

NCOOM Plans Gala Apr 12

THAI-BOXING FEATURED

The NCO Club has quite a month planned for its members in April. Heading up this busy schedule is Poor Boy's Night which will be held on April 12 but in a different location. This mid-month "feed" will be held in the area of the swimming pool and softball field because a Thai-American Boxing match is to be featured. Eight pairs, three of which will focus on international boxing, will be matched with the first scheduled to start at 8:00 pm. Happy Hour will be in effect from 5:00 pm to 4:30 am with a buffet scheduled early in the evening. Two bands will play that evening while a Steamship Round (high grade roast) is served near poolside. Cost to nonmembers will be \$1.50.

Word has it that an 18-hole miniature golf course is in the planning and will be located across the street from the NCO club. There will be beer stands between the 9th and 18th holes.
.....Putt-putt.....

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Everybody admires the courteous driver, except that he usually ends up late to work.

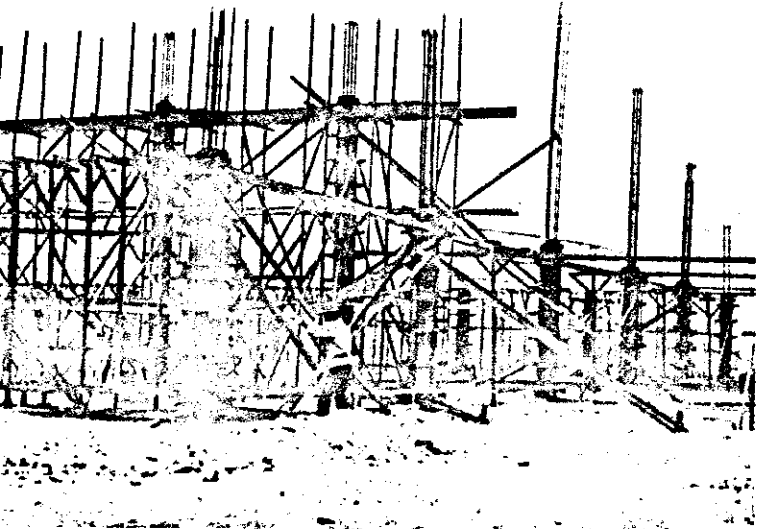
Accept the Challenge

On March 1, MG George A. Godding assumed command of the United States Army Security Agency, and has since released a special message to all ASA personnel:

"As I assume command of the United States Army Security Agency I do so with enormous pride -- but also with great humility that stems from a realization of the tremendous responsibilities it entails.

The challenge posed to us and our allies by militant communism is as real today as ever. This threat equates to a challenge to us in the Army Security Agency and necessitates the maintenance of a constant alert and surveillance to insure our country's freedom.

Every member of the Army Security Agency can take pride in its past achievements in peace and war. So long as our ranks are filled with men and women of dedication and sense of purpose, we shall be able to meet the challenge of the future with the same effectiveness and high standards that have characterized the Army Security Agency's performance throughout its long history of service to the Army and to our country."



Pictured above is the current construction progress on the future NCOOM Club to be completed December 1973.

EDITORIAL

Limited Mail ?

How can I write an editorial that won't be farted - off after you read the first line? You might say, "There he is begging again;" however, when it comes to the mail service of this post, everyone is interested in getting the best service possible. Obviously, customer service cannot remain open all the time (these guys earn their time off, too!) but the mailboxes are accessible twenty-fours hours a day. What about the guy who works swings and can't pick up his mail until after midnight? He doesn't deserve to wait until 9:00 the next morning.

The closing of the mail room after normal duty hours may come to surface if the vandalism doesn't stop. Don't fink on the guy - just stop him.

Lost ! Found ?

Two reported items have been lost on this post recently. One is a yellow gold wedding band of deep sentimental value. The other item is a wallet. If you have found anything of value, turn it in to your 1st sergeant.....be a good guy!

Relocation

The Public Information Office has a new phone number and office. The home of KOBRA-7 is now located in headquarters building in the old CAO office; the phone number is 2348/2349.

**Income Tax Return
Due June 16**

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Article 15 Myths

Eavesdrop on a bunch of "barracks lawyers" rapping about Article 15 sometime. You'll probably come up with about the same amount of factual information that would emerge from a similar discussion on what causes warts.

Article 15 is a legitimate part of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). But it is not a club which can be used by a commander to discipline anyone he doesn't happen to like, disregarding clearly spelled-out military legal rights. Your basic legal rights don't just disappear in a puff of smoke when you enter the service.

First, not just anyone can impose an Article 15—only the commanding officer of a unit, or (on rare occasions) someone to whom the authority has been legally delegated. And it can only be given for some clearly stated act or omission which has breached the UCMJ.

An NCO can't give an Article 15 on his own. He has to convince the commander that it is merited, so had better be sure of his facts. And—contrary to widespread misunderstanding—neither can a Judge Advocate. His job is to make sure that everything is done by the book.

How many Service members know that they don't have to accept an Article 15? They can say "no," and will then probably be given an opportunity to present their cases at a court-martial, more like a civilian trial.

Before requesting a court-martial remember this: although an Article 15 does go onto a military record affecting promotions, assignments or security clearances, it doesn't return with you to civilian life as a court martial conviction would. There is no need to even mention an Article 15 to a prospective employer.

If you're about to have an Article 15 laid on you, make sure that the commander (who is just as interested as you are in getting at the truth), knows all about your side of the story.

How? It's quite simple. Talk to a legal officer immediately—before you sign anything. That's why he's there. That's what the government pays him for—to advise you. (You can't beat the price, either. It's free.) He will see that your specifically stated right to have written statements or other pertinent documentary evidence attached to the file is observed.

Now wait just a minute before you run out and nail up a shingle as a gilt-edged barracks lawyer! These are just a few sketchy highlights of a very complex subject. Go to an expert, the one best qualified to lead you through legal bramble patches—your legal officer. It's your right.



For a rainy day.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds

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Company News Briefs

A CO. - Golden Palace Tid-bits ?

Here's a new Army acronym for you.... "DES".....it stands for Drug Education Specialist. Company A has two men appointed in this capacity: George Subt and Charles Gaberty.

"What does a DES do?", I hear many people ask. It is their main responsibility to educate people about drugs. This education will be vocal in nature (no free samples are distributed).

Many of you might ask why we need a DES in the first place. Part of the answer lies in the fact that in the past, some of the information available to Army personnel was more entertaining than factual. Be that as it may, the DES's have their heads on straight when it comes to drugs. If you have questions about something you heard in the Golden Palace last night, ask the DES. No guarantee that he'll have the answer on the tip of his tongue, but he might. And, if he doesn't know he can find out and tell you later where he got his information. That's one of the main points.

The DES's want the information you've got to be reliable if it concerns drugs or the Army drug program.

Another reason for having the DES present is simply to rap about drugs or be of help to those who are having a problem with drugs. Suppose that the relationship you have with your NCOIC is less than friendly. Perhaps this might be a regular problem with you --- no one you can trust to give you some hot info and then forget who it was that asked in the first place. Turn to the DES. You can go to them with all sorts of weird UI questions and have no fear that somebody will remember you when promotion time comes around.

Finally, remember this. The DES's are not spies for anybody. They know the sacred meaning of confidence --- YOUR CONFIDENCE. They have volunteered their time and services to be of help to you.

DES Gaberty works in ASB-B (days) and DES Subt may be found in the A Co orderly room (Ph: 2255/2256).

B CO. - GARDEN PARTY

Bravo Company's garden project was started a few days ago. So far, work on the area has consisted of such things as leveling of the ground, bringing in of fill dirt, along with shrubs, trees, and flowers and the planting of a new lawn. After this has been finished, a fence will be put up around the new grounds.

The next step in the garden project is to extend the lawn on the other side of the orderly room. There will be trees and bushes brought in and a new lawn planted just like the other side, but on the east side we're going to put in a small recreational area for people who want to sit outside and read, eat, or just talk if that's what you want to do. It will probably take about three weeks to get everything done but we hope everyone will enjoy it after its completion.

SSG Otis Viola has just been promoted to the rank of SFC. His PMOS is O5H40 and is presently working at operations. Also promoted recently to SP5 are: DJ Haley, HL Erion, TD Damm, GW Helmer, FL Carey, and LL Marois. Joining the ranks of SP4 is GB Heatherington. Congratulations to these men for their outstanding achievements!

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The dime may not be worth much but in an emergency it is the closest thing to a screwdriver you are likely to have with you.

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TROOP COMMAND

There's a new look to the Troop Command. It's called our "study corner" and that's just what it is. You are welcome to come in and browse through our trillions of correspondence course catalogs and increase your knowledge at the same time. We will try our darndest to give you what guidance you need and if you want a course "just for the points" or will take your application for any other reasons, such as keeping informed about the latest changes in your MOS, or what have you.

If you have a problem with your correspondence course (maybe you didn't even get it yet), or just want us to send a little reminder to the school, feel free to see us.

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6924th

Sad Music

For several members of the 6924th Security Squadron, Commander's Call for the month of March proved to be a very rewarding experience.

The following NCO's received the Air Force Commendation Medal for their outstanding service: MSG John Fitzgerald, for his meritorious service while assigned to Keesler AFB, Mississippi; and TSG Martin Quandt for meritorious service. Other awards included: SSG Charlie Byrd received the 17th Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for his outstanding service while serving as an Airborne Morse Systems Operator in the Republic of Vietnam; SGT Robert Leininger received the award for Airman of the Quarter for September - December, 1972.

The following NCO's received awards under the Air Force's Suggestion and Awards program: SSG William Murray and John Cook both received monetary awards for their suggestions while SSG Lawren Benkovich received a Letter of Appreciation.

Also receiving awards were members of the bowling team which took first place honors for the "24th" in last year's Security Service competition. Members included TSG Gary Aylesworth, SSG Gene Lyndes, SSG Lawren Benkovich, and SGTs Bregson, Brock, and Fredericks.

Making the presentations was LTC George F. Hill, Commander of the 6924th.

C.H.U.R.C.H INFO

RELIGIOUS SERVICES RAMASUN STATION

BOBBIE J. BUNDICK * Station Chaplain

Catholic

Confessions and Mass1100 Sunday
Discussion and Mass1800 Tuesday
1800 Thursday
Appointments and Rap.0800-1100 Saturday

Protestant

Sunday Worship0930 Sunday
Evening Fellowship1900 Sunday
Bible Study1900 Tuesday
Choir Practice1900 Thursday

LDS

Sunday - 0730 Priesthood Meeting
0830 Sunday School RTAFB Chapel
1830 Sacrament Meeting
Monday - 1900 Family Home Evening Ramasun

Transportation to RTAFB provided.

I once had a friend who played the Kazoo
He used it with tin foil to smoke hashish
too!
The tunes he would play while flyin' high
were a gas
But soon he got no kicks from just smokin
hash.

The years have slipped by, we've all gone
our ways
He drifted through livin'; above, in the
haze.
He got into uppers and heavy on speed
No wife, no friend, no one would he heed.

He died last week in a flamin' car crash
Just trippin' along after leavin' his stash
His wife, now a widow, his daughter, no
dad,
Most shrug, say tough! Gee whiz, that's
too bad.

And forget HIM.

But he was human!
He loved and was real!
Dope you're consumin'
A MAN you did steal!

I once had a friend who played the Kazoo

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Congratulations to CPT Schweitzer for
last weeks GUF award. Ask him where the
operations' fowl disappeared to.

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TROOP COMMAND * from Pg 3

We're trying to set up a Language Lab
and have already requested some tapes
and study materials for your benefit
(particularly you linguies); so, please
be patient with us and we'll let you
know what happened with our old lab and
future developments. (We did ask for
Swahili.) We also have a HUGE request
going in for those FMs and TMs for those
of you who study those horrible MOS
tests.

We're redoing the study guide for you
so that you won't be completely lost
when you have to study for those promo-
tion and SOM boards. We also have the
materials on Leadership School and NCO
Academy.

If you need any help - just step in -
Troop Command will do what they can to
help.

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PIN UP
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BALL?



ADY

Word Search

How much do you think you know about cars? Find the 19 different makes, not models, of cars found throughout the world. I'll wager everyone will miss one!

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If you found Omega, Continental, Vega, or 442, go back. These are models, not makes.

Congratulations to SFC Zuschlag, Ombudsman, who has swiped the Pink Snake Award recently for his inept ability in supplying Ramasun with MACHTAI forms. Now the EM can take his form to the Air Base for the signature.

Flick Sked

- 9 APR Cancel My Reservation
- 10 APR +Shootout
- 11 APR +*Fuzz
- 12 APR "
- Late Show - They Call Me Mr. Tibbs
- 13 APR The Dead Are Alive
- 14 APR +Five Easy Pieces
- 15 APR *Buck and the Preacher
- 16 APR " " " "
- 17 APR The Ten Commandments
- 18 APR *Portnoy's Complaint
- 19 APR " "
- Late Show - Adios Sabados
- 20 APR +Blacula
- 21 APR Bless the Beast & Children

+ Football Highlights
* Price is 75¢, all others are 50¢
Late Shows are shown only at 2030.

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ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUESTIONS

1. Radio Station WOWO is located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
2. In 1949, the Academy Award for best actor went to Broderick Crawford for his role in Robert Penn Warren's, All The King's Men.
3. Abraham Lincoln's mother was born Mary Todd.
4. Johnny Carson's announcer on his old "Who Do You Trust" TV program was none other than Ed McMahon.
5. The Church of the Latter Day Saints, often called the Morman religion, was founded by Brigham Young in 1830.

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S WB

Here are the answers to last issue's word block featuring rock musicians and groups. How much did the hints help?

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Quacky Quiz

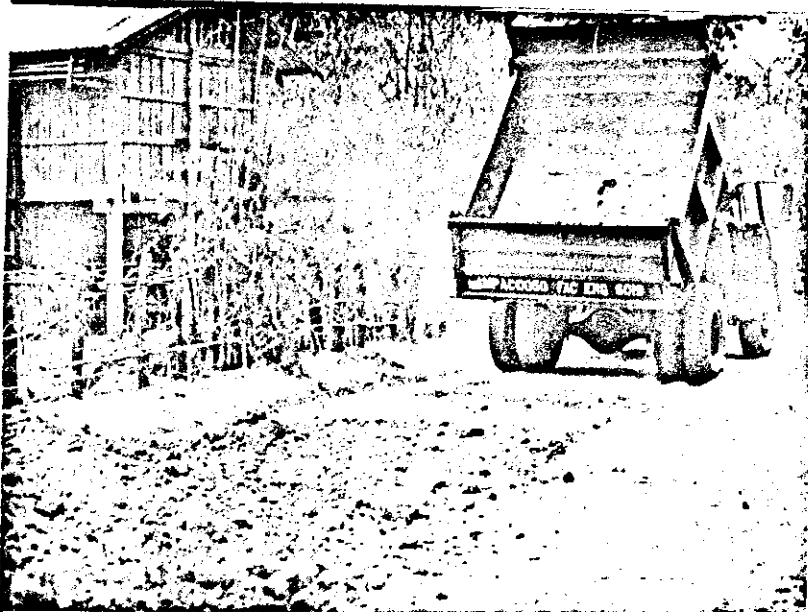
1. Who played Jack Benny's butler, Rochester?
2. What is the capital city of New Zealand?
3. Who was the original voice of the "Shadow" on a vintage radio program of the same title?
4. What were Abbot & Costello's first names?
5. Give the formula for Planck's Constant.

Congress & Civil Affairs

by Tom Collins

The presence of the United States in a foreign land is of great significance to our national security; therefore, it is of primary importance that our presence in Thailand has a favorable outlook. Civil Affairs within the foreign community is a necessary effort made by volunteers at Ramasun Field Station. As the only benefit derived is self-satisfaction to the individual, the country reaps big dividends in national profile.

The Civil Affairs Office has put in vast amounts of time in the study of the civic action projects at Ramasun. With weekly requests from outlying villages Dan McDonald - a Thai linguist - translates their requests and evaluates factors such as: material and manpower required; time the project will take; and feasibility. The goal of the civil affairs office is to help the villagers with advice, funding, or materials so they can then help themselves.



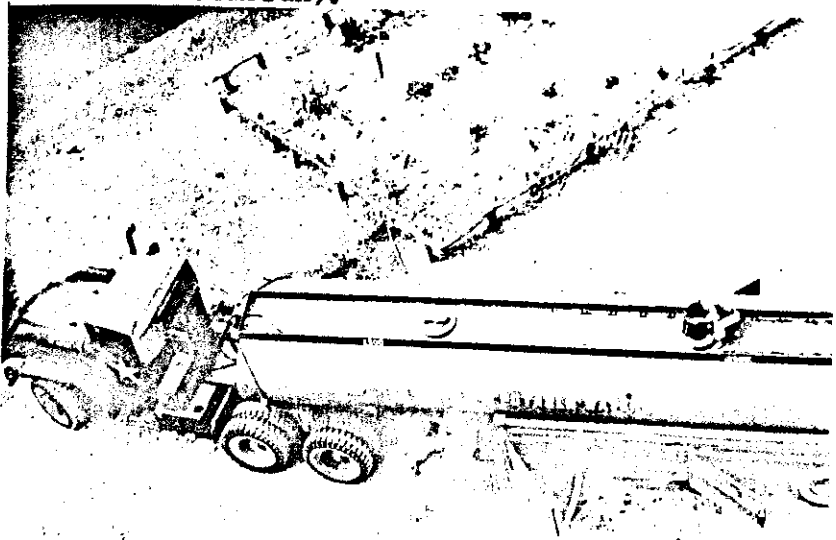
The Civil Affairs program is more than just constructing buildings. All of the secondary roads in the area consist of a fine silty material much like dry sand found on beaches. Road grading is currently underway in two villages with engineering support from AMPAC. Due to its importance, this project is being hurried along before the monsoon season commences. The trails and roads throughout the villages are currently being levelled and replaced with high composition gravel.

Last October, a meeting was held in the surrounding villages to discuss the feasibility of teaching English to the Thais. The project began with three volunteer EM and 20 willing Thai students. The Program was so successful that eventually the number grew to 15 instructors and 150 students. These classes had an immediate effect on the Thai-American relationship: communication was easier, possible employment at an American base was greatly enhanced meaning a higher income; thusly, their standard of living was raised. Among those attending the classes were teachers, children, adults, and several Buddhist monks. Presently, English classes are being taught to the Thai Guards (who work at Ramasun).

One project was an addition to a grammar school in Ubon. The help was available but the funds to instigate such a project were not. A request was submitted by the people of Ubon and after evaluation by the civil affairs office and the regional affairs office in Samae San, \$500 was appropriated.

The building of a three room school in nearby Non Due Village was another school project. Again, after thorough evaluation, approval was given to allocate \$3,000 for the purchase of materials. These materials were directly disbursed to the building site by the Thai Air Force thereby instilling a respect for the Thai government in the people.

More recently, funds were allocated for the building of a wood shop in Ban Nam Kham. This shop is being constructed and will be used for the manufacture of desks, chairs, and tables needed in local schools. Constructed solely by the students under the supervision of the manual arts teacher, the total cost was approximately \$561.



THIS IS THAILAND

Rajasap & Liter.

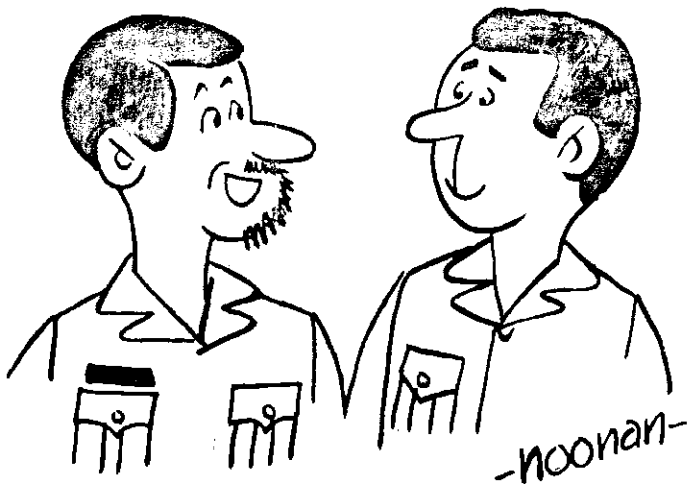
The Thai language is of the Sino-Tibetan group and has similar features that are characteristic in the Chinese language; such as the basically monosyllabic and tonal distinctions. There are five basic tones considered in Thai: level, high, low-rising, and falling. Overseas visitors usually have no aptitude for a tonal language and the Thais fail to understand anything "phorongs" try to say unless it is faultlessly pronounced.

There are three regional dialects those being the north, the northeast (very close to Laotian), and the south (this includes an extra tone and a different tonal system). Although Malay speakers dominate the southern provinces and the Khmer-speaking minorities dominate northern boundaries, Thai is the official language and central, or Bangkok Thai is taught in all schools.

The alphabet reads from left to right, contains 46 consonants, 32 vowels, and more than five diacritical marks. The consonants are divided into three groups and tone marks vary according to their classification. Thai seems almost completely uninflected; that is, no case, gender, number, no articles, and very little tense.

The script, derived from Khmer, has no upper or lower case, but it indicates punctuation by breaks in the line. The Royal language (Rajasap) is used when addressing monarchs or senior princes and consists mostly of vocabulary borrowed from Khmer.

The destruction of Ayutthaya in 1767 virtually destroyed most of the literature of this country. Some of this material was recomposed in the reign of Rama I by people who could remember parts of the old texts. Sounds like the Bible?



"I was half-way done before I realized it was Saturday!"

ONE OF THOSE DAYS

The two men sat at the club and one said, "Say, how is that gorgeous secretary of yours?"

"Oh, I had to fire her."

"Fire her, how come?"

"Well, it all started a week ago last Thursday, on my 49th birthday. I was never so depressed."

"What has that got to do with it?"

"Well, I came down for breakfast and my wife never mentioned my birthday. A few minutes later the kids came down and I was sure that they would wish me a Happy Birthday, but not a word. As I say, I was most depressed but when I arrived at the office, my secretary greeted me with Happy Birthday and I was glad that someone remembered."

"At noontime, she suggested that it was such a beautiful day and that she would like to take me to lunch to a nice intimate place in the country. Well, it was nice and we enjoyed our lunch and a couple of martinis.

"On the way back, she said it was too nice a day to return to the office and suggested that we go to her apartment where she would give me a drink and a cigarette. She asked to be excused while she went into the bedroom to change into something more comfortable.

"A few minutes later, the bedroom door opened and out came my secretary, my wife and two kids with a birthday cake, singing Happy Birthday, and there I sat with nothing on but my socks!"

RECORD REVIEW**AMERICA**

Since their move to California and their acquisition of Neil Young's manager, America's latest press, "Homecoming", seems to be a mere extension of their first album. According to their manager, they probably won't peak for another five years, but then again they haven't experimented or matured since their initial venture.

There are two noteworthy cuts that do deserve some commentary, however. The basic sound of America is heard in "Ventura Highway", which is the single that is currently selling this disc. "California Revisited" is also an excellent cut with some real good interplay between the rhythm and lead guitars.

America's down-home sound consists of dual acoustic guitars, an easy percussion line, and sweet lyrics occasionally spiced with a banjo, not to mention a few special effects, all of which roll together to present a very good product. America's "Homecoming"...in Thailand!?!

Next issue....Jethro's Bricklayers

COMMUNICATION

What additional steps would better control VD at Ramasun?

George Clare - "The only way you can control something is to sanction it."

Cecil Gregg - "I would construct a 'club' on post as in Vietnam and insure periodic medical examinations."

Dean Shofner - "Militarily speaking, I think we've done our part. We need to get together with the townspeople."

"Mac" McCray - "You can't do any more than is currently being done; that is, making prophylactics available at the gate. You can't babysit with the guys."

Rich Kirst - "I can think of many ways; however, it would affect moral so badly that it wouldn't pay."

Billy Rickles - "There is no concrete way of controlling the problem. It takes the help of the individual, the post (educationally), and the townspeople."

Dusty Nichols - "I Don't feel any other steps can be taken without affecting the moral of the troops."

Doctor Millstein - "There is nothing else that can be done on a collective level. VD is an individual problem."

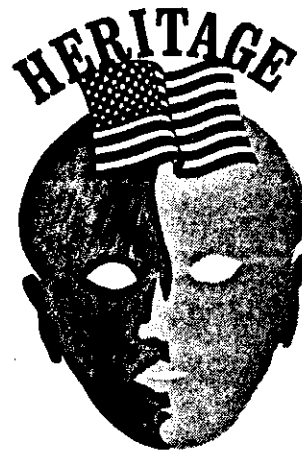
OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

APRIL 21, 1898

The Spanish-American War was a brief but decisive conflict that afforded the U.S. with numerous territories and possessions and is often cited as marking the emergence of the United States as a world power.

The Cuban struggle to gain independence from Spain originated in February of 1895. This destructive conflict was injurious to U.S. land and property investments (estimated at a worth of \$50 million) and almost ended US-Cuban trade valued at \$100 million annually.

Although the insurgents waged their war against property and destroyed sugar cane, sugar mills, and the like, emphasis was placed on appealing to the American humanitarian sentiment. A Spanish commander, nicknamed "The Butcher," herded the loyal Cubans into so-called reconcentration areas in and around the larger cities. Those who remained at large were treated as enemies; however, they probably stood a much better chance of surviving than some of their comrades did inside these camps. "The Butcher" allowed no adequate provisions for shelter, food, sanitation, or medical care. As a direct result, thousands died from exposure, starvation, and disease. These conditions were graphically portrayed by sensational US newspapers, notably William Randolph Hearst's New York Journal. Although independence and intervention gained popular support in Congress, Grover Cleveland and later William McKinley ignored and opposed intervention until the fall of 1897 when a peaceful settlement seemed to "be at hand."



Upon the assassination of the Prime Minister of Spain, the new Sagasta Ministry recalled "The Butcher", abandoned the reconcentration camps, and granted the Cubans a considerable degree of autonomy. However, the concessions came too late. The insurgent leaders wanted complete independence.

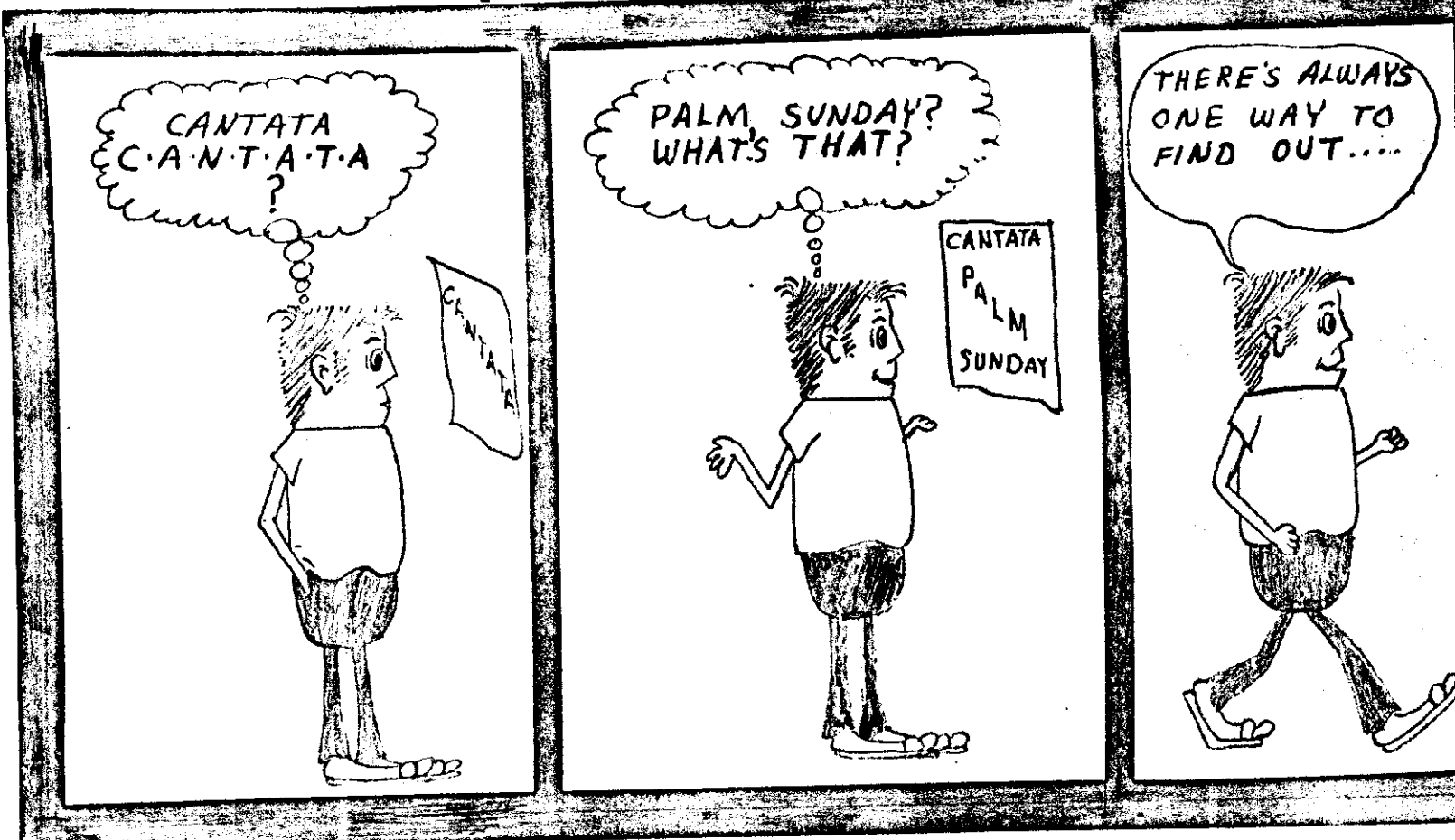
Riots in Havana (December 1897) sparked Teddy Roosevelt (then Assistant Secretary of the Navy) to send the Maine as a precaution to protect US citizens and property. On Feb. 9, 1898, Hearst printed a stolen private letter from the Spanish Minister in Washington describing President McKinley as "weak and popularity hunter." The minister promptly resigned and the Spanish government tendered an official apology.

On the 15th of February, the Maine was sunk at Havana anchorage, presumably by a torpedo or mine, and lost more than 260 seamen. Although Spain offered to set up a board of inquiry to determine the persons responsible, the American

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Charlie Chaplain

by Ernest G Engelo



Pay-Day Rip-Off

You may think that crime prevention is the sole responsibility of the Military Police. The MP's have the primary responsibility for crime prevention but your help is needed to make the crime prevention program effective.

Your first responsibility in the crime prevention program is to secure your personal property. Never leave money or valuables unsecured in the barracks. Even if you are only leaving your area for a drink of water, secure your money and valuables. If your locker cannot be secured, see your barracks sergeant to help correct the deficiency.

To assist in identifying your property you should compile a list which includes a description of the items and the serial numbers when available. This list should be kept separate from the items and will be invaluable when attempting to identify items such as cameras and electronic equipment. If you are receiving a large amount of cash on payday, you should compile a list of the denominations and serial numbers. This list would be virtually the only method to identify your currency if it is pilfered.

The effort expended in properly securing your money and valuables is minimal compared to the problems if you're ripped-off. Benefit yourself, lock-up.

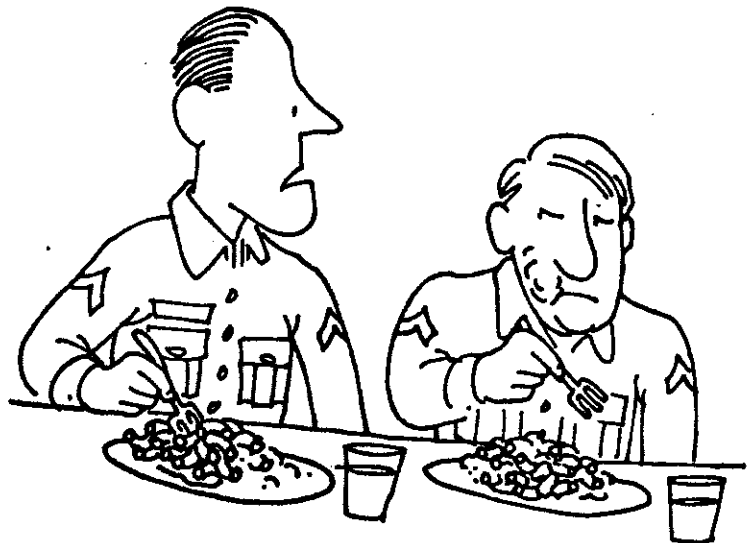
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Finally, Ramasun's major effort in the civil affairs program is being directed toward supplying clean water to the surrounding village of Non Soong. The present system is unable to deliver water to even 25% of the houses subscribing to it partially due to the current dry season in northern Thailand. In an attempt to ease the water drought, Ramasun has been providing large-scale water deliveries of up to 20,000 gallons a day. While this provides short-term relief, long-range plans are underway. These plans include an additional water storage tower to complement the existing one, re-drilling the present well, and laying more pipe.

Where does all of the money for these vital projects come from? Some is from contributions and fund raising projects from the men of Ramasun and other funds are appropriated by Congress specifically for civic action projects. Civic action projects are not American initiated dreams built by Army funds, but rather assistance in material allocation, funding, and volunteers. Ramasun Station is in to civil affairs.

Oceanographers report that Antarctica has been frozen for 20 million years. Those who have invested in beachfront lots must be a little tired of waiting.



Robert E. Boyd

"I think I'm getting a high off the macaroni!"

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public - prompted by Hearst - held Spain solely responsible and the cry of "Remember the Maine, to hell with Spain!" became the popular watchword.

President McKinley sent an ultimatum to Madrid to abandon the reconcentration camps, declare an armistice, and accept US mediation in peace negotiations with the insurgent leaders.

Of great political importance, Spain was tasked with a difficult decision. The Spanish Army and Navy were not ready for war against the US; however, the surrender of Cuba might mean the overthrow of the government and perhaps the dynasty. She sought support from major European governments. All - except England - were sympathetic, but were unwilling to give more than weak verbal support. Six Ambassadors called upon McKinley on April 6 and begged him to refrain from armed intervention.

Under a great deal of pressure from his party, the minority Democrats, and US big business interests, McKinley brushed aside last minute Spanish concessions as unsatisfactory and went to Congress for the authority to use military forces. Congress, with the exception of one vote, unanimously recognized Cuba as an independent country and directed Spain to relinquish authority of the troubled isle and withdraw. The Spanish government at once severed diplomatic relations and on April 24, 1898 declared war on the United States. Congress declared war on the 25th and made the declaration retroactive to the 21st.

"...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

"Four score and seven years ago..."

- 1910 - State Senator of New York
- 1913 - Assistant Secretary of Navy
- 1928 - Governor of New York
- 1932 - Elected to Presidency
- 1933 - Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) & banking reforms
- 1934 - Security Exchange Commission
- 1935 - Social Security Act
- 1941 - Attack on Pearl Harbor



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT * 1882-1945

To counter the great depression of 1930's he helped formulate domestic policies that brought about substantial and lasting changes in the relationship of the United States government to the nation's economy. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 he led the U.S. and its allies in their struggle against the Axis power; at the time of his death he was helping to establish the United Nations. He was the only president to be re-elected three times.

As a political leader, it was generally conceded, he was unexcelled in winning and holding popular support and in retaining, in his administration, leaders of diverse views. Many experts have expressed the opinion that, despite occasional confusion and overlapping authority, his administration was unusually effective.



- 1834 - Illinois State Legislature (Whig)
- 1836 - Passes Bar Exam
- 1847 - Elected to Congress
- 1856 - Joined the Republican Party
- 1858 - Famous debates with Steve Douglas
- 1860 - Elected President
- 1861 - Confederates fire on Ft. Sumter
- 1863 - Surrender of Vicksburg
- Emancipation Proclamation
- 1865 - Appomattox Court House (APR 9)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN * 1809-1865

What can be said about this man that already hasn't been? Nothing can be said that will alter your opinion of this great American, but perhaps I can refresh your idea of Abe Lincoln.

Born in a log cabin on February 12, 1809, Abe grew up as a farm boy who at one time walked many miles to borrow books and deliver goods from the general store. He once made a long walk to return a few pennies to a lady who had for gotten her change.

A quiet man who was thrust into the office of the presidency to find himself two months later in the thick of a civil war, Abe never seemed to flinch from his fate.

After numerous changes of Union Army generals, Abe commended Gen. Grant for his "inestimable service" in the capture of Vicksburg.

He saw only five days of "peace" after the surrender of Lee before he was slain; hence, he never saw the successful reconstruction of the South.

"สิ่งเดียวที่เรากลัวคือ กลัวตัวเอง "

แฟรงคลิน ดีโรสเวลต์ 1882-1945

"ความหลังครึ่ง 87 ยาวมาแล้ว....."

อับราฮัม ลินคอล์น 1809-1865

ในการเผชิญกับความตกต่ำอย่างใหญ่หลวง ในปี ค.ศ. 1930 ท่านผู้นี้ได้ช่วยสร้างนโยบายเกี่ยวกับบ้านเมืองให้เป็นรูปเป็นร่างขึ้น ซึ่งก่อให้เกิดการเปลี่ยนแปลงครั้งสำคัญในทางเกี่ยวพันระหว่างรัฐบาลสหรัฐและภาวะทางเศรษฐกิจของชาติ หลังจากผู้ที่ไม่ได้บุกโจมตีทำเรือที่อ่าวเพอิล ในวันที่ 7 เดือน ธันวาคม ค.ศ. 1941 ท่านผู้นี้ได้ก้าวกองทัพสหรัฐพร้อมกับพันธมิตรบุกโจมตีที่กอลกัน พินนิคร แอกลิส ในเวลาท่านเสียชีวิต ท่านก็ยังได้ช่วยสร้างสรร ศาสตร์รัฐอีกด้วย ท่านเป็นบุคคลคนเดียวที่ใคร่รับเลือกเป็นประธานาธิบดีถึง 3 ครั้ง ๆ

เราจะพูดถึงบุคคลคนนี้ได้อย่างไร ในเมื่อท่านผู้นี้ไม่ได้เกิดขึ้นมา เราจะไม่พูดเพื่อปลงล้างความรู้สึกถึงถิ่นของชาวอเมริกันผู้อยู่ใหญ่คนนี้ แต่วางที่อาจจะทำให้ท่านนึกถึงท่านประธานาธิบดี อับราฮัม ลินคอล์น ไล้บ้าง ๆ

ท่านเกิดเมื่อวันที่ 12 มกราคม ค.ศ. 1806 ในกระท่อมที่ทำด้วยไม้แดงเล็ก ๆ หลังหนึ่ง ท่านกับมารดา ลินคอล์น ได้หนีภัยขึ้นมาในฐานะ เป็นเด็กชาวนาคนหนึ่ง ในสมัยนั้น ท่านได้เคยเดินทางไปเป็นระยะทางหลายไมล์ เพื่อหาซื้อหนังสืออ่าน และรับส่งสินค้าจากร้านค้าไป ครั้งหนึ่งท่านได้เดินทางไปเป็นระยะทางที่ไกลมาก เพื่อเอาเงินไม่กี่เพนนีไปคืนให้แก่คนผู้หนึ่ง ซึ่งลืมเอาเงินทอนจากท่าน ๆ

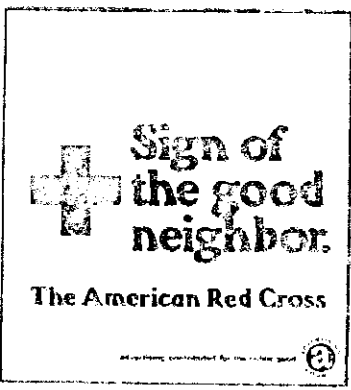
บุรุษผู้เยี่ยมช้วนผู้ นี้ได้วิ่งลงมายังป่าไปอยู่ท่ามกลางประชาชนที่นับเป็นเวลานับร้อยปีก่อนจะมีสงครามกลางเมืองเกิดขึ้น แต่ท่านก็ไม่เคยย่อทอดใจต่อชะตาชีวิตของท่านเลย

ท่านได้เห็นความองครักษ์ของการทำศึกกลางเมือง เบื้องเบื้องหน้าวันเท่านั้น หลังจากนายพลลี ยอน จาเม กอนท์ท่านจะถูกปล่อยทิ้งเสียชีวิต ดังนั้นท่านไม่มีโอกาสได้เห็นความสงบสุขในการก่อสร้างทางภาคเหนือ ไน้อีกเลย ๆ

- 1834 - ทราบกฎหมายบัญญัติเดิมนานขึ้น
- 1836 - ตามการเลือกเป็นประธานาธิบดี
- 1847 - ถูกกักเชือกเป็นสมาชิกพรรคของเกร ส์
- 1856 - เข้าร่วมพรรคเดโมแครต
- 1856 - มีการอภิเษกสมรสกับ มาร์เซีย ลินคอล์น
- 1860 - ได้รับเลือกเป็นประธานาธิบดี
- 1861- ผู้ไม่เห็นด้วยกับฝ่ายรัฐบาล อิง เบียง ฟร็องท์ ซัมเพอร์
- 1863 - การยอมจำนนของเมือง วิคตอเรีย
- ประกาศเลิกทาส
- 1865 - การแต่งเมืองสงครามสิ้นสุด

ในฐานะที่ท่านเป็นผู้กำหนดทาง การเมือง โดยทั่วไปแล้ว มีคนยอมรับว่า ท่านเป็นเก่งที่สุด ในทางได้รับชัยชนะทางได้รับความสนับสนุน และความคงอยู่ ในด้านการปกครอง และท่านเป็นผู้ว่าในด้านการศึกษาศึกษาของคนทั่วไป ผู้ที่ก่อความเสียหายด้วย โฉมแต่งความคิดเห็นจาก เมื่อก่อนมากและมีการ ก้าวกายกันทางบ้านเมือง การปกครองของท่านผู้นี้ก็ได้รับผลเป็นที่พอใจ ๆ

- ที่มา- พจนานุกรม บริตแทนนิค
- 1910- เป็นสมาชิกสภาซีเทของ รัฐนิวยอร์ก
- 1913- เป็นรองเลขาธิการ กลองทัพเรือ
- 1928- เป็นผู้ว่าราชการ รัฐนิวยอร์ก
- 1932- รับเลือกเป็นประธานาธิบดี
- 1934- องค์กร รวมการ แลก เปลี่ยน ในด้านความมลอคภัย
- 1935- ทราบกฎหมายบัญญัติเดิมนานขึ้น
- 1941- บกหลังที่เขมที่เรืออ่าวเพอิล



THAI HOLIDAY'S

Chakri Day

Just as Americans celebrate Labor Day and Washington's birthday, the Thais will commemorate two national holidays in April.

APRIL 6: Chakri Day, a national Thai holiday, commemorates the founding of the present royal dynasty, in 1782. Their Majesties the King and Queen pay homage at the Statue of Rama I (King Phra Buddha Yod Fa) at the magnificent Royal Pantheon, which contains statues of the previous kings, and is open to the public on this day only during the year.

APRIL 13: Songkran Day, a three day water-throwing festival, is a reminder of the Old Brahmin new year. Young and old dress in new clothes and visit monasteries with offerings of incense, flowers, and candles. They sprinkle water on Buddha images, monks, and older people as a gesture of reverence. They go out in the streets and throw water over each other. These water-battles are now forbidden on the traffic-congested streets of Bangkok but the festival goes with a swing at the nearby village of Paklat and is seen at its very best at the northern mountain resort of Chiang Mai.

Hey Det B, grab your housegirl and throw her in the shower!

Short Story Contest

The Armed Forces Writers League is again offering cash prizes and professional manuscript criticism for amateur fiction writers through its annual amateur short story contest.

The contest is open to all military people, dependents, civilian employees, veterans and others interested in the armed forces. Unpublished stories of 1,800 words or less on any subject may be submitted before July 1.

Top prize is \$50. In addition there will be 25 other awards. All entries will be evaluated for sales potential and will receive a detailed critique.

All entries will be submitted through the Kobra-7 Editor and the best story will be printed in this newspaper. Here's your chance to see your story in print and win a little extra cash.

The Federal Drug Commission's report indicates that more people are making a living out of investigating drugs than selling them.

Pay-Day Hassle

by 1Lt RL Rowe, Comptroller

Tired of the long pay line in the hot sun? Tired of the long line at the bank trying to deposit your money? Tired of being ripped-off of large amounts of cash you've got laying around? If you have answered yes to any of these three questions.....then there is an alternative.

Every installation in the US Army has a financial institution of some sort on post, and Ramasun is no exception. Ramasun's is called the Chase Manhattan Military Finance Facility, and its mission is to serve you. If you start an account with the Chase your money is safe and you can write checks for your money as you need it. But most of you who have accounts have started them incorrectly.

The simplest method is to stop by the Finance Office and start a pay option that will give you a guaranteed deposit with the Chase. In this manner your money goes directly into your bank account.

Stop by finance today and start a pay option of guaranteed deposit to the Chase. The Chase is open three days a week and every payday, and soon will be open five days a week for full service.

NEW SMA



CSM Leon L. Van Autreve has been named the new Sergeant Major of the Army.

Army Chief of Staff General Creighton W. Abrams announced the appointment which will become effective July 1, 1973, when Sergeant Major of the Army Silas L. Copeland retires.

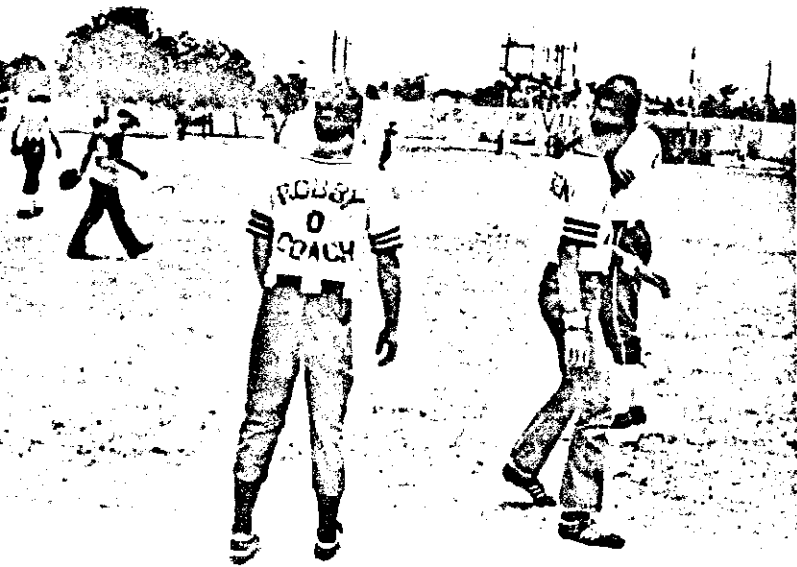
CSM Van Autreve, 53, has served in the Army for 29 years. He is a native of Belgium and now lists his home of record as Delphos, Ohio.

The Army's new top-ranking enlisted man has served as command sergeant major for U.S. Army Alsaka and for the 20th Engineer Brigade in the Republic of Vietnam.

JULY

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SPORTS FEATURES



Coach Robby and Bill O'Brien advise the runner not to try and steal third.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who is the only man to win the Decathalon twice in the modern Olympics?
2. How many years has Wilt Chamberlin led the NBA in scoring?
3. Who led the American League in home runs in 1972?
4. Who lost the first World Series in 1903?

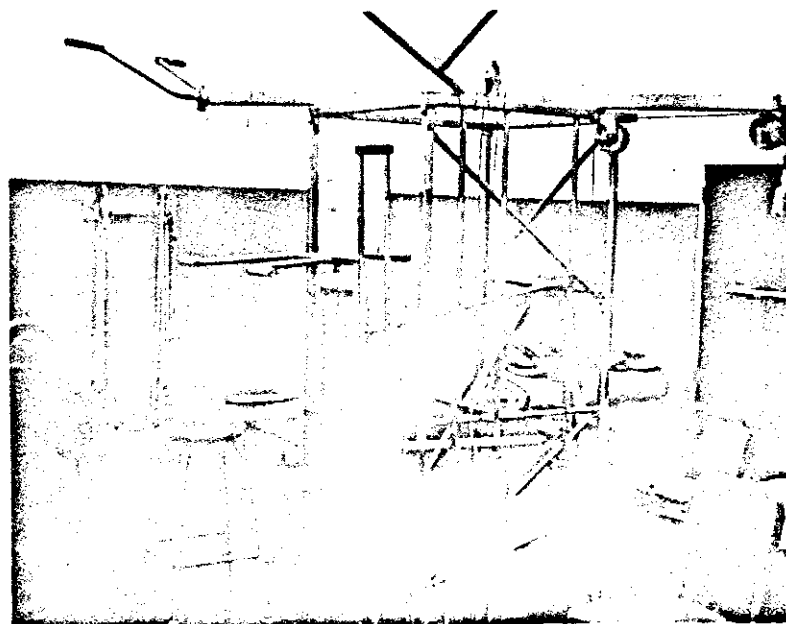
tennis

Pairings and times have been made for the up and coming Tennis Tournament. Because of the unexpected number of contestants the tournament has been extended with the Championships of the doubles being played on Monday 16 April. Qualifying matches will be played between 9:00AM on the 9th and 10th of April. Doubles are scheduled to begin at 9:00AM the 11th. Quarter finals and semi-finals for singles will be held the 12th and 13th with the championship being played on Sunday the 15th. The semi's and finals for the doubles will take place on the 14th and 16th.

TAKRAW

No it's not soccer but one of the most common and popular sports in Thailand, the game of Takraw. It is one of the favorite sports of not only Thailand but also of its neighboring countries as well. Traditionally Takraw is played with the members of two opposing teams trying to put in a high basket, a light ball made of braided rattan. The players do not touch the ball with their hands, and must utilize their heads, shoulders, elbows, knees, calves, ankles, or the flat of the feet in their effort to return the ball. Some Takraw champions acquire considerable skill at the game. It is not unusual for several good players to keep a ball in play, (from touching the ground), for long periods of time. Most often it is played by a group of men standing in a circle passing the ball to one another in no particular order. No one wins or loses but has a good time while getting in some practice and exercise.

Takraw is not only an enjoyable game to play and compete in but also extremely interesting to the casual onlooker. The big matches take place every year on the Paramone Grounds and in the Vajiravudh fair which takes place in the beginning of December.



The new weight machine in the Post Gymnasium has proven to be a definite asset to the weight room. Providing a good strenuous work-out in a small amount of time the new equipment has attracted many new weight enthusiasts.

SPORTS

softball

editorial

by Dan Guera

Continuing towards the quest of the Ramasun championship in softball, both to the win column last Wednesday evening. However, Air Forces' victory was no easy task as they tangled with league contender SSM/EM Club. Probably the best mound performance ever at Ramasun was witnessed Wednesday night when Hutchison pitched a nohitter for the first 11 innings and struck out 12 Airmen. This great pitching performance was to no avail when the Airmen scored in the 12th inning on a home run by Noggle and held the EM Club in the bottom of the inning to win. The game had gone into extra innings tied 3-3. All runs that were scored were direct results of errors

In the past few days I have been approached by several irrate individuals asking me to make a few comments on the umpiring at Ramasun. Since I had not, as of yet, come up with any almost interesting topic to editorialize on, I decided to look into the matter.

The next day with the sound of reveilly still pounding in my ears and a rare bowl of Grape Nuts settling in my stomach I set about collecting my information. The method I chose was a simple one; I would infiltrate a few group discussions and manuever the conversation to where I wanted it. This worked out fairly well; I only encountered a few difficulties what with certain work orientated people roaming around, and trying to change the subject of a group of men anxiously discussing meat prices.

April 9:	0930	Fin	vs.	MMIII
	1700	MMI	vs.	MPs'
	1830	AF	vs.	GRS
April 10:	1700	GRS	vs.	MMI
	1830	MMII	vs.	AF
April 11:	1700	MMII	vs.	MMI
	1700	MPs'	vs.	Fin
	1830	GRS	vs.	SSM
April 12:	1700	MPs'	vs.	AF
	1830	ASB	vs.	Fin
April 13:	1700	MPs'	vs.	MMIII
	1830	MMI	vs.	AF

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

MM1	11-2	ASB	5-10
AF	10-1	GRS	4-9
SSM	11-3	MM3	2-11
MP's	8-5	FIN	2-11
MM2	6-7		

made by both teams. Air Force scored by getting two in the second when EM committed two errors. Those runs held up until the sixth when with the bases loaded and two out, an Air Force out fielder misjudged a fly ball and three runs crossed the plate putting the Club in the lead. The game went into overtime when the Airmen scored on another EM error.

In the nightcap MM3 kept up the pace by pounding out a 20-1 shallacking of MMIII. The Kingsmen won the game in the third inning when they pushed nine runs over the plate. They added another eight in the fourth which put the game out of the reach of MMIII who could only muster up one run against mound star Bob King. Bob has now run up an outstanding record of nine wins and one lose.

Next week will be the last big week of softball at Ramasun. With the teams as close as they are at present, next weeks schedule will have a lot to say as to who will be the the champs.

After listening to the many and varied opinions concerning umpires, referees, and rules governing baseball, basketball, football, and a number of other "U/I" sports, it became obvious that no one agreed exactly with anyone on anything.

Let us, fellow fans, keep in mind that no one is perfect, not even sports officials. If you will stop for a moment and look upon one of these people you will notice that they have only two eyes, two legs, two arms, a nose, and all the other standard equipment that comes with the human animal. What sets these individuals apart from most people is that they have a more complete knowledge and understanding of the rules governing certain sports or sport. However, they can not see everything, be everywhere, or make perfect judgements everytime.

So cut your buddy some slack, give them a break, it takes a lot of nerve to stand out there knowing that you are bound to make someone unpleasant sooner or later.

THEY TOOK JESUS
DOWN FROM THE
CROSS...



... WRAPPED HIS BODY
IN LINEN AND LAID
HIM IN A TOMB..



ON THE
FIRST DAY
OF THE
WEEK, MARY
MAGDALENE
VISITED THE
TOMB AND
FOUND AN
EMPTY
GRAVE!



HE IS RISEN
AS HE SAID!



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