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Tech. Sgt. Brook A. Hamilton, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of explosive ordnance disposal training, places an XRS-150 X-ray in front of a simulated downed unmanned aerial system during an exercise at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Jan. 20, 2021. The 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and 379th ECES defended against an UAS that posed a potential threat to the safety and security of Al Udeid AB.

*Air National Guard photo
by Tech. Sgt. Brigitte Waltermire*



Arrest in development: a gate runner exercise scenario

*by Timothy Sandland,
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs*

The capabilities of 102nd Security Forces Squadron Airmen to defend the perimeter of Otis Air National Guard Base were put to the test during a no-notice exercise here, Jan. 27.

Security Forces ensure resources and personnel are kept safe and secure 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These professionals are knowledgeable in the fundamental aspects of a concept known as Force Protection – a doctrine that mandates the safeguard of lives and valuable resources.

According to Joint Publication 3-10, Joint Security Operations in Theater, “Force Protection is multi-dimensional, providing multi-layered protection of forces and resources. It covers actions at home station, in transit and at deployed locations. It includes not only protecting military members and civilian employees, but also their families, contract employees, and visitors while on an installation.”

“In the Security Forces enterprise our members are called Defenders,” said 2d Lt Allen Nancarrow, operations officer for the 102nd SFS. “The term comes from our motto, Defensor Fortis, [meaning] Defenders of the Force. It is the responsibility and mission of every Security Forces Defender to provide force protection. The members of the 102nd Security Forces Squadron stand ready to react to any situation that could endanger the force.”

To ensure personnel assigned to these critical positions are prepared to meet the challenges of such an important role, Mission Focused Exercises are routinely conducted. MFEs are simulated but realistic scenarios that test the competency of Airmen and provide confidence in their skills and training, but also provide leadership with a clear evaluation of mission capabilities.

“The IG is committed to evaluating all aspects of mission on Otis ANGB ranging from SFS protection to Cyber mission execution,” said Capt. Craig Schoeck,



Director of Inspections, “Embrace the changing exercise culture; it’s about progress not perfection.”

To this end, the wing Inspector General’s Office, assisted by wing inspection team members from the 102nd SFS, planned a no-notice MFE to evaluate Security Forces’ response to an individual speeding past a checkpoint at an entry gate. The “suspect”, an inspector with the IG, floored the throttle of his POV when the entry controller waived him forward.

True to his training, the controller deployed the active vehicle barriers, stopping the suspect in his tracks. Response to the attempted breach was instantaneous as communications between Defenders, coupled with their

quick and skilled reaction to the scenario, brought an umbrella of security down upon the scene, and the assailant.

Once the suspect was taken into custody and handcuffed, Airmen descended upon his vehicle which was searched thoroughly.

Their efforts paid off.

Raising the stakes, not only did the suspect storm the gate, but he was also “armed” with two simulated concealed weapons.

Had this been an actual event, there would be more to the story. In this case, it was a simulation – but a simulation that yielded confidence; not only within the Airmen who

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Commander's Column

Colonel Sean D. Riley
MA ANG Commander, 102d Intelligence Wing

Looking Back at General Daniel “Chappie” James

Black History Month has been celebrated every February since President Gerald Ford made it a national observance in 1976. In his message on February 10, 1976, he said “In the Bicentennial year of our Independence, we can review with admiration the impressive contributions of black Americans to our national life and culture.” In honor of this year’s Black History Month, I thought it would be a very appropriate use of my Commander’s Column article to look back at the military contributions of General Chappie James.

General James has a personal connection to Joint Base Cape Cod that I will cover later in the story. General James was born in 1920, in Pensacola Florida and grew up in the shadow of the Pensacola Naval Air Station. He certainly would have seen Navy dirigibles and seaplanes flying overhead, sparking his interest to become a pilot. In 1937, he started at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. As the United States was drawn into World War II, the Institute started a flight training program. Chappie completed the program, becoming a Tuskegee Airman and earning his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He went on to his first assignment at Selfridge Field (now Selfridge Air National Guard Base) to learn how to fly B-52s.

Just prior to the outbreak of the Korean War, Chappie was stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. While stationed at Clark he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross medal for rescuing another pilot after a T-33 crash. He went on to fly F-51 Mustangs and F-80 Shooting Star aircraft on over 100 combat sorties. In 1950, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross again for leading a close-air support mission that saved the lives of friendly forces. In July 1951, Chappie arrived at Otis Air Force Base, assigned as an all-weather jet fighter pilot with the 58th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron. While assigned to Otis he was promoted to major and then lieutenant colonel and it was during this time that he received the Massachusetts Junior Chamber of Commerce 1954 award of “Young Man



The 102d Intelligence Wing is working on a static aircraft display of a T-33 fighter that will recognize General “Chappie” James’ time at Otis Air Force Base and honor his legacy and contributions to the Armed Forces. Our goal is to have the static display completed in early 2022.

of the Year” for his outstanding community relations efforts. Now Colonel James, would go on to become the Vice Commander of 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Ubon Air Base, Thailand serving under Colonel Robin Olds. During the Vietnam War, he personally flew 78 combat missions over North Vietnam. After Vietnam, he served at Wheeler Air Force Base in Libya immediately following Muammar Khadafy’s rise to power. He was nominated for promotion to Brigadier General in 1970 by President Nixon and was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He quickly rose through the ranks and on September 1, 1975, he was assigned as Commander of the North American Air Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base Colorado, and promoted to the rank of four-star general; becoming the first African-American four-star general in the United States Air Force.

Sources: Official Biography General Daniel James Jr; National Aviation Hall of Fame website



Coast Guard SPAR Kathleen Donahue, from WWII will be turning 97 on February 6, 2021, let’s all wish this wonderful lady a Happy Birthday!

Source: Jo Wildman, USCG SPARS, Facebook

FAMILY LIVING

Maintaining a Sense of Normalcy While Routines Stay Disrupted

(StatePoint) With the roll-out of the vaccine taking place slowly, it may be awhile longer before life returns completely to normal. However, if you have been working remotely, it may be a good idea to reincorporate some of the elements of your regular routine into your schedule now.

Not only will maintaining a sense of normalcy help you to feel more productive and more like yourself again, it could also help make the transition to the workplace smoother when it does occur. Here are a few ways to go about it:

- Rise and shine: Have you let your morning schedule slide into chaos during the pandemic? Now is the time to get back to your regular hours. Get to sleep each week night at your pre-pandemic bedtime and set your alarm for your regular wake hour. With no commute, you may find yourself with some extra time in the morning. Use it to get organized for the day, exercise or check items off your to-do list.
- Get dressed: Dress as though you are heading into the workplace. Wear pants that don’t have an elastic waistband, do your hair and wear accessories. Regain your sense of style and feel good about how you look.

- Structure your day: When working remotely, it’s easy to feel like the workday has no clear beginning or end. For better work-life balance, try to structure your day as you once did, setting regular business hours. Be sure to include breaks so you don’t experience burnout. And, if your weekdays once included time for socializing with colleagues, make time for it now. Set up a virtual coffee meeting, lunch or happy hour.
- Use tech tools: Stay accountable to your new schedule as well as your fashion goals with wearable tech, such as the Casio Edifice Watch. With full-time Smartphone Link technology, this timepiece enables you to stay up-to-date and on time. When paired to a compatible smartphone via Bluetooth, you can access the correct time in your current location and for up to 300 cities worldwide, as well as your calendar, receiving notifications for tasks, meetings and events. Featuring five alarms, a stopwatch, countdown timer and a two-year battery life, this water-resistant timepiece can be a highly functional tool as you transition back to a regular schedule.

If working from home long-term has you feeling sluggish and unproductive, get back to your regular schedule. Maintaining a sense of normalcy can help get you out of the rut.

Unnamed Heros

Story by Shamila Saeed,
Senior Care Options Supervisor South Shore Elder Services

This passage is a celebration and an account of various groups of people who do so much in the community, and yet so few people know about their work. This is in respect of them, in honor of them and the important work they do. There is so much work to do in the community and sometimes things are overlooked or some people are forgotten. We have so many charities that we can give to, and yes, we absolutely should if we can. The most important charity for us during these days is the gift of time.

People gave their time before, but it seems that they are giving more time now, or it has certainly become more obvious how much time they are giving. The current pandemic has made this year a trial for many, but I have seen folks give, and give their time and effort to help others like never before. It has been a beautiful thing to see, and it gives some hope that humans can be good and do better for each other. I have seen this most clearly in my work at an elder services agency.

A group of unnamed heroes are the workers who go into the homes of seniors and the younger disabled population to provide care for them. These are personal care attendants, home health aides, companions, homemakers, registered nurses, certified nursing aides, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, community health workers, case managers, and the list goes on. These brave workers do a lot to keep seniors and disabled folks safe in their homes in the community. During the pandemic, homemakers and personal care workers have stepped up to care for those who require various services to remain safely at home. The willingness of some workers and aides has been so remarkable and just moving, and has kept many out of nursing homes during such trying times. So, if you are reading this, thank you.

A second group of unnamed heroes are the volunteers who deliver meals on wheels to our consumers across 11 towns on the South Shore area in Massachusetts. And every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas, volunteers deliver a meal to consumers who need a meal on one or both of

these holidays. This service continued during the challenges of COVID-19. Thank you for making this happen every holiday season and for delivering food and safety checks to our consumers throughout the years. Outside of the South Shore area, we have volunteers doing the same work across the state of Massachusetts with other elder service agencies. Thank you for your work.

There is so much we can do to give a bit of our time to folks out there. This year was in many ways very rough and yet one for which we can be grateful. One way my daughter and I showed our gratitude was to bring some joy to isolated seniors. We wrote holiday cards and mailed them out. Here is a link for an organization called Love For Our Elders: <https://loveforourelder.org>. My daughter did make a few cards for elders who are consumers of my agency and I'm proud of her.

There are probably so many more unnamed heroes that I may have not mentioned. They play a significant role in our community and their work matters. My work for the past 13 years has been focused primarily around seniors, but there are so many other areas that need attention: LGBTQ matters surrounding kids and adults, hunger, homelessness, shelters, animal needs, and many other issues. See what's going on in your area. See what you can do to help, even if it's bringing awareness. As you do, I am sure you will find more unnamed heroes to whom we owe thanks.



Arrest

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protect the force, but by those who work on the installation each and every day who know they are safe and secure, due in no small part to this group of Defenders protecting them.

Airmen were evaluated on their ability to stop and apprehend a suspect, searching the individual and vehicle, and proper procedures upon discovery of weapons. They effectively handled the situation.

“Exercises such as this one, accomplish two things: First, it allows the unit to showcase their capabilities. Those capabilities are the products of training, communication, resources, and leadership,” said Mr. Scott Etler, Director of Inspections and the scenario’s ‘perpetrator’. “Second, it gives the IG the opportunity to provide unbiased feedback to the commander on how truly effective those capabilities are.”

The 102nd SFS is committed to defending the mission by ensuring the safety of the wing’s most valuable resource, its Airmen.

All personnel support force protection – all personnel serve as security forces’ eyes and ears. If you see or hear of anything suspicious, contact the 102nd IW Base Defense Operations Center at 508-968-4303.

Remember, if you see something, say something!

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Airman Jerry Carroll won 2nd Place in THE AIR FORCE SHORT STORY CONTEST at Otis AFB in 1962 (Probably in the Fall). His picture of being handed his \$15 prize by Colonel T.E. Harwell and Ms. Sheehan (Otis Librarian) were in The Otis Notice, his copy was lost in a fire. Now that he is ready to begin a career in writing, this picture and copy would be helpful from an old 1962 Otis Notice. Jerry Carroll 334 480 4072

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VETERANS SPOTLIGHT

1st Lieutenant Ben Ennenber, US ARMY

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At 96 years of age, Ben Ennenberg is truly something special. His outstanding energy and sense of humor are unmatched for a man his age. The retired 1st Lieutenant grew up in Lexington, MA and served his country in the Army Air Corps. from 1942 – 1946. Lieutenant Ennenberg possessed a great affinity for planes since he was a youngster. “I had the best god damn eyesight in my whole neighborhood....in school too” he said proudly.

In the summer of 1942, the Army announced that they needed aircrew members. He was then sent to the Cadet Classification Center and assigned to Maxwell Field. After graduating pre-flight school he was sent to flight training school.

After 9 weeks of basic training Lt. Ennenberg was given his first assignment as a navigator with the 8th Air Force where his mission brought him to an RAF Base in London. He said the average life of an airmen in the 8th Air Force during the war was an astounding (13) missions. The average age of a crewman was 21 years with the flight officer’s at 23. Lt. Ennenberg also commented: “35% of the god damn crews were seriously wounded and 30% ended up killed....don’t know how we survived boy, but Jesus Christ we did” he remembered.

When asked about being away from home during the holidays, Lt. Ennenberg brushed the question away like nothing, “we were too damn busy to think about it...we flew 2-3 days of missions and then had 2-3 days off.” Lt. Ennenberg flew an amazing (28) missions and it was his 28th that sticks out in his mind the most. “We had just dropped our load on munitions plants over Germany and were returning back to base....god damn Germans caught

our B-17 with ground fire.....hit our fuesalage..... plane began to lose altitude and we were preparing for a jump.....problem was, we were still over god damn Germany that was the (unprintable) problem.....with my name (Lt. Ennenberg is Jewish).....the Germans would have pulled me apart like pieces of warm bread (the memory still causes him to get emotional)..... we finally bailed out and I think we were about 6-8 miles from “friendly territory”.....that’s what I had calculated....we ditched our parachutes and we heard these vehicles coming towards us.....my heart sank..... we ran into the woods and waited.....to our relief, it wasn’t the god damn Nazi’s but members of the French Resistance.....at first, they didn’t know who we were and pointed guns at us.....there was a lot of screaming and hand gesturing to show them that we weren’t Germans.....I was never so happy to see someone in my entire god damn life” he remembered emotionally. “God damn, those people took care of us.....took us to a farmhouse....protected us....gave us food and directions on where to go.....one of the men made a gesture to the necklace I was wearing....I told him I was Jewish....he shook his head violently from side to side and said loudly that I must go quickly (the Germans had recently executed 20 Jews who they caught) never, ever will forget their kindness.” Lt. Ennenberg didn’t want to discuss any of his medals (quite a few) but said he was most proud of the fact that all of his crew got back to base safely and unharmed. He is widowed and lives in Mashpee with his daughter and three grandchildren.

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MASKED CRUSADERS INVOLVED IN COVER UP

Crusaders surge past Fireballers to take over first place in Bowling League

Story & photos by: Mike Camire

The Masked Crusaders took advantage of the holiday break as they took seven out of eight points in their recent matches. They used the month long break to their advantage by resting up and refocusing as they came up with two big wins over the Fireballers and the Misfits.

Getting back on the lanes and bowling with friends and foes is always fun. It gets a little more “fun” when you are going up against some of the top bowlers in the league, which aptly describes the Fireballers, led by Walt “The Chief” Stecchi, Schaun “Calendar Boy” Dion and Walt’s son, Nick. Donny Thompson rounds out the fearsome foursome and he also can put down the pins with authority. These guys bring a great competitive spirit, but they are also lots of fun to roll with. The Crusaders were holding onto second place with 7 points, trailing the Fireballers by 3, who led the league with 10 points. Looking to make up some ground in the standings, the Masked Crusaders came on strong in the first game as they put up an adjusted score of 808, with the Fireballers scoring a 725. The Crusaders were led by Jimbo “Gotta be the Shoes” Mayou who put up a sizzling score of 204 while his teammate Cliff “Jägermeister” Jaeger had one of his best games of the season with a 184. Jimbo had 5 spares and 5 strikes, putting up a Turkey (3 strikes in a row) in the 5th, 6th and 7th frames. From the 4th frame on he hit the mark, or you might say made mark, he had a spare or a strike in every frame. In the 10th he buried a strike and then made a spare to finish with a flare and a 204. Cliff (5 strikes, 3 spares) was right there with him, he also had a Turkey, his coming in the 3rd, 4th and 5th. In fact four of his 1st five frames were strikes. That’s what you call getting off to a great start! Mike “Coach” Camire added a 133 while Tom “Turkey” Barnes added a 91. Hitting the 800 plateau score was certainly a great way to start off the night for the Crusaders. The Fireballers had a solid score with a 725 led by Schaun “Calendar Boy” who had a team high 163. He had 4 strikes and 2 spares, Walt “The Chief” added a 130 while Nick had 125 and Donny “T” had 120. In the 2nd string, the Crusaders kept the heat on the Fireballers as they won a much closer match, 752 to 720. This time it was Tom “Turkey” with the high score for his team as he had 5 spares and 2 strikes for a 154. Tom started out slow, but found his groove in the 5th frame as he closed out the rest of the game with a mark. The rest of his team were just consistent enough to grab the second game and point

on the night from the Fireballers as Jimbo and Mike both had scores of 136 and Cliff added a 130 for a solid team score. The Fireballers also put up some good scores as Walt had a team high 138, Donny had a 135, Schaun had a 134 and lefty Nick had a 126. The Crusaders went into game three with a 115 pin lead going for the overall pin fall count for the night, which gives that team an extra point on the night. The Fireballers have too much talent and power to keep them in the chill zone, sooner or later you just know they are going to burst into flames. Those flames came scorching down the lanes and up the walls in Game 3 as they earned a point with a 751 to 698 win. Leading the way was the father and son combo of Walt “The Chief” and his son Nick. Walt had a game high 174 (6 spares, 3 strikes) while the prodigal son also brought it, with a 167. Nick had 3 strikes and 4 spares. We call Walt “The Chief” we could also call him the Finisher, he closed out this game with 3 strikes and 3 spares in the last five frames! Schaun added a 140 and Donny added an 83 as they took a shot at trying to grab the 4th point, total pin fall from the Crusaders. They did get the win, 751 to 698 and their total pin fall on the night was 2,196. The Masked Crusaders cooled off some in the 3rd game but once again were led by Tom “Turkey” and Jimbo Mayou as they held off the Fireballers and took the over-all pin fall by 62 pins, 2,258 to 2,196. Tom had a team high 156 (6 spares, 3 strikes) while Jimbo had a 138, Mike added a 113 and Cliff had a 95 as they took 3 of 4 points on the night. As they took over first place by one point, 11 -10.

The Pinheads also had a big week as they took all four points in a match with the Misfits. They managed to put up a 700 or should I say knock down at least 700 pins in three straight games. The Pinheads also have an “Ace” up their sleeve, while Jimbo Mayou was bowling a 204 for the Masked Crusaders, Joe “Strikes” Fraher was humming along on lanes 5 and 6 as he had the highest score of the week. They are the Pinheads, not the Coneheads but it was an out of this world experience as Joe “Strikes” had a 206. Talk about consistent, not only did he hit the 200+ mark, he had a CLEAN GAME, which means he had a spare or a strike and each in every frame. Some people just have to show off and make the rest of us earthlings feel insignificant! Joe had 6 spares and 4 strikes as he put the pedal to the metal. His buddy, Mike “Trips” O’Brien added a 122 and team Captain Doug “Machine Gun” Foley added a 108 as they took the 1st point on the night by the score of 740 to 694. Mitch “Fair” Weathers had a team high 157 for the Misfits while Mandi Jefferson added a 128. Game 2 saw the Pinheads win again, this time by the score of 700 to 600, as Joe “Strikes” had a team high 144 with 4 spares and 2 strikes. Mike “Trips” had a 124, Dianne “The Spare Queen” Foley had a 113 and Doug “Machine Gun” had a 91 to round out their scoring. The Misfits struggled in this one but got top scores from Jefferson Parker and Mitch who each had a 93. The Pinheads completed the four point sweep with a 713 in the 3rd string while the Misfits managed a 624. Joe “Strikes” had the top score again with a 140, he had 6 spares. He couldn’t find his strike ball, but he

sure had the spares working. Mike “Trips” added a 127, Doug “Machine Gun” had a 117 and Dianne “The Spare Queen” added a 101. Unfortunately Dianne will be taking some time off to heal some nagging injuries. But do not despair, this team



Copy cats: (L-R) the Masked Crusaders Jimbo Mayou and the Pinheads Joe Fraher both had 200 games during Week 7, Jim had a 204 and Joe had a 206, Joe’s game was also “clean” meaning he had a spare or strike in every frame! Great job guys

Fall Bowling League	
Week 8 Standings	
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Masked Crusaders	14
Fireballers	11
Pin Heads	7
Wolf Pack	6
Misfits	2

will make some noise (blowing up pins) as she will be handing off her spot on the team to her son Zack “Fireball” Foley. He will certainly add some more punch to this line-up. We wish Dianne a speedy recovery and hope to see her back at the C Side lanes soon. In the final game Mitch “Fair” Weathers had a team high 134 for the Misfits. The final pin fall for the night was Pinheads 2,153 to 1,918 for the Misfits. The four point night gave the Pinheads seven over-all and kept them in 3rd place just ahead of the Wolf Pack.

On January 20th the Wolf Pack had a big match lined up against the Fireballers who had just dropped 3 of 4 points to the Masked Crusaders. Due to the holiday break and scheduling quirks the Wolf Pack had only bowled a couple of times on the season and were just itching to get out and take out their frustrations on the pins. Boy did they ever do that as they got some outstanding scores from different team members in each of the games during the match to stun the Fireballers, completing a four point sweep. Game one saw the Wolf Pack pull away and coast to a 770 to 662 victory, led by Team Captain Chuck “Alpha Dog” Williams who had a game high 165. He had 4 spares and 3 strikes. Ethan Crabtree added a 147 with 5 spares and 1 strike, Don “Dynamite” Dwyer added a 124 and Nick Johnson had a 102. Walt the “Chief” Stecchi had a team high 144 while Schaun “Calendar Boy” Dion added a 122. Talk about continued on page 6

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Jingle Bell time: the Jingle Bell gang strikes a pose(L-R): front row, Tom Barnes, Mike Camire, Doug Foley, Joe Fraher - back row, Mitch Weathers, Cliff Jaeger, Don Thompson, Nick Stecchi, Jimbo Mayou, Walt Stecchi, Don Dwyer and Dianne Foley

Photo: David Steeves

FIREBALLERS ANSWER THE CALL

By: Mike Camire

This was no four alarm fire, yes the bell was ringing but there was no pole to slide down, no smoke to clear, no cats to free from the tree... No it was the ring (albeit it late) of the Jingle Bell at the C-Side Bowling Lanes at Joint Base Cod.

For the second year in a row it was the Fireballers who smoked the competition and captured the 2nd Annual Jingle Bowl Challenge. The teams gathered on January 29th as “Jingle Master” Mike Camire reached into his bag of tricks to set some “challenges” for the bowlers. Well we call them jingles. The fun starts when you reach into your bowl of jingle bells and pull out a challenge, then the bowlers have to take on that challenge, so let’s roll! It could be just about anything from bowling with a “Special shoe” (a monster size 16 shoe!) to bowling with a patch over one eye, opposite handed bowling, backwards bowling, bowling with the kid’s gator ramp, bowling with half the lane blocked, bowl while holding the “Jingle Baby” which was a Santa’s Elf Nutcracker. On and on it goes, mayhem is the soup of the day! One of the big hit “Jingles” this year was getting to throw darts at a certain comical holiday picture of a certain C-Side Manager kayaking down the river that he put that on Facebook. Has he not met the Jingle Master? Another new twist that seemed to be a big hit was the use of the bumpers, our homey and team mate Cliff Jaeger really got into this one, explaining and coaching us on the laws of geometry. Sure enough he nailed a strike on his shot, well done Cliff! Well one thing we do know for sure, everybody seemed to have a good time even if it was a little late to celebrate the Christmas Holidays.

Only three teams were able to take aim at bringing home the big prize, the coveted Jingle Bowl trophy. The Fireballers came in as the defending champs looking for a repeat. They were joined by the Masked Crusaders and the always engaging and entertaining Pin Heads. Each team would bowl two strings, no handi-caps, straight up bowling. All the scores would be added up (including all of the jingles of course) and a winner would be crowned, or in



Best dressed? The Fireballers Mitch Weathers not only helped his team clinch their 2nd straight Jingle Bowl Challenge. In a controversial decision, he also walked away with the best dressed bowler award, just edging out the Masked Crusaders entries: Tom (Rudolph) Barnes and Mike (Polar Bear) Camire - we want a recount!

Photo: M Camire

this case would be “rung” in as champions.

In round one the Pin Heads started things off by attacking their jingles, they had no direct opponent to match up against since there were only three teams. But this did not stop Doug “Machine Gun” Foley and his wife Dianne “The Spare Queen” from making some noise on the lanes. Besides this team has a ringer, one of the league’s top bowlers in Joe “Strikes” Fraher. Joe just crushes it night in and night out. As an added benefit the Pin Heads were a player short, so they picked up Don “Dynamite” Dwyer from the Wolf Pack. To no one’s surprise, Joe “Strikes” shook off or you might say embraced the Jingles as he had a team high 158. Now



Make it two in a row: The Fireballers captured their 2nd straight Jingle Bowl Challenge on January 29th ((L-R) Donny Thompson, Mitch Weathers, Nick Stecchi and Walt Stecchi

Photo: M Camire



Santa says: Santa was on hand to give the Fireballers Mitch “Fair” Weathers some crucial bowling advice during the 2nd Annual Coast Guard Base Cape Cod Jingle Bowl Challenge

Photo: M Camire

remember, these strings are supposed to be harder and more challenging, but Joe just chewed em up and spit em out. He had 6 spares and 3 strikes. In the 1st five frames he had 3 straight spares, a strike, and then another spare before finally getting an open frame. He also finished strong with two strikes and a nine count in the 10th and final frame. We may just change his name to the Terminator! His buddy and Team Captain, Doug “Machine Gun added a solid 124 with 4 spares and a strike. He also finished strong with a strike and a spare in the 10th. Don “Dynamite” added an 89 while Dianne “The Spare Queen added a 66. As a team they put up a respectable score of 437.

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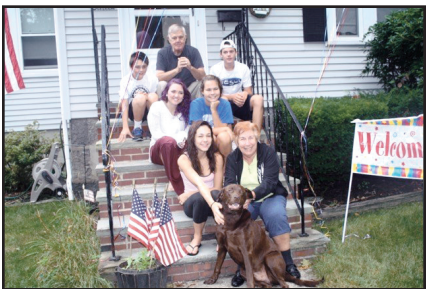
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- 5. Horse color
- 8. Interesting person, acr.
- 11. *Feeling of the heart
- 12. Nevada city
- 13. City in Belgium
- 15. Use a whisk
- 16. Greek H’s
- 17. *Popular Valentine’s Day delivery, pl.
- 18. *”Love means never having to say you’re sorry” movie
- 20. Ballpark calls
- 21. Strong adhesive
- 22. Greek letter N, pl.
- 23. Lord’s subordinate
- 26. Given to drinking
- 30. Ovine mom
- 31. Old storage medium
- 34. Fairy-tale beginning
- 35. Politician Pelosi
- 37. Tokyo, once
- 38. Bone hollows

- 39. Sky bear
- 40. Fitted with a name tag, e.g.
- 42. “Ever” to a poet
- 43. With more seeds
- 45. Attic
- 47. Summer sandwich?
- 48. Fraternity letter
- 50. Medieval headdress
- 52. *Only day more popular than Valentine’s for card giving
- 56. Like blue sky
- 57. Walk the Pacific Crest Trail, e.g.
- 58. Samoan money
- 59. *Dionysus’ pipe-playing companion
- 60. Affirm
- 61. Give off
- 62. Plays for pay
- 63. *Color of Valentine’s Day
- 64. *Lovers’ reunion

DOWN

- 1. Cry like a baby
- 2. Canyon sound
- 3. Convict’s weapon
- 4. Conical dwellings
- 5. Get on juice diet, e.g.
- 6. Opposite of binary
- 7. Like a gossipmonger
- 8. Exterminator’s target
- 9. Change for a five
- 10. Part of T.G.I.F.

- 12. Like an abridged classic
- 13. Tiler’s paste
- 14. *”I Will Always Love You” singer
- 19. Stupefied
- 22. Us, in Mexico
- 23. *Cupid’s mother
- 24. In the know
- 25. Common thing?
- 26. Smoke plus fog
- 27. Lay to rest
- 28. Rocks at mountain base
- 29. *Symbol of Valentine’s Day
- 32. Infantry’s last row
- 33. Roulette bet
- 36. *Chocolatier, pioneer of the heart-shaped box
- 38. ____ apple
- 40. Risk something
- 41. Between egg and eggiest
- 44. Feeling worse than before
- 46. Gave away
- 48. Thin piece
- 49. Annoyed
- 50. Russia’s alternative to caesar
- 51. Aries or Taurus, e.g.
- 52. Burn to a crisp
- 53. MADD member, colloquially
- 54. Climbed down, as from a carriage
- 55. Fill beyond full
- 56. Pharaoh’s cobra

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Fireballers
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Speaking of respectable scores, in other round one head to head action the Fireballers and the Masked Crusaders got their jingle on with some great scores. The Fireballers top the charts with a high score of 442. They were certainly off to a good start in defending their 2020 Jingle Bowl Title. The Pin Heads have their top guy and so do the Fireballers, as Walt “The Chief” Stecchi has one of the top averages in the league. Just a money player. He cashed in during this game as he had a game high of 150, just four pins off of Joe “Strikes” mark. Walt had 3 spares and 3 strikes, coming up with four marks in the last six frames. The Fireballers M.O. is usually strong and consistent play. For this year’s Jingle Bowl they were also a player short, so the well-dressed (for this “Holiday” Outing) Mitch “Fair” Weathers joined the fray. Mitch also bowled with the Fireballers in last year’s jingle bowl. Rumor has it he made some sketchy “arrangements” to secure himself a spot on the team most likely to repeat as Jingle Bowl champs... Hey this can’t be confirmed and we are stating it’s only a rumor. So I’ll get back to Mitch in a minute. Donny Thompson (3 strikes) knocked down a 110 pins for a good jingle score and Nick Stecchi added an 83. So Mitch was struggling mightily through the 1st six frames. I’m guessing at this point Team Captain Walt the “Chief” was probably pondering: We brought this guy back why? The why turned into a wow as Mitch came up with 4 spares and a strike to finish with a 99. The Masked Crusaders had been on a roll of their own, call it a fun two game tourney winning streak as they took the Preseason Tourney and the 2nd Annual Turkey Bowl. Taking no prisoners, the Crusaders had solid scores across the board in Game One led by Cliff “Jägermeister” Jaeger who had a team high 127 with 2 spares and 3 strikes. Tom “Turkey” Barnes had a 122 with 3 spares and 2 strikes, Jimbo “Gotta be the Shoes also had a 122 adding 5 spares and a strike. Mike “Coach” Camire rounded out the scoring with a 115. That gave them the early lead with a team score of 486.

In the 2nd and final round, the Pin Heads joined the Masked Crusaders on lanes five and six and the Fireballers

took aim on lanes one and two. The Crusaders put up another respectable score with a 408, giving them a two game total of 894. This time Tom “Turkey” had the team high score with a 123 while Cliff added a 98, Jimbo had a 96 and Mike had a 91. Would it be enough? And then there are those darn jingles that can add and DEDUCT points from your total. The Pin Heads could not keep up the pace; word has it they were suffering from a rare case of “Jingleitist” a rare but debilitating bowling quirk. Don “Dynamite” and Joe “Strikes” however fought it off leading the Pin Heads with scores of 136 and 117 respectively. Don had 4 spares and 2 strikes. In the last three frames he heated up getting 2 spares and 2 strikes, a nice double up. The Pin Heads finished with a score of 802.

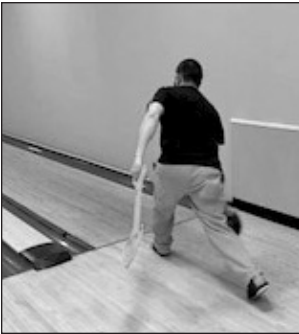
The Fireballers had to put a big score to secure their Jingle Bell repeat as after the first game they trailed the Masked Crusaders by 44 pins. They did just that as they knocked down 533 pins, the top score of the night. It gave them a two-string total of 975, putting them comfortable ahead of the Crusaders who had 894. Of course those quirky jingles had yet to be accounted for. Before I get to that though the Fireballers put up some heady numbers, championship numbers in fact. The leader of the Brigade as he is most of the time was Walt “The Chief” Stecchi who suffered no ailments. But he made sure the pins did as he had the high score of the night with a blistering 174. Walt had 4 spares and 4 strikes. He also finished strong with a spare in the 9th, two strikes in the 10th and just missed out on a Turkey with an eight on his last shot. His supporting cast was also strong as Mitch “Fair” Weathers added a 140. He had 5 spares and a strike. Donny Thompson had a 113 and Nick Stecchi had a 106. The math was simple, they turned a 44 point deficit into an 81 pin lead. It seemed highly unlikely that even with the jingles added up the Crusaders could retake the lead. On this night the jingles belonged to the reigning champs as they scored well on quite a few of them including the dart game, the snow ball throw and even in drawing the cards from the deck. They really didn’t need what we call in hockey “Puck Luck” but they got it as their jingles added ANOTHER 85 points to their score. The Crusaders had some points in the bank, as their jingles were 34 to the good, giving them a final total of 928. But it was not enough as the Fireballers final tally was 1,060 to 928. Score a repeat for the Fireballers!

So the Fireballers got their repeat and the coveted



Fire away! The Pinheads Doug “Machine Gun” Foley avoids the Jingle Bell lane blocking cone.

Photo: M Camire



Digging deep: the Masked Crusaders Cliff Jaeger had a team high 127 in the first game of the Jingle Bowl.

Photo: M Camire



Top Dawg: the Wolfpack’s Chuck “Alpha Dog” Williams had a team high 165 in Game 1 as he got his team off to a great start in a recent match with the Fireballers, the Wolfpack went on to sweep all 4 points.

Photo: M Camire

Jingle Bell trophy, each player also received a gold bell of course and bragging rights till the next Jingle Bell in December. Mitch is already predicting a THREE PEAT. The Pin Heads and Masked Crusaders were feeling down, so the Jingle master awarded each player a Jingle Bell medallion. Lots of laughs were shared and a good time was had by all, what better way to end 2020, even if it had to come in the beginning of 2021!

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getting off to a great start! It gave the Wolf Pack a 108 pin lead towards the over-all pin fall of the night. Game two had a different lead dog, this time it was Ethan who busted em up, as he had a game high 195, missing the 200 mark by just 5 pins. He had 6 spares and 4 strikes as they romped to another big win, 788 to 679 for the Fireballers. Don “Dynamite” picked up his game to support Ethan as he had a 148 with 2 spares and 3 strikes. Chuck had a 112 and Nick had a 101 as the margin for victory this time was and incredible 109. The Fireballers lost despite getting solid games from Walt the “Chief” who had a team high 163 and Nick Stecchi who had a 145. The carnage continued in the 3rd game as the Wolf Pack steam rolled their way to another point/win by topping the 800 mark, this time with a score of 841. The 3rd times a charm and for the 3rd straight game the Wolf Pack had a new lead dog, this time it was Don “Dynamite” Dwyer who blew it up with a game high 193. Don had 6 spares and 4 strikes. He buried two strikes in the 10th frame and just missed another on his last shot. This team just put on a show all night long. To make matters

worse (for the Fireballers), or in their case better for the Wolf Pack, the rest of the team was solid as can be. Chuck (5 spares, 3 strikes) had a 158, Ethan had a 134 and Nick added a 124. The four points kept them in 4th place, just one point behind the Pinheads. The Fireballers put up their best game of the night with a respectable 737, they just could not keep pace with the pack on this night. Schaun “Calendar Boy” Dion had a team high 182 and Walt the “Chief” had a 145 but it was not enough as they lost by the score of 841 to 737, another 100 point loss, 104 to be exact. The final pin fall was Wolf Pack 2,399 to 2,078 for the Fireballers. No doubt the Fireballers will bounce back, the loss did move them into 2nd place with 11 points, but they have they have two matches to make up and then a final match with the Misfits to make up points in the standings.

The final match of the week was somewhat anti-climactic as the Masked Crusaders were set to take on the Misfits, due to scheduling conflicts the Misfits couldn’t get their games in. So the Crusaders were bowling against the Misfits averages minus a penalty score. The Crusaders took

no prisoners as they won the first game with a 704 score. Mike “Coach” Camire led the way with a team high 151 as he had 6 spares and 2 strikes. Jimbo “Gotta be the Shoes” Mayou had a 148 with 3 spares and 3 strikes. In the 2nd game it was Tom “Turkey” Barnes turn to shine brightly as he had a team high 183. Tom had 4 spares and 4 strikes, Mike had a 145, Jimbo a 134 and Cliff “Jägermeister” Jaeger had a 109. Their team score was a solid 767. The Crusaders completed the four point sweep as they knocked down 694 pins. Mike “Coach” Camire (2 spares, 3 strikes) led the way with a team high 145, Jimbo (4 spares, 1 strike) had a 137 and Tom Turkey had a 121. The four point sweep enabled the Masked Crusaders to move into first place with 14 points, just three ahead of the Fireballers. They have a few matches left and will have to keep the points coming if they want to stay ahead of the pack as the teams head into the playoffs in February. With the way the other teams are coming on strong and knowing the Fireballers will bounce back in a big way, it will be no easy task, but it sure will be fun!

Citizen Soldier Saturday

Courtesy of the Massachusetts National Gaurd Facebook

This Saturday is #CitizenSoldierSaturday, and we are continuing our journey into the history and material culture of the @Massachusetts National Guard in preparation for our upcoming exhibit at the Salem Armory Visitor Center! This week: the second of a two-part post on soldier’s art in war time.

During the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the “T-wall” or “Texas barrier” was a common sight. These concrete structures, taller, thicker versions of the Jersey Barriers used on highways, are used to protect buildings and installations from attacks. However, they also became a blank canvas for soldiers to express pride in their units and mourn their lost colleagues. As with many wartime arts, the T-walls are only temporary, so a veteran of the Minnesota National Guard has created www.warmurals.com to document these murals.

As part of the upcoming exhibit in the Salem Armory Visitor Center, we have replicated a T Wall

in front of the entrance to the exhibit. On one side, we have replicated a mural from the soldiers of the Headquarters Battery of the First Battalion, 101st Field Artillery at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Massachusetts College of Art and Design student Sara Love, the daughter of a National Guard soldier, was the artist who copied the image.

Sara has this to say about her experience painting the mural: “working on this project was a joy and privilege for me! It was my introduction to an artform that I wasn’t familiar with and was a big change from the oil and watercolor paintings I usually make. From the process of recreating the original design to adding the final lettering, I got a feeling of pride that the soldiers in this regiment might have felt when they created their own mural.”

To learn more about the history of the Massachusetts National Guard, stay tuned on Saturdays, and join us at the Salem Armory Visitor Center in Salem, MA when our exhibit on the history of the Massachusetts National Guard opens in 2021. [EAM]



Sara Love standing by her reproduction of a barrier mural from Kuwait. The mural has crossed cannons with a skull in front. The skull is being hit by the type of mallet used to clear artillery. The insignia of the Yankee Division flanks the skull and cannon, and “HQ, 1st 101 F. A. ” is written below. Photo by LTC Geoffrey Love

ABOUT HALF-SMART

continued from last month

A short story by J. P. Carroll

It was the day of the final lab in qualitative chemistry, the written final would be the following day. Bob had a “D” and Greg Taylor had an “A”. Now Doctor Pyle was well known for being tough and for having Physical Chemistry for only one student. He taught the whole course for the only student who signed up for it. He failed him. Pyle entered the room as the students were lighting Bunsen burners and cleaning needed test tubes and pipets with acetone. “Okay gang, this is out final lab. Now what do you say we let this lab Count as 90 per cent of your total grade, tomorrow’s written final will count 10 per cent?”

Greg Taylor was livid. “He can’t do that!” Bob said, “Yes he can.”

“That’s easy for you to say. You just sling chemicals around like a Kobe Steak House chef and get the right answer, but your written tests equal “D”.

During the four-hour lab Bob continued his amazing “eyeball” and Greg was so frustrated that Bob could see he wasn’t doing well. The following day Greg showed up for the written final and smiled at Bob, he was holding up a drop slip. Bob finished with a “B”.

6. Nurse Johnson enjoyed her job. Med Techs and nurses often “stuck” each other to collect blood, for practice. The worst thing in the world for an inexperienced healthcare worker would be to remove the needle without first removing the tourniquet which would make blood squirt everywhere. Farley Taunton had years of experience in collecting blood and he asked Nurse Johnson to let Bob do an unusual stick. She laughed. “No, Owsley is head nuhse tonight. I am not getting transfehed to New Yawk.”

Late in the night Nurse Johnson came to change Molly’s I.V. with Bob assisting. Bob asked, “Do you remember the experiment where the planaria received RNA or DNA that caused them to cringe when they heard a light switch?”

“Yeah, I had that as a test question, I think it was in Michobiology.”

“Well, let’s consider transferring brain fluid from a terminal patient to Molly and see what happens.”

“I can see you caah for hehh and hehh daughtah. I have seen you sad when the daughtah tried to get hehh mothah’s attention and could not. But ahh you willing to risk the end result of 12 yeahs of college on such an impossible outcome just to help yahh conscience?”

“She would not be any worse than she is now.”

“I believe that. I must support my sister and hehh child make ends meet. I can’t take the chance. But I will go with you to the bhain suhgeon to show my support, I may be on boahd with whatevah he says.”

7. Bob knew Doctor Warr from consulting with him about Bob’s personal ailments. Doctor Warr wore dark navy Hickey Freeman pin stripe suits with a gold collar pin fastened above his handmade Kente’ neckties. His heavily starched white lab coat was embroidered in blue simply as W. S. Warr, M.D. When Bob had been scheduled for surgery for a hernia Dr. Warr intervened as Bob didn’t have a hernia, he had a varicocele seal which could be compared to a varicose vein in the scrotum, Bob did not need surgery. When Bob had caught strep from a patient, Dr. Warr had changed his medicine to tetracycline, this worked within hours where ampicillin had not, possibly because Bob had taken it before and may have built up a resistance. And Bob had suffered a back injury when his new BMW was rear ended at only 258 miles, Dr. Warr intervened on the back surgery and overcame Bob’s back pain with 600 milligram ibuprofen, Bob was back at work that afternoon and used spine supporting exercises to strengthen the muscles that support the spine and his pain never returned.

“Bob, Nuhse Johnson, I am with you on this chazy theory. I am willing to risk evehything for a baby. My wife is a United States Attahney and we could still pay our bills if I were to lose my license and wind up as a cook at The Waffle House. Also, I do not mind scheduling a brain surgery to extract brain fluid from an ohgan donah during the usual twenty minutes after a fatal cah crash or whatevah. But. I’m not confident that the theory is sound enough to drill into a pahfectly good scalp to insert bhain fluid.”

Bob and Nurse Johnson showed depression.

“But, Bob, I also was impressed with youah lab wohk in chemistry. You may have been the wahst student in the class. Auban Univehsity reports doing experiments to help Alzheimer’s patients with extha vahgin olive oil. Eli Lilly deserves to be commended for recalling theah work on medicine to help the brain ovahcome Alzheimer’s and that makes claims by ovah-the-countah pahducts questionable. If, you could find a way in the chemistry lab to bond exthacted bhain fluid to extah vahgin olive oil which may or may not make it’s way to the bahain, I will do a confidential exthaction and we will add the final sample to the feeding I.V. Check covalent bonding also but I think not.”

8. Bob and Nurse Johnson walked across the large campus at Columbus State in Georgia. Bob said “Look at that, they have named a building after the English chair, Patricia Spano. She didn’t seem to like me at first and then she came running up to me before class in 1974 and told me she thought my story on the religious cult where the parents let their son die because the preacher told them that if they would give him the money they were paying for insulin, he would pray and the child would be healed. She told me I should take creative writing without knowing I had won second place in the Air Force Short Story contest at Otis. Sadly, Professor Spano died of pancreatic cancer in 1986. She made this college great.”

When they walked into Dr. Pyle’s office the chemistry professor looked up and said while smiling “Well, the worst student I have ever had who got a B. How are you?”

“Doctor Pyle, this is Nurse Johnson. We need see how to bond extra virgin olive oil to brain fluid.”

“Unless this is another planaria experiment, I am out.”

Nurse Johnson spoke, “also we need to ask you if you know of a college suppliah of planahia.”

Doctor Pyle told Bob “You remember where my lab is, go light a Bunsen burner and use acetone on the glassware, I will be there after I complete these grades.”

9. Back in Newton Bob and Nurse Johnson were beeped by Dr. Warr before they unpacked. “Ready or not, we have a donor.” Nurse Johnson said “we are ready and will be there in minutes, I would like to ask you if the donor is male or female. “

“It’s my wife.”

Bob and Nurse Johnson were mostly silent as Dr. Warr moved with his usual positive demeanor. When finished he said “I don’t have any confidence this will work. But we risked everything to help a baby and that is what I came for.”

Weeks went by, Bob decided, as always, Dr. Warr was right. Nurse Johnson was sitting beside Molly’s bed after flipping through the current New England Journal of Medicine and had just opened the JAMA.

“Where did they park my T-bird and where are my clothes?” Then back to sleep. Nurse Johnson beeped Bob and together they called Dr. Warr. “What kind of car did your wife have?”

“A 1961 convertible red Thunderbird. Best riding cah I have evah been in, it had a big motah that might powah the whole hospital.”

“Was it desthoyed in the cah wheck?”

“No, but it was much more than \$2000.00 in repaahs, what’s up?”

Dr. Warr brought the Thunderbird to the hospital the next day, and also, his wife’s Yorkshire Terrier who was still waiting for Mrs. Warr to come home but ran from

everyone else. The three medical professionals took Molly by wheelchair and sat her in the driver’s seat. She continued sleeping. The Yorkie climbed into the sat beside her and licked her cheek. After a while they gave up. They had gotten her back in bed and then had to carry out their duties but before they left Molly opened her eyes and said, “ Well I don’t guess you expected me to drive without my keys, and does anybody know what happened to my Davis tennis racquet? I have a championship tournament coming up.”

“That’s notable” said Dr. Warr. My wife had a Thunderbird and Molly was a tennis pro.”

10. Molly and Crystal stood outside the glass looking at Crystal’s dad. The DNA tests did not reveal conclusively who Crystal’s father was, but Bob told Dr. Warr and Nurse Raposa that he had read in his college textbooks that when a sound is made, it displaces the air around it and changes the composition of the atmosphere by a ripple effect that remains forever, with the right equipment theoretically, the pattern of displaced air could be traced back to actually hear Beethoven at work.

Bob and Nurse Johnson drove his 1937 Ford convertible to The Mountain in Framingham where sound engineers from MIT were known to work. They asked the engineers to bring their sound equipment to Molly’s room in the hospital and after exhaustive efforts, the suspected male nurse assistant was caught. As Molly and Crystal watched him, behind the air-conditioned wall there were four large flat screen TVs, and the male nursing assistant was cheering for a football team with the other prisoners. Molly walked across to the District Attorney’s office and said, “I want him released. I am dropping all charges.”

“After what he did?”

“I know what I am doing. I would appreciate it if you would put him on a work program, he can use his nursing assistant training to care for prisoners who otherwise would not get immediate care.”

11. Male Nurse James was really doing well. He had a new purple limousine with a stereo that rattled windows blocks away. He wore orange pin-stripe suits, spats, and a Fedora. A young couple walked up to him with papers.

“What’s this?”

“Child support. Your hearing is tomorrow. You might want to sell that limousine and poor-mouth to the Judge.”

After the child support hearing James returned to the District Attorney. “Put me back in jail, I am going to be working 23 hours a day to meet these payments. Watching football on flat screen color TV and staying cool with air conditioning beats this. Don’t let her do this to me, this is certainly revenge and that is unholy.”

“They can work you 23 hours a day, just like the military. I can’t help you; you should have said no when asked if you wanted out.”

12. The sun was just warm enough for the top to come down as Molly drove the convertible T-Bird the fifty miles to Cape Cod and the Hyannis Beach with Dr. Warr and Crystal in the front bucket seats and Bob and Nurse Johnson in the back.

“Dr. Warr I am making enough now wahking for the U.S. Attahney that I will pay you fah this cah next week.”

“No, it’s youahs. I do not want to profit from anything concerning the loss of my wife.”

Nurse Johnson turned to Bob saying, “Let me know when you get another impossible idea, wahst student in the class, as Brad Pitt has said ‘playing off yoah coat-tails is an experience.’ JPC

(Note: The planaria-light bulb experiment actually happened. The author continues to try to find later developments since this remarkable discovery from his 1974 textbooks.)

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