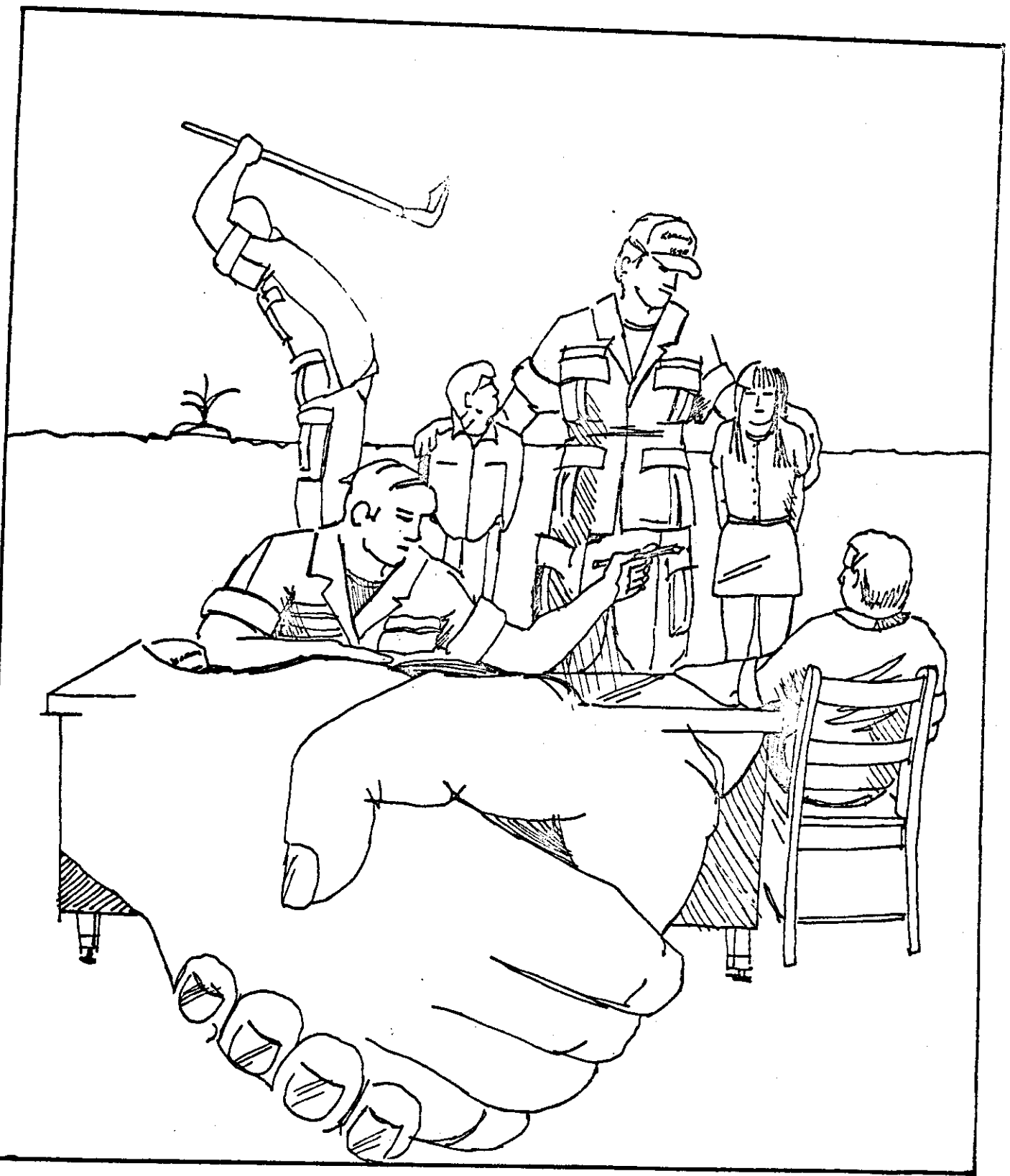


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## EDITORIAL

There has been some discussion about the possibility of Congress doing away with the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). As to the reason that Congress would want to do this is totally beyond my realm of comprehension.

It seems to me to be a contradiction in policy. The Army says that you must have some type of education if you are going to progress along the ranks, and then Congress is going to do away with one of the better learning institutions available to members of the armed forces.

What does that leave for the soldier that is stationed in an oversea area? Well there is the U. of Maryland, the courses offered by City College of Los Angeles, and many more. Somehow I don't think that this is going to replace the CLEP tests offered by USAFI. Where else can a man go in and take five tests and end up with up to a year in college credit. Sure it is an easy way to get credit, but USAFI is the only institution I know of that will give a man any number of credits for things he has learned through everyday experience.

## Chapel News

The New Year is fast approaching. In fact, 1974 will be here and we will be wondering where 1973 went in the very near future.

New Year's Eve is the time the old year is ushered out and the new year is ushered in. This is a special time for most Christians. We recognize the responsibility we have for a wise investment of our lives. Usually we seek to improve by God's help in some area of our life with the beginning of a new year.

We wish you, one and all, a happy and prosperous New Year!

# JAG

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# COUNSELOR - SOCIAL WORKER

## SSG JUAN F. ESPINOSA

Ramasun has a new Social Services worker in the person of Staff Sergeant Juan F. Espinosa. SGT Espinosa came to Ramasun Station from the Academy of Health and Science, General Science Division, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he served with the drug team as a group facilitator and instructor from 1970 to 1973.



1. How long have you been in the social services?

I have been in the Social Work field approximately 10 years. Prior to the service, I worked as a volunteer for welfare services offered to economically disadvantaged Mexican Americans in San Antonio's south side.

2. What is the field about, and what does your job involve?

The Social Service Field is very flexible and varied in what it has to offer, for example my career in the service has varied from one to one in patient therapy, group therapy, marital counseling, command consultation, instructing, race relations, stockade counseling and leadership instruction and in the last year facilitating human relations groups.

3. What do you get out of doing your job (self-satisfaction, ect.)

I get a feeling of self worth, dignity, and self satisfaction. I personally feel that my vocation in life is horizontal in nature, definition relating to my fellow man is my bag and sometimes my hang, by the way we all have

hang ups, its the hang downs that really hurt.

4. What type of programs are you scheduling for the members of Ramasun? And what other type of counseling do you offer beside under the ADCO program?

With the guidelines given me since I've arrived here, the areas I feel need guidance will best be met through human relations groups, where the basic assumption is that the individuals in the group are functioning, however the individuals are in the group voluntarily and are seeking personal growth through communication in a human laboratory, encounter groups where the assumption is that the individual may not be functioning to his best ability and can be referred through the dispensary, commander, or ADCO. The third type of group is couples group where individuals Overseas with dependents may voluntarily join in an effort to discuss common or personal difficulties encountered in a young marriage and/or situational crisis.



5. Why did you enter the field?

I entered the Social Work Field because of the challenge it offers, a challenge that never ceases. The challenge I'm speaking about is not always the client who comes in for help, but includes the society and environment any person in this field continually comes into contact daily. The misunderstanding of my particular field brings fear, suspicion and many times defensiveness on the part of all who try and label you or place you in a category.

# Company News Briefs

## H & S

On 15 December the Unit Fund Council sponsored a Unit Party. A hardy thank you goes out to a fantastic team of "willing workers" who make the party a success. The team included Vic Montoya, Larry Kleckner, Daniel McClure, Larry Carter, Darrol Fleischmann, Ron Skinner and Brad Centola. A special thank you is extended to MSG Coahoun, Mess Steward, for providing much of that finger licking fried chicken. Music for this festive occasion was provided by the Erwan Band. From all reports it appears that the Unit Fund Council did it again. Thanks a lot Guys for a really good party.

We would also like to give recognition to a team of top notch volunteers who stepped forward during our most recent period of "crisis", the PX strike: SP6 William Smith, SP5 Garey L. Chilcote, SP4 Leslie Lee, SP4 Edward Mathison, SP4 Bradley Centola, PFC Michael Freedman, PVT Darrel Perry, PVT Clarence Josey. By their thoughtfulness they made life a little brighter during what could have been a rather depressing period.

## B Co.

For the Paternal News Watchers, Bravo Company announces the birth of two bouncing baby boys. On 6 December, SGT Neff became the proud father of an 8lb. boy. SGT Neff has been with I Company for 16 months, and will be leaving in January. The second father of the month is SGT McPhearson who is blessed with a healthy 10lb. boy. Both babies are in top shape, and the mothers are also doing well.

Company I has also had a proud striving soldier represent the company and the post at the Thailand Soldier of the Quarter held at Samaesan. SP4 Leslie R. Berk, who is a native of New Jersey and now calls the 7th his home. The competition was keen and the 7th placed 3rd, being edged out by 7 points. The specialist has confident plans to return and win in the future.

## A Co.

This has been new Guy Week in A Company. We have had new people reporting in left and right and we think someone is spreading a rumor that there's no energy crisis here. It's a good place to wait out the transition phase the world is going through.

The last of our Christmas drops are gone now and all the cries of "short" are being heard less and less.

Question of the week: What dependent wife wears her minor ration card on a "dog tag" chain around her neck to keep from losing it again?

The PX and Snack Bar are open so everyone can throw away their nicotine dependents and candy bars and get back to normal again.

## C Co.

C Company announces the re-enlistment of SP5 Ray F. Smith. SP5 Smith re-enlisted for 3 years on the 11 of December.

The members of Charlie Company are hoping that MSG Dunford would hurry up and return, not that we begrudge him of his leave time, but there is a PFC who is going out of his mind. Guess he just wasn't prepared to take a promotion from E-3 to E-8 overnight.

Also a special message to the Detachments that are assigned to C Company. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Well, we here at C Company would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season, and hope next year we will be able to celebrate these holidays with our families and loved ones.



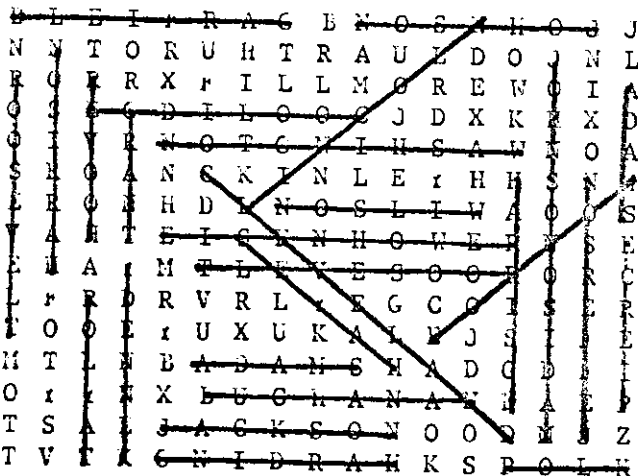
# Quacky Quiz

## 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.

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS W.B.



1. The Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, Johnny Rivers and many other singers have recorded a folk song titled "Where Have All The Flowers Gone". Who wrote this song?

2. Not long ago, Donny Osmond made a hit recording of "Go Away Little Girl", a song written by Carole King and her former husband, Gerry Goeffin. Who made the original hit of this recording, and in what year?

3. In early fall 1966, the Association released a hit recording entitled "Cherrish". It was the group's second big hit. Name their first hit record.

4. Actress Shelly Fakres, currently a co-star on the "Irian Kieth Show", recorded on hit record back in 1962. What was the title of this hit?

5. Since the release of their album "Days of Future Passed", the Moody Blues have had a very successful career culminating in their "Seventh Sojourn" album. Previous to this they had one hit single that reached the charts. Name the record and the year of this hit.

## Word Search

Did you know the the guitar first appeared in 12th century Spain, and that great classical music has been written for it? Can you find 20 musical instruments in the box below? (Some of the instruments fit both the classical and popular music scene.)

### ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

- September, 1966 was the formal publishing of orders designating the 7th RRFs, even though the 5th RRFs established a 50-man detachment in March 1965.
- Udorn Air Force Base was attacked in October of 1972.
- The Ramasun Unit Patch was "Lorn" in September 1972.
- The old H&S Orderly room was situated in the offices presently occupied by S-4.
- The original Arms room at Ramasun was in the present S-1's distribution/reproduction shop.

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# LETTERS TO ADCO

1. I've read a lot about the way grass is treated around this area. Can treated grass "hook" you, or will it only make you positive on Golden Flow?

Heroin when smoked is addictive, and further, will show positive on Golden Flow test. Physical dependence could take from one to three months, however psychological habituation could conceivably occur after first experimentation and be a real driving force on the road to addiction.

2. What is the difference between the Golden Flow Program and the Amnesty Program?

The real name is exemption and when in fact the Drug and Alcohol Abuse guidelines call for exemption from prosecution in Court if you turn yourself in. If however you are caught 1st, by legal authorities you lose your exemption privilege.

The Golden Flow program is that program being conducted with the object of identifying drug abusers, this is simply a modality in the Drug and Alcohol Abuse treatment program. It is noted that neither of the above protects one from losing your clearance and/or receiving an S-2 profile.

3. What does a man do, who has just arrived in-country with a prescription he received from a civilian Doctor in the States? Can he get in trouble if he comes up positive on a Golden Flow test?

A man should have all his present medication documented at the dispensary in his Med. Records. This should be done upon arrival or soon thereafter, if not this can lead to undue hardship and administrative complications to the subject in question.

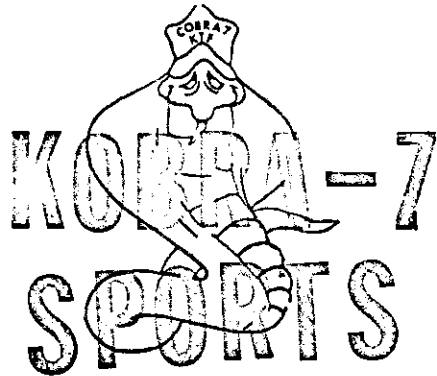
4. In a recent Drug Quiz I read that Cocaine is virtually non-existent in Thailand, and what is available is very expensive. Why is it that they can't produce Cocaine in Thailand?

In order to understand illegal drug sale one must look at demand. Cocaine is considered the rich man's drug, and the demand for cocaine in Thailand is extremely low. And, yes it can be grown in Thailand. But it isn't.

5. Why is the age limit being changed from 29 to 28? Isn't this discrimination to those who have taken the Golden Flow test?

The term discrimination, or implies that Golden Flow test are punitive or harassment, when in fact the program is a tool in society now being used for identification.

ON BEHALF OF THE MEN OF RAMASUN STATION, THE 101RA-7 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK DOC FEIN, SFC GERALD D. SCOTT, AND PVT POE RUTANAFUNT FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS DURING THE RECENT TRAGIC ACCIDENT. THEY MAY TELL YOU THAT POSSIBLY SAVING LIVES IS JUST PART OF THE JOB, BUT NOTHING CAN DETRACT FROM THE FACT THAT WE CAN ALL RELAX KNOWING THAT THE JOB IS BEING DONE SO WELL.



## VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is in the organizational stage as of 21 December. If you have a team and have not signed the roster posted in the gym, please do so before 26 December. This year the 7th RREFS is hosting the All-Thailand tournament to be played 27-31 January. Our season will be short, however there will be MARK MARK volleyball played in NTF-NOY time. No team will be accepted after 26 Dec.

## Flag Football

Flag football got under way on 17 December, with the USAF downing Navy 14 to zip, in a highly contested game. The following night MMI slipped by A Company (CTO) by a 16-13 score. Wednesday night Navy again found themselves on the low end as DFSE whipped them 19 to 6. Probably the best match up of the week involved a fighting UPO team against the well organized ASE team. Even though UPO fail to convert the PAT after scoring twice, their defense held ASE to 7 points for a final of 12-7. The week is rounded out by DFSE against MMI on Friday and ASE vs MMI - A Co. and Navy both to be played at midday on Saturday.

## Cage Title

# SAMAE SAN WINS

The Samae San Cagers came back from a three point deficit at the half to beat the Ramasun five by the score of 119 to 118 in an overtime contest that gave the Samae San team the All-Thailand Basketball championship.

Ramasun played a beautiful game until the last few minutes of the contest when they valiantly struggled to get the win, playing with only four men during most of the overtime frame.

The lead changed hands continuously during the second half, as Ramasun rattled two foes simultaneously--the Samae San team and foul trouble. They played courageously and brilliantly going down to defeat by one point, after all but four of their players had fouled out.

The Samae San cagers were led by the 37-point effort of Lyons, and the 29 points scored by Rounds. The only other member of the team to reach double figures was Pedersen, with 13.

Ramasun's desperate four-man team was led by the hot hands of Woody Vines, who scored 24 points. Most of his points were scored in the second stanza to help get the Ramasun team the half-time lead. Behind Vines was Bill Schultz with 23 points. His points coming in the third quarter.

The Ramasun team slowed to a crawl in the fourth quarter and let the Samae San team catch them to tie the score at the end of regulation play. The overtime was evenly played as Samae San hit five shots from the floor, and Ramasun put in four.

The big difference in the scoring came at the free throw line as Ramasun gave Samae San the opportunities.

Samae San defeated Bangkok in an earlier game by the score of 103 to 90, after Bangkok edged past the Ramasun team in a close contest, 68 to 66.

# SQUADRON NEWS



Official USAF Photo by SGT Lance Barron

Sergeant David S. Newhall received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal from LT COL Harvey D. Angel in ceremonies conducted recently at the 6924th Security Squadron, Ramasun Station, Thailand. Both awards recognized the NCO's service as a communications analysis specialist while assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron at both DaNang Airfield, RVN, and later at Udon REAFI, Thailand. His initial assignment to DaNang came in January 1972 and he served 11 months in Vietnam before relocation to Udon in the closing days of the year. He served an additional 8 months at the 94th's new home in Thailand before rotating to Ramasun Station in September of 1973.

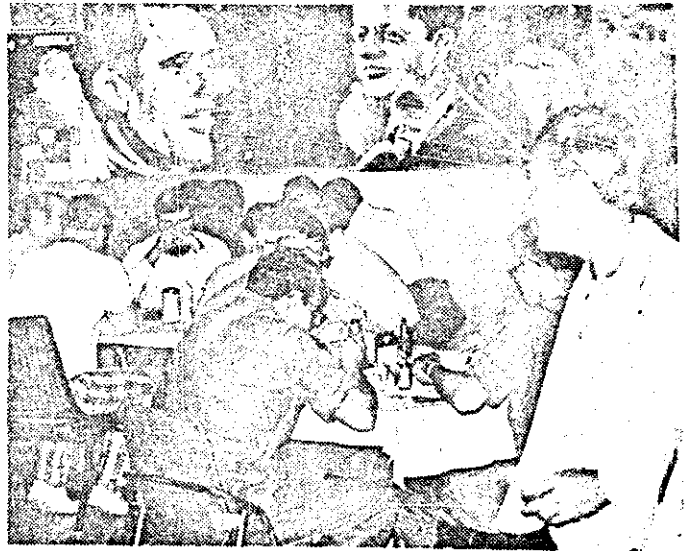
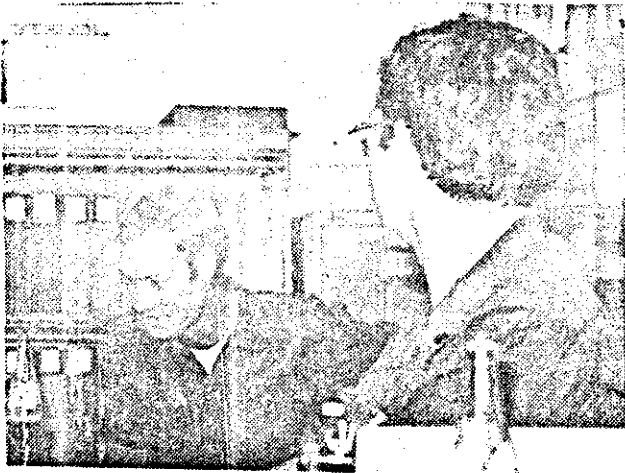
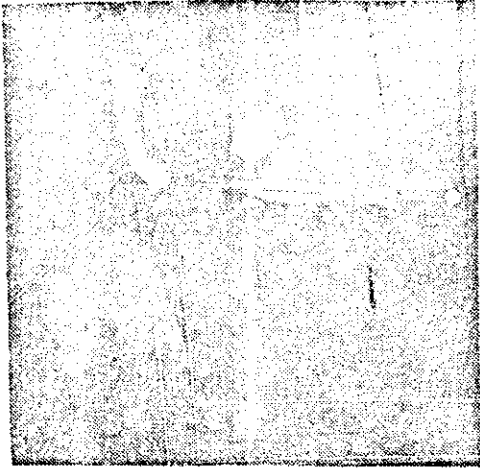
The DFC specifically cited SGT Newhall's exceptional performance on 2 November 1972 when, as a crewmember aboard a C-47 of the 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron, his aircraft was required to perform an operational mission under heavy hostile ground fire. His professional conduct under the most adverse of conditions directly contributed to the

successful conclusion of the mission with all objectives having been attained.

The 22 year-old native of Medfield, Massachusetts, logged more than 120 combat missions during his tenure with the 94th. He looks back on the tour with a great deal of pleasure, explaining that, "The people I worked with were terrific. We depended on each other and, no matter what came up, you always know that you could depend on every member of the team to give his best." I really like flying and the mission we had was challenging and kept us on our toes. We knew that what we were doing was important, and you'll never find greater motivation than trying to do a difficult job that other guys depend on.

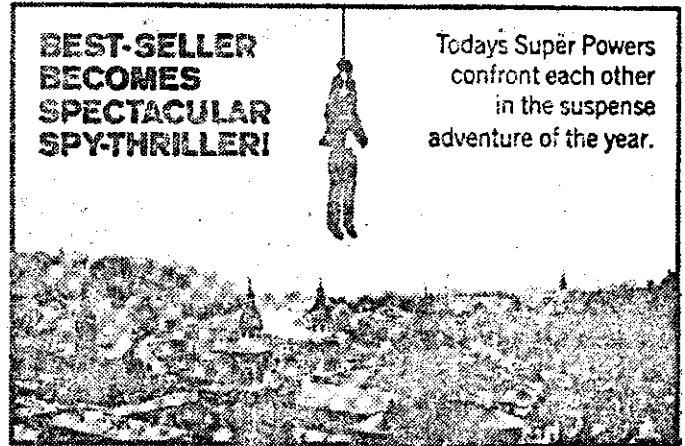
Dave's repeated tours in Thailand reflect his genuine regard for this part of the world. "I think the Thai people are some of the friendliest you'll run into anywhere. It's a beautiful country and I enjoyed my first tour so much that I really haven't desired a tour anywhere else."

# Sights Around Ramasan



# RAMASUN FLICK GUIDE

- 30 DEC X-Y-ZEE
- 31 DEC RED SKY AT MORNING (PG)
- 1 JAN LEAD COMPANY (PG)
- 2 JAN J.V. COOP (PG)
- 3 JAN LLINDMAN (R) (CS)
- 4 JAN THE GREAT WHITE HOPE (PG) (CS)
- 5 JAN Z.P.G. (PG)
- 6 JAN THE SALZBURG CONNECTION (PG)
- 7 JAN LONG AGO, TOMORROW (PG)
- 8 JAN FROGS (PG)
- 9 JAN SHAMUS (PG)
- 10 JAN " " "
- Late show--LESS THE HEASTE AND CHILDREN (PG)
- 11 JAN PRIME CUT (R) (CS) (REV)
- 12 JAN THE GREAT VALTZ (G) (CS)



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## "picks"

### SHAMUS

Burt Reynolds portrays Shamus McCoy, a tough private eye from Red Hook in Brooklyn. The pool hustling "Shamus" is offered \$10,000 by rich eccentric Ron Vey and to recover some stolen diamonds. Murders abound and "Shamus" soon finds himself employed by the mysterious Miss Cannon whose brother (Alex Wilson) is somehow involved in the dirty doings. There are crosses and double crosses galore before the gunsmoke clears. Among the highlights are an attack by ferocious police dogs and a wild auto chase in which Reynolds and Cannon careen around a stolen army truck and their pursuers off the road into a spectacular crackup. "SHAMUS" is an ultra-violent tough action film with a mod approach to sex that may shock.

### THE SALZBURG CONNECTION

A metal chest is fished out of the bottom of an Austrian lake by an ex-British agent. Realizing from its contents that his discovery has put his life in danger, he buries the chest and is subsequently murdered. Foreign agents converge in Salzburg to find the chest. American lawyer, Larry Newman, becomes reluctantly involved in the bizarre mystery and with the help of the murdered man's widow (Anna-Karina), determines to find the chest and deliver it to the C.I.A. Newman's mission takes him on a perilous chase in and around Salzburg and to a climactic rendezvous in a mountain chalet. Violence may offend some.

# SPECIAL SERVICES

Chess has been going through a renaissance in America since the big match last year between Boris Spasky and Robert Fischer. Due to this growing interest in Chess, clubs have been forming and expanding everywhere. If you would like to play in an organized setting why not come around and talk to either Chris Lehrens or Mike Farmer. Both can be reached at tel#2141. Chris works day trick and Mike works mid trick in ASEA. We have a tentative playing location and boards courtesy of Special Services. Clocks will probably be available if you are interested in Elitz Chess or playing under time limitations.

The Chess Tournament now being played on post has reached the halfway point. The winners bracket is now down to three people. The winner of the Ron Clark-Mike Farmer match will play Chuck Evans for one of the final spots in the Tournament. There are quite a few games remaining in the losers bracket.

Today's chess problem is from Capablanca. White has his King at K3, a Rook at Q5, and a Knight at Q5. Black has his King at K5 and Pawns at QR7, Q5, KN4, and KN5. White has the move. Can white win or draw?

## "BOX" Scores

### ESTABLISHMENT

1. ALOIA	3
2. COIRA CLUE	2
3. GOLDEN GATE	2
4. GOLDEN HORSE	2
5. MIAMI	2
6. JUMPEN	1
7. LONGLORN	1
8. PARADISE POOL	1

Total this two week Period 14

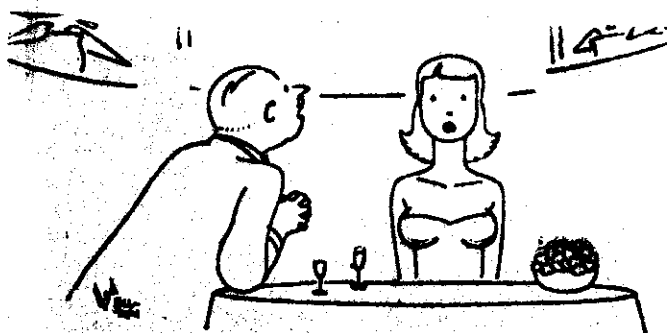
# FAREWELL GODFATHER

The Friday night hooker party at the club was in full swing, but in FOG-3, Don Miguel Carusoe glanced longingly at the pictures of his wife, five kids, and two dogs and wished he had a bigger desk. It was either that or sell one of the kids. For 365 days and one for Coira, he had been the Godfather of Ramasun, and one half of the dynamic duo, which included the late, lamented Giovanni Wittlioni. Giovanni had gone for a ride on the slick in July, and the slick had returned without him.

Don Miguel knew his time was drawing short. Soon he and his trusted consigliere Antonio Vierderle, his policini Eduardo Bowlesicca, and Tony (The Enforcer) Johnson, adopted member of the clan, would climb aboard the same slick to take the last ride, the ride from which only TDY's return. He would turn the trust over to a new, younger man.

Not that Don Miguel was old. A lifetime had been spent in the last year. He had seen the Juarez hookers, The Fleagers, the Crazy Joe Gang, and the Scottish Moll. All units under a single banner. He remembered the GOG, and how Char, the moll, had nearly brought disaster to the family.

He wished he could be like the others, and go order a frosty cold San Miguel. But the limosine was outside, and the Round-man and his ORF would be waiting. He shook hands with Pinsa and Phelpsini, took off the black mohair undershirt he had been wearing all year and gave it to the Doctor. He got in the car, whistled for and imaginary grey dog and disappeared in the early dawn. It's been rumored that he's gone to Salina, but we know the truth.



"I can put you in the movies, and you can go right on to a governorship or the senate."