl Hannah.					Married... With	Married... With	Married... With	Fear Factor "Female Models"	
HBO	(4:50) "House of Sand and Fog"		"Collision Course" ('87) ★★ Jay Leno. 'PG' (CC)			Spanglish: 1st	"Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" ('03) ★★½ Cameron Diaz. (CC)				Inside the NFL (CC)	
HBO2	"Lean on Me" ('89, Drama) ★★½ Morgan Freeman. (CC)				Reverse-Curse of the Bambino		Last Letters Home		"Hero" ('92, Comedy-Drama) ★★½ Dustin Hoffman. (CC)			
HIST	Lost Treasures-Ancient World		Lost Treasures-Ancient World		Command Dec.	Command Dec.	Ultimate Survival (CC)		Ultimate Survival (CC)		Ultimate Survival (CC)	
LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Women's Health	Head 2 Toe
MAX	(5:15) "Intolerable Cruelty" ('03)		"2010" ('84, Science Fiction) ★★★ Roy Scheider. 'PG' (CC)				"Matchstick Men" ('03) ★★★ Nicolas Cage. 'PG-13' (CC)				"The Devil's Own" ('97) ★★★	
MAX2	(5:30) "Silent Fall" ('94) ★★½		(4:5) "The Outlaw Josey Wales" ('76, Western) ★★★ Clint Eastwood. (CC)					"Stuck on You" ('03, Comedy) ★★½ Matt Damon. (CC)				"Matrix Reload"
MTV	Boiling Points	Boiling Points	Boiling Points	Boiling Points	Britney Turns Up the Heat		Date My Mom	Date My Mom	Made Dancer.		ET on MTV (N)	R. Wrld Chal.
NICK	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold!	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot
SCI	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	"Retro-Puppetmaster" ('99, Horror) ★★ Stephen Blackehart. (CC)				"Curse of the Puppet Master"	
SHOW	"Deception"	(:45) "Dangerous Minds" ('95) ★★ Michelle Pfeiffer. iTV. 'R' (CC)				"Quiz Show" ('94) ★★★½ John Turturro. iTV. 'PG-13' (CC)			(:45) "The Distinguished Gentleman" ★★½ 'R'			
SHOW2	"Year of Bull"	(:45) "Die Another Day" ('02, Action) ★★ Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry. (CC)					"The Road to Wellville" ('94, Comedy) ★★ Anthony Hopkins. (CC)				"The Glass Menagerie" ★★★½	
SPSO	Beyond the Glory (CC)		FSN America	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Roy Williams (N)	Krzyzewski	Fishing the Trail	Ship Shape TV	Countdwn-Sign.	Countdwn-Sign.
STARZ	(5:35) "The Other Side of Heaven" ('02) ★★½		(:35) "Piglet's Big Movie" ('03) ★★★ (CC)				"Meet Joe Black" ('98, Fantasy) ★★ Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Claire Forlani. (CC)					
TBS	Bosom Buddies	Bosom Buddies	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	The Real Gilligan's Island		The Real Gilligan's Island		New Bloopers	"Josie"
TCM	"Ice Station"	"Brother Rat and a Baby" ('40) ★★ (CC)			"Mystery Street" ('50, Mystery) ★★★ Ricardo Montalban. (CC)				"The Big Country" ('58, Western) ★★★½ Gregory Peck. (CC)			
TDC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	D.B. Cooper (CC)		Flight From Justice: The Story of D.B. Cooper (CC)			
TLC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Select Comfort	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Home Again (N)	Home Again (N)	In a Fix "Villa Oasis" (CC)		Clean Sweep "Handbag Hell"	
TMC	(5:15) "Nicholas Nickleby" ('02) ★★★ 'PG' (CC)		"Askari" ('01) Marlee Matlin. Premiere. (CC)				"Ready When You Are Mr. McGill" ('03) 'NR'			(:45) "Five Deadly Venoms" ('79) ★ 'R'		
TNN	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paintball Ext.	Ext. Session	Winning Edge	V-Spot (N)	Reality/Speed	Tough Truckin'
TNT	"Wild Wild West" ('99, Western) ★ Will Smith, Kevin Kline.				"Leviathan" ('89, Science Fiction) ★★½ Peter Weller.				"Dungeons & Dragons" ('00, Fantasy) ★ Justin Whalin.			
TOON	Dexter's Lab	Dexter's Lab	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Grim Advent.	Evil Con Carne	Codename: Kid	Codename: Kid	Foster's Home	Atomic Betty	Totally Spies	Puffy AmiYumi
TTC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Secrets (CC)		Road Trip (CC)		World's Best (CC)	
TVL	Gunsmoke "Cleavus"		Bonanza "The Trail Gang"		Carol Burnett	Flip Wilson (CC)	ALF's Show	TV Land Moguls "The '70s"		ET in TV Land (CC)		Top 10
UNI	Fuera de Serie	Locos y Sueltos	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin de Semana			Cómplices al Rescate (El)			Club-Tigritos	Reto Burundis	Confidencias con Viviana Gibelli	
USA	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Select Comfort	Paid Program	Paid Program	6 Second Abs	Paid Program	"The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas" ('00) ★ Mark Addy. (CC)			
WGN	Farm Report	Outdoor Secrets	Enterprise Rpt.	Adelante Chicg	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Health Corner

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 18

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
WRBL 3	C Media	NFL Today (Live) (CC)		NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at New York Giants. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live) (CC)							College Basketball	
WTVM 9	W.I.T.C.H. (N) (El)		Figure Skating Marshalls World Cup of Skating. (Taped)				PGA Special		Golf Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge -- First Day. (Taped)			
WLTZ 38	Strange Days	Darcy's Wild	College Bowl Preview		ACC Basketball Preview		Motorcycle Racing: Freestyle		Andrea Bocelli Tribute on Ice From Ontario. (N) (CC)			
WXTX 54	"Santa Claus" ('85, Fantasy) ★★½ Dudley Moore, John Lithgow.				"Emma" ('96, Comedy) ★★★ Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeremy Northam.				The Parkers	NFL Pregame	NFL Football: Redskins at 49ers	
WJSP 28	(11:00) GPB Favorites For program information, call 404-685-4788 or 1-800-222-4788 (outside Atlanta).											
WSWS 66	"Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives!" ('89) ★★ Michael Paré.				"Ski School" ('91, Comedy) ★★ Dean Cameron, Tom Breznahan.				"Rocky II" ('79, Drama) ★★★ Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire.			
WCGT 16	WWE After Burn		Amer. Latino	Bi-City Apt.	Hope Has Come (CC)		Prince of Peace	Puzzle Club	At Home for the Holidays		Christmas With the Martins	
A&E	All Year Round	Mondo Magic	Mondo Magic	Airline (CC)	MovieReal "The Aviator" (CC)		"Karroll's Christmas" ('04, Comedy) Tom Everett Scott. (CC)				Between Life & Death: Schiavo	
AMC	(11:00) "Shepherd of the Hills"		"North to Alaska" ('60, Adventure) ★★★ John Wayne, Stewart Granger. 'NR'					"Rooster Cogburn" ('75, Western) ★★ John Wayne. 'PG'				"She-Ribbon"
BET	Rap City Top 10		BET Now		Top 25 Countdown						Rap City Top 10	
CNBC	Paid Program	Guthy-Renker	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
CNN	CNN Live Saturday (CC)		In the Money (CC)		CNN Live Saturday (CC)		Next at CNN (CC)		Live Saturday	Dollar Signs	People in the News (CC)	
COM	(11:00) "The Hebrew Hammer"		"The Ref" ('94, Comedy) ★★ Denis Leary, Judy Davis. (CC)				Mad TV (CC)		Mad TV (CC)		Mad TV "Christmas Show '99"	
DIS	Dave-Barbarian	Dave-Barbarian	Mr. Whiskers	Proud Family	"Johnny Tsunami" ('99, Drama) ★★½ Brandon Baker. (CC)				Lilo & Stitch	Mr. Whiskers	Kim Possible	Proud Family
E!	101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		Life Is Great	Holidays-Stars
ESPN	College Basketball Kentucky at Louisville. (Live) (CC)				College Basketball Texas at Wake Forest. (Live) (CC)				Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Karate	Karate: ISKA
FAM	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	"Christmas Every Day" ('96, Comedy) ★★ Robert Hays. (CC)				"Picking Up and Dropping Off" ('03) ★★ Scott Wolf. (CC)			
FX	"Home Alone 3" ('97, Comedy) ★½ Alex D. Linz, Olek Krupa.				"Big" ('88, Comedy) ★★★ Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins.				King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill
HBO	"Kangaroo Jack" ('03) ★ Jerry O'Connell. 'PG'		"Shattered Glass" ('03) ★★★ 'PG-13' (CC)				(:15) "Daredevil" ('03, Action) ★★ Ben Affleck. 'PG-13' (CC)				"Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle"	
HBO2	"Ghost" ('90, Fantasy) ★★★ Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore. (CC)				(:15) "Daughter of the Streets" ('90, Drama) ★★ Jane Alexander.				"Crazy People" ('90) ★★½ Dudley Moore. (CC)			"Love Actually"
HIST	Ultimate Survival (CC)		UFO Files (CC)		Full Throttle (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)		Hands-Hist	Hands-Hist	Back-Blueprint	Back-Blueprint
LIFE	Golden Girls	"When Love Kills: The Seduction of John Hearn" ('93, Drama) ★★½ Gary Cole. A Vietnam veteran becomes a killer-for-hire. (CC)								"GoodFellas" ('90) ★★★★ Robert De Niro. (CC)		
MAX	(11:00) "The Devil's Own" ★★★		"The Client" ('94, Suspense) ★★★ Susan Sarandon. 'PG-13' (CC)				"Taking Care of Business" ('90) ★★½ James Belushi. 'R' (CC)				"Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!"	
MAX2	(11:30) "The Matrix Reloaded" ('03) ★★★ Keanu Reeves. (CC)				"Married to the Mob" ('88, Comedy) ★★★ (CC)			(:45) "Head of State" ('03, Comedy) ★★ Chris Rock. (CC)				"DontBe"
MTV	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam
NICK	Thornberrys	Teenage Robot	Hey Arnold!	CatDog (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Doug (CC)	ChalkZone (CC)	Told by Ginger	SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	Oddparents	Rocket Power
SCI	"Curse of the Puppet Master"		"Leprechaun" ('92, Horror) ★★ Warwick Davis, Ken Olandt. (CC)				"Beetlejuice" ('88, Comedy) ★★★ Michael Keaton. (CC)				"The Addams Family" ★★½	
SHOW	"Distinguished"	(:45) "Love Field" ('92) ★★ Michelle Pfeiffer. iTV. 'PG-13' (CC)				"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" ('03) ★★ Kate Hudson. 'PG-13'			"A Guy Thing" ('03) ★ Jason Lee. iTV. 'PG-13'			
SHOW2	(11:00) "The Glass Menagerie"		(:15) "Star Trek: Nemesis" ('02) ★★ Patrick Stewart. (CC)				(:15) "Terminal Velocity" ('94) ★★½ Charlie Sheen. (CC)				"Moscow on the Hudson" ('84)	
SPSO	ASA Mobile Skatepark		Women's College Basketball: Triple Crown Classic -- LSU vs. SW Mo. St.					Women's College Basketball: Ala. vs. Kan. St.				Wm. Basketball
STARZ	(:05) "The Hulk" ('03, Action) ★★½ Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly, Sam Elliott. (CC)					"Jungle 2 Jungle" ('97, Comedy) ★★ Tim Allen. (CC)				(:45) "Outbreak" ('95) ★★½ Dustin Hoffman.		
TBS	(11:30) "Josie and the Pussycats" ('01) ★★ Rachael Leigh Cook.				(1:50) "National Lampoon's Vacation" ('83) ★★½ Chevy Chase.				"The Mask" ('94, Fantasy) ★★★ (PA) Jim Carrey. (CC)			
TCM	(10:00) "The Big Country" ('58)		"Duel" ('71, Suspense) ★★★½ Dennis Weaver, Lucille Benson.				"Jaws" ('75, Horror) ★★★★ Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. (CC)				(:15) "The Color Purple" ('85)	
TDC	Dangerous Company (CC)				Code of Silence A gang robs New England banks. (CC)				No Opportunity Wasted		American Hot Rod (CC)	
TLC	Trading Spaces (CC)		While You Were Out (CC)		Best of What Not to Wear		Years Younger	Years Younger	For Better or for Worse		In a Fix	
TMC	"Five Venome"	"Modern Romance" ('81) ★★★ Albert Brooks.			(:15) "Stealing Time" ('01, Drama) ★★ Peter Facinelli. 'R' (CC)				"What's Cooking?" ('00) ★★★ Alfre Woodard. 'PG-13' (CC)			
TNN	Top Dead Cntr.	Car and Driver	Horsepower TV	Trucks! (CC)	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2004				"Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" ('82) ★★★ William Shatner.			
TNT	"Deep Rising" ('98, Horror) ★½ Treat Williams, Famke Janssen.				"The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" ('04) ★★ Noah Wyle. (CC)				"The Specialist" ('94, Drama) ★★ Sylvester Stallone. (CC)			
TOON	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Static Shock	Ozzy & Drix	Tom & Jerry		Tangerine Bear: Home in Time		Ed Edd Eddy	Grinch-C'mas	Olive, the Other Reindeer (CC)	
TTC	World Poker Tour "WPT Championship" (CC)				Kings of the Road		Samantha Brown's First Cruise		Made	Made	Travel Gear (N)	Travel Gear
TVL	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	MacGyver "Early Retirement"		Bonanza "The Trail Gang"		Bonanza "The Savage"		Bonanza "The Trail Gang"		Bonanza "The Ape"	
UNI	Código F.A.M.A. 2		Control		Caliente		No Manches Grupo Bacilos; El Pirruri.				Primer Impacto: Fin de Semana	
USA	"Junior" ('94, Comedy) ★★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger. (CC)				"12 Days of Christmas Eve" ('04, Drama) Steven Weber.				"Santa Who?" ('00, Comedy) ★★ Leslie Nielsen. (CC)			
WGN	Paid Program	Paid Program	Soul Train		"Christmas Lilies of the Field" ('79) ★★★ Billy Dee Williams.				Mutant X "Nothing to Fear" (CC)		Andromeda "The Weight" (CC)	

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	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	College Basketball		Ellison Media	Connect.-Kids	The Story of Santa Claus (CC)		Cold Case "Maternal Instincts"		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (CC)	CSI: Crime Scn
WTVM 9	News	ABC Wld News	Entertainment Tonight (N) (CC)		"Remember the Titans" ('00, Drama) ★★★ Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Faison. (CC)						News	Paid Program
WLTZ 38	Hawthorne	NBC News	Girlfriends (CC)	Every-Raymond	"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" ('89) ★★ (CC)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Baptist Church	Sat. Night Live
WXTX 54	(5:00) NFL Football Washington Redskins at San Francisco 49ers. (Live) (CC)				Cops (PA) (CC)		America's Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld (CC)	Mad TV Nelly. (N) (CC)	
WJSP 28	GPB Favorites		GPB Favorites For program information, call 404-685-4788 or 1-800-222-4788 (outside Atlanta).									
WSWS 65	She Spies Brainwash. (CC)		Maximum Exposure		Stargate SG-1 "Orpheus" (CC)		The Outer Limits "Josh" (CC)		Showtime at the Apollo		Latin Lifestyles	Paid Program
WCGT 16	Gaither Homecoming Hour		Great Songs of Christmas		Bananas (CC)		The Singing Christmas Tree		Ultimate Choice	TruthQuest Ca.	Coin Vault (Joined in Progress)	
A&E	American Justice: Gacy		City Confidential (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)				City Confidential (N) (CC)		The First 48 (CC)	
AMC	(5:45) "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" ('49) ★★★½ John Wayne.				"El Dorado" ('67, Western) ★★★ John Wayne, Robert Mitchum. 'NR' (CC)					(:45) "The Sons of Katie Elder" ('65) ★★★½		
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Music Special	The Parkers	Girlfriends (CC)	Coming to the Stage		Rap City Top 10		"Little Richard" ('00) ★★½	
CNBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Tim Russert		The Suze Orman Show (CC)		The Suze Orman Show (N) (CC)		Tim Russert		The Suze Orman Show (CC)	
CNN	CNN Live Saturday		The Capital Gang		CNN Presents: The Two Marys		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		CNN Presents: The Two Marys	
COM	Mad TV (CC)		Mad TV (CC)		Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Comedy Central's Last Laugh '04 (CC)			Drawn Together	Drawn Together	Shorties Watch
DIS	Braceface (CC)	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of Future	That's So Raven	"Johnny Tsunami" ('99, Drama) ★★½ Brandon Baker. (CC)				Lizzie McGuire	Phil of Future	Braceface (CC)	Boy Mts. World
E!	E! News Weekend		Entertainer of the Year		Sexy, Single, and Filthy Rich		Anna Mania: Best of Anna Nicole		Saturday Night Live (CC)		Love in Heir	Love in Heir
ESPN	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	NFL Primetime	NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons. From the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. (Live) (CC)						SportsCenter
FAM	"Mr. St. Nick" ('02, Comedy) Kelsey Grammer. (CC)				"Snow" ('04, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cavanagh, Ashley Williams. (CC)				"Snow" ('04, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cavanagh, Ashley Williams. (CC)			
FX	"Big Momma's House" ('00, Comedy) ★★ Martin Lawrence.				"Black Knight" ('01, Comedy) ★★ Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason.					Fear Factor Best of season two.		"Last Mohi"
HBO	"Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle"		"Chasing Liberty" ('04) ★★ Mandy Moore. Premiere. 'PG-13' (CC)				Boxing Glen Johnson vs. Antonio Tarver. (Live) (CC)					The Wire (CC)
HBO2	(5:30) "Love Actually" ('03) ★★★ Alan Rickman, Bill Nighy. (CC)				Sex and-City	Spanglish: 1st	Carnivale "Day of the Dead" (CC)		Carnivale (CC)		Inside the NFL (CC)	
HIST	Back-Blueprint	Guts & Bolts (N)	Conspiracy? (CC)		"Clear and Present Danger" ('94, Drama) ★★★ Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe. Premiere. (CC)						Movies in Time	Organizd Crime
LIFE	(4:30) "GoodFellas" ('90, Drama) ★★★★ (CC)				"1st to Die" ('03, Suspense) ★★ Tracy Pollan. Four women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice. (CC)						Missing "In the Midnight Hour"	
MAX	"Win a Date"	"No Mercy" ('86) ★★ Richard Gere. 'R' (CC)			(:15) "Cradle 2 the Grave" ('03, Action) ★★ Jet Li, DMX. 'R' (CC)				"Torque" ('04) ★★ Martin Henderson. 'PG-13'			"Lessons-Love"
MAX2	"Don't Be a Menace"		"Stuck on You" ('03, Comedy) ★★½ Matt Damon. (CC)				"Basic" ('03, Suspense) ★★ John Travolta. (CC)			Hotel Erotica	(:15) "The Matrix Reloaded" (CC)	
MTV	Boiling Points	Boiling Points	End of 2004 Countdown (N)						End of 2004 Countdown (N)		Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride
NICK	All Grown Up	Jimmy Neutron	Secret-Lemony	SpongeBob	All Grown Up	Romeo! (CC)	All That (CC)	Amanda	Family Face-Off: Hollywood		Fresh Prince	Cosby Show
SCI	(5:00) "The Addams Family" (CC)		"The Frighteners" ('96, Suspense) ★★½ Michael J. Fox. (CC)				"Puppet Master vs. Demonic Toys" ('04) Corey Feldman. Premiere.				"Curse of the Puppet Master"	
SHOW	(:15) "Dangerous Minds" ('95) ★★ Michelle Pfeiffer. iTV. 'R' (CC)				"Monster" ('03) ★★★½ Charlize Theron. ITV Premiere. 'R' (CC)				"The Italian Job" ('03) ★★★ Mark Wahlberg. iTV. 'PG-13' (CC)			
SHOW2	(5:00) "Moscow on the Hudson"		(:15) "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" ('02) ★★★ (CC)				"Die Another Day" ('02, Action) ★★ Pierce Brosnan. (CC)				Alfie: SHO Me	Best Boxing
SPSO	Women's College Basketball		Beyond the Glory (CC)		College Basketball South Carolina at Kansas. (Live)				Southern Spts	Fant. Football	Championship Poker at the Plaza	
STARZ	(4:45) "Outbreak" ('95) ★★½		"Under the Tuscan Sun" ('03) ★★★ Diane Lane, Sandra Oh. (CC)				"Calendar Girls" ('03) ★★★ Helen Mirren. Premiere. (CC)				"The Hulk" ('03) ★★½ (CC)	
TBS	"Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" ('94, Comedy) ★★ Jim Carrey. (CC)				"Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" ('95) ★★ Jim Carrey. (CC)				"A Night at the Roxbury" ('98) ★½ Will Ferrell.			"Cable Guy"
TCM	(5:15) "The Color Purple" ('85) ★★★½ Whoopi Goldberg. (CC)				"Some Like It Hot" ('59, Comedy) ★★★★ Jack Lemmon. (CC)				(:15) "Monkey Business" ('52, Comedy) ★★★ Cary Grant.			
TDC	American Casino (CC)		Great Biker Build-Off (CC)		The FBI Files "Killer Instinct"		Dr. G: Medical Examiner (CC)		The FBI Files "Omega 7" (N) (CC)		The FBI Files "Killer Instinct"	
TLC	While You Were Out Living room.		What Not to Wear (CC)		Trading Spaces (N)		The Best of Trading Spaces (N)		The Best of While You Were Out		Trading Spaces	
TMC	"Days of Thunder" ('90, Drama) ★★½ Tom Cruise. 'PG-13' (CC)				"Rocky V" ('90) ★★½ Sylvester Stallone. (CC)				(:45) "Candyman" ('92, Horror) ★★½ Virginia Madsen. 'R' (CC)			"Miami Blues"
TNN	"Star Trek II"	Real TV	World's Most Amazing Videos		"Red Scorpion" ('89, Adventure) ★★½ Dolph Lundgren, Al White.				MXC	Spring of Trivia	WWE Velocity (N) (CC)	
TNT	"Road House" ('89, Drama) ★★ Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. (CC)				"Hard to Kill" ('90, Drama) ★★ Steven Seagal, Bill Sadler. (CC)				"On Deadly Ground" ('94, Adventure) ★★ Steven Seagal. (CC)			
TOON	Mucha Lucha	Mucha Lucha	Duel Masters	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Justice League	Megas XLR (N)	Yuyu Hakusho	Dragonball GT	Rurouni Kenshin	Futurama (CC)	Venture Bros.
TTC	World Poker Tour "WPT: Ladies' Night II"				Kings of the Road		Weird Travels (CC)		Ends of the Earth "Last Warrior"		Kings of the Road	
TVL	Bonanza "The Blood Line"		Bonanza "The Courtship"		The Munsters	Green Acres	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	3's Company	3's Company
UNI	Lente Loco	Noticiero Univ.	Juan Gabriel: La Trayectoria		Sábado Gigante						Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	"Exiled: A Law & Order Movie" ('98) ★★★ Chris Noth. (CC)				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	
WGN	Home Improve.	Will & Grace	America's Funniest Home Videos		Becker (CC)	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago.					WGN News	Feed-Children

SUNDAY MORNING — DECEMBER 19

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	Mercury Media	Mercury Media	Canaan Baptist	C Media	Spirit Filled	4th St. Baptist	CBS News Sunday Morning (CC)			Face the Nation	First Presbyterian Church	
WTVM 9	Ebert & Roeper	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Edgewood Baptist Church		St. Luke's	Paid Program	First Baptist Church of Columbus	
WLTZ 38	Urban League	Axis Marketing	The Coral Ridge Hour (CC)		Home Show	Your Bible	Pinehurst Bap.	Word in Action	Cornerstone Baptist Church		Lakewood Baptist Church	
WXTX 54	Paid Program	Paid Program	So. Sportsman	Oasis Church	Preach.-Gospel	Paid Program	Fox News Sunday		Unexplained Mysteries (CC)		Mutant X "Deadly Desire" (CC)	
WJSP 28	To the Contrary	Religion-Ethics	Zoom Bubbles.	Zoom (EI)	Arthur (EI)	Maya & Miguel	Sagwa-the Cat	Clifford-Red	Dragon Tales	Caillou (EI)	GPB Favorites	
WSWS 65	Paid Program	Bim Garden	In Search-Lord	Paid Program	Rel. Town Hall	Awakening Hour	Global Business	Outdoorsman	Gadget's Trip	Teen Kids News	New Covenant	Apostolic
WCGT 16	Fully Charged		Struttin	Striper Fishing	Soul's Harbor Ministries		Word of Life	Bi-City Apt.	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
A&E	Paid Program	Paid Program	Biography "Dian Fossey" (CC)		Breakfast With the Arts (N) (CC)		Breakfast With the Arts (CC)		Biography "Jack Nicklaus" (N)		Biography "Santa Claus" (CC)	
AMC	(5:15) "Jet Pilot" ('57) ★★ John Wayne. 'G'				(:45) "Hatari!" ('62, Adventure) ★★★ John Wayne. Hunters in East Africa capture wild animals for zoos. 'NR'						"Flying Leathernecks" ★★½	
BET	BET Morning Inspiration						Bobby Jones Gospel		Video Gospel		Lift Every Voice	
CNBC	Outside the Box	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
CNN	CNN Presents		CNN Sunday Morning			Person	CNN Sunday Morning (CC)		Inside Politics Sunday (CC)		Live Sunday	Reliable Source
COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Primetime Glick	Primetime Glick	Primetime Glick	Mad TV "Christmas Show '99"		Comedy Central's Last Laugh '04 (CC)			"Mo' Money" ('92) ★★½ (CC)	
DIS	Winnie-Pooh	Bear in House	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley (CC)	Rolie Polie Olie	House of Mouse	Life of Santa Claus	
E!	Paid Program	Paid Program	Coming Attr.	Behind-Scenes	Entertainer of the Year		Usher		Life Is Great	Holidays-Stars	E! News Weekend	
ESPN	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		NFL Matchup	SportsCenter	Outside Lines	Sports Reportrs	SportsCenter	NFL Countdown (Live) (CC)	
FAM	Feed-Children	Amazing Facts	Beyblade (CC)	Beyblade (CC)	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Super Robot	W.I.T.C.H. (N) (EI)		Digimon-Digital	Power Rangers	Power Rangers
FX	Paid Program	Paid Program	"Home Alone 3" ('97, Comedy) ★½ Alex D. Linz, Olek Krupa.				King of the Hill	King of the Hill	"Big Momma's House" ('00, Comedy) ★★ Martin Lawrence.			
HBO	"Chasing"	(:45) Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase (CC)			Inside the NFL (CC)		"The Life and Death of Peter Sellers" ('04) ★★½ Geoffrey Rush.				Lifestories	"Gremlins Two"
HBO2	"Back to the Beach" ('87) ★★ Frankie Avalon.		"Strictly Business" ('91, Comedy) ★★½ (CC)				Boxing Glen Johnson vs. Antonio Tarver. (Taped) (CC)					"Cheaper"
HIST	Lost Treasures-Ancient World		Lost Treasures-Ancient World		Hist. Business	HistoryCENTER	Mail Call (CC)	Infams Murder	"The Sea Wolves" ('80) ★★ Gregory Peck. Premiere. (CC)			
LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Head 2 Toe	Golden Girls	"Dead Silent" ('99) Rob Lowe.	
MAX	(5:40) "Once Upon a Time in the West" ('69) ★★★½ Henry Fonda. 'PG-13' (CC)						"The Company" ('03) ★★★ Neve Campbell. Premiere. 'PG-13'			"Bad Boys II" ('03) ★★ Martin Lawrence. 'R'		
MAX2	(5:30) "The Shadow Men" ('98)		(:05) "Stay Tuned" ('92) ★★ John Ritter. (CC)				(:35) "Love Don't Cost a Thing" ('03) ★★ (CC)		(:15) "The Ring" ('02, Horror) ★★½ Naomi Watts. (CC)			
MTV	End of 2004 Countdown						End of 2004 Countdown		ET on MTV	Made Triathlete.		Nick & Jessica
NICK	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold!	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot
SCI	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	"The Last Man on Planet Earth" ('99) ★½ Julie Bowen. (CC)				"Target Earth" ('98) (CC)	
SHOW	(5:25) "A Guy Thing" ('03) ★		(:05) "The Wild Thornberrys Movie" ('02) ★★½				(:35) "Carry Me Home" ('03) ★★½ iTV. 'PG-13'		(:15) "The Four Feathers" ('02) ★★ Heath Ledger. iTV. 'PG-13'			
SHOW2	(5:50) "Terminal Velocity" ('94) ★★½ (CC)				(:35) "Barbershop" ('02, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube. (CC)				"Houseguest" ('95, Comedy) ★½ Sinbad, Phil Hartman.			"Children"
SPSO	Paid Program	Southern Outdoors (N)					Paid Program	Paid Program	Fant. Football	Beyond-Glory	Beyond the Glory (CC)	
STARZ	(5:10) "Jungle 2 Jungle" ★★		"Krippendorf's Tribe" ('98, Comedy) ★½ (CC)				(:45) "Calendar Girls" ('03) ★★★ Helen Mirren, Julie Walters. (CC)				(:45) "Disney's Teacher's Pet" ('04) ★★★ (CC)	
TBS	(:15) "Big Bully" ('96, Comedy) ★★ (PA) Rick Moranis.				(:15) "National Lampoon's Vacation" ('83) ★★½ Chevy Chase.				(:15) "The Cable Guy" ('96, Comedy) ★★½ Jim Carrey. (CC)			
TCM	"They Made Me a Criminal" ('39) ★★½ John Garfield. (CC)				"To Have and Have Not" ('44, Drama) ★★★½ Humphrey Bogart.				"In the Good Old Summertime" ('49, Musical) ★★★ Judy Garland.			
TDC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wild Africa (CC)		Stinkers! Ten Smelliest Animals		Discovery Young Scientist	
TLC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Trading Spaces: Family (CC)		In a Fix		The Best of While You Were Out	
TMC	(:05) "Abandon" ('02) ★½ Katie Holmes. (CC)				(:45) "What Happened Was..." ('94, Drama) ★★★ Karen Sillas. 'R'				(:25) "Back Roads" ('81) ★★ Sally Field. 'R'		"Outta Time" ('02) ★★ 'R'	
TNN	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Dr. Frederick K. Price		True Dads With Bruce Willis				The WWE Experience (N)	
TNT	"On Deadly Ground" ('94, Adventure) ★★ Steven Seagal.				"Hard to Kill" ('90, Drama) ★★ Steven Seagal, Kelly LeBrock.				"The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" ('04) ★★ Noah Wyle. (CC)			
TOON	Dexter's Lab	Dexter's Lab	Totally Spies	Totally Spies	Static Shock	Yu-Gi-Oh! (CC)	Jackie Chan	Code Lyoko	Codename: Kid	Codename: Kid	Grim Advent.	Evil Con Carne
TTC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Select Comfort	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Girl-Hawaii	Vacation Home	Great Hotels	Great Hotels	Great Outdoors Hawaii. (CC)	
TVL	Gunsmoke "Lavery"		Bonanza "The Courtship"		Carol Burnett	Flip Wilson (CC)	Addams Family	Dick Van Dyke	Mister Ed	The Munsters	Bewitched (CC)	Green Acres
UNI	Fuera de Serie	Locos y Sueltos	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin de Semana			Cómplices al Rescate (EI)			Qué Locura		República Deportiva	
USA	Coach (CC)	Coach (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	"Santa Who?" ('00, Comedy) ★★ Leslie Nielsen. (CC)				PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)	
WGN	Tomorrow Wld	Feed-Children	Changing-World	Feed-Children	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	NightMan "Double, Double..."		Mutant X "Deadly Desire" (CC)		The X-Files "Born Again" (CC)	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 19

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
WRBL 3	NFL Today (Live) (CC)		NFL Football Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs. From Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (CC)						NFL Football Jacksonville Jaguars at Green Bay Packers. (Live) (CC)			
WTVM 7	This Week With George		Mark Richt	Inside Stuff	6 Second Abs	Paid Program	Body by Jake	Paid Program	Golf Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge -- Final Day. (Taped)			
WLTZ 38	Meet the Press (CC)		Lighting Great Tree		Children's Parade		World of Adventure Sports (N)		Kurt Browning's Gotta Skate From Hamilton, Ont. (N) (CC)			
WXTX 54	Fox NFL Sunday (Live) (CC)		"White Christmas" ('54, Musical) ★★★ Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye.					Just Shoot Me	NFL Football: Saints at Buccaneers or Rams at Cardinals			
WJSP 28	(11:00) GPB Favorites For program information, call 404-685-4788 or 1-800-222-4788 (outside Atlanta).											
WSWS 69	"F/X" ('86, Suspense) ★★★ Bryan Brown, Brian Dennehy.				"FX2" ('91, Adventure) ★★ Bryan Brown, Brian Dennehy.				"Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives!" ('89) ★★ Michael Paré.			
WCGT 66	Park Avenue Jewelry		Out & About-Henderson		Gems Galore		PowerPoint	Father's Hse	Liberty Hill Baptist		Evangel Temple	World-Gospel
A&E	Biography of the Year 2004 (CC)				"Karroll's Christmas" ('04, Comedy) Tom Everett Scott. (CC)				Sell This House	All Year Round	Sell This House	Sell This House
AMC	(11:00) "Flying Leathernecks"		(:15) "The Longest Day" ('62, Drama) ★★★½ John Wayne, Rod Steiger. Oscar-winning account of the Allied invasion of Normandy. 'G'								"The Green Berets" ★★★ 'G'	
BET	TD Jakes-Follow the Star		"Hidden Blessings" ('00, Mystery) ★½ Kim Fields, Marc Gomes.				Grown Folks Music		Jazz Special		Fannie Mae	BET Inspiration
CNBC	Guthy-Renker	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
CNN	Late Edition Primetime (CC)				People in the News (CC)		In the Money (CC)		CNN Live Sunday (CC)		Next at CNN (CC)	
COM	(11:00) "Mo' Money" ★★½ (CC)		"Almost Heroes" ('98, Comedy) ★★ Chris Farley. (CC)				"Wet Hot American Summer" ('01) ★★ Janeane Garofalo. (CC)				"Mo' Money" ('92) ★★½ (CC)	
DIS	Santa Claus	Lilo & Stitch	Mr. Whiskers	Proud Family	That's So Raven	Phil of Future	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Lilo & Stitch	Mr. Whiskers	Kim Possible	Proud Family
E!	Love in Heir	Love in Heir	Sexy, Single, and Filthy Rich		Young Royals: The E! True Hollywood Story Europe's royal families.				50 Most Outrageous TV Moments			
ESPN	(11:00) NFL Countdown (CC)		PBA Bowling Orange County Classic. (Live) (CC)			Golf: V Foundation		Golf: LDA Tour	The Mighty Orinoco		Road Trip to the Auto Show (N)	
FAM	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Frosty's Wnter	'Twas Night	Rudolph's Shiny New Year		The Year Without a Santa Claus		Santa Claus Is Coming to Town	
FX	"Black Knight" ('01, Comedy) ★★ Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason.					King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Married... With		Married... With	Married... With
HBO	(11:30) "Gremlins 2: The New Batch" ('90) ★★★		"Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead" ('91) ★★ 'PG-13' (CC)					"The Naked Gun" ('88) ★★★½ Leslie Nielsen.			"Life and Death of Peter Sellers"	
HBO2	(11:30) "Cheaper by the Dozen"		Ocean's 12		"Tarzan and the Lost City" ('98) ★ (CC)		Do You Believe in Miracles?		"Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas" ★★½ (CC)		Boxing	
HIST	(10:00) "The Sea Wolves" ★★		"Midnight Express" ('78, Drama) ★★★ Brad Davis, Randy Quaid. Premiere. (CC)					"Flying Misfits" ('76, Adventure) ★★ Robert Conrad. (CC)			Zulu True	
LIFE	(11:00) "Dead Silent" ('99) (CC)		"Dead by Sunset" ('95, Drama) Ken Olin, Lindsay Frost, Annette O'Toole. An unsuspecting doctor begins an affair with a sociopath. (CC)								"Her Perfect Spouse" ('04) (CC)	
MAX	(10:30) "Bad Boys II" ('03) ★★		"Sphere" ('98, Science Fiction) ★ Dustin Hoffman. 'PG-13' (CC)				(:15) "Runaway Jury" ('03, Suspense) ★★★ John Cusack. 'PG-13' (CC)				"Big Fish" (CC)	
MAX2	(:15) "Stand and Deliver" ('88) ★★★ Edward James Olmos. (CC)				(:05) "Drumline" ('02, Comedy-Drama) ★★★ Nick Cannon. (CC)				(:15) "Identity" ('03) ★★★ John Cusack. (CC)		"Love Don't"	
MTV	Nick & Jessica	Boiling Points	Boiling Points	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	End of 2004 Countdown		The Real World	The Real World
NICK	Barbie as the Princess and the Pauper		Teenage Robot		Unfabulous (CC)	Unfabulous (CC)	Unfabulous (CC)	Unfabulous (CC)	Unfabulous (CC)	Unfabulous (CC)	Unfabulous (CC)	Unfabulous (CC)
SCI	(11:00) "Target Earth" ('98) (CC)		"The Beast" ('96, Horror) ★★ William Petersen, Karen Sillas, Larry Drake. A sea creature plunges a coastal community into terror. (CC)								"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"	
SHOW	"Four Feathers"	"Tombstone" ('93, Western) ★★★ Kurt Russell. iTV. 'R' (CC)					(:45) "Unforgettable" ('96, Suspense) ★★ Ray Liotta. iTV. 'R' (CC)		(:45) "Osama" ('03, Drama) ★★★½ 'PG-13'			
SHOW2	"Children on Their Birthdays"		SHO Me First	"Bowling for Columbine" ('02, Documentary) ★★★ (CC)				"Searching for Debra Winger" ('02) ★★½ (CC)	(:15) "Barbershop" ('02) ★★½			
SPSO	I, Max (N)	Tim McCarver	54321 Weekly	FSN America	Beyond the Glory (CC)		Tipoff Show	College Basketball North Carolina at Virginia Tech. (Live)				
STARZ	(:05) "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" ('03, Fantasy) ★★★½ Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Liv Tyler. (CC)							(:35) "While You Were Sleeping" ('95) ★★★ Sandra Bullock. (CC)			"Calendar"	
TBS	(:15) "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" ('94) ★★ Jim Carrey. (CC)				(:15) "Zoolander" ('01, Comedy) ★★½ Ben Stiller. (CC)				(:15) "Dumb & Dumber" ('94, Comedy) ★★ (PA) Jim Carrey. (CC)			
TCM	"Christmas in Connecticut" ('45) ★★ Barbara Stanwyck. (CC)				"Lawrence of Arabia" ('62, Adventure) ★★★★ Peter O'Toole. David Lean's blockbuster about adventurer T.E. Lawrence. (CC)							
TDC	Big "Motorcycle 1" (CC)		Secrets of Pearl Harbor		No Opportunity Wasted		MythBusters (CC)		Secret Plot to Kill Hitler (CC)			
TLC	The Best of Trading Spaces		Clean Sweep Awards		Ultimate Ten: Martial Arts (CC)		Rides "SUV From Hell"		Overhaulin' A 1962 Chevy Bel Air.		Mostly True: Urban Legends	
TMC	"Outta Time"	"The Slugger's Wife" ('85) ★★ Michael O'Keefe.			(:15) "The Heart of Me" ('02) ★★½ Helena Bonham Carter. 'R'				"Glory" ('89, Drama) ★★★★ Matthew Broderick. 'R' (CC)			
TNN	Top Dead Cntr.	Car and Driver	Horsepower TV	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)
TNT	"Back to the Future" ('85, Fantasy) ★★★½ Michael J. Fox. (CC)				(:15) "Small Soldiers" ('98) ★½ Kirsten Dunst. Premiere. (CC)				(:15) "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" ★★★½			
TOON	Foster's Home	Scooby-Doo	New Scooby-Doo Movies		Powerpuff Girls!	Powerpuff Girls!	Nine Dog Christmas (N)			Jingle Bell	Grandma Got Run Over	
TTC	Christmas in New York (CC)		Top Ten Hawaiian Beaches (CC)		Food Crazy Outrageous pizzerias.		Home Search	Home Search	Vacation Home	Vacation Home	Dreaming Big Automated garage.	
TVL	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	MacGyver "Thin Ice" (CC)		Gunsmoke "Lavery"		Gunsmoke "Pike" (Part 1 of 2)		Gunsmoke "Pike" (Part 2 of 2)		Gunsmoke "The Lost"	
UNI	(11:00) República Deportiva		"Viva el Chubasco" ('83, Comedia) Antonio Aguilar, Ninón Sevilla.				Festival del Humor "Qué Nos Pasa?", "Diseñador Ambos Sexos".				Primer Impacto: Fin de Semana	
USA	Monk (CC)		"Meet the Parents" ('00, Comedy) ★★★ Robert De Niro. (CC)				"15 Minutes" ('01, Drama) ★★½ Robert De Niro, Edward Burns. (CC)				"Casino" ('95)	
WGN	Andromeda (CC)		"March of the Wooden Soldiers" ('34, Fantasy) ★★★ Stan Laurel.				"Fantastic Voyage" ('66, Science Fiction) ★★★½ Stephen Boyd.				Cosby Show	Cosby Show

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	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	NFL Football: Jaguars at Packers		60 Minutes (CC)		Cold Case "Discretion" (N) (CC)		"Fallen Angel" ('03, Drama) Gary Sinise. (CC) (DVS)				News (CC)	Live in H-wood
WTVM 7	News	ABC Wld News	America's Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition		Desperate Housewives (N) (CC)		(:01) Boston Legal "Hired Guns"		News	Paid Program
WLTZ 38	Paid Program	NBC News	Dateline NBC (CC)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Crossing Jordan (CC)		The Practice "Rape Shield" (CC)	
WXTX 54	NFL Football: Regional Coverage		King of the Hill	Malcolm-Mid.	The Simpsons	Arrested Dev.	My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss (N)		News	Seinfeld (CC)	The X-Files "Grotesque" (CC)	
WJSP 28	GPB Favorites		GPB Favorites For program information, call 404-685-4788 or 1-800-222-4788 (outside Atlanta).									
WSWS 69	Drew Carey	Friends (CC)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)		She Spies Brainwash. (CC)		Showtime at the Apollo		God's House of	Touch of Fire
WCGT 66	World-Gospel	Public Agenda	Auburn Review	Showtime at the Apollo		Franchise Missionary Church		Hopewell	Showtime at the Apollo		Moissanite Jewelry	
A&E	Find & Design "Holiday Special"		Airline "Home for the Holidays"		"No Way Out" ('87, Drama) ★★★ Kevin Costner, Gene Hackman, Sean Young. (CC)					Bounty Hunter	CSI: Miami "Camp Fear" (CC)	
AMC	(5:00) "The Green Berets" ('68, Drama) ★★★ John Wayne. 'G'				"The Sea Chase" ('55, Adventure) ★★★ John Wayne, Lana Turner. 'NR'					"In Harm's Way" ('65) ★★★ John Wayne. 'NR'		
BET	(5:30) BET Inspiration											
CNBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wall Street Jrnl	Chris Matthews	Topic A With Tina Brown		Dennis Miller		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Topic A With Tina Brown	
CNN	CNN Live Sunday (CC)		TBA	People-News	CNN Presents		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night		CNN Presents	
COM	(5:00) "Mo' Money" ★★½ (CC)		"The Sweetest Thing" ('02, Comedy) ★½ Cameron Diaz. (CC)				"40 Days and 40 Nights" ('02) ★★ Josh Hartnett. Premiere. (CC)				South Park (CC)	Drawn Together
DIS	Braceface (CC)	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of Future	That's So Raven	"Cinderella" ('97) ★★★ Whitney Houston. 'G'			Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of Future	Braceface (CC)	Boy Mts. World
E!	Bad Girls of Reality TV		Lionel Richie Hollywood Story		Survivor: The E! True Hollywood Story The reality show "Survivor."				Love in Heir	Life Is Great	Survivor: E! THS	
ESPN	Road Trip to the Auto Show (CC)		SportsCenter	NFL Primetime (Live) (CC)		NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Indianapolis Colts. From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)						SportsCenter
FAM	"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" ('01, Fantasy) ★★★ Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. (CC)						"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" ('01, Fantasy) ★★★ Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. (CC)					
FX	Married... With	Married... With	Married... With	Married... With	"Nine Months" ('95, Comedy) ★★ Hugh Grant, Julianne Moore.				Nip/Tuck "Adelle Coffin"		The Shield "Dominoes Falling"	
HBO	"Life and Death of Peter Sellers"		"Bend It Like Beckham" ('02) ★★★ Parminder Nagra. 'PG-13'				The Wire (Season Finale) (N) (CC)		(:05) "Mystic River" ('03) ★★★½ Sean Penn. 'R' (CC)			
HBO2	(5:30) Boxing Glen Johnson vs. Antonio Tarver. (CC)				"The Last Samurai" ('03, Adventure) ★★★ Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. (CC)					(:45) "Marvin's Room" ('96) ★★★ Meryl Streep.		
HIST	Zulu True	Rwanda: Do Scars Ever Fade (CC)			Shot From the Sky (N) (CC)				Conspiracy? "CIA and the Nazis"		Full Throttle "Gremlin vs. Pacer"	
LIFE	(5:00) "Her Perfect Spouse" (CC)		"Lethal Vows" ('99, Mystery) John Ritter, Marg Helgenberger. (CC)				Strong Medicine "Poison" (CC)		Strong Medicine "Seize the Day"		Missing "Domestic Bliss" (CC)	
MAX	(5:30) "Big Fish" ('03) ★★★ Ewan McGregor.			(:45) "A League of Their Own" ('92, Comedy) ★★★ Geena Davis. 'PG' (CC)					"Bad Boys II" ('03, Action) ★★ Martin Lawrence. 'R' (CC)			
MAX2	(5:45) "Love Don't Cost a Thing" ('03) ★★ (CC)			"Torque" ('04) ★★ Martin Henderson. (CC)			"The Ring" ('02, Horror) ★★½ Naomi Watts, David Dorfman. (CC)				Erotic Confessn	Hotel Erotica
MTV	The Real World	The Real World	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Punk'd	Punk'd	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam	Jackass	Jackass
NICK	Sabrina-Witch	Amanda	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Unfabulous (CC)	News Special	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)
SCI	"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"		Legend of Earthsea (Part 1 of 2) (CC)				Legend of Earthsea (Part 2 of 2) (CC)				Scare Tactics	Tripping the Rift
SHOW	(:15) "Serving Sara" ('02) ★ Matthew Perry. iTV. 'PG-13' (CC)				"Bulletproof Monk" ('03) ★★ Chow Yun-Fat. iTV. 'PG-13' (CC)				HUFF "That F...ing Cabin" (N)		The L Word "Lawfully" (iTV) (CC)	
SHOW2	(5:15) "Barbershop" ★★½ (CC)		"Houseguest" ('95, Comedy) ★½ Sinbad, Phil Hartman.				"Soldier's Girl" ('03, Drama) ★★★ Troy Garity, Lee Pace. (CC)				Rockwell Is Bleeding	
SPSO	College Basketball Florida State at Maryland. (Live)				College Basketball North Carolina State at Washington. (Live)				Southern Spts	Southern Spts	Beyond the Glory (CC)	
STARZ	(5:30) "Calendar Girls" ('03) ★★★ Helen Mirren.			(:20) "Spawn" ('97) ★★½ Michael Jai White.			"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" ('03, Fantasy) ★★★½ Elijah Wood, Liv Tyler. (CC)					
TBS	(:15) "A Night at the Roxbury" ('98) ★½ Will Ferrell. (CC)				"Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" ('95) ★★ Jim Carrey. (CC)				"Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" ('95) ★★ Jim Carrey. (CC)			
TCM	"Some Like It Hot" ('59, Comedy) ★★★★ Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis. (CC)						"It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" ('63, Comedy) ★★★ Spencer Tracy, Edie Adams, Milton Berle. (CC)					
TDC	American Chopper (CC)		Great Biker Build-Off 4		MythBusters (CC)		Bermuda Triangle (CC)				MythBusters (CC)	
TLC	Trading Spaces: Family (N)		Trading Spaces: Family (N)		Extreme Surgery (CC)		Extreme Surgery (CC)		Extreme Surgery (CC)		Trading Spaces: Family	
TMC	(:15) "Abandon" ('02, Suspense) ★½ Katie Holmes. 'PG-13' (CC)				"The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys" ★★½ 'R'				(:45) "Blown Away" ('94, Suspense) ★★ Jeff Bridges. 'R' (Adult language, violence)			
TNN	Trucks! (CC)	Trucks! (CC)	WWE Sunday Night Heat (N) (CC)		"Mortal Kombat" ('95, Adventure) ★★ Robin Shou. (CC)				World's Most Amazing Videos		The Club	
TNT	(4:15) "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" ★★★½				"Men in Black" ('97) ★★★ Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. (CC)				"Men in Black" ('97) ★★★ Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. (CC)			
TOON	Dexter's Lab	Grim Advent.	Foster's Home	Puffy AmiYumi	Totally Spies	Atomic Betty (N)	Cartoon Cartoon's Greatest Hits		Teen Titans	Megas XLR	Family Guy (CC)	Tom-Mayor
TTC	Natural Wonders of Hawaii (CC)		Secrets of Niagara Falls (CC)		America's Orient Express (CC)		Secrets of Zion & Bryce (CC)		Secrets of Denali National Park		America's Orient Express (CC)	
TVL	Gunsmoke "Waste" (Part 2 of 2)		Gunsmoke "The Lost"		The Munsters	Green Acres	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	3's Company	3's Company
UNI	Lente Loco	Noticiero Univ.	La Parodia Reyli, Fabian Lavalle, Veronica Gallardo, Rene Franco.				La Hora Pico		Ver Para Creer		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	(5:30) "Casino" ('95, Drama) ★★★½ Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. (CC)					"Meet the Parents" ('00, Comedy) ★★★ Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Teri Polo. (CC)					Law & Order: SVU	
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos		Will & Grace	Home Improve.	"Smokey and the Bandit" ('77) ★★★ Burt Reynolds. (CC)				WGN News	Instant Replay	Maximum Exposure	

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	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	News (CC)	CBS News	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Still Standing	Listen Up (CC)	Every-Raymond	Two/Half Men	CSI: Miami "Murder in a Flash"		News (CC)	(:35) Late Show
WTVM 7	News	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	TV Guide: Greatest Mom.		NFL Football New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins. From Pro Player Stadium in Miami. (Live) (CC)					
WLTZ 38	Girlfriends (CC)	NBC News	Dr. Phil		Fear Factor "Siblings" (CC)		Las Vegas (CC)		Las Vegas "Degas Away With It"		Every-Raymond	Tonight Show
WXTX 54	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	The Parkers	Living Single	The Swan (Season Finale) (N) (CC)				News	(:35) Seinfeld	King of the Hill	Paid Program
WJSP 28	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Steves Europe	Find! (CC)	Antiques Roadshow "San Diego"		American Experience		Mobile America (CC)		Tavis Smiley	Business Rpt.
WSWS 66	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Fear Factor "Las Vegas" (CC)		One on One	Half & Half (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Second Time	Frasier (CC)	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Drew Carey
WCGT 4	DJ and Friends		News (CC)	High School Sportshow					Janet Parshall's America		Coin Vault (Joined in Progress)	
A&E	City Confidential (CC)		American Justice: Sinatra		Murder on the Tracks (CC)		Growing Gotti	Growing Gotti	Airline (N) (CC)	Airline (N) (CC)	Crossing Jordan "Wild Card"	
AMC	"Intersection" ('94, Drama) ★★½ Richard Gere. 'R'				"Final Analysis" ('92, Suspense) ★★★ Richard Gere, Kim Basinger. 'R'					"The Last Seduction" ('94, Suspense) ★★★ 'R'		
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BETcom Count	"Prison Song" ('01, Drama) ★★ Mary J. Blige, Q-Tip, Fat Joe.				The Parkers	The Parkers	Nightly News	Grown Folks
CNBC	Bullseye (CC)		Late Night (N) (CC)		CNBC on Assignment (N)		Dennis Miller		McEnroe		CNBC on Assignment	
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
COM	Shorties Watch	Stranger-Candy	The Daily Show	"40 Days and 40 Nights" ('02, Comedy) ★★ Josh Hartnett. (CC)			South Park (CC)		Blue Collar TV	Reno 911! (CC)	Comedy Central's Last Laugh '04	
DIS	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	"Inspector Gadget 2" ('03) ★★ French Stewart.			(:45) "Inspector Gadget 2" ('03) ★★ French Stewart. 'G' (CC)			Boy Mts. World	
E!	Young Royals: True Story		E! News (N)	Life Is Great	Sexy, Single, and Filthy Rich		Entertainer of the Year		Love in Heir	Love in Heir	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			Monday Night Countdown (Live) (CC)			"3" ('04, Biography) Barry Pepper. (CC)				3 Nation: Dale Earnhardt	
FAM	7th Heaven "The One Thing"		Nestor-Donkey	Christmas Gold	"Three Days" ('01, Fantasy) ★★ Kristin Davis. (CC)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	
FX	Fear Factor (CC)		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	"Twins" ('88, Comedy) ★★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Fear Factor (CC)		King of the Hill	King of the Hill
HBO	(:15) "D3: The Mighty Ducks" ('96) ★★½ Emilio Estevez. 'PG'				"The Last Samurai" ('03, Adventure) ★★★ Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. 'R' (CC)					Phantom-Opera	Carnivale "The River" (CC)	
HBO2	(4:30) "Catch Me If You Can"		"French Kiss" ('95, Comedy) ★★½ Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline. (CC)				The Sopranos (CC)		The Wire (CC)		(:05) "The Rich Man's Wife" (CC)	
HIST	The Christmas Truce (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)		Battlefield Detectives (N) (CC)		Battlefield Detectives (N) (CC)		Investigating History (N) (CC)		Conspiracy? "CIA and the Nazis"	
LIFE	The Golden Girls (CC)		"I'll Be Home for Christmas" ('97, Drama) ★★ Ann Jillian. (CC)				"The Angel Doll" ('00, Drama) Keith Carradine, Premiere. (CC)				How Clean	How Clean
MAX	"Patriot Games" ('92, Suspense) ★★★ Harrison Ford. 'R' (CC)				"Torque" ('04) ★★ Martin Henderson. 'PG-13'			Fueling the Fire "Two Weeks Notice" ('02) ★★½ 'PG-13' (CC)			"Married"	
MAX2	"Deliver Us"	"The Matrix" ('99, Science Fiction) ★★★ Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. (CC)					"From Dusk Till Dawn" ('96) ★★ George Clooney. (CC)				"Hotel Erotica 3: Bedroom"	
MTV	Nick & Jessica's Christmas		The Real World	The Real World	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	Battle-Ozzfest	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam
NICK	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	All Grown Up	Family Face-Off: Hollywood		Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)
SCI	Stargate SG-1 "Prodigy" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Prophecy" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Full Circle" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 (Part 1 of 2)		Stargate SG-1 (Part 2 of 2)		"The Uninvited" ('96) ★★ (CC)	
SHOW	(5:45) "Die Another Day" ('02) ★★ Pierce Brosnan. iTV. 'PG-13'				"Houseguest" ('95, Comedy) ★½ Sinbad, Phil Hartman. iTV. 'PG'				"Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat" ('02) ★★½		"Jackass"	
SHOW2	(5:30) "3 Ninjas Kick Back" (CC)		(:15) "Triggermen" ('02, Comedy) ★½ Donnie Wahlberg. (CC)				HUFF "That F...ing Cabin" (CC)		Queer as Folk (CC)		Queer as Folk (CC)	
SPSO	I, Max (N)	ACC Live (Live)	FSN America	Totally Football	College Basketball Central Michigan at Vanderbilt. (Live)				Southern Spts	I, Max (N)	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
STARZ	(5:45) "Finding Nemo" ('03) ★★★ (CC)			"Scary Movie 3" ('03) ★★ Anna Faris. (CC)			"Maid in Manhattan" ('02) ★★ Jennifer Lopez. (CC)				(10:50) "Gigli" ('03) ★½ (CC)	
TBS	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	(:35) Friends	(:15) Friends (CC)		(9:55) Friends	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	(:25) Seinfeld
TCM	(5:45) "The White Cliffs of Dover" ('44) ★★★ Irene Dunne. (CC)				"The Shootist" ('76, Western) ★★★½ John Wayne. (CC)				"The Rare Breed" ('66, Western) ★★★ James Stewart. (CC)			
TDC	American Chopper (CC)		Monster Nation (CC)		Monster House (CC)		Monster Garage (CC)		American Chopper (N)		Monster House (CC)	
TLC	Clean Sweep (CC)		In a Fix Fixing up a garage. (CC)		Best of What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear "Kelly" (CC)		Years Younger	Years Younger	Best of What Not to Wear	
TMC	(5:45) "The Karate Kid" ('84) ★★½ Ralph Macchio. 'PG' (CC)				"Bugsy" ('91, Drama) ★★★ Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, Harvey Keitel. 'R' (CC)					"The Scarlet Letter" ('95) ★½ Demi Moore. 'R'		
TNN	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		WWE Raw (Live) (CC)				2004 Video Game Awards	
TNT	Charmed "Sin Francisco" (CC)		Law & Order "Collision"		Law & Order "Slaughter"		Law & Order "Caviar Emptor"		Law & Order "Dissonance"		Without a Trace (CC)	
TOON	Totally Spies	Totally Spies	Grim Advent.	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Grandma Got Run Over		Codename: Kid	Mucha Lucha	Teen Titans "X"	Static Shock	Futurama (CC)	Family Guy (CC)
TTC	World's Best "Fast Food Stops"		World's Best "Truck Stops"		Dreaming Big		Vacation Home	Vacation Home	Home Search	Home Search	Dreaming Big	
TVL	All in the Family	All in the Family	All in the Family	All in the Family	The Munsters	Green Acres	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	3's Company	3's Company
UNI	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera		Rubí		Amor Real		Cristina Especial de Navidad.		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	(5:00) Monk (CC)		The Biggest Loser (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		"Collateral Damage" ('02, Action) ★½ Arnold Schwarzenegger, Elias Koteas. (CC)					"The Order"
WGN	Home Improve.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	"March of the Wooden Soldiers" ('34, Fantasy) ★★★ Stan Laurel.				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)

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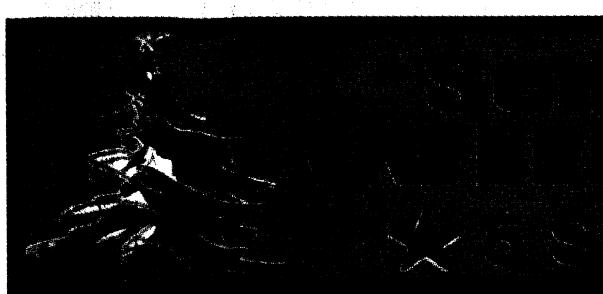
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WRBL 3	News (CC)	CBS News	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	The Amazing Race 6 (N) (CC)		The 27th Annual Kennedy Center Honors (N) (CC)				News (CC)	(:35) Late Show
WTVM 7	News	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	My Wife-Kids	George Lopez	According-Jim	Rodney "Pilot"	NYPD Blue (N) (PA) (CC)		News	(:35) Nightline
WLTZ 38	Girlfriends (CC)	NBC News	Dr. Phil		The Biggest Loser (N) (CC)		Father of Pride	Scrubs (CC)	Law & Order: SVU		Every-Raymond	Tonight Show
WXTX 54	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	The Parkers	Living Single	Billionaire: Quest for Best		House "The Socratic Method" (N)		News	(:35) Seinfeld	King of the Hill	Paid Program
WJSP 28	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Big Ideas (CC)		Nova "Elegant Universe" "Einstein's Dream, The String's the Thing"				Frontline "The Persuaders" (CC)			Business Rpt.
WSWS 66	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Fear Factor "Family Fear Factor"		All of Us (CC)	Eve (CC)	Veronica Mars (CC)		Frasier (CC)	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Drew Carey
WCGT 4	DJ and Friends		News (CC)	Kickin'	Miriam Smith	Duke-Doctor	For Sale by Owner		Janet Parshall's America		Generations 1912	
A&E	City Confidential (CC)		American Justice: Payback		Biography "Tatum O'Neal" (N)		Cold Case Files "Doench; Peace"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan "John Doe"	
AMC	(:15) "Hannie Caulder" ('71, Western) ★★★ Raquel Welch. 'R'				"Two Mules for Sister Sara" ('70) ★★★ Clint Eastwood. 'PG' (CC)				(:15) "A Big Hand for the Little Lady" ('66) ★★★ Henry Fonda.			
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET Style	The Parkers	Girlfriends (CC)	Christmas Memories (N)		Club Comic View		Nightly News	BET Style
CNBC	Bullseye (CC)		Late Night Elijah Wood; Liz Phair.		The Apprentice After the final tasks, one candidate is hired. (CC)						The Apprentice (CC)	
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
COM	Shorties Watch	Stranger-Candy	Stranger-Candy	Mad TV (CC)	Reel Comedy	Crank Yankers	Reno 911! (CC)	South Park (CC)	Chappelle's	Crank Yankers	Com.-Presents	Chappelle's
DIS	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	"Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" ('93) ★★ Whoopi Goldberg. 'PG'				Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Boy Mts. World
E!	Love in Heir	Love in Heir	E! News (N)	Holidays-Stars	Survivor: The E! True Hollywood Story The reality show, "Survivor."				Life Is Great	Diary of Affair	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Bowl Mania	(:45) College Football Champs Sports Bowl -- Georgia Tech vs. Syracuse. From Orlando, Fla. (Live) (CC)							(:15) SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	
FAM	7th Heaven (CC)		Life of Santa Claus		"Eloise at Christmastime" ('03) Julie Andrews. (CC)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	
FX	Fear Factor (CC)		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	"Dude, Where's My Car?" ('00, Comedy) ★½ Ashton Kutcher.				Fear Factor (CC)		King of the Hill	King of the Hill
HBO	"Daredevil"	Daredevil: First	(:15) "Catch That Kid" ('04) ★½ Kristen Stewart. 'PG' (CC)				"Chasing Liberty" ('04) ★★ Mandy Moore. 'PG-13' (CC)				Carnivale "Lonnigan, Texas" (CC)	
HBO2	"Love and Action in Chicago"		"Biker Boyz" ('03, Action) ★½ Laurence Fishburne. (CC)				The Sopranos "Cold Cuts" (CC)		"Old School" ('03) ★★ Luke Wilson. (CC)			Boxing
HIST	Weather at War (CC)		Modern Marvels "Satellites" (CC)		Wild West Tech (CC)		Modern Marvels "Oil Firefighting"		Modern Marvels (N) (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)	
LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Christmas Child" ('03, Drama) William R. Moses. (CC)				"Charms for the Easy Life" ('02) ★★½ Gena Rowlands. (CC)				The Nanny (CC)	Golden Girls
MAX	"Thunderheart"	"National Security" ('03) ★★ Martin Lawrence.			"Stuck on You" ('03, Comedy) ★★½ Matt Damon. 'PG-13' (CC)				"Broken Lizard's Club Dread" ('04) ★½ 'R'			"Out-Justice"
MAX2	(5:30) "Eraser" ('96, Adventure) ★★½ (CC)			"How to Make a Monster" ('01) ★★ (CC)			"Half Past Dead" ('02) ★ Steven Seagal. (CC)			(:40) "Passion Cove 8: Skin Deep" ('01) (CC)		
MTV	Made		Made		Made		MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.
NICK	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Teenage Robot	Fat Albert Mov.	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fatherhood (CC)	Fatherhood (N)
SCI	Stargate SG-1 "Entity" (CC)		UFO Invasion at Rendlesham (CC)				The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence (CC)				"Roswell: The Aliens Attack"	
SHOW	"Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit"		(:15) "Barbershop" ('02) ★★½ Ice Cube. iTV. 'PG-13' (CC)				"Standing in the Shadows of Motown" ('02) ★★★ iTV. 'PG' (CC)				"Year of the Bull" ('03) ★★★	
SHOW2	(5:00) "Die Another Day" ★★		(:15) "Serving Sara" ('02, Comedy) ★ Matthew Perry. (CC)				"A Guy Thing" ('03) ★ Jason Lee. (CC)			(:45) "Stoked: The Rise and Fall of Gator" ★★★		
SPSO	I, Max (N)	Southern Spts	College Basketball Vermont at North Carolina. (Live)				College Basketball North Carolina State at BYU. (Live)				Southern Spts	Best-Sports
STARZ	(5:30) "The Station Agent" ('03)		(:05) "Radio" ('03, Drama) ★★ Cuba Gooding Jr., Ed Harris. (CC)				"Scream" ('96, Horror) ★★★ Neve Campbell, David Arquette. (CC)				"Dumb and Dumberer"	
TBS	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)		The Real Gilligan's Island (N)		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:10) The Real Gilligan's Island	
TCM	(5:30) "Crime of Passion" ★½		Barbara Stanwyck		"The Diary of Anne Frank" ('59, Drama) ★★★½ Joseph Schildkraut, Millie Perkins, Shelley Winters.						"The Greatest Story Ever Told"	
TDC	Monster Nation Outboard motor.		American Chopper (CC)		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Mummy Autopsy (N)		Wing Nuts "Bombs Away" (CC)		Dr. G: Medical Examiner	
TLC	Clean Sweep (CC)		In a Fix Unfinished projects. (CC)		American Hot Rod (CC)		Overhaulin' (N)		Rides "Tonight's Ride" (N)		American Hot Rod (CC)	
TMC	(:15) "Grandview, U.S.A." ('84) ★★½ Jamie Lee Curtis. 'R'				"Flatliners" ('90, Suspense) ★★★ Kiefer Sutherland. 'R' (CC)				"Candyman" ('92) ★★½ Virginia Madsen. 'R'			(:45) "Miranda"
TNN	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		"Death Warrant" ('90, Drama) ★★ Jean-Claude Van Damme, Cynthia Gibb. (CC)					MXC
TNT	Charmed (CC)		Law & Order "Panic" (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order "The Ring"		Law & Order "Judge Dread"		Charmed "Once in a Blue Moon"		Law & Order "Switch" (CC) (DVS)	
TOON	Code Lyoko	Code Lyoko	Grim Advent.	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Ed Edd Eddy	Johnny Bravo	Codename: Kid	Mucha Lucha	Teen Titans	Static Shock	Futurama (CC)	Family Guy (CC)
TTC	Sea World Revealed (CC)		World's Best Florida theme park.		Food Crazy		Made	Made	Travel Memories: Holidays		Food Crazy	
TVL	The Munsters	The Munsters	The Munsters	The Munsters	The Munsters	Green Acres	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	3's Company	3's Company
UNI	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera		Rubí		Amor Real		Veremos Todo con Niurka		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	"Sgt. Bilko" ('96, Comedy) ★½ Steve Martin, Dan Aykroyd. (CC)				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk (CC)		Law & Order: SVU	
WGN	Home Improve.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	"Babes in Toyland" ('61, Fantasy) ★★½ Tommy Sands.				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 22

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	News (CC)	CBS News	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	A Home for the Holidays 2004 (N)		King of Queens	Center-Univ	CSI: NY "Creatures of the Night"		News (CC)	(:35) Late Show
WTVM 9	News	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	Lost "Walkabout" (CC)		Lost "White Rabbit" (CC)		Wife Swap "Pitts/Policchio" (CC)		News	(:35) Nightline
WLTZ 38	Girlfriends (CC)	NBC News	Dr. Phil		Will & Grace "Queens for a Day"		The West Wing "Abu El Banat"		Law & Order "C.O.D." (CC)		Every-Raymond	Tonight Show
WXTX 54	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	The Parkers	Living Single	That '70s Show	Quintuplets (N)	Nanny 911 (N) (CC)		News	(:35) Seinfeld	King of the Hill	Paid Program
WJSP 28	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Legendary Lighthouses (CC)		Mormon Tabernacle Choir		Great Performances "The Nutcracker From the Royal Ballet" (CC)				Tavis Smiley	Business Rpt.
WSWS 66	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Fear Factor "Couples" (CC)		Kevin Hill "Making the Grade"		Kevin Hill "Homework" (CC)		Frasier (CC)	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Drew Carey
WCGT 40	DJ and Friends		News (CC)	Rolling Art TV	Outdoor Adven.	Outdoor Hrtlnd	Hawg Country	Outdoors	Janet Parshall's America		At Home With Shop at Home	
A&E	City Confidential (CC)		American Justice: Confession		American Justice: Appalachia		Growing Gotti	Growing Gotti	Biography "Steven Seagal" (N)		Crossing Jordan "Conspiracy"	
AMC	(5:00) "The Longest Yard" ('74) ★★★½ 'R'			"The Blues Brothers" ('80, Comedy) ★★★ John Belushi. 'R' (Adult language)					FilmFakers "Song Island" (CC)		"The Blues Brothers" ★★★ 'R'	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Access Granted	The Parkers	Girlfriends (CC)	Coming to the Stage		Club Comic View		Nightly News	Music Special
CNBC	Bullseye (CC)		Late Night Jeff Goldblum. (N) (CC)		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Dennis Miller		McEnroe		The Big Idea With Deutsch	
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
COM	Comedy Central's Last Laugh '04 (CC)			Mad TV "Holiday '98" (CC)		Crank Yankers	Reno 911! (CC)	South Park (CC)	South Park (CC)	Drawn Together	"The Big Lebowski" ('98) ★★	
DIS	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	"The Muppet Christmas Carol" ('92) ★★★ Michael Caine. 'G'				Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Boy Mts. World
E!	Diary of Affair	Diary of Affair	E! News (N)	Life Is Great	Lionel Richie Hollywood Story		Bad Girls of Reality TV		Anna Mania: Best of Anna Nicole		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (Live) (CC)		College Football GMAC Bowl -- Bowling Green vs. Memphis. From Mobile, Ala. (Live) (CC)							SportsCenter
FAM	7th Heaven "The Prodigal Father"		Drummer Boy	C'mas Snow	"The Christmas Secret" ('00, Fantasy) Richard Thomas. (CC)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	
FX	Fear Factor (CC)		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	"Someone Like You" ('01, Comedy) ★★ Ashley Judd, Greg Kinnear.					Fear Factor (CC)		King of the Hill
HBO	"S.W.A.T." ('03, Action) ★★½ Samuel L. Jackson. 'PG-13' (CC)				Reverse-Curse of the Bambino		The Wire (CC)		Inside the NFL (N) (CC)		(:05) Carnivale "Insomnia" (CC)	
HBO2	"Life and Death of Peter Sellers"		Phantom-Opera	"Malibu's Most Wanted" ('03) ★★ (CC)			The Sopranos "The Test Dream"		"Sylvia" ('03, Biography) ★★½ Gwyneth Paltrow. (CC)			
HIST	The Wrath of God (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)		Full Throttle "1967 VW Beetle"		Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)	
LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"A Very Cool Christmas" ('04) George Hamilton, Donna Mills. (CC)				"The Christmas Wish" ('98) ★★½ Neil Patrick Harris. (CC)				The Nanny (CC)	Golden Girls
MAX	(5:30) "Seabiscuit" ('03) ★★★ Tobey Maguire. 'PG-13' (CC)				(:15) "Intolerable Cruelty" ('03) ★★★ George Clooney. 'PG-13'				"Torque" ('04) ★★ Martin Henderson. 'PG-13'			"Devil's Own"
MAX2	"Power Play"	(:45) "The Entity" ('82, Horror) ★★½ Barbara Hershey, Ron Silver.					"Love Don't Cost a Thing" ('03) ★★ (CC)			(:45) "Lord of the G-Strings" ('03) Misty Mundae.		
MTV	Nick & Jessica	Nick & Jessica	Nick & Jessica	Nick & Jessica	Hard Rock Live "Best of Special"		Nick & Jessica's Christmas		Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	True Life Travelling Europe.	
NICK	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Hey Arnold!	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)
SCI	Stargate SG-1 "Double Jeopardy"		Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction?		Proof Positive: Paranormal		Ghost Hunters (CC)		Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Proof Positive: Paranormal	
SHOW	(5:30) "Lover's Prayer" ★½ iTV		(:15) "Dangerous Minds" ('95) ★★ Michelle Pfeiffer. iTV. 'R' (CC)				HUFF "That F..ing Cabin" (CC)		"Monster" ('03, Biography) ★★★½ Charlize Theron. iTV. 'R' (CC)			
SHOW2	"Children"	(:45) "Terminal Velocity" ('94) ★★½ Charlie Sheen. (CC)				Best Boxing	"The Italian Job" ('03, Suspense) ★★★ Mark Wahlberg. (CC)				"Soldier's Girl" ('03) ★★★	
SPSO	I, Max (N)	Countdwn-Sign.	Countdwn-Sign.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta.					Southern Spts	I, Max (N)	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
STARZ	(5:50) "Meet Joe Black" ('98, Fantasy) ★★ Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Claire Forlani. (CC)						"Calendar Girls" ('03, Comedy-Drama) ★★★ Helen Mirren. (CC)				"The Hulk" ('03) ★★½ (CC)	
TBS	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	(:35) Friends	(:10) Family Guy	(:40) Family Guy	Sex and City	(:45) Sex and the City (CC)		Real Gilligan
TCM	(:15) "Courage of Lassie" ('46, Adventure) ★★½ Elizabeth Taylor.				"Yours, Mine and Ours" ('68, Comedy) ★★★ Lucille Ball.				"Parenthood" ('89, Comedy-Drama) ★★★ Steve Martin.			
TDC	Monster Nation (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		The Ice Hotel (N)		MythBusters "Christmas Special"		World Biker Build-Off		The Ice Hotel	
TLC	Clean Sweep Eliminating clothes.		In a Fix "The Fiesta House" (CC)		Mostly True: Urban Legends		In a Fix "New Bohemian" (N)		Extreme Surgery II (CC)		Mostly True: Urban Legends	
TMC	"Nevada" ('97, Drama) ★★½ Amy Brenneman. 'R' (CC)				"The Golden Child" ('86) ★★ Eddie Murphy.			(:35) "Killing Me Softly" ('02) ★½ 'R' (CC)			(:15) "Ash Wednesday" ★★★	
TNN	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		"The Godfather" ('72) ★★★★ Marlon Brando. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together.					
TNT	Charmed "Exit Strategy" (CC)		Law & Order "Denial" (CC) (DVS)		"Jack Frost" ('98, Fantasy) ★★ Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston.				"Jack Frost" ('98, Fantasy) ★★ Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston.			
TOON	Static Shock	Static Shock	Grim Advent.	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Olive, the Other Reindeer (CC)		Codename: Kid	Mucha Lucha	Teen Titans	Static Shock	Futurama (CC)	Family Guy (CC)
TTC	Travel Scams & Rip-Offs		World's Best (CC)		Secrets (CC)		World Poker Tour "San Jose's Bay 101 Shooting Stars of Poker"				Secrets (CC)	
TVL	Green Acres	Green Acres	Green Acres	Green Acres	The Munsters	Green Acres	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	3's Company	3's Company
UNI	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera		Rubí		Amor Real		Don Francisco Presenta		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	"Bowfinger" ('99, Comedy) ★★★ Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy.				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	
WGN	Home Improve.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	"Christmas at Water's Edge" ('04, Drama) Keshia Knight Pulliam.				America's Funniest Home Videos		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)

THURSDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 23

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRBL 3	News (CC)	CBS News	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	NCIS "See No Evil" (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace "Life Rules" (CC)		News (CC)	(:35) Late Show
WTVM 9	News	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	"The Santa Clause" ('94, Comedy) ★★★ Tim Allen. (CC)				PrimeTime Live (CC)		News	(:35) Nightline
WLTZ 38	Girlfriends (CC)	NBC News	Dr. Phil		Joey (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace (CC)		(9:59) ER "Makemba" (CC)		Every-Raymond	Tonight Show
WXTX 54	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	The Parkers	Living Single	The O.C. "The Distance" (CC)		The O.C. (CC)		News	(:35) Seinfeld	King of the Hill	Paid Program
WJSP 28	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Trailside: Adv.	Georgia Out	The New This Old House Hour		Antiques Roadshow "San Diego"		Salute to Vienna (CC)		Tavis Smiley	Business Rpt.
WSWS 66	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Fear Factor "Couples" (CC)		WWE SmackDown! (N) (CC)				Frasier (CC)	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Drew Carey
WCGT 40	ANN News	Newswatch	News (CC)	Chamber Vision	Newswatch	Crime Strike	American Adv	Eye for an Eye	Janet Parshall's America		At Home With Shop at Home	
A&E	City Confidential (CC)		American Justice		Cold Case Files (CC)				The First 48 (CC)		Crossing Jordan (CC)	
AMC	"Hooper" ('78, Comedy) ★★★ Burt Reynolds, Sally Field. 'PG'				"Smokey and the Bandit" ('77) ★★★ Burt Reynolds. 'PG'				"Smokey and the Bandit II" ('80) ★★ Burt Reynolds. 'PG' (CC)			
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET Style	The Parkers	Girlfriends (CC)	Soul Food (CC)		Club Comic View		Nightly News	BET Style
CNBC	Bullseye (CC)		Late Night Lewis Black. (N) (CC)		CNBC on Assignment		Dennis Miller		McEnroe		CNBC on Assignment	
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
COM	"40 Days"	"Say It Isn't So" ('01, Comedy) ★ Chris Klein. (CC)				"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" ('86, Comedy) ★★★ Matthew Broderick, Mia Sara. (CC)					"Orange County" ('02) ★★½	
DIS	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas (CC)			That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Boy Mts. World
E!	Sexy, Single, and Filthy Rich		E! News (N)	Dr. 90210	Nobel Peace Prize Concert (N)				Life Is Great	Dr. 90210	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
ESPN	SportsCenter	College Football PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl -- Cincinnati vs. Marshall. From Fort Worth, Texas. (CC)						(:45) College Football Pioneer PureVision Las Vegas Bowl -- UCLA vs. Wyoming. (CC)				
FAM	7th Heaven "Major League" (CC)		Jack Frost		"Prancer" ('89, Drama) ★★½ Rebecca Harrell, Sam Elliott.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	
FX	Fear Factor "Christmas Episode"		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Billionaire: Quest for Best	
HBO	"White Oleander" ('02) ★★½ Alison Lohman. 'PG-13' (CC)				Inside the NFL (CC)		"Bull Durham" ('88, Comedy-Drama) ★★★ Kevin Costner. 'R' (CC)				Real Sex Xtra	Real Sex Xtra
HBO2	(5:15) "Liberty Stands Still" ★★		"Chasing Liberty" ('04) ★★ Mandy Moore. Premiere. (CC)				The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos "All Due Respect"		"Breakdown" ('97) ★★★ (CC)	
HIST	Saints Preserved! (CC)		Christmas Unwrapped		Seven Wonders of the World (CC)				Modern Marvels (N) (CC)		A Very Ermey Christmas (CC)	
LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Miss Lettie and Me" ('02, Drama) ★★ Mary Tyler Moore. (CC)				"Holiday in Your Heart" ('97, Drama) ★★ LeAnn Rimes. (CC)				The Nanny (CC)	Golden Girls
MAX	(5:00) "Bad Boys II" ('03) ★★ Martin Lawrence.			(:45) "Die Hard With a Vengeance" ('95, Drama) ★★★ Bruce Willis. 'R' (CC)					"Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" ('04) ★★½			"Lessons-Love"
MAX2	(5:45) "Ghost in the Machine" ('93) ★★½ (CC)			"Good Advice" ('01) ★★½ Charlie Sheen. (CC)			"Single White Female" ('92) ★★½ Bridget Fonda. (CC)				(10:50) "Stuck on You" ★★½	
MTV	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd
NICK	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Rocket Power	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)
SCI	Stargate SG-1 "Ascension" (CC)		"Child's Play" ('88, Horror) ★★½ Catherine Hicks. (CC)				"Puppet Master vs. Demonic Toys" ('04) Corey Feldman. (CC)				"Retro-Puppetmeister" ★★ (CC)	
SHOW	(:15) "Iqby Goes Down" ('02) ★★★ Kieran Culkin. iTV. 'R' (CC)				"Bulletproof Monk" ('03) ★★ Chow Yun-Fat.			Alfie: SHO Me	"The Italian Job" ('03) ★★★ Mark Wahlberg. iTV. PG-13' (CC)			
SHOW2	(5:00) "Bowling for Columbine"		"The School of Rock" ('03, Comedy) ★★★ Jack Black. (CC)				"Blind Horizon" ('04) ★★ Val Kilmer. (CC)			Filmmaker Sho.	Boxing: Burton vs. Elder	
SPSO	I, Max (N)	SEC TV (Live)	NBA Action (N)	Totally Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live) (CC)			The Sports List	Southern Spts	I, Max (N)	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
STARZ	(5:00) "Under the Tuscan Sun"		"Days of Thunder" ('90, Drama) ★★½ Tom Cruise. (CC)				"The Missing" ('03, Western) ★★★ Tommy Lee Jones, Cate Blanchett. (CC)					"BASEketball"
TBS	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	(:35) Friends	(:10) Friends	(:40) Friends	(:10) "The American President" ('95) ★★★ Michael Douglas. (CC)			
TCM	"Knights of the Round Table" ('53) ★★½ Robert Taylor.				"A Christmas Carol" ('38) ★★★ Reginald Owen.			"The Man Who Came to Dinner" ('41) ★★★½ Monty Woolley.			"Bishop's Wife"	
TDC	Monster Nation (CC)		No Opportunity Wasted (CC)		No Opportunity Wasted (N)		Tiger Shark Attack: Beyond Fear		Great White Shark Uncaged (CC)		No Opportunity Wasted	
TLC	Clean Sweep (CC)		In a Fix		Noah's Ark: The True Story (CC)		The Mummy Detective (N)		The Mummy Detective (N)		Noah's Ark: The True Story (CC)	
TMC	"Whats Ckn"	(:25) "The Front" ('76) ★★★½ Woody Allen.			"Mississippi Burning" ('88) ★★★½ Gene Hackman. 'R' (CC)				(:15) "Modern Romance" ('81, Comedy) ★★★ Albert Brooks. 'R'			
TNN	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		"The Godfather, Part II" ('74) ★★★★ Al Pacino. The saga of the Corleone crime family continues.					
TNT	Charmed "Look Who's Barking"		Law & Order "Harvest" (CC)		NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at San Antonio Spurs. (Live) (CC)					NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Sacramento Kings.		
TOON	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Grim Advent.	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Ed Edd Eddy	Grinch-C'mas	Codename: Kid	Mucha Lucha	Teen Titans	Static Shock	Futurama (CC)	Family Guy (CC)
TTC	Hidden Yellowstone (CC)		World's Best (CC)		America's Orient Express (CC)		Secrets of Zion & Bryce (CC)		Secrets of Denali National Park		America's Orient Express (CC)	
TVL	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	The Munsters	Green Acres	Andy Griffith	Leave-Beaver	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	3's Company	3's Company
UNI	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera		Rubí		Amor Real		Las Delicias de la India María		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
USA	"12 Days of Christmas Eve" ('04, Drama) Steven Weber.				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	
WGN	Home Improve.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	"A Different Kind of Christmas" ('96, Drama) Shelley Long. (CC)				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)



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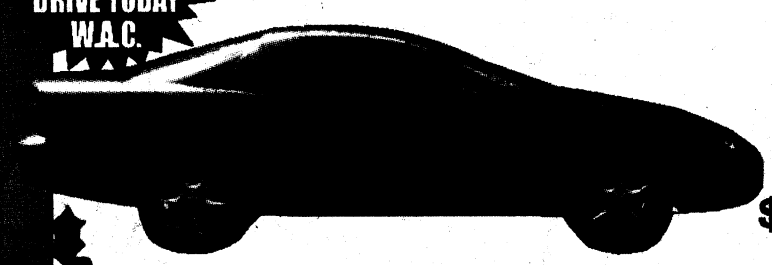
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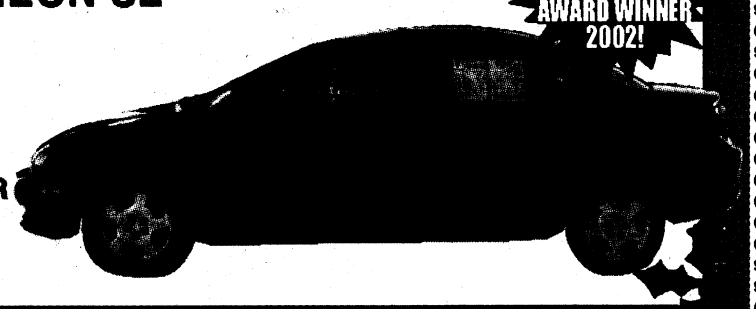
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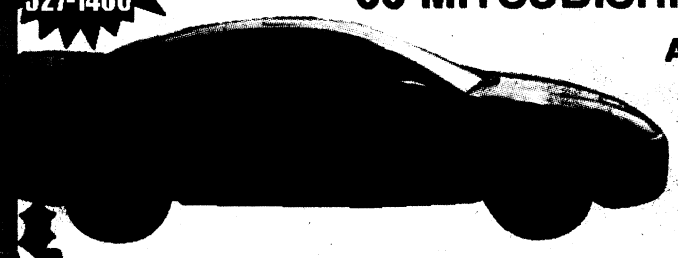
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