

# DoD liberalizes leave and liberty concept

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - The Department of Defense has published a new directive that for the first time establishes comprehensive policy guidance on leave and liberty for all services.

Entitled "Leave and Liberty," the directive is designed to eliminate annual loss of leave experienced by service members and to significantly increase the use of earned leave.

## Military Requirement

Officials said the key to the new program is the determination that a leave program is a military requirement of equal importance with other military requirements and the clear assignment of responsibility to senior commanders that they must not

assign nonoperational tasks which would interfere with leave programs unless they cancel or suspend other nonoperational requirements.

Details of Air Force implementation of the directive, which became effective July 1, have not yet been announced.

Officials said the new DoD policies explicitly recognize that vacations and short periods of rest from the work environment are essential to maintaining maximum effectiveness, high motivation and morale. The lack of such respite adversely affects performance and ultimately health and exacerbates the effects of separation from home and family. Further, it also adversely influences the attitudes of the family which, in turn, influence

the career plans of the service member.

"...to the extent permitted..."

For these reasons, the policy states "operational functions and essential supporting functions of each command in the Armed Forces must be accomplished to the extent permitted by the manning provided."

All officers in command, major headquarters, and the military departments shall ensure that secondary and nonessential efforts, which would work to prevent execution of an aggressive leave program, though they may be desirable in themselves, are (1) not imposed (2) coupled with matching reductions in less important programs, or (3) suspended."

Officials said the key to successful

results from these leave policies will be the officer in command, particularly those in higher command levels, in major headquarters and at the military departmental levels.

The new directive requires that "Officers authorized to grant leave shall establish and regulate schedules to provide for maximum use of earned leave consistent with operational and training workloads, the maintenance of the required degree of operational readiness, and the desires of the individual service members."

"All personnel shall be provided the time to take leave annually in these programs."

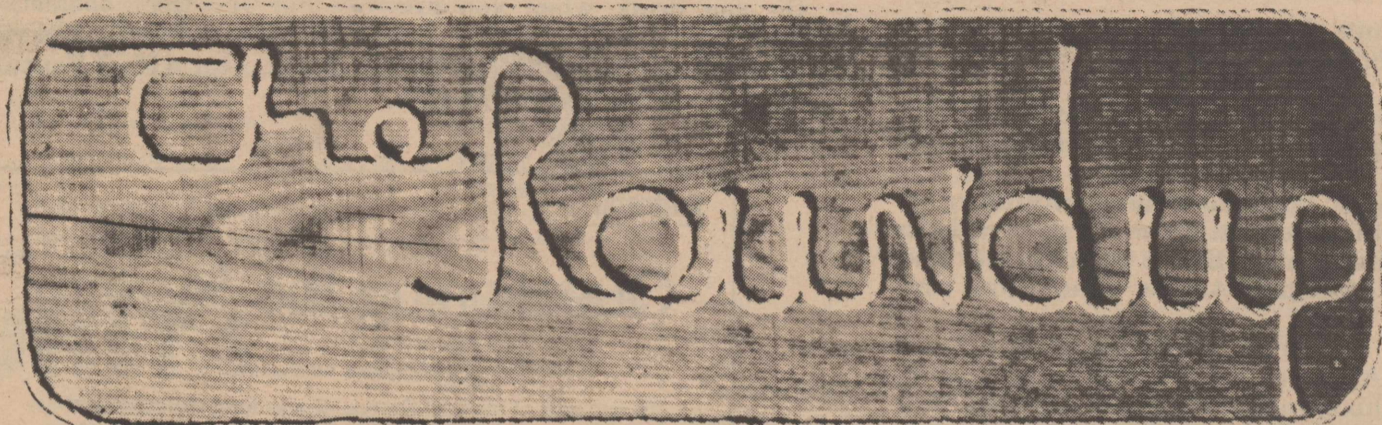
## Maximum Benefit

"To obtain maximum benefit from

the objectives of annual leave programs, to both the member and his or her unit, they should provide opportunity to take frequent periods of leave, including the opportunity to take at least one leave period each year, about 14 consecutive days in length, and longer when possible."

The directive further requires that "Officers in command shall encourage and assist all members to use, on the average, their entire 30 days leave each year. The Congress has provided compensation for members who were not able to use their leave because military requirements have prevented it, and personnel should not be required to expend leave immediately prior to separation simply for the purpose of reducing leave balances. On the other hand, use of the leave system as an extra money program, either as a method of compensation or as a career continuation incentive, defeats the intent of the Congress to provide for the health and welfare of service personnel."

In all cases, individuals will be compensated for accrued leave in accordance with existing rules of law, officials stated.



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GRASS ROOTS — Nationally famous rock group the "Grass Roots" will appear here at 8:30 p.m. Monday in Hangar 92 on the flightline. Advance tickets are available at the Mathis Recreation Center and will also be sold at the door. (Courtesy Photo)

## Reese personnel move up on promotion ladder

Rufus W. Fuery, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron (FMS), Gary B. Shovan, 64th Air Base Group (ABGp) and David B. Willis, 64th Supply Squadron were promoted to the rank of master sergeant July 1 to head up the July promotion list.

### New E-6s

In the 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron (OMS), three NCOs were promoted to the rank of technical sergeant. They were Cornell Dinkins, Timothy W. Laughlin and Joseph Siniscalchi.

Also promoted to tech sergeant were five 64th Flying Training Wing (FTW) assignees. They are Franklin D. Cooper, Steven D. Lowes, Ralph A. Morton, Lee E. Williams and Douglas D. Dumont.

Joe A. Glenz and Danny C. Hassell of the 64th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) were promoted to staff sergeant in this promotion increment. In other units, new four-strippers are Jerry W. Martin, 64th FMS; Bruce A. Gabel, Reese USAF Hospital; Charles Kieschnick, 64th OMS; James L. Hoadley, 64th FTW and

Paul C. Boisse, 64th Supply Squadron.

### Buck Sergeants

New sergeants at Reese include Joseph P. Churray Jr., Roy L. Hutto, Timothy C. Isenhour and Ernest Marble, all of 64th OMS. Jerry M. Stout and Larry E. Rogers of the 64th FMS were also named to sew on their third stripe. Ramiro C. Leal, 64th ABGp, and Michael Orozco, USAF Hospital, were also promoted to the rank of sergeant. Three Air Base Group personnel have been promoted to the rank of airman first class so far this month. William E. Rhoten Jr., Wayne P. Guidry and Dennis A. Persinger sewed their second stripe on from that unit.

Hospital airmen claimed two promotions to two-striper so far this month. Manuel Venegas and Deborah Persinger of the Hospital staff were also promoted to airman first class.

Albert J. Guzinski and Randy K. Bell of 64th OMS are also new two-strippers, as are Larry E. Hunneycutt, 2053rd Communications Squadron, and Lee F. Armstrong of Detachment 11, 24th Weather Squadron.

## Water use rules given

Due to the extremely dry weather we have experienced this spring and summer, extensive watering has been necessary to feed the trees and grasses in Reese Village.

However, water is an important resource and must be used wisely.

Therefore, it is recommended that watering be limited to two deep waterings a week rather than every other day for shorter periods of time. Deep watering encourages roots to grow down and gives protection against burning.

Due to the heavy demand, the water level in the storage tank may approach the minimum reserve level required to give the base a firefighting capability. If this should be the case, the signs at the entrance to the village will indicate that no watering should be done in either section of the housing area for that day.

It is necessary that all Reese Village residents comply with the watering schedule so that we may make more efficient use of our water supply.

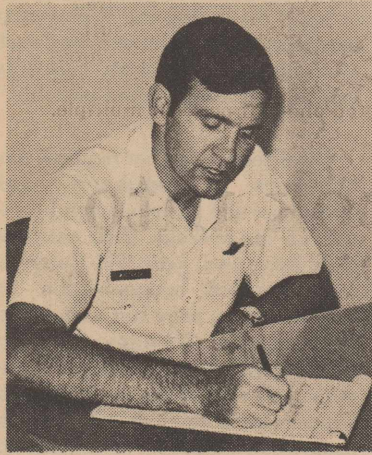
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## frame of reference



By Maj. James T. Whitaker  
Social Actions Officer

The mission of Social Actions can be simply stated as helping commanders and individuals maintain certain standards established by the Air Force.

**This may sound inconsistent with your understanding of Social Actions at first, but think about it. We work generally in three fields: Race Relations Education, Equal Opportunity and Treatment, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education and Rehabilitation.**

How do these fields relate to the maintenance of Air Force standards? One standard of the Air Force is to be free of racial tension, unrest, and violence. To obtain this standard the Social Actions Office conducts Race Relations seminars which are designed to assuage prejudice, exchange cultural information, promote more effective communication between people of different backgrounds and make participants more aware of their own feelings about their fellow human beings.

**A second standard of the Air Force is to conduct all its affairs in a manner which is free of discrimination and provides equal opportunity and fair treatment for all members. While the race relations class deals mostly with attitudes which cause discrimination or unequal treatment, the Equal Opportunity and Treatment (EOT) Branch of Social Actions deals primarily with actions or treatment which are a result of prejudicial attitudes. In other words, the EOT Branch deals with the primary symptom of prejudice, which is unfair or unequal treatment or any discriminatory act.**

Another standard of the Air Force is that drug abuse, to include abuse of alcohol, cannot be tolerated because it can seriously damage the physical and mental health of Air Force members and it may jeopardize their safety and the safety of others. Abuse of illegal drugs frequently results in criminal prosecution and discharge under other than honorable conditions. The Social Actions Office helps people to maintain this standard by conducting education on the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse and by managing the local drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. Social Actions helps a lot of people but cannot be of much help to anyone who steeps their brain in bigotry, prejudice, drugs or alcohol and refuses help for their problem.

**Have you heard the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink?" I believe that each person who benefits from social actions programs does so because he or she wants to benefit and that most people who fail do so because they want to fail.**

We are here to be of service to all at Reese because we want to help all people maintain the standards that are so vital to accomplishing the mission of this base and the United States Air Force.

## Quote of note

'Perhaps the most important concept that present economic conditions have illustrated to this country is that the United States is by no means an economic island in comfortable isolation from the rest of the world. If there are crop failures in Russia, China or India, the cost of food goes up in

the United States. We have also become aware that all the oil does not come from Texas, but that our own highly developed standard of living has created a degree of dependence on foreign energy sources which can indeed cause problems for us.' (Frederick B. Dent, secretary of Commerce).

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### Editorial

## Questioning the System

by CAPT. JOHN E. MERCHANT

In one part of ancient Greece, it was long the custom that when a man proposed a law in the popular assembly, he did so on a platform with a rope around his neck. If the law passed, they removed the rope. If it failed, they removed the platform.

I think it's safe to conclude that not many men were anxious to speak out and introduce legislation into the assembly. Unfortunately, the same attitude appears to characterize most military members, not because the consequences of speaking out will result in the removal of the platform, but primarily because of the myth that military personnel are not supposed to "question" the system.

The time has come, however, to bury that myth once and for all. If history has taught us anything, it is that constructive change within a system can, should, and does come from members within that system who are most familiar with its strengths and weaknesses.

As Secretary of Defense Schlesinger recently said: "We live in a peculiar period once again because we are living in a period of withdrawal symptoms; withdrawal from Southeast Asia." This and other factors have led to a state where the "morale of the western societies is at a lower ebb than it has been in the past—but there is no alternative in the present world to American leadership and strength." To provide the basis for strong leadership in the world, however, the United States cannot afford "to lack an adequate military establishment."

Let's face it. The military, like the rest of society, is changing. Let's not react with alarm over this process, however, but look upon it as a once in a lifetime chance to be able to supply some input in order to design the type of system you would like to have.

Above all, it's not the time to withdraw behind the cloth of your uniform and oppose "them" on the outside, but rather, as one astute historian points out, "those within the service have an obligation, as well as a vested interest, to assure that change evolves from within rather than be dictated from without." It is time, therefore, to band together, to exchange ideas, to establish standards of professionalism which will have a profound influence on the profession which will emerge from this period of transition we are now experiencing.

Let me hasten to point out that an appeal to speak out is not an invitation to anarchy. Let's abide by the philosophy of being able to "disagree without being disagreeable." Let's channel our criticism and suggestions in a professional manner through the organs and forums we already have established. Instead of sitting around complaining about standards and procedures to your buddy, wife, girl or co-worker, direct your energies to constructive criticisms which may lead to the type of organization you desire.

At the same time, bear in mind that your ideas may not be new. History has shown that out of every 100 new ideas, 90 or more will probably be inferior to the traditional responses which they propose to replace. Do not despair if your "profound" idea is rejected, refined, or modified. Keep in mind that it is good that new ideas are heard; but it is also good that new ideas should be compelled to go through the mill of objection and opposition from more experienced people.

Out of this struggle between the "old" and the "new" comes a creative input which will go far in establishing a viable, adequate military establishment.

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# Air Force works on retired pay problems

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has advised the Department of Defense that it is opposed to forwarding to Congress for consideration a legislative proposal which would have resolved the retired pay inversion problem by insuring that no member would receive less retired pay by continued active service.

## Temporary Conditions

OMB indicated that adjustments to the formula for computing retired pay should not be based on temporary economic conditions that may prevail at a particular point in time. The Air Force "will continue efforts to seek a solution to this problem," an Air Force chief of staff message to major commands read.

Members planning retirement prior to the projected Oct. 1 pay raise are advised that their retirement category can affect their retirement paychecks.

The retirement category will determine if members will retire under the projected Oct. 1, 1974, pay scale, with appropriate saved-pay provisions applied, or under the pay scales in effect prior to Oct. 1, 1974, with appropriate saved-pay provisions.

## Category 1

Category 1 applies to voluntary enlisted retirees separating Sept. 30 for Oct. 1 retirement and voluntary officer retirees separating Sept. 30 for Oct. 1 retirement, provided the officers complete service requirements for retirement before Sept. 30, such as 20 years and one month of service. Members in the category will have their retired pay computed either on the Oct. 1, 1974, new pay rates or the Oct. 1, 1973, pay rates as adjusted by increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater.

Category 2 applies to regular officer mandatory retirements and

officer voluntary retirements who will first meet service requirements for retirement during September 1974, such as 20 years of service, but less than 20 years and one month. Their retired pay will be computed on the Oct. 1, 1973, pay rates, as adjusted by the CPI, or the Oct. 1, 1972, rates, as adjusted by the CPI, whichever is greater.

Category 1 retirees subject to the Oct. 1, 1974, rates would lose the capability to have their retired rates computed back to the Oct. 1, 1972, rates. Category 2 retirees will, by the ability to compute retired pay under the Oct. 1, 1972, rates, plus CPI's, be able to receive the higher rates.

Category 1 personnel to retain the higher rates will have to separate by

Aug. 31, 1974, for retirement effective Sept. 1, 1974.

Members with less than 30 years, who are not mandatory retirees, would investigate the facts concerning potential retired pay increases which result from continued service due to longevity increase and increases in the two and one-half per cent multiple.

## ATC gives pilots a look into the future: 'what can I expect?'

**Capt. Glen A. Kendrick**  
Career Development Action  
Officer  
Air Training Command

Have you ever wondered what happens to an Air Training Command instructor pilot when he is reassigned to another command? Is he automatically tabbed for duty in the cockpit of a B-52, C-5 F-111 or one of the other weapon systems?

Contrary to popular belief, the ability to fly one type of aircraft does not automatically qualify a pilot for transition into another type of plane.

As with any Air Force job, certain qualifications must exist. These are often established by the using agencies such as Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command or Military Airlift Command.

They establish certain training quotas and flying hour minimums

annually; separate quotas are set for experienced pilots and graduates of undergraduate pilot training.

For example, in order for an ATC instructor pilot to fly a Boeing B-52, he must possess at least 1,000 flying hours; to fly an FB-111, he needs at least 1,500 flying hours.

If the ATC man has reached this minimum requirement, he is often immediately assigned to positions of middle management or aircraft commander. But the flying minimums are needed for upgrading, regardless of major command of assignment or rated background.

Because of their desirability by other commands, ATC instructor pilots are extremely competitive for assignments to all weapon systems,

provided the flying minimums are met.

Since June 1973, 27 per cent of ATC's instructor pilots have been assigned to fighter weapon systems, 26 per cent to B-52s and KC 135s, 20 per cent to MAC and TAC Airlift aircraft, and 13 per cent to Operations staff positions.

On the other hand, approximately seven per cent have entered the non-flying rated supplement for management experience that often affords the opportunity to command.

As you can see, assignment opportunities to all weapon systems positions are excellent. However, they do vary month-to-month based on requirements of the using command.

## Recruiting Service tops FY 74 goals

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) - The U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service met or exceeded its recruiting objectives for fiscal year 1974 in all regular programs. More than 77,700 people entered the Air Force in the last 12 months, the first full fiscal year of Air Force recruiting in the all-volunteer environment and also the 20th anniversary of the Air Force Recruiting Service.

Preliminary results indicate some 73,700 young persons without prior military service joined the enlisted force during the past fiscal year. More than 8,000 of them were women.

Another 1,828 college graduates, including 358 women, enlisted for officer training. In addition, 701 registered nurses entered the Air Force and some 1,540 prior-service personnel were enlisted in the Air Force.

The only short fall experienced was in a special new recruiting program to obtain health professionals which began in late 1973. By early 1974, 23 medical recruiting teams were established and manned in areas with a high density of medical schools. To date,

in this highly competitive recruiting program, three doctors were commissioned, 44 have been selected and are awaiting commissioning, and some 210 applications are in various stages of processing, against a goal of 436.

"We got a late start this year in recruiting these health professionals, but we are optimistic about meeting our fiscal year 1975 objectives, especially since the new doctor bonus bill is about to be implemented," said recruiting officials.

Brig. Gen. Bennie L. Davis, Recruiting Service commander, said, "There was an overall increase in the quality of enlistees. The number of enlistees without prior military service who were high school graduates increased from 87 per cent during the last year of the draft to 93.7 per cent this past fiscal year. Also, field reports indicate the attitude of today's Air Force volunteers, young men and women, is much better than during the draft and they are doing an excellent job, thanks to the 1,800 recruiter-salesmen who seek quality before quantity."

## Controllers work from new locale

The 2053rd Communications Squadron air traffic controllers are operating out of a mobile control tower these days.

Since July 2, the controllers have been directing the air traffic around Reese from a different tower than they are accustomed to, a sacrifice that had to be made for better, more modern conditions later. The regular tower, a noted landmark on base, is undergoing modernization and will be for about five more weeks.

A mobile control tower team from the 3rd Mobile Communications Group in Oklahoma City arrived July 2 to install a new, more modern control console in the permanent tower. This made it necessary to move the air traffic controllers to the mobile tower to perform their vital job so that the Reese mission of training jet pilots would not be impeded.

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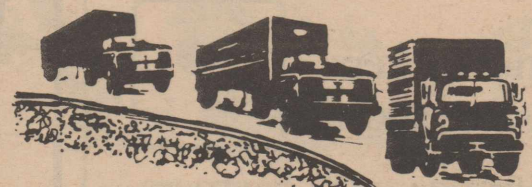
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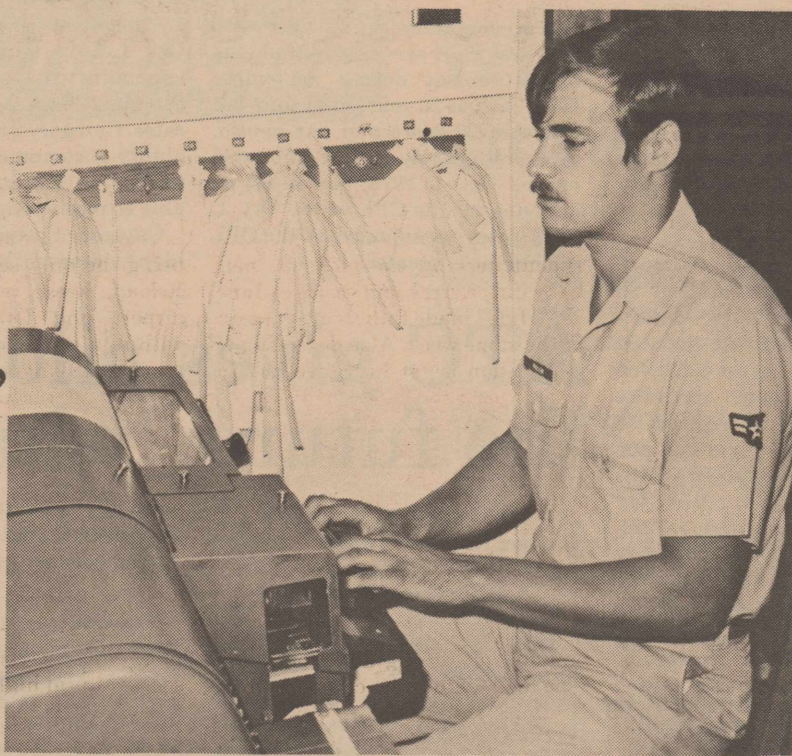
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# Comm operator wins honor

"...he exemplifies the qualities the AF is looking for."



COMMUNICATING — A1C Cameron L. Pullen performs one of his many duties in the 2053rd Communications Squadron. Airman Pullen was named the Wing Airman of the Month for July by a special selection board of officers and senior enlisted men. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Amn. Dave McGill)

A1C Cameron L. Pullen of the 2053rd Communications Squadron has been named Wing Airman of the Month for July.

Assigned as Traffic Analysis NCO for the Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN) Telecommunications Center, Airman Pullen has maintained an error rate of less than one per cent since August, 1973, and has been named Telecommunications Center Operator of the Month five times. Operator error rate is determined by computer monitoring at the AUTODIN Switching Center at Tinker AFB, Okla.

According to Maj. Goerge Balog, former commander of the squadron, the position of Traffic Analysis NCO is the key to the error-free narrative and data message program. He noted that it has been made even more important since the recent activation of the Joint Uniform Military Pay System (JUMPS) and the automation of personnel records.

"Airman Pullen exemplifies the qualities in a first term airman sought by this command and the U.S. Air Force," Major Balog stated. "Due to the recent unexpected "early out" of many experienced personnel, Airman Pullen took over his present duties without prior experience in analysis. He quickly became proficient at his job with only a minimum of instruction and a great deal of extra effort on his part," the major continued.

Airman Pullen is presently enrolled in off-duty education and serves on both the 2053rd Communications Squadron and Wing NCO/Airman Advisory Councils.

Major Balog concluded his praise of Airman Pullen by saying that his "manner, dress and military bearing are well above standards. Strict adherence to high standards of performance and integrity is characteristic of the qualities possessed by this airman.

"Both his officer-in-charge and NCOIC have observed Airman Pullen's professional competence, tactfulness and expertise in dealing with fellow workers and other unit activities," Major Balog concluded.

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# ROTC orientation keeps instructor pilots working

By Capt. Don Seese

Congratulations to the Hidenfelters on the birth of their baby girl, Kerri Lynn, born on June 22. "Hide" made father and captain in the same week. Also deserving of recognition is 1st Lt. Steve LeVan for winning the Reese AFB Talent Contest for his rendition of "Brazil," or was it "They Call the Wind Mariah?"

### Flying Hosts

The 35th Flying Training Squadron will be host to approximately 120 Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets this week. Each cadet received a 30-minute ride during his orientation. The call sign was changed from "Ralph" to "Axis" to maintain a dignified atmosphere for our future officers. Although there were some female cadets in the group, diversions to Randolph were not approved during the flying orientation. Sorry, George E. Bear.

This week the squadron said goodbye to Tom Curtis. Tom has done an outstanding job for over three years and we will certainly

miss his talents as a mobile controller and Instructor Pilot. Tom is famous for (among other things) being the only senior able to alert Reload, Reese tower, Shallowater airport and Lubbock tower, all within a 45-second period of the imminent danger caused by a solo student pilot who, without regard for his own personal safety, terrorized the greater West Texas inhabitants. It seems he was making low-level high-speed passes while trying to pinpoint the T-37 traffic pattern in order to complete his initial solo.

### Socio-Cultural Highlight

Tom's going-away party, given by B Flight, was certainly one of the socio-cultural highlights of the year and featured the Bazoomba Benevolence Band and the reknown chanteuse "Tibbie."

We would like to thank all of those who came out Friday to help eat and drink the Officer Open Mess' profits back down to the approved command level. All of that free food and drink should help dispell the rumor that Dave Smith is secretly embezzling funds from the Mess in order to help establish a home for unemployed Aggie comedians.

The Board of Directors has requested all Mess members to encourage their wives and dependents to frequent the pool in the afternoons in order to increase beer sales on the patio. There have been numerous comments of late concerning the lack of poolside scenery.

This will be continued next week with the uncensored adventures of Ken Wise and Ken Larson in San Antonio.



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## Commander's CARE Line

(Editor's Note: The Roundup will continue to publish Commander's CARE Line inquiries as long as they are of base-wide interest. All inquiries will be reviewed by Col. Walter H. Baxter III, wing commander. All personnel are encouraged to first use their chain of command or the office of primary responsibility to air their comments, if possible. If these methods do not work, call the CARE Line by dialing C-A-R-E. Personnel are urged to give their name, rank and unit when calling.)

**Sir:**  
At 4 p.m. June 29 I have been trying to call the emergency room for a period of 20 minutes. This morning I took my daughter to the hospital running a temperature and now the temperature is going up. I do not know the situation of the emergency room or why they don't answer, as I have always had good success before, but 20 minutes is ridiculous. At least they could answer their telephone.

Lester Prime  
64th FMS

**Sir:**  
This is base operator #12 and at approximately 4 p.m. June 29 I received a call for the base hospital emergency room, so I called and couldn't get an answer. I referred them to an off-base emergency number, but no answer there. Finally I got a hold of them and they said they had a boy in an accident and could not answer the telephone. Looks like someone could at least answer the phone.

Operator #12

Saturday afternoon, June 29, was an extremely busy day at the hospital. At the specific time of your calls the two medical technicians and medic on duty were involved in the emergency treatment of an Air Force dependent son who had received a fractured right femur (thigh bone) in an automobile accident. Also at this time there were eight other patients waiting to be seen. I am sure that you considered your problem an emergency but a greater emergency took first priority. In addition to the emergency being treated that day, the hospital has experienced problems with incoming calls on the emergency room telephone. These problems have since been corrected. The emergency room technicians answer the telephone immediately when they are not involved in treating an emergency and they have been instructed to ensure that the phone is always manned if at all possible. I regret that you had this unfortunate experience and I hope that our efforts will preclude similar occurrences in the future.

**Sir:**  
There is a guy on base that has a Ford Econoline van who is misusing stickers from airplanes. He has one on each door, "Danger, Ejection Seat" and "This is Government Property." Not only is he misusing government property but it reflects badly with the people here. I thought that you might want to know this so that you can make him take them off. His license plate number is Texas AR 9668.

No Name

*You're right. That is mis-use of government property and the individual concerned was counseled and is going to "clean up his act." He was given the decals by the unit to which he was assigned before coming to Reese. Thank you for your concern and information.*

**Sir:**  
I don't want to give my name, but I would like to find out why we are going to have to pay at the different hobby shops when they don't even have any instructors. Several times I have been to the Ceramics Shop and there has not been any instructor. My husband has gone to the Wood Hobby Shop and there has not been any instructor and he would burn materials because of it.

No Name

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**Q—**My wife and I were divorced in January. Since I have lost a dependent, when will the Veterans Administration reduce my pension?

**A—**Your pension will be adjusted as of the last day of the calendar year in which the divorce occurred.

**Q—**Am I eligible for GI Bill benefits from the Veterans Administration for service in the Army from 1951 to 1954?

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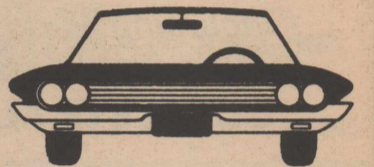
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# More new changes hit Talon squadron

By 1st Lt. "Pete" Peterson

Last week's "Talon Talk" was chock full of new personnel changes in the 54th Flying Training Squadron. Well, we've got more this week.

1st Lt. Bob Peterman from E. Flight and 1st Lt. Bill Pritchett of A Flight have recently been assigned to check section. Both instructors are graduates of Reese Undergraduate Pilot Training and have been instructor pilots for 18 months.

We wish to welcome numerous Air Force ROTC cadets to Reese and to the 54th FTS. The cadets will be visiting the base as part of their summer orientation program at McConnell AFB, Kan. The cadets

will receive orientation flights in both the Cessna T-37 trainer and the Northrop T-38 supersonic trainer.

Oops!

I think 1st Lt. Terry Bagwell should be recognized for his unique ability to escape very uncomfortable situations.

Lieutenant Bagwell scheduled a Junior Advisory Council (JAC) meeting last week, which Lt. Col. James C. Gibler, squadron commander, was to attend. Well, Terry forgot the meeting, Colonel Gibler was unable to attend and the other members failed to show due to lack of interest. Try again, Terry.

The 54th congratulates Lt. Col. (colonel selectee) Richard A. Ingram on his new assignment as Air Base Group Commander here at Reese.

# Exchange service issues warnings on two items

DALLAS (AFNS) - The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has told exchanges worldwide to be on the lookout for certain automatic drip coffee makers which may have a potential current leakage problem if cleaning instructions are not properly followed.

Also, AAFES has joined with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and National Presto Industries, Inc., in warning

consumers who have purchased certain Presto electric fry pans of possible excessive current leakage. The pans in question were manufactured prior to September 1973.

Coffee makers in question are the West Bend Quick-Drip, model 5850, Quick-Drip, model 5940, and Quick-Drip, model 5950.

Units manufactured after May 1, 1974, have been modified properly by West Bend. The units involved in the recall have a date stamp on the base plate just above the West Bend name and on the cartons. Numbers lower than 1-E-4 (1 designating the day of the month, E the fifth letter of the alphabet for the fifth month, and 4 designating 1974) are labeled on coffee makers with the potential problem.

Persons who purchased a West Bend coffee maker recently should check for the above date stamp and return those with lower numbers to the nearest exchange for a refund.

AAFES officials said the fry pans in question are the Presto 15-inch electric models. Customers who do not know if their Presto fry pans are of pre-September 1973 manufacture can make a determination by checking the serial number on the bottom of the electrical connection on the pan. The number appears immediately below the word "series." Only the following numbers indicate pre-September 1973 manufacture: those with last two digits 72 or less; or those with last two digits of 73, and then only those with numbers smaller than 3673.

Patrons who have purchased questionable Presto fry pans are advised to return them immediately for a refund.

# News Briefs

Mayor Dale Wylie of the town of Meadow has invited all Reese personnel and their families to join the citizens of Meadow in celebrating their Third Annual Barbecue beginning at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Meadow is located about 26 miles southwest of Lubbock on the Brownfield Highway (U.S. 62/82). A catered barbecue dinner will be served across from the new city hall building between 5 and 7 p.m.

Between 7 p.m. and midnight an old fashioned western music festival will be featured in the community center adjacent the barbecue area. This is a monthly affair that features country and western, bluegrass and gospel music by many excellent local artists and visitors from as far away as Houston. The musicians and singers receive no fees for their performance and there is no admission charge for the entertainment.

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The Reese Latin American Club will hold a benefit dance in the NCO Open Mess tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. All donations received at the dance will be given to the Northwest Little League. Music for the dance will be provided by "The Illusions Dillusions."

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TSgt. Leon Archie of the Reese Karate Club will be conducting a three week self-defense course for women beginning August 5. All women interested in participating in the course are requested to be at the base gym on August 1 and 2 at 6:30 p.m. for registration.

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The Hurlwood Air Modelers Club will meet at the Mathis Recreation Center at 1 p.m. tomorrow to discuss the upcoming pylon races and "fun fly" competition. All personnel interested in model airplane flying are invited to attend.

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Tomorrow the Doberman Pinscher Club of Lubbock will hold a fun match and obedience trial at the base gym. The purpose will be to acquaint the prospective show dog with show conditions and give handlers experience. The conformation class will be for dobermans only and will be judged by a professional handler from California. In addition, there will be an all-breed obedience trial to be judged by local kennel owner Caroline Handl. Admission is free and all are welcome. Registration for the show will close at 12:30 p.m. with the trials beginning at 1 p.m.

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TSgt. Robert Glover and SSgt. Jerry Heard were honored at a meeting of the Anchorage City Council for their "outstanding example of concerned citizenship, humanitarianism and bravery" in rescuing an Anchorage, Alaska, man from a fire. According to the citation accompanying the special award, Sergeants Heard and Glover "reacted immediately to the situation." The victim suffered first-degree burns on his hands and forearms with second-degree burns on his right lower leg. Sergeant Glover received first-degree burns on the face and his hair was singed. When the Anchorage fire department arrived at the building where the fire occurred, it was found that the fire was out "due to the prompt action of these two men, which not only saved the victim's life but also prevented a serious fire loss to the structure."

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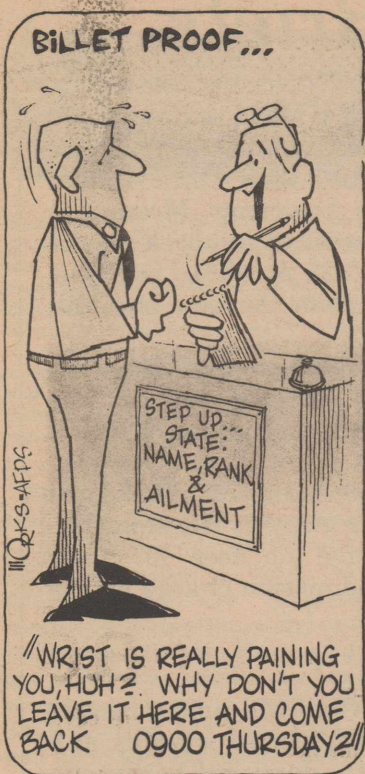
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# Dental exams important

The first extensive study of the causes of death in the United States was published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the year 1900. At that time, the leading causes of death were tuberculosis and pneumonia. Heart disease and cancer were fourth and eight respectively. Now, the two leading causes of death in the United States are heart disease and cancer.

When cancer of the oral cavity is discovered at an early stage, it is highly curable. As the cancer

enlarges to invade surrounding structures, and particularly when it spreads to the lymph nodes in the neck, the chance of cure becomes more remote. Unfortunately, far too many oral cancers are discovered in this late stage.

The majority of oral cancers cause no symptoms in their early stages. A person with oral cancer usually doesn't complain until a lump in the neck appears, indicating that the spread of the cancer has already occurred.

A dentist has the opportunity to

detect oral cancer at an early and curable stage when he carries out a routine dental examination. This is one of the basic procedures every dentist does during a six-month checkup, along with detecting fractured fillings, decay, beginning gum infections and any cysts or growths.

To increase the opportunity for detection of oral cancer in its early stages, dental examinations should be scheduled every six months.

# Boy Scouts thank Reese during special presentation

At the Boy Scout Camporee held at Reese in May, many base personnel offered their time and skill to see that the Scouts had a good learning experience as well as a good time.

These base volunteers helped the Scouts practice for skills competition, many of them calling on skills they learned and used while Boy Scouts themselves in their youth. They also answered myriads of questions the Scouts had about flying and the Air Force in general.

Yesterday these volunteers were shown appreciation for the time and effort they spent to help make the

Camporee a success. In an informal ceremony in the 64th Student Squadron building, Col. Walter H. Baxter III, wing commander, and Elbert M. Buerger, Boy Scouts of America Longhorn District chairman, presented many of the volunteers with certificates of appreciation.

Those presented with certificates were Captains Thomas Seebo and Paul Rowcliffe and First Lieutenants David Heuther and Dennis Grandquist.

Fourteen second lieutenants were also presented with certificates of appreciation during the ceremony. Among these were Fred A.

Kammire, Charles R. Davis, Robert J. Rausch, Randy R. Law, Charles E. Pulham, Raymond J. Swider, Jesse F. Dixon and Larry P. Koutz.

Other second lieutenants who received written thanks during the ceremony were Hubert G. Mitchell, James S. Morris Jr., Larry W. Osborne, Michael D. Rosenbaum, Roger W. Yaeger and Mark D. McClellan.

Maj. Peter Brakely and Capt. Dorin E. Balls were to be presented with the certificates also at the ceremony, but neither could attend. They will be presented theirs in private ceremonies.

# Navigator given award for bravery

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - 1st Lt. David L. Sonnenberg, an F-4E Phantom weapons systems officer, has been named winner of the 1973 Koren Kolligian Jr. Trophy for his unparalleled feat of airmanship in successfully coping with an aerial emergency. He is now undergoing undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz.

Lieutenant Sonnenberg was cited for successfully recovering an F-4E aircraft March 20, 1973. On a combat tactical air support mission in Southeast Asia, the F-4E aircraft commander became incapacitated to the extent he was unable to control the aircraft. Lieutenant Sonnenberg, although not a rated pilot, took control of the aircraft from the back seat. Reasoning that to eject the aircraft commander, who was slumped to one side of the cockpit, would have inflicted grievous injury or worse, the lieutenant elected to return to base and attempt landing.

En route, he flew wing position on the flight leader, overcoming frequent erratic control inputs from the front-seat pilot. Due to low visibility, the first approach was aborted, but on his second attempt, Lieutenant Sonnenberg made a successful landing and barrier engagement. His actions saved a multimillion dollar aircraft, and more importantly, probably the life of the aircraft commander.

Lieutenant Sonnenberg flew more than 95 combat missions in Southeast Asia with 36 of the missions over North Vietnam.

The Kolligian Trophy was established in 1957 by the family of 1st Lt. Koren Kolligian Jr., who was killed in an aircraft accident in 1955. It is presented to an Air Force aircrew member who responds successfully to an inflight emergency.

# New softball team starts

The Reese Latin American Club annually forms a softball team on base and this year will be no exception.

An organizational meeting has been set to field the third annual Latin American Club Softball Team, which will play local teams, at 5 p.m. today in the NCO Open Mess.

All military and civilian Reese people are invited to sport their talents on the team. Members of the team do not necessarily have to be members of the Latin American Club. All interested personnel are urged by the club to attend the meeting for more information.

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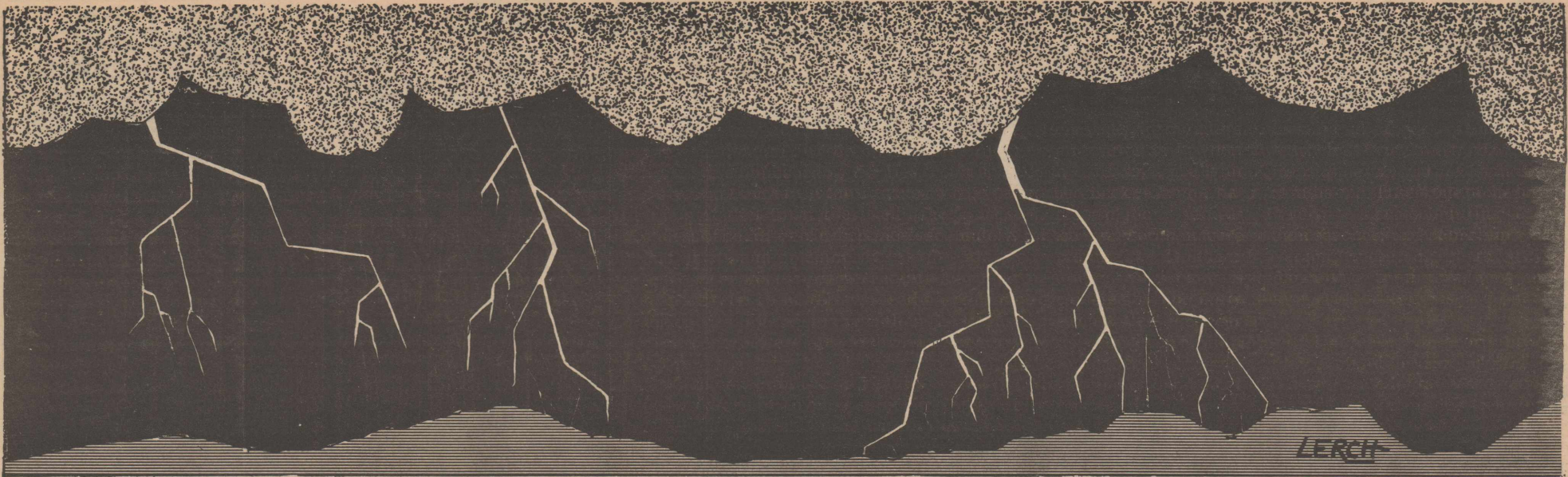
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# Pretty to watch but lightning can be deadly

By Maj. Bill Higham  
Vance AFB, Okla.

Four teen-age girls were killed recently in the St. Louis area when a violent electrical storm broke. The girls had evidently taken shelter under a tree when the lightning struck. An autopsy revealed that all girls died "from a classical case of

lightning strike — electrocution." During the same storm, two women golfers were also struck by lightning when they took refuge under a tree. One woman died later in the hospital.

Here are some "common sense" rules to remember about lightning: Experts say that when you feel an electrical charge — if your hair

stands up and your skin tingles — lightning may be about to strike. Fall to the ground, even if in an open field, as lightning usually hits the tallest object.

During a storm, stay indoors and away from open doors, radiators, stoves, metal pipes and plug-in electrical equipment.

Don't use the telephone, as lightning may hit the wires outside your house.

Don't get near a metal fence. Records show thousands of cows and other farm animals are killed when lightning hits fences. Electrical charges flash almost the

entire length of the fence in such cases.

Don't run under a tree.

If you're out fishing, get out of the boat and away from the water.

If you're in a car, stay put. The rubber tires protect you from an electrical charge.

Other safe spots are caves and ditches.

One of the main rules is keep low, even by lying in the mud, to avoid being the highest object in any area. It may necessitate a soaking from an unwanted downpour, but it's better to be wet than wispy (as in smoke!) (AFNS)

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# B-52s, F-4s to leave Thailand

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - An additional 39 aircraft are scheduled to leave Thailand during July. The aircraft are nine B-52 Stratofortresses from U-Tapao Royal Thai NAB and 30 F-4 Phantoms from Udorn Royal Thai AFB. These aircraft will be redistributed within the Air Force Thai and United States government officials also have decided that most U.S. Air Force activities at Ubon Royal Thai AFB can be ended by the end of 1974. A small number of U.S. Air Force personnel will remain there to maintain base facilities.

It previously was announced that all U.S. Air Force operations at Takhli Royal Thai AFB would be completed by the end of 1974. Following further discussions between representatives of the two governments, the effective date has now been set for Oct. 1. During July, the F-111 fighter bomber aircraft at Takhli Royal Thai AFB will move to Korat Royal Thai AFB. Other aircraft and personnel will be moving between bases in Thailand to maintain operational capabilities.

Since the March 29 Thai-United

States announcement concerning approved reductions, approximately 170 aircraft and about 3,000 servicemen have left

Thailand. With June reductions, the number of U.S. military personnel remaining in Thailand has been reduced to approximately 32,000.

## Reese given place on safety honor roll

Reese was placed on the Air Training Command Inspector General Safety Directorate's Honor Roll in three of five categories during June.

The monthly ATC Honor Roll recognizes the top three wings in the command in the number of accident-free months. The June Honor Roll tallies the number of accident-free months as of May 31, 1974.

In the military fatalities category, Reese has gone for 18 months without a fatality to place second.

Ten months have gone by since

there has been an Air Force motor vehicle accident here. Reese placed third in that category. Reese also tied for third with Williams AFB, Ariz. in the private motor vehicle category. Reese did not have one for a month before the May 31 cutoff date.

## Bible school starts soon

Summer is traditionally the time for full days and activities that are as far reaching as the imagination. Yet, each summer brings one activity that can always be counted on to not only be fun, but educational as well.

This year, the base chapel's 1974 Protestant Vacation Bible School will be working with the theme, "Jesus is the Way."

Scheduled for August 4-11, the Bible School will be open to youngsters from the age of three

through 12. This year's program will consist of handcraft, Bible study, recreation and singing. Classes will be held each day, including Saturday, from 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

The Bible School will end on Sunday, August 11, with a special program for parents at 11 a.m., followed by a picnic at the base picnic area at 12:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in the Vacation Bible School is urged to register at the base chapel as soon as possible.

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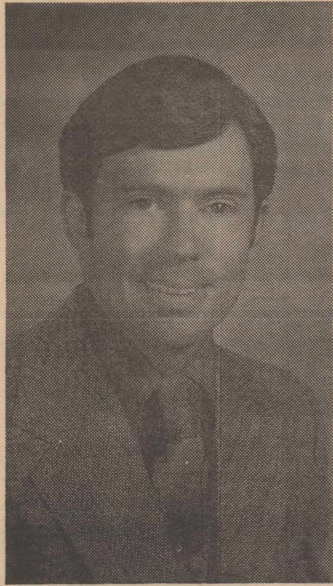
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**STRIKE BALL** — Jay Wigg rolls another ball that may just be the one that will earn him another perfect game. Wigg rolled a 300 game during league competition last week, the first ever rolled at the Reese Lanes. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Terry Crooks)

## Wigg thrills crowd, rolls Reese's first 300 game

Amateurs dream about it, professionals consider it the high water mark of their careers and weekend sports fans dare not aspire to it at all.

Yet it was done for the first time and maybe the last here at Reese.

Jay Wigg bowled 12 straight strikes to attain a perfect 300 game during league competition last week at the Reese Lanes. In the world of sports, that's like pitching a no-hitter or having a 100 per cent pass completion record in the Super Bowl.

There were no cameras, no worldwide coverage and no scoreboards lighting up. But there were the enthusiastic cheers and happy handshakes from fellow bowlers, which is just as good.

Bowling in the "Cotton Pickers" mixed league on a team called the "Sneaker-Streakers," Wigg had already bowled two games of 175 and 201. Those are good scores, but hardly an indication of what was to come in the third and final game. By the time Wigg had bowled his ninth strike, only three away from the perfect game, all of the other

matches in the Reese bowling lane seemed to slow down and halt. Each time Wigg stepped to the line, the crowd got very quiet and the tension just kept building until that final pin fell, then all of a sudden, it got very noisy.

On-lookers say that none of Wigg's strikes were ever in doubt, but you won't get him to admit that. Also witnessing the perfect game was his wife, Von, who bowls with him on the same team. Before his record-setting game, the best that he had bowled before was a high game of 256.

## Keglers roll strikes to spare

By Sonny Serutan

The wind blew, the pins flew and when the dust settled many high games had been bowled, including Reese's first perfect game.

On the night of July 1 the ladies Reesette League saw Gladys Mele take all honors with a fine 183 game and a 503 series.

The next night in the men's classic, Howard Creek showed no respect for the old people as he whipped Skip McGarrigle three games to one. McGarrigle took both high game (227) and high series (793).

The wives of Class 75-05 held their league competition Thursday morning. Charoyn DeRosa posted a high game with a 164 and Stephanie Wright took the high series with a 398.

The American Junior Bowling Congress (AJBC) again showed the way as Ken Mele led the young men with a 171 game and a 504 series. The young ladies had Patti Priar post a 157 game, followed by Lynn Stelly with a 349 series.

In the Bantam League, the boys had Billy Johnson with a 140 game and Timmy Buck with a 275 series.

The girls had Arin McGarrigle with a 132 game and a 226 series.

After the Wednesday morning Ladies League, the quiet one, Rusty Grady, led with a 178 game and a 462 series.

In the Friday night "Cotton Pickers" League, Jay Wigg captured both high game and series with a perfect 300 game and a 676 series. For the ladies, the high series stayed in the family as Von Wigg posted a 479 series. After Jay's perfect game was posted, the excitement was so

great that no one remembers who bowled the high game for the ladies.

The Junior Bowling Program works because of people like Arlyn Tokar, Rusty Grady and Marie Buck. Those three are doing a tremendous job and all they need to make it better is a little support from the parents. Why not call and see if you can help?

Sonny says: On a hot day when the ball is sticking to your hands, try washing your hands in cold water; you'll be happy with the results.

## Reese Lanes announce fall bowling schedules

The Reese Bowling Alley has released a tentative fall schedule for new bowling leagues and times. The new schedule is as follows:

**Monday**-Men's Classic at 6 p.m.  
Women's Reesette League at 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday**-Bowling for Lunch Bunch at noon  
Intramural Leagues at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**-The Fatigue League at 5 p.m.

Personnel Division at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday**-Mixed League at 7 p.m.

**Friday**-The "Cotton Pickers" at 7 p.m.

**Saturday**-The American Junior Bowling Congress (AJBC) League at 9 a.m.

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Kung-fu drama and action abound in this week's movie schedule at the Simler Theater.

Features are scheduled at the base theater at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, unless otherwise noted. The special Saturday matinee begins at 2 p.m. and the box office opens 30 minutes before showtime.

### Tonight

"The Day of the Dolphin" comes a little early for scientist George C. Scott. Tricked into revealing his secret experiments on communication with the dolphin, Scott is then duped into using a dolphin to help blow up the President's yacht. Suspense runs high in this PG-rated thriller.

### Saturday Matinee

Bill Cosby stars in "Man and Boy," a story of a family that is trying to survive the hardships of the west when their life is interrupted by a killer-bank robber. Good western drama for

the entire family, rated-G.

### Saturday Evening

After being bitten by a bat, Stewart Moss gets more than just rabies as he turns into one of "The Bat People." Slowly beginning to resemble a bat, Moss goes crazy and must be captured by the police, which leads to a wild chase. Some material may not be suitable for pre-teens in this PG-rated flick.

### Sunday

Paul Winfield plays Gordon Hudson in "Gordon's War." Returning home from the jungles of Vietnam to bury his wife, who died of an overdose of heroin, Green Beret Captain Hudson decides to give the mob an overdose of trouble and he enlists the aid of three of his Green Beret buddies to do it. Violence may offend some in this R-rated street drama.

### Tuesday

Another Kung-fu killer comes to the screen in "The Lightning

Swords of Death." A wandering swordsman roams the countryside looking for wrongs to right like a Chinese Lone Ranger and finds plenty of action doing it. Violence may not be suitable for some in this R-rated film.

### Wednesday

An all-star cast goes just slightly crazy in search of "Candy", a 17-year old American girl who is out for adventure. Marlon Brando, Richard Burton, James Coburn, Walter Matthau and Ringo Starr are just a few of the strange people she meets in her travels. Rated-R.

### Thursday

Another bizarre Woddy Allen adventure hits the screen in "Sleeper." Admitted to a hospital for removal of an ulcer, Allen wakes up from the anesthesia 200 years later into a society that he isn't ready for and which certainly isn't ready for him. High antics and adventure grace this PG-rated comedy.

## at Mathis

Personnel are reminded that the Mathis Recreation Center will be the registration station for private vehicles on-base during the coming week. Check the Mathis schedule to see when your squadron is scheduled to register for the new base stickers.

**Tonight**—Vehicle registration for members of the 35th and 54th Flying Training Squadrons from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. The finals for the Reese 1974 Chess Tournament will also be held tonight. Participants should check their competition

times through the Rec Center.

**Tomorrow**—Weekly pool tournament at 5 p.m. followed by a home-made ice cream social at 7 p.m.

**Sunday**—The weekly table tennis tournament will begin at 2 p.m. with apple beer, cheese and cracker snacks being served.

**Monday**—Vehicle registration for 64th ABGp and 64th CE Squadrons from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Special performance by the rock group "Grass Roots" will be held in Hanger 92 at 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**—Vehicle registration continues for ABGp and CE squadrons. At 7 p.m. there will be a recreational film presentation and a trick shot pool bout.

**Wednesday**—Last day for ABGp and CE Squadron members to register their vehicles. At 7:30 p.m. there will be films and free popcorn.

**Thursday**—Vehicle registration for members of the 64th FMS and Reese Hospital from 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## at Open Messes

Tonight the Officer's Open Mess will begin the week's activities with the Beefeaters' Buffet from 6 to 9 p.m., followed by dancing to the music of the "Electric Ear." Tomorrow night it will be "Ten Per Cent Night" with ten per cent taken off of all menu prices.

Monday will be featuring a chicken dinner special and Tuesday will be Seafood Night. Dinners for each evening will be only \$1.95.

Wednesday will be Steak Night with a New York strip steak and a glass of wine for only \$3.95, followed Thursday by another steak night, but this time for two people. Both steaks and two glasses of wine will be \$6.95 on Thursday.

"The Tradewinds" will be playing at the NCO Open Mess this evening starting at 8 p.m. Tomorrow night the sounds of "The Illusions" will be provided

for your dancing enjoyment.

Each Thursday and Sunday night, "Discotheque" will be playing as a regular feature of the club.

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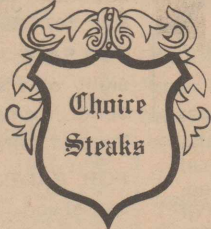
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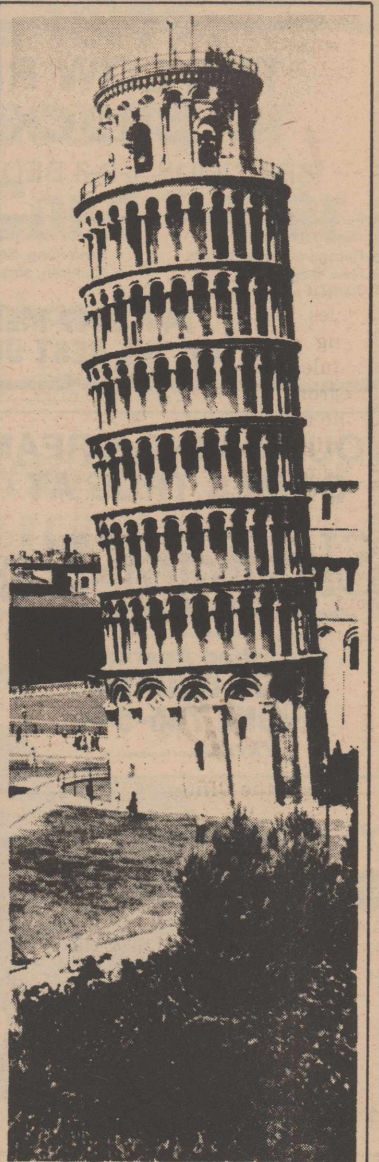
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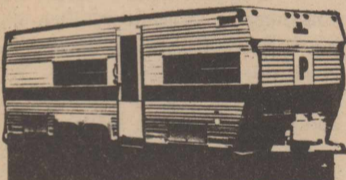


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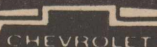
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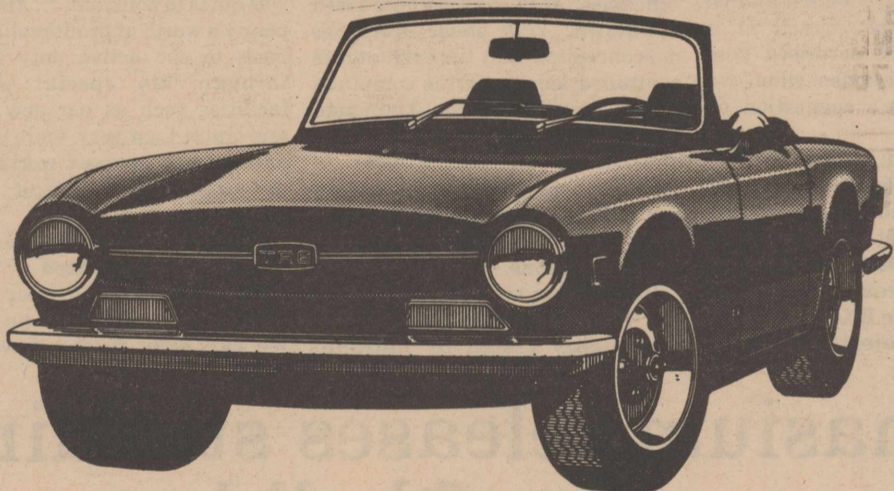
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By Sgt. Jeff King

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Your boots aren't there so you begin to run down the exchange in your mind. You recall the time you asked the sales girl if they could get them in stock and that was weeks ago. Surely they would be in by now if anybody in "the system" cared about the desires of the young exchange patrons.

As an afterthought as you storm toward the door, you decide to finally use that suggestion box on the wall. You tell "the system" what you really think of the overall selection of items in the exchange and sign the form "A1C Donald Duck," or something equally as clever.

There...don't you feel better? Of course you don't. You will not feel better until the exchange facilities carry the type of items you like to buy. Just how does this come about? That's what we're going to look at in this article.

This reporter recently interviewed Exchange Manager, Vaughn Mongan, and BX Advisory Council President, Lt. Col. Frederick Dederich. Both men are genuinely concerned with the situation in the exchange and how to stock the shelves with a variety of items to everyone's liking.

Colonel Dederich began with the statement, "We're concerned over the lack of communication between the customer and us. In some cases, the gripe of a military member may be overheard by one of the members of the BX Advisory Council and be brought before the council at a meeting. You'd be surprised how fast results can happen when we know of someone's suggestion or complaint."

He continued, "Here's the point. Ninety-eight per cent of the purchasing in the exchanges is done by wives. We don't have any feedback from the wives as to what they would like to be able to buy in the BX. We realize that a vast majority of base

personnel are married but for a variety of reasons, there is no communication between husband and wife about the exchange and its selection.

"We want feedback from the actual purchaser. We want to know what the gal spending the money wants on the shelf," he added.

Here is what is happening. The military man gets a chance to drop by the BX for a few minutes in the afternoon and he may get frustrated because the exchange doesn't stock a certain item. Perhaps his wife came by in the morning to pick up a few things but they still didn't have everything she needed so she had to go to another store in Lubbock. They both like to leave the problems of the day behind so they don't discuss it at home that night. Thus, two dissatisfied customers and nothing is done about the problem.

There is a solution. Every eligible patron of the exchange has a way to make his or her suggestion or comment known to the people who can do something about it. The BX Advisory Council and the conspicuously placed suggestion boxes in each of the exchange facilities at Reese. These are avenues that the exchange relies on in order to provide the best possible service satisfactory to everyone.

Exchange Manager Mongan commented, "Sure there are trends and that helps us to know what may be in style. And we have experienced buyers who know what is in demand, but we can't read peoples' minds. If we can get people to let us know what they want to have on the shelf, we'll do everything in our power to get it there."

There are several reasons that people at Reese believe the selection is limited. Many also believe that the exchange could also stock items that may not be nationally known brands...in other words, some of the "cheapies" that may be purchased downtown. This stems from the misconception that the exchange is controlled locally by the command of a military installation. The actual fact is that the exchange is a division of the Department of Defense and pricing policies are controlled by Congress through marketing schedules and national price limitations.

In addition to this, every item in the exchange has been thoroughly tested by national

safety and consumer organizations. If there is a remote possibility of danger due to manufacture or inferiority of a product, it is unlikely that the BX may carry it, whereas several stores in the civilian community might.

The exchange at Reese is no exception. The selections on the shelves of the exchange facilities are top quality reliable products.

Now, take the fact that the local exchange manager has to ensure quality of his products by constantly checking national consumer protection publications and messages from his headquarters and add this to the fact that he is constantly trying to find out exactly what is in demand...and you have a job too hard for one man to handle.

This is the purpose of the BX Advisory Council and the exchange suggestion program. There are representatives of every major unit on Reese including two members of the wives' clubs. Colonel Dederich remarked, "These wives' clubs representatives are very helpful with their suggestions to the Council but they don't cover the full spectrum of wives at Reese. Certainly there are many women at Reese who are members of the NCO Wives and Officers Wives Clubs but by the same token there are many, many women who aren't. We especially want to hear from the women. They are the ones who do most of the shopping...we want to know what they would like to be able to buy."

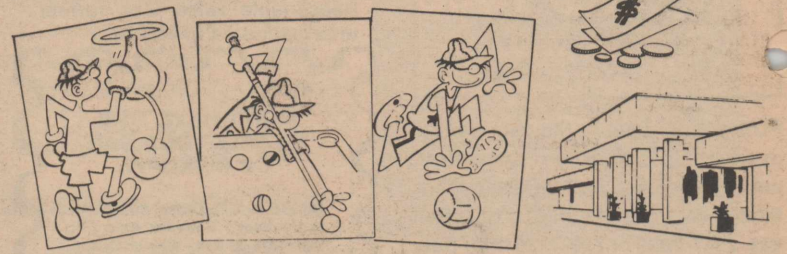
Mongan reemphasized the fact that the exchanges have tried to keep pace with national fashion trends, but, "...you get four or five failures for every success. We all want to our job the best way we know how and our job is customer satisfaction. I'm always seeking new ways to improve our facilities."

The exchange isn't in the money making business. Colonel Dederich was quick to point out, "...that every penny's worth of profit realized goes back to the active duty member through his special services facilities such as our new theater and clubs. Last year, more than \$55 million was returned worldwide to servicemen as a result of BX purchases.

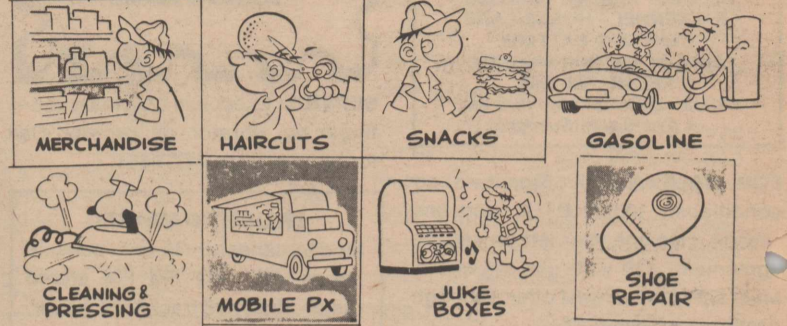
In closing, exchange manager Mongan commented, "If we know what the customer wants, we can try to get what he wants. We can only find out what he

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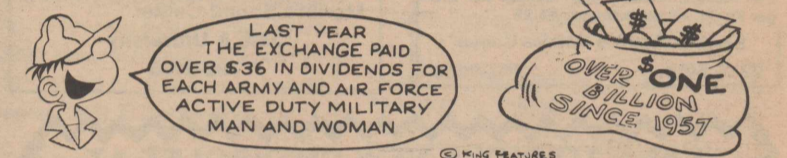
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Colonel Dederich stated, "We don't want the BX to be just a department store for the residents of Reese Village—we want it to be the best possible shopping facility for all eligible customers. We will only accomplish our goal if the customer lets us know what is in demand."

Soon there will be a board posted near the door in the main exchange with pictures of all members of the BX Advisory Council. The members are listed below. These people may be reached during the duty day to relay suggestions or comments about the selection in the exchange.

These members are: Lt. Col. Frederick W. Dederich, Council president, base executive, Ext. 2655;

Maj. Hugh McCrary, Services Division, Ext. 2809; 1st Lt. Gary Anderson, 35th Flying Training Squadron, Ext. 2874; 1st Lt. Arthur Costain, 54th Flying Training Squadron, Ext. 2708; 2nd Lt. Matthew Miller, CBPO, Ext. 2436; 2nd Lt. Robert Johnson, 64th Student Squadron, Ext. 2688; CMSgt. Donald Lloyd, Senior Airman Advisor, Ext. 2416; SSgt. Allen Henneman, 64th Civil Engineering Squadron, Ext. 2686; SSgt. Brian Prigmore, Reese USAF Hospital, Ext. 2526; SSgt. Errol Boykin, 64th Supply Squadron, Ext. 2683; MSgt. Joseph Williams, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, Ext. 2585; MSgt. Robert Weeks, 2053rd Communications Squadron, Ext. 2885; SSgt. Gerald King, 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Ext. 2288; Mrs. Isabel Santos, Officers' Wives Club, 795-1042 and Mrs. Peggy Leach, NCO Wives Club, 792-9064.

## Gymnasium releases standings of intramural softball leagues

The base gym has released the new standings in the base Intramural sports competitions. The standings as of Saturday in the Intramural Golf League are:

Squadron	Points
1. 2053 Comm. Sq.	83
2. 64th St. Sq.	80 1/2
3. 64th Supply Sq.	79 1/2
4. 35th FTS	60 1/2
5. 54th FTS	58 1/2
6. Mgt. Eng. Det.	53 1/2
7. ABGp #2	48 1/2
8. Hosp. #2	48 1/2
9. 64th OMS	47
10. ABGp #1	46
11. Hosp. #1	39
12. 64th CE Sq.	30

The standings for the Intramural Slow Pitch Softball League are:

Squadron	Win - Loss Record
54th FTS	6 - 0
64th Supply Sq.	5 - 2
2053 Comm. Sq.	5 - 2
Transportation Div.	5 - 2
64th OMS	5 - 4
Hosp.	3 - 4
Comptroller	3 - 4
Central Base Admin.	2 - 4
Personnel	1 - 6

The standings in the Intramural Fast Pitch Softball League are:

Squadron	Record	64th St. Sq.	5 - 2
54th FTS	6 - 1	64th Supply Sq.	5 - 2
Hosp.	5 - 1	64th CE Sq.	3 - 3
		35th FTS	1 - 5
		64th OMS	1 - 5
		2053 Comm Sq.	1 - 6

## Reese students win coveted black belts

The Reese Taekwon-do Karate Club saw three of its members receive their First Degree Dan Black Belts during the 19th All Rank Promotion Test held at Kim's Taekwon-do Institute in Aurora, Colo.

Awarded their first degree belts after the competition were Teddy Monje, Doug Miles and John Niess. The competition for the promotions was very keen, with the scoring being done by the five Korean Masters in the Denver, Colo. area.

Testing consists of four separate events: forms, board breaking, one-

step sparring and free fighting. Each judge would then award up to ten points to each contestant in each category.

After the scores were totaled, the five judges rated Teddy Monje of the Reese club the best of the 16 men who were competing for their black belts. Not only was Monje awarded his black belt, but he was also given a new uniform by the judges as a special prize for his outstanding performance.

