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CINC proposes tour length change

Will enhance readiness, improve personnel protection

Editor's Note: As is usual with a change of command, a new commander assesses the situation and makes certain recommendations based on his assessment. As one of several recommendations, to enhance force protection, the U.S. Southern Command Commander in Chief, Gen. Maxwell Thurman has proposed to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell, to reduce tour lengths in Panama, as stated in the accompanying report from the Associated Press.

If approved and implemented, the tour lengths for all incoming U.S. military personnel assigned to Panama will be 24 months long (accompanied) tours and 12 months for short (unaccompanied) tours. Tour lengths of most personnel already stationed here would be adjusted on a pro rata basis by the services.

Thurman's recommendation is designed to enhance U.S. forces' mission capabilities and improve protection in Panama, not to heighten the sense of war as reported in the Washington Times.

Under the plan, the majority of all personnel assigned in the future to Panama would serve on unaccompanied tours and a limited number of personnel identified as key and essential would serve the accompanied tour length. The proposed plan, therefore, would also reduce the number of U.S. forces dependents in Panama.

The tour length reduction plan has been proposed to enhance force protection in light of the continuing volatile situation in the region.

Implementation of the measure will reduce the threat level to the U.S. forces and their dependents in Panama resulting from arbitrary actions by the Noriega regime, as well as actions aimed at U.S. forces personnel resulting from the growing U.S. Southern Command role in the regional war on drug-trafficking.

There has been no final decision made on this recommendation, and USSOUTHCOM personnel should not call their personnel office with questions.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering a speed-up of its withdrawal of U.S. military dependents from Panama, the White House said Thursday.

Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that since last spring, 6,300 Defense Department personnel had either been relocated onto U.S. bases in Panama or sent home. But there are still roughly 11,000 dependents in the country.

The Washington Times reported Thursday that the newly appointed U.S. military commander in Panama, Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, has asked his superiors to evacuate most dependents from Panama.

The newspaper, citing military sources in Panama, said Thurman wanted the dependents evacuated to heighten the sense of war among his troops in Panama, where the United States has pressed for the removal of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega as leader of the Central American country.

Noriega is wanted in the United States on indictments charging drug

trafficking. He recently quashed an attempted coup that received minimal support from U.S. forces.

Fitzwater told reporters the administration was reviewing whether the withdrawal of dependents "should be accelerated (and) whether there should be any special efforts made."

The "ultimate purpose," he said, has always been to have "people leave Panama and return to the United States."

"We have been reviewing this matter since the spring, and we announced a program in May which called for the return to the United States of many of the dependents in Panama," he said.

As of July 1, he said, 6,300 Defense Department employees and their dependents had either been sent home or relocated from civilian housing into U.S. military installations in Panama.

Currently, he said, the United

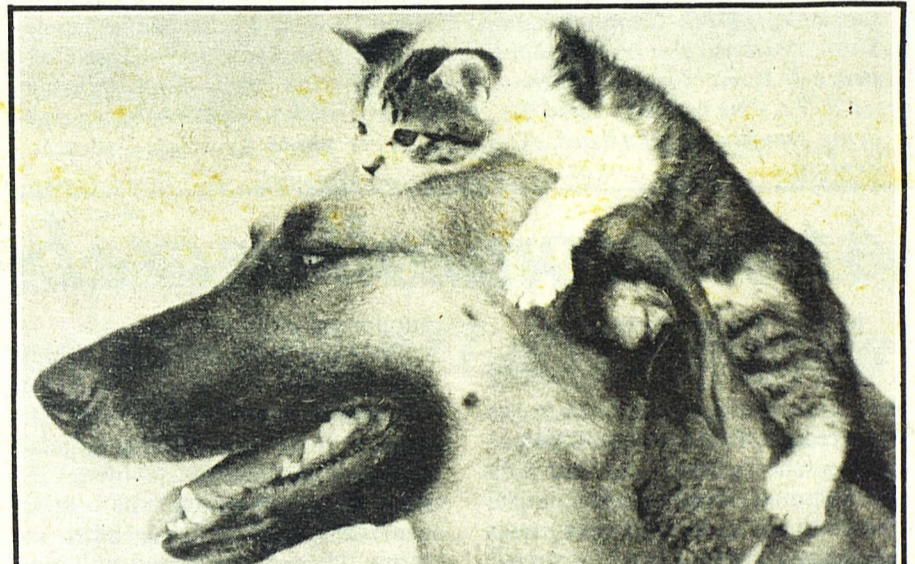
States has 10,000 soldiers permanently assigned to Panama, 2,500 military people there on temporary duty, 7,700 military dependents, 2,700 U.S. civilian Pentagon employees and 3,300 civilian dependents.

Asked whether the White House considered the situation in Panama akin to a state of war, Fitzwater replied:

"We have always said that there is a status involving some danger in Panama. That was the reason for our first actions, to try to move people, certainly dependents of military people, back onto the base.

"You'll recall incidents of harassment, people in some cases being assaulted physically. And so there has always been a dangerous situation there that we were trying to alleviate," he said.

But pressed on whether it was amounted to war, Fitzwater said, "We haven't used that term."



HIGH FASHION — Mandy, a two-year-old half breed German Shepherd in Hamburg, West Germany, sports a new hat design for winter. Mellow, a five-week-old kitten who enjoys the high altitude vista. (AP Laserphoto)

Aftershocks shake Bay area, topple steeple

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (UPI) — A rash of sharp aftershocks rattled the Santa Cruz area Thursday morning, toppling a church steeple and causing minor damage.

Authorities also discovered two huge gashes in the earth in the Santa Cruz Mountains and an unknown number of homes were in danger of collapsing into the cracks.

There were no new injuries reported from the latest sharp aftershocks, which were more intense than the hundreds of lesser tremors that follow major quakes. The largest of the aftershocks registered 4.6 on the Richter scale and occurred at 3:14 a.m. PDT.

One aftershock, measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale, hit at 2:54 a.m. near Watsonville, according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo. Another measuring 4.6 hit 21 minutes later in Santa Cruz.

A third aftershock at 4:15 a.m. was estimated at about 3.7. Three others ranging from 3.5 to 3.7 followed.

Catherine Boxer of the Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services said the aftershocks also started two fires in Watsonville, just to the south of Santa Cruz, but both were quickly extinguished.

Most of the more than 2,000 people who spent a second night either outside or in seven emergency shelters were badly shaken from an already nervous sleep, Boxer said.

Property damage in Santa Cruz

city alone was estimated at \$350 million.

Two people were killed and a third was presumed dead in the rubble of a shopping mall in Santa Cruz, about 10 miles southwest of the epicenter. Capitola and Watsonville each had single fatalities, and severe damage was widespread.

The steeple of the Catholic Church in Watsonville, damaged in Tuesday's quake, succumbed Thursday morning amid the aftershocks and crashed to the street below. There also were reports of falling plaster and bricks, but nothing comparable to the initial earthquake's devastation.

Electricity and gas service had been restored to about 66,000 of the county's 96,000 customers, the Pacific Gas & Electric Co reported. Residents were still being warned to boil drinking water for fear supplies may have been contaminated by broken sewer lines.

Schools and non-emergency government county offices throughout the county remained closed.

Red Cross assists family members

COROZAL (Tropic Times) — The American Red Cross, despite a critical shortage of funds, is actively assisting service members seeking information about relatives in the San Francisco Bay area after Tuesday's earthquake.

Military members should contact the nearest Red Cross office to request health and welfare information about San Francisco Bay area family members. Such requests will be collected and "batched" before being sent to the Bay area.

Due to communications difficulties in the Bay region, responses will very likely be delayed. Should military members get responses through other channels, they should notify the Red Cross office where they

made the original request.

For more information, call the Red Cross offices at Howard, 284-3413; Clayton 287-5509, or Davis, 289-4207.

Even before the San Francisco earthquake, Hurricane Hugo had practically exhausted the Red Cross relief budget for which reason the agency is launching its biggest fund raising drive ever, according to Red Cross spokeswoman Sally Stewart.

The Red Cross opened 25 shelters in the seven-county disaster area Tuesday night, housing thousands of people, including 2,000 in downtown San Francisco alone, Stewart said.

Donations to the fund raising drive may be made locally at the nearest Red Cross office.

Proper care is key to pager performance

HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE, Panama -- (1978th CG/PA) -- If you are having problems with your pager, it could be a result of either the pager revalidation being done this month, or improper pager care.

"More than 200 pagers, or beepers as they are commonly called, are being revalidated. Last year some 70 pagers were turned off because pager owners didn't participate in the pager revalidation process," said SSgt. William S. McAfee, of the 1978th Communications Group, who is the 24th Composite Wing Land Mobile

Radio manager.

The revalidation process, for all pager users on the Air Force Paging System, updates the user pager listing and verifies existing pager numbers in use in the system (the three digit code used to call a pager). Revalidation is done once a year and involves sending a letter to McAfee at 24th Composite Wing/SCXL, by Oct. 31.

The pager system, which uses the Motorola Pageboy II and III tone and voice receivers, is a direct-dial voice paging system which does not

need an operator for access to the paging unit. A call can be made from any U.S. Army Communications Command-controlled telephone.

"People with pagers, and those who call them, need to know about the pager system to better use the service," said McAfee.

"The serviceable life of pagers is affected by the way people carry them. The best way is to put the body of the pager in a pocket or purse with the clip exposed to the outside. This way the clip will not be broken off due to the body of the pager being bumped or hit," he said.

Depending on terrain and location, the pager has a range of about 25 miles from Howard AFB. It has an on-off volume control, squelch-silence reset button, speaker, and a remote speaker provision. The pagers are powered by a 1.3 volt rechargeable nickle-cadium battery.

"It's important that customers order the correct size battery to avoid damage to the battery compartment. Just because a battery will fit and works the pager, doesn't necessarily mean it is the proper one. If you don't have nickle-cadium batteries, do not charge the pager. Only the nickle-cadiums are rechargeable," said McAfee.

To charge the pager, insert it into the charger slot with the clip facing the top of the charger. If done properly, a red light will come on.

A spare battery can also be charged in the space to the right of the pager slot. How much charge the batteries and pager will get depends on whether the pager is on or off and

how long it is left in the charger. Maximum operating time is 36 hours.

"When you use the pager, an alert tone will sound when it is turned on and static is heard. Set the volume by the static, then push the reset button to silence the static, also push it to silence the pager after a call.

"The person calling you should hear a series of ring-ins, then a pause followed by about five seconds of beeping. When the beeping stops, there is 15 to 20 seconds to give the message," McAfee said.

He added, "remember, the pager system uses unsecure telephone lines, and is a monitored radio transmitter. At no time should rank, names, or classified information be discussed. Pager numbers, and the pager are for official use only."

If you think a pager could help you in your work center, send a completed Air Force Form 601, Equipment Action Request, to McAfee.

"After receiving the form, I process the request through the 24th Composite Wing's Communications Systems Requirements Board which meets on a quarterly basis. Once the request is approved, then I call the customer to come and pick up the paperwork and turn it in to the 24th Supply Squadron. It takes about 120 days once supply processes the pager request," explained McAfee.

If you have questions with the system, an individual pager or have problems with the form, contact McAfee at the 1978th by calling 284-3611.



GROUP VISIT — Amn. Derrick W. Lemmon, ground radio equipment specialist, 1978th Communications Group Tactical Radio Maintenance Shop, demonstrates troubleshooting techniques on a tactical radio to Col. Bruce J. Bohn, Tactical Communications Division commander, Langley AFB, Va. The colonel visited the 1978th for a week to assess working and living conditions firsthand. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Debra L. Penton)

Attack controllers are battle essential, committed

by A1C Tamara S. Jacobson

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — A young, energetic man sits and dreams of what it would be like joining the military ... crawling through mud, sleeping in the jungle, marching for miles and being near the action.

Filled with visions of training with the Army and being fit as a "grunt," he walks into a recruiting office.

The sergeant behind the desk listens to him and smiles, "We have just the job for you, son. We're going to make you an attack controller ... in the Air Force."

Better known as Tactical Air Control Party, these field-trained personnel are assigned to the 24th Tactical Air Support Squadron under the 24th Composite Wing. Highly visible by their black berets, they are not to be mistaken for security police, for they will let you know otherwise.

"You can't compare us to anybody," said SSgt. Eric A. Harris, TACP. "We are one of the few enlisted combat arms career fields in the Air Force."

TACPs may not have engaged in much live combat recently, but their work takes them to where the action is.

"Our job is positive control of an aircraft," said Harris. "We plan, coordinate and control close air

support of ground forces.

"It's our mission to talk aircraft safely into a hot area, knock out principal threats and keep the ground forces from being targets." Since coordination involves the infantry, much of the time is spent exercising and training with the Army. "People don't realize that we are in the Air Force but work with the Army," he added. "We go out in the field with their infantry and work their firepower in a joint effort."

It has some drawbacks. Harris has been in the service 10 years, changed stations six times and this is his first Air Force base.

Howard AFB is considered the only operational Air Force base with real world training on it, though.

For fellow controller, A1C Phil M. Black, it's perfect. "I love being in the field with the firepower all around," he stated. "It's the best of both worlds — meeting the demands of the Army while falling under the garrison of the Air Force."

Harris has no complaints either. Being a TACP in the Air Force makes a difference, and he wouldn't have it any other way. "I look at the military not as a career, but as a commitment. I'm committed to the cause, and I love knowing that my efforts are battle essential."

"... We have enemy troops on east side of the runway, in contact with

friendly troops on the west side." "Confirmed." "Threats are small arms and automatic weapons, possible SA-7s (surface-to-air missile)." "Jaguar two-one, what are

your ordnance?" "Have four Mark-82s (MK-82 bombs) with 20mm strafe." "Request two Mark-82s on the southeast part of runway." "Roger ..."



FLIGHT BRIEFING — OA-37 Dragonfly pilot, 1st Lt. Michael E. Tutt, 24th Tactical Air Support Squadron, briefs his Venezuelan counterpart prior to a training flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by A1C Tamara S. Jacobson)

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Venezuelan exercise is remarkable experience

story and photos
by AIC Tamara S. Jacobson

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — For 35 personnel assigned here, Deployment Training Exercise 914 to Maracaibo, Venezuela was uneventful but not unremarkable. The recent eight-day deployment brought together members of a highly disciplined, efficient and progressive Air Force with airmen from a highly capable, advanced and professional service.

Several deployed personnel noted difficulties in differentiating between the two.

"I don't know what I was expecting, certainly not such an advanced Air Force," said AIC Phil M. Black, tactical air control party member stationed here with 24th Tactical Air Support Squadron.

"Venezuela and its military are far more cultured and modern than I thought.

"It's too bad many of us have this mind-set of grass huts and primitive people for countries in the tropical region."

While Venezuelans may be at home in their lush jungle terrain, a group of them feels just as comfortable on a flightline.

"I was impressed with their maintenance and flying capabilities,"

stated Lt. Col. Gary L. Hooker, deployment commander and 24th TASS commander. "They have a very capable and professional Air Force, which made our job easy."

DTEs have several objectives with one theme in common — training.

Venezuela was no exception. "We conducted off-station flying operations successfully in a different environment and under unfamiliar conditions," said Hooker. "We furthered our training by demonstrating forward air control capabilities with a variety of Venezuelan aircraft, including the OV-10, F-5, Mirage 2000 and Tucano."

During the deployment, 32 sorties were flown with FAC and close air support training, using six pilots, four OA-37 aircraft and two TACPs, all assigned to 24th TASS. Not to be forgotten were the hosts, who made the training opportunity possible, and who took advantage of it themselves.

Throughout the week, the pilots were seen observing and comparing techniques and capabilities in the air and on the range. Several Venezuelan air force members (FAV) even found themselves in the right seat of an OA-37 cockpit, 10,000 feet up.

The exchanges taking place were

not just in the air, but on the ground as 18 maintenance personnel, one life support specialist, two communication specialists and an operations administrator observed how their counterparts kept their pilots in the air.

"I was surprised by their attitudes and their abilities," said Capt. Michael A. Worrell, officer in charge of maintenance for the deployment and with 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"They had it together, from their director of operations down to the lowest ranking cabo (airman)."

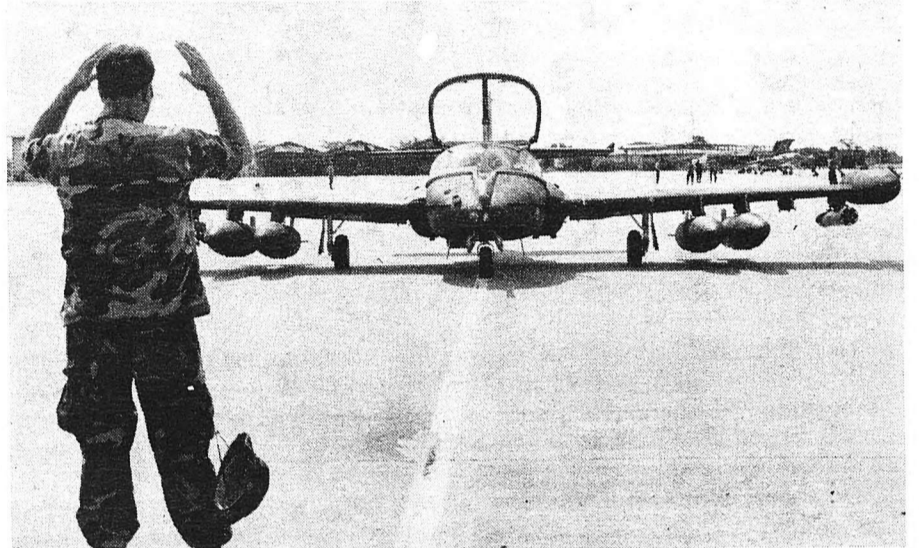
"In customs and courtesies, they surpass us," added MSgt. Arnold Jean-Baptiste, 24th CAMS.

FAV displayed some of the warm hospitality they are known for by

sharing themselves and their country for a day of touring. Visits to a science museum and planetarium, production research center for fruit, and a wine vineyard provided a relaxed atmosphere to talk with FAV members — an important part of every DTE.

"We need to increase further our airman-to-airman dialogue in Central and South America," said Hooker. "It's important that we continue to deploy or set up a Hermano visit for them to come here."

Deployments to Latin America provide an opportunity to train and dispel misconceptions about a country and its people. For members of DTE 914 to Venezuela, views on "Sun's Loved Land" are no longer shaded.



SSgt. Kevin T. Derr, 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, signals an OA-37 Dragonfly into position on the flightline at Maracaibo, Venezuela.



A Venezuelan air force crew chief runs a compression check on an OV-10 Bronco.

'Falcons' take time to play softball with Venezuelan AF

By AIC Tamara S. Jacobson

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — During a recent deployment exercise to Maracaibo, Venezuela, deployed 'Falcons' from here took time out from training to meet their counterparts on the softball field and came up short, 11-6.

Although Falcon left-fielder Hector Fuentes was singled out as player of the game, going 4-4, the Venezuelan air force (FAV) opened with two runs and led for the rest of the afternoon.

The FAV could do no wrong at the plate and connected with everything tossed their way. In contrast, fielding problems plagued the Falcons, as they watched the ball drop and the runs tally.

Trailing 5-0, the Falcons opened scoring in the bottom of the second inning with a three-run rally led by John McKeehan's double with the bases loaded.

FAV was held scoring in the third as Falcon pitcher Gary Hooker found his mark over the plate. Only

four players stepped in to the batter box, with two popping out and Hooker retiring a third.

The Venezuelans recovered and came out swinging in the fourth.

The first five up to bat found stitched hide, and four came home to make it a lopsided 9-3.

The fifth inning proved to be the highlight of the day for the deployed men in blue. The infield gave their gloves a workout and stopped the FAV cold. In turn, heavy hitting by the Falcons notched three runs, topped with a homer by Mark "Big Man" Upton with two players on.

It signalled the end of the fifth and the end of scoring for the Falcon team. FAV went on to grab two runs in the sixth and widen their win margin to a final 11-6.

According to Hooker, Falcon team captain, his 'Birds in Blue' weren't used to the 'flying' conditions. "We weren't acclimated to the extreme temperatures in Venezuela. Our record with them isn't good, but we will be ready next time."

Radio operators provide service as 'Ma Bells of Latin America'

by AIC Tamara S. Jacobson

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — "Ma Bells of Latin America" may not be a phrase written in the job description of tactical radio communication specialists stationed here, but to members of a recent deployment to Maracaibo, Venezuela, the title seems appropriate.

Assigned to 1978th Communications Group, these radio operators provide a mobile network service similar to American Telephone & Telegraph Co. as part of the Tactical Communications Element.

"Our job on deployment training exercises is to set up a non-secure, high frequency link from a deployed location such as Maracaibo to Howard AFB through the TCE for a phone patch service," said Sgt. James C. Wargo, communications specialist for the Venezuelan deployment. "In simpler terms, we enable deployed forces to call home.

"It's the best part of my job," said Wargo. "We provide a lot of morale support, and it makes a difference."

The operators may spend much of their time hooking up spouses and

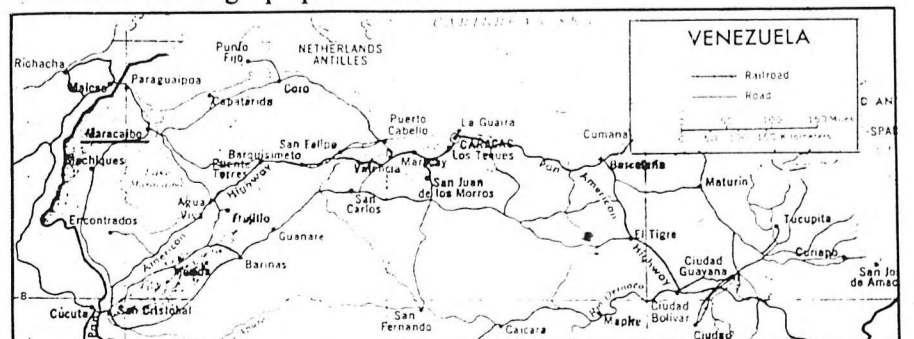
families with well wishes and messages of love, but mission requirements demand radio time also. TCE operators provide the commander a voice link to Howard Command and Control via patches to relay sorties, administrative and command information, and other DTE concerns.

"The importance of having a field phone system in forward operating locations was seen on a recent DTE in which an accident occurred," stated Wargo. "Three hundred phone patches were put through to coordinate events; it would have been more difficult without a communications system."

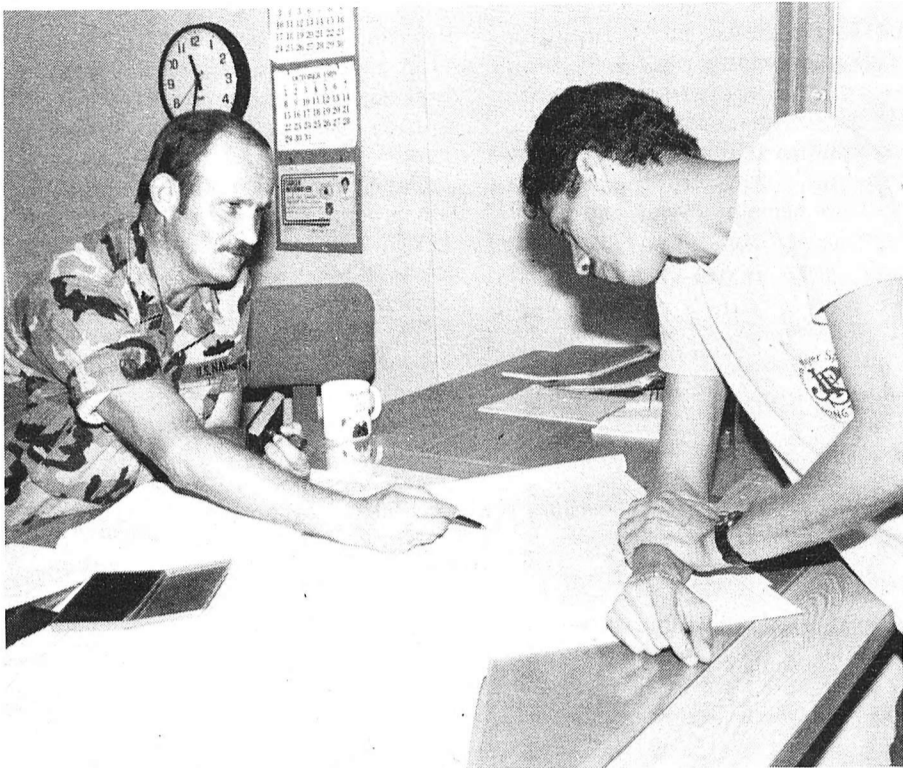
For DTE 914 to Venezuela, more than 130 phone patches were linked and 360 contacts made with Howard AFB during the uneventful eight-day deployment. For Wargo, it was a deployment the way he likes it — filled with messages of love from the field.

As one of only three primary TCE members, Wargo spends a lot of time TDY. He has been on about 10 DTEs but still looks forward to them.

"I love my job," he explained. "I save the government thousands of dollars in phone bills, and they pay me to be a messenger of goodwill."



Local sailor works for Air Force, lives with Army



QMI Billy A. Ferguson (left), provides assistance at the Defense Mapping Agency. (U.S. Navy photo by John Wadman III)

story and photo
by John Wadman III

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) — He works for the Air Force, he lives with the Army, but QMI Billy A. "Fergie" Ferguson is all Navy. He is the only U.S. Navy person working at the Defense Mapping Agency at Albrook Air Force Base.

Ferguson is the Navigation Information Specialist for Central and South America. He is also a trained and certified instructor for the Defense Mapping Agency and has personally instructed over 1,500 students.

Part of his responsibility is to maintain all organizations throughout the region with maps, charts and geodetic products. He also directs these organizations in ordering products and planning movements of various units throughout the USSOUTHCOM arena.

Recently Ferguson announced two big commitments. First, that he was reenlisting for another term in the Navy, and secondly, that he was going to be married. He likes Panama so much that one of the stipulations of his reenlistment was to continue serving here at DMA.

Since being assigned to DMA, Ferguson has been awarded 21 letters of appreciation and certificates of commendation from the various services, the U.S. Government and foreign governments.

His public service is as impressive as his military service. He's the Scout Master for the Fort Clayton Boy Scout Troop, was a Director of the Panama Canal Bowling Association and is currently the Vice President. He's also a Little League coach and a basketball coach. Most of his service involves working with kids.

Although he enjoys working for DMA, Fergie jokingly wonders aloud if the Navy hasn't forgotten about him. "Customers keep calling me 'Sergeant' around here," he said.

Contraband control keeps an eye on shoppers

by Cpl. J. Alan Warner

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — An alarm breaks the morning calm. Sleepy hands silence the noise. He pulls himself out of bed for another day's work.

After trudging up a hill through dense jungle, the man lies down among the ants and bugs to spend a day of unobserved observation.

As the store opens its doors to the first customers of the day, he waits, taking note of customers and vehicles coming and going.

When the store closes for the day, he leaves. Such is the life of a

contraband control officer.

People who sell contraband from military commissaries and exchange can make big money, but they have to worry about the high risk of being caught.

"We've got the holidays coming up and everyone will be screaming for turkeys and hams," said SFC Cliff Bumgardner, NCOIC, Contraband Control Office, Fort Clayton. "So we will be doing extra surveillance to ensure people get their distribution of meat."

To ensure shoppers are not buying more than they use, contraband investigators observe the coming and

going of shoppers. If more than one surveillance team notices the same car at different stores in one day, they start to watch the shopper.

Observing patrons and photocopying ID cards at commissaries help ensure supplies are available to all customers. The photocopying has also alerted the Contraband Control Office to another problem.

"This year we have had 1,500 ID cards reported as lost or stolen," said Scott Stamper, another investigator. "These ID cards are being used to gain access to military installations."

Instances have come up where soldiers have been downtown at bars

and have run out of money. Instead of leaving, they turned over their bilingual ID cards and used them as collateral against their bar tab. When the soldiers returned to post they would report the cards stolen.

"When we started looking over photocopies of ID cards, I was amazed at the number of altered and fake ID cards floating around," Bumgardner said.

Those caught with unauthorized ID cards are being turned over to the Panama Defense Forces and are receiving jail sentences, Stamper said.

U.S. Army South lodging meets guest's needs

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — There is more to winning an award than a presentation ceremony and a grip-and-grin photograph to hang on the wall.

It takes hard work, dedication and innovation. By combining those qualities, U.S. Army South lodging establishments took first runner-up in an Army-wide contest for best small lodging operation of the year.

"We billet the best," said Ganesan K. Deva, chief of billeting, and we want the quality of our services to equal the quality of the men and women who stay with us."

The staff's willingness to tailor services to fit guests individual needs played a major part in their competition success. "Without the best staff and service, the best building in the world means nothing at all," Deva said.

Employees try to establish a warm, friendly work atmosphere for themselves and their guests because many of their guests are here on business.

If maintaining that atmosphere means going out of their way to get a guest what he needs to make his work easier, they're glad to do it.

They've done everything from drive a guest to the hospital to making lists of specialty shops and drawing maps of Panama's more obscure areas.

"We often act as a tourist-information office, advising our

guests where to eat, visit and even photograph," Deva said.

It's important for the staff to present a caring and thoughtful attitude because many visitors get their first impression of Panama in the lodging facilities. And without a friendly face, "it can be a rough experience — especially with the current situation," said Deva.

The staff's dedication approaches legendary status. Some brave the streets and local, political strife, traveling to work with the same vigor as Pony Express mail couriers. They don't take their work lightly.

Innovation also played a key role in their bid for the award.

One man assault opens U.S. supply lines

by Maria Len-Rios

Grenades struck the trees in front of him, but the soldier kept advancing. His dark eyes scanned the area and settled on a German gunner. With a single burst from a Browning automatic rifle, the gunner fell to the ground dead. The soldier was one step closer to getting the supply lines open to an isolated battalion and one step closer to winning the Medal of Honor.

During World War II it is estimated that 500,000 Hispanics served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

SSgt. Lucian Adams was one Hispanic who served in France with the U.S. Army, 30th Infantry Division. On Oct. 28, 1944, two days

A prominent example is the "Atlantic Escape" program now offered by the Fort Espinar Guest House. Any soldier stationed on the Pacific side can stay at the Fort Espinar Guest house for \$15 a night.

Located on the shore of Lake Gatun, the Fort Espinar Guest house offers a variety of adventures from fishing at the Fort Davis Aquatic Center to dining in a restaurant on the Gatun locks.

Innovations like this not only contribute to the morale of U.S. personnel stationed in Panama, but also increase the lodging operations' revenue.

after his 22nd birthday, Adams' company was ordered to re-open the supply line to an isolated battalion near St. Die, France. The battalion, unaware the Germans had cut off their supply line, advanced to further isolate themselves.

After the company scouted the area, Adams was chosen to lead the assault.

As his unit moved in, three of his soldiers were killed and six wounded. Adams alone killed nine Germans, wiped out three enemy machine guns and defeated a specialized force armed with automatic weapons and grenade launchers. His one-man assault re-opened the severed supply lines.

For his obvious gallantry and risk

In the past year, the Fort Clayton and Espinar guest houses, Fort Amador Distinguished Visitor's Quarters, and the Quarry Heights Visiting Officer's Quarters earned nearly \$250,000. Profits are being used to improve lodging operations, according to Deva.

For the lodging staff, however, this is not enough. They'll hang that grip-

and-grin photograph on the wall. But they're determined to hang next year's first place award next to it.

For information about the guest houses call 287-4451 Pacific or 289-4828 Atlantic.

of life above and beyond the call of duty, Adams was awarded the Medal of Honor March 29, 1945.

Thirty-seven Hispanics have received the medal, which is proportionally more than any other nationality.

In June 1945, he returned home to Port Arthur, Texas, where they held "Lucian Adams Day" in his honor. In September, he left the Army and started work as a Veterans Administration counselor.

He now lives in San Antonio, Texas, and is retired but remains active in the community.

Forty-five years after his heroic service, Adams is being recognized again during National Hispanic Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15).

228th motor pool wins maintenance award

by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) --Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment's motor pool recently "emerged from the woodwork," by winning the Army Chief of Staff's Award for Maintenance Excellence within U.S. Army South. The battalion will advance to face other major command winners in an upcoming competition at Department of the Army level.

"We welcome the recognition. Normally, unless we do something seriously wrong, we're just part of the woodwork," said Spec. Richard L. Sanders, battalion maintenance clerk.

"The annual competition improves unit readiness by

recognizing maintenance efforts and providing an incentive for excellence," added CWO2 Bernard L. Satterfield, battalion motor officer. "Our desire to reach and sustain a high level of readiness made us competitive."

As the motor pool made the commitment to compete for the award, they pulled together as a team. "It gave us a goal to work toward," said SSgt. Carl E. Butler, battalion motor sergeant.

However, the battalion's successful maintenance program wasn't built overnight. Their drive to the top began nearly two years ago when they implemented a comprehensive plan covering everything from driver's preventive maintenance to correct paperwork procedures.

The plan recognized that Army procedures were designed to produce quality maintenance efforts.

"It's not like we weren't following regulations, we just needed to bring ourselves up to the regulations' standards," Sanders said. "The people before us tried, but they didn't quite make it. We built on what they had established and brought it up to standards."

Sanders described the unit's initiative as a "let's go back to the basics and do things right" approach. A good, basic maintenance program begins and ends with solid preventive maintenance checks and services -- including paperwork. It's mundane but critical.

Commanders enforced maintenance procedures and published a standing operating procedure outlining soldiers' duties.

For example, the Standard Operating Procedures required soldiers to sign a checklist after performing preventive maintenance on their vehicles. Motor pool mechanics double-checked the list to ensure drivers performed the maintenance correctly.

When Sanders began receiving checklists, he discovered that some vehicles hadn't received needed maintenance. Conversely, mechanics' reports from the motor pool showed some vehicles had been repaired twice for the same problem because the work wasn't properly documented. Inaccurate monthly material reports also lead to inventory errors.

Now, every check and repair must be documented on each vehicle's

"health record," Sanders explained. "Our paperwork is correct when we send it out; if it doesn't come back correct, we won't accept it."

That kind of no-excuse policy benefitted the battalion not only in the competition, but in readiness. When equipment is properly maintained, fewer repairs are needed and more vehicles are ready to roll. Good maintenance produces a higher level of combat readiness.

To help achieve their goal, the unit staged internal programs to motivate operators to pay attention to paperwork and promote safe driving habits. For example, the motor pool sponsored battalion driver-of-the-quarter competitions which tested all areas of driver skills.

Participants first competed in a "vehicle rodeo" obstacle course. Then they were given a 100-question written exam covering safety, paperwork procedures, traffic signs and general rules of the road.

Finally, motor pool mechanics inspected their vehicles.

In addition, the battalion awarded badges to outstanding drivers and mechanics. These programs encourage soldiers to pay close attention to tedious, repetitive tasks -- "attention to detail," Sanders said.

And that's the difference between a mediocre effort and striving for maintenance excellence.

Future plans include a mechanic-of-the-quarter competition to give mechanics more recognition. "It's nice to be recognized occasionally," Sanders said, before rolling his sleeves down and crawling back into the woodwork.



PFC Thomas W. Grann repairs a 2.5-ton truck's CV-boot with guidance from Sgt. John M. Bragg. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Bob Blocher)

Hugo damages servicemembers vehicles, goods

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Military Traffic Management Command said that Hurricane Hugo has caused damage to both privately-owned vehicles and household good shipments of servicemembers.

If you are stationed at one of the military sites in Panama and are curious about your household goods shipment, call the Fort Clayton transportation unit inbound section at 287-3365. For any questions about privately-owned vehicles, contact the MTMC in Balboa at 282-4641, according to Sgt. Jeffrey L. Ryan,

passenger travel clerk for the 24th Transportation Squadron here.

The storm that hit the South Carolina coast Sept. 22 caused substantial damage to the command's POV inspection center at the South Atlantic Outport, Charleston, S.C.

Several vehicles and motorcycles were extensively damaged when the inspection shed collapsed during the storm.

Up to 50 more vehicles sustained wind and rain damage.

People who have been notified

that their vehicles have arrived in Charleston are advised to contact the South Atlantic Outport POV processing center at Autovon 563-5470/5471.

Import shipments that were scheduled to arrive on or after Sept. 22 may have been rerouted. People are advised to contact the MTMC's eastern area headquarters at Autovon 247-6581 or commercial (201) 823-6581 for shipment advice and location of their POVs. Besides vehicles, MTMC's initial assessment shows that as many as 300 household

good shipments may have sustained some degree of damage. Of the approximately 34 warehouses storing government household goods in the Charleston area, reports indicate 10 warehouses suffered minor damage, while four other facilities were severely damaged.

These four facilities include Charleston Moving and Storage and General Warehouse Co., both of Charleston; and Checker Transfer and Storage and Greater Columbia Moving and Warehouse Inc. of Sumpter, S.C.

Mission Radio System is non-secure radio net

HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE, PANAMA (1978th CG/PA) — Users of the 1978th Communications Group's Mission Radio System are reminded that the system, for the most part, is a non-secure radio net.

"On the average about 1,000 phone patches are processed each month by the mission Radio operators and there is always someone listening in. Anyone who has a high frequency radio can tune in. We get many letters from radio operators from around the world telling us they were monitoring our frequency," said SMSgt. William J. Feeney, superintendent of the 1978th's Operations Division.

"Just recently, we got a letter from an amateur radio operator in Italy who requested confirmation of a phone patch he had monitored. His data, all correct, provided location of parties involved, call signs and content of traffic. The amateur went on to say he'd only been monitoring us for a short time.

"When we provide beginners with this much information, just imagine what we are doing for the professional listeners! Trite but true, the third ear is always listening. This is why sometimes Mission Radio

operators interrupt callers to tell them to be careful not to discuss classified information or information for official use only and not to use military ranks," he said.

All users are reminded to be

security conscious when using this system.

Users in need of secure communications via the Mission Radio System should contact Feeney at 284-5943.

MAC reroutes flights due to Hugo damage

CHARLESTON AFB S.C. (AFNS) -- Military passengers and their families scheduled to travel from Charleston AFB or the Charleston International Airport will be rerouted through Philadelphia International Airport.

The rerouting will be in effect until conditions at the base and the airport can be restored to normal conditions in the wake of Hurricane Hugo that hit the South Carolina coastal area Sept. 22.

The storm lashed out winds exceeding 135 mph, damaging both base and civilian property. The roof

of the passenger terminal is completely gone and the commercial terminal lost about 30 percent of its roof due to the high winds.

"All people with tickets on flights out of Charleston should report to Philadelphia or contact their service Traffic Management Offices and under no circumstances report to Charleston," said Col. John T. Quirk, director of Passenger and Traffic Management for the Military Airlift Command.

The situation for those traveling via MAC charter flights is temporary, he said. Normally, four

to seven MAC charter flights leave Charleston each week for Europe and Panama. But concern for the welfare of passengers prompted MAC officials to fly these passengers from Philadelphia.

The colonel said they are trying to reach all passengers holding tickets on MAC flights out of Charleston. People scheduled to depart Charleston and who have travel questions should call MAC's Passenger Reservation Center toll free from Illinois at 1-800-327-8650 and from all other states at 1-800-851-3144.

No one leaves Dorm Dwellers Dinner hungry



Airmen and soldiers line up at the Dorm Dwellers Dinner's drink and dessert bar as MSgt. Arturo Alanis, Inter-American Air Forces Academy's first sergeant, center right, and MSgt. Thomas Bowens, 6933rd Electronic Security Squadron's first sergeant, serve donated desserts. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSGt. Debra L. Penton)

HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE, Panama (1978th CG/PA) -- The highly popular dorm dwellers dinner exemplified what community power can do; feed more than 900 people in a single night -- free!

The Sept. 28 event held at the Zodiac Recreation Center on Howard Air Force Base was the first home-cooked dinner night held this year for augmentee forces, plus people here on temporary duty assignments and permanent party dorm dwellers.

All services were welcome and participated in this on-going Howard AFB/Fort Kobbe chapel community sponsored program. There were also food donations from Albrook Air Force Station families.

In addition to the dinner at the Zodiac that same night, food was distributed to the Harvest Bear augmentee forces and to 24-hour work centers on Howard AFB.

"This event was truly a miracle. People came together from throughout the community to take care of people who are serving them. It was a tremendous display of teamwork and goodwill," said Chaplain (Capt.) Dennis Kitterman, chapel project officer for the event.

Gail Toland, Dorm Dweller Dinner coordinator, said, "The Howard, Albrook, and Kobbe families really responded to the call. To everyone who cooked and helped at the dinner a sincere thank you. Everyone who showed up was served, no one left hungry!"

Everything was eaten. I consider this event a blessing!" Several units deserve special recognition in support of the dinner, they are: the 1978th Communications Group, 50 pounds of barbecued chicken; the First Sergeants Association donated ice cream and ran the drink and dessert bar; 6933rd Electronic Security Squadron's Wives Group did most of the serving on the line and Howard/Albrook Officer's and Noncommissioned Officer's Clubs donated the use of large pots, pans, and serving utensils.

Additional units were: the Howard/Albrook Officer's and Noncommissioned Wives Clubs who donated cash for the purchase of food and serving supplies, as did three U.S. Army units. These were the 1st/508th Infantry Battalion, 536th Engineer Battalion, and the 1st/228th Aviation Battalion.

Don't let separation affect morale

by PFC Megra D. Johnson

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO) — Every cloud has a silver lining even though into every life a little rain must fall. But at the end of the rainbow there is always a pot of gold.

Cliches, trite phrases, banal chatter? To some, these sayings and old adages like them make a day a little less painful, each coming week a little more promising, each month one step closer to ending a family separation.

Whether voluntarily or involuntarily, at some point in the military every soldier will be separated from his family. It may be a significant strain on the morale and effectiveness on a soldier to be separated from his wife or children but not necessarily.

SSgt. Dennis Rosado, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of range control, was separated from his family after the initiation of Operation Blade Jewel.

Rosado does not let the separation affect him because he is a

noncommissioned officer. He does worry that the situation will affect his morale. "It is unfair to have certain people bring their families and others cannot. We're all soldiers; we should be treated the same."

"I understand the political situation," said Rosado, "but to have some soldiers bring their families while others can't could decrease their level of motivation."

Although at times he's distressed by the situation, Rosado does not let it interfere with his mission. "I don't let it affect me on the job because I'm a soldier."

Rosado has attempted a number of venues to correct his situation but finds his own abilities and self control are his best assets. "I try to keep busy," said Rosado, "I play organized athletics like volleyball, football and basketball." He tries to contribute as much as possible to the company.

"If I had a soldier going through the same thing," said Rosado, "I would tell him to go to church and pray for the best for him and his



U.S. service and family members depart Panama during "Blade Jewel." (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt. Herb Cintron)

family, make friends with people that are going through the same thing, get involved with company programs so he does not think negative things and most of all trust his wife and her abilities like she trusts him."

There are soldiers who decide for personal reasons to leave their families at home. Cpl. Monica Lawrence, personnel services noncommissioned officer for Company D, United States Army Garrison, is one of those soldiers.

Lawrence wanted career progression in terms of attending classes and correspondence courses. She also believed this time away from her children would give her an opportunity for self examination.

Lawrence said the separation has taught her patience. Now she is better equipped to deal with separation which she believes is inevitable. The separation has also helped her face reality. "You can't always be in control of everything," she said, "whatever faces you, you have to deal with it, adjust, learn from it and move on."

Lawrence advises other young soldiers to be more involved with the Bible, call home on occasion, talk to others about your situation and share family experiences with friends.

Still others find significant benefits in being separated from their families. Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis A. Westbrook, family life chaplain, decided an all others tour would best

serve him and his family at this time.

Factors like family stability, children's education, spousal education, family investments and the like helped him decide. Westbrook feels the separation will allow time for him and his wife to attain some personal goals.

He is of the old belief that absence will make the heart grow fonder and the separation will give him a better appreciation of his family. Westbrook advises using every possible means of communication available to keep in contact with the family. He doesn't advocate making too many phone calls as it may create a bill and another problem.

According to Westbrook, anger and frustration are some reactions that are displayed by soldiers who are separated from their families especially if the separation is involuntary. He feels these are signs of denial and the energies would probably better serve the soldier if they were vented in positive directions.

Westbrook also believes it's best to accept the separation and take advantage of the situation. According to Westbrook it's entirely possible to make it work in your behalf. Language training, absorption into work, fulfilling personal goals and keeping the lines of communication open are all ways of dealing with the situation he added.

MAC flight schedule

Oct. 21	Charleston, S.C. 2:10 p.m. March AFB, Calif., Time unknown
Oct. 22	Soto Cano, Honduras; Charleston, S.C.; and Dover AFB, Del., 10:55 a.m.
Oct. 23	Lima, Peru 6:40 a.m. Soto Cano, Honduras; Charleston, S.C.; and Dover AFB, Del., 11:10 a.m. Charleston, S.C. 1 p.m.
Oct. 24	Tegucigalpa and Soto Cano, Honduras 7:40 a.m. San Salvador, El Salvador, and San Jose, Costa Rica 8:10 a.m.
Oct. 25	Asuncion, Paraguay; Montevideo, Uruguay; and La Paz, Bolivia 5:50 a.m. Guatemala City, Guatemala 7:10 a.m.
Oct. 26	Soto Cano, Honduras; Charleston, S.C.; and Dover AFB, Del., 11:10 a.m. Charleston, S.C. 2 p.m. Hurlburt Field, Fla., 2:55 p.m. Charleston, S.C., and Dover AFB, Del., 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 27	Tegucigalpa and Soto Cano, Honduras 7:40 a.m. San Jose, Costa Rica, and San Salvador, El Salvador 8:40 a.m. Bogota, Colombia 9:40 a.m. Charleston, S.C. 1:25 p.m.

U.S. news

Atlantis crew begins study; Galileo on way

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The crew of the shuttle Atlantis began an experiment Thursday to help scientists study Earth's fragile ozone layer, with the \$1.4 billion Galileo probe safely on its way to Jupiter.

The astronauts were awakened for their first full day in space shortly before 8 a.m. EDT by a recording of the Purdue University fight song beamed up from mission control for commander Donald Williams and co-pilot Michael McCulley, both Purdue graduates.

"What a good way to wake up," Williams said. "We were going to give you a weather report from the South Pacific this morning ... but it's a little dark out my window."

The primary goal of the five-day mission was accomplished six hours and 21 minutes after liftoff Wednesday with the successful deployment of the Galileo Jupiter probe on a six-year voyage to the solar system's largest planet.

"Galileo is on its way to another world," Williams radioed from Atlantis's flight deck as the space probe drifted away from the shuttle.

One hour later, the probe's solid-fuel booster successfully fired to send the spacecraft on a convoluted trajectory to Jupiter that will carry it once past Venus and twice past Earth for gravity-assist slingshot flybys required to build up enough speed to reach the giant planet in 1995.

Williams, 47, McCulley, 46, and astronauts Franklin Chang-Diaz, 39, Shannon Lucid, 46, and Ellen Baker, 36, are scheduled to close out their five-day mission Monday with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The astronauts Thursday fixed a minor problem with a shuttle cooling system and began operations with instruments in Atlantis's cargo bay that will help scientists on Earth recalibrate ozone measuring equipment on an American weather satellite.

The Shuttle Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet — SSBUV — instruments, mounted in canisters in Atlantis's payload bay, will measure ozone levels in the atmosphere at the

exact moment the Nimbus-7 weather satellite passes overhead.

"Most of the information that we're getting on ozone layers and ozone depletion is coming from a

couple of older satellites (whose calibration status is unknown," pilot McCulley said before the flight. "They're not always saying the same thing."

The shuttle instrument and those aboard the satellite will simultaneously measure back-scattered sunlight from the same point in the atmosphere, allowing scientists to accurately interpret data from Nimbus-7.

The flight plan also called for the Atlantis astronauts to start rolling a high-quality IMAX movie camera and make detailed studies of the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles and Indonesian volcanoes for a documentary.

But the clear highlight of America's sixth post-Challenger shuttle flight was the launch of the Jupiter robot craft following Atlantis's picture-perfect liftoff Wednesday at 12:54 p.m.

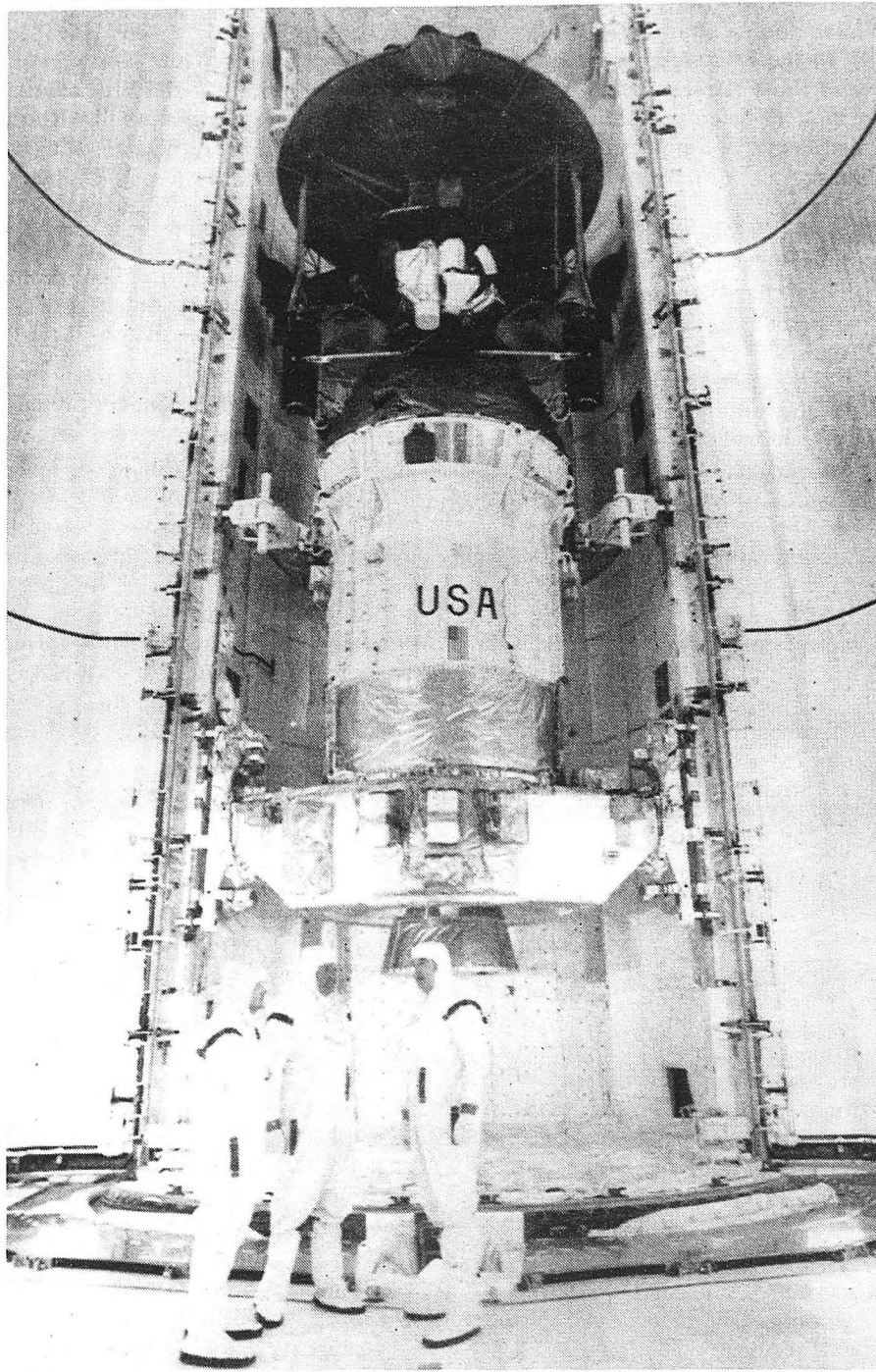
Working in Atlantis's crew cabin, Lucid and Baker deployed the 5,990-pound Galileo and its 32,500-pound rocket booster by remote control at 7:15 p.m. EDT.

The probe's booster fired on schedule an hour later, dispatching Galileo to its historic appointment with the solar system's largest planet, lord of a miniature solar system with at least 16 known moons.

Galileo is the most sophisticated interplanetary spacecraft ever built, a nuclear-powered robot that will drop instruments into Jupiter's atmosphere before beginning a 22-month orbital study of the planet. Along the way, it also will study Venus, Earth and its moon and at least one asteroid.

Equipped with a battery of high-tech sensors and cameras, Galileo will beam back pictures that will be 20 to 1,000 times better than the spectacular Jovian photos beamed home by Voyager 1 in the late 1970s.

"The Galileo project is delighted to be on our way to Jupiter via flybys of Venus and Earth," project manager Richard Sphehalski said.



Jet Propulsion Laboratory technicians stand in front of the Galileo spacecraft as it goes into the payload bay of the space shuttle Atlantis Monday. Galileo was successfully launched Tuesday. (AP Laserphoto)

Senate rejects flag desecration amendment

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate, in a sharp rebuke to President Bush and most conservatives, Thursday rejected a constitutional amendment to outlaw desecration of the U.S. flag.

Once considered almost certain of quick passage in Congress, the amendment foundered as grass-roots passions cooled, senators feared an impingement on the 200-year old Bill of Rights and Republican co-sponsors defected.

The vote was 51-48 in favor of the amendment, 15 short of the two-thirds majority voting that is required for passage.

"I think the sound judgment of Americans has asserted itself," said Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine.

The proposed amendment stated, "The Congress and the states shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

The preamble declared that "physical desecration" includes, but is not limited to, such acts as burning, mutilating, defacing, defiling or trampling on the flag or "displaying

the flag in a contemptuous manner."

Congress already has passed a bill making it a federal crime to physically desecrate the flag. Bush has said he would allow the bill to become law without his signature, and the law is certain to be tested in the courts.

The Senate's two party leaders, Mitchell and Republican Robert Dole of Kansas, wound up the debate on the fourth day in dramatic appeals for votes.

Mitchell, a former federal judge, said the nation has never tampered with the Bill of Rights in 200 years "despite the worst that fate has hurled at us."

He said, "Principles which have stood the test of time should not be lightly discarded. Liberties that have seen us through civil wars and world wars should not be tampered with."

Mitchell added that the Senate was being asked "to believe that the flag which neither Hitler nor Stalin could defeat is now threatened by a single misguided person who most Americans never heard of and don't care about."

But Dole, standing behind a

carton of petitions for the amendment, said "The flag stands alone, unique." He added that burning Old Glory "is conduct, not speech."

Both the bill and the proposed constitutional amendment were prompted by a 5-4 Supreme Court decision in June that said burning the flag is a constitutionally protected form of free speech and protest.

The decision triggered outrage among politicians — Bush announced his backing of a constitutional amendment at the Iwo Jima Memorial — and among Americans around the country.

In recent weeks, however, senators expressed fears that the amendment would impinge on the 200-year-old Bill of Rights for the first time in history, a feeling grew that the law should be given a chance and it became evident, in the words of Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, that "passions have cooled considerably" around the country.

Three veterans of the Vietnam War, Sens. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., John Kerry, D-Mass., and Harkin joined the opposition during

Wednesday's debate.

Kerry, a Medal of Honor recipient who lost a leg during the war, did not mention his war experiences in announcing his opposition to the amendment.

But Kerry, who won the Silver and Bronze stars for gallantry in combat and later founded the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and Harkin, who ferried jets in and out of Vietnam, both cited their own experiences in reaching a decision.

Kerry said that even at the height of the anti-war protests he led, "no one would have tolerated — as veterans — the burning of the flag."

Harkin said he was so incensed by the flag burning that he tried to see if the perpetrators could be stripped of their citizenship and thrown out of the country.

Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and Robert Kasten, R-Wis., spoke for the amendment as the debate moved through its third day.

"The flag is more than a symbol," Kasten said. "The flag is the symbol. It is even a symbol of the First Amendment."

U.S. news

Poll shows Bush popular despite critics

WASHINGTON (REUTER) -- As he approaches the first anniversary of his election, George Bush has few domestic legislative triumphs to savor and a barrage of attacks to fend off from critics who accuse him of weak, wish-washy leadership.

If the 65-year-old Republican president retains a relaxed, affable demeanor despite such adversity — and he does, as even the recent stock market shocks illustrated — it is because the public clearly supports him despite brickbats on issues ranging from budget-cutting to Panama.

Polls show Bush is achieving a public relations feat not even his best friends could have predicted: he is, nine months into a four-year term, even more popular than his legendary mentor, Ronald Reagan, was at a comparable point.

A recent Washington Post/ABC News poll gave him a job approval rating of 76 percent, a height seldom touched by any U.S. president and well above Reagan's 64 percent. Bush is, as Secretary of State James Baker likes to say, "rocking along" in public esteem.

He demonstrated the low-key composure Americans find reassuring even as Wall Street gyrated through Monday morning jitters after its Friday the 13th plunge. The president just waved off reporters with a nonchalant, "I'm not worried."

While the stock market did rally that day, no one knew when Bush spoke if his confidence was justified economically or in terms of political fallout. But the comment was vintage Bush.

Such soothing performances, however, also underscore the critics' argument that he is stronger on

atmospherics than on substance and too cautious politically to make controversial decisions when they need to be made.

Even the admiring public seems to have doubts about this.

In the Post/ABC poll more than half those surveyed said he was not doing all he could to solve domestic problems. A similar survey for Time magazine and the Cable News Network gave Bush a lustrous 75 percent approval but also found that only 49 percent thought he was taking charge on major issues — and 40 percent said he just talks about them.

"The (job-approval) polls reflect an 'I'm all right, Jack' attitude — we're at peace and we're relatively prosperous," says political analyst Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution. "If any of that changes, his standing in the polls would quickly change."

Beyond the polls and the White House optimism is a relatively short list of domestic policy achievements.

Most significant to date is a \$166 billion bailout to save the savings and loan industry from collapse.

A vaunted and highly controversial proposal to reduce capital gains taxes on investment profits — a cut chiefly beneficial to wealthier citizens — was sidetracked in Congress's struggle to meet obligatory budget-cut goals.

Also languishing on Capitol Hill have been such Bush-backed proposals as a bill to tighten ethical standards for government officials including congressmen, one to raise the salaries of federal judges, a \$440 million school aid measure and a plan to fight crime by building more jails.

But the fiercest criticisms stem from broader issues.

His handling of an abortive coup in Panama brought the worst barrage yet as critics charged Bush missed a chance to oust Manuel Antonio Noriega by acting too cautiously. Timidity, they said, is a hallmark of this White House.

"This president is dithering around with his paddle in the pond without realizing that we're nearing Niagara Falls," said James David Barber, a Duke University political scientist.

Bush's leadership style came under its first sustained fire last month when he launched his much-heralded war on drugs. Even fellow

Republicans felt the plan was underfunded and, under pressure from Congress, he agreed to add almost a billion dollars to the \$7.8 billion he originally proposed.

Complaints intensified when he purported to place education atop the national agenda by holding a "summit" with state governors. The gathering drew scorn from former Education Secretary William Bennett, now head of Bush's anti-drug war, who said it produced uninformed "pap."

"Some governors ... came away with a poor report card on Mr. Bush himself," columnist Tom Wicker wrote in the New York Times. "They thought he had exploited the problems of education for presidential publicity rather than making much of a contribution to their solution."

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, a liberal Colorado Democrat who labeled Reagan the "Teflon president" for his ability to escape public blame for administration failures, calls Bush a "Revlon president" who offers only cosmetic solutions.

Bush defenders point out that,

unlike Reagan who had a Republican Senate to work with for six of his eight years, Bush must deal with Democratic majorities in Congress.

Analysts like Hess are not overly impressed.

"His record is certainly not distinguished at this point and it's too easy to blame divided government," Hess said. "We've had divided government for much of our contemporary history and we know how to deal with it."



HIGH RATINGS -- President Bush, shown here disembarking from Air Force One with his wife, Barbara, and dog Millie, is more popular than former President Reagan. (AP Laserphoto)

DEA relocates, recalls success in recent busts

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh inaugurated the Drug Enforcement Administration's new headquarters in Arlington last week and urged anti-drug agents to work themselves out of their jobs.

The new headquarters, in twin glass-and-concrete towers near the Pentagon, will house 1,200 DEA staff who had offices in five different buildings across Washington.

Listing past successes in the fight against drugs, Thornburgh recalled that anti-narcotics agents had seized more than 35 tons of cocaine in the past three weeks — an all-time record. The busts included 21 tons stacked in a Los Angeles warehouse.

But the greatest success the DEA could achieve would be for its agents to work themselves out of business by smashing the criminal enterprises that supply drugs and ending demand for them, he said.

The DEA, the leading agency in the U.S. war on drugs, has about 3,000 agents in the United States and in 63 overseas field offices in 45 countries.

U.S. role in foreign coups may change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Tuesday it is seeking an understanding with Congress to relax restrictions on supporting potentially violent foreign coups.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the proposed changes would not alter a longstanding executive order banning assassinations but would allow the United States to have contact with plotters of a coup that might result in the death of a foreign leader.

CIA Director William H. Webster, in an interview Monday with The New York Times, said the executive order has been interpreted to prohibit U.S. aid to any coup that could lead to the death of a country's leader.

Alaska wants spill response plans for oil shippers

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — The state of Alaska has issued an ultimatum to oil shippers to develop spill response plans for all tankers within a month or the state will forbid them to load crude oil at the Valdez terminal, state officials said.

The tough new state position, outlined in letters being delivered to tanker operators, threatens to stop all crude oil shipments from the nation's largest domestic source of oil unless tanker operators' oil spill contingency plans are submitted in

time for state approval by Nov. 13. The Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., operator of the 800-mile trans-Alaska oil pipeline and the Valdez oil terminal, has refused to assume responsibility for any spill beyond an initial response, said Larry Dietrick, director of the state Division of Environmental Quality.

Webster said he detects a willingness in the administration and Congress to reinterpret the executive order.

"What he said was that there are interpretations and discussions and understandings with the Hill that should be reconsidered in light of their impact on coup activities," the spokesman added.

He confirmed that the administration was discussing the situation with congressional leaders but said "we're not willing to talk about details" publicly.

However, asked whether he was talking about a situation in which the United States would not carry out an assassination but might be a party to a coup that might lead to the death of

a foreign leader, Fitzwater said, "Yes, that's right."

Asked if a change in the guidelines would have made a difference in Panama, Webster said: "I'm not certain it would have made a difference in this situation. But it could very well make a difference in the next one, because the likelihood of the next plotter planning that he may probably have to take Noriega out is real."

He said he believes the order bars an American plan to assassinate Noriega. But "the area that has to be addressed" is whether U.S. employees may support a situation in which, "Here's a group that says it doesn't plan to kill him, but they're going to have to play rough and it could happen," Webster said.

prohibit the loading of any tanker at the Valdez Marine Terminal if that tanker does not have an approved contingency plan," Dietrick wrote in letters to more than two dozen tanker companies.

Tankers are required by state law to have oil spill contingency plans, but the state apparently let oil shippers operate without the plans because the state said it considered Alyeska fully responsible for a spill near the Valdez terminal or in Prince William Sound.

U.S. news

Small towns also suffer badly from quake

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (UPI) — With one of the nation's biggest and best-known metropolitan areas ravaged by a major earthquake, most of the attention has been focused on San Francisco, but some smaller towns suffered at least as much.

Two people were killed and a third was presumed dead in the rubble of a shopping mall in Santa Cruz, about 10 miles southwest of the epicenter of Tuesday's giant quake. Capitola and Watsonville each had single fatalities, and severe damage was widespread.

The epicenter of the quake that virtually shut down San Francisco 60 miles to the north shook again at 3:25 a.m. Wednesday with an aftershock that measured 4.5 on the Richter scale.

There was no word of additional damage or injuries.

Electricity and gas service were cut off throughout Santa Cruz County, and residents were warned to boil drinking water for fear supplies may have been contaminated by broken sewer lines.

Fires, many caused by leaking natural gas and downed power lines, destroyed 60 homes in Santa Cruz County and triggered several grass and brush blazes, the largest about 65 acres at the Nisene Marks State Park in Aptos, said Dan Turner, assistant fire chief for the California Department of Forestry.

More than 1,000 firefighters were called in.

A county official said 75 percent of the mobile homes surveyed were knocked off their supports.

Tom Dickershaid of Santa Cruz, a

city of 47,000, said his family was trying to cope in the aftermath of the quake.

"We ate all our frozen food last night and like most Californians, I've got a hot tub," he said. "We filled it last week, but we haven't put the chemicals in, so that's our water supply.

"Whenever anything else in my life has gone wrong, I always had the planet to cling to but what do you do when the planet's shaking?"

Two of those killed in the seaside community were crushed in the collapse of a number of stores at the historic Pacific Garden Mall in downtown. Officials said they feared additional victims were buried under the massive piles of brick and glass.

A 23-year-old coffee store employee was presumed dead after being buried beneath several feet of rubble. Several people were arrested in a melee that broke out when a crowd of onlookers chanted "Don't stop digging" when the search was called off.

A man died in the collapse of a Watsonville bakery and another man was killed in Capitola when his car hit a horse on the highway. At least one person died of a heart attack possibly related to the stress of the quake.

Hundreds were injured, including 26 who were hospitalized.

Forty buildings collapsed throughout Santa Cruz County, but all hospitals were open, officials said.

At least 358 people in Santa Cruz were provided overnight shelter at six emergency centers.

Property damage in the city was estimated at \$350 million.

Rockslides closed roads, including Highway 17 between Santa Cruz and San Jose. A northern route out of Santa Cruz, Highway 9, remained open through Great Basin State Park, but Highway 1, the coastal highway, was closed at the Green Valley Road overpass.

In Hollister, 35 miles east of Santa Cruz and the closest community to the center of the quake, the city was thrown into confusion. More than 40 houses were rocked off their foundations, downtown buildings were damaged and the roof of the J.C. Penney building collapsed. Nobody was killed, but 49 were hurt. A third of the 17,000 residents were without running water and officials worried supplies may be contaminated.

In Watsonville, buildings sustained heavy damage and several brick structures collapsed. Some 1,500 to 2,000 frightened residents spent the night sleeping in parks or schools.

In Salinas, city officials declared a state of emergency after an underground gas tank ruptured beneath the Lawrence Expressway, pouring gasoline into storm drains.

The hilly community of Los Gatos had more than 200 injuries in a population of 28,000 and more than two dozen businesses and houses were declared uninhabitable, including several landmark, Victorian homes worth more than half-a-million dollars.



PRO-LIFE RALLY AT CAPITOL — Some 7,000 Pro-Life activists rally at the capitol last week prior to the scheduled opening of the special legislative session on the abortion issue. (AP Laserphoto)

Poor structural support cause of I-880 collapse?

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — The stretch of Interstate 880 that crashed down on scores of cars during the earthquake was at the bottom of the list of bridges scheduled to undergo reinforcement to withstand a major quake, officials said.

Bill Schaefer, chief engineer for the state Department of Transportation, said the span was built in the mid-1950s, well before stringent construction standards were ordered following the 1971 earthquake that toppled several freeway overpasses in Southern California's San Fernando Valley.

In 1977, the bridge was reinforced to prevent its double decks from slipping off support columns during a major earthquake, but Schaefer said the span was not included in a second, recently concluded program to wrap steel casings around the columns on hundreds of bridges in California.

The retrofitting program was designed to prevent the columns from shattering in a powerful quake. On Tuesday, I-880's 30-year-old columns collapsed during the quake, sending the upper level crashing onto the lower level.

An estimated 150-250 cars, and possibly two buses were crushed nearly flat. Officials fear hundreds of people lie buried in the rubble, which was being dismantled through Wednesday night.

Oakland Police Officer Gregory Hibbard was one of those who crawled through narrow openings in the "pancake" created by the smashed freeway lanes.

Every car he found had been crushed to a height of about 18 inches, Hibbard said. He found no bodies. Only flattened, bloody cars.

"I saw slab after slab (of fallen concrete)," he said. "I knew those were tombs, that there were people inside. I wondered who they were, what they had looked like, where they were going. It was numbing."

The design of the highway, elevated by twin support columns spaced 80 feet apart, was considered by state transportation officials to be safe enough to place it in the third and final stage of the program, and thus, at the bottom of the list of bridges reinforced for an earthquake, Schaefer said.

In addition, engineers have not developed ways to effectively reinforce the type of dual

columns that support the bridge, he said.

"We thought it might be damaged (in a major earthquake), but we did not think it would collapse," he said, adding that the bridge underwent a safety inspection last April.

Engineers have not determined the exact reason for the catastrophe, but said the shaking might have been exaggerated because the highway was built atop a soft, potentially unstable landfill.

Kyle Nelson of the state Department of Transportation said it would take as long as two years to demolish and replace the freeway, also known as the Nimitz Freeway.

Gov. George Deukmejian, who cut short a trip to West Germany and flew home Wednesday, told a news conference at the Alameda Naval Air

Station that a full inquiry into the collapse would be conducted.

"I had been under the impression that all structures that had been built (since the 1971 quake were) ... built to adequate standards," Deukmejian said. "Obviously, something went wrong with the support columns." Nelson said huge jackhammers and grinders were being used to break apart the roadway, and cranes were lifting out the cars and rubble.

"They're going to go very slowly and very cautiously," Nelson said. "We're still afraid some sections might come down. This structure is totally unsound."

"It is going to have to come down. There is no portion of this structure that can remain."

The road, which is closed indefinitely, is an approach to the Bay Bridge, which carries an estimated 500,000 cars a day to and from Oakland and San Francisco.

A lengthy closure would create a traffic nightmare.

The highway collapse also dealt a blow to the Los Angeles freeway system. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn called Wednesday for a halt to the project to add a double deck to 2.6 miles of the Harbor Freeway.

Such double-decking is considered by many officials to be a partial answer to Los Angeles's growing traffic problem.

Schaefer said the collapse of the Nimitz Freeway should not affect plans to add decks to existing freeways because today's technology is adequate to protect the spans from earthquakes.



military news

'Star Wars' needs excitement to survive

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Backers say congressional support for the "Star Wars" anti-missile defense research is fading fast and the program needs some exciting new mission to capture public appeal and survive.

"Every year after this, unless you put more sizzle into it, it will dwindle until it is nothing but another laboratory program," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, a supporter.

The sizzle Kasich and a number of other backers say Star Wars needs is to be turned into a much smaller defense against some Soviet commander's accidental nuclear launch or a small nuclear attack by a Third World country like Libya.

Former President Ronald Reagan envisioned the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), when he launched the research program in 1983, as an invulnerable defense that would make nuclear missiles obsolete.

But Bush administration officials now say it would be impossible to shoot down virtually every nuclear missile the Soviet Union could fire in a nuclear war.

Vice President Dan Quayle has dismissed Reagan's vision as "political jargon," but said the U.S. goal was still to eventually rely on an SDI antimissile defense as well as the present threat of nuclear retaliation to deter war.

Reagan pumped \$16 billion into Star Wars for research to determine whether space and ground weapons could be deployed to destroy enemy missiles fired at the United States.

President Bush, who succeeded Reagan in January, has requested \$4.9 billion more for next year.

But supporters and opponents alike in Congress agree that the most Bush can get is a little more than last

year's \$4.1 billion — and that he is in real danger of suffering the first cut below a previous year's figure.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, one of Congress's most influential leaders on defense issues, is among the backers who say SDI should be turned into a smaller defense against an accidental Soviet launch or attack by some small country.

"The support in this body (the Senate) and the support in the House is clearly eroding," the Georgia Democrat told the Senate during a recent debate. "... I think the administration has to get its own act together and state the goals with some clarity, and clearly the time is running out."

The Pentagon says SDI's goal has already been clearly stated: a first phase that would prevent a Soviet first nuclear strike, and later phases with exotic laser rays to defend against a massive Soviet attack.

Defense officials say the figures are classified but Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., told the Senate the Pentagon requirement is that SDI's first phase be able to destroy half the huge Soviet SS-18 missiles launched in an 8,000 warhead first strike and 30 per cent of all other missiles.

He said that would make a Soviet first strike pointless because it could not achieve its purpose of destroying U.S. nuclear missiles before they could be fired in retaliation.

The Pentagon plans to decide next month which space weapons to develop so that Bush or the next president could decide by 1994 whether to begin deploying the first phase.

A leading contender for the space weapons is "Brilliant Pebbles," thousands of tiny satellites that

would orbit the earth in a band and destroy enemy missiles on command.

But opponents, and some backers, say an SDI defense is too costly, in the range of a trillion dollars, if it is no longer to be a nearly invulnerable defense but instead will only add to a U.S. arsenal already deterring nuclear war.

The Senate approved most of Bush's \$4.9 billion request for next year in its version of a \$305 billion defense authorization bill but the House approved only \$3.1 billion.

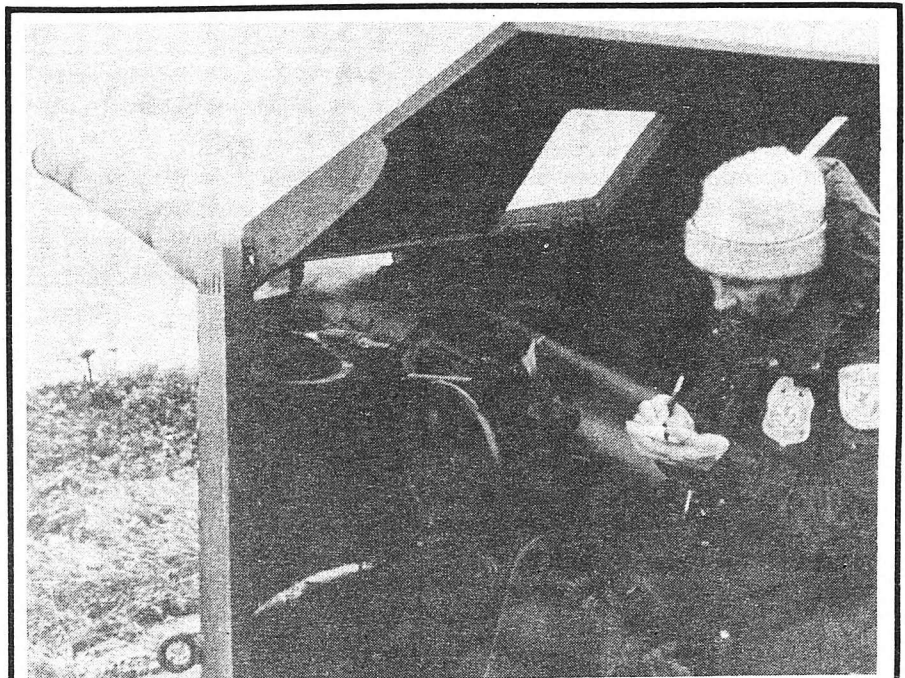
The conference of House and Senate members trying to work out a compromise has been deadlocked for weeks, with Nunn and other supporters insisting on at least last

year's SDI level and House opponents insisting on a cut below that.

Star Wars supporters are trying to get Bush to threaten to veto the entire bill if Congress does not provide at least last year's SDI level but, for tactical reasons, Bush has been unwilling so far to make such a threat.

Some opponents say Bush is unwilling to fight for the program and that it will indeed dwindle into a routine research program.

As one congressional aide put it: "Reagan was the only one pumping this balloon up, and with his departure it has collapsed."



ALEUTIAN LANDMARK — Mike Boylan, manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge, notes the condition of a Japanese coast defense gun in Kiskat, Alaska last week. He is a member of a team of about 30 Navy and National Park Service divers who are cataloguing World War II relics off Kiska and Attu islands in the Aleutians. (AP Laserphoto)

World peace makes weapons business boys sweat

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Peace breaking out around the world has sweat breaking out on the brows of the boys in the U.S. weapons business.

As a developing detente between the United States and the Soviet Union eases fears of war, Americans appear less concerned about maintaining the pace of the defense buildup begun by former president Ronald Reagan in 1981.

Army aids quake victims

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- National Guardsmen have set up a major field hospital outside San Francisco to help treat victims of the earthquake that devastated the Bay Area, the Guard said early Wednesday.

The field hospital, with generators and medical supplies, was being airlifted to Travis Air Force Base from Los Alamitos, Cal., as prepared for in practice drills, said Pentagon spokesman Dan Donohue.

The hospital has "everything you would need on the battlefield if you had to start treating casualties right now," he said.

At least 200 people were killed and 500 injured in the earthquake, a spokesman for the California Office of Emergency Services said.

About 1,500 members of the California Air and Army National

Guard were called into duty Tuesday night by Gov. George Deukmejian to help cope with the emergency.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney activated a Pentagon emergency unit Tuesday night "to provide whatever support is directed by higher authority."

Units of the Air and Army National Guard were deploying 25 Vietnam War-vintage UH-1 helicopters as air ambulances, the same as those used to evacuate battlefield wounded during the war in Southeast Asia.

Also being used by the Guard were eight HC-130 cargo aircraft configured for air recovery and rescue, plus 16 C-130 transport aircraft, the National Guard said in Washington.

doing the budget, they're vitally concerned about this," said Collender, who speaks to audiences around the country about the defense budget.

"There hasn't been any audience in six months when someone didn't say, 'Can't we reduce spending for defense because of the changes going on in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union?'" he said in an interview. "They think this means that we ought to do something about defense."

He also holds regular sessions with defense contractors, including one that included Rep. Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

"Les Aspin did mention that the fact that peace breaking out was making it more difficult to get more defense dollars. You could see jaws dropping from some of the defense contractors there when he said that."

This is happening at a time when it will cost \$530 million for a single airplane, the new Stealth bomber, which is so expensive and has such sensitive technology that experts say it is unlikely it would be used for military situations other than World War III.

The \$70 billion Stealth program is nearly 10 times the size of President Bush's budget for the war against drugs, which he has called the gravest domestic threat to the nation.

Collender says the country is seeing only the beginning of a few

years of shrinking defense funds, and that companies are already quarreling over a smaller pie.

"It's a question of fighting over the smaller pieces. Previously, they just assumed the money would be there somehow. Now, you've got contractors not just bidding against each other for contracts. They're having to realize that what they're currently getting is about the most they're going to get for a while."

The Pentagon, whose \$300 billion a year budget is by far the biggest budget item, appears to be coming around to the notion that Reagan's defense buildup cannot continue given the changes in the Soviet Union.

One example is the prospect of a U.S.-Soviet conventional arms agreement that would result in withdrawal of 30,000 American military personnel from Europe.

"I think that if the Soviet Union reduces its forces, then we will have a smaller force," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl Vuono.

Defense analysts say some companies are already suffering from the industry's severe overcapacity and runaway development costs that are no longer automatically passed on to the government.

They said defense companies on the market are finding few suitors, and that many companies now for sale are undervalued by as much as 25 percent.

leisure

MWR offers adventure on the high seas

story by Pat Walker
photos by SA Kellie Rode

Have you been chomping at the bit to haul in the most important ingredient for a dorado dinner? Or to tack to Taboga or fly under spinnaker? Making those dreams come true is just "business as usual" at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal's Marina.

Under the auspices of MWR, the marina is managed by Jose Van Beverhoudt, who assumed management duties several months ago. Since taking charge, he has instituted a number of improvements and changes to make life more pleasant for his customers.

In addition to refurbishing moorings, building a sturdy new pier, and adding grass and a bohio, he has adjusted the marina hours to better serve those who wish to rent boats.

The new hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays, and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and holidays.

The marina can fill almost any bill for the fisherman.

It has three seven-passenger Jon boats with 9.9 horsepower motors available which can be trailered to Lake Gatun or Pedro Miguel or taken directly to a favorite saltwater fishing hole.

For the rowing enthusiast, these boats are also rented sans motor.

The most popular rental items are the five seven-passenger 17-foot Boston Whalers with their powerful 70 horsepower engines.

These are for saltwater use only, unless you also rent a driver from the Marina. The Whalers can cruise as far as Contadora and Taboga Islands in search of "the big ones."

On the third Saturday of every

month, the marina offers a class (\$15) in powerboating, and the license issued upon completion entitles the holder to operate the rental powerboats.

The class and the license are required if you are planning to skipper the boat.

Want to take it easy? No responsibilities? Not in the mood to take a class just yet? Consider rounding up a few friends and chartering one of two boats that come complete with captain, mate, and all the fishing equipment you'll need.

The 42' "Vargas" carries 10 people and goes for \$400/day. "Black Stallion," at 62', handles 34 folks at \$500/day.

Both offer barbecue facilities and ice; bring your own food and drinks. Both normally leave the naval station Marina at 6:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.; however, MWR is willing to work out just about any arrangement you may have in mind.

The charters are often booked well ahead of time, so it's best to plan far in advance.

If your idea of relaxation runs more to windpower than to horsepower there are other possibilities.

From among the Marina's 4 windsurfers, 7 Sunfish and 5 Catalinas, you can find something suited to your tastes and skills. As with the powerboats, classes (\$30) are required in order to rent the sailboats.

The Marina offers 3 different sailing classes: Basic, Crew and Skipper. With a Basic license, you can take out a Sunfish; to rent Catalina, one person must have a Skipper license, and one person must

have a Crew license.

The sailing classes are not held on a regular schedule, so if you're interested, give Jose or MWR a call to get the ball rolling.

All reservations for rental boats can be made, in person, no earlier than the Monday prior to your desired trip date. Reservations for each week start all over again every Monday to ensure "equal opportunity enjoyment."

Perhaps you're so enthralled with boats that you have one of your own. Though presently a bit limited in terms of space, the marina has both wet and dry moorings, and the rates are \$30/month in the water and \$25/month out of the water.

The new dock makes it easy for private boats to take on fresh water and load provisions.

If your boat is trailerable, the marina can haul it — either for storage or minor repairs and maintenance. You can even talk to some of the marina employees about a little help with such chores as sanding, painting, varnishing in their off-hours.

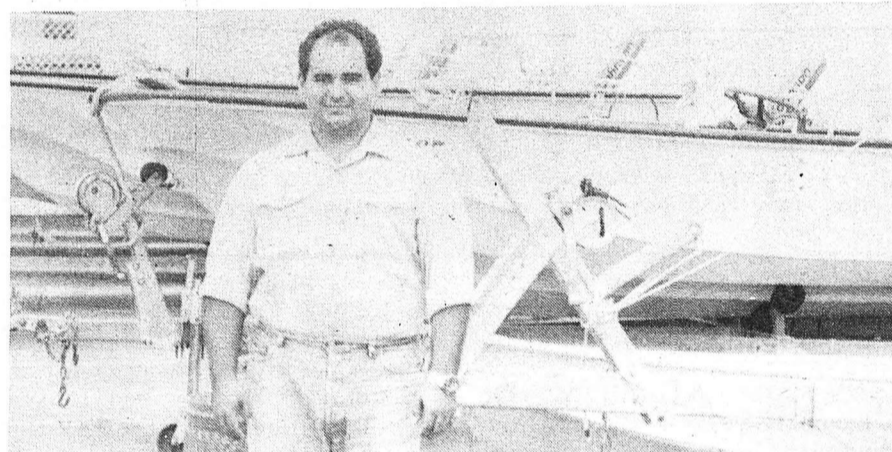
The facility can't handle major repair jobs, but Jose's knowledge of local talent can point you in the right direction for assistance.

Then there are those of you who like to look but intend never to set foot on a boat. For you, there's the bohio.

Situated for optimum harbor-watching, surrounded by soft green grass, it's a good spot to munch a hamburger or hotdog and sip a cold beverage from the concessionaire.

The bohio has a barbecue, great for a big — or cozy — cookout. Arrangements can be made jointly with the concessionaire and the marina or MWR.

If you're a military or civilian Department of Defense or Panama Canal Commission employee or family member who loves the water and fishing, sailing, snorkeling or seagoing sightseeing, check out the possibilities at the naval station Marina by calling MWR (283-5307) or the marina office (283-4147). Bon Voyage!



Jose Van Beverhoudt displays the Boston Whalers at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Marina.

Family Services awards volunteers for good deeds

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW) — Volunteers have been around for many years yet they still sometimes work long, tedious hours with little appreciation — let alone a paycheck to show for it.

This is not so at Howard Air Force Base.

Here, "Volunteers Work for Free, But Not For Nothing." Nancy Taylor, director of the Family Support Center, said one aspect that makes Family Services so special is the "tireless work of the volunteers

who help make our community the best it can be."

What kind of person does it take to get up in the morning and endure the tensions of work several days a week for free?

"The Family Services' volunteers are always there for the people here,

starting from the first day to the last," she continued. "They just never give up and are always prepared to do what needs to be done with a smile."

The Family Services Division here recently held an awards banquet at the NCO Club in honor of the continual and selfless hard work of their volunteers.

Sima Zaldivar was awarded the Volunteer of the Quarter Award for the period of April through June 1989 and a three-year pin. For the period of July through September of this year, Dawn Hessley captured the Volunteer of the Quarter Award. Both Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Col. Lansford E. Trapp Jr., commander of the 24th Composite Wing.

Other winners were: Angela Armstrong and Dana Hessley — Family Services Emblem and 100 and 250-hour guards; Laura Shoemaker, Casey Spring and Jason Spring — Family Services Emblem and 100-hour guard; Maria Ojeda, Glenn Porter and Cindy Roldan — Certificates of Recognition; Jeanette James and Julie Masters — Family Services Emblem; Wendy Tovado, Kim Schwark and Cathy Porter — one-year pin; Melodie Miller — 2,750, 3,000, 3,250, 3,500 and 3,750-hour guards and two-year pin; Kathy Johnson — 1,000 and 1,250-hour guards and two-year pin; Herman Smith — two-year pin and Mark Miller with a 100-hour guard.

Fort Amador wives treat soldiers to dinner

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — A can of beanie weenies and a casual comment from one Army wife to another became a minor miracle 24 hours after they spotted a soldier returning from Fort Amador's shoppette.

Immediately the wives decided to get with a few friends and organize a spaghetti dinner. They wanted to show their appreciation to the 65 soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade who were guarding the Fort Amador housing area where the ladies live.

But a real surprise came at 5 p.m.

the next day as the wives were setting up dinner.

You see, word about the dinner had spread and for the next half-hour plate after plate of unsolicited food arrived from the surrounding houses.

Until what was meant to serve 65 was enough for 300.

And although 300 people didn't show up, the infantry ate for 200.

"The soldiers deserve this dinner. We really appreciate what they're doing here," said Thuy Berry, as she rearranged the dishes to make room for a late arrival.

When the last dish hit the table, the soldiers began filling their plates. Comments like "I'm volunteering for permanent guard duty on Amador," and "Permanent guard duty? I'm getting assigned here," made it clear they appreciated what the women had done for them.

They made their feelings even clearer a short time later when they presented the women with Charlie Company Commando T-shirts, which may have been a gesture of mercy.



Thuy Berry loads "just a little bit more" food onto Spec. Eric Lowe's plate. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)

U.S. news

Solons welcome CIA coup clarification

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Lawmakers say they welcome clarification of a U.S. ban against assassinating foreign leaders but they dispute Bush administration suggestions that the ban might have prevented U.S. help for the coup attempt in Panama two weeks ago.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman David Boren said this

week that he told President Bush the committee would promptly consider any administration proposal to clarify that the ban does not necessarily prohibit U.S. help for a coup because of the possibility of a foreign leader being killed.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said earlier in the day that Bush would not alter the

assassination ban but did want to discuss the clarification with Congress.

"We're saying we're opposed to assassinations," Fitzwater said. "But there's clarification needed on other kinds of activities, and we want to discuss it with the Congress."

Boren, an Oklahoma Democrat, said he told Bush at a White House meeting last week that he agreed the assassination ban might be ambiguous.

But carrying on a dispute that began shortly after the Oct. 3 coup attempt, Boren and other senators challenged administration suggestions that the assassination ban might have prevented U.S. help for the coup attempt against Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

"With the sort of thing you had in Panama, I don't think by the greatest stretch of the imagination should that be a consideration," Boren said.

Sen. Sam Nunn, a Georgia Democrat and member of the committee, said the assassination ban was not relevant to the coup attempt in Panama because rebels did not plan to capture Noriega, much less assassinate him.

Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, suggested Oct. 8 that the assassination ban had restricted Bush's handling of the coup attempt after Boren, Nunn and other senators accused Bush of being

unprepared for the coup attempt after urging Panamanians to overthrow Noriega.

"The Congress, by its actions and demeanor, certainly leaned us against the kinds of things they're now saying we should have done," Scowcroft said in a television interview.

CIA director William Webster agreed in a New York Times interview that the ban might not have applied to the Panama coup attempt but said more difficult situations must be addressed.

For example, he said, U.S. officials must know what to do when rebels ask assistance in overthrowing a clear despot but make clear he may be killed in the heat of battle.

The assassination ban was recommended by Congress and carried out with an executive order by former President Gerald Ford in 1976 after disclosure of plots by U.S. agents to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro and other leaders.

Sen. William Cohen, the Republican vice-chairman of the intelligence committee, agreed the ban could be clarified but said the United States should not overreact and significantly weaken the ban.

"I don't think that it (the Panama situation) warrants our getting back into the coup business or back into the assassination business," Cohen said.



VICTORY KISS — Maynard Jackson gives a kiss to his wife Valerie in his hotel room early this month winning the mayoral race in Atlanta. (AP Laserphoto)

Navy ships reaffirm U.S. ties to Asian nations

ON USS ENTERPRISE, Off Okinawa (Reuter) — The U.S. Navy has turned out in full force to reaffirm security ties with its Asian allies, with a senior commander showing skepticism about Moscow's declared intent to scale down its regional presence.

The navy dispatched 53 major warships to the western Pacific in the largest maneuver of its kind, a series of bilateral exercises with Japan and South Korea called PACEX '89.

Vice-Adm. Henry Mauz, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, denied that Washington was looking for a NATO-like alignment among allies in the region.

"There is no operational linkage and I don't think it's possible in the foreseeable future," Mauz told reporters flown to the aircraft carrier Enterprise.

Although Moscow had spoken about unilateral cutbacks, the number of Soviet ships in the region remained about the same, he said, adding: "They are moving in their top-line vessels here from their Northern and Baltic fleets."

In a month-long exercise with Japan which ended last week, army and air force units held joint maneuvers involving as many as 100 Japanese ships, the 53 U.S. vessels and about 400 aircraft from both sides.

The Seventh Fleet is to conduct exercises with South Korean navy units in the next few weeks.

A Soviet Embassy official in Tokyo said Moscow was highly critical of the exercise. "It only raises tension in the Asia-Pacific region," the official said.

Aboard the Enterprise, reporters

watched a classic World War II-style gunnery practice as the battleships USS New Jersey and Missouri fired salvoes of live ammunition against a target ship.

Japanese newspapers have criticized the joint exercise as a move toward forming a military bloc that would stand even if Moscow decreased its military presence.

Japan's opposition Socialists, who dealt a severe blow to the pro-American ruling Liberal Democrats in July parliamentary elections, want to scale down military ties with Washington.

"PACEX '89 has a strong political meaning," said Haruo Fujii, a Japanese military analyst and specialist in Soviet military affairs.

"There is a sense of crisis on the part of the United States and therefore it attaches great importance to the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

In the Philippines, the United States faces the possibility of losing its largest naval and air force bases in the region — Subic Bay and Clark Air Base — if Washington fails to renew a base treaty with Manila by 1992.

10-year-old's rapist gets 6 years

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — A man who claimed that he paid the family of a 10-year-old girl to ensure that she would someday become his wife received a six-year jail term Thursday for raping her.

Tom Yang, 33, a postal clerk, was convicted of rape on Oct. 6 after a two-week trial in superior court. Yang lived with the girl and her family in Long Beach and said he paid \$9,000 for the promise that she marry him.

The prosecutor said Yang, a Laotian immigrant, tried unsuccessfully to use differences between cultures in Laos and the United States as a defense to cover up his crime. Yang denied raping the girl last April.

"This case had nothing to do with

cultural differences," said Ken Lamb, a deputy district attorney. "It had to do with a rapist. I don't know of any country where it's OK to rape little girls."

Lamb said that two days after the rape, the girl's mother took her to a physician and Yang told the doctor he was the victim's husband and that he had had sex with her.

Although the victim recanted her accusation against Yang, Lamb presented medical evidence to establish that she had been sexually assaulted.

The girl's mother said that she accepted the \$9,000 dowry from Yang, but claimed to have returned the money. Police found \$8,900 in the woman's laundry basket.

The victim and a 12-year-old sister are living in a foster home.

U.S. accuses Cuba of UN violations

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department Thursday accused Cuba, newly elected to the United Nations Security Council, of being the principal violator of the council's ban on supplying arms to guerrillas in Central America.

Cuba, along with Democratic Yemen, Romania, Cote d'Ivoire and Zaire, was elected to the Security Council this week.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said Thursday, "We hope Cuba will recognize that it has a special responsibility as a member of the Security Council to act constructively to end regional conflicts, not contribute to them."

She named Cuba as "the principal violator" of Security Council resolution S-20752, which calls on U.N. member states to ensure that arms shipments to "irregular forces or insurrectional movements" in Central America cease.

She said that "we hope (Cuba's) tenure on the Security Council will begin with Cuban adherence" to the

Security Council Resolution.

Secretary of State James Baker, in talks in Wyoming last month, told Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze that Soviet bloc arms shipments to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, known as the FMLN, have continued at a high level through Cuba and Nicaragua.

The State Department condemned the FMLN Wednesday for the street-corner assassination of a 23-year-old daughter of a Salvadoran army colonel in San Salvador, describing it as "an act of simple murder."

On Thursday, the State Department also condemned the firebombing in San Salvador of the house of Reuben Zamora, one of the leaders in the left-wing coalition that includes the FMLN. Zamora and his family were able to escape the house without injury.

Tutwiler said, "We have firmly and steadfastly opposed violence from either extreme — violence which has only one objective, the undoing of El Salvador's fledgling democracy."

U.S. news

Earthquakes level buildings, people

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Earthquakes not only level buildings and bridges, but people.

San Francisco, crippled by the second deadliest temblor of its history, is for the moment a classless society unified by the scale and horror of its equal-opportunity killer.

Businessmen and security guards huddle with black teens at crime-ridden Buena Vista Park where boom boxes provide the only reliable quake updates in a city without power. Tourists mix with panhandlers in the famous restaurants and bars off Lombard Street.

There are few machine sounds, only the sounds of people. Skateboarders and bicyclists command the rights of way. Taxicab drivers are kings.

"I've never had such nice customers in my life," said Al Gelder, 27, whose been driving his private cab almost nonstop since the quake hit Tuesday evening.

"People smile a lot. They give me big tips, ask me where I will be later. I've even been invited to dinner."

On the broad greens of the Marina district, its liquified soil causing the greatest damage, owners of wrecked half-million-dollar condos sleep under the stars. Looting is not a problem.

Army engineers to inspect dams

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Military engineers were ordered to inspect public and private dams and levees within 50 miles of the devastating California earthquake, officials said Thursday.

So far, officials said, Army Corps of Engineers workers found no damage to the structures.

Other military contributions in the wake of the earthquake included mooring the frigates USS Lang and Gray in San Francisco harbor.

The Lang was producing steam to help the city generate electricity.

Meanwhile, the Gray was producing electricity aboard the vessel to assist Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in powering cleanup operations in the hard-hit Marina district.

The Pentagon had no estimate of the number of active military personnel involved in earthquake relief efforts. A spokesman noted it was "the kind of situation where people in the area went to work," assisting where they could.

The military also was providing engineering personnel and heavy lifting gear for rescue operations on a collapsed section of Interstate 880.

Even drunks are scarce. Liquor stores in the district, for the most part, are closed.

Police, traditionally scorned in the many ethnic neighborhoods of the city, are suddenly heroes. Black church groups donate food to white cops working overtime, and Chinese grocers feed high school volunteers directing traffic.

At the patrician St. Francis Hotel, where baseball commissioners stay and history repeats itself — this gilded hostelry survived the big 1906 quake — volunteers hand out packets of grapefruit juice to visitors and street people, several of whom have stretched out in upholstered chairs in the ornate lobby.

"It's kind of like the perfect way things should be," said Anita Franklin, 45, whose life possessions are tucked in a ragged backpack. "It's like the pioneer days when everybody had to help everybody else."

There are, of course, frictions. Lines form quickly at working phones, although the message would-be callers hear is much the same: "Due to the earthquake in the area you are calling, your call cannot be completed at this time. Please try your call later."

There are also lines at gas stations, not because there is a shortage of gas — there is plenty — but because distribution is slow and painstaking.

Military hospitals in the area opened their doors to civilian casualties and military police joined civilian officers on traffic details. Military personnel also helped with urban search and rescue.

An Air Force U-2 spy plane from Beale Air Force Base made a flight over the San Francisco area Wednesday afternoon. The photographs were given to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance in assessing damage and finding areas of roof damage not visible from the ground.

A total of 1,173 California National Guardsmen were on state active duty.

The Presidio, an Army installation in San Francisco, contributed bedding and portable lighting for the city and the cruiser USS Texas provided communications coordination for the Bay Area.

A Pentagon spokesman said there were no reports of deaths to military personnel and most damage at the various facilities was minor.

But the runway at Alameda Naval Air Station remained closed because of a 2,000-foot crack in the runway.

Without power, the stations cannot measure output, so they sell gas in 5 and 10-gallon containers.

Fifty miles south of the city in the community of Los Gatos, closer to the quake's epicenter, hundreds of homeowners slept on front lawns rather than risk peril in their homes, which creaked with a succession of aftershocks, the strongest measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale.

Perhaps the greatest unifier is the site of the greatest horror, the double-tiered Nimitz freeway in Oakland, which collapsed like a sandwich, entombing 150 to 250

vehicles and the people inside them. There, heroes come from all walks.

"You see lawyers and carpenters and every kind of person trying to get in there and help," said Don Rich, a professional sculptor. "They all want to do something."

Rich, 52, spent hours snaking inside the collapsed structure, searching for survivors at the risk of his own life. Structural engineers say the highway could collapse again.

"You just don't think about the danger," he said. "These aren't normal times."



Pentagon to test 18 allied weapons

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Pentagon Thursday singled out 18 allied weapons systems to include in a weapons evaluation program that could lead to U.S. purchases of foreign-built equipment.

The selections were made under two testing programs. Under the NATO comparative test program only items from NATO nations are examined. Selected technology evaluations are conducted under the foreign weapons evaluation program.

The programs are intended to see if the equipment of other nations can more quickly and cheaply satisfy U.S. service needs. They are, however, structured so that U.S. manufacturers are not put at any disadvantage.

Examples of the weapons systems

being examined include a Dutch close-in shipboard anti-missile system like an existing U.S. system but firing 4,200 rounds a minute of 30mm ammunition, a German handheld sonar unit for divers and a lightweight Swedish and German diesel ship motor using waterjet propulsion that provides more maneuverability and stability than propellers and rudders.

Other items include a French rocket motor hot gas valve material shown to have significant performance and cost advantages over systems with movable nozzles. And the Marine Corps wants to look at the Israeli Gideon helmet display, an electro-optical device that attaches to night vision goggles and shows control, performance and position data.

Army renames Pacific command

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Army said Thursday it has renamed its Western command based at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, as the U.S. Army Pacific, and made the Army command in Japan a major subordinate unit to the new Pacific command.

Officials said the reorganization will enhance the Army's ability to support the commander in chief in the Pacific region. The relationship between the Army group in Japan and the Japan Ground Self Defense Force will not change, the Army said.

The 6th Light Infantry Division, based in Alaska and just recently folded into the Western command as a subordinate unit, will remain in that status in the new Pacific command, which within the Army

will be known as USARPAC.

The present Western command commander, Lt. Gen. Claude Kicklighter, has been renominated by the president to run the new operation, and the Army said Maj. Gen. Jack Woodall was nominated for reassignment to the Japan operation and promotion to three-star rank. He currently serves as commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division of the 8th Army.

In addition to the units in Japan and Alaska, the command will include the 25th Light Infantry Division in Hawaii, the 45th Support Group, the Army Readiness Group and the 9th Corps, all in Hawaii, and the Army chemical weapons destruction operation on Johnston Atoll, as well as the special forces group on Okinawa.

Army ends grounding of Chinooks

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Army said Thursday it has lifted the grounding order on 211 of the 264 CH-47D Chinook helicopters ordered out of service in early August because of a transmission oil cooling fan problem.

The grounding was ordered as a precautionary measure after fan failures on aircraft at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Bragg, N.C. No one was injured in either incident nor were the aircraft damaged.

Since then, the contractor, Boeing Helicopter Co., and the Army's Aviation Systems Command have worked on

finding the cause and possible solutions to the problem.

Army officials said teardowns indicate the failures most likely stemmed from vibrations, and modifications have now been made to the various fan models in an effort to solve the problem. And, they said, each aircraft must now be checked every 25 hours.

The 211 aircraft affected by Thursday's order have not had fan failures. The remaining 43 aircraft have experienced fan failures in the past and will undergo further testing and evaluation before being approved for flight operations, the Army said.

club calendar

Specials/Opening

Naval Station O' Club - Fri. & Wed., social hour; Mon. & Sun., mom's night out; membership appreciation night.
Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Tues., social hour; Sat., grill sandwich bar; Sun.
Naval Station CPO Club - Mon.-Thurs.; Fri.-Sun.
Bamboo Inn - Mon. & Fri., social hour.
Ft. Amador O' Club - Available for special events on Wed., Fri., & Sat. disco
Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn - Fri., happy hour.
STRAC Club - Open Mon.-Fri.; Wed.- Fri., social hour with hot snacks, Fri., with DJ.; Sat., club open.
Clayton NCO Club - Fri., social hour, free snacks.
Ft. Sherman Cadre Lounge - Sat., open. Enjoy the new variety disco program.
Ft. Sherman Community Club - Mon., Tues., Wed., club closed, available for special functions.
Davis Community Club - Fri., social hour; Wed., Sr. NCO/Officers' lounge is open; Thurs., open.
Davis Mountain Top Pub - Available for kiddie parties. Call 289-3506.
Espinar Community Club - Available for special functions and parties only. Call 289-5160.
Quarry Heights - Now open for dinner Mon.; Oktoberfest (German cuisine) every Thur. night during Oct.; available for special events and functions. Call 282-4380.

Dining

Howard O' Club - Fri., prime rib,

seafood; Sat., prime rib & shrimp; Sun. & Mon., closed; Tues., 2 for 1 steak night; Wed., Mexican night; Thurs., Cajun night.

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Mon., a la carte dining; Membership night last Mon. of each month.

Naval Station Officers' Club - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun., a la carte dining; Mon., seafood night; Tues., turkey croissant; Wed., pork chop; Thurs., Porterhouse steak.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun., grill sandwich bar; Mon. & Thurs., chicken in the basket; Tues., spaghetti night; Wed., Mongolian stir fried night.
Naval Station CPO Club - Mon.-Sat. a la carte dining.

Quarry Heights - Tues., steak night; Wed. & Thurs., membership appreciation discount; Fri., Chateaubriand; Sat., seafood feast; Reservations recommended.

Amador O' Club - Thurs., Mongolian BBQ; closed holidays and Mon.

Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn - Fri., tacos; Sat., lobster thermidor, variety music.

Albrook O' Club - Fri.-Sat., prime rib/seafood; seafood; Sun., dining room closed; Mon. Mongolian BBQ; Tues., dining room closed, burgers in the bar; Wed., Mexican night; Thur., 2 for 1 steak night.

Clayton NCO Club - Casa Maria, Mexican food specials Mon.-Wed. & Fri.; Tues. - Sat., dining.

Red Door - Open every day.
Sherman Community Club - Tues.-Sun., pizza garden is open. La Vista dining room is open Fri., chateaubriand for 2; Sat., seafood special; Sat., open for fast food.

Davis Community Club - Fri., international dining in the Caoba Cafe, Mexican night; Thurs., Mongolian BBQ, disco follows BBQ.

Davis Mountain Top Pub - Thurs.-Sun., pizza & chicken delivery.

Entertainment

Howard O' Club - Fri., Disco.

Howard NCO Club - Variety disco in Ballroom: Fri. & Sat.; Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-& Wed.; Casual Cove Discos: Fri. & Sat., rock & roll, salsa; Mon. & Tues., variety; Wed. & Thurs., western.

STRAC Club - Fri., music with Judy Upton.

Naval Station O' Club - Fri., DJ; Mon. - Sun., live entertainment.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Sat., DJ; Tues. movie night.

Naval Station CPO Club - Fri., DJ; Sun., movie day.

Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn - Mon., pepperoni pizza, game night; Wed., hors d'oeuvres, ladies night, DJ; Thurs., pounder burger w/french fries, games night.

Bamboo Inn - Fri., live band.

Albrook O' Club - Fri. & Sat., disco; Sun., German Rosch during brunch

Clayton NCO Club - Fri. & Sat., C&W in the Corral; Mon., closed.

Corner Post Lounge - Sun., variety music, oldies but goodies.

Ft. Sherman Community Club - Fri., entertainment.

Davis Community Club - Fri., disco; Sat., land & sea special, Caoba Cafe.

Lunch

Howard O' Club - Mon.-Fri.

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Fri.

Naval Station O' Club - Mon.-Sat.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Mon.-Fri; grill sandwich bar; Sun.

Naval Station CPO Club - Tues.-Sun.

Quarry Heights - Mon.-Fri. lunch specials.

Amador O' Club - Mon.- Fri.

Bamboo Inn - Mon.-Sat.

Albrook O' Club - Mon.-Fri.

Clayton Guest House - Tues.-Fri.
Clayton NCO Club - Mon. - Fri.
Davis Community Club - Tues.-Fri.; closed Mon.
Sherman Community Club - Once a month lunch specials.

Breakfast

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Fri.; Sun., sit down breakfast.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Mon.-Fri.

Quarry Heights O' Club - Mon.-Sat.

Sunday Brunch

Howard NCO Club - 3rd Sun. of month.

Howard O' Club - 3rd Sun. of month.

Naval Station O' Club -

Amador O' Club -

Albrook O' Club -

Clayton NCO Club -

Sherman Community Club - once a month.

Davis Community Club -

Games

Howard O' Club - Wed.

Howard NCO Club - Sun. & Wed.

Albrook O' Club - Tues.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Thurs.

Naval Station CPO Club - Tues.

Clayton NCO Club - Sun. & Tues.

Davis Community Club - Sun. & Wed.

Editor's Note: Because of the changing situation relative to Personnel Movement Limitations, club activities are subject to change without notice. Personnel should call the club to verify the scheduled event.

notices

Beauticians needed

The Albrook AFS and Howard AFB beauty shops are looking for experienced beauticians. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

For more info call 286-3635.

Unusual 'society'

The Society for Creative Anachronism is a non-profit, educational organization devoted to the study of the Middle Ages by re-enactment of medieval tournament life.

The organization meets every first and third Tuesday of the month. For more info call 287-6729 or write to PSC Box 2518, APO Miami 34004.

Teaching positions

The Florida State University, Panama Canal Branch is seeking professionals interested in adjunct faculty positions for courses offered at Albrook AFS, Howard AFB, Fort Clayton and Fort Kobbe on the Pacific side; Fort Davis on the Atlantic side.

Courses

The Training and Development Division, Civilian Personnel Office will be conducting the following courses in October.

Anyone interested in attending should submit a DD Form 1556 through their supervisor and

organization's training coordinator to CPO, T&D, Building 6523, Corozal. For further information contact Michele Melant, 285-5470/4111.

Courses are: Supervisor Development Program (phase one), No. 317, Monday-Friday, 40 hours; Customer Relations (English), No. 210, Friday, 8 hours and New Employee Orientation (Spanish), No. 327, Oct. 30-31, 12 hours.

Frames available

Ready made frames are available at the Fort Clayton Arts & Crafts Center, building 180. Check out the selection.

Holiday bazaar

Officers Wives Club-Pacific Christmas Bazaar --"Christmas in Paradise" is scheduled for Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Amador Officer's Club.

PTO meeting

Curundu Elementary School's PTO will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 213.

A special computer workshop for parents will be offered to familiarize parents with the school's computer curriculum and computer programs used by the students.

All parents are invited to attend.

Stop smoking

A smoking cessation group will meet from Tuesday through Nov. 29 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m. at Gorgas Army Community Hospital, Social Work Service, Section B, second floor.

Enroll by calling 282-5139/5404.

Also, an introductory smoking cessation class is available to units, per request.

Slogan contest

The Atlantic Safety Office is holding a "Safety Slogan Contest."

To enter, create a safety slogan of 50 words or less and submit it to any Community Recreation Division facility by Oct. 31.

There will be 52 slogans chosen and the winning slogan writers will receive a T-shirt.

You may enter as many times as you like. For details call the Atlantic Safety Office at 289-4202/4170.

Financial aid

Applications for financial assistance from the Quarry Heights Officer's Wives Club Welfare Committee may be obtained by writing QHOWC, c/o Welfare Chairperson, Box 1706, APO Miami 34003.

The deadline for applications is

Oct. 31.

Before/after school

The Howard AFB Child Development Center's "Before and After School" program still has some openings for children attending Howard AFB and Fort Kobbe Elementary Schools.

This program provides an environment for children ages 5-12 years, and it includes transportation to and from school. Also, there is time for a snack each day, swimming once per week, a weekly cooking demonstration, field trips and homework time.

The program is \$20 per week for kindergarten children and \$17 per week for older children. For more info call 284-6135.

Recipes

The Quarry Heights Officer's Wives Club is compiling a bilingual cookbook. All members need to submit their recipes by Oct. 31.

Recipes should be submitted in English and Spanish if possible.

Contact: QHOWC Recipes, Box 1845, APO 34003.

Officers Club

Lunch hours have been extended at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Officers' Club from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

things to do

FORT DAVIS

Acrylic Painting class

Acrylic painting lessons for beginners will start Nov. 2 at the Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center. A fee will be charged which includes canvas and instruction. Sessions will be held Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. Also, upcoming is Batea painting. Learn how to paint this local craft by calling the center at 289-5104.



Costa Rica

Sundial Recreation Center and the Atlantic Music & Theatre office are planning a Thanksgiving tour to San Jose, Costa Rica.

Visit the land of the eternal spring, Nov. 22-26. There will be trips to the Irazu volcano, the ox cart factories, Ojo de agua - a natural water spring; restaurants and discos.

Fee includes air transportation, some meals and hotel accommodations. Call 289-3889 or 4302.

Oktoberfest

Tickets are on sale at the Fort Davis Community Club for this year's Oktoberfest festivities being held Saturday. The club's annual Halloween party will be held Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. and will feature a dance and a Halloween costume contest. Call 289-5160 for more information.

Sundial tournaments

The Sundial Recreation Center will hold air hockey, billiards and shuffleboard tournaments Oct. 28.

For more information call 289-3889.

Arts and Crafts classes

Automotive classes for women are being offered by the Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Automotive Shop.

Also upcoming at the center is stained glass design Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Call 289-5104 for additional information or registration.

Health/Fitness classes

The Sundial Recreation Center will conduct a class on health and fitness Tuesday and stress workshop Thursday. For information call 289-3889.

FORT CLAYTON

Haunted house

Valent Recreation Center is getting ready for the Haunted House event. Lots of help is needed to prepare props, do makeup and portray characters Oct. 29-31. Persons interested in participating should call 287-4201/6500.

New classes

The Fort Clayton Arts & Crafts Center, Building 180, has new classes:

Basic Photography Developing, Introduction to Wood Working Equipment, Frame Assembling, Introduction to Photo Enlarging, Planning a Wood Project.

The center also has silk screen, art and sewing with heavy duty machinery classes by appointment. Call 287-5957.

Music classes

Learn to play the guitar or the piano. Classes are now available at the Valent Recreation Center.

New sessions will start in early November. Stop by the center or call 287-4201 for information.

Aqua aerobics

Aqua Aerobics classes will be starting Oct. 30. There are morning and evening sessions.

Choose between 9-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or 5-6 Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Register at the CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch in Building 154 (287-3363).

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL

Entertainment

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Officers' Club presents the following entertainment:

Gernan Rosch — pianist, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Rolandes Mosley — vocalist/guitarist, Wednesday and Saturday evenings

B. J. Greene — one-man band, Fridays, 4 p.m.

Each of our entertainers will play your requests. For more info, call 283-4478/4498.



Basic, Crew and Skipper sailing classes are being sponsored by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal.

Register at Building 65, the MWR main office or call 283-5307.

Boston Whaler class

A Boston Whaler class is being sponsored by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, MWR. For more info call 283-5307.

Tour/travel service

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR now has a tour and travel service located at Building 65.

The hours are: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon. Individual tours are available upon request.

For more information on tours and trips, call 283-5307.

Trap range

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR invites you to visit their trap range.

Schedule is as follows: Thursday, Friday, 4 p.m.-dusk. Saturday, Sunday, holidays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Firearms use will be provided, rental free.

Free movies

Free movies are being offered by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center for "all hands" and family members.

The movies will be played at Crews' Lounge, Building 88 at the naval station, (Rodman) and MCSFCo classroom, Building 3005 at the naval station (MARBKS).

Two different features are shown each night, one at 7 p.m. and another at 9 p.m. For more information, call 283-5307.

Tire sale

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Marine Corps Exchange is having a tire bonanza sale.

It will run until Dec. 16, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marine Corps Exchange Warehouse, Building 4 at the naval station.

For more info call 283-5777.



Swimming pool

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Farfan swimming pool is now open. Hours are, Monday through Friday, 6 - 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, it will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 283-5307 or 284-4252.

Halloween dance

The Anchorage Club, U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, will hold a "Halloween Dance" Oct. 28, from 7 to 11 p.m.

HOWARD AFB

Howard Craft Bazaar

The Howard Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization will be sponsoring a Craft Bazaar Nov. 18. People interested in renting a space for the event should call the school at 284-3124.

FORT AMADOR

Amador dinner dance

The Fort Amador Officer's Club has planned a spectacular dinner-dance Thursday at 6 p.m. The evening will feature live music and a steak dinner. The event will become a monthly feature at the club. Make reservations by calling 282-3534.

Dive trip

Bonaire is the destination of a week-long vacation being sponsored by the CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch. This is a great opportunity for diving enthusiasts.

Call 287-3363 or stop by building 154, Fort Clayton for full details.



Courses

The Training and Development Division, Civilian Personnel Office will be conducting the following courses for November.

Anyone interested in attending should submit a DD Form 1556 through their supervisor and organization's training coordinator to CPO, T&D, building 6523, Corozal.

For further information contact Michele Melant, 285-5470/4111.

Courses are: Customer Relations (Spanish), No. 217, Nov. 1, 8 hours; English Language Structure Workshop, No. 416, Nov. 1, 8 hours; Effective Writing Part 1 (Atlantic), No. 421, Nov. 6-9, 32 hours; Career Planning Workshop, No. 300, Nov. 8, 8 hours; New Employee Orientation (English), No. 321, Nov. 8-9, 12 hours; Achieving Your Potential (clerical), No. 537, Nov. 13-17, 20 hours.

Also offered are: Effective Writing Part 1, No. 400, Nov. 13-22, 32 hours; Preparing and Managing Correspondence, No. 240, Nov. 20, 8 hours; Civilian Personnel Management Orientation, No. 506, Nov. 21, 8 hours; Emergency Medical Care/ CPR, Nov. 27-29, No. 412, 16 hours; Planning for Retirement (Atlantic), No. 519, Nov. 29-30, 12 hours; Preparation of Travel Settlement Voucher, No. 524, Nov. 29, 3 hours and Modern Army Recordkeeping System (Marks), No. 230, No. 30, 8 hours.

Academy nominations

Eligible men and women wishing to be nominated by Panama Canal Commission Administrator D. P. McAuliffe for vacancies at the United States Military, Naval or Merchant Marine Academy have until Monday to submit their applications.

To be eligible, applicants' parents must be U.S. citizens who are either residing in areas of the Republic of Panama made available to the

United States under the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty and related agreements or working for the U.S. government and residing anywhere in Panama.

Applicants' parents who are in the military are not eligible for nomination by the administrator to the military nor naval academies but they are eligible for the Merchant Marine Academy.

The Committee on Appointments will meet at 9 a.m. Nov. 16 to review files and conduct mandatory personal interviews with applicants.

Applicants should report to the Engineering and Construction director's office by 8:30 that day.

notices



HOTDOG—Fire Prevention Week activities at Curundu Elementary School included a visit by the Panama Canal Commission Fire Department. Captain E. Holder, Sgt. E. Niles, Firefighter J. Sinclair, and "Sparky" played by Firefighter J. Garcia spoke with students in grades K-2 about how to prevent fires. Sparky is pictured with Laura Wolf, a second grader in Kathy Ubarte's room.

Checkbook class

A checkbook management class will be held Tuesday at the Valent Recreation Center. The class will highlight use of banking services, saving money through proper record keeping and bank relocation. Call 285-4857 to reserve a space.

English classes

Basic and intermediate English classes begin Monday at the Valent Recreation Center on Fort Clayton. Classes are held Monday through Thursday. Beginners meet at 9 a.m. and intermediate students follow at 10 a.m. For information call 287-4201.

Sundial English classes

The Sundial Recreation Center is offering a level-two English class

beginning Tuesday and ending Nov. 30. For information call 289-3889.

Davis arts and crafts

Learn minor auto repair and tune up at the Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center. Classes will be Thursday and Oct. 29. A special session for women will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. Call 289-5104 to reserve a seat.

Valent holiday hours

The Valent Recreation Center will open at 1 p.m. Oct. 28 and 29 instead of its regular time. Plan accordingly.

Zodiac Recreation

The Zodiac Recreation Center offers the following: Piano lessons on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. To arrange for a time, contact the center.

Shotokan karate class for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For adults, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

45 minute workout—free lunchtime aerobics Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. All active duty, retired military, DOD civilians and dependents can participate.

Additional events include tournaments:

Spades—Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m.
Pool—Friday from 7 to 10 p.m.

Preregistration is required. For additional information or registration on events at the Zodiac Recreation Center call 284-6161/6109.

Optometry Clinic

The Howard Optometry Clinic will be closed Friday and Oct. 30. Clinic personnel will be conducting eye tests at Fort Clayton Elementary School. For more information call 284-6149.

Art Show

A joint State and Juried Art Show sponsored by the Panama Canal Branch, National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW), will be held this month at the Fort Clayton Gallery. The Juried Art Show is open to everyone; the State Art Show is for NLAPW members only. Entries for both shows must be brought to the gallery between 1-4 p.m. Oct. 28.

Artists participating in the juried show may enter three pieces of original work in any of three categories—fine art, photography, and three-dimensional design. Non-members will be charged a minimal entry fee per piece. A grand opening will take place from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 29. The show may be viewed by the public during regular gallery hours. For further info call art show chairperson, Marsha Kat at 252-2333.

Childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes begin Monday at 7 p.m. in the Valent Recreation Center on Fort Clayton. Weekly sessions will continue through Nov. 27. For information call 287-4201.



AA meetings

Sick and tired of being sick and tired? Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Building 6550, Corozal, every night of the week: Monday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Meetings on the west bank of the Canal are in Building 40 on the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Sunday-Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

For information call 252-6709. Give AA — and yourself — a chance. It works!

1989 Taxes

Make your 1989 taxes less taxing by preparing for them now. If you were surprised in 1987 when the new tax laws went into effect, get ready. Tax rates, standard deductions and personal deductions will change again this year. Don't wait for last minute surprises. The Army Family Liaison Office has a list of significant changes likely to affect Army families. For a free copy, write Headquarters, Department of the Army, (DAPE-ZXF) Washington, D.C. 20310-0300.

Child Development

The Howard Child Development Center's "Before and After School" program still has some openings for children attending Howard and Kobbe Elementary Schools. This program provides an environment for children ages 5 to 12, and it includes transportation to and from school. Also, there is time for a snack each day, swimming once per week, a weekly cooking demonstration, field trips and homework time. The program is \$20 per week for kindergarten children and \$17 per week for other children.

For more information, call 284-6135.

Births



Regan Amanda Will

Robert, Denise and Raymond Will are pleased to announce the birth of their new family member, Regan Amanda, who was born Oct. 13. Regan weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. at birth.

Nursing positions

The Civilian Personnel Office, Recruitment and Placement Division, is recruiting for U.S. licensed practical nurses, NM-620-05. Interested persons should contact Enid L. Sullivan at building 560, Room 306, Corozal, or call 285-4116.

CPO is also recruiting for U.S. registered nurses permanent (shift work included), part-time and intermittent positions. Interested persons should contact Enid L. Sullivan at 285-4116.

Civilian awards

There will be a commander's awards ceremony for civilian employees and volunteers in the Pacific community Friday at 10 a.m. at the Fort Clayton NCO Club. A rehearsal for the ceremony will be held at 7:30 a.m., same date and time. Participation in the rehearsal and ceremony is considered official duty; therefore, there will be no charge of leave.

Army Recruiting

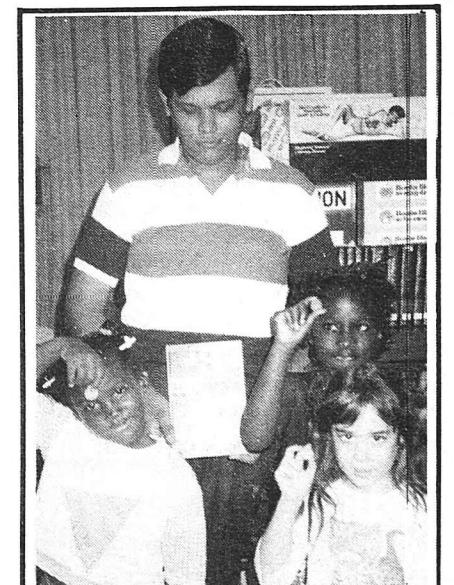
The U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Building 519, Room 320, Fort Clayton, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Roberto Lopez at 287-5414.

Alzheimers support

The Alzheimers Support Group will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Building 115, Corozal.

Christmas tree sales

AAFES is proud to announce that live Christmas trees will be sold by the Boy Scouts this season. Approximate date will be Nov. 30.



COIN COLLECTORS—Los Rios Elementary first graders Amber Miller, Rosie Whitney and Tew Young proudly display their coins that were given to them by Jerry DeLaOssa. "Mr. Jerry" presented a talk on the subject of coins as part of a DoDDS enrichment program.



Espinar Youth Center

The Fort Espinar Youth Center is offering several Halloween celebrations. Friday, the youth center will conduct a pre-teen costume party; Oct. 28, a teen dance; and, a haunted house will be open Oct. 28, 30 and 31.

Halloween teen dance

The Clayton Youth Center invites teenagers to a Halloween costume dance Thursday. For additional information, contact the Clayton Youth Center at 287-6451.

Halloween class

The Sundial Recreation Center will conduct a class featuring Halloween make-up tips. For information call

289-3889.

Halloween castle

Children at the Atlantic Child Development Center can enjoy a Halloween Mystery Castle to be held at Building 8352, Margarita Complex. The castle is also open to the public. It will be open Monday

through Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Oct. 30 and 31 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Children at the CDC will also participate in a costume parade Oct. 30. Games and activities will take place from 1-3 p.m. Call 289-4511 for reservations.

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Opposition urges Latin America to act

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) — Panama's opposition urged Latin American nations Tuesday to stop talking and to act to help bring democracy to Panama.

The opposition also defended itself against charges that it was not doing enough to oust military strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, saying it did not want Panamanians slaughtered in the streets.

"The Latin American democracies have to understand that the time for love letters in favor of democracy is over. Either they take action, define their position, get rid of their complexes and we act to promote democracy in Panama or we are fooling ourselves," opposition leader Guillermo Ford told a news conference.

"There can be 1,000 meetings of the Organization of American States, 500 meetings of the Group of Eight or whatever you like. The time has come to define the problem of Panama," he said.

Presidents of the Group of Eight Latin American nations, meeting in Peru last week, condemned absence of democracy and human rights violations in Panama but stopped short of expelling it from the group.

Told by a reporter that some Latin American diplomats reproached the

Panamanian opposition for inactivity, Ford said: "What people want is a confrontation between Panamanians. They want blood, mourning and grief."

"That would be the last thing the Panamanian people would use to

liberate themselves from the dictatorial regime," Ford, a vice-presidential candidate in annulled May 7 elections, said.

An angry Ricardo Arias Calderon, another opposition leader, said that in the past three years thousands of

Panamanians had been detained and thousands beaten by security forces. Dozens more had been killed or forced into exile.

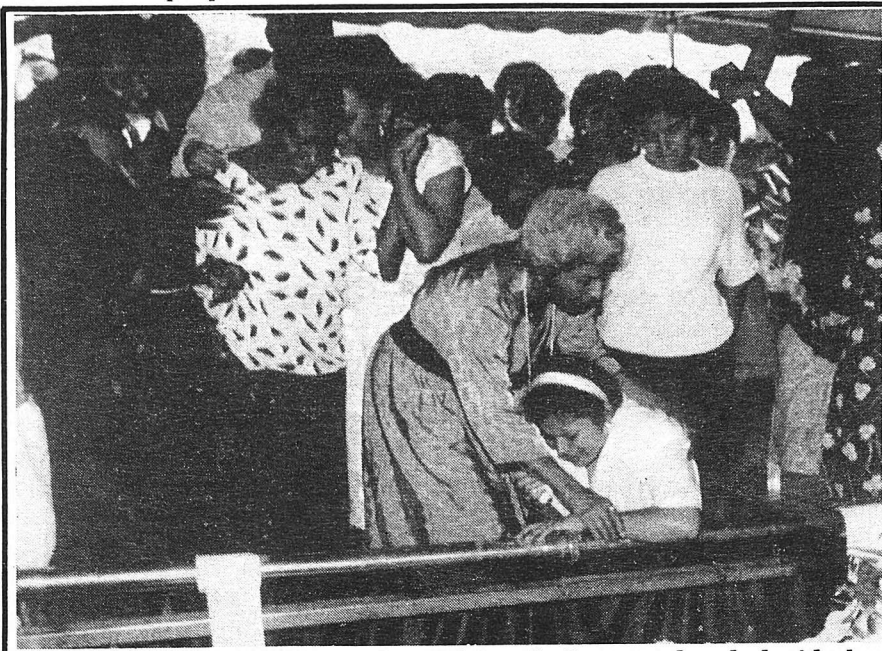
"Anybody who says the Panamanian people don't do anything either doesn't know the reality or is a scoundrel," he said.

Guillermo Endara, former opposition presidential candidate, said Panamanians did not see a democratic system emerging from military coups like the failed revolt against Noriega Oct. 3.

"Perhaps one of the most important factors in the failure (of the coup) was that it didn't take democracy and liberty into account," he said.

Arias said a representative of the International Red Cross would arrive in Panama in the next few days in response to the opposition's request that it investigate the situation of soldiers detained after the coup. He said he did not know if the representative had government permission.

Ford returned to Panama Tuesday after a four-week trip to Europe and the United States, which included meetings with prime ministers Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Giulio Andreotti of Italy and Felipe Gonzalez of Spain.



GRAVESIDE GRIEF — Luz Elaine de Lorenzo kneels beside her husband's coffin before burial last week. Capt. Nicasio Lorenzo, one of 27 officers arrested after the Oct. 3 coup attempt against Gen. Manuel A. Noriega, died while in custody, allegedly by committing suicide. His wife strongly denies her husband, a devout Catholic, would have committed suicide. (AP Laserphoto)

Europe visit won support for freedom, Ford says

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — Opposition leader Guillermo Ford, who spent three weeks in Europe and the United States trying to drum up international pressure against Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega, returned to Panama Tuesday promising "liberty, justice and democracy."

"We have gained the understanding of Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Mr. (Giulio) Andreotti of Italy, Mr. Felipe Gonzalez (of Spain) and I bring with great emotion to the Panamanian people the blessings of the pope," Ford told reporters upon his arrival at Omar Torrijos International Airport.

Ford, his wife, Dorita, and human rights activist Osvaldo Velasquez, who accompanied the Fords, were delayed at the airport for about 45 minutes by immigration officials of the Panama Defense Force.

Asked by reporters about the delay, Ford said: "We were told to wait, and since this is a military regime one must wait, and become discouraged."

Ford said his three-week trip to the United States, Britain, Italy and Spain was successful.

"I think it has been an extraordinarily positive trip," said Ford, who was an opposition vice presidential candidate in the May 7 elections that were annulled three days later by Panama's Electoral Tribunal amid allegations of widespread fraud. Most foreign observers and Panama's Catholic Church said the opposition won by a 3-1 ratio.

"In representation of the candidates who won the May 7 (elections), we have managed to transmit to the European democracies one by one that it is

important that we have freedom in Panama," Ford said.

Ford met with heads of the governments of Spain, Italy and Britain and with U.N. and U.S. officials. Ford also met Pope John Paul II in Rome.

Throughout his U.S. and European tour, Ford attacked the de facto government of Noriega, who has been indicted on drug trafficking charges in two Florida courts.

"I think the regime must understand that it cannot manage the country by subjecting the Panamanian people," Ford said. "This is a happy, carefree country and the only thing it asks for is liberty, justice and democracy, which we will provide."

Rogelio Cruz, a legal adviser to a number of opposition groups, said the government has reason to worry about foreign trips by opposition

leaders.

"With the crackdown on the local media, I think the government has more time to worry about what is said by opposition leaders abroad," Cruz said. "In this case, I think they let Billy (Guillermo Ford) back in because they thought he would do them more harm abroad than he will here in Panama."

In August the Noriega government took control of operations at Channel 4, formerly Panama's largest independent television station. It also took over Channel 4's AM and FM radio affiliates, RPC Radio.

After the Oct. 3 abortive coup against Noriega that left at least 10 dead, 26 wounded and 37 detained, government authorities ransacked and looted Panama's most popular independent radio station, Radio Existosa, and ordered it off the air.

Colombia's war on drug lords has no end in sight

BOGOTA, Colombia (Reuter) — Colombia's war with ruthless drug lords, often described as the richest criminals in the world, drags into its third straight month this week with no end or victors in sight.

Amid the bombings and murderous attacks that have become their trademark, Colombia's cocaine barons have appealed for peace talks with the government.

But President Virgilio Barco has flatly rejected any talks with the traffickers he declared war on nearly 60 days ago following a spate of drug-related murders.

"The only positive thing about it is that it shows the drug traffickers are getting tired of this war too," columnist Antonio Caballero wrote in the El Espectador newspaper.

"You can't call blackmail a dialogue," he added, referring to the campaign of terror unleashed by

drug lords to force the government to the bargaining table.

All the drug lords are really after is "a license to kill," Caballero said.

The government has received repeated proposals from traffickers offering to give up the drug trade and turn over their immense wealth in exchange for not being extradited to the United States.

Barring peace talks Colombia's war, in which the resources are uneven and the results uncertain, threatens to drag on endlessly. Many commentators have argued that only the eventual legalization of cocaine, perhaps sometime in the next century, will stop it.

On the plus side of the war, three accused traffickers were extradited over the weekend, bringing to four the number sent to face trial in the United States since Colombia began its anti-narcotics crackdown on

August 18.

None of the four are on the so-called "Dozen Most Wanted" list of 12 drug cartel leaders U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh has asked Colombia to arrest and extradite, however.

"We have them cornered," an optimistic Gen. Miguel Maza Marquez, head of the national intelligence agency known as the DAS, said of the drug barons still at large.

But Maza's crack undercover agents, along with Colombia's police and military, have so far been unable to come up with any spectacular arrests as part of the nationwide drug crackdown.

National police chief Gen. Miguel Gomez Padilla has said this was because the country's billionaire drug lords, who control a vast amount of territory in the rugged

Colombian interior, "move around a lot."

But Attorney General Alfonso Gomez Mendez has bluntly blamed the failure on corruption and the drug barons' many paid informants within the military and police.

Padilla, speaking to reporters this week, said the "narco-terrorists" were on the defensive.

But recent lulls in a campaign of more than 130 bombings since the drug war began have been followed by bloody attacks like last week's murders in Medellin — the country's cocaine capital — of two newspaper executives.

The victims, gunned down by the dreaded drug hit men known here as "sicarios," worked for El Espectador, Colombia's second-largest newspaper and a leading critic of the drug trade and its corrupting influence on society.

lifestyle

Game Boy hottest seller for Christmas?

by Ken Franckling
United Press International

Nintendo, the giant video game maker from Japan which rolled over the rest of the toy industry for the past two Christmases, finally has some competition this year.

And its name is Nintendo, sort of. The Nintendo Entertainment System, now found in 20 million North American households, has a new buddy called Game Boy — a portable, hand-held version of the computer chip's leisure time phenomenon.

The firm expects to have 20 different Game Boy software games available by Christmas. Each is the size of half a credit card and — you guessed it — not interchangeable with big brother.

The kids can play it in the back seat of the car, or on the school bus. Game Boys can be linked together so two players can compete. The system sells for about \$90, the software is in the \$20 to \$25 range.

One industry analyst thinks Game Boy will be the hottest thing under the Christmas tree this year, further solidifying Nintendo's dominant position that has been maintained by careful inventory control and product quality.

"It is a hot toy. It is going to bring people into the stores. Unfortunately, there may not be enough of them. I would be surprised if they can produce 1 million units in time for Christmas," says Larry Carlat, editor of Toy & Hobby World, an industry trade publication.

The Game Boy shortage could help the other toy companies, which for the most part are playing it safe this year with few new product lines. Most firms seem content to go with new generations of their old dependables.

Five major toy companies are hoping another hot product in Japan takes off this year in the United States — model-sized high-speed cars that could leave electric trains in the dust.

The child can customize and maintain the battery-powered vehicles, changing tires, engines, hubs and drive trains in order to enhance performance of the cars, which have average scale speeds of between 350 and 500 mph (17 to 20 mph in reality).

Hasbro alone is planning on spending \$6 million on advertising for the cars, which are priced in the \$8 to \$10 range. Raceway systems that keep them off the floor will go for \$65 to \$85.

Japanese boys went crazy over the little race cars, with 40 million sold this year, but Carlat isn't so sure Hasbro's Record Breakers, Tonka's Hyper Drivers and Mattel's Super Changers will find the same kind of appeal here.

"The companies will spend lots of advertising dollars to make them sell, but I don't see them becoming more than a nice accessory line," Carlat says.

"When playing with them, you lose interest after seeing them bounce off walls and go under the living room

couch so many times."

The \$13 billion toy industry headed into the peak holiday shopping season in a slump, but confident that things might improve.

"The consumer, in our opinion, has money. If toymakers tempt him with new toys, the consumer will buy," says Charles Lazarus, chairman of the retail giant Toys 'R' Us Inc. of Paramus, N.J.

The problem, from that perspective, is that few companies are willing to take big risks this year. Most pumped their money into the proven sellers, enhancing some with theme changes.

Mattel's Barbie doll, now in her 30th year, may have her best year in 1989. Hasbro, which recently acquired Coleco, plans to revive the Cabbage Patch line just in time for Christmas.

Tyco expects great things from Oopsie daisy, the biggest selling doll in Canada. The animated doll, priced in the \$40 to \$45 range, crawls, falls down, cries and picks herself up.

Dolly Surprise, at \$17 from Playskool, has hair that grows with a wave of her arm. Her cousin, Dolly Sunny Surprise, has hair that changes color in the sun.

Toys that were strong last year will be so again this year, including the Ghostbusters, G.I. Joe, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle action figures.

The big companies overlooked a possible Batman line this year, never anticipating the movie would take off like it did. Now they're eating their hearts out, as a smaller firm, Toy-Biz, is out with Batman action figures and vehicles.

Mattel has changed gears with He-Man. The virtuous barbarian has been transported from Castle Grayskull to the planet Primus in the Tri-Solar System where he will try to save the universe.

With his energy shield, power sword, and sidekicks Flip Shot and Captain Hydron, He-Man will battle his nemesis Skeletor and other mutant henchmen (Flogg, Optikk and Slushhead) from the planet Denebria. The action figures, supplemented by exotic vehicles and playsets, run about \$6 each.

There's even a kid-sized electronic Powersword for the child who wants to pretend he is He-Man. The \$25 motion-sensitive light saber makes eight battle sounds — sword clanging, laser blasts, and the rumble of thunder — depending on how the user moves it.

Electronic dictionaries fit fine in pocket

by Joe Fasbinder
United Press International

Electronic dictionaries can have memories as substantial as some desktop computers, yet they do have one singular advantage — they can fit inside a pocket.

Punch in a couple of letters and the

marvels of electronic wizardry can usually give the correct spelling, definition and increasingly, another word you might want to use instead.

The idea this holiday season is to increase the number of things that electronic dictionaries can do, instead of increasing their complexity.

For example, Franklin Computer makes an electronic dictionary that includes a thesaurus and a built-in word game. The Language Master 4000 also provides correct pronunciations for the 83,000 words in its memory.

In a slightly different direction, SelecTronics, Inc. of Minneapolis has a new edition of the WordFinder, WF224, which not only gives a definition but also has a "flash card" feature: enter a question mark followed by DEF and the device will respond with a randomly selected word. The person holding the spelling checker then gets to try and define the word.

In addition to 50,000 words, the Wordfinder can provide information about states, presidents, birds, plants and chemicals. You also can use the keys to find definitions of words contained in the definitions themselves.

With 512 kilobytes of resident memory, the WordFinder also features a thesaurus with 660,000 more words.

The WF224's relatively large memory also allows for use as an on-line thesaurus originally developed for desk-top computers, and an optional device is available to transfer information from the WordFinder to compatible IBM personal computers.

Seiko Instruments U.S.A., based in Torrance, Calif., includes 90,000 definitions and half a million synonyms in the Word Power Professional 400, and a higher price tag, \$185, compared to \$129 for the WF224.

However, Seiko does offer three other models with fewer functions, the cheapest priced at about \$59.95, which has capabilities for 85,000

words — still more than the 50,000-word capacity found in many personal computer programs.

Another firm, Sharp Electronics Corp., is expanding its vocabulary as well, with software cards for its Wizard brand executive organizer that turn the time management device into a 45,000 word dictionary, with 500,000 synonyms. The spelling checker recognizes 87,000 words.

Some Wizard models can also be turned into an eight-language translator, which other manufacturers make, but in separate packages.

Franklin has a line that includes eight spelling checkers of varying sophistication, including one designed for children that will, for example, recognize that a kid will likely type in "fezzint" when he or she really wants to know how to spell "pheasant."

Called the Elementary Spelling Ace, it also comes with something a lot of other spelling checkers don't — a book. Most of the words called up on the model will be accompanied by a three-digit number, indicating the page number of the book so children can look up the word and see an illustration of it as well.

Computer stops lottery ticket scam

BRAINTREE, Mass. (UPI) — A computer showed no one won the largest jackpot in state lottery history. So when a man tried to claim the prize, he was arrested and charged with forging a lottery ticket, officials said.

Ralph Brunner, 25, of Newton, walked into lottery headquarters in Braintree about 4:15 p.m. Monday and produced a ticket bearing the numbers drawn Friday in the Mass Millions game, lottery spokesman David Ellis said. The jackpot was worth \$28 million — the largest prize in the state lottery's history.

The Lottery Commission's computers already determined that no one held a winning ticket, but Brunner persisted in pressing

his claim, Ellis said.

Upon further examination, lottery officials determined that while Brunner had a genuine ticket, the winning numbers had been added on with a dot-matrix printer, Ellis said.

State police charged Brunner with forging a lottery ticket, Ellis said.

Ellis said he was surprised that Brunner apparently felt he could get away with the deception.

"The system is foolproof. We knew on Friday that no one had won," he said. "I guess he figured he was going to walk away with the money."

He said no one has tried to pass off a false ticket since 1983 or 1984.



designer Karl Lagerfeld's model Brenda presents a spring preview in Paris last week of a black and white bias-cut skirt opened on a white silk satin short dress. (AP Laserphoto)

sports

Air Force changes annual running, walking times

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW) — Pushing oneself to the extreme limits of physical endurance has been characteristic of the American military's view on personal fitness since George Washington's crew paddled their fingers raw crossing the icy depths of the Delaware River.

Luckily, we don't have to do that now.

But instead, the Air Force's annual physical fitness standards have become more difficult as of Oct. 1, so readers, be prepared! According to TSgt. Luis Diaz Jr., 24th Mission Support Squadron Special Actions Branch, "The new times are on a

self-pace basis but it also means that everyone is going to have to be in ready-fit condition at all times in order to meet up with these standards. They are much more challenging now, especially for the men."

The running times have been lowered, according to age group for

male and female members, and age categories are now in 10-year groups, not five. To allow for the transition of the age groups, women members' 1.5-mile run times have changed only slightly. But the men will have a tougher row to hoe.

Also for both sexes, the three-mile walk option has been restricted to those persons 35 years or older.

New Air Force physical fitness standards

1.5-mile run 3-mile walk

(Up to age 29)

	men	women	men	women
10-1-89	14:00	15:30	40:54	43:52
10-1-90	13:20	15:30	n/a	n/a
10-1-91	12:40	15:30	n/a	n/a
10-1-92	12:00	15:30	n/a	n/a

(Age 30-39)

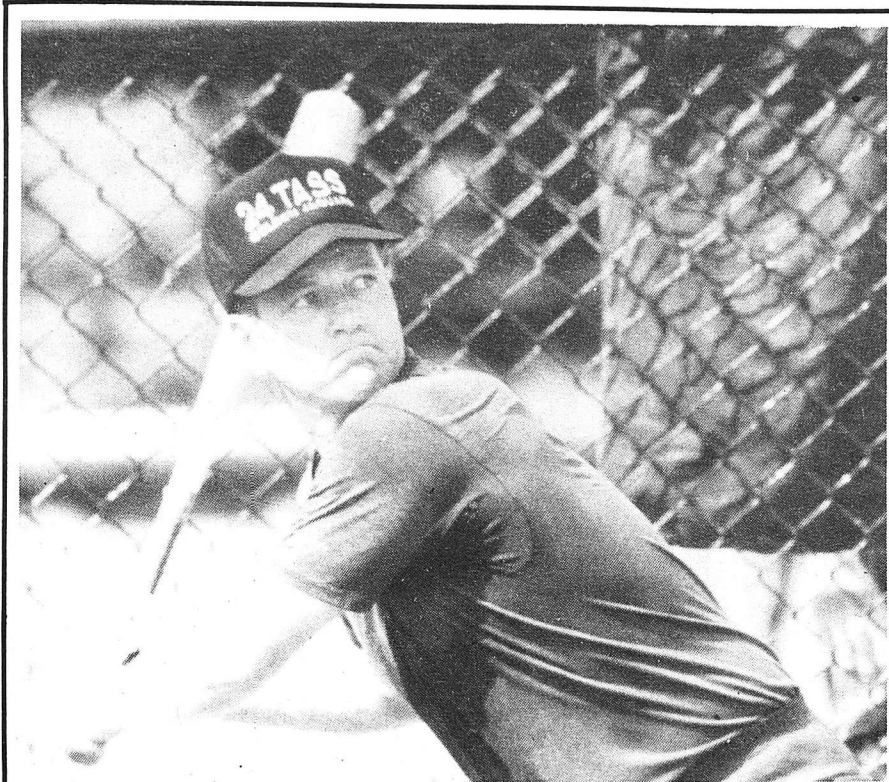
	men	women	men	women
10-1-89	14:45	16:00	42:15	45:15
10-1-90	14:00	16:00	41:30	44:00
10-1-91	13:15	16:00	40:45	42:45
10-1-92	12:30	16:00	40:00	42:00

(Age 40-49)

	men	women	men	women
10-1-89	15:30	17:00	44:30	47:45
10-1-90	14:40	17:00	43:30	46:30
10-1-91	13:45	17:00	42:45	49:30
10-1-92	13:00	17:00	42:00	44:00

(Age 50 and up)

	men	women	men	women
10-1-89	16:30	18:00	47:15	50:45
10-1-90	15:45	18:00	46:30	49:30
10-1-91	15:00	18:00	45:45	48:15
10-1-92	14:30	18:00	45:00	47:00



FALCONS FALL -- Gary L. Hooker, 24th Tactical Air Support commander, eyes a pitch during a softball game with members with the Venezuelan Air Force. Deployed Falcon personnel from Howard Air Force Base met their counterparts on the field and lost 11-6. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt. Herb Cintron)

SOUTHCOM bragging rights at stake in Turkey Bowl

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Crisp weather, falling leaves and tailgate parties stir up visions of football American style.

Well folks, here the weather is humid and fallen palm fronds replace

the leaves of autumn, but the spirit prevails.

For those who are new to Panama, Turkey Bowl isn't a new "buzz word."

It's the ONLY word from now

until game day, Nov. 22. It's time for Southern Command's version of the Super Bowl. The brass ring is a year's worth of bragging rights.

The Air Force has owned the rights for the past two years. But her

sister services smell an upset brewing and sense that somebody will spoil that winning streak and send her flag-football team to the showers.

Inter-service pride and inter-service rivalry make the Turkey Bowl irresistible.

The annual contest began in 1964, when soldiers squared off against sailors in a flag-football game dubbed the "Iguana Bowl."

By 1969, Navy personnel strength here had reduced to the point that they couldn't field a team. But the event, already steeped in heritage, would continue.

The Air Force was a logical substitute, and they answered the challenge.

But when the teams changed, so did the name. The competition had become a Thanksgiving tradition. Therefore, it was renamed the "Turkey Bowl."

In 1987 the event matured to its present stature. The football game became a quad-service tournament as the Navy re-entered the competition, and the Marines made their Turkey Bowl debut.

Additional events were also added and opened to the Panama Canal Commission. They include; a 10-kilometer run, a biathlon and 1 and 2-mile relay races. All track events are open to men and women except the 1-mile relay which is for women only.

Despite the expansion, football remains the focal point of the festivities. But an American football classic wouldn't be complete without pep rallies, pre-game hype and a marching band.

This year's Turkey Bowl line up has it all; beginning game-day at 3:45 p.m. at Balboa Stadium.

Sports Shorts

Pacific Ruggers

There will be a meet for Pacific Ruggers on Oct. 21 at Fort Davis. PML conditions permitting, the meet will start at 10 a.m. and those interested should meet at the Albroom cafeteria at 7 a.m. If the team is unable to travel to Fort Davis, a meet will be held at Albroom Field.

For more information, call 284-3662 after 5 p.m.

Turkey Bowl

Any women (military or civilian) interested in participating in Turkey Bowl '89, representing the Navy teams, should contact BM2 Little at 283-5605.

Cross country

The 1989/90 Men's and Women's Union Cross Country Training Camp will be conducted to select a team to compete in the Air Force championships.

To be eligible for the camp, all participants must be on active duty during the Unicom, Air Force and Armed Forces championships.

In addition, individuals must meet the time standard requirements for a 6.2-mile run for men and a 3.1-mile run for women.

Highly qualified runners who meet the time eligibility requirements must submit a copy of AF Form 303 to the Howard Sports and Fitness Center no later than Nov. 1.

For details call 284-3451.

Turkey Bowl

Males interested in participating in Turkey Bowl '89, for the Navy team (biathlon, football, track relays), should contact John Hern, 283-4222/5307.

Sports on SCN-TV

Saturday

11 a.m. College Football
Tennessee vs. Alabama (3hrs)
2:30 p.m. College Football-
U.S.C. vs. Notre Dame (3hrs)
Midnight College Football-
Auburn vs. Florida State (3hrs)

Sunday

11:30 a.m. NBC Sports NFL live
(30min)
Noon NBC Sports NFL
Football- Pittsburgh Steelers vs.
Houston Oilers (3hrs)
3 p.m. CBS Sports NFL Football-
N.Y. Giants vs. San Diego
Chargers (3hrs)

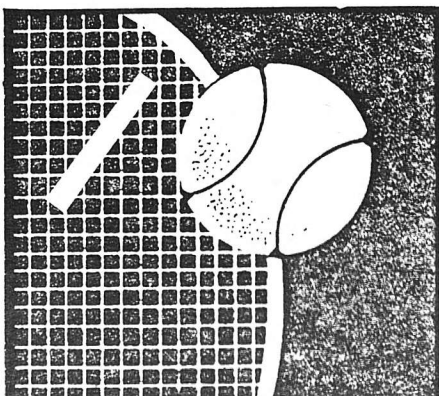
Lockers

If you currently have a locker at the Howard Sports and Fitness Center and wish to keep it through 1990, renewal is required between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31. If the fee is not paid before the Jan. 31 deadline, your name will be moved to the bottom of the locker waiting list. For more information, call 284-3451.

Tennis lessons

Tennis lessons are now offered at CRD Sports. Choose from private or group lessons at the Fort Amador Courts at 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday; or evening lessons at the Fort Clayton courts Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Register at building 154, Fort Clayton (287-4050).



Gretzky breaks Howe's all-time scoring mark

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Wayne Gretzky, at age 28, broke Gordie Howe's record of 1,850 points with a goal Sunday in the Los Angeles Kings' game against the Edmonton Oilers.

The record-setting point came when he backhanded the puck past goaltender Bill Ranford with 53

seconds remaining in regulation time to tie the score 4-4.

In a true Hollywood ending, Gretzky then capped the record-setting night by whirling around the net and jamming the puck past Ranford in overtime to give his current team, the Kings, a 5-4 victory

over the Oilers, the team he led to four Stanley Cups in five years.

After watching the puck enter the net for the record-setting point, Gretzky leaped into the air and immediately was surrounded by his teammates. The sellout crowd at the Northlands Coliseum, many of whom passed a statue of Gretzky on the way into the building, gave him an ovation that lasted more than two minutes.

The game was stopped as Howe, NHL president John Ziegler and Mark Messier, who succeeded Gretzky as captain of the Oilers, presented him with gifts marking the occasion.

Messier presented Gretzky, his long-time teammate prior to the blockbuster trade on Aug. 9, 1988, with a diamond bracelet containing 1.851 carats, spelling out "1,851."

Howe, Gretzky's boyhood idol, then said: "In all honesty, I've been looking forward to today. It's really nice for me to be a part of this."

Gretzky then addressed the crowd. "I've really been excited in the last week. An award such as this takes a lot of help. Both teams that are here today are a big part of these 1,800

points.

"I'd like to thank the Edmonton fans for their support and I'd like to thank the Edmonton organization for their support."

"Hockey is the greatest game in the world," Gretzky said. "Everything I have in my life I owe to hockey."

Gretzky said it was fitting that he broke the record at the Northlands Coliseum, "because both teams have played a big part of the points I got in my career."

Gretzky also thanked his parents and wife and saluted Howe.

"Gordie still is the greatest, in my mind, and the greatest in everyone else's mind," he said.

The record-setting goal was classic Gretzky. He had been on the ice for almost three straight minutes and was hanging behind the net, waiting. With goaltender Mario Gosselin on the bench in favor of an extra attacker, Dave Taylor, stationed on the far right side, threw a pass in front. Gretzky skated in front of the net and backhanded the puck between Ranford and the post.

The crowd roared as Gretzky and the Kings celebrated. The game was stopped for 10 minutes while Gretzky was honored.

Devils trade Kurvers to Toronto

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey Devils defenseman Tom Kurvers was traded Monday to the Toronto Maple Leafs for a first-round selection in the 1991 NHL entry draft.

The 27-year-old Kurvers, who set a team record last year for defensemen with 66 points, was traded to relieve a glut at the defenseman position for New Jersey, general manager Lou Lamoriello said.

"The situation the Devils were in presently ... with nine NHL caliber defensemen on our roster, dictated that we had to move to reduce that number while at the same time getting true value in return," Lamoriello said.

"This was an extremely difficult decision to make in light of the fact that Tommy has contributed so much to the Devils and has done everything we have asked of him since we acquired him from Buffalo before the 1987-88 season," the general manager said.

The 6-foot-2, 195-pound defenseman broke into the NHL with Montreal for the 1984-85 season. In 324 regular season games, Kurvers has 44 goals, 154 assists and 172 penalty minutes.



Bird's comeback bid leads Boston to 96-74 victory

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — He's back.

No. 33 has been gone for 11 months but Larry Bird is now back with the Celtics and showed during his first game that he's well enough to play again. Maybe even well enough to steer the Celtics to a 17th NBA championship.

His recent injury-plagued past is just that — the past, said Bird.

"If I was worried about my injuries, I wouldn't even have come back," Bird said. "I was nervous, though. This is a start, but by no means is it an indication of what I can do."

Bird, a nine-time All-Star before he underwent surgery on both ankles last Nov. 19, played 30 strong

minutes in his first game back, helping the Celtics to a 96-74 preseason victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Given a standing ovation by a packed crowd of 13,808 at the Centrum, Bird scored 13 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and had 8 assists.

He also showed his rustiness, though, hitting on just 4 of 12 floor shots, including his only two from 3-point range. And he committed 7 of Boston's 24 turnovers.

"It was fun at the beginning, but it got boring because we made so many turnovers," said Bird. "I'm not worried. I was a little tired at the end, but I'm just trying to get strength back in my legs."

"I haven't played in a long time. It won't be long before I play better."

"I thought he was strong throughout," Boston coach Jimmy Rodgers said. "He made some mistakes, but it was his first time in a competitive situation with us in a long time. His presence was felt by everyone out there."

"I thought he played well," Boston veteran Kevin McHale said. "He missed some jumpers, but he was active out there. Just his being out there draws people away from me."

Although 0-14 in field goal attempts and falling behind 12-2, New Jersey bounced back and led 25-24 after one period.

The Celtics, though, managed to get their act together in the second

period and edged in front 44-43 at halftime. Bird logged 15:31 in playing time in the first half.

After that, it was all Boston. Former Boston College star John Bagley, acquired from New Jersey in a deal last week, scored all nine of his points in a third period surge that carried the Celtics to a 73-62 lead into the final quarter.

Bird, tanned and recently married, appeared to run as well as ever, sprinting down the sidelines and occasionally driving to the basket. And there was no sign as he fell to the floor a couple of times that he favored a small bone fracture in his back suffered in preseason practice in late July.

Hurricanes' back-up quarterback sets yardage record

MIAMI (AP) — Gino Torretta, Miami's freshman quarterback, has been so good that Coach Dennis Erickson no longer seems certain about returning Torretta to his backup role.

Torretta threw for a school-record 468 yards Saturday in Miami's 48-16 victory over San Jose State.

"It was as good a performance with that offense as I've ever seen," Erickson said.

That appraisal carries considerable weight because a number of talented quarterbacks, including NFL first-round draft choice Timm Rosenbach, directed Erickson's explosive one-back, spread-the-field offense at Washington State.

"Gino is very smart and understands the offense," Erickson said. "He knows what to look for and where to throw."

But, is Torretta good enough to keep the starting job? Craig Erickson, the No. 1 quarterback until he was sidelined by a hand injury, hopes to be healthy for the second-ranked Hurricanes' next game Oct. 28 at Florida State.

As a fill-in, Torretta has thrown for 976 yards and seven touchdowns and helped Miami improve its record from 3-0 to 6-0. In the wake of

Torretta's big day Saturday, the coach backed off previous statements that Craig Erickson would definitely regain the starting job when he is well.

"We'll see how healthy he is and how he executes the offense" in practice, the coach said. "Being healthy and executing the offense are two different things. So we'll evaluate it when it comes time."

Craig Erickson, who broke a knuckle in his passing hand during the Michigan State game Sept. 30, resumed throwing a football last week but is expected to miss several more days of practice.

"I'm not worried about who's going to start," Torretta said. "I'm just worried about beating Florida State. ... I'm anxious to go up to Tallahassee, or wherever it is, and have a good time and execute the offense."

The offense sputtered at times with Erickson, a junior, but it has purred the past two games behind the 19-year-old Torretta.

Against San Jose State, Torretta completed 32 of 49 passes, with three touchdowns and no interceptions. He had 299 yards at halftime, and his final total surpassed the best of Jim

Kelly, Vinny Testaverde, Bernie Kosar and Steve Walsh.

"It's unbelievable to even be mentioned with them," Torretta said. "I just went out, had a good time and the record came."

The Hurricanes rolled up 29 first downs and 540 yards. Torretta

converted 10 of 14 third downs, several in long-yardage situations.

"I had no doubt that Gino was a good quarterback," Dawkins said. "He throws extremely well. The only question now is, when Craig comes back, what is Coach Erickson going to do?"

Jabbar settles lawsuit in Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP) — A lawyer for the Italian tourist who sued former Los Angeles Lakers center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar says his client has settled his claim against the basketball great.

Fernando Nicolia, 41, of Rome sued Abdul-Jabbar on May 24, alleging that he suffered eye and ear injuries when Abdul-Jabbar shoved Nicolia's video camera back into his face.

Nicolia, who was visiting family members in the area, was filming Abdul-Jabbar leaving a store in Metrocenter Mall, a large mall in northwest Phoenix, at the time.

Force exerted by the 7-foot-2-inch player knocked the camera out of Nicolia's hands, according to evidence in a criminal case.

Stephen Leshner, Nicolia's attorney, said the agreement was

reached Thursday but declined to discuss terms.

"My clients are pleased with the settlement," Leshner said. Abdul-Jabbar's lawyer, Michael Perry, was out of the area and could not be reached for comment.

The civil case had been set for trial Oct. 24.

The suit was not the only result of the April 21, 1988, incident. Abdul-Jabbar, who retired from basketball earlier this year, was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$840 in restitution to Nicolia when he was sentenced on a misdemeanor assault charge on March 29.

Abdul-Jabbar could have received 10 months in jail and \$1,750 in fines.

Jabbar said in a written statement to the judge that he had no intention of hurting Nicolia, but had reflexively put his hand in front of the camera and kept walking.

Florida declares 2 players ineligible for betting

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida quarterback Kyle Morris and backup Shane Matthews have been declared ineligible for the rest of the season for betting on football games, the university said Monday.

Meanwhile, university officials denied what it called rumors that head basketball coach Norm Sloan and three assistants had resigned, university spokeswoman Linda Gray said.

Morris, of Clinton, Miss., and Matthews, of Pascagoula, Miss., admitted placing bets on professional and college games between late August and Oct. 7 — a violation of NCAA regulations, Gray said.

The Gator football program was rocked Oct. 8 when Coach Galen Hall resigned amid allegations of

NCAA violations.

Two other players, Brady Ackerman, a walk-on receiver from Jacksonville, and G.A. Mangus, a walk-on quarterback from Atlanta, were declared ineligible for unspecified NCAA rules violations, the statement said.

Morris and Shane did not wager on Florida games, and bet only small amounts of money, ranging from \$25 to \$100, from their personal funds, the statement said.

All four players will remain as students, the university said.

"It is unfortunate these young men became involved in this situation," Athletic Director Bill Arnsparger said. "However, both young men wanted this information to be made public so that other student-athletes

can be made aware of the seriousness of even casual, friendly bets for even small sums of money."

The University, which reported the violations to the NCAA before announcing the suspensions, said the wagers in no way affected the players' individual performance, Gray said.

Arnsparger stressed that the Morris, Matthews and their families had cooperated fully in the matter and gave permission for the university to release information about the NCAA violations.

Because of the federal Buckley Amendment prohibiting release of confidential student information, the university cannot provide additional details about the rationale for the other two suspensions, Gray said.

While all four players remain suspended for the rest of the season, any further extension of ineligibility

will be determined at a later date by the university in cooperation with the NCAA, Gray said.

Gray told The Associated Press that Sloan and his top assistants are not planning to resign.

"This is not true," she said. "No such plans are currently in effect."

"I have spoken to (interim Florida) President Robert Bryan and General Counsel Pamela Bernard, who said there are no imminent plans for changes in the basketball program," Gray said. "However, the basketball and football programs are still under investigation by both the school and the NCAA."

In an unrelated case, offensive lineman Mark White of Pensacola has been charged with a team violation and suspended for one game, the school said. He will return for the Nov. 4 Auburn game.

Quick undergoes surgery

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Wide receiver Mike Quick of the Philadelphia Eagles will undergo surgery on his left knee Wednesday, sidelining the five-time Pro Bowl player for the season.

Eagles President Harry Gamble said Quick will have the same operation on his right knee in about two months but is expected to return to action next season.

The 30-year-old Quick was examined Tuesday by orthopedic specialist Dr. Richard Steadman in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. The procedure will be similar to the operation Steadman conducted on Eagles guard Ron Solt last November.

"The symptoms Mike has experienced are typical of tendonitis," Gamble said. "He can play but he would be at the level he has been at in recent weeks, which is

certainly less than 100 percent." Steadman said Quick will be able to recuperate and return to play next year, according to Gamble.

"Mike is ready for the operation and feels this is the route he should go."

Quick, an eight-year veteran, caught one pass for 24 yards Sunday in the Eagles' 17-5 win over the Phoenix Cardinals.

Quick has felt a sharp pain in his left knee since falling on it during the Oct. 2 game against the Chicago Bears. He had arthroscopic surgery on the right knee several years ago.

Quick — who is among the Eagles' all-time leaders in receptions, receiving yards, touchdowns and 100-yard-receiving games — has caught 13 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns this season. He has caught just one pass in each of the last three games.



TOP JOCKEY -- Patrick Valenzuela, who won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness aboard Sunday Silence, has been asked by members of the Stewards of the California Racing Board to explain his sudden absence from the racetrack. (AP Laserphoto)

Soviet Union sweeps World Gymnastics Championship

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP) — The Soviet Union, sparked by five perfect scores, completed a sweep of the team titles at the World Gymnastics Championships Wednesday with an easy victory in the women's competition. Olesia Dudnik, 15, got perfect 10s on the vault and beam routines. European Champion Svetlana Boginskaya earned 10s on the uneven bars and floor, while Natalia Laschenova

helped with another 10 on the vault.

Although Laschenova earned only one perfect score, she led her team with 79.460 out of 80 points.

Romania's Daniela Silivas, 19, had 10s on the uneven bars and floor exercise and led all competitors with 79.561 points, but did not get enough support from her teammates as the Romanians failed to defend their team title.

The Soviet Union ended with

396.793 out of 400 points, well ahead of Romania, which scored 394.931 while China had 392.116 points, good for third place.

The Soviet victory could have been even more convincing, but the judges deducted 0.300 points because a coach stood by on the mat during a uneven bars routine. The Soviets have won the event four out of the last five times.

The Soviet men won the title late Tuesday, their third straight title.

The U.S. women's team held its own in Wednesday's optional routines to safeguard a fourth-place finish, as several rookies withstood the pressure in the 6,500-capacity Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle.

Despite an erratic performance from top gymnast Brandy Johnson, the U.S. team scored 389.928 to keep East Germany in fifth place, just ahead of Canada. Sandy Woolsey was first overall on the team with 78.273.

The Romanians were hurt by a poor performance from defending champion Aurelia Dobre, who did not even make the individual finals after a long recovery from knee problems.

Her demise came in her floor routine, when she almost fell flat on her face after a series of jumps. She finished in 36th place overall and last on her team.

Boginskaya, the reigning European champion and Olympic all-around bronze medalist, long looked like the Soviets' brightest

hope. But she fell off the beam after a daring move and was lucky to make the individual finals, in which each country is only allowed three representatives.

Under pressure, she rallied in her floor routine with spectacular jumps and elegant choreography to earn a 10 and keep her hopes alive.

Dudnik, despite her two 10s is out, finishing fourth on the squad and seventh overall.

Silivas and Boginskaya, 16, were involved in a classic clash during the European Championships in May, with the Soviet prevailing by the smallest margin in the history of the sport.

Borg to sue Swedish magazine

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Bjorn Borg will sue a Swedish magazine that published allegations by his ex-girlfriend that the retired tennis superstar used cocaine several times during their relationship, Borg's lawyer said Wednesday.

"The accusations are not true and Borg denies that he has ever used cocaine," Martin Sarman, an assistant to Borg's lawyer Henning Sjoström, told Swedish news agency TT.

"We haven't decided the amount, but we're talking about several million kronor," which is more than \$300,000.

Jannike Bjorling, Borg's former girlfriend, claimed in the interview with the Swedish monthly "Z" that Borg's "cocaine abuse... killed our romance and made me so depressed that I once tried to commit suicide."

Jorgen Widsell, publisher of

"Z", told TT that he was convinced that Bjorling told the truth.

"We have checked her information," Widsell was quoted as saying. "I think this could turn into a difficult situation for Borg."

Sjoström said during a radio talk show Wednesday that Borg would hold a press conference shortly, but didn't say where. Borg, who was in Milan last week where he recently married Italian rock singer Loredana Berté, will fly to Tokyo next week with his former coach for a promotional trip that also includes a tennis clinic with Japanese juniors.

Borg, 33, retired in 1983 after winning five straight Wimbledon titles from 1976 to 1980 and six French Open crowns. He amassed an estimated personal fortune of about \$105 million.

NFL Schedule

by The Associated Press

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Dallas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
L.A. Raiders at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
New England at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Diego, 4 p.m.

Monday

Chicago at Cleveland, 9 p.m.

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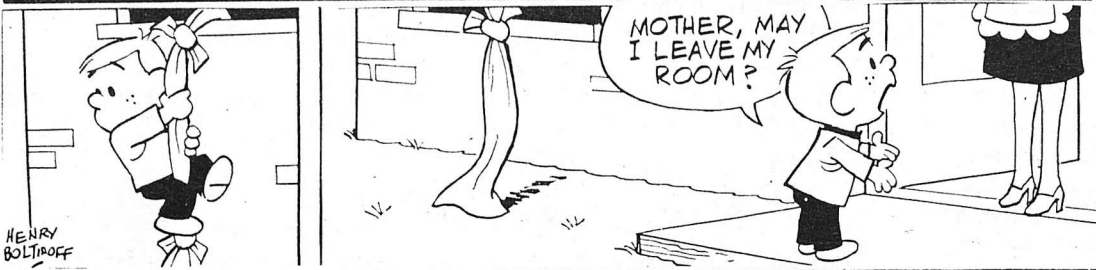


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Peruvian tutor, teach, write, or read spanish for children or any. 287-4379.

Boats & Campers

25 ft Kenyon Mast and hardware, like new. 252-2089 after 4 pm.

Islander 32, I/O engine, 7 sails, cruising rigged, dingy, electronics, must sell. \$23,800/obo. 252-5430.

Inflatable boat, 10 ft, Achilles, 4 person, gd cond, w/all equipment and 2 hp motor. \$500. 283-5221.

14 ft Hobie Cat sailboat w/trailer. \$300. 252-5755.

Fish Finder, Eagle brand, model 6100P, still in the box. \$200. 286-4882.

16 1/2 ft Tri Hull w/trailer, 55 hp Evinrude, all access, 60 hp Johnson and 85 hp Evinrude. \$2000/obo. 282-3686.

16 1/2 Tri-hull, runs great, 85 hp Evinrude w/trailer, new upholster, walk-thru windshield. \$3000. 287-3474.

Johnson 25 hp outboard motor, needs work. \$450. 260-6369.

18 ft deep V Hull w/135 hp Johnson engine and trailer, great for diving/fishing, runs great. \$3200/obo. 289-4525.

19 ft sailboat w/trailer. \$600. Wind surfboard w/2 sails. \$300. 284-3436.

Warner "Velvet-Drive" marine transmission, full hydraulic. \$175/obo. 262-2235.

16 ft Tri Hull boat w/100 hp Chrysler, plus extras. \$3000/obo. 286-3127.

Household

2 onyx table lamps, gold color. \$200. Wooden beads curtains. \$25 ea. Glass dinette set w/4 chairs. \$400. 287-3846.

Dishwasher, Whirlpool. \$100. Misc potted plants. 282-3339.

17 cu ft refrig w/ice maker. \$650. 12-3x6 sheer drape panels w/rods. \$30. 282-3522.

Carpets 12x15 beige. \$200. 12x15 beige cut. \$150. 10x12 brown. \$150. 2-9x12 blue. \$120 ea. 282-3522.

Beige sofa. \$500. Beige loveseat. \$475. Beige ottoman. \$125. Microwave w/stand. \$300. Flat top wood desk, 3x4. \$130. 282-3522.

Dining tbl, 3x5 glass, wood, w/chairs. \$450. Handmade kitchen cabinet doors. \$150. Elect weed eater. \$35. 282-3522.

8 pc bedrm set, oak table w/6 chairs. \$1000. Livingrm furn, etc. 286-3767.

2 ac's, 12,000 btu. \$100. 10,000 btu. \$200. Fence w/gate. \$150. 282-5532.

Living rm furn, solid teakwood, "Clark" style from Scandinavia. 286-4882.

Country oak dining rm, 6 chairs, 2 leafs, oval, exc cond. \$500. Pine buffet, 62 in. \$250. 286-6481.

Whirlpool dishwasher, exc cond, 3 yrs old. \$200. 256-6356.

Rattan chair, beige cushions, exc cond. \$175. 287-3298.

3 pc sectional couch, off white color, 10 oversized pillows, only 1 yr old. \$800. 286-3625 after 6 pm.

18,000 btu ac, as is, need freon. \$50. 282-5280.

King sz matt/box, frame, headboard, dresser. \$575/obo. 284-3296.

Bunkbed. \$250. Bedrm set, chest, front, night stand, wood. \$275. Divider for home. \$40. Living room, dinette, 6 chairs. 287-4379.

Convection oven w/cookbook, like new. Best offer. 262-2235.

Wood & glass top dinette set w/5 cane back chairs. \$375. Screen tent. \$65. 252-2029.

Green couch. \$60. Double bed. \$200. 35 ft wire fence. 252-1194.

7 pcs rattan livingrm set. \$400. Rattan wall unit. \$100/obo. 286-4294.

Large capacity upright Whirlpool freezer, frost free. \$300. 256-6721.

Rosewood dining set, 8 chairs w/Mother of Pearl, large china w/Mother of Pearl. \$11,900. 5 pc white bedrm set, twin bed. \$325. 286-3327.

Sleeper sofa, cream brown. \$550/obo. Vacuum Hoover, extra belt. \$65. 284-4776.

Maid's single bed w/rubber matt and boxsprings. \$50. Small homemade wooden kitchen table. \$45. 252-5643.

Solid red rug w/pad. \$150. Single bed w/frame. \$65. Peg board. \$10. 252-2360.

Sharp Carousel II microwave. \$200. 4x6 wool orange/brown. \$40. 260-7969.

Dinette set w/4 roller arm chairs, exc cond. \$550/obo. 284-4776.

Sofa. \$375. Drapes w/travis rods. \$125. Ac's 23,000 btu Whirlpool. \$200. 18,500 btu Fedders. \$350. 243-5638.

Freezer, frost free, large capacity. \$290/neg. 287-4178.

Wooden desk w/chair, oak bookcase, hutch, oriental carved sewing cabinet, rattan room divider. 252-5985.

Whirlpool double level dishwasher, like new. \$200. 252-6418.

Sofa, loveseat, over stuffed cushions, beige/natural, like new. \$375. 289-4541.

Custom curtains/rods for 4 large tropical windows. \$165. Carousel microwave. \$325. Reupholstered recliner, like new. \$155. 284-6539.

Black oriental screen, 6 panels, teakwood, hand-painted. \$650. 287-3324.

Red velvet couch/matching loveseat, 3 carpet, lt blue, 9x12. \$85 ea. Side by side refrig/freezer, white, 2 tv. 286-4976.

Chaise lounge, 36 in wide. \$175. Oriental coffee/end table w/glass tops. \$375. 287-3990.

Glass dining table w/8 chairs w/casters, arm rests. \$900. Costa Rican ox cart. \$150. 287-3990.

Mahogany coffee table. \$80. 252-6750.

Solid oak dining table, 45 in round, w/4 upholstered chairs. 286-4994.

Beautiful solid oak Childcraft changing table/chest of drawers, like new. \$250. 286-4994.

Miscellaneous furniture, recliner. 289-5271.

Baby crib. \$60. 286-4886.

Household

Carpets 9x12, beige. \$95. 6x9 cinnamon rose sectional sofa w/bed. \$600/obo. 8 pairs of drapes for tropical. \$100. 286-4924.

Bedrm set. \$1200. Dresser. \$60. Recliner. \$65. Tv stand. \$55. Phone stand. \$20. 287-3632.

Complete dining rm table w/4 chairs/glass top. \$425/obo. 228-2289.

Living rm set, sofa, loveseat, coffee table. \$150. 266-0102.

Queen sz matt & box springs, microwave, table. 284-6835.

Early American china cabinet. \$650. 252-2657.

10 cu ft freezer, ideal for govt quarters. \$275. 287-4738.

Waterbed, California king sz, 90% reduced motion matt, 12 drawer pedestal, mirror/bookcase, hdbd, heater. \$620. 282-4823.

24,000 btu ac. \$290. 19,000 btu ac. \$325. 6,000 btu ac, new. \$190. 252-2287.

Queen sleeper sofa. \$475/obo. Dining table, glass w/4 chairs, exc cond. \$450/obo. 284-4776.

Twin canopy w/matt/box, frame, night stand. \$175. 284-3296.

Country blue tweed sofa bed, loveseat. \$850. Wurlitzer Piano. \$650. 287-5729.

Bedrm furn, 6 drawer dresser, 5 drawer dresser, 2 night tables, exc cond. \$275 for all. 284-5772.

Single bed, solid mahogany, 2 large drawer, dryer, new, rattan furn, large stereo cabinet, misc items. 282-4696.

GE washer. \$250. Outdoor chair. \$150. 228-0685.

Lost

In Clayton, approximately 10-12 keys on a ring, Saturday, Sept 23. 252-2454 or 243-5487.

Miscellaneous

Gibson C/W guitar w/case, like new. \$300. Elect Smith Corona typewriter. \$125. Camping equip-complete. \$150. 252-2413.

Band saw, Sears, 12 in floor model. Best offer. 252-6845.

5 ft 6, 22 carport extension, zinc tin. \$100. 252-5937.

Plants, moving day is near, 45 healthy plants, large, small, plants. 286-3577.

Bicycle 10 spd. \$80/obo. Plants. 286-3531.

Indo-Pacific shell collection, sale or trade, all or part. 283-5477 between 1730-2030.

Cobra spear gun, new, never used, best on the market, all access included. \$140/obo. 287-4544.

3 Firestone tires, P-225/75R 15, lawn mower. \$80. Washing machine, play pen, changing tbl, beige rug 11x12. 282-3228.

Fine porcelain Wedgewood (96 pcs) china set, Bohemia crystal, fine antiques and curios. Serious inquires only. 223-0318.

Daggers, fighting knives, bayonets WWI & WWII Nazi. 286-3127.

Bicycle, 27 in Peugeot, exc cond, 10 spd touring mdl, new tires, tubes, w/gen-light. \$160. 252-5685.

4-ea alum 80 cf dive tanks, J valve, need insp, exc cond. \$100 ea. 252-5685.

Screen tent, 12x12, shower tent, 3x3, portable gas stove, plastic water jugs, picnic dishes. 252-5985.

Plants for sale. 286-4773.

3 pr factory made drapes, oyster color, acrylic backs, pinch-pleated, 100 in wide 90 in long. Man's hiking boots, new 8-D, tan colored. \$65/pr and \$50 pr. 252-5643.

Underwater cameras, Nikonos II, Sea & Sea. \$100 and \$80. Bikes, childs. \$25. Adult 3 spd. \$65. Hamster cages and access. \$15. 243-5638.

New lawn mower. \$125. Magic Chief gas stove. \$400. 252-1227.

Lion USA golf irons, 3-pw, stiff-flex shafts, right handed, 1 in over std length, great cond. \$160/obo. 284-5311.

Miscellaneous

Ladies bike, 12 spd. \$80. Boogie board. \$50 ea. Leather chair and ottoman. \$100. 252-2781.

4-15x7 chrome wheels w/black spokes, never used. \$65 ea. 4-bar stools, needs work. \$40/obo. 286-4924 after 5 pm.

Air compressor, Sears, 1 hp, 7 1/2 gal tank. \$300. 286-4882.

Lawn mower, gd cond. \$55. Utility trailer. \$175. 282-4227.

Lawn mower, 22 in cut. \$125. 287-3570.

Brother elect port sewing machine w/case, many access/attachments, in gd cond. Best offer. 225-1217.

Bali blinds, white w/4 colors in the middle, brand new, for baby room or adult. 282-5522.

Curtains to fit tropical qtrs, sheep yellow. \$100/obo. Hoover upright vacuum. \$50/obo. 284-4776.

Plants, 2 carpets, microwave, papasan chair covers, 2 chairs, living room set, dining room set. 284-6125.

Lawn mower, edge-cutter, bed, tv/vcr furn stand, stereo system, butane grill, suitcases, misc items. 284-6125.

Large ceiling fan. 287-4333.

Weed eater, sewing machine, tv antenna, roll blind. 284-3790.

Smith Corona typewriter, recliner, waterbed, suitcases, entertainment center, table and chair, refrig. 284-4812.

Motorcycles

1980 Yamaha, 175cc motorbike, gd cond, duty paid, 2 helmets. \$600. 252-2413.

Honda 550, duty paid. \$950. 262-1750.

1987 Honda, Four Trax, 70cc, exc cond. \$850. 287-5271.

Honda GL-500, 1984, very low mileage, spares and access, like new. \$1650. 252-5063.

Patio sales

17 Albrook. Saturday 7-12.

59B Albrook. Saturday.

67 Albrook, clothes, furniture, misc. Saturday.

72 B Albrook. Saturday 8-12.

109 A Albrook, baby articles, and ceramics. Saturday.

132 A Albrook. Saturday 8-1.

203 A Albrook. Saturday 7-12.

300 A Albrook. Saturday 7-12.

Bldg 601, Ancon, 10 family, everything must go! Next to train station. Saturday.

765 Balboa, miscellaneous items. Saturday 8-12.

18 A Howard, household items, clothes. Saturday 7-12.

619 B Howard, nice clothes, shoes, toys, bike, misc. Saturday 8-1.

1549 D Howard, household items, clothing, moving sale. Saturday 8-12.

444 D Kobbe, kids, women, maternity clothes, misc. Saturday 7-12.

6396 Los Rios, furn, stereo, misc, etc. Saturday.

Wanted

Math tutor. 287-4466/6509 contact SPC Stuart.

87/88 Toyota Corona, Corolla, or Celica, or 87/88 Honda Civic or Accord. 286-4232 after 6 pm.

Large dog carrier, airline approved for full grown Boxer. 252-2063.

13 in wheel for Ford Pinto. 252-1150.

Good cond dressers for adults and child's bedrm, also child seat for bike, child helmet. 252-5738.

Tikes outdoor toys, Tikes picnic table, Tikes house. 286-4132.

Honest, bilingual live in maid, exc housekeeper, great cook, w/gd refs. 287-6596 after 5 pm.

Spanish/english speaking live in maid, 27-35 years old, gen housework, good cook. 264-2557 after 6 pm.

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Submissions must be typed or legibly printed and limited to 15 words. Only two submissions per family per week will be accepted. Each submission must indicate only one category for publication. Ads for services will be accepted once per quarter as will ads for the Wanted category. Patio Sale ads must indicate date and location. Submitted ads will be published only once and must be resubmitted for further publication. Ads not run because of late receipt or lack of space need not be resubmitted; they will be run the following week unless a specific date is involved.

Deadline for the receipt of ads is 9 a.m. Monday for the following Friday's edition. If Monday is an official holiday, the deadline is 9 a.m. Tuesday. Ads may be mailed to the Tropic Times, APO 34002 or deposited in a drop box at the Albrook Post Office. Advertisers should allow seven to 14 days for processing.

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Noriega shares wealth -- with buddies

HOUSTON (Reuter) — Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega may be worth up to \$1 billion but he shares his wealth among his military supporters, a former top CIA official said last week.

"Noriega is probably worth between \$500 million and a billion dollars, but he's not taking it all for himself like some other dictators," said Bobby Ray Inman in a speech here to the national convention of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers.

"He has spread it around very effectively over the next couple of levels in the Panama defense force," said Inman, who is a former director

of Naval Intelligence and the National Security Agency and deputy director of the CIA.

Noriega's generosity has gained him the loyalty of troops against opponents who attempt to oust him from office, Inman said.

"When somebody comes along, the first question those defense forces are going to ask is are we still going to have access to that steady flow of income off the prostitution and the drugs and the rest of it?" Inman said.

The United States has indicted Noriega for drug-trafficking and imposed economic sanctions on Panama in a now two-year-long attempt to oust the general.

Noriega has denied the U.S. charges, claiming they are part of a U.S. plot to abrogate the Panama Canal treaties of 1977.

Noriega fought off a coup attempt last week mounted by opposition forces. The Bush administration has been criticized for moving too late to seize Noriega and, thus, contributing to the coup's failure.

Inman said that the U.S. actions reflected a lack of contingency planning that has afflicted American presidential administrations since the 1960s.

"It isn't just this administration. It goes back to the feeling that you can deal with crisis as it occurs because of instant communication," he said.

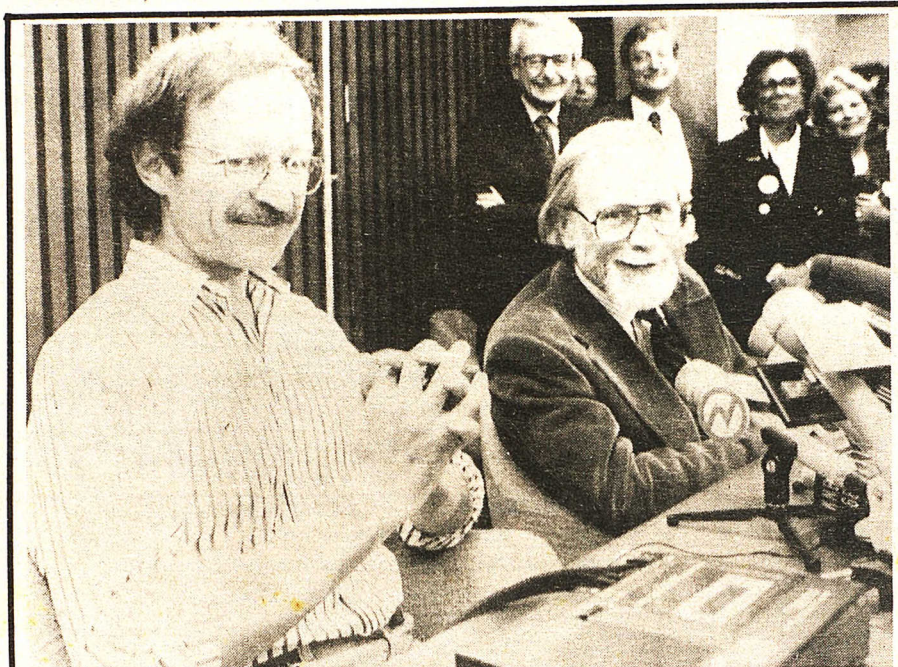
"The reality is that these are very uncertain events," Inman said.

Inman left the CIA in 1982 and now is chairman of Westmark Systems Inc, an electronics holding company.

He predicted that there will be more unrest in Panama, but that the U.S. may not be able to rely on internal forces to oust Noriega.

"I think one of these days we're going to have to come back to the issue of overt use of force. I don't happen to believe covert action is the ideal solution to most problems," he said.

"We will eventually deal with the reality that he is a cancer who needs to be removed," Inman said.



MEET THE PRESS — University of California, San Francisco professors Harold E. Varmus, MD (left) and J. Michael Bishop, MD, meet with the press last week in San Francisco after it was announced that the cancer researchers were awarded the 1989 Nobel Prize in medicine. (AP Laserphoto)

Quake strains U.S. agencies, but response still strong

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An earthquake drill by federal agencies in August left them well prepared for the killer temblor that rocked California, but government resources are still strained from Hurricane Hugo, officials said.

"We are not done with Hugo," Grant Peterson, associate director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said Wednesday. "Yes, we are stressed."

FEMA, which is marshaling the earthquake relief efforts of 26 federal agencies plus the American Red Cross, is still processing 300,000 disaster assistance applications from Hugo, he said.

The California earthquake marks the fifth federal disaster declaration FEMA has had to deal with since Hugo struck, plowing through the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the Carolinas, Peterson said.

"We are 2,000 strong already in the field responding" to those areas, he said.

Hurricane relief may ultimately cost the government the entire \$1.1 billion appropriated by Congress for cleanup efforts after Hugo, Peterson said. But "hundreds of millions" of dollars are still available from that fund for the earthquake, enough to meet the immediate disaster assistance needs in California, he added.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater put the amount of immediately available disaster relief

funds at \$273 million.

Officials have declined to speculate on the final cost of cleaning up after the earthquake.

Peterson briefed reporters on FEMA's efforts just after a visit to the agency's command center by President Bush.

Within 20 minutes of news of the quake, FEMA had assembled its emergency response team at its Washington headquarters to begin assessing the damage to send help where needed, Peterson said.

More than 800 California Army and Air National Guard troops have been called to active duty to help provide "medical, aviation, engineering and police support" to the state, Navy Cmdr. David Thomas said.

Military hospitals were providing care for civilian casualties of the quake and Navy ships assisted in firefighting operations.

The Air Force assigned a plane to return Gov. George Deukmejian to California from West Germany.

Two warehouses of federally supplied food in California, such as canned meats and dried milk, have been released for distribution, said Agriculture Department spokesman Donald Elder.

Even the Internal Revenue Service is lending a hand to quake victims, announcing it will waive certain penalties for late filing of returns or payments if the delay is due to the disaster.

Arias condemns RP for human rights violations

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) — An opposition leader condemned human rights violations in Panama Wednesday, saying a senior member of his party had been tortured and the Catholic Church persecuted.

Former vice-presidential candidate Ricardo Arias Calderon outlined several recent cases where he said members of his opposition Christian Democrat Party had been unjustly arrested.

In the most serious case, Arias said deputy party leader Raul Ossa had been subjected to "cruel physical and psychological torture" while imprisoned for six days at Chorrera, some 32 kms (20 miles) west of Panama City.

Arias criticized a government decision to deport a Peruvian nun who had spent 27 years in Panama.

Church sources said Sister Elsa Maria Schaus Bawer, the principal of a church school, left Panama

Tuesday after authorities gave her 24 hours to leave the country.

The sources said immigration authorities had ordered Schaus Bawer, 62, out for "her own safety and the security of the state". Colleagues described her as apolitical.

"It's one more act of persecution of the Catholic Church and of the country's teachers," Arias told a news conference.

Government spokesmen declined comment on the case.

Arias said his party had formed a commission to publicize human rights violations and to help victims.

Ossa was detained on Oct. 3, the day of a bloody coup attempt against Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, and accused of anti-state activities, Arias said.

Panamanian officials have accused the United States of collaborating with the rebels.

FBI arrests to violate sovereignty?

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) — The United States would be violating Panama's sovereignty if it tried to extradite criminal fugitives from the country without government permission, Attorney-General Carlos Augusto Villalaz said last week.

"The United States is violating the sovereignty of the country since extradition procedures are established in international law," Villalaz told Reuters.

"It is one more violation of Panamanian territory and of Panamanian jurisdiction," he said.

Villalaz was reacting to reports from Washington that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been given authority to seize fugitives and bring them back to the United States without the approval of foreign governments.

It was not immediately clear if the policy was adopted to help bring Panamanian military leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega to the United States, where he has been indicted on drug-trafficking charges.

The new FBI policy, announced by Justice Department officials, marks a dramatic departure from the previous policy requiring the FBI to get the consent of a foreign government before arresting a

fugitive.

President Bush told a news conference he did not know whether the new policy meant the FBI could now go into Panama and arrest Noriega.

Marine drowns near Gamboa

U.S. NAVAL STATION, PANAMA CANAL (USSOUTH COM PAO) — A U.S. Marine was pronounced dead at 6:58 p.m. Wednesday after being transported to the Marine Forces Panama aid station here following an apparent drowning in an inlet of the Panama Canal.

The Marine, who was assigned to Co. B, 2d Light Armored Infantry Bn., home-based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., was part of a team of Marines conducting a reconnaissance of an inlet crossing site near Gamboa that was to be used for future training.

The Marine's body was recovered near the site and immediately taken to the aid station.

The Marine's name is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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