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Spc. Tom Findtner (Tropic Times)

Work party

Soldiers from the 41st Area Support Group and local Panamanian residents work together to create a play ground for a remote school near Chepo. See story and photos on Pages 8 and 9.

Suriname troops return

Distant Haven on standby

QUARRY HEIGHTS (U.S. SOUTH-COM PAO) - U.S. Southern Command has put the temporary safe haven camp in Suriname for Haitian migrants on standby.

The decision was made because of Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti and the subsequent reduced need for immediate safe havens for Haitian migrants outside Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba, officials said.

Following approval Oct. 15, the two-week process of placing the camp and related facilities in "caretaker status" began Monday.

Caretaker status calls for Joint Task Force-Suriname to reduce staffing while maintaining the ability to recall personnel and equipment and be prepared to receive Haitians within two weeks of notification.

To accomplish this, non-mission essential equipment and approximately 300 of the original 450 U.S. military personnel at

Joint Task Force-Suriname will redeploy to parent units in Panama and the United States.

Two engineer units of approximately 150 U.S. military personnel left Suriname beginning Oct. 5 for their home stations. Remaining equipment will be stored at the facilities and a small detachment of U.S. and Surinamese forces will remain to maintain the sites and provide security.

The safe haven facilities include a temporary migrant camp constructed adjacent to Ayoko Surinamese army camp near the Zanderij International Airport; a base camp for U.S. personnel on Ayoko; and a reception facility to process Haitian migrants upon arrival at the airport. The migrant camp is located on a 28-acre area and consists of about 240 general-purpose medium tents, 40 four-person latrines and 14 dining tents.

The migrant camp was designed to pro-

vide a temporary safe, secure, and sanitary environment for up to 2,500 Haitian migrants, including food, shelter, medical care, and basic necessities.

Construction of the facilities began Aug. 28 as the initial phase of Operation Distant Haven and was completed in early September. Approximately 500 U.S. military personnel deployed from Panama and the United States to Suriname starting Aug. 25 to build the Suriname safe haven migrant camp.

The first units to redeploy were the 536th Engineer Battalion from U.S. Army South in Panama and Company B, 92nd Engineer Battalion from Fort Stewart, Ga.—the units that built the facilities. These units redeployed because their mission was complete, officials said.

JTF-Suriname included personnel from the 193rd Infantry Brigade (Light), 536th Engineer Battalion, 154th Signal Battalion, 534th Military Police, 1097th Medium Boat Company, and other units from Panama and the United States.

Drawdown continues

Navy, AF consolidate pass offices

HOWARD AFB (24th Wing PAO/Rodman NS PAO) - Navy personnel needing security badges, Defense Department employee installation access passes and base/station vehicle registration will receive those services at Building 710 here beginning Monday.

The moving of these services to the Howard Pass and Registration office is the result of ongoing Treaty Implementation Plan negotiations and agreements reached by the Navy and Air Force.

"We are looking forward to working with the Air Force in another step in consolidating services in support of the TIP process," said Lt. Jim Jolliff, Rodman NS security officer.

Several services will remain at the Naval Station.

◆ Weapons registration will be done in the arms room, second floor, Building 2, Rodman, 283-4144.

◆ Bicycle registration will be done in the physical security office, Building 7B, Rodman, 283-4215.

◆ Bilingual identification cards and military ID cards will remain a function of the Personnel Support Department, 283-6315.

There will be no change in the temporary visitor policy at Rodman. They can be processed at Gate 1 from 5-8 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. Monday - Friday, or 24 hours a day at Gate 2.

"We look forward to serving our new Navy customers," said Col. Jim Jones, 24th Security Police Squadron commander. "We've recently renovated our Pass and Registration office and I think all our customers will see it was designed to improve our service to them."

"Our Air Force customers should also understand that the small increase in workload will not affect the quality of service they receive," Jones added.

The Rodman and Howard Chapel worship services will also consolidate Monday.

"We are excited about the opportunity to serve the Navy community and have them worship with us and participate in our religious education programs," said Installation Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Cusack.

Questions about worship services and religious education programs may be directed to the Howard Chapel at 284-3948/4119.

United Airlines to discontinue Panama service Dec. 1

PANAMA CITY (Tropic Times) - United Airlines will discontinue service to Panama City Dec. 1, according to airline officials.

United announced route changes Oct. 11, which included the elimination of the one daily flight between Panama City and Miami.

This was the only flight United had in or

out of Panama City, according to Franklin DeLeon of United's Panama City office.

DeLeon said that customers currently holding tickets or reservations on United flights for Dec. 1 or later will be guaranteed flights on other airlines.

"We will maintain the ticket and make arrangements with another carrier," DeLeon said Thursday. Ticket holders will be able

to use their United tickets, he said.

United will also maintain an office in Panama City indefinitely. United will be contacting customers in the near future, DeLeon said.

United's elimination of Panama City service is part of a major restructuring of its routes in the United States, according to a company news release. The company plans

to increase flights at its Denver hub by more than 250 percent and its west coast shuttle operations by nine flights per day.

Other international flights to be eliminated include Grand Cayman, Trinidad, Cabo San Lucas, and Guadalajara, Mexico.

Those holding United tickets or reservations can call 269-8555 for more information.

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**Tropic Times late?
Call 269-3220**

People who live in quarters on a Pacific area military installation and have not received a *Tropic Times* by 6:30 a.m. Friday should call 269-3220.

Future Community Bank closings announced

The Community Bank will be closed Nov. 3 to celebrate the separation of Panama from Colombia; Nov. 10 for the Primer Grito Los Santos, and Dec. 3 in lieu of the observation of Panama's independence from Spain, Nov. 28.

Clayton Dental Clinic will close for unit training

The Fort Clayton Dental Clinic will be closed Oct. 28 for mandatory unit training. Patients may report to Gorgas Dental Clinic for emergency treatment during normal duty hours. After-duty emergency patients may report to the Emergency Room.

Safety awareness prompts Amnesty Day

In conjunction with U.S. Army South's Safety Awareness Day, the 36th Ordnance Detachment will conduct Amnesty Day 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 28 at the following areas: Luzon Field, Fort Clayton; the softball field, Fort Davis; Building 533, Corozal; Building 734, Howard AFB; and Ammunition Supply Point 1 at Rodman Naval Station.

Ammunition supply point to close for inventory

The Rodman Ammunition Supply Point will be closed Sunday through Thursday for inventory. All units with scheduled training should call 283-5643/5806 to reschedule issues and turn-ins.

New policy restricts hours of college per year

Soldiers will now be authorized to take a maximum of nine semester hours of college courses per fiscal year at 75 percent tuition cost, according to a new policy concerning Army Tuition Assistance. Tuition assistance will now be centrally managed at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command. The intent of this policy is to provide soldiers consistent funding of their education programs as they move about the Army. The local education center is available to help soldiers identify other funding such as Pell Grants, Veterans Education Assistance Program and Montgomery GI Bill. For information, call 287-5703/3161.

Clayton has job seminar for family members

The Department of Defense Family Member Job Information Seminar will be

Weekend weather

Factoid: So you think it rains a lot in Panama? Try having a picnic on Evangelistas Island in southern Chile. It rains 305 days each year there. Panama City averages 166 days with rain per year.

Pacific

Saturday
Temperature: High: 86, Low: 73
Tides: 5:10 a.m. at 16 feet
11:23 a.m. at 1 foot
Sunday
High: 87, Low: 75
5:45 a.m. at 16 feet
11:58 a.m. at 1 foot

Forecast: Partly to mostly cloudy with afternoon showers and isolated thunderstorms.

Send weather questions to 24th Weather Squadron ATTN: Weather Wise, Howard AFB, Panama (MPS)

**Atlantic**

Saturday
Temperature: High: 87, Low: 74
Tides: 2:30 p.m.
10:55 a.m.
Sunday
High: 88, Low: 76
3:09 p.m.
11:26 p.m.

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AMC flight schedule

All flights listed are subject to change because of cancellations, additions or for priority mission requirements. Check with the passenger service section for updates on flights by calling 284-4306/3608.

5:45am	B-727 Howard AFB Atlanta IAP, GA (C) Charleston IAP, SC	5:40am	Atlanta IAP, GA (C) Charleston IAP, SC	6:40am	Soto Cano AB, Honduras (CC) Charleston AFB, SC (O) Dover AFB, DE
1:45pm	C-5A Howard AFB Charleston AFB, SC (O) Dover AFB, DE		C-141 Howard AFB Brasilia, Brazil (V,O) Asuncion, Paraguay		Oct. 29 C-130 Howard AFB Soto Cano AB, Honduras (CC) San Jose, Costa Rica
3:45pm	B-757 Howard AFB (C,O) Soto Cano AB, Honduras (CC)	5:40am	C-130 Howard, AFB San Salvador, El Salvador (V,CC)		Howard AFB
5:40am	C-130 Howard AFB Tegucigalpa, Honduras (CC) Soto Cano AB, Honduras (CC)		Managua, Nicaragua (CC)		A- Active duty only US-U.S. passport O-Oversight C-Commercial Contract V-Visa M-Medevac CC-Country Clearance
8:40am	Howard AFB B-757 Howard AFB	5:45am	C-5 Howard AFB		

held 9-11 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Corral room of the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers Club. For reservations, call 285-5201.

Commissaries hold anniversary sales

The Defense Commissary Agency will hold an anniversary sale at commissaries throughout Panama in October. More than 900 items will be offered at savings of 20-60 percent.

FSC needs volunteers for relocation section

The Howard Family Support Center needs volunteers who are interested in learning about world-wide assignments and those who enjoy creating graphic presentations to work in the FSC's relocation division. There are a variety of positions available for several different relocation programs. For more information, stop by the FSC, Building 707, or call 284-5650.

St. Andrew's Society sets date for annual ball

The St. Andrew's Society of Panama will hold its annual ball 7 p.m. Nov. 19 at Las Tinajas Restaurant. For tickets or more information, call Neil McColl at 226-8066 or 264-4211.

Health consumers hold monthly meeting

The Pacific Health Consumers Committee will hold its monthly meeting 3 p.m. Wednesday at the headquarters conference room of Gorgas Army Community Hospital. For information, call Elsa Bermudez at 282-5233/3805.

Effective resume writing workshop for volunteers

Experts from the Howard Family Support Center will offer assistance to volunteers who want to reflect their volunteer

experiences on an effective and up-to-date resume. The Resume Writing for Volunteers workshop is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the FSC conference room, Building 707. It will cover the basics of effective resume writing and attendees will be able to make a follow-up appointment to print out their resume in a professional format from a laser printer. For more information, call Laila Yeager at 284-5010.

Servicemembers offered pre-separation briefing

A career information team from Charleston, SC, will give a pre-separation briefing for anyone retiring or separating from the military within the next six months. The briefing will be held 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Family Service Center, Building 40, Rodman NS. For more information, call 283-5749.

Incorrect hours for Fort Davis stores printed

There were errors in the Sunday hours of operation for the Auto Parts Store on Fort Davis and Toyland on Fort Espinar in the Oct. 7 issue of *Tropic Times*.

The correct hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Auto Parts Store and noon-4 p.m. for Toyland. Additionally, Burger King hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

Howard to measure for mini blind installation

Measurements for the installation of mini blinds in the Howard AFB tropical housing area is as follows: Monday-Oct. 28, Qrts. 41-99; Nov. 1-4, Qrts. 100-154; and Nov. 7-11, Qrts. 156-199. Workers will stop by between 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, call 285-5392.

Railroad modelers display their art Saturday

A group of model railroading enthusiasts are looking for other interested modelers. There will be a railroad models display behind Club Amador Saturday. For more information, call Gary Nichols at 285-6232.

NCOA meeting slated for today on Fort Clayton

There will be a Noncommissioned Officers Association general membership meeting 3 p.m. today at the Fort Clayton NCO Club. Members and nonmembers may attend. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Mary Jackson at 287-6251.

1994 competition for Nick Hoge Award begins

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel has announced competition for the

1994 Nick Hoge Award for Professional Development, an annual essay program dedicated to promoting excellence in civilian personnel administration and management.

Army military and civilian personnel from all career fields, including local nationals and nonappropriated fund employees, are encouraged to participate. Single and group authorship is permitted. Deadline for submission is Dec. 1. Call Aichel Tam at 285-5611 for more information.

Corozal cemetery changes office hours

The American Battle Monuments Commission announces that effective Nov. 1, the Corozal American Cemetery and Memorial will be open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The cemetery office will be open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on weekends and holidays.

STEP class for parents of teens set at Albrook

The STEP class for parents of teenagers has been rescheduled. This parenting skills class will start 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Albrook Youth Center. There will be six classes Tuesdays and Thursdays through Nov. 15. For reservations or information, call 284-6410.

Conflict management workshop slated

The Howard AFS Family Advocacy Program is offering a conflict management workshop 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Howard Chapel Annex. Learn to solve disagreements without arguing, throwing things or hitting. Free child care is available. This workshop is open to all services. Call 284-6410 for information or reservations.

'Trick or Treating' hours established for Clayton

The established hours for "Trick or Treating" at Fort Clayton are 5-8 p.m. Oct. 31. The age limit is 12 years old. Teens, 13 years and older are encouraged to participate in the Directorate of Community Activities events.

People who have a valid installation pass can escort five immediate family members only for Trick or Treating on Fort Clayton. People with vehicles registered with the Provost Marshal Office can drive their vehicles onto any installation to an authorized parking area.

Sponsors are accountable for the behavior of their guests while on the installation. Failure to control guests will result in action taken against the sponsor. All visitors to Army installations must be off post no later than 9 p.m. For information, call Master Sgt. Scott Carr at 287-3716.

Camp No. 3 near full

EMPIRE RANGE (Rodman NS PAO) - Ranging in age from 6 weeks to 88 years, the Cuban population quickly numbered in the thousands at Operation Safe Haven Camp No. 3 here.

On the camp's fifth day of receiving

Cubans, there were 1,426 men, 153 women and 99 children. The camp had received 2,011 Cubans as of Oct. 12 and can take 2,500, said Camp No. 3 Operations Officer Lt. Liz Witthuhn.

Witthuhn said the Cubans have been

extremely helpful in providing ideas and taking the initiative by volunteering for many activities. Two of the main services they offer are translation and camp maintenance and improvement. A group even built an outdoor theater and placed gravel around their living areas to cover the mud.

The camp staff of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and civilians received and inprocessed up to 339 Cubans per day. The operations staff coordinates and schedules events, collects information and disseminates it within the camp.

Army civil affairs personnel from Fort Bragg, N.C. are helping Cubans with information points, recreation and education. The camp is organizing a school facility and teachers within the Cuban community will use donated schoolbooks. The civil affairs personnel are also helping the Cubans set up their own government to assist the commander in administering the camp.

When not schooling or maintaining their areas, the Cubans find time for recreation. The most popular activities are baseball, volleyball and soccer. Movies are shown every three days and cable is scheduled to be installed this week.

The camp's public address system not only puts out information, but also plays music and news. "At their request we play a mix of salsa, meringue and American music," Witthuhn said. "They really like American music and SCN (Southern Command Network) news."

The future is a big concern for many of the Cubans.

"They are concerned about what will happen to them and are also requesting help with locating families in the states," Witthuhn said. One request camp officials are looking into is getting telephone directories from Miami.

Although they have been here only a short time, the Cubans at Camp No. 3 are feeling at home. Witthuhn said Camp Commander Cmdr. R.W. Smith, is affectionately known as "grandpa."



Pfc. Brian Simerly, Marine Corps Security Force Company - Panama helps civilian workers load cots for Cubans at Camp No. 3.

CINC awards best in Army transportation

DOCK 45 (USARSO PAO-Atlantic) - The U.S. Southern Command commander in chief presented an Army-wide transportation award to the 1097th Transportation (Composite Boat) Company here Oct. 12.

Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, SOUTHCOM CINC, presented Capt. Marshall Guterrez, commander, 1097th Transportation (Composite Boat) Company, with the National Defense Transportation Association's Army unit of the year award.

McCaffrey commended the soldiers of the 1097th Trans. Co. for the professionalism and commitment that earned them the award.

During the visit, Guterrez led McCaffrey and Maj. Gen. George A. Crocker, commander, U.S. Army South on tours of two of the unit's vessels: the Landing Craft, Utility 2000 and Landing Craft, Mechanized 8.

The 1097th Trans. Co. officially received the award Oct. 3 at the NDTA Logistics Forum and Exposition in St. Louis, Mo.

The 1097th Trans. Co. beat out transportation units in nine U.S. Major Army Commands to win the award.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Roberto Taylor (U.S. Navy)

Let them eat cake

Seaman Recruit Shawna Dale, Personnel Support Activity Detachment (left) and Capt. LeRoy Sheehan, Inspector General, U.S. Southern Command cut the cake at the 219th Navy Ball at Club Amador Oct. 14. Dale and Sheehan were the youngest and oldest sailors at the ball—the traditional cake cutters.

Atlantic dining facility best in USARSO

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO - Atlantic) - 1097th Transportation (Composite Boat) Company's dining facility was named best small garrison facility of the quarter in U.S. Army South.

Col. Silas Smalls, United States Army Garrison commander, presented the award to dining facility manager Sgt. 1st Class Paul T. Score during a ceremony Oct. 13.

A team from the Installation Food Service Office judged the small garrison dining facilities on appearance and quality of food, variety of food, cleanliness, administration and accountability, Score said.

Additionally, the team sampled the meals in the day long judging of the 1097th Trans. Co. dining facility.

"We won because of our variety of

Safe Haven one of many operations

WASHINGTON D.C. (AFIS) - Operation Safe Haven is only one of 18 ongoing military operations involving U.S. servicemembers around the world.

Regional commanders in chief generally name the operations and choose terms that mirror what the operation is about, Joint Staff officials said. For example, when Iraq invaded Kuwait and it looked as if Saddam Hussein was threatening Saudi Arabia, the United States launched Operation Desert Shield. But U.S. Central Command used Operation Desert Storm for the attack to take back Kuwait.

Here is a list of current military operations and their objectives:

Able Manner - U.S. Coast Guard Haitian migrant interdiction operations with U.S. Navy assistance.

Able Vigil - U.S. Coast Guard Cuban interdiction operations with U.S. Navy assistance.

Able Sentry - U.S. military participation in the U.N. Protection Force in Macedonia.

Deny Flight - NATO no-fly zone enforcement, close air support and air strikes over/in Bosnia.

Distant Haven - U.S. humanitarian operation for Haitian refugees in Suriname.

Maritime Intercept Ops - Generic name for U.S. and coalition enforcement of U.N. sanctions against Iraq in the Persian Gulf.

Provide Comfort - U.S. and allied no-fly zone enforcement over northern Iraq and Kurdish relief efforts.

Provide Hope - U.S. medical supplies and equipment to Russia.

Provide Promise - U.S. and allied airlift into Sarajevo and air-drops over Bosnia.

Safe Haven - U.S. humanitarian operation for Cuban migrants in Panama.

Sea Signal - U.S. Navy support of U.S. Coast Guard's operation Able Vigil.

Sharp Guard - U.S. and allied enforcement of U.N. sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro in the Adriatic Sea.

Southern Watch - U.S. and coalition no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Support Democracy - U.S. and allied at sea enforcement of U.N. sanctions against Haiti.

Support Hope - U.S. support of U.N. humanitarian operations in or near Rwanda.

Sustain Democracy - U.S. support of U.N. Haitian border monitoring in the Dominican Republic.

UNOSOM II - U.N. Operations in Somalia.

Uphold Democracy - U.S. military forces in Haiti.

food," Score said. "We have a very nice salad and ice cream bar, and people have a positive attitude about our dining facility."

"It was a team effort," he added. "Everybody took part in reaching the high standards we have."

This marks the first time since second quarter, 1993 that the 1097th Trans. Co. has won the award.

POVs ready for pick up

BALBOA (MTMC) - The following customers have privately owned vehicles ready for pick up at the POV Processing Center, Building 1501, Balboa, adjacent to Pier 18.

Aguilar G.; Anciaux L.N.; Anstey R.L.; Belter M.S.; Bonivert C.; Bradford P.E.; Bruce D.; Butler S.R.; Cooley S.E.; Cunningham L.M.; Desears R.N.; Johnson V.M.; Kenney Y.M.; King T.D.; Layton M.M.; Leroose N.J.; Lucas A.W.; Mandingo J.D.; Marcelino W.V.; Martel C.J.; Mejia-Rangel O.; Moore J.D.; Morgan T.C.; Oconner M.L.; Pardal M.; Parker B.; Ramon R.; Range M.D.; Schaul D.E.; Sorensen T.L.; Tregaskis K.; Troxler D.; Williams L.D.; Wilson R.T.

Customers must have the following documents for pick up of their POVs:

- ◆ ID card (current military, dependent, or civilian)
- ◆ Driver license (must have Panamanian license for second POV)
- ◆ POV shipping document (DD Form 788)
- ◆ Vehicle registration or title
- ◆ Vehicle keys
- ◆ Power of Attorney and photo copies of the sponsor's bilingual ID card and driver's license (when the sponsor on orders cannot be present for pick up)

The list is current as of Monday. For updates, call customer service at 282-4642/3853 or the POV arrival tape recording at 282-4641. Customer service hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Wednesday hours are 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

People expecting POVs are reminded to call customer service to leave a contact phone number.

Former MEDDAC employee dies

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (USA MEDDAC) - Retired Department of Army employee, and U.S. Army Reserve colonel, Jerry Huggins died in Albany, New York Oct. 12 after a brief illness. Mr. Huggins retired in 1992 as the USA Medical Activity - Panama quality assurance coordinator after more than 20 years of service. He is survived by his wife Kae, son Darin, and daughter Megan. Condolences may be sent to 23 Bob White Drive, Glenmont, New York, 12077.

The family requests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Pay allowance for Haitian duty

WASHINGTON D.C. (AFIS) - Servicemembers will receive additional pay while in Haiti supporting Operation Uphold Democracy. These allowances include imminent danger pay and a family separation allowance, officials said.

Carl Witschonke, Department of Defense deputy director for compensation, said servicemembers tabbed for Haitian duty after Sept. 16 will receive imminent danger pay, currently \$150 per month.

"It's to provide additional payment to personnel subject to hostile fire or the threat of physical harm," he said.

The family separation allowance, \$75 a month, is paid to troops with family members, provided the separation is more than 30 days.

Although DoD has set no tour length for Haiti, tours are limited to six months, according to Tom Smoot, also with DoD compensation. However, services can extend members for bona fide reasons.

"If the situation in Haiti becomes drawn out, commanders and services could request members be assigned to Haiti on permanent duty status," said Smoot. "The request would ask DoD to approve a 12-month, unaccompanied tour."

Witschonke said DoD does not contemplate this happening. Besides imminent danger and family separation pay, enlisted members also receive a "certain places pay," ranging from \$8 to \$22.50 per month. This allowance is based on pay grade.

Enlisted troops E-4 and above and warrant officers also receive sea duty pay. Commissioned officers must have three

Entitlements For Operation Uphold Democracy (1)

Entitlement	Active	Reserve	Amount	Remarks
Basic Pay	Y	Y	Current	Varies by grade.
BAQ/VHA	Y	Y(2)	Current	If drawing already.
BAS	Y	Y	0: \$142.46/month E: \$6.80/day	Commander in chief sets policy—now TDY. Not payable to enlisted subsisted on vessel.
Per Diem	Y	Y	\$21/day	Member keeps \$3.50/day incidental pay.
FamilySeparation Allowance-II	Y	Y	\$75/month	If member has dependents.
Imminent Danger Pay	Y	Y	\$150/month	Effective Sept. 16, 1994; land, surrounding seas and airspace of Haiti.
Foreign Duty Pay	Y	Y	\$8-22.50/month	Enlisted only, if not drawing sea pay.
SpecialLeave	Y	Y	N/A	Can carry more than 60 days at end of fiscal year.
Accrual				
Sea Pay	Y	Y	Varies (3)	Normal rules for Navy/Marines; payable to other service enlisted TDY aboard ships.
MedicalSpecial Pay	Y	Y	Current	Reserve component must be called to active duty more than 12 months.
Special Temporary Storage of Household Goods	Y	Y	N/A	Service rules apply.

1. Does not include people performing relief operations in Panama/Guantanamo/Suriname.
2. Reserve draw BAQ and VHA at place called to active duty rate (usually residence); single reservists must show proof of housing.
3. Sea pay paid to enlisted (E-4 and above), warrant officers and officers (officers must have three or more years sea duty).

years aboard ship to receive sea pay.

Witschonke said because members are placed on "field duty," upon deployment, troops temporarily lost their basic allowance for subsistence.

However, he said, the situation in Haiti is stable enough that the task force commander can place members on "regular

TDY," with subsistence payments resuming effective Sept. 23.

During Desert Storm, most service members received tax exemptions on their income while fighting in Southwest Asia. This is not true in Haiti. "A combat zone designation has not and is not being considered for this operation," he said.



Sgt. Rick Emert (U.S. Army)

Slippery mascot

Sgt. William Blundell, 549th Military Police Company, Fort Davis, shows off "Alice," a 5-foot boa constrictor. She was adopted as the new 549th MP Co. mascot after being discovered by a landscaping crew on post. "Alice" takes part in the unit's company runs and is compensated with five baby chickens a month.

Panama news summary

Editor's note: The following summary of news is taken from the Panamanian press. The translation and reports are unofficial and no guarantee is made by the *Tropic Times* as to the accuracy of reporting or statements made here. Selection of these stories does not imply any emphasis, judgement or endorsement by the U.S. government. These synopses are intended only to give non-Spanish speaking people a flavor for news events in Panama.

Oct. 16

El Panama America, El Siglo, Hoy, La Prensa: Papers report certain migrants in Panama and Guantanamo will receive asylum in the United States. Eligibility includes Cubans over 70 years old, their relatives, and unaccompanied minors. Lt. Col. Melanie Reeder is quoted as saying only 19 of nearly 6,000 Cubans at the camps qualify.

La Estrella, El Panama America: Papers print messages sent to Panama President Ernesto Perez Balladares from President Bill Clinton and Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria thanking Panama for granting asylum to Gen. Raoul Cedras and helping end the Haitian crisis.

El Panama America: Paper reports four Colombian craft carrying drugs and illegal immigrants to the coast of Colon were detected by Panama police authorities.

Oct. 17

El Panama America: Paper reports a CID/Gallup poll revealed the majority of Panamanians (57%) believes the country is little or not at all prepared technically to operate the canal.

Oct. 18

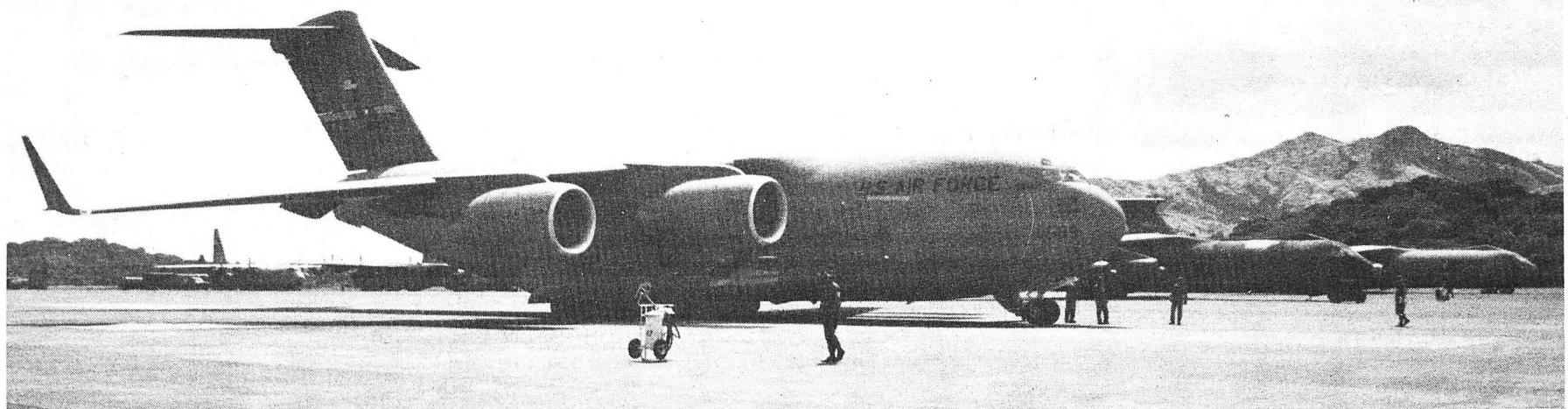
La Estrella, La Prensa: Papers report a pregnant woman was the first Cuban migrant transferred to the

United States from Panama so she could receive special medical treatment following complications related to her pregnancy. Her case is not included in the asylum plan recently announced by President Bill Clinton. Her husband was also transferred to the states.

La Estrella, El Panama America: Papers report United Airlines will discontinue operations in Panama beginning Dec. 1.

La Estrella: Paper runs a paid ad from a Los Angeles-based immigration attorney saying the U.S. government is offering 55,000 immigrant visas.

La Estrella: Paper reports that Panama will be included in an extensive manual to promote tourism in Central America. The manual will be distributed to 52,000 travel agencies throughout the states.



The C-17A sits poised on the Howard flightline.

Senior Airman Steve McNally (U.S. Air Force)

New 'bird'

Air Force fleet's latest addition visits Howard

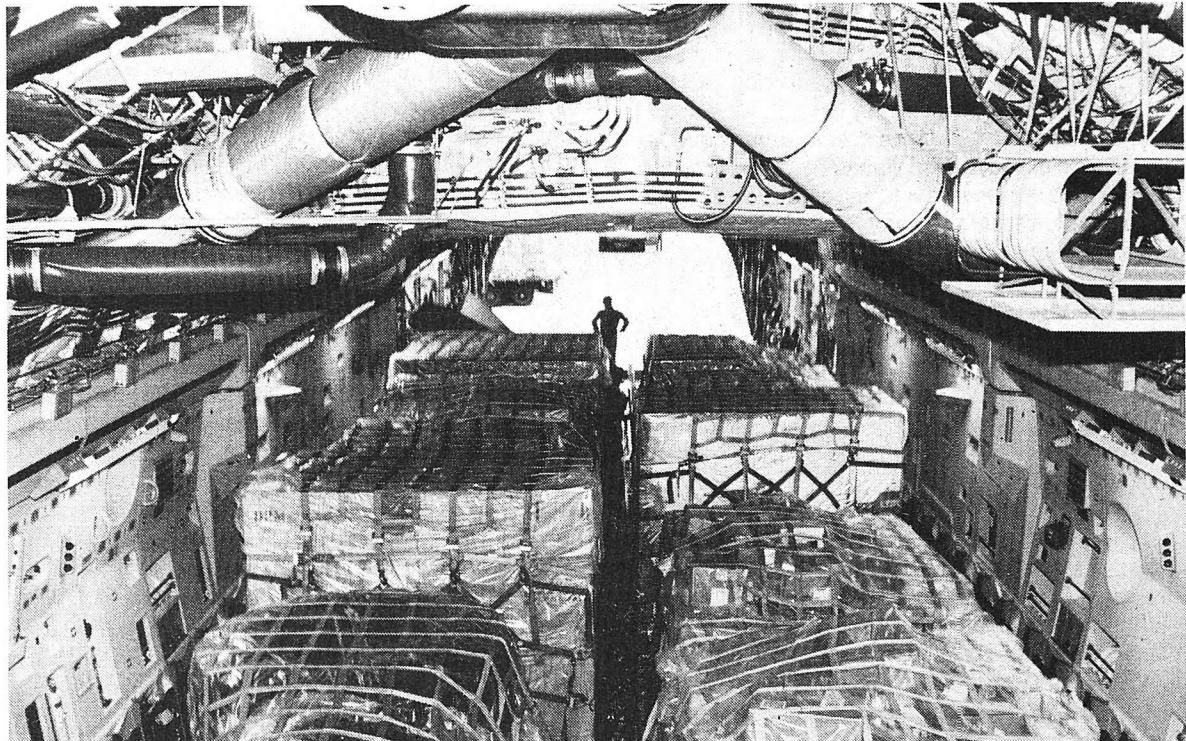
by Staff Sgt. Rian Clawson

24th Wing Public Affairs

HOWARD AFB - The C-17A is the latest addition to the Air Force fleet of cargo and transport aircraft, and Oct. 12 a single bird from this unique flock made a brief visit to the flightline here from Charleston AFB, S.C.

In fact, this aircraft is so new it has yet to be officially accepted into the Air Force inventory. It's currently in production, testing and training stages and is scheduled for initial operational capability in 1995.

"Actually, 'unique' is an excellent word to use to describe the 'Globemaster III,'" said the co-pilot of the transient aircraft, Capt. Pat Tibbetts. "Unlike the C-5, C-130 and C-141 transport aircraft, the C-17 can perform both strategic and tactical missions, and it's the only aircraft that can take outsized cargo into short, austere airfields. It takes a lot of the best technology from several different planes in the Air Force inventory and combines them into one very versatile and



The cargo bay of the C-17A can hold 172,200 pounds of cargo.

Senior Airman Steve McNally (U.S. Air Force)

user-friendly aircraft."

One of the bits of technology borrowed from modern fighter aircraft is a "heads-up display." This allows the pilot to see vital instrument data while looking at an unobstructed view out the cockpit window.

"This means you don't have to keep bobbing your head up and down between what's happening with the instruments inside the cockpit and what's going on outside the aircraft," Tibbetts explained. "That goes a long way toward reducing fatigue."

Other reductions include the size of the crew needed to operate the aircraft—it only requires two pilots and one loadmaster, since four computers take the place of human navigators and flight engineers. The maintenance requirements and the life cycle costs are also less when compared to C-141 and C-5 aircraft.

Although the Globemaster is only about 6 feet longer than the C-141, it can carry more than twice the Starlifter's payload—and four times the lift capacity

of the C-130 Hercules, said loadmaster MSgt. Gary Warner. This means the C-17A hold can contain 102 troops/paratroopers, 48 litter and 54 ambulatory medical patients and/or attendants, or 172,200 pounds of cargo.

"We can load a single row of 11 pallets down the center of the aircraft with plenty of room for space available passengers on either side," Warner said, "or we can load two rows of nine pallets with no space for passengers. The C-17 can carry virtually all of the Army's outsized combat equipment."

The aircraft also has "direct delivery" capability as it can put that equipment down on runways only 90 feet wide and 3,000 feet long. Even on such runways, the pilots can use thrust reversers to turn the plane 180 degrees and take off again.

According to an Air Force fact sheet, the C-17 Globemaster III "delivers more cargo through a given area in a given period of time than any other airlifter—and does it with fewer resources."

"It's also a kick to fly," Tibbetts said with a smile.

Officers 'cap off' careers with SOUTHCOM visit

by Spc. Tom Findtner

Tropic Times staff

QUARRY HEIGHTS - Twelve members of the National Defense University's CAPSTONE class arrived here Saturday from Washington, D.C., on the first stop of a 14-day tour of key locations in the western hemisphere.

For the past 10 years, CAPSTONE has served as the final requirement, and thus the "capping stone," in a senior officer's Professional Military Education Program. It is reserved for officers who have earned—or soon will be promoted to—the rank of brigadier general or rear admiral and is offered on a quarterly basis.

The six-week class emphasizes the necessity for joint service operations. CAPSTONE strives to provide a clear perspective of its importance by allowing students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real-life joint

training, planning and operations situations in the field.

"It's a trip that exposes our leaders of tomorrow to places they haven't been before, and gives them an opportunity to get a better feel for the concerns of people here and at other commands throughout the world," said Navy Adm. Wesley McDonald (Ret.), CAPSTONE senior fellow and course advisor.

The 12 students began their three-day field study of the U.S. Southern Command with a general overview of the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility by Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commander in chief, Air Force Brig. Gen. Rudolf Peksen, director of strategy, policy and plans, hosted further briefings by component commanders on the regional issues involving SOUTHCOM and its methods of dealing with them.

"We are very impressed with the attitudes and embodiment of concern SOUTHCOM has in dealing with the

problems that they face here in Panama and in this whole region," said McDonald, who served as CINC of the U.S. Atlantic Command in Norfolk, Va. during the mid-1980's.

Class members also met with Panamanian Foreign Minister Gabriel Lewis Galindo and National Security Advisor Jose Luis Sosa. In addition, a discussion with U.S. Embassy Country Team in Panama City was arranged.

Highlights of their stay in Panama were a flight over the Panama Canal, tour of the Miraflores Locks, and visit to the Safe Haven Cuban migrant camps.

"We think it has been an outstanding tour," McDonald said. "I think everyone is going to go away from here with a tremendous understanding of the problems the United States faces with the canal changing over, withdrawal of troops and families, and the continuing responsibility of the U.S. to this whole area."

"Whether we have any presence here in the future or not, it's still going to be SOUTHCOM's area of responsibility, along with the rest of Latin America and South America," McDonald said.

The CAPSTONE visits are Congressionally mandated by the 1986 Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act. During the next two weeks, the group will travel to Honduras, Venezuela, Mexico, Canada and Key West.

The CAPSTONE class members who visited SOUTHCOM were: Coast Guard Rear Adm. Edward Barrett, Army Brig. Gen. Joseph Cosumano, Marine Brig. Gen. Earl Hailson, Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert Hoffman, Army Brig. Gen. John LeMoine, Army Brig. Gen. Lon Maggart, Army Brig. Gen. Leo Baxter, Navy Capt. James Ferguson, Ms. Ernestine Heck of the State Dept., Navy Rear Adm. Edward Kristensen, Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert Osterthaler, and Air Force Brig. Gen. Leon Wilson.

'Cubans should help themselves...'

Mayors' Corner

Dear Mayors' Corner,

This is not a letter to question why, but why not? As Americans, we are continuously striving to aid anyone and everyone. I have no problem with this. However, I do have a problem with how it seems to keep turning out, but I won't go into that.

My question is: Why not let the Cubans and Haitians really help themselves? It seems to me that these people are looking for a hand, if not a hand out.

We have totally disrupted thousands of lives unnecessarily. Now that a portion of the refugees are on station, why not put them to work? I see no harm in them helping to lay concrete pads, put up foundations or put on roofs. This would put some of our people back to work with a limited number of work hours lost. This would also give the people in camp something to do to keep their minds off their current plight, thus avoiding a situation like the attempted suicide last week.

Kitchens can be set up and run by the women and/or men who are able to cook. Food should be issued in order to keep down food waste and avoid any confusion. If there are enough people capable of doing both, they can work shifts just as we would, but for fewer hours.

Every manpower hour costs us greatly. It costs us in manpower hours because we have to cut back regular work hours. It costs us in man-power medically because of injuries to our people as well as their medical conditions. It also costs us time with our families. Cutting into our already fragile family lives causes further instability.

So I go back to my question: why not put them to work for themselves.

Weary Worker

Dear Weary,

I forwarded your letter to Lt. Col. Melanie Reeder, public affairs officer for the Operation Safe Haven Joint Information Bureau. She provided the following response.

Not only do we agree it is a good idea to let the Cubans help themselves, but we are doing many of the things you mentioned. Giving them a role in their living conditions has a positive effect on their morale.

The Cubans are willingly participating in camp improvements, both physical and procedural. Cuban repre-

sentatives from the camp community meet daily with military camp cadre. In those meetings, ideas and problems are brought up and solutions are offered.

In addition, we ask the Cuban representatives to give their recommendations for disciplinary actions to the Operation Safe Haven commander for those residents who have violated camp rules.

More basically, the Cubans are actively forming work crews, and side-by-side with military troops, are working on drainage systems, laying recreational fields and assisting in other camp improvements.

However, the food is provided and served by contractors. This provision for meals has proven to be the best solution.

We've also made a great effort to provide the Cubans with recreational and educational opportunities. Schools, chapel services and other activities are up and running.

Thanks for your interest in this operation and please follow the stories in the *Tropic Times* for more details.

Dear Mayors' Corner,

I would like to tell you my story about my dealings with the Vet Clinic. My wife and I visited the facility with the intention of adopting a pet. There was a dog there that I asked about and was told that two other people were also interested in the animal. I was told to put my name on a waiting list, and call at 4:40 p.m. about the dog. When I called, I was told that if no one called for the dog by 9 a.m. the next morning, I could have the dog.

When I called the next morning I was told that the dog was gone. I assumed the dog was given to one of the people on the waiting list. My wife found out the dog was given to someone not even on the list.

I was upset. The personnel at the clinic were rude. I asked to see the policy on adoption and was told a mistake had been made. Another staff member apologized and offered us another dog who had apparently been at the facility for some time. I paid \$19.52 for the animal on Friday and discovered over the weekend the dog was deaf.

When we contacted the clinic, they claimed they had no knowledge of the problem, but were willing to examine the dog. Without examining the dog we were refunded \$14.52. We were then informed that to adopt another pet a fee of \$25 would have to be paid.

I would like to know what the policy on adoption is and if the clinic personnel are required to attend a cus-

tomer service training class before they are hired.

In Search of Man's Best Friend

Dear Searcher,

I sent your issue to Capt. Russell Wiessinger, the Vet Clinic officer in charge, who responded: Army Regulation 40-905 governs our adoption policy in conjunction with the Vet Clinic Standard Operating Procedures and local regulations. Strays are impounded for three working days. People waiting to adopt the animal may sign up with the reception desk for that particular animal.

On the fourth day, the animal may be adopted. If not claimed by the rightful owner, the animal may be adopted in order. Each person on the waiting list is given a specific time in which to go to the Vet Clinic—the first person from 8-10 a.m.; the second person from 10 a.m.-noon; the third person from noon-2 p.m. and the fourth and subsequent persons from 2 p.m. until closing on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Animals for adoption must be up-to-date on rabies and appropriate distemper vaccinations before release. This cost is paid by the adopting owner. We also recommend a fecal exam for internal parasites and heartworm tests for dogs. There is no adoption fee.

If an animal is not adopted by the fourth day, it will be humanely euthanized by lethal injection.

Our goal is to try and adopt all adoptable animals that come to our facility. The only fees that may be incurred are those that have to be charged for the vaccinations.

We always have animals available for adoption. Over the past 18 months we have had 1,115 stray animals admitted with 163 being reclaimed by their owners and 433 being adopted by new parents. We also have had 162 pets brought in for adoption and we were able to place 135 in new homes. These services are provided without any adoption fee.

Requirements for employment at the Vet Clinic or other government job do not require a customer service training class as a prerequisite. However, our employees have attended customer service training when offered.

Editor's note: To submit questions to the Mayoral Congress, send letters to: Mayors' Corner, publicity chairperson, APO AA 34004 (MPS). Anonymity will be granted upon request. The *Tropic Times* reserves the right edit letters and responses for brevity.

\$160 cash stolen from unsecured briefcase

Stolen currency

The military police report that a man had \$160 stolen from his briefcase, which was left unsecured in his Fort Clayton office last week. It is recommended that everyone secure their property and never leave belongings unattended.

If you become a victim of a crime contact the military police at 287-4401.

Another bike stolen

A service member had his bicycle stolen from his quarters on Fort Clayton last week. An unknown thief cut the securing cable lock which secured the bike to the quarters.

The Provost Marshal's Crime Prevention Section recommends securing bikes indoors during the hours of darkness or anytime you will be away from your quarters. You are also encouraged to make sure

all bicycles in your household are registered.

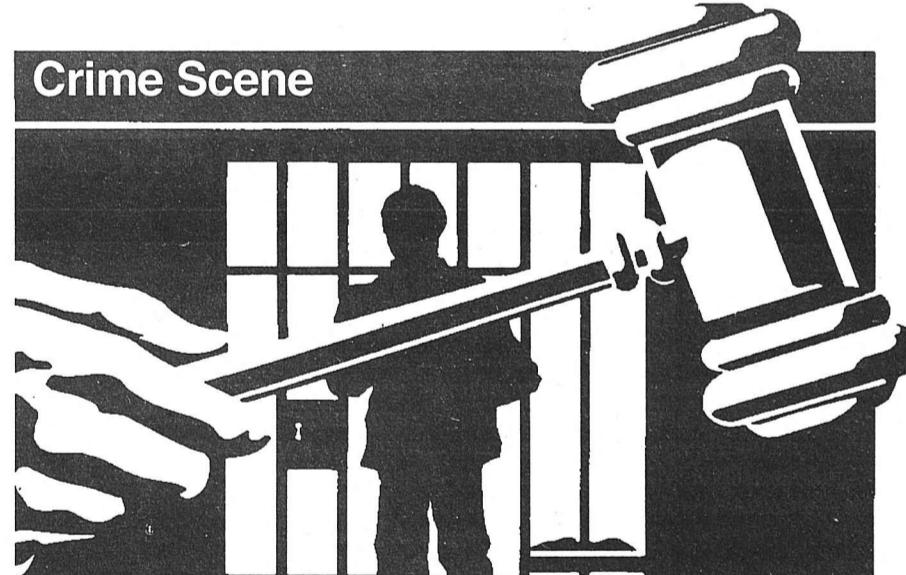
Halloween safety

This year Halloween will be observed on Monday Oct. 31. The hours for "trick or treating" will be from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. The military police encourage everyone to keep safety in mind by carrying a flashlight and wearing reflective clothing. Adults should accompany young children to ensure safety. If a mask will be worn, make sure it does not hamper vision. Always check candy before allowing your children to eat it. Following this advice should guarantee a safe and happy Halloween.

Crime prevention tips

During the past quarter, there have been numerous larcenies of private property reported. According to reports, more

Crime Scene



than 50 percent of the property stolen was left unsecured.

To counteract this, always lock up your valuables when they are left unattended. Employing this tactic can remove the opportunity for a thief to strike.

For information on securing property, call the Crime Prevention Section at 287-

6762 or 287-3261. Together, we can "take a bite out of crime."

Panama Jack anonymous hotline

Anyone with information about drug smuggling should call the Panama Jack anonymous hotline immediately at 285-4185.

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Domestic violence: when will it stop?

by Senior Master Sgt. Steve Taylor

Tropic Times chief

We're now three weeks into Domestic Violence Month. And yet, I haven't really heard much about it. There's been a smattering here and there, and some programs on Public Service Radio, but we haven't been exactly loaded with new information.

There are seminars and workshops around the area, though. But in my opinion they're failing for lack of participants. Case in point: Thursday's seminar for people who are having problems with domestic violence only had two reservations by Tuesday. I guess we all figure that these are for "someone else."

Maybe there's not a problem with violence in the home. But I don't think that's true. Everything that I read and hear tells me that domestic violence in the military is as great or greater than in the civilian sector of the United States.

One theory why the military has problems with it is because we're trained for aggression and rewarded for aggressive behavior.

It's how we've learned to handle conflict. Our mission, after all, is the management of violence. But what works well on the battlefield, or the behaviors that work well in the trenches of the bureaucracy, don't necessarily work well at home.

These are new behaviors that we're talking about: How to settle differences without resorting to violence, whether physical or emotional. It wasn't until 1980 that spouse abuse was illegal in many New England states. And just 200 years ago, in France, it was a criminal act for a husband *not* to beat his wife if she misbehaved.

Our new social conscious now tells us that this type of behavior is no longer acceptable. Now you can go to jail if you beat your wife—or husband.

So, whatever our values might be, we're told it's a good thing to leave the violence on the battlefield, or at

least at the front door. The saying about "not bringing your work home" has never been more true.

But what can you—or anyone—do? Learn more about it. That is the hard part. I don't know about you, but I'd rather not think about it. But we've all heard stories about the abused spouse who couldn't find help and the whole situation blew up in everyone's face. The result: shattered homes, traumatized children and more.

The more I learn about how to deal with conflict, the harder it seems to get. But I guess the only answer is to keep trying.

During the last three weeks, and again in this issue of the *Tropic Times*, we have publicized opportunities to help people deal with problems of this sort. And there are a lot of people out there who's sole purpose is to help.

So I hope you'll get the extra help or knowledge and skills you need, whether you think you need it or not.

Because that's where it starts and ends: at home.

The bean counters

Quality starts and ends with customers

by Master Sgt. Dale Mitcham

24th Wing Public Affairs

Many customer service oriented organizations have "embraced" quality concepts to improve their daily operations and increase service and customer satisfaction.

For the most part these changes are good, but some are merely cosmetic.

Progressive thinking people have streamlined operating procedures, implemented policies to cut down on redundancy and waste.

Their efforts are aimed at maximizing output and reducing effort while effectively satisfying their customer's needs.

I don't know about you, but there several things that ruffle my feathers about the quality approach to conducting business in a non-standardized environment such as the Air Force.

Maybe I'm getting crotchety in my old age or just plain cantankerous, but I believe that everything has a point no matter how round it may be.

In an ideal environment, all procedures and customers need to fit neatly into the established policies and procedures your organization has set up.

Whether or not the supplier wants to admit it or not, there are customers out there who can't use the round hole for their square peg.

Don't you find it very disturbing as a customer to enter an establishment for service with your peg and be

told "We won't accept your peg because it doesn't fit our hole?"

Quite often when you explain to the supplier why your peg is shaped the way it is, and that the hole the doesn't work for you, the supplier frequently reacts defensively and stands firmly and aggressively behind whatever policy or procedure. Nine times out of 10, the supplier wasn't the originator of the policy or procedure, but will blindly enforce it.

There have been "rare" occasions when the customer was right and there was a flaw in the procedure or policy in effect. Instead of keeping an open mind, stepping back and weighing the individual case, the supplier assumes an adversarial posture, "I'm sorry, but that's our policy. If you want to use our hole, you must round off your peg."

Once in a while the circumstances are so clear that even Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder and Jose Feliciano would have a hard time not seeing it.

Bean counting is a terrible trap that many people fall into when trying to ensure they achieve their goals in relations to quality performance measures. Quality performance measures are the internal or external standards organizations use to determine if they are accomplishing their missions or satisfying customer needs.

Sometimes I think I'm going to gag when I sit through a meeting where standards are discussed and the unit representative boasts about his organization's quality prowess while I hear moans and grumbles of

discontent throughout the room with the service people have received from that organization.

Statistics have an uniquely different quality. You can make numbers say just about anything you want them to by putting them in the right context. I know for a fact that you can manipulate numbers to paint a picture as rosy or bleak as you want—just look at a nomination package or an after-action report.

Instead of simply exhausting over the success of reaching your goal, take time to find out why you had a dissatisfied customer and how to avoid a similar situation.

As they always say, "One 'aw shucks' wipes out a 1,000 'atta-boys.'" First impressions are lasting ones. Think about this for a second. How did you feel when you walked up to a service counter or into a duty section looking for service and were ignored by the people on duty?

The individuals didn't stop working on what they were doing, nor did they acknowledge your existence until they were finished with their task.

And what about those individuals who stare right at you while making a personal telephone call and act like you are disturbing them because you came in for service. From that point on, no matter how good the service is you aren't going to be satisfied or happy because you were ignored.

This may sound trite and cliché, but a good rule of thumb is to treat people and customers as you want to be treated, unless you're into sadomasochism.

Direct Quotes

What should be done to solve the problem of domestic violence?



"It's a serious problem that will continue if it's not brought out into the open. Families should seek help."

Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Hodges
HHD 56th Signal Battalion



"There are social programs available to help people find the source of their problems."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jose Munoz
470th Military Intelligence



"People are responsible for what they do and they should be punished when they hurt others."

Master Sgt. Jay Whiston
12th Security Police Sq.
Randolph AFB, Texas



"Families should be aware of its impact and the options for solving it, such as counseling and education."

Hector Cruz
Air Force family member



"Abusers should be investigated and prosecuted. If found guilty, they should get counseling or go to jail."

Rhonda Mathes
Army family member

Play Time

41st Area Support Group soldiers build playground for remote village near Che

story and photos by Spc. Tom Findtner
Tropic Times staff

An all-terrain vehicle packed with soldiers scaled hills of red clay and crashed through a dense jungle before abruptly stopping at an impassable stream, 40 miles from Panama City.

The soldiers—men and women—in red unit T-shirts, jeans and combat boots, hopped out and continued their journey on foot for another two miles in the sweltering heat. On a hilltop, they set off signal flares, then wait.

At the same time, a UH-60D Blackhawk helicopter hovered just above the rainforest canopy, as it followed the serpentine path of the Panama Canal. Upon spotting the ground crew's red smoke signal, the helicopter descended. Cattle scrambled out of the way as the Blackhawk landed, its landing gear sinking a foot into black muck beneath lush grass.

On the hillside overlooking the meadow, a group of about 30 Panamanian men, women and children were gathered. Their friendly faces and warm smiles revealed a sense of anticipation and building excitement as the soldiers lugged construction tools up the muddy slope.

These soldiers weren't on a training mission, and the people watching weren't spectators. Since December 1992, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 41st Area Support Group, has backed a rustic, one-room schoolhouse in Corpus Christi, Panama, as part of the Joint Task Force-Panama School Sponsorship Program, said Capt. Jose Espinoza, HHC 41st ASG company commander. Eighteen students, ages 6 to 15 years old, attend the school.

The tiny village is nestled in the rugged Panamanian interior alongside a small, winding creek. The area is home to approximately 30 families and 120 people scattered across several miles of remote countryside within the district of Chepo. The unit visits the village every three months.

Over the years, they have helped renovate the schoolhouse, donated and refurbished desks, purchased school books and supplies, and celebrated Christmas with the townspeople by bringing gifts and preparing a feast.

On their visit to the village Oct. 14, unit volunteers planned to construct a playground for the village's children, their most demanding venture to date. The project was the idea of Logistical Operations Sgt. Maj. Mary Roberts.

"These people rely on us because they know we are there for them," Roberts said. "They know us and look forward to our visits. It's great for their morale, as well as our own."

Roberts went full-speed ahead with the playground concept in June by seeking out the expertise of the unit's sole construction engineer, Sgt. 1st Class Howard Eley. Eley immediately started scavenger hunting.

"Lumber is hard to come by down here and I didn't think we'd be able to get any," Eley said. "But when I went around to different organizations and told them what the materials were needed for, they bent over backwards to help out by donating whatever surplus they could spare."

According to Roberts, the most challenging aspect of the project was logistics and raising enough money for the company fund to purchase additional supplies that were needed. The 41st resorted to car washes, bake sales

and a flea market to accomplish the task.

After gathering the necessary materials and borrowing tools from other units, the 41st started building in July. Operating out of a shop on Corozal, Eley supervised a volunteer work party that hammered and sawed three days a week on four-hour shifts.

Meanwhile, back at the village, the townspeople spent three days preparing a site next to the schoolhouse for the playground. Armed with picks and shovels, the men laboriously cut into a hillside to clear out a level spot. Then, using a large piece of leather as a wheelbarrow, they hauled the dirt away.

The playground was completed in August and ready for transport to Corpus Christi. However, the 41st hit a snag when they approached the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment to assist in hauling the playground structure by helicopter. The 1-228th was low on funds and grounded until the new fiscal year, Roberts said. By the time the helicopter could fly again, Operation Safe Haven was in full swing and the playground project was put on the back burner.

When the 228th finally gave the 41st the go-ahead, 18 soldiers volunteered a day of their time to set up the playground.

The structure was airlifted in a cargo net and dropped on a nearby hilltop. Soldiers and villagers climbed to the top and carried each piece down to the playground assembly site.

They then rolled up their sleeves and went to work. The conditions certainly were not ideal, with mud everywhere and no electricity for power tools. The soldiers were forced to rely on sheer muscle and sweat.

As the unit divided the job up and began work, curious onlookers jockeyed for the best spots to observe the progress. The 41st worked diligently through the blistering heat of the day and ever-present thunderstorms. The hospitable villagers did their best to keep up the soldiers' strength by supplying fresh coconut milk and bananas; plus fried catfish and patacones cooked on an open fire.

By 4 p.m., the playground was finished and teeming with laughing children, who took turns crossing the monkey bars. Of course, there also was a tire swing, and the roped-in platforms that each offered a slightly higher perch than the one just under it.

The scruffy village dogs, found the wooden planks of the playground to offer just the right amount of shade from the sweltering sun.

Manuel Acamarena, the Corpus Christi schoolhouse teacher for the last 10 years, was pleased with the results of the 41st's efforts.

"Because of the soldiers' support, the quality of our children's education has improved a great deal," he said. "Recreation is normally climbing trees, scaling hills and playing in the creek. Now the children will have something tangible to play on."

For the soldiers, the opportunity to help the townspeople was a touching experience.

"I have a daughter back in the states and everytime I look at one of these kids, I see her face," Spc. Phyllis Jordan said. "Coming out here, makes me think about everything we take for granted and makes me appreciate the basic essentials. It also makes you want to give more—like the stuff in the back of your closet."



Soldiers from HHC 41st ASG work together with Panamanian villagers on a hilltop to separate playground sections from a cargo net, before hauling the pieces to the building site.



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A UH-60D Blackhawk helicopter, piloted by a crew from the 1-228th Aviation Regiment, airlifts a cargo net containing playground equipment to the village of Corpus Christi to assist Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 41st Area Support Group on a humanitarian mission.



Sgt. 1st Class Howard Eley secures a platform section to a support post during construction of the playground.



Spc. Jason Welch steadies a support post into the hands of a local villager, who carried it to the playground site.



Awards

Meritorious Service Medal - Sgt. James Farley, HHSC, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion. Sgt. 1st Class Rhett Neilson, Company A, 310th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Army Commendation Medal - Staff Sgt. Ronald Hurst, Headquarters Detachment, 470th MI Bde. Spc. Sara Rosenfeld, and Spc. Lisa Ward, Company A, 308th MI Bn. Staff Sgt. Orlando Baez and Sgt. Darren Kreitz, both of Company A, 310th MI Bn. Sgt. Deborah Garcia, Sgt. Ernesto Garcia and Spc. Dale Brown all of 747th MI Bn.

Army Achievement Medal - Master Sgt. Victor Palanca, Staff Sgt. Johnny Colon, Sgt. Gregory Wilson, Spc. Freddie Epting, Spc. Manuel Lopez and Sgt. Scott Heathm Headquarters Detachment, 470th MI Bde. Spc. Jesse Molinar of HSC, 308th MI Bn. Spc. Martin Hickey of Company A, 308th MI Bn. Sgt. Gregory Hotchkiss and Sgt. Jonathan Sheline, Company B, MI Bn. Sgt. Lucianne Crumley, Spc. Stephanie Cooper, Spc. Amy Hudson and Spc. Jess Lewis all of the 747th MI Bn.

Certificates of Achievement - Sgt. Kimberly Bizub of 747 MI Bn.

SOUTHCOM Letter of Appreciation - Sgt. Eddie Breeding, Company A, 310th MI Bn.

Births

AUGHN, Geral; born to Sgt. George and Maria Vaughn, Aug. 24.

ANWAY, Amanda Elizabeth; born to Spc. Lonny and Elizabeth Anway, Sept. 18.

AYALA, Zackary; born to Pfc. Eric and Dianne Ayala, Sept. 17.

BROWN, Andrea; born to Pfc. Sophia Brown, June 13.

BLANCHARD, Tabitha; born to Paul and Sandra Blanchard, July 11.

BLOCK, Stephany; born to Spc. John and Julissa Block, Sept. 6.

CARTER, Stanely; born to Stanley and Cristina Carter, June 27.

COLLIER, Zachary; born to Bryan and Claudia Collier, July 6.

DURONCELAY, Eric, born to Pvt. 2 Yashawna Duroncelay, June 19.

ESPINOSA, Janny; born to Capt. Jose and Yvette Espinosa, July 10.

FARREL, Kodi; born to Sgt. Daniel and Melissa Farrell, June 1.

FLORES, Kelly Ann; born to Sgt. Mario and Milvia Flores, Aug. 16.

HUNT, Montana Alise; born to Capt. Hans and Kimberly Hunt, Sept. 12.

HOUSER, Elizabeth Kristine; born to Spc. Bradley Garrett and Libra Houser, Sept. 18.

JACKSON, Amira; born to Staff Sgt. Charley and Mary Jackson, July 10.

JACKSON, Kayla Morgan; born to Sgt. Marvin and Melissa Jackson, Sept. 15.

MAY, Samuel; born to Spc. Samuel and Melinda May, Sept. 9.

MCMANUS, Alexis Marie; born to Sgt. Barry and Donna McManus, Sept. 14.

NASH, Kiaira Elizabeth; born to Spc. Todd and Michel Nash, Sept. 20.

OVARD, Logan; born to 1st Lt. Michael and Kelly Ovard, July 19.

PENN, Nicole; born to Spc. John and Mavis Penn, July 10.

PIERCE, Adam; born to Spc. Adam and Paula Pierce, July 13.

PLEAS, Daniel Jeremiah; born to Sgt. Derrick and Maria Pleas, July 10.

PETERSON, Michael Alexander; born to Staff Sgt. Wayne and Lilia Peterson, Aug. 16.

SLATER, Alexandra; born to Staff Sgt. Thomas and Itsia Slater, June 17.

VILLELA, Jesse; born to Evaristo and Tricia Villela, July 19.

WHATLEY, Marshall Kristopher; to Staff Sgt. Marshall and Lidia Whatley, Sept. 14.

YATES, Ashley Kate; born to Sgt. William and Lisa Yates, Sept. 14.

Support Group top NCO retires

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The 41st Area Support Group Command Sgt. Major Samuel Weddington retired from active duty during a ceremony, Sept. 30.

Weddington retired after serving 27 years in the U.S. Army.

During his career, Weddington served as a drill sergeant and first sergeant at Fort Jackson, S.C. He went on to attend the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and, upon graduation in Feb. 1987, he became first sergeant for Headquarters Com-

pany, 20th Support Group, 19th Support Command in Korea. He was later assigned to Fort Jackson again as a senior instructor of the supply school and sergeant major for the Directorate of Logistics. He returned to Korea as the Security, Plans and Operations command sergeant major at the 34th Support Group, 19th Support Command, and went on to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Cal. Weddington was assigned to 41st ASG in June, 1993.



(courtesy)
Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Weddington

National Guard commander retires

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The Theater Equipment and Maintenance Site commander, Lt. Col. Charles E. Lloyd retired Sept. 29 after 30 years of active duty and National Guard service.

The Arkansas native enlisted in the Arkansas Guard in 1964 and was commissioned in the Infantry Corps in 1968.

Lloyd has been assigned as a mortar platoon leader, executive officer and company commander in Company C, 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry, at McGehee, Ark. He has also served as Chemical Plans officer, Security Plans and Operations Officer and executive officer in the 25th Rear Area Operations Center at Camp Robinson, Ark., and operations officer for the Deputy Chief



(courtesy)
Lt. Col. Charles E. Lloyd cuts the cake at his retirement ceremony.
of Staff Reserve Affairs here.



Sgt. Robin Shawinski (U.S. Army)

Public service

Col. Daniel Mongeon, 41st Area Support Group commander presents Aurea Ridriguez and Yvette Espinosa with a 41st ASG workout bag, water bottle and baseball cap. The two volunteers received the Commander's Award for Public Service.



(courtesy)



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MPs honor civilians

The Military Police Command recognized several MPC civilian employees during a ceremony recently.

Bobby Poland, the chief of Military Customs was awarded the Commander's Award for civilian service. Poland is retiring after seven years of civilian service with the MPC (top right).

Marilyn Carver, a secretary with the command, was also recognized for 20 years of federal service. She received a certificate and a 20-year service pin (top).

Melissa Flynn, the Treaty Affairs Officer was also promoted to GS-11 (right).

Lt. Col. Stephen Noble, Military Police deputy commander, presented the awards.

Graduations

Primary Leadership Development Course - Distinguished Honor Graduate:

Spc. Edward Tosado, Co. B, 4th Bn., 228th Avn. Regiment; **Honor Graduate:** Spc. Stephen Woykewicz, 747th MI Bn.; **Commandant's List:** Spc. Mick Madden, 549th MP Co.; Spc. Galen Wade, HHC, 4th Bn., 228th Avn. Regiment; Spc. Betty Trandem, Co. A, 310th MI Bn.; Cpl. Richard Rice, HHC, 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf.; Spc. Matthew Clark, Co. A, 747th MI Bn.; Spc. Boyd Bingham, HSC, 308th MI Bn.; Spc. Aaron Partsafas, MEDDAC-Panama; Spc. Scott Balfour, Co. D, 160th SOAR (Airborne); Spc. Julie Graham, HHC, LEA; Spc. Thomas Ussery, Jr., Co. B, 536th Eng. Bn.; **Leadership Award:** Spc. Humberto Bernard, Co. A, 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf.; Spc. Jorge Rosende, CID; Spc. James Armstrong, 534th MP Co.; Spc. Michael Boyd, HHC, USARSO.

Army Physical Fitness Test: Spc. Michael Boyd, HHC, USARSO. **Commandant's Inspection:** Spc. Mick Madden, 549th MP Co. **Class Graduates:** Spc. Galen Wade, HHC, 4th Bn., 228th Avn. Regiment; Spc. Robert Deloria, HHC, 1st Bn., 228th Avn. Regiment; Spc. Mary Delores Booth, HHC, 142nd Med. Bn.; Spc. Aaron Partsafas, MEDDAC-Panama; Spc. Daniel Beebe, 154th Signal Bn.; Spc. Paul Berthot, 79th Army Band; Cpl. Andrew Cooper, HQ, SOUTHCOM; Spc. Humberto Bernard, Co. A, 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf.; Spc. Jack Allred, Co. C, 5th Bn., 87th Inf. (Light); Spc. Michael Farmer, Co. A, MI Bn. (L); Spc. French Reid, Panama MP Co.; Spc. Christopher Hickox, 549th MP Co.; Spc. Jose Diaz, HHC, JOTB; Spc. Douglas Black, Company D, 160th SOAR (Airborne); Spc. Elizabeth Brown, Co. A, 193rd Spt. Bn.; Spc. Robert Purce, 1097th Trans. Co.; Spc. Mark Allen, HHC, 41st ASG; Spc. Mark Galpin, HHC, 128th Avn. Bde.; Spc. Andre Edouard, Co. E, 1st Bn., 228th Avn. Bn.; Spc. Casey Roberts, 214th Med. Det.; Spc. Michael Goodson, HSC, 536th Eng. Bn.; Spc. Julie Graham, HHC, LEA; Cpl. Ralph Sanchez, HHC, USARSO; Spc. James Hansen, HHC, USAG; Spc. Harris Dickerson, Co. A, 5th Bn., 87th Inf. (Light); Spc. Stephen Woykewicz, 747th MI Bn.; Cpl. Jason Edwards, HHD, 470th MI Bde.; Spc. Israel Nero, HHC, 536th Eng. Bn.; Spc. Boyd Bingham, HSC, 308th MI Bn.; Spc. Christine Hunnicutt, Company B, 310th MI Bn.; Spc. Paul Dudas, HHC, 5th Bn., 87th Inf. (Light); Spc. Jorge Rosende, CID; Spc. Teresa Alexander, Co. D, 142nd Med. Bn.; Spc. Edward Tosado, Co. B, 4th Bn., 228th Avn. Regiment; Spc. Arnulfo Rodriguez, Co. E, 228th Avn. Regiment; Spc. William McGaffey, HHC, 154th Signal Bn.; Spc. Leonard Hearne, MEDDAC-Panama; Spc. Thomas Ussery, Co. B, 536th Eng. Bn.; Spc. Steven Thompson, Co. A, 536th Eng. Bn.; Spc. Gregory Pauch, U.S. SOUTHCOM; Spc. Richard Bogle, HHC, 5th Bn., 87th Inf. (Light); Spc. Matthew Clark, Co. A, 747th MI Bn.; Cpl. Jimmy Stogner, 549th MP Co.; Spc. Subrina Johnson, 69th Sig. Co.; Spc. Reginald Bryant, 1097th Trans. Co.; Spc. Roger Schlough, JOTB; Spc. James Armstrong, 534th MP Co.; Spc. Jimmy Faddis, 549th MP Co.; Spc. Robert Stevenson, HHC, 1st Bn., 228th Avn. Regiment; Spc. Freddy Urmelata, Co. B, 154th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Christopher Barnes, Company D, 4th Bn., 228th Avn. Regiment; Spc. Jesus Lozano-Anaya, DENTAC-Panama; Spc. Steven Ilnicki, HHC, 128th Avn. Bde.; Spc. Amelia Garcia, Co. D, USAG; Spc. Scott Balfour, Co. D, 160th SOAR (Airborne); Spc. Tony Whetstone, Co. A, 193rd Spt. Bn.; Cpl. Richard Rice, HHC, 1st Bn., 508th Inf. (Airborne); Spc. Melissa Hood, 154th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Mick Madden, 549th MP Co.; Spc. Michael Boyd, HHC, USARSO; Spc. Gerald Nino, Co. C, 5th Bn. 87th Inf. (Light); Spc. Betty Trandem, Company A, 310th MI Bn.; Spc. Sean Kelly, 1097th Trans. Co.

Extraordinary operators on line

COROZAL (USARSO) - "Operator 12, how may I help you sir or ma'am?"

So says the human voice on the other end of the telephone after dialing operator assistance here in Panama. No name or face to put with the voice. It seems everyone, at one point or another has wondered what the person on the other end of the line looks like. Most of the time, a "normal person" comes to mind.

For Luis Narimatsu and Richard Hayden, working at the Joint Overseas Switching Section (JOSS) gives them the opportunity to show people, despite their "disabilities," that they are just as "normal" as other people.

Narimatsu was diagnosed with infantile glaucoma when he was 21 years old, and was completely blind by the age of 26. Up to the time he lost his sight, Narimatsu was going to school at Panama Canal College, where he earned an associates degree.

"After that I was in rehab," Narimatsu said. "I had to learn Braille (an alphabet of raised dots) and how to get around by myself...and I had to get a job."

That turned out to be more difficult than expected. The

school taught Braille in Spanish. With English as his primary language, he had to learn two "foreign" languages at the same time. Getting a job was no easy feat, either. Narimatsu called the JOSS consistently for nearly three years before finally landing the job in October 1993.

Once hired, Narimatsu needed specialized equipment to become an operator. The customized terminal he uses gives him a verbal response after having the requested information keyed in.

On the other hand, Hayden has been afflicted with cerebral palsy all his life. The disease affects his nervous system and affects his balance and ability to walk, but not his ability to work.

"If I'm sitting down, no one notices," Hayden said. "When I walk away, that's when they realize I have (cerebral palsy)."

Hayden worked for the Panama Canal Commission as a student hire and then on a permanent position for five years until his position was cut. After that, he volunteered at the Albrook AFS Post Office and the Southern Command Information Line. The experience he gained at the

information line helped him land a job at the JOSS in January 1991. For both Hayden and Narimatsu, working at the JOSS has been, for lack of a better word, normal — which is the way they like it.

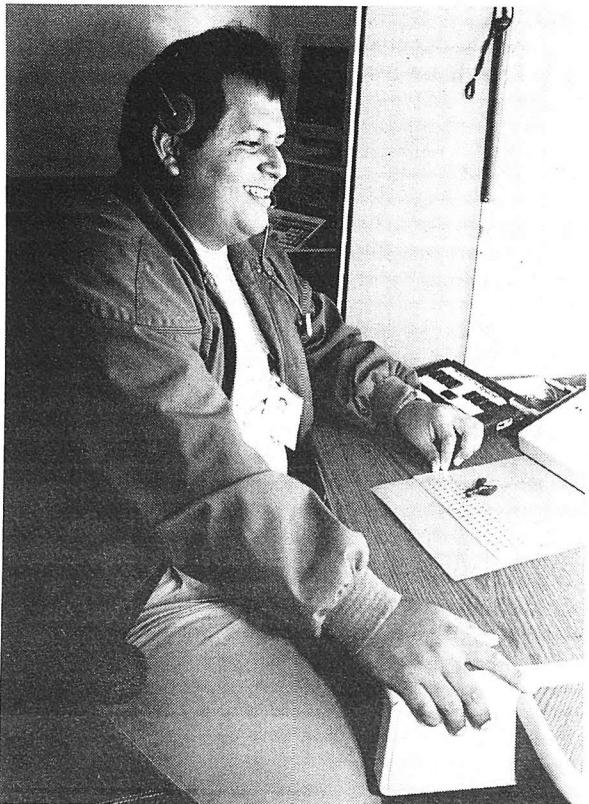
"It's good when people treat you normally," Narimatsu said. "It makes you feel worse when people baby you."

"I've been known to trip over a dime," Hayden said. "It's kind of embarrassing when you fall in public. People freak out. They start running at you trying to help you up. I have to tell them, 'It's OK, I can get up.'"

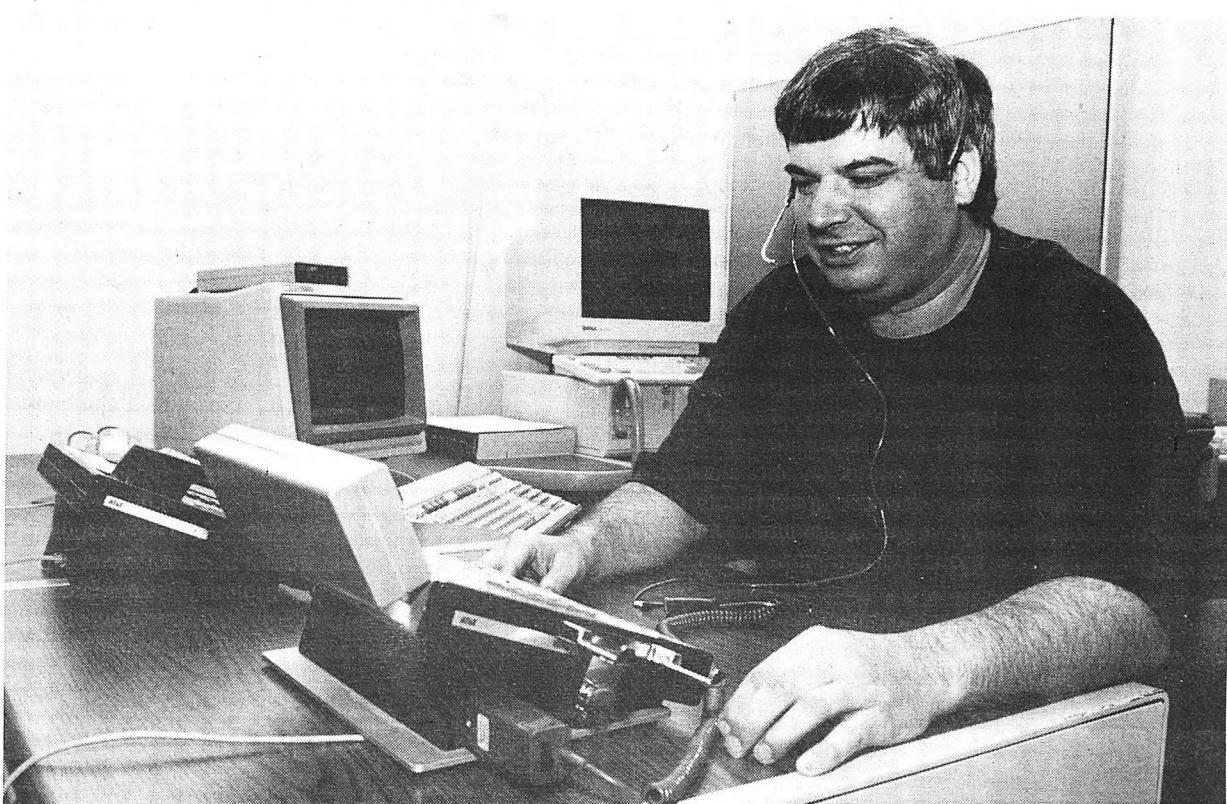
Both agree that working at the JOSS has been a real boost to their self image. They state that since they've been able to work around their disabilities and prove themselves as capable individuals, they feel it has been an education for those they work and talk with.

"I have always liked being around people," Narimatsu said. "This job helps people deal with me and not treat me any different than others."

So for people who do wonder what the person on the other end of the phone line looks like, don't worry. A normal person is answering their call.



Luis Narimatsu



Richard Hayden



Sgt. Eric Hertin (U.S. Army)

Hispanic month closing

The closing ceremony for Hispanic Heritage Month took place at the Fort Clayton NCO Club Oct. 14. Luncheon participants were treated to the New Generation dancers performing traditional Latin American dance numbers (above) and a visit from Panama's reigning Miss Mundo, Carmen Ogando (right) and Panama's Miss Universe Marilyn Gonzalez, not shown.



Sgt. Eric Hertin (U.S. Army)



Aviator receives POW bracelet

After 20 years, woman turns over war keepsake

by Linda Christensen

Tropic Times contributor

When Robin Edward's son, Justin, was looking for a treasure to play with from his mother's jewelry box, he came across an old bracelet with a name and date inscribed. Robin explained that the name was of a soldier who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

When Justin asked, "Did the bad guys kill him?" his mother could only say, "I hope not, but I don't know." She never guessed that only a few weeks later, she would know his fate.

Robin and her husband, Lt. Col. James Edwards, bought bracelets during the early '70s while attending college in Georgia. Both kept them through the years, not knowing whether either person ever made it home.

One night a few weeks ago, they were watching a television documentary about Vietnam POWs. Her husband mentioned that he was attending an Army Aviation Association of America meeting and that a former POW named Col. Reeder would be speaking.

"Normally I don't watch those shows because they are so depressing," Robin said. "But that night I did, and when my husband said 'Col. Reeder and POW,' it just triggered my memory."

Edwards said she went upstairs and retrieved both of their bracelets. They pondered whether it could really be the same man. After a few phone calls the next day, they realized that indeed it was.

"All I could think about was 'thank God, he is alive and well,'" Robin said.

After twenty-odd years, she never gave up hope. "You know, I never forgot about the bracelet or Capt. Reeder," she said. "As far as I knew, he was still over there. And every so often, I'd remember and say a prayer."

Robin never guessed that the bracelet she kept for so long was for a man many people consider the modern day living hero of Army aviation, Col. William Reeder, U.S. Southern Command deputy chief of staff.

After entering the Army at Glendale, Calif., in 1965, Reeder served two tours in Vietnam as a helicop-

ter pilot. Both times, he was shot down. The second time, he didn't make it back.

Reeder was captured in Cambodia and forced to walk with a broken back, plus a list of other injuries that would have forced most other men to give up. Yet, he didn't. He hobbled many miles to a jungle camp and then, after several more nights of walking, wound up at the infamous 'Hanoi Hilton.'

He was rescued a year later. Back in the United States, numerous surgeries and months of recovery were required to heal his injuries.

Reeder is a survivor of all the things most of us only see in the movies. For that reason, he is greatly respected, in not only the aviation field, but throughout the Army. There is no trace of Reeder's tragic past on his face. In fact, he looks much younger than many of his contemporaries.

Out of the thousands of soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors that went to Vietnam, Robin finds it coincidental the bracelet she received was for such a famous aviator.

"My husband is an aviator and we had the bracelets before he went in the Army," she said. "It's just that so many people were considered POWs, and for my bracelet to be for an aviator..."

Ironically, both families are stationed here in Panama. Their paths have probably crossed somewhere: commissary, hospital or military functions.

Until a few weeks ago, Robin knew nothing except Reeder's name and his date of capture. In her words, it made it even harder not knowing anything about him, or even if he had died. Learning the outcome of Reeder's ordeal has been a relief to Robin and closes a final chapter on Vietnam in her life.

"After the war was calming down, I thought about trying to find out what happened to him," she said. "But by that time, my husband was active-duty and we were moving around and time just passed."

After Robin and her husband contacted AAAA meeting organizer Maj. Jack Kendall and informed him of their discovery, he arranged for Edwards to present Reeder with his POW bracelet after his speech.

According to Reeder, it was an emotional moment.

"After all these years, for someone to still be holding onto this bracelet..." Reeder said, shaking his head.

"Normally, I give my POW speech at these meetings, but this time, I had decided to give one on the future of Army aviation. Luckily, I did because seeing this bracelet was very emotional for me."

His POW speech recounts in detail his experiences in Vietnam.

Seeing Reeder for the first time was also very emotional for Robin. At the time of the presentation, she was not aware of the pain he put up with in captivity.

"I would have just cried, if I had to sit there and listen to his suffering," she said.

And she nearly did cry when she presented him with the bracelet, but held it together "in front all those strangers." Yet, to Robin, Reeder will never be a stranger. After twenty years, she finally had a face to go with the name, except she still refers to him as Capt. Reeder.

"For all these years, he's been Capt. Reeder and to me, he will always be Capt. Reeder," she said with a laugh.

Robin likened the bracelet to the relationship that a person would have with a "pen pal," except she never knew anything more than a name and date. After meeting Reeder, she is proud she was able to at least provide prayers for him throughout the years, even if only a couple of those years were when he was in captivity.

Reeder said that when he first came back to the states, a few people contacted him and gave him their bracelets, but he never expected someone to care enough to hold onto one for so long.

"This one will always be very special," he said. "I'm planning to put it in a case at home and it'll be a good story to recall."

At home, Reeder and his wife, Lt. Col. Melanie Reeder, have two grown children, a three-year-old, and another baby on the way.

He will have plenty of time and receptive ears to recount the story of the military wife who refused to give up on him after twenty years.

Lightning poses safety threat during Panama's rainy season

PANAMA (USAG-Panama Safety Office) - The old saying, "Lightning never strikes the same spot twice," may be true, but it won't really matter if someone is standing there for the first time.

According to the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, lightning kills about 150 Americans each year and injures some 250 more. While statistics for lightning strikes in Panama are not available, the news media has recorded several incidents in recent years, said Roberto Alleyne, USAG-Panama safety specialist.

In Panama, lightning events almost always coincide with the rainy season thunderstorms from May to mid-December, with the highest frequency occurring between September and November, he said.

The U.S. Army Garrison-Panama Directorate of Community Activities Outdoor Recreation Branch has a lightning strike avoidance policy for all of its outdoor activities.

"The policy is that any time a thunderstorm is near or imminent, swimming pools are cleared, and football and youth soccer games are halted until the lightning threat is over," Alleyne said.

When a person is struck by lightning, electrical shock and burns usually result. When struck, a person will be stunned or paralyzed, and often can be revived through first aid measures.

"There is no danger in touching a person who has been struck by lightning because the electrical charges are not retained in the body," Alleyne said. "Prompt application of artificial resuscitation and treatment of shock could be the difference between life and death."

The most common activities at the time a lightning strike injury occurs are waiting under a tree, participating in water sports, and golfing, he said.

"Unlike many other causes of death and injury that one can run away from, lightning strikes before the warning thunder," Alleyne said.

People can help lower the chance of getting struck by lightning, he said.

When possible, avoid open areas, bare hill tops, lone or prominent trees, flagpoles, fences, radio antennas, open-top vehicles and power and telephone lines.

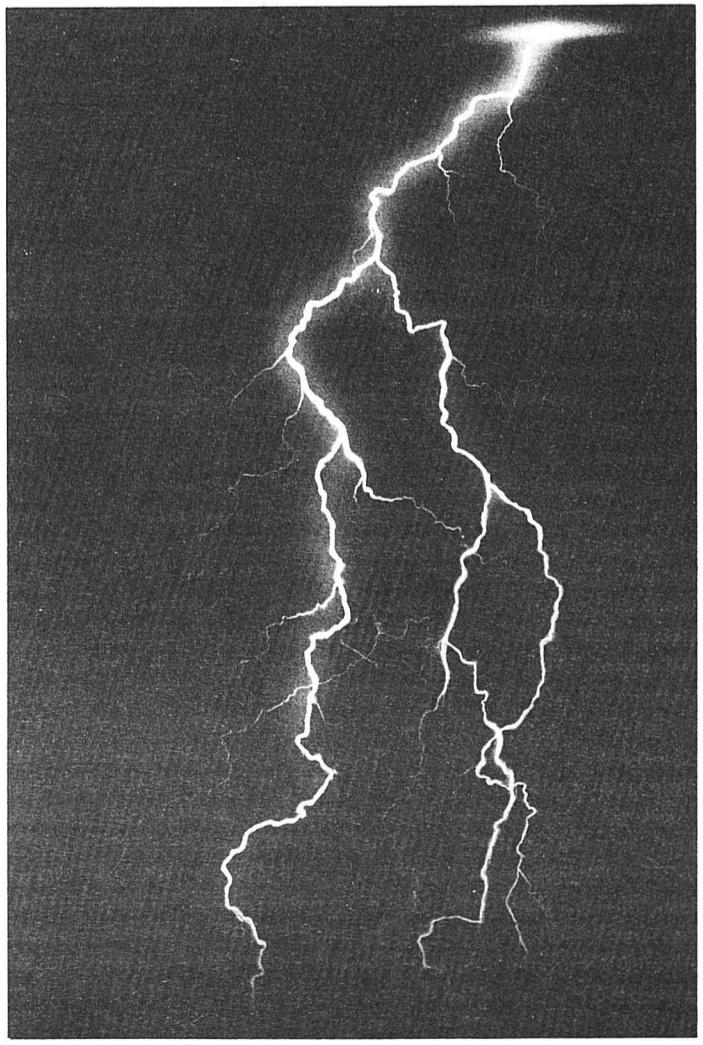
"When available, seek shelter in a building," he said. "Well-grounded metal buildings offer protection, provided people don't touch the metal inside of a building and stay away from stoves, telephones, windows, metal equipment, water on the floor, or other possible conductors of electricity."

If caught outdoors, people should seek caves, foxholes, deep ditches, the base of a steep cliff or hill, or inside rubber tired vehicles with steel bodies.

If on a lake as a storm is approaching, try to reach the shore and seek shelter.

If a group is caught outside or on hilltops they should disperse to minimize the electrical attraction offered by a massing of people.

"To the extent possible, avoid having any part of your body in contact with water that may be flooding the ground," Alleyne said. "If however, you are caught in flat, open terrain or hilltop, lie down in any depression available in order to reduce your height above the terrain."





Sports

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Lucky seven

Local athletes race in D.C.

by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times sports editor

COROZAL - The men's and women's teams representing U.S. Army South in the Army 10-mile Run Sunday earned seventh place in a field of 300 teams in Washington, D.C.

The race is sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army, said Sue Bozgoz, a team member.

The men competed against approximately 250 teams while the women ran against approximately 50 teams, USARSO coach Willie Moye said.

Bozgoz said 8,500 people participated in the run.

A highlight of the race was the first place finish in the 44-49 age group by Clinton Davis, a member of the Fort Clayton Striders, who completed the run in 56 minutes. The

Striders accompanied the USARSO team as a show of support, Moye said.

Starting and ending at the Pentagon, the race wound past Potomac Park, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial and crossed the Memorial Bridge, Moye said.

Both teams turned in exceptional performances, he said.

"Our community is so much smaller than the teams coming from other places," he said. "Our people must be commended for competing with these teams."

The USARSO teams faced runners from U.S. Army installations from around the world, he said.

Results from the men's competition are as follows:

First place - Fort Carson, Colo., 52:18
Second place - Fort Campbell, Ky., 52:22
Third place - Fort Sam Houston, Tex.,

53:27

The USARSO team's run time was 54:46. Results from the women's competition are as follows:

First place - Fort Hood, Tex., 1:05:31
Second place - Hawaii, 1:06:00
Third place - Fort Carson, Colo., 1:08:19
The USARSO team's run time was 1:11:06.

Team scores are computed by averaging the four fastest times of the six man teams, Moye said.

The men's team improved on their eighth place showing in 1993. Robert Czech and Corey Smallwood returned this year. Smallwood shaved 2 minutes off his 1993 58:39 time.

"Some guys were completely surprised by the level of competition," he said.

The women's team lost some ground on the competition after finishing fourth last

year. However, with only Bozgoz returning, the team was new and unaccustomed to this level of competition, Moye said.

"There were a lot of new people on the team, and for many of them it was the first time they had competed at this level, but they did a great job," he said.

The climate was another factor USARSO runners had to overcome. The temperature in Washington, D.C. was 55 degrees Fahrenheit, a dramatic change for runners coming from the tropics. In spite of the cold the USARSO runners did very well, Moye said.

Times for the Strider runners are as follows:

Scott Digruttolo 57:19, 43rd in 25-29 age group

Roberto Gotay 1:00:03

Willie Moye 1:01:00

Richard Thomas 1:03:00

USARSO runners make a winning team

1994 USARSO 10-miler Men's Team

Wilfredo Griego

Time - 52:41, 5th in 25-29 age group

Unit - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry

Experience - Recreational runner, no formal competitions.

Comments on the team - Griego was unavailable for comment.

Robert Czech

Time - 54:47, 25th in 25-29 age group. Czech's time in last year's Army 10-miler was 54:34.

Unit - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army South

Experience - Member of the 1993 USARSO 10-miler Team.

Comments on the team - "This will be a competitive group."

Paul Stevenson

Time - 55:05, 16th in 30-34 age group

Unit - Southern Command Network

Experience - Three 10-mile events. Comments on the team - "I love to run, and any time I can be with other runners it's a good experience."

Corey Smallwood

Time - 56:32, 36th in 25-29 age group

Unit - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army South

Experience - Three 10-mile events.

Comments on the team - "I am very positive about it and have pride within myself. I am proud to represent USARSO in the 10th annual 10-miler in D.C."



Brian Couth

Time - 56:46, 37th in 25-29 age group

Unit - Company B, 536th Engineer Battalion

Experience - Five 10-mile events, two marathons, one 75-mile run. Comments on the team - "Being on the team is superb, the team members are really supportive."

Jose Alberto Haro

Time - 57:03, 40th in 25-29 age group

Unit - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison

Experience - 1994 Transisthmian Relay Race USARSO team member.

Comments on the team - "I'm excited to represent USARSO."



Traci Beth Thompson

Time - 1:13:22, 43rd in 25-29 age group

Unit - Company B, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion

Experience - Recreational runner. Comments on the team - "I couldn't have made it this far without my husband's support and love and my unit's six mile runs."

Heidi Pointer

Time - 1:14:30, 27th in 25-29 age group

Unit - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 154th Signal Battalion

Experience - Unit track team at Fort Ord, Calif.

Comments on the team - "Being on the team is one of the greatest opportunities of my military career."

Michelle DiGruttolo

Time - 1:14:24, 25th in 20-24 age group

Unit - Company A, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion

Experience - Recreational road races.

Comments on the team - "I am anxious to be a part of this winning team."

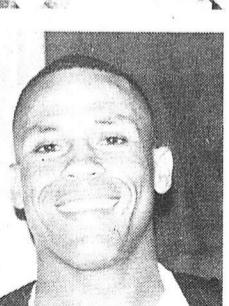
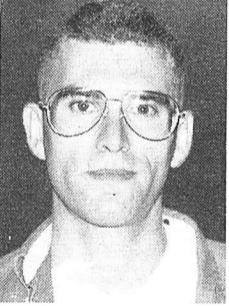
Genoveva Esquivel-Ifill

Time - 1:16:31, 56th in 30-34 age group

Unit - 92nd Personnel Services Center

Experience - Transisthmian Relay Race team member 1992-1994.

Comments on the team - "It didn't occur to me that I could run 10 miles in one day. I am very proud to be part of the team."



1994 USARSO 10-miler Women's Team

Sue Bozgoz

Time - 1:05:40, fourth in 30-34 age group

Unit - Company D, 142nd Medical Battalion

Experience - one- and two-mile and five-kilometer events in high school, two-mile and 13-mile events in college, Army 10-mile race in 1989 and 1992.

Comments on the team - "It is outstanding."

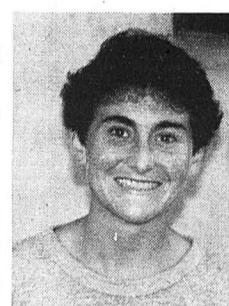
Ethenia Torres

Time - 1:11:50, 33rd in 30-34 age group

Unit - U.S. Army Medical Department Activity

Experience - High school track and five and ten-kilometer races in the Army.

Comments on the team - "It's been my goal to be on the team."



Football

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The Cougars take their unbeaten record to 6-0 after pummeling the Kolts 35-7.

NFL picks

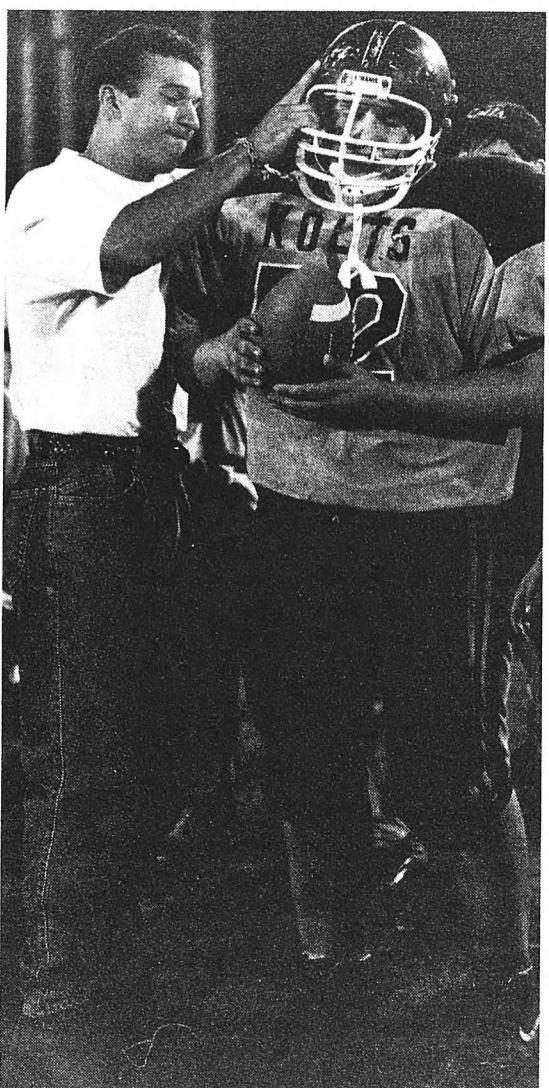
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Hot heads and cool plays make the difference in the Dolphins and Raiders matchup.

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Football


Sgt. Lori Davis (Tropic Times)

Big, bad saint

Arturo Del Busto helps the Kolts defensive tackle Jaime St. Malo snap his chin strap. Although the Kolts are 1-5 this season, it is a big, physical team. St. Malo is 5'11" tall and weighs 270 pounds.

Tigers 40-Machine 19

The Tigers' Jon Guerra saw Red, and again rushed for over 200 yards. In his last outing against the Machine, Guerra racked up 222 yards. This time he piled on 242 yards and found the end zone three times. Guerra trails the Devils' Wilbert Reese by 61 points for the league rushing record.

The Tigers' Ruben Rafalko spent his time in the end zone as well, putting two more touchdowns on the scoreboard on two short runs.

Tony Wrice scored for the Machine on a 40-yard pass play from Jared Holzworth.

Devils 14-Bulldogs 6

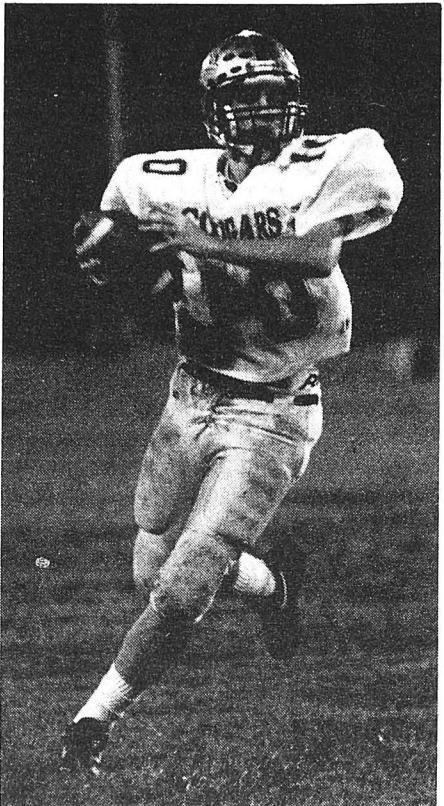
The Bulldogs held the Devils' Wilbert Reese to 164 yards and one touchdown, scored on a 29-yard run, his longest for the night. Juney Barnett tacked on a touchdown to round out the Devils' scoring.

The Bulldogs offense played a game of slippery fingers, fumbling the ball five times. In spite of coughing up the ball twice, Cardova Hall boosted his rushing record by 137 yards, securing third place.

Joe Novotny turned in the Bulldogs only score on a fumble recovery in the end zone.

Can't touch this

Cougars roll down victory lane at 6-0



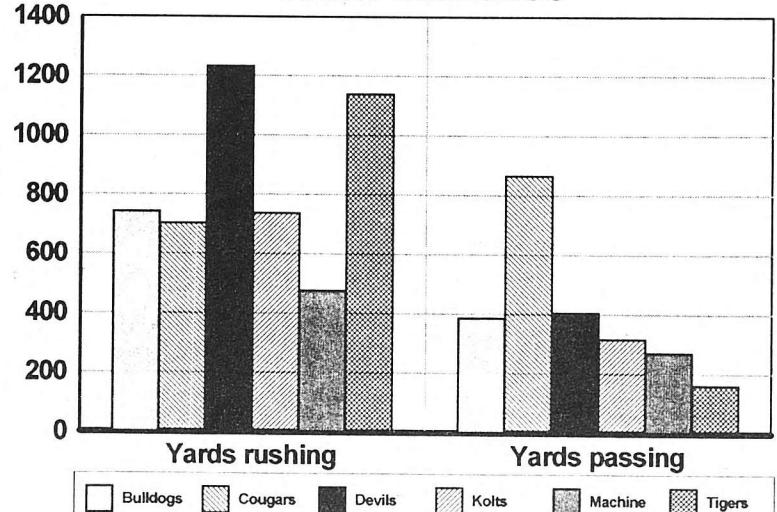
Sgt. Lori Davis (Tropic Times)

The Cougars' Buddy Martens fades back to pass.



Sgt. Lori Davis (Tropic Times)

The Cougars' Lance VonHollen breaks to the outside to evade the Kolts' Abdiel Poveda.

Scoreboard**Team statistics****League Leaders**
Team standings

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cougars	6	0	0	1.000	95	50
Devils	5	1	0	.833	96	32
Bulldogs	3	3	0	.500	34	59
Tigers	3	3	0	.500	37	48
Kolts	1	5	0	.167	73	128
Machine	0	6	0	.000	13	62

Tonight's games

Cougars vs. Tigers, 6 p.m. (CHS)
Bulldogs vs. Machine, 5:30 p.m. (BHS)
Kolts vs. Devils, 7:30 p.m. (BHS)

Quarterbacks

	PA	PC	%	Yds	TD	Int
Martens, Cougars	108	46	43	866	8	5
Lampas, Devils	49	29	59	404	3	2
Beach, Bulldogs	49	15	31	349	1	7

Interceptions

Beach, Bulldogs 5

Scoring

	TD	XP	Total
Reese, Devils	10	3	66
Guerra, Tigers	7		42
Martens, Cougars	5	1	32

Rushing

	Carries	Yds.	Avg.
Reese, Devils	115	818	7.1
Guerra, Tigers	103	757	6.4
Hall, Bulldogs	95	617	6.5

Kick offs

	Kicks	Yds.	Avg.
VonHollen, Cougars	23	1105	48

Punts

	Kicks	Yds.	Avg.
Price, Tigers	20	642	32

Interceptions

	Kicks	Yds.	Avg.
Beach, Bulldogs	18	522	29

Touchdowns

	Kicks	Yds.	Avg.
Bowman, Devils	7	196	28

off Marten on the five-yard line, and the Kolts took over.

Ford went to Alberto Norte for two passes, picking up 25 yards, but the Kolts ground out the other 50 yards on tenacious running.

Ford orchestrated a drive that put the Kolts one foot from the goal line with seconds left on the clock. Just as the half ran out, Ford dove in for the Kolts' only score of the game.

The Cougars and Kolts had been here before, the Kolts came back in the second half to make the score 27-24, and had possession of the ball and threatened to score. Cougar coach Fred Bales said he was not taking the lead for granted.

The second half became a tug of war; both teams were tired and sluggish. Shouts from the Cougar sideline went from demands on the offense to cheers for the defense for holding the Kolts scoreless.

The Cougars' defense held the line, and with time running out the offense got back into the game. With 18 seconds in the game Martens threw a touchdown pass to Jelani Jordan.

Infantry shoots for title

by **Sgt. James A. Rush**
 24th Wing Public Affairs

HOWARD AFB - Back-to-back wins over the top teams from the Air Force earned the Army's best squad a day off during the intramural interservice basketball playoffs.

Champions and runners-up from the services face each other for the interservice title following regular season play in their own communities. The interservice tournaments are sponsored through the combined efforts of the sports office staffs from each service.

After a first round bye, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry faced the combined team of the 24th Air Intelligence/Operations squadrons Oct. 13.

Led by Norris Davis, they had little trouble posting a 60-43 win. Red-hot Davis dominated the game with 31 points. Twenty-one of these came in the first half as he accounted for nearly two-thirds of his team's scoring during the opening period.

Game two, held Oct. 17, saw the 24th Mission Support Squadron challenge the foot soldiers with only marginally better success. The end score was four points closer, 58-45, but except for the opening minutes, the game was never close.

Mission support managed to keep Davis' scoring to a modest seven points, but teammates Jeff Deutch and Senator Hines picked up the slack.

Deutch tried his luck from long distance and came up with a pair of threes in the first half. Four more field goals and four free throws in the second half gave him a game-high 18 points. He was one point better than Hines who finished with 17, including four three-pointers.

Pete Liljeholm was the only notable scorer for MSS with 17 points.

The losers' bracket of the double elimination tournament was populated first by the Navy teams.

The Army's second-seeded Medical Department Activity faced the U.S. Naval Station team to open the tourney Oct. 12. A 73-47 win allowed them to

advance to the second round where they lost to MSS 53-48 Oct. 13. AIS/OSS set back the other Special Boat Unit 26 team 52-42 in their first-round game before losing the Army.

The special boat unit redeemed itself somewhat by topping the Medical Activity 62-59 Oct. 14. This earned them a rematch against a familiar foe on Monday however.

AIS/OSS managed to sink the whole fleet. It beat Naval Station 59-56 Oct. 14, and then pulled off the hat trick against the seamen by beating special boat 42-35 Monday.

The losers' bracket finals were held Tuesday as MSS faced AIS/OSS for the fourth time this season. Mission support had won two of the teams' three meetings during the season and playoffs, but AIS/OSS would even the score by notching a 61-48 whipping.

Editor's note: In the championship 5-87th beat AIS/OSS 60-49. See next week's issue of the *Tropic Times* for the championship story.

Sports briefs

Special event

The Legion of Abou Saad Temple will host their annual **fishing tournament** Nov. 3 at Gatun Lake. Prizes will be presented for largest fish, heaviest stringer and most fish caught over 15 inches. All proceeds will be donated to the **Transportation Fund** that is used to send crippled and burned children here in Panama to the United States and return. A concession stand will be available to the public. For information, call Terry Zittle at 261-8018.

Amador

The Fort Amador **Nine-hole Ladies Golf League** starts Tuesday and will last seven weeks. There is an \$8 fee. Call 282-4511 for information.

The Amador Golf Course is sponsoring a two-person, best ball **Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot** 7:30 a.m. Nov. 12, \$8. Call 282-4511 to register by Nov. 9.

Albrook/Howard

Registration for **youth baseball** for ages 5-18 years will run Oct. 31 to Dec. 3 at the Howard and Albrook youth centers. A physical exam is required before a child can be registered. There is a \$25 fee for family members of active duty card holders and a \$30 fee for other people.

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center is sponsoring a **tennis ladder tournament**. Call 284-3451 for information.

Because of Operation Safe Haven, hours at the **Albrook Sports and Fitness Center** have been changed temporarily. The gym will be open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. on weekdays, noon-6 p.m. Saturday, and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center has a **TGIF 5-kilometer fun run**, 5:15 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays. Register at the center to win a T-shirt in the drawing following the run.

Clayton

The **Clayton Bowling Center** has lunch-time specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays. Games are 50 cents and shoes are free. Call 287-6366 for more information.

Reeder Physical Fitness Center has free aerobics 9:15-10:15 a.m. Monday-Friday. Call 287-3861 for information.

Tang Soo Do is taught 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Valent Recreation Center. Classes are open to adults and children 4 years old and up. Call 287-6500 for information.

Curundu

Tang Soo Do is taught 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pacific Theater Arts Center, Building 2060 in the Curundu housing. Classes are open to adults and children 4 years old and up. Call 286-3814 for information.

Anyone interested in joining a **mixed bowling league** at the Curundu Bowling Center can call 286-3914 for information.

Rodman

The Rodman Marina will hold a **bass fishing tournament** on Gatun Lake 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 11. The entry fee is \$10 and cash awards will be given for the largest and second largest fish caught. Call the Rodman Marina at 283-3150 to register.

An **intramural swim meet** will be held at the Rodman Pool 6:30 a.m. Nov. 18. The competition is open to all Navy/Marine Corps military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents 18 and older. There is a limit of one team per unit. Register by Nov. 10. Call Rodman Athletics at 283-4222 for information or to register.

The Rodman Fitness Center has **weight-lifting classes** 4:30-6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a \$20 fee for six weeks of classes. Register for the class at the center.

Atlantic community

An **aerobics workshop and certification test** is being organized in the Atlantic community. The testing will be given by the American Aerobic Association International and International Sports Medicine Association from Pennsylvania. The certification is valid for two years. A minimum of 15 people are required for the class. For information, call Delinda May at 289-3163.

Hothead Hostetler gets benched

NFL week in review

by **John Hall**
 Rodman NS Public Affairs Office

RODMAN NS - Week seven of the NFL season started off with a bore — Cleveland's 11-8 Thursday night win at Houston — but rebounded with two overtime games and a few upsets. In one of the overtime games, the Fish spotted the Raiders a 10-0 lead, before rallying for a 20-17 win. Raiders' fans have a legitimate gripe on the outcome, because head coach Art Shell pulled quarterback Jeff Hostetler for mouthing off. A rally was also needed in the other overtime game. Buddy's Boys came back from a 14-0 disadvantage to down the Skins 19-16. The Rams' upset of the Giants wasn't much of a surprise, but the Dots downing the Bills was a shock and a half.

Here are the week eight predictions. Home teams are in CAPS.

Lions and Bears, oh my! - The Bears are a surprise at 4-2 and the Lions are a complete mystery. Since handing the Cowboys their only loss of the season, Detroit hasn't won a game since. The Bears looked impressive in a win over the Bills, but when Buffalo (4-3) loses to the likes of Indianapolis, it takes away from the win. This series has a unique trend going. Since 1989, the teams have split each season with Chicago always winning the first game. Look for that trend to change. LIONS 20, Bears 10.

Giants twist steel - The Giants are three up, three down; and the Steelers are just down. Last week, not only did they edge the Kitties by only four, but they also lost running back Barry Foster for two to three weeks with a sprained knee. The Giants' fall is no surprise. In their first three wins, two were nailbiters over weaksisters Arizona and Washington. The Steelers did have the league's best running game going into the win over Cincy. They now must rely on a passing game ranked in the lower half of the league. Rodney Hampton is back in form and the Giants should eat up the clock like the old days. GIANTS 23, Steelers 13.

Shattered Windshield Game - The Washington-Indianapolis game is classic "Shattered Windshield Game." That's a game where if you leave two tickets to this game on your car dashboard, someone will smash your windshield and leave four more. Granted the Colts beat Buffalo — something they have done only once since 1988 — but that was a fluke. The Redskins couldn't even beat Buddy's Cards at home after jumping out to a two-TD lead. The

Skins only victory was in a dome against New Orleans. Heath Shuler will get his first win in a dome against the Dots. Skins 24, COLTS 20.

Saints march on Rams - L.A. just upset the Giants and the Saints are fresh off a Bolt-beating so the Rams should be a lock right? Not on a dry October day in Panama. The Saints own the Rams, taking seven of the last eight and showed the ability to come back last week. The Chargers raced to a 24-0 lead, but New Orleans outscored them the rest of the way, 22-12. The Rams are notorious for winning games they shouldn't and vice versa. With a great running back in Jerome Bettis and one of the league's best defensive lines, the Rams should win. SAINTS 20, Rams 16.

Houston on Monday night? Again? - You can't blame ABC for wanting the Oilers again. Last season, Houston was 12-4, including an 11-game winning streak. This season Houston's 1-5 record and history is on Philadelphia's side this Monday. The Oilers have never beaten the Eagles in five tries. Houston is just the right medicine for Philly, who lost to that "other" Texas team last week. EAGLES 26, Oilers 10.

In other action: Minnesota makes it five out of six, VIKES 16, Packers 10; Raiders rebound, RAIDERS 24, Falcons 17; Brownies bash Bungals, BROWNS 19, Kitties 10; Boys bump Buddy, Cowpokes 27, CARDS 9; Bolts bust Broncos, CHARGERS 30, Broncos 17; K.C. takes seven in a row, CHIEFS 22, Seabirds 14; Young makes it 12 of 13; NINERS 34, Bucs 13.

There are open dates for Buffalo, (they need it) Miami, New England and the New York Jets.

Last week 7-4, season 53-36, Monday night 6-1.

National Football League

American Conference			National Conference			
East			West			
W	L	T	%	PF	PA	
Miami	5	2	0	.714	180	146
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	134	143
Jets	4	3	0	.571	116	122
Indian.	3	4	0	.429	140	145
N.E.	3	4	0	.429	175	183
Central			Central			
Clev.	5	1	0	.833	129	66
Pitt.	4	2	0	.667	114	111
Houst.	1	5	0	.167	87	134
Cin.	0	6	0	.000	88	143
S.D.	6	0	0	1.000	70	106
K.C.	4	2	0	.667	121	108
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	130	86
Raiders	2	4	0	.333	133	161
Denver	1	5	0	.167	136	177
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	159	69
Phil.	4	2	0	.667	140	106
Giants	3	3	0	.500	121	134
Arizona	2	4	0	.333	68	127
Wash.	1	6	0	.143	128	184
West			West			
S.F.	5	2	0	.714	196	134
Atlanta	4	3	0	.571	141	154
Rams	3	4	0	.429	101	119
N.O.	2	5	0	.286	119	174

Local sports guide

SCN AM Radio
790/1420

Saturday
 2:30 p.m., NCAA: North Carolina at Virginia

5:30 p.m., NCAA: California at U.S.C.

Sunday

Noon, NFL: Pittsburgh Steelers at N.Y.

Giants

3 p.m., NFL: Denver Broncos at N.Y.

Giants
Monday

8 p.m., NFL: Houston Oilers at Philadelphia Eagles

Standings

Navy Intramural Volleyball

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***as of Oct. 14**

Schedule

Women's high school basketball

Today

4:30 p.m.: Devils vs. Machine (BHS)

5:30 p.m.: Bulldogs vs. Tigers (CHS)

Tuesday-Oct. 28

(TBA) Post-season tournament (TBA)

193rd cases colors

by Sgt. Eric Hortin
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The 193rd Infantry Brigade (Light) officially cased its colors Oct. 14 at a short ceremony at Reeder Physical Fitness Center.

Col. Luis Huddleston had the honor of casing the colors of the 59th Engineer Battalion and the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry.

Maj. Gen. G.A. Crocker, U.S. Army South commander, cased the 193rd's colors, putting to a close the final chapter of the unit's history.

Only the commanders and guidon bearers were present to represent the individual units since nearly all of the 193rd soldiers have been reassigned elsewhere in the Army.

"The 193rd is a unique unit," Crocker said. "The Army has never seen one like it before, and may never see one like it again."

The colors of the 193rd Inf. Bde. will be put into storage until the unit is called upon again.

The colors of the 1st Bn., 508th Inf. will be sent to the 82nd Airborne Division Museum in Fort Bragg, N.C., where the unit traces its lineage back to during World War II.

The 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry, once part of the brigade, was restructured as a USARSO asset.



Sgt. Eric Hortin (U.S. Army)

Soldiers from the 193rd Infantry Brigade (Light) participate in a color-casing ceremony, ending the brigade's colorful history.

Signal brigade soldiers keep Safe Haven camps on line

by Spc. Brian Thomas
USARSO Public Affairs Office

EMPIRE RANGE - Communication is a key element to every military operation, and with the special mission of Operation Safe Haven and its varied locations, reliable communication is critical.

The 106th Signal Brigade, with its subordinates, the 56th Signal Battalion and the 154th Signal Battalion, have taken on the responsibility of keeping Safe Haven on line.

"We're making sure people are talking," said Capt. Todd Bishop, deputy of communications, 56th Signal Bn.

To meet that mission, the signal soldiers have created a communications network that spans from hand-held radios and desk phones to pay phones for Cubans.

Initially, hand-held, walkie-talkie radios were issued between the camps, because no permanent communication setup existed at Empire Range.

The 154th did the initial setup, which included the use of Multiple Subscriber Radio Telephones, Bishop said. The MSRTs, similar to a desk phone, began the transition from hand-held radios to a conventional phone system.

"The signal guys had the lines strung and waiting for us," Bishop said. "We just had an empty building with a phone hanging off the wall when we got here."

The initial setup started Aug. 29. Once communication was established through the MSRTs, Bishop said the 56th began running lines and installing desk phones.



Spc. Brian Thomas (U.S. Army)

Spc. James Heath operates the switchboard at the 154th Signal Battalion controlling station.

The completion of the second phase is expected in about two months. Once the two-phase operation is completed, fewer soldiers will be needed to meet the communication mission, Bishop said.

"The ultimate plan," he said, "is that once the additional lines go in, to pull the 154th out and operate solely off the microwave link and the office telephones."

AMC fax numbers listed for sign ups

HOWARD AFB (24th Wing PAO) - An article in last week's *Tropic Times* explained how space-available travelers may sign up for flights via fax or U.S. mail. Here is a list of frequently used AMC terminals and their fax numbers:

- ◆ 437 APS/TRO; 113 Bates Street, Bldg. 178; Charleston AFB, S.C., 29418-6911; fax: (803) 566-4300
- ◆ Det. 1 437 APS/TR; 5500 International Blvd.; Suite 124, Charleston IAP; Charleston, S.C., 29418-6911; fax: (803) 566-3845
- ◆ 436 APS/TRO; 505 Atlantic Ave.; Bldg. 505, Room 214; Dover AFB, Del., 19902-5501; fax: (302) 677-2953
- ◆ 438 APS/TRP; 1752 Vandenberg Ave.; McGuire AFB, N.J., 08641-5507; fax: (609) 724-5026
- ◆ 60 APS/TRO; 501 Hanger Ave., Bldg. 31, Room 75; Travis AFB, Calif., 94535-2763; fax: (707) 424-2048

Navy turns over Amador assets

FORT AMADOR (Rodman NS PAO) - U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal transferred its administrative complex at Fort Amador to U.S. Army South Oct. 1. The only remaining Navy property at Amador is Navy housing units, said Treaty Implementation Plan officials.

The complex was declared excess to the needs of the Navy and offered to USARSO. USARSO is the executive agent for U.S. Southern Command and current occupants of the complex are the SOUTHCOTM Comptroller, SCJ8, SCJ1, SCJ4 and SCJ6—all from the SOUTHCOTM staff.

The next scheduled property transfer for the Navy is Summit Naval Radio Station. It becomes a canal operating area under the control of the Panama Canal Commission in December.



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John Hall (U.S. Navy)

Sister act

Reverend Mother, played by Diana Luz Parada, and Sister Hubert, played by Laura Adame, mistake a bottle of saki for water during Ancon Theater Guild's production of *Nunsense II*. For story and photos, see Page B3.

Youth News **Page B2**

Youths in the community are invited to let the *Tropic Times* know what's going on.

Community **Page B5**

The U.S. Southern Command commander in chief buys the first boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

and more

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Youths in action

Community offers variety of fun and exciting activities for young people...

Youths from throughout the community are out and about enjoying the many fall activities.

Scholastics, extracurricular activities, sports and more — there are numerous events available to those interested enough to go out and find them.

Continue to check the *Tropic Times* weekly for upcoming events specific to the young people in our community.

Today, we feature special activities at the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Panama.

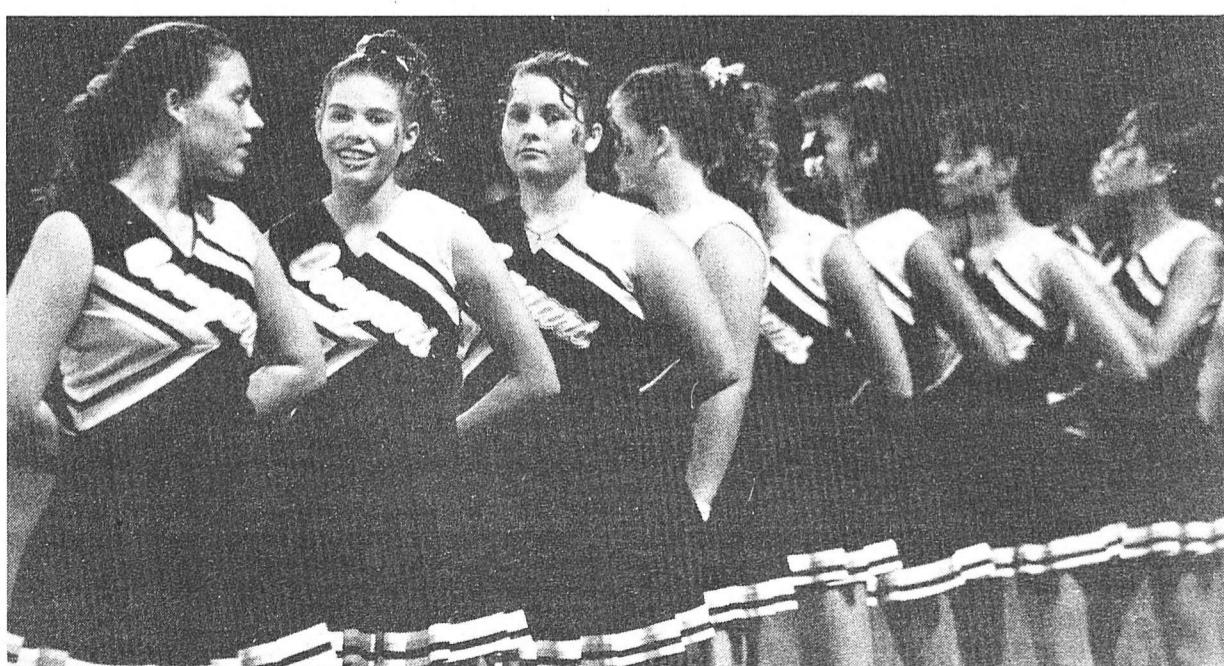
The *Tropic Times* is always looking for events and activities involving the youths in the community. If you have photos or articles you would like to see printed on the youth page, call Sgt. Cass Purdum at 285-4666/6612.



Los Rios Elementary School students, under the direction of teacher Vilma Royo, recently celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a school-wide celebration of dancing, colorful costumes and an exploration of fascinating information about the foods and customs of Latin America. Shown here (from left) are Genoyce Walton, Geneva Almengor, Stephanie Chase, Colleen Corrigan, Roger Gundin and Andrew Bacot.



Earl Ockenga, a math professor at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, visited Curundu Junior High School recently. He gave demonstration lessons in several math classrooms and held a graphing calculator workshop for the math department.



Curundu Cougar cheerleaders root for yet another victory. The Cougars downed the Kiwanis Kolts 35-7 Oct. 13, maintaining their spot as the only undefeated team in local high school football.

Youth activities

Albrook/Howard

Competitive swim team tryouts, 10 a.m. Nov. 12 at Howard and Albrook Pools for youths 8-18 years old. Call Lisa Nofi, 284-3569, or Rose Coville, 236-2035, for more information.

◆ Youth centers 286-3195/284-4700:

Preteen Costume Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. today at the Howard Youth Center, \$2.50 entrance fee.

Tae Kwon Do karate classes weekday evenings.

Art classes, for ages 6-16. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Guitar lessons 1-6 p.m. Saturdays.

Spanish lessons 4 and 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Arts and crafts, 3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Gymnastics classes, for boys and girls four days a week. Special preschooler class Saturdays.

Ballet, tap and jazz dance, lessons available for ages four to adult.

◆ Just for teens:

Free self defense demonstration for girls 5 p.m. Saturday, Albrook.

HIV/AIDS awareness, 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Albrook. Deadline for registration is Monday. Call 284-5650 to register. Permission slips required.

Falltime party 8:30-11:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Wear orange and black and get in for half price. The 'Anthill Posse' will be playing in the Albrook Club ballroom. Transportation provided from Howard Youth Center.

Clayton

◆ Youth Center 287-6451:

Young Americans Bowling Association leagues for ages 6-18 will begin Oct. 29 at the Fort Clayton Bowling Center. Dues will be \$4 per week and includes bowling, shoe rental, a trophy for each child and a party upon completing the league.

Pool tournament, today.

Community services, Saturday. Bring a can of food.

Video games tournament 3:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Not So Scary Halloween is a happy Halloween activity for toddlers to 10 years old. It will be held 4-7 p.m. Oct. 31. A \$1 fee includes game prizes, candy and a lot of fun.

Halloween costume dance Oct. 29. Pre-teens 6-9 p.m. and junior teens 8-11 p.m. Fee is \$2.

Halloween party Oct. 31.

Junior jazzercise for ages 6-12, 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Building 155.

Youth Services is looking for piano and gymnastics instructors. Contact George Wheeler at 287-3506, or stop by Building 155, Fort Clayton.

◆ Senior Teen Center 287-3464/4680:

Smithsonian marine environmental educational program, 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Free.

Halloween Senior Teen Dance, Saturday.

Spooktacular movie lock-in 8 p.m.-8 a.m. Oct. 28. All night horror movies.

Teen art exhibit all day Oct. 29.

Popcorn and movies, Sundays.

◆ Child Development Services 287-3301:

Spaces are available in the CDS part-day program, Building 156 Fort Clayton, in the afternoon session from 1-3 p.m. Preschoolers must be 3 years old and toddlers must be 2 years old by Oct. 31. For information, call 287-5507/5104.

Atlantic

◆ Espinar Youth Center 289-4605:

Not so fright day movies, 3 p.m. Saturday.

Hand puppet show, 2 p.m. Saturday.

Shotokan Karate, 4-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, \$20 per person.

Volunteers are needed to help with the haunted house. The haunted house will be open 6-10 p.m. Oct. 28-30.

Halloween costume contest 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

Arts and crafts, 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Rodman

There will be ghoulish fun for kids 5-7 p.m. Oct. 28 at a Halloween bash in the Laguna Lounge, Rodman NS. Festivities include apple bobbing, a piñata and "frightful" games. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.



Sisters Amnesia, Robert Anne and Mary Leo perform a mime.

Habit Humor

The local theater season got off to a sidesplitting start with the Ancon Theater Guild's production of *Nunsense II* Oct. 14.

Nunsense II is the continuing saga of the Little Sisters of Hoboken. In the original *Nunsense*, the nuns had to raise money to bury 42 of their sisters who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia Child of God.

In the sequel, the nuns are putting on a benefit to thank the community for their support. The small but mighty cast consists of five singing, dancing nuns who try to catch the eye of a talent scout they believe is in the audience.

Diana Luz Parada portrays Reverend Mother. Rev was once a circus performer and enjoys her time in the spotlight. Second in command is Sister Hubert, played by Laura Adame. Hubert is Mistress of the Novices and the self-proclaimed brains behind the whole operation. Sister Robert Anne, played by Heather Bro-Moroschak, works with the troubled youths of the parish and fancies herself as quite the performer. Robbie is the Reverend Mother's understudy, but yearns for her own shot at stardom. Sister Mary Paul, known affectionately as Sister Amnesia, is played by Melanie Marcec. Amnesia has recently regained her memory and is heading to Nashville

to become the biggest little sister act in Tennessee. Sister Mary Leo, the novice played by Maureen Sampson, wants to become the first sister prima ballerina. Leo is not allowed to wear her tutu, so she praises the Lord through rollerskating rather than dance.

The script and music, written by Dan Goggin, is full of puns and innuendos that kept the opening night audience rolling with laughter. The audience participates in the show and even plays bingo.

Nunsense II, directed by DL Sima with musical direction by Aurora Brandaris and choreography by Ana Linares, will run 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday until Nov. 5 at the Ancon Theater. According to producer Gale Cellucci and stage manager Anita Kerat, most of the performances are close to being sold out, so anyone interested in witnessing the holy spectacle should make reservations soon by calling 252-6786.

Many opening night spectators said the Guild's production of *Nunsense II* is one of the most entertaining shows they've ever seen.

"I don't go to many plays, but this one was great," said audience member Sgt. Leo Medina. "Those nuns were really funny. I laughed my #*!# off."



Sister Amnesia sings a country nun song with the help of her puppet, Sister Mary Annette.

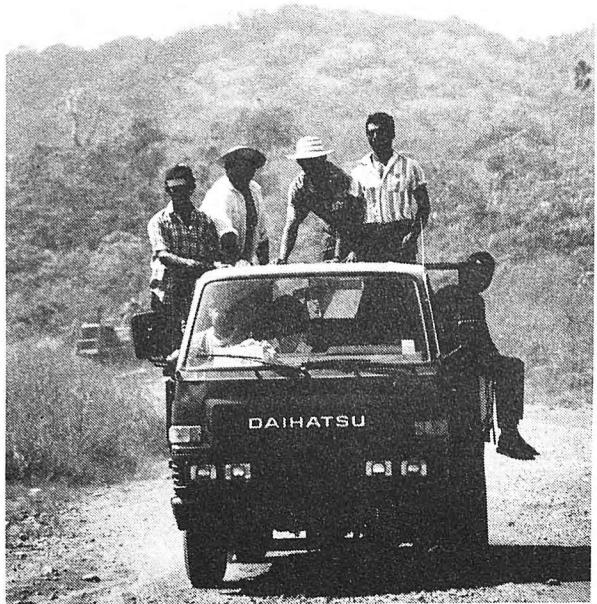


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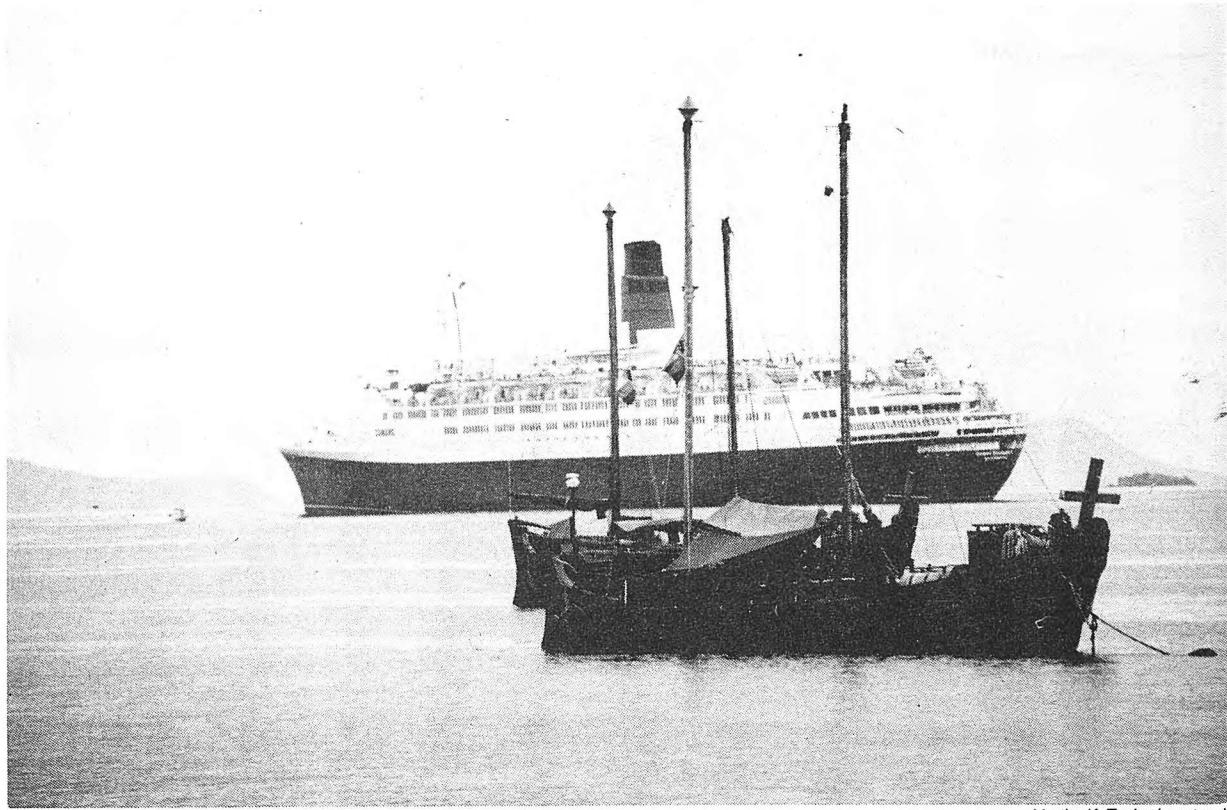


Reverend Mother (left) is not amused by Robert Anne's habit humor.

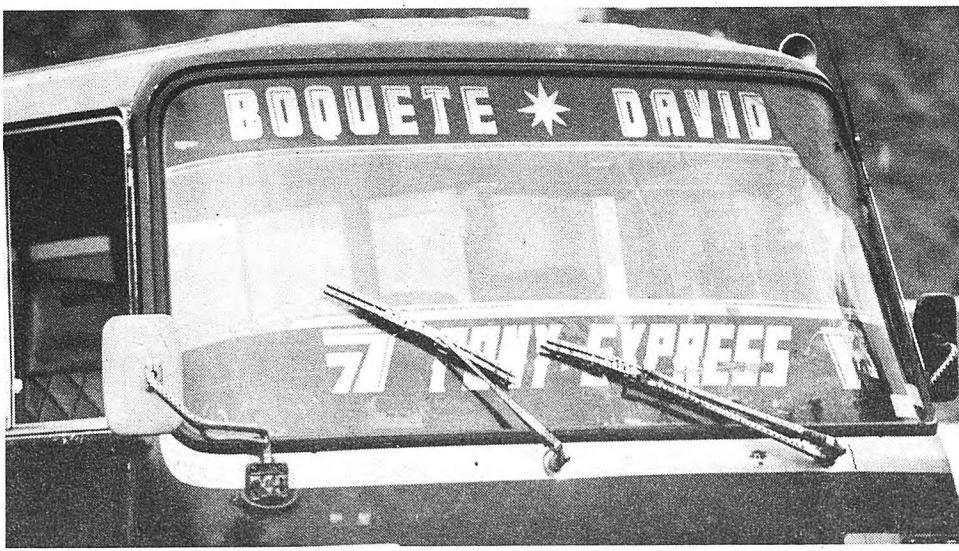
The sisters end the first act with a hat and cane song.



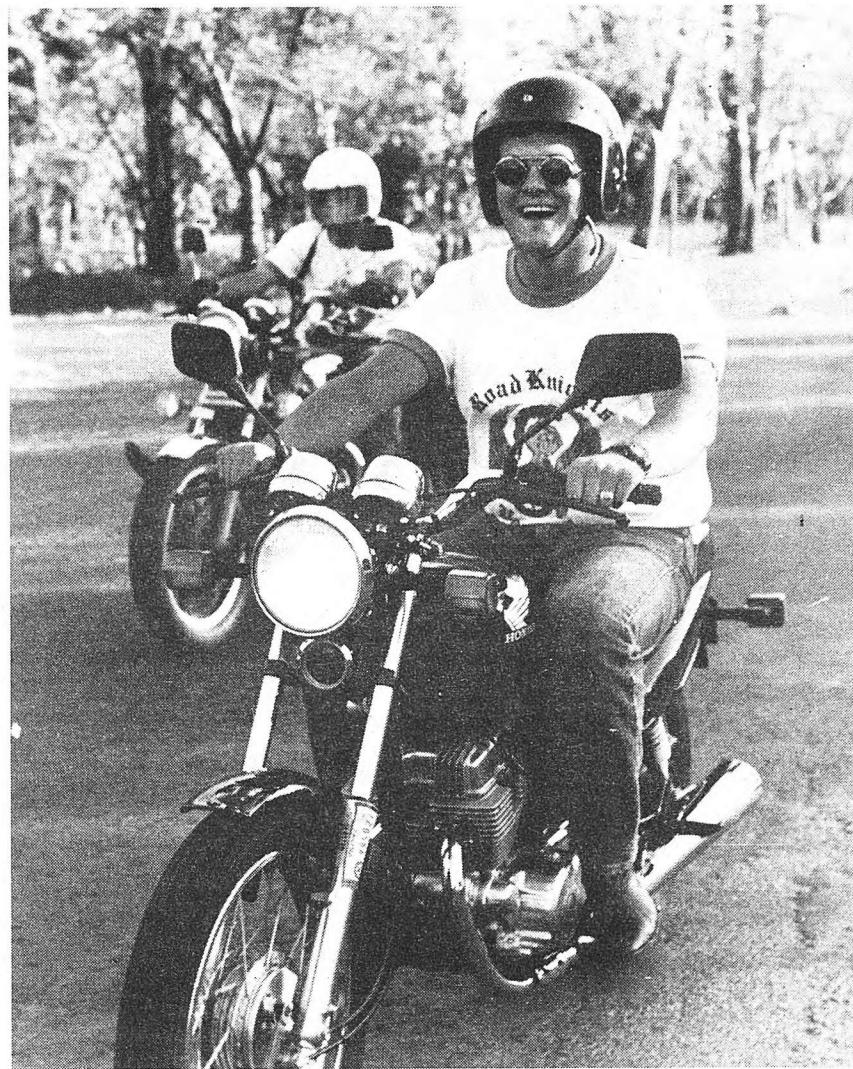
Martha K. Taylor (Courtesy)



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Maureen Sampson (Tropic Times)

Gettin' around

Travel in Panama isn't like what it is in many places, like Germany with its high-speed autobahns. Or the United States, with its system of interstate highways. But for the initiated, there are many ways, and the family passenger sedan may not be the best. Here's some tips:

◆ Panama has several domestic airlines that will take you just about anywhere. They fly out of Patilla airport, rather than Tocumen.

◆ Buses go anywhere and everywhere and are not expensive if you're not in a hurry.

◆ If you want to drive yourself, stay on main roads or buy a truck. Horses are a good bet for visiting really out-of-the-way places. Canoes and small boats are a good way to explore the Chagres and other rivers.

◆ Your military recreation and travel agencies can provide helpful insight and travel advice. Pay them a visit.



Senior Master Sgt. Steve Taylor (Tropic Times)



Martha K. Taylor (Courtesy)



Sgt. Cass Purdum (Tropic Times)

First cookies in eight years

Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, U.S. Southern Command Commander in Chief, buys the first boxes of Girl Scout cookies from (left to right) Jessica Ingraham, Angela Brumbaugh, Girl Scout leader, and Jennifer Brumbaugh. This year, Girl Scout cookies will be sold in Panama for the first time in eight years. The sale of 13,800 boxes of cookies begins Nov. 19.

"Country USA" coming to Panama

FORT CLAYTON (SCN) - Southern Command Network officials recently announced that SCN-AM Radio will provide listeners with a live country music radio program via satellite from the United States.

"Country USA" will be broadcast on SCN-AM Radio week nights from 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. and 24 hours a day on weekends and holidays starting Oct. 31.

The recently compiled SCN Survey showed country music as the second most popular radio music format. SCN officials said this matches survey results of the radio industry in the United States.

Simultaneously, SCN will say good-bye to The Gene Price Show and The Harry Newman Show that is broadcast

on Diamond FM from 9-11 a.m. weekdays. These programs are being canceled by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service in Los Angeles when all military networks worldwide receive the new country music network.

American Country Countdown with Bob Kingsley remains on Diamond FM in its current Sunday noon time slot while a sporting event is broadcast on SCN-AM Radio. SCN-AM continues broadcasting major sporting events as they occur. SCN installed a new satellite receiving system for "Country USA" and other programs earlier this year.

SCN-AM radio is heard on 790 KHz in the Pacific area and on 1420 KHz in the Atlantic Community. See Page B12 for the new AM schedule.

National Consumers Week facts, activities

FORT CLAYTON (ACS) - National Consumers Week has become an established annual tradition for state and local consumer offices, businesses, government agencies, voluntary organizations and individual consumers. The last week of October is annually dedicated to the ongoing need to educate and inform consumers about their rights and responsibilities in the marketplace.

Army Community Service will be presenting a series of briefs to enhance the importance of this week to achieve this goal. This year National Consumers Week will be observed Sunday through Oct. 29. For information, call ACS at 287-6322.

♦*The Community Reinvestment Act* requires federal agencies to encourage depository financial institutions to help meet the credit needs of their communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The regulatory agencies assess the institutions' records of meeting those credit needs by preparing a written evaluation of the institutions and assigning a rating with facts supporting the conclusions.

Such ratings shall be disclosed to the public for examinations beginning July 1, 1990. The act also requires regulatory agencies to consider an institution's record of helping to meet community credit needs when evaluating certain corporate applications, such as permission to establish a branch, to relocate a branch or home office, or to merge.

♦*The Fair Credit Reporting Act* establishes procedures for correcting mistakes on a person's credit record and requires that a consumer's record only be provided for legitimate business needs. It also requires that the record be kept confidential. A credit record may be retained seven years for judgments, liens, suits and other adverse information except for bankruptcies, which may be retained 10 years. If a consumer has been denied credit, a cost-free credit report may be requested within 30 days of denial.

♦*The Fair Housing Act* prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, familial status or national origin in the financing, sale or rental of housing.

ACS has planned the following activities to further enhance the importance of this week:

♦Monday-Oct. 29 - Corozal Commissary, local and stateside vendors will display their products and give away samples.

♦Monday-Wednesday - There will be daily drawings at ACS, Building 155, Fort Clayton, for prizes. The drop boxes are located at ACS.

♦Tuesday-Oct. 28 - U.S. Southern Command Health Promotion programs will be doing cholesterol testing 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

♦Thursday - A drawing will be held at the Corozal Commissary to give away three carts with assorted products. Two carts will be given to Corozal patrons and one to Howard patrons. The carts will be presented to the winners Oct. 28.

♦Sunday-Oct. 29 - The Fort Clayton Library, Building 128, will host a display concerning consumer rights and responsibilities.

♦Educational activities among the Department of the Defense Dependents Schools will be conducted.

Community activities

Clayton

The Toastmaster International meeting will be held 5 p.m. Nov. 2 at the PCC Training Center. For information, call 287-5689.

U.S. Army South Public Affairs is coordinating the 1994 Joint Task Force-Panama Christmas Sponsorship Program. Units or community groups wanting to participate this year should call USARSO PAO at 287-3007/4109.

The Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible studies will be held Thursdays in Building 156, Fort Clayton. The sessions will be 9-11 a.m. Child care for infants is available and Bible activity classes for pre-schoolers will be provided. For information, call Diane Anderson at 285-4878.

Howard/Albrook

The Family Advocacy Outreach Program and Howard AFB Child Development Center is sponsoring a "Stress-free Holiday Shopping" event. Free child care will be available at Howard CDC for parents who want to shop without the stress of taking their children. The service is available 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 1 and 15. Parents should register children with the center at least one week prior to the day they want to use the service. This is open to Air Force personnel only. Call 284-3711/6135 to register.

Family Advocacy is offering classes to teach spouses how to deal with the stress involved in being part of today's fast paced environment. Classes will be held at the Howard Family Support Center conference room, Building 707 Howard AFB 8:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Call in advance for child care. Call Laila Yeager at 284-5010 to sign-up.

The Howard Child Development Center is looking for potential Family Day Care Providers for the Albrook Area. Call Jill Winter at 284-3711/6135 for more information.

The family services section of the Family Support Center needs volunteers to help with the loan closet, base brochure library and the coupon cabinet. Family services is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and flexible hours are available. Limited child care is free for volunteers. Any one who is interested, call 284-5860.

Miscellaneous

An adoption orientation briefing will be held 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday at the Gorgas Army Community Hospital, Headquarters Conference Room, first floor. Any interested adoptive parents may attend. To register, call 282-5139/5404.

The Howard/Albrook Officers Spouses Club has an immediate opening for a part-time accountant to keep the books at the OSC Thrift Shop, located in Building 809 at Albrook. Anyone who is interested in the position should call the Family Support Center at 284-5010.

The Enlisted Spouses Club-Panama takes pride in serving the community. The club meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers Club. For information, call Barb Johnson at 284-4523 or Amy Gross at 287-3071.

The Officers and Civilians Wives Club-Pacific Pumpkin Patch Christmas Bazaar will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Club Amador. More than 100 vendors will be showing goods of all nature.

The Howard/Albrook Enlisted Spouses Club is sponsoring its annual bazaar 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Howard Enlisted Members Club. For information, call 284-6874.

The Enlisted Spouses Club-Panama will hold its annual membership drive featuring a presentation of the whimsical "Basic Black Dress" Thursday at the Fort Clayton NCO Club. Hors d'oeuvres and membership table will begin at 6 p.m. and a presentation at 7 p.m. For information, call 284-4523 or 284-4592.

Atlantic

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Office helps in the search for housing, employment and educational possibilities for servicemembers and their family members. Call 289-4021/4636 for more information.

Trips and tours

Rodman

◆Information, Tour and Travel:
Panama City tour 9 a.m. Saturday, \$8. Visit the Golden Altar, the French Plaza and more.

Trolling on the *Vargas* 6 a.m. Saturday, \$48/person. Fish for marlin, sailfish, dolphin (fish), bonita, Spanish mackerel and more. Fee includes captain, gear, lures and iced coolers.

El Valle 7 a.m. Sunday and Nov. 13, \$12. Shop for local handicrafts, plants, fruits and vegetables and visit nature preserve.

Free Zone shopping trip 7 a.m. Wednesday and Nov. 9, \$12.

Downtown Shopping Trip, 9 a.m. Thursday and Nov. 10, \$8. Shop Panama's Central Avenue and Via Espana.

Moonlight cruise 6:30 p.m. Oct. 29, \$21. Cruise out to Taboga Island for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by moonlight, while viewing Panama City's dramatic skyline at night.

Bottom-fishing on the *Vargas*, Oct. 30, \$35 adults, \$20 children under 14. Catch snapper, grouper and other bottom feeding fish. Fee includes captain, gear, live bait and iced coolers.

Two-day deep seas fishing trip, Nov. 5-6. Fish the fertile waters of Isla del Rey,

San Jose and Galera aboard the 42' *Vargas*. \$220 fee includes captain, gear and bait.

San Blas Islands scuba safari, Nov. 3, \$140/person includes roundtrip ground transport to Portobelo, transport to San Blas Islands, guide, lunch, and scuba gear.

Portobelo jungle tour, Nov. 4, \$60/person roundtrip transportation, guided hike of local rainforest, meals.

Portobelo, Nov. 5, \$70/person includes roundtrip transport, historic tours by boat, trip to island beaches, lunch and guide.

Chiriqui River rafting, Nov. 5-6, \$150 fee includes roundtrip transportation, meals, lodging, rafting and river guides.

San Andres Island, Colombia, Nov. 11-14, \$286 person includes roundtrip airfare, 3 nights lodging at the Caribe hotel, tours, and most meals.

Contadora, Nov. 25-27, \$179/person double occupancy, \$219/person single occupancy, \$135/kids 2-11, includes transportation, 2 nights lodging, all meals and drinks, and use of all resort facilities.

Albrook/Howard

◆Zodiac Community Activities Center:

Free Zone 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays, \$13.

El Valle shopping 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 30, \$13.

Colonial Panama & ruins tour 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, \$6.

Rio Mar Beach trip 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, \$12.

Panama museums tour 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, \$5. Bring money for entrance fee and lunch.

◆Outdoor adventures:

Peacock bass fishing in Lake Gatun 5 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 29, \$25. Bring fishing gear and bags.

Drake's Island 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, \$22 snorkelers, \$47 scuba.

Gold Panning in Bique, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 25, \$12.

Bocas Del Toro weekend trip, Nov. 11-13, \$280 divers, \$260 snorkelers, \$142 children under 12 based on double occupancy. Trip includes transportation to airport, airfare, lodging, meals, five dives, entertainment, airtanks and weights. Personal equipment and gratuities not included. Sign-up in advance.

Clayton

◆Valent Recreation Center:

Pacific beaches 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

Adventures in nature jungle walk 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 29.

◆Outdoor Recreation Center:

There is Contadora Island transit service Friday through Monday. Fees are \$35 adults and \$20 children 12 and under round trip, \$25 adults and \$15 children one way.

Ecotourism trip to Barro Colorado Island 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 29, \$35 fee. Wear loose clothing, long pants, hiking shoes or sneakers, raincoats, and a hat. Bring insect repellent, drinking water, manila tape, and a dry towel. Register by Monday.

Partial transits of the Panama Canal 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, \$35 adults, \$15 children 12 years old and younger. A minimum of 20 people is needed for a partial transit any other day of the week.

Sun Splash tour to Jamaica travel opportunity to Montego Bay any Sunday through Wednesday. Packet includes airfare, three nights hotel accommodations, and transfer. Prices vary from \$300-\$600 depending on the hotel.

Balboa

◆Balboa Dive Club:

The club is accepting new members. Divers must show a certification card to join. Annual fee is \$12. Members receive a newsletter, use of the club tanks, library and videos for loan, information and classes and dive trips. Call 263-8077 or 260-0075 or write Unit 0967, APO AA 34002.

Shops/classes

Albrook/Howard

◆Zodiac Community Activities Center:

Guitar lessons 1-6 p.m. Saturdays at Albrook Youth Center, 286-3195.

Spanish lessons 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays at Albrook Youth Center, 286-3195.

Martial arts classes at Howard and Albrook Youth Centers, 284-4700.

Tae Kwon Do karate classes at Zodiac Center for children and adults.

Beginner and advanced dog obedience classes, \$32 for 4 weeks.

Beginner and advanced English and Spanish classes offered monthly.

◆Howard and Albrook pools

Intro to scuba, free, call for appointment.

Open water scuba class Saturday at Howard at Albrook, \$145.

Advanced scuba Wednesday at Howard.

Water aerobics for advanced adult swimmers at Howard and Albrook.

Amador

◆Amador Pool:

Water aerobics starting Nov. 2, 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m. Saturdays, \$16 for eight sessions.

All swim classes are cancelled until December.

Clayton

◆Fort Clayton Pool:

All swimming classes will be discontinued until December because of inclement weather.

◆Fort Clayton Boat/Scuba Shop:

Open water scuba class meets first and third Monday of each month, \$125. Includes five pool sessions, five theory sessions and four open water dives.

Long set equipment rental \$19 per day.

◆Valent Recreation Center:

Private piano and guitar lessons available weekday evenings.

Korean karate 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Rodman

◆Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office:

The Navy MWR is seeking qualified instructors to teach Spanish and French language courses. Applicants should have prior experience in teaching elementary and conversational language courses. Call 283-4301.

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◆Twin Oceans Pro Shop:

Equipment available for scuba, snorkel, tennis, camping and other outdoor recreation.

◆Pacific Theatre Arts Centre:

The following classes are ongoing:

Jazz I, 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, \$32.

Jazz II, 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, \$32.

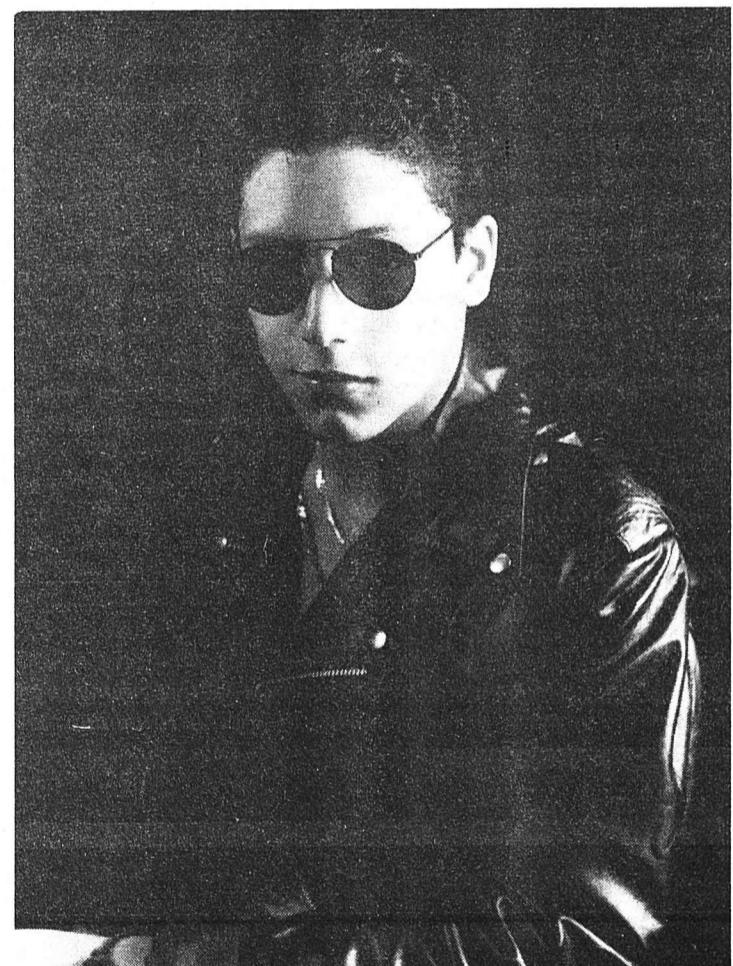
Voice, 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Guitar, 3-6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Folkloric dance, 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Salsa and Merengue, 7-8 p.m. Mondays.

Classes are available for dance and music.



Rock star

Carlos Royo headlines the cast of *Bye, Bye Birdie* as Conrad Birdie, the '50's rock star and teen idol. The musical production opens 8 p.m. tonight at the Pacific Theatre Arts Center. Tickets are \$10, call 286-3814 for reservations. The show runs through Nov. 12.

Special events

Halloween bash

◆Rodman Club:

There will be a Halloween bash 7-11 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Laguna Lounge. A DJ will spin tunes for the "monster mash." Prizes will be given for best the costume, complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. Come out and show your scary side.

Pumpkin prize

◆24th Wing Services Sports and Recreation Rental Center:

Turn in the top half of a receipt for any items rented from the 24th Services Sports and Recreation Rental Center in the month of October and you could be the winner a candy filled pumpkin in a drawing Oct. 31.

Stylin'

◆Zodiac Community Activities Center:

The Zodiac Community Activity Center will present a hair and clothing show 6-11 p.m. Nov. 12 featuring fashions and local stylists. Door prizes will be awarded. There is a \$5 fee. For information call 284-6161.

Back in the saddle

◆Howard Riding Stables:

The Howard Riding Stables is sponsoring Harvest Festival pony rides, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 5 at the stables. There is a \$1 fee for the pony rides. There will be a baked goods sale and drinks available at the stables. Come dressed as a cowpoke or in any Halloween costume.



(courtesy)

Get your motor running

Directorate of Community Activities staff members use an automotive engine analyzer to evaluate a car. The Albrook Auto Skills Center offers various car care classes. Pneumatic air machine operation, 1 p.m. Saturday, \$5; oil change instruction, 1-3 p.m., \$5; air conditioning service and repair 12:30-5 p.m. daily, except Tuesday and Wednesday; wheel alignment diagnostic and service classes are held 3-9 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Arts and crafts

◆ Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center:

The Ceramic Center, Building 198, is located near the Crafts Shop.

◆ Canal Crafters:

Canal Crafters is a volunteer organization providing scholarships for the community. Handmade arts and crafts are available, consignments and volunteers are welcome. The shop hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shop is now accepting holiday consignments, Building 804, Albrook.

Register for the following classes at the shop:

Cross-stitch demo 10:15 a.m. today, free, bring supplies.

Stencil demo, 10:15 a.m. Thursday. Bring stencil and paints.

Perforated paper, cross-stitch,

Christmas card, 10:15 a.m. Nov. 1, \$5, all supplies included.

Cross-stitch demo, angel, 10:15 a.m. Nov. 11, free, bring supplies.

◆ Howard Skills Development Center:

Oil paint sale Saturday-Sunday. Take 25 percent off of Alexander and Liquitex oil paints.

Book sale Oct. 30-31. 25% off all Colorpoint books.

Clay flower class, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, \$5 plus supplies. For all levels.

Oil painting, 9 a.m.-noon. Wednesday, \$30 plus supplies. Four weeks.

Paper Caper Basket, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, \$5 plus supplies.

Stamping Class, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, \$5.

Stained Glass, 4-7 p.m. Oct. 29,

\$20 plus supplies.

Ongoing classes, stained glass, framing, air brush, lamp assembly, pottery wheel throwing, cross stitch, macrame, clay flower, ceramic and 'how to' videos.

The center is looking for crafters to sell items in the new consignment boutique.

Instructors are needed to teach classes on a contract basis for a variety of crafts, decorative painting, calligraphy, watercolors, oil painting.

◆ Fort Sherman Multicraft Center:

Woodworking qualification classes Saturdays, free. Class covers safe and correct use of wood shop equipment. Qualification cards will be issued after course completion.

Rec center news

◆ Valent Recreation Center:

Effective Nov. 1 the center will be open 12:30-10:30 p.m.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets the first Thursday of every month.

The screening room offers free movies. Call the 24-hour movie line, 287-4367 for days and times.

Volunteers are needed to perform as horror charac-

ters for the Haunted House Oct. 29. Interested people must be age 18 and older.

Professional family portraits Saturday. By appointment only.

Women's beauty tips through Saturday.

Book swapping Tuesday.

◆ Cocoli Community Center:

Videos for children 4 p.m. Thursdays.

Laser disc movies 7 p.m. Fridays.

◆ Zodiac Community Center:

Subs on Top offers eat-in, take out service. Subs on Top is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. It is in the Zodiac Community Activities Center. Take-out, eat-in and delivery services are available. Phone orders to 284-5848, fax to 284-6109.

Atlantic news

Atlantic tours

◆ Sundial Recreation Center:

Panama City shopping 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Isla Grande 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

El Valle 5:30 a.m. Oct. 30.

◆ Ocean Breeze Recreation Center:

Panama City shopping 8 a.m. Saturday.

Remon Race Track 8 a.m. Oct. 29.

El Valle 5 a.m. Oct. 30.

Rec center news

◆ Sundial Recreation Center:

Rock, mineral and seashell exhibit, Oct. 29-30.

Beginning painting 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

Aerobics 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Spanish 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Family exercise 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

Piano 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays.

Gymnastics and ballet, 5:30-6 p.m. Thursdays.

◆ Ocean Breeze Recreation Center:

The center offers the following classes: cooking, dance, arts and crafts, music, aerobics, first aid, CPR, yoga, martial arts, various sports, English, Spanish and dog obedience. The center is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.

The center offers deep sea fishing charters. Call 289-6402 for information.

People are needed to line handle transiting boats from Cristobal to Balboa. Sign up now. Call for details.

Location	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Howard AFB 284-3583	7pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe 9:45pm: Color of Night (R) Bruce Willis, Jane March	2pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe 7pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) 9:45pm: Speed (R) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper (Reduced Admission)	2pm: Angels in the Outfield (PG) Danny Glover, Tony Danza 7pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe 9:30pm: Color of Night (R) Bruce Willis, Jane March	7pm: Color of Night (R) Bruce Willis, Jane March 9:15pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe	7pm: Angels in the Outfield (PG) Danny Glover, Tony Danza 9pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe	7pm: Wagons East (PG-13) John Candy, Richard Lewis 9pm: Natural Born Killers (R) Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis	7pm: Natural Born Killers (R) Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis 9:15pm: Wagons East (PG-13) John Candy, Richard Lewis
Fort Clayton 287-3279	7pm: Andre (PG) Keith Carradine, Tina Majorino 9pm: The Mask (PG-13) Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni	2pm: Andre (PG) Keith Carradine, Tina Majorino 7pm: The Mask (PG-13) Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni 9:30pm: The Mask (PG-13)	2pm: The Mask (PG-13) Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni 7pm: The Mask (PG-13) 9:30pm: In the Army Now (PG) Pauly Shore, Lori Petty	7pm: The Mask (PG-13) Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni 9:30pm: In the Army Now (PG) Pauly Shore, Lori Petty	7pm: In the Army Now (PG) Pauly Shore, Lori Petty 9pm: The Mask (PG-13) Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni	6:30pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe 9:30pm: Color of Night (R) Bruce Willis, Jane March	6:30pm: Speed (R) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper 9:30pm: Clear and Present Danger (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe
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Fort Sherman 289-5173	7pm: Wolf (R) Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer	7pm: Blown Away (R) Jeff Bridges, Tommy Lee Jones	7pm: It Could happen to You (PG) Nicholas Cage, Bridget Fonda	No show	No show	No show	7pm: The Mask (PG-13) Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni
Fort Amador 284-3583	7pm: In the Army (PG) Pauly Shore, Lori Petty	7pm: Color of Night (R) Bruce Willis, Jane March	7:30pm: Black Beauty (G) David Thewlis, Sean Bean	No show	No show	No show	7pm: The Little Rascals (PG) Travis Tedford, Bug Hall

Coming soon
Oct. 28
Howard AFB

7pm **The Little Rascals (PG)** Travis Tedford, Bug Hall
9pm **Natural Born Killers (R)** Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis

Fort Clayton

7pm **Clear and Present Danger (PG-13)** Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe
9:45pm **Color of Night (R)** Bruce Willis, Jane March

Fort Davis

7pm **Andre (PG)** Keith Carradine, Tina Majorino
9pm **The Mask (PG-13)** Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni

Fort Sherman

7pm **True Lies (R)** Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tommy Lee Curtis

Fort Amador

7pm **Wagons East (PG-13)** John Candy, Richard Lewis

Now showing
The Mask
Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni

Nobody does super powers like Jim Carrey. An ordinary, mild-mannered bank clerk is transformed into the weirdest super hero of all time when he dons his mask. PG-13 (some stylized violence) 1 hr, 40 min.

Andre
Keith Carradine, Tina Majorino

An amazing true story of the seal that became a living legend. An adorable newborn seal is orphaned after his mother is caught in a fisherman's net. The pup is nursed back to health by the animal loving Whitney family, who name him Andre. PG (teen mischief, mild violence, language) 1 hr, 34 min.

In the Army Now
Pauly Shore, Lori Petty

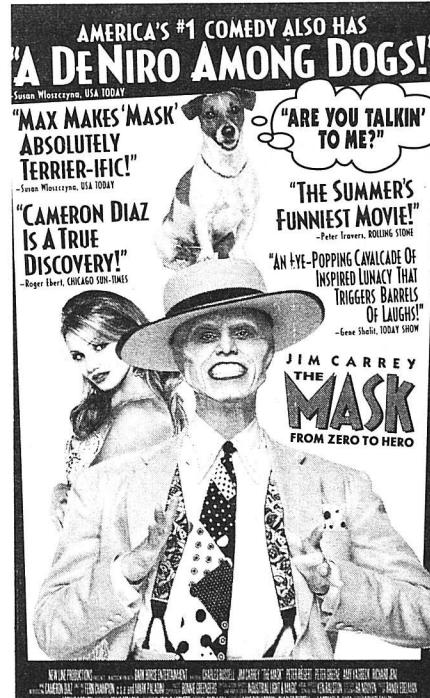
Pauly Shore is not the ideal trooper. In fact, he joined the Army Reserves for the bennies and the regular salary. Reality kicks in when he becomes a part of a mission involving actual combat. PG (some war action, mild language) 1 hr, 31 min.

It Could Happen to You
Nicholas Cage, Bridget Fonda

A New York City cop lacking change tips a waitress with a promise to split the winnings from his lottery ticket if he wins. When he wins and wants to make good on the promise, it will be over strong opposition from his wife. PG (mild language, scene of cop action) 1 hr, 41 min.

True Lies
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis

Harry Tasker is a special agent for Omega Sector, a top secret agency charged with nuclear terrorism intervention. Fluent in six languages and skilled in all



Showing at the Clayton and Davis theaters.

forms of counter intelligence, Harry is an international spy who has kept his real profession secret from his wife. R (action, violence, language) 2 hr, 42 min.

Clear & Present Danger
Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe

In this new movie adaptation of Tom Clancy's novels, Harrison Ford as Jack Ryan finds himself once again drawn into global intrigue. This time he's up against a Colombian drug cartel. Also features Ann Archer and James Earl Jones. PG-13 (action, violence, language) 2 hrs, 22 min.

Color of Night
Bruce Willis, Jane March

Haunted by the bizarre suicide of a patient, New York psychologist Dr. Bill Capa (Bruce Willis) abandons his successful practice and relocates to Los Angeles. His encounters there prove as shocking as the chilling event he has run away from. He immediately finds himself entangled in an explosive sexual relationship with a beautiful, but enig-

matic woman named Rose, and the investigation into the brutal stabbing murder of a friend and colleague. R (sexuality, violence, language) 2 hrs.

The Little Rascals
Travis Tedford, Bug Hall

Steven Spielberg produces an appealing update of the Hat Roach comedy series from the '20s, '30s and '40s. The gang has established a boy's only club; however, things change when Alfalfa falls for Darla. PG (language) 82 min.

Black Beauty
David Thewlis, Sean Bean

A heartwarming drama based on the family classic novel by Anna Sewell tells the story of a time in history when horses were essential to men's lives. G, 99 min.

Natural Born Killers
Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis

This is a saga of Mickey and Mallory Knox, two thrill-killers who truly enjoy their work. They live in an interesting zone. Pillowtalk and ultra-violence. Insanity and comedy. Demons and heroes. Murder and mirth set to music. R (violence, shocking images, language, sex) 2 hrs.

Speed
Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper

LAPD SWAT cop Jack Traven, played by Keanu Reeves, is known as a man with an attitude caused by Dennis Hopper, a sociopath who nearly killed him in an earlier encounter. R (violence, language) 1 hr, 51 min.

Wagons East
John Candy, Richard Lewis

Phil Taylor (Lewis) a frontiersman rallies discontented neighbors to leave the West and return East. James Harlow (Candy) is the hard-drinking wagon master hired to lead the convoy East. PG-13 (off-color humor) 1 hr, 47 min.



TV Schedule

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Sports and specials



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Miniseries

"Return To Lonesome Dove" (Part 2 of 4)

8 p.m. Sunday

Almost losing his life, Woodrow Call desperately seeks help from the Indians on the Great Plains. In Nebraska, Gus' lost love, Clara, battles to save her children and home from a disastrous fire.

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Sports

NFL Football

Chicago Bears vs. Detroit Lions, noon Sunday
Dallas Cowboys vs. Arizona Cardinals, 3 p.m. Sunday
Denver Broncos vs. San Diego Chargers, 7 p.m. Sunday
Houston Oilers vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 8 p.m. Monday

Series starts

"The John Larroquette Show"

8:30 p.m. Thursday

John Larroquette stars as recovering alcoholic John Hemingway. Fresh into sobriety, John's taken a job as night shift manager in one of St. Louis's seedier bus depots. It's his last chance at a "normal" life, but being the "guy in charge" of a station full of wise guys, wackos and working girls is enough to drive a person to drink.

Primetime movies

"Seaquest DSV"

6 p.m. Saturday

The year is 2018 and mankind is closer to utilizing the full bounty of the earth with undersea farming and mining communities. These communities, however, are beset with rivalries and territorial disputes. With these timeless problems, a huge super submarine, the *Seaquest*, seems to be the planet's last, best hope for peace. Stars Roy Scheider and Don Franklin.



Duty-free merchandise

FORT CLAYTON (Contraband Control Office) — As a reminder, in accordance with the Panama Canal Treaty and U.S. Southern Command regulations, duty free merchandise, whether new or used, cannot be given, transferred or generally sold to non-privilege holders. Violations to these dispositions may subject violators to prosecution under both, military and Panamanian laws. It is sometimes permissible to sell an item, but only if Panamanian taxes are paid. Before such a sale, it is strongly recommended that the seller contact the Contraband Control Section for advice at 286-3117.

Animals

Shepherd, black, pure, not registered, parents avail, \$200. 282-5494.

Dachshund puppies, 2 males, 4 females, \$175. 266-7930.

Purebred white miniature poodle puppies, \$125. 286-4774.

Chihuahuas-male, 5yrs old, neutered, white/tan; female, 4yrs old, fawn. Must stay together, no kids, \$neg. 282-3594.

French poodles, small miniatures, tails docked, dewormed, 4 strawberry blond, 3 white. 261-3325.

German shepherd male puppy, all shots, CCP registered. 228-2643.

Female calico cat, fixed, litterbox trained, free. 283-4086.

American pit bull terrier pups, 5 wks, ADBA reg, dewormed, male \$200, female \$175. 252-6167.

Six wks old chihuahua puppies, adorable, dewormed and sweet disposition, \$150. 252-2577.

Pure bred poodles, white, toy, tail docked, shots, \$150. 261-0751.

Two female French poodles, 8 wks old, shots, no papers, both very charming, \$100. 260-3903.

18 mo old CCP registered male Rottweiller, great w/kids, exc guard dog, \$400. 286-4625.

Two cats, Chicky-Monkey is neutered and Wanda is spayed, looking for family to adopt, free. 286-4972.

Doberman, 2 yrs old, neutered, gd w/kids, \$200. 252-5103.

7 wk old German shepherd pups, champion line pedigree, \$300. 252-5981.

8 wk old Doberman pups, champion line. 231-6253.

Rottweiler, 7 males, 4 females, 22 wks old, \$500. 235-4190/4930.

Purebred samoyan puppies, dewormed, females for \$350, males \$400. 239-9803.

Light brown chihuahua puppies, 6 wks old, \$150. 224-1588.

55 gallon aquarium w/stand, all accessories included, \$650. 284-6323.

Toy French poodle puppies, tails docked, dewormed, \$250. 226-5395.

Beautiful rottweiler pups, 6 wks old, all shots, registered AKC, \$300. 278-3434.

Pit bulls, 3 males, 4 females, 2 wks old, \$150. 233-1342.

Experienced large fawn and white boxer, AKC/CCP registered, for stud service. 287-3177.

Shepard puppies, black and beige, 6 wks old, 3 males, 2 females, \$125. 250-0141.

Automobiles

1989 Ford Tempo, mint cond, auto, pl, \$5,750. 284-6381.

1979 VW Bug, new floor, needs body wk, runs gd, \$650/obo. 262-1262.

1974 Chevy Impala, runs gd, \$800. 286-3245.

1991 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, 5 spd, 4.6 cyl, ac, am/fm cass, tinted wind, exc cond, \$13,200/obo. 287-6492.

1988 Toyota 4x4 p/u, custom paint/mags, lifted, looks and runs perfect, \$7,700. 263-2382 for Lamb.

1984 Volvo turbo GL, sun roof, ac, pw, and mirrors, gd cond, \$4,800. 260-7758.

1989 Hyundai Sonata, US specs, load ed, e cond, \$5,775/obo. 252-6016.

1987 Chevy Suburban, R-10 1/2 ton, 4wd, double ac, new tires, low miles, dty p, exc cond, \$9,800. 252-5397.

Merc des Benz 280, 4 dr sedan, must

see to believe, sunroof, am/fm, many extras, \$8,500/obo. 284-5370.

1988 Toyota Corolla, am/fm cass, dty pd, at, \$5,400. 261-6037.

1986 Chrysler Le Baron GTS loaded, runs gd, grt on gas, \$4,000. 284-3197.

1993 Dodge Dakota LE, 4x4, V8, extra cab, loaded, cruise, camper shell, alum brush guard, 11K miles, 7 year/70,000 warranty, \$18,900. 268-3085.

1981 Mazda GLC, 4 dr, ac, standard, gd cond, dty pd, \$2,100. 252-6768.

1994 Daihatsu Charade, 5 spd, 4 dr, ac, am/fm cass, gd mpg, \$5,400. 264-4105.

1991 Honda CRX si, ac, am/fm pull out cass, bra, mint cond, 38K miles, gd maint record, \$16,275. 236-4601.

1992 Chevy Corsica, 15K miles, 6 cyl, ac, ps, pb, am/fm cass, \$9,950. 284-5073.

1988 Blue Blazer S-10 w/tahoe package, pw, ac, pb, st, tilt wheel, leather interior, 65K miles, exc cond, \$7,500/obo. 287-4974.

1992 Chevy S-10 Tahoe, ext cab, w/camper and liner, 4.3L V6, auto, ac, ps, pb, am/fm cass, exc cond, 26K miles, \$11,500. 283-6785.

1992 Ford Ranger XLT, ps, pb, am/fm cass, not dty pd, \$7,000/neg. 284-4634.

1983 Nissan Stanza, ac, am/fm cass, \$2,500. 286-4679.

1991 Ford Ranger XLT w/fiberglass shell, 5 spd, ac, trailer hitch and light hook-up, not dty pd. 287-5536.

1984 Toyota Corolla, spec edition, ac, ps, pb, am/fm cass, vinyl top, exc cond, one owner, \$3,800. 286-4893.

1989 Honda Accord LX, 5 spd, 4 dr, ac, sunroof, loaded, 57K miles, exc cond, \$9,500. 284-3481.

1990 Isuzu p/u, dty pd, exc cond, ac, cass, 2.3L 4 cyl, gas engine, \$6,900/neg. 239-6485.

1976 BMW 2002, rebuilt engine, new stereo/ac, \$3,500/obo. 283-3548.

1991 Honda Accord, 4 dr, 5 spd, pw, pb, ac, low miles, dty free, \$10,995. 264-6713.

1984 Ford LTD station wagon, exonerated, ac, am/fm radio, tinted wind, 6 cyl, new tires, \$3,500. 264-8675.

1988 Pontiac LeMans, 5 spd, 4 dr, 4 cyl, 35mpg, low miles, ac, ps, pb, tinted wind, am/fm cass, not dty pd, mint, \$3,900/neg. 286-4693.

1993 Ford Aerostar, exc cond, fully loaded, under 20K miles, not dty pd, \$20,000. 287-4239.

1976 Caprice Classic, 350 eng, selling for parts, best offer. 283-5983.

1988 Jeep Comanche 4x4, am/fm cass Kenwood, ac, ps, pb, new tires, sport wheels, best offer. 261-6418.

1989 Firebird, mint cond, ac, auto, power everything, \$8,000. 260-4964.

1992 Chevy stepside extended cab 4x4 Silverado, all power, extras, 61K miles, \$20,000/obo. 283-5596.

1992 BMW 325i, 4 dr, blk, 5spd, leather, cd, comp, not dty pd, exc cond, \$26,500. 224-7611.

1986 Nissan Sunny, ac, 4 dr, gd cond, dty pd, auto, \$3,400. 236-3099.

1983 CJ-7 Jeep, Laredo package, gd cond, \$6,000. 252-5024.

1983 Honda Accord EX, ac, dty pd, very depend, \$3,700/obo. 287-4686.

1989 Pontiac Firebird, V6, ac, pw, pl, am/fm, mint cond, one owner, \$8,000/obo. 260-4964.

1983 Dodge Charger Shelby, 1990 engine, best offer. 228-2643.

1993 Nissan Bluebird, dty pd, ac, alarm, tinted wind, low miles, auto, pw, new paint, \$6,000/obo. 230-1926.

1979 Olds Delta 88, new susp, needs work, extra parts, dty pd, \$600. 285-6705.

sale, \$6,800. 261-8234.

1990 Pontiac Grand Prix, V6, ac, cruise, am/fm cass, pw, pl, \$9,200. 286-6298.

1985 Subaru, 4 dr, 5 spd, stick, US specs, gd cond, dty pd, \$3,250. 256-6631.

1988 300ZX, Nissan turbo, t-tops, digital, leather, \$11,000. 260-3275.

1989 Pontiac Grand Am, cpe, ac, stereo, sun roof, pw, alarm, 4 cyl, 16 valve, red, \$7,500/obo. 235-1316.

1988 VW p/u, 4 spd, 4 cyl, not dty pd, \$2,200. 252-6951.

1994 Chrysler LeBaron GTC, 6 cyl, 2 dr, conv, anti-lock brakes, auto trans, very low miles, \$15,500/obo. 284-4991.

1985 Chevy Silverado truck, 305 V8, auto, \$5,500. 287-3895.

A/c condenser for Jeep Cherokee, fits diesel, V6, or '84-'86 4 cyl engines. New never used, \$200/obo. 263-8077.

1979 Mercedes 350SE, auto, ps, pb, ac, pw, am/fm cass, sun roof, \$3,000/obo. 284-6699.

1989 Mazda 323, 1.6L engine, new tires, ac, cass, 4 spd, exc cond, \$5,000. 284-3481.

1989 Nissan Sentra, 2 dr, blk, 5 spd, ac, tint wind, clean, grt cond, \$7,500. 283-5020.

1984 S-10 Blazer, 4x4, auto, air, stereo, theft alarm, perf cond, new paint, no rust, \$5,250/obo. 286-4734.

1980 Honda, 2 dr, \$2,200/neg. 287-4244.

1984 Isuzu Gemini, 4 cyl, 5 spd, 4 dr, am/fm cass, \$2,000. 230-1412 after 5pm.

1984 Ford LTD, 49K miles, \$4,900/neg. 261-7085.

1988 Montero, auto, diesel, loaded, dty pd, \$12,000/obo. 269-5700.

1991 Ford Escort LX, 4 cyl, ac, ps, pb, one owner, exc cond, \$7,500/obo. 284-4125.

1983 Volvo 240DL station wagon, diesel, new engine, auto, ac, \$5,000. 282-4337.

1976 Chevy Suburban, new tires, dty pd, ac, \$4,000. 282-4337.

1984 300ZX, white, 5 spd, ac, ps, pb, exc cond, alarm, \$6,500. 260-0852.

1986 Isuzu Trooper II, 4 dr, 4wd, make offer. 284-3793.

1976 BMW 530i, US specs, gd cond, \$2,000. 286-6398.

1994 Jeep Cherokee, 2 dr, at, ac, ps, cass, 1,400 miles, one month old, not dty pd. 287-4139.

1985 Olds Cutlass Supreme Brougham, 5.0L, 307 ci w/all the extras, not dty pd, \$4,000. 287-3931.

1977 Ford Bronco, 4x4, full and half doors, 302 V8, ps, pb, \$5,000/obo. 282-3326.

1987 Nissan Pathfinder, US specs, V6, ps, pb, pw, ac, am/fm cass, 4x4, \$10,000/obo. 282-3326.

1993 Chevy Corsica, gray, 30K miles, loaded, am/fm radio, 4 dr, \$12,500. 283-6322.

1980 Volvo, 131K miles, runs grt, 2 dr, auto, ac, sunroof, not dty pd, \$2,800/obo. 282-3287.

1984 Pontiac Bonneville, 4 dr, ac, ps, tint, grt shape, not dty pd, low miles, \$3,500. 284-6894.

1983 S-10 Blazer, V6 4x4, 5spd, new tires, exc cond, pw, ps, pb, ac, \$4,900. 252-1190.

1991 Jeep Comanche p/u, \$2,800 and take over payments. 286-3732.

1989 Camaro RS, V6, auto, t-tops, pw, new paint, \$6,000/obo. 230-1926.

1979 Olds Delta 88, new susp, needs work, extra parts, dty pd, \$600. 285-6705.

1983 Dodge Charger Shelby, 1990 engine, best offer. 228-2643.

Classified Ads

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Rom, 16 bit soundcard, 28.8 fax modem, printer, mouse, joystick, software, more, \$2,200. 283-5020.

Commodore 128/64, lots of software, printer, \$125/obo. 287-3697.

Packard Bell 286NT, modem, mouse, windows 3.1, keyboard, \$325/obo. 287-3697.

Sega Genesis cds, Mortal Kombat, Stellar Fire, Rage in the Cage, \$25-\$35. 260-9156.

Pair Q 31 series Bose black cabinet speakers, \$150/obo. 287-4173.

VCR, JVC, exc cond, \$100. 282-4538.

Packard Bell 386SX20 w/monitor, soundblaster and speakers, \$600. 287-4772 after 6pm.

Amigo 2000 hd, monitor and color printer, lots of games and programs, \$550. 287-6372.

Sanyo stereo, 2 cassette players, record player, synthesizer, model GXT 848 remote control, \$165/obo. 263-4671.

Found

Young male cat, neutered and declawed, gray tabby with white paws in Gateway housing. 284-6633.

Household

Bunkbed, like new, \$225; Whirlpool 4cf refrig, like new, \$150; American Star 4cf freezer \$150. 268-2973 John.

Baby crib \$70, high chair \$20. 286-6171.

Tiger 10 cup electric rice cooker, never used, \$65. 284-4484.

Beautiful glass top and brass 6-seat DR set, \$450. 286-3380 after 5pm.

5000BTU ac for maid's quarters, \$145. 256-6830.

Whirlpool washer/dryer, almond color, large capacity, multiple settings, gd cond, \$600 set. 287-5727.

Q-size waterbed w/solid wood head and foot boards. Exc cond, w/everything included, \$500. 226-6851.

2 new twin box springs, \$75ea. 252-2314.

Large 6 seat glass table, LR suit-4 piece. 284-5472.

Sofa and loveseat, \$600; micro stand, \$50; micro, \$125; power wheel 12 volt battery, \$160. 286-4893.

12x15 carpet, peach \$75; 12x15, gray carpet \$25. 287-6173.

Curtains, blinds, micro \$130, 13" col or TV/VCR \$225, Amiga comp \$300, dinette set \$800. 286-4679.

Light blue wing chair \$150. 233-0974.

New 9x12 light blue carpet, almond bar stools, CD/VHS solid oak rack, new food processor. 229-2916.

Drapes, beige; mini blinds, white; for Curundu flats, see at 2001A Curundu. 286-3137.

Tan 6x9 carpet, \$10; 8x10 carpet \$35; wrought iron bench \$35; white whicker full size headboard \$50. 282-3497.

Play pen, frame carrier, walker/stationary horse, gd cond, \$30. 287-5221.

Entertainment center, \$150. 287-5839.

Extra large sofa sectional, contemporary style, beige/rose/mauve, like new, \$1,600/neg. 286-4299.

10,000 BTU GE ac \$200, 14,000 BTU ac Whirlpool \$250, DR table set w/6 chairs, \$250. 252-6323.

Couch and recliner, \$300. 236-4865.

Sony 17" color TV, remote control, \$200; Whirlpool dishwasher, needs repair. 262-1251.

Bedroom set \$750, RCA camcorder \$500, Betamax and tapes \$75, area carpets \$40-\$70. 287-5928.

Black entertainment center, \$30/obo. 286-6348.

Twin bed, mattress, box springs and frame, like new, \$200. 252-2676.

Lawnmower \$80, vacuum cleaner \$40, small chest of drawers \$40, concrete pots for plants \$10ea. 287-5237.

Like new extra large capacity Maytag washer/dryer, \$700. 287-5038.

Blue recliner, gd cond, \$300, queen size sofa bed \$255. 286-4023.

Year old 4 burner stove with oven, Magic Chef, w/clock and timer, \$350. 286-3269.

10,000 BTU ac, \$150. 252-5309.

Couch, newly reupholstered, \$350; queen mattress set, \$400; 9x12 brown rug, \$50; comp desk, \$100. 287-3878.

2 rattan rockers \$125ea, book case \$75, shelves \$75, sm kitchen drop leaf table and chairs \$150, entire drapes for Howard tropical, \$200. 284-5238.

Dining room set, 4 chairs, square, wood and glass, new, \$300. 287-5394.

Refrig \$300, washer \$200, dryer \$200, dishwasher \$150, exercise bike \$100. 226-1721.

Sofa sleeper, queen size, exc cond, \$600. 284-3481.

Sofa w/built in recliner, dark Sante Fe colors, \$300. 286-4674.

Full size mattress and boxspring with metal frame, \$200. 286-6174.

Danish blk entertainment set, dining room for 10 w/china cabinet, danish wht corner lamp, plants all sizes/prices, Nintendo games, \$12ea. 236-0984.

LR set w/table, \$475; DR set w/4 tables, \$400; bar w/2 high chairs, \$380. 252-2883.

Large sofa, white/gray/blue design, like new, \$600. 269-5700.

Car seat, double stroller, bassinet, prom dress, baby bath, all for \$200. 286-4129.

Universal weight set bar w/complete set of weights, \$100; Queen size brass bed, gd cond, \$300. 284-3924.

New GE heavy duty washer \$450, Xlarge GE freezer \$450. 283-6472.

Waterbed heater, \$75; Mr. Coffee 12 cup w/24 hr timer. 286-4399.

Bassett BR set, solid wood, 7 piece, no bed, white w/gold trim, \$1,200/obo. 284-5833.

Ent center, glass DR table, VCR, blue recliner, leave message. 287-4546.

Table lamps, black and gold w/oriental style flowers and black shades, make offer. 233-3410.

Blue curtains \$15, Kenmore micro \$150, swing set \$35, GE 19.6 cu ft refig w/inside ice maker \$750, BR set w/hutch and lights, solid pine, \$1,200. 252-2528.

Kenmore washer, used 2 yrs, damaged moving, and older GE dryer for repair, \$60. 284-3896.

Hide-a-bed couch \$100, 3 rugs \$20ea. 285-6705.

6 piece LR set, couch, chair, rocker, 3 tables, \$350. 284-5680.

Gibson 14 cu ft upright freezer, 1 yr old, \$1,000; DP weight bench, 100lbs, \$50/obo. 283-6322.

23.7 GE refrig, GE washer, recliner, queen size matt, twin matt/box springs. 252-2180.

White toddler bed w/waterproof matt, side rails and toy/linen trays for under bed, like new, \$125. 287-5291.

Sofa w/3 cushions, exc cond, \$500/obo. 228-4514.

Porcelain dishes, white w/blue flowers, service for 9 plus lots of extras, \$85. 284-6533.

Kenmore heavy duty, large capacity washer/dryer, almost new, \$700; keyboard; baby swing; down comforter. 284-6533.

40 gal electric water heater double glass lined, \$120. 223-4766.

21" sq GE refrig \$400, king size sofa bed \$150, Fisher VCR \$140. 262-7278.

Whirlpool thin-twin wash/dry combo. Used 1 yr, gd for apartment, \$500. 236-0108.

Vacuum cleaner, Hoover elite 600, \$100. 252-5762 after 6pm.

Washer/dryer pair \$350/obo, gas lawn mower, \$100/obo. 284-5930.

Misc furn, TVs, VCRs, DR set, big bird cage, portable pool w/filter, kitchen stuff, comp and table, couches. 268-3085.

21" color TV \$150, 5x9 oriental rug \$50, early American hardwood rocker \$250. 287-5021.

A Soloflex type work-out machine, \$150; Nintendo \$60; black sofa and loveseat w/design, \$600. 287-6485.

Toddler car seat, exc cond, \$15; curtains for Gateway housing. 284-6633.

Queen size sofa bed and queen Anne chair, \$850; Oster kitchen center \$100, all like new. 226-8516.

Women's shoes, size 8/81/2, \$7-\$10; dive boots w/zipper, women's size 5, \$20. 287-4788.

Brown sofa, burgundy recliner, oak table w/leaf and 4 upholstered chairs, infant car seat. 286-4439.

Bike/ski rack combo-spare tire mount-

Wrought iron coffee table, heavy bev glass top, \$180; pedestal end table glass top, \$75; fold out love seat, black, new, \$185. 260-3168.

Lost

Gold chain w/2 charms at Reeder Gym. 269-7776 for Mark.

"Rams" hat at Los Rios playground, had "Underwood" embroidered on back. 252-2028.

Miscellaneous

SNES Pebble Beach Golf, \$40; Gameboy w/Tetris, Kirby's pinball, Qix, Alleyways, \$125; Sport's cards-sets and singles. 287-5536.

Weider weight bench w/110lb set, Encyclopedia Britannica w/great books, heritage binding. 260-1290.

4-11.50x31x15 Good year AT tires, on Ford factory rims, \$450. 260-9058.

Clothes, household

284-3689.

Sports cards 1989-1994, baseball, basketball and football, single and sets. 284-3689.

Wood framed fence to go across carport, 12x3 w/gate, \$25. 286-6179.

Car seat, crib, walker. 284-3300.

Patio table \$50, dish set 36 piece, \$40. 261-3325.

1/3ct diamond ring w/appraisal, exc cond, \$600/obo. 264-3352.

Sega Genesis games, NBA Jams, RBI Baseball 94, Baseball 2020, Pebble Beach Golf, \$50. 236-4532.

Black velvet dresses size 7 and 5/6, jumpsuit size 5/6, 2 night dresses size 5/6, small motherhood gold shirt, all new. 252-2042.

Toddler car seat \$15, funtime infant seat \$30, auto bottle warmer, new \$8, young children's red velvet dresses. 252-2042.

Body by Jake firmflex w/accys and VHS tape, \$75. 233-0974.

Blinds, maroon color, Curundu flats BR size, \$50; basketball backboard, goal and post, best offer. 286-4222.

Star Trek tapes, 74 of the original TV series VHS tapes, \$6.50ea. 284-6183.

Ladie's sweaters, new cond, size small, \$15ea. 252-5185.

BBQ grill \$25, med dog kennel \$20, VCR \$125. 287-5190.

Toddler car seat \$20, maternity clothes sm to lg sizes \$30, blue stroller, gd cond \$15, children's pop-up picture Christmas books, \$10. 286-4474.

AC generator, 100kw, 3 phase, 240, 208, 120 volts and more, GE. Electrical end only, needs diesel or prime mover, \$3,500. 256-6816.

Minolta weathermatic 350L 35mm, waterproof, 2 lens, \$95. 263-4671.

Home repair, additions, woodwork, customized crafts, carpentry, plumbing, electrical. 284-6629.

Golfbag, cart, clubs, shoes 71/2, more, gd cond, \$400/obo. 263-2240.

Chevy parts: brake booster and alternator, like new, \$200/\$175/obo. 252-6956.

Large Fedders ac, \$325; Rotech standard boat steering system 9' cable, \$50; Mercury 40hp motor, needs rebuild, \$300; lawn mower \$30. 284-5929.

Children's video tapes, \$2/\$5/\$7; youth bed; double size futon; toys, etc. 223-4678.

New American Ency set, 21 vol and more, \$125; shelf, \$10. 284-5784.

New Taso lightning paintball gun, vertical foregrip, 7oz, 140 round loader, \$250. 289-4320.

Employment

HOW TO APPLY: Submit a SF-171, DD 214 if claiming veteran preference, a copy of college transcripts if claiming education and a copy of CASP notice of rating if applicable. Submit a copy of latest SF-50 if you are a Federal employee.

For more information regarding Army vacancy announcements (forms required, job related criteria, etc.), visit the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, Building 560, Room 102, Corozal, or call 285-5201.

*Note: One-on-one employment counseling should be the first step in the job search.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: Positions at NM-5 level and above require specialized experience. Specialized experience is either education above the high school level or work experience directly related to the position being filled. Example: Budget positions at or above the NM-5 level required Budget experience or equivalent education.

Vacancy announcements are also available at the Sundial Recreation Center.

Directorate of Civilian Personnel is accepting applications on a continuous basis for the following positions. Registers established from these announcements will be used to fill permanent and temporary positions.

VB# 001 * General Clerical, NM-3 (Used to fill most clerical position).

VB# 001A * General Clerical, NM-4 (Used to fill most clerical position).

VB# 002 * Sales Store Checker, NM-3 (Intermittent wk sch)

* CASP Examination (CEO, notice of rating) is required.

VB# 003 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (Lifeguard) Requires Cert + 6 mo recreation exp in the field.

VB# 004 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (Requires 6 mos recreation exp in the field).

VB# 005 Secretary (Stenography), NM-5

VB# 005A Secretary (Stenography), NM-6

VB# 006 Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-5

VB# 006A Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-6

VB# 017 Administrative Services Assistant, NM-5. Limited to permanent status employees only.

VB# 017A Administrative Services Assistant, NM-6. Limited to permanent status employees only.

The following positions are Perm/temp, Full-time, Part-time, Intermittent.

VB# 007 ** MEDICAL OFFICER, NE 12/13/14.

VB# 008 ** CLINICAL NURSE, (RN license required), NM-9/10/11.

VB# 009 ** PRACTICAL NURSE, (LPN licence required), NM-5.

VB#019 ** EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, NM-640-4/5/6.

** Selectees for nurse, medical officer and EMT positions will undergo a background check.

Pacific

VB# VACANCIES, TITLE AND LOCATION OPEN: 10-21-94 CLOSE: 11-01-94

042-95-JH **BUDGET ANALYST, NM-560-11.** SENSITIVE. TEMP NTE: 1 YR. HQ, USSOUTHCOM, Office of the Controller, SCJ8-CM, Ft. Amador.

043-95-NC **PROCUREMENT TECHNICIAN, NM-1106-5.** USAG, DOC, Purchasing Div., Corozal.

044-95-SS **CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, NM-1701-9.** TEMP NTE: 30 Sep 95. USA-DCA, Child Development Services, Ft. Clayton. NOTE: Selectee will undergo a background check.

045-95-SS **ELECTRICIAN (HIGH VOLTAGE), MG-2810-10.** HQ, USAG, DEH, Operations Div., Corozal. NOTE: Driver's license required.

046-95-SS **SOCIAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, NM-187-9.** USAG, DCA, Army Community Service, Ft. Clayton. NOTE: Driver's license required. Selectee will undergo a background check.

047-95-SS **ELECTRICAL WORKER (HIGH VOLTAGE), MG-2810-8.** HQ, USAG, DEH, Operations Div., Corozal.

048-95-LA **TELECOMMUNICATIONS MECHANIC, MG-2502-8/10.** SENSITIVE. U.S. Army Info Syst Command. 106th Sig Bde, 56th Sig Battalion. NOTE: Security clearance required. Requires lifting up to 50 lbs.

Atlantic

452A-94-SS **CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR, NM-809-7.** HQ, USAG, DEH-ATL, Ft. Davis. NOTE: Driver's license required. Must have knowledge of A/C equipment or kitchen equipment. Applications received under VB# 452-94-SS, will be considered under this announcement.

NOTE: Amendment to VB# 001-95-MW, SUPERVISORY PRODUCTION CONTROLLER, NM-1152-9, position is SENSITIVE.

Navy

The Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Recreation Department is seeking a personnel assistant. The position will remain open until filled. Interested people can call Ricardo Torres, 283-4301/5341.

Club news

Quarry Heights

◆Officers' Club: 282-3439

The club will be closed to the public for renovations through Nov. 20. Check cashing service for members will be available 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, a snack wagon will be available for short orders and during lunch hours 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Amador

◆Club Amador: 282-4334

All-you-can-eat lunch buffet, \$3.95 Fridays, featuring soup, salad, selection of entree, special return rights.

Sunday brunch features the Ballet Folklorico Panameno at noon the first Sunday of each month.

The club will open for lunch Mondays-Fridays during renovations of the Quarry Heights Officers' Club.

Clayton

◆The Loop: 287-3035

CJ's Sports Bar daily lunch specials 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Pool tournaments 3:30 p.m. every Sunday.

Prizmz Night Club features a variety of music Wednesdays-Saturdays and jazz 5 p.m. Sundays.

For events or parties at the Prizmz Night Club or CJ's Sports Bar, call 287-4716 or send a fax to 287-4343. Special menus for functions available. The club will make all arrangements, including cakes, decorations or floral center pieces.

◆NCO Club: 287-4716

The Forum Restaurant open 5-9 p.m. daily.

Mexican buffet Mondays.

Steak night Tuesdays. A la carte menu is available.

Country buffet Wednesdays features barbecue pork ribs, fried chicken, pork knuckles, collards greens, sweet potato, rice, black-eyed peas and corn bread.

All-you-can-eat family buffet Thursdays.

Seafood buffet Fridays features broiled lobster, garlic shrimp, deep fried corvina and stuffed crab.

12-oz prime rib special Saturdays.

Sunday buffet 4-8 p.m.

Free country and western dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

Disco 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There will be a midnight buffet.

International food fair/enlisted membership drive 5 p.m. Thursday includes food tasting, cooking demonstration, wine tasting, recipes and door prizes.

Albrook

◆Albrook Club: 286-3557/3582

Tonight's entertainment jazz it with Lowell Hopper in the lounge.

Saturday afternoon football 2 p.m. in the lounge during football season with bar service.

Prime rib dinner and seafood feast 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Menu also includes: Cream of broccoli soup, garden salad, 12 oz. prime rib, baked potato, baby carrots, and sherbert.

Sunday saloon breakfast specials 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the lounge. Choose from three menus.

Sunday champagne brunch 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the dining room offers breakfast from cooked-to-order omelets, roast beef, fresh fruits, breakfast and lunch items and ice cream bar.

Mongolian barbecue 5:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Choose the meat, vegetables, seasonings, oils and have chefs do the job outside on the open grills.

Lombardi a la Italiana 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. A taste of Italy at your favorite club dining room.

Mexican night buffet 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays includes tacos, fajitas, taco salad and sopapillas for dessert. After dinner dance the night way to country western music.

Country western night Thursdays with free dance lessons at 7:30-10:30 p.m. Learn the two-step, line and couples dances, the waltz, the cha cha and the swing.

Howard

◆Howard Officers' Club: 284-3718

Weekday lunches includes buffet, salad and potato bar.

Order a la carte 6-8:30 p.m. in the dining room Fridays and Saturdays.

Friday evenings in the lounge include beer specials, music, games and club card drawings.

Barbecue plate special 6-8:30 p.m. today.

Couples night 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday. Beef or chicken for two.

Fajitas junction 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Enjoy the Tex-Mex favorite, beef or chicken fajitas in the dining room.

Masquerade ball Oct. 29.

Dining room is closed Sunday through Thursday.

◆Howard Enlisted Members' Club - Dining Room: 284-4189

Sunday breakfast buffet 8-12:30 a.m.

Breakfast is served 6-9:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; 7:30 a.m. Saturdays.

New sandwich bar for lunch open daily. Homemade roast beef, turkey, turkey salad and tuna fish sandwiches with all the trimmings.

Saturday night gourmet specials 5:30-9 p.m. featuring tableside preparation with tuxedo service.

Steak night special 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Select a cut and order a New York strip, ribeye or filet. All steaks are U.S. choice beef.

Family menu Tuesdays-Fridays featuring all the favorites plus new items such as jerked chicken, hand made 1/2 pound hamburgers, baked ravioli and more.

Bang up barbecue daily in the Breezeway, dine-in or take-out. Try the ribs, brisket, chopped beef or spicy hot wings.

◆Howard Enlisted Members' Club Ballroom: 284-4189

Friday night disco 4:30 p.m.- 1 a.m. tonight. Dance and relax to the music.

Membership night 5 p.m. Saturday. Complimentary Italian buffet for members and one guest; \$6.95 for additional guest. Children 6-12, \$3 and children under 6, free.

Halloween all night disco 10 a.m.-5 a.m. Oct. 29-30.

◆Howard Enlisted Members' Club Casual Cove: 284-4189

Live piano music weekday evenings.

Country 8 p.m. to closing Fridays.

Saturday and Monday nights disco 5 p.m.-1 a.m.

Monday night football and mug special in the lounge.

Snack on complimentary hot dogs, popcorn and nachos.

Karaoke 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 8 p.m. Tuesdays.

Free Country and western dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays in the Casual Cove. Learn the latest in line dancing, the stomp, waltz and others. Music will be until midnight.

Night mug special Wednesdays. Buy a mug filled with your favorite draft beverage and go back for refills.

Rock 'n' roll golden oldies 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays; 5 p.m.-midnight Thursdays.

Club card drawing 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

◆Top Three Club: 284-4189

Karaoke 6 p.m. Fridays.

Taco bar 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Free all-you-can-eat and complimentary taco bar.

Club card drawing 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Members must have a card and be present to win.

Club closed Saturdays.

Rodman

◆Rodman Club - Open to all ranks: 283-4498

Happy hour 4:30-11 p.m. in the Laguna Lounge with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Halloween bash 7-11 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Laguna Lounge. A disc jockey will spin great tunes for the "monster mash."

There will be prizes for the best costumes and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. Come out and show your scary side.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffet and grill menu 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Monday night football 6 p.m. until game ends with all-you-can-eat taco bar 6-9 p.m. at the Laguna Lounge.

Soup and sub night 4:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Grill menu is also available.

All-you-can-eat beef and burgundy 4:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Grill menu is also available.

Open mike night 6-11 p.m. Thursdays in the Laguna Lounge.

Cook-your-own steak night 4:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Rodman Bohio.

Fine dining 6-9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays.

Upstairs Bar 4:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; 6-9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays.

Dinner is served 4:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; 6-9 p.m. Fridays-Sundays.

◆Rodman Annex: 283-4498

Breakfast is served 6:30-8:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffet and grill menu 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

The club is closed for evening and weekend service.