

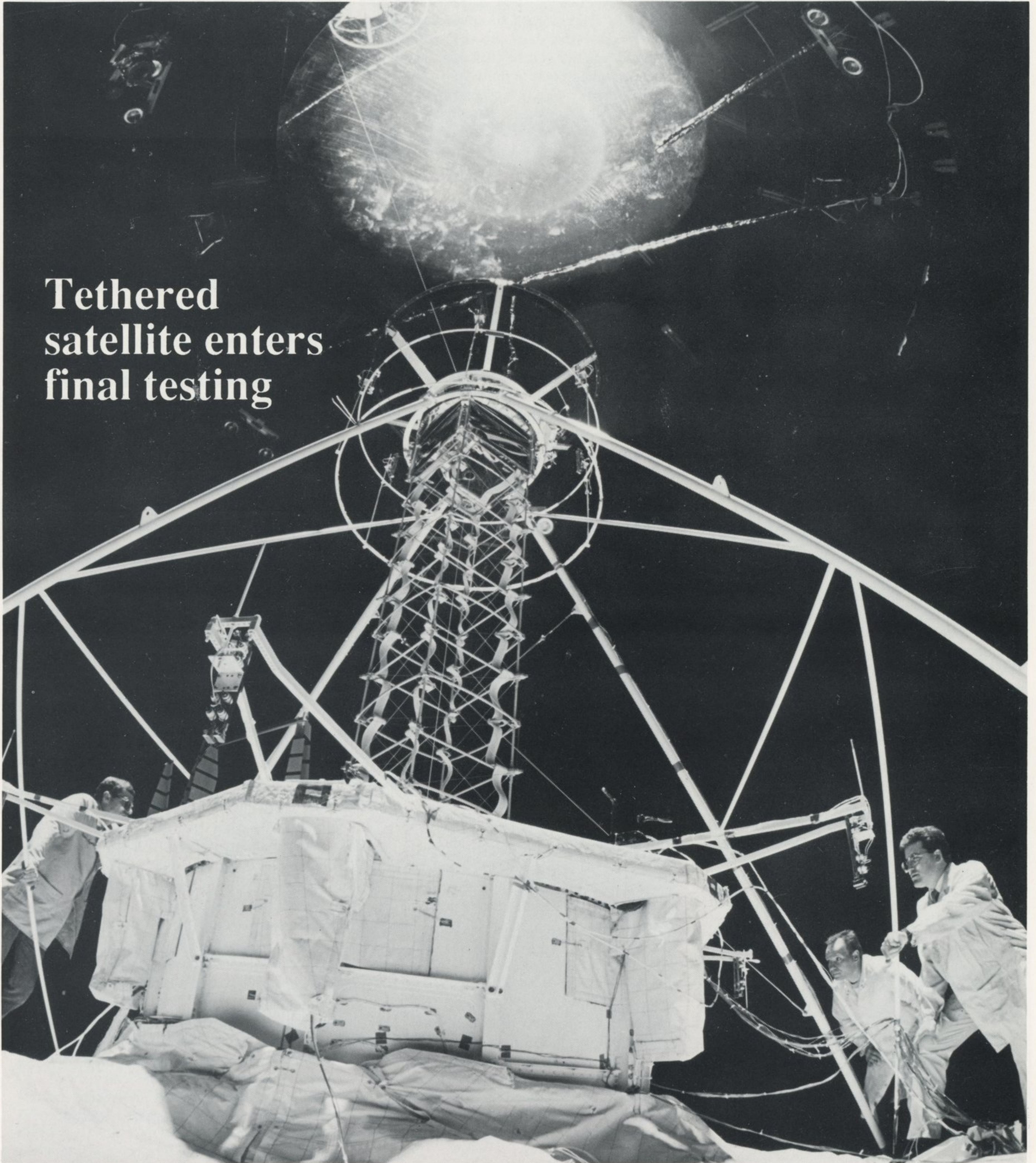
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# Network hospitals to change for CIGNA-DPN, Comprecare participants

The CIGNA Designated Provider Network and Comprecare Medical Program have made changes in south metro area network hospitals for Denver-based employees and retirees, effective Sept. 1.

"CIGNA-DPN is entering into an exclusive contract with Swedish Medical Center for 'in-network' services for their members in the south metro area," said Stanley F. Albrecht, vice president of Human Resources. "In-network" service is the specific care authorized by the patient's primary care physician and provided by a designated hospital as part of the network. Under the contract, Swedish agrees to a rate discount for all admissions from CIGNA-DPN.

participants whose co-payment will be on a lower rate as well, thus lowering their out-of-pocket costs.

"We participated in the agreements for this arrangement because 50 percent of our Astronautics Group Denver area hospital admissions are in Swedish Medical Center and Porter and Littleton hospitals," he said. "We agreed to the changes by both provider organizations because they are designed to create substantial cost savings within each network, without reducing the quality of care available."

Albrecht said these actions are in line with the Astronautics Group's ongoing strategy to offer benefit plans with high-quality medical services for employees and their families at the

premium rates are set in the future," Albrecht said, adding that the company will continue to take appropriate actions at every opportunity to control the spiraling costs of medical services as long as quality of service is not reduced.

To make these changes as easy as possible for employees and their families, transition rules have been negotiated with Comprecare and CIGNA-DPN to cover participants who have scheduled a stay at one of the affected hospitals that will start on or continue beyond Sept. 1. Employees affected by the changes in the CIGNA-DPN and Comprecare programs were notified of the changes and the transition rules in letters mailed to employees' homes on July 9.

"The company will continue to work with our insurance carriers and the medical service providers, as appropriate, to develop approaches that will maintain quality health care and be more cost effective for our employees and their families," Albrecht said. "This is a continuing and long-term strategy for the Astronautics Group." ■

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He said the exclusive CIGNA-DPN/Swedish contract means that most services received from Porter and Littleton hospitals will be covered at the out-of-network level of reimbursement after Sept. 1. This level is 70 percent coverage, after the annual deductible is met. CIGNA-DPN will continue to authorize services at Porter and Littleton hospitals on an in-network basis after Sept. 1 for open-heart surgery, radiation therapy, and emergencies.

At the same time, the Comprecare Medical Program has signed an exclusive contract with Porter and Littleton hospitals for services to Comprecare members in the south metro area. "This exclusive contract means that as of Sept. 1, primary care physicians will no longer specify Swedish Medical Center for hospital services. Emergency services received at Swedish will continue to be covered by Comprecare," Albrecht said.

Participants in the Connecticut General Basic Indemnity Plan still may use any hospital they wish; however, under the new CIGNA-DPN arrangement, they will also receive the special negotiated rate at Swedish when they are admitted there.

"One advantage of the negotiated rate situation is that because Swedish gets more patients, the carriers get better rates," Albrecht said. "It's a win-win situation for everyone. This includes Basic Indemnity Plan

most cost-effective rates available.

"Obviously, if the provider networks can realize cost savings through exclusive service arrangements, then the Astronautics Group and our employees expect to benefit as well when

Please see complete list of hospitals on page three.

## Details presented on how hospital changes will affect employees

Carolyn Aldorfer, chief of Employee Benefits, says the following items help explain the changes in the hospital networks for employees using the CIGNA and Comprecare programs.

- The CIGNA Designated Provider Network will continue to include Swedish Medical Center on an in-network basis for south metro area members.
- CIGNA-DPN will include Porter and Littleton hospitals on an out-of-network basis. In-network services for emergencies, open-heart surgery, and radiation therapy will continue to be authorized by CIGNA-DPN at Porter and Littleton hospitals.
- Comprecare will use Porter and Littleton hospitals on an exclusive basis, deleting Swedish Medical Center as a covered hospital.
- CIGNA-DPN and Comprecare members may use any hospital when a life- or limb-threatening emergency occurs.
- The hospital designation in the south metro area effective Sept. 1 will not affect members' ability to use any other participating hospital in other areas, outside of the south metro area hospitals mentioned, which are included in their insurance plan. As always, hospital admissions are coordinated with the primary care

physician; otherwise CIGNA-DPN employees are reimbursed at the out-of-network level and Comprecare employees are not covered.

- The negotiated hospital rate at Swedish Medical Center will apply to all Astronautics Group employees and retirees for whom CIGNA or Connecticut General is the primary provider.
- Employees and retirees who are participants in the Connecticut General Basic Indemnity Plan may continue to use any hospital. They will, however, also receive the special (CIGNA-DPA) negotiated rate at Swedish Medical Center when they are admitted there. This will mean a lower co-payment amount for the patient.
- Participants in the Kaiser HMO are not affected by these changes.
- Anyone who is eligible for Medicare will not be eligible for the special negotiated rate at Swedish Medical Center.
- Open enrollment will take place as usual in the fall.
- Employees who have a planned hospital admission at one of the affected hospitals should continue to coordinate their care with their primary care physician, or call CIGNA-DPA member services at 782-1585 or Comprecare member services at 750-6200.

### Got a question?

Employees with questions about specific benefits, or with special concerns, should contact the Astronautics Group Benefit Office at Ext. 7-4928, 7-3232, or 7-7667.

## Hospital listings for Comprefcare announced

Comprefcare members may receive covered services, as coordinated through primary care physicians, at the following hospitals:

### Metro area

AMI Presbyterian Aurora Hospital  
AMI Presbyterian Denver Hospital  
AMI St. Luke's Hospital  
Children's Hospital  
Littleton Hospital  
Porter Memorial Hospital  
Rose Medical Center  
St. Anthony Central Hospital  
St. Anthony North Hospital

### Southern Colorado

Penrose Hospital System  
Penrose Community Hospital  
St. Francis Hospital

### Northern Colorado

Boulder Community Hospital  
Estes Park Medical Center  
Kremmling Memorial Hospital  
McKee Medical Center  
North Colorado Medical Center  
Platte Valley Medical Center  
Poudre Valley Hospital

## In-network hospitals presented for CIGNA

CIGNA-DPN members are covered on an in-network basis, as coordinated through primary care physicians, at the following hospitals:

### Metro area

Bethesda Hospital  
Children's Hospital  
Humana Hospital—Aurora  
Lutheran Medical Center  
Rose Medical Center  
Swedish Medical Center  
St. Joseph Hospital  
University Hospital

### Southern Colorado

Parkview Episcopal Hospital  
Penrose Hospital System  
St. Francis Hospital

### Northern Colorado

Boulder Community Hospital  
Community Medical Center  
Humana Hospital—Mt. View  
Longmont United Hospital  
McKee Medical Center  
North Colorado Medical Center  
Platte Valley Medical Center  
Poudre Valley Hospital



### Employees go for the gorge

Seventy Astronautics Group employees and their families and friends participated July 7 and 8 in the Multiple Sclerosis Society's 150-mile ride to the Royal Gorge. The team, pictured above, joined 4,600 other riders and more than 1,700 volunteers from across the country in the ride, and raised more than \$12,000 in pledges to help fund research and care for people stricken with the disease. The ride started in Highlands Ranch and went to Colorado Springs on day one. On day two, the riders traveled the remaining 65 miles to Canon City and up to the Royal Gorge.

## Operation Santa Claus needs summer volunteers

The Astronautics Group's employee-run Operation Santa Claus organization is seeking employees willing to volunteer their time and talents to support a variety of projects with two separate groups who are managing private, non-profit programs for children.

Specifically, Operation Santa Claus is looking for employees capable of performing remodeling tasks such as painting and construction work.

One of the organizations, Chicago Creek Roads, is designed to house, educate, and maintain children up to age 18 who are suffering from the effects of sexual and physical abuse until appropriate foster homes are found. Chicago Creek receives very little funding from the Colorado Department of Social Services, and relies primarily on community support for survival. Operation Santa Claus is working to provide help for their facility that is badly in need of repair.

The other group Operation Santa Claus is targeting is the Gemini House in Lakewood. Also designed to assist young people, the shelter needs to refinish their beds for the children.

Operation Santa Claus is providing funds to purchase the materials for repair, refinishing, and remodeling, but badly needs volunteers to donate their time and talents to perform the work.

For more information, please contact Bo Rodriguez at Ext. 7-7537 or Dan Porter at Ext. 7-5390.

## Botanic Gardens opens doors for employees

The Denver Botanic Gardens and the Chatfield Arboretum are hosting a day for Astronautics Group employees and their immediate family members from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at the two facilities.

Employees must show their badge for entrance to the facilities.

At the Botanic Gardens, a stained glass artists' show will be conducted and employees are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch or dinner to enjoy while on the grounds.

During the last three years, Martin Marietta has funded a program for the gardens to develop a blend of native wildflower seeds to be planted along Colorado's highways for beautification and erosion control. More than 3,000 of these plants were planted in a pilot program to test the mix early this summer at the Main Plant. And this fall, a blend of the mix will be seeded along Highway 121.

Also, 1,000 wildflower plants this summer were donated to Interscape 25, a project designed to beautify Interstate 25 through central Denver.

For details about locations call the gardens at 331-4010 or the arboretum at 973-3705.

## On the cover

The Tethered Satellite System was hoisted out of the thermal vacuum chamber this week to begin a final series of testing before it is shipped to the Kennedy Space Center on Aug. 10. The Space Systems company has designed and built the tethered satellite deployment system, which includes a cone-shaped support structure, boom, tether and reel, and associated flight equipment. The company's contract with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center also includes overall system integration, and launch and mission operations support. Aeritalia is building the satellite for the first mission, which is currently scheduled to fly aboard the Space Shuttle in late 1991. During the mission, astronauts will test the system and conduct experiments to study the generation of electricity in space.



### Drug effort gets boost

Gov. Roy Romer, left, on July 12 accepts a \$2,500 contribution for the Communities for a Drug Free Colorado from Paul Nordberg, director of Security for the Astronautics Group. CDFC is the governor's initiative for preventing and reducing the illicit use and harmful effects of alcohol and drugs among youth.

## Training facilities created at Deer Creek

Five conference rooms at the Deer Creek Facility have been refurbished to help the Astronautics Group accomplish continuous training initiatives for employees. Also, this month, the executive dining area will be remodeled into five training rooms, and the third floor, south bridge area, will house four training facilities.

All training facilities will feature new carpet, upgraded furniture, more capacity, and names

reflecting the Astronautics Group's programs throughout the years.

For instance, the rooms on the R level of Deer Creek, previously named for mountain passes, now are called Titan, Peacekeeper, Voyager, Skylab, and Viking.

To schedule classes in the new rooms, employees should call Cheryl DiGiallonardo at Ext. 1-9529. ■

## Awards granted for inventions

Nine Astronautics Group employees won invention awards in the first quarter of 1990. The Intellectual Property Review Board for the Astronautics Group made the awards.

Cash awards were granted to:

**Dr. Aaron N. Silver and William G. Cheadle**—"Software Sizing, Estimating, and Scheduling Tool;"

**Brent A. Cullimore**—"Flexible Deployable Heat Pipe without Bellows, Seals, Arteries, or Actuators;"

**William P. Kennedy**—"Retro-Reflective Transceiver;"

**Frank M. Kustas, Dr. Mohan S. Misra, Dr. Joseph F. Froechtenigt, and Dr. Donald F. Shepard**—"Fabrication of Hard Amorphous and Diamondlike Carbon Coatings on Low-Temperature Substrates for Tribological Applications;"

**Glenn E. Rhoades**—"Graphics Equivalency Ruler." ■



### Command Media gets new logo

Arnold F. Roane, director of Administration, left, and Phil DeLeo, manager of Command Media, right, join to congratulate Lisa Carlson, a Space Launch Systems systems engineer, on winning the Command Media logo contest. Carlson's logo, pictured above, was selected from more than 50 entries. She said her logo, "represents all three areas of Command Media, yet is simple and easy to recognize." ■

## Mini show planned for Mac computers

The latest equipment for Macintosh computers will be featured from 12:30 to 5 p.m. July 26 at the Engineering Building Presentation Room.

Hewlett Packard's mini computer show is open to all employees and will include all types of equipment and programs for the Macintosh computer. ■

## Decision expected this fall in Friendly Hills lawsuit

A U.S. District Court judge is expected to issue a ruling this fall on a motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed by some residents of the Friendly Hills subdivision against the Astronautics Group and the Denver Water Board.

A five-day pretrial hearing to determine whether there is enough evidence to send the case to a jury ended on July 13. Judge Zita Weinshienk and a panel of three court-appointed experts will review the evidence presented by both sides during the hearing.

The judge then will decide whether the plaintiffs have sufficient evidence to let a jury decide whether they were hurt as a result of pollution coming from the Waterton plant and contaminating drinking water coming out of the Kassler water treatment facility downhill from the plant.

"While we feel compassion for anyone who suffers illness for any reason, we have maintained from the outset and are more firmly convinced than ever that we neither caused nor contributed to the problems of the Friendly Hills residents who have filed this suit," said Astronautics Group President Peter B. Teets.

Karen Barry, a Martin Marietta attorney involved in the case, said that it's been three and one-half years since the suit was filed, and "the plaintiffs have not been able to produce a shred of credible evidence to show that Martin Marietta caused any injuries in the Friendly Hills neighborhood."

Barry said the plaintiffs' case is based primarily on reports from experts who did not use



### Rally time

Employees gather near the Engineering Building for one of three recent United Way campaign kickoff rallies. South Park West I and Deer Creek hosted the other two. Live music, displays, special guests, and agency profiles were featured at each rally in preparation for the 1990 campaign. Last year the Mile High United Way raised a record \$27.5 million.

generally accepted scientific methods to reach their conclusion that contaminated water left Martin Marietta and reached the taps in Friendly Hills. Furthermore, she said, the plaintiffs lack positive epidemiological evidence and have no scientific basis for proving their illnesses or deaths were caused by pollution from Martin Marietta. ■

## '90 United Way campaign is here

After three exciting kickoff rallies and a visit by Gov. Roy Romer, the 1990 Mile High United Way campaign is underway.

Next week, group campaign meetings begin and pledge cards will be distributed. Campaign meeting locations will be posted at all facilities and pledge cards will be distributed on Thursday, July 26.

Also, drawings for prizes from contributing participants start on Aug. 1.

Corporate contributions make up just 19 percent of the Mile High United Way's funds, while 78 percent comes from employees throughout the Denver area.

Last year, more than 660,000 people used Mile High United Way funded resources. The group supports 256 health and human service programs in Jefferson, Arapahoe, Denver, Adams, and Douglas counties. ■



### Romer charges troops

Gov. Roy Romer introduces members of Peter B. Teets' large staff to the word "eleemosynary" during his recent visit to the Astronautics Group to promote the 1990 United Way campaign and the importance of volunteerism. Eleemosynary means of or pertaining to alms or the giving of alms, to be charitable.

## Ethics reminder

Employees with ethics questions or concerns are encouraged to call the Astronautics Group Ethics office at Ext. 7-4530, or the corporate director of Ethics at (800) 338-4427. Also, a special Waterson Ethics office is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Engineering Building, Ext. 1-9959.

# 30,000 fans turn out to see Zephyrs' victory



The long ball, brief showers, and family fun were all on tap last weekend at Mile High Stadium for the Astronautics Group's family night at the Denver Zephyrs game. More than 30,000 employees and their families enjoyed the Z's victory at the second family event of the year.



## Employee services/recreation

**Photography Club**—Platte Canyon photo club members, guests, and interested employees should attend the next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, July 23, at the Public Service building, 10001 W. Hampden Ave. Contact Bill Privratsky, Ext. 7-4969 or 7-3728, for details.

**Chess Tournament**—The Chess Club will host a five-minute championship chess tournament at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, in the Space Support Building cafeteria. All interested employees should bring chess sets and clocks. Trophies will be awarded for the top three places in the upper and lower divisions. For more details, contact Robert Kelso at Ext. 7-9932.

**Motorcycle Club**—The Aerorider Motorcycle Club will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2,

in the recreation clubhouse. Contact Steve Taylor at Ext. 7-7731 or Paul Betthausser at Ext. 1-5574 for information.

**Mile High L5**—The group will meet for a picnic and star party at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, at Observatory Park near Denver University. For details, contact Cyndi Bissett at Ext. 7-5844.

**Child Care Selection**—A complimentary copy of "Choosing Child Care" is available from the Employee Services and Recreation office. The brochure was published by Arapahoe Community College, and is a parent's guide to important issues to consider when selecting child care. To obtain a copy, contact the Employee Services office at Ext. 7-6605.

**Bow Hunting Clinic**—Well-known bow

hunter Dave Holt will conduct a two-hour clinic starting at 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at the recreation area clubhouse. The Red Rocks Bowmen club is sponsoring the event and a \$2 fee will be charged at the door prior to the event. Employees with questions should contact Eric Nerwin at Ext. 7-6605 or 238-5573.

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