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Children at the Day Care Center show off their artistic renditions of Santa Claus. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to visit Santa and have their picture

taken, Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Mathis Recreation Center. (USAF Photo)

1st Sergeant slots take on new look

First sergeant positions at Reese have changed hands recently. Eight of the 11 First Sergeants positions have changed, however, not all of the changes are permanent.

Master Sergeant Michael Braskett is currently filling in as first sergeant of Supply.

Master Sergeant David Archer, USAF Hospital-Reese, MSgt. Roy Wilson, 64th Security Police Squadron, TSgt. Michael Stevens, 24th Weather Detachment and TSgt. William White, 3500th Services Squadron, are filling in as first sergeants for their squadrons as an additional duty.

Master Sergeant Jesus Ferrand is in the process of getting his first sergeant

diamond, and will continue on as first sergeant of the 1958th Communications Squadron.

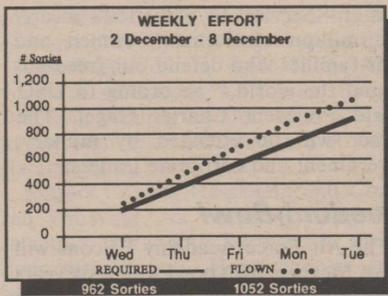
Senior Master Sergeant Mike Deringer, formerly 64th Field Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, has moved to the 64th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Senior Master Sergeant James T. Grimmett, formerly 64th Supply Squadron first sergeant, has gone to FMS.

Those who haven't moved are MSgt. Roy Prince, 3500th Mission Support Squadron; MSgt. Patrick Krepps, 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron; and MSgt. James Holz, 64th Student Squadron.

Mission Milestones

The 64th Flying Training Wing achieved a significant gain over the weekly goal by flying numerous sorties in better than expected weather. Never before has the 64FTW been in such a good position at this time of the year!



Did you know

There were 260 students trained at the PME Center this year?



Lt. Gen. John A. Shaud, commander, Air Training Command will visit Reese Tuesday and Wednesday. (USAF Photo)

Squadron test nears completion

The Air Force is testing 19 mission support squadrons at various bases as part of a program, now in its second year, to help bases meet changing administrative and personnel needs.

Reese's 3500th Mission Support Squadron, activated Aug. 1, 1985, was the first in the Air Force. The squadron commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Collins, said, "The squadron is flourishing under the Mission Support configuration. The esprit has carried over into the work areas, and there is a continuing pride in achievements by a new and distinctive squadron."

Through the mission support squad-

ron concept, activities such as base administration, civilian and military personnel, education services, professional military education, family support centers and morale, welfare and recreation (a tenant unit at Reese) are combined into a single squadron. Large mission support squadrons also include a headquarters squadron section commander.

The test has spanned more than a year for most of the squadrons and has received comments from many participants, according to an Air Force Military Personnel Center news release. The participants have reported a significant reduction in the workload of the

base commander. "Personnel have identified with a squadron and performed superbly as evidenced by the high rating of the recent UEI," said Collins.

Reports also have indicated an increase in support provided to commanders and customers, improved coordination and cooperation among squadron branch chiefs, improved internal communications within the squadron, and increased esprit de corps. "The boost in morale appears to be the result of members being identified with a functional squadron," said Collins. "A common response by our airmen is that they enjoy participating in intramural and

organizational activities."

Bases that have mission support squadrons are: Eielson AFB, Alaska; Reese AFB, Texas; Keesler and Columbus AFBs, Miss.; Laughlin AFB, Texas; Andrews AFB, Md.; Lajes Field, Azores; McChord AFB, Wash.; Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.; Moody AFB, Ga.; Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.; RAF Alconbury, Mildenhall, Bentwaters and Greenham Common, England; Spangdahlem AB, West Germany; Torrejon AB, Spain; Aviano AB, Italy; and Clark AB, Philippines.

Results of the test program should be announced in the spring.

Bits and Pieces . . .

Quick thinking . . .

Last Friday afternoon, there was a small fire in base housing at 312 Arnold. The key word here is small . . . it could have been a major incident if it wasn't for the quick thinking of SSgt. Richard Ridgeley. After noticing smoke coming from his neighbors kitchen, he notified the fire department and proceeded to take his own fire extinguisher and put out the fire. Sergeant Ridgeley with his action, did more than just save a house from destruction. It reinforces the idea that the individual can and does make a difference. Thank you.

This incident illustrates that the word "safety" can not be overstated. Please make this a happy and safe holiday season by paying attention to the rules for holiday safety that our safety folks have been giving us.

ATC/SAC Exchange . . .

All this week, a few select instructor pilots and I

have been going from one Strategic Air Command base to another spreading the news. The news is that Air Training Command has a critical mission and is a great command to work for. Every year, ATC receives top-notch SAC pilots to be instructor pilots in both the T-37 and T-38. Our goal is to better inform prospective instructor pilots of our mission so that we can continue getting the best people possible.

Toys for Tots . . .

Nothing brings more satisfaction at this time of year than giving to those less fortunate than us. There are many worthy programs designed to help people during the holiday season, and one of my favorites is "Toys for Tots" which focuses its attention on children. Take advantage of the many donation boxes located around the base that have been provided by the 1958th Communications Squadron. Place a toy or two in there and make this a special Christmas for you and a child.



Col. Mark H. Lillard III
Wing Commander



News update

Minuteman Test

An unarmed Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile was launched Nov. 3, from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., marking the 129th in a series of operational test launches. The reentry vehicles impacted in the Kwajalein Missile Range some 4,200 miles southwest of Vandenberg after a 30-minute flight. The 10-year-old missile was from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Weight Competition

A1C Vincent E. Gregory, stationed at RAF Greenham Common, England, will compete in the Mid-American Weightlifting Championships Dec. 3-7, in Chicago, Ill. Airman Gregory will represent the Air Force in the event sanctioned by the service and the U.S. Weightlifting Federation, Inc.

CHAMPUS Deadline

The end-of-year deadline for filing 1986 CHAMPUS claims is near. Service families have until Dec. 31 to file claims with the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services for civilian care received in 1986. Care received this year must be claimed by the end of 1988.

Claims are filed with the processor who serves the state in which the care was received. The health benefits adviser at the nearest military medical facility has more information.

USO honors

The World USO will honor former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger Dec. 9, in Washington, D.C., at the

"USO Christmas Tour in Washington" black-tie gala. The organization will give Mr. Weinberger the USO Christmas Award for his "Personal contributions to and exceptional support of USO's mission—Service to America's nearly five million servicemen, women and their families who defend our freedoms around the world," according to USO World President Charles Hagel. The dinner will be attended by military, government and corporate leaders.

Freedom Bowl

The Air Force Academy Falcons will shoot for their fifth bowl win in six years as they take on the Arizona State Sun Devils in the Freedom Bowl Dec. 30, in Anaheim, Calif. Ranked second in the nation in rushing offense, Air Force has a 9-3 record. Anyone wanting tickets should call the Academy Ticket Office at (303) 472-1895 or AUTOVON 259-3951 before Dec. 23. People in California can call the nearest MWR office to check on ticket availability.

HIV testing

Air Force will retest all active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members for the AIDS virus during fiscal year 1989 and 1990. Initial testing began overseas in September 1986 and is expected to conclude in the states by September 1988. Approximately one of every 1,000 Air Force people tested has been HIV positive. Army plans to retest every two years while the Navy opted for annual testing.

Safe Eagles

Black Sheep of the 8th Tactical

On this day . . .

December 11

United States declares war on Germany and Italy, 1941.
Indiana became the 19th state (1816)
King Edward VIII, of Great Britain, abdicated (1936)

December 12

U.S. Calvary formed, 1776.
National Ding-A-Ling Day
Pennsylvania became the 2nd state (1787)
Golf tee patented (1899)
Frank Sinatra, American entertainer, was born (1915)
Collector paid \$5 million for Leonardo de Vinci notebook (1890)

December 13

Army Inspector General established, 1777.
Tell Someone They're Doing a Good Job Week begins
Dartmouth College chartered (1769)

Fighter Squadron at Holloman AFB, N.M. have flown 70,000 hours without a major accident, the longest for any squadron in the world flying the twin engine jet fighter. The record dates back to 1977, when the unit received its first F-15. The record-setting flight was flown Nov. 20, by Lt. Col. Jerry Coy, the squadron commander. The Air Force has nearly 900 of the Air Superiority fighters.

ECI procedures

Supervisors will become more involved with students enrolled in some Extension Course Institute courses next year.

Beginning Jan. 1, ECI will begin including volume review exercise scoring keys with career development and specialized course materials. Supervisors will use the keys to grade volume review tests instead of sending them back to ECI. Supervisors also will request final exams when they feel a student is ready.

Phase-in will take about six months. People who enroll before late June may not receive scoring keys. ECI will continue to score their review tests. ECI also will begin mailing postcards to students listing questions deleted from the review tests.

In addition to improving interaction between supervisors and students, this new procedure should save more than \$350,000 in mail and processing costs, and save time. Additional savings are expected in July when base personnel offices begin requesting final exams by computer.

Unit on-the-job training managers have more information about the changes.

December 15

Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) goes into effect, 1791.
Nero, Roman emperor, was born (37 A.D.)
Bill of Rights was ratified (1719)

December 16

Hanukkah begins.
Boston Tea Party (1773)
Sir Noel Coward, English playwright, was born (1899)
Battle of the Bulge began (1944)

Fund raiser Saturday

Tomorrow, the Reese Honor Guard will be marching around the base in a fund-raising March-A-Thon. People may sponsor an Honor Guard member by pledging money per mile, which is not to exceed 10 miles. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to a worthy charity while the rest will be used to buy equipment and awards for the Honor Guard. The March-A-Thon will begin at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Honor Guard shack, Bldg. 16.

For more information, call Sgt. Douglas Thomas, 3738.

Sortie record

The Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation Range at Decimomannus, Italy, has set a new world sortie record for the fiscal year by flying 11,926 missions. The previous sortie record was 11,185. The range, located on Sardinia, is one of 12 worldwide that serve all branches of the military. The ranges train fighter pilots in air-to-air tactics and are equipped with computerized communications and tracking networks. The range is jointly owned by the United States, Italy, West Germany and England.

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Weather squadron under new command



SrA. Abubaker Azam and 1st Lt. Gary Gumm discuss the weather situation. (USAF Photo)

by A1C Robin Reams
Editor, Roundup

Detachment 11, 24th Weather Squadron recently changed leadership as Capt. William Wolfenbarger departed and 1st Lt. Gary Gumm arrived to take command of the squadron.

Gumm, originally from West Virginia, received his bachelor's degree in meteorology in 1974 from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview. Prior to receiving his commission, Gumm served in the enlisted ranks of the Air Force.

"With 13 years in Air Weather Service, I've developed some definite ideas on command," said Gumm of his new position. "Emphasis should be placed in two areas, the mission and our people," he added.

Detachment 11, 24th Weather Squadron provides 24-hour weather observing, limited-duty forecasting, operational forecasts and performs a meteorological watch for the entire West Texas Panhandle, Eastern New Mexico and Western Oklahoma. "The mission is the reason we're serving our country," the lieutenant said.

Each individual must provide the finest weather support possible and present the product in an instructional manner to the Air Force's newest pilots. "The people are the key to a successful mission," Gumm said.

"We are doing a disservice to our folks if we don't swiftly and appropriately discipline problems and even greater damage if we don't appropriately reward everyone who is deserving," he said.

Gumm has completed numerous courses during his career as a meteorologist, including observers school, forecasters school, advanced tropical school and satellite school, yet he still feels the need to know and understand the work his people do. "I have to know their jobs. I don't need to know every detail. I only have to understand enough to ask the right questions and provide sound, lasting guidance."

"I try to place more emphasis and energy into spending time with my people, even if I have to make up time for my routine duties," Gumm said.

The men and women of Det. 11 provide new Air Force pilots with their first impressions of Air Weather Service. "Presenting the epitome of professional service and appearance, setting the Air Weather Service Standard is our continuous goal."

Drunk / Drugged awareness week begins

by TSgt. Frank R. Lechuga
Drug and Alcohol NCO

The National observance of Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week begins Sunday.

With December comes an increased number of occasions to drink. For those attending social gatherings where alcohol is served, if you are driving, the best and safest advice is **don't drink**. Insist on your right not to drink, ask for juice, soda or other non-alcoholic drinks if they are not readily available. There is no need to apologize.

The Reese Health Promotion Committee has approved some non-alcoholic drinks that not only taste good, but are good for you:

Wassail-Old English Favorite

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 2 to 2½ cups pineapple juice
- 1 stick of whole cinnamon
- 1 tsp. whole cloves
- Sugar or honey to taste

Combine all the ingredients and simmer for half hour. Serve directly from the pan or keep in a crockpot on low temperature. Serves 20.

Cranberry Lemon Punch

- 2 bottles white grape juice
- 6 cups cranberry juice cocktail
- 2 cans frozen pink lemonade, thawed
- 3 cups club soda
- Ice

Combine grape juice, cranberry juice cocktail and lemonade, (not reconstituted). Refrigerate until needed. Put ice in a punch bowl at serving time, add juices and club soda. Serves 35.

If you do choose to drink, take these steps to protect yourself and others:

- Set a limit and stick to it. Plan ahead to stop after a certain number of drinks.
- Choose a driver who agrees not to drink; you'll be sure to have a sober driver.
- Drink slowly, sip drinks, don't gulp them. Give your body time to handle the effects of alcohol.
- Eat before you drink. Food in your stomach slows down, but does not stop

NOTHING BUT TIME WILL SOBER YOU UP!

There are many myths about "getting sober fast" - but none of them work! Your liver processes the alcohol in your system at the same speed regardless of any "cures" you might try.



the absorption of alcohol in your system.

•Stop in time. Stop drinking well before you plan to drive. Be sure your body has had time to eliminate the alcohol from your system.

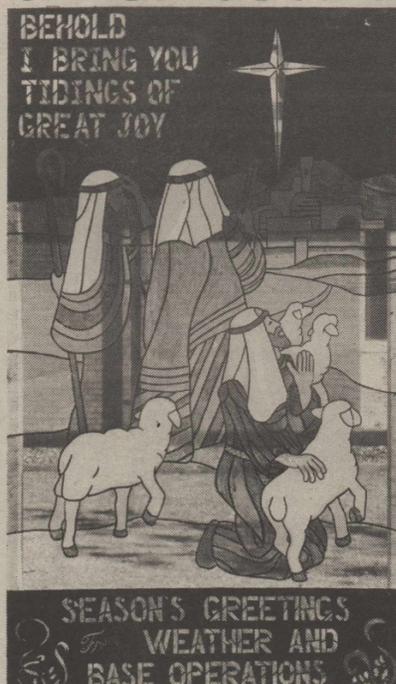
•Know what you are drinking. Know what and how much is in each drink. Don't let someone surprise you.

•Be honest with yourself. Alcohol af-

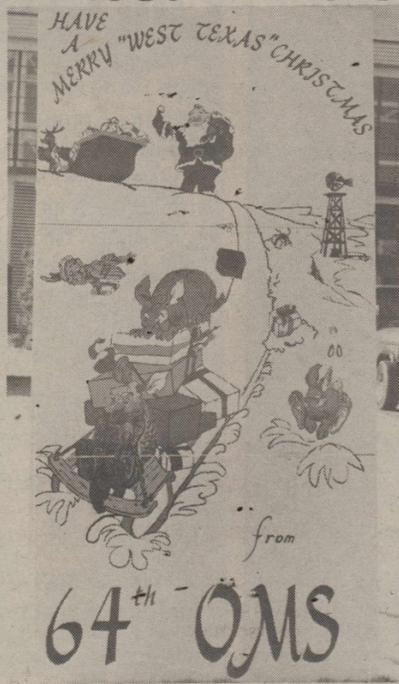
fects all of the skills that are needed to drive safely. You are kidding yourself if you say "Alcohol doesn't affect how I drive."

•If you've been drinking, have a sober friend drive you home, or take public transportation or stay overnight. If a friend has had too much to drink, don't let him drive. Take away the keys if necessary.

Christmas card contest winners



First place: Det. 11, 24th Weather Squadron, designed by SSgt. Scott Nee.



Third place: 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, designed by SSgt. Ricky Schrecengosh.



Second place: Morale Welfare and Recreation, designed by Chris Reynor. (USAF Photos)

Money matters

Learn to better manage your income

Are you tired of living from paycheck to paycheck?

Is your budget stretched to its absolute limit . . . and you still can't make ends meet? If so, help may be available.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is sponsoring a Personal Estate Planning Seminar on Dec. 16 at 8 a.m. in the 64th Student Squadron, Rooms six and eight.

Majors Charles Hasskamp and Conrad VonWald, Air Force Academy instructors, will discuss during their three hour presentation: How the new tax laws affect the military member, proper use of credit options, stocks and mutual funds, as well as the various government benefits available to you and your family. Following a short discussion of in-

urance needs for the military member, there will be a question and answer session.

What does this mean to you? With the 1987 tax deadline only a few months away, you may be depending on a deduction or loophole that is no longer valid. While on the other hand, this briefing may point out a couple of tax breaks you didn't realize were available.

Whether you're worried about putting your children through college or simply trying to stash away a few dollars for that rainy day, take time to attend this seminar and begin charting your financial future. Seating will be limited, so if you desire a seat, contact 2nd Lt. Andy Coggins in the Legal Office at 3505.

Final edition published next week

The final issue of **The Roundup** for 1987 will be printed on Dec. 18. Information for events occurring between Dec. 18 and Jan. 8, 1988 should be submitted by noon Monday.

As a reminder, information submitted for publication in **The Roundup** should be typed, double space, using capital and lower case letters, with the name and phone number of the individual submitting the information at the top.

The first edition of **The Roundup** for 1988 will be published Jan. 8. The deadline for that issue will be 12 noon Jan. 4.

When you or your organization is planning an event, call the newspaper, 3843, to inquire about coverage at least a week before it occurs. A typed fact sheet containing a point of contact, dates, times and general information about an event will aid in publicizing your activity or organization.

Commander's Column

Drinking, driving don't mix

by Col. Jim Higham
64 Air Base Group Commander

In most Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities there is a sign posted with my signature on it saying:

Too much to drink?
Don't drive!
Call x3333
For a ride home
It's free!
If you drive
and
you're stopped
at the gate
It's not free
DWIs ruin careers
Drunk drivers kill.

The cost of drinking and driving is life-threatening. If you don't think so, listen to some of the following real stories involving our own military families:

Two Texas Tech students who had been drinking were driving west on 19th Street. A cat ran out in front of the jeep; the driver swerved to the left to avoid hitting the cat, veering over into the opposite lane of traffic. The jeep collided with the vehicle driven by a wife of an Air Force member. Both of the Texas Tech students died instantly as their jeep

flipped over several times. The dependent wife lived, but couldn't remember the names of her family for six months. Alcohol makes your judgement unreliable; the sad truth is this accident cost two human lives.

Another true story which many people might remember, happened September 26, 1986 on 4th Street and FM 179. An elderly civilian was driving on FM 179 toward Shallowater at a high rate of speed. He ran through the stop sign at FM 179 and 4th Street hitting a pick-up truck carrying two Air Force members and a dependent daughter. The Air Force members and daughter were injured, but alive. The man was thrown from his truck and his whiskey bottle landed

beside him unbroken. As this sends a tingle up your spine, the message should be clear: Don't drink and drive!

Numerous Reese airmen and officers have lost stripes, money, and even careers over drunk driving. One member with over 20 years of service was recently forced to retire because of a DWI, and one officer forfeited \$1,000 recently for being slightly over the limit.

You can read similar stories daily in the Lubbock newspapers. Drinking and driving kills. Plain and simple. Trust me; trust others who can tell you stories they've heard about the human cost of drinking and driving. Don't test it yourself.

If you know you're going to be drink-



ing, get a friend to be a designated driver. Or you can call 3333 for a lift home. I want everyone to enjoy the holidays, and come back to tell us about it. Don't drink and drive!

Inspector General bids farewell

by Lt. Col. William Faris
64FTW Inspector General

Over the last 20 plus years I have had many challenging assignments. Serving as your IG has been one that I have enjoyed a great deal and will cherish for years to come.

Although I know I haven't been able

to help all of you as much as you would like, I sincerely hope that my efforts on your behalf have made a difference. My replacement is on board and will assume the IG responsibilities on Jan. 1, 1988. He is Major Denny Austin.

I feel good about leaving because I'm convinced that my replacement will be outstanding. Over the next few months he will be out meeting as many of you as

he can. I wish him the best of luck.

Most of all, however, I wish each and every one of you continued success in your service to our great country. The strength of our force is only as good as your performance and attitude.

Thanks to all of you for the support you have given me. I hope all of you have a safe and happy holiday season.

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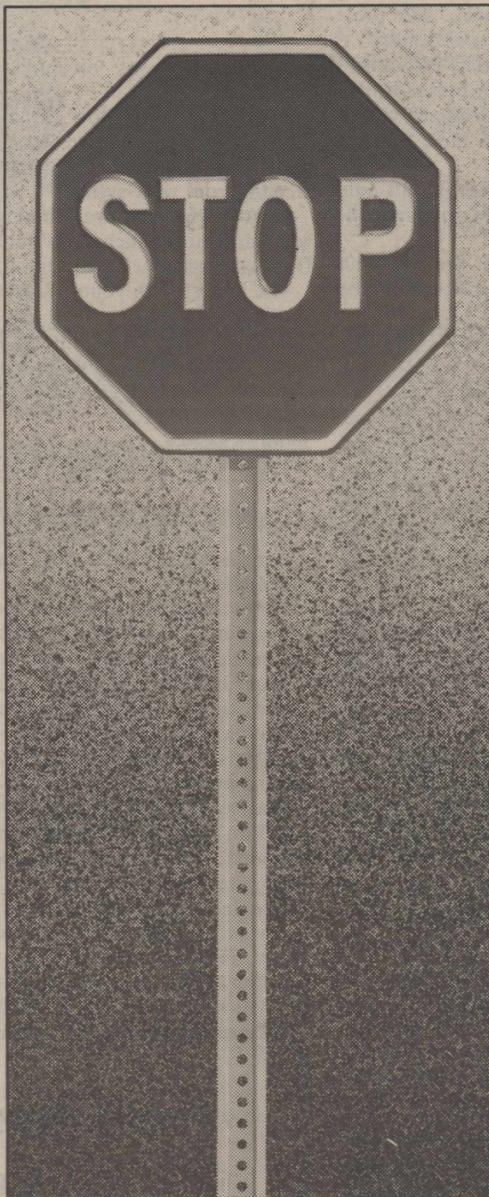
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News Briefs

Office help available

Any base agency which would like to use casual status officers waiting to enter Undergraduate Pilot Training may do so by submitting a brief job description to the Consolidated Base Personnel Office, Personnel Utilization Office. Descriptions should be submitted no later than Jan. 11. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Barbara Mahan, 3417.

ASMC meeting scheduled

The Windmill Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will conduct its monthly business meeting Thursday. The meeting will be held in the reception room at the Officers' Open Mess beginning at 11:30 a.m. Members and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Joan Kinsey, 3074.

Housing needed

The Housing Referral Service has a continuous need of non-discriminatory housing for military and DOD civilian personnel. If you have a house, apartment or mobile home for sale or rent, a listing service is available. The service is free. To register your property, stop by the Housing Referral Office. Providing a photograph of your property may aid in the sale or rental of the property. For more information, contact Paul Young, 3601.

Breakfast with Santa set

The Enlisted Wives Club sponsors "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, 9 a.m., in the Enlisted Open Mess. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m., and entertainment will begin at 10 a.m. Santa is due to arrive at 10:15 a.m. Tickets may be purchased at the cashier's cage of the EOM or from Pat Spudy at 885-4420. Cost is free for those under 6-years-old, 50 cents for 6 to 12-year-olds and \$1 for children over 12 and adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Black History Week meeting

The next meeting of the Black History Week Committee is today, 1:30 p.m., in the Base Library Conference Room. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Cecily Christian, 3410 or TSgt. Mary Washington, 3097.

DO Christmas party

The DO Deputate holds its Christmas party tonight, 7:30 p.m., at the Officer's Open Mess. Hayriding with caroling will be conducted throughout the housing area in celebration of the holiday season. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Doug White, 3806.

NCOA awards college grants

The Reese Noncommissioned Officers Association will award grants to college freshmen and sophomores for the coming spring semester. The parents or guardian must be a current member of the NCOA and the recipient must be from this area. Deadline for application is Dec. 16. Contact MSgt. Roy Wilson, 3615, MSgt. Oliver Deere, 3948 or SSgt. Jimmy Bourns, 3122 for applications.

Skate, rock and roll

Saturday, from 5 to 7 p.m. a roller skating party, hosted by the Black History Week Committee will be held at the Skate Ranch on Loop 289 and Brownfield Highway. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at a cost of \$3.50 per person. A bus will leave the Mathis Recreation Center at 4:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, contact SSgt. Devette Washington, 3031.

Final Approach meeting set

The Final Approach Group will hold an open AA meeting at the Chapel tonight at 7 p.m. an ALANON group is now being formed. Everyone is welcome.

Entertainers needed

The Lutheran Home of West Texas nursing home needs volunteer entertainers for various parties and activities for the residents. Willingness to provide a good time for the residents plays a larger role than professional entertainment. Singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or presenting skits could brighten the day for Lutheran Home of West Texas residents. For more information, contact Joyce Holeman, 799-5811.

Spread a little cheer

Christmas is a time for remembering and sharing the gifts of love and caring about others who may be forgotten. The elderly are often forgotten and left out during the holiday season. Join the Mathis Recreation Center as they travel to Lubbock to share the joy of caring with several Senior Citizens' homes. The bus will leave the Mathis Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 17 and 18, returning to the Center at 9:30 p.m.

Activities will include singing Christmas carols and giving gifts to the elderly. If you are interested in participating, by sharing a little time with others call or visit the Recreation Center at 885-3787 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The joy of this holiday season will be remembered by many, because you helped spread a little holiday cheer.

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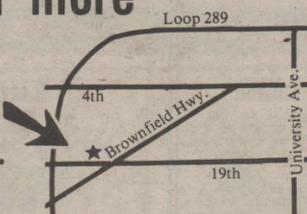

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Reese Village home day care a no-no

"Do you know the difference between babysitting and day-care service? Some residents in Reese Village are offering day-care services in their homes without the proper authorization.

The Air Force gave base commanders the option of implementing a Family Day-Care Homes Program to help meet child care demands at bases worldwide.

The program is the result of concerns that some base child care centers aren't large enough to accommodate all eligible children.

Under this program, base commanders may authorize on-base residents to provide care for up to six children, including the residents, in their government quarters.

Before approval, applicants must undergo screening, quarters inspections, and at least six hours of training through the child care center.

They must also comply with state laws regarding licensing, business permits and are subject to regular inspections by the base's fire, safety and health officials.

Reese's Child Care Center is currently operating at about 90 percent capacity, so there is no apparent need for the Family Day-Care Homes Program here, and it will not be implemented at this time.

In addition, Reese's Child Care Center has much to offer our dependent children, to include educational programs, a clean, child-safe environment, nutritionally balanced meals and snacks, a trained and experienced staff, and access to federal, state and community child care program assistance.

Do not confuse a day care service with "babysitting." "Babysitting" is defined by Air Force Regulation as individual care for children of other individuals on an occasional basis,

usually less than 10 hours per week, whether in the sitter's or child's home.

Family day-care, on the other hand, is care provided for a child in a home other than the child's own home by an adult other than the child's own parents. This care is provided on a regular basis, usually 3-10 hours, but less than 24 hours a day.

There is no problem with occasional "babysitting," but make sure that you are aware of the difference between "babysitting" and family day-care. Reese Village residents offering day-care are subject to penalty and possible eviction.

Should our Child Care Center ever be filled to its capacity, the Family Day-Care Homes Program will be reconsidered at that time. If residents of Reese Village have any questions or are unsure whether they are offering unauthorized child care service, contact Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials at 3006 or 3412.

MWR holiday hours posted

Child Care Center

Dec. 24: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 31: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 31: Center will reopen at 7 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. only if there are ten reservations or more.
Jan. 1: Closed

Golf Course

Dec. 24: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 31: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 1: Closed

Mathis Recreation Center

Dec. 20: Noon to 7 p.m.
Dec. 21 through
Dec. 24: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 25 through
Dec. 27: Noon to 7 p.m.
Dec. 28 through
Dec. 31: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Jan. 1 through
Jan. 4: Noon to 7 p.m.

Officers Open Mess

Dec. 18 closed after graduation, reopen on Jan. 4, 1988.

MWR Main-Office/NAF FMB

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - Closed

Youth Center

Dec. 21 through
Dec. 23: 1 to 9 p.m.
Dec. 24: 1 to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 26: 1 to 9 p.m.
Dec. 27: 1 to 6 p.m.
Dec. 28-30: 1 to 9 p.m.
Dec. 31: 1 to 6 p.m.
Jan. 1: Closed
Jan. 2: 1 to 9 p.m.
Jan. 3: 1 to 6 p.m.

Additional closings

Commissary: Closed Dec. 25 and 26, Jan. 1. Dec. 24 through 31, hours of operation, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Family Services Center: Closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 1. Normal hours of operation 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. resume Jan. 4. For emergencies, contact the Command Post, 885-3754.

Arts and Crafts Center Bowling Center

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 Closed
Dec. 24: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Jan. 1: Closed

Auto Hobby Shop

Dec. 24 and 25 - Closed
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 - Closed

Package Store

Dec. 23: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Dec. 24: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 26: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dec. 27: Noon to 6 p.m.
Dec. 28-30: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Dec. 31: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Jan. 1: Closed

Base Library

Dec. 24: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 31: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 1: Closed

Enlisted Open Mess

Dec. 24: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 31: 11 a.m. to 3 a.m.
New Year's Eve
Jan. 1: 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

MWR Logistics

Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 1: Closed

Physical Fitness Center

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Annual Christmas Classic tournament underway

The 13th Annual Reese Christmas Classic is underway at the Physical Fitness Center here:

Four games will be played each day with starting times spaced every 90 minutes beginning at 12 noon. The championship game will be played at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and children. Children under 12-years-old and military personnel in uniform are admitted free.

The groundwork for what has become one of the top high school basketball tournaments in the Southwest, the Reese AFB Christmas Classic, began in 1974.

Major George D. Wilson recommended the idea to Hal Green, then Reese's Chief of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division. The two then proposed the idea of a 16-team tournament, divided into a large and small school division, and played over a three-day period at the Reese Physical Fitness Center to Col. Richard A. Ingram, then 64th Air Base Group commander.

Ingram immediately endorsed the project as a means whereby Reese could show its appreciation for the good relations with, and the support it received from, the surrounding communities.

Through their visit to Reese, some of the participants and fans may develop an interest in pursuing an Air Force career after graduation from high school, in college through the Air Force ROTC program, or as a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

The traditional playing dates for the Classic (the second Saturday in December and the preceding Thursday and Friday) were selected because they coincide with the beginning of the Christmas holiday season.

The teams for this year's tournament are Allen Academy from Bryan, Texas, Colorado City, Floydada, Idalou, Levelland, New Home, Paducah and Sudan. All teams will participate in the President's Trophy Division this year.

This year's Christmas Classic project officers are Chaplains (Captains) Robert C. Stroud and Peter B. Otto assigned to the Base Chapel. The Classic began yesterday, and will continue through tomorrow. The 1988 dates will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 and 10.

The division winner takes home the giant championship trophy to display in its school trophy case for one year. It must be returned to Reese for the following year's tournament. The divi-

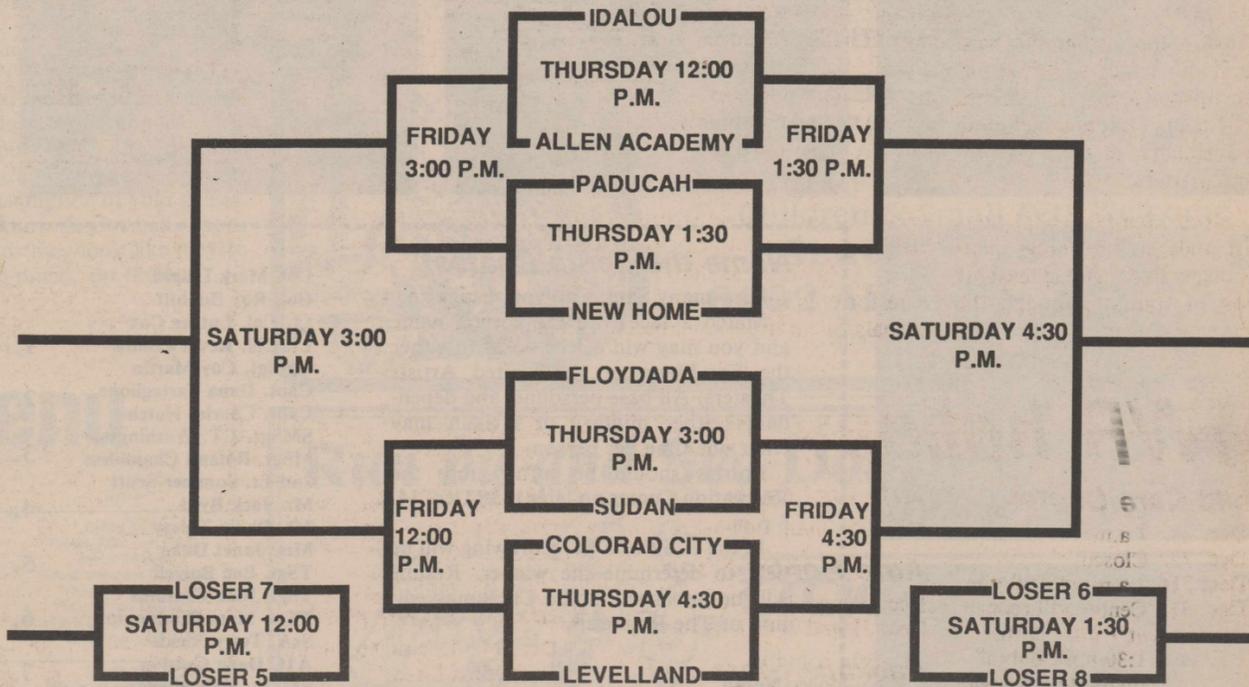
sion winner takes home a smaller championship trophy to keep. The second, third and fourth place finishing teams also receive permanent trophies, and a five-man All-Classic Team, plus a Most Valuable Player are selected.

El Paso, Texas, Cathedral, won Commander's Trophy Division Championships in 1976, 1977 and 1978, and was the first school to retire a permanent trophy. By winning the President's Division in 1980, El Paso, Texas, Andress, retired a permanent traveling trophy. Their earlier wins were in 1975 and 1978. Denver City retired the Commander's Division trophy during the 1982 Christmas Classic. Previous wins were in 1979 and 1981.

The champion of each division receives an automatic invitation to return and defend its title the following year if desired.

During their time on base, each team will have an individual assigned as an escort. The escort will help the teams solve any last minute problems that may arise and can arrange for guided tours of the base and its facilities.

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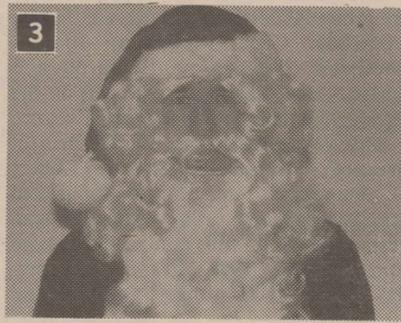
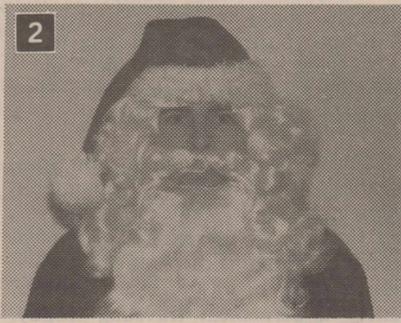
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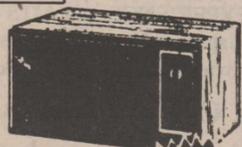
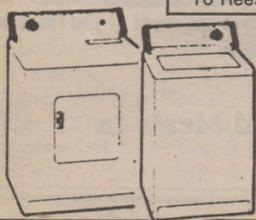


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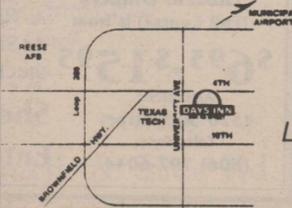
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by TSgt. Bud Simpkins
64 ABG/JA

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An airman in a tenant unit was reduced in grade and received a suspended forfeiture of \$300 for using provoking words and indecent language.

An airman in RM was ordered to forfeit \$50 for being disrespectful to an officer.

An airman in RM received a suspended reduction in grade for failure to go.

An airman in DO received a suspended reduction in grade and 45 days extra duties for

drinking under the legal age limit and driving under the influence.

An airman in MA was reduced in grade and ordered to forfeit \$100 for an under age alcohol offense and possessing an unauthorized ID card.

As you will note from the above, offenses involving alcohol were a factor in half of the actions. Alcohol consumption usually increases considerably during the holiday season. A few ways to avoid becoming a statistic are:

Don't drink and drive.

If you are under the legal age limit, don't drink at all.

If you are serving alcoholic beverages at a party, monitor the consumption of your guests. If you know they've had a lot to drink, or they look like they've had too much, cut them off.

Caprock menu

	Lunch	Dinner
Today	Roast Beef Sweet & Sour Pork Roast Turkey Rice Pilaf French Baked Potatoes Glazed Carrots Onion Rings Buttered Lima Beans	Grilled Steak French Fried Fish Fillets Baked Chicken Baked Macaroni & Cheese Rissolo Potatoes French Fried Eggplant Southern Style Mustard Greens Whole Kernel Corn
Saturday	Beef Stroganoff Braised Pork Chops French Fried Ocean Perch Steamed Rice Oven Glo Potatoes Southern Style Mustard Greens Peas & Carrots Green Beans	Baked Ham Tempura Fried Shrimp Roast Turkey Baked Potato Mashed Potatoes Corn-on-the-Cob Buttered Peas Buttered Carrots
Sunday	Steak Smothered w/Onions Chicken ala King Baked Lasagna Rice Pilaf French Fries Creole Wax Beans Buttered Cauliflower Buttered Carrots	Steamship Round Veal Paprika Steak Chicken Pot Pie Baked Potato French Fries Buttered Corn Green Beans Harvard Beets
Monday	Meat Loaf Baked Ham Steak Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Fried Rice Harvard Beets Green Beans Buttered Peas	Salisbury Steak French Fried Perch Turkey Pot Pie Buttered Noodles Oven Browned Potatoes Baked Hubbard Squash Buttered Cauliflower Buttered Spinach
Tuesday	BBQ Spareribs Italian Style Veal Cutlets Grilled Hamburger Steak Buttered Noodles Mashed Potatoes Lyonnise Wax Beans Southern Fried Okra Mixed Vegetables	Spaghetti w/Meatsauce Oven Fried Flounder Turkey Nuggets Steamed Rice Golden Potato Balls Glazed Carrots Brussel Sprouts Buttered Corn
Wednesday	Italian Dinner	Roast Beef Braised Liver w/Onions Chicken ala King Buttered Noodles Mashed Potatoes Mexican Corn French Fried Onion Rings Summer Squash
Thursday	Beef Porcupines BBQ Spareribs Apple Glazed Corn Beef Steamed Rice French Baked Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes w/Cutons Sweet Potato Broccoli Spears	Swiss Steak Grilled Ham Steak Fried Chicken Baked Macaroni & Cheese Mashed Potatoes Corn Pudding Buttered Cauliflower Collard Greens

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Founded in 1949, the Freedoms Foundation is a non-profit, non-

partisan organization established to carry out programs that promote the concepts of free institutions and responsible citizenship. Through its annual national awards program, the foundation honors individuals, organizations, corporations and schools for their contributions to these goals.

Eligible to enter are active duty members and those serving in the Reserve components, including ROTC and junior ROTC.

If you are interested in entering, submit a typed essay of 100 to 500 words on the subject "Peace with Freedom." Include your name,

rank, Social Security number, service designation, military address, name and address of your commanding officer and your permanent home address. If you are an ROTC or junior ROTC cadet, also include the name and address of your school and military instructor.

"Peace with Freedom" is the theme of the 1988 Freedoms Foundation essay contest. Each year, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., along with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, sponsors an essay category for service members in its national awards program.

Take time to choose the right gift

Fifty dead, 1,200 injured. Results of a train crash? An earthquake? A small war?

No, simply the approximate number of children harmed by unsafe toys and lack of parental supervision during the past year.

The Christmas season tempts many parents to give in to children's demands for everything seen on TV or on the shelves of a store's toy section. And while there are some very inventive and creative toys on the market, there are also some which could be dangerous for small children.

"Manufacturers can't control the way the toys they make will be used," explains Mr. Rick Amato, quality Assurance Specialist at Headquarters Army and Air Force Exchange

Service in Dallas. "There are many well-designed miniature toys which are appropriate for older children, but when left where a younger child could play with them could lead to a choking incident."

"Our policy at AAFES is to check the kinds of toys being proposed by our buyers to see if the items can pass the choke, poke and bite test. Even after accepting the product, we will occasionally pull an item from existing inventory and retest to make sure it's still safe," said Amato. "We test according to the standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission."

When buying for children, it is best to keep in mind the age of the child, his level of development, and whether any

other children will have access to the same toys, suggested Amato.

Small children like large, bright objects which are easily moved or make sounds. They like to use their mouths to aid in their exploration and to satisfy curiosity. (The mouth is more tactile than fingers at that age.) Look for water-resistant picture books, simple puzzles, pull toys without sharp edges or removable parts. Don't buy pieces which can be put wholly into the child's mouth. Small toys or pieces were involved in a number of choking deaths in 1987.

For toys in general, specialists caution parents to take time in choosing the right toy for the child's age group. Most toy manufacturers print guidelines on the carton.

"Even if you think your child can master a more advanced toy, remember that he's still a child," Amato said, "and may do something unexpected." Consider supervising younger children while they are using more advanced games.

As for electrical toys, treat them like a household appliance. They should be stored properly to prevent damage to the unit or its wiring. And parents should teach children not to yank on the cord when unplugging the toy.

Examine the toy before giving it to your child. Check the plug and cord as you would any appliance and try out the unit to see that it works properly.

"Make sure there aren't any sharp edges," said Manoj Parikh, a Quality Assurance Laboratory engineer at Head-



quarters AAFES.

Caution children not to use the electrical toys near water. "These are not bathtub toys," Amato and Parikh both emphasize.

Table mounted units should be stable enough not to fall off or be knocked on the floor.

For train sets and any other toy that works with a separate transformer, make sure that the cord, plug and terminal connections are in good condition.

Transformers normally become warm when being used, but they have built-in safety features to prevent overheating. However, if your unit becomes

very hot to the touch, turn it off and let it cool down.

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and away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
Everyone watched him, and they knew he was right,
When they heard him exclaim as he drew out of sight,
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Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish Activities

Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass 9:45 a.m.
Daily Mass 12:15 p.m.
Rite of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Sunday 9-9:30 p.m.
or by personal appointment
CCD & Inquiry Classes
Sunday 11 a.m.

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General Protestant 11 a.m.
Gospel Service 12:15 p.m.
Sunday School and Adult
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Friday School 10 a.m.
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Chapel Notes

Christmas extravaganza

Reese AFB will present a Christmas Extravaganza Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., in the base chapel. The program is directed by Beverly Fast and accompanied by Julie Wyrick, both of whom are Doctoral Candidates in Fine Arts at Texas Tech University.

In addition to the combined ecumenical Reese choirs, the program will feature a 12-piece brass choir and a children's choir. Also featured will be Margaret Redcay, Director of Flute, Texas Tech University.

For more information, call the chapel, 885-3237.

Craft day

On Dec. 19, a special Christmas craft day program will be held for children. Call the chapel for more information.

W.O.C. notes

The Women of the Chapel hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies are to bring an unwrapped gift, such as puzzles, adult writing materials, toys, clothes and the like for the Women's Protective Ser-

vices. The items may be new or used.

During the meeting, everyone will have the opportunity to share a family tradition and/or a favorite Christmas recipe. There will also be an ornament exchange. Ornaments should be wrapped. Child care will be provided.

Cookie caper

Members of the chapel family should bring two or more dozen homemade cookies to be delivered to the base dormitories. Cookies may be brought to the chapel Sunday or Wednesday. They will be distributed around the base Dec. 20, by the Brownies and Girl Scouts. There will be a sign-up sheet at the chapel for the girls.

Warm, fuzzy tree

The warm, fuzzy tree in the chapel is filled with warm mittens, scarves, hats, socks, receiving blankets and the like that will be divided and distributed to the needy in the community and the Women's Protective Services. Anyone wishing to donate items for the tree can drop them off at the chapel Monday through Friday or during worship hours Sunday.

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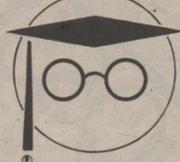
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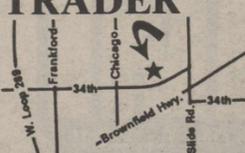
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Launch recovery plan expanded

by MSgt. Dwight Trimmer
Pentagon Bureau Chief-AFNS

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) plans for fewer shuttle flights with reduced capabilities have forced the Air Force to expand its own space launch recovery plan.

Air Force asked Congress for an additional \$316 million this Fiscal Year and another \$645 million in Fiscal 1989. The additional funding is needed for more expendable launch vehicles and increased launch capacity at both the East Coast and West Coast launch facilities.

Secretary of the Air Force Edward Aldridge, Jr., called the Air Force's expanding plans "a necessary strategy to retain America's leadership in space."

NASA announced this spring that space shuttle flights would not resume until at least June 1988. Even then, there will be only 14 launches a year. Future shuttle launches also will carry lighter payloads. The result is far fewer shuttle flights for the military.

Aldridge said the changes have forced the service to expand its original launch recovery plan.

Specifically, Air Force wants to acquire 25 more Titan IV boosters in addition to the 23 Congress already has approved. The Titans will meet requirements through 1995, according to Aldridge.

Seven of the additional boosters will be needed between now and 1993. The remaining 16 are for Fiscal 1994 and 1995 requirements.

"Currently, our Titan IV supplier can produce six boosters per year. In order to accommodate our required launch rates through 1995, we need the ability to produce up to 10 Titan IVs per year," Aldridge said.

Air Force also wants to modify one Titan launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., to allow six or more Titan IV launches a year from there. The military's fiscal year 1989 construction request already includes construction of a second Titan IV launch pad at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Some military payloads previously intended for the

shuttle must be switched to medium launch vehicles. To do that, the Air Force will need five more Delta II Boosters and 10 new medium launch vehicles.

Aldridge pointed out that the Air Force's recovery plan "does not include any slack, or excess capacity through the early 1990's." Therefore, he recommends phasing in the next generation of space launcher, the advanced launch system, now.

"With a third heavy launch vehicle, we would gain the margin we need and could avoid schedule delays should problems occur with any single type of launch vehicle," the secretary explained.

Seven contractors currently are studying the advanced launcher. No specific design has been selected. Aldridge said phasing in the advanced system now would provide a transition vehicle by the mid-1990's.

The Air Force Secretary emphasized that the nation needs "a robust, balanced fleet of launch vehicles to assure our access to space now and in the future."



Santa is coming to the Library

'Tis time for all good girls and boys to get their Christmas lists ready for a visit with Santa at the Reese Base Library Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. Santa will have treats for all children 5 years old and younger.

Christmas Luncheon at Child Care Center

A Christmas Luncheon is planned at the Child Care Center. Parents are invited to dine with their children on Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu is ham with glaze, sweet potatoes, green beans with new potatoes, Jello with fruit, pistachio salad, bread, peach crisp and ice tea or milk.

Christmas Celebration

The Reese Youth Center is sponsoring a Christmas Celebration tonight at 6 p.m. with 3-foot-long subs, chips and

Cokes. A Christmas Dance will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission to the dance for members will be 2 cans of food or \$1.50, non-members 4 cans of food or \$2.00. All food will go to the South Plains Food Bank.

A visit to winter wonderland

A stroll through a Christmas winter wonderland is planned for the Reese Child Care Center Wednesday. The children will visit Holland Gardens and be taken back to Christmas' past. The forest of Christmas trees, decorated in ribbons and bows, features the sounds of carolers with candles and twinkling lights, and dancing woodland creatures. The bus will leave the Child Care Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at 11:30 a.m.

Win a Gingerbread House

The Reese Base Library is giving away a gingerbread house.

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Winter blues — colds, flues and allergies

by Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

You don't know if you have a cold, the flu or just an allergy. All you know is you're miserable.

There are ways to tell the three apart, according to Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) William J. Meinert. He heads the Department of Family Practice at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., and treats patients at DeWitt Army Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Timing is one. "Allergies are usually seasonal. Hay fever sufferers have problems in the spring and early fall. People who are allergic to dust and mold suffer most in the winter, particularly if they have a forced-air heating system," said Meinert.

Colds, on the other hand, are most common from the beginning of the school year in the fall through spring, peaking in the coldest months of January and February. The flu, or influenza, strikes as an epidemic, usually starting in November and continuing through the winter.

Symptoms are another way to tell the differences among the three. Allergy symptoms are limited to congestion, watery eyes and an irritated throat. In addition to these, cold sufferers may often have mild aches and a low fever. The flu is usually more severe, with a sudden, high fever, chills and sweating, cough, muscle aches and pains and headache.

The "common cold" is common. Americans suffer 1 billion colds a year. People don't get more colds in cold weather because getting chilled can give them colds, said Meinert. People live closer together in the winter, passing colds in the best way possible—from hand to hand.

"Although you can get a cold from the droplets released in the air when someone sneezes, you're much more likely to get it from touching their hands," said Meinert. Often unconsciously, cold sufferers wipe their runny eyes and then touch their neighbors. Cold germs can survive up to three hours on telephone receivers and other surfaces.

The most innocent faces belong to the most guilty parties when it comes to spreading colds. Children, particularly young children in day-care, nursery school and kindergarten, get—and spread—more colds than any other group in the population. "Young children get from eight to 10 colds a year," said Meinert. "Unless Grandma sees her grandchildren often, she's the least likely to get a cold—people over 65 have fewer colds," he added.

Although colds are seldom life-threatening, Meinert suggests you see a doctor if the infection gets in your lungs or if you develop a fever or severe sore throat. If your mucous is yellow or green, you probably have a bacterial infection that can be treated with antibiotics.

You should watch your baby carefully if he or she has a cold. If you believe the baby has an earache or a sore throat, take him or her to a doctor. Untreated ear infections can lead to deafness. Sore throats can mean a strep infection—which can lead to rheumatic fever, which damages the heart. Said Meinert, "We probably do more strep throat cultures than we need to—but it pays off because rheumatic fever is now rare in this country."

Croup is another common cold complication for children until about the age of 3. "If your baby is 'barking,' take him to the doctor. Usually the cold air hitting him on the way to the car is enough to

stop the croup, but it's best not to take chances," said Meinert. Sitting with your baby in a steamy bathroom will also stop the croup.

The military services usually vaccinate against flu in the middle of October. This year, military people received shots protecting against the A/Taiwan, A/Leningrad and B/Ann Arbor influenza viruses. According to Meinert, "You can't fight a war if half your people have the flu, but the flu is not usually dangerous to healthy young men and women."

"The flu can be life-threatening to the very young, very old and chronically ill," said Meinert. Flu can progress to pneumonia, which can be fatal if not treated.

Pneumonia usually strikes suddenly, with shaking chills and sharp pain in the chest. The lungs are congested, and fever can rise to 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

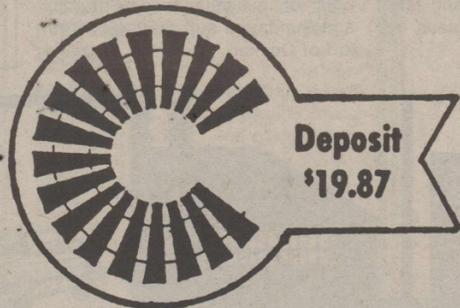
Therefore, the Public Health Service's Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control recommends flu shots for people with diabetes, cancer or kidney, liver or lung disease, anyone over 65 and health care workers. Meinert also recommends flu shots for smokers and children with any chronic disease. For those who can't get flu shots because of an egg allergy or pregnancy, the drug amantadine can prevent flu if given before exposure or lessen its severity if given after exposure.



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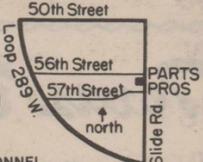
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<p align="center">Monday December 14</p> <p>Mathis Recreation Center Closes at 6 p.m. Name the Santa Contest Ends at 6 p.m.</p> <p>Bowling Center Intramural League 5:15 and 7:45 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Center Dance Classes 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday December 15</p> <p>Physical Fitness Center Military Racquetball Tournament, Las Vegas, Nevada. Call 885-3207</p> <p>Mathis Recreation Center Rent a Santa Suit \$10</p> <p>Bowling Center Tuesday Mixed League 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Center Martial Arts 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Child Care Center Make Christmas Cards for Parents</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday December 16</p> <p>Bowling Center Wednesday Mixed League 7 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Center Boston Tea Party Free Hot Tea and Cookies</p> <p>Library Aztec Calendar Stone Discovery Anniversary</p> <p>Child Care Center Santa visits Pre-school. Pictures available for \$1.00</p>	<p align="center">Thursday December 17</p> <p>Mathis Recreation Center Senior Citizens Visit 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bowling Center Maintenance League 5 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Center Wright Brothers Day. 1st Flight Plane Drawing Contest</p> <p>Child Care Center Santa visits Pre-school and Child Care Center. Pictures available for \$1.00</p>

Travel Voucher fraud can be costly

by Tom Joyce,
American Forces Information Service

Is an entire career worth the price of a 15-mile cab ride? Some military personnel apparently think so. After a permanent change of station or temporary duty travel, they decide to ask to be reimbursed for expenses they never incurred. It might be only a few extra bucks, but fraud is fraud.

Travel voucher fraud, while not rampant, still occurs throughout the Department of Defense. During fiscal 1987, DoD spent almost \$3.4 billion in permanent change of station and temporary duty travel costs. And of the thousands who traveled, some couldn't pass up the chance to pocket a few extra dollars. For example:

□ An airman on a permanent change of station from the United States to Japan files a travel voucher stating he drove his personal car during his travel in the United States. He is reimbursed for mileage and paid a per diem of \$344 for seven days of travel time.

An investigation shows the airman actually traveled by commercial air in the United States. He is

ordered to repay \$181.20, is charged four days leave and receives an Article 15.

□ A captain on temporary duty to the United States claims use of a rental car and is reimbursed \$120.50. He is suspected of using the rental car for recreational purposes. An investigation supports the allegation, and the captain is found guilty of filing a fraudulent travel voucher. The captain repays the money, pays a \$2,000 fine and receives a letter of reprimand.

Col. Patrick Malvaso is director of the Air Force District of Washington Accounting and Finance Office, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. His staff of 20 clerks computes more than 600 travel vouchers a day. Clients include the secretary of defense as well as recently arrived service members. He acknowledges that the first line of defense in travel voucher fraud in finance offices around the world is the clerks.

"They are all very bright," he said. "Over time, they develop data banks in their head they use to spot fraud. For example, after filing 5,000 vouchers from Washington, they know how much it should cost for cab fare from National Airport

to Mount Vernon, Va. But we'll occasionally still see someone try to claim more than they should." Seasoned veterans in other cities have similar data banks.

DoD has done what it can to make the travel voucher process more efficient. Currently, only reimbursable expenses of \$25 or more require receipts.

Later in fiscal 1988, military personnel should begin filing travel vouchers based on the Lodgings Plus system. This system, currently being used by service and DoD civilians, establishes firm per diem rates for each part of the country and requires receipts for lodging costs.

If the per diem rate is \$65 a day, that means the traveler will be reimbursed no more than \$65 for each day's stay in that area. Should travelers decide to pay more for meals and lodging, it is at their expense. If they can eat cheaper, it is to their advantage.

"The travel voucher process works on the honor system," said Malvaso. "Over the years, DoD has tried to simplify the process as much as possible. Moving to Lodgings Plus for military folks will

place all personnel on an equitable system. However, I anticipate there will be more opportunity to fudge the figures."

Malvaso strongly encourages anyone debating the idea of picking up a few bucks to reconsider. "First, unit financial managers review all travel vouchers. And finance clerks have heard and seen everything. If it looks out of place, they will catch it."

Secondly, said Malvaso, fraudulent travel vouchers can be detrimental to a career. "Officers know that if they get caught with a fraudulent voucher, it's the end of their career," he said. "Enlisted personnel can expect to be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

"In either case, commanders will know you can't be trusted as a person. And that is very important. Once the trust is violated, it's all over."

Malvaso said vouchers can be audited at any time—even after a travel voucher is paid. "You just have to wonder if the dollar amount that may be obtained through the falsified order or voucher is worth the price to pay when you get caught," he said.

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