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IN THE SERVICE

Halliburton graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman David L. Halliburton has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Halliburton is the son of James E. and Gayle Halliburton of 135 St. John's Place, Allen, Tennessee.

Kearns deployed to Panama

While most Americans are celebrating the holiday season at home or with family, Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Kearns, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. Kearns of 318 Mount Sterling Road, Paris, Kentucky, is scheduled to spend the holidays deployed to Panama while assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Kearns is one of more than 63,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who are serving our country separated from their families and loved ones this holiday period.

Kentucky's child care payment capability assured

The Cabinet for Families and Children has fixed problems that could have caused a major Y2K-related breakdown in its system for helping low-income families with child care payments.

Cabinet officials said a federal report issued last week correctly described Kentucky's child care system as largely in ensuring and testing its computers' capacity to make timely payments past December 31. But they said they are now confident that child care payments will go out on time well into the new year.

Kentucky finished testing its child care payment system after the completion of the federal report on states' computerized systems for serving the needy. The cabinet told federal Health and Human Services officials on December 13 that the payment system was Y2K compliant, but "they let us know that it was too late to make a change in the report," said Rodney Murphy, the cabinet's chief information officer.



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SPECIAL CANCELATION

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Betty Barton, of Carlisle, looks over the many bicentennial gifts available for sale. Also in photo are members of the Nicholas County Historical Society.

Advertisement for Movies 9 featuring 'Man on the Moon', 'The Talented Mr. Ripley', and 'Stuart Little'.

Advertisement for Williamsburg Terrace Apartments, located at 101 Williamsburg Terrace, Paris, Kentucky. Features rent based on your income and 987-6209 contact number.

USDA provides \$250 million for rural housing program

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced that USDA will provide \$184.5 million in housing assistance for rural Americans, an additional \$60 million to leverage private funding through partnerships with local institutions to provide the dream of home ownership to American families.

The survey found that the program serves mostly young and minority borrowers, whose income averaged \$18,200 and more than two-thirds of all recent borrowers were highly satisfied with the process of buying and financing their homes through USDA's Rural Housing Service.

USDA's 50-year effort to promote rural ownership has had a profound impact on rural living conditions for millions of Americans, Glickman said. "Rural home ownership is at an all-time high. And these funds will help ensure that even more rural Americans will have modern, efficient housing to call home."

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At the ceremony, USDA Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson, from other states, federal, nonprofit and private sector officials, were on hand to recognize rural home ownership successes over the past 50 years.

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BUTCH AND DOUGIE BY ALEX HOWELL

A collection of comic strips including 'Butch and Dougie', 'Bringing Up Father', 'Dad', 'Phantom', 'R.D.F. by Mike Marland', and 'King Crossword'.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A co-worker might be tough. Stay on top of assignments. You're enjoying an extra-busy social life during the holidays. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have much to do in order to complete holiday-related tasks. The year ends, and then prepare for New Year's. The weekend of Jan. 6-8 (EMANI) (May 21 to June 20) You'll be feeling more self-assured, and that confidence will last for weeks. Proceed with your plans. Be careful in your use of credit. CANCER (June 21 to July 21) The week starts a cycle that will favor your finances for your efforts. Take new opportunities. Someone's inconsiderate remark could hurt your self-esteem this weekend. LEO (July 22 to August 22) Astrology might be necessary as you work. Be sensitive to the feelings of others. Communicative powers are at a peak. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Home is the center of activity. Let others know that you're serious and dependable. The coming weeks will bring you financial success. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news might come from an adviser. At home, a loved one needs extra consideration. The coming weeks will bring you more than one travel opportunity. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll be helping connections that will prove helpful to you in business, now and in the coming weeks. This weekend, guard against self-indulgent pleasures. YOU BORN THIS WEEK are able to communicate your ideas effectively. You have a strong sense of responsibility and high ideals. You are also a champion of other people's rights. Developing talent would ease your path.

A collection of puzzles and games including 'Junior Whirl', 'Yellow Jacket Jousting', 'Chain Reaction', 'Pop Eye', 'R.D.F. by Mike Marland', and 'Soap Updates'.

Advertisement for King Crossword, featuring a crossword puzzle grid and a list of words to find.

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