

Army missile use taught in drill

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EL PASO — The Army brass says the "10-second drill" and how well it is executed can be the difference between living and dying for a lot of soldiers.

The drill's scenario: Two men in a jeep pulling a small trailer are deep in enemy territory with their own troops all around them when an airplane suddenly appears over the horizon. The plane is headed straight toward them and their troops.

The two men have 10 seconds to stop the jeep, run to the trailer and take one of six Stinger surface-to-air missiles from its rack, hoist it to the gunner's shoulder, identify the airplane as friend or foe, track it, and — if it is an enemy — fire.

To make sure soldiers can do that and do it right is the job of instructors of the 1st Air Defense Artillery Training Brigade at Fort Bliss.

"You only have one chance to do it right," said 1st Sgt. Celson screen of Banbridge, Ga., as he adjusted the shoulder strap on spec. 4 Howard Tucker of Johnburg, N.Y.

Soldiers who use the Stinger are in the business of providing low altitude air defense in combat situations. Fort Bliss uses one

station unit training in which a soldier goes through seven weeks of basic training, then another seven weeks of "MANPADS" or Manned Portable Air Defense training in both the

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Stinger and the older Redeye weapon.

Both are shoulder-launched, heat-seeking missiles designed to down enemy aircraft flying at low level as in a strafing or bombing run.

After launch, both missiles home in on the airplane's jet or regular exhaust system and fly directly to the aircraft.

The difference between the two, said Sgt. Larry Osborne of Bartley, W.Va., the MANPADS training non-commissioned officer, is that the Redeye is con-

sidered a "revenge weapon, in that the aircraft has already flown by the gunner before the missile can home in on its exhaust."

Osborne said a lot of damage could already be inflicted by the enemy aircraft before it can be shot down.

"The Stinger can meet the enemy head on while the aircraft is crossing in front of the weapon," Osborne said. "In other words, it does not have to wait until it is past. The gunner can fire it directly at the oncoming airplane and it will home in."

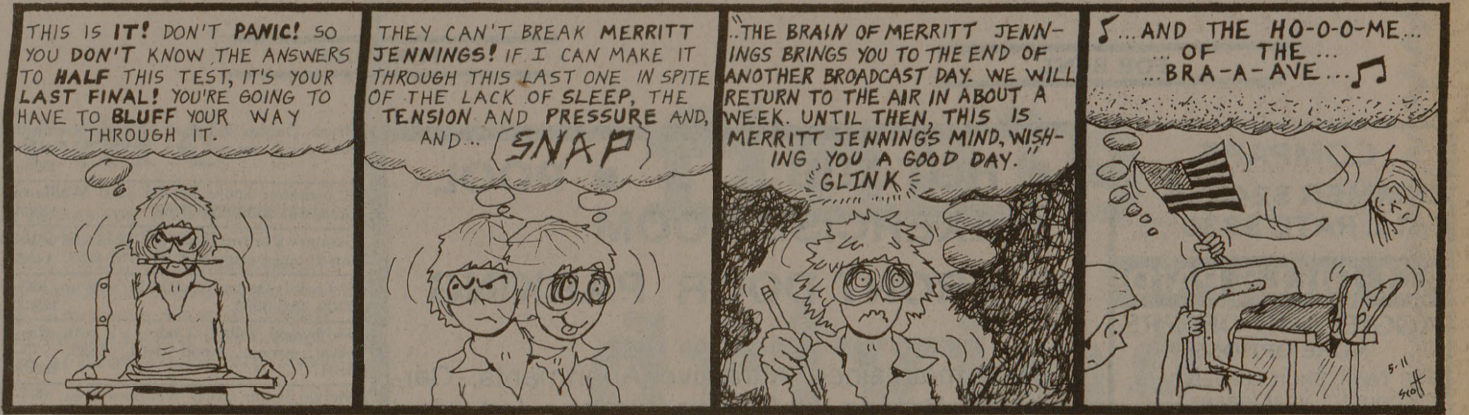
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Soldiers fresh out of basic training go through a course in which they use audio-visual aids to learn about the Stinger and Redeye and how to identify 21 friendly and enemy aircraft.

They study at their own speed and when they feel ready, they are tested and get either a "go or no go" grade. With a "no go" they simply review the material in which they were deficient until they feel they are ready to be tested again.

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by Scott McCullar



Nursing home planning to re-open as soon as shutdown order expires

United Press International
GREENVILLE — Owners of Greencrest Manor Nursing Home have said they plan to re-open the facility as soon as the state health department's 10-day shutdown order expires.

Citing allegations of improper health care, Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox personally closed Greencrest Manor Nursing Home last Friday after a 9-day investigation by the health department.

Dr. William Hubbard, of the health department office at Arlington, testified at a Satur-

day court hearing that at least 11 Greencrest Manor patients died in March and April after receiving questionable care.

Health department officials recommended the facility be decertified, Mattox spokeswoman Elna Christopher said.

Steve Stricklin, a district operations director for Hill Haven Corp., which owns the nursing home, said patients at the facility "got proper care," even if it was not documented in company records.

A decertification hearing set

for Tuesday in Austin was postponed in order to give attorneys time to prepare their cases, a health department spokesman said.

In addition, the state attorney general's office is investigating the possibility of Medicaid fraud, Christopher said.

Hill Haven Corp. Vice President Frank Ruffo said he is unaware of any such investigation and denied any wrongdoing, predicting the firm will be cleared of any improper actions.

Nursing home officials said they plan to re-open the facility May 17.



Job well done

staff photo by Eric Evan Lee

Keith E. McKinney accepts the Caddess Award for materials science from Dr. Caddess at the mechanical engineering awards

ceremony held Friday afternoon in Rudder Tower. In addition to the award, a \$325 check was presented.

Policeman's son sought in warrant

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DALLAS — Authorities Tuesday were searching for the son of a deputy police chief wanted in a massive roundup of alleged drug dealers that also netted the son of a federal narcotics agent.

Dallas police Lt. David M. Davis said 66 of the 112 people named in warrants issued last week had been arrested by late Monday.

Among those arrested Friday evening was James Martin Lambert, 25, of Irving, whose father is an agent of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, an agency that provided financial assistance during the three-month investigation.

Authorities were still seeking Ray Randell, 25, the son of northeast patrol Deputy Chief Eugene Randell on a warrant alleging he sold marijuana to an undercover officer, Davis said.

Officers who went to the younger Randell's Balch Springs apartment discovered he had moved out he night before the raid.

"We have no reason to believe he was intentionally tipped off by anyone," Davis said. "Chances are his move was a coincidence."

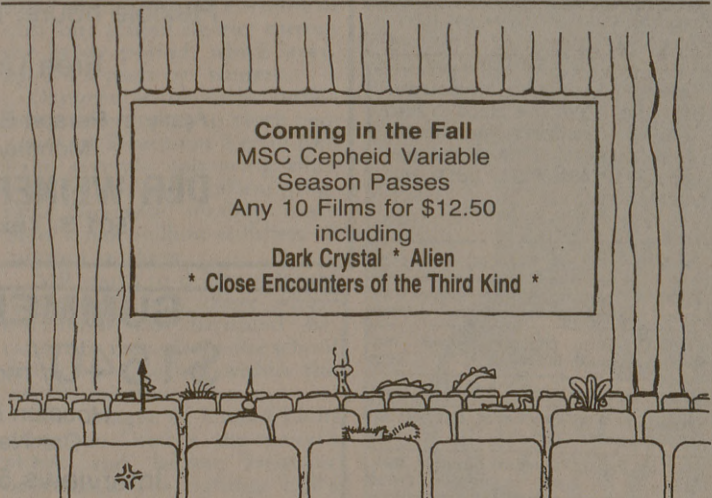
Davis added that Lambert's father works in a jurisdiction outside Dallas.

Deputy Chief Randell said he learned of his son's arrest warrant from Chief Billy Prince last week.

"It came as a shock to me," said Randell, who said he has not heard from his son in three weeks.

"If I did hear from him, I'd just tell him: 'You have some business. You need to go down to the city and take care of it,'" he said.

About 75 percent of the warrants alleged that those named had sold amphetamine to undercover officers. The remainder were for the sale of marijuana and cocaine, Davis said.



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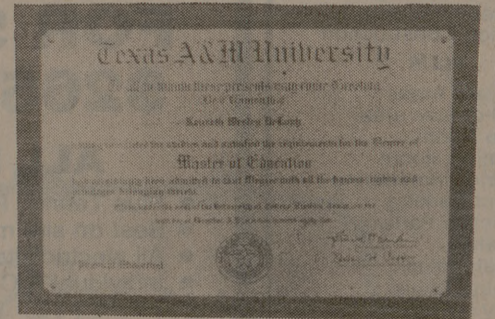
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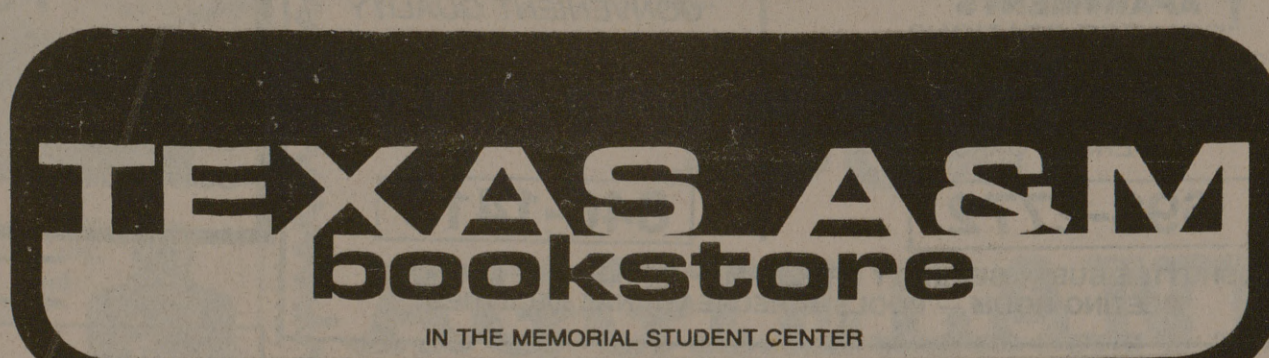
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