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## New tuition assistance rules begin

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - Soldiers are facing tuition assistance rules that began Oct. 1 for fiscal year '93.

The Department of the Army set new limits on credit hours tuition assistance will cover.

Soldiers seeking graduate degrees are allowed tuition assistance for 12 credit hours per year. Soldiers seeking undergraduate degrees are allowed tuition assistance for 15 credit hours per year. Most college courses are worth three credit hours.

Soldiers can apply for an exception to credit-hour limits to meet residency requirements or if they are nearing completion of a degree, said Charles Fritts, Army director of education in Panama.

If the money runs out, tuition assistance availability will be based on priority groups set up by DA.

According to DA, recipients of tuition assistance are grouped with the level of education they are seeking.

The first priority group includes officers and warrant officers who do not have an undergraduate degree, enlisted soldiers who have an associate's studying for a bachelor's degree and enlisted soldiers studying for an associate's degree.

The second priority group includes commissioned officers seeking a graduate degree, enlisted soldiers and warrant officers seeking a bachelor's degree who do not have an associate's degree and all soldiers seeking alternative education for teaching certification. Enlisted soldiers who started work on a bachelor's degree in fiscal year '92 are the exception and are considered in the first priority group, Fritts said. The third priority group includes enlisted soldiers and warrant officers seeking a graduate degree.

"It looks right now that we have enough money for everybody," Fritts said.

Soldiers with questions about tuition assistance can contact their local education center.

### Stateside clocks turn back

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - People in the United States will be turning their clocks back one hour Sunday from Daylight Savings to Standard Time.

Check the TV schedule on page B3 for programming changes. Remember the time change when calling back to the states. Panama does not change times.

### 1993 inspections starting

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The 1993 vehicle inspection program in the Republic of Panama begins in November and runs through March 31, 1993.

All privately owned vehicles must be inspected before registration.

U.S. government employees and their family members are eligible to have their vehicles inspected at the Panama Canal Commission Transportation Division facilities on each side of the isthmus. The inspection fee is \$6.

The starting date for inspections will be published when notification is received from Panama.



U.S. Army photo by Cpt. Daniel Bean

**NIGHT FUN** - Chainsaw-wielding Paul Tilley waits for victims at Fort Espinar's Haunted House last year. Halloween is just around the corner and Panama military communities have set trick-or-treat hours for the Oct. 31 event. See the Mayor's Corner on page 6 for more information.

## 'Road Dawgs' team with Rangers

by Capt. David Dougherty

Company A, 536th Engineer Battalion

FORT KOBBE (USARSO PAO) - The "Road Dawgs" of Company A, 536th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), recently completed a support exercise at the Jungle Operations Training Center with the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

The company's second platoon, led by SFC Robert Reisinger, provided engineer support and enhanced the the realism of the training.

The platoon constructed two suspend-wire cable systems that were used for moving silhouettes through the air on two live-fire ranges.

It provided the Rangers with opportunities to engage moving targets under tough conditions, Reisinger said.

The platoon also constructed three mock buildings that were used on three assault missions by the Rangers.

The platoon intensified the scenarios with construction efforts including disabling a radio station with explosives, destroying an enemy tactical opera-

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Co. A, 536th Engineer Battalion

tions center and raiding a drug manufacturing site.

Reisinger called upon Sgt. Ricky Nails and Pvt. 1 David Tonderski during the live-fire phase of the exercise to correct a misfire of military dynamite.

The soldiers of second platoon enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Rangers, Reisinger said. They also supported movements of troops and materials in the various scenarios.

"This is something we have never done before," PFC Ollie Cole said. "Working with the Rangers gives us the chance to see another part of the Army we don't often see as engineers here in Panama."

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# Thunderbirds show professional expertise

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - The Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, Thunderbirds, will present an air show over the Bay of Panama Saturday at noon.

The show will be adjacent to the Atlapa Convention Center. Buses will be taking military personnel to the show from Howard AFB Theater at 10 a.m. and Albrook at 10:30 a.m. Buses in the Atlantic community will leave Fort Davis Swimming Pool parking lot at 9 a.m. Buses will also be available at 10 a.m. at the Cocoli Community Center, Fort Clayton Burger King and the Fort Kobbe Burger King. The buses will return to their pick-up points following the show.

The Thunderbirds plan and present aerial maneuvers to exhibit the capabilities of modern high-performance aircraft and the high degree of professional skill required to operate the aircraft demonstrations.

Objectives of the squadron are:

- ★ to demonstrate to the public the professional competence of the Air Force;
- ★ to support U.S. Air Force community relations and people-to-people programs;
- ★ to support U.S. Air Force recruiting and retention programs;
- ★ to strengthen morale and esprit de corps among Air Force personnel.

## The Team

The Thunderbirds squadron is an Air Combat Command unit made up of eight pilots (six of which are demonstration pilots), three support officers, and more than 130 enlisted people performing in 33 different career fields.

The demonstration season lasts from March to November, with the winter months used for training new members. Officers serve a two-year tour, and about half the team is new each year.

Since the team's inception in 1953, more than 254 million people in all 50 states and 56 foreign countries have attended 3,131 official demonstrations. The team has never canceled a performance

because of maintenance problems.

The Thunderbirds are part of the combat force. If required, team members and aircraft can be a tactical fighter unit within 72 hours.

To keep their combat skills polished, team pilots fly periodic weapons training missions in addition to demonstration flights. Maintenance personnel are also ready to perform their combat role.

## History

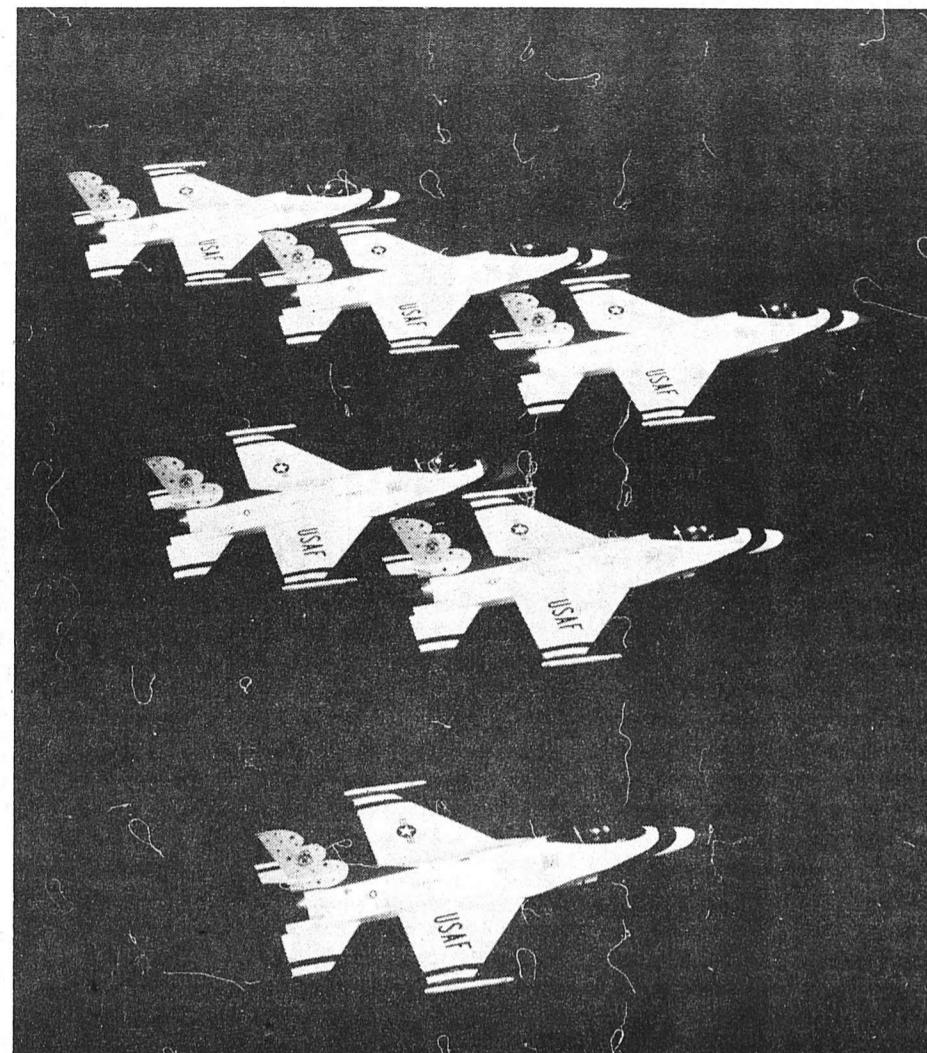
The Thunderbirds were officially activated June 1, 1953, as the 3600th Air Demonstration Team at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

The first aircraft was the straight-winged F-84G Thunderjet, a combat-proven fighter-bomber that had seen extensive action in Korea. Early in 1955, the Thunderbirds transitioned to the swept-wing F-84F Thunderstreak. In their first three years with the F-84, the team performed for more than nine million spectators in 222 shows that included tours of Central and South America.

In June 1956, the team moved to its current home at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. At the same time, the Thunderbirds traded the veteran F-84 for the U.S. Air Force's first supersonic fighter, the F-100 Super Sabre — the aerial platform that would serve the Thunderbirds for 13 years. The F-100 years were memorable. More than 1,000 demonstrations were flown in the "C" and "D" models of the aircraft, thrilling spectators from the Far East to North Africa. In the middle of the F-100 era, the team changed briefly to the F-105 Thunderchief. After six shows in 1964, the Thunderbirds returned to the F-100 for maintenance reasons.

From 1969 to 1973, the Thunderbirds flew the Air Force's front-line fighter of the time, the F-4E Phantom. In five seasons the team performed more than 500 demonstrations while traveling to 30 of the 50 states, Canada, Central America and Europe.

In 1974, the Thunderbirds converted



U.S. Air Force photos

The Thunderbirds in action.

to the T-38 Talon, the world's first supersonic trainer. The team flew nearly 600 demonstrations during eight seasons with the Talon.

Early in 1983, the Thunderbirds moved to the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

In 1986, the Thunderbirds participated in the rededication fly-by of the Statue of Liberty, which was nationally televised.

The next year, the largest crowd to see a performance was at Coney Island, N.Y., July 4, 1987, when more than 2.25 million people viewed the demonstration.

Also in 1987, the Thunderbirds performed the first U.S. military demonstration in a communist country — China.

In 1989, the Thunderbirds held 79 demonstrations in 37 states. In 1990, the team toppled the 600 demonstration mark in the F-16, as the Thunderbirds gave 63 performances in 31 states.

In 1991, the team traveled to Europe for the first time performed in eight countries, including first-time visits to Switzerland, Poland and Hungary.

## 1992: Year of Transition

In 1992, the Thunderbirds transitioned to the F-16C for their aerial demonstrations. Since 1983, the team employed the A-model of the Fighting Falcon and was the last active-duty unit to convert to the upgraded model. The conversion took place simply because the team represents the rest of the Air Force and every front-line F-16 squadron employs the F-16C. The switch also made sense for logistical and combat-conversion reasons.

## F-16C Statistics

**Speed:** Mach 2+

**Range:** More than 550 nautical-mile combat range, and more than 2,000 nautical-mile ferry range with external tanks.

**Altitude:** More than 50,000 feet

**Rate of climb:** More than 30,000 feet per minute; or 500 feet per second.

**Length:** 49 feet, 3 inches (including pilot tube)

**Wingspan:** 31 feet (without missiles)

**Height:** 16 feet, 7 inches

**Weight:** 18,240 pounds (including pilot, oil, two missiles and full load of 20mm ammunition); 25,000 pounds (maximum gross load); 37,500 pounds (maximum gross weight)

**Propulsion system:** One Pratt and Whitney F-100 PW-220 afterburning turbofan engine in the 25,000-pound thrust class.

**Cockpit:** Zero altitude rocket-type pilot ejection system; high-visibility canopy; seat inclined at a 30-degree angle; control stick mounted on right console; heads-up display.

**Flight Control system:** Computer-controlled "fly-by-wire" system

**Armament:** Include a fuselage-mounted multi-barrel 20 mm cannon, and an air-to-air missile mounted on each wingtip. Up to 11,000 pounds of additional weapons, and fuel tanks can be carried on pylons mounted under the wings and on the fuselage centerline.



MSgt. Gary McCue (left) and SSgt. Jeff Simpson time a maneuver.

# USS Princeton continuing ocean counter-drug war

RODMAN NS (USNAVSTAPANACRAL PAO) - The *USS Princeton* (CG-59), a Ticonderoga class cruiser, is currently conducting drug trafficking interdiction operations in the equatorial waters off of South America, said CWO3 Chris Walker, Navy spokesman.

During the second day at sea, *Princeton* crewmembers conducted their first boarding.

The vessel boarded was engaged in legal activity and the crew was very courteous and cooperative, Walker said.

The *Princeton*'s chief corpsman gave medical aid to one of the crewmen and the boarding was completed, Walker said.

The *Princeton*, under the command of Capt. J. Cutler Dawson Jr., is homeported at Long Beach, Calif.

This tasking came hot upon the heels of RIMPAC 1992, a multinational exercise involving five Pacific contiguous nations conducted in July, a major training evolution in which *Princeton* played a significant role, Walker said.

The crew of the *Princeton* was augmented by a weather detachment from the Naval Oceanography Facility in San Diego, Calif.

Another major addition to the capabilities of the cruiser were two helicopters from HLS-43 stationed at North Is-

land Naval Air Station, near San Diego, with their Officer-in-Charge, LCDR John O'Conner.

A five member Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment, under the leadership of LT(jg) Dale Garvin, formed the nucleus around which at-sea operations centered, Walker said.

The Law Enforcement Detachment is a cadre of hand-picked high-caliber personnel who have received extensive training in rules of evidence, self-defense, and search and seizure procedures, Walker said.

The *Princeton*'s task is straightforward; locate, interview and evaluate sur-

face vessels encountered in Pacific Ocean in the ongoing war on drugs, Walker said.

If vessels appear suspicious and proper authority has been given, the law enforcement team will board and search, he said.

*Princeton*'s crew maneuvers the 567 foot long 9,600 ton warship alongside the vessel while the Coast Guard boarding team travels in a small boat, called a Ridged Hull Inflatable Boat to board the vessel and conduct a search for contraband, Walker said.

The *Princeton* continues on patrol in waters of Central America, Walker said.



SSgt. David Montoya, shift supervisor for the 24th Communication Group global station, replaces recording reels on part of the communication system.

## Albrook group offers global communication

by SrA. Jackie Ambrose  
24th Wing Group Public Affairs Office

HOWARD AFB (24TH WG/PA) - For many military members, the words "phone patch" bring to mind one-on-one conversations with loved ones back home. These words mean something entirely different for members of the Albrook Global Station.

The Albrook Global Station is one of 15 strategically located throughout the world. Its 14 radio operators and maintenance technicians belong to the 24th Communications Squadron.

"We're part of a little known system that performs a very important mission," MSgt. Erick Estrada, non-commissioned officer in charge, Global User Support Station, said. "We deal with the communication for all Department of Defense aircraft in an eight-million square mile Latin American theater." In providing non-secure, high frequency air/ground/air and point to point voice communications, the Global Station relays vital aircraft movement information for air rescue and recovery service, air weather service, distinguished visitor support, and worldwide command and control for DOD aircraft.

"These offices are staffed 24 hours a day with someone constantly monitoring the radio speakers in case help is needed," SSgt. Daniel Montoya, shift supervisor, said. "If the command post calls us, we can locate the positions of aircraft and transmit information to them."

The Global station was on special alert when President Bush visited Panama, Estrada said.

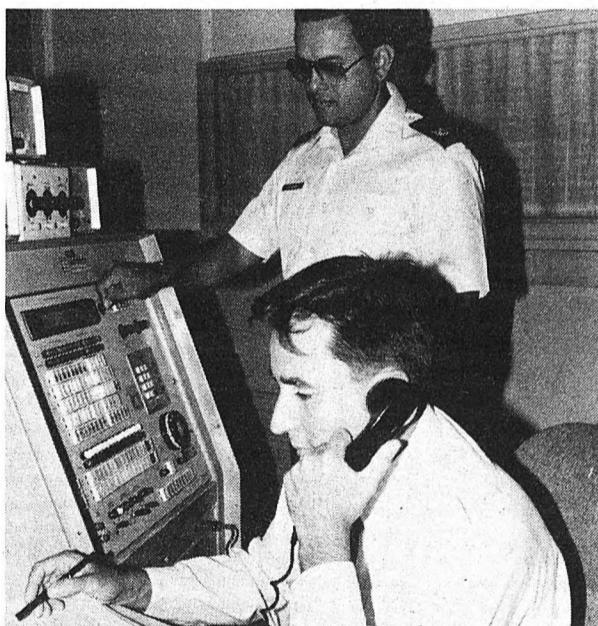
"Visiting heads of state and other dignitaries in our area of responsibility is just one case warranting this status," he said.

"If there is an incident involving a downed aircraft or rescue mission, we act as liaisons between the search coordination and rescue aircraft," he said.

"Our communication capabilities on high power, 3KW output, high frequency radios is what aids the search and rescue process."

"We've also helped other Latin American military aircraft, but our primary responsibility remains DOD aircraft," Estrada said.

Global stations throughout the world were consolidated from previously known Global Command and Control, Giant Talk, Mystic Star, and Command Escort Systems.



U.S. Air Force photos by SrA. Jackie Ambrose  
SSgt. David Montoya and MSgt. Erick Estrada check circuits during a phone patch.

## Air Force flu shots scheduled

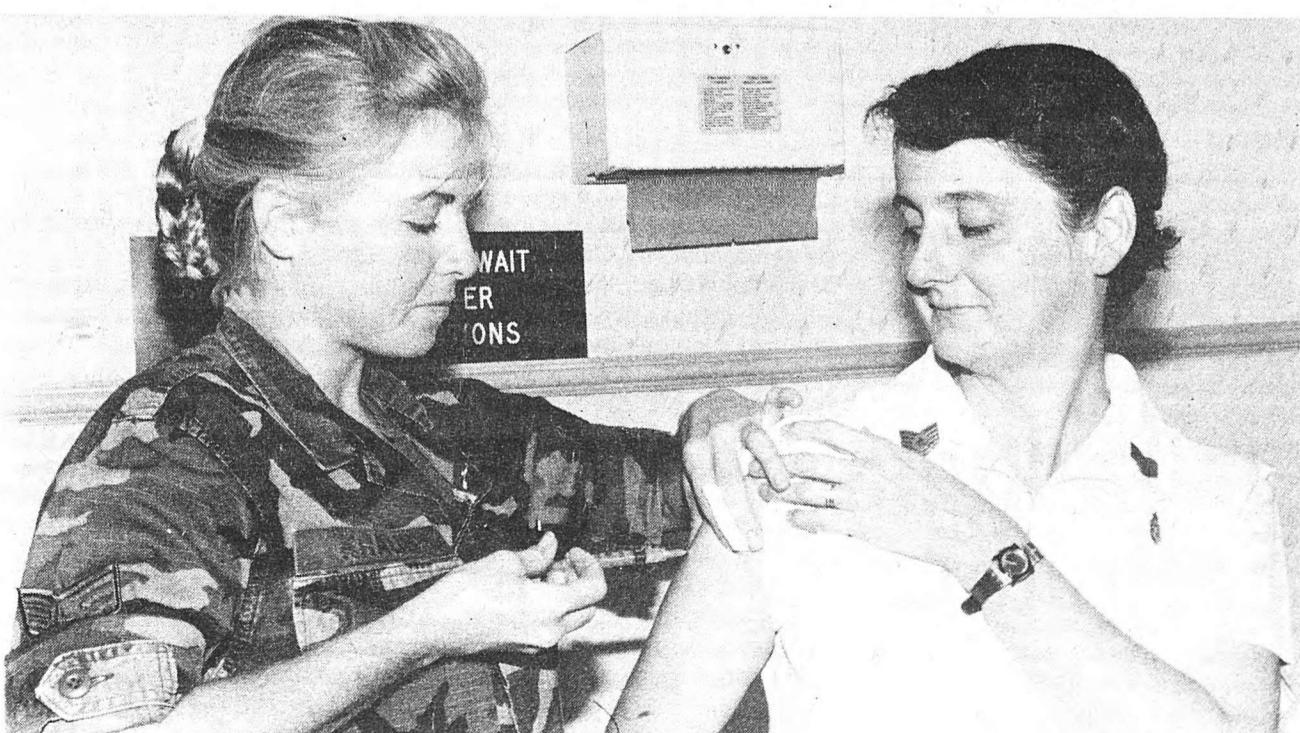
Howard AFB (24th WG/PA) - Annual flu shots for active duty Air Force members will be given at the Howard AFB theater Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Annual flu shots are a mandatory requirement for all active duty Air Force members. Shot records are necessary to receive the vaccination.

Flu shots will also be available for military family members Nov. 2 at the Howard AFB theater from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children who have a history of asthma or who have had recent illnesses should also have the flu shots because they stand a higher risk of contracting the flu, said SrA. Becky Kraus, Howard AFB allergy immunization technician.

For information, call the Howard AFB immunization clinic at 284-6157.



SrA. Becky Kraus gives a flu shot to TSgt. Frederique Dunham.

U.S. Air Force photos by SrA. Jackie Ambrose

# U.S. officials forecast Castro's downfall

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Thirty years after the world almost lurched into nuclear war during the Cuba missile crisis, U.S. policymakers say the days of communism on the Caribbean island are numbered and fear that its end may be bloody.

According to officials and private analysts, the question is no longer whether Cuban President Fidel Castro's government will eventually collapse under the weight of an inexorable economic decline. The question is when and how it falls.

"It seems inevitable that change in Cuba will come in a relatively short time," said one State Department official.

"It may not be days or weeks or months but it is coming. And we are really concerned about the prospect of a violent

end which would be in nobody's interest and could create serious regional problems," he said.

From the moment of his takeover in 1958, Castro was seen by Washington as a dagger only 90 miles from the coast of Florida aimed at the heart of the United States.

In October 1962 when he discovered that the Soviet Union had moved nuclear missiles to Cuba, President John Kennedy went to the brink of a nuclear war to force their withdrawal.

During much of the 1970s and 1980s, Cuba was still seen as a deadly threat to U.S. interests, stirring up revolt in Latin America, supporting Sandinista Marxists in Nicaragua and leftist rebels in El Salvador and sending thousands of troops to far-off Angola to help implant Marxism in Africa.

But the collapse of the Soviet Union deprived Castro of an estimated \$3.5 billion of annual aid. Cuba has lost trading partners and markets in the former Communist bloc in Eastern Europe and officials say around 70 percent of its international income has evaporated.

Washington has maintained its 30-year trade embargo on Cuba and Congress recently passed a bill to tighten it.

The Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, which still awaits President Bush's signature, would ban foreign subsidiaries of U.S. firms from doing business with Cuba and bar ships trading with the island from U.S. ports for six months.

Despite protestations from the European Community, Canada and Mexico that the so-called "Torricelli bill" was a crude U.S. device to dictate the trading patterns of other countries, Democratic

candidate Bill Clinton has endorsed it, increasing the pressure on Bush to sign it.

"One cannot see on the horizon any good news for Castro, only continued economic deterioration and unrelieved bleakness," said Larry Birns of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a Washington think-tank.

"He has nothing to hope for from Clinton. There is a growing danger of riots, rising violence — you are going to have a Gotterdammerung," he said, referring to the Wagner opera 'The Twilight of the Gods' which climaxes amid trumpet fanfares with the violent deaths of its main protagonists.

The State Department official said the daily food intake for poor people in some parts of Cuba was falling to subsistence levels.

## Leaders embrace '92 Nobel awardee

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Most Latin Americans were elated to see Guatemalan Indian Rigoberta Menchu win the Nobel Peace Prize for 1992, but her triumph and the spotlight it has turned on Central America disconcerted others.

The Guatemalan government, which had ignored Menchu's nomination for the award, extended cordial congratulations to the 33-year-old Mayan who has been accused by security forces of being a member of the leftist guerrilla front.

"With this distinction, Menchu will be able to apply the moral authority conferred on her by the prize to seek peaceful solutions to existing and future discords in Latin America and especially Guatemala," the government said in a statement.

Menchu dedicated her life to indigenous rights after her father, mother and 16-year-old brother were killed by Guatemalan security forces during the 1980s.

Nobel laureate Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica who won the peace prize in 1987, said Menchu's award would "bring to light the ... neglect, oppression and persecution suffered by the indigenous peoples of all the Americas, north, central and south."

Argentine Nobel laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel, who won the peace prize in 1980, was more blunt.

"Although the policy of extermination against the indigenous and peasant people of Guatemala continues, this prize constitutes support for the struggle for life and democratization in that country," he said.

The government of Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the president of Mexico where Menchu has spent her years in exile, released copies of a letter he sent Menchu.

"The distinction she has received makes us proud in Mexico where we admire her," it said.

Argentine President Carlos Menem called Menchu his "Latin American sister" and exclaimed: "I feel as if I'd won myself."

El Salvador's right-wing government congratulated the Guatemalan government but avoided any mention of Menchu.

"We are happy, and we have congratulated the Guatemalan government for the distinguished and honorable mention that a Guatemalan citizen has been given," said Oscar Santamaria, chief of staff to President Alfredo Cristiani.



**Menchu**

AP LaserPhoto

## Boston orchestra launches Latin tour

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Reuters) - The Boston Symphony Orchestra launched its first tour of Latin America Monday to what organizers said was a sellout crowd in Brazil's largest city.

Led by music director Seiji Ozawa, the orchestra plans a three-city tour, going on after Sao Paulo to the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires, and Caracas, capital of Venezuela.

All eight performances sold out almost immediately, said BSO spokeswoman Caroline Smedvig.

The orchestra has performed across Europe and in Japan and China but has never before performed in Latin America.

"This is a tour that is long overdue,"

said Kenneth Haas, Managing Director.

"We have heard a great deal about the sophistication and enthusiasm of audiences in Sao Paulo."

Haas said the overwhelming demand for tickets in Sao Paulo led organizers to try a technological first for the BSO and Sao Paulo's Teatro Municipal.

During the second performance on Tuesday night the concert was retransmitted live to four huge video screens in the large Vale de Anhangabau square.

Six sets of speakers mounted with the video screens relayed the music being performed inside the theatre to a distance of nearly three miles.

The square is capable of accommodating tens of thousands of people and was recently the site of massive protest marches calling for the ouster of President Fernando Collor, who was impeached last month.

"The reception has been very good. We are all sold out. It was this demand that led to organizing the screen and live transmission for the first time," Haas said.

Ozawa, now in his 18th year as music director, said he learned only on his arrival that Sao Paulo is home to more than a million Brazilians of Japanese descent, the largest single community of Japanese anywhere outside of Japan.



## Vietnam expanding POW-MIA assistance

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Vietnam will expand its help in determining the fate of Americans missing from the Vietnam War by letting U.S. experts study military archives, the official Vietnamese News Agency said Monday.

Members of the Pentagon's task force searching for missing servicemen previously described the lack of access to the archives as a serious hindrance to their work.

The U.S. group conducts joint searches and excavations with the Vietnamese, looking for the remains of missing Americans.

The agreement was announced at the conclusion of a three-day visit to Hanoi by a U.S. delegation led by retired Army Gen. John Vessey Jr.

He was accompanied by Sen. John McCain, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, and other U.S. officials.

A joint U.S.-Vietnamese statement transmitted by the Vietnam News Agency said the agreement was "an important new step which should accelerate results on the POW-MIA issue."

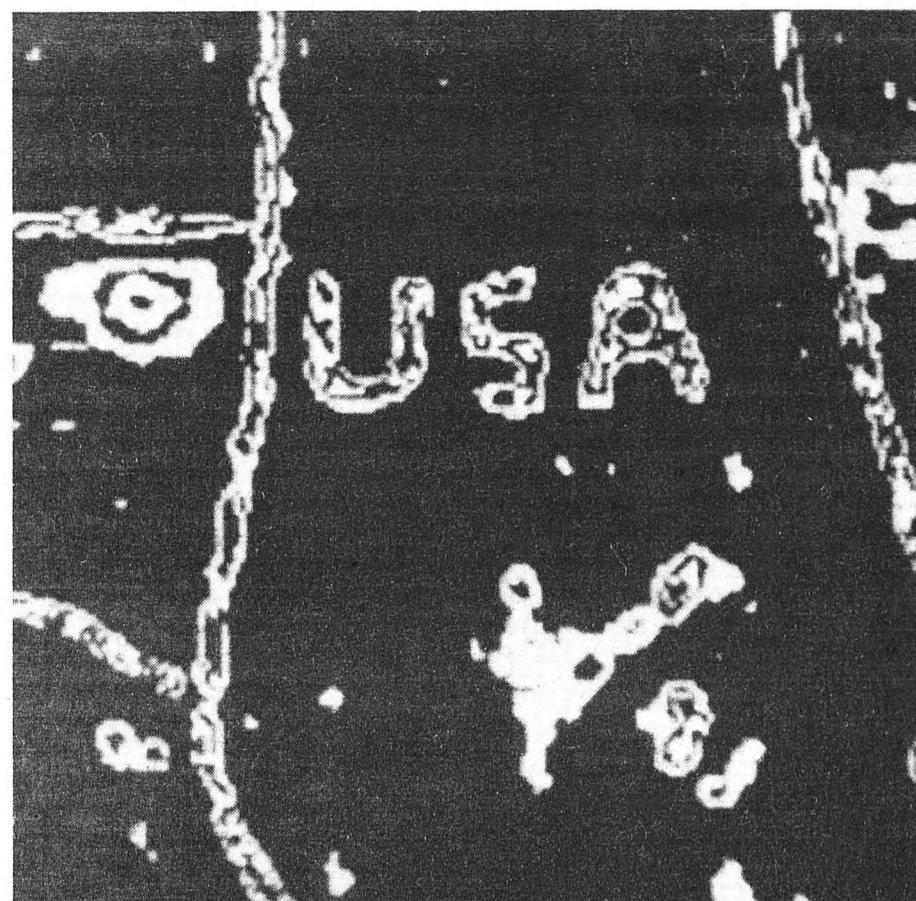
Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet said he believed the agreement would promote better relations with the United States, the agency reported.

The United States has not had diplomatic relations with Vietnam since the Communist takeover of the South in 1975 and has maintained an economic embargo against Hanoi. U.S. officials have said relations will not be normalized until Hanoi provides a satisfactory accounting of missing Americans.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman, Richard Boucher, said preliminary reports of the Vessey mission were encouraging.

State Department officials, however, cautioned that while Vessey had made "important progress," that progress did not meet the criteria that the United States has set for normalizing relations.

There are 2,266 American servicemen who are still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, which ended 17 years ago. Some 1,658 were lost in Vietnam, while the others were lost in the neighboring countries of Cambodia and Laos.



AP LaserPhoto

The letters "USA" and "K" show below the USA, etched into a Laotian rice paddy only four years ago could be distress signals from American POWs, according to Senate testimony recently on Capitol Hill.

## Military survey discovers healthy new trends

WASHINGTON (American Forces Information Service) - The newest Department of Defense survey shows substance abuse in almost all categories is down.

DoD released some results of the 1992 Worldwide Survey of Substance Abuse and Health Behaviors on Sept. 21. Some 16,395 randomly selected soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines completed the anonymous self-report questionnaires.

The survey's drug statistics reflected the greatest success for DoD, said U.S. Public Health Service Dr. (RADM) Edward D. Martin, head of the Professional Affairs and Quality Assurance office in DoD Health Affairs. Drug use declined dramatically - from 27.8 percent of service members reporting nonmedical drug use in 30 days prior to the first survey in 1980 down to 3.8 percent in 1992. Those who use drugs tend to be younger, single and in lower pay grades.

Further, Martin said, they reported no significant negative effects of drug use, indicating they are casual, not dependent, drug users. "However," he emphasized, "we consider any nonmedical use of drugs to be drug abuse."

Smoking shows a slower, but still steady, decline. In 1992, 35.9 percent considered themselves smokers, compared with 40.9 percent in 1988 and 51 percent in 1980. Martin said that while military people were still more likely to smoke than their civilian counterparts, service members are kicking the habit at a rapid rate. For comparison, only 28 percent of the general population smoked in 1988, according to the American Cancer Society.

For the first time, the survey tracked smokeless tobacco use. Some seven percent of service members dipped snuff or chewed tobacco five or more days a week. Eight percent used smokeless tobacco less than once a week. Health officials will watch this figure in future surveys, because they suspect smokeless tobacco use may be increasing.

Martin said fewer servicemembers abuse alcohol overall. A significant number use alcohol heavily, however, and are negatively impacted personally and medically, he said.

In 1980, there were 20.8 percent of service members who were heavy drinkers. Heavy alcohol use by service members declined from 17 percent overall in 1988 to 15.2 percent in 1992. Heavy use is defined as five or more drinks on one occasion at least once a week.

More service members are saying no to alcohol - some 20.4 percent abstain. Only 13.5 percent abstained in 1980. Loss of productivity due to alcohol is also down, from a high of more than 30 percent of drinkers reporting problems in 1982 to fewer than 20 percent in 1992.

This is the fifth such worldwide survey DoD has conducted, Martin said. He said DoD has been doing the surveys since 1980 to track the progress of substance abuse prevention programs and to identify subjects that may need more emphasis.

### A closer look...

The 1992 DoD Worldwide Survey of Substance Abuse asked service members more questions on more subjects than any of the previous four surveys. DoD Health Affairs has commissioned the periodic surveys since 1980. A contractor, Research Triangle Institute, Raleigh-Durham, N.C., conducted the survey.

Here are some details:

#### Gambling

The survey shows fewer service members have a gambling problem than DoD officials had feared was the case.

Only 2 percent had three symptoms of compulsive gamblers.

People who have three or more of the following list of symptoms are urged to seek help:

- ◆ Increased preoccupation with gambling;
- ◆ Need to gamble increased amounts of money to achieve desired level of excitement;
- ◆ Restless or irritable when unable to gamble;
- ◆ Gambling to escape from problems;
- ◆ Going back to try to recoup losses;
- ◆ Lying about extent of gambling;
- ◆ Needing someone to provide money to relieve financial problems caused by gambling; and
- ◆ Jeopardizing or losing important relationships, or job or career opportunities due to gambling.

#### Condom Use and AIDS

The survey tracked condom use for the first

time. It also asked more questions about AIDS and transmission of the AIDS virus. Results include:

◆ Slightly more than half of unmarried servicemembers (50.2 percent) reported using a condom during their last sexual encounter.

◆ Younger service members were more likely to have used a condom than were older ones.

◆ More than 53 percent of single servicemembers under 20 used a condom, compared with 43.2 percent of those over 35.

◆ Single enlisted personnel were more likely to use condoms than were officers: 50.6 percent compared with 46.8 percent for the officers.

◆ Single servicewomen were less likely to insist that partners use condoms than single servicemen were to use them. Only 43.7 percent of the women's partners had used condoms; 51.8 percent of servicemen had used them.

#### Smoking

More military people are former smokers than ever before. In 1980, 51 percent smoked. Now, 35.9 percent smoke.

Of those who smoked in 1992, some 18 percent said they smoked a pack or more of cigarettes a day - DoD's definition of heavy smoking. In 1988, 22.7 percent said they were heavy smokers compared to 34.2 percent in 1980.

#### Steroids

The survey also quizzed servicemembers on steroid use. Only .2 percent had used steroids in the month before the survey.

"These surveys give us ideas on how to confront problem areas, and how to approach groups at risk," said Martin.

In the beginning, he said, the surveys focused on drug and alcohol abuse, but every survey has added new questions. New areas include smokeless tobacco, gambling and condom use. The survey also asked new questions concerning AIDS and modified others.

Service members' knowledge about AIDS transmission and prevention continues to increase. Martin said service members' level of knowledge compares favorably with that of the general population. Most know, for example, that AIDS can damage the body's immunity, that it is caused by a virus and that it can be passed by sharing needles and by unprotected sexual contact. More than 93 percent know an infected pregnant woman can pass the virus to her unborn child.

More than 92 percent know a person can be infected - with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and still look healthy.

But some still have misconceptions. Forty-two point five percent believe both natural-membrane (lambskin) and latex condoms are equally effective

against AIDS. Latex condoms can help prevent AIDS, but natural condoms are more porous and the virus can pass through them. Health educators also recommend using a nonpetroleum lubricant containing nonoxynol-9, which inactivates the virus.

Also, about one-fourth incorrectly believe it can be transmitted by sharing eating utensils or eating in a dining hall where the cook has the AIDS virus. More than 27 percent believe insects spread it. Scientists say insects do not spread the AIDS virus.

"The knowledge of our young personnel compares favorably with the general population's," said Martin. "But given the consequences of contracting AIDS, it's far short of what we'd like. It's absolutely mandatory for every service person to understand all the risk behaviors by which they can contract AIDS and the protections - including avoidance of misbehavior - they can take to prevent contracting what is ultimately a fatal disease."

Service members already meet the "Healthy People 2000" goal of at least 50 percent of unmarried persons using condoms, said Martin. "But we would like to do better than that," he said.

# Mayors answer Halloween questions

## Dear Mayors' Corner,

Do you know anything about the schedule for Halloween yet? Where are the kids allowed to go, during what times, and up to what ages? And is it going to be on the 31st?

No nightmares, please

## Dear Nightmares,

Yes, trick-or-treating will be held Oct. 31 this year. Air Force, Army and Navy installations on the Pacific side say children younger than 13 years of age are invited to trick-or-treat between 6 and 8 p.m. Older children are encouraged to participate in other Directorate of Community Activities events.

Pacific side commands are also allowing valid installation pass holders to invite up to five immediate family members to the festivities. Please check with individual commands for more information.

Army Atlantic trick-or-treat hours are the same as the Pacific community. Children through the 12th grade may participate but the post will be open to valid installation pass holders only.

## Dear Mayors' Corner,

Who dreamed up the curfew? What is the purpose of having such a long-term curfew? And can the curfew be modified to allow servicemembers to participate in and attend concerts off-post?

SFC Davidson

## Dear SFC Davidson,

Believe it or not, "curfew" was dreamed up in medieval Europe as an hour in the



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evening to extinguish fires, says Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary, (c) 1983. Today it is a time period when certain regulations apply, such as restricting movement after dark.

The "long-term curfew," established in 1989, was originally a temporary curfew resulting from high crime levels in the city, says the Latin American Adviser to U.S. Army South.

According to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, USARSO, Joint Task Force - Panama has evaluated the curfew several times since 1989. High crime rates necessitate keeping a curfew.

According to Garrison Command, curfew exceptions are limited to individuals on official business, such as airport runs, military escorts, and military police

patrols. The newest curfew, according to the Latin American Adviser for U.S. Army South, is a juvenile curfew that was recently established by the Governor of the Province of Panama for people 18 years and younger. Like its predecessor, this curfew is an attempt to reduce high levels of crime and delinquency.

## Dear Mayors' Corner,

Please help me with this dispute, I need some information. My neighbor says the soldiers who do police calls are

supposed to pick up his yard, too. I say he should pick it up himself. He says he doesn't make the mess near the road. Maybe not, but I still say he is responsible for his area. Who's right?

Pity the poor police call

## Dear Pity,

You are. U.S. Army Garrison says your neighbor isn't alone in his opinion but that he and the others like him are in for a rude awakening.

The Standard Operating Procedure is United States Army Garrison Regulation 210-2 which says residents of government quarters must maintain the grounds around their residence up to halfway to the adjacent quarters or 50 feet, which ever is greater, whether they "made the mess" or not.

It's a privilege and a responsibility to live in government owned quarters, and Community Activity patrols are going to be out looking for residents who don't maintain them.

Violators will be awarded "Pink Slips," says the Garrison noncommissioned officer in charge.

Violators will have 72 hours to make repairs after the first notice. A second notice for the same violation goes to the sponsoring unit commander.

After a third notice, the violator will be required to report to the Commander USAG-PAC for counseling and possible eviction.

Lest ye think the Army is hard-nosed, be advised, the Air Force and Navy have the same policy and implement it the same way.

## Dear Mayors' Corner,

Is it at all possible for the Howard AFB Sports and Fitness Center to open an hour earlier (5 a.m.) Monday through Friday? Not only could more people use it before work and still get to work on time, it would also ease up the peak hours from 6 to 7 a.m. when many Army personnel are there.

Because of limited manning, it is not

always possible to use the gym at lunchtime. Evenings are another option but there are those of us taking classes and trying to keep up with family and other responsibilities.

Opening at 5 a.m. would enable those of us who seriously want to use the gym to do so and not interfere with our duty time.

Any help on this issue would be greatly appreciated!

SSgt. Mary E. Young  
United States Air Force

## Dear SSgt. Young,

According to the facility noncommissioned-officer-in-charge, the Fitness Center is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., during which time center personnel do regular hourly head counts to track its usage. At 6 a.m. there are seldom more than six or seven people waiting to get in. In fact, says the NCOIC, it's often a ghost town. By the end of the first hour, there are rarely more than 25-30 users and many of those are using the gym only to shower after running.

Unfortunately, says the NCOIC, with manpower shortages hitting everyone, those kinds of numbers don't validate the need for an earlier opening.

Occasionally, one machine or another is in high demand and if you are having difficulty getting on one of those, the Fitness Center NCOIC recommends that you come in early and complete your workout before others arrive for the day.

## Yards of the Month

Fort Espin Quarters 35A  
WO 1 and Mrs. Guy La Brecque  
Fort Davis Quarters 203B  
SSgt. and Mr. Amelia McFarlane

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# 'Screen plays' allowing thieves quarters' access

## Thieves coming through screens

Military police received three complaints of larceny from Fort Kobbe residents last week. Reports indicate that thieves cut screens above storage room doors, stealing bicycles, clothing and other items.

Screens simply do not afford adequate protection. The military police recommend that you not store high value items in areas safeguarded by screens. Anyone with information on the thefts can call 287-4401.

## Soldier uses government car to shop

Military police charged a Fort Davis soldier with wrongful appropriation of a government vehicle last week. A witness reported the offense to the military police. The soldier apparently used the vehicle to go to Burger King and the shoppette.

Do not allow this to happen to you. Remember that government vehicles are to be used only for official business. For more information, contact your chain of command.

## Pranksters ruin washer/dryer

A Fort Amador resident was the victim of criminal mischief last week. She reported to the military police

that someone put motor oil inside her washing machine and dryer. The prank ruined her clothing and resulted in damage to the washer and dryer as well. The military police are investigating the incident.

Anyone with information should call the Military Police Investigations Section at 287-5252.

## Sports fan loses wallet

A Fort Clayton soldier is missing two baseball gloves, his wallet and \$75 after he left them unsecured during a softball game last week. The incident occurred at Mothers Field on Fort Clayton.

Valuables should be secured at all times — even on the ballfield.

## Unauthorized escort

The Contraband Control Section apprehended numerous people in the last few weeks for unauthorized escort and trespassing.

The investigators caught individuals without purchasing privileges shopping inside the mall area of Albrook Air Force Station.

When a person who does not possess purchasing privileges is found inside a Department of Defense

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shopping area, they are normally charged with trespassing.

If they are being escorted by a privilege holder, he or she is also charged.

For more information, contact the U.S. Southern Command Contraband Control Section at 286-3303.

**The following crime statistics are for the week of Oct. 9 to Oct. 15.**

## Pacific

**Curundu area** - 1 larceny of secured private property, 1 larceny of secured government property, 1 house-breaking

**Fort Kobbe 300 area** - 3 larcenies of secured private property

**Cocoli housing area** - 2 larcenies of secured private property

## Atlantic

None reported.

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# Band members make bad trip better

by Sgt. Jane Usero  
USARSO Public Affairs Office

*Now sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip.*

*That started from Howard Air Base, aboard this big Chinook.*

*The crew were mighty flying men, the pilots brave and sure.*

*Sixteen passengers flew that day for an eight hour flight, an eight hour flight.*

*The weather started getting rough, the big bird had to land.*

*If not for the courage of the fearless crew, the Chinook would be lost, the Chinook would be lost.*

*The bird set ground in the field of this uncharted jungle village, with Chief Jones, Lt. Johnston too, the photographer and his boss, the band first sergeant, the bass guitarist and the band, here in Rambala Village.*

For those who wish to be a 79th Army Band groupie, remember these words. Behind the scenes of a tour with this band leads to many more adventures than meets the eye.

When an hour and a half concert turns into a 36 hour trip, the fun begins.

We left early Saturday morning to

fly to Bocas del Toro so the 79th Army Band's Show Band could perform at the Sea Fair. We arrived, the band played and we left. Simple enough. But, the trip home was anything but simple.

With sixteen passengers, five crew members, a large gas tank, boxes of instruments and equipment and nine cases of bananas from the people of the village, we took off and headed home.

Bocas del Toro airport said clear weather, so we kicked back to enjoy the ride and eat some bananas.

This enjoyment was to be very short-lived, however, as the pilots got word that the "clear" weather wasn't quite so clear. Hoping from one spot to another trying to

outsmart the weather, we ended up in Rambala village for, what we thought, a short wait for the weather to clear and eat some bananas. That's what we get for thinking.

As word came down we would have to spend the night in this metropolis, excitement ran through the group and we ate some bananas. "Let's build a bonfire," one person yelled. "Yah, and we can roast...bananas," another exclaimed. Being with 14 members of the band, singing around the camp fire

came up several times.

With the fact that rain and bonfires don't mix, we had to come up with another plan of action. So we flicked a Bic and stood around telling jokes and eating bananas. This lasted until the pilots returned with word there was a small restaurant nearby. Off we trudged through the mud and stones with the thought of food other than bananas running through our heads.

We made our assault on the restaurant in a frenzy trying to figure out what they had, how much it would cost and, most importantly, where the bathrooms were. Luckily there was a Spanish-speaking person among us, and with 20 people pulling him in all directions for translations, we finally got everything in order.

With dinner finished, the bathrooms found and just about all the talk talked out of us, it was time to call it a night. But call it a night to where? Sleeping 21 people in the belly of a fully-loaded Chinook made for an interesting situation. There were people everywhere. On top of equipment, on the floor, hanging out the back door and even on the floor of the restaurant. But sleep came, after we ate some bananas.

When morning came we ate some bananas and again made an assault on the little restaurant for breakfast and to begin the vigil of the breaking weather. Morning came and went. Noon came and went. As we felt sure the afternoon

would come and go, we got the word. It was time to fly.

Leaving the restaurant and little store sold out, we hurried to the bird, said our goodbyes, ate some bananas and were on our way — we thought.

Again weather grounded us, only this time not in such luxurious surroundings as before. No restaurant, no bathroom, no store and not even a river to skip stones on. Just a row of thatch huts, a mud trail and dozens of chickens. So we ate some bananas and tried to make the best of it. Three hours, a refueling from another Chinook and a downpour later, it was again time to leave. We left six of the nine crates of bananas there, boarded the bird, ate some bananas and were on our way.

Tired, grubby and hungry for something other than bananas, we finally landed at Howard Air Force Base 36 hours after we had left. Running out to kiss the ground did cross my mind but I ate a banana and went home.

To make a serious point to all this, though, our escapade would not have been one of light-heartedness if the Chinook crew had not gone above and beyond to ensure our needs were taken care of. Credit is also due to the teamwork and high morale of the members of the 79th Army Band's Show Band. The combination made this potentially miserable trip actually fun.

Bananas anyone?

## Quote

**"The place where optimism most flourishes is the lunatic asylum."**

**Havelock Ellis**  
*The Dance of Life*

by Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer  
24th Wing commander

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - This article shares the concepts and principles of Air Combat Command quality improvement. Gen. John Michael Loh, ACC commander, defines quality as "meeting customer expectations in products and services" and he places full responsibility on unit leadership to make quality happen.

To achieve this, ACC is fostering a leadership style that promotes and creates a working climate of trust, teamwork and continuous improvement. ACC quality is a look at process and is not a new program. Programs come and go, but a process becomes a way of

## Quality service tops Air Force priority list

life. What it means to you and me is a new way of life, a "culture" of quality.

As we learn the quality process we'll understand the basics of a long term effort to forever eliminate waste and rework.

Howard and Albrook are already great places to live and work, but they could become much better by applying the quality improvement process.

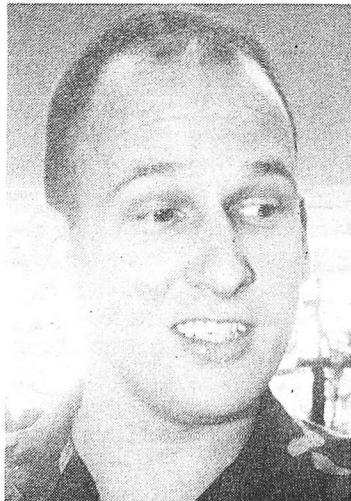
Changing a culture is not a matter of teaching new techniques, or replacing behavior patterns with new

ones. It is a matter of everyone learning and talking a common language of "quality" and understanding individual roles in making quality improvement. This may very well mean an attitude change for some. Changing a culture is not quick or easy. It will take time and effort to learn. The effort, however, is well worth the energy expended. Industries and societies have had proven success.

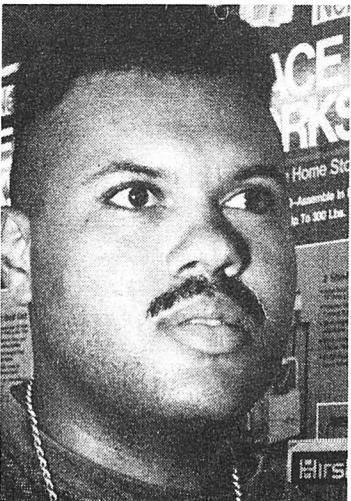
We have already enjoyed quality improvement and successes in the 24th Wing and the Panama community. It's time to build on those successes and turn up the tempo to improve our performance even more. I'm counting on everyone to "get smart" on ACC quality and apply quality principles in every aspect of our operations.

## Direct Quotes

## What quality improvements would you suggest?



"The PX should make it easier for spouses to make DPP inquiries while their spouses are TDY."



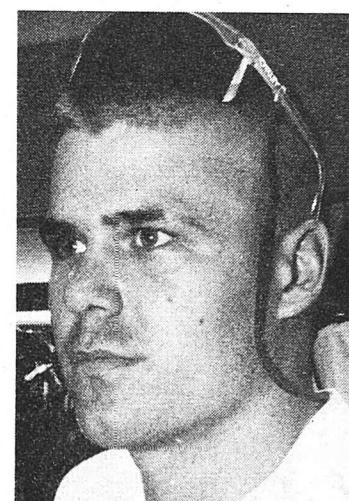
"Outprocessing forms for the Air Force should have building numbers and phone numbers on them."



"AAFES needs to get rid of expired food products rather than sell them."



"I'm pretty satisfied. Although Navy MWR should expand trips downtown on the weekends."



"Exchange outlets need more variety of products and prices should be consistent."

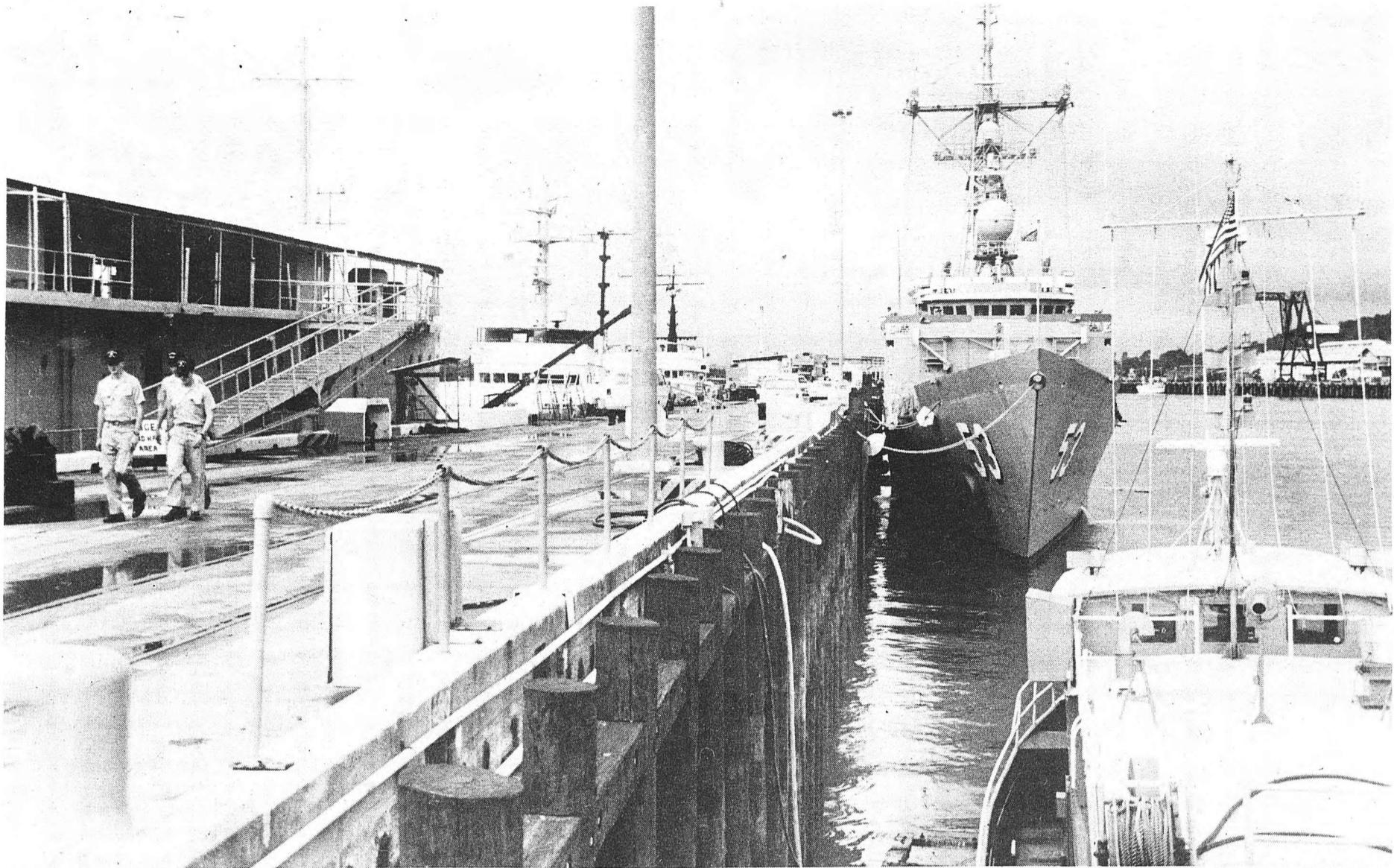
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The USS *Hawkes* sits in dock at Rodman NS during its stay Oct. 2-3.

U.S. Navy photos by PH3 Bob Wright



Machinist Mate P03 Al Ondreka inspects the port, with the *David Starr Jordan*, a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association research vessel in the background.

## Port services lends ships 'helping hand'

by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall  
*Tropic Times Sports Editor*

RODMAN NS (Tropic Times) - When U.S. Navy vessels pull into U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal needing things from supplies to passage through the Panama Canal, 12 sailors from port services division lend a collective helping hand.

The division taps its know-how of eight military occupational skills to make port calls easier. The all-male crew handles docking procedures and logistical needs to help newly-arrived ships prepare for future voyages.

When a ship docks at Rodman, it takes six of the division's 12 men to help it to dock or travel through the canal. Technically, the division could form two six-man teams, but that rarely happens Division Chief Arlis Wise said.

"If one of our men is out for any reason it wouldn't be possible. Right now, we're averaging a 60-hour work week for everyone. Our E-4s and below are working seven days a week," Wise said.

Those 60-hour work weeks have, in part, come from the increasing number of U.S. Navy ships traveling to Panama for counterdrug efforts, Wise said.

The number of ships the division has aided has steadily increased over the years; 127 docked in 1989, 147 in 1990 and 231 in 1991. Wise said it's been a dramatic increase considering the division saw an average of 40-50 annually in the mid 80s.

Headed by Wise, one of three boatswains mates, the division has one electronics technician, two electricians, two machinist mates, a hull maintenance technician, a storekeeper and two non-rated seamen. The crew ranges from 18-year-old Seaman Recruit James Hopper to 39-year-old P02 Hesiquio Torres.

Chiefs Wise and Mark Wiscow and Petty Officer 1st Class Manuel Fontanez check radio messages from ships at sea

requesting to dock here. The messages give the port services crew a chance to prepare for a ship's needs. Once a ship arrives, one of the two chiefs, board the vessel and gives the crew a security briefing, telling them what to expect during their stay.

Machinist Mates P03 Al Ondreka and P03 Douglas Alston are the boat engineers. They perform maintenance on engines, auxiliary equipment and fuel pumps.

The division's "man of steel" is Petty Officer Second Class Carlos Casares. The hull maintenance technician does all welding and makes and fixes things made of steel.

Electrical repairs are done by the division technicians Petty Officer First Class Larry Zschiedrich and Petty Officer Second Class Henry Metral. As new sailors, Hopper and Seaman Recruit Nathaniel Hampton handle such duties as paint-chipping and general cleaning.

Besides handling his storekeeping duties, Petty Officer 2nd Class Kurt Busjahn joins Fontanez, Zschiedrich and Torres as a dock master. They are a popular group because part of their job is to connect Defense Switching Network telephone lines to the ships so incoming sailors can call friends and loved ones.

With so many ships traveling here, there's hardly a dull moment. In 1991, Wise saw a ship carrying 5,000 pounds of seized cocaine. He's also seen four decommissioned nuclear submarines travel through the canal which he considers a "major evolution."

Despite the division's long work week, there's still time for fun. Before the 1991 UNITAS exercise, two Japanese destroyers docked in Panama and played members of the division in sporting events.

"Although we couldn't communicate with the Japanese sailors, we were able to play softball games with them. We also saw how foreign sailors of our rank act. It really bonds us together," Andreka said.



Frank Brown

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. James Yocum

# Play Me A Tune, You're The Piano Man

**Teacher puts three decades of fun to work**

by Sgt. James Yocum  
Tropic Times staff

FORT CLAYTON (Tropic Times) - The piano teacher wasn't upset that one of his students missed a class — even though she didn't call to cancel. As he waited for his next student, he ran his fingers along the piano that's been his trademark for the last 30 years.

Wearing the brown hat that most students have never seen leave his head, even during their recitals, Frank Brown moved into a melody that matched his words.

"What you really have to do with music is to get where it comes from," he said, playing a slow, western version of *Home on the Range*.

"If it's Argentine, play it like someone from Argentina would like, say for

instance..." he said as he lapsed into a quick, upbeat tango. "What I try to do is get the real rhythm of the place it comes from."

Brown didn't always teach music. He started out playing part time for churches in Colon and later moved to Panama City, where he began teaching.

He learned to play at a conservatory. He had to travel from the Atlantic port town to Panama City several times a week to take 15-minute classes with the instructor. It was during one of those classes that the instructor asked him if he wanted to come on the weekends for more in-depth classes.

Brown took him up on the offer and became a better pianist for it. As he matured and got better at the piano, more and more opportunities opened up for Brown.

"I've had offers from hotels to play for them, but I say no," Brown said, playing a haunting version of *Amazing Grace*.

"But, I'll stay with the church," he said, moving into an slightly faster version of *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*. "I

*"Music tells us how we're living. It tells what era the composer lived in, what was going on at the time it was written."*

**Frank Brown**  
Piano instructor

love this music."

Brown credits his wife — a faithful Seventh-Day Adventist — for keeping him with the church. He said he likes religious music because it's so emotional.

"I like my music to have heart — real emotion," he said. "Music tells us how we're living. It tells what era the composer lived in, what was going on at the time it was written."

Brown took the job of teaching at Valent Recreation Center on Fort Clayton to help fill his free time and satisfy his love of teaching and helping children.

"I used to get off work and not have anywhere to go," the visual information specialist for the Panama Canal Commission said. "Then they offered me this."

Brown said he jumped at the offer. "Most of my free time is devoted to

helping kids. I teach calculus, math, anything. I like to get deep into the students and find out what they have in their minds."

Brown said it's painful sometimes when he has to see his students leave because their parents move back to the states.

"I've got some bright students that after one year, they play beautifully," he said. "It hurts me that after they begin to get better, they quit."

"I like for my students to learn to play the music right, then improvise," he said, tapping out his version of *I Did it My Way*. "When they can do that, they're ready to play anything."

Brown said he always accepts new students, but current students have priority. For information, call 287-6500.

# Aircrrews share plane

by Spec. Jeffrey von Beltz  
363rd Public Affairs Detachment

HOWARD AFB (Theater Support Element) - Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units recently took a break from airlift support throughout Central and South America to escort more than two dozen pre-schoolers from Howard AFB and Albrook AFS through C-130 Hercules cargo planes.

One group of children from the bases' Child Development Center's Enrichment Program giggled and squealed as they climbed up into the plane's cockpit, sat in the pilots' and navigator's seats and tentatively reached for the controls of the aircraft.

Another wandered into the cargo area and bounced on the red nylon web seats where "sticks" of paratroopers sit before "hooking up and shuffling to the door."

Still another group walked up to the rear cargo door and slid their small feet over the steel rollers used to off-load cargo.

When they have the time and are not too busy, the aircrrews enjoy taking people through their aircraft, according to TSgt. Richard Kennedy, a U.S. Marshal in Atlanta from Douglasville, Ga., and member of the Georgia Air National Guard's 165th Air Group, headquartered in Savannah.

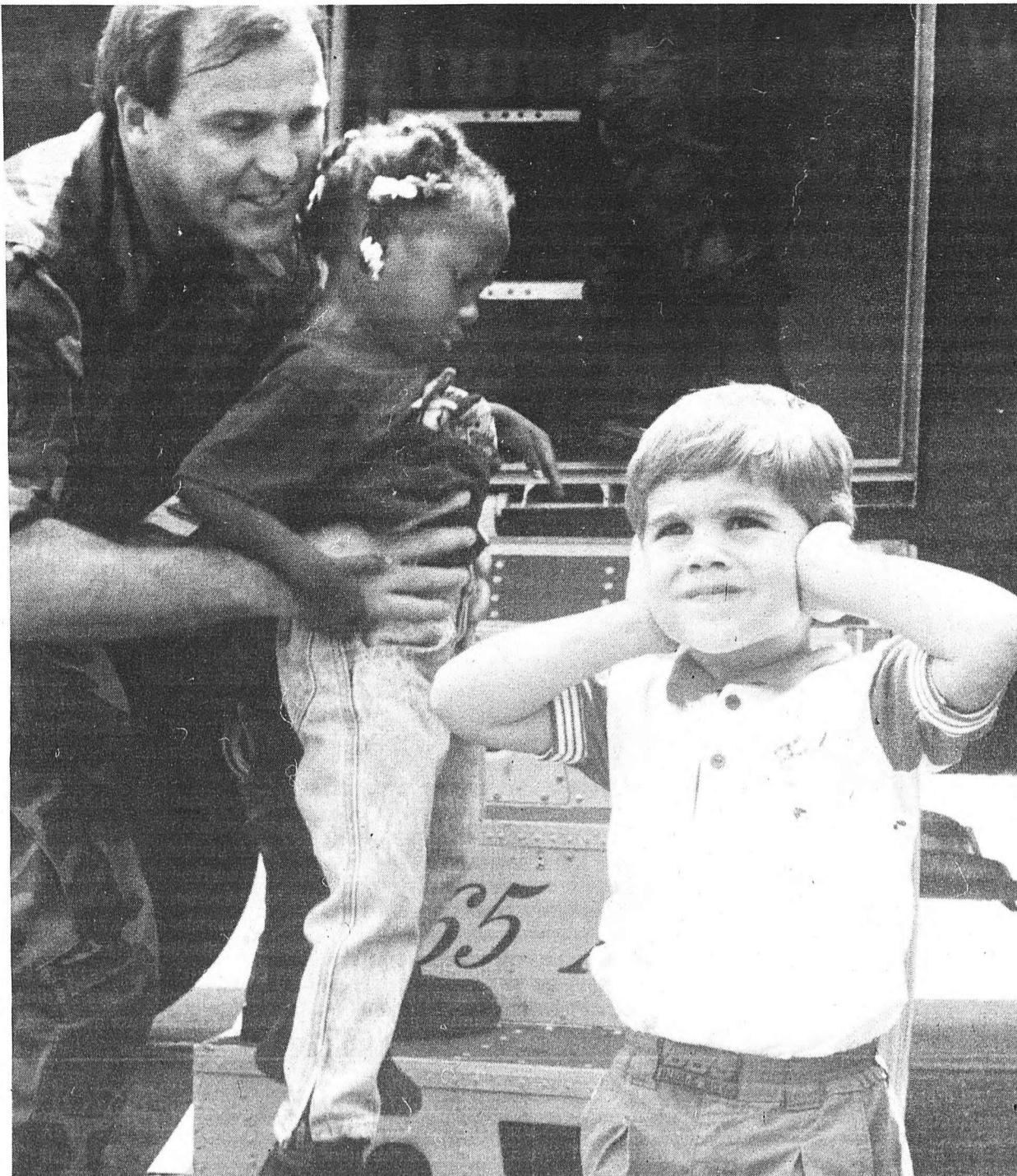
But when the crews are busy, it's a whirlwind of activity known as Volant Oak.

Volant Oak began in 1977, when the Military Airlift Command was tasked with providing aircraft and crews to support operations being conducted throughout the Southern Command's area of responsibility, which is Central and South America.

Operating from Panama, the Volant Oak mission is an on-going task, which includes logistic, counter-drug and disaster relief airlifts and contingency support to embassies, active duty, Reserve and Guard units operating throughout Latin America.

In order to accomplish the mission, the Military Airlift Command obtained operational control over 19 Air National Guard and 14 Air Force Reserve components from across the United States, which are sent to Panama in overlapping deployments.

While supporting Volant Oak during two weeks of annual training, Sept. 5-19, three C-130 crews from the



Theater Support Element photo by MSgt. Mark Yehling

TSgt. Richard Kennedy helps Jaleesa Greogry down the steps from a C-130 Hercules, while Krayton Polka covers his ears to quiet the noise from the take-off of another plane.

118th Air Wing, Air National Guard in Nashville, Tenn., logged more than 130 flight hours, carried 279 tons of cargo and safely delivered nearly 400 passenger in the area of operations.

"And that's the norm for a two-week tour," according to Lt. Col. Luke Hill, mission commander, who

retired from the Tennessee Air National Guard at the close of business Sept. 19 after more than 24 years of service."

"Our tours down here are a lot of work," said Hill, a 727 pilot with American Airlines and resident of Charlotte, N.C., "but we're trained up for it."

## Reserve military policemen walk Panama beat

by Spec. Jeffrey von Beltz  
363rd Public Affairs Detachment

FORT CLAYTON (Theater Support Element) - It was 9:35 p.m. on Sept. 16 when six military police patrol vehicles responded to a domestic disturbance in Fort Clayton's housing area.

By 10:45 p.m., the disturbance had been quelled and the military policemen, including elements of the Missouri National Guard's 3175th Military Police Company, Warrenton, Mo., were back on the beat.

"This is real life," said SSgt. Richard Raskovich, a 3175th squad leader and part-time deputy for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

"I keep telling the kids, this is for real. We're out there ticketing people, taking prisoners and placing them in custody," he said.

The 200-member 3175th Military Police Company, consists of Guardsmen from St. Clair, West Plains, Cape Girardeau and Warrenton.

The unit is the largest physical security force in the state.

This year, the 3175th is conducting two-week annual training in Panama in three, 40-person continuous deployments where it gains the type of experi-



Theater Support Element photo by Spec. Jeffrey von Beltz  
SSgt. Frank Thrower (left) directs a HMMWV driver to the next drop off point for the night beat of the 3175th Military Police Battalion as fellow military policemen unload the vehicle.

ence which proved invaluable when the unit was most recently activated for Operations, Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"When I first became involved in the annual training in Panama, I thought it was just a hokey job, just practice, but it's not," said Raskovich.

One of the military policemen's tasks while in Panama is animal control, the capture of stray dogs and cats that are taken to the veterinarians and held until claimed or adopted.

The Missouri Guardsmen also trap wild animals, such as snakes and alligators, which they try to return to their

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**Raskovich**  
3175th squad leader

natural habitats or place in zoo facilities.

The 3175th soldiers are also involved in routine vehicle and foot patrols, gate-guard duty, traffic law enforcement, U.S. mail security, and the control of prisoners in custody.

Several unit members voiced concerns about whether the company will be back in Panama for future annual training tours.

Members of the company will be attending various military schools in the United States next year, and will not be training overseas.

"We'll be standing down for training next year," said Raskovich. "We don't know what's going to happen after next year."

"We probably won't be back," said Raskovich.



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## Curundu Cougars blank Balboa Bulldogs 18-0

by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall  
Tropic Times Sports Editor

**BALBOA STADIUM** (Tropic Times) - Turnovers. It's been the only thing that has kept the Curundu Cougars and Balboa Bulldogs from having unbeaten football seasons this year. The dreaded turnover affected Curundu Sept. 25 and caught up with Balboa Friday night.

The Cougars (5-1) atoned for last month's 22-12 loss to the Bulldogs (5-1) with a 18-0 win and a share of first place in the Department of Defense Dependent Schools - Panama Interscholastic Football League.

In the first matchup, the Bulldogs turned two early Cougars turnovers into two quick touchdowns. Friday night, the Cougars were aided by seven Bulldogs turnovers, and the coaches were the first to admit that it was the key to victory.

"The Bulldogs are always prepared and motivated," Cougars head coach Fred Bales said. "We made some mistakes in the first game that helped them win and they did the same Friday night."

Bulldogs coach Vince Martinez said two things were key in game two.

"They capitalized on our mistakes, but their tough, swarming defense shut us down," Martinez said.

Although not known for their passing game, the Cougars came out firing on their first possession. Knowing the Bulldogs had a strong run defense — especially in the secondary — coach Bales wanted to keep them on their toes.

"We wanted the Bulldogs to concentrate on stopping the pass so we could run the ball better," Bales said. "We weren't even concerned about completing the passes."

One of the early plays through the air worked — a 10-yard toss from quarterback Robbie Garcia to tight end Rick

Szymanski. The Cougars completed only one other pass on the night, but rumbled for 199 yards on the ground.

The first big play of the game came from the Cougars defense. Cornerback Rudy Waller stepped in front of the intended receiver, intercepted the pass and returned it to midfield. The Cougars didn't score on the next drive, but it helped them win the field position battle as they pinned the Bulldogs at their own end.

The Cougars defense also chalked up the game's second big play.

Defensive end Mike Morgan recovered a fumble deep in Cougars territory that stopped a Bulldog drive.

The Cougars offense capitalized on that turnover with a two-play, 71-yard scoring drive. Szymanski caught a 25-yard pass over the middle, followed by a 46-yard run off tackle by tailback Rey Williams that gave the Cougars a 6-0 lead.

The team traded stalled drives for the rest of the first half.

In the second half, some of coach Bales' homework paid off. He called a play that was designed by former Duke coach Steve Spurrier. It's a counter off a sweep action, and Williams made it look easy.

With the ball on the Bulldogs 19-yard line, Williams took the pitch from Garcia and faked right, then turned left and picked up 18 yards. Garcia scored on the next play on a keeper and the Cougars led 12-0.

An interception and hard inside running by linebacker/fullback Raphael George helped set up the Cougars final touchdown. He rumbled for nine- and 10-yard runs to the Bulldogs one-yard line. Garcia scored his second TD on a keeper to close out the scoring 18-0.

Even though the turnovers and big plays were most noticeable, Bales said



Photo by Bob Weedin

Curundu Cougars quarterback Robbie Garcia hands off to fullback Raphael George.

his linemen won this game. Left guard/nose guard Joseph Lopez, right tackle/defensive end Mike Morgan, right guard/defensive end Bryan Smith and center/noseguard Steven Wheeler played the whole game and accomplished their mission — to stop Bulldog linebacker Ryan Underwood.

"If we didn't block Underwood, we weren't going to win the game," Bales said. "In our only loss he must have had 15 or 20 tackles against us. Thanks to the great game plan coach Al Grade implemented, we we're able to stop him."

Stopping Bulldogs star running backs Paolo Ameglio and Jerome Price didn't hurt the Cougars chances either. The Ameglio-Price tandem have been known to surpass the 100-yard mark often this season. The Cougars held it to 40 yards

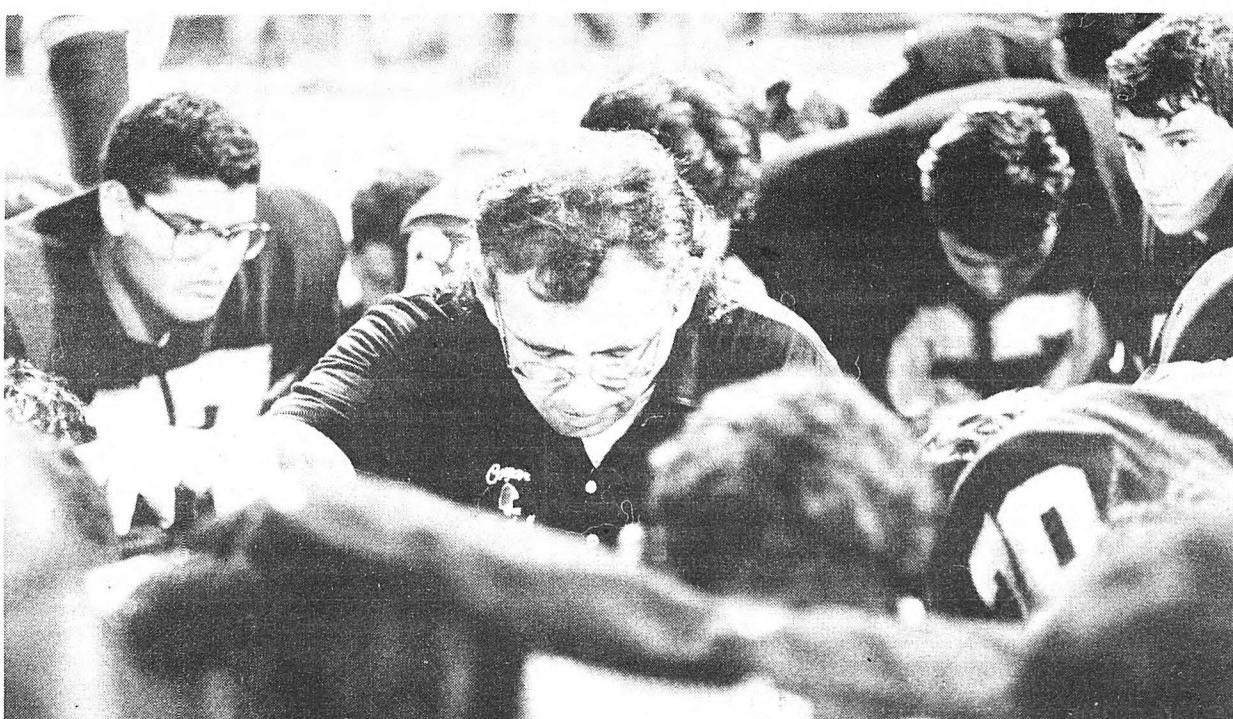
on 16 carries.

### Cougars 18, Bulldogs 0

	Cougars	Bulldogs
First downs	11	4
Rushes-yards	42-199	21-45
Passing yards	35	31
Comp-at-int	2-7-0	2-9-3
Return yards	50	129
Fumbles lost	2	4
Punts-avg.	4-32.7	4-30.5
Penalties-yards	5-45	5-50

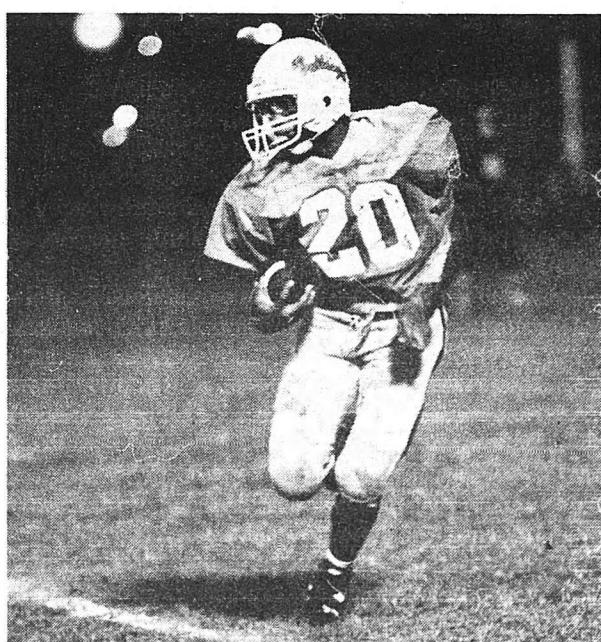
#### Individual stats

RUSHING - Cougars, Williams 16-113, George 9-36, Von Hollen 5-26, Szymanski 3-15, Fishbough 1-5, Garcia 7-1, Waller 1(minus 7). Bulldogs, Ameglio 10-30, Price 6-10, Nieves 2-6, Howard 2-1, Oliver 1(minus 2). PASSING - Cougars, Garcia 2-7-0-35. Bulldogs, Beattie 2-7-2-31, Ameglio 0-1-0, Price 0-1-1 0. RECEIVING - Cougars, Szymanski 2-35. Bulldogs, Ameglio 1-27, Price 1-4.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall

Curundu Cougars head coach Fred Bales gives his team a pep talk before the game.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall

Bulldogs split end Jerome Price was held to 10 yards on six carries and one reception for four yards.

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# Bulldog-Cougar series holds rich history

by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall  
Tropic Times Sports Editor

Some football coaches consider their sport a war. Some call it just a game. Fred Bales and Vince Martinez have weathered a war and love their game.

Bales, the Curundu Cougars coach, and Martinez the Balboa Bulldogs head man, have battled on the gridiron since 1986, but their history goes back much further.

Before becoming head coaches, Bales and Martinez were assistants with the Balboa Red Machine. After a 48-0 loss in 1978, they spent what seemed like hours just staring at the scoreboard.

Bales remembers that night well.

"We both said that we knew too much about football to lose by that many points. I decided that I was going to learn more about the game, or I was going to get out of the business."

Martinez felt similarly.

"I felt that as coaches we needed to keep the score closer, for the kids' sake."

For Bales and Martinez, the scores got closer and they became great coaches.

Bales took over the Cougars in 1983 and Martinez became Bulldogs coach in 1986. In 1985, Bales' team was co-champions with the Bulldogs. In 1986, Martinez's team went undefeated and claimed the title.

Three years later, Bales and Martinez faced each other and uncertainty. The year was 1989. It was a turbulent time. The game was moved from Balboa Stadium to Jarman Field for security reasons.

"When the national anthem played, I thought maybe it was for the last time," Martinez said. "Coach Bales and I thought the football program would be cancelled." Bales and the Cougars won the



Bales

## Bulldogs-Cougars head-to-head matchups

Below is a list of the Bulldogs-Cougars results since the Cougars' inaugural 1983 season. The Cougars hold a 11-9 advantage.

1983 - Cougars 15, Bulldogs 8; Bulldogs 29, Cougars 14.

1984 - Cougars 13, Bulldogs 8; Cougars 20, Bulldogs 0.

1985 - Cougars 20, Bulldogs 17; Bulldogs 20, Cougars 15.

1986 - Bulldogs 14, Cougars 7; Bulldogs 29, Cougars 0.

1987 - Bulldogs 21, Cougars 7; Bulldogs 19, Cougars 0.

1988 - Bulldogs 35, Cougars 0; Bulldogs 14, Cougars 6.

1989 - Cougars 21, Bulldogs 0; Cougars 18, Bulldogs 7.

1990 - Cougars 18, Bulldogs 0; Cougars 16, Bulldogs 0.

1991 - Cougars 14, Bulldogs 0; Cougars 22, Bulldogs 0.

1992 - Bulldogs 22, Cougars 12; Cougars 18, Bulldogs 0.

game and championship 18-7 in what Bales called "calf-high mud."

The Cougars won championships in 1990 and '91 and are battling the Bulldogs for this season's title.

Bales says he owes a lot of his success to the current principal of Balboa High School, Ernie Holland.

"He was and is an outstanding football coach," Bales said. "He coached the Bulldogs for 15 years and brought a quality of football here that this league had never seen. He helped all the coaches he has worked with improve their game," Bales said.

Martinez was influenced early in his life by a legendary coach. Martinez was a polio-stricken boy scout in the 40s. As part of a troop for handicapped scouts, Martinez saw College Football Hall of Fame coach Bud Wilkinson on the sidelines — literally. The scouts were allowed to view Oklahoma Sooners games on the sidelines, right behind the players and

coaches. Martinez considers himself to be one of the lucky scouts at the game.

"I was able to walk, so I pushed other scouts in wheelchairs around to watch the games in 1950 and '51."

As a teenager, Martinez attended the University of Oklahoma. Students were allowed to watch the Sooners practice twice a week. Martinez's timing was a little unlucky. As a freshman, Martinez saw Wilkinson's 47-game winning streak halted by Notre Dame in 1957. Martinez's luck improved, as he met the famous Sooners coach twice.

Bales wasn't in Oklahoma to see that incredible streak, but has received a lot of advice from top college coaches. He's received books and information from Lou Holtz, who was coaching at Arkansas at the time, and current Washington Huskies coach Don James and others.

"I'm surprised at how much coaches care about each other," Bales said. "I just sent out form letters to coaches all over the United States asking for advice. So many have sent me so much good information."

The reason could be that football coaches all over the world have a common bond — a love for the game.



Martinez



Photo courtesy of the USARSO Army 10-miler team

The U.S. Army South 10-miler team had a chance to meet the sergeant major of the Army while in Washington D.C. for Army 10-miler. From left are: Front row: Brian Couth, Co. B, 536th Engineers; Deborah Weslow, MEDDAC; Mary Fetter, HSC, 142nd Med.; SMA Richard A. Kidd, Linda Wozniak, Co. A, 193 Spt.; Reuben Tull, Co. A, 154th Signal; and Kenneth Riggsbee, 59th Engineers. Second row: Norma Alderete (kneeling), HSC, 536th Engineers; Willie Moye, Co. B, 193rd Spt.; Henry Sepulveda, Co. D, 142nd Med.; Millie Daniels, HHC, 154th Signal; Eva Foster, CRD Special Sports Director; Corey Smallwood, HHC, 5/87th Inf.; Ejnor Allen, Co. A, 154th Signal; and Deidre Campbell, HSC, 747th MI.

## Army 10-milers excel

by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall  
Tropic Times Sports Editor

WASHINGTON D.C. (Tropic Times) - Murphy's Law tried to wreak havoc on the 1992 U.S. Army South 10-miler team and failed miserably. The six-man, six-woman team battled nagging injuries, endured months of tough training and answered the call in the nation's capital Oct. 11.

Because of a computer breakdown, only individual times were identified immediately for the estimated 5,000 runners. Some of the approximately 500 team times were computed shortly after. Officially, the USARSO men's team had

the third best military team average time at 55:215, only 10 seconds slower than 1991. The USARSO women had a 70:01 average time and unofficially came in fourth. The average times were determined by taking the four best times from each team. In 1991, the USARSO men's team came in fourth overall. The women set the course record for female military teams in 1991 with a 69:34 time. Henry Sepulveda came in second in his age group and 24th overall at 53:47.

The top men's military team was the Military District of Washington with a 55:02 time. The first female military

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HALFTIME REST - Cristobal Tigers guard/defensive tackle Jay Laatz rests during halftime of the Tigers' game against the Red Machine.



### Red Machine 17, Tigers 0

	Machine	Tigers
First downs	10	12
Rushes-yards	31-217	40-138
Passing yards	17	45
Comp-att-int	2-6-1	4-8-2
Return yards	28	45
Fumbles lost	3	3
Punts-avg.	4-35.2	4-25.2
Penalties-yards	16-150	3-35

### Individual stats

RUSHING - Red Machine, Thompson 16-144, Gutierrez 4-44, Olton 2-29, Corrigan 8-1, Cisneros 1 (minus 1). Tigers, Townsend 16-125, N. Acosta 9-28, B. Acosta 5-11, McDonald 1-2, Alvarez 9-28.  
PASSING - Red Machine, Corrigan 2-6-1 17. Tigers, 4-8-2 45.  
RECEIVING - Red Machine, Hovan 1-12, Graham 1-6. Tigers, Cox 1-32, N. Acosta 2-18, Alvarez 1 (minus 5).

# 26 triathletes attack Rodman triple threat

by Monique Chere  
Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation

RODMAN NAVAL STATION (Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation) - Slicing through water, whizzing around curves, then propelling themselves downhill for the last stretch, 26 competitors finished the Navy MWR-sponsored Rodman Naval Station triathlon here Sunday.

They took to the water (500 yards of it at Rodman Pool), took to the road (16 kilometers of it towards Empire Range) and took to the streets (5 kilometers of it on a looping back road to Building 4 near the front gate) and returned to the Officers' Club.

Three services were represented and one civilian from the Department of Defense Dependents' School competed. Naval Special Warfare Unit Eight had the best representation with 12 competitors.

The participants were divided into two waves. First-timers and father/son teams were in the first group. The second group was more experienced. Some like Thom Maholic — who had three triathlons to his credit — and others like Mike Sonney who was fresh off a stateside triathlon.

With even strokes, the second wave outdistanced the first group. They pulled themselves out of the water, dripped over their shoelaces and strapped on their helmets.

Swimmers became bikers.

Because of the small number of participants, athletes were spread out. Hands snatched at water spot cups. They leaned over the handlebars on the way back home.

Bikers became runners.

Wobbly legs gathered speed and headed up the road, through the gate by the housing area, back towards Building 4, and down the main road to return to the club — for the last time.

Spectators cheered as a flash of red appeared from around the corner. In a short time, runners stretched under the banner with increasing frequency.

Gathering breath, the competitors crowded around the parking lot to listen to the winning names and times. Many already knew their fate.

Winning teams, age group victors then overall champions were announced.

The two boys that participated, Bradley Schoultz, 12, (1:12:41) and Ian Bernard, 11, (1:16:00) were enthusiastically cheered for their winning performances.

Maholic, 16-29 age group winner, and second overall, said it was his fourth triathlon this year.

"On my last triathlon, I wiped out my bike. I was in Gorgas (hospital) for about a week. But I enjoy doing this!" he said.

One of the triathlon coordinators, Hank Baltar, usually a participant in the events, said he was satisfied with the race but he "would have liked to see women and more teams competing."

"We had good weather, good support, and most of all, it was a safe event."

After the race, bikes were placed atop vans and wet clothing was wrung out. One athlete mumbled something about a huge breakfast, as he cranked up his pickup stereo, sat on the ground and stretched his cramping muscles.

Overall winners were:

Mike Sonney, 310th Airlift Squadron, 53:11; Jesus Carrera, 6933rd Electronic Security Squadron, 55:29; Thom Maholic, 1st Battalion, (Airborne) 508th Infantry, 56:16

16-29

Thom Maholic, 1-508th Infantry, 56:16

Robert Lueken, NSWU-8, 56:41; Gordon Asher, VAW 123, 1:02:55

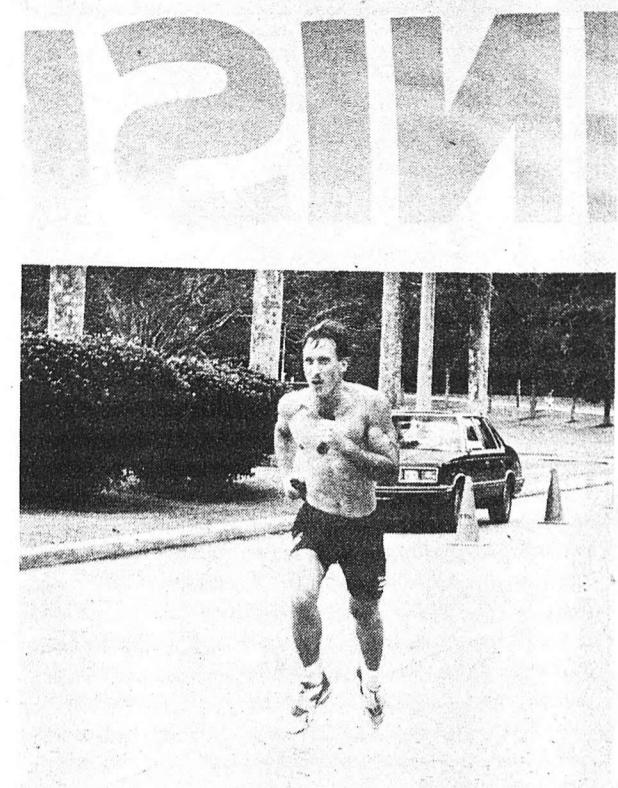


Photo by Monique Chere

William Fix crosses the finish line during the triathlon held on Rodman Naval Station Sunday. Fix's bike had a flat tire during the 16-kilometer bike ride, so had to run while pushing his bike to finish that part of the race.

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Mike Sonney, 310th ALS, 53:11; Jesus Carrera, 6933rd Electronic Security Squadron, 55:29; Dan Boughton, Detachment 10, 79th Test and Evaluation Group, 59:50

40 and above

Web Loudat, DoDDS, 56:43; Mike Peck, U.S. Southern Command, 1:02:03; Carlos Lampas, SOUTHCOM, 1:02:55

Teams

NSWU-8, 55:06, Alex Moore, Mark Kasel, Steve Renly,

NSWU-8, 55:18, David Casale, Christopher Carbery, Leslie Bleamaster.

## Sport Shorts

### Golf tournament

A Veterans Day golf tournament sponsored by AT&T will be held Nov. 11 at Horoko Golf Course. The two-person, best-ball event begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. There will be four flights. Handicaps are as follows: "A" players with 0-7 handicap; "B" players with 8-15 handicap; "C" players with 16-22 handicap and "D" players with 23 and above handicap.

Teams can be chosen by golfers. The team handicap will be 50 percent of the lowest golfer's handicap. For example, if one team member's handicap is 14 and the other is 16, the team handicap will be 7.

Entry fee is \$20 and includes green fees, polo shirt and lunch at the CPO Club Nov. 11.

Entry forms are at the Horoko Golf Course, Rodman Fitness Center, the MWR main office (Building 65) and the Information, Tour and Travel Office (Building 24 next to Pizza Hut).

Call 283-4454/5307 or 283-4222/4061.

### Bowling tournament

The Albrook Bowling Center and the Panama Canal Bowling Association are sponsoring the Pepe Damian Tournament Saturday and Sunday. There is a \$15 entry fee. Entries are limited and prizes will be awarded. Call 284-4818.

### Isthmian Roadrunners

The Isthmian Roadrunners are sponsoring up coming races. A 10-kilometer run will be begin 7 a.m. Sunday at the Kentucky Fried Chicken in El Dorado. A 21-kilometer run will begin 6:30 a.m. at the Summit

Gardens entrance. Call Ed McAleer at 252-2464.

### Atlantic volunteer reporters

The *Tropic Times* needs more Atlantic side volunteer reporters/photographers for stories. Call the sports editor at 285-6612/4666.

### Basketball registration

Registration is under way for the 1992 U.S. Army South unit level basketball program for the Atlantic and Pacific communities. Leagues will run from Nov. 4 to Dec. 21. The tournament will take place Jan 4-11.

A team coaches clinic will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Community Recreation Division Sports Branch, Building 154 for Pacific teams. Atlantic team representatives will meet Nov. 31, at noon at the Sundial Recreation Center. Call the Sports Branch at 287-4050.

### Intramural volleyball

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center is accepting intramural volleyball registration. Call 284-3451.

### Holiday tournaments

Veterans Day sporting events registration is under way until Wednesday. Open events for racquetball, volleyball, and table tennis will be held at Reeder Physical Fitness Center and Valent Recreation Center Nov. 7-11. Call 287-3861.

### Morning aerobics

The Howard Youth Center offers dance aerobics Mondays and Fridays and interval sets workouts on Wednesdays. There is a \$1 fee per class. Call 284-4700.

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team was the U.S. Army Personnel Command which finished with a 69:03 average time.

Some of the team members had to deal with injury going into the race. Others suffered problems on race day. Deborah Wesloh was cut off by another runner after the 9-mile marker. She fell, bruised and scraped her side, hands, knee and elbow. Coach Willie Moye said that

probably added a minute to her time. Reuben Tull went into the race with a pulled hamstring, but still averaged a 5:36-mile pace.

Linda Wozniak suffered severe cramps and dehydration after crossing the finish line. She was taken to a local hospital and was released in satisfactory condition two hours later.

Coach Moye, a member of the 1991 USARSO team, attributes USARSO's good showing to several things.

"We did a lot of interval training this year. We ran a distance, rested for a short while, then ran the same distance again," Moye said. "The team also put in months of hard work, concentrated on a good diet and got proper rest."

The team's top finisher, Sepulveda, said the training program helped him improve from 64th overall in 1991 to 24th this year.

"Coach Moye's program really worked," Sepulveda said. "The intervals

and distance running were a good training combination."

Running 10-milers was something new to Norma Alderete. That didn't stop her from keeping a 7-minute-per-mile pace.

"I've only ran 10 miles twice now — once at the local tryouts and in Washington," Alderete said. "I shaved more than seven minutes off my tryout time and I was so excited. I got so carried away with finally being there I didn't even notice my time," Alderete said.

### Turkey Bowl tryouts

Tryouts for the 1992 Turkey Bowl football tournament will be held Saturday at 9 a.m., at Jarman Field, Fort Clayton. Call Eva Foster at 287-4050.

### Body building championship

The Hickam Sports and Fitness Center in Honolulu is sponsoring a body building contest Nov. 13. All active duty members, their family members, Department of Defense and Non-Appropriated Funds employees 18 or older are eligible. The registration deadline is Tuesday. Call the Howard Sports and Fitness Center at 284-3451.

### Intramural volleyball

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center will register volleyball players for intramural leagues later this month. Call 284-3451.

### 4X4 Club run

The Backcountry 4X4 Club is sponsoring a free Halloween Fun Run Saturday. The run will be followed by an overnight beach trip. Call 268-0061.

### Men's hoops registration

Atlantic unit-level men's basketball registration ends Nov. 4. Call the Fronius Physical Fitness Center at 289-3108.

### Women's hoops registration

Atlantic women's basketball program registration is under way. Call 289-3108.



Nobody asked me, but...

## Favorites will love week 8

by Sgt. John  
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Let's take a back-to-day-flash to week 8 of the 1991 NFL season. The Washington Redskins and New Orleans Saints were 7-0. The Buffalo Bills were 7-1, the Miami Dolphins and Minnesota Vikings were 3-5 and the San Francisco 49ers were 3-4. What a difference a year makes.

**BEARS SEND GREEN BAY PACKING** - The Bears blanked the Packers 10-0 on a Thursday night in week 8 last season. Chicago's defense was very rude to Green Bay quarterback Don Majkowski, who was returning to the lineup after an injury. The "Majik Man" forgot his hocus pocus because he completed a dismal 3 of 16 passes for 32 yards in a 10-0 loss. How ironic the timing of this game is. Majkowski could return to lineup this week, but his replacement Brett Favre is doing just fine. This year's game should be a little higher scoring than last year's shutout, but the result should be the same. Unless the Bears (3-3) go on a massive winning streak, they can forget the playoffs. The records never mean anything in this series because the rivalry is so great.

The question won't be who wins the game, but what will this week's Mike Ditka soap opera be about. Maybe he'll nail Jim Harbaugh with his clipboard. Maybe Iron Mike will choke on three packs of gum and Harbaugh will save him. Maybe Harbaugh won't. **Bears 20, Pack 16.**

**SKINS HALT VIKINGS** - The Minnesota Vikings (5-1) have got to wake up and smell the coffee. They're a good team, but who have they beaten? Green Bay, Tampa Bay, Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago, that's who. The Vikings had to come from behind to beat the Bears and Bucs. The Redskins (4-2) did lose to Phoenix, but also lost to a good Dallas team and beat the Eagles, Broncos, and OK, the putrid Falcons and Lions. The Skins are back on track and the Vikings are going to get derailed. Quarterback Mark Rypien is starting to show what he can do if he gets good pass protection. As long as the Skins avoid giving up the big play and get a few of their own, they should have no problem winning in the Metrodome. **Skins 24, Vikings 17.**

**WHAT UNDEFEATED SEASON?** - Miami (6-0) is under a lot of pressure to stay unbeaten. After all, it was a Don Shula-coached team that went 17-0 in 1972. The Colts (3-3) don't have any pressure on them. In fact, Indianapolis has already tripled its 1991 win total. Miami is looking past this game, the following one

against the Jets and another vs. the Colts. Why? The Dolphins play Buffalo on Monday night, Nov. 16. After the Bills bury them, the fish face Houston, New Orleans, San Francisco and the L.A. Raiders in succession. Miami can forget about 1992 perfection, but Danny Boy will light up the Colts defense Sunday. Marino could hit the 300-yard mark if the Colts rookie defensive gems fail under pressure. **Fish 30, Colts 17.**

**COWER POWER** - Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cower, a Pittsburgh native, returns "home" to Kansas City where he was an assistant under Marty Schottenheimer. Confused? Don't worry, the Steelers (4-2) will look very disoriented in the Sunday night matchup. Cower may know the Chiefs' schemes, but Schotty knows Cower's dreams — a win over the (4-3) Chiefs. Keep dreaming Bill. The Steelers, like the Vikings, have beaten no one of circumstance. The opening-day victory over the Oilers was a fluke. The Steelers got five Warren Moon interceptions, but only won 34-29. Pittsburgh has beaten the lowly Jets, Chargers and Bengals and lost to the lowly Browns and Packers. **Chiefs 20, Steelers 6.**

**CRYBOYS, RAIDERS, OH MY!** - Three weeks ago, this looked like a mismatch and it basically still is. The Raiders (3-4) beat an average Giants team, caught the Bills napping and blanked the Hawks. Not very impressive. The Cryboys — you know somebody asked me why I called them that — are impressive. Being a Pittsburgh native, I had to listen to Cowboys players like Hollywood Henderson whine every time the Steelers beat them in the Super Bowl. I didn't think anybody even read this column. Making a long story longer, the Cowboys (5-1) will romp the overmatched Raiders. Why? Because the Cowpokes have too many offensive threats for the aging Raiders to keep up with. Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin could have a field day. **Cowboys 26, Raiders 10.**

Rounding out the league, Oilers 30, Kitties 17; Browns 18, Patsies 13; Broncos 20, Chargers 19, Bucs 33, Lions 20; Eagles 24, Cards 16; Giants 23, Hawks 6; Bills 38, Jets 16. My season record is 55-33.

The Buckster says: Packers 23, Bears 17; Vikings 24, Skins 21; Dolphins 24, Colts 13; Chiefs 24, Steelers 17; Cowboys 23, Raiders 17; Oilers 26, Bengals 10; Browns 24, Patriots 7; Broncos 17, Chargers 14; Bucs 17, Lions 10; Eagles 20, Cards 12; Giants 14, Hawks 10; Bills 31, Jets 14. Buck's season record is 53-35.

Buck will back for the divine week nine, he'll be on time, he won't whine, get picks better than mine, and with me that's just fine.

## NFL trivia

- True or False. The Bears have won 13 of the last 14 games vs. the Packers?
- Which NFL team was the first to score 400 points in one season?
- Which team averaged 1.2 points per game offensively in 1934?
- Which quarterback had the highest rookie efficiency in history in 1983?

## ANSWERS

- False. The Bears have won 12 of the last 14.
- The 1950 L.A. Rams, 466.
- The Cincinnati Reds scored 10 points in 8 games.
- Dan Marino, 96.0.



AP LaserPhoto

Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith is wrapped up after a short gain against Philadelphia Oct. 5. The 31-7 loss to the Eagles is the Cowboys' only loss of the season.

## First-place Cowboys silencing most critics

**DALLAS (AP)** - Three years ago, in the midst of what was to be a 1-15 season, Jerry Jones, rookie owner of the Dallas Cowboys, sat down with a group of writers and brashly predicted his team would soon contend for an NFL title.

"Chuckle," went the writers en masse, humoring the obviously overenthusiastic Arkansan, who at that point was known best as the man who had fired Tom Landry.

Three years later, the Dallas Cowboys, the NFL's youngest team, is ...

## Contending for an NFL title.

In fact, Jones and Jimmy Johnson have outsmarted the league that chuckled (like the aforementioned writers) when they took over a declining America's Team in 1989. They are not country bumpkins and Johnson is not a college coach out of his element among the pros.

In fact, he and Jones, using players and draft choices obtained in overwhelmingly favorable deals with such pros as Mike Lynn, Al Davis, Jim Finks and George Seifert, have built a team that approaching midseason is one of the three or four legitimate contenders in the 1992 NFL.

Lynn was the major victim, having given up a dozen players and draft choices for Herschel Walker, who never did lead the Vikings to the Super Bowl.

But Finks gave up a No. 1, 2 and 3 for Steve Walsh, currently New Orleans' third-stringer; Davis gave away quarter-

back Steve Beuerlein, who saved Dallas' 1991 season, for a fourth-rounder, and Seifert (for some of those excess draft picks) dealt the out-of-favor Charles Haley from the San Francisco 49ers to the Cowboys.

In fact, Seifert, who could see Haley again in the NFC title game, had good reasons for disposing of him and had a ready replacement in Tim Harris. But if there's one reason the Cowboys are 5-1 and atop the NFL's toughest division right now, it's Charles Haley.

"He's the reason our defense is what it is," says Jim Jeffcoat, the 10-year veteran who serves as the team's elder statesman, designated pass rusher and designated spokesman from the Landry era.

"He may not have the numbers, but he's the reason we have the pass rush we do. He creates havoc and the rest of the guys get to the passer."

Indeed, Haley's number is "one," if numbers are counted by actual sacks recorded. But the Cowboys' team number is 18 after six games, compared to 23 for all of last season — and that speaks volumes — particularly with a still-shaky secondary.

Example: On Sunday, Haley charged inside of Kansas City's John Alt, a Pro Bowl-caliber tackle, and flushed Dave Krieg from the pocket. Krieg stumbled down at the 2-yard-line where he was fallen on by Leon Lett, who got credit for his first career sack.

## Barry is top rusher — Barry Foster that is

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** - The NFL's leading rusher is named Barry — and his last name isn't Sanders. The AFC Central Division leader is named Houston — and it's also named Pittsburgh.

Six weeks into the NFL season, 10 weeks to go, and what's going on around here? The Steelers don't score a touchdown for nearly a month, they barely manage one TD in three quarters against the NFL's worst defense and they're in first place?

And they have the NFL's top rusher? Holy Franco Harris!

"We feel good about where we're at, but it's still real early," Barry Foster, the NFL's top rusher, said. "You can't get too excited because it's so early in the season, but if we get past these next three (games) ..."

The Steelers face an AFC murderers' row of Kansas City (4-3), Houston (4-2) and Buffalo (4-2) the next three weeks, but coach Bill Cowher wouldn't down-

grade Monday's victory just because it came over so inept an opponent.

The Steelers' 4-2 start ties them with Houston for the AFC Central Division lead and is their best since they also were 4-2 in the 1987 strike season. The last time they were 4-2 in a non-strike season was 1983, when they opened 9-2 before finishing 10-6.

"It's a great challenge," Cowher said Tuesday. "I don't think we'll be complacent."

Cowher was as defensive as his Steelers were Monday when it was suggested the Bengals might be the NFL's worst team.

"I don't necessarily agree with that perception of the Bengals," Cowher said. "Any time you get a win over a team in NFL, you should take it in stride. You shouldn't relish it if it's over Cincinnati or the San Francisco 49ers. We know what's ahead of us the next three weeks," he said.

# Jays Key was Game 4 hero

TORONTO (AP) - Four starters instead of three, that was the key. As in Jimmy.

Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston looks like a genius, and Jimmy Key is the reason. Toronto had a 3-1 lead against Atlanta in the World Series with Jack Morris, David Cone and Juan Guzman ready to pitch on full rest.

"Coming into the World Series, I thought our guys pitched a lot of innings," Gaston said. "And I thought Jimmy deserved a chance to pitch. He did a great job for us tonight (Wednesday)."

It would have been easy to come back with Morris on three days' rest. After all, Morris was MVP for Minnesota last year, throwing tremendously in Games 1, 4 and 7 against the Braves.

But Key got the call, and the left-out left-hander was ready. Key allowed one run and five hits in 7 2/3 innings Wednesday night, leading Toronto to a 2-1 victory in Game 4.

"I really did have doubts about whether I would pitch in the Series," Key said. "I didn't see any action in the playoffs because Cito thought the right-handers would be better against Oakland. I was concerned about the layoff, and the club knows I'm not as effective a pitcher when I do have a long layoff. I'm just glad I was able to finish strong."

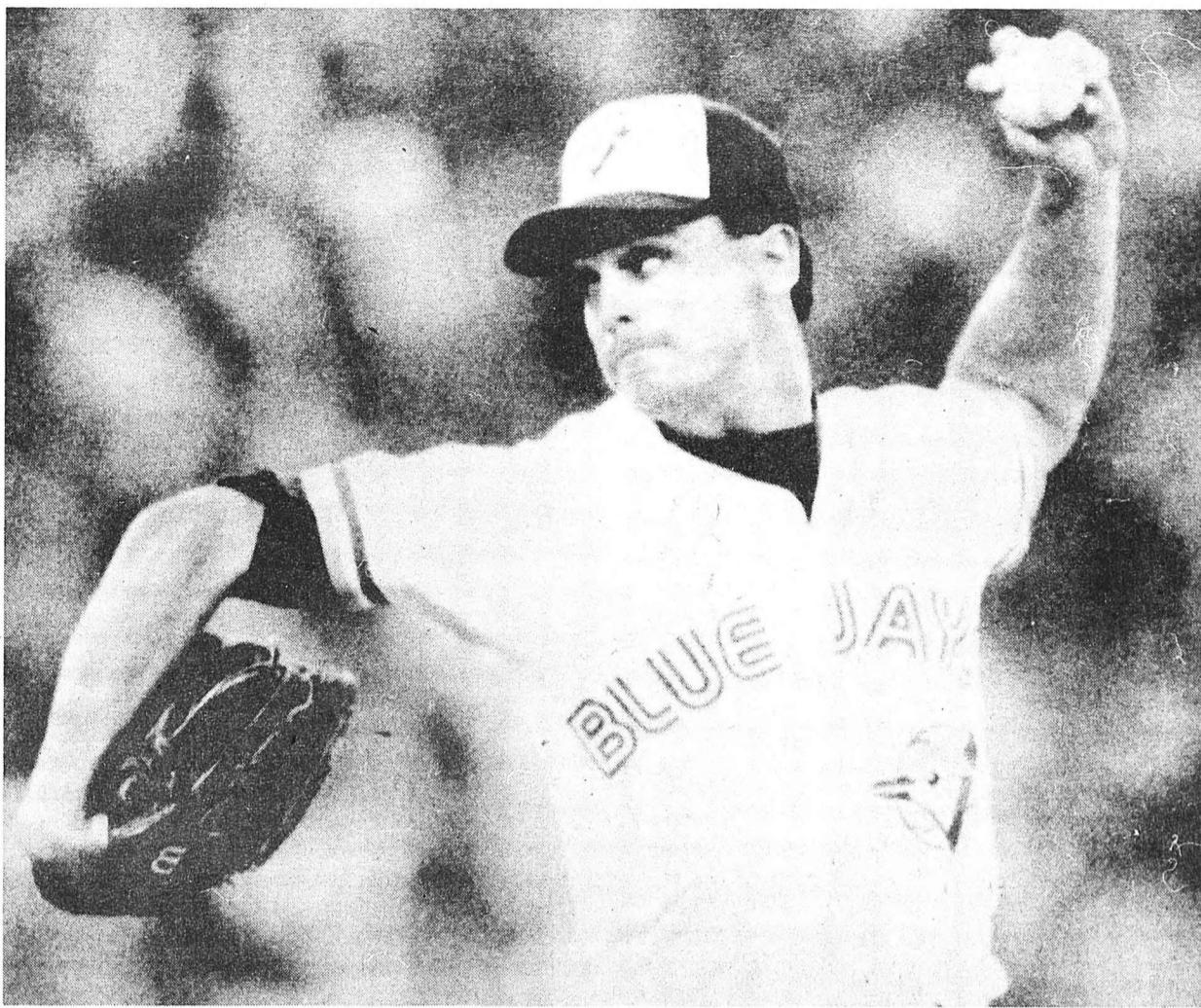
"Key" means important. "Key" means significant. He was both against the Braves.

"He pitched the game of his life," closer Tom Henke said.

While some might have disagreed with the decision before, all were in accord afterward.

"It was a good idea," Guzman said of the decision. Morris, who might have been miffed with the manager, decided the decision struck the right note.

Atlanta's Tom Glavine was less happy with the



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numerology. After winning Game 1, he hoped to bring the Braves to even, not the brink. He followed his opening four-hitter with a six-hitter, but Pat Borders' homer and Devon White's single were too much to overcome.

John Smoltz, who would have won Game 2 until Ed Sprague's heroic homer, followed Glavine Thursday night as the middle man in the trio. He went up against Morris twice in last year's Series, but didn't get a decision.

# Alabama Crimson Tide thinking about No. 1

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) - Alabama coach Gene Stallings said Monday it's too early to be thinking about a national championship, but he realizes his players have their minds on No. 1.

The fourth-ranked Crimson Tide (7-0) solidified its status as a contender with a 17-10 victory at Tennessee this weekend. Alabama has won 17 in a row, the third-longest winning streak in the country.

Stallings said it's premature to be worrying about the rankings with four games left in the season. But the Tide has only one game remaining against a Top 25 team and appears to have a lock on the Southeastern Conference Western Division title.

"I know in the back of their minds that somewhere along the line they are thinking that they've worked themselves into position of having some national recognition, and I have no problem with that at all," Stallings said.

With its victory over Tennessee, Alabama improved to 4-0 in the SEC and built a two-game division lead when Mississippi State was upset by South Carolina.



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Alabama's Derrick Lassie leaps into the end zone for a touchdown in Saturday's win over Tennessee.

# Magic eyes consecutive NBA games

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Magic Johnson, eager to rejoin the Los Angeles Lakers after a one-season absence, says he will probably play several back-to-back games.

Johnson, who stunned the nation last November by announcing he had the virus that causes AIDS and was retiring, said last month he was feeling fine and was returning to the Lakers.

He originally planned to play in 50 to 60 games in the 82-game season after doctors urged him to avoid playing on consecutive nights. But on Monday, Johnson said he could easily play back-to-back games in Pacific or mountain time zones.

"Some of those I'll play. I can play in Phoenix and come home and play, Sacramento and come home. Those aren't

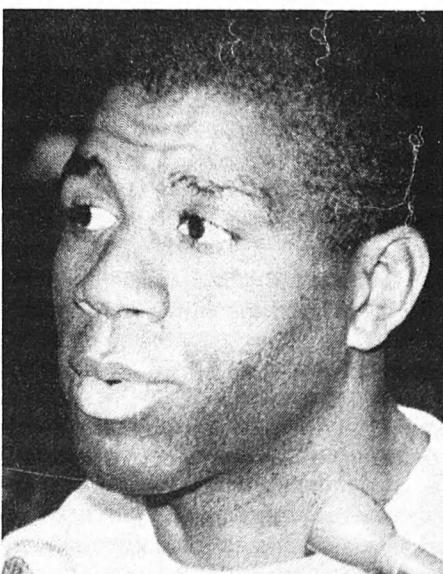
hard trips. Those ones I can make," Johnson told the New York Times.

"There's a chance to play more than I originally said. I never said there was no chance. It's just something we've always said, 'Let's see how I feel.'

"I can't tell you how many I'll play, but I've already added one exhibition game, and there'll probably be some I add again. Once the war of the season starts, we'll see what happens. Yeah, I am an HIV guinea pig. I don't mind that. If people want to use me as an experiment, fine. As long as I'm a basketball experiment and nothing else."

Johnson emerged healthy after a grueling 10-day training camp in Hawaii.

As for Johnson playing more games, teammate Byron Scott said: "Good. Make it 70 now. The more the better."



Johnson

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## Soldiers enjoy return training

by Gregory Thomas  
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - Mid-September marked the first trip to Panama for some "Show Me State" Guardsmen, but for others it was a chance to see how much the country had changed since they were last here.

That last time for most members of the Missouri National Guard was a similar two-week training rotation with the military police of U.S. Army South.

During the last year, more than 500 members of the Missouri Guard trained with their U.S. Army South counterparts in Panama. According to 1st Lt. Douglas Gifford, commander, 3175th Military Police Detachment, Mo. National Guard, they deploy to Panama yearly in groups of 40 to 50 to augment the active Army soldiers at installations on both the Atlantic and Pacific sides of the canal to gain on-the-job experience not available during weekend drills back home."

"We're a heavy security MP unit," said Gifford, a Winfield, Mo. postal service worker. "On the weekends we train on things like soldiering skills and convoy escorts. Whenever we deploy to Panama, our troops go through the same process as when you mobilize for war."

For ROTC cadet Paul Smith, this deployment was especially interesting.

"The last time I was in Panama was during the first week of January in 1990," Smith said. "It was near the



U.S. Army photo by Gregory Thomas

end of Operation Just Cause and things were a mess. Since then, the country has made many improvements. It's quite a visible difference."

A native of Louisiana, Mo., Smith is a senior at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

This was also Sgt. Ernie Ellermann's second trip to Panama.

"We were busy, but we did have a chance to get out and see the country, the islands and the canal," the Dixon, Mo. soldier said.

"This deployment during the rainy season was also

very different from my first trip here," Ellermann said. "Having thunder showers at the same time every day was quite a change from the clear blue skies I saw here during the dry season."

The youngest member of the Show-Me State rotation, Pvt. 2 Steve Dodson, was making memories rather than recalling them.

"It was a very enlightening experience," said the 18-year-old student from St. Louis. "Besides the work, I was shown beaches and ocean for the first time. I never dreamed I would see the Panama Canal."

## Local Girl Scouts start calendar sale campaign



Brig. Gen. David Sawyer, commander 24th Wing, talks with Junior Scout Naomi Groom and Brownie Rachel Baxter about the Girl Scout calendar.

HOWARD AFB (US SOUTHCOPA) - When the topic of Girl Scouts comes up most people think of cookies.

In Panama, the Girl Scouts of America want people to think calendars, not cookies, because that is what they sell.

The annual calendar sales began on Oct. 15 and will continue through Nov. 15 according to Aurora Toth, service committee chairman for the Girl Scouts.

This year the calendars are available in both pocket and full size models, she said. The calendars reach a wider audience because everybody can use them and there are no health or diet problems related to them, Toth said.

Also, with the tropical climate of Panama, large shipments of cookies would be a storage problem, while no such problem exists with calendars, Toth said.

The money raised through the calendar sales will be used for troop activities to

include trips to the Panamanian National Girl Scout camp site in Penonome, local campouts, day camps, hikes and other activities, Toth said.

In addition to raising money to support activities, the process of selling helps the scouts learn about business and sales techniques, Toth said.

In Panama, there are four lone troops which operate individually, cover all ages within their area and report directly to National Girl Scout headquarters.

The Sunshine Lone Troop encompasses the Los Rios area, the Tropical Lone Troop is made up of Howard/Fort Kobbe scouts, the Clayton Lone Troop is made up of Fort Clayton girls and the Atlantic Lone Troop encompasses all scouts in the Atlantic community.

Each lone troop has calendars for sale, with the profits earned being used in their community, Toth said.

## Postal officials offer holiday tips

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - The following Christmas mailing dates and tips are recommended by the 24th Air Postal Squadron to ensure cards, letters and packages reach their destination by Christmas Day.

**Military mail addressed to:**  
APO/FPO AE zips 090-097...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; priority - Dec. 2; PAL - Nov. 22; SAM - Nov. 11; surface - Nov. 1.

APO/FPO AE zips 098...air letters/cards - Nov. 25; priority - Nov. 18; PAL - Nov. 2; SAM - Nov. 2; surface - Oct. 26.

APO/FPO AA zips 340...air letters/cards - Dec. 6; priority - Dec. 2; PAL - Nov. 22; SAM - Nov. 11; surface - Nov. 1.

APO/FPO AP zips 962-966, 987...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; priority - Dec. 2; PAL - Nov. 22; SAM - Nov. 11; surface - Nov. 1.

U.S. domestic zip codes...air letters/cards - Dec. 9; priority - Dec. 2; PAL - no service; SAM - Dec. 2; surface - Nov. 1.

**International mail addressed to:**

Africa...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; air parcel postage

- Nov. 18; surface - Oct. 1.

Australia...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; air parcel postage

- Dec. 2; surface - Nov. 2.

Caribbean...air letters/cards - Dec. 7; air parcel

postage - Dec. 7; surface - Nov. 2.

Europe...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; air parcel postage

- Dec. 2; surface - Nov. 2.

Far East...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; air parcel postage

- Dec. 2; surface - Nov. 2.

Greenland...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; air parcel postage

- Nov. 15; surface - no service.

Middle East...air letters/cards - Nov. 25; air parcel postage

- Nov. 15; surface - Oct. 1.

Southeast Asia...air letters/cards - Dec. 2; air parcel postage

- Dec. 2; surface - Nov. 1.

Central & South America...air letters/cards - Dec. 7; air parcel postage

- Dec. 2; surface - Oct. 1.

**Some Christmas mailing tips include:**

◆ Mail early.

◆ Pack at least two inches of cushioning material on all sides of item. Foamed plastics are excellent packing material.

◆ Use a container that will withstand the weight of the item enclosed.

◆ Seal with filament tape.

◆ Don't wrap a box in paper if there is enough space to write in the address.

◆ Address with indelible ink.

◆ Enclose a copy of the address in the parcel before sealing.

◆ Don't forget the zip code.

\*PAL= parcel airlift, SAM= surface airmail

### Crash kills 1, injures 5

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - Two soldiers, three Panama Canal Commission employees, and a Panamanian were involved in a three-car accident, Oct. 16, on the Bridge of Americas.

A Panamanian taxi driver was pronounced dead at the scene and three others were injured.

The accident occurred about 1:50 p.m., when a soldier's car was following a Panamanian taxi driver eastbound on the bridge.

A car with PCC employees was coming westbound when it crossed into eastbound traffic and collided with the taxi.

The soldier's vehicle following ahead collided into the taxi and the PCC vehicle.

The three vehicles were totalled in the accident.

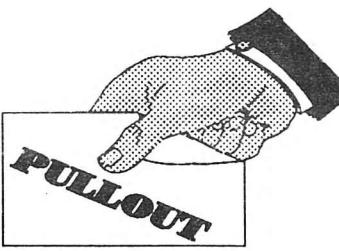
An investigation into the accident continues by Panamanian and military officials.

### Atlantic DCA office moves

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO-ATLANTIC) - The Directorate of Community Activities - Atlantic administrative branch has relocated its office from the Margarita Complex to Building 232, Fort Davis, in the garrison commanders office. The phone number is 289-5075.



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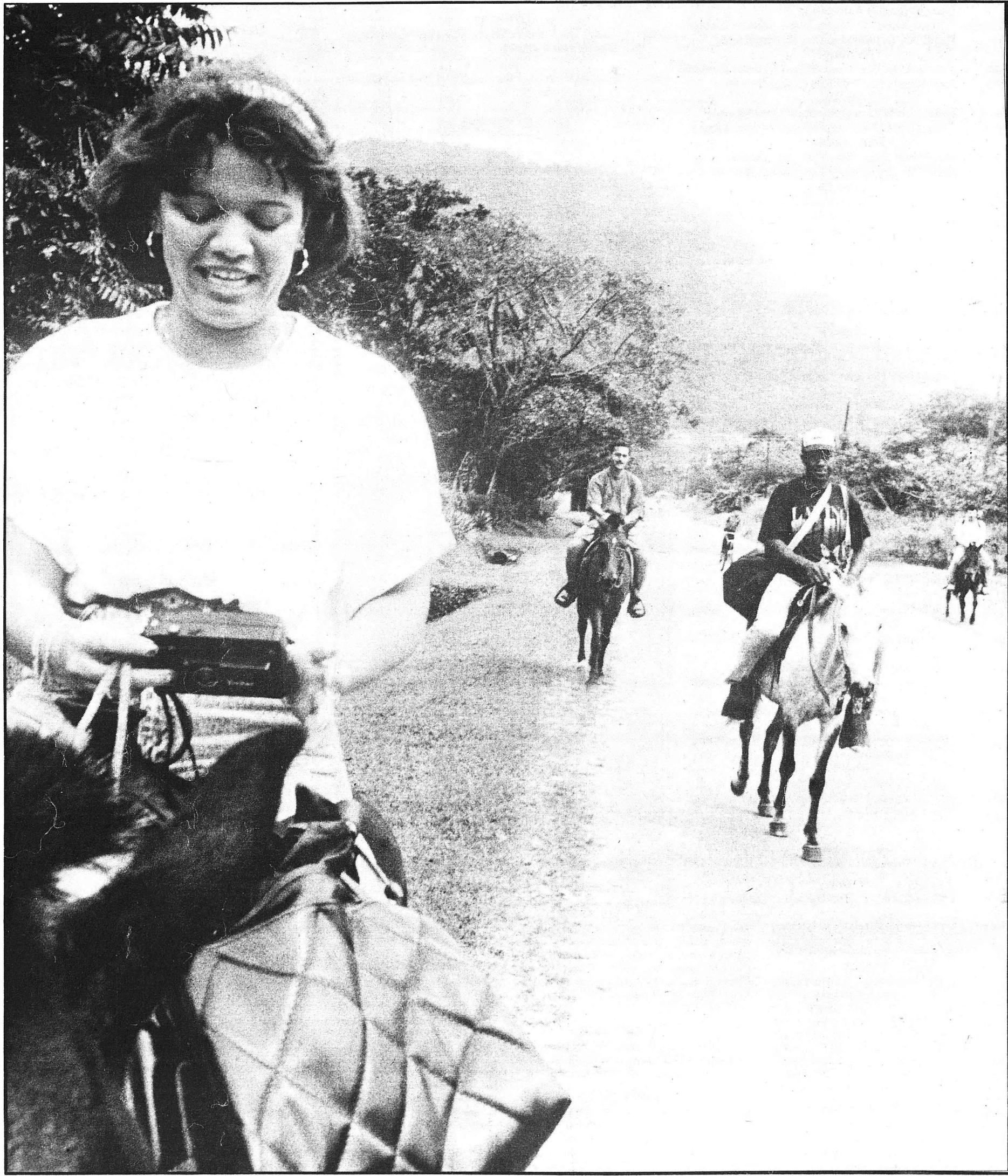


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An entertainment

guide for the U.S. community in Panama

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U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Deborah E. Williams

Dasi Garrido gets her camera ready to take pictures of the scenery in El Valle. See story, photos page B5.

## Movie

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Brandon Lee, Bruce Lee's son, stars in the action thriller, *Rapid Fire*, at the Howard theater.

## Car

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Metro Convertible is cute, extremely economical and low priced; maximum fun for minimum bucks.

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**Movies**

**HOWARD**

Today	
7pm	Bebe's Kids (PG-13) Animated
9pm	Death Becomes Her (PG-13) Goldie Hawn, Bruce Willis, Meryl Streep
<b>Saturday</b>	
2pm	Little Nemo (G) Animated
6:30pm	3 Ninja Kids (PG) Victor Wong, Michael Treanor
9pm	Stay Tuned (PG) John Ritter, Pam Dawber
<b>Sunday</b>	
2pm	Little Nemo (G) Animated
6:30pm	3 Ninja Kids (PG) Victor Wong, Michael Treanor
9pm	Rapid Fire (R) Brandon Lee, Powers Boothe
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7pm	3 Ninja Kids (PG) Victor Wong, Michael Treanor
9pm	Stay Tuned (PG) John Ritter, Pam Dawber
<b>Tuesday</b>	
7pm	Rapid Fire (R) Brandon Lee, Powers Boothe
9pm	3 Ninja Kids (PG) Victor Wong, Michael Treanor
<b>Wednesday</b>	
7pm	Stay Tuned (PG) John Ritter, Pam Dawber
9pm	Rapid Fire (R) Brandon Lee, Powers Boothe
<b>Thursday</b>	
7pm	Rapid Fire (R) Brandon Lee, Powers Boothe
9pm	Stay Tuned (PG) John Ritter, Pam Dawber
<b>Oct. 30</b>	
7pm	3 Ninja Kids (PG) Victor Wong, Michael Treanor
9pm	Rapid Fire (R) Brandon Lee, Powers Boothe

**CLAYTON**

Today	
7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin
9pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich
<b>Saturday</b>	
2pm	Bebe's Kids (PG-13) Animated
7pm	Death Becomes Her (PG-13) Goldie Hawn, Bruce Willis, Meryl Streep
9pm	Lethal Weapon III (R) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover
<b>Sunday</b>	
2pm	Bebe's Kids (PG-13) Animated
7pm	Death Becomes Her (PG-13) Goldie Hawn, Bruce Willis, Meryl Streep
9pm	Lethal Weapon III (R) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover
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**DAVIS**

Today	
7pm	Unlawful Entry (R) Kurt Russell, Madeleine Stowe

**Club calendar**

**Club Amador**

Lunch: Tues.-Fri., 11:30am-1pm. La Concha Restaurant: Tues.-Sat., 6-10pm; Bridge Lounge: Tues.-Thurs., 5-10pm; Fri., social hour, 5pm-midnight; Sat., 6pm-midnight; punch brunch for children, first Sun. each month, 10:30am-1:30pm. Champagne brunch, Sun., 10:30am-1:30pm. Beef & burgundy, Tues., 6-10pm; pasta pizazz, Wed., 6-9pm; Mongolian BBQ, Thurs., 6-9pm. Bingo: Tues.&Wed., 7pm. Reservations: 282-4025/3837/3534.

**Howard Enlisted Members' Club**

Cashier's cage: Sun.-Thurs., 9am-9pm; Fri.&Sat., 9am-11pm; holidays, 4-9pm. Dining: Casual Cove/Tropical Breezeway, Mon.-Fri., 6-30-9am, 11am-11pm, Fri.&Sat., until 1am. Dining room closed for renovation, members may dine at Howard O'Club Mon.-Sat. Ballroom: variety disco Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8pm-midnight. Casual Cove: variety disco Wed., 8pm-midnight, country&western Tues.&Fri., 8pm-midnight, rock&roll, 8pm-1am. Main lounge: Fri.&Sat., 5:30pm-midnight, Wed., 5:30-10pm. Social hour: Mon., Wed.&Fri., reduced price drinks. Bingo: Sun., 2pm; Wed., 7pm; bar bingo, Mon.-Fri., 5-6:30pm; 284-4189, Building 710.

**Howard O'Club**

Cashier's cage: Mon.-Fri., 10am-1pm. Dining: Lunch, Mon.-Fri., 11am-1pm. Full menu Tues., Fri., Sat., and mini-menu Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-9pm.

Thurs., tacos. Fri.&Sat., prime rib/seafood. Dining open to Enlisted Club Members while enlisted Dining Room under renovation. Disco: Fri., 7pm-midnight. Lounge: Mon.-Thurs., 4-9pm, Fri., 4pm-midnight, Sat., 6-9pm. Social hour: Fri. 5-6pm. Bingo: Wed., 6pm. Closed Sun.,&holidays. 284-3089, Building 707

**Top Three Lounge**

Open: Mon.-Thurs., 4-10 pm, Fri., 4pm-1am, Sat., 5-11pm, Sun.&holidays, closed. Social hour: Mon.&Fri., 4:30-6pm. 284-3089, Building 707.

**Albrook Club**

Cashier's cage: Mon.-Fri., 11am-1:30pm. Mon., Thurs., Fri., 2-4:30pm, Wed., 2:30-4:30pm. Dining: Lunch, 11am-1pm. Dinner: Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8:30pm, Fri.-Sat., 6-9pm. Sun., champagne brunch, 10am-1pm. Mon., Mongolian BBQ, Thurs., Mexican. Fri., prime rib/seafood. Sat., steak, Italian 2nd/4th Wed. each month; mini-gourmet, 1st/3rd Wed. each month. Tues., dining room closed, bar menu available in lounge. Disco, Fri., 8pm-1am. Lounge open: Mon.-Thurs., 4:30-10pm; Fri., 4:30pm-1am; Sat., 5:30pm-midnight. Social hour: Fri., 4-6pm. Closed 1st Tues. each month at 2pm. Flea market 1st Sun. each month, 9am-4pm. Texas BBQ last Sat. each month 6:30-9pm, country&western dancing until 1am. 286-4128/3547, Building 13.

**STRAC Club**

Mon.-Wed., 4:30-10pm. Thurs., 4:30-midnight, oldies and classic rock. Fri., TGIF, 4:30pm-1am.

**Rodman Officers' Club**

Open to officers, warrant officers, civilians grade NM-7 and above, and family members. Lunch: Mon.-Fri., 11am-1:30pm. Dinner: Sun.-Thurs., 6-

**Saturday**

7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin
9pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich
7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin

**Sunday**

7pm	Buffy The Vampire Slayer (PG-13) Donald Sutherland, Kirsty Swanson
7pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich
7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin

**Monday**

7pm	Buffy The Vampire Slayer (PG-13) Donald Sutherland, Kirsty Swanson
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7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin

**Tuesday**

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7pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich
7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin

**Wednesday**

7pm	Buffy The Vampire Slayer (PG-13) Donald Sutherland, Kirsty Swanson
7pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich
7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin

**Thursday**

7pm	Buffy The Vampire Slayer (PG-13) Donald Sutherland, Kirsty Swanson
7pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich
7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin

**Oct. 30**

7pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich
7pm	Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin
7pm	Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich

**SHERMAN**

**Today**

7pm	Batman Returns (PG-13) Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito
7pm	Unlawful Entry (R) Kurt Russell, Madeleine Stowe
7pm	NO MOVIE

**Saturday**

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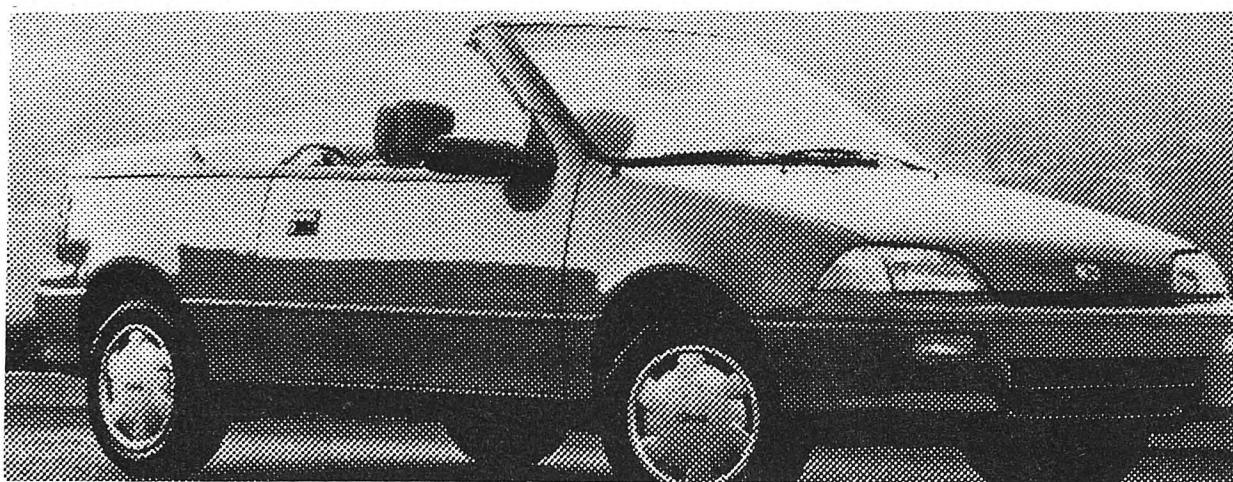


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Widget Woody Woodpecker Bikits Back To The Future 10:30 Faerie Tale Theater 11:15 Headline News Break 11:30 CFA Football: TBA 2:30pm CFA Football: TBA 5:30 Soul Train 6:30 Headline News 7:00 Special: "The Nation's Agenda" Part 3 of 3 8:00 Saturday Night Movie: "Eye of the Needle" 10:00 Headline News 10:30 Saturday Night Live If game 6 of the World Series is not necessary, the following schedule will be in effect: 5:30 Special: "The Nation's Agenda" Part 3 of 3 6:30 CFA: Air Force vs. South Dakota State 9:30 Soul Train Midnight Friday Night Videos 1:00 All Night Movie: "F/X" 3:00 All Night Movie: "Ladyhawke" 5:00 Headline News 5:30 Headline News Break</p>	<p>6:00am Robert Schuller: Hour of Power 6:30 Thirty Good Minutes 7:00 Studio 7 7:30 The 700 Club 8:00 Both Sides w/Jessie Jackson 8:30 Washington Week in Review 9:00 CBS Sunday Morning 10:30 Face The Nation 11:00 Headline News 11:30 This Week W/David Brinkley 4:00 Star Trek 5:00 Headline News 5:30 On Stage '92 6:00 Superstar of Wrestling 7:00 Move Over: "Women and the '92 Campaign" 8:00 Movie: "Baby M" Part 1 9:40 Headline News Break 10:00 Entertainment Week 11:00 Sherlock Holmes Midnight 60 Minutes 1:00 Business World 1:30 Headline News 2:00 McGaughlin Group 2:30 Sports Machine 3:00 CNN Continues 4:00 Headline News 4:30 CNN World Report 6:00 Headline News Break</p>	<p>6:30am NBC News at Sunrise 7:00 ABC Good Morning America 9:00 Body by Jake 9:30 Sesame Street 10:30 Family Double Dare 11:00 Family Feud 11:30 Showbiz Today Noon Headline News Break 12:20 SCN Midday Report 12:30 Sports LateNight 1:00 Donahue 2:00 Another World 3:00 Price Is Right 4:00 Wild &amp; Crazy Kids 4:25 Guiding Light 5:15 General Hospital 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 The Fall Guy 8:00 Evening Shade 8:30 Special: "Frontline - The Politics of Power" 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 L.A. 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## Cable Channel 14

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<p>5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 Good Morning America 8:00 Tale Spin 8:30 Lamb Chop's Play Along 9:00 Today 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show Noon Headline News Break 12:20 SCN Midday Report 12:30 All My Children 1:30 One Life to Live 2:30 The Young And Restless 3:30 Sesame Street 4:30 Leave It Fast! 5:30 Channel One 5:10 After School Special 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 NBC Nightly News 7:00 Beverly Hills 9020 8:00 MacGyver 9:00 ABC News Special: "The Missiles of October" 10:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 11:00 Home Improvement 12:30 Sunday Afternoon Movie: "Missiles of October" 1:30 One Life to Live 2:30 The Young And Restless 3:30 Sesame Street 4:30 Leave It Fast! 5:30 Channel One 5:10 After School Special 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 NBC Nightly News 7:00 Beverly Hills 9020 8:00 MacGyver 9:00 ABC News Special: "The Missiles of October" 10:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 11:00 Home Improvement 12:30 Sunday Afternoon Movie: "Missiles of October" 1:30 One Life to Live 2:30 The Young And Restless 3:30 Sesame Street 4:30 Leave It Fast! 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# Chevy/Geo Metro

## Economic, attractive convertible available

by Zane Binder  
King Features Syndicate

You've probably never thought of the various Metro models from Chevrolet/Geo as one of America's most distinctive lineups. Consider, though, its three basic vehicles including the XFI, the nation's most economical car (53 city/58 highway), and the Metro Convertible, the lowest priced ragtop. With summer approaching, it's appropriate to look at what's available in top-down fun. The Metro Convertible is a "top" choice.

Inside, the Geo offers twin cloth front buckets with Scotchgard fabric protectant standard. The seats are wide and comfortable with plenty of legroom; neither the driver nor passenger is cramped despite the car's small external dimensions. There's no rear bench, the

manually-operated convertible top occupying that area, but there's a small trunk and a carpeted storage compartment behind the front buckets.

The Metro's dash is plain but thankfully contains a cupholder, though it's flimsy. There's also a surprising number of hand-and-dial gauges. The steering wheel is padded and its hub includes an airbag - the only Metro model to employ one. The steering is manual, and except when parking, requires acceptably low effort. The bumpers on this front-drive, Suzuki-built vehicle are 2.5 mile per hour certified, and the brake system consists of power front discs and rear drums. Sadly, the anti-lock isn't available.

Turning to the convertible top, it appeared well-made and fit snugly, with the inevitable air leaks minimal in number. The rear window, of course being plastic, was wavy and already starting to cloud. Body

integrity and stiffness, always suspect on a convertible as the roof can't be used as a stressed structural member, wins no praise.

The top isn't difficult to raise or lower, but does take time, practice, and a thorough reading of the owner's manual.

The Metro Convertible's engine is a 1.0 liter (62 cubic inch) two valves per piston three-cylinder (that's right, a "3") with fuel-injection and 52 horsepower. It's not particularly smooth or quiet, and leaves much to be desired in this 1,753-pound car. Zero to 60 takes 13.5 seconds, adequate but barely. At highway speeds, climbing moderate hills or passing requires at least two downshifts. Fuel economy is a bright spot, though: 35 city and 42 highway (EPA 41/46) were observed on the 268-mile test loop.

The Metro's tiny engine was mated to a rubbery-feeling five-speed manual transmission and light clutch. It wasn't anything to brag about, but seldom annoyed, either.

Talk about ride, and you inevitably hit a sore spot. It's by far the car's worst feature. Large potholes are actually painful, and even smooth freeways won't bring a smile to your lips. The suspension feels loose and flaccid, and definitely needs substantial upgrading.

Handling, similarly, needs a boost. Though the convertible's 13-inch wheels and tires help (other Metros use 12-inchers), the all-season radial leaves lots to be desired. Going around corners produces tremendous body lean, and the slow ratio, non-power steering take a toll too. The turning circle, at just under 31 feet, is among the smallest in the auto industry. Subjectively, though, the convertible doesn't feel that nimble. Handling needs work.

Quality control, as in all Japanese-made vehicles, was excellent. Some Metro trim pieces, though, looked and felt flimsy.

The bottom line on the Metro Convertible is that it's cute, extremely economical and low-priced. It could also, in ways detailed earlier, stand improvement. But for the wind-in-your-hair feeling during those sunny days ahead, it offers maximum fun for minimum bucks.

pepper. Fold two sides of parchment over ham and vegetables, in a two-fold letter fashion. Grasp the two shorter ends and pull up to meet. Double over and fold down open ends to seal.

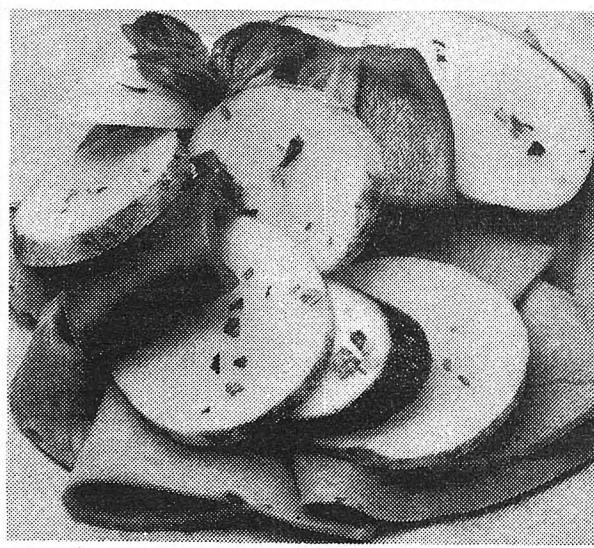
Microwave on high power for five minutes. Let stand three minutes. Carefully cut open. Caution: When cutting packet open, be sure to cut first on the far side, away from yourself, to avoid the escaping steam. Makes one serving.

To make two servings: Double all ingredients. Divide equally between two pieces of parchment. Arrange each packet as directed above.

Microwave on high power for six minutes. Rotates packets one-half turn. Microwave on high for six more minutes. Let stand three minutes. Cut open carefully and serve.

The *Chopping Block* recipe by Philomena Corradino.

**Editor's note:** People interested in sharing a recipe or household tip with *Tropic Times* readers, can send recipes or tips by MPS to *Tropic Times*, Unit 0936, APO AA 34002. Your name and base will be printed with your submission.



Anyone who lives alone knows how trying it is to cook appetizing meals for only oneself, especially after a day's work. It's so much easier to slap together a sandwich, or pick up a pizza or a burger. But that makes eating a routine instead of a pleasure.

Thanks to the microwave oven, getting a single-

### Kitchen Capers

serving meal together is a cinch. In this meal-in-one packet, you have a fully-balanced dinner with a nicely seasoned variety of veggies, meat and potato.

#### Meal-in-one potato packet

1 medium potato, unpeeled  
3 ounces thinly sliced lean ham  
1/2 medium zucchini, sliced 1/4 inch thick  
1/2 medium yellow squash, sliced 1/4 inch thick  
1/2 medium red bell pepper, cut in 1-inch squares  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon dried basil  
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut a 15-inch square of kitchen parchment. Place ham in center; top ham with overlapping potato slices, alternating with zucchini, squash and bell pepper. Sprinkle with lemon juice, basil, red pepper flakes, salt and

Davis. Spec Exp: 4 yrs. in the trade. Form 106. Note: Knowledge of English and driver's license required.

012-93-GG - RECREATION AID, NM-189-3. USAG, DCA, CRD, Sports Branch, Fort Clayton. Gen Exp: 6 months. Form 106.

013-93-GG - OFFICE AUTOMATION CLERK, NM-326-3. USAG, DCA, FSD, ACS, Corozal. Gen Exp: 6 months. Form 106.

014-93-GG - OFFICE AUTOMATION CLERK, NM-326-3. USAG, DCA, CRD, Library Branch, Fort Clayton. Gen Exp: 6 months. Form 106.

016-93-NC - SUPPLY CLERK (O/A), NM-2005-3. Temporary NTE 1 yr. Defense Commissary Agency, Management Support Center, Corozal. Gen Exp: 6 months. Note: Written CASP test and qualified typist required.

017-93-KF - SUPERVISORY TELEPHONE OPERATOR, NM-382-4. 106th Signal Brigade, Telephone Systems Branch, Fort Clayton. Gen Exp: 1 yr. Form 106. Note: Limited to 106th Signal Brigade employees only.

018-93-GG - RECREATION ASSISTANT, NM-189-4. Temporary NTE 1 Yr. USAG, DCA, CRD, Fort Ainsworth. Gen Exp: 6 months. Form 106. Note: Must possess a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certificate.

019-93-GG - EDUCATIONAL AID, NM-1702-4. USAG, DCA, FSD, CDS, Fort Clayton. Gen Exp: 1 yr. Form 106. Note: Applicant selected must complete satisfactory background investigation and may be required to work on weekends and during specific openings of the center.

021-93-NC - MOTOR VEHICLE DISPATCHER, NM-2151-4. 41st ASG, DOL, Transportation Division, Motor Pool Pacific, Corozal. Gen Exp: 1 yr. Form 106.

022-93-VL - SECURITY ASSISTANT (O/A), GS-086-6. Sensitive. HQ, USSOUTHCOM, CMDR IN CH, C/S Intelligence Directorate, Security Division, Quarry Heights. Spec Exp: 1 yr. equiv. to GS-5. TIG: GS-5. Form 106. Note: Limited to SOUTHCOM employees only.

023-93-SS - HOUSING REFERRAL ASSISTANT (O/A), NM-303-S/6. USAG, DEH, Housing Division, Fort Clayton. Spec Exp for NM-5: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-303-4. Spec Exp for NM-6: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-303-5. TIG: NM-5. Form 106. Note: Knowledge of Spanish and driver's license required. Position may be filled at the NM-5 or NM-6 level. Selection at NM-5 will lead to non-competitive promotion to NM-6.

025-93-NR - ELECTRICAL WORKER, MG-2805-8. Temporary NTE 30 SEP 93. USAG, DEH, Operations Division, Maintenance and Services Branch, Fort Clayton. Spec Exp: 2 yrs. in the trade.

026-92-NC - AUTOMOTIVE WORKER, MG-5823-8. 41st ASG, DOL, Maintenance Division, Shop Operations Branch, TARP, Corozal. Spec Exp: 2 yrs. Form 106.

029-93-SS - MATERIALS HANDLER, MG-6907-S. USAG, DEH, Supply and Storage Division, Corozal. Spec Exp: 6 months in the trade. Form 106. Driver's license required. OPEN UNTIL FILLED. Applicants who applied under VB# 486-92-NR need not reapply.

030-93-LA - EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT (TYPING), NM-203-S/6. USAG, DCP, Training and Development Division, Corozal. Spec Exp for NM-5: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-4. Spec Exp for NM-6: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-5. TIG: NM-5. Spec Exp for NM-7: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-6. TIG: NM-6. Form 106. Note: Qualified typist required.

NOTE: VB# 006-93-VL, Biological Specimens Collector, is amended to read: MG-5001-5. VB# 007-93-LA, Social Service Representative, NM-187-5 Dev. 8, is amended to read: Spec Exp: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-4.

The Directorate of Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications for Clinical Nurse. For information call Ms. Erid Sullivan at 285-4116.

## Employment

All applicants should be aware that hiring is severely restricted because of the Department of Defense worldwide hiring freeze. Beginning April 6, the freeze allowed one new hire from outside Department of Army for every four losses to DoD. Placement of current DA employees (including those on leave without pay) is an exception to the freeze. Current temporary employees may now apply against permanent vacancies unless otherwise noted. Specialized experience, when indicated, must be in duties similar to those required by the vacancy.

**Military Spouses:** If available, qualified, and within the area of consideration specified for the vacancy, may be considered subject to the "one-for-four" DA hiring restriction.

**Panama Canal Commission employees:** U.S. and non-U.S. current permanent employees may apply for permanent employment subject to the "one-for-four" DA hiring restriction. Current permanent NAF or AAFES employees who were appointed before Nov. 3, 1989 may now also apply.

**AMENDMENT ON HOW TO APPLY:** Failure to complete U.S. Army South Form 106, when required, could hinder an applicant's chances of being referred for the vacancy. For information, visit the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 560, Corozal.

VB# VACANCIES TITLE AND LOCATION OPEN: 10-23-92 CLOSE: 11-04-92

ATLANTIC:  
015-93-GG - OFFICE AUTOMATION CLERK, NM-326-4. USAG, DCA, FSD, CDS-ATL, Margarita. Gen Exp: 6 months. Form 106. Note: Must be able to drive and driver's license required.

020-93-NR - OFFICE AUTOMATION CLERK, NM-326-4. Temporary NTE 28 Dec 92. USAG, DEH-ATL OPNS., Admin. Section, Fort Davis. Gen Exp: 1 yr. Note: Written CASP test required.

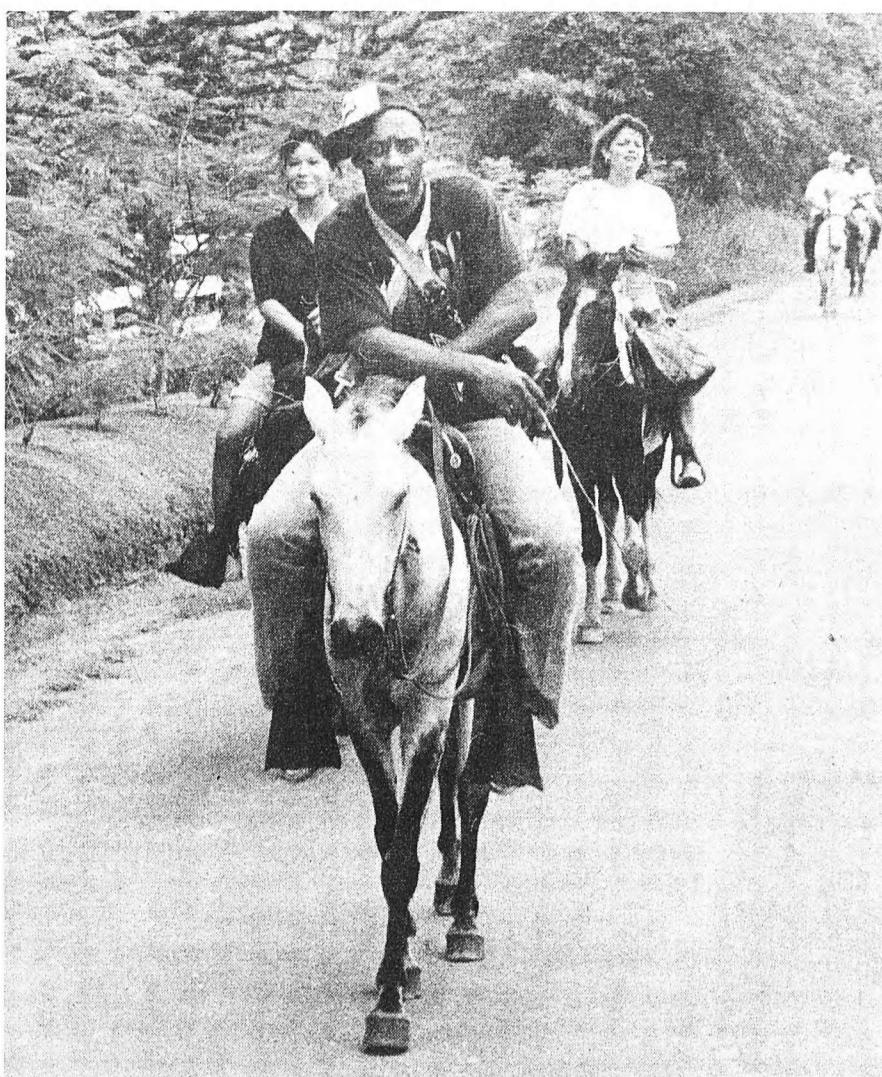
024-93-NR - (3) MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR, MG-5703-6. USAG, DEH-ATL OPNS., Roads and Grounds Section, Fort Davis. Spec Exp: 1 yr. in the trade. Form 106. Note: Driver's license required.

027-93-NR - ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, NM-802-9. USAG, DEH-ATL OPNS., Contract Management Section, Fort Davis. Spec Exp: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-8. TIG: NM-8. Form 106. Note: Driver's license required.

028-93-NR - KITCHEN EQUIPMENT MECHANIC, MG-5310-10. USAG, DEH-ATL OPNS., Maintenance and Services Section, Fort



One of the many waterfalls in the El Valle area.



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Deborah E. Williams  
Donald Baker takes a leisurely pace at the beginning of the horseback riding trip.



Debra Emery and her daughter, Stephanie, take a break beside a fast-moving creek after about two hours of riding horses.

## City cowboys conquer El Valle

When someone mentions El Valle, shopping for fruits, vegetables, plants and handicrafts comes to mind. But the group of 15 people who took a Zodiac Recreation Center sponsored El Valle trip Saturday will probably think of something else, like horses and beautiful scenery.

The group went to El Valle on an Air Force Morale Welfare and Recreation Center sponsored horseback riding trip.

The trip was \$18 as a "special of the week," however the usual price is \$22, said Javier Veliz, MWR Outdoor Recreation manager.

"The trip is for anyone who wants to get out and see the beautiful scenery in the El Valle area," Veliz said. "You don't have to have experience riding horses, there are people to help."

Since most of the people in the group had never

ridden a horse before, the riders had plenty of time to get used to the feel of being on a horse. The riders practiced walking, turning and stopping the horses. Most of the horses were docile but a few of them were spirited enough for the experienced riders in the group.

"If you wanted to have an adventure, you could have been on a horse like the one I had," Veliz said. "He was jumping and kicking all around. It was a lot of fun."

The horses got a chance to rest when the riders dismounted by a stream after about two hours of vigorous riding. Some people stayed by the stream but most of the group wanted to see the some of the spectacular waterfalls El Valle is famous for.

The hike to the waterfalls was tricky at times. But the scenery at the falls was worth the 30 minutes of negotiating slippery banks and 6-inch wide trails.

"The trip was definitely worth it. The scenery in the area is beautiful," said Bobby White, one of the people on the tour. "I really enjoyed myself. I would love to go again."

People who would like to experience horseback riding again, or for the first time, have several options.

The Zodiac Recreation Center sponsors horseback riding in El Valle trips once a month. Zodiac also has shopping trips to El Valle but special trips can be arranged for groups of 10 or more, Veliz said. Call 284-6161/6109, for reservations.

The Howard Riding Stables offer escorted trail rides to Veracruz Beach during the week. Call 286-4920 for information or reservations.

Horseback day trips to Pecora River Valley are available Saturdays and Sundays through the Albrook Riding Stables. Call 287-4411 for reservations.

**Child care****Albrook/Howard**

The Albrook Early Childhood Enrichment Center has openings for 4-year-olds. Hourly care reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance for 3-year-olds through kindergarten-age children. Call 286-3133 to make reservations.

The Howard Preschool and Child Development Center has openings for 3-and 4-year-olds. Call 284-3711.

**Clayton**

The Fort Clayton Child Development Services is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

There are immediate openings in the hourly programs for infants, pretoddlers, toddlers and preschool-age children. Call 287-5657/6812.

**Trips/tours****Albrook/Howard**

The Information, Tour and Travel Office offers a monthly calendar of events and can arrange special trips for groups of 10 or more. Call the Zodiac Recreation Center 284-6161/6109.

All tours require reservations and leave from the Howard Theater.

Factory outlet shopping, today, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4.

Portobelo and Langosta Beach, Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$12.

El Valle shopping, Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m., \$12.

Peacock bass fishing in Arenosa, Sunday, 5 a.m.-2 p.m., \$25.

Free Zone shopping, Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$12.

Overnight snorkeling in Isla Grande, Oct. 30 and 31. The \$45 fee includes accommodations.

Specials of the week - Barro Colorado Island Smithsonian Reserve, Wednesday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m., fee is \$60.

Panamanian dancers and dining, Paitilla Plaza Inn, Wednesday, 6-11 p.m., fee is \$2 for transportation.

Horseback day trips to Pecora River Valley, Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. The \$25 fee includes transportation, horse rental and lunch. Call 287-4411 for reservations.

**Clayton**

Valent Recreation Center and the Outdoor Recreation Center are offering the following tours, for which reservations are required. Call Valent, 287-6500/4201 or Outdoor Recreation Center, 287-3363.

Contadora weekend trip, Saturday and Sunday. The fees, \$160 per couple and \$109 per single, include transportation to Paitilla Airport.

Bass fishing trip for youths 10-18 years old, Saturday. The \$10 fee includes transportation, boats, tackle, bait and guide. Volunteer parents go free.

Sunset cruise, Thursday, 5-7:30 p.m., Pier 17, \$5 fee includes beverage.

Chiriqui trip, Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

Chocoe Indian Village trip, Oct. 31, The fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

Chiriqui white water rafting, Oct. 31-Nov. 3. Cost, to be announced, will include transportation, cabins and equipment.

City tour, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. The fees are adults \$10 and children \$6.

San Blas, Nov. 11. The \$110 fee includes transportation to the airport, airfare, guided boat tour to Indian villages and lunch. Sign-up deadline is Nov. 2.

**Rodman**

The Information, Tour and Travel Office is offering the following tours. Call 283-5307/4454.

Bay of Panama moonlight cruise, tonight and Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., complimentary snacks.

Panama City tour, Wednesday.

Barro Colorado Island, Saturday, includes transportation, bilingual guide, lunch, binoculars and poncho.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, includes round trip airfare, three nights hotel accommodations, city tour and airport transfers, passport required.

Montego Bay, Jamaica, Nov. 8-11. Fee includes hotel accommodations, airfare and Montego Bay transfers, passport required.

"Wet, Wild, Wooly," to Contadora, Nov. 27-29, includes transportation, two nights hotel, deep-sea fishing, water skiing, snorkeling and jet skiing.

Bass fishing package, includes transportation to and from Gamboa, boat and motor, gasoline, lake guide, \$5 worth of bait, bait bucket, rods and reels, tackle, coolers and ice. Call the Rodman Marina, 283-3147/3150.

**Youth centers****Albrook/Howard**

The Howard Youth Center, 284-4700, and Albrook Youth Center, 286-3195, are offering the following trips and activities. All trips pick up at Howard at the time specified and at Albrook 30 minutes later.

Halloween preteen costume dance - tonight, 7:30-11 p.m., for youth ages 8-12. The fee is \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers. Prizes awarded for best costumes. Free transportation leaves Albrook at 7 p.m. Reservations required for transportation.

Afternoon movie and pizza, Monday, 3:30 p.m. at Howard, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. at Albrook. The fee is \$2.50.

Free Halloween party, Thursday, 4 p.m. Transportation leaves Albrook at 3:30 p.m., and returns at 6:30 p.m.

Haunted house, Oct. 30 and 31 at Albrook. Entry fee is \$1. Transportation to and from Howard will be available.

**Clayton**

The Fort Clayton Youth Center is offering the following activities for preteens. Call 287-6451.

Creative crafts mask making, Monday, 3 p.m.

Pumpkin pie cooking, Wednesday, 3 p.m.

Birthday celebrations, Thursday, 3 p.m.

Haunted halloween dance, Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m. for preteens and 9 p.m.-midnight for junior teens.

The Fort Clayton Senior Teen Center offers the following activities. Call 287-6451.

Deep sea fishing trip, Saturday, 7 a.m.

Halloween dance and teen DJ contest, Oct. 31, 7 p.m.-midnight, \$3 admission.

**Cocoli**

The Cocoli Community Recreation Center is offering the following activities. Call 287-4119/3010.

Arts and crafts for children, Wednesday, 3 p.m.

Children's Halloween costume party, Saturday, 3 p.m.

**Arts and crafts****Clayton**

The Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center

has the following activities. Call 287-5957. Jewelry box construction, Saturday.

**Howard**

The Howard Arts and Crafts Center has the following events slated. Call 284-6361/6345.

Free gold application demonstration, Saturday, 1:30-2 p.m.; beginners ceramic painting in Spanish, 5-week class begins Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.; beginners ceramic painting in English, 5-week class begins Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.; advanced ceramic painting in English, 5-week class begins Thursday, 6-8 p.m.; advanced ceramic painting in Spanish, 5-week class begins Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-noon.

**Club news****Albrook/Howard**

The Howard Enlisted Members' Club will host DJ "G", from KOOL 105.5 FM in Denver, Colo., in the Casual Cove Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 284-4189.

There will be a Karaoke night, Oct. 30 in the Main Lounge and Thursday, in the Casual Cove.

**Amador**

Mexican food by Chef Ortiz, Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. Adults \$7.95 and children under 10 years old 1/2 price. Call 282-3837.

**Curundu**

Fright Night II at the STRAC Club. Prizes for best costume. Admission is free if wearing a costume or \$5 without a costume.

**Rodman**

The Anchorage Club will host the Labor Day Extravaganza Battle of the Bands first-place winner, "Tempest", tonight.

**Miscellaneous****New child care program**

The Howard and Albrook youth centers are offering a new before and after school program. Care is available for children from 6 to 12 years old from 6:30-8:15 a.m. and from 2-5:30 p.m. and full-day care on nonschool days.

Fees range from \$17 to \$34 per week per child, depending on family income and includes breakfast and an afternoon snack. Call 284-4700/4817.

**Atlantic****Sundial center**

The Sundial Recreation Center's Thursdays are Wonderful program is a program designed for women and will feature Halloween masks. Call 289-3889/3300.

**Atlantic tours**

Sundial Recreation Center: Wine and dine, Fridays, 4-9 p.m.; Panama City tour, Saturday, 8 a.m.; El Valle, Sunday, 8 a.m.; Colon shopping tour, Wednesday.

Ocean Breeze Recreation Center: Portobelo, Saturday. Call 289-6402.

Aquativity Center: Chagres River canoe trip/picnic, Nov. 3, 8 a.m. Fee includes transportation. Call 289-4009/4077.

**Arts and crafts**

Following is a list of recurring classes offered at community arts and craft centers. Call Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center, 289-5201 or Fort Sherman Arts and Crafts Center, 289-6313.

Ceramics; painting; drawing; pottery; air brushing; advanced and beginners oil painting from photographs.

**Youth news**

The Fort Espinar Youth Center is offering the following activities. Call 289-4605.

Teen costume/bowling party, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.-mid-

**Ongoing classes**

Following is a list of recurring classes offered in most communities. Call Sundial, 289-3889/3300; Ocean Breeze, 289-6402 or Aquativities Center, 289-6104.

Spanish; English; piano; guitar; modern dance; shotokan; cake decorating; gymnastics; juggling and outboard motor boat operation.

**Instructors needed**

The Directorate of Community Activities Family Support Division needs instructors for modern dance, piano and beginner ballet. Call Rory Egger, 289-6104.

**Dinner/show presentation**

The Atlantic Music and Theatre is presenting "The Nerd." The production will take place at the Fort Davis Community Center, Sunday-Tuesday. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner/show will cost \$10. Show only tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Call Ocean Breeze Recreation Center, 289-6402.

**Scuba diving course**

An open-water dive course meets the first Saturday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Fort Davis Swimming

Pool beginning Nov. 2. Sign up at the Fort Sherman Scuba Shop, 289-6104, or the Outdoor Recreation Office in Margarita, 289-4077. Course cost is \$125.

**Holiday bazaar**

The Atlantic Community Women's Club is holding its annual holiday bazaar Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Davis Community Club. Call Muriel Doyle, 289-4755 or Becky Steigler, 289-4354.

**New boat**

A 21' Mako boat is now available for scuba or snorkeling trips. Price includes gear and guide. Call John Stromberg, 289-4409/4077; or the Fort Sherman Scuba shop, 289-6104.

**Costume party**

The Fort Davis Community Club will host a Halloween costume party, Oct. 31, 8 p.m., in the Esmerelda Ball Room. There will be games, door prizes, fun and prizes for the three best costumes. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 289-5160/3298 for reservations.



## Swim team tryouts

The Howard and Albrook swim teams are holding try-outs for youths from 6-18 years old. The Howard Stingrays practice at the Howard Pool Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. The Albrook Tiger Sharks practice at the Albrook pool Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m.

## Instructors needed

The Zodiac Recreation Center needs licensed instructors to teach shotokan and private pilot's ground school on a contract basis. Call 284-6161/6109.

The Howard/Albrook youth centers need a qualified piano instructor to teach classes on a contract basis. Call 284-4700.

The Howard Arts and Crafts Center needs qualified instructors to teach advanced pottery wheel throwing and volunteers to demonstrate various crafts. Call 284-6361.

## Haunted house

Valent Recreation Center will host its annual haunted house Thursday -Oct. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12 years old.

## Twin Oceans

The Twin Oceans Pro Shop, Building 155, Fort Clayton, will temporarily relocate to Building 2060 in the Curundu area.

## Trail rides

The Howard Riding Stables are offering escorted 2 1/2 hour trail rides to Veracruz Beach, Mondays through Fridays. Call 286-4920.

## Evening child care

The Howard Child Development Center offers evening child care Fridays and Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to midnight for children from 6 months to 11 years old. If enough reservations have been made by Wednesday, 4 p.m., care will be provided. Call 284-6135 to make reservations.

## Theatre Arts Centre

The Pacific Theatre Arts Centre is offering a Halloween costume rental. The \$7 rental fee covers Friday-Monday. A 100 percent deposit is required. Call 286-3814/3152.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" is playing Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31. Tickets are \$8 for all performances. Tickets are available at the center.

Auditions for the "Nutcracker," Sunday and Monday, 7:30 p.m. There are parts for four adults, five young adults and 15 children age 8 and up. Scripts can be obtained through the center.

## Logistics support

Logistics Support on Howard AFB rents recreational items. Call 284-6107.

New item - Sewing machines are available, at daily or weekend rates.

## Family support

The Howard/Albrook Family Support Center, has various events scheduled for this week. Call 284-5650.

Family Services needs volunteers to assist with the loan closet, base brochure library, layette program and airmen's attic. Call 284-5860.

## BOSS program

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program offers recreational activities for single soldiers and geographical bachelors. Call Anne Kelly at the Valent Recreation Center, 287-6500, to volunteer.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Richard Puckett

**STREEEETCH** - Whitney Rodaniche stretches during a creative dance class at the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre. During the creative dance class students learn the basics of dance and rhythm. Creative dance for youths is one of many dance classes offered at the center in Curundu. The center also offers ballet, tap, salsa, merengue, folkloric, modern dance and belly dancing classes on a recurring basis. The classes are available for all ages at various skill levels. Call the center at 286-3814/3152 for information or reservations. The youth centers in most communities also offer various dance classes for youths such as modern, jazz, tap, ballet and street/video dancing. For information on the classes available at the various youth centers call Howard Youth Center, 284-4700; Albrook Youth Center, 286-3195; Fort Clayton Youth Center, 287-6451; Fort Clayton Senior Teen Center; or the Fort Espinar Youth Center.

## Ongoing classes

Following is a list of recurring classes offered by recreation centers in most communities. For information call the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre, 286-3814/3152; Valent, 287-6500/4201 or Zodiac, 284-6161/6109.

Aerobics; piano lessons; taekwondo; cake decorating; beginner German; Spanish, beginner and advanced; English, beginner and advanced.

Following is a list of recurring classes offered by youth centers in most communities. For information call Howard Youth Center, 284-4700; Albrook Youth Center, 286-3195; Fort Clayton Youth or Senior Teen Center, 287-6451.

Street/video dancing; cheerleading; Spanish and English; aerobics; arts and crafts; gymnastics; boys gymnastics; modern, jazz, tap and ballet dance; piano lessons; tennis lessons; taekwondo.

Following is a list of recurring classes

offered by arts and crafts centers in most communities. For information call Howard Arts and Crafts Center, 284-6361/6345; the Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center, 287-5957.

Stained glass; cross stitch; clay flower; pottery wheel; knitting; framing; air brushing; lamp assembly; leather working; macrame classes; pottery; throw pottery techniques; glazing; firing; hand building; sculpture; wooden jewelry box construction; acoustic guitar construction; do-it-yourself custom framing; fabric painting; watercolor; acrylic painting; oil painting; basic drawing and charcoal drawing.

Weekly classes are held in car care and maintenance, arc and gas welding, auto air conditioning, auto transmission repair and engine rebuilding. Call the Albrook Auto Craft Shop, 286-3613 or Howard Auto Craft Shop, 284-3370.

The swimming pools in most communities offer recurring classes. For information call Howard swimming pool, 284-3569;

Albrook swimming pool, 286-3555; Fort Clayton swimming pool, 287-6660; Rodman swimming pool, 283-4253.

Scuba classes are available through the Zodiac Recreation Center, 284-6161/6109. Classes include intro to scuba, rescue, dive master and specialty scuba.

An advanced scuba diving class is set for Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at Portobelo on the Atlantic side. The \$100 fee includes a night dive, deep dive, navigation dive and two optional dives; a computer dive, search and recovery dive and photography dive. Call 283-5307/4454.

Basic horsemanship classes for all ages are offered at the Albrook Riding Stables. The next class will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The \$25 fee includes theory and practical sessions. The class covers safety, stable etiquette, care and welfare of horses, tack and basics of horse handling. Individual, group and semi-private lessons are available. Call 287-4411 for reservations.

## Savings Bonds

Soldiers requesting information about their U.S. Savings Bonds in safekeeping at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Indianapolis, Ind., may write to: DFAS-IN, Military Pay Operations, Dept. 22, Attn.: Bonds in Safekeeping, Indianapolis, IN 46249-0833. Include full name, social security number, return address, daytime phone number, and signature.

Allow four to six weeks to receive the bonds or bond information. Call Finance Services, 287-4208/4400.

## Consumers' Week

Army Community Services is sponsoring Operation Wise Buy and Consumers' Week Sunday through Oct. 31. The Corozal Post Exchange will be offering free drawings, the commissaries will have sales and free samples and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will feature discounts at their restaurants during this week. Call 285-5556.

## Football teams

The Department of Defense Schools football teams kick off games at Balboa High School Stadium, Saturday, 4 p.m. Shriners will parade after the first game.

## Holidays hours

The Defense Commissary Agency holidays hours of operation.

The Corozal Commissary will be open Nov. 2, 10 am-3 pm and closed Nov. 3. Will open Nov. 4 on normal hours.

The Howard AFB and the Fort Espinar Commissaries will be closed Nov. 2 and will open Nov. 3, Panama Independence Day, 10 am - 3 pm.

All commissaries will be closed Nov. 11, Veterans Day and Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day. Call 285-4440/4017.

## Bank closes

Merchants National Bank and Trust Company at Corozal will be closed Nov. 3, Panama Independence Day and Nov. 10.

## New numbers

The Disabled American Veterans office in Building 812, Albrook has changed phones numbers from 286-4349 to 285-6359.

## Expectant parents

Army Community Health Nursing

## AMC flight schedule



**Q. May I call bases for flight information?**

**A. You are encouraged to call the passenger terminal you plan on traveling through 30 to 60 days before travel.**

They may then give the most current schedule, Space-A backlog, restrictions, etc.

**PP: Tourist Passport**

**TC: Tourist Card**

**V: Visa**

**PC: Proof of Citizenship**

**US: United States**

**Passport Holders Only**

**CC: Country Clearance**

**RON: Remain Overnight**

For additional flight information, call 284-5758/4306.



Courtesy photo

**"TEMPEST"** - Evan Rodaniche lead guitarist and vocalist and Walter Crouch, bass guitarist play at Rodman Naval Station's Labor Day Extravaganza. The Battle of the Bands winner, "Tempest," will play at the Anchorage Club, Rodman, Friday, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

will be sponsoring free expectant parent classes, Nov. 5, 12, 19, and Dec. 3, 4:30-6:30 pm, at Gorgas Army Community Hospital, Section B, first floor. Call 282-5418.

religious education coordinator, English mass choir director and English mass organist/choir accompanist.

Applications should be submitted to the Howard Contracting Office, Building 715, Wednesday by 4 p.m. Jobs start Nov. 1. Call Andy Gonzales, 284-5550/6203.

## Breast-feeding class

Breast-feeding class, Tuesday, 2:30 pm, at Gorgas Army Community Hospital, Section B, first floor. Sponsored by Army Community Health Nursing, 282-5418.

## Maranatha Church

The Maranatha Baptist church is sponsoring Awanas, a program for children to teach the word of God through stories, games and activities Sunday afternoons at the YMCA Building, Balboa.

The church also will hold Mens' Bible Study, Thursday, 7 pm. Call 252-6543.

## Aggie club

Graduates of Texas A&M University interested in forming an Aggie Club, call 287-4690 or 261-7121.

## Kobbe courses

Central Texas College is offering an organization and management course, Nov. 2-20, 8:15 am-12:15 pm, Monday-Friday. General Testing improvement classes and other courses are available at the Fort Kobbe Education Center. Call 284-6310/3150 or stop by Building 801, 2nd floor.

## Workshop

The Army Community Services is holding a consumers' week workshop in English and Spanish, Wednesday at the Margarita Complex. It is open to all military, family members and Department of Defense personnel.

The Atlantic community service is having a drawing for several prizes including local tours, hams and more. People can get a ticket by donating a canned good to ACS's holiday food basket drive. Call Luz M Ballesteros, 289-4010.

## CCAF graduation

The Howard Education Center will hold the fall Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony Thursday, 3 p.m. at the Howard Enlisted Members' Club ballroom. Graduates are reminded to return their DD Form 2266 to the education office after the graduation ceremony. Call 284-4863.

## Juvenalia '92

Juvenalia '92 starts Oct. 31 through Nov. 10, at the ATLAPA Convention Center, is an activity to benefit children with cerebral palsy. It is the biggest and most dynamic event dedicated to children and youth in Panama. There will be recreation, cultural and sports activities for all ages.

## CFC goal

The U.S. Southern Command has gotten off to a solid start in pursuit of its 1992 Combined Federal Campaign goal of \$350,000.

In the first two weeks, ending Oct. 16, the command raised \$113,558 or almost one third of the total goal. The campaign ends on Nov. 16.

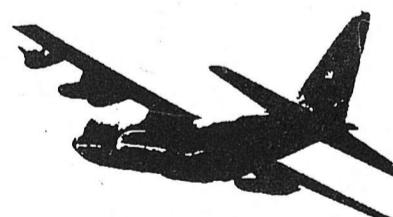
Leading the way thus far is Headquarters, USSOUTHCOM which has already reached 101 percent of its goal, while the Air Force has already collected 77 percent of its goal.

## SAC meeting

The Balboa Elementary School is holding its School Advisory Council meeting, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. SAC invites interested parents to attend.

## Halloween party

The Curundu community will hold a Halloween party for children 4th grade and younger, Oct. 30, 1-3 p.m. at the Curundu Community Room, Bowling Alley Building. Call Margo Lewis, 286-6236.



Howard AFB, PN

5:10am C130 Howard AFB, PN  
San Salvador, El Salvador PP/CC/V  
San Jose, Costa Rica PC

5:40am C141 Howard AFB, PN  
La Paz, Bolivia PP  
Montevideo, Uruguay RON/PP  
Asuncion, Paraguay PP  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil PP/V  
Howard AFB, PN

7:50am C-5A Howard AFB, PN  
Charleston AFB, SC PP  
Dover AB, DEL

Wednesday  
5:10pm C130 Howard AFB, PN  
Guatemala City, Guatemala PP/V

Thursday  
8:00am C5A Howard AFB, PN  
Soto Cano AB, Honduras RON  
Charleston AFB, SC



Richard Koechlien finishes off Rueben Cantu while Barbara Klein and Ron Leggiere toast the show.

## Cast dies laughing, Musical Comedy kills

by Maureen Sampson  
*Tropic Times theater critic*

CURUNDU (Tropic Times) - Half-naked, dead bodies falling from closets...revolving book-cases leading to secret tunnels...a German maid and a Nazi spy duelling with a meat cleaver and straight-razor...10 zany characters stuck in a blizzard at the estate of a batty theater backer...two hours of non-stop laughter.

These are familiar sights in Pacific Theatre Arts Centre's production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" written by John Bishop and directed by JoAnne Mitchell and Jerry Brees. The same directing team captured several honors in this year's Forces Command Festival of the Performing Arts for their work on the play "Chicago."

The show has all the elements of a great theatrical production — a talented cast, an amazing set, good direction, realistic technical effects, authentic costumes and a competent behind-the-scenes crew to make it all run smoothly.

Each performer in the play brings many nuances to his or her role, making them all larger-than-life spoofs of those corny characters found in many 1940's thrillers.

Traci K. Ferguson plays Helsa, a German maid who is four different people. Rachel Cunningham is Elsa Von Grossenkneut, a hysterically flighty, yet wealthy, theater patron. Michael W. Beale plays Michael Kelly, a detective

assigned to the case of the "Stage Door Slasher." Greg Calhoun (who occasionally is seen or heard on Southern Command Network newscasts) portrays Patrick O'Reilly, an Irish tenor/Nazi. Richard Koechlien is Ken De La Maize, the bombastic director. Rueben Cantu plays Eddie McCuen, the struggling, yet lovable, comedian who is full of one-liners. Maureen Sampson portrays Nikki Crandall, a chorus-girl turned naval intelligence officer. Kim-

berly Deane Morse is "simply divoony" as Marjorie Baverstock, a flamboyant producer. Ron Leggiere gets a lot of laughs as Roger Hopewell, a flaming composer. Barbara Klein completes the cast list as Bernice Roth, an alcoholic lyricist.

This colorful group of characters is at the Von Grossenkneut mansion for a backers' audition which turns out to be a set-up to catch the "Stage Door Slasher." As the plot unwinds, bodies drop like flies and much laughter ensues.

The action takes place in the Von Grossenkneut library. This set is fabulous. The builders paid much attention to detail, including cobwebs in the secret passages. There are three bookcases which either slide or revolve, which serve as entrances to the tunnels. The set also has many levels, making it even more interesting. Not often in community theater does one see a set as intricate as this.

Many technical effects, such as snow flying in when the doors open and total black-outs, add much believability to the production. The technical crew, which is often overlooked during a play, did an outstanding job. Bob Apold, David Verdi, Heather Anderson, D.L. Sima, Robert Mitchell, Lourdes Bottin and Ken Pierzina all deserve mentioning as being major contributors to the success of the show.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" runs Thursday through Oct. 31 at Building 2060, Curundu. All shows start at 8 p.m. For reservations, call the Theatre Arts Centre at 286-3152.



Courtesy photos  
Michael Beale prepares to stab Kimberly Deane Morse during rehearsals.

**Animals**

Weimaraner puppies, declawed, dewormed, tails docked. 252-6747, M-F, days.

Rottweiler, male pups, CCP/AKC, champion bloodline \$600. 289-6243.

Chihuahua pups, born Aug. 28, 2 males, 2 females \$100. 252-2353.

German shepherd, shots, spayed \$180. 289-3141.

German shepherd puppies, males & females \$175/obo. 261-7909.

German shepherd mix puppies, 6 wks old \$20. 252-2110.

German shepherd, female, good w/children, 1 yr old \$175. 287-4293.

American pit bull, 8 mos old, male/females, papers, all shots \$400/obo. 220-1095.

Stud services for German shepherd dogs w/pedigree. 252-6910.

Free, kitten, 2 mos old, looking for good home. 261-8136.

Free, kittens, 8 wks old. 284-6263.

Free, puppy, 7 mos old, all shots, good for watch dog. 284-4681.

Free, cat, has shots, litter box, food dish, food, kitty condo, litter incl. 283-4227.

Free, male cat & female kittens, all shots, very lovable. 287-4244.

**Automobiles**

1983 GMC Jimmy 4x4, ac, pb, ps, cass, alarm, duty pd, 5-spd, 2.8L, good cond \$6000. 261-6830.

1990 Geo Storm, 5-spd, ac, AM-FM cass, tint glass, low miles \$7000 firm. 284-3783.

1981 Fiat X19 convert, 5-spd, ac, runs good \$1000; 1985 Renault Alliance, at, ac, new parts runs grt \$3,000/neg. 269-8926.

Daihatsu Rocky 4x4, gas, 5-spd, ac, cass, exc cond, ps, duty pd \$8000/neg. 260-4296.

1977 Chevy Nova, 4dr, AM-FM cass, duty pd, needs work \$1000/obo. 233-5750.

1989 Pontiac Grand Prix, all computerized, ac, elec win, many extras \$10,000 223-4766 after 5pm.

1981 Subaru GLF, runs good, body rough \$975/obo. 284-4530.

1978 Camaro, rebuilt eng, mint cond, new tires, AM-FM cass \$1800. 223-4903.

1981 CJ-7 Jeep 4x4, ps, good cond, runs grt, new tires, batt \$3500/obo. 286-6181.

1980 Honda Accord, ps, exc cond, runs grt, Jensen stereo sys \$2500/obo. 286-6181.

1978 Honda Civic, needs work \$700. 252-2884.

1979 Ford van, good cond \$3000/neg. 286-4975.

1991 Mustang 5.0 LX hb, showrm cond, low miles, completely loaded \$15,900/obo. 221-8249.

1975 Volvo 245DL sta/wgn, ac, AM-FM, good cond, new paint \$2400/obo. 260-4046.

1991 Hyundai Excel, at, duty pd \$7100. 223-4103.

1973 Ford 4x4 p/u, 390, 4-spd, runs good, body sound, needs work \$3000/obo. 284-5968.

1975 VW Beetle, fair cond \$1500/obo. 223-7340.

1986 Chevy Cavalier RS, pw/locks, ac, ps, pb, \$4400/obo. 282-3095.

1982 Buick Regal, V8 diesel, 64,500 miles, like new, ac, cass, one owner, best offer. 268-0621.

1985 Toyota Corolla, 4dr, diesel, 5-spd, ac, new tires, exc cond, not duty pd \$5100. 252-2622.

1986 Oldsmobile Regency, 4dr, 6 cyl, fuel injec, loaded, duty pd \$12,000. 260-7574.

1990 Hyundai Stellar, at, ac, AM-FM stereo cass, 32,000 miles, not duty pd \$6000. 260-3183.

1991 Chevy Camaro RS coupe, 5-spd, ac, ps, pb, AM-FM cass, 7,300 miles, exc cond \$12,000. 260-7621.

1987 Nissan Sentra, ps, pb, at, ac, tint glass, new tires, chrome rims, alarm \$5700. 286-4731.

1988 VW Fox, 4dr, 25,000 miles, ac, 4-spd, AM-FM cass, 4 spkers, like showrm cond \$5500. 261-7845.

1979 Chevy Impala, eng just rebuilt, Pioneer stereo/cass, grt cond, needs carb work \$1950/obo. 283-4227.

1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera, 4dr, 4 cyl, ac, ps, pb, needs work \$3000/neg. 286-4972 after 6pm.

1989 Dodge Dakota, 4WD, canopy, carpet, ac, ps, pb, exc cond, not duty pd, 18,000 miles \$14,000. 287-3441.

1982 Toyota Corolla, 2dr hb, 5-spd, ac, AM-FM deck, runs good \$2000/obo. 283-4684.

1987 Montero 4x4, 5dr, 5-spd, stereo, ac, tilt wheel, tint glass, gas, low miles, exc cond \$9750. 286-6378.

1987 Chevy S-10 p/u, V6, at, ps, pb, tint glass, chrome wheels, looks grt, exc cond \$7000. 264-6926.

1987 Chrysler Minivan, 4 cyl, AM-FM cass, at, ps, pb, good cond \$7200. 261-6037.

1988 Pontiac Grand Am, 2.5 liter, ac, pw, 2dr, tilt wheel, exc cond \$6200. 284-4389.

1977 Honda Accord, 2dr, 5-spd \$1200. 284-4430.

1982 Ford Bronco II, ac, ps, pb, 33's, bushwhacker flares, like new, duty pd \$9250/obo. 226-7176.

1979 Dodge van, at, extra parts, not duty pd \$2500 firm. 284-4799 after 5pm.

1988 Pontiac Fiero, 5-spd, exc cond \$5000. 226-5446.

1982 Plymouth Reliant, new paint job, ac, 4dr, grt gas mileage \$2500/obo. 287-6583.

1978 Dodge Aspen sta/wgn, special edition \$1950. 252-2333.

1988 Buick Electra, leather int, all extras, V6, exc cond, 7 pwr features \$12,000. 261-7398 after 6pm.

1985 Ford van XLT, low mileage \$10,000. 243-5366.

1983 Chrysler Imperial, 7,500 miles, mint cond, fully loaded \$9000. 261-5535.

1987 Nissan Sunny, ac, tint glass, stereo, 5-spd, not duty pd \$3800. 260-8165.

1990 Nissan Sentra, 5-spd, alarm, w/all extras, 15,000 kms, duty pd, perfect cond \$6800. 260-6932.

1983 Ford Escort, runs good, exc uphols, not duty pd \$3300/neg. 220-2421.

1991 Toyota Corona, fully loaded, pwr everything, sr, alarm, AM-FM cass, exc cond \$13,000/neg. 269-1651.

1981 GMC Jimmy, std, 6 cyl, gas, winch \$3800/obo. 223-7459.

1987 Chevy Spectrum, 2dr hb \$3000/obo. 283-4626.

1978 Oldsmobile Delta 88, needs work, new tires, brakes \$600. 285-4532.

1989 Sunbird SE Turbo, ps, AM-FM cass, sr, 5-spd, exc cond, 23,000 miles, \$500 down/take over paymts. 227-2970.

1981 GMC Convert van, exc cond \$5500. 287-4284.

1992 Lada Samara, 4dr hb, 5-spd, duty pd, AM-FM cass, alarm \$6300. 261-3486.

1981 CJ-7 Jeep, AM-FM cass, ht, duty pd, exc cond, rebuilt \$5200/obo. 287-6312.

1982 Datsun K-cab p/u, 4 cyl, 5-spd, canopy, new parts, exc mech cond, minor body work \$2500. 287-5384.

1970 VW Bug, good body, needs paint \$1500. 287-6842.

1991 Mitsubishi Lancer, at, radio cass, 4dr, low mileage, exc cond \$7500. 268-3960.

1977 Toyota Liftback, 4 cyl, duty pd, looks & runs good, needs some body work \$750/obo. 287-6229.

1977 Chevy Malibu, boat hitch, new master cyl, runs grt, \$900. 287-3620.

1985 Toyota Landcruiser, 4WD, ac, std, exc cond, not duty pd \$10,000. 252-6990.

1981 Honda Civic, 5-spd, ac AM-FM cass, clean \$2000. 286-3327 lv msg.

1970 Morris Minor 1000, 2dr, rebuilt eng, parts. 256-6436 after 7pm.

1990 Honda Civic EX, fully loaded, \$10,000. 285-5935.

1985 Ford Escort, 5-spd, 4 cyl, new trans eng, brake, tires, int good, no ac \$2200/obo. 223-9426.

**Available**

Span-spk maid, part/full time, live-in/out, honest, refs, good w/children, hsekeeper, ironing. 285-4323.

Eng-spk honest, mature, hsekeeper, five days a week. 286-4589.

Eng-spk maid, babysitter, good w/children. 221-6897.

Bilingual good honest live-in maid, good w/children, refs. 287-3282.

Span-spk honest, mature, reliable maid. 228-6061.

Bilingual day maid, mature, honest, reliable, refs, M-F, good w/children. 287-4685 after 5pm.

Eng-spk, responsible, live-in/out day maid, good w/children, refs, Clayton only. 287-5696.

Carpenter/yard worker, honest, reliable, hard working, refs. 226-6848.

Licensed home day care provider, lots of experience. 284-5726 ask for Joyce Udell.

Bilingual day maid, mature, honest, reliable, hsekeeper, ironing, weekends any hours. 238-5574 aks for Bebe.

Maid/babysitter, cleans to U.S. standards, honest, reliable, days only, Sat, \$10 a day. 287-4137.

Bilingual day maid, 2-3 days a week, mature, honest, good w/kids, refs. 224-2367.

Eng-spk honest, reliable, live-in hsekeeper, grt w/children, refs. 286-4489.

Bilingual maid, mature, honest, reliable, live-in, M-F, exc w/children. 286-3397.

Eng-spk day maid, mature, honest, hard working, M-W-F, good w/children. 287-4824.

Bilingual day/night maid, honest, mature, hsekeeper, any hours, weekends, iron. 231-7360 ask for Aida.

Upholstery, furn construction, maintenance, repair. 224-6821.

Housekeeping maid, live-out. 260-4668.

Bilingual maid, good w/children, animals. 287-3338 after 5pm, M-F.

Day maid, part time, exc w/children, has been in my home for 2 yrs. 287-4745.

Eng-spk, honest, responsible, live-out maid, M-F, good w/children. 284-4534.

**Boats and Campers**

25'9" 1991 boat w/1992 225hp Johnson OB motor, VHF, video, fish finder, loaded, duty pd \$59,500. 252-2333.

22' North American Offshore boat hull (no OB motor) w/tandem galv trlr \$5500. 252-2243.

20' Mako, 200hp Johnson, alum dbl axle trlr, depth finder, hydlic trim tabs, 15hp kicker, bimini top, marine radio, 55 prop \$13,000. 287-5833.

18' Stratos bassboat, 150hp Suzuki, elec trolling motor, depth finder, extras, grt cond \$10,000. 284-4596.

17 1/2' Glaston I/O 4 cyl Chevy, super economical, exc cond, extra eng, many extras \$5000. 252-2121.

16 1/2' F1 King fish bassboat, no motor, new equip \$700/obo. 287-3038.

16' Orlando Clipper w/60hp Yamaha, fish finder, extras \$4500. 261-5231.

12' Achilles, 1992 Zodiac, alum floor w/1992 25hp Mercury, used 5 times w/access, trlr \$7950. 264-4817.

Zodiac Pro 420 inflat boat, poly hull, cap of 50hp motor, new in box \$3000/obo. 284-4012.

2 new 5-hole rims for boat trlr \$15 ea



# Classified Ads

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Kenmore 15 cu.ft. refrig/frzr, no frost, 2dr \$350/obo. 233-5750.

Whirlpool dishwasher, roll around, exc cond \$150. 284-3898 after 4pm.

Sofa sleeper \$400, dinette set, 4 chrs \$400, custom made curtains for LR, Dr, BR, dusty rose \$300. 284-3573.

Kitchen curtain/rod \$10, microwave-convection oven \$150. 284-3573.

Sofa, good cond \$200, Q-sz matt, box spring, frame, good cond \$100. 284-3779.

Whirlpool 13,000 btu ac, good cond \$500. 226-7679.

Dehumid \$150, 4 fans, ac cage \$40, steering whl lock club, sm \$30, lg \$35/ 287-5393.

2 bug zappers \$25ea, 2pr soccer shoes sz 1 1/2 \$12 ea. 287-5393.

GE refrig, side-by-side, 24 cu.ft., 2 1/2 yrs \$900, 1 8,000 btu ac \$300, 10,000 btu \$400, misc appliances. 286-4975.

Newborn port crib/changing tbl, matt, circus mobil incl \$100. 286-4184.

Day bed w/cover, 2 pillows \$50. 236-0811.

LR set, sofa, chr, sq cocktail tbl, 3 round tbls, exc cond. 252-6668.

Amana microwave oven \$200, boy's 16" bike \$90. 260-7025.

Recliner, good shape \$275, bassinet w/dress \$50. 286-3390.

Bali mini blinds 72x36 \$75, coffee-mate percolator \$18. 252-5792.

Recliner, brn wall-away, plastic bins/stackers, blinds, assort sizes. 252-5985.

3pc LR set, floral print, blue/rose, good cond \$650. 283-3092.

LR couch, loveseat, chr, ottoman, coffee/end tbls, exc cond \$1000/obo. 287-4244.

Loveseat, overstuffed, blue \$250. 252-5568.

K-sz waterbed, mirror/bookcase, headbd, 5-drawer pedestal, waveless matt, padded rails \$500. 287-4685 after 5pm.

Whirlpool washer, top of line \$400, GE refrig \$600, TV wall unit divider \$200. 284-5388.

Several kitchen cabinets, exc cond \$60-up. 284-3930.

Sofa \$225, top loading dishwasher \$50. 252-7400.

JC Penney sewing mach, built-in designer cams, woodgrain 3-drawer cab, works grt \$270. 287-3676.

Sealy twin matt, very good cond \$125, walnut day bed, no trundle \$200, gas dryer, hvy duty cap \$150. 286-3778.

Cherry roll top desk, chair \$650, VGA Packard Bell mon \$275, compu mouse. 284-5726.

Recliner, exc cond \$150. 260-7621.

12x15 blue carpet w/pad, exc cond \$130. 284-5030.

Montgomery Ward microwave/convec oven, books, access, grt cond \$350/obo. MW stereo w/ speakers \$100. 285-4734.

Gibson 16cu.ft. frzr, very good cond \$900/obo. 286-3373.

Friedrich 16,000 ac \$150 & 8,000 \$100; Whirlpool 8,000 \$200 & 10,000 \$150; Fedders 12,000 \$175. 262-1650.

LR, DR, household items, children items. 284-4795.

Oak dinette set, china cab, coffee tbl, rattan rocker, microwave, sewing machine coffee maker. 284-6321.

GE 24 cu.ft. refrig/frzr, 2dr, 1 yr old, like new \$950. 252-2229.

5pc Q-sz cherrywood BR set, good cond, 3 yrs old \$1500. 284-4581 after 5pm.

Acs, 18,000 split \$775, 18,000 Fedders \$325, 12,000 GE ac \$225. 252-2287.

Custom seat covers for Honda Civic Suttle, a/c 8,000, 10,000, 18,000. 252-6246.

Kenmore high-efficiency upright frzr, w/lock, key 5.5 cu.ft., grt cond \$1000. 284-4183.

Childrens tbl, chair \$25, lg oil painting \$70. 284-5538.

Recliner \$140, lg 3-oval mirror \$180, lg rec mirror \$30, high chair \$60. 284-5538.

Wooden rocking chair, bought in front of Howard \$50. 263-5111 apt 32.

Whirlpool 15.1 cu.ft. upright frzr, looks & runs like new \$300. 284-5784.

Q-sz matt, box springs, frame, bedspread, matt cover, pillow shams, dust ruffle, rocker/recliner. 236-4809.

GE 18 cu.ft. refrig, 2 vertical drs \$400. 261-8136.

K-sz bed, box spring, white rattan, semi-orthopedic matt \$375. 261-5795.

## Miscellaneous

Girl's 24" bike \$90, baby stroller \$35, high chair \$25, car booster seat \$10. 284-3926.

Buick Regal parts for 350J eng/trans \$700, bumpers, other parts still good. 286-4688 eves.

5 Dunlop grand trek tires 225/70R15 \$300/obo. 269-1651.

Sega video games, Altered Beast, Super Volleyball, David Robinson basketball \$25-\$35. 287-4733.

Graco stroll-a-bed carriage/stroller, grt cond \$45. 287-4734.

Stove extractor \$30, four iron twin bed headbds \$35ea, two iron night tbs \$10ea. 226-6271.

VW 4 rims, chrome spoke, 14x5 w/caps, lugs, never used, dune buggy style \$350. 236-3253.

Gold swivel armchr \$60, Smith Corona elec typewriter, case \$75, Whirlpool 15,000 btu ac \$350. 287-3297.

Acoustic guitar, strap, case, free lessons for a mo \$275. 284-4021.

Baby stroller, good cond \$45, tricycle, exc cond \$15. 284-5229.

Graco baby swing, new cond \$70. 260-3890.

Armoire, dresser w/mirror \$250 set, Kenmore refrig, 3 yrs \$600, ladies & men's 10-spd bikes \$50ea. 287-5780.

Triathlon 18-spd 26" bike, hardly used, some access incl \$400. 283-5036.

Misc mech accessories, Sony reel-to-reel w/tapes (pre & blank). 284-5693.

Ladies scuba gear, BC, boots, fins, snorkel \$130. 236-0811.

E-cel exer bike \$100, set of orbatron weights \$50. 226-0730.

Triathletes, profile aero bars \$50, profile swift shift \$30, Aerospoke composit racing wheel \$300. 284-3028 after 5pm.

Fred Bear compound bow model, white tail hunter pull: 65lb draw, 30" \$80. 282-5630.

Kirby vacuum, attach, shampooer, sander, extra belts, bags \$250 firm. 282-3183.

Sears Craftsman 10-inch radial arm saw w/stand, extra blade \$375/obo. 252-2243.

Army off mess white, dress white unifs, coat 46R, waist 40, can be altered \$20ea/obo. 287-6297.

Sofa \$250, chr & ottoman \$100, carpets 12x10 \$150, 6x12 \$75, all like new cond. 261-7845.

1987 IROC-Z wheel \$500, tires 245/50R16, new \$250 set. 287-5786 after 6pm.

Trlw/13" wheels, 1/2 ton cap, Sony component sys. 252-5985.

Plants, many sizes, colors \$1 and 50 cents, Jeep waterpump fits 258-inch eng \$25. 286-3871.

2pr boys rollerskates, new szs 3 & 4 \$30ea. 287-3827.

Baseball cards for sale or trade. 260-5522.

9x12 lt grn rug \$75, floor length drapes, grn \$75, recliner chr \$150. 252-5887.

2 batt oper Barbie cars, like new \$150ea, clip style weed eater, elec \$35. 287-3738.

VW running boards \$35, Gameboy, 6 games, light, cleaning kit \$135. 287-3738.

K-sz waterbed, hvy wood headbd, footbd, incl extra new matt \$280. 287-3676.

Girl's BMX bike, bbq, exhaust fan, meat & cheese slicer, Miranda 35mm camera, super Betamax. 252-2581.

Whirlpool 6 cu.ft., like new, elec stove, GE 14' color TV. 229-1848.

Murray 12-spd ladies bike \$60, Sanyo Betamax VCR \$125/obo. 287-3197.

Evenflo crib w/matt \$115, Evenflo play yard \$55, Graco Disney walker \$30. 283-6590.

Elec stove, 2x4x big foot pwr wheels, toys, clothes. 260-2580.

DR glass tbl w/willow base, 6 chrs, buffet \$350, bunk beds w/matt \$120, lg disk w/trunks \$150. 252-5093.

Voit sit-up bench \$35. 236-3336.

Limoge vase \$250, garb disp \$95, radio parts, wedding dress \$195, R/R LPs, judo suit \$20. 252-2042.

New pcs of leather screen printing craft kit, paints, Toyota repair manual, night dress. 252-2042.

Dive gear, fins, med \$20, lt \$40, knife \$30, spear gun \$20, churchill fins, lg \$15, surf, soft racks \$20. 283-3644 ask for Tom.

Armchr, ottoman \$125, wood toybox \$25, chest of drawers \$75, vacuum cleaner \$40. 286-3645.

DR tbl for 8, glass top, Whirlpool acs 18,000 btu \$300, 16,000 btu \$250, carpets 12x15, 9x12, more. 252-6990.

10-spd bikes, Comimo 64 compu, curtains, couch cover, hamster cage. 287-6675.

Lawnmower, 22-inch, Shp, hvy duty, exc cond \$175/obo. 252-5872.

9x11 grn carpet w/pad \$80, Nintendo games, exer bench, new \$175, vacuum \$90, oval rugs \$27ea, baby horse \$35, 2 tbs \$60-\$70. 260-5771.

Bike \$120, dinette, 2 chrs \$130, stroller \$45, infant clothes, skatebd \$110, deep fryer \$12. 260-5771.

Sofa-sleeper, BR furn, dishwasher, coffee/end tbls, microwave, patio furn, more. 286-4536.

Itoh 27" blue, 10-spd, bike, center-pull brakes, SunTour GT derailleuer, good cond \$140. 284-4183.

Set of 5 radial all weather tires, Goodyear 195-75R15, 3 mos used \$180. 287-3844.

Prom dress, pink satin, lace, worn once \$60. 287-5934.

Dryer \$360, strolee car seat 0-4 yrs. 284-3720.

Electronic Bible, exc cond \$75, works on batt or adap, not incl, Rainbow vacuum sys, all attachs. 287-4745.

Crown 1-3-5 graphite golf clubs, new \$175. 287-4293.

Solid wood triple dresser \$350/obo, JVC 13" color TV \$220, 10-spd bike \$85. 287-4189.

12x14 bge carpet \$135, 9x12 rose \$65 or 175 both. 287-4293.

Men's Dunlop golf clubs, w-3 irons, 1, 3, 5 woods, putter, bag, new \$140. 287-5483.

Kenmore washer/dryer, exc cond \$450, '91 Wards pwrr lawnmower \$100. 286-6227 after 6pm.

24" ladies 10-spd \$50, 20: Raleigh freestyle \$60, tires & wheels for Chevy GMC van. 287-4571.

New BCA mountain bike, reg price \$276, will sell very reasonable. 284-4636.

21" Nashbar mountain bike, 18-spd, good cond \$300, wedding dress, veil, slip \$300. 252-2080.

Metal desk \$60, handy chr \$20, microwave \$150, Oster kitch ctr \$100, file cab \$80, blender \$30. 252-6814.

Motorcycles

1984 Honda Nighthawk 700cc, 9,000 orig miles, exc cond, matching helmet \$2500. 284-3685.

1983 Suzuki FZ50 moped, needs work, will not start, check it out, make offer. 287-3991.

1983 Yamaha Virago 500, good shape, less than 10,000 orig miles \$2000. 287-4070 ask for Joe.

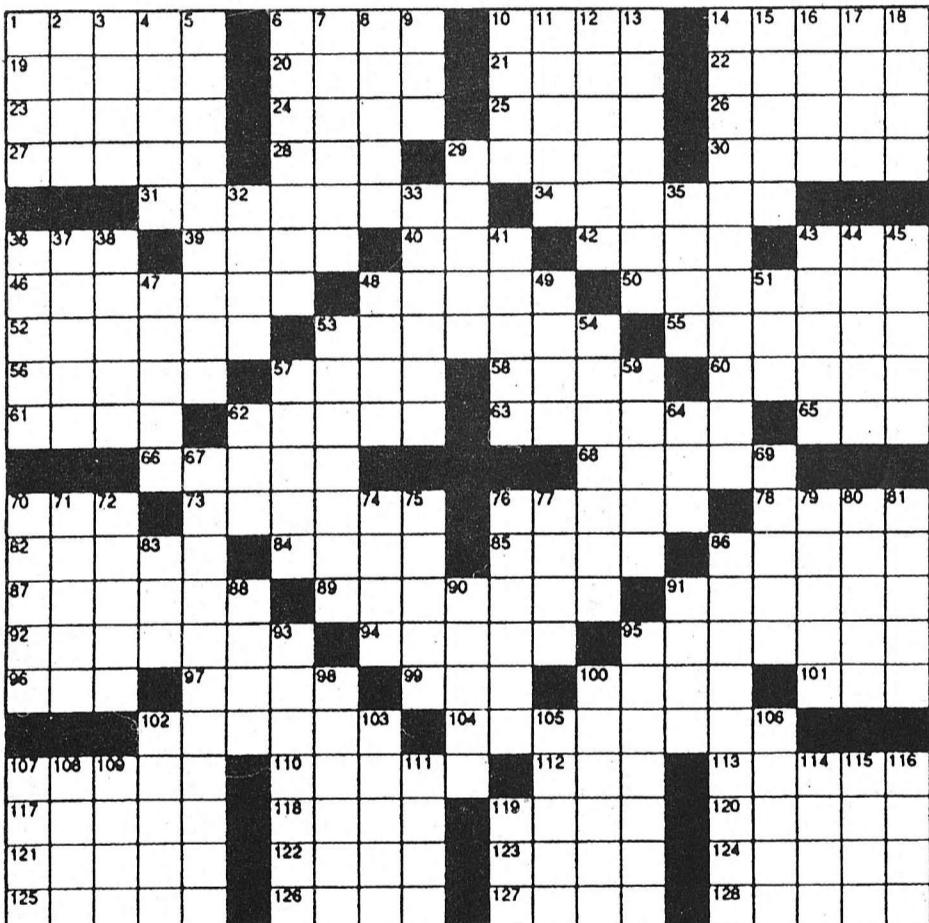
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6 Defrost the frozen food  
10 Herbert Hoover's state  
14 Chess and checkers  
19 "Fiddler on the Roof" star  
20 Where to find the Colosseum  
21 Isles off Ireland  
22 Spanish province  
23 Oxlike antelope  
24 Arrow poison  
25 Donated  
26 Orderly arrangements  
27 Pinnacle of glacier ice  
28 Dad's hideaway  
29 Silly blunder  
30 The Alkaid, and others  
31 Texas emblem  
34 Garden tool  
36 Proud — peacock  
39 Spring season  
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var. display 87 Sea nymph 88 Heart of Dixie 90 Actor Marlon Brando 92 Placed on the record 94 Patti LuPone 95 Toscanini, for one 96 Recite 97 Days before holidays 99 Japan follower 100 Hardy cabbage 101 Slippery one 102 Sacred songs 104 E. Power Biggs was one 106 Popular hedge shrub 107 Founder of a French dynasty 110 Dakota Indian 112 Aardvark's snack 113 Card used in fortunetelling 117 Brazilian macaw 118 Palm leaves 119 Being 120 Love, Italian style 121 Dormouse 122 Miss Chase 123 Gem stone 124 Baron or earl

125 "Down East" State 126 Fabric worker 127 "The Untouchables" protagonist 128 Actress Burstyn 129 Summers on the Seine 2 Actor's quest 3 On — (equivalent to) 4 Like some music 5 Massachusetts 6 Poseldorf's scepter 7 Frank and open 8 Catkin 9 Very early 10 Othello villain 11 Praying figure 12 Becomes unsteady 13 Not using liquid 14 New Jersey 15 Effective use 16 Valuable fur 17 Actress Sommer 18 Impudent talk 19 Small wild goose 20 Hawaiian goose 21 Snug abodes 22 He had a gilt complex? 23 Biblical name 24 Fortified 25 Discharges 26 Hindu god 27 Buffalo or wisent 28 Island east of Java 29 Triangular 30 Fireplace shelves 31 Unique person 32 Hebrew letter 33 Region of Czechoslovakia 34 Where to see the London Bridge 35 — Haute 36 Elicit 37 Span. matron 38 Compass reading 39 New York 40 Spanish halls 41 Feudal servants 42 Becomes unsteady 43 Not using liquid 44 January, in Malaga 45 Snug abodes 46 Recite 47 Days before holidays 48 Huey or Howie 49 Unique person 50 Hebrew letter 51 Region of Czechoslovakia 52 Last name of 94 Across 53 Vampire-killing weapon 54 Where to see the London Bridge 55 — Haute 56 — Elicit 57 — Quebec peninsula 58 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 59 — Unruled 60 Code or rug 61 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 62 — Unruled 63 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 64 — Unruled 65 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 66 — Unruled 67 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 68 — Unruled 69 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 70 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 71 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 72 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 73 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 74 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 75 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 76 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 77 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 78 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 79 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 80 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 81 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 82 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 83 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 84 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 85 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 86 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 87 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 88 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 89 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 90 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 91 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 92 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 93 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 94 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 95 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 96 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 97 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 98 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 99 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 100 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 101 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 102 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 103 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 104 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 105 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 106 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 107 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 108 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 109 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 110 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 111 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 112 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 113 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 114 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 115 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 116 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 117 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 118 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 119 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 120 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 121 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 122 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 123 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 124 — Nadu (formerly Madras) 125 — Nadu (formerly Madras)



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"You're making me very sorry I ever bought that camcorder for you!"



"I THOUGHT HE WAS MAD AT ME, BUT MRS. WILSON SAID HE JUST BLEW A GASKET."

## BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker



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## HAGAR the Horrible

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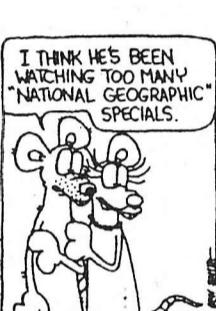
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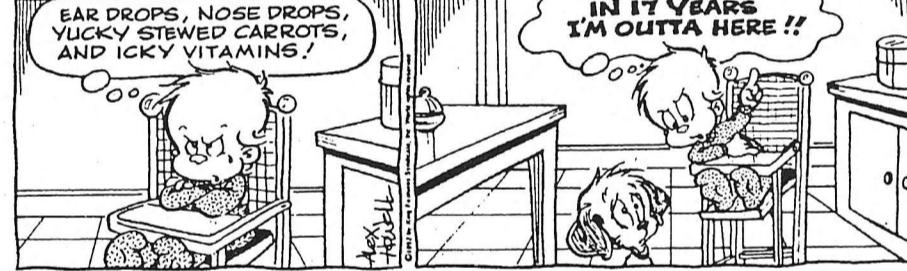


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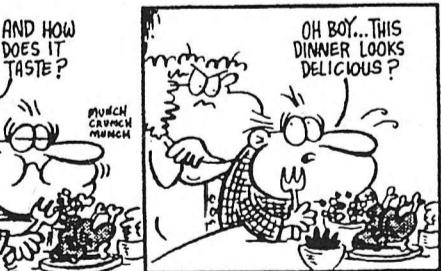
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