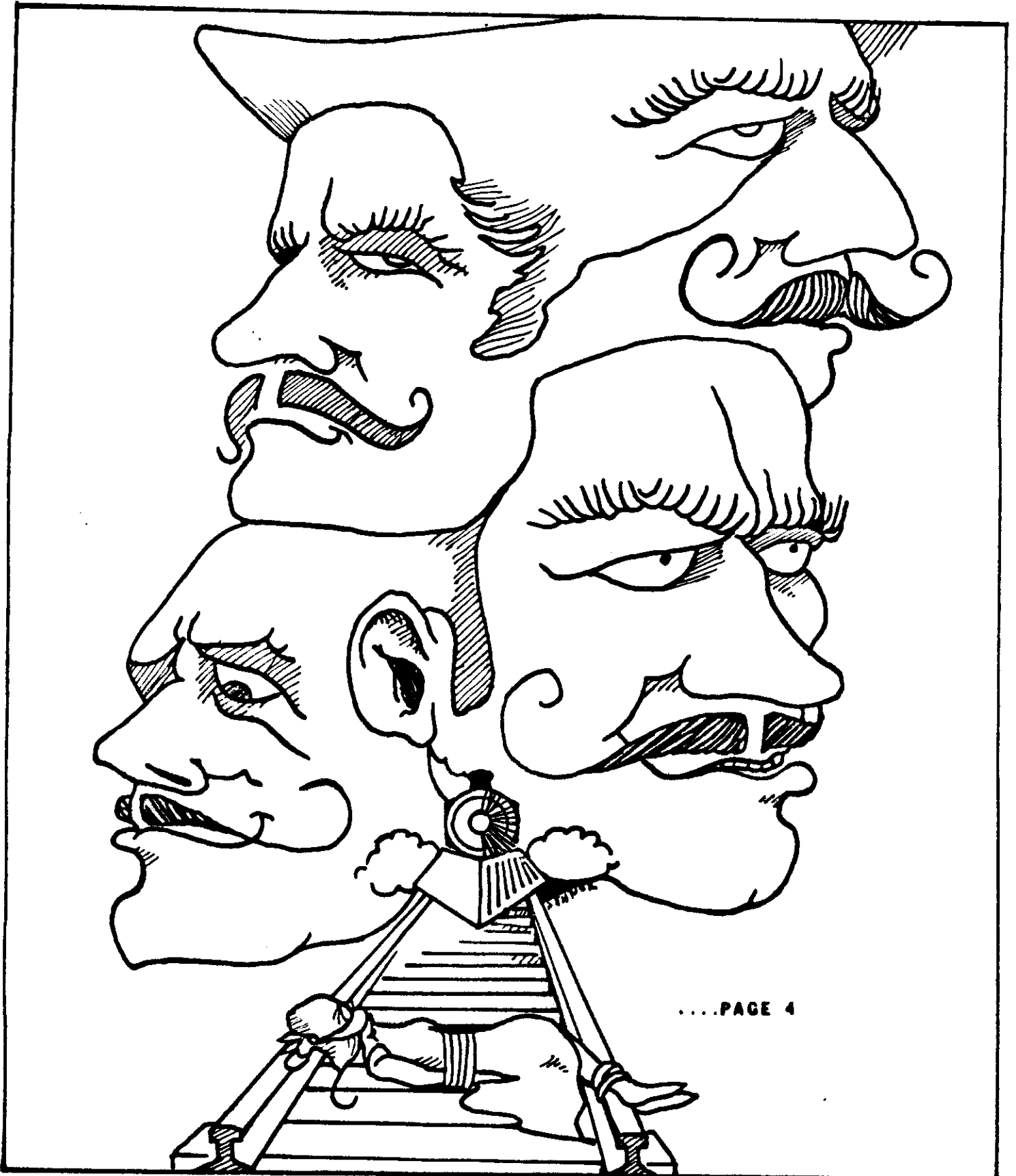


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Due to increased pressure from SUPTHAI, COL PINS has regrettably announced that motorcycles will be banned at Ramasun. The final date for termination has yet to be announced but informed sources approximate the date to be December 1, 1973.

The Ramasun ban was in keeping with SUPTHAI's ban in March of this year. The Ramasun Motorcycle Safety Club's superb fatality-free record was the mainstay for their continued operation until last Wednesday's announcement.

The Club's main problem now is trying to dispose of more than \$65,000 worth of machinery within the 60-day period. It has been rumored that the same provisions that SUPTHAI used in shipping motorcycles back to the US will be used in this case. Estimated cost for space-available shipping is \$150. However, those members who do not wish to ship them will be forced to sell their bikes on the Thai economy.

This creates two problems: due to the cost of the very popular Honda 350, most Thai citizens cannot afford them; and it is doubtful that there will be some 65 interested buyers from the air base within the estimated time frame. Some members of the club will be short-changed -or probably better termed as ripped-off when they will be forced to return them to the dealer for an up to 70% monetary loss.

This could leave many enraged soldiers with an unfortunate attitude to continue to ride the bikes -- outlaw. This could seriously tarnish the otherwise sparkling record of more than 3,000,000 fatality-free miles that the Club has rung-up.

Without the guidance and enforcement of a motorcycle club, Ramasun could be faced with its first motorcycle death.

Tom



Could this be the owner of Ramasun's "Fanciest Follicles?" Turn to Page 4.

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Company News Briefs



COL Pins escorts Deputy Defense Secretary William P. Clements in his inspection of Operations on September 15.

B CO

There are two permanent residents of Ramasun Station that few Ramasunites know by name, but certainly see and hear.

The smaller of the two is the tree sparrow (*Passer Montanus*). This species is "the most common bird around almost every house in" Thailand. The tree sparrow is smaller than the English Sparrow, but is quite similar in appearance to the male of that species. However in the tree sparrow's case, both the male and the female have the same markings. The tree sparrow is "a chestnut-brown bird with thick, black patch on the throat, and ear coverts, and with a curled white patch on sides of the neck."

The second resident is that fugitive from an American pet store, the common myna (*Sturnus tristis*). This species is much larger than the tree sparrow (23 cm compared to 13 cm). The common myna is "a vinaceous-brown bird with black head and neck. The yellow bill and bright yellow patch under the eye are conspicuous and attractive." This species has white patches on the underside of its wings which are noted when in flight. The common myna was rare around Bangkok before 1923, but now is very common throughout Thailand---Ramasun Station is no exception.

Source: Bird Guide of Thailand by Dr. Boonsong Lekagul of Bangkok.

A CO

With the month of September drawing to a close, A Company is pleased to focus its attention on those of its numbers who have made significant accomplishments over the past few weeks. First of all, congratulations are in order for Cliff Horn who won the A Company and Post-wide Soldier of the Month contest. He will be representing Ramasun in the All-Thailand Soldier of the Quarter contest held later in the month. On the paddleball contest, nine of the 14 competing teams are from the company. Our tournament winners (DeMoss and Stowers) are in the semi-finals and we hope to see them come away with the "All-Post Championship".

In the "Thanks for a Job Well Done Department" are Mike Sanderson and Mike Dendy who head the list for engineering the building of the horseshoe pits in the Company Area. As a team of horseshoe pitchers they are really hot. CPT Lustig (Appointed/Designated Company A bookmaker) is giving odds on for any challengers to the Sanderson/Dendy team.

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During the last two commander's calls, LTC Angel, presented a total of ten awards. The Distinguished Flying Cross was earned by Marion Gilliam; Doug Kuntzweiler was awarded the Air Medal, and Dayton Davis was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. A Flight's 1LT Stephen Manning and Ira Norris were presented the Air Force Commendation Medal. Pat Burns Willie Jefferson, Tom Kirker, Jim Hill, and Louis Sanatana also earned AFCM's.

Due to the departure of CPT Sutherland the ex-flight commander of C Flight and the Squadron Information Officer, changes were made in some duties. LT Nyhaus is the new Charlie Flight Commander and Information Officer. CPT Smith is the new Dog Flight Commander and continues as the Squadron Sports Officer. LT Manning remains as the Able Flight Commander and Squadron Civic Actions Officer, and CPT Puckett retains the Baker Flight Commander's job along with being the Squadron Ground Safety Officer.

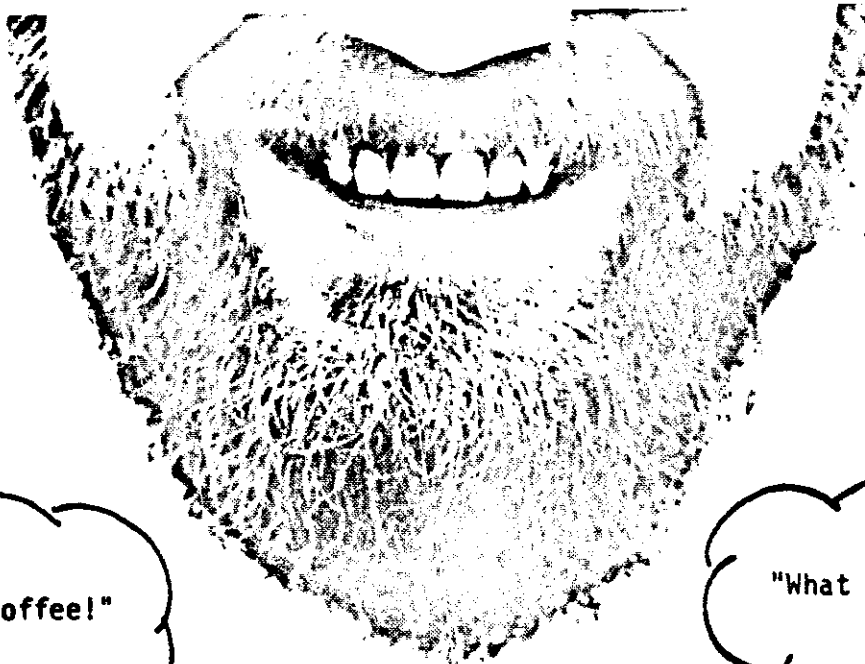
Fancy Follicles!



"...I've got a what-broom?"



"....Kung-who?"



...So I said, "Naw, the full moon doesn't affect me."

"Man, that's coffee!"

"What in zee-heil?"

Tom





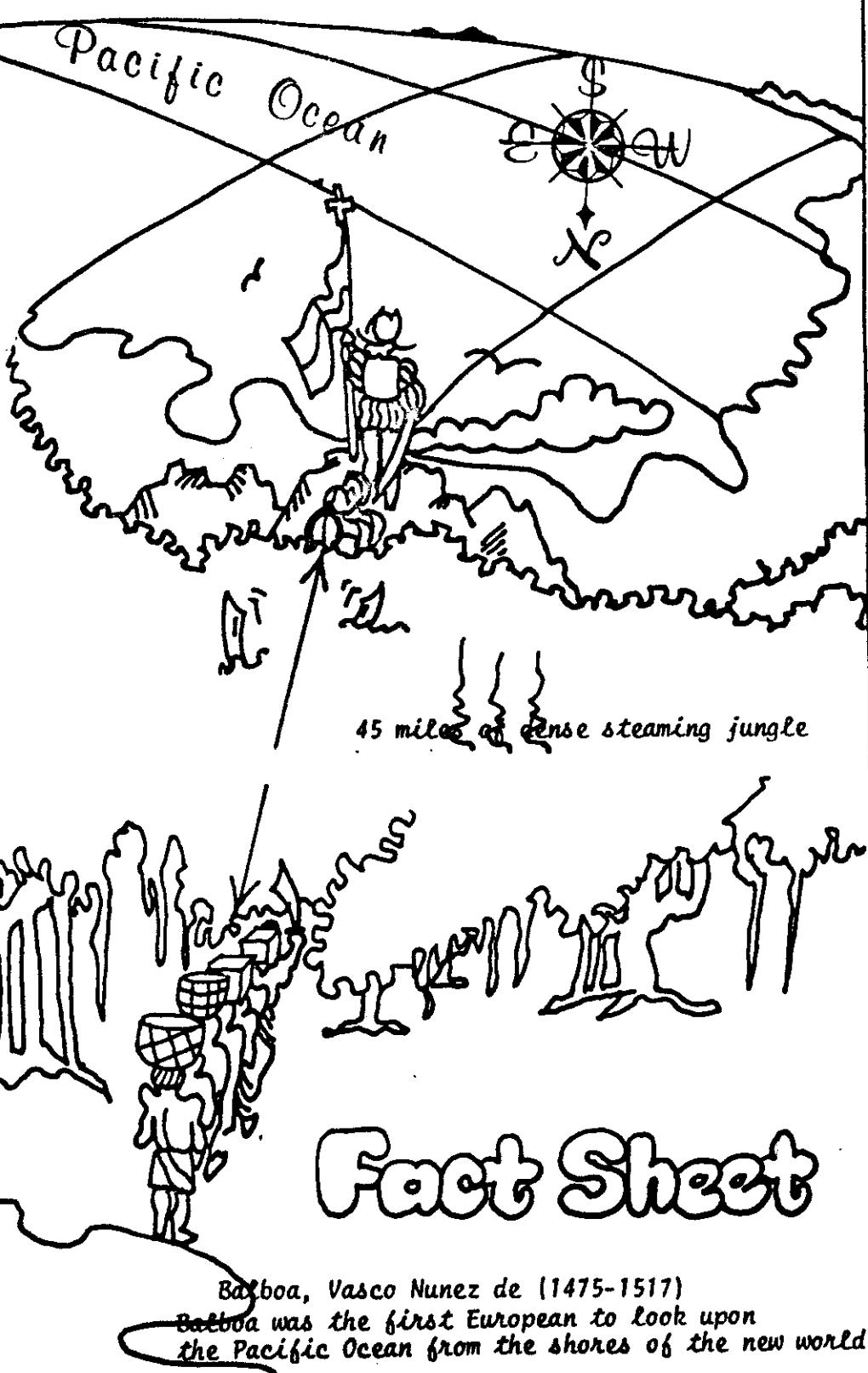
Balboa set sail for America in 1500 and settled in Santo Domingo. Being unsuccessful in farming there that led to debts, Vasco escaped his debtors by stowing away on a vessel bound for San Sebastian on mainland S.A. He was soon discovered, but then convinced the Captain of his use as a soldier instead of a prisoner. The CPT agreed.

San Sebastian failed as a colony and Vasco convinced superiors to move to the Darien (Isthmus) of Panama. The colony prospered.

Gaining the confidence of the natives, Balboa learned of a great sea beyond the mountains, so to gain his King's favor, Vasco set out to claim this sea for Spain. He set out across the Darien. It took 24 days for his party of 190 Spaniards and 1,000 natives to cross 45 miles of dense jungle. On Sept. 25, 1513, Balboa stood on a mountain top and claimed the Pacific Ocean, "The Southern Sea" for the King.

Balboa returned victorious but in his absence there had been trouble and a new governor had been appointed and Vasco's glory diminished.

Vasco was falsely charged with instigating a riot and beheaded.

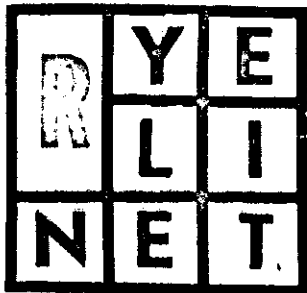


Fact Sheet

Balboa, Vasco Nunez de (1475-1517)
 Balboa was the first European to look upon the Pacific Ocean from the shores of the new world.

Caribbean Sea

TARGET-



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

THIS ISSUE'S TARGET: 25 words - good; 30 words - very good; 35 words - excellent. Solution next issue. THINK!

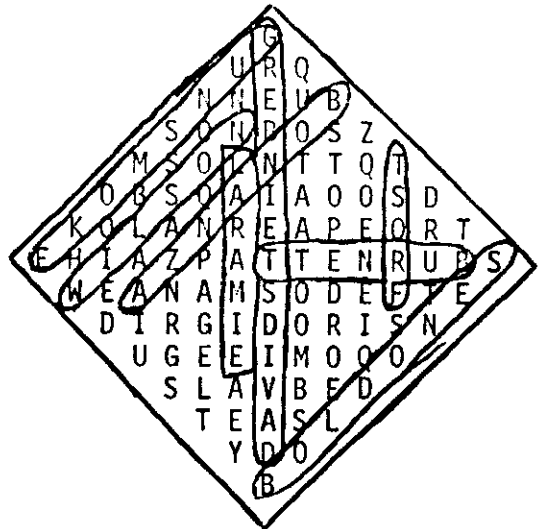
Quacky Quiz

1. What TV spy series did Robert Goulet star in the late 60's?
2. Where does Chickenman live?
3. Who stars as "Wyatt Earp"?
4. Who plays the famous Bat Masterson of Dodge City?
5. Who is the mayor's secretary in the Chickenman radio drama?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS W.B.

TELEVISION SHOWS

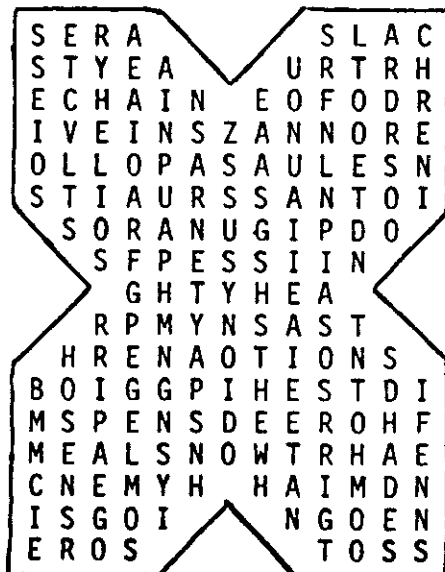
Contained in this local Word Search are many names of personnel at Ramasun, but the theme of this puzzle are eight hidden television shows that appeared last week. Tune in and find 'em!



Word Search

GREEK GODS OF MYTHOLOGY

Hidden in this "x-stacy" Word Search are 12 Greek Gods of Mythology. Although you may be familiar with most, there are a couple of tricky ones!



ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

1. The villians in King Leonardo were HOT brothers but they were Biggy Rat and Itchy brother. The latter was the King's brother.
2. The villian in "Tom Terrific" was Crabby Appleton and Tom's dog was Mighty Manfred, the wonderdog.
3. Dudley Dooright's arch-enemy was Snidley Whiplash.
4. Heckle & Jeckle were magpies.
5. This question was tricky - because you can shop in Thailand every day including Christmas. There are 101 days till X-mas!

Unit Day

17 Sept. 73

Skip Forcier, an unidentified H&S'er, and Bill Heffner managed to catch one of the four greased, squealing & squirming young porkers.



Three unidentified dudes proudly show off their beer "tower of power." We wonder if they personally downed the 600 cans.

Although it wasn't a total success and may have lacked some of the promised events such as elephant rides, parachute jumps, and "free food," Ramasan's Unit Day was enjoyed thoroughly by the majority of the over 1500 GI's and Thai guests. There was enough food and beer to go around, and enough entertainment to please most everyone. The most popular areas seemed to be the golf hole-in-one, three-way tug-of-war, and "puying" sack races.

SP4 Charles Battle picked up a TV set, while SP4 Howard Fisher went home with a wheelbarrel full of booze (and a lot of new friends) as a result of winning the two raffles held during the day.

Perhaps with a little less strain on funds and lower prices, next year's Unit Day could be even better!

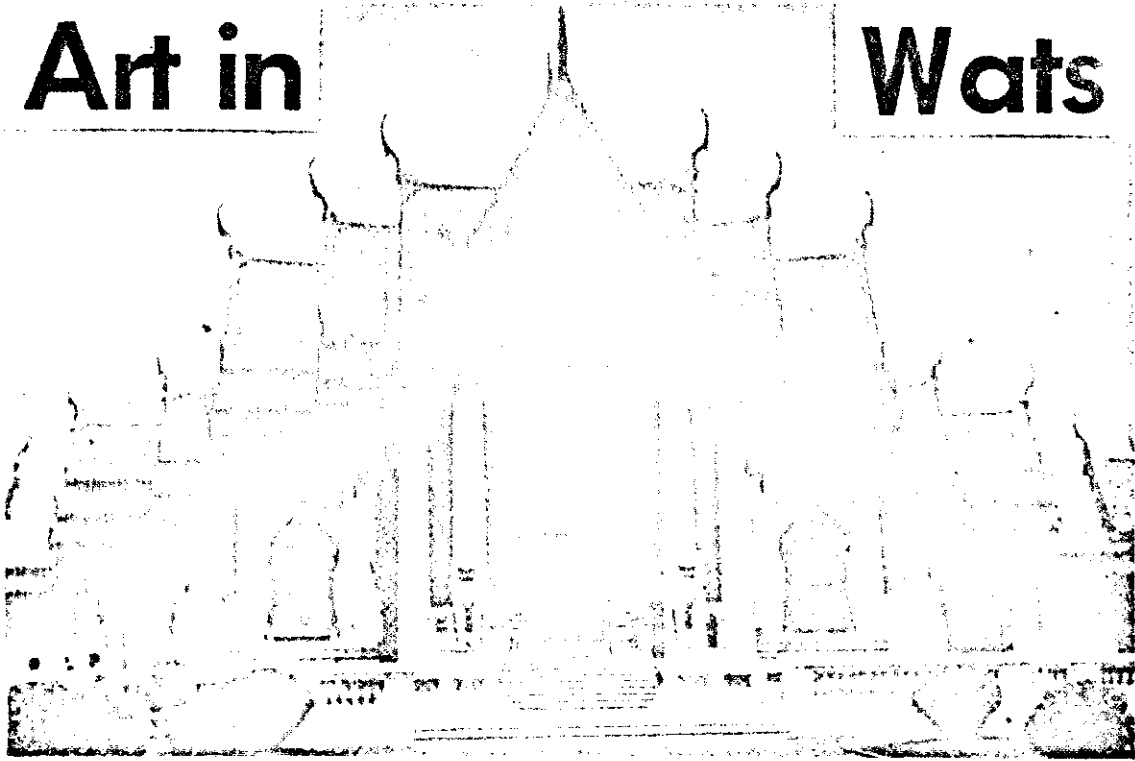


The Mess Hall went on bivouac manuevers for the noon meal. There were no reports of American KP duty.



What some guys will do for a beer! Randy Quinn won three straight heats before the "others" took effect.

Art in Wats



Some of the finest examples of Thai-style architecture can be found in the many Buddhist wats in this country. One example is the Wat Benchama Baupit, the Marble Temple in Bangkok. It was built by Rama V, King Chulalongkorn, and is the only wat made of marble in Thailand. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

If you have been to a temple or wat you may have noticed strange and fierce looking sculpture on the steps outside, and all over the inside of the temple. Originally, the statues on the steps were used as ballast in ships returning from China, and were considered so beautiful by the temple builders that they were placed in prominent positions in the wats.

The half-bird, half-human figures are called Kinnaris, which are found in Thai mythology. The snakes, or Nagas, represent rain gods and are sometimes used as carved railings or staircases. Covering the walls of the temples are Garudas, winged human-like figures usually shown

killing the Nagas, or carrying Vishnu, a major figure in Thai legends.

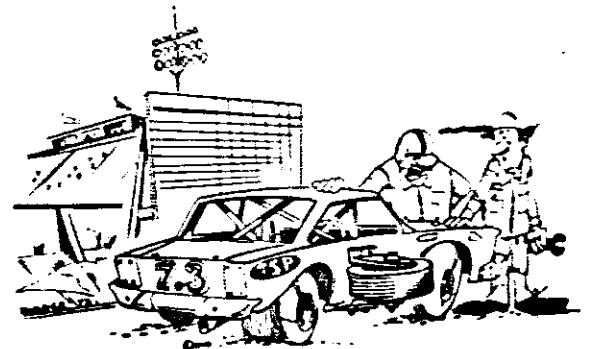
Since there is an old belief that the King is a reincarnation of Vishnu, the Garuda on a flag is used as a royal symbol and is taken wherever the King goes.

The fierce looking statues at the gates to temples are put there to guard against evil spirits. They usually will make very good pictures to remind you of your visit to Thailand. You are permitted to take photographs in some temples, but remember to remove your shoes when entering, and be as respectful as you would want from a visitor to your house of worship.

Red Cross Donations

The Thai Red Cross is urgently in need of blood donors for their National Blood Center. The center is currently 20% below their basic goal and in dire need of additional blood donations. This is an opportunity for you as an individual and as a representative of the US to make a tangible and direct contribution to our Thai friends. The donations of a pint of your blood could save someone's life. Branches of the National Blood Center are located in each of the 46 provinces in Thailand and donations may be made at any of these branches. Blood donated to the National Blood Center in Bangkok and in the branches is provided free to all hospitals and medical units throughout Thailand.

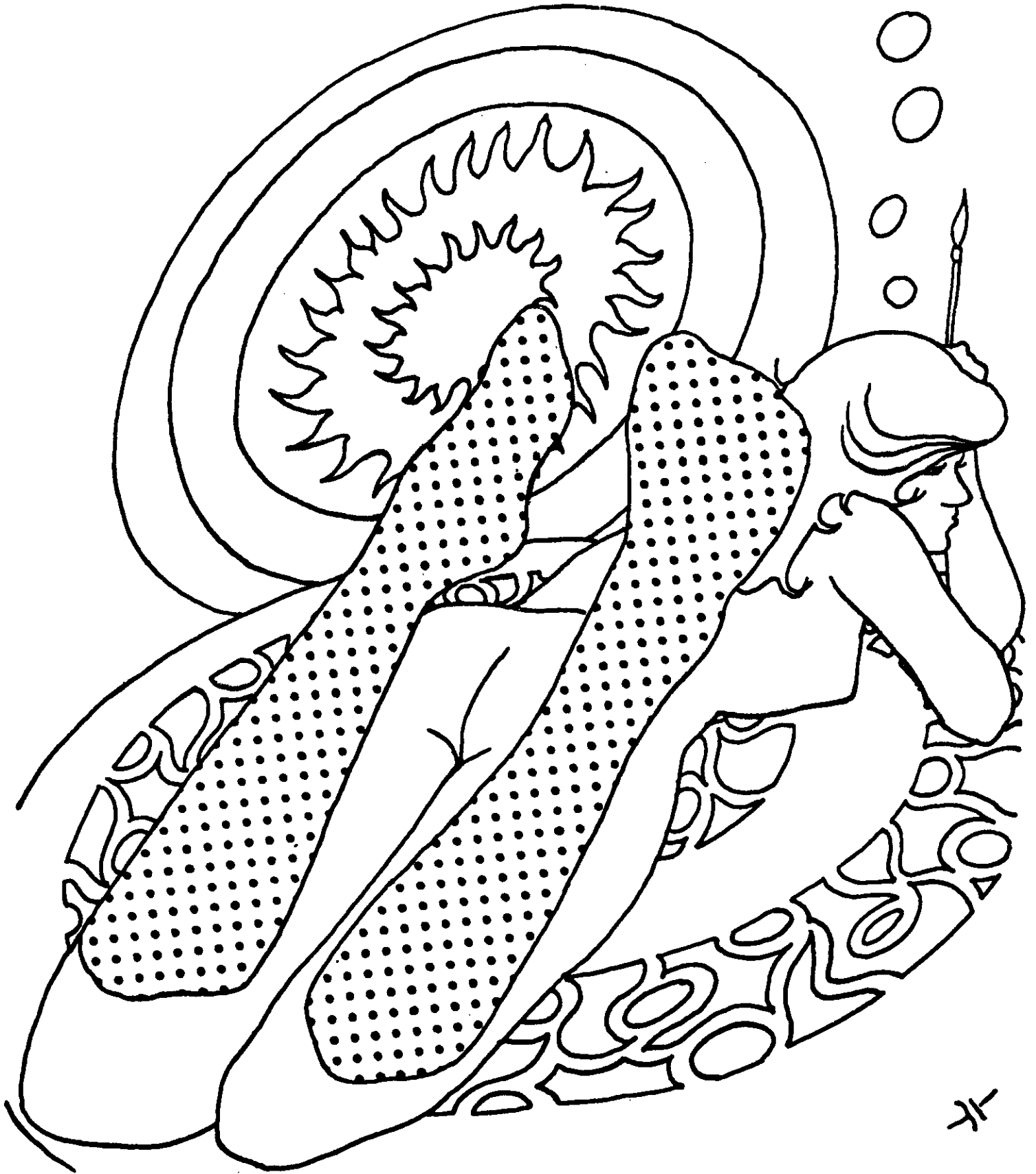
Do yourself and someone else a favor - stop in at the nearest branch of the Thai Blood Center and DONATE!!



"Just let 'em run me into the wall tonight!"

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...but archery is such a dull sport.



Janner

Spanish Import First Beef Steak

In these days of high beef prices it might be of interest to know that beef cattle have been in this country for around four centuries.

Escaped livestock from expeditions of the Spaniard, Francisco Vasque de Coronado are supposed to have formed the nucleus of the wild herds of mustangs and longhorns - long part of our Southwest. This, however, is pure speculation. It is pointed out that Coronado's soldiers preferred stallions, the Padres favored mules, and that there were only two mares with the expedition. Thus, it is highly unlikely that two mares sired this vast population.

Juan de Onate is supposed to have brought the first permanent cattle herd of record across the Rio Grande in 1598. Thereafter, cattle spread quite rapidly. A vital role was played by the missions by their encouragement of livestock culture. Every mission outpost had its herd and its native vaqueros.

By the time the first Anglo-American colonists settled along the Brazos River in 1821, lower Texas swarmed with cattle. Most of the first settlers became cattle owners for good reason. A farmer was granted only 177 acres of land, whereas a cattle raiser received up to 4,615 acres. In 1843 there were 382,373 cattle in the area and by 1860 there were 3,736,443.

The language associated with cattle raising of course reflected its Spanish origins. The Spanish-Mexican influence

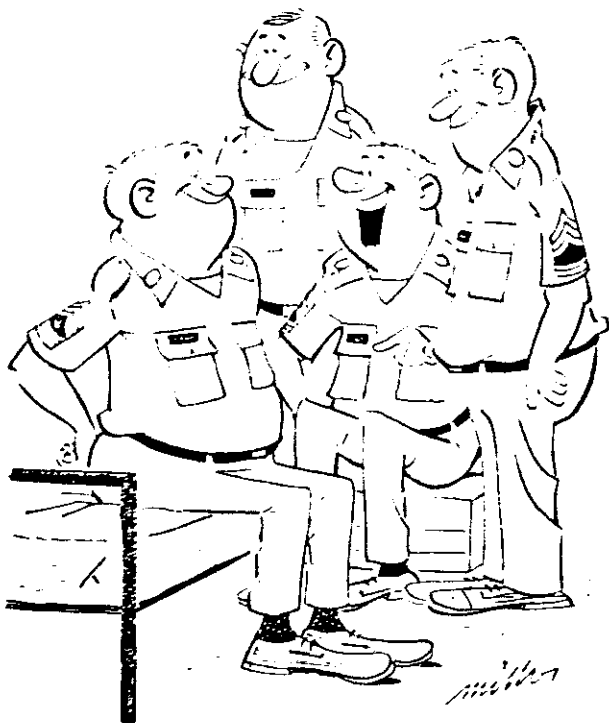


is seen in words like corral, tapaderas, remuda, segundo, bronco, jinete (bronco buster), orejamo (bronco buster), hombre, loco, arroyo and morral, which are almost pure Spanish words.

Other words were twisted in transition to English, for example lazo and lasso, la reata and lariat, rodear and rodeo, adobe and doby, pinta and pinto.

People fed up with the high prices of beef today might be interested to know that back in 1866 a buver looked over a herd of 3,500 Texas steers, took the best 600 head of \$6 a head and a second 600 at \$3 a head. Thus, he got 1,200 choice cattle from the herd at an average of \$4.50 a head, or about 40 cents a hundred weight, gross.

If it had not been for the Spanish-Mexican cattle raisers of four centuries ago, however, beef prices might be much higher today!



"To pull off a rotten trick like that requires a really mean, sadistic individual. I guess that's why we all admire you so."

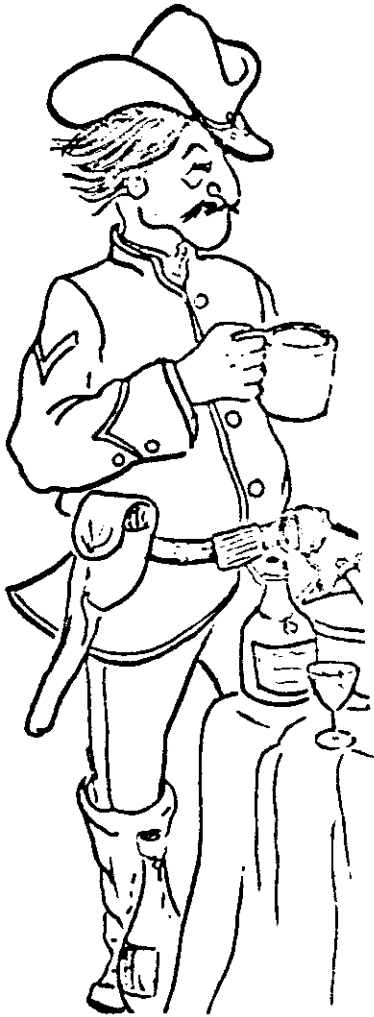
COMMCENTER

NEW ARRIVALS: MSG Tanabe from FS Augsburg who was married prior to reporting to Ramasun. MSG Tanabe's wife is making her home in Hawaii. Also hello to SP5 Russell Gerttulla and PV2 Dennis Marzka.

SAWADEE: "Chuckie" Barnes, Tom O'Neal, Bob "LQ" Jones, "Dennie" Short, Jerry Dixon, Ernie Romero, Jerry McBride, Ray (Mr. Mars) Jones, Tom Shields, Ed Kassis, Warren Muffley, Steve (Mercury) Morris, Rick Brewer, Lewis Hogan, Herb Sumner, Mike Brink, Ken Mullins, and Bill Wilcox.

The commcenter will soon have on display a pair of dancing shoes used by an "old master" while performing the classical "soft shoe" routines.

Booze and the Military: March to Drunken Drummers?



By SFC Ed Johnston

*At the punch bowl's brink
Let the thirsty think*

*What they say in Japan:
First the man takes a drink,
Then the drink takes a drink,
Then the drink takes the man!*

Edward Rowland Sill

The Pentagon's chief doctor, Richard S. Wilbur, assistant defense secretary for health, is trying to curtail "happy hours" to battle military drinking, which according to a new civilian study, is heavier than among civilians.

The study, by a civilian firm operating on an Army contract, found that drinking was heaviest among the young and then trailed off with increasing age—except for enlisted men.

Doctor Wilbur told a recent gathering of newsmen that to curb drunkenness among men in uniform he was trying to curtail the temptations. Liquor prices have been raised in military stores, "happy hours" cut back in Europe, and bar hours shortened during working hours.

Military ceremonies that emphasize drinking have also been dropped, to include "prop blast" parties that used to accompany graduation from jump school. Such

parties have claimed several lives during the years due to over indulgence.

The study charged that the Army is an "environment that is tolerant of heavy drinking and drunkenness." An old soldier would have trouble denying this. How many men and women have you known who reported to work each morning suffering the untold agonies of a hangover, but because he was able to perform his tasks, "adequately," was tolerated, and even defended to his peers or superiors?

The "curse of demon rum" has plagued the American Army since its inception in 1775, and other armies throughout the world.

Alcohol may have been a boon to the fighting man, helping him to forget his troubles, but it has usually added to the commander's trials and tribulations.

One example of alcohol's ruinous effects upon a fighting force was at Trenton, New Jersey, during Christmas of 1776. The Hessians, a mercenary force of the British, had been imbibing heavily to celebrate the season and were unable to fight when Washington crossed the Delaware to attack. The rest is history. Drinking brought disaster to the Hessian commander and to the British cause.

In early days, beer and rum were part of the rations for American fighting men during and after the American Revolution. Soldiers from rural areas often preferred cider which was often mixed with the rum ration.

Many soldiers of the revolution mixed their own home brew. Spruce beer could be made from fresh green tips of spruce boughs. Once the drinker got used to the taste of turpentine he found it rather good. Further, the beer was an antiscorbutic; that is, it helped to prevent scurvy.

While alcohol, or the misuse of it, could affect the fortune of battles as happened at Trenton, there's no record of it having affected American forces so adversely.

In 1830 the U.S. Government issued 72,537 gallons of whiskey in legal rations to the Army, at a cost of \$22,132. Unfortunately, whiskey and desertion often went hand in hand. In 1832, General Winfield Scott abolished the whiskey ration and substituted coffee and sugar. He also tried to lay down general rules of conduct for the sutlers who followed the army, often charging exorbitant prices for their goods.

During the Civil War, commissary

whiskey was described as a "mixture of bark juice, tar-water, turpentine, brown sugar, lamp-oil and alcohol." Union soldiers were more apt to be tipplers than their Confederate counterparts. General McClellan wrote, "It is impossible to estimate the benefits that would accrue to the service from the adoption of a resolution on the part of the officers to set their men an example of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors. It would be worth 50,000 men to the armies of the United States."

After the Civil War the drinking problem was particularly worrisome on the western frontier, when boredom often faced men in remote outposts. Boredom or dissatisfaction with one's job often creates a similar problem today.

During World Wars I and II our soldiers developed a taste for French wines, largely because that beverage was so available. French soldiers, during World War I, were regularly issued their wine ration from horse-drawn tanks.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, bars and saloons sprang up around every major camp in the U.S., and many still exist. These

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

SUNDAY	1430	1830	2330
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"picks"

RAGE

A deadly strain of nerve gas has accidentally been sprayed by a Utah Army testing center helicopter. The gas drifts over tough but not overly intelligent farmer, George C. Scott, and his young son. Rushed to the hospital, the boy goes into convulsions and dies. When Scott finds out about his son, he picks up a gun and all the explosives he can find and goes on a rampage of revenge as the nerve gas takes hold of him.

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Surrounded by a bevy of luscious and lethal beauties including Jill St. John, James Bond is assigned to uncover a plot to corner the world diamond market. Blofeld, from his off-shore headquarters, demands a world ransom by unleashing the destructive powers of a laser developed at a missile lab. The world is at stake.

ACROSS 110th STREET

Harlem precinct Captain Anthony Quinn, returning from vacation finds Lt. Kotto in charge. Quinn, an about-to-be retired 55 year old captain is a bully and a head-busting holdover from another generation. Kotto, the black lieutenant who covets Quinn's job, is of the new breed of cop. He had studied psychology and intends to inform every "punk" of his rights while keeping his hands off the shady money. Working side by side they try to find three black holdup men who have robbed a Mafia bank in Harlem and killed two cops and five syndicate hoods in the process. What they don't know is that they are in a race with the Mafia itself, out to avenge itself and assert its power in the area. "Street" is a highly intense, exciting crime drama which captures the frimpy atmosphere, savage violence, language and drug scene of Harlem's 110th Street.

nit noy nonsense

A hearty thanks for the slightly pornographic show that the ducks at Operations put on for Mr. Clements' visit....We hope the monkey at the Udorn Zoo is resting comfortably after eating Jim Heigel's wire spectacle frames.....We need Post Cereal's Raisin Counter to check the blueberrys in the club's pie."Bad Breath in dogs???"....I wonder if dogs get VD, too??We overheard a WAC say she was on a low salt diet - does that mean she will have to date short sailors??....The man who limits his interests limits his life.....We wish ANPAC would sprau the NCO Club at 2 pm. instead of 4 pm...We were recently informed that "Doc" Hall is now making house calls....Condolences to the individual who bought a pipe from the gift shop on post and found out (the hard way) that he had a sample of contraband -- maybe that's why the prices are so high??.Imagine an American hired to cook Thai food.....To those who saw "The Last Movie": Aren't you glad it's his last??.We were told the elephants working in the jungle were denied R&R to come to Unit Day....The Chaplain is taking applications for the "Sing to Jesus" Choir.....Do you spend \$5 to pick-up something or to pick something up??.We understand that the girl who sells newspapers in the mess hall is making a fortune by reselling "used" newspapers left on the tables. We suggest you take those papers to the barracks and share them....Remember, VD hurts!!....What's a cross between a vampire and a bella dingbat.....All you pinkos watch here next issue!!....



Here is a proud team as they successfully defended their honor by defeating AMPAC 5-2. The game was played on September 15, 1973 -- Ramasun's Unit Day and was their 1st win.

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garishly-illuminated neon jungles, often have a fatal appeal to servicemen.

Wherever and whenever there have been soldiers there has been drinking. The civilian survey showed that binge drinking among civilians dropped from 19 per cent of men in their early 20s to only 6 per cent of civilians over 50. For officers in the same age group, binge drinking fell from 24 per cent to 14 per cent. But for enlisted men it rose from 29 to 37 per cent.

The study then asked — but couldn't answer the question — "Are heavy drinkers staying in the Army, or is the Army making men who stay in heavy drinkers?"

Doctor Wilbur said his big prob-

lem was that few men in uniform seek help for their drinking problems, for fear they will lose security clearances or chances for promotion.

The 9,500 Army men interviewed for the study were separated into heavy drinkers who imbibe at least five drinks a day, four or more days a week without trouble; and problem drinkers, who, regardless of intake, have had trouble with wife, job, health, finances or police as a result of drinking.

The final study results showed that problem drinking declined as men had more education, but was

still heavier among Army men in each category. For high school graduates aged 21 to 59, problem drinkers came to 29 per cent of civilians, 32 per cent of officers and 46 per cent of EM.

Among college grads, problem drinkers totaled 11 per cent of the civilians, 17 per cent of the officers, and 20 per cent of the enlisted men.

Despite the toast: "Here's to your health," elbow-bending has, more often than not, added to a soldier's troubles. As English essayist George Meredith put it: "And if I drink oblivion of a day, So shorten I the stature of my soul."

This article was reprinted from the STETHOSCOPE, Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Denver, Colorado

The Art Of PINOCHLE

by Larry Tenney

Two-handed Pinochle, once very popular has lost almost entirely to Gin Rummy, two-handed Canasta, and to a lesser extent Russian Bank.

CARDS: The 48-card Pinochle pack is used in playing two-handed Pinochle, duplicates of A, 10, K, Q, J, and 9 in each suit. The nine is the "dix" which has a meld value of one point, in declarers of trump suit, but when won in a trick it has no scoring value.

THE DEAL: Each player receives twelve cards, dealt three at a time. The rest of the pack is placed face down in the center of the table as the "stock". Dealer turns the top card of the stock face-up and puts it partly underneath the stock; this trump card fixes the trump suit for that deal.

THE PLAY: Non dealer makes the opening lead. The hands are played out in tricks. The winner of a trick draws the top card of the stock - his opponent draws next - thus the hands are maintained at twelve cards until the stock is exhausted. At all times, a trick is won by the higher trump or by the higher card of the suit led - of identical cards, the one led wins. The winner of a trick leads to the next.

During early play (before the stock is exhausted) the second player to a trick need not follow suit - he may play any card. In this period the players may score by melding as described below.

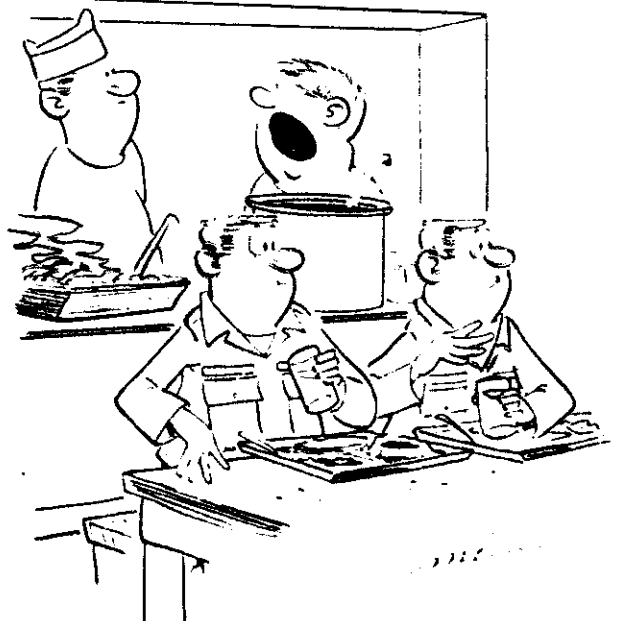
MELDING: A player may face up on the table any melds under certain restrictions. A player may meld only after winning a trick, before drawing from the stock. A card already on the table may be used as part of a new meld provided that the two melds are of different classes - further, having melded a marriage in trump and scored 4, a player may later add the trump A-J-10 and score 15 for a run. But if a run is melded entire, the marriage does not score separately, nor can a player later add a single king or queen and score the marriage. For each new meld, the player must lay down at least one new card from his hand. If such a card would form two new melds with cards on the table, the player may score only one of them.

A combination of four kings and four queens of different suits is colloquially called a "roundhouse". But the roundhouse is not on the list of proper melds, and in whatever order they are put down the owner can amass no more than 22 points from them.

Melded cards are left on the table but remain a part of the owner's hand and may be played in tricks. Care must be taken not to violate the rules of melding: e.g. if a king is played from a melded marriage, the other king may not later be married to the same queen.

LATER PLAY: The winner of the twelfth trick must expose the card he draws (the last face-down card of the stock). The other draws the face-up card, usually the "dix" previously exchanged for the trump card. Then all melds are picked up and the last twelve cards are played out in tricks. During this time no further melding is allowed. The second player to a trick must follow suit of able and if void of the suit must trump if able. When a trump is led, the other must win if able.

NEXT ISSUE: DOUBLE-DECK PINOCHLE



"First it was meat, then the potatoes... I suppose now they're going to complain about the lemonade."

'73 Freedom Theme Announced

The Freedoms Foundation has announced that its 1973 letter-writing contest theme is "Human Goals—Values for Living."

The best letter-writers in the active-duty Armed Forces competition and Reserve forces event will each win \$1,000 from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. Additionally, the top 10 active-duty winners of the 1973 contest will be invited to Valley Forge to receive their awards at the annual presentation ceremony.

There will also be awards of \$100 and \$50 and George Washington Honor Medals and honor certificates.

Entries may be in essay or poetry form. The length should be between 100 to 500 words. Entrants should include full name, Social Security number, military address, service component, and complete permanent home address, including ZIP code.

All entries must be sent before Oct. 31 to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.

Military members and civilians are also encouraged to enter in other categories such as editorials, cartoons, essays, public addresses or sermons relating to the theme.

S P O R T S

basketball

Oct. 1st the 1973 Fall Basketball season will kick into action with two games scheduled. The first game will pit UPO against 1620 and the nightcap will have H&S playing MMN.

This years' league will be divided into two divisions: East and West. Teams making up the East will be UPO, MMN, MP's, DFSB, and ASB. The West will have MMN, Navy, AF, C&L, H&S, and 1620. At the completion of league play a playoff will be held between the top two finishes of each division. The runner-up of the East will play the winner of the West, and vice-versa. The Post Champion will then be decided when the survivors meet.

- OCT 1 UPO vs 1620 - MMN vs H&S
- OCT 2 MP's vs C&L - DFSB vs AF
- OCT 3 ASB vs Navy - UPO vs MMN
- OCT 4 MMN vs 1620 - MP's vs H&S
- OCT 5 DFSB vs C&L - ASB vs AF

paddleball

The teams of King-Lupardus and Stowers-DeMoss are the two surviving teams on the first annual Cobra Paddleball Tournament. Stowers and DeMoss advanced to the finals by defeating Gray-Chaney on Friday. The final will be played Sat at 1700. If DeMoss-Stowers should win it would give King-Lupardus only one loss on the double elimination tournament thus setting the stage for the final fame Monday at 1500.

swimming

Whenever the rainy season ends - probably within the next two weeks - the Ramasan swimming pool will be closed for a period of one week. This closure is to allow AMPAC to clean and repaint the pool, in addition to thoroughly clean the purifying system. We ask for your patience while the pool gets its annual face-lift!

concert

A special one-hour concert by the 13th USAF Band from Clark AFB, TX will take place at Ramasan Station at 1530 on September 28, 1973 in the street in front of the swimming pool. The band, consisting of 45 talented musicians, is currently on tour of bases in Thailand and will also conduct concerts at Udorn AFB and downtown Udorn. Admission is free.

** Tid-Bits **

Barling an unforeseen disaster, sixteen months of red tape will dissolve when the Chase Manhattan Military Finance Facility at Ramasan will open Monday through Friday from 1000-1400 hours. This full-time service begins on a trial basis this week for a thirty-day period.

What does this mean to you? If this operation is supported, the bank will be open every weekday to provide banking service. The reason the Chase has only been open part-time in the past is that it was felt Ramasan's population could not support a full-time facility. Very few Ramasan Station personnel have a pay option going to the Chase Manhattan. There is no question that the Chase is a commercial firm in business to make money, but such a facility offers you the following advantages and services if you have a pay option sent to the bank:

- 1. NO standing in company pay lines.
- 2. NO large amounts of cash to lose or have stolen.
- 3. Pay bills at home by check rather than postal money orders.

"BOX" Scores

ESTABLISHMENT	THIS PRD	TOTAL
1. Paradise Pool	2	16
2. Playboy	3	16
3. Jumpen	1	37
4. Golden Gate	2	23
5. Erma's	-	21
6. Golden Horse	1	17
7. Venice	1	15
8. Aloha	2	14
9. Nit's	1	13

Total This Period = 12 (Last Period = 43)
Totals since April 17 (22 weeks) = 336

COMMUNICATION

Symbol of the American Red Cross



RED CROSS

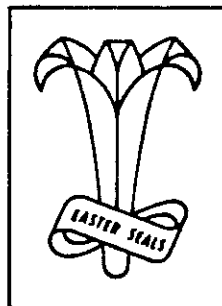
The American National Red Cross, one of the biggest welfare organizations receiving funds through the campaign, provides a wide variety of assistance to military and civilians alike.

The Red Cross has a special obligation to assist military members in solving personal problems, to offer counsel or financial help in emergencies, to

provide fast communication between military base and home when necessary and to aid the family back home to ease its problems, whatever they may be.

Nearly one million servicemen received services from the Red Cross last year, and nearly two million social services were performed for families of servicemen by Red Cross chapter workers.

In addition to providing disaster relief in virtually every major disaster, the Red Cross is also the largest single collector of whole blood and specific components of blood in the world.




USO

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The USO: No stranger to Americans in uniform, the USO serves the welfare of the Armed Forces through almost 200 centers around the world.

The Easter Seal Society: The world's oldest and largest voluntary health agency which gives direct care and treatment services to the handicapped of all ages.

Combined Fed Fund Drive

The Department of Defense will conduct this year's Overseas Combined Federal Campaign from Sept. 20 to Oct. 31, DOD has announced.

The Overseas Combined Federal Campaign is the only regular on-the-job solicitation by authorized voluntary health and welfare agencies at overseas activities.

Contributions to these organizations are pledged through the payroll allotment system. The organizations work to improve national health conditions through both research and clinical programs, they offer individuals assistance to people at home and abroad and they help in creating closer bonds of international friendship. Give to the agency of your choice.



CARE

The American Heart Association: The AMA conducts research and spearheads increasingly successful programs against heart attack, stroke and other cardio-vascular diseases affecting 25 million Americans.

CARE: Nonpolitical and non-sectarian, CARE provides food, help and medical programs to save lives and enable millions to help themselves.



AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION



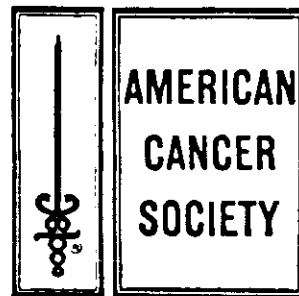
NATIONAL FOUNDATION—MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes: This organization works to prevent birth defects through research, medical services, prenatal care and education programs.

The National Association for Retarded Children: This voluntary organization is devoted to promoting the welfare of the mentally retarded.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The American Cancer Society: This agency fights cancer on three fronts: research, education and service.