

# The Roundup

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## From the ground up...

Members of Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 86-04 pull a classmate during a training session at the Aerospace Physiology Training Unit Monday. This is one of the first steps taken in the UPT program here.

## Reese selected for possible SICBM basing

Reese is one of 46 Department of Defense, and Department of Energy installations to be examined for suitability of basing a new small Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.

The missile, capable of mobile or fixed deployment, is still under development by the Air Force, but projections call for it to be operational by the end of 1992.

Reese was one of over 4,200 locations initially screened for minimum technical requirements for the deployment of the system in any presently

envisioned basing mode. The only other installation in Texas is Fort Bliss, near El Paso.

The 46 remaining installations will undergo further review, including validation of information on topography, geology, population densities, growth projections, water resources, transportation capacities, public utilities and government support facilities.

The decision on where the first missiles will be based will not be made until late 1986.

## Repayment of advances extended to 12 months

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Air Force members will have twice the amount of time to repay advances taken to help cover the cost of permanent change of station moves under a new Department of Defense ruling.

According to a DOD release, the change became effective Wednesday. Under the old rules, members had six months to repay advances. The new policy allows a 12-month repayment schedule under normal circumstances, and up to 24 months in unusual circumstances.

Requests for extensions beyond 12 months, however, must be approved in writing by the member's commanding officer, officials said.

The new re-payment schedule should help relieve some of the hardship members faced under the former policy, officials said.

They added that advances should be repaid before the member makes a second PCS move and before the person's date of separation.

Additional information is available at the Accounting and Finance Office.

## Air Force opens more jobs to women

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The Air Force announced April 22 that it will open about 800 active duty jobs previously closed to women.

The action was caused by a revision to the Air Force's combat exclusion policy that resulted from a personnel force composition study. The study was directed by Congress last year. For the first time, the Air Force policy that restricts women because of combat involvement specifies types of units, aircraft and skills.

Under the new policy, women will now be eligible to:

- Serve with forward air control posts and munitions storage sites.
- Fly and crew some EC-

130E aircraft, EC-130H compass call aircraft and C-23s.

- And serve with C-130s assigned to 16th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

The positions are now filled by men. For these and other jobs, the Air Force will not recruit to a fixed percentage, officials said. The service will consider individual merit and will provide the same job opportunities for equally qualified men and women.

"Women continue to make substantial contributions to today's high-quality Air Force," said Air Force Secretary Verne Orr about the force composition study. "As their numbers continue to increase, the Air Force is committed to providing full

career opportunities."

Combined with the opening of the security specialty and Minuteman and Peacekeeper launch crew positions, about half the jobs closed to women a year ago have been opened.

About 26,400 jobs remain closed because of combat exclusions. These jobs include four enlisted career specialties: Combat Control, Tactical Air Command and Control, Aerial Gunner, and Parachute recovery. There are no officer career fields closed to women; however, some positions in open fields are closed due to the combat nature of their missions.

The Air Force, with about 11 percent of its work force being women, has a higher percentage of women than

the other services. With the job openings since last year and the new recruiting approach outlined in the study, the Air Force expects the number of enlisted women recruits to rise to 16 to 20 percent in the next few years, officials said.

Women are excluded from combat roles by Public Law 10 USC 8549 and by associated Air Force policy. The law states women "...may not be assigned to duty in aircraft

engaged in combat missions." The revised policy relating to aircraft applies to units and skills where people train in peacetime for wartime deployment.

The new policy and its application will be spelled out in a forthcoming Air Force regulation.

The policy will be reviewed in the future to accommodate any force structure changes that come with new weapons, units and skills, officials said.

## Countdown

Reese Reunion  
42 days left



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## Commentary

# Leaders need courage to affect change

By Col. Rod Dale  
Deputy Commander for Maintenance

Leaders, our pathfinders, the men and women who show us new ways, need courage to solve many different problems.

Two of the most serious problems we have today in the Air Force are non-productive staffs and useless regulations. Numerous adverse trends have been developing in these areas for many years.

As American society has become increasingly bureaucratic, so has the military establishment.

To be more concrete: as the size of the Air Force has decreased in the last decade, the size of staff organizations has not decreased significantly but, in most cases, has actually increased. In addition, regulations have proliferated while at the same time there has been less and less to regulate. In other words, as the

number of productive workers has steadily decreased, the number of non-productive individuals has steadily increased.

Two non-Air Force situations give us the perspective to see our Air Force situation more clearly.

In the early days of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the organization had one staff bureaucrat for each four active agents in the field. A few years ago, the FBI's structure had altered to the point to where it had 25 staff bureaucrats for each active field agent!

Some time back, the postal workers in Rome began to agitate for increased wages. Since it's also illegal in Italy to strike against the government the workers decided to obey every existing postal regulation. Postal service collapsed in three days!

We might as well face it. Staffs are bloated beyond comprehension and should be reduced by at least 50 percent.

Most regulations are useless and should be rescinded. These aren't new observations.

Chris Argyris said years ago that, in a formal matrix organizational structure (such as the Air Force): "It was not long before the completion of the paperwork became an end in itself. Seventy-one percent of the middle managers reported that the maintenance of the product planning and program review paper flow became as crucial as accomplishing the line responsibility assigned to each group."

We should support our leaders with the courage to attack the grave problems of non-productive staffs and useless regulations with our own ingenuity and through such avenues as the Model Installation Program and the "Lean and Mean" venture. If we do, we may be able to return the Air Force to the basics—reduce our overall costs—and better ward off attacks from congressional and other critics.

# Why won't we buckle up?

By Tom Joyce  
American Forces Information Service

How would it feel to be involved in a car crash at just 10 miles per hour?

Here's one way to find out, without damaging your car. You'll need a 200-pound bag of cement. Haul it up to the second floor of a building and toss it out the window. Imagine one of your buddies standing on the ground below and catching the bag as it falls. That's how dangerous a low-speed collision can be.

It is estimated that 85 percent of Americans refuse to buckle up. Military people on the average have a much better record, but many servicemen and women still won't take the time to protect themselves and their passengers.

A fatal automobile accident occurs every 20 minutes in the United States, claiming 43,800 lives in 1984 alone. Federal Safety authorities claim seat belts could have prevented half those deaths. Safety statistics show that each of us can expect to be in an auto accident once every 10 years. For one out of 20 of us, it will

be a serious crash. For one out of 60, it will be fatal. So why do so many of us refuse to wear seat belts?

B.J. Campbell, director of the Highway Safety Research Center at the University of North Carolina, thinks people don't wear seat belts because they don't think of it. He says people need to be reminded constantly.

Toward that end, many private sector organizations have established programs to remind people to buckle up, something the military services have been doing for years. And although the services have much better results, they believe it's not enough until 100 percent of the population buckles up.

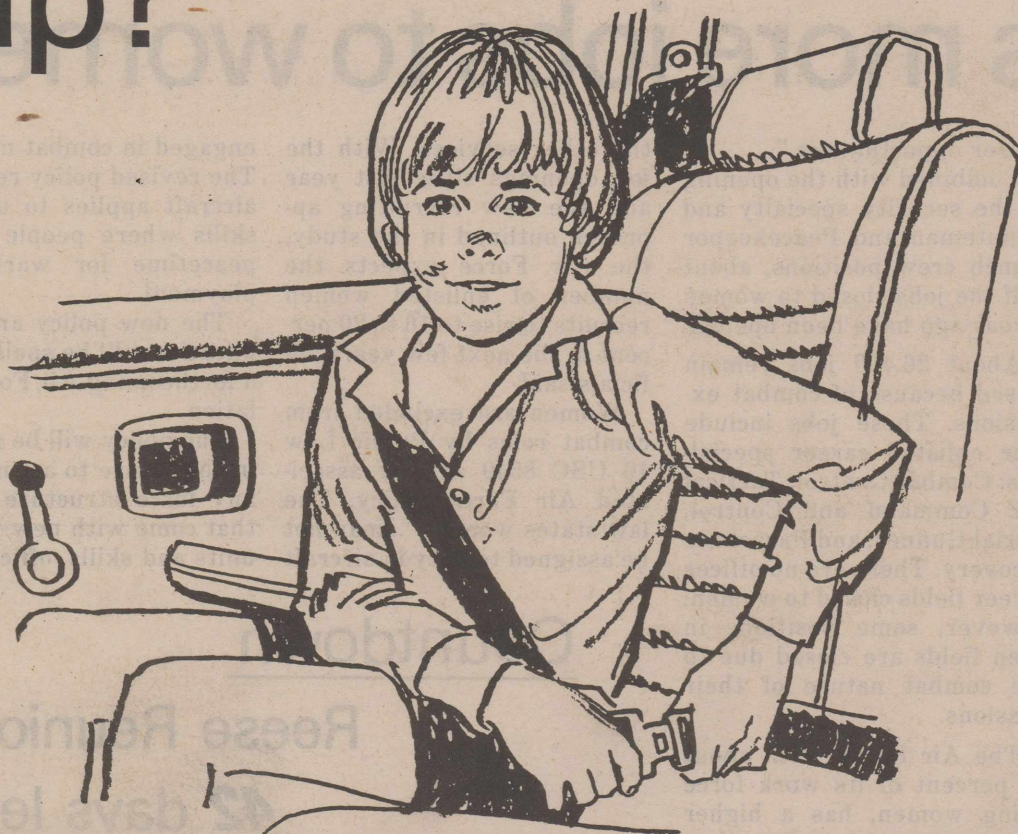
Incentive programs vary from installation to installation. There are no Army-, Navy-, Air Force-, or Marine Corps-wide incentive programs to wear seat belts. But each service has strong education programs encouraging their use. Department of Defense regulations require all personnel who operate government motor vehicles equipped with seat belts to wear them. That includes people using their privately owned vehicles on official business.

Still, some people refuse to wear them, a refusal based on misinformation and longstanding myths. Those myths include:

"I don't want to be trapped by my safety belt if the car is submerged or catches fire." You're 25 times more likely to be killed if you're thrown from a car than if you're trapped in it. The exceptions receive wide publicity, thus reinforcing the myth. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says only 0.5 percent of all accidents that result in injuries occur under these conditions.

"I don't believe it will happen to me." You've heard and seen the figures. Chances are good every driver will have an accident at least once in their lifetime and chances are 50-50 it will cause injuries.

"I only need to wear them for high-speed driving or for long trips." Remember the 200-pound bag of cement? Eighty percent of all accidents happen at speeds of less than 25 miles per hour. Seventy-five percent occur within 25 miles of your home.



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## McGruff visits

McGruff, the crime dog, visits with students of Karen Franks' second grade class at Casey Elementary School April 11. Security policemen and McGruff made the students aware of tips on Crime Prevention. Utilizing a puppet McGruff and puppet theater, the 2nd Graders were told of such topics as vandalism, stranger danger, child molestation, and bike protection. McGruff presented Certificates of Achievement in Crime Prevention to Mrs. Fletcher's and Mrs. Franks' 2nd grade class. Persons who would like a presentation from McGruff should contact SrA. James Veilleux at Ext. 3615.

## Red Cross announces classes

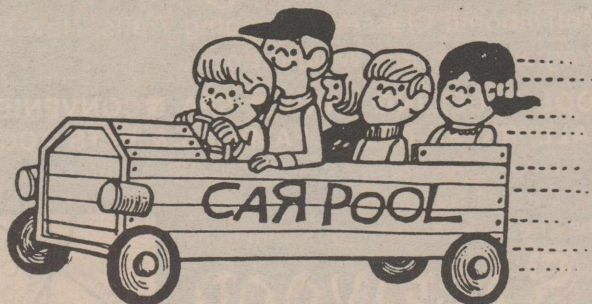
As part of its health and safety programs, the South Plains Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold three first aid and three CPR classes during May.

First aid courses will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, and May 18. A class will be held from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The fee for first aid training is \$12.50. CPR classes will be held

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11, and May 17. An evening class will be held May 13 and 14, from 6:30-10 p.m. The fee for CPR training is \$10.

There will also be a first aid instructor's course held May 20 and 21, from 6:30-10 p.m. This course trains anyone with current first aid certification to become a Red Cross First Aid Instructor. The fee for this course is \$5.

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## Drugs, topic of survey

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—About 20,000 Department of Defense employees worldwide will soon be tapped to take part in a survey to determine the level of alcohol and non-medical drug use in the armed forces.

Air Force Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control officials in Washington say the Research Triangle Institute from North Carolina will conduct the on-site surveys in June and July.

RTI will determine which bases will participate in the survey and compile results, officials said. About 5,500 Air Force people will be randomly selected to take part in the program by the research team and officials from the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas.

Survey results will be used to plan drug and alcohol abuse

programs and to help justify the funds needed to support these programs, officials said.

Addressing the need for the survey, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said, "We have made tremendous strides in the identification and reduction of illicit drug use in the armed forces and in the identification, treatment and rehabilitation of those members who misuse alcohol."

"Please assure every member of your organization that the questionnaire replies are confidential and will remain anonymous," he said.

A civilian contractor conducts the survey about every two years, officials said. This year participants will be asked questions such as how frequently they use drugs—including caffeine—the status of their health and about their driving habits, officials added. (AFNS)

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# Family news

## Warranty wanted for "terrible two's"

By Judi Critton

In this day of consumer advocacy and education it amazes me that the biggest investment a person can make in terms of money, love and time comes with no manual, no warranty and no guarantee.

I can't help but wonder if this would all be different if Ralph Nader had a few kids.

When our washing machine attempted to create an indoor pool in the laundry room, I panicked and wondered how Greg's blues would stand up to being beat against bayside rocks at the Back Bay.

As Garfield stayed one step ahead of the surging tide overtaking the kitchen, I remembered the machine's warranty and called the service number.

The man who answered assured me it was a common malfunction and easily correctable. Within a few hours, soggy sneakers and a clean floor were the only reminders of the calamity.

As Jessi approaches the "terrible two's," there is no 800 number or service man to reassure me. I've talked to a few other mothers and have discovered there are some sure-

fire occurrences common to the toilet training set.

When these things first started happening with Jessi, I was sure she'd be factory recalled for a complete overhaul. Knowing it is strictly the nature of the beast made me feel much better.

Some examples include: If you schedule a portrait sitting for your daughter, she will most likely attempt a daredevil stunt the night before, resulting in facial stitches, creating an effect quite similar to Herman Munster in the lace pinafore.

A child's first distinct word will probably be something suitable for a construction site; the child will repeat it frequently for grandparents, members of the clergy and your husband's commander.

A new carpet or sofa is sure to trigger a major setback in toilet training.

Any single toy possessed by another child is infinitely more desirable than the 256 playthings the child already owns.

The toddler considers a cat's tail a built-in leash to direct the animal into places

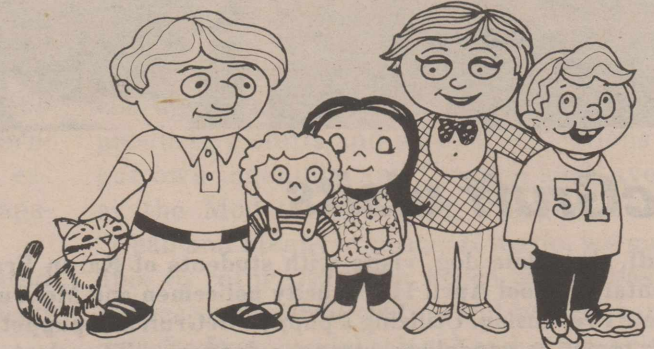
he doesn't want to go.

Anything but trash is likely to end up in the garbage can. I could go on but it now seems pretty clear why there

is no truth in labeling laws for children. By the time you finished reading the manual the "infant" would be off to college.

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**1st Lt. John J. Acker**  
**Mental Health Clinic Ext. 3739**

### Activities

The library has a new telephone extension. The number is 3835. This number is in addition to Ext. 3344.

Win With Wellness Month will last all May with many activities at the library. Blood pressure checks are available next Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The second annual Exercise contest began May 1st and will last all month. See how far

you can travel in the library in one month. The Special Story Hour speaker for May 15 will be 1st Lt. Acker, from Mental Health.

In observance of Armed Forces Day the library will sponsor the Second Annual Military Model Airplane contest for adults and dependents. Start glueing now and enter by May 18 for prizes and displays.

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# Pilot's helmet of future, a reality

Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio (AFNS)—Air Force researchers here are working on a revolutionary visual system within a pilot's helmet that is suitable for flight simulators and future high performance aircraft.

The helmet's miniaturized electronics project onto its lens-like "eyes" a view of what's outside the cockpit with flight data superimposed over the scene. Using that display, the pilot activates aircraft systems with eye and hand movements and voice commands rather than by pushing knobs and buttons.

According to Dr. Thomas Furness, program manager at the Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson, Visually-Coupled Airborne Systems

Simulator developers originally conceived it as an inexpensive replacement for vision systems in simulators that now use gigantic domes as projection screens, terrain boards, computers and complex electronics for flight scenarios.

By contrast, the VCASS helmet is a self-contained visual system made possible by computer-generated graphics projected onto a 1-inch diameter television screen. The image, in turn, passes through optics until it becomes, from the pilot's point of view, three-dimensional and panoramic.

In addition, Dr. Furness envisions the system in real cockpits. "The trend of the future supersonic aircraft," he said, "is to have smaller

cockpits and reclining seats to allow pilots to tolerate high G forces. Since a pilot in a reclining position cannot see his cockpit instruments, we have to have another way to give the pilot information he needs to fly the aircraft," he said. "VCASS can do that."

The fidelity of VCASS is so pure, Dr. Furness said, that when a pilot wearing the helmet looks up or down, to the right or left, the computer will display whatever the terrain is in that direction.

Dr. Furness also noted that VCASS control of aircraft and weapons subsystem also considers the limitations during high G's on the pilot's hands as they normally perform switching functions.

According to Dr. Furness, a

pilot of the future using VCASS simply might look at a weapon he wants to activate, for example, say the word "select," and then look his desired target and is ready to fire, he will orally command the radar system to "lock on" and then pull the trigger to fire.

Hand-pointing involves the pilot placing his gloved hand, with sensors sewn into the glove, in certain spaces of the cockpit. Switches are automatically activated because his hand is there, Dr. Furness said.

Another unique feature of VCASS, as explained by SSgt. Vernon Wells, VCASS facilities manager, is its ability, via use of aircraft sensors, to display to the pilot the safest

route away from the hostile environment. The computer system also can lay out target locations and display "way points" to let the flier know his exact location at all times.

If the pilot needs to know the distance to a point of interest—such as a mountain—he simply looks at it through the helmet-mounted display and say "range," and within a fraction of a second the distance between him and the object will be displayed, Dr. Furness said.

He added, "Now that the basic engineering work on VCASS is complete, we want to perfect it for operational use." He said researchers are working on a high-visibility helmet that will weigh about the same as existing helmets.

## Lubbock churches invite Reese personnel to attend church

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## PCS Advance Pay

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## To Sponsor Sale

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## Slogan Contest

The 64FTW Ground Safety Office is conducting a safety

slogan contest. Anyone wishing to participate should submit their slogan in writing to Wing Safety by May 15th. Please include name, organization, and duty phone. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. For more information contact SSgt. Johnson, Ext. 3194.

## Homes of the Week

The following were chosen as home of the week for April 16 and 23. Enlisted duplex: TSgt. Robert Burnett, FTD and Sgt. David Hulsinger 64OMS. Enlisted Single Unit: SMSgt. Charles Davis, 64FTW/SL. Officer Duplex: 1st Lt. James Hutto, 54th FTS and 2nd Lt. Steven Segond, 64STUS. Officer Single Unit: Major Darrell Hoffman, USAF Hospital Reese.

The following individuals homes were judged as home of the week for April 23rd:

Enlisted Duplex: SSgt. Ted Hicks, 64FMS and SSgt. Alex Teague also of FMS. Enlisted Single Unit: MSgt. Jerry Marshall, NCO Club. Officer Duplex: 2nd Lt. Paul Whitney, 54FTS and 2nd Lt. Bryan Achee also from the 54FTS. Officer Single Unit: Capt. John Adamo, USAF Hospital Reese.

## Kindergarten Pre-registration

Reese Elementary School will hold kindergarten pre-registration May 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Students who will be in kindergarten in the 1985-86 school year should register, said Dan Newberry, school principal.

Students must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1985, and must bring their birth certificates and immunization records for pre-registration.

# A mine to be reckoned with

EGLIN AFB, Fla. (AFNS)—Gators are not an uncommon sight in this state, but the Air Force recently received a Gator that would make even Marlin Perkins of "Wild Kingdom" take a second look.

Gator is the Air Force's first air-delivered mine system that gives tactical and strategic forces a way to rapidly sow a dense minefield, according to Capt. Paul Vancheri, Gator deputy program manager here.

The system was developed by the armament division at Eglin, and consists of a munitions dispenser, a proximity sensor, an adapter kit and anti-tank mines mixed with anti-personnel mines. The mines are designed to prevent enemy troops from manually clearing the field.

According to Captain Vancheri, the system can be deployed from a variety of aircraft, including the A-7,

A-10, F-4, F-15, F-16, F-111 and the B-52.

Gator can be delivered from high and low altitudes at any airspeed, the captain said. "Once released from the aircraft, depending on the minefield pattern desired, the sensor tells the dispenser when to release the mines," Captain Vancheri said.

He said each of the mines has a self-destruct timer. The mines complete arming procedures once on the ground.

The Gator system can be used in several modes, including direct attack and interdiction deployment, Captain Vancheri said.

"In the direct attack mode, Gator can be used to immobilize enemy ground forces, causing heavy casualties on tanks and other wheeled and tracked vehicles.

"Because Gator is nearly impossible to clear, the enemy is forced to 'button up'

and stop in his tracks," Captain Vancheri continued. "This method of attack will force enemy vehicles to take heavy losses from close-air-support aircraft."

In the interdiction deployment mode, Gator can be used as an area denial weapon to stop forces in the rear from moving forward to the battle lines.

"By delaying resupplies to the main battle area, Gator will be extremely effective in draining the enemy's immediate strength without exposing Air Force aircraft to the main battle area," Captain Vancheri explained.

He said the system can also be used to attack airfields to make the runways unusable.

The Air Force worked with the Army and Navy to develop Gator, which will be managed by the Air Logistics Center at Hill AFB, Utah, Captain Vancheri said.

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# 9mm to replace traditional .45 cal.

The Battle of Ojos Azules (Blue Eyes) Ranch pitted almost 100 members of Gen. John Pershing's 11th Cavalry against more than 100 of Pancho Villa's Mexican forces in 1916. The battle resulted in the death of 61 of Villa's men and the capture of many more in a matter of minutes. There were no American casualties. One deciding factor: Pershing's men were equipped with the deadly Colt .45 pistol.

And who can forget Alvin York's heroics during World War II? He single-handedly killed 35 Germans and captured another 132. After his Springfield rifle ran out of ammunition, he resorted to his .45.

The Colt .45 was originally adopted by the U.S. military to allow cavalymen to have a "handful of firepower." It was, according to Dr. Ed

Ezell, curator of the Division of Military History at the Smithsonian Institution, an offensive weapon. "It was the 'anti-tank' weapon of the early 1900s," he says.

Although the .45 has endured with a long and colorful past, the Department of Defense has decided to replace it with the Beretta M92SB-F 9mm pistol. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel will exchange some 400,000 M1911A1 Colt .45 and 100,000 Smith and Wesson .38 caliber weapons for the Beretta within the next few years.

Lt. Col. Craig Mac Nab, an Army spokesman, says those weapons will be used for foreign military sales and sales to other government agencies and local civilian law enforcement agencies. He says there are laws against selling the weapons to private citizens or destroying them.

Those that are not sold will be stored.

Beretta USA will supply the services with an initial 315,930 of the 9mm pistols under a fixed price, five-year contract. Mac Nab says another contract for approximately 20,000 more of the weapons will be awarded after the current contract expires.

The Beretta is the first new military handgun since the .45 caliber pistol was introduced in 1911. Mac Nab says it has several advantages: It holds 15 rounds, is "ambidextrous" (it can easily be adapted for use by left-handed or right-handed people), double-action (users don't have to "cock" the weapon before firing it), is very easy to take apart, and safer, more reliable, and more modern than its predecessors.

The Beretta weighs 2.56 pounds loaded and has a muzzle velocity of just under

1,200 feet per second. The .45 weighs about three pounds loaded and has a muzzle velocity of only 830 feet per second.

Mac Nab says the need for a standard handgun was reflected in a 1978 survey which showed many different types of handguns and ammunition being used by the services. Under the initial contract, at least 134,000 of the weapons must be manufactured in the

United States. The others will be made in Italy.

The first Beretta should be in the hands of the servicemen and women in about a year, says Mac Nab. They will be issued as a weapon system: 9mm weapon, magazines, new green nylon reversible holster and ammunition pouch.

The Beretta will also provide compatibility with NATO allies who use 9mm weapons.



The Colt .45 caliber automatic pistol (left), on active duty since 1911, will retire from military service. The replacement is the 9mm Beretta, which is lighter than its predecessor, holds 15 rounds and fires with greater muzzle velocity.



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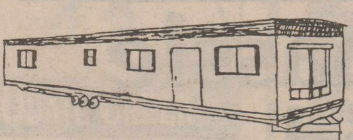
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# Six graduate NCO Academy

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TSgt. Michael Berry

from the Air Training Command NCO Academy at Lackland AFB, Texas, March 29; one coming home with an honor.

SSgt. Philip Miner, Field Training Detachment 429, was named a distinguished graduate, graduating in the top 10 percent of his class.

The Guest Speaker at the graduation dinner was 64th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Bob Hullender. He spoke on NCO responsibilities.

Reese graduates include MSgt. John Robertson, 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron; TSgt. Michael Bedell, 64th Civil Engineering

Squadron; TSgt. Michael Berry, 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron; TSgt. Arnold Hiatt, USAF Hospital Reese; TSgt. William Hoffpauir, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron; and SSgt. Philip Miner, Field Training Detachment 429.

The ATC NCO Academy prepares our mid-level supervisor to deal more effectively with the problems facing today's Air Force," said Reese Senior Enlisted Advisor CMSgt. Max Lantz.

Not Pictured:

TSgt. Michael Bedell  
TSgt. William Hoffpauir



TSgt. Arnold Hiatt



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Monday	roast beef roast turkey baked knockwurst mashed potatoes mexican rice buttered peas mixed vegetables brussel sprouts cornbread dressing	salmon cakes baked chicken barbeque beef cubes mashed potatoes steamed rice lyonnaise wax beans buttered carrots sauteed corn brown gravy
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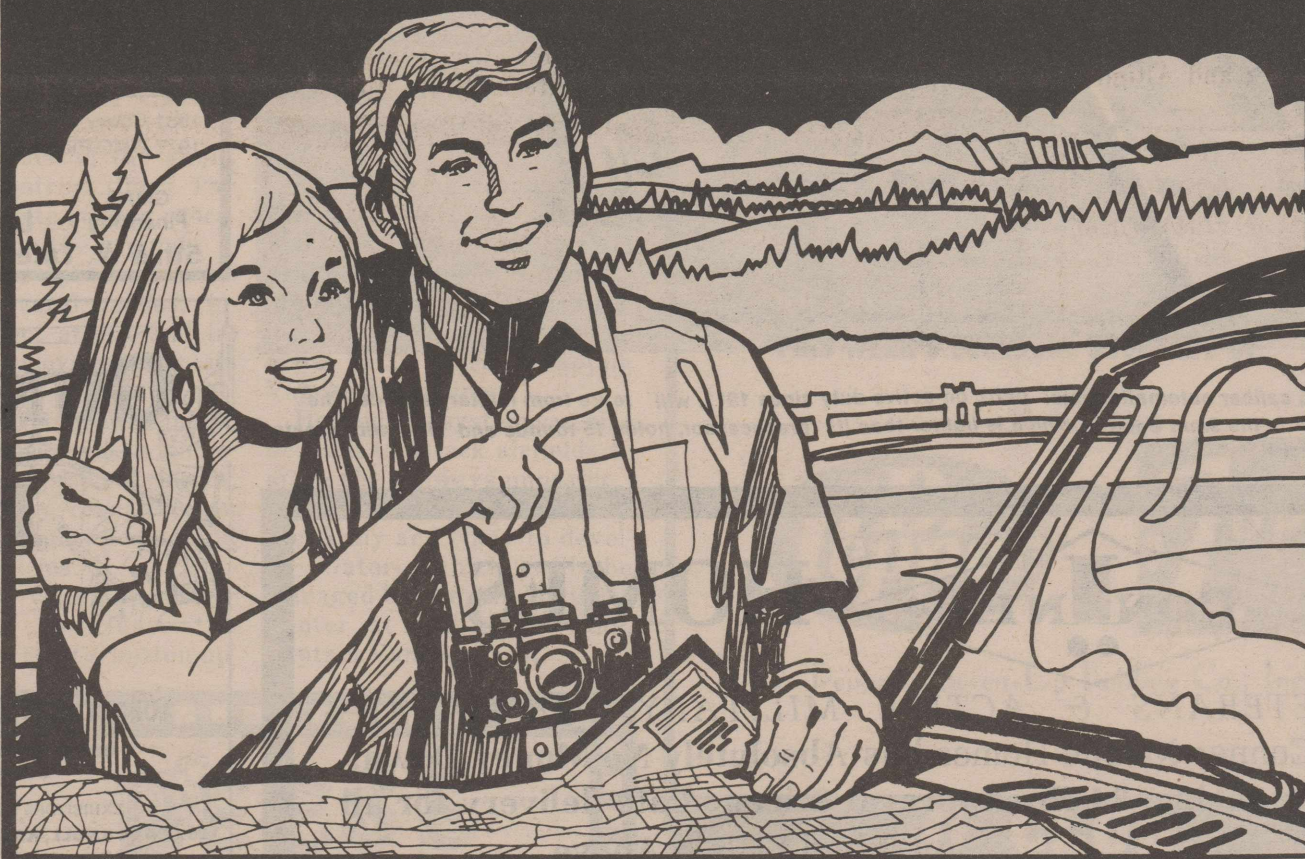
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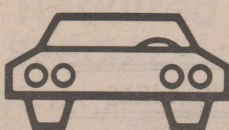
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# Squadron News

## OMS

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Amn. Roger Miller and Amn. Erick Winfrey received outstanding results on their end of course CDC examinations.

## 1958CS

Capt. Jon Gardner, former squadron commander, has departed for Scot AFB, Ill., to become a member of Headquarters Air Force Communications Command. His replacement is Capt. Al Wallace.

TSgt. Osborne and TSgt. Hardley are new additions to the 1958CS. They are working in the Air Traffic Control Tower.

Eric Harcrow is TDY here teaching a Brite II/Remote Microwave Link class. Harcrow is employed at Patrick AFB, Fla.

Sgt. Davis, Air Traffic Control, is now SSgt. Davis. Congratulations.

SSgt. Kelvin Bost recently departed the squadron and is working in the Command Post.

SrA. Bush of Weather Maintenance is at Chanute AFB, Ill., attending the Digital Barometer and Altimeter

Setting Indicator class.

Sgt. Matt Rumbaugh is departing this month for Keesler AFB, Miss., to become an instructor.

## ABG

Second Lt. Don Groff, disaster preparedness branch chief, was named Outstanding Unit Safety Representative for April.

Lieutenant Groff was cited by safety officials for the substantial improvement in the branch safety awareness program.

Amn. Mary L. Podgurski and Amn. Phillip Ritchie both received Outstanding results on their final CDC exams.

## 64STUS

SrA. Alides Wilson, an administration specialist, was named unit Airman of the Month for February. March's Airman of the Month is A1C James C. Branham.

SSgt. Michael Press, Chief dispatcher at Base Operations, was named squadron NCO of the Quarter for January through March.

First Lt. Bryan L. Waugh was named the academic Instructor of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1985. Lieutenant Waugh was awarded a plaque and pen set for his outstanding achievements.

Capt. James P. Fisher was named the Daughters of the American Revolution Instructor Pilot of the Year. The award is based on flying abilities, community involvement and leadership qualities. Capt. Fisher is a sturion class commander.

## Supply

Congratulations to the recent awardees at the April 23 commanders call. TSgts. Gary Dixon and William Marcella received Air Force Commendation Medals, first oak leaf cluster. SSgt. Robert Carpenter received the Air Force Commendation Medal, and TSgt. Everett Timm received the Air Force Achievement Medal.

OJT honor graduates include SSgt. Mark McCubbins, who scored a 95 percent, and SSgt. Wayne M. Dooley, who scored a 92 percent.

SrA. Ronald S. Walker, LGSC, was selected as the RM Airman of the Month for March. TSgt. Rickie O. Covalt was selected as the RM NCO of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1985.

Newcomers to the Squadron include A1C Delbert Moses, and AB William J. Floyd.

## Security Police

Airmen Justin Coker and Anthony Simms received outstanding results on their end of course CDC examination.

## FMS

SSgt. James Skolek, and Airmen first class Jefery Andrews, and Charles Arick received outstanding results on their end of course CDC examinations.

## Weather

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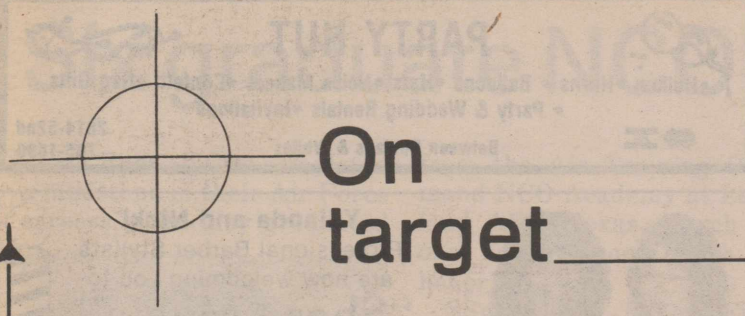
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 A ski-equipped U.S. Air Force Douglas C-47 made the world's first successful North Pole landing (1952)
- Saturday**  
 Fun Run, 2 p.m., Youth Center  
 Battle of Coral Sea; first naval engagement fought by aircraft (1942)
- Sunday**  
 Be Kind to Animals Week begins  
 National Family Week begins  
 National Music Week begins  
 National Pet Week Begins  
 Karl Marx, German political philosopher and socialist, was born (1818)
- Monday**  
 Ladies Aerobics classes begin, 8:30-9:30 a.m., rec center  
 Film "Emotional Aspects of Pregnancy", 7 p.m., Chapel  
 National Insectocutor Week begins  
 National Photo Week begins  
 First postage stamp issued (1840)  
 Sigmund Freud, Austrian neurologist and founder of psychoanalysis, was born (1856)  
 German dirigible "Hindenburg" crashed, killing 36 people (1937)  
 Four-minute barrier for the mile run was broken for the first time by Englishman Roger Bannister (1954)
- Tuesday**  
 Weight loss class begins, 4:30 or 7 p.m., Hospital  
 Robert Browning, English poet, was born (1812)  
 Johannes Brahms, German composer and pianist, was born (1833)  
 Peter Tchaikovsky, Russian composer, was born (1840)
- Wednesday**  
 Protect your back class (referral needed), 3 p.m., CBPO Room 130B  
 Stress Reduction Lecture, 7 p.m., Family Service
- Thursday**  
 Financial management seminar, 3 p.m., theater
- May 11**  
 Fitness Olympics Rally, 9 a.m., Picnic area  
 Fitness Test, 4:30 p.m., Youth Center  
 Seatbelt Demonstration, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m., BX pavilion  
 Blood Pressure Check, 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., BX Mall
- May 13**  
 Fresh start-quit smoking program, 5 p.m., Hospital library  
 Reproductive Health Seminar for pre-teen and teenage girls and their mothers, 7 p.m., Chapel
- May 15**  
 Deadline for submissions of MEW Safety Slogan Contest. Submissions must be made to Wing Safety  
 Blood Pressure Check, 11-1 a.m. and 4-6 p.m., BX Mall
- May 17**  
 Common Medications and their actions briefing for persons 40 and under, 9:30 a.m., rec center  
 Common Medications and their actions briefing for persons 40 and over, 10:30 a.m., rec center
- May 18**  
 Armed Forces Day  
 Hot shot basketball free throw contest, 4 p.m., Youth Center
- May 19**  
 Spring Fever Dance Marathon, 7 p.m., Youth Center
- May 20-25**  
 Bowling, three games for a dollar, Bowling center
- May 20**  
 Mission Enhancement Week begins. Ends May 24
- May 21**  
 Blood Pressure Check, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2-6 p.m., BX Mall
- May 25**  
 Let's dance "Get Fit" contest, 1 a.m., rec center (in conjunction with all night disco beginning at 10 p.m.)  
 Jump rope marathon, 2 p.m., Youth Center  
 Bicycle Rodeo and inspection, 3 p.m., Youth Center
- May 27**  
 Memorial Day
- May 31**  
 Fitness Olympics Judging
- June 14**  
 Reese Reunion

## Special Olympics begin tomorrow

Over 400 Reese volunteers will be at Estacado High School tomorrow to help with the South Plains Special Olympics competition.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will feature a flag ceremony by personnel from the 64th Organizational Maintenance and 64th Field Maintenance Squadrons. Leading the flags will be Deputy Commander for Maintenance Col. Rod Dale.

The Honor Guard will present the colors and the Special Olympics banner.

According to 1st Lt. Rob Hostager, project officer, those persons who have volunteered should have already received their duty assignments. He said that those who have not may receive them at the morning sign-in, from 8-9:15.

Persons who have not volunteered but would like to help need only come to the morning sign-in or the afternoon sign-in from 11-noon to volunteer, he said.

He noted also that all volunteers will work only a half a day unless they want to

work longer.

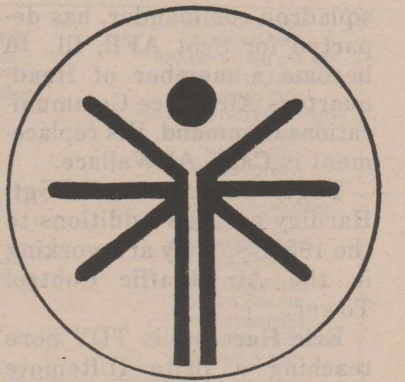
Lieutenant Hostager said that Reese volunteers will be responsible for all athletic competition, including the long jump, high jump, softball throw and running events.

Portions of the Special Olympics competition will be filmed for the upcoming Reese Reunion, and he suggested volunteers wear their organizational baseball caps. For volunteers who don't have organizational caps, he suggested that they wear some type of hat to reduce the chance of sunburn, and to bring a jacket in case of cool weather.

Questions should be directed to 1st Lt. Barry Brannon, 54th Flying Training Squadron; 1st Lt. Chuck Elliot, 35th Flying Training Squadron; 1st Lts. Robert Cayton or Rob Hostager, 64th Student Squadron, 2nd Lt. Mike Kaut, 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron; SrA. Debbie Patterson, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron; 2nd Lt. Ellen Smith, USAF Hospital-Reese; A1C Edgar Chavez,

64th Supply Squadron; TSgt. Kevin Burns, 64th Security Police Squadron; Capt. Rochelle Brown, 1958th Communications Squadron; Capt. Gayle Brodale, 64th Air Base Group Squadron; or 2nd Lt. Pete Schmid, 64th Civil Engineering Squadron.

To get to Estacado High School from Reese, take Loop 289 North to Quirt Avenue. The school is about a mile south of the Loop on Quirt. For those needing transportation from Reese, a bus will leave the BX parking lot at 7:30 a.m., said Lieutenant Hostager.



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# Weinberger tells rest of story

Newspapers that withhold facts from the American public paint a poor picture of the Department of Defense, according to the department's top civilian.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, in a letter to the Washington Post, wrote, "The public needs to know all the facts."

A recent post editorial headlined "A real steal" criticized an Air Force purchase of pliers from Boeing and prompted the reply from Secretary Weinberger.

"We agree that \$1,500, or even \$80, is too much to pay for a pair of pliers—that's why we corrected the problem," he wrote.

"These individual 'horror stories' must be put in perspective and should not be extrapolated to indict the entire defense acquisition process," he continued.

"The only 'steal' here," he

emphasized, "is in withholding all the facts from the American public."

The secretary said that separate listings of management support and hardware costs are now used to spot pricing abuses.

"While we were changing our policy that led to this exceptional problem with Boeing," he wrote, "We were buying more than 3,500 of the same type of pliers for \$3.10 each."

A more balanced commentary, the secretary wrote, would have pointed out that "virtually every 'horror story' has turned out to be isolated, infrequent occurrences among our more than 15 million yearly purchases."

He cited several other instances in which readers were not told all the facts:

"While the defense department did buy a diode for \$110, we also bought 122,429 for 4 cents each the same year and

received a refund for the overpriced diode," he wrote.

"While we bought a claw hammer for \$435, we also bought 87,244 hammers of various types for \$6 to \$8 each the same year and received a refund for the overpriced hammers."

He continued, "In addition, the purchase of a \$9,600 allen wrench was stopped as a result of our audit—and we pay less than \$10 a piece for toilet seats."

Secretary Weinberger said more than 100,000 items were taken from prime contractors for competition or for direct purchase from three actual manufacturers.

"We estimate that these actions resulted in nearly \$1.2 billion in cost savings and avoidances during the last fiscal year," he wrote.

Also, according to the secretary, more than 250 contractors have voluntarily refunded approximately \$2.9 million in cases where overpricing was found.

"For those who did not honor their legal obligations," he wrote, "We have not hesitated to act. More than 400 contractors were suspended or debarred during the past year alone."

Secretary Weinberger reiterated, "The public needs to know all the facts." (AFNS)

## Sports shorts

### Intramural Soccer

#### Final Standings

1. STUS	4-1
2. 35th	4-1
3. FMS	3-2
4. ABG	2-3
5. HOSP	1-4
6. 54th	0-5

The 64th Student Squadron was crowned as the 1985 Intramural Soccer champions. This is the first year Reese has had a soccer program. Although both the 35th and STUS finished at 4 and 1 for the season, STUS was declared the champion because they defeated the 35th during the season.

### Command Championships

Reese is the site for this year's ATC central district soccer championship to be held May 11-12. Teams competing in the Western District Championship will be, Sheppard AFB, Laughlin AFB, Lackland AFB, and Goodfellow AFB and Reese. On May 14-16 the Eastern, Central, and Western District champions will square off for the overall ATC Championship here.

### Men Win

The Reese Men's Softball


team won the Idalou Slow Pitch Tourney over the weekend. The Rattlers blasted their opposition on their way to winning four games by a total score of 72-8. Todd Codgill led all hitters by going 10 for 16 for a 625 percentage. He was also given the tournament golden glove for his outstanding defensive play at short stop. Vince Brewster and Craig Jenson also had extremely productive tournament play, Vince was 9 for 15 and Craig was 8 for 13 as the teams 1 and 2 hitters scored 22 runs between them. Marty Donovan pitched all four games and was extremely tough on the opposition by allowing only 8 runs.

### Rattlers #2 Lose

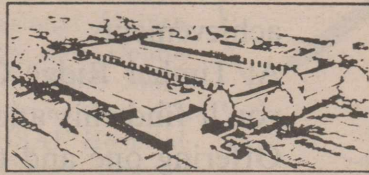
To hit or not to hit, that was the question asked by the Reese Rattlers #2 when they played the Sky Hawks last Tuesday in downtown action. The Rattlers chose not to hit and only managed 2 runs in six innings. The final score, Hawks 20 Rattlers 2. Coach Gary Grant says he's not really sure what happened. "I guess it was just one of those games where nothing goes right," said Grant, but he promises that the team will play better next game.

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# Cadet program gives insight

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two week sessions, beginning Monday.

The primary purpose of the program is to provide a practical and realistic review of the Air Force to upper-class

cadets who will soon become commissioned officers.

The experience the cadets gain will form the foundation upon which they may base future decisions regarding Air Force careers. The cadets are to be assigned to positions typically assigned to young, junior officers so they will become familiar with the duties and responsibilities which will be encountered on active duty.

Legally a cadet ranks between a Chief Master Sergeant and a Warrant Officer. They are addressed as "cadet," and afforded the rights and privileges of a junior officer. A cadet does not require a salute and has no command authority over anyone in the service except another cadet.

The cadets will visit various work centers throughout the base to gain a better understanding of the Air Force mission.

Anyone interested in providing an input to this program can contact Capt. Robert Shaw at Ext. 3759.

# AFA serves nation

The theme of this year's Air Force Association membership drive that is presently underway is "Serving Our Nation...And Those Who Serve."

The Association, a 220,000 member national organization that works to build grassroots support for Air Force people and a wider understanding of the need for aerospace strength, believes that each Air Force person who joins can have an impact on the ability of the association to serve both the national and the individual member.

"Every single person makes a difference—in the family, a community, a squadron—in all the places AFA looks to gain support for needed U.S. aerospace strength," AFA President Martin H. Harris said. And he added his belief that, by joining AFA, Air Force personnel will especially "strengthen AFA programs that bring all Americans the facts about the dangers we face and the strength we need to be secure."

Key Air Force leaders have endorsed the AFA drive including Air Force Chief of Staff, General Charles A. Gabriel, and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force CMSgt. Sam E. Parish.

AFA is open to all U.S. Citi-

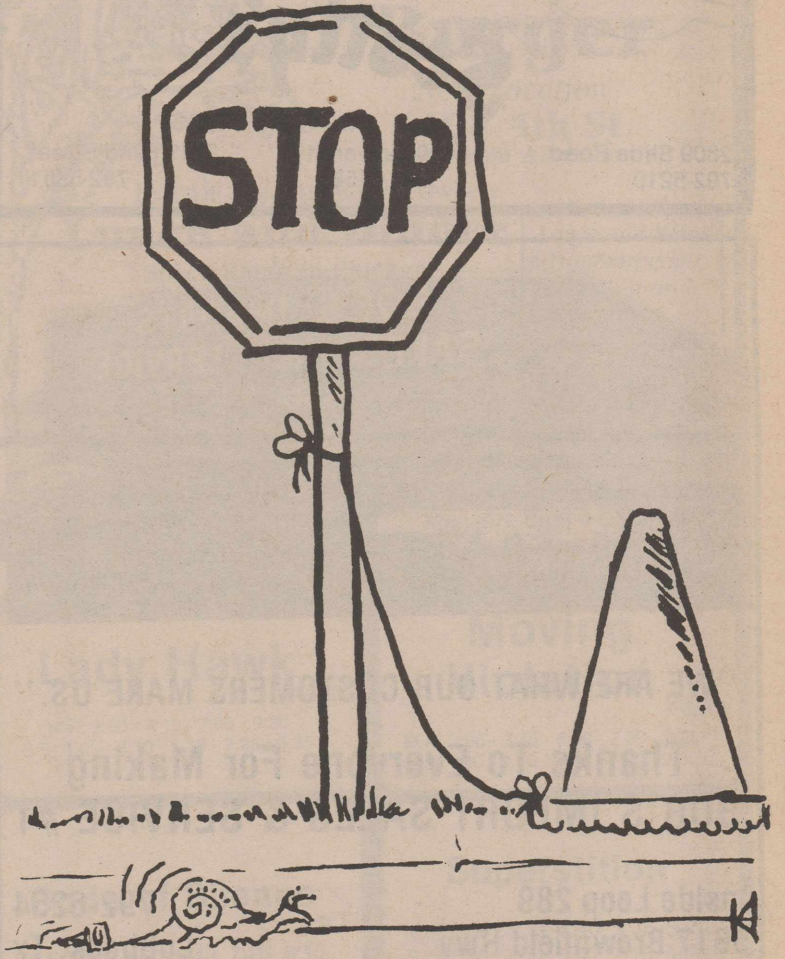
zens and AFA chapters are located in more than 310 communities throughout the country and at many overseas locations. These chapters provide a civilian-military forum for building support for the military perspective in local communities.

Dues are \$18 per year or \$42 for a three-year period, while life membership is available for a one-time fee of \$250. AFA members enjoy many varied benefits including the "Air Force Magazine," eligibility for several low-cost insurance programs, automobile leasing and purchasing programs, automobile rental discounts, and numerous opportunities to work with the elements of the Air Force family and community leaders to solve problems and effect change.

As an added incentive to join, AFA will send all new members (whose applications are received by June 7) a special bonus issue of "Air Force Magazine" the annual Air Force Almanac, that provides year-round reference material on the Air Force and its mission.

For more information on AFA and how to join, contact 1st Lt. Lou Durkac, at Exts. 3449, 3354 or 794-4813 after hours.

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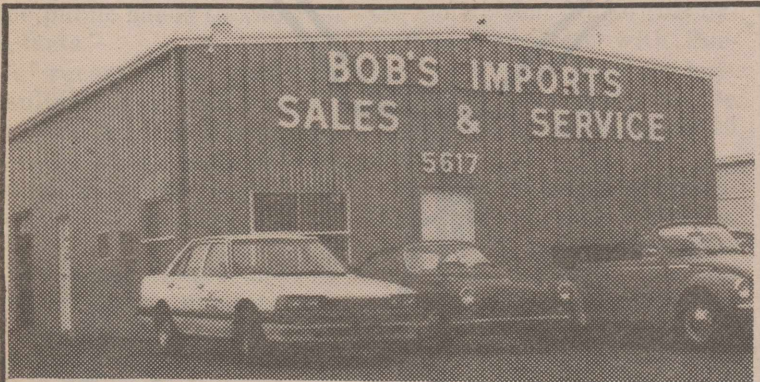


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# General sees bright future in space

By SSgt. Brian K. Eddings  
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"Offensive Ballistic Missiles will become obsolete if we can make it more costly to build them than destroy them."

This and other insights were offered by Gen. Robert T. Herres, Air Force Space Command Commander in Chief, during a recent interview at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Hickam was General Herres final stop on a tour of Space Command units throughout the Pacific before returning to his headquarters at Peterson AFB, Colo.

"If we ever reach the point where missiles are more costly to build than to destroy," General Herres said, "we will have made a dramatic change in the strategy for defense in a nuclear age."

General Herres said there has been a lot read into President Reagan's strategic de-

fense initiative announcement. He said the program, which the media has labeled "Star Wars," places increased emphasis on those technologies associated with strategic defense.

"The President has announced that program and described it very clearly," said General Herres. "The fact of the matter is we've fallen behind in the development and concentration of our research efforts on those technologies that might be exploited to improve our strategic defense capabilities."

"The President announced a program with the hope that, perhaps, we may discover that the technologies can be exploited so successfully we may be able to build a strategic defense capability that removes the incentive for further deployment of offensive ballistic missiles."

General Herres also addressed the new unified

Space Command which combines Air Force and Navy.

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff are now working on the language that needs to be selected for identifying, in detail, the mission of the new command. While that may seem to be an easy process to some, actually it turns out to be fairly complicated," said General Herres.

"It involves reviewing a number of things because the mission has to be documented in the unified command plan and the missions of other unified and specified commands need to be reviewed for overlap."

General Herres said that once these problems are resolved and changes put together and approved, the Joint Chiefs will probably address who will command the unit and where it will be located.

"It would be premature to do that before the details of

the mission itself are clearly defined," he said.

Asked if he thought there would ever be an integration of all services into a single space service, General Herres said, "I think our military leadership and leadership in the Department of Defense would not wish us to move in that direction."

"Space activity now is an extension of terrestrial-based activity that supports terrestrial-based activity. There are no capabilities in space today that can be performed more effectively there than from a terrestrially based platform, with the exception of surveillance, navigation and communications systems."

"There may be others in the future, but when there are, they need to be integrated with the existing military structure," he said.

An area of vital importance to PACAF units, space com-

munications, will see much improvement in the years to come, according to General Herres.

He said defense allied communication system earth terminals and satellites are being deployed. "I obviously can't talk much about the details because any such system is classified, but that program and system is improving quite a bit," he said.

"Also, the so-called Milstar Program, a new satellite program that will support some vital strategic communications, is in a development stage and will be deployed at the end of this decade or the early part of next. It will have significant jam-resistant capabilities," he said.

"It is just such locations as the Pacific that cause us to recognize the need for good jam-resistant satellite communications," the General said. (AFNS)

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