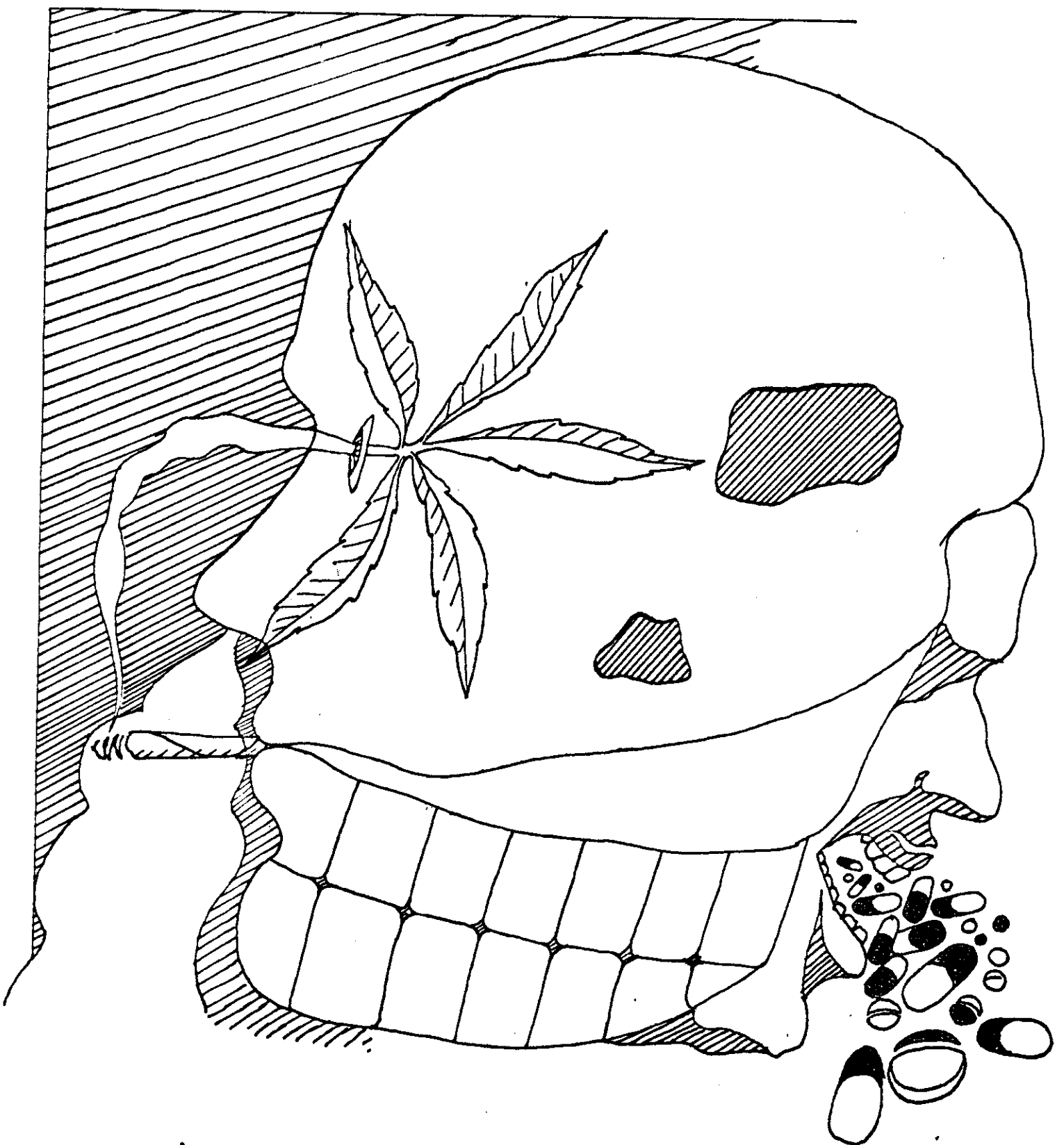


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EDITORIAL

When was the last time you were robbed or beaten up or both, or even shot at?

Around here it seems a little worse than in New York City or Chicago or Los Angeles. Actually, things aren't that bad, but your friendly taxi driver is out to get you. And believe it or not, he's going to get you.

They tell you about all the incidents from the day you in-process, but it happens anyway.

If the taxi drivers don't get you, somebody else will. Take the proper precautions, and make it easier on yourself. Just remember, an ounce of prevention (a buddy who weighs about 250 pounds) is worth a pound of cure (10 or 12 stitches, or a shot in the back).

Mary J

Chapel News

Ramasun Chapel is offering to all people an opportunity to share in preparation for Christmas during the Advent Season. As part of worship during the Advent, the Chapel will be using what is known as an Advent Wreath (comprised of four candles). On each Sunday in December a candle is lit; one on the first Sunday, two on the second, three on the third, and finally four on the fourth. The

candles in the wreath symbolize the Light that comes into the world with Jesus. Observing this custom with the Chapel family can greatly enrich the Christian experience for everyone at Ramasun.

Most of the time around UDORN-the pure marijuana you've heard so much about is darn hard to get these days-almost half the pre-packaged joints have white, red-rock, or black rock heroin mixed with the Mary J., and almost ALL have been cured with OPIUM. And now they're curing the bricks with Opium. Get and stay straight don't let skag rule you - and for Gods' sake, don't really mess up like the guy who arrived 11 July 71 and got busted for blowing a joint in a downtown restaurant on the 12th. That "monkey house," the local jail, is no place to do time and a civil conviction on a narc charge gets you an Undesirable Discharge.....

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When Is Grass Not Grass

You may have heard the warnings we've put out about all the laced grass that's been showing up locally. It can be a real bummer getting into Smack unintentionally. Marijuana usage is illegal in the Army and under Thai law, however many people take a chance on a bust and toke up anyway. In order to keep the number of Smack freaks down we're putting out these instructions on testing for opiates.

It is relatively simple to determine if grass has been laced. Each individual normally has all the laboratory equipment necessary to test grass for most drugs - his eyes, hands and tongue. Using these three anyone can probably determine if the grass he has is laced.

Marijuana has a bland, vegetable-like taste, much like dry leaves (who eats dry leaves?) when it is clean (uncut). Colorwise, it is normally various shades of green, or a light golden-colored brown. This is also dependent upon how old the grass is. The grass may stick together, but will not be extremely sticky (like wet glue) if it is clean.

To test for opium cured grass, first check color; if the grass has been treated with opium it should be very dark, almost black in color, or sploctched with black or dark spots. The grass will be very sticky to the touch and have a very bitter aspirin-like taste. (All opiates taste very bitter).

If the grass is in the bulk or brick form, and has been laced with red rock or white heroin, there will be either small chunks of red rock on or in it, a reddish powder on the grass; or a white powder on it. Heroin tastes extremely bitter, and greatly changes the taste of the grass. It also, needless to say, will be very apparent that it has been cut just from the drug's effects.

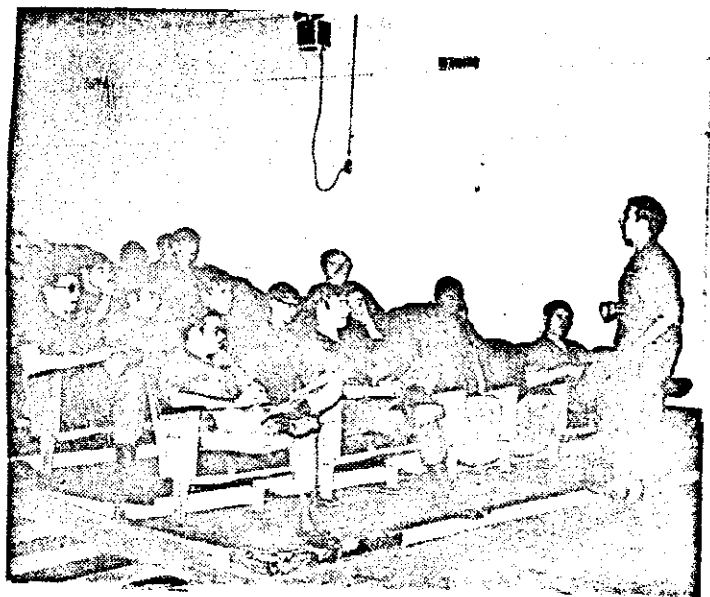
There are also a fairly large number of the pre-rolled packs of joints that have been opium cured or heroin laced. With a pre-roll, take one joint (you can afford it), cut it open, and dump out the contents. Look at the inside of the cigarette paper, to see if there appears to be any reddish or

white powder on it. If this proves negative, lick on the tip of your fingers and run it across the cigarette paper, check your finger for either a white or reddish powder and then taste it. If there is any redrock or white heroin on the grass, taste will tell and lastly so will using the drug.

There is a very distinct difference between the effects of marijuana as opposed to the effects of opium or heroin. Marijuana is a mild hallucinogen; opium and heroin are strong depressants. The difference is easily distinguishable.

The grass here is far stronger than most grass found in the states and can sometimes act as a depressant. Because of this it may be difficult for an inexperienced user to tell the difference between the "clean" grass locally available or the laced grass. While opium and heroin are stronger than grass and would increase the hassles one might not expect to face from marijuana (physical addiction and detection through urinalysis to name a few).

It's your head.....



1LT Richard L. Morris, ADCO, briefs incoming personnel on the Golden Flow program and the drug and alcohol situation in the Ramasun area.

Company News Briefs

H&S Co.



1SG Frankie L. Sparks recently arrived in Thailand to take over the position as first sergeant of H&S Company.

The new top-kick replaces 1SG William B. Chapman, who will be departing for FT Devens the first part of December.

1SG Sparks comes to Ramasun from USASAFS Homestead AFB, Fla. He has been in the Army since 1955, when he entered and took basic training at FT Jackson, S.C.

The Copperhill, Tenn. native has a total of more than 18 years of service with ASA, and more than 11 years in the Far East. He holds the Bronze Star, Army Commendation and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

C Co.

On December 1st 1973, Company C will pick up detachments C, J, B, and NKP. On the same date 1LT Nottingham will assume command of both C Company and the DETS.

This will raise the total strength of C Company to 90 EM and 1 Officer. The coming of the new year should see Charlie Company in its own barracks.

We hear Charlie Company has the lowest VD rate on Ramusun. 0 percent.

B Co.

Bravo Company wishes to extend a hearty welcome to PFC Shaffer. PFC Shaffer will be tackling the new SIDPERS system under the close supervision of SP4 Dougless. PFC Shaffer hails from Wahiawa, Hawaii. CPT Manson and 1SG Stanton would also like to welcome all of the newly arrived O5E's as they continued to roll in.

Thursday, November 15, B Company orderly room held an open house for the viewing of CPT Manson's most recent purchase. The Co is proudly presenting his new desk for all photographers and Teak Lovers.

Nov. 26 BG Osteen and COL Pins conducted a walk through of Bldg 1600 E. BG Osteen, USARSUPTHAI CDR, remarked very favorably over Bob Kings trophy display, and in a critique afterwards complimented barracks SGTs Burns and Howard.

B Company is once again well represented in the basketball playoffs this season. Two teams this year will, we hope be battling for the 1st and 2nd spots. JML and MMN will have a hard week ahead of them this week. Congratulations to both teams for their long hours of sweat and bumps.

COMM CENTER

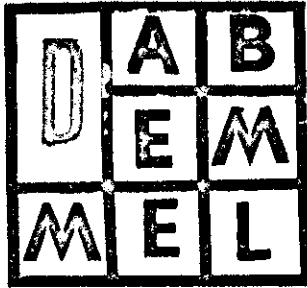
The first annual Gobbler International Golf Tournament kicked off at 0900 hours Thanksgiving Day on the lush fairways of the Khon Kien Railroad Training Center Golf course. Some of The Korat Plateau's finest strokers teed up in this inaugural event. Participating were: Carl (Jocko) Lupardus, Chick Roote, George Peck, Kevin Powers, Earl Laughman, Bob Schweitser, Al Castillo, Jess James and one U/I Caddy.

Wimer of the event was the U/I Caddy, beating "Jocko" Lupardus in a sudden death playoff. Earl Laughman lost 14 golf balls, establishing a Gobbler open record that will not be easily beaten. Honors for best throw of the day went to George Peck. George found himself in a sand trap 120 yards from the #8 green. He calmly stepped into the trap, picked up his ball and threw it 2 feet from the pin, while the gallery cheered wildly.

this chick's a real
swinger, but I wish
she would stop
hanging on my
tail.



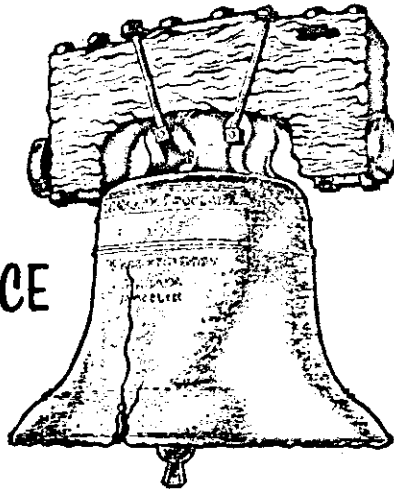
TARGET-



How many words, of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here? In making a word each letter may be used only once. Each word must contain the large letter, and there must be at least one eight-letter word, no plurals; no foreign words; no proper nouns.

THIS ISSUE'S TARGET: 14 words - good
17 words - very good; 19 words - excellent. THINK!

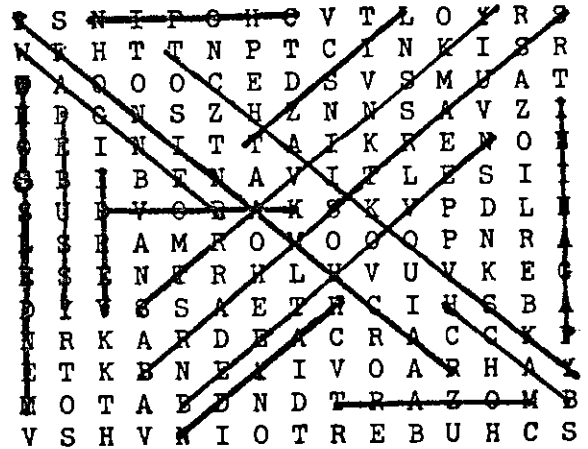
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Quacky Quiz

1. What is the oldest and largest park in the U.S.?
2. What is the northernmost town in the 48 contiguous states?
3. What is the largest university library in the U.S.?
4. Who was the first woman presidential candidate in the U.S.?
5. What does the strian term "P.H.O." stand for?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS W.B.



Word Search

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

1. The person now second in line of succession to the presidency is the president pro tem of the Senate, Senator James Eastland of Mississippi.
2. Each farm worker in the U.S. feeds nearly 60 persons.
3. The world's highest ski lift is in Bolivia 18,300 feet up on Mount Chacaltaya.
4. More than half the endangered wildlife species in the U.S. are found in Hawaii.
5. Every state except Oregon provides for the removal of executive and judicial officers by impeachment. Oregon uses normal criminal proceeding for the removal of executive and judicial officers.

Most people know simple baseball terms, but to some non-fans Homer was a great poet, a bull-pen is to keep bulls in, fans cool you off, and walk is what you do when the car breaks down.

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S P O R T S

Officer Nine

Trounce

NCOs 13-8

Sporting identical records of 13 and 1, MMN and MMI have captured their respective divisional titles. In gaining their 13 and 1 record, MMN only lost a two-point decision at the hands of MMI early in the season. Since that defeat, they have taken ten contests in a row. The only loss for the MMI team was at the hands of the H&S cagers, but they had already captured their divisional title.

By finishing as the runner-up in their respective divisions, UPO and H&S have earned playoff births for the league championship. The Championships will open up Monday, with all series going two out of three games.

Getting runs at the start and the finish of the seven-inning game was enough to get the officer nine a wine over the NCOs by the score of 13 to 8.

Scoring four runs in the first inning and nine in the top of the seventh, the officers held off a final charge by the NCOs, letting them score four runs before making the final out of the game on Mo Morong's line shot to short. The big hitting attack by the officers came in the top half of the seventh, when they singled in nine runs. They received a little help from the NCOs on some slopy fielding. Nine runs crossed the plate to put the game out of reach for the NCOs.

Joe Stanton, who played a solid game in the field at first base, couldn't get anything going at the plate. Twice he came up with the bases loaded but couldn't get the ball out of the infield.

One of the more interesting things about the game, was two umpires getting hit with batted balls. One was a foul hit down the first base line. The other was more harmful. A ball hit over second base caught the second base umpire and carromed into left field. The left fielder had already started into center field to pick it up, and had the ball end up in left field behind him. When the play was over the batter was standing on second.

Another game is scheduled between these two teams in two more weeks.

EAST	
MMN	13 - 1
UPO	11 - 3
MPs	7 - 7
DFSB	5 - 9
ASB	4 - 10
WEST	
MMI	13 - 1
H&S	10 - 5
C&L	8 - 7
AF	5 - 10

As most people know, our own Cobras will be getting ready for the Army All-Thailand tournament to get underway December 10 at Ramasun. All Cobra coach Williams would say is "we'll be ready."

Bill Schultz is the unofficial basketball scoring champion for this years basketball league. He has averaged 21 points for his 14 games.

90 Get Curtailed

There is a Santa Claus for some people, even here in Thailand. In a surprising but not completely unexpected move, nearly 90 enlisted personnel scheduled to depart on PCS or ETS during January and February were notified to be ready to leave Ramasun before Christmas. Some will leave as much as 60 days before their scheduled departure date.

Personnel who fall in this category should have already been notified by their company. The drop is not voluntary, although a small number of personnel have been exempted due to operational requirements.

Personnel should start with their orderly rooms to find out what has to be done. Transportation, finance, CPO, UPO, and ADCO will be busy but the word is that these offices can handle the rush-be patient. Finance has to be cleared by 10 December 73, in order that you'll receive pay at your next station, next month.

For those of us left behind, we wish you a Merry Christmas---and think of us as you celebrate the season with your families.

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In the past month we have had an extensive turnover of Squadron personnel and it looks as though the great migration will continue through the Holiday Season. To those still awaiting that magic date on which the Freedom Bird will swoop down to take them home we send best wishes for a long-awaited and well-deserved Christmas with their loved ones.

We have gained as well as lost, however, as we have no less than sixteen NEW bodies in the Squadron area. One notable arrival was the New First Sergeant, MSG Robert L. Curtis, who comes to us from the 3700th Security Police Squadron at Lackland AFB, Texas. The new First Sergeant is a sports enthusiast who played as a defensive back on two Ohio State football teams and has participated in USAF-level football, softball and track competition. He is a man who takes people seriously and follows the philosophy inscribed on a plaque presented to him by General Ryan, the recently-retired CSAF, which reads: "I am a First Sergeant, My job is People - Everyone is my business." Welcome to Ramasun, Bob.

Just a reminder to everyone that the Christmas deadlines are quickly approaching. Get your packages and cards to the Post Office as quickly as possible so that they will reach their destinations before December 25th.

Squadron Intramural Bowling was slated to open this week provided the ceiling hasn't fallen off of the building. Rumor has it that the damage to the roof was done by a beer-eyed bowler who let go of the ball a little late--what about it, Palomino? At any rate, each team is slated to play every other team twice in the race for the ten pin crown. This competition will wrap up our first year of Commander's Trophy action by determining which of the sections walks off with the award for overall sports supremacy.

SSG Barry W. Moore and SG Clyde M. Cashero received certificates recognizing their having been named Operator and Analyst of the Quarter for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1973. Each has been awarded a Three-Day Pass for his performance.

Congratulations are also due to CPT Dickey, who has been selected for promotion to MAJ. Congrat to all of the Staff selectees, whose roster had not been released in time to make our deadline. We'll get the list for our next issue.

A tip of the old hat to SMS Wally Williams for having been chosen to coach the 73-74 Ramasun Station basketball team. We'll be expecting big things from this year's team--let's make sure the USAF is well-represented on the roster.

DRUG QUIZ**try the library**

1. Eddie the Wino drinks one fifth of tequila, eats 15 reds (Sec-onal), then snorts some PCP. The doctors who received him at the emergency room are most concerned with his: (a) dehydration (b) aspiration pneumonitis (c) next of kin (d) blood pressure (e) halitosis (which beats no breath at all).
2. rat rreddy takes his welfare check and scores a lid of "good grass" from Dealer McDope. It turns out to be 10% THC. (Everyone knows that McDope deals only in "The finest Imported and Domestic Weed"). rreddy (a) got burned as usual (b) made a good deal, for once.
3. A Nug bought some dope (grass) from Samlar Sam and wants to test it to see if it is clean. He should first; (a) smell it (b) Smoke it (check the buaz) (c) eyeball it (d) ask Sam.
4. rat rreddy goes out again, this time to score some barbs. He brings back some No. 4 gelatin capsules, each filled with 190 mg. of white, bitter powder. He (a) got burned again (b) scored good Lilly Seconals (c) scored lousy Mexican Reds (d) God knows (e) scored smack.
5. Marvin the Needle rreak shot up 5 Mexican Reds--each one contained 20 mg. secbarbital and 10 mg. strychnine. Marvin got: (a) abscesses (b) a headache (c) off (d) the farm.



"Good news, Ed! Your *Ulmus campestris* is bearing fruit!"

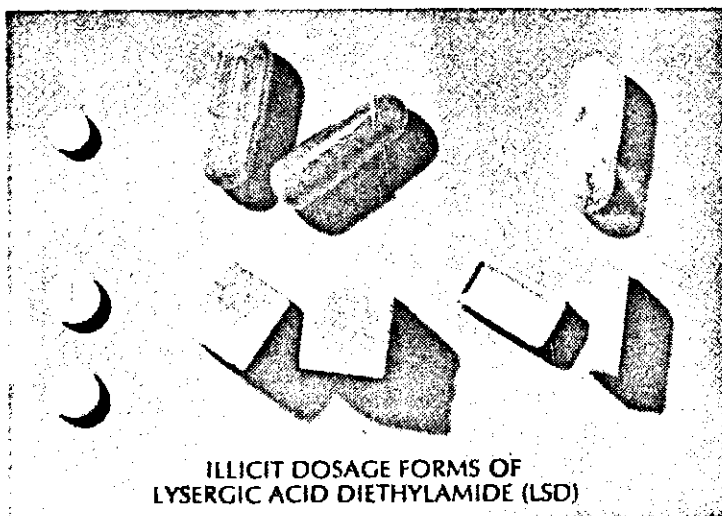
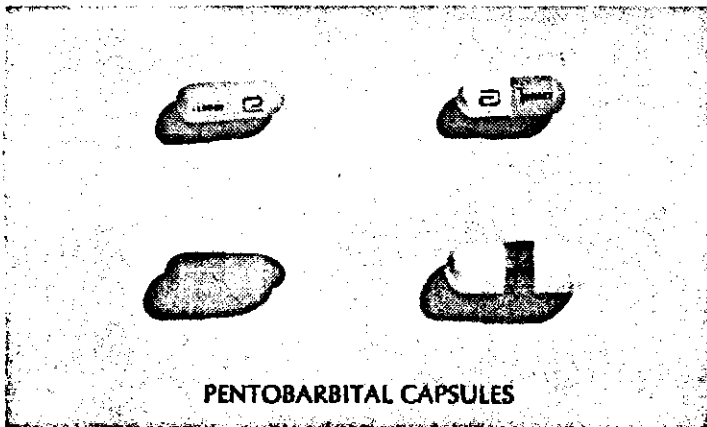
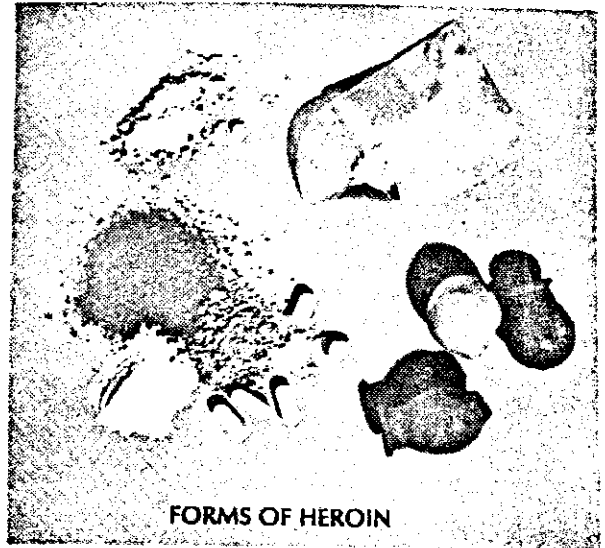
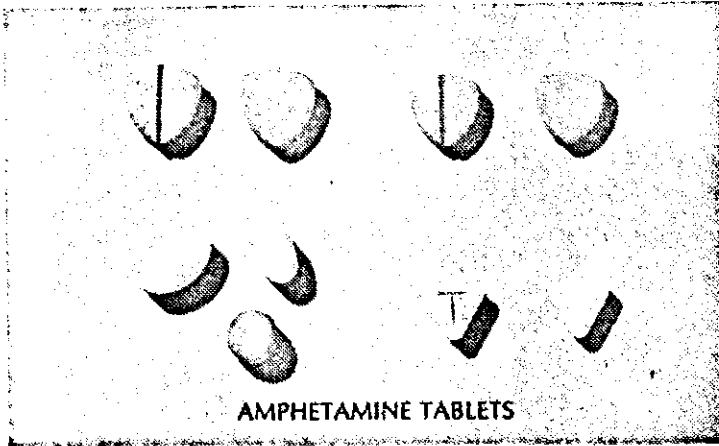
Psychologists have a favorite technique to help people add new sparkle to their lives. They tell them to list all the things, talents or achievements they really want, determine which one thing they desire first, and then devise a plan to achieve that goal. It's a pretty good formula in that it helps us concentrate our efforts in one direction. Why not try it for yourself and see? Then when you've made up your mind on your number one want, visit your Recreation Services Library and look for materials that will help you achieve your goal. Talk it over with the librarian, use the library's card catalog, and don't overlook the pamphlets and magazines. Maybe there's even a phonograph record or tape that will help. Suppose, for example, you want to get a better job and need to improve your shorthand skills to do so. You'll find books and phonograph records that will help you speed up your shorthand and improve your performance on the job. But the point we're trying to get across is that no matter what your goal is in life, you'll find informational materials at your Recreation Services Library to help you reach it!

JAG

Upon entering country dependents have 30 days to postbond. (\$250 adults, \$125 per child). Bond will be posted at a Thai, not U. S. bank, located in Udorn. Bond earns 7% interest and may be withdrawn upon your dependent's departure from Thailand, providing she does not over-extend any of her visas. If any questions arise concerning dependent visas come to the JAG office.

In reference to Policy Letter Number 19-73, dated October 6, 1973 and Change 1 dated October 16, 1973 all personnel owning a motorcycle prior to October, 1973 are reminded that if an individual wants to ship his motorcycle, he must do so no later than January 19, 1974. Further information can be obtained from the JAG Office.

THE DRUG SCENE



RAMASUN FLICK GUIDE

- 2 DEC THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN RIDE (PG)
- 3 DEC " " "
- 4 DEC M*A*S*H (CS) (R) (REV)
- 5 DEC AVANTI (R)
- 6 DEC " "
- 7 DEC VANISHING POINT (PG) (REV)
- 8 DEC ACE ELI AND RODGER OF THE SKIES (PG) (CS)
- 9 DEC COMMANDOS (PG)

Late Shows-SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUNFIGHTER (G) (REV)

Late Shows-SALT IN THE WOUND (PG)



THE GANG THAT COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT

METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER presents a ROBERT CHARTOFF-IRWIN WINKLER PRODUCTION THE GANG THAT COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT - Starring JERRY ORBACH - LEIGH TAYLOR - YOUNG - JO VAN FLEET - LIONEL STANDER - Screenplay by WALDO SALT Based Upon "THE GANG THAT COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT" by JIMMY GREENE Music by DAVE GRUSIN - Directed by JAMES GOLDSTONE - Produced by IRWIN WINKLER and ROBERT CHARTOFF METROCOLOR

(MGM)

- 10 DEC " " " " "
- 11 DEC THE COWBOYS (PG) (REV)
- 12 DEC WALKING TALL (R)
- 13 DEC " "
- 14 DEC THE GANG THAT COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT (PG)
- 15 DEC PAYDAY (R)

* - \$1.00 Admission
 + - 75¢ Admission, all others 50¢.
 Late Shows are at 2030 and 2330 only.

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FRIDAY		1830	2030 2330
SATURDAY		1830	2030 2330

Late Shows-NOW YOU SEE HIM . NOW YOU DON'T

"picks"

VANISHING POINT

Barry Newman travels from Denver to San Francisco at maximum speed, and in the last day and a half he's creamed a motorcycle cop in Colorado, wiped out a Jaguar XK-E in Utah, wrecked a aquad car in Nevada and kept a rendezvous with two bulldozers in California. In his super charged Challenger he rammed through every speed trap dragnet and roadblock the cops of four states could come up with. It took him 26 hours to become a hero a legend. Played against a rock music backdrop, this classic chase picture feature overtones of sex, nudity, violence, drugs and language which may offend some.

THE GANG THAT COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT

The story deals with a South Brooklyn Italian gang ruled by Lionel Stander who is always on the alert against being gunned down or blown up. He always has his wife start the car in case there is an explosion. A Lieutenant of Baccala's is resentful of the leadership he feels belongs to him. He and his assistants arrange all sorts of capers, killing, Kidnappings, etc., aimed to pull Baccala down. All misfire for various reasons.

Drug Quiz Answers

1. (C) The combination of alcohol and barbiturates can be lethal. Seconal (barbiturate) is a synthetic depressant. PGP (phencyclidine, Peace Pill, Synthetic Marijuana) is used as a veterinary anesthetic. This combination will anesthetize the brain center to such an extent that the lungs will malfunction, possibly resulting in death.

2. (B) Normally, CONUS Marijuana contains 1 to 5% THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), the ingredient in Marijuana believed to be the prime cause of the Hallucinogenic effects. Normally, Marijuana purchased in Thailand contains 10% THC, so it is good deal compared with CONUS Marijuana.

3. (C) The easiest way to test Marijuana to see if it is clean is to look for Heroine powder, which

could be white red or black. Opiated Marijuana whereby opium is burned and the smoke filtered through the Marijuana, will cause the Marijuana to stick together in clumps. Other tests include tasting for bitterness and feeling for the stickiness. Heroine has been used in Thailand to lace tobacco, Marijuana, drinks, food and other drugs. In one case, a pack of American cigarettes was found laced and sealed to include the cellophane wrapper.

4. (D) White bitter powder could be Morphine, Heroine, Methadone, Codine, opium, Cocaine, baking powder, aspirin, Strychnine or many other things.

5. (D) If a person consumes 50 mg of Strychnine he has bought the farm (DAO). Strychnine is occasionally used to cut hard drugs.

SPECIAL SERVICES

What's so Special about Special Services?

Plenty! For one thing, our name has been changed to "Recreation" Services. That gives renewed emphasis to the fact that we exist to provide areas and activities where a man, (Whoops, "Person", (sorry girls) can productively spend his leisure time.

This November, Rec. Services went into labor. It was a difficult time. The swimming pool had to be drained and shaved free of all the barnacles that had grown.

A most exhausting job. New people, had entered the family (Welcome aboard, Tony, Smiley, Rickie, Taylor, Mike, Sam, and Jim.) and some really fine people had just departed. (We miss you, Skipper!) This meant a rapid training program had to be initiated. We hustled and were just about to deliver when the roof literally caved in. Happily, NIPAC slapped us together with its magic hammers. Our youngest projects have

drawn breath and are now blossoming.

To accommodate a larger number of people, we expanded our Craft Shop hours. We're now open from 0600 to midnight. Even if you're so un-coordinated that you stab your forehead with your fork at meals, our staff can teach you the basics in photo, leather, and lapidary. Ever make a pair of sandals from an auto tire? Tried developing your own film or cut a stone? If not, bang your head against the wall a few times then get over to us and make the attempt. We love inexperienced people who are willing to learn.

"Yeah," you think, "But I'm not into leather." OK, how about music? We have a radio station that's looking for a few good DJ's. If you feel you can handle a show, stop by and talk to us. "No, no," you say, "I don't want to play someone else's music, I want to CREATE my own." Great! There's a connex full of instruments which you can sign out.