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EDITORIAL

The "rumor machine" is a good thing at times and a miserable thing at other times. Ramasun has recently undergone one of its more traumatic experiences from the rumor machine.

About two weeks ago somebody bought up a prediction supposedly made by a world famous prognosticator, and all of Ramasun on a "self-alert."

The first attack was supposed to occur at 3:30 a.m. Friday, December 7. Then after a close evaluation and the lack of anything happening, it was shifted to 3:30 a.m. December 8 (December 7th in the States).

If nothing happens, between now and the end of the month, I wonder if the prediction will be changed by the local populus to January, then February, etc., until the subject finally dies.

I have heard more people talk about where they were going to be to get away from this fabled and predicted attack.

Let's keep the "rumor machine" quiet for awhile and let the people at Ramasun get some rest and have some peace of mind.

JAG

If you own a bicycle, be sure it is properly secured when you leave it unattended. It will be extremely difficult to process a claim for a stolen bicycle, unless it can be proven that it was properly secured.

Chapel News

The Christmas season is a special time around the chapel. Much work has already been done and much more will be done to prepare for the festivities planned for the special occasion.

It seems that the highlight of the Christmas program this year will be on Christmas Eve when the PTL Singers will present the premier performance of "Reach Out to Jesus, He's Reaching Out to you." This Christian folk Musical was written, compiled, and produced by young troops here at Ramasun. Needless to say, hours of work has gone into this excellent presentation. This will be presented in the Post Theater on 24 December 1973 at 1830 hours.

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Dale Kvalheim

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THAI-BOXER

by Floyd Verschoor

While living in the States, Dale Kvalheim became interested in boxing, but his hometown offered no boxing program for learning or competition. Upon his arrival in Thailand, he noticed that they had Thai-boxing and several Karate programs, and he decided to get into one of them.

While hanging out at the NCO Club, Dale became fairly well acquainted with one of the bartenders, and he mentioned to the bartender that he was interested in learning how to box the way they do here in Thailand.

As a result to this conversation, Dale was introduced to Kayam. Kayam had taught, and coached Thai-boxing before, but at this point in life Kayam was semi-retired. Dale talked to Kayam about boxing, and through constant effort, Dale convinced Kayam to teach him to box.

Kayam came out of retirement, and put Dale on a training schedule. Dale's training involved running three miles in the morning and three miles in the afternoon. After work, Dale would practice in the ring for 15 to 18 rounds. He did this every day to prepare him for his first fight.

Four month after he started practicing, Dale Kvalheim fought his first fight. (August 1973). "I don't remember too much about the fight. The only thing I remember is how strange it seemed when I knocked him out. I got him against the ropes and all of a sudden, he just stared at me and dropped his hands and rested them on the ropes. I just kept hitting him until he finally went down. I was kind of shocked!"

Since Dale's first fight, he has won 12, and losted 8. Of these fights, he lost only one by being knocked out, but he has seven knock outs to his credit.

Dale is a very popular man throughout Thailand. He has fought before crowds numbered up to 10,000 people. Several of his fights have been televised.

Dale was a little nervous with his first televised fight, but his trainer was more nervous than Dale. Twice Dale's trainer dropped the mouth piece which Dale was suppose to use, and the trainer put the mouth piece into Dale's mouth backwards.



Dale won his fight in spite of the mouth piece problem, but what he won most, was the respect of The Thai people. When on T.V., the Thai people referred to Dale Kvalheim as the "ferocious lion from Udorn".

Dale is considered a professional Thai-boxer, because Thailand doesn't have an amateur association. He does get paid for fighting, but most of the money he earns is used to cover his expenses.

When Dale returns to "the world" he plans to introduce Thai-boxing, ---he would even like to start a school for boxing.

Company News Briefs

A Co.

The final touches are being made to Alpha Company's new Magnum Opus which has been created to replace the old company nameplate. The name plates of the CDR and 1SG will soon be ready and the expected official unveiling should occur sometime next week. Special thanks and recognition should be cited to SP4 Sasser and Tervola for their development and work in creating this masterpiece.....Oh! Also, a hearty thanks to the watchful eye of our 1SG who vigilantly supervised the construction. Thanks TOP!

Company A would like to say good-bye to our departing DET's at NKP and Ubon and especially to the departure of DET C/J's CDR, CPT Thomas. We only hope Charging Charlie can handle the pressure of additional personnel on that rapidly growing morning report of theirs.

A special thanks should be given to Msg Forbus in his efforts to obtain this unit a three wheeled vehicle for company admin and logistical use. Thanks 'lot "Forbie!"

C Co.

Company C welcomes SSG Shishido, SP4 Dillishaw, Sp4 Pierce to C Company and their respective detachments

Also a special congratulations to PFC Blanchard, PFC Keith, SP4 Robinson, SP5 mertin and SP5 Snider on their recent promotions.

1SG Dunford departed on leave to Hawaii for a 30 day visit with his family, here's wishing you a good time TOP!

The sign for C Company has been put up in its temporary position on the south side of Troop Command.

B Co.

SOLDIER OF THE QUARTER

SP4 Leslie R. Berk has won the Post Soldier of the Quarter and will represent Ramasun Station at the All Thailand Soldier of the Quarter competition to be held at Camp Samaesun on 17 December. Specialist Berk edged out two other B Company peers for the honor and will compete against six other Army MOS's while at Samaesun. To qualify for the All Thai competition Berk won the Company and post boards during October competition. This qualified him to compete for the SOO honors.

SP4 Berk graduated from Tarkio College, New Jersey (with honors) in 1970 and attended post graduate study at Long Island University from Sept 1970-June 1971. He also attended post graduate study at William Paterson College.

The New Jersey native will hope soon to re-enter OCS and continue his career as a brand new Lieutenant.

The rewards at Samaesun could bolster his winnings to a total of 100 dollars worth of US Savings Bonds, three three day passes, and an extra five day R&R in-country. He also has received a certificate of achievement from Col Pins, CDR 7th RRFS and in winning at Samaesun will receive the same from EG Osteen, CDR USARSUPHAI.

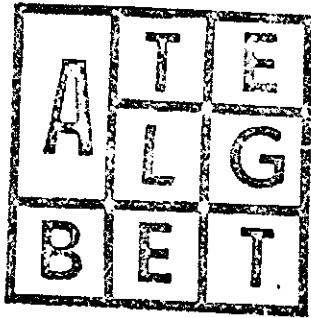
1SG Stanton will accompany SP4 Berk and will serve as a board member, representing the 7th RRFS.

SOLDIER OF THE MONTH

Honors for December again were captured by B Company as SP4 Ricky k. Farlow bested his competition and gained the laurels. Ricks win made it a complete sweep for the quarter for B Company. SP4 Farlow gained for his efforts at the Company and Post boards, a total of 50 dollars in US Savings Bonds, a three day pass and a certificate of achievement from Col Pins, CDR 7th RRFS.



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.

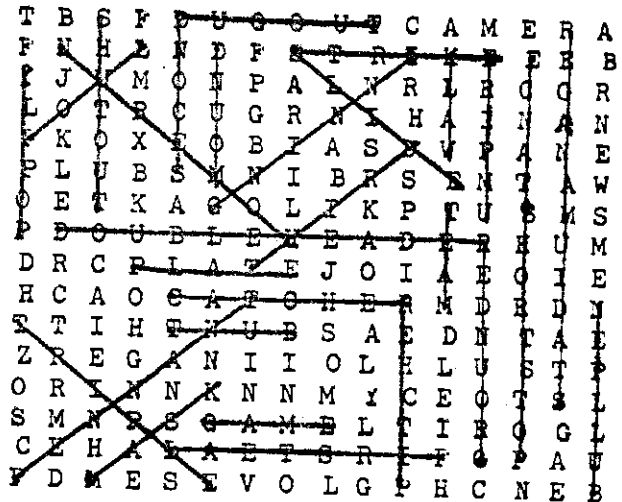
THIS ISSUE'S TARGET: 18 words - good; 23 words - very good; 28 words - excellent. Solution next issue. THINK!

As a special "bad time of the month" sale, the Ramasun Station T-shirts, all sizes, will be priced at \$2.00 each from today (15 Dec.) through midnight 31 December. Get yours now, or send one home as a Late Xmas present.

Quacky Quiz

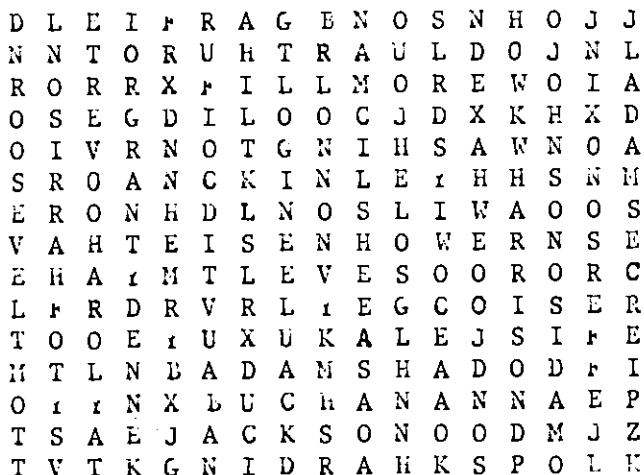
1. In what month and year did the 7th Radio Research field Station formally come to be?
2. In what month and year was Udorn Air Base attacked by sappers?
3. In what month and year did the Ramasun Unit Patch come to be?
4. Where was the old H&S Orderly room located?
5. Where was the original arms room located?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS W.B.



Word Search

From Washington to Nixon, the last names of all 36 U.S. Presidents are hidden in the diagram and your job is to find them. When two different Presidents have the same last name, those names appear twice in the diagram; Grover Cleveland, who served as the 22nd and 24th President, appears here only once.



ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

1. The oldest and largest national park in the United States is Yellowstone National Park. It was established in 1872 and covers 3,472 square miles in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.
2. The northernmost town in the 48 states according to the World Almanac, is Angle Inlet, Minnesota.
3. The largest university library in the United States is the Harvard University Library with 8,278,000 books.
4. The first woman presidential candidate in the United States was Victoria Claflin Woodhull, who ran on the National Radical Reformers ticket in 1872.
5. The Syrian term "PihO" means pull your head out. Thanks Steve Hoffman for your accurate translation.

DRUG QUIZ

1. While answering nature call Big Red finds Marvin the Needle Freak almost unconscious, apparently frp, am PD pf Smack. Red should: (A) Lay Marvin down and run to get help (B) force him to eat some amphetamines to bring him around (C) Hide Marvin in a wall locker so he doesn't get busted (D) Try to keep Marvin breathing without using drugs, and get him to the hospital immediately.
2. Pinetop has just heard about a new drug called Narkan. None of his friends seems to know what Narkan is. When he asks you, you tell him that Narkan is : (A) a new amphetamine (B) a new barbiturate (C) an anesthetic (D) a completely new drug.
3. Cocaine Charlie met a friendly old Thai gentleman who provided him with a free vial of Cocaine. Charlie go off just like he thought he would. Charlie probably got free: (A) smack (E) speed (C) smack and speed.
4. Mellow Mary has been doing downers for seven months. Marvin the Needle Freak has been shooting smack for twelve months. Big Red has been drinking almost two cases of beer everyday for six months. The Speed King has been speeding for twelve months as much as he can. The gang gets together and decide to go straight for Lent. While undergoing detoxification the one in the most danger of dying is (A) Mary (B) Marvin (C) Red (D) King (E) None of the above. Under hospital supervision there is no chance of any of them dying
5. Nat Nugie goes to Dealer McDope, who knows everything, and asks him if Heroin is more addictive than Morphine, and if so why? The Dealer says heroin is more addictive because; (A) it is a more potent drug (E) it is a less potent drug, and thus requires higher dosages (C) Morphine is not addictive at all. (D) "it goes right to your head man".

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Services is pleased to announce the beginning of a dynamic new photo program. The father of this new program is Rich Holcom. Rich just recently joined the craft shop. He is MOS qualified in photo lab, is a talented photographer, and most importantly, he's interested in assisting amateur photographers.

Rich has begun re-organizing the photo section. After 12 December, only people who have completed a photo familiarization course will be permitted to use the equipment. Rich will offer the course twice daily from 1100-1200 and 1400-1500 hours. This is not being done to hassle anyone. In the past, people who didn't understand the equipment caused considerable damage. It's hoped that a basic orientation will reduce careless destruction and improve things for everyone.

For those who have only shot pictures with an Instamatic and developed them at a drugstore, Rich is offering a series of photo classes.

There will be a photo contest at the craft shop this month. It begins on 16 December and ends with a judging on the 22nd. All military personnel assigned to Ramasun and all Thai workers at Ramasun are eligible to enter.

To encourage broad creative expression, contestants can enter as many as five photos in any one category. With five categories, the ambitious and prolific and enter a maximum of 25 photos in the contest. The categories are:

1. SCENIC
2. PORTRAIT
3. ARCHITECTURE
4. SPORTING
5. EXPERIMENTAL

All photos entered must be mounted, 8x10", black and white.

UPO Takes Cage Title

The UPO/finance team downed the MMN cagers in the final game of the tournament by a score of 57 to 45, to win the league championship at Ramasun.

Led by Hill Schultz and McClure who had eight and six points respectively in the fourth quarter, the UPO team exploded after having a slim two point lead at the half.

The big scorer for the MMN cagers was Williams, who tried to bring the team back from the hands of defeat by scoring eight of his 18 points in the third quarter.

Again it was Shultz for the UPO team who led the scoring in the game with 18 points. In the semi-finals, it was Adair for the MMN team who tried to keep the game out of the reach of the UPO cagers by scoring six of his 12 points in the last stanza.

Going down to the closing seconds, the MMN team had a chance to take this lead a minute remaining when they got cold from the floor, and couldn't get the rebounds on the offensive boards.

With thirty seconds remaining, UPO scored to take the lead, and then with tenacious defense closed off the MMN scoring attack.

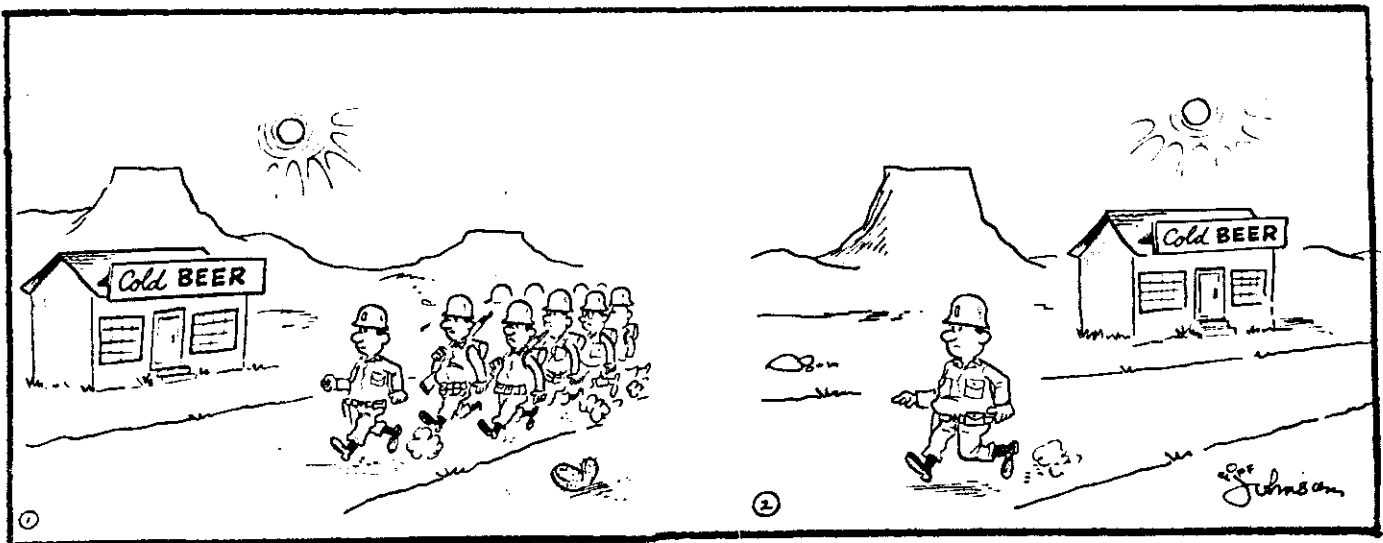


Flag Football to Start

According to sports Director Dan Guers football will start at Ramasun Dec 17th. Coaches of the respective teams met December 10th to discuss schedule and certain things that are sure to make this years league the most competitive ever.

Changes that Guers would like to see initiated are (1) doing away with the line to gain zone and making a first down 15yds from spot of ball. Also to make more competitive in the way of blocking we would play 8 man instead of 7 with the interior lineman being ineligible for passes. These people would wear boxers protective headgear for two reasons: (1) They would be easy to spot by the official and (2) They could really mix it up in the middle.

If you like good hand-nosed football, then you'll like this years Ramasuns' League.



SQUADRON NEWS

December has arrived at last and even though we're on a remote tour you can almost feel the old holiday spirit stirring deep beneath the spot where you wear your Squadron patch. The "old-timers" over here tell me that Santa drives a sled pulled by water buffalo when he comes to Thailand. Pretty shakey.

The Squadron would like to say hello to all of the new comers; TSG Richard D. Bruce, SSG Ronald J. Stebenbrodt and Richard P. Sellers, SGs Benjamin A. Moss, Kim I. Macreeley, Richard H. Richards, Joseph H. Lewis, Lindell R. Hudnell, Steven R. Jarjabka, William E. Hey and Walter L. Guyda. Sawadee, you guys.

Congratulations to the 15 Staff Sergeant selectees in the Squadron. Someone told me that Kelly knew about the new "Super Baht" promotions before Bingo even got the message. Anyway, our congrats to SGs Allenberg, Bodiford, Crowson, Rekola, Prevert, Henry, Hritz, Jackson, Lackey, Marshall, Martin, McIntosh, Precht, Schweiger and Thompson.

Our Commander's Trophy schedule was slipped at least a week because of the recent repair work done to the roof of the Bowling Alley; but we're finally underway again. Bowling competition began on the 10th and will run for two weeks. Chess playoffs also began on the 10th and carry over into the new year, while paddleball is scheduled to begin as soon as the ladders are established. The sports banquet will be held in January and then we will kick off another year of intramurals with volleyball in February.

The Squadron flag football team is being tuned to a fine edge under the able leadership of Mike Paolino and Gene Lyndes. Their scrimmage against the Navy squad the other day gave us all a chance to see some terrific talent, with one of the better OBs I've seen in a long time named Ronnie Hass throwing a couple of bombs to fleet-footed Tom Shockley. The offensive line gave Hass great protection and the defensive squad really put the bite on the "Mid-dies" offensive game. The season

schedule hasn't been published yet, but the first week of play will open on the 17th. Stop by the practice field and give our guys some encouragement...it looks like the 24th!

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Lingo told me that he's got Santa's TD1 orders cut and ready for the 25th and Marty's already making plans to leave some milk and cow pot out for the jolly old fat man to snack on when he makes his visit to Non Soong. On a serious note, everyone be careful and remember all of our recent rip-offs when you're out celebrating. Make it a safe, if not sane, Holiday Season.

See you 'round the Xmas tree....

ASK THE

DOC

Doc has been busy lately, so he's turned over this issue's column to one of his assistants, who recently graduated from six weeks of intensive study with Marcus Welby.

Q. Can acupuncture be used to cure V.D.?

ANS. I don't know, but worrying about the cure for V.D. is like jumping into a swimming pool without checking, to see if it's been filled first.

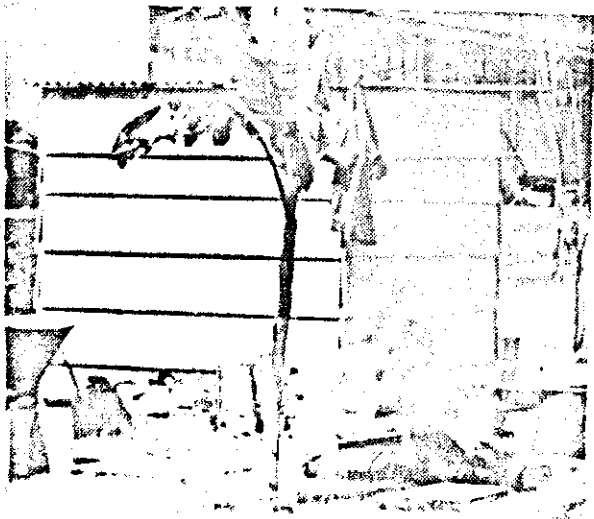
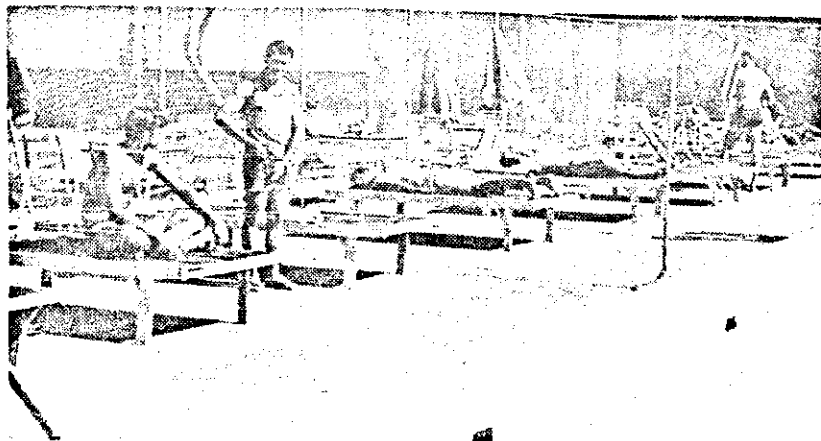
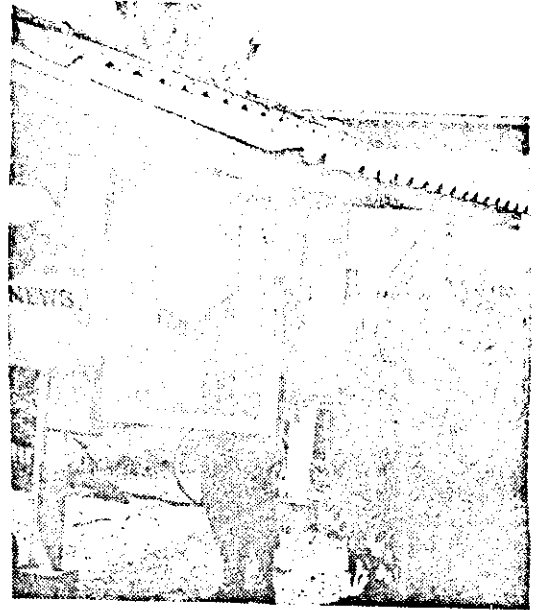
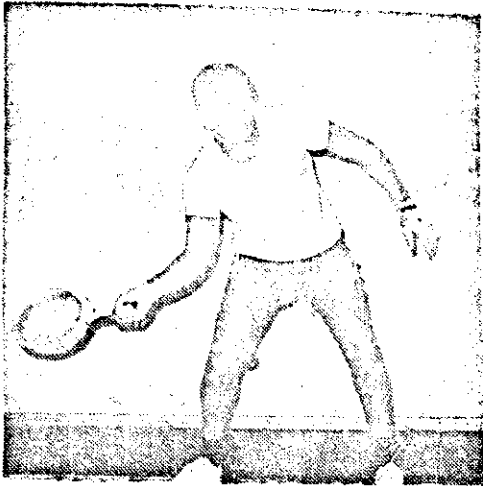
Q. Do all druggies DEROS from here Medivac?

ANS. The lucky ones do.

Q. What happened to all the weight the Troop Commander and S-2 agent lost?

ANS. It's been piled up in front of the A Company's orderly room, and a brass plaque erected in memory.

Sights Around Ramasan



RAMASUN FLICK GUIDE

- 16 DEC +THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETE (G)
- 17 DEC " " "
- 18 DEC MOLL: AND LAWLESS JOHN (PG)
- 19 DEC THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN (G) (CS) (REV)
- 20 DEC SHOOTOUT
Late Show-THE DEAD ARE ALIVE (R) (CS)
- 21 DEC SON OF BLOB (PG)
- 22 DEC LLACULA (PG)
- 23 DEC CANCEL MY RESERVATION (G)
- 24 DEC CARRY ON CAMPING (R)
- 25 DEC LADY LIBERT (PG)
- 26 DEC THEY CALL ME TRINITY (G) (CS)
- 27 DEC THE CONCERT FOR BANGLADESH (G)
Late Show-EVERY LITTLE CROOK AND NANNY (PG)
- 28 DEC MURPHY'S (PG) (CS) (REV)
- 29 DEC THE MAN (G)

The explosive story of the first black President of the U.S.



 JAMES EARL JONES

 BARBARA RUSH

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 + - 75¢ Admission, all others 50¢.
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FRIDAY		1830	2030	2330
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"picks"

WALT DISNEY'S THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETE

Coach John Amos and his assistant Tim Conway leave Merrivale College and journey to Africa after a disastrous losing streak in all sports. They discover Jan-Michael Vincent, a youth with remarkable; athletic ability. Vincent was the son of missionaries and is now the godson of witch doctor Roscoe Lee Browne. Through trickery, Vincent is brought back to campus by Amos and Conway and coached to be a star in every sport. The witch doctor godfather is summoned from Africa to watch Vincent's exploitation. His Black Magic nearly causes Vincent's defeat at the national track and field events but he manages to salvage the honor of Merrivale College.

THE MAN

Best seller by Irving Wallace springs to exciting reality upon the untimely death of a President of the United States in an accident which also claims the life of the Speaker of the House. As Vice President, Chronically ill Lew Ayres (who knows he has but months to live) refuses the accession oath. Constitutionally, next in line as an elected Senator is the President of the Senate, Pro Tempore (James Earl Jones), surprisingly enough, a Black man, who becomes our first non-Caucasian Chief Executive.

FORMER EDITOR GOES TO THE BOX

Goodbye to Tom

As we end a year, the Kobra-7 staff would like to express our thanks to former editor-in-chief Tom Collins, who returned to the box to work last month. Tom came to the paper late in March 1973, and his technical skill, photographic ability and writing acumen brought the Kobra-7 a long way.

Tom was best known for his communication pages, a combination of photo and editorial effort which brought credit to the paper and Ramasun Station. The paper was written with the troops in mind, and several articles early in his career brought green pen comments for their honesty, and frankness.

SP4 Jerry B. (Tom) Collins is now assigned to ASB Bravo, and we are sure his skill and energy are as much appreciated there as here. We hope he finds enough time to contribute an article or two to us once in a while. Our sincere thanks to one of Ramasun's best.

Are you interested in becoming involved in a Human Relations Group? Or, interested in finding out about it, please contact SSG Juan J. Espinasa, this area's Social Worker at Tel.-2273

Couples groups are also in the making. For couples interested in a married couples group.

Drug Quiz Answers

1. (D) If you got this question wrong, go back to the last two issues of the Kobra-7 and look at the two drug quizzes previous to this one. For a Heroin OD, professional medical attention is critical. The greatest immediate danger is respiratory arrest, so the victim needs constant attention to insure he doesn't stop breathing. Street drugs, such as amphetamines, only complicates the job of the doctor. If you ever find an OD try to give him constant attention, never leaving him if possible, and call for a friend to get medical assistance and call for an ambulance. While waiting, try to identify the drug that caused the OD. Don't panic--forget about the bust and save the man's life.

2. (D) Nalkan is completely new drug used by doctors. It completely negates the effects of any opiate drug within five minutes. It has no side effects. Thus the doctor can administer Nalkan to an OD; if he isn't normal in five minutes, the doctor can then treat for barbiturate overdose.

3. (C) Real cocaine is not only expensive, but relatively rare in

Thailand. Smack and speed are common in Thailand. If somebody gives you something for free, he probably expects you to be buying from him before too long. You should immediately suspect an addicting drug. If you're looking to buy a drug, don't expect to be told it isn't available. Use your common sense, and beware.

4. (A) Detoxification from barbiturates is most severe and dangerous, even under medical supervision. In many ways downers are the most dangerous "toys" you can play with.

5. (D) Heroin, a derivative of Morphine, is more addictive because it passes more easily through the membrane protecting the brain. Once in the brain, Heroin is hydrolyzed and becomes Morphine. Thus the only difference is that "Heroin goes right to your head." Morphine tends to accumulate in the liver and other organs and has a difficult time getting to the brain. Therefore with Heroin you have a larger accumulation of Morphine in the brain.