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Sentinel by Tim Dempsey

Italian Air Force 2nd Lt. Daniele Gaboli, 54th Flying Training Squadron and Class 96-07 member, reviews his check list prior to a T-38 Talon sortie Monday.

Twenty-two JSUPT graduates pin on wings Air Force inspector general addresses Class 96-07 today



Swope

Twenty-two Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students receive their pilot wings today during a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. in the Simler Theater.

Lt. Gen. Dick Swope, inspector general, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington D.C., is the guest speaker. All base personnel are invited to attend.

Swope oversees Air Force inspection policy, criminal investigations, counterintelligence operations, the complaints and fraud, waste and abuse programs, intelligence oversight and two field operating agencies (the Air

Force Inspection Agency and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.)

The general graduated from Grove City College in 1964. He has both a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration. He earned his pilot wings at Craig Air Force Base, Ala., in 1965. His early assignments include F-4 duty in Europe and the United States and weapons officer and instructor in Thailand, England and Spain.

Swope has flown the F-15 and F-16 at the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School and in a replacement training unit.

He has also served as a squadron

and wing commander; chief of fighter assignments, Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas; chief of staff and inspector general at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and assistant chief of staff for operations and logistics, Allied Forces Central Europe, Brunssum, Netherlands.

Swope most recently commanded the 13th Air Force, Andersen AB, Guam.

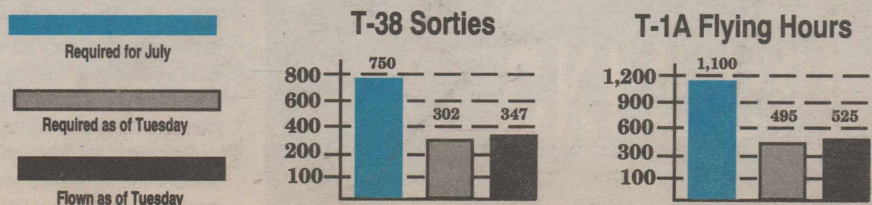
He is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours.

Swope and his wife, Jane, have two adult daughters, Patricia and Shannon. (See graduates on page 6.)

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Mission



Go and get a piece of the ROCC

Family support flight offers programs for new beginnings

by 2nd Lt. Chris Almgren
Deputy chief, public affairs

"Many of us shop longer for a car than a career," noted Karen Turner, a counselor with JobSource Plus, at a recent career seminar hosted by the family support flight and Reese Options Career Center.

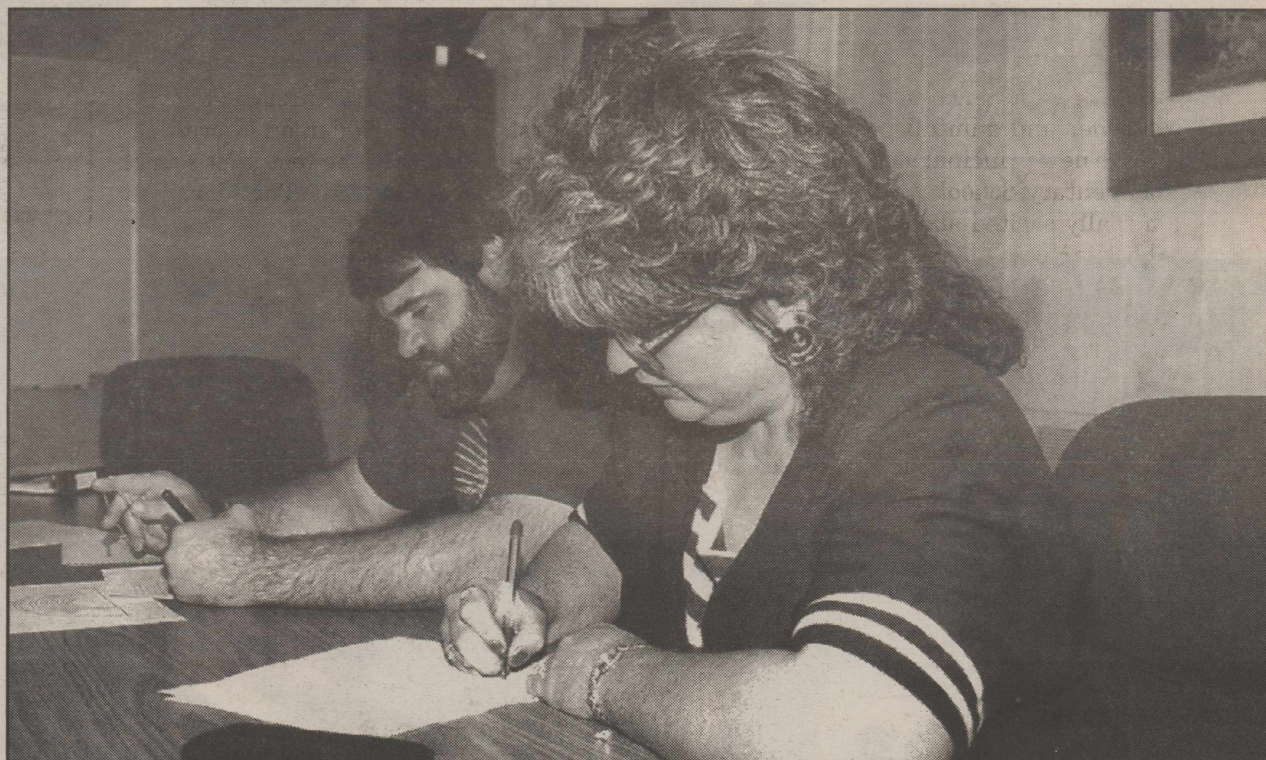
What I couldn't understand is why more people weren't in the center's classroom taking advantage of this ROCC-solid opportunity.

The "Informed Choices: How to Stop that Career Nightmare" seminar held last week wasn't scary. The facilitator didn't pry into the participants' lives. It wasn't hard or intimidating. It also wasn't all the answers in this obvious, and sometimes scary, time of change. But it *was* plain, good information and left me with names and phone numbers to get answers to other questions I may have down the road.

The seminar took all of one hour and 20 minutes, and I left with two valuable workbooks, chock full of information, a small "support group" of the folks who attended, and an understanding of what some people are going through and the kind of assistance out there for all the different groups affected by closure.

Since I'm active duty, I don't qualify for many of the programs, but I went to this seminar with an open mind for information. There are people in my daily life who I'm going to tell about the ROCC and all the different assistance available through it. I understand — from my pre-Air Force days — that you can never have enough tools or contacts at your disposal, whether you're pursuing a first, second or fifth career.

And it wasn't touchy-feely stuff. It was *real* information and a great forum to ask questions — of the instructor and of each other. Retraining opportunities were discussed as were where to



Billy Duke, 64th Services Squadron, and Cindy Mitchell, Lockheed Martin Logistics Management, rate their career values during the workshop.

2nd Lt. Chris Almgren

start looking for a new career, what fields are expected to grow in the future and relocation assistance.

"We forget to dream when we get older," said Turner. "And yes, some things aren't feasible, but I'm encouraging the opening of the mind."

She encouraged all of us to look at three things as part of a "game plan" for assessing our careers. This advice is good for anyone, whether they're in the midst of a career change or not.

Turner suggested everyone take a close look at:

□ **Interests** — What do you like?

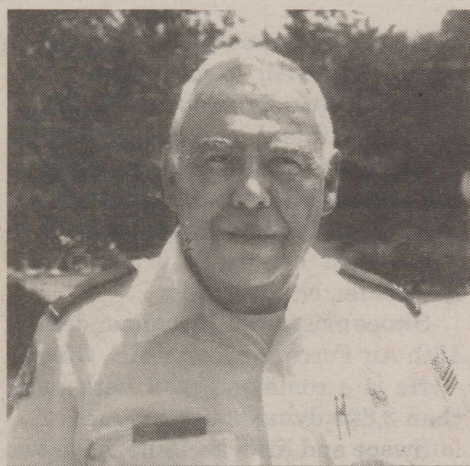
□ **Values** — Do you like to take risks, or is job security the most important thing to you? Do you

like to work with people or travel a lot? Or would you rather be home every night by 5 p.m.? What's important to you?

□ **Abilities** — What are you good at? Turner said people forget to count many abilities. "In career transition, look at your abilities and account for them, even if you don't currently use them in your present work," she said.

Armed with this information about yourself and some other skills gained or sparks ignited from a short seminar, the road to a new career can become an opportunity, not a washed out bridge.

There's stuff out there to help everyone — YOU just have to seek it out!



Miranda

A real friend and hero, Arnold P. Miranda, better known as "A.P." and a

In memorium: Reese remembers "A.P."

longtime Reese Air Force Base fire inspector, died suddenly August 8.

A memorial service was held Sunday at Resthaven in Lubbock and the funeral mass was Monday at the base chapel. He is buried at Resthaven.

Miranda enlisted as a firefighter in the Air Force in 1951 and had assignments in

Texas, Maine, Oregon, France and Vietnam.

His last enlisted assignment was at Reese where he retired as a technical sergeant in 1971. That same year, he was hired as a civil service fire inspector for the Reese Fire Department.

As fire inspector and eventually chief fire inspector, Miranda was responsible for the inclusion of fire safety during the design phase of construction or renovation in every building at Reese. He

briefed virtually every newcomer to the base on fire safety, making him the one person every newly-assigned member of the base met at least once.

Born in San Benito, Texas, "A.P." was a friend to everyone," said Chaplain (Maj.) Tom Diab at Monday's funeral.

Maj. James Sohan, 64th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, honored Miranda in eulogy. "He always had time for each one

of us, no matter what the situation. He was kind and always had a word of encouragement for anyone."

An avid supporter of the public affairs speaker's bureau, Miranda frequently spoke to area school tour groups about fire prevention. He used whatever props he could to "get the message across."

He is survived by his wife, Rosa, and children Ron, Arnold, Debbie, Pamie and Melissa.

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Master Sgt. Lori DeProspero
64th Mission Support Squadron



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Reese Elementary welcomes new principal

by Bill Tynan
Chief, public affairs

Cathy Fletcher, a veteran educator with experience as both a teacher and administrator, is the new principal at Reese Elementary School.

"I am really excited about coming back to Reese Elementary as the principal," said Fletcher, who has been affiliated with Frenship Independent School District for 23 years.

"I actually began my teaching career here in 1971 as the first grade teacher and used to commute to school with my mother-in-law and my minister's wife. They were both second grade teachers. My mother-in-law taught second grade at Reese for 23 years.

"Boy, you talk about pressure starting off in a new job," she says, tongue-in-cheek. "If I didn't teach the kids right when they were in my class, I heard about it the next year when my mother-in-law got

them in the second grade. Starting out as a principal won't be as difficult as that.

"I really gained a special appreciation for military children when I taught that first year. I think I learned more from them than they did from me," smiled Fletcher. "Every time we brought up a new topic, taught about a new country or a new culture, there was somebody in the class who had been there and could talk first hand about experiences in the country or the customs of that culture.

"I have nothing but good memories of my time at Reese Elementary. In fact, the oldest of my three children, Jerry, was named after Capt. Jerry D. Bolt who was a Thunderbird pilot in the late 1960s-early '70s."

Fletcher said Bolt's family lived in Lubbock, and her family was close to them.

"When the Thunderbirds visited Reese, my family would help Jerry's family with a steak cookout for them," she

said. "My husband and I were so impressed with the Air Force people we met and with whom we associated that we named Jerry after Capt. Bolt."

Bolt died in an aircraft accident at the test pilot school after he left the Thunderbirds, she said.

"This year will be difficult for everybody at Reese Elementary because of base closure," said the new principal. "One of my primary goals will be to ease the transition of the children and the parents who have to leave Reese during the school year.

"Beyond that, we hope to exceed our state goals in the language arts and math and to continue introducing new technology. All our classes are computer networked because we need to begin preparing our students to enter a technology-based world as soon as possible.

"My door, and those of our faculty, are always open to parents and students who want to stop by to say hello."



Fletcher, at left, welcomes Kate Gallagher outside the main office during preregistration activities at Reese Elementary last week. The 10-year old is the daughter of Lt. Col. Mark Gallagher, 54th Flying Training Squadron commander, and Gail Gallagher. Classes began Wednesday.

Air Force moving Saudi air operations due to terrorists

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force will move its air operations in Saudi Arabia to a base where there will be less threat of terrorist attack.

In a joint statement released July 31, U.S. and Saudi officials said the action comes as part of the

larger movement of U.S. troops in the kingdom to more secure locations.

The moves will be "initiated immediately" and carried out "as quickly as possible" with as little disruption within the country and "without inter-

rupting ongoing operations," the statement said. The shifts will affect about 4,000 people.

Air Force units affected by the move will be the 4404th Provisional Wing, which has fighter operations at Dhahran, and the 4409th Operations Group, that flies tanker and airborne warning and control system missions from Riyadh. Both units will move to Prince Sultan Air Base, located at Al Kharj.

"Some of the relocations have already started to take place," said an Air Force official at the Pentagon. "However, because the moves are of such a massive scale it would be premature to say when they will be completed."

The announcement came after Defense Secretary William Perry met to discuss enhanced protection measures for American troops with Prince Sultan, the Saudi Minister of Defense and Aviation. The Saudis will continue to provide security for American troops.

The two defense officials met and "reaffirmed the determination of both nations to defeat terrorism and to work for peace and stability throughout the region," the statement said. Moving air operations at the two bases will cost more than \$200 million, said Air Force officials. Both countries will equally share the costs, with the Saudis paying mainly for infrastructure and utility expenses.



Bill Allen

64th FTW CC quarterly quality award

The Support Group Base Closure Planning Tiger Team received the Commander's Unit Excellence and Quality Award Aug. 8 for the personnel tracking system it developed. Team members are, from left, 1st Lt. Stacey Anason, 64th Civil Engineer Squadron; Dennis Chambers, 64th CES; Tech. Sgt. Susan Richardson, 64th Contracting Squadron; Master Sgt. Charles Clay, 64th Communications Squadron; 1st Lt. Robert Buzzell, 64th Mission Support Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Byron Hicks, 64th Security Police Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Terri Oliver, 64th Logistics Squadron. Not pictured is team member Master Sgt. David Bridges, 64th Services Squadron.

BUCKLE UP!

Around Reese

Ruby's Lounge

(885-3156)

Today: Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials. Shuffleboard tournament with prizes at 7 p.m. Variety Disc Jockey begins at 9 p.m.

Saturday: Lounge opens at noon.

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Monday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m. \$500 Early Bird Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m. Taco night from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Free for members.

Thursday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m. with 30 minute beverage special.

Reese Chapel

(885-3237)

Catholic services: Mass -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Confessions -- Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and weekdays by appointment. Religious education -- 11 a.m.

Protestant services: Sunday worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday school -- 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesday at noon is a great time at the chapel! A light lunch is provided, then Bible Study is served up with wit, enlightenment and the joy of fellowship. Chaplain Janner is the instructor.

For information on other worship opportunities in the local community call 3237.

Library

(885-3344)

Story Time returns Saturdays this fall.

Carol's Video Picks-'O-the-Week: Family entertainment -- "Heavyweights;" Adult -- "Swing Shift;" Children -- "Dr. Seuss' Hooperblob Highway."

Audio series: "How to Sharpen your Management Skills," a six-part set, is available.

Hardback fiction is abundant. Select from authors like Danielle Steele, Johanna Lindsay, Dick Francis, Anne Perry and Martha Grimes.

Computer books on a variety of programs are ready for check-out.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays and holidays.

Auto Skills Center

(885-3142)

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed on Sunday, Monday and holidays. The center is open goal days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August: Free safety inspections offered. *The center is a self-service program.*

Simler Theater

(885-4888)

NOW SHOWING

Today: "The Rock," (R) 7:30 p.m. A group of militant commandos seizes control of Alcatraz prison and threatens to launch missiles into San Francisco if their demands are not met. Sean Connery and Nicholas Cage head up a team to infiltrate the prison and disarm the terrorists.

Saturday: "Striptease," (R) 7:30 p.m. Erin Grant (Demi Moore) has lost her job and her daughter in a child custody battle that places her little girl in the hands of her lunatic ex-husband. She takes a job at a Miami strip club to earn money.

Sunday: "Twister," (PG-13) 6:30 p.m. Join a group of scientists following the massive destructive power of the biggest storm to hit Oklahoma in half a century. It's a killer system dropping twisters everywhere along the countryside. During a frightening 24 hours, the storm trackers chase the deadly cyclones to learn all they can.

Ticket price for adults is \$1.50 and \$1.25 for children under 12 years old.

Caprock Cafe

(6027 - voice / 6028 - menu)

Today: Lunch — Spicy Baked Fish, Barbeque Chicken, Ground Beef Cordon Bleu. Dinner — Cajun Meatloaf, Simmered Knockwurst, Roast Fresh Ham.

Saturday: Lunch — Roast Beef, Herbed Baked Fish, Chicken a la King. Dinner — Grilled Ham Steaks, Fried Fish Portions, Chicken Enchiladas.

Sunday: Lunch — Chicken Adobo, Oven Fried Fish, Corned Beef. Dinner — Grilled Liver, Fish Fillets, Savory Baked Chicken.

Monday: Lunch — Baked Canned Ham, Barbeque Pork Loin, Hot and Spicy Chicken. Dinner — Braised Beef and Noodles, Beef Porcupines, Lemon Basted Sole.

Tuesday: Lunch — Beef Fajitas, Barbeque Spareribs, Roast Turkey. Dinner — Sauerbraten, Pork Chops with Apple Rings, Chinese Five Spice Chicken.

Wednesday: Lunch — Grilled Salisbury Steak, Baked Canned Ham, Fried Chicken. Dinner — Beef Ravioli, Fish Fillets, Roast Pork Loin.

Thursday: Lunch — Steak Ranchero, Pork Chop Suey, Szechwan Chicken. Dinner — Spinach Lasagna, Hamburger Yakisoba, Roast Turkey.

*Menu subject to change

Skills Development Center

(885-3787)

Framed photos and prints are available.

Custom framing/color prints by John Ficklin (T-1A, T-37B, T-38A) also available.

Reese souvenir T-shirts available in various designs.

Reese Club

(885-3466)

Today: Short Order Line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Smokin' Hole opens at 4 p.m. Social hour at 5 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are not required.

Monday: Short Order Line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Texas BBQ Buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$3.95.

Wednesday: Short Order Line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Smokin' Hole opens at 4:30 p.m. Taco Night from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Thirty-minute drink special.

Thursday: Chicken Fried Steak from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$3.95. Smokin' Hole opens at 4:30 p.m. Thursday evening dining is Mongolian barbecue from 5:30 to 8 p.m. varies according to plate size.

Youth Center

(885-3820)

Today: Back-to-school dance for ages 5-9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and ages 10 and up from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Monday: Three-on-three basketball for ages 10 to 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Arts & Crafts from 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursday: Cooking from 5 to 6 p.m.

Child Development Center

(885-3541)

Today: Splash Day (weather permitting) for toddlers from 2 to 2:30 p.m., age two from 2:30 to 3 p.m. and ages three to five from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Base fitness center field trip from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Aug. 24: Give Parents a Break Respite Care Program from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are due by Wednesday.

Bowling Center

Crock Pot Specials

(885-6555)

Today: Beef Stew over Rice, Small Salad and Cornbread Muffins. Cost is \$3.25.

Monday: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich and Small Salad. Cost is \$3.60.

Tuesday: Escalloped Chicken and Noodles, Small Salad and Rolls. Cost is \$3.10.

Wednesday: Fried Rice, Lumpia, Pancit and Oriental Wings. Cost is \$3.

Thursday: Beef Fajitas, Refried Beans, Pico de gallo, Guacamole and Sour Cream. Cost is \$3.75.

Equipment Rental

(885-3141)

Equipment rental: The center has reduced rental fees for the summer on a variety of equipment just right for the season.

News notes

Day care program needs providers

Become a Reese Family Day Care provider and earn extra income, stay at home with your own children and be your own boss. Also, set your own hours and fees. Find out how by calling Tonya Mena at the Reese Child Development Center at 885-6720.

Infant care available at CDC

Due to the arrival of several new babies to the Reese family, the child development center has opened a room for infant child care, ages six weeks to six months. For more information, call the center at 885-3317.

Services outlets sponsor art contest

In celebration of its 50th birthday, the U.S. Air Force is sponsoring a youth art contest through Aug. 24. There are five age categories for 4-18 year old children. The grand prize is a trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Air Force birthday celebration.

Information and required entry forms may be obtained from the child development center, youth center or skills development center.

Quality council slates car wash

The 64th Mission Support Squadron hosts a car wash at the visitor's center today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The price for cars and mini-trucks is \$3; trucks and vans cost \$5. Additional donations are accepted and appreciated. Call Master Sgt. Walt Lilley at 3422 for more information.

Privately-owned weapons firing open

The base firing range is open for privately-owned weapons Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 885-3848.

CDC taking preschool registrations

Registration for the child development center preschool program continues through Aug. 23. The program begins Sept. 4 for children ages 3-4. Children must be three years old by Sept. 1.

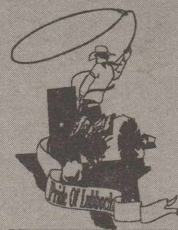


Reese Club slates Sunday Brunch

The Reese Club hosts a brunch Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 for members, \$10.50 for non-members, \$5.95 for children of members and \$6.95 for children of non-members. Reservations are not required.



**Caught
in the
Lasso**



Name: Patricia Coggins
Organization: 64th Support Group commander's secretary
Hometown: Rentz, Ga.
Ultimate goal in life: "Retirement on the farm."
Words of wisdom: "Live, laugh, love and learn."
Favorite actor: Andy Griffith
Favorite singer: Rod Stewart
Hobbies: Working, sewing and reading

Laptop computers remain a target

Take precautions when traveling with equipment

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Federal Aviation Administration recently warned of a hustle that's being employed at airports all across the country to steal laptop computers.

It involves two people who look for a victim carrying a laptop and approaching a metal detector.

The thieves position themselves in front of the unsuspecting passenger and wait until the victim puts the laptop computer on the conveyor belt. Then the first subject moves through the metal detector easily. The second one sets off the detector and begins a slow process of emptying pockets, removing jewelry, etc. While this is happening, the first subject takes the laptop when it appears on the conveyor belt and moves away quickly. When the victim finally gets through the metal detector, the laptop is gone.

The subject then picks it up, heads into the gate area and disappears among the crowd. Sometimes a third subject will take a hand-off from the first subject and the computer is out of the restricted area before the mark even knows it's gone. This is becoming a widely practiced problem and is happening at airports everywhere. When traveling with a laptop computer, try to avoid lines to enter a metal detector when possible. When you can't do that, delay putting your luggage and laptop on the conveyor belt until you are sure you will be the next person through the metal detector. As you move through the metal detector, keep your eyes on the conveyor belt and watch for your luggage and laptop to come through as well as watching for what those in front of you are picking up.

Personal electronics devices carry restrictions on aircraft

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force has imposed new constraints on use of personal electronics aboard Department of Defense transport aircraft.

Cellular phones, laptop computers, portable compact disc players and other personal electronic devices could interfere with aircraft navigation systems, Air Force officials said. They cited a recent example where a civilian aircraft was reported seven miles off course by ground-based approach radar. A flight crew member checked the cabin and discovered two passengers using portable tape players. After they turned off the players, the plane's onboard range indicator changed eight degrees.

Passengers cannot use cellular phones and other transmitting devices aboard military transport aircraft. Passengers can use nontransmitting devices (audio and video recorders and playback systems, computers, peripherals, electronic games and radios), but only above 10,000 feet and with the aircraft commander's approval.

Air crews and passengers must be aware of potentially dangerous interference electronic devices can impose on aircraft navigation and communications, the officials said. They directed preboarding passenger briefings and ordered revised crew checklists and passenger brochures.

Equal Opportunity 101

Q. In 1988, who was the first Asian-Pacific American to be appointed by President Reagan to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights? (Look for the answer in next week's Roundup.)

Last week's question:

Q. What was the name of the American Indian who served as vice president under Herbert Hoover from 1929-1933?

A. Charles Curtis (Submitted by Capt. Eric Bass, 64 FTW/SA)

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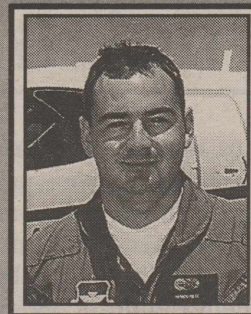
Hometown: Shamong, N.J.
College: Air Force Academy
Aircraft Assignment: C-9, Ramstein AB, Germany

Capt. William Bosch



Hometown: Wethersfield, Conn.
College: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Aircraft Assignment: RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Capt. Peter Fagan



Hometown: Rockledge, Fla.
College: University of Central Florida
Aircraft Assignment: C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.

Capt. Patrick Fultz



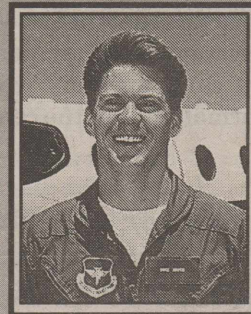
Hometown: Fresno, Calif.
College: Arizona State University
Aircraft Assignment: F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Capt. Michael LoForti



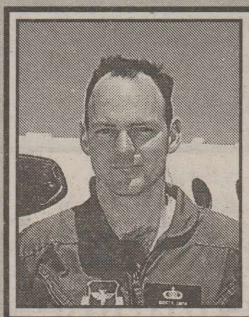
Hometown: South Boston, Va.
College: Air Force Academy
Aircraft Assignment: C-141, McGuire AFB, N.J.

Capt. Jason Ramsey



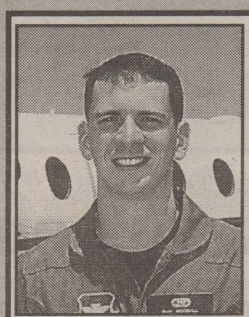
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Aircraft Assignment: KC-135, Mildenhall AB, England

Capt. Christopher Smith



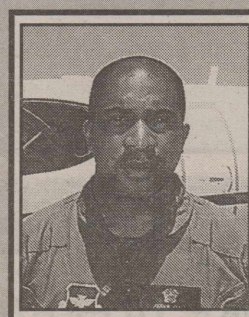
Hometown: San Antonio
College: University of Texas-San Antonio
Aircraft Assignment: C-21, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Capt. Scott Smith



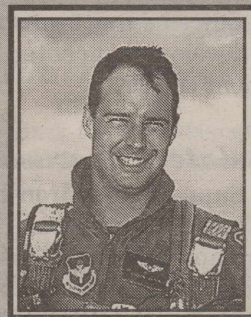
Hometown: Cornelia, Ga.
College: University of Georgia
Aircraft Assignment: C-5, Dover AFB, Del.

Capt. Danny Woodall



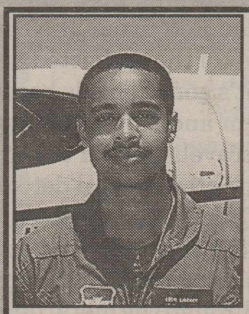
Hometown: Milwaukee
College: Norfolk State University
Aircraft Assignment: E-6A, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Lt. j.g. Adrian Beale



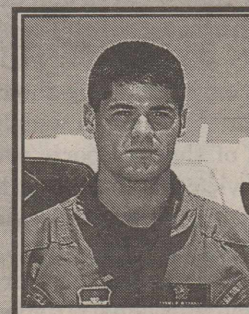
Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.
College: University of Arizona
Aircraft Assignment: F-16, Great Falls ANG, Mont.

1st Lt. Charles Guthrie



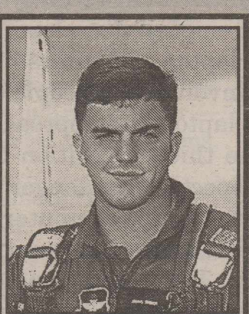
Hometown: Suffolk, Va.
College: Naval Academy
Aircraft Assignment: E-6A Tinker, AFB, Okla.

Lt. j.g. Keon Lindsey



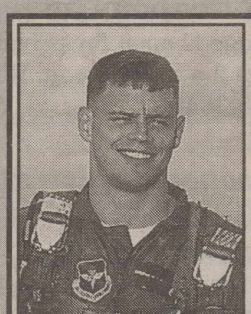
Hometown: Naperville, Ill.
College: University of Illinois Champaign
Aircraft Assignment: E6-A, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Lt. j.g. Daniel O'Connor



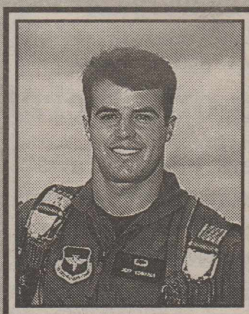
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College: Air Force Academy
Aircraft Assignment: F-15, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

1st Lt. Michael Spanich



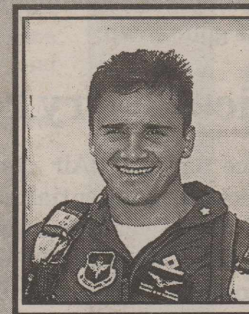
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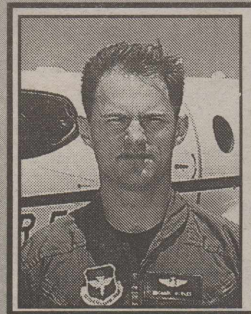
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Aircraft Assignment: TBD, Italy

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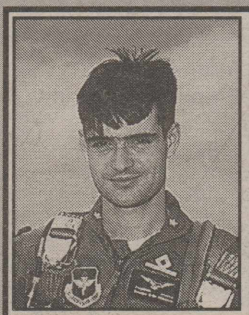
Hometown: Bay City, Texas
College: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Aircraft Assignment: WC-130, Keesler AFB, Miss.

2nd Lt. Robert Hanna



Hometown: Portland, Ore.
College: University of Oregon
Aircraft Assignment: HC-130, Portland (AFRES), Ore.

2nd Lt. Michael Hughes



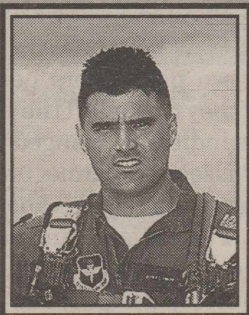
Hometown: Ciampino Rome, Italy
College: Italian Air Force Academy
Aircraft Assignment: TBD, Italy

2nd Lt. Andrea Palermo



Hometown: Daytona Beach, Fla.
College: University of Virginia
Aircraft Assignment: C-5, Dover AFB (AFRES), Del.

2nd Lt. Meredith Robbins



Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico
College: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Aircraft Assignment: F-16, San Juan (ANG), Puerto Rico

2nd Lt. Jeffrey Vissepo

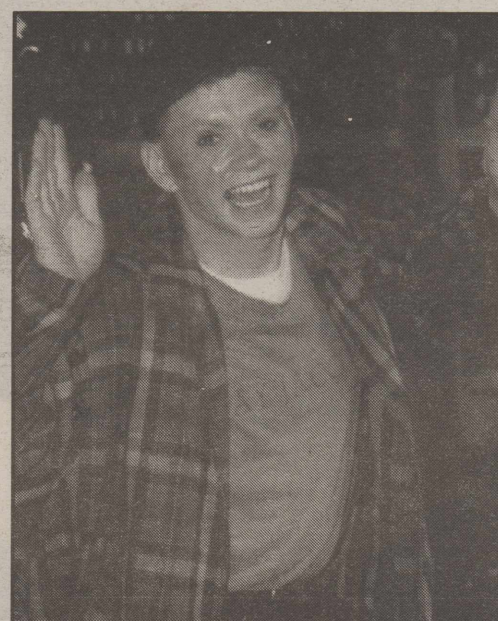


Hometown: Milano, Italy
College: Italian Air Force
Aircraft Assignment: TBD, Italy

2nd Lt. Pietro Zuzzaro



After one of many costume changes, part of the troupe serenades the crowd with songs of love.



A member of Tops in Blue clownes around "up on the roof."

Tops in Blue '96 hits Reese, Lubbock for one show only

by 2nd Lt. Chris Almgren
Deputy chief, public affairs

One of the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment groups of its kind played to a

packed audience at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium Aug. 9.

Tops in Blue's 1 1/2-hour variety show focused on a love theme, spanning the decades in its song and dance choices.

The selections included modern pop, a classic Lou Rawls tune, a smattering of country songs, blues and a rap number. The group interfaced with the crowd on a number of occasions.

"It was very entertaining and fast-paced," said John Dutkowsky, 64th Security Police Squadron personal se-

curity program manager. He said his children, ages five and seven, enjoyed the show as well. "They weren't bored at all."

The group, composed of 24 vocalists, musicians and dancers, is an all active duty U.S. Air Force special unit. Their main purpose is performing for military personnel and

their families throughout the world. The enormous popularity of the group has also made them America's goodwill ambassadors around the globe.

Tops in Blue got its start in 1954 on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" program. In addition, the ever-changing group has performed the entire halftime shows for the 1981 Garden State Bowl and the 1985 Super Bowl XIX.

When its present tour concludes in February, the troupe will have performed over 125 shows throughout the United States and 16 foreign countries during its eight-month run.



The "Blues Brothers" ham it up in the midnight hour.

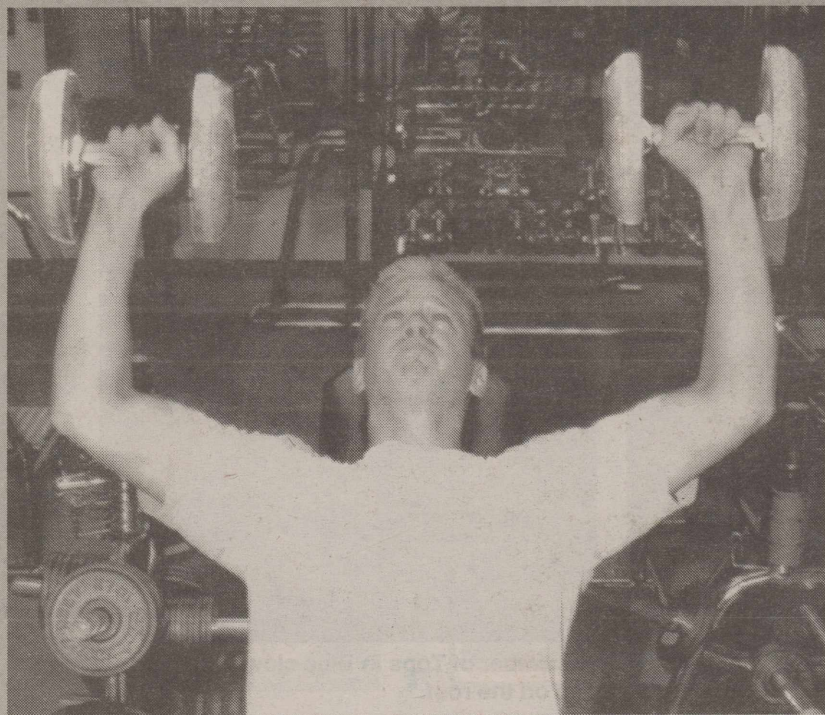


The gals sing a steamy Celine Dion number.



The Tops in Blue troupe salutes America in the final number, decked out in mess dress.

All photos by Jim Lindly
64th Services Squadron



Todd Gaunt, 52nd Flying Training Squadron, works his upper pectorial muscles by doing incline dumbbell presses at the fitness center.

Fitness tip

Exercise will help you to live longer. In fact, in a 10-year study of men between the ages of 20 and 80, it was determined that 30 minutes of moderate daily exercise can reduce one's risk of premature death by 50 percent.

The key, however, is consistency. Those who benefit from exercise aren't those who do it in fits and starts, but those who exercise on a consistent basis.

Entries needed for 1996 Military Mountain Bike Championship

WASHINGTON—Military mountain cyclists will compete at the third annual National Military Mountain Bike Championships Oct. 12-13 at Snow Summit, near Big Bear Lake, Calif.

This year's competition will run in conjunction with the 1996 Big Bear Fall Classic. Service members not only have a chance to win military medals, they will also compete against civilian cyclists for overall honors.

Military race officials at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., are hoping for a better turnout this year over the 1995 championships. Last year, fewer than 10 military racers competed at the championships in Frederick, Md., they said.

"We're sure the biggest problem last year was the word didn't get out [to the services]," said Air Force Maj. James Ramsey, spokesman for the military competition. "This year, we're hoping to get the best military mountain bikers by promoting and often."

Ramsey said the 1996 competition will feature two events, held on separate days. The first event is a mountain downhill race—a first for the military championships. He described the race as an off-road, individual time-trial

where racers travel a point-to-point downhill course.

"Normally, [most] courses contain lots of switchback turns, fast, steep sections and jumps," said Ramsey. Course length is typically two-to-five miles." He added because of downhill hazards, riders typically wear protective "body armor" to protect them from crashes.

Ramsey said entrants may compete in either or both events. Unlike traditional cycling events that combine scores from each event for an overall winner, each event at Snow Summit is a separate competition with winners in each category.

Cyclists compete in age and gender categories, with gold, silver and bronze medals going to the top finishers in each division. Military men and women may compete in the following categories: professional, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-44, 45-54 and over 55.

Each category winner will also receive a "National Champion" jersey.

Although the Big Bear Classic is open to all mountain bike racers, the military championship limits its entries to uniformed service members. To enter the military competition, service members must pay a \$32 entry fee for each

event, or \$57 for both stages.

Athletes must also hold a National Off Road Bicycle Association license. Those not holding a license may purchase a one-day license at each race.

Ramsey said unit commanders may authorize racers to compete while on permissive temporary duty." All travel, lodging and dining expenses are the athlete's responsibility. "Depending on the caliber of cyclist, organizations such as U.S. Military Sports Association can give limited financial assistance through their grant programs," he said.

Ramsey also suggests competitors make early lodging reservations. There are a few Marine Corps cabins at the Snow Summit race site which sleep six," he said. However, reservations fill quickly."

The closest military base is March Air Force Base, Calif., about 90 minutes away from Snow Summit. Ramsey said he is working with nearby bases to reserve rooms for military competitors. Currently, most rooms for permissive travel are on a space-available basis.

For more information about the competition, entry requirements and fees, contact Ramsey at (719) 554-5486.

Sports update

Bowling center schedule

Today: TGIF bowling for \$1 per game from 7 p.m. until closing.

Saturday: Open bowling in a smoke free environment. Bowl three games for \$2. Rock 'n Bowl at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person for bowling and grilled pork steaks with all the trimmings.

Sunday: Bowl for 50 cents per game. Sunday's Special for bowlers: BBQ Sandwich and French Fries for \$2.55 from noon until 6 p.m.

Ongoing: Register for winter leagues.

Davis-Monthan hosts softball tourney

The eighth annual Contracting Week End Bash softball tournament is scheduled for Sept. 13-15 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

The tournament is open to all intramural teams. A varsity tournament will be held if there is enough interest.

Entry fee is \$140 per team. Teams which place in the top three will have their choice of new bats, gloves, batting gloves and more.

To register or get additional information call Greg Manning at DSN 228-2372 or commercial (520) 228-2372 or Dave Rochelle at DSN 228-4183.

YABA league set to begin

The Young American Bowling Alliance will start their league season here at Windmill Lanes Bowling Center Aug. 24.

Bowlers will sign up, pay sanction fees and bowl three games to establish their handicap. The cost, including sanction fees is \$11 on Aug. 24 and \$5 for each of the following Saturdays. The YABA league season runs until February 1997.

For more information call 3116.

52nd FTS slates golf tournament

The 52nd Flying Training Squadron will host its annual golf tournament Aug. 24 at 8 a.m. at the base golf course. The format will be four player best ball with a shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$10 per person. Fee covers lunch, beverages and prizes, but does not cover green fee and cart.

Players or four person teams interested in playing can register at the 52nd FTS duty desk or call Capt. Sam Szvetecz at 3423.

Military golf open set for September

The 1996 Military Golf Open is scheduled for Sept. 25-27 in San Antonio with one round at Lackland Air Force Base and the final two rounds at Ft. Sam Houston.

The tournament is open to all active duty, reserves, retired, National/Air Guard and the Coast Guard.

The tournament will have an open, senior's, women's and handicap divisions. Players in the open, senior's and women's divisions will compete without handicaps while players in the handicap flight will play with their full handicap.

Entry fee is \$120 per player. This includes green fees and carts for three days, reception, \$5,000 in prizes and gifts, goodie bags and putting contest. If players have an annual membership at either base, they will receive a discount for the green fee.

For an entry form or information concerning the tournament call the Military Golf Association at 1-800-958-7MGA (7642). All entries should be received by Sept. 15. On-site registration for the tournament will be at Fort Sam Houston in the Pro Shop Sept. 24 prior to 5 p.m. Golfers must have their military ID cards and a USGA or Regional Association Handicap Card.