

Savings bond campaign starts today

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFNS)—April, May and June have been set aside for the 1983 Department of Defense Savings Bond campaign, announced Air Force officials here.

Because of the new savings bond interest rate computations, this year's campaign will take on an even greater significance, stated Air Force officials.

Savings Bonds now offer a variable market-based rate if held five years or more. That rate is 85 percent of the average return on outstanding treasury marketable securities that mature in five years. The interest rate floats as the market fluctuates continuously providing a fair return, one official explained.

In a memorandum to all DOD personnel, Secretary of

Defense Caspar W. Weinberger encouraged military and federal employees to consider using the payroll deduction plan for purchasing the savings bonds during this year's campaign.

"It's an investment in our country—a convenient way to save—and with the new market based rate, a better investment," he said.

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Burkhardt, Garcia win awards

by Sgt. Rich Tillman
Public Affairs Specialist

Apolinar L. Garcia and MSgt. William J. Burkhardt, of the 64th Supply Squadron's Fuels Management Branch, recently earned Air Training Command fuels awards and are being nominated for similar Air Force level awards.

Garcia earned the "Outstanding ATC Fuels Manager of the Year (Federal Wage System)" title while Sergeant Burkhardt

garnered the "Outstanding ATC Fuels Superintendent of the Year" award.

Garcia, a 26 year veteran of the fuels field, came to Reese nine years ago. "It's super," he said of his award. "I'm glad people are looking to see who is working," remarked Garcia. That attitude was re-inforced by Sergeant Burkhardt, "It may sound like I'm blowing my own horn, but I worked for the award... and, I hope to

win the Air Force award too."

Sergeant Burkhardt, here since December 1981, has 17 years experience in the fuels field.

Garcia

In his nomination package, TSgt. Willie Davis cited Garcia for his "outstanding knowledge of fuels storage, aggressiveness, initiative and versatility" in getting his duties done. Sergeant Davis also pointed out that it was Garcia's dedication and professionalism that helped the branch earn the runner-up position in the ATC American Petroleum Institute Award for 1982.

Garcia is active in the Knights of Columbus and their programs. He is also a member of the Christ the King Church where he is also a religious instructor for church youth.

Sergeant Burkhardt

The ATC Fuels Superintendent of the Year was acclaimed for his job knowledge and dedication to duty by his boss, MSgt. John D. Graham. Sergeant Graham praised his fellow NCO and attributed the fuels branch's overall success and high efficiency rate to him.

Sergeant Graham noted that Sergeant Burkhardt's greatest job contributions for 1982 were in the unit's energy conservation and safety fields. The improvements to safety and appearance of the fuels area were credited with greatly improving the working relationships and morale of the fuels personnel here.



Garcia

(U.S. Air Force Photo)



Sergeant Burkhardt

(U.S. Air Force Photo)

Off duty, Sergeant Burkhardt's dedication to the morale of young airmen here continued throughout 1982 as he drove the shuttle bus to and from the South Plains Mall. He was helpful in organizing fund-raising events for supply squadron benefits.

For his personal satisfaction, Sergeant Burkhardt amassed 56 semester hours with the Community College of the Air Force. He is also the president of the Lubbock-area Foster Parents

Association and he has two foster children living in his care now.

As a foster parent and association president, Sergeant Burkhardt works closely with the Department of Human Resources and the Child Welfare Board helping children in need.

He has also found time to work with the Lubbock Special Olympics and become a member of the Elks Lodge and American Legion.

Suggester sets Reese record, earns \$5,413

by Hal Corbin
Suggestion Program Manager

Suggestions from Reese personnel are paying off already and several community members have been pocketing the extra cash earned.

Reese's biggest cash award ever was paid to Otha Z. Smith, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, this February. His suggestion to change the repair procedure for T-37 nose struts allows the struts to be used past their old allowable wear tolerances. Before his suggested change, the struts were condemned at a cost of \$2,153 each.

Smith's suggestion will save the Air Force \$442,630 during the first year alone. For that reason, he panned out with a \$5,413 cash award.

The value of Smith's reward

clearly demonstrates the improvements made to the suggestion program in October 1982, because prior to then the award would have been only \$1,543.

Other Reese suggesters in the lime-light include:

Joe Greer, 64th Civil Engineering Squadron, who made a suggestion to modify the construction of the Reese dog kennels. It saved the Air Force \$15,500, but earned Greer no cash award because it was found to fall into his job description.

SSgt. Jeff Steinkamp, 64th FMS, garnered a check for \$1,432 after his suggestion to change certain technical order values was adopted. The idea will save Reese over \$16,000 in the first year.

SSgt. Dan Ashley, Field Training Detachment 429, took home

\$700 for his suggestion to change the T-38 landing gear mass dampener from a salvage item to a repairable one. The suggestion will save the Air Force \$8,932 in the first year.

Donald Shirley, 64th Supply Squadron, picked up an extra \$605 for his suggestion to reduce computer run time. Once Accounting and Finance reviewed and passed the idea (with some modification), they anticipated first year savings of \$12,125.

Smaller cash awards went to MSgt. August Miller, FTD 429, for \$210; TSgt. Jimmy Pippin, 64th FMS, for \$200; Apolinar Garcia, 64th Supply Squadron, for \$200; Lt. Col. John Roush, Operations Complex, for \$100 and a certificate; TSgt. Sinclair Powell, 64th FMS, for \$100; Pedro Pina, 64th FMS, for \$75; Capt. Thomas

Skillman, 35th Flying Training Squadron, for \$50 and a certificate; Kay Don Habbinga, 64th CES, for two \$50 awards; Erlene Stolk, 64th Supply Squadron, for \$50; MSgt. William Burkhardt, 64th Supply Squadron, for \$50; Dick Davis, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division, for \$25; Sgt. George Spade, 64th Supply Squadron, for \$25; MSgt. William States, 64th Security Police Division, for \$25 and a certificate; AB Shane Settle, 64th SPS, for \$25; Capt. Thomas Hearn, USAF Hospital Reese, for \$25; Capt. Randy Rothe, 35th FTS, for \$25; James Truelock, 64th Supply Squadron, for \$25; and Capt. Pia Caruso, 64th Transportation, for \$25 and a certificate.

Recognition certificates went to: Capt. Carolyn Jaskowiec; Capt. John Crawley; 1st Lt.

Richard Rodrigues; 1st Lt. Thomas Quigg; 2nd Lt. Kenneth Kleid; MSgt. Edward Herrera; TSgt. Dennis Mehrenburg; Sgt. Carl Weierbach; Sgt. Vernon Pilloff; A1C William Galloza; A1C Gregory Coleman; Jack Hood; Beverly Rose; Frank Falbo; and, Roger Wettschreck.

During fiscal 1982, the Air Force recorded \$97 million in intangible benefits to realize a \$20 return for every dollar spent in suggestion awards. The Suggestion Program is open to all military and civilian employees paid from appropriated funds.

How can you get involved? Easy. When you get an idea put it on an Air Force Form 1000 and sent it to the Suggestion office: 64ABG/DPF #51, Reese AFB, Texas 79489. For more information about the Air Force Suggestion Program, call me at 885-3148.

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Editorials

Energy: 'It determines our future'

by Col. John R. Hullender
Base Commander

According to Webster, energy is the ability to do work. Our present way of life depends on energy, and how we use it determines our future.

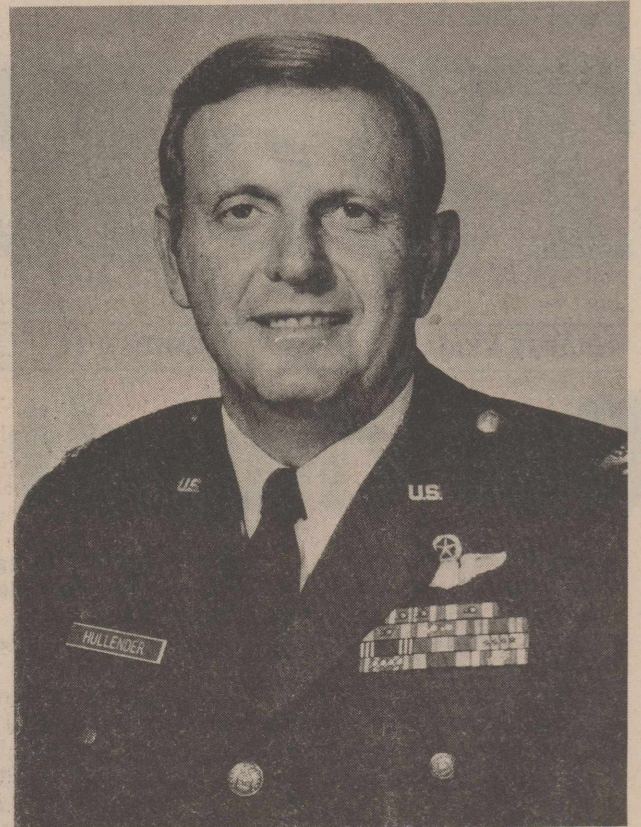
Working together to conserve energy is a major challenge for Reese in 1983. Each of us must take an active role to meet the energy challenge and get serious about our energy use. Energy management must be effective in order to efficiently do the job of pilot training—Reese's mission.

Just as the training mission requires teamwork, so does conserving energy. We are all on the same team striving to meet our energy goal, while maintaining an acceptable standard of comfort at work and home. This standard of living requires hard work by personnel from the lowest to highest level, from airmen basic up to the commanders and their civilian counterparts working together to make Reese the pacesetter in energy conservation. Achieving our energy goal is a difficult task, but not an impossible one. We must be serious about our work, the job of conserving energy. Everyone at Reese has work to do. Your part is vital to the energy conservation program.

We are developing an energy plan, so Reese will have heating or cooling as appropriate all year round. The plan will focus primarily on each facility manager; however, we need your help to ensure success of this plan. Energy awareness is the key to a successful energy program. Our being energy conscious at work, play and rest will give our plan a chance to work. We need to intensify our efforts to conserve by grasping every opportunity to save energy.

"Conserve for our future" is one slogan used to promote the energy conservation program. But it is the responsibility of all supervisors to motivate their people to conserve. Motivate them to motivate others. Because men and women working to keep energy available on demand, while developing a true appreciation for energy and its availability. We must seek to reduce our demand for energy by using more frugally the energy that is presently available to us. Energy conservation sometimes requires modification of our life styles; like putting on a light jacket or sweater, biking instead of driving, joining carpools and so on.

I am optimistic Reese will make a conscious choice for an energy-saving life style in order to enhance our energy conservation program. Energy conservation does not come



Colonel Hullender

(U.S. Air Force Photo)

easy, but through concentrated work efforts we will have the ability to do work.

Conserve energy.

Writing bad checks is bad business

by Maj. Andrew F. Reish
Staff Judge Advocate
Bolling AFB, D.C.

(ATCNS) — You or your spouse may not always like your new duty station. The climate may be less than ideal or the location isolated. But the very worst place you can live is beyond your income.

Unlike our government that operates on a system of checks and balances to stay out of trouble, some military people and their families have adopted a system of checks without balances — and trouble is the consequence.

There are some popular misconceptions about rubber-checks that have gotten even the most decent of folks in a mess. For instance, they write a check without sufficient funds on Friday because Monday is payday

and they can make a deposit to cover it before the check clears the bank. They think that is only fudging a little and no harm is done.

Wrong! Writing bad checks is a serious matter, and you may just outsmart yourself. Most financial institutions now use computers and electronic funds transfer, so your check could very well clear the bank the same day you write it.

Writing a bad check is a crime in all 50 states and in the military. The offense is complete as soon as the check is written. Even if you cover it after it is returned, you can still be prosecuted.

In the past, the practice in civilian and military communities was to give the party writing a bad check a chance to make the check good, without any criminal action be-

ing taken. Things are changing, however. Present financial conditions have made many merchants less tolerant of bad checks, less inclined to make collection and more likely to press charges.

The military has never tolerated those who persistently write bad checks. Offenders can be denied check-cashing privileges at military clubs, exchanges and commissaries. Military members may be subjected to disciplinary and adverse administrative actions.

It takes effort to keep a budget balanced, pay bills and provide operating funds for your family. Sometimes you can get ahead of yourself. But be careful — writing a check before the money is deposited in the bank just isn't worth it. (Courtesy of Mac News Service)

Are we short-changing our people?

by SMSgt. Jim Smith
Community College of the Air Force
Maxwell AFB, Ala.

As Air Force supervisors, are we short-changing our people when it comes to educational opportunities?

We very well might if we aren't encouraging them to take advantage of one of the best benefits available to enlisted members — a benefit that will last a lifetime.

The Community College of the Air Force has an associate degree program for each

and every enlisted specialty in today's Air Force. More than 20,000 Air Force members have already earned CCAF degrees and thousands more are currently enrolled in degree programs.

Yet, apparently, many eligible students are not aware of this splendid educational opportunity. Only 30 percent of the active duty enlisted force is registered with CCAF. The percentages are even smaller for the Guard and Reserve.

Most students who register with CCAF are surprised to discover how many college credits they've already earned through Air Force technical and PME schools. They're even more pleased when they realize how close they are to completing degree work.

The professionals at your base education services center can explain how your people can take advantage of CCAF. And often the additional classes needed to complete a CCAF degree are available right on base.

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A FEW COMMISSARY PATRONS who spent 25 minutes in the checkout line one morning recently wondered why only one cashier was working at the time.

The day in question was a late shopping day and, because of a cutback in part-time employees' hours, only one cashier was scheduled for that morning so that more could be scheduled to work the evening shift. The commissary has adjusted work schedules to keep this from happening again.

ONE OF THE SECURITY POLICE on base was a little upset that some people complained that some of the gate guards are not saluting officers coming through the gate. "We don't get the respect of their saluting back," he said.

First off, I want to congratulate all of our security police personnel for their adherence to the customs and courtesies of the Air Force. Our security police force has the reputation of being one of the best in the Air Training Command.

Now, as a point of information, the wing commander cannot require persons operating motor vehicles to return the courtesy salute, in the interests of safety. Thanks for your observations and I hope you will continue to maintain your high standards.

A CONCERNED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE called the CARE Line recently to ask about the sale of beer at the Mathis Recreation Center to people who are on duty. He questioned the

CARE Line

The CARE Line is prepared by Col. Richard E. Hearne, 64th Flying Training Wing commander. All information provided to the CARE Line will be held in strict confidence. Callers are urged to give their name and duty number so that a per-

sonal reply may be made; however, neither are mandatory. Callers are urged to use the CARE Line only after all possible means to air complaints through the chain of command have been exhausted. The CARE Line Ext. 3273.



good sense of this practice and wondered if it would not be better to restrict the sale of beer to times other than normal duty hours or if persons in uniform should not be prohibited from buying beer there. He added that the price of the small beers (30 cents) is less than the price of soft drinks from the machines both on and off base and that seems ironic. He asked if the center was dependent upon the income generated by beer sales.

It is the MWR Division's policy to provide a relaxing, community atmosphere for everyone in the Reese community, and beer is normally sold to off-duty personnel. We feel it would be unfair to shift workers, retirees and other off-duty people to restrict the sale of beer to other than normal duty hours because a few individuals might be abusing this privilege. The people causing problems with drinking on duty should be counselled that doing so can harm their careers.

The sale of beer at the rec center is not a large revenue producer and so has little effect on the rec center's financial posture. Since the pricing of the small beers is based on the cost of each bottle, the selling price of these items will go up because of a recent price hike. A random survey has shown that some of the off-base establish-

ments' soft drink prices and beer prices are compatible with ours.

We will continue to provide rec center patrons excellent service and hope we can eliminate the problem caused by a small segment of our people.

A RECENT PATRON OF THE LIBRARY called to praise the efforts of the people in charge over there, noting that the library is "really fantastic." He especially liked the encyclopedias on World War II and the library's medical books. "The selection was so great I think I will take my whole family in this

weekend to do some reading," he said.

The hard-working library staff appreciates comments like these. Since re-opening in their new location, the staff has put more than 2,000 new books on the shelves. These include titles from various areas, including updated books on medicine, business management, computers and the Air Force Project Warrior section. One of the goals of the library is to provide a favorable location where base personnel and their families can relax and refresh their minds, providing an informed and more

efficient workforce and base community.

A WOMAN CALLED THE hospital appointment desk on March 10 to try and get an appointment in the Pediatric Clinic, but was asked to call back on the following Monday. She wanted to know why she could not set up her appointment that day.

Since there is a great demand for Pediatric services, routine appointments are booked no more than two weeks in advance. Otherwise, we have found that appointments are cancelled or not kept by the patients. The appointment books are opened on Monday—in this case, March 14—for the next two weeks—March 14-28. Since no appointments remained for March 10 or 11, the caller was asked to call back on Monday when the new books would be opened.

Professionally speaking...

The U.S. military establishment was founded on and is steeped in tradition, traditions that are often the foundations for customs, courtesies and protocol. They guide our military profession.

Retreat

The retreat ceremony symbolizes the duty day's end. It is also an opportunity for each of us to pay our respect to the flag. At Reese, the retreat ceremony consists of playing the bugle call "Retreat" and then playing the U.S. National Anthem.

If you are outside and hear the music, you must stop and face the

flag if you can see it or, the music if you can not. This is correct procedure in or out of uniform.

During "Retreat" members in uniform should stand at parade rest and on hearing the first note of the national anthem snap to attention and salute. If in civilian attire place your right hand over your heart.

In cars and trucks, military or civilian, stop when "Retreat" is sounded and sit at attention during the national anthem until the music ends. No one should stop, get out of their vehicle and salute.

If on a motorcycle or other two-wheeled vehicle stop and sit quietly as if in a four-wheel vehicle.

Titles of address

When you are speaking with an officer senior to you, address them by their grade, rank appropriate title, sir or ma'am. It is an unwritten tradition that

military members address all general officers as "general" rather than sir or ma'am.

Chief master sergeants can be addressed in two ways: They can be called by their full title or "chief", but never sergeant. Sergeants through senior master sergeant can be called by their full titles or sergeant. While "sarge" is not prohibited, its use is strongly discouraged. It is a slang term and not appropriate in a professional environment.

Airman basics through senior airman can be addressed either by their appropriate full title or simply airman.

Two groups of professionals have special exceptions; chaplains and doctors can be called by titles appropriate for officers of their ranks or by chaplain or doctor. Generally, the title to use is the title the officer wants used or as designated by local policy.

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Medic Alert now serves 1.2 million people in the U.S. alone and 600,000 more people are served by 16 affiliate foundations outside the U.S.

Why use the system? Medic Alert Foundation President Alfred A. Hodder explained that there are more than 80 million visits to American hospital emergency rooms annually. Of those, nearly half, approximately 40 million cases, Americans had one or more hidden medical condi-

tions. Hodder continued "most people who have a hidden condition don't want to let it affect their daily lives. Instead, they live with it. That alone sums up Medic Alert."

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Each of the alerting devices mentioned earlier are engraved with the member's medical condition, or conditions, individual Medic Alert membership number and the toll-free telephone number of the emergency answering service.

If the member is hurt or the condition begins to act up emergency personnel on the scene can call Medic Alert and in 30 seconds get the member's emergency medical data stored in computer files.

Here, people interested in becoming members of the Medic Alert system can stop by the hospital for brochures and pamphlets on the program or call Capt. Carolyn Jaskowicz at Ext. 3139.

For those unable to call or come by, write for more information: Medic Alert Foundation, P.O. Box 1009, Turlock, Calif. 95381.

AECP taps Johannsen

SSgt. Donna J. Johannsen, 34th Student Squadron, will attend the University of Oklahoma this fall but, not as the result of a discharge. Sergeant Johannsen will attend full-time school as a selectee under the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

Sergeant Johannsen, a Pittsburg, Kan., native, found out that she was selected March 21st.

As an Oklahoma University student, she will major in computer science and minor in math. Once she has earned her degree in computer science she will attend Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

As an Air Force officer she will become a computer operations expert.

Sergeant Johannsen graduated Pittsburg High School in 1973 and after three years decided to enlist in the Air Force.

Since her membership in the Air Force family, she has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., Carswell AFB, Texas, Holloman AFB, N.M., and Reese.

In August 1981, she completed NCO Leadership School as one of the class' honor graduates. She also won the class Outstanding Speakers Award.

Then in December 1981, she was in the running for honors as 64th Flying Training Wing NCO of the Year.

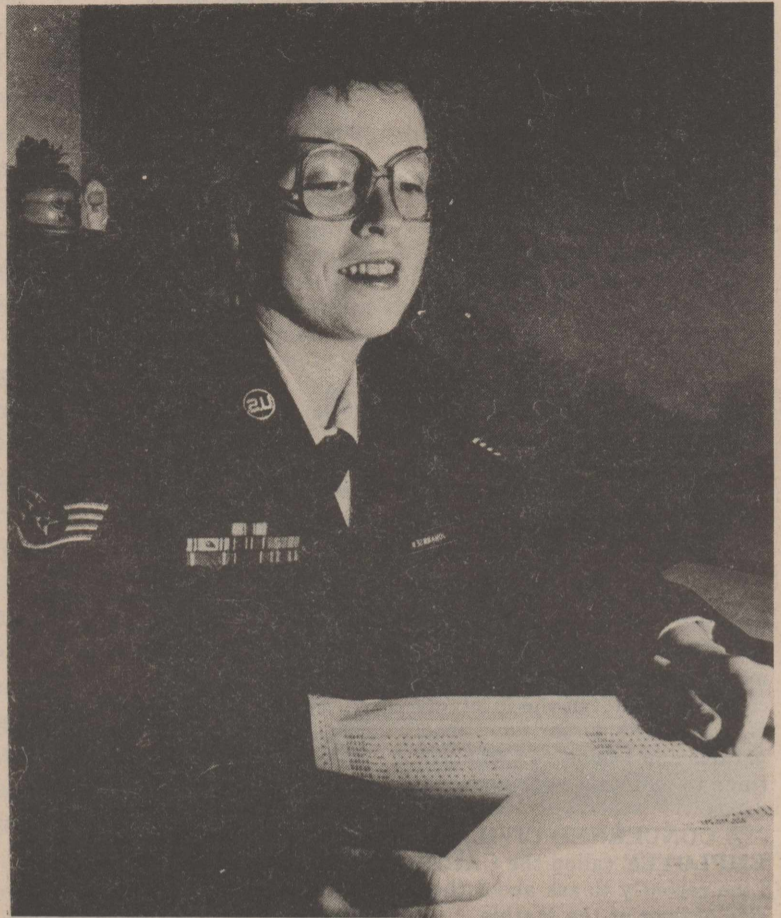
During her tenure here, she

began taking night school classes to build enough credits to apply for AECP.

Married to Sven Johannsen, now in OTS, she is the mother of

two Stephanie, 4, and Nicholas, 2.

Once Sven is commissioned, April 22, the family will begin moving to their new home at Tinker AFB, Okla.



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Sergeant Johannsen

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Three decades of service end for FTD 429 chief

by Sgt. Rich Tillman
Public Affairs Specialist
SMSgt. William D. "Chief" Nilsson retired from active military service yesterday to end a career that spanned three decades.

During a brief interview, Sergeant Nilsson reminisced on his long career with the Air Force. He recalled his duties at Kelly Field where he worked as a civilian employee before coming on active duty.

As a San Antonio resident, he merely crossed town to Lackland AFB for his induction and basic training in the Air Force in March 1953.

After basic Sergeant Nilsson traveled to Sheppard AFB, Texas, for the technical training that made him an Air Force aircraft mechanic.

In December 1953, he received his first assignment: It was to Tachikawa Air Base, Japan. At Tachikawa, he served as a flying crew chief aboard B-17 "Flying Fortresses" and C-47s.

Almost a year later, he was reassigned to Matishima AB, Japan, where he met baseball greats Billy Martin, Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle, Hank Bower, Estin Howard and Yogi Berra. "I met the 1955-season Yankees when they were in Japan and helped entertain them the day before they played a Japanese team," he said.

But, meeting the Yankees was only a stepping stone for the senior NCO's career he would later be part of a team of Americans at Matishima helping begin the Japanese Air Defense

Force. "We were flying and maintaining T-6s for the training program," he added.

The Japanese Air Defense Force was the first Japanese military force to form and grow since the end of World War II some nine years earlier.

As the first Japanese military force to evolve, "we were there as volunteers only; anyone had a gripe against training the Japanese pilots only had to tell the commander and they were gone—usually that day," Sergeant Nilsson noted.

Referring to the first Japanese pilot class, "12 of the new pilots were combat veterans from the Pearl Harbor raid, Dec. 7, 1941. Of those 12, our commander, Col. Richard Haney, a Lubbock native, had shot one of them down a little later during WWII."

In January 1956, he left Japan for Harlingen AFB, Texas, where he worked on T-29s. Then in July 1960 he was assigned to Randolph AFB, Texas, where he became a T-29 crew chief. When at Randolph, "I helped move a lot of generals and inspection teams. In fact, I even hauled Vice President L.B. Johnson around, but after he became president I never got close to him," joked the retiring NCO.

Sergeant Nilsson returned to Japan's Tachikawa AB in February 1965 to work on HC-130Hs with the Air Rescue Service. There he worked air to air recovery of parachutes for the Air Weather Service and the Atomic Energy Commission. He noted that the work with the AEC began when China began

testing atomic bombs and "we needed air samples."

He returned to Texas in December 1968. He was assigned to Sheppard AFB as an aircraft mechanic instructor working with the resident mechanic school and the flight engineering course.

In January 1972, he returned to Asia to accept an assignment to Udorn AB, Thailand. In Thailand he was assigned to a C-130 Airborne Control Squadron. Five months later, his unit was sent to Korat AB, Thailand.

One year after arriving in Thailand, he left for Texas. This time he went to Dyess AFB. At Dyess Sergeant Nilsson was attached to the 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing and made frequent TDYs to Europe and Asia.

It was back to Thailand in February 1974. He was sent to Ubon AB to the 16th Special Operations Squadron, an AC-130 gunship unit.

His return assignment brought him to the 314th TAW in January 1975. However, he spent only six months with the 314th before crossing the base to be the superintendent of Field Training Detachment 390.

FTD experience under his belt, Sergeant Nilsson came to Reese in October 1978, to help create and lead FTD 429. Prior to his arrival, the detachment was known as an operating location assigned to FTD 405, but the now-expanded 11-member staff has been designated as a detachment. Det. 429 trains over 1,500 people per year now.

Summing up his career as a whole, Sergeant Nilsson smiled and said, "It was a good one."

Lawn care requires safety

by Sgt. Carol A. McDaniel
Safety Specialist

Once again the time has come for all green things to grow, and grow, and grow. . . This is the time of year when the sound of lawn care equipment fills the air.

A beautiful lawn and the fun and relaxation of being outside are compensation enough for our toil with the yard work. The power mower has become a necessary part of that equipment required to maintain the little estate, and every member of the family generally gets in on the act. This is where a lot of trouble begins.

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News Briefs

Easter Sunday buffet scheduled

All base personnel are invited to the Officers' Open Mess Easter Sunday buffet Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be five meats, 20 vegetables, bread and cheese and hors d'oeuvres. The Easter bunny will pass out ice cream to children and free pictures will be taken of the children with the Easter bunny.

Cost is \$6.95 for adults, children 6-12 \$3.50 and children 5 and under get in free. There will be a large toy rabbit given away as a door prize.

Enlisted wives plan bake sale

The enlisted wives' club will sponsor a bake sale Monday at Building 76 beginning at 8 a.m. and selling until the last item is gone.

Later this month, April 25, the enlisted wives will sponsor a fashion show. Clothes from The Hollywood in the South Plains Mall will be modeled at the enlisted club at 7:30 p.m.

NCOA seeking new members

All NCO Association members and persons wishing to become NCOA members should contact SSgt. Rick Rook at Ext. 3270 for more information.

OWC membership coffee set for today

The officers' wives' club will host a membership coffee today at 10 a.m. Permanent reservations will be honored.

EWC, OWC prepare for Easter egg hunt

The enlisted and officers' wives' club will jointly host the Easter egg hunt Sunday at the Reese picnic grounds. Reese children, 1 to 8 years, can begin their Easter egg hunting at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

In case of rain, the hunt will be moved to the Youth Center.

OWC scholarship deadline nears

The officers' wives' club has three \$500 college scholarships available to local high school seniors this year. The cash awards will be presented later this spring.

Applications and rules of eligibility are available from area high school counselors or at the officers' club cashier's cage.

Dependent children of officer personnel, retired or active duty; dependent children of officers having left Reese, but their family remained in the area; and, dependent children of officers dead or missing in action are eligible for the OWC scholarship.

Applicants must also have a grade point average of at least 3.0 to qualify. For more information about the OWC scholarships call Jeanne Ulm at 885-4835. The deadline for filing an application is April 13.

Reese garden plot assignments coming

Base gardeners get your green thumbs ready because Saturday MSgt. John Grove will assign base garden plots to Reese gardens. He will begin the assignments at 9 a.m. and will continue through noon.

Those wanting a garden plot must be there in person to request one. For additional information contact Sergeant Grove at Ext. 3924.

Attention BX customers

The Talon Inn will be closed for business Saturday for its annual "Operation Scrub-Down." Return to normal operating hours Sunday.

Safety slogan contest going on now

The Wing Safety Holiday Slogan Contest is on. All active duty and retired personnel, civilian employees and dependents 18 years of age and older are eligible to participate.

Slogans must be ten words or less, pertain to traffic safety and be originals. Entrants may submit more than one slogan entry, but eligible for only one of the two prizes.

Deadline for the contest is 4:45 pm, April 15th. All entries are to be submitted to the Wing Safety Office, Bldg. 91.

MAST meeting scheduled

MAST, Married Airmen Sharing Together, will meet at noon on Thursday in Building 16. The meeting is open to all interested personnel. For more information call SSgt. Anne M. Mohrmann at Ext. 3159.

Rec Center closes for cleaning

The Mathis Recreation Center will close Tuesday for carpet cleaning. The center will re-open April 6.

OWC plans fashion show

The officers' wives club will be hosting a fashion show April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the officers' club. Clothing for both men and women from Skibell's and S & Q Clothiers will be modeled by OWC members and some husbands.

There will be a large hor d'oeuvres buffet and a no-host bar. OWC members are encouraged to bring their husbands and other guests, but reservations must be made by April 11.

Lubbock churches invite Reese personnel to attend church

<p>WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 33rd & Indiana 799-3621 Church School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Evening Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday 7:30 PASTOR— SAM LAINE</p>	<p>SUNSET CHURCH OF CHRIST Bible Class 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m. 3723 34th Street 792-5191</p>		<p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH 40th & Quaker 799-2464 ROSS SPENCER, Pastor Come and grow with Lubbock's friendliest church... A bus passes through Reese Village if we can be of help to you please call 799-2464 or 795-8997 Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Preaching Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. Can we count on you at our next service?</p>	
<p>UNIVERSITY AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD University Avenue at 26th PENTECOSTAL SERVICES Joyful, Spirit Filled Singing and Preaching SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 10:45 a.m. • 6:30 p.m. BIBLE CLASSES • 9:45 a.m. Sunday 744-9423 ROY LOVE, Pastor</p>	<p>SOUTHCREST BAPTIST CHURCH Touching lives because we care. Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:50 a.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. REV. DON CASS, Pastor 4810 Ave. P 744-4523</p>		<p>BACON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45, 11:00 a.m., 6:15 p.m. Church Training 5:00 p.m. Weekday Pre-School Mon. - Fri. 9:00-11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Out Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. H.F. SCOTT, Pastor 5039 53rd St. (53rd and Slide) 795-5261</p>	
<p>FIRST FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:50 Evening Service 6:00 Pastor: PHIL DEMETRO C.E. Dir: Karen Douglas Youth & Evangelism: Steve Smart 3115 2nd St. 762-8481</p>	<p>QUAKER AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST 1701 Quaker Ave. 792-0652 Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Family Bible Study Hour Wednesday 7:30 p.m. School of Ministry conducted week nights ELLMORE JOHNSON Evangelist</p>	<p>trinity church INTERDENOMINATIONAL... WE are ONE in the Bond of Love Sunday Worship Services 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Family Night Services 7:15 p.m. TRINITY PARENT/CHILD TRAINING CENTER (A Private Christian School) Loop 289 & So. Canton 792-3363</p>		
<p>LAKERIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4701 - 82nd Street Lubbock, Texas 79424 (806) 794-4015 BILL COUCH, Pastor Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 4316 34th St. 795-6453 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Class for Reese Personnel Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. RICHARD WATERS, Pastor</p>	<p>VANDELIA CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. DALE ANDREWS Pulpit Minister Gregory Boy Camp Minister of Youth & Family Kennon Rider Minister of Education 2002 60th at Ave. T 747-8439</p>	<p>BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. I.W. GREER, Pastor 60th & Hartford 799-8141 - Church Bus Service Available Presenting Christ as the Answer</p>	<p>BROADWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST 1924 Broadway 763-0464 •SUNDAY SERVICES 10:15 AM & 6:00 PM •BIBLE SCHOOL — 9:00 AM •WEDNESDAY — 7:30 PM •LUBBOCK BIBLE CLASS 9:15-10:00 AM-KEND RADIO 1590 •EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM-KFYO RADIO 790 •IGLESIA DE CRISTO SUNDAY 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM</p>
<p>PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH Extends to You a Welcome Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m. Church Training... 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service Wednesday... 7:30 p.m. Leon Anderson, Pastor 6119 19th St.</p>	<p>FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH 5426 50th Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship... 10:40 a.m. Evening Evangelistic Services... 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m. CURTIS NEWTON-Pastor 792-1163 - Rides Available A PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>BROADVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH 1402 North Frankford 797-3038 797-1745 BILL HATLER, Pastor Come As You Are God Will Have You No Other Way Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Church Training 5:00 Evening Worship 6:00 Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 WE CARE</p>	<p>Abundant Life Church The Church Where Love is Winferd Mack, Pastor SUNDAY Bible School... 9:45 am Morning Worship... 10:35 am Evening Praise... 6:00 pm WEDNESDAY Family Night... 7:30 pm Daily Radio Broadcast 10 am KJAK 92 FM W. 34th & Loop 289 793-9669</p>	<p>Flint Ave. Baptist Church "The Church That Cares" Sunday School — 9:45 Morning Worship — 11:00 Training Union — 6:00 Evening Worship — 7:00 Dean Thomas - Pastor 765-5444 - 763-9169 900 N. Flint One Block Off (The Littlefield) Clovis Hwy</p>

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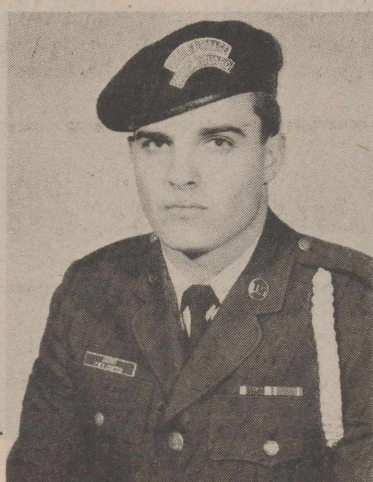
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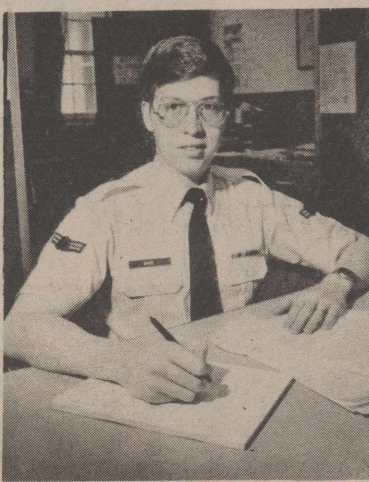
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Top airmen



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SrA. Brian Denny 64th FTW Airman of the Month, February.
A1C Christian Davis 64th FTW Airman of the Month, January.

MSGT. MIKE PADGETT, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, is back. Sergeant Padgett just recently completed the Air Force First Sergeant Academy at Keesler AFB, Miss.



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MSgt. Mike Padgett

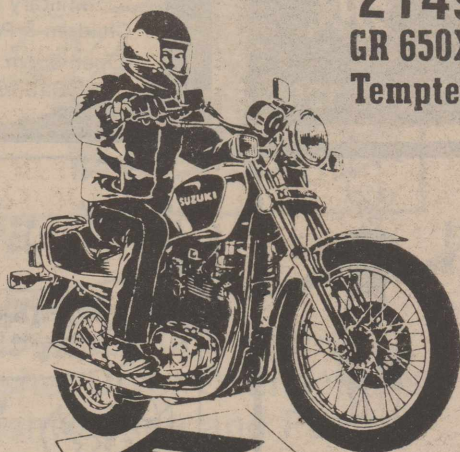


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1st Lt. Michael Price

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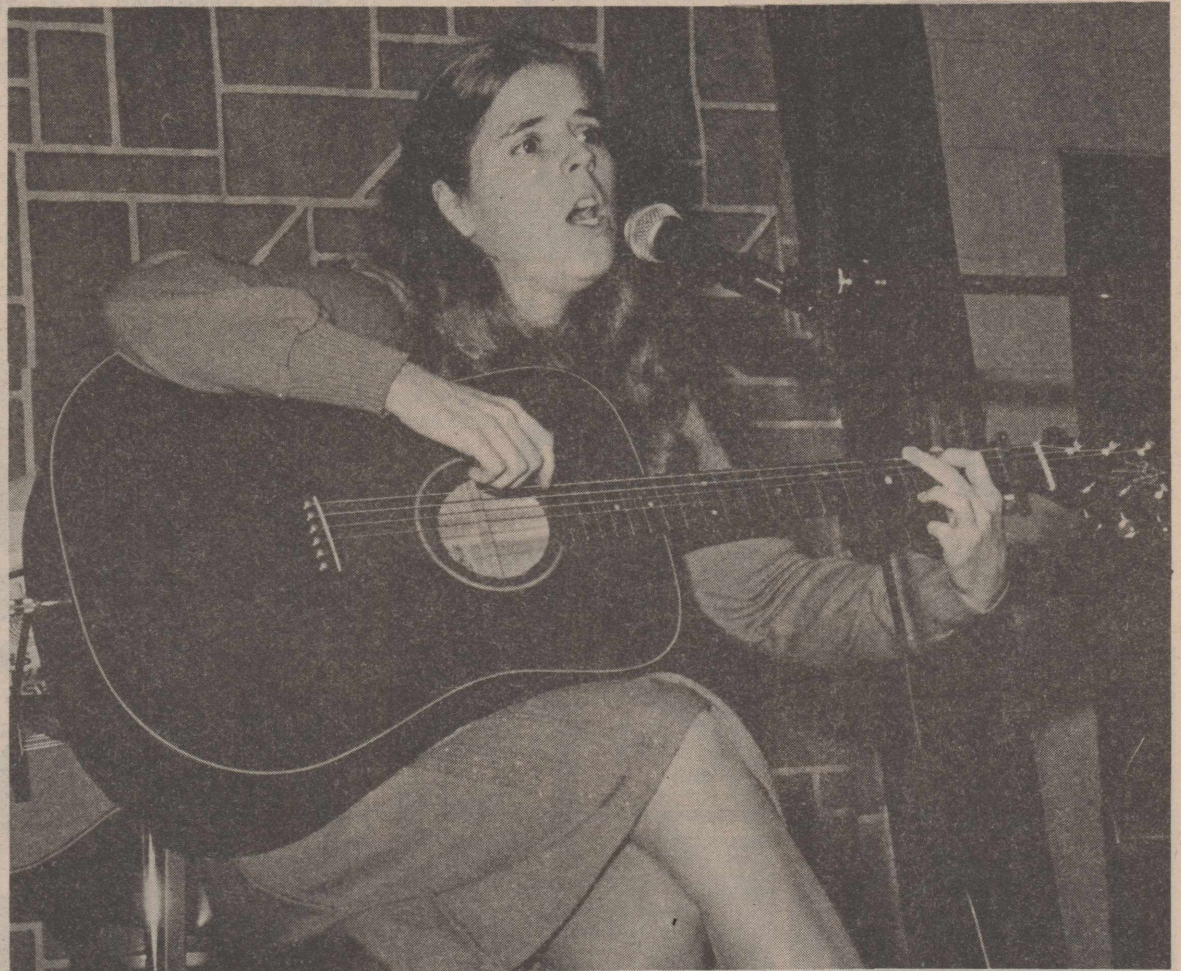
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But for the four people going forward to the Air Training Command talent competition next month, it was a first step toward bigger things.

Michael Haynes of FMS; Darcie Pope of the 54th FTS; Reggie Mitchell of the command post and

Kevin Martin also of FMS, were picked to travel to Keesler AFB, Miss., April 23-30 to perform in the ATC contest there. Winners at Keesler will move up to the Air Force competition slated for Tyn dall AFB, Fla., in May. The top talent in the Air Force — though not necessarily all winners at the Air Force competition — is eventually picked to travel with "Tops In Blue," the Air Force worldwide touring showcase.

Actually, the number one act at the Reese show was the hospital's Elmo Tillar, who did his version of the Lionel Ritchie hit, "You Are." However, because of an impending assignment to Germany, Tillar has to forego his chance at further competition this year.

All four Reese winners going to Keesler next month performed original material. Haynes and Pope sang songs they wrote ("Two People" by Haynes and "A Dream" by Pope), and Mitchell's "Barney's Jamming," was an original instrumental score. Martin also performed original material in his role as master of ceremonies.

Two other acts also appeared on the bill: "Triad," an instrumental trio featuring David Gomez on guitar, Greg Nelson on drums and

Dan Gomez on Bass; and "The Four Flats" vocal quartet, composed of Dan Gomez, Skeeter Shofner, Erik Smith and Bill Miller.

Finally, nearly indispensable to the show were the backup band and sound technician who were involved in all the acts. "Silent Partners," a local group composed of guitarists Todd Henry and Andy Fivier, bassist Jeff Steinborge and drummer Charles Levisieur provided backup music for all the musicians as well as filler tunes while the judges were deliberating after all the acts had performed. Sound man and band manager Clyde Shannon handled a 16-channel sound board and also served as one of the three judges.

The other two judges were Kay Stiner and Catrennia Williamson, both of the Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department.

Charlene Baker of the Rec Center was talent show project officer. Ruby Thomas and Brenda Jones of the Rec Center designed the stage decorations, Carl Perez of Supply ran the spotlight and Earl "Hutch" Hutchings was the timer. Lt. Col. "Speck" Brian, deputy base commander, presented the awards following the show.



John Long

Michael Haynes: "Two People"

DARCIE POPE, so recently arrived at Reese that she hadn't even met her squadron commander before appearing in the talent show last week, performs an original song, "A Dream." Pope was picked to perform at the Air Training Command Talent Show at Keesler AFB, Miss., next month.

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SATURDAY: Holy Saturday. Bible study at 8:30 a.m. Mass at 5:30 p.m. Catholic mass, blessing of the New Fire and the Easter candle service.

SUNDAY: Easter Sunday. Sunrise services at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 7 a.m.

Protestant services at 11 a.m. Gospel service at 1:30 p.m. During the Country Church services at 7 p.m. there will be an Evening Cantata.

Mass at 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 9 to 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to noon.

WEEKDAYS: Mass at 11:30 a.m. and Confession at 11 a.m. or by appointment.

MONDAY: Evangelism training at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY: Protestant adult choir rehearsal and Catholic adult choir rehearsal at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: PYOC Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Gospel Bible study at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY: Children's choir rehearsal at 4 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 19: The Women of the Chapel will hold their annual retreat in Slaton, Texas. Carpools and child care will be available that day so sign up today. For more information call the chapel or Ann Fitzgerald.

THEATER

TONIGHT: At 7:30 p.m. see "The Last American Virgin" (R) starring Laurence Monoson

and Diane Franklin. Adults \$1.50, children 75 cents. At 10 a.m. see "Hot T-Shirts" (R) starring Ray Holland and Stephanie Lawlor. Adults \$1.50, children 75 cents.



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To add the right look to your new prints have them matted at the center or do it yourself. In fact because matting has become so popular the center is hosting an MEI sale throughout April. During the sale all custom matting and framing will be done at a 10 percent discount.

SATURDAY: A basic black and white photography course begins. The four-week course will be offered Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The class will cost \$25.

APRIL 9TH: A four-week clay sculpture class begins. The four-week course will be taught Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. Cost for the course is \$10.

APRIL 13TH: A three-week advanced ceramics class begins. During the class the use of pastel chalks on ceramic bisque will be taught. The cost is \$10.

APRIL 14TH: A three-week basic ceramics course begins. During the course slip casting, cleaning, basic glazing and antiquing will be covered. The cost is \$10.

SPECIAL NOTE: The classes all require preregistration and for more information contact any of the center staff.



Rec center

Ext. 3787

SHUTTLE BUS GETS NEW SCHEDULE: The South Plains Mall shuttle bus that leaves from the center at 10 a.m. each Saturday morning and afternoon around 2 p.m. will be traveling under the new times from now on.

Formerly the shuttle bus ran Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

The new system will allow more community members to take advantage of discount theater tickets offered at the recreation center as well as allowing more time for people at Reese to enjoy base activities.

DISCOUNT THEATER TICKETS: Discount theater tickets are now available for all walk-in theaters in the Lubbock area. To get your discount theater tickets stop by the center during normal business hours.

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PLAYS TO BE PERFORMED: Actors and Company, a newly formed Lubbock area theater group, will perform two one-act plays April 8, 9, 22 and 23 at 8:15 p.m. There will be a matinee performance April 10 at 2 p.m.

The plays to be performed are "Laundry and Bourbon" and "Lone Star". The plays will be performed at 2801 42nd Street.

For play or ticket information call 793-8792 or 799-1406 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

BALLET COMES TO LUBBOCK: The world renowned Houston Ballet will perform in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. April 7. For more information or tickets call 793-9107.

Family film series opens at Chapel

A series of seven films concerning family living is slated to open Sunday, April 10, at the base chapel at 5:30 p.m.

The series will run for seven consecutive Sundays and all sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sessions will consist of registration, refreshments, film and discussion.

The films feature Dr. James C. Dobson, author of seven books including his latest, *Straight Talk to Men and Their Wives*. He is associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and a member of the attending staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles in the medical genetics division. He also produces a radio program, "Focus on the Family," that is syndicated to some 200 stations nationwide.

A film concerning "The Strong-Willed Child" will open the Dobson series April 10. Other titles include "Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit" (April 17), "Christian Fathering" (April 24), and two films on "Preparing for Adolescence" en-

titled "The Origins of Self-Doubt" and "Peer Pressure and Sexuality."

Child care will be provided at the chapel.

Call the chapel at ext. 3237 for more information.

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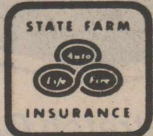


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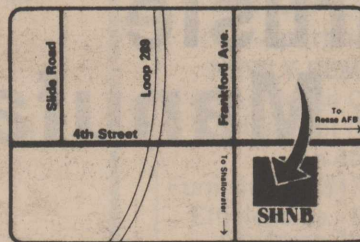
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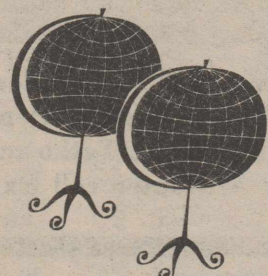
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Sports in brief

Kristie Allen joins Randolph team to win ATC title

Reese's women's varsity volleyball team went to Randolph AFB, Texas, March 18 to compete in the Air Training Command Central District Championships.

Reese 12 of its scheduled 16 games. Lackland beat Reese in the first round 15-8, 15-10; Laughlin took the next two games 15-12, 17-15; and Randolph volleied to the top 15-5, 15-9.

In the second round, Reese did not fair much better. Randolph took the court 15-11, 15-7; Lackland won 15-9, 15-9; and Laughlin squeaked by 15-13, 15-10. The fifth central district competitor, Goodfellow, forfeited both rounds.

Randolph won the central district title going undefeated in tournament play.

After the tournament, Kristie Allen from Reese was named to the Randolph team. As a member of the ATC Central District champions team, Allen helped Randolph slug their way to the ATC title defeating Lowry, the western district champions, and Columbus, the eastern district champions.

Upon Allen's return to Reese, she noted that each of the teams were impressed by the Reese women's varsity appearance. She added that "Randolph went undefeated throughout both tournaments." In fact, "four of the Randolph players were selected to attend the Air Force's volleyball training camp."

Bobby Wilson sparks FMS One to first place

Bobby Wilson's pacesetting 289 scratch game and 702 scratch series carried FMS One into first place in the intramural league standings March 21.

FMS One swept three and one half points from Air Base Group to earn first and stay ahead of the Supply Squadron too.

FMS One star Wilson is the top bowler of the week holding several league records. His 702 scratch series and 750 handicap series easily replaced records held by Keith Stewart and Al Thruston, respectively. His 289 scratch game topped Ray Moore's old record.

Angel Flight, Arnold Air Society sponsor run

The Texas Tech Angel Flight and Arnold Air Society will sponsor the "fleet feet four miler" April 23 at the Buddy Holly Memorial Park, just off north University Ave.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and race time is 10 a.m. Individual entries are \$6 (\$5 if preregistered) and \$4 per team member for teams five persons or more.

Proceeds from the four miler will benefit the Special Olympics and world hunger. The donation presentations will be made after the race to representatives from the Special Olympics.

Hap ki-do lessons still taught free at the gym

Hap ki-do (self-defense) classes are taught free at the gym each Monday and Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. For complete details call Victor Magnon at Ext. 3122.

Gym changes hours effective today

The gym hours are now: Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bowling specials at the bowling center

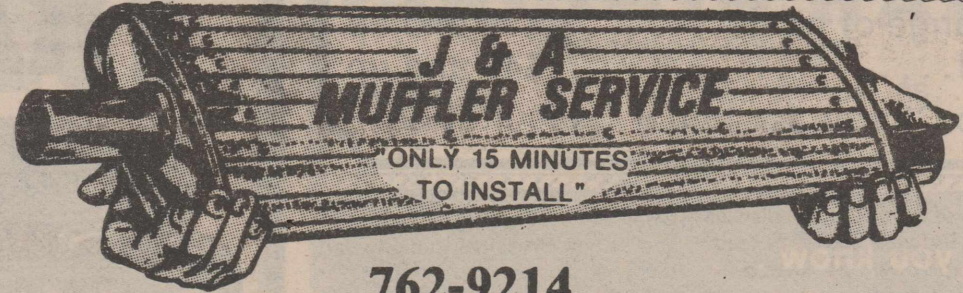
Bowling prices at the Reese bowling center are: weekdays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. for 75 cents per line; weekdays from 5 p.m. to closing it's 80 cents; and on weekends it's 80 cents.

Don't forget the parent and child special each Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. It costs \$1 per person to bowl three games and the shoe rental is free.

Sunday bowlers can rent a lane for \$5 for two hours of nonstop bowling fun between noon and 6 p.m.

The weekday luncheon special bowling still only costs 50 cents per game between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

April 15th the "Shirt Shoot" no tap tournament is on. Bowling costs \$3.40 to cover fees and bowling. There will be winners in the men's and women's divisions. For details call the bowling center at Ext. 3116.



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Mitchell foresees airpower's use

by Lt. Col. Ken White
ATC Office of Public Affairs

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Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell was such a man.

The dramatic story of the architect of American airpower began in 1898 when young Billy Mitchell, then an 18-year-old junior at George Washington University, decided to quit school and volunteer for service in the Spanish-American War. Although his father, Senator John Mitchell, could have gotten his son a direct commission, young Mitchell instead joined the 1st Wisconsin Regiment as a private. After basic training near Milwaukee, he transferred to Florida to await shipment to Cuba and the war. While in

Florida, he quickly earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps.

By the time Mitchell got to Cuba on New Year's Day 1899, the war was over. But he arrived in time to witness the surrender of Spanish forces. In that incident he saw a simple truth: the United States was now a world power and must act accordingly.

An exceptionally bright young officer with an unusual zeal to get things done quickly and correctly, Mitchell transferred from Cuba to the Philippines where, as a young lieutenant, he built a crucial telegraph network and developed a clever and successful plan to capture insurrectionist leader General Emilio Aguinaldo. While in the Philippines, he served under General Arthur MacArthur and lifelong friend of the Mitchell family.

At 22 Mitchell was reassigned to Alaska where, using common sense, superior leadership and ingenuity, he planned and successfully constructed a vitally needed telegraph line back to the

States. He succeeded where others, much older and more experienced, had failed. When he returned to the States after completing the grueling project, he

was the youngest captain in the U.S. Army.

An officer of great compassion, Mitchell hurried to San Francisco following the disastrous earth-

quake of 1906 to aid in rescue efforts. This same compassion for human life sent him back to the Philippines in 1910 to restore

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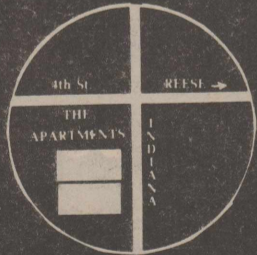
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Mitchell

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communications and spearhead relief actions after the Taal Volcano on Luzon erupted, causing widespread devastation and suffering.

Billy Mitchell first became interested in aviation while studying for an Army Signal Corps test when assigned to Alaska. Typical of his brilliance, he immediately saw military uses for the fledgling airplane, then little more than a curiosity. In 1912-13 he watched

the Balkan Wars with interest as primitive flying machines were first used in combat. And it didn't escape him that the French, German and British were seriously studying the airplane as an instrument of war. He was both puzzled and chagrined that there was no similar interest in the U.S.

Nevertheless, he would do what he could to advance military aviation. As Chief of the Signal Corps' Air Section, he worked relentlessly to develop new facilities for military flight instruction. Few shared his deepening concern that the U.S. was fall-

ing hopelessly behind in exploiting this new and potentially devastating weapon.

In 1915, while assigned to Washington as the youngest officer ever to serve on the Army General Staff, he took flying lessons at Newport News, Va. When World War I suddenly erupted in Europe in 1914, Mitchell was not surprised to see dramatically new and diverse uses of the airplane in battle. And the quiet voice that lived within him told him this was just the beginning. He sternly warned his superiors of the profound implications of airpower to the U.S. when — not if — we entered the war. Few listened.

Mitchell's argument for a stronger air arm lost some of its credibility when the eight Curtiss JN-2 Jennies dispatched to assist General Pershing in his punitive raid against Pancho Villa in Mexico fared poorly. Two crashed, and by the end of the short campaign the other six couldn't be flown safely. But Mitchell knew why. The Jennies were simply not up to the task, not designed for the job they had been asked to do. The Mexican expedition, in his mind, was not a valid test of military airpower.

In 1917 before the U.S. entered the war, Mitchell, then a major, got permission to go to France as an observer. Although a few American pilots were flying with the Lafayette Escadrille, they had joined the French Foreign Legion to do so. Mitchell, then, became the first U.S. Army officer to serve in World War I.

Once in Europe, he wasted no time getting into the action. He frequently flew in the observer's

seat in two-plane aircraft, and then went to Paris where he learned to fly the newest French and British fighters.

From his viewpoint the war had stagnated to an appalling state, with hundreds of thousands of men living like moles, waiting to die, in the mud and stench of trenches that crisscrossed Europe. And Mitchell was quick to note that this tortured mass of humanity was supplied by unprotected logistics networks vulnerable to air attack.

While making his rounds of the French and British air units, Mitchell met and instantly liked British General Hugh Trenchard, himself a visionary and advocate of strategic aerial bombardment. The two discussed, among other things, the ultimate supremacy of aircraft over naval forces. It was this treatise that ultimately brought Billy Mitchell into bitter conflict with the Navy Department.

Then, as Mitchell had predicted earlier, America entered the war. In June 1917 General Pershing arrived to assume command of American Expeditionary Forces yet to be assembled. Mitchell convinced himself of the growing importance of airpower and that U.S. pilots, flying aircraft purchased from Britain and France, could be the first Americans ready for combat. Pershing gave full support to Mitchell and his plans.

While Mitchell worked like a mad man to build a small American air arm, he also developed revolutionary new tactics for its use. His philosophy was relatively simple: win air

supremacy over the contested area and then concentrate airpower to bomb and strafe key enemy strongholds and supply lines.

He first tested these theories during the summer of 1918. By then the American First Army had grown to 400,000 troops massed in the St. Mihiel salient. General Pershing and his staff, Mitchell included, began planning a major offensive. For his part, Mitchell would coordinate the attack of 1,500 U.S. and 600 French aircraft, as well as 100 British bombers. All planning and preparation was attempted in strictest secrecy.

German intelligence, however, learned of Pershing's plans and rather than stand and fight, the Germans chose to secretly pull back and fortify. It was Mitchell himself, flying a reconnaissance mission, who discovered the German withdrawal. Pershing was informed and he immediately launched his offensive, considerably earlier than originally planned.

Mitchell put his air force to work. Wave after wave of aircraft hounded and hammered the retreating Germans, spreading terror and confusion. German aircraft, launched to neutralize the savage pounding from the air, were dispatched from the skies as soon as they appeared over St. Mihiel.

Pershing's forces won a great victory. And Mitchell's new concepts proved devastatingly correct, so effective in fact that Mitchell himself was surprised.

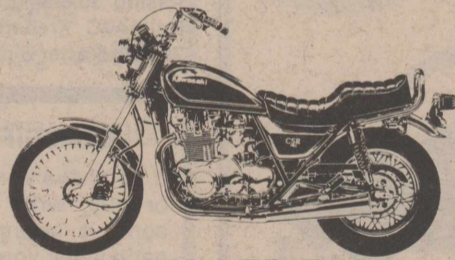
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COLONEL MITCHELL prepares to testify as his court-martial trial begins, October 1925.

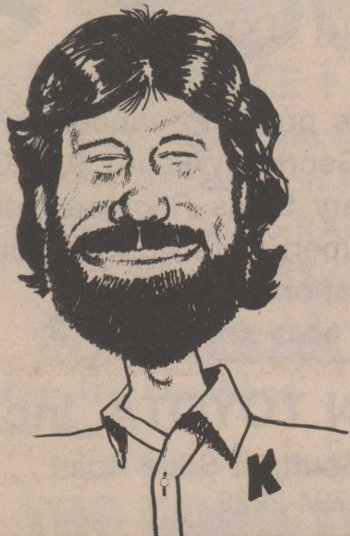
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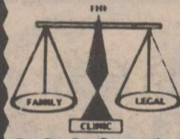
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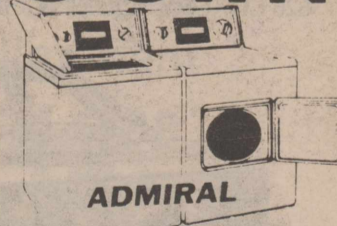
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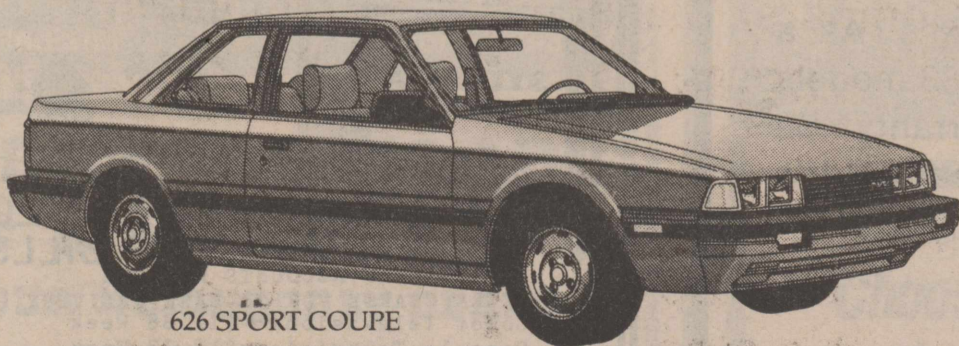
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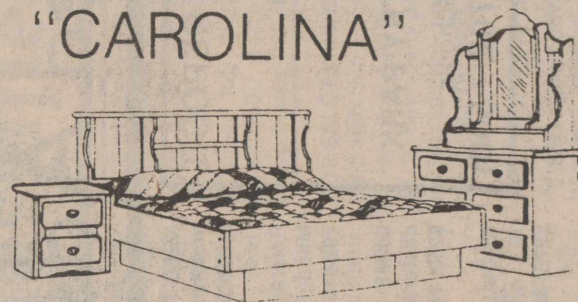
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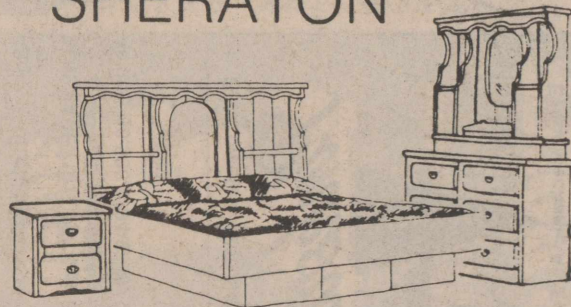
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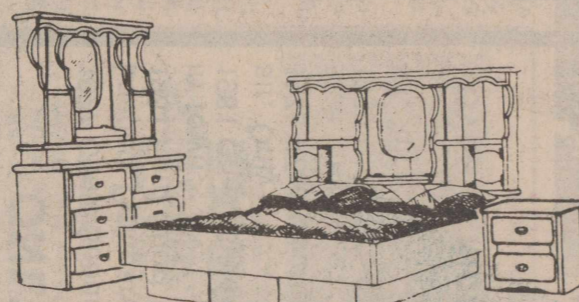
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