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## New dental plan to cover military retirees

**Douglas Gillert**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Military retirees and their families will soon have access to low-cost dental insurance.

As early as Oct. 1, the retiree dental program will begin offering military retirees, their spouses and dependent children dental coverage to include basic diagnostic, preventive and restorative dental services, dental surgery and emergency examinations. The exact date of availability and actual costs will depend on the contract, which has not yet been awarded.

"The request for purchase has gone out, but obviously it will take time for the company awarded the contract to market the program and enroll members," said Air Force Dr. (Col.) Marvin Bennett, senior Department of Defense dental consultant. "The plan is quite simple, however, so it shouldn't be too difficult to start up. We're reasonably optimistic it will start on time."

Premiums withdrawn from monthly retiree paychecks, and member cost-shares will fund the plan, Bennett said. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will provide financial management. Because the contract hasn't been awarded, however, Bennett said he does not know how much the premiums will be.

The plan will offer three enrollment rates: single, two-party and family. Unremarried spouses of deceased retirees and some other limited enrollment categories will also be offered, Bennett said.

Premiums cover one basic examination and one cleaning per enrollment year. New members are required to pay the first four months' premiums when they enroll and must enroll for a full year. Excluding exams and cleanings, they must pay a \$50 annual deductible before cost-share payments kick in, Bennett said. After paying the deductible, they will be billed just 20 percent of costs for restorative care and sealants and 40 percent of costs for other services. The contractor will directly reimburse participating dentists for remaining costs.

The plan may offer a network of dentists, but it won't deny care received from non-network dentists, Bennett said.

"Because of the range of ages the program covers, it offers a broad spectrum of services," he said. "However, it may not be as desirable for some older folks, who need crown and bridge work the plan doesn't cover. Before enrolling, people should carefully weigh the plan's benefits against their dental needs."

The contractor will send information and enrollment forms to prospective members. Health benefits advisors at military hospitals and clinics will also offer assistance.

"The retiree dental program will give many military retirees access to low-cost dental work they haven't had before," Bennett said.

United Concordia, the current provider for active duty and dependent dental care, was unable to expound on this new plan.

Heidi Swards, a certified lifeguard at the pool, ensures the swimming area is safe and free of any dangerous activity. Lifeguards are required to maintain the pool area keeping swimmers safe. With school starting in the next several weeks, some of the lifeguards will be leaving and a void will exist. It is necessary to have a certain number of certified lifeguards to keep the pool open. If anyone is lifeguard certified and would like to be a lifeguard at Reese Beach, please contact Ron Armes at 3006 and present your qualifications. If additional lifeguards cannot be found, we will be forced to close the pool on July 31.

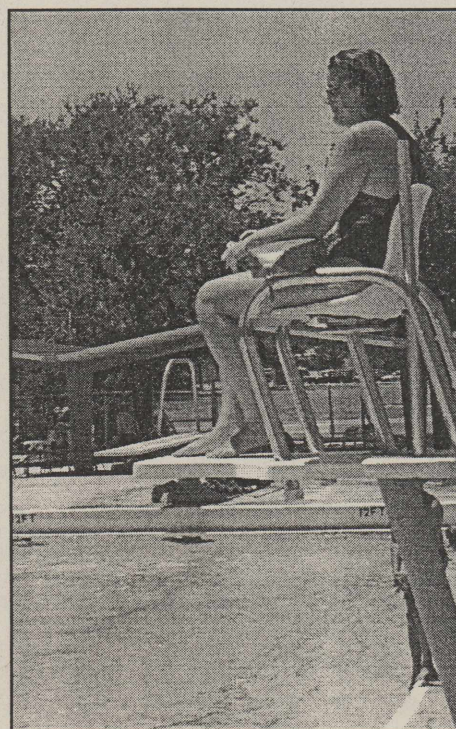


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# 'Bama 'country boy' explains pillars of success

Lt. Col. Joe Wilson  
64th Logistics Squadron commander

Recently I was asked to provide the keynote address for the 4th Corps 1997 Graduation. 4th Corps Summer Youth Employment Camp is a product of Broadway Festivals, Inc., seeking to provide youth between the ages of 15 to 18 with an increased sense of self-confidence, improved self-esteem, a sense of community, and self-discipline.

While putting together my message, I reflected on my days as a youth in Enterprise, Ala. In 1970, while picking cotton for about \$10 a day, I can remember telling myself that there has to be a better way to make a living. From that hot August day on, I formalized a game plan to ensure success. The six pillars to success, as I see it, are as follows:

**Education:** Entering high school, I was an average student. I decided average was not good enough and set out to finish in the top 15 percent of my graduating class. Proud to say, I did graduate in the top 15 percent. I graduated from college with a 3.6 grade point average. If this ol' country boy could do it...surely you can too.

**Faith in self:** As young adults, you must believe in yourself. You must be willing to make sacrifices to create a better society. True greatness is within. It is not created by prizes and awards or by fame and honor. Greatness comes when you realize your potential. I realized my potential and sought to ensure that I reached my goals.

**Excellence:** Excellence is the ability to reach for a higher plane. Excellence can be achieved through hard work and perseverance. Remember, ideas are everywhere, but knowledge is rare. What knowledge gives you is the ability to speak truth through power. Power brings recognition, and recognition provides you an avenue to bring change to your community and society as a whole. Excellence, from a country boy's perspective, is never saying, "I can't," but always saying, "I will."

**Retaining Your Cultural Uniqueness and Identity:** It's okay for you to uphold your cultural uniqueness. In fact, I encourage you to; however, I also encourage you to share your culture with others. By sharing your culture, the outgrowth will be a greater understanding of each other. Whites, mexicans, blacks, and others, have to share, work, and pull together to get the job done. It is obvious to me that each of your uniquenesses are an asset and not a hindrance. The country boy's take on this is never let your color, culture, or prejudices stand in the way of success and meeting your goals.

**Setting Priorities:** As young adults and future leaders, you must set higher goals for the next decade and beyond. The 21st century must be dedicated to addressing today's problems. For you, I believe your focus should be on such issues as education, interpersonal relationships, and personal responsibility. As young community leaders, you must join me in an effort to establish programs, like 4th Corps, to offer our youth an alternative to drugs and gangs. The ol' country boy says a man or a woman without priorities is a man or woman who is going nowhere fast.

**Being accountable:** Believe it or not, you are always accountable for everything you do or don't do. For instance, if you get an education, the consequence is that you will probably have an opportunity to achieve



Wilson

success. On the other hand, without an education, you will probably be doomed to failure. If you use drugs, the consequences for your actions are prison or maybe death. You drive over the speed limit...you get a speeding ticket. The bottom line is to think about the consequences before you act. Once the act is committed—it's done. Any ol'country boy from Alabama will tell you if "you can't stand the heat...stay out of the kitchen."

Each of you represent those who have excelled against all odds and those who have thrived under adversity. There is hope for this city and nation because of young people like you. Your presence here sends a clear message that you believe in the values of sharing and your commitment to making a difference. You are the heroes of America. Thank you and may God bless you all.

(1st Lt. Jeff Babinski, 64th LS; Staff Sgt. L.D. Harper, 64th Security Forces Flight; and Staff Sgt. Cindy Opaitz, 64th SFF, served on the 4th Corps Staff.)



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# Reese vintage vehicles, 'oldest and best'

*out & about with*  
**and Lt. Chris Breighner**  
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Well, it was no T-38 incentive ride, but these days better than a poke in the eye, and I didn't throw up from any "G" forces in that white-topped 1994 Plymouth Sedan.

My latest adventure took me inside the transportation yard, in and out of the maintenance bays and even inside a tractor-trailer combo (also known as your basic diesel truck with flatbed trailer. Where they got the "tractor" from is anyone's guess—it's certainly no John Deere.)

And of course, I tooled around the offices, including the vehicle dispatch zone, where your shoes squeak on the floor, the smell of diesel is less prevalent, and the air conditioning most welcome. Trucks, trailers, refuelers, other specialized vehicles and "heavies" are just too cool and so much darn fun to watch (at least pass the time if you're trying to catch a flick at the Movies 16 war zone this summer.)

Reese has "the oldest fleet and the best fleet," according to Capt. David Taylor, transportation flight chief, and Phil "Cadillac" Lozano, fleet manager, among others over there at the "Trans Complex," Bldgs. 460 and 461 at the corner of South Davis Drive and South Gilbert Avenue.

My "ride-along" began with a Monday morning alarm at 4:15 a.m. (For you high maintenance folks out there, you know my pain.) I slammed down oatmeal, instant coffee and beat the commercials on that newish rock'n roll station to hang out with the transportation contractor's early crew, Dave Russell and Audrey Gardner. I rolled in at 5:20 a.m. to the wide smiles of

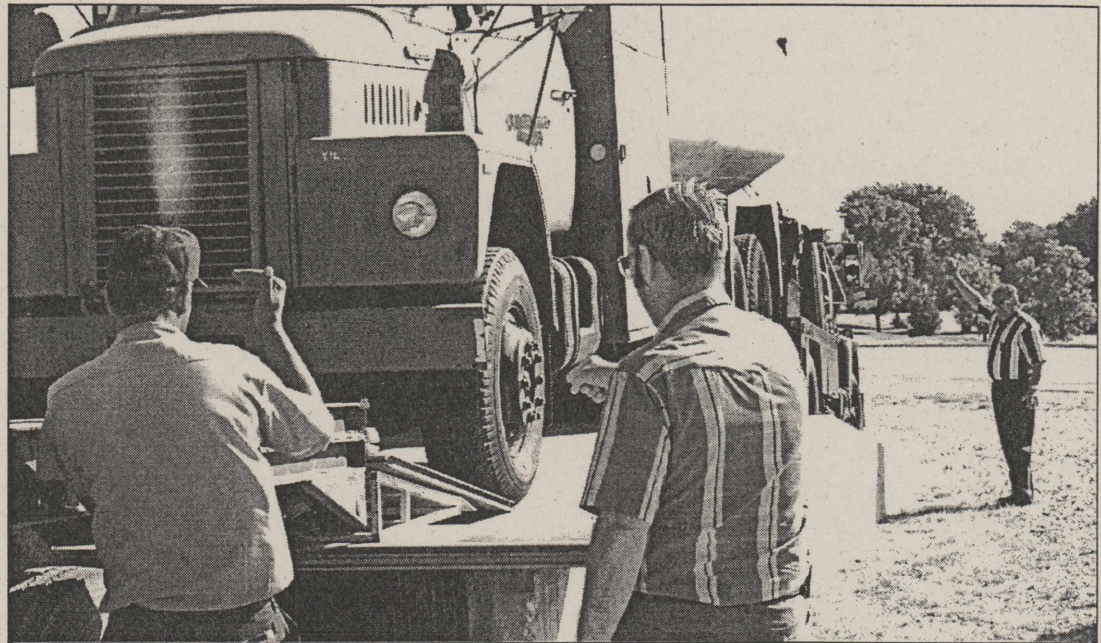


Photo by Staff Sgt. Orlando Guerrero

Dave Russell, 64th Transportation Flight, left, prepares to load a refueler on a semi-trailer for shipment to a new location with help from Guy Beal. Phil Lozano, the fleet manager for TRANS, right, watches intently to ensure safety standards are met.

both.

According to Russell, he's the "Yard Man," and Gardner's a vehicle operator. Both wholeheartedly agreed that no day is the same except for the morning routine of checking out the fleet, which includes warming up the ones in use. Russell said they check the tire pressure once a month.

"I enjoy my job and the people here are just great," said Gardner.

I tagged along while Gardner warmed up the van we would use as our shuttle to fetch the commanders' vehicles back to the garage for a bath and "ops check," (lights, blinkers, oil, etc.) On this fine morning, I helped (as good as any underfoot four-year old does) dry and spit-shine the wing commander and support group commander's cars, including the front plate, one bearing the coveted eagle. We had quite the chat—that old bird has seen a thing or two.

I got so busy cleaning out the Diet Coke (no federal en-

dorsement intended) cans from the passenger side (just joking) that I forgot to ask Gardner if I could drive that beloved Plymouth. In any case, the vehicles were back in their spots before the morning's *Avalanche-Journal* was inside.

Every vehicle has an AF Form 1800 in it: Operator's Inspection Guide and Trouble Report. In other words, if the vehicle has a leak, makes noise, air decides it no longer wants to be in the tire, or causes any trouble, the problem is logged by *ye who notices it*, and the log triggers its fix.

Guy "Ducktail" Beal's area—maintenance control—takes care of that.

"They (anyone) break 'em, we fix 'em," quipped Beal before the duty day, sitting on a low crate enjoying coffee from an insulated mug and the morning breeze through an open bay.

Cliff Holloway, who looks all of 18 years old, agreed with Beal and also said he has worked vehicle maintenance for 20 years and through six

contractors at Reese.

Kyong Yi and Don Richards round out the mechanics team working day-in, day-out magic on the longtime award-winning fleet. (What's up with those Ford's though?) And man, oh, man. You could eat Sunday dinner off the garage floor. I'm from a long line of mechanics, although my brother got the all-things mechanical prowess genes for our generation...I can't even change a vacuum cleaner bag...and I've seen my share of garages. This one's as neat as a pin—no joke.

Another specialist, InHo Oak, is the body man, responsible for detail work, paint jobs and dent repair on Reese vehicles. (This is the guy one ought to have on retainer around these parts given golfballs falling from the skies and that Quaker Avenue and the Loop intersection waltz.) I checked out the paint booth, turned the wheel slightly on the hydraulic presser for those cumbersome dents and waved to the welding room,

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## No recall on women's service dress coat

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) — Contrary to earlier reports, there is no recall of defective enlisted women's service dress coats; however, there is a current focus on customers who may be having welt pocket alignment appearance difficulties with their enlisted women's service dress coats.

These difficulties do not result from defective coats but from the lack of a universal fit of this type of styling on women of different sizes and shapes, according to Air Force clothing division officials.

Concerns were raised last fall on the appearance of the welt pocket placement. The welt pocket is used to align ribbons. Although the coats will fit a large majority of Air Force population, on a small number of women the welt appeared slightly slanted when worn. Because of the location of the pocket, its appearance will vary depending on bust size, location and posture, say officials.

The number of enlisted women's coats affected could not be determined, since the appearance varies on each individual. In a continuous improvement effort, the clothing division has subsequently repositioned the welt to enhance the alignment on different body types.

When buying a new coat, or any uniform item, clothing division officials advise customers to try on the item before purchasing to make certain it has the appropriate fit and appearance. The welt on the service dress coat should appear horizontal when worn to allow for the proper placement of ribbons. Although the welt may look slanted while on the rack, it should appear horizontal once worn.

Existing coats with welt pockets that appear significantly slanted should be returned to the military clothing sales store for exchange. Replacement of chevrons is not included, as some customers had been previously advised, say clothing division officials. Sewing on chevrons will be provided as a regular, authorized alteration.

## AF announces staff sergeant selections August 6

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — The Air Force plans to release the listing of the service's newest staff sergeants August 6 (August 7 for those units across the international date line).

The list of those promoted locally is releasable at the first duty hour at each installation. The complete list of those selected for promotion becomes available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page at noon, CDT, August 7.

Staff sergeants promotions rates will increase by about 1 percent to 17.6 percent. Although a modest increase, the rate is the highest enjoyed by prospective staff sergeants since 1987, with the exception of 1995.

Staff sergeants labored under a 5.5 percent promotion rate at one time during the draw-down.

"A promotion rate of 17.6 percent," one personnel official said, "will be a welcome change."

To view the list August 7, people can visit the center's home page at <http://www.afpc.af.mil>. The list will be posted under the "General Information: Enlisted Promotions" area as well as in the "New" listing.

(Courtesy AFPC News Service)

## Commission on Colleges reaffirms CCAF's accreditation through 2006

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recently reaffirmed the Community College of the Air Force's accreditation through 2006.

SACS set standards for educational institutions throughout the southeast United States assuring institutional quality for students and employers.

Accreditation is evidence that CCAF has met the criteria established by the commission. CCAF was first accredited in 1980 to award associate in applied science degrees and had its accreditation reaffirmed in 1996.

"Air Force technical training is the best occupational training in the world," said Col. Tamzy J. House, CCAF commander/president to the college's administrative staff. "One way to demonstrate that is to meet the standards of accreditation."

## AF tests new ombudsman program for families of deployed personnel

The Air Force began testing an "ombudsman" program Monday at five bases throughout the Air Force. Selected ombudsmen will act as advocates for family members on issues related to deployments.

Individuals selected to be an ombudsman will advise the wing commander on family issues; communi-

cate with commanders and families of deployed members; provide an effective information and referral service; and act as a spokesman for families of deployed members.

Bases overseas and in the continental United States with heavy deployment schedules were selected to participate in the program. The bases

have filled the new jobs from a variety of sources, such as volunteer spouses, retired spouses and civilian employees.

The program will be evaluated at the end of the six-month test period, through surveys and customer satisfaction questionnaires, to measure success. (AFNS)

# Viruses cause serious computer problems

## Avoid by following some simple virus commandments

**Capt. Antoine Banks  
and  
Bill Barr**

*64th Communications Flight*

Imagine you are sitting at your computer, working on a very important document that your boss absolutely, positively, has to have by close of business today. You are nearing the completion of the project you have been working on diligently day and night.

All of a sudden your computer screen begins to disintegrate into psychedelic colors. Very slowly the ominous figure of a skull and crossbones appears with the words, "**YOU HAVE BEEN HACKED AND EATEN BY KING NEPTUNE AND THE COMPUTER VIRUS CRUSADERS!**"

Your computer locks up and your hard drive is erased. Luckily you saved your work on a floppy disk.

You snatch your floppy disk out of the drive and you rush to one of your co-workers desktops to attempt to salvage your work. You insert your disk into your co-hort's computer and proceed to print out your precious document for safe keeping. However you find that your disk has been corrupted, making it useless.

Grudgingly, you march back to your office where you must initiate your computer viruses response checklist. Your work is lost, your suspense is busted, and unknowingly you have also infected your co-worker's computer with the same virus.

This scenario is fictional, however, the threat is very real. Each year hackers and computer viruses cause thousands of hours of downtime for computer users.

This scenario is one that can be avoided if you follow some very simple guidelines to guard against hackers and viruses.

In order to protect your system from computer viruses follow the guidelines listed below:

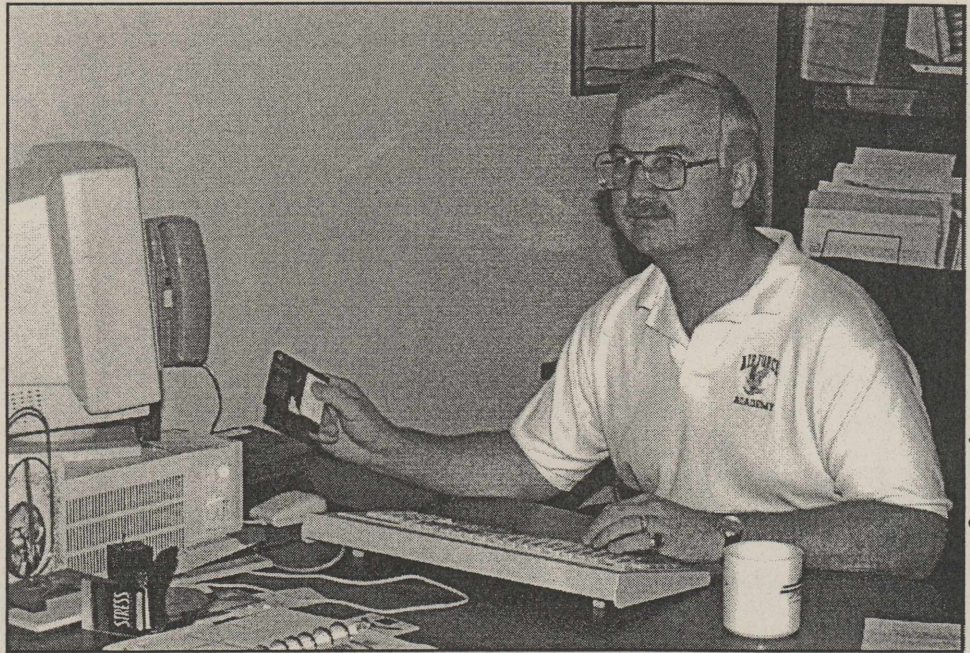


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown

Bill Barr, 64th Communications Flight, prepares to virus check a floppy disk prior to using the information on that disk in a program that could ultimately destroy his computer's hard drive.

### Ten Virus Commandments

- 1.) Limit the exchange of diskettes. (If you must use someone else's diskette, ALWAYS scan it for viruses first.)
  - 2.) Reduce the use of public domain, freeware, and shareware programs.
  - 3.) Do not insert your system diskettes into other automated information systems.
  - 4.) Write protect all system and program diskettes.
  - 5.) If running on a floppy-only system, boot from only one, clearly labeled write-protected floppy.
  - 6.) Never boot hard disk systems from a floppy, unless it is the original, write protected system master diskette.
  - 7.) Never execute programs of unknown origin.
  - 8.) Limit the transmission of executable code over networks and other common links.
  - 9.) Do not use network file servers as a workstation.
  - 10.) Never add data or programs to master diskettes.
- Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

## Problems? Concerns? Call the Care line at 3273

*A Care line column provides one of many opportunities for a commander to find out what people are thinking, what's bothering them and what they like. If you've wondered why the wing does something, or just want to make a comment, don't hesitate to call. You can call the Care line 24 hours a day at 3273. If you leave your name and telephone number, we'll get back to you and answer your concern by telephone.*

*Calls of interest to the Reese community will be published, without the caller's name in the Roundup the following week.*

**Public Affairs  
and the  
Roundup**

## Reese Activities

### Services closures and other activities

<b>Auto Hobby Shop (3142)</b>	Closure based on usage Tuesday-Friday Saturday Sunday, Monday, Holidays Goal Days	12 - 6 p.m. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Closed
<b>Barber Shop</b> <b>BX Barber Shop (885-4856)</b>	Monday Tuesday-Friday Saturday	Closed. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed daily from 1- 2 p.m.) By appointment only
<b>Beauty Shop (885-4856)</b> <b>Bowling Alley (3116)</b>	Monday-Tuesday Bowling ceases August 15. Snack bar is scheduled to close September 15. Monday-Thursday Friday Saturday Sundays/Holidays Closed.	7 a.m. - 8 p.m. 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. 12 - 10 p.m. 12 - 6 p.m.
<b>Caprock Cafe (6027)</b> <b>Child Development Center (3541)</b> <b>Commissary</b>	Scheduled to close September 12 Monday-Friday Scheduled to close August 2 Tuesday-Wednesday Thursday Friday-Saturday Sunday, Monday and Holidays Scheduled to close September 30 Monday-Friday	7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed
<b>Education Office (3634)</b> <b>CLEP testing</b> <b>CDC testing</b>	no longer available no longer available after September 1 Last class is the summer session. There will be no fall term.	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Family Support Center (3305)</b>	Scheduled to move to Bldg. 920 on August 1. Scheduled to close September 30 Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Fitness Center (6021)</b> <b>Aerobics</b> <b>*Gas Station (885-4965)</b>	Scheduled to close September 30 Monday-Friday Saturday, Sunday, Holidays Monday-Friday <b>Monday-Thursday</b> <b>Scheduled to close on July 31</b>	8 a.m. - 8 p.m. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. <b>9 a.m. - 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Golf Course (3819)</b>	Scheduled to close September 1 Tuesday-Friday Saturday, Sunday Monday (Exception -- if Monday is a goal day, then closed on Tuesday)	8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed
<b>Hospital</b> <b>Behavioral Medicine</b> <b>Dental Clinic (3711)</b> <b>Pharmacy</b> <b>Family Advocacy (3739)</b> <b>Primary Care (3515)</b> <b>Sick-call hours</b> <b>Tricare Center (1-800-406-2833)</b> <b>Lodging (3155)</b> <b>Reese Manor</b> <b>*Military Personnel Flight (3276)</b> <b>Normal MPF hours</b>	Relocated to Bldg. 1145, Room 109. Closed. Closed. Monday-Friday Relocated to Bldg. 1145, Room 108. Sees active duty only from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Closed. Moved to 5121 69th Street, Suite 110 in Lubbock. Monday-Friday For lodging after hours contact 885-3018 and enter code 468. Closed <b>New hours for ID card issue until August 8</b> <b>Monday-Friday</b> <b>Monday-Friday</b> <b>Naval Reserve Center will manage ID card issue after August 8. They can be reached at 765-6657 for directions and more information.</b>	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
<b>*Postal Services</b> <b>Dorm mail delivery</b> <b>Civilian Post Office (3351)</b> <b>Military postal/BITC (6178)</b>	<b>Stopped.</b> <b>Scheduled to close September 30.</b> <b>Organizational delivery stops Aug. 22. Units will be advised of follow-on procedures.</b>	
<b>Security Police</b> <b>Desk (3333)</b> <b>Main Gate (3694)</b> <b>Industrial Gate (3228)</b> <b>4th Street Housing gates</b> <b>Visitors Center</b> <b>Shoppette (885-2427)</b>	Open 24 hours a day (co-located with Main Gate) Open 24 hours a day Closed except for fuel/hazardous cargo delivery and departure. Closed. Closed (services available at the main gate). Scheduled to close August 29. Monday-Friday Saturday Sunday/Holidays Closed.	7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
<b>Youth Center (3820)</b>	Closed.	

**\* Annotates changes to the hours or activities**

(Page compiled by Staff Sgt. Orlando Guerrero.  
Please call 3410 with any updates to this information.)

## Around Reese

### Bowling Center "Menu"

(6555)

#### Breakfast Specials

**Today:** Biscuit and Sausage. Cost is \$2.15.

**Monday:** French Toast and Sausage. Cost is \$3.00.

**Tuesday:** Silver Dollar Pancakes, 1 Egg and Ham. Cost is \$2.95.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast Burrito with Ham. Cost is \$2.30.

**Thursday:** Two Eggs with Sausage, Hashbrowns or Grits, Toast and Jelly. Cost is \$2.95.

#### Lunch Specials

**Today:** Barbecue Beef on a Bun with French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.55.

**Saturday:** Cheeseburger and French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.65.

**Monday:** Cheeseburger and French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.65.

**Tuesday:** Chicken Fried Steak with

French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$3.20.

**Wednesday:** Soft Taco with French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$3.00.

**Thursday:** Pattie Melt with French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.95.

Any size coffee free!

# TRANS maintains best vintage fleet vehicles

(Continued from page 3) all Oak's artisan hang-outs.

"I wouldn't be where I am without them," said Beal. "They get the credit for all the good things we've done."

Tami Schneider is the efficient queen of maintenance control and analysis and the driver records clerk. She was also my gracious tour guide during part of my journey amid tires larger than my Chevrolet. For those of you out-processing (and who isn't) Schneider's the one to see in Bldg. 460—the

shop part with offices in its belly—not the smaller building where dispatch is located. Call her at 3696...you just might save a trip.

A transportation tip for our guests in the audience: the requirement to drive a ton-and-a-half truck and under is a valid civilian driver's license. You need the government driver's license and training when you get into the complicated wheels like forklifts, wreckers and the other groovy stuff.

"I can drive everything the Air Force owns," Russell said

proudly, smiling like a kid who could do his paper route blindfolded. His love for his job is obvious. With our friend, base closure, he has made dozens of trips to surrounding bases delivering mission-essential items.

I also did a few taxi runs—meaning I hung out watching Gardner on a few trips and was a dutiful passenger with blue folders full of official government business on others.

I know everyone is wondering about that "Ten-Seventeen-Thirty," phrase that the taxi driver calls back to Dispatch. It means, "Passenger picked up (10-17); all seat belts fastened (10-30)." It's the "taxi code," although Jim "Sunshine" Grimmett, behind the dispatch microphone, says sometimes they deviate from the numbered code and just ask point-blank, "Where's such-and-such," instead of "Ten-Sixteen." (For you over-achievers out there, 10-14 is the latrine break code. Make that summer get-away a success with that tidbit.)

Another little jewel I

learned—get a notebook...this one's a little complicated. The string of yellow numbers and letters on the side of many of the government vehicles is like a sentence.

For example, "92B 580" reads as, "This vehicle was manufactured in 1992; it is a commercial general purpose category of vehicle ("B"); and its internal registration number is 580, which corresponds to a much longer serial number for vehicle verification." Whew!

While it might be more than you need to know, it's like vegetables—it's good for you—when I say that I learned there are two vehicle "designs" the Air Force buys. (And I don't mean Corvette or Dodge Ram sweet pickup truck.)

**Commercial** and **military** are the designs, and within those designs, there are categories, such as the "B" we discussed.

In addition to "B," within commercial design: "C" is for special purpose; "D" is construction and base maintenance equip-

ment; and "E" is materials handling equipment.

Military design has the same categories but are indicated as: "K" for general purpose; "L" for specific purpose; and "M" for construction and base maintenance. "E-I-E-I-Oh." (That's all I wrote down when I talked with specialist Lozano, so too bad. They won't ask it at your next quarterly board anyhow.)

When you get a chance, stop by "TRANS," drag your boots across their shiny floor and just say hello to a great bunch of people.

Charlie Armstrong's still there with a tale or two from "the old days."

I didn't catch up with James Truelock (afternoon taxi/dispatch) or Ted Lathey (vehicles turned in) this time around, but you could. You never know when you might need a lift.

Take a lesson from these folks—with pride in your daily work and proper, routine care of your vehicle, you'll get wherever you aim to go!



by Staff Sgt. Orlando Guerrero

Audrey Gardner, a member of the elite TRANS team, checks the oil level on a vehicle in the vehicle maintenance shop. Routine oil changes maintain engine stability and enhance performance.

## Reese Weekly Bulletin

**1. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** Effective immediately, if you are participating in the Air Force mentoring program, you are required to use the Mentoring Feedback Worksheet, AETC Form 906. This form is an excellent tool to help supervisors focus on the professional development of their people. Within 30 days DP will provide you with an education module on mentoring for use with all Airman Leadership Schools, Civilian Military/Military Supervisor Courses and local professional development seminars.

**2. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** Regarding promotion increments effective August 1, Commanders will ensure that officers are professionally, physically, mentally, and morally qualified to perform the duties of the higher grade. If not, action should be taken according to AFI 36-2501, chapter 5, Table 5.1, and notify HQ AFPC/DPPPO of this action immediately. In addition, commanders will ensure that officers who intend to decline their promotions are advised not to assume the higher grade; they have until 2400 hrs, 31 July 97, to submit their declinations in writing. Request HQ/AFPC/DPPPO be notified by the most expedient means of any officer declining a 1 Aug 97 promotion. Request all MPF's identify, by message, the applicable deployed PERSCOTEAM/MPF, of their monthly officer promotees who are deployed. Action officer is CMSgt Foley, HQ AFPC/DPPPO, DSN 487-5787.

**3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** The SATO office operates a satellite ticketing operation from their Sheppard AFB office. Travelers on official business can use these three easy steps to obtain airline tickets: (1) Contact SATO-Sheppard toll free at (800) 565-9917 to make reservations. (2) Send 4 copies of travel orders to TMO for validation. (3) Pick up tickets at TMO 1 duty day prior to departure. Call TMO at extension 3836 if you have a complaint or a compliment on the service you receive from SATO.

**4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** AFPC is soliciting qualified volunteers for the wholesale logistics and functional experience for supply NCOs, a supply professional development experience development program. Individuals in AFSC 2S0X1, TSgt or MSgt, and AFSC 2S0X2, SSgt through MSgt, with less than 15 years active service before reporting to the program are eligible to apply. Contact your local supply chief or Major Command supply enlisted manager for more details.

**5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** The 64 MSS/DPMPs, Customer Service Section will only issue ID cards between 1100 to 1400 hours Monday through Friday. The Customer Service Section will stop issuing ID cards on August 8 and the Lubbock Naval Reserve Center will be taking over. For directions to the Naval Reserve Center call 765-6657.

**6. ATTENTION ALL APPROPRIATED FUND CIVILIANS:** If you participate in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) or plan to in the future read on. The Civilian Personnel Office is in receipt of the latest versions of: "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees" and "Guide to TSP investments." Due to base closure, we will not be ordering extra copies of these booklets. However, if you wish to review them, they are available in the Civilian Personnel Office. For more information, please call Sheryl Owens, 3804.

**7. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** The Base Exchange will have a Fixture Sale on Saturday, 2 August, from 0900 until 1500. All reasonable offers will be accepted. For more information call 885-4581 or 885-2427.

**8. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** The Minnesota Air National Guard has several career field openings under Palace Chase and Palace Front programs. For information contact SrA Mikkelsen at DSN 783-2034.