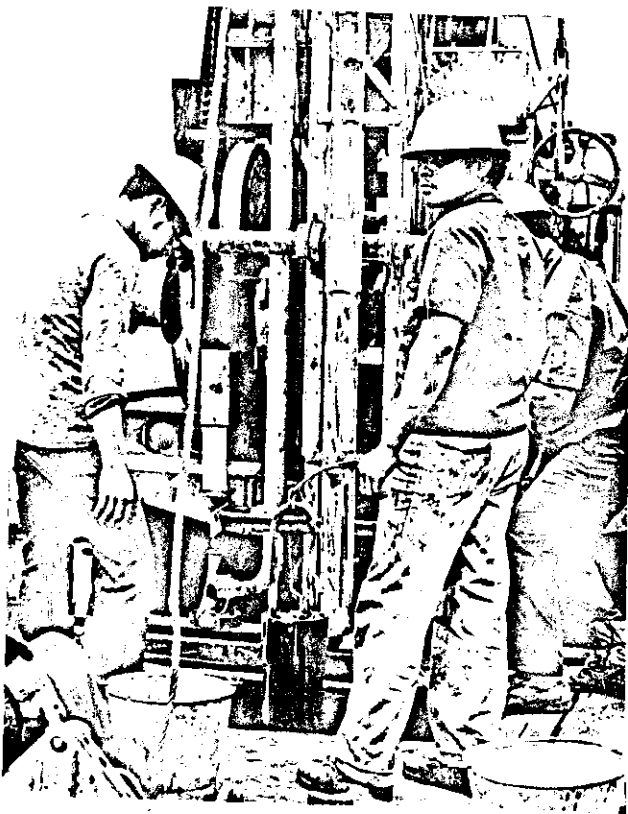


# Monsoon Season Begins!

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## Motorcycle Shipment Set



WATER-WELL DRILLING commenced last Thursday (KOBRA-7 April 9, 1973) in Non Soong. Shown above is the civilian contracted firm as they lay the first pipe.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY has authorized USARSUPHAI to temporarily assist motorcycle owners in shipping their foreign-made bikes to CONUS. The DA authorization permits unaccompanied personnel in the grades E4 (over 4 or with 2 years service and a 6 year obligation) or higher to ship foreign-made motorcycles purchased before March 22, 1973. The bikes will be shipped on a space available reimbursable basis aboard Military Sealift Command controlled vessels to a Stateside port of entry. Arrangements for shipping must be made prior to July 31, 1973.

AMERICAN-MADE CYCLES were already authorized shipment on a space required basis, at no cost to the owner.

COSTS OF SHIPMENT to the owner of a foreign-made cycle will be 25% of the cost of ocean transportation and all port handling charges. In addition, the serviceman will be responsible for insuring that the motorcycle is picked up at the port of entry and moved to the final destination. The entire transportation costs for movement to the final destination is estimated not to exceed \$150. Customs clearance requires that Thai customs Duty and road tax be paid prior to shipment.

THE MOTORCYCLES THAT ARE SHIPPED will have to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety and Emission Control Standards. Vehicles conforming to those standards can be identified by a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Label affixed to the bike.

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Editorial

# Checks & Responsibility

By Col. Benjamin H. Rosker. USAF  
Staff Judge Advocate

It's hard to imagine any type of conduct more service discrediting than the writing of bad checks. When just a few checks written by military people have bounced in a community, the word really gets around. Soon none of us can cash a check under any circumstances, and the community thinks we're all a bunch of crooks. Naturally, the military service has a big interest in seeing that this doesn't happen.

For these reasons, our military law has provided some mighty severe penalties for writing worthless checks. If an individual passes a bad check with an intention to deceive or defraud, he may be convicted of an offense under Article 123a Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), authorizing punishment up to Dishonorable Discharge and confinement at hard labor for five years, depending on the amount involved.

Even if the individual intends to have the money in his account, but later wrongfully fails to maintain sufficient funds for payment of the check, he may be guilty of an Article 134 disorder, which authorizes punishment of a Bad Conduct Discharge and up to six months confinement.

Many times, check offenses are tried by the civilian authorities, under laws which are just as severe. The mere fact that you are presently overseas does not preclude prosecution upon your return to the States.

Any time a check is returned unpaid, the circumstances are going to be investigated thoroughly. If it is clearly shown that the check was written in good faith, and bounced because of ordinary negligence or mistake, there probably will not be any court-martial prosecution. Even in these cases, however, the individual's military career may be badly damaged. Promotion and good assignments will come a lot slower if a person's records indicate he is unable to maintain his personal affairs properly.

Repeated incidents of this nature could easily result in administrative elimination from the service, under conditions other than honorable.

Now a lot of us have checking accounts, and find this a mighty handy way to do our business. We're reasonably careful, we're not about to deceive anyone, and we're not going to write any bad checks intentionally. How can we be sure we won't get into check trouble?

There are just a few rules we should observe. Keep track of that bank account. Balance it carefully with the bank statement every month. If you and the wife have both been writing checks against the account, stop this practice. Use a different method so you can't possibly become overdrawn accidentally.

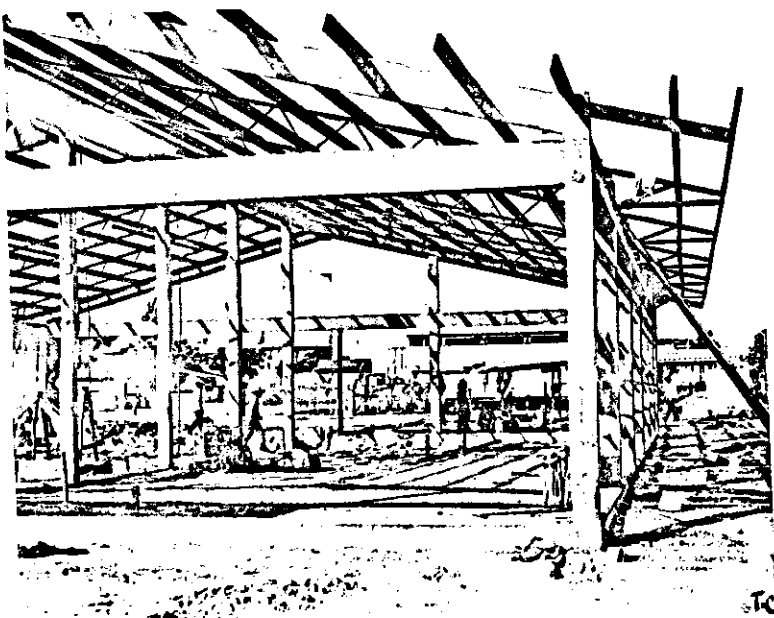
Never write a check unless you are positive that the money to cover it is in the bank. Don't take the chance on beating a check to the bank, and don't rely on someone holding a check for you. This is asking for trouble.



We are glad that the baseball players have settled their salary demands. Some how it makes it less painful when a man strikes out, to know that his family is being well taken care of.

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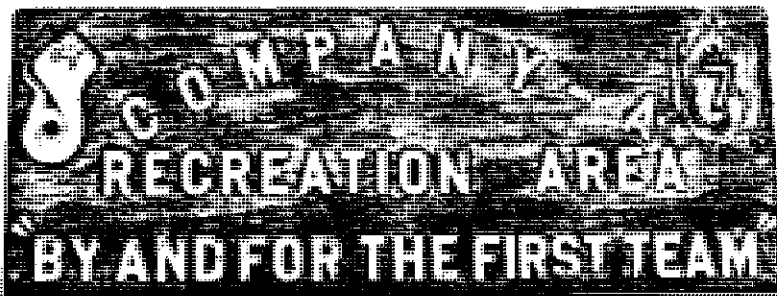


THE NEW PX is hurrying toward the projected completion date of July, 1973. It seems that the longest part of constructing a building here is that the cement is formed on the building site.

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# Company News Briefs



## B CO.

Sunday, May 6 was the Alpha Company unit party celebrating the grand opening of the barbeque and recreation area located across the street from the orderly room. The party began at 12 noon with ribbon-cutting ceremonies and ended sometime after midnight.

ROAST/BARBEQUE PIG AND BEEF, hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings were the highlight of the menu. Cold beer and soft drinks were consumed very readily; however, enough was available for all.

The party was a huge success and the recreation area is now open 24 hours a day for your use.

By now there should be six "B" Company SP5's lumbering around with sore arms. They are George Wagoner, Ray Stewart, Gery Cotner, Charlie Diaz, Gary Nocket, and Leamon Ratterree. Congratulations are in order for these newly promoted men. From the Orderly Room....  
...SMACK!.....Congratulations.....

THOSE WHO WERE AT FORT DEVENS between August 1971 and March 1973, probably noticed a tall, gray-haired First Sergeant around either Hotel or the Receiving and Holding Company areas. First Sergeant Stanton has a wealth of experience at his job and a genuine interest in people. These qualities make "Top" one of the finest 1SG's in the business. If you've got a question, 1SG Stanton will answer it, or find someone who can. We of "B" Company can be proud to have a First Sergeant of Joseph M. Stanton's caliber with us and working for us.  
.....WELCOME TO RAMASUN ! .....

## Headquarters & Service Co.

### ANSWERS TO QUIZ #2

H&S Company Personal Finance - TID-BIT#2

You and your money - accounts for a large part of your worries. Whether married or single, personal financial planning is extremely important. As a soldier, you are faced by several unique financial problems:

1. Your fixed salary permits little or no lee-way for unexpected expenses:
2. You must start in an unfamiliar area, without benefit of friends or contacts:
3. You sometimes have unexpected expenses, such as those that arise during moving.

Pay raises notwithstanding, it's still pretty hard to stretch your paycheck to cover all those essentials. Inflation, regional cost of living differences and frequent moves take their toll on your finances. In establishing good personal financial practices your most important tool is a budget. A budget is simply a financial control device that enables you to record your current position and set guidelines to help you live within your income. It should not only help you to distribute your income among areas of demand but also help you to save.

6. F Within a few weeks after a person becomes infected with gonorrhea, he will become very ill.

7. T The symptoms of VD are more obvious in the male than the female.

8. T Gonorrhea infects more people, syphilis kills more people.

9. F A person can become infected with VD through contact with a toilet seat or a doorknob.

10. F Lifting and straining can cause gonorrhea.

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ #3 (True/False)

11.     You can tell at a glance whether a person has a Venereal Disease.

12.     The symptoms of gonorrhea and syphilis are the same.

13.     Gonorrhea and syphilis are caused by the same germ.

14.     It is true that gonorrhea is no more serious than a cold.

15.     Untreated gonorrhea can make a man or woman sterile.

# awards

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO these men for being cited for the following awards:

**Bronze Star Medal:**  
SP5 George Massimini

**Air Medal (as indicated):**  
SP4 Phillip Berryhill (Basic - 8)  
SP4 Larry Johnson (Basic - 8)  
SP4 Michael McKenna (2 - 8)  
SP5 Craig Thompson (7)  
SP4 David Ballman (2 - 6)  
SP4 Michael Logsdon (2 - 5)  
SP4 Charles Boyd (2 - 4)  
SP4 George Sexton (2 - 4)  
SP4 Donald Coupar (Basic)

**Army Commendation Medal:**  
MAJ Carl Lupardus (1OLC)  
SSG Cecil Gregg (1OLC)  
CPT Bobbie Bundick  
SP5 William Moore  
SP5 Claude Wade  
SP5 John Stone  
SP4 Richard Foster  
SP4 James Konen  
SP4 Edward Thompson  
SP4 Lloyd Thompson

KEEP THE FAITH!!

CONGRATULATIONS to CW3 Bennett, winner of the GUF Award on May 4, from those "#\$%&-heads on the 'hill' who don't know enough to come in out of the rain."

## CHURCH INFO

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES RAMASUN STATION

BOBBIE J. BUNDICK \* Station Chaplain

#### Catholic

Confessions and Mass . . . . .0930 Sunday  
Discussion and Mass . . . . .1800 Tuesday  
1800 Thursday  
Appointments and Rap.0800-1100 Saturday

#### Protestant

Sunday Worship . . . . .0930 Sunday  
Evening Fellowship . . . . .1900 Sunday  
Bible Study . . . . .1900 Tuesday  
Choir Practice . . . . .1900 Thursday

#### LDS

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

Transportation to RTAFB provided.



"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times, it's India before Echo except after Charlie, and sometimes Yankee."

## NCOOM HAS NEW MANAGER

by Jim Glesman, NCOOM Manager

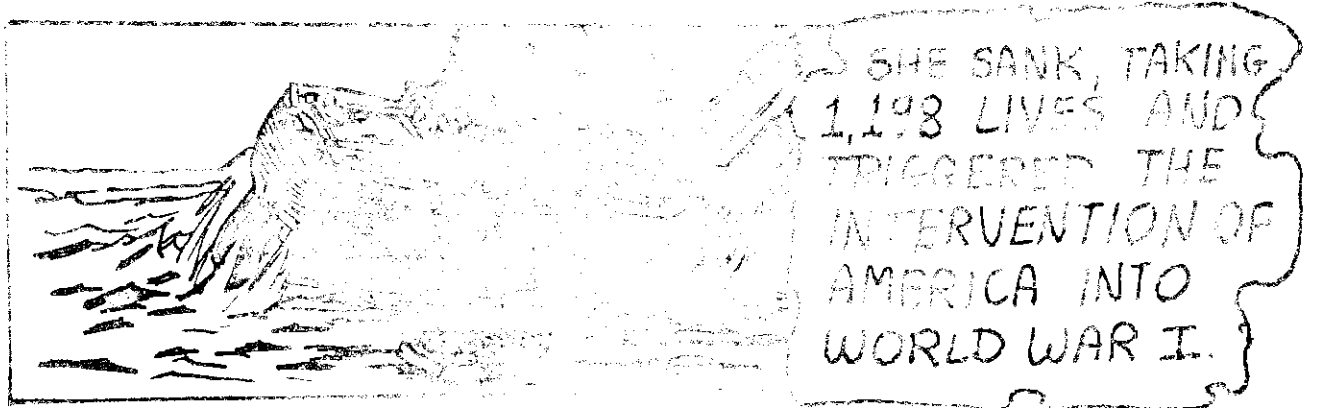
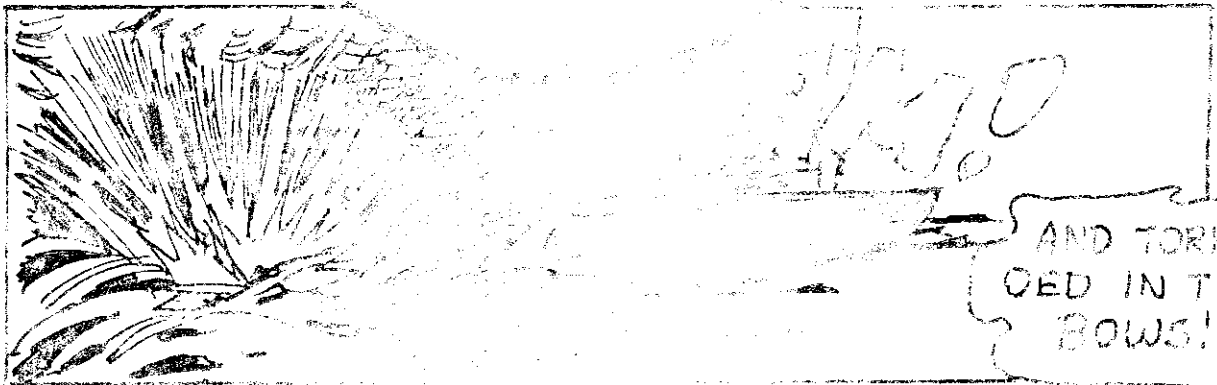
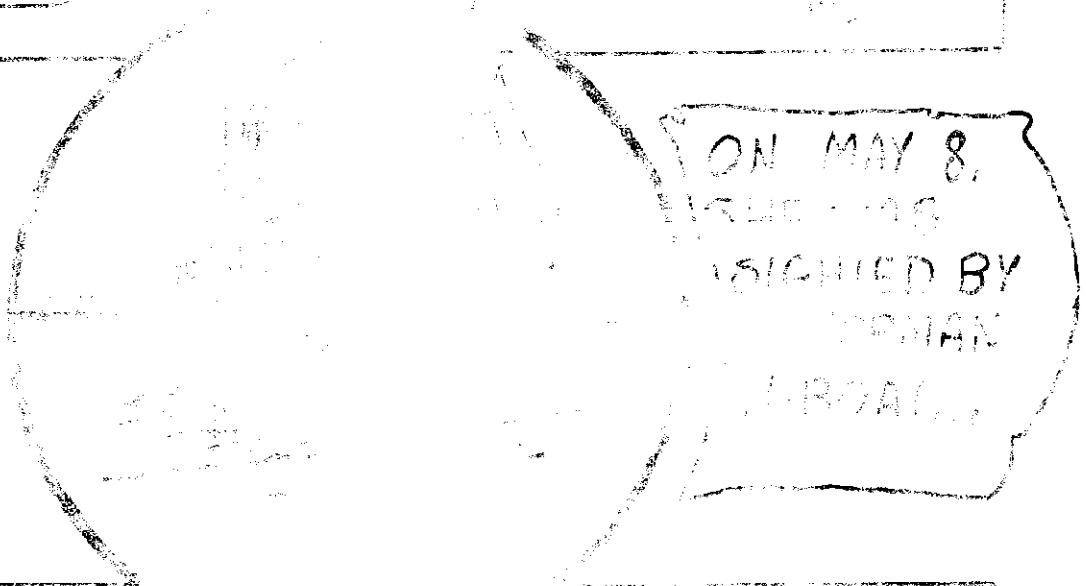
AS MOST OF YOU have probably noticed the NCO Club is putting all employees in new uniforms, with name tags and numbers. This is to try and improve service in the Club, so if anyone has any complaints remember the number of the waitress/waiter and bring it to the attention of one of the MA's on duty.

WE HAVE STARTED FREE MOVIES on Saturday starting at noon and running usually 3½ - 4 hours. The subjects are various from sports to Bob Hope, so drop in on Saturday afternoon's and watch some free entertainment.

THIS MONTH WE ARE starting Pinochle Tournaments on Sunday afternoons, registration will start at 10:00 am. with play beginning at noon. There will be no entry fees and prizes will be given to the first three places.

WE HAVE PROBABLY TWO of the best touring groups in Thailand booked this month at the club, the Erawan plays from 5:00 pm. to 10:00 pm. and the Young Emotions play from 10:30 pm. to 3:30 am. Both are real crowd pleasers, so stop in any night for some fine listening enjoyment. The bands play seven nights a week.

WE ARE PLANNING A PARTY of some sort for Memorial Day this year. We don't exactly know what we will have yet but a few things are in the initial planning stage. We are open for suggestions as to what you would enjoy, Remember July 4 and Unit Day are rapidly approaching and we need good ideas.



# Word Search

Featured in this issue's Word Search are 21 states of Africa. This is a real chance for you Geography buffs to win a contest. Winners for the Word Search will be determined by the earliest entry received and will vie for a prize monthly. Get your entry to the Mail Room - Box 49 today!

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WINNER OF THE GUF Award for April 27 was CAPT Doug Williams, who was called back to the ramp by the control tower to pick-up his forgotten crew.

## Flick Sked

- 7 MAY X-Y-Zee
- 8 MAY Murphy's War
- 9 MAY \*\*Shaft's Big Score
- 10 MAY " " "
- Late Shows - Escape from the Planet of the Apes
- 11 MAY Blood from the Mummy's Tomb
- 12 MAY Lovers and Other Strangers
- 13 MAY Duck, You Sucker
- 14 MAY " " "
- 15 MAY \*The Concert for Bengla Desh
- 16 MAY @Lady Sings the Blues
- 17 MAY " " " "
- Late Shows - Moonshine War - McGoohan
- 18 MAY Blindman
- 19 MAY Long Ago, Tomorrow

\* - Football Highlights  
 + - 75¢ admission  
 @ - \$1.00 admission, all others 35¢  
 Late Shows are at 2030 and 2330.

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TUE		1830	2030 2330
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FRI		1830	2030 2330
SAT		1830	2030 2330

## ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

- The bass guitarist who also backed up George Harrison's, "All Things Must Pass" is Klaus Voormann.
- The original Rolling Stones were: Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Brian Jones, Ian Stewart, Mickey Waller, and Dick Taylor.
- Jimi Hendrix was born in Seattle, Washington.
- The Doors' first single was "Break on Through".
- John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote "I Wanna Be Your Man" and Ringo Starr sang the lead vocals.

## ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S WB

Here are the answers to last issue's word search featuring 25 major sports played throughout the world. How many do you know how to play?

THEY E L L O W S S U B M A R I N E I S  
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 I P E T A C R O S S E V E N E D Q F U T  
 N I F B D D N A L R E P P I P N I S E L

## Quacky Quiz

- In what area of the world did the Charge of the Light Brigade take place?
- Who wrote "Gloria", and what group made the record famous? (Hint: The author also sang "Brown-Eyed Girl".)
- What British actor became a member of the House of Lords?
- What change was made during the recording of "Sympathy for the Devil", and why? (Hint: Recording date was June 1968.)
- "Steamboat Willie", the first sound cartoon by Walt Disney, introduced what famous character?

# Guardsmen Aid Flood Victims

National Guardsmen from five states helped to protect property and contain the flood waters as the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers overflowed their banks, causing millions of dollars worth of damage.

As the flooding worked its way south, Guardsmen were called in to help from Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Although the numbers of men and units varied from day to day, as many as 1,000 men were called out on several individual days, depending on local conditions.

In many cases, the Guardsmen were the first people to return to damaged homes or businesses. The first job for the part time soldiers in many cases was to restore law and order to these areas and to protect both public and private property.

This security mission included standing guard to prevent looting from damaged areas, especially trailer camps.

Other work done by the Guardsmen included loading and piling countless sandbags; handling emergency evacuation operations; giving first aid; transporting food, clothing and supplies; transporting government officials on inspection tours of damaged areas; conducting clean-up operations after flooding subsided in different areas; and conducting traffic control measures.

Mississippi Guardsmen used two Land Amphibious Recovery Craft vehicles in the Vicksburg and Warren County areas to evacuate residents from their homes. (ANF)

## Victims

### Five States Call Up Guard



**PASS THAT BAG**—National Guardsmen from St. Louis form a human chain and pass sandbags down to the flood area. St. Louis and many other river towns sustained serious damage during the floods. Guardsmen were called in from five states. (U.S. Army photo)



**ANTI-LOOTING PATROL**—Members of the 204th Military Police Company patrol an area near St. Charles, Mo., making sure no looting goes on during flooding. Guardsmen from five states were called in at various times to combat the effects of the floods. (U.S. Air Force photo)



**LOADING SAND**—Army men and equipment were used quite extensively to combat waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. This truck from the 880th Engineer Battalion of the Missouri National Guard was heading for the water after being loaded. (U.S. Air Force photo)

THIS IS THAILAND

## SILK & STONES

ALL OF THE TRADITIONAL CRAFTS of Thailand are to be found in Bangkok, but apart from the bronze foundries which are in a part of the north that is too scattered to be visited conveniently. It is in the shops that products can be judged at their best.

THAI SILK, hand-woven and dyed with traditional techniques, is the best known. It has a particular, slightly uneven texture which comes from the way it is woven and from the different thicknesses of the silk thread which the local worms produce. It carries a full range of original colours and designs, in Siamese taste, for interior decoration or dress, and is used just as much for fashion as for furnishings.

THIS CRAFT WAS REVIVED under the initiative of Mr. Jim Thompson and is now flourishing, production being only just sufficient to keep up with orders from abroad. The government is encouraging the development of silk production, traditionally a specialty of the northeast, because the weavers, owing to a lack of local thread, have increasingly had to make use of Japanese imports.

THE SUCCESS OF SILK PRODUCTION has led to the development in hand-woven cotton goods whose colours and designs are similar to those of local silk. A large number of shops sell Thai materials in Bangkok and the shop of the person who revived this craft, Jim Thompson on Suriwongse Road, should of course be visited.

JEWELLERY is produced in quantity in Bangkok, and jewellers' shops are now innumerable. This success is due to the cheapness and ability of the workman as much as the settings, cutting and polishing. Bangkok has considerably increased its reputation in the last few years as a centre for cutting precious stones. Experts can acquire cheaply blue sapphires or star sapphires, rubies, topazes, emeralds, zircons, and cats eyes, either from local mines or from those in Burma or Cambodia, but you need to look at many stones before finding really good ones. Pendants, necklaces, and bracelets in Siamese style are nearly always charming but it is difficult today to find antique jewelry. Goldsmiths reproduce traditional designs perfectly.

Overpopulation is heir pollution.

SIAMESE BRONZE TABLEWARE is made in Bangkok and at a reasonable price. It can be ornamented in the Thai taste or perfectly plain. Often treated so that it will not tarnish, it is pleasant and economical. Another local specialty is work in incised silver or niello. This tradition is of long standing.

NEXT ISSUE: Wood carving, ceramics, and straw and rattan products.

(Source: Discovering Thailand, Clarac and Smithies, 1972)



### RECORD REVIEW

## LED ZEPPELIN 5

I WAS VERY FORTUNATE to recently receive a copy of the New Led Zeppelin album from the World. After a 17 month drought, this popular British group continues to hold the magic formula that sells records. One week after its release, "Houses of the Holy", was rated (by Billboard Magazine) as the 10th best selling album of 200. Quite a feat!

THIS ALBUM HAS THREE EXCELLENT CUTS. "The Song Remains the Same" carries on the Zeppelin tradition of the first cut of the first side on each of their previous four albums (i.e. "Good Times, Bad Times"; "Whole Lotta Love"; "Immigrant Song"; and "Black Dog") basically a fast paced, instrumental introduction.

"The Rain Song" is played and sung in the "Stairway to Heaven" tradition with its somewhat softer approach appealing to the slower aspects of life. This tune is carried by accoustical guitars in harmony, helping to portray the cry of a far-removed lover and his testimonial of life.

"Long Ago and Far Away" (whose lyrics appear on Page 9) tells of a man who examines himself before his listeners. The melody is outstanding!

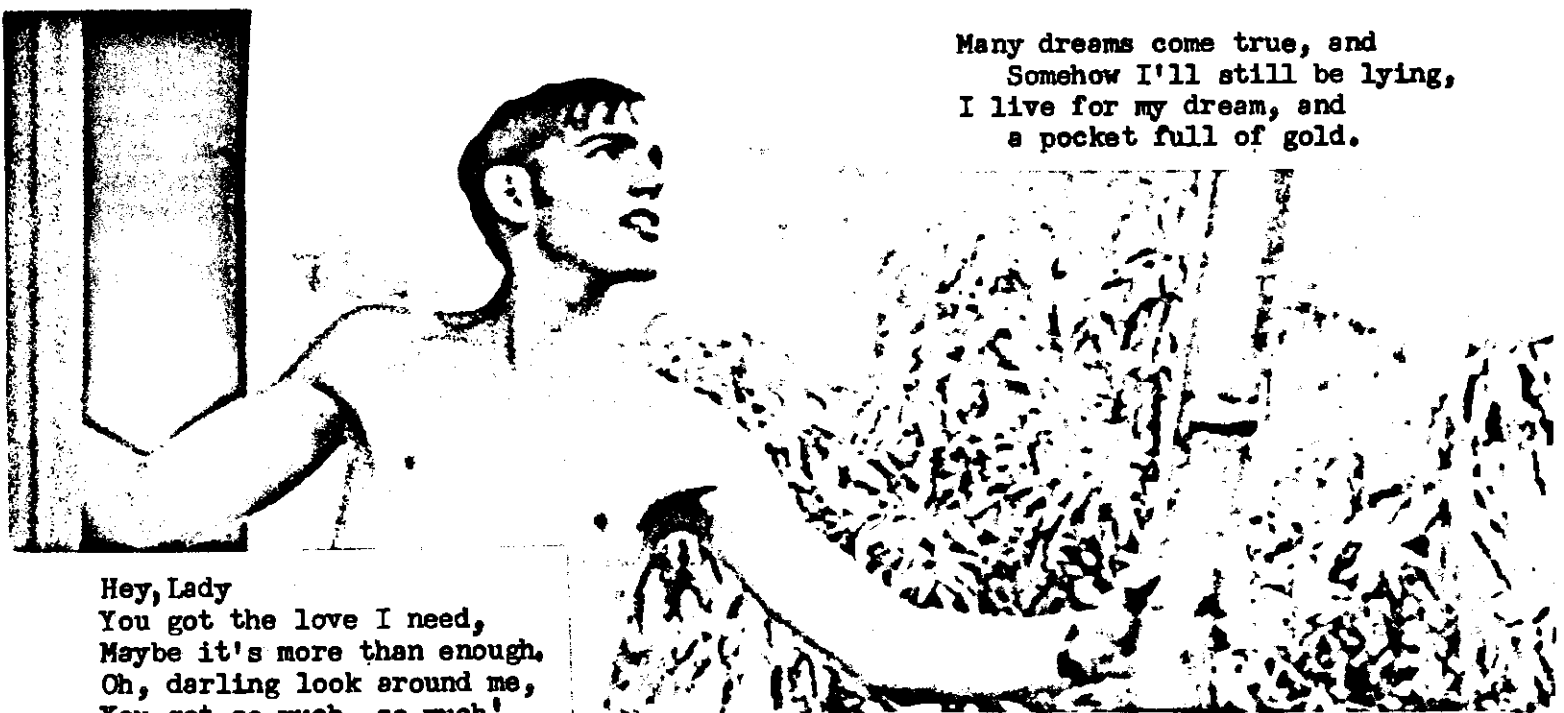
THIS RECORDING IS being made available to the tape center and should join their wide selection soon.

# COMMUNICATION

## “Long Ago And Far Away”

from “Houses of the Holy” • LED ZEPPELIN

Many dreams come true, and  
Somehow I'll still be lying,  
I live for my dream, and  
a pocket full of gold.



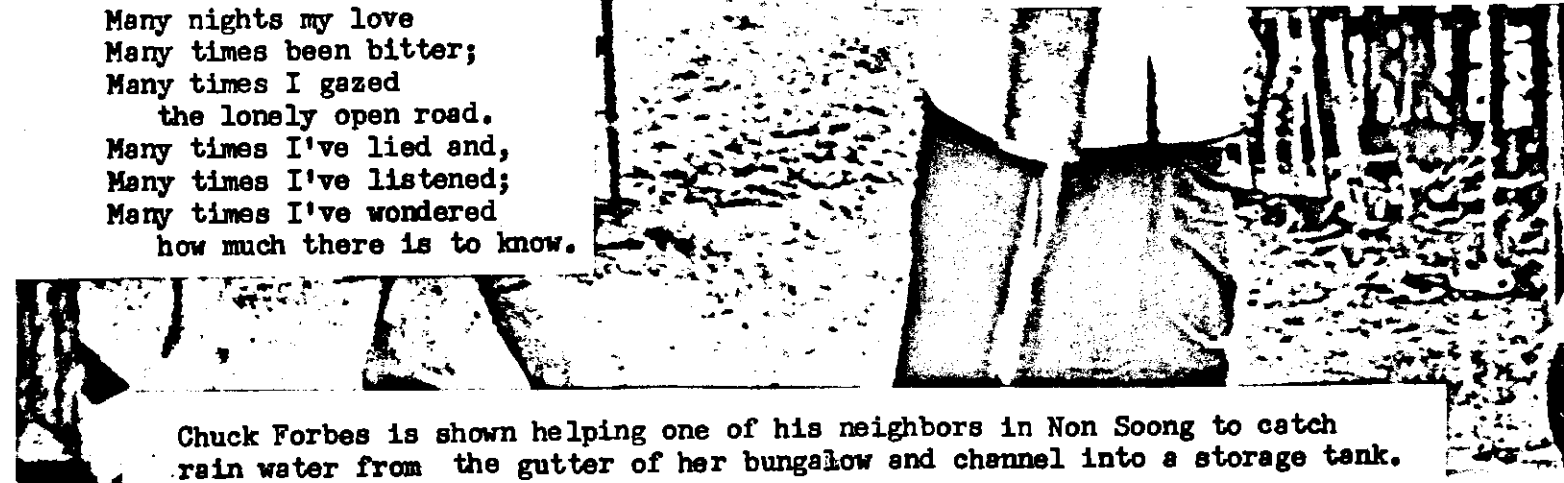
Hey, Lady  
You got the love I need,  
Maybe it's more than enough.  
Oh, darling look around me,  
You got so much, so much!

Narrow is the man who knows  
what he's been missin'  
Many, many man can see the open road.



Many is the word that only  
leaves you guessin'  
It makes you foul-up things, you  
really ought to know.  
I really ought to know!

Many nights my love  
Many times been bitter;  
Many times I gazed  
the lonely open road.  
Many times I've lied and,  
Many times I've listened;  
Many times I've wondered  
how much there is to know.



Chuck Forbes is shown helping one of his neighbors in Non Soong to catch rain water from the gutter of her bungalow and channel into a storage tank.

WORLD HISTORY**MAY 14, 1796**

EDWARD JENNER (1749 - 1823) was an English physician, the discoverer of vaccination, born at Berkley, Gloucestershire May 17, 1749 and the son of a clergyman. After early education he began the study of medicine. In 1770 he went to London where he was employed to arrange zoological specimens collected on CAPT Cook's first voyage in 1771. On one of his papers he contributed to the local medical society Jenner appears to have anticipated the discoveries of others concerning rheumatic heart disease.

MEANWHILE, THE IDEA OF VACCINATION matured slowly in Jenner's mind. While still an apprentice he had noted a popular belief in Gloucestershire as to the antagonism between cowpox and smallpox.

HE INVESTIGATED the subject in 1775 and satisfied himself that cowpox really included two different forms of disease, only one of which protected against smallpox, and that many failures to protect could thus be explained. He further ascertained that the true cowpox protected only when it was communicated at a particular stage and at the same time concluded that the disease of horses called "the grease" was the analogue of cowpox and smallpox. Cowpox being scarce in his country at that period, he had no opportunity of testing his theory until May 14, 1796 when he inoculated an eight year old boy with matter from the cowpox vesicles on the hands of a



milkmaid. In July, the boy was innoculated for smallpox, but the disease did not follow. Jenner was unable to repeat his discovery before 1798 in which year he published his medical report.

A SURGEON AT A RESPECTED HOSPITAL in London made a number of successful inoculations against smallpox and thereby brought vaccination before the medical profession which had been prejudiced against it by the formidable criticism of a celebrated surgeon. Its adoption was delayed by the rash advocacy of a doctor, who, without seeing a single case of cowpox, lectured on the subject and supplied a defective vaccine that frequently produced not the mild disease described by Jenner, but somewhat severe eruptions resembling smallpox. Jenner showed (1799) that the vaccine supplied by Pearson was accidentally contaminated and then secured (1800) the abandonment of the project from distributing free vaccinations with the defective vaccine.

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**Charlie Chaplain**

by Ernest G Engelo



# Armed Forces Day, 1973

No matter what branch service you are in, May 19 is your special day . . . Armed Forces Day, 1973.

"Serving the nation" is the theme for this year's observance. This is demonstrated very effectively by the men and women in uniform who are not only responsible for the Nation's defense, but also have involved themselves in human and social endeavors wherever they are stationed.

No better theme could portray the real mission of our servicemen today. It characterizes their devotion to our country and its citizens.

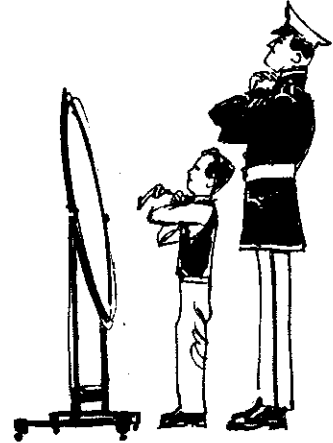
Even though this day is dedicated to you, the serviceman, it now becomes necessary that you take an inward reflection as to whether you are deserving of this honor. You should come up with a definite, affirmative answer or take steps to rectify the situation immediately.

The average serviceman is not in the habit of strutting and bragging about himself. Generally, he goes about his job quietly and conscientiously, endeavoring to live up to the respect and trust that the American people have placed in him.

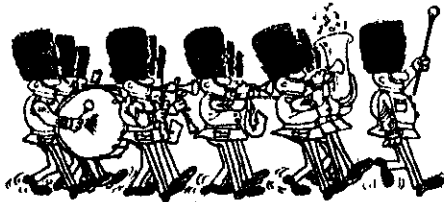
This holds true for servicemen and women throughout the world. They may be at some remote outpost or in the United States, but no matter where, they are doing the best job that can be done. Through their hard work and attention to duty they more than justify their country's trust in them and have earned a day which they can call their own.

Wear your uniform proudly this Armed Forces Day—and every day of the year.

## We're Getting Ready For . . .



# ARMED FORCES DAY



### WHITE HOUSE

Armed Forces Day gives us a special opportunity to pay tribute to the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen who so ably protect our freedoms and insure our security.

We are now in an era of transition from a long and divisive war to the healing of a lasting peace. While we earnestly pray for a quickening of this process, today's realities make it clear that security at home and peace abroad still depend on the strength of America and its allies.

We need and will long continue to need men and women in the military who will serve the Republic with bravery and commitment. On this Armed Forces Day in 1973 we can be thankful that such generous and dedicated fellow Americans fill the ranks today.

*Richard Nixon*



**THE FIRST DAY** — "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man" . . . Thomas Jefferson. It was a belief in these principles which earned the serviceman a day of his own. Above is a reproduction of the painting that was used on the official Department of Defense poster for the first Armed Forces Day, May 19, 1951.

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# Photography - Film Selection

by Bill Shields

This article was to have dealt with the selection of a camera to suit individual needs; however, regulations prohibit the use of brand named and trademarks. So for now, suffice it to say a 35mm Single Lens Reflex will generally offer the most flexible system for the amateur photographer.

THE FIRST DECISION will ultimately be on the choice of a black and white or a color film. To many people this choice is influenced entirely by the cost factor amounting to whether or not he

can afford to go with color. Actually, this is a very poor guide to use unless there is anticipated a large number of reproductions. The main consideration would be this: A color photo will invariably give you a more accurate technical rendition of a scene, but a black and white print will allow much more creative control and latitude, and in most cases allow the illustration of a particular, "point of view" with much greater clarity. Keep in mind that I am referring to the amateur photographer. True, there are a number of creative possibilities with color, but the facilities and technical knowledge required are generally not available to the amateur.

When first experimenting with photography, it is best to start with black and white. The ultimate decision will depend on what you personally find more pleasing and on what you are trying to illustrate in your prints.

## BLACK AND WHITE FILMS:

B/W FILMS CAN READILY BE divided into three main groups: slow-speed/fine grain films (Approx. ASA 32); medium-speed/grain films (ASA 125); and high speed emulsions (ASA 400 and above). When deciding upon which film to select you must first determine several things: (1) Under what light conditions will you be shooting, and (2) what size prints you wish. While a high-speed film will enable you to take photos with less available light, it will also increase the graininess of the final print and will lack great contrast since its tonal range is limited. Fine detail will be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain in many cases and the size of the enlargements will be limited. However, high-speed films have proved to be an invaluable aid to photographers under low-level light conditions where a flash or other supplemental lighting is not practical, and in cases where high shutter speeds are desired to stop fast action.

ON THE OTHER-HAND, a slow-speed film will provide much greater clarity, finer tone rendition, and greater contrast. It is much less grainy and will allow considerably larger prints without loss of definition. Some obvious disadvantages are that in many cases a high-shutter speed may not be possible and in extreme cases too much contrast may be apparent, particularly in a case where the film was overexposed.

A MEDIUM-SPEED FILM then is by far the better choice for the widest range of situations. Its characteristics are similar to that of a slower film with very little loss of tone and detail. It offers the advantage of higher possible shutter speeds to enable you to take a fast shot that you might have ordinarily missed, and enables pictures to be taken in low-level lighting without unduly slow shutter speeds. In many cases it is nearly impossible to distinguish an 8x10 or even a 11x14 print shot on a medium-speed film from one taken on the slower type.

IN SUMMARY, a medium-speed (ASA 125) is generally the best over-all film for everyday photography.

## COLOR FILMS

Color films offer basically the same categories in speed as that of B/W. The corresponding rating is usually slightly slower. A medium B/W of ASA 125 corresponds to a color rating of approx. ASA 64 in color. Anything faster than that in color is termed high-speed. In color the same speed rules will apply when selecting the proper type, except that a difference in the proper color rendition at anything over ASA 125 can readily be seen.

SPEED FACTORS ASIDE, the main decision in color films will be whether or not to use color transparencies or color prints. Most professional photographers use color slides exclusively and the vast majority of color photos seen in popular publications were originally taken on transparency film. Slides are not only more durable and easier to store, but the color rendition, clarity, and contrast are much better than that available on normally processed color prints.

THE MAJOR DISADVANTAGES are that exposure must be correct. There can be no compensation for each individual frame as in B/W and color prints. If a B/W or color negative is slightly under or over exposed, it can usually be remedied in the printing process. The color values may be altered in a color print to pro-

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# Thai Spotlight

MR. BOON SONG is the Civilian Personnel Officer at Ramasun. He interviews applicants for employment and recommends acceptance or disapproval (based on qualifications) to the CPO in Bangkok. He determines the local national requirements here at Ramasun and prepares and maintains all personnel records and files. He is Ramasun's official translator/interpreter and serves as a vital link of communication between the command and Thai employees.

THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO TYPES OF Thai employees: appropriated-fund and non-appropriated fund. The "appropriated employee" is paid with approved, channeled funds and constitute the majority of local national employed on post. "Non-appropriated-fund Thais" are employed and paid by the service clubs. House girls are hired and fired by the individual barracks Sgts.

MR. BOON SONG also instructs Thai II classes sponsored by the University of Maryland held next to the gymnasium here at Ramasun.

## PHOTOGRAPHY...FROM PAGE 12

vide desired effects whereas a transparency has no such provision. Another disadvantage is the problem of displaying the slides. A projector and a good quality screen (silver lenticular) are required. This amounts to additional expense initially, but is more than compensated for later for a person who takes many pictures. Transparencies cost far less than color prints, particularly when they are processed yourself. In addition, with a color slide original you can obtain color prints, B/W prints, or even B/W transparencies later. In this respect, they are far more flexible than any other medium. Anyone who is seriously into photography should consider squeezing their budget for enough loot to buy a good projector and screen.

TRY EXPERIMENTING WITH DIFFERENT films mentioned here and try underexposing any slides taken in daylight by one f. stop for better color rendition. The main point - EXPERIMENT. In serious photography the least worry should be in the cost of the film. Concentrate on your subject matter and take many shots. Experiment continually and sooner than you think possible you will be able to judge the situation accurately and will rarely miss a shot or ruin film. With enough work, the technical aspects will be almost second nature and the results will fully justify the expense and time involved. Get the picture?

NEXT ISSUE: PROCESSING YOUR FILM.



## SMALL POX FROM PAGE 10.....

IN 1803, THE ROYAL JENNERIAN SOCIETY for the proper spread of vaccine in London was established and in the first 18 months more than 12,000 people were inoculated and the annual average of deaths decreased from 2,018 to 622. In 1802, a Parliamentary grant of £10,000 was voted to Jenner who continued to vaccinate the poor without charge up to as many as 300 people per day. He died in January 1823.

(Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica)

## MOTORCYCLES FROM PAGE 1.....

FOR THOSE MOTORCYCLES NOT MEETING those standards, the owner will have to post a bond to obtain permission to enter the vehicle into the United States. This bond guarantees that the motorcycle will be upgraded to Federal Standards within 90 days. Required bonds are not included in the estimated \$150 maximum transportation cost.

Cycle Owner desiring Specific information about the modifications required for their motorcycle to meet federal standards are advised to contact the modifications which are necessary and include an estimated cost for these modifications.

CYCLE OWNERS ENTITLED to Shipment, who do not have PCS orders, must contact the Bangkok Installation Transportation Office and arrange to ship their bikes before July 31, 1973. Personnel desiring additional information on the shipment of foreign-made motorcycles should contact CPO at extension 2252.

(SUPTHAI Sentinel)

# SPORTS

## 29-8 Victory! softball

by Gregory Lofaro

RAMASUN STATION, May 29. A large crowd, possibly the result of the television blackout, was on hand tonight to see the Company Grade Officers wallop the Field Grade softball team by a score of 29-8.

THE INJURY RIDDEN Field Grades were minus the fugitive like speed of Major Kimball, who was placed on the disabled list last week, and played without the services of their veteran ace righthanded fastballer.

THE TENSION, BROUGHT ON by this grudge-match, increased during the warm ups with both sides harassing each other. CW4 Newton predicted the speed of the Field Grades would destroy the rookies, while the determined Captain Williams, coach of the Company Grades, stated, "We're gonna wax em."

THE COMPANY GRADES enthusiastically took the field, sending Captain Schweitzer out to handle the pitching chores. Mr. Albrecht assisted a dog off the field, Major Stachel stepped into the batters box and the game was under way.

WITH THE SCORE TIED 1-1 in the bottom of the second, the Company Grades began belting the ball into the ozone building

IN THE TOP OF THE 6th Mr. Bennett, the first base coach who had been the bright spot for the Senior Officers, decided to try some new strategy by coaching from the stands. The veterans fought back scoring three runs in the sixth, but to no avail as Mr. Wiederman grounded into a double play, killing all hopes of a come from behind victory.

THE COMPANY GRADES, LED BY CAPTAINS Pfeiffer and Schweitzer, combined to knock in 11 runs, added 7 more in the 6th and went on to defeat to the Field Grades 29 to 8.

## tennis

BOB BRISKY who recently conquered the tennis tournament here at Ramasun, placed therd at Samae San in the USAR-SUBTHAI Tournament enabling him to be one of the four to represent Thailand in the USARPAC Tournament in Japan later this month. Two other players from Ramasun, Gregg Duvall and Steve Hoffmann were second and first alternates respectively.

by Dan Guers, Sports NCO

THE POST FARM PITCHER SOFTBALL TEAM, guided by lead coach Lyndes, will compete on the 21st at USARSUBTHAI softball pitch at Samae San. Coach Lyndes has stated that the team is working out daily and is ready for next week. Coach Lyndes said the strong parts of this year's team is the amount of hustle and taking advantage of every little mistake made by the opposition. "Getting that extra base by pure hustle is the difference between those close games that we'll be in at Samae San." Good luck to Coach Lyndes and his troops. Bring the first place banner back to Ramasun.

ANOTHER SEASON OF ATHLETIC COMPETITION will get under way when the Slow-Pitch League starts Monday. Sports NCO office has announced that the league has 10 teams entered. To add a little more competition and interest, the sports NCO has arranged the league into two divisions: North and South. Each team in the North will play each team in the South once, while they will play each team in their own division twice. At the end of the season divisional playoffs will be held with the runner-up of the North playing the winner of the South and the runner-up of the South playing the winner of the North. Survivors of these playoff games will then play for the championship. All playoff games will be the best 2 out of 3 game series.

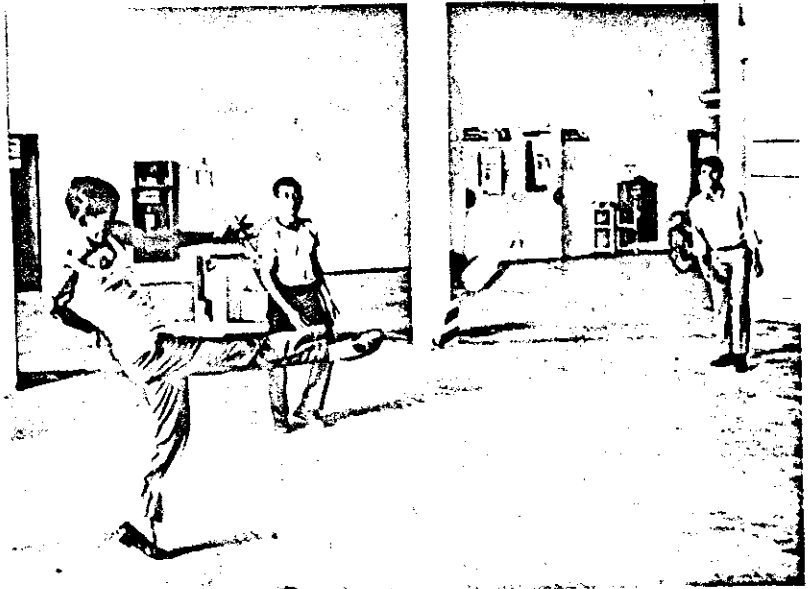
## quiz answers

1. Wes Unseld won the Maurice Podoloff Cup for the Most Valuable Player in the NBA in 1969.
2. St. Louis University boasts the only All-American Soccer Team. As usual they had the number 1 college team in the country this year defeating UCLA in the championship.
3. Ted Williams was the league player to bat over the hit .406 for Boston.
4. Boston finished  $\frac{1}{2}$  behind the Detroit in the 1972 Eastern Divisional race.

# SPORTS FEATURES

## KITE FLYING

Thailand has among its list of sports a type of kite flying which resembles a battle more than just the leisurely flying of a kite. The kite season begins around early March and extends through the end of June. There are two basic kites used; the Pakpao or female and the Chula or male kite. The Pakpao is basically a small, square, agile turbulent kite in the shape of a five pointed star. Battles are fought between the male and the female, each are maneuvered by a team seeking to bring down the other and dragging it into its camp. The Chula is equipped with small barbs on its string that inables it to immobilize the Pakpao. However, unlike the Chula the Pakpao is equipped with a tail that can cause the male to fall.



TAKRAW IS PLAYED every weekday at noon at CPO by Thai employees and a handful of EM from the offices and arms room.

## editorial

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who on May 26, 1959, pitched 12 perfect innings before allowing one in the 13th to lose the game?
2. Who was the National Basketball Association's Rookie of the Year in 1972?
3. What year did Lou Gehrig win the triple crown in baseball?
4. What is the oldest and highest professional football award?

Has anyone noticed how the post bowling alley, particularly during leagues, takes on that certain locker room odor. This all to familiar smell in our post alley is the result of no air-conditioning. It is hard to understand why such a widely used recreational facility is so neglected. There is seldom a time when there isn't a league going on or someone using the lanes. Why should these people pay to sweat those extra pounds off, when they can go up to the gym and do it for free? The air-conditioning, or should I say the lack of it, is not the only ill of our bowling alley. There's the ball cleaning machine which sets quietly but uselessly next to the lockers obviously put there for people to sit on since it serves no other function. The best lane in the place is the one that has a broken machine, at least we think its broken- no one can actually remember it ever in use. You would think a simple thing like straightening the foul lights wouldn't take long to fix! It's to bad no one ever saw the new ball drilling machine before it was moved, still in the box, from its, seemingly permanent, position against the wall behind lane 2, to the back room. The post alley, however, has installed some brand new and much needed scorers. They are a definite improvement over the tables that occupied the space before. But why do they have to be switched on back by the cash register and is it to much to ask for them to be focused?



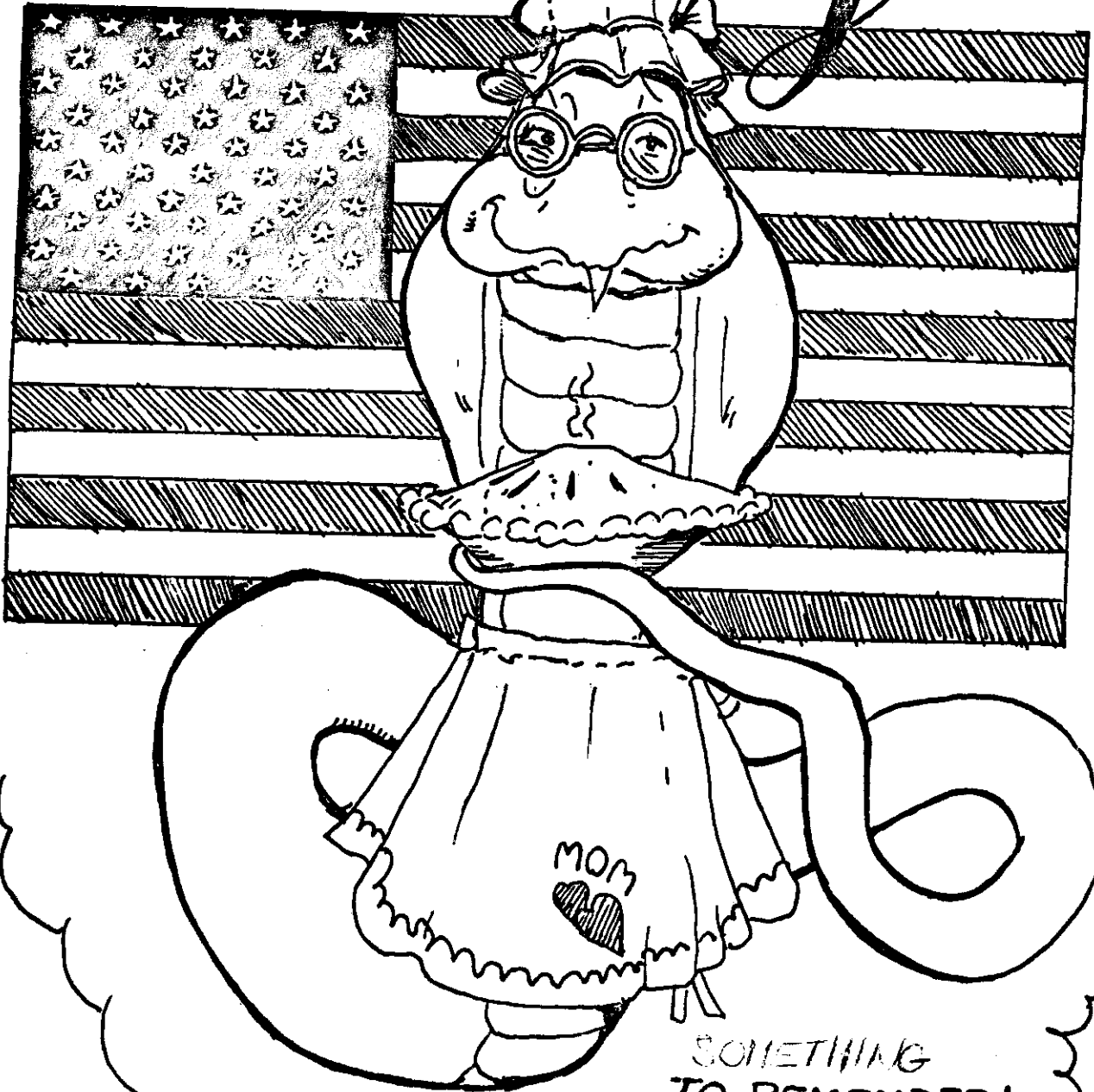
TAE KWON DO is demonstrated and taught at the Gymnasium every weekday afternoon.

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# NO MOTHER'S Day



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Here is a personalized Mother's Day Card that you can tear-out and send home. Remember....May 13, 1973.