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U.S. restores democracy in Panama

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush, acknowledging "a certain level of frustration" that a chief goal had not yet been achieved, said Thursday U.S. forces in Panama will have "as long it takes" to capture Gen. Manuel Noriega.

"The good news: He's out of power. The bad news: He has not yet been brought to justice," Bush told a news conference where he offered an overall upbeat assessment of the U.S. invasion of the Central American nation.

Bush said that a democratic government has been restored in Panama and that it "is taking charge" under the leadership of Guillermo Endara, who won a national election last spring that Noriega subsequently voided.

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bodies of the 21 American soldiers killed in the offensive, the biggest since the Vietnam War, were returned to Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del. The Pentagon said another 208 were wounded and four were missing.

"My heart goes out to the families of those who have died in Panama, those who have been wounded," Bush said. "Military casualties are a burden which a nation must endure — but which we can never accept."

Asked if the military offensive was worth it, Bush said, "Yes it has been worth it." He noted that the Pentagon told him "there's no way you can do an operation this large strong, was opened ended, the president replied, "It's open ended as far as going after Noriega. As long as it takes."

U.S. authorities said troops met sporadic resistance from Noriega loyalists Thursday, but that the major offensive is over and that some troops may be home within weeks. The normal U.S. military force in Panama is about 12,000.

Pentagon officials have said that the chief objectives of the military operation, however, remained unmet: the capture of Noriega, wanted on U.S. drug-trafficking charges, and the removal of Noriega-inspired violence or threats against American citizens.

Since the U.S. invasion began shortly past midnight Wednesday, an undetermined number of Americans have been taken from hotel rooms by Noriega troops, and then generally released.

"We are trying to find out where all of them are," Lt. Gen. Tom Kelly, operations chief for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters earlier Thursday in a briefing at the Pentagon.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said there had been about a dozen reports of missing Americans, and three cases were actively being pursued. He said he could not estimate how many Americans might be involved.

"The primary mission for the forces moving into Panama City today is to find and protect American lives," Kelly said.

Bush, asked about reports of American being held, "I'm looking for help on that. We don't have a count. If there are lot of them. We don't know about it."

The administration Wednesday offered a record \$1 million reward for the capture of Noriega, and Thursday, set up a "hotline" telephone number in the United States for tips, (202) 633-1000.

Bush said Noriega's "picture will be in every post office in town. That's the way it works. He's a fugitive drug dealer."

"If (the bounty) helps, if there's some incentive for some Panamanian

to turn him in, that's a million bucks that I would be very happy to sign the

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U.S. to pay money for getting Noriega

WASHINGTON (U.S. Department of Justice) — The United States is prepared to pay an award of up to \$1 million dollars for information directly leading to the apprehension and arrest of General Manuel Noriega by the United States. The Secretary of State and Attorney General of the United States shall have the sole discretion to determine eligibility for, and the amount of, any award.

The United States shall provide appropriate confidentiality to the identity of informants and ultimate recipients of any award. No award shall be paid for information which comes from United States government officials and employees. Persons in Panama having information should call 282-4544/4272.

EE.UU paga dinero por hallar a Noriega

WASHINGTON (Departamento de Justicia) — Los Estados Unidos está preparado a pagar una recompensa de hasta un millón de dólares por información que lleve directamente a la captura y arresto del General Manuel Antonio Noriega de parte de los EE.UU. El Secretario de Estado y el Procurador General de los EE.UU. ejercerán el criterio unico de determinar la elegibilidad para recibir, y la cantidad, de cualquier recompensa. Los EE.UU. practicarán la reserva adecuada para con la identidad de los informantes y los que finalmente reciban alguna recompensa. No se pagará recompensa a ningun oficial o empleado del gobierno de EE.UU.

(Personas en Panamá quienes tengan información deben llamar al 282-4544 ó al 282-4272. Personas en los EE.UU. con información deben llamar al 202-633-1000.)

Canal transits

QUARRY HEIGHTS (SOUTHCOM PAO) - The Panama Canal resumed daylight transit service Thursday with the transit of 11 vessels. A similar daylight schedule is planned for today. It is anticipated that the canal will return to normal transit schedules within a few days. The canal and its facilities are, and are expected to remain, safe and secure.

PML Echo exception

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOM PAO) - As an exception to PML Echo restrictions, military personnel may travel to and from work between the hours 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Travel is restricted to the designated blue routes.



Panamanians watch as a neighborhood bordering 4th of July Avenue, near the Comandancia, burns. There were reports the fire was started by the PDF to halt the advance of American forces. Additional photos of Thursday's events appear on p.16 (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)

Nation honors 18 dead servicemen

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (UPI) — The bodies of 18 U.S. servicemen killed in the invasion of Panama arrived to a hero's welcome Thursday at the military's largest mortuary, the first remains from the assault returned for burial.

Fourteen soldiers, including 13 Army troops and one Marine, arrived at Dover at midnight EST aboard a C-5 transport plane from Howard Air Force Base in Panama. Secretary of the Army Michael P.W. Stone, representing the president and secretary of defense, was at Dover for a receiving ceremony.

The names of the soldiers were not immediately available.

Earlier Thursday, the bodies of four Navy SEALs who lost their lives in "Operation Just Cause" in Panama were flown to Dover.

Navy officials said the four were among a group of SEALs, Navy fighters trained in covert sea, air and land operations, who led an attack on

Paitilla airfield Wednesday as part of the U.S. assault intended to oust Panamanian Gen. Manuel Noriega from power.

The four bodies were flown to Dover from Kelly Air Force Base in Texas, where the sailors were declared dead.

At the Dover base, Navy Secretary Lawrence Garrett III presided over a brief planeside ceremony, saying the four men would take their places in history as heroes. An honor guard stood at attention as the bodies were unloaded from a C-141 transport plane in a bitter chill.

"Far from the smoke and clatter of battle, four brave men mourned here today now rest in the quiet arms of a grateful nation and a loving God," Garrett said.

"At the bugle's last call, it has always been the heavy burden of the families and loved ones to bear witness to the price of liberty and freedom," he said. "This is not the

first time we have been called to the altar of honor with grieving hearts, nor will it be the last."

The four were identified as Navy Lt. j.g. John Patrick Connors, 25, of Arlington, Mass.; Chief Petty Officer Donald Lewis McFaul, 32, of San Diego, Calif.; Petty Officer First Class Christopher Tilghman, 30, of Kailua, Hawaii; and Torpedoman 2nd Class Isaac George Rodriguez III, 24, of Missouri City, Texas.

"They led the attack on Paitilla airfield," said Lt. Mark Walker, a Navy spokesman at Dover, describing the SEALs' role in the Panamanian assault and referring to the field where Noriega kept his private plane.

The bodies will be formally identified in autopsies, and each will be dressed in full military uniform and returned to their respective hometowns for burial, said Lt. Theresa Schallock, a base spokeswoman.

Troops secure strategic points; search for Noriega

by John Otis

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — U.S. assault troops occupied strategic points of the capital Thursday, routing pockets of resistance and vigorously pressing the search for Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, who went into hiding with a \$1 million bounty on his head.

U.S. soldiers and vehicles took up positions around the Cuban, Nicaraguan and Libyan embassies, witnesses and sources inside the diplomatic missions said. The Cuban and Nicaraguan embassies denied rumors they had granted Noriega refuge and Libyan authorities could not be reached for comment.

Nicaragua retaliated by surrounding the U.S. Embassy in Managua in a standoff that became increasingly tense as the day wore on.

America's most extensive foreign military action since Vietnam also continued to take its toll on American and Panamanian lives, with the Pentagon reporting 21 U.S. servicemen killed, along with an American woman civilian schoolteacher, and 208 wounded. Over 100 Panamanian civilians and 58 members of the Panamanian Defense Forces have also been reported killed.

A U.S. newsman was missing in the capital and a photographer for a Spanish newspaper was reported killed by gunfire from U.S. troops outside of the Marriott Hotel

Thursday morning, according to an account by a Reuters photographer.

In Washington, President Bush said he was satisfied with the military action to oust Noriega but admitted he was frustrated the Panamanian strongman, wanted in the United States on drug charges, had slipped through the net set by 24,000 U.S. troops involved in the operation that began in the early hours of Wednesday.

The United States has offered a \$1 million reward for the capture of Noriega, who thanked his supporters in a 52-second radio broadcast Wednesday night on National Radio. U.S. troops blew up the station's transmission tower shortly after his brief speech.

U.S. military sources told pool reporters that U.S. troops may have missed Noriega by minutes in the first hours of the invasion Wednesday when they broke into one of his houses and found cigarettes smoldering in ashtrays.

"The cigarettes were still smoking in the ashtray and the women left their purses, which no woman would ever usually do," said a soldier familiar with the dwelling, called the "Witch House" because of black magic paraphernalia found on the scene.

Lt. Gen. Tom Kelly in Washington told reporters most of Panama City was secure, giving U.S.-installed President Guillermo Endara a chance to be formally inaugurated in the Legislative Palace Thursday

afternoon. Endara, who had apparently won a May election Noriega annulled, was sworn into office minutes before the invasion began shortly after midnight Wednesday.

In his first acts as president, Endara declared a dusk-to-dawn curfew to curb looting and appealed for the return of Panamanian exiles and for Noriega loyalists in the military to "show they can support our democracy."

He announced that the Panama Canal, jointly run by Panama and the United States, had been reopened and said he asked Bush by telephone to send food and medicine for Panamanians displaced or wounded in the U.S. invasion. Bush said in Washington he will provide the aid.

Endara said in an interview on ABC-TV's "Nightline" that he and the United States had set a one-month target date for the removal of U.S. troops from Panama and said he was busy establishing a loyal police and military force to support his government after the troops leave.

"We are right now putting a target date of one month," he said.

Despite assurances by the Pentagon that the situation was under control, Panama City was beset by confusion and looting was rampant, with thousands breaking store windows and carting off goods, taking time only to wave at passing U.S. troops and duck stray bullets.

The capital city was awash with

rumors, with Noriega reported to be in three different countries and 12 different locations within Panama.

Residents said U.S. troops ordered hundreds of neighbors to leave Los Andes section of the capital, giving no reason for the evacuation but igniting rumors that Noriega might be hiding in the area.

In Paris, Panamanian Justice and Interior Minister Renato Pereira said Thursday Noriega still is in Panama and "he is very safe."

The Pentagon reported that 1,500 PDF members had been captured in the operation, which began Wednesday when U.S. troops sent helicopters, thousands of troops and tanks to attack PDF strongholds, but pockets of Noriega loyalists still remained entrenched and witnesses reported sporadic sniper fire throughout the day.

Officials said U.S. Ranger troops fought off several attacks Thursday as they sorted through a major cache of weapons found when they captured an airbase used by Noriega's military forces in Rio Hato.

The United States Thursday took control of the national assembly building, demolished Noriega's former headquarters and took control of other key points in the city.

Kelly said at his Pentagon briefing that U.S. forces were checking reports about the safety of U.S. citizens either held by pro-Noriega loyalists or who felt they were still be held.

Deployed soldiers will be spending Christmas in Panama

by Thomas Ferraro

WASHINGTON (UPI) — American combat troops will spend Christmas in Panama - restoring civil order, backing a new democratic government, protecting U.S. citizens and searching for Gen. Manuel Noriega.

"I won't be satisfied until we see him come to justice," President Bush said.

Asked by reporters how long he is willing to maintain a full-scale pursuit, Bush put it bluntly: "As long as it takes."

Speaking at a news conference Thursday, Bush gave an overall upbeat assessment of the U.S. invasion into the Central American nation, the biggest military offensive since the Vietnam War.

"The good news: He's out of power," said Bush, who arranged to depart Washington Friday for a holiday weekend at Camp David, Md. "He no longer commands the instruments of government or the forces of repression."

Bush said that a democratic government has been restored and that it "is taking charge" under the leadership of Guillermo Endara, who appeared to win national election last spring that Noriega subsequently voided.

As the president spoke, the first bodies of U.S. soldiers killed in the offensive were returned to Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del.

"My heart goes out to the families of those who have died in Panama, those who have been wounded," Bush said.

Asked if the military offensive was

Anxious soldiers' relatives fear 'ring of phone'

by United Press International

The wives and mothers and sons and brothers of American servicemen involved in the U.S. attack on Panama hoped and prayed as they sat by the telephone and television in a nervous wait for news about their loved ones.

"My son is 20 months old," said Debbie Phelps, whose soldier-husband was "somewhere" in Panama. "Everytime he hears a doorbell ring or a dog barking, he yells, 'Daddy, daddy,' and it breaks my heart."

America's most extensive military action on foreign soil since Vietnam left at least 21 U.S. military personnel and one American female civilian dead, four soldiers missing and 208 soldiers wounded, the Pentagon announced in Washington.

PFC Mark Price, 22, of Conover, Wis., was one of the soldiers killed. His mother, Diane, said Thursday she was notified by telephone by the Army.

"I'm not angry," she said quietly. "I'm just numb."

Debbie Phelps, 27, said it was the first time her husband Steven - a

worth it, Bush said, "Every human life is precious, but I have to answer, yes, it has been worth it."

Two chief objectives of the military operation, however, remained

captain in command of Company B in the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C., -had been in combat.

"I think it was a just cause," she said. "President Bush wouldn't send soldiers down there if it wasn't a just cause. My husband was smiling as he left to go. He said, 'I'll see you later, honey.'"

She said other wives of servicemen were "sticking together" and "praying."

Carol Fullerton of Valentine, Neb., said she had prepared herself for the day her 19-year-old son, Marine PFC Scott Fullerton, could go to war. But she was not prepared to deal with the uncertainty that accompanies battle, not knowing whether her son may have been one of those injured or killed.

"When he enlisted, I knew something like this could happen. But the mother part of me, you know, wondering about your son," she said, waiting for news about her boy.

The father of Marine Cpl. Garreth Isaak, one of the American servicemen killed in the assault Wednesday, said Wednesday he supported President Bush's decision

unmet: the capture of Noriega, wanted on U.S. drug-trafficking charges, and the elimination of Noriega-inspired violence or threats against U.S. citizens.

to use military force and was certain his son would have felt the same way.

"I think (the decision) was excellent, and I think if Gary were here, he'd say it should have been done earlier," said Albert Isaak, a biology professor from Greenville, S.C. "He and the Marines were ready to go in. That's what they were trained for."

The sister of Army Cpl. Ivan Perez, 22, of Pawtucket, R.I., said his family had mailed him several Christmas cards recently, including one card mailed Tuesday with military drawings from his brother Miguel, age 10.

Adriana Perez, 24, said her brother, a four-year veteran, could have left the service with an honorable discharge last year after losing sight in one eye.

"He wanted to keep going," she said. "We told him to get out, he had a chance. He really enjoyed being there. Ever since he was a little kid, he wanted to be a soldier."

Perez criticized the invasion, calling it "stupid."

"My father is very, very angry," she said. "We don't know how we feel right now."

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Maintenance company: one of a kind in region

by Spec. Daniel L. Bean

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) —Most soldiers in the field don't cap off a guard shift by changing a computer's disk drive. But when it's Company B, 193rd Support Battalion, it can happen.

The maintenance company conducted an Army Readiness Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) early this month. Unlike most field training, the operation integrated the unit's real-world support mission into the scenario.

"Being in the field doesn't change our mission," said 1st. Sgt. Phillip A. Owens. "We provide the same support in the field as we do in garrison." While continuing their support mission, they received valuable training and data.

"The ARTEP gives us a chance to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses in individual and group tasks, such as perimeter defense, noise and light discipline, accounting for sensitive items and our regular (maintenance) mission," Capt. Ian P. Erickson, company commander said. "We can take the results and focus our training in the direction we need to go."

The company supports U.S. Army South and its augmentees, according to 1st. Lt. Charles Hines, maintenance section officer-in-charge. It's the only support unit of its kind in the region.

While sections prepared for their missions, the company faced various tactical scenarios presented by the evaluation team.

For example, en route to the field site, the recovery section was dispatched to retrieve a company vehicle that was struck by a rocket

propelled grenade. Barely 10 minutes after the vehicle was recovered, aggressors attacked the compound's front and rear gates.

After repelling the enemy attack, the unit processed their "prisoners of war" under the watchful eyes of the evaluators. During an ARTEP everything is graded.

While enduring these training challenges, the sections continued to work on equipment they received before and during the exercise.

"We brought our work with us to work on back orders," said CWO2 Jose G. Huertanunez, maintenance technician for the communications and electronics section. "We have the test and repair equipment needed to complete our mission." Being in new terrain might make things

difficult, but it doesn't change the sections ability to function.

"The main difference is that we're in the open and don't have protection against the weather," said Sgt. Barbara A. Jones, acting noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the motor pool. "It's hard, but we do it."

The company is divided into six sections: the shop office, vehicle recovery, vehicle repair, communications and electronics, armaments, and the central warehouse. Each one represents a piece of the maintenance picture.

The sections are networked together by the shop office — the "nerve center." It handles all incoming requests and supplies. The shop office supervises all

sections and inspects equipment throughout the servicing process.

If the shop office is notified of a disabled vehicle, it tasks the vehicle recovery section. They transport it to the repair site, regardless of the terrain or vehicle.

Military vehicles that cannot be repaired by the owning unit are serviced by the repair section. Vehicles range from jeeps to 20-ton tractor trailers.

Another section is the communications and electronics section, which maintains military communication systems, as well as tactical and office computers.

The armaments section services small and medium weapons. They handle everything from 9mm pistols to 105mm howitzers.

The central warehouse stores and distributes parts for the repair sections.

Functioning in the field is important to any unit, but it's crucial to Company B and the units it services.

"The effective operation of our company is important to the units we support. If we don't get their equipment back on time, it can hinder their mission performance," Owens said.

In addition, Owens said, "For a few days, we get to evaluate our tactical and maintenance skills. We see how well we perform both missions simultaneously. We find the areas we need to improve and tailor our training accordingly. Therefore, we'll be able to support units better."

So if your computer comes back from being serviced with camouflage fingerprints on it, don't worry. It's only Company B doing its mission whenever and wherever needed.



SSgt. Solomon Williams, Company B, 193rd Support Battalion, shakes down a captured aggressor under a guard's watchful eye. The company was attacked during their ARTEP Dec. 5-9. Williams is a quality assurance inspector for the maintenance section's shop office. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Daniel L. Bean)

79th Army Band bows to appreciative audiences during Fuerzas Unidas 89-Peru

story and photo
by Spec. Bob Blocher

LIMA, Peru (USARSO PAO) — The 79th Army Band recently took center stage at Peru's 18th Mechanized Division headquarters, Fort Rimac. While Peruvian troops shouted for more music, the post commander presented band members a medal of appreciation for their performance.

They showed no hint of the hurdles they had overcome. That's the mark of professionals.

The band usually travels as the main attraction. However, this tour the band travelled as part of the U.S.-Peruvian exercise Fuerzas Unidas 89-Peru, and therefore was limited to 21 people. Because of the limitation, their road crew had to sit out the trip.

Without the road crew, band members spent 90 minutes before and after performances moving four tons of equipment into place.

"It takes a five-ton truck to haul it all around," said SSgt. James Kowall, assistant operations noncommissioned officer. However, spending three hours setting up and breaking down equipment for a one-hour concert was no laughing matter. The schedule was frantic.

For example, the band had three commitments Dec. 7: the exercise closing ceremony, a reception afterward and a party at the Army Chief of Mission's quarters.

They headed for the 3 p.m. ceremony at noon, but their transportation was late. One of two scheduled buses finally showed at 1:30, so they got to the ceremony as it began — no time to tune up.

After the ceremony, they packed

up and moved across the street to the reception hall, where they played from 5-7 p.m. By 9 p.m., the Latin Combo set up a third show while other band members tore down the last set. The combo played until midnight and returned at 2 a.m.

With the band's hectic schedule, it's hard to squeeze in time for rehearsal. However, practice was imperative because of several new band members.

"We recently lost half our brass section and three members of our Latin Combo — including the drummer," Kowall said. "Without a drummer, we don't have a combo." To Kowall's relief, the new drummer, Sgt. James Angel, picked up the beat in only two rehearsals. Angel's performance was crucial: He was the Stage Band, Latin Combo and Jazz Combo drummer.

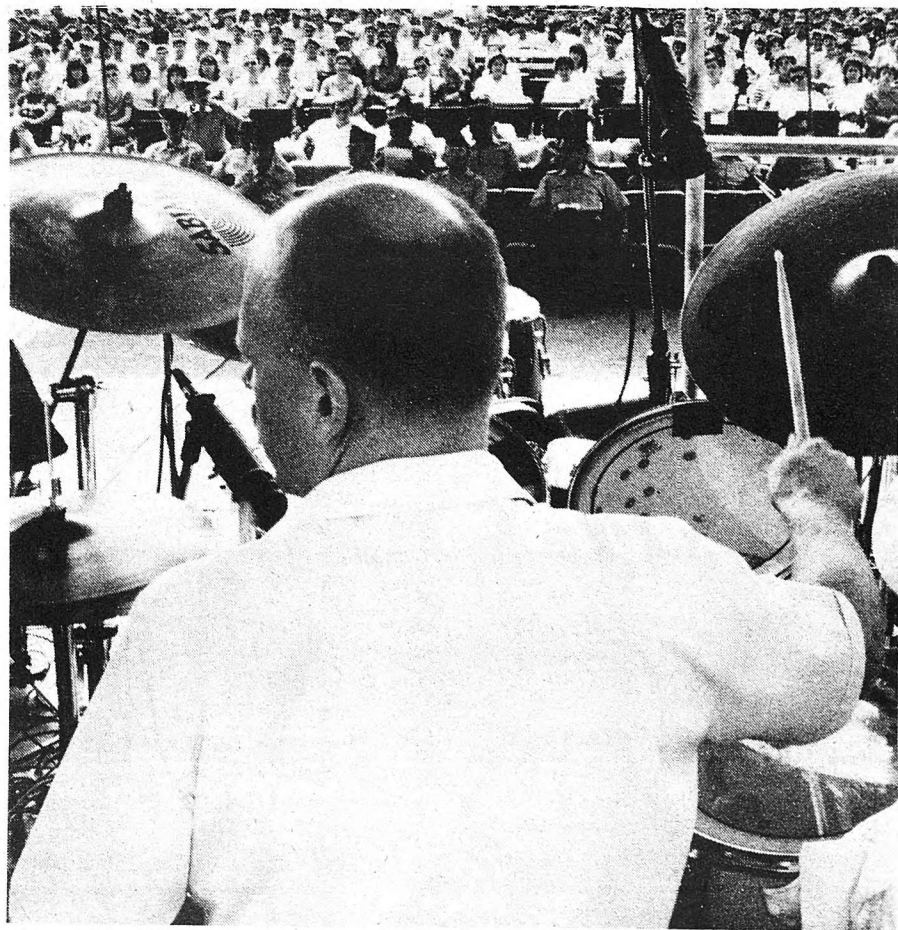
"We're improvising as we go," Kowall said. However, no one in the audience could tell. Band members performed like they'd been playing together for years.

The reason was simple — professionalism. Most band members are career soldiers who plan to spend 20 years as Army musicians.

SSgt. Andrew Lanke is a prime example. After smashing his first clarinet in a fit of rage at age 11, Lanke became a serious student. At 15, he also took up the saxophone.

"I joined the Army because I wanted to play professionally and see the world," Lanke said. With 10 years of service under his belt, Lanke hopes to become a warrant officer and band leader.

Kowall is another example. He also joined the Army to make a



Sgt. James Angel lays down a beat for thousands of fans during the 79th Army Band's recent concert at Peru's 18th Mechanized Division headquarters, Fort Rimac.

career of his musical talent. "After two years, I hated it. I wanted to get out."

Thirteen years later, Kowall played for 100,000 cheering fans in Cochabamba, Bolivia. His five years with the 79th Army Band have been the best of his career "because the people of Latin America really appreciate us."

Yet popularity is a two-edged sword. Band members know they

can't possibly play for everyone who wants to hear them, but they try.

Within 12 hours of landing at Howard AFB after the exercise, the band headed to Guatemala for a three-day tour. Upon return, they had one day to learn the music for the Dec. 13 Christmas Concert.

Three days and three shows later, they were finally off for their Christmas break; a brief pause before they hit the road again in 1990.

Panther simulates real-world situations

story and photo by
Spec. Bob Blocher

LIMA, Peru (USARSO PAO) — A U.S.-Peruvian exercise recently unveiled a computer battle-simulation program to train leaders to deal with low-intensity conflicts.

"Panther" was developed by several U.S. agencies to meet the need for an inexpensive, exportable computer program that accurately simulates insurgency and terrorist action.

"It's a tool to train battalion staffs to plan for low-intensity conflict," said Capt. Sergio de la Pena, project officer for the Combined Army Training Activity, Training and Doctrine Command. During the simulation, battalion staffs are set up like they are in the field.

"The difference is their phone lines are connected to 'battle boards' instead of real units," de la Pena explained. "The computer generates information a battalion would normally receive from its field units."

Panther allows battalion staffs to train without sending troops on maneuvers, which saves money. With a shrinking budget and spiraling inflation, economy is essential in Peru.

"We wanted something exportable, inexpensive and easy to set up," de la Pena said. "The execution, rules and procedures are simple, yet Panther is in-tune with the problems they (Peruvians) have."

Panther is the Army's first computer-assisted, low-intensity-conflict simulator. It trains leaders to address the specific problems of guerrilla warfare: fighting an enemy on its "home turf," public reaction to civilian deaths and

underlying civil problems, according to Maj. Fred Rodriguez from Exercise Support Group, Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations, U.S. Army South.

"Latin American countries historically try to fight terrorism and insurgencies as they would fight a conventional war," Rodriguez said. "With Panther, their decisions have to include civilians as well as military. Low-intensity conflict is not as simple as two opposing forces lined up on the battlefield." Instead, Panther concentrates on gaining popular support as the way to win a guerilla war.

"The objective in a low-intensity conflict is to win the hearts and minds of the people," said Lt. Col. Ronald Parker, ESG director. "If people don't support the insurgency, it will

fail."

Panther simulates shifts in public support for the government. When players perform civic action and humanitarian efforts, Panther rewards them with simulated intelligence about guerilla plans, personnel and camp locations.

The information allows government forces to engage guerillas from a position of strength, instead of walking into ambushes.

The exercise proved successful. At the outset, Peruvian officers followed shoot-first-and-talk-later tactics.

As a result, playing pieces representing government patrols wandered aimlessly across three battle boards. They followed a trail of guerilla activity but never caught the guerillas.

In another room, pieces representing

guerillas dodged government patrols while destroying bridges, threatening government officials and disrupting the normal lives of civilian personnel. When the odds were favorable, guerillas would let a patrol stumble into their position, spring an ambush and steal their weapons.

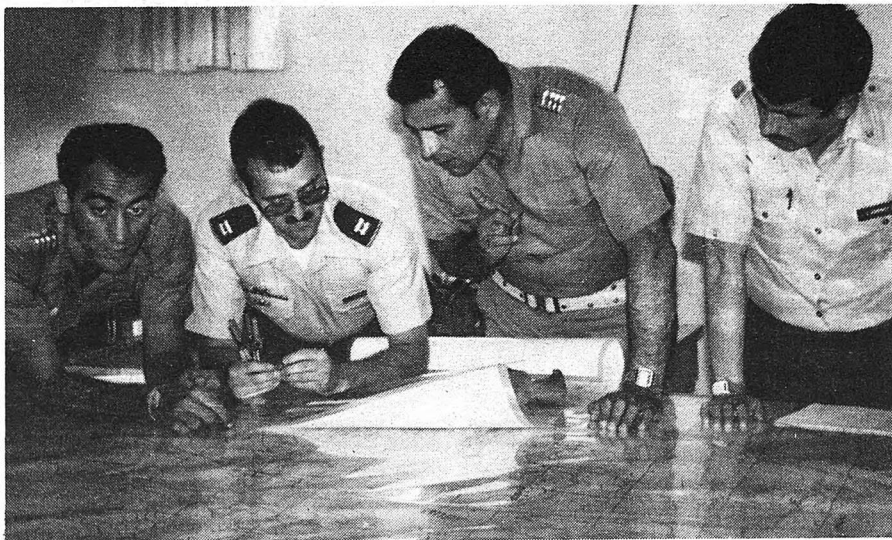
"The Peruvians had to adjust their tactics to the type of threat they were encountering," said SSgt. Silvano Hostila, ESG operations noncommissioned officer. "We kept telling them it's better to win the war by civil-affairs operations than by shooting bullets."

The turning point came when guerilla forces kidnapped all the children from a small village. Government forces rescued the children and returned them to the village. Information gained from villagers ultimately led to the capture of a guerilla stronghold.

By repairing damaged school houses, vaccinating children and replacing bridges the terrorists destroyed, government forces won public support.

"It was a good experience," said Peru Army Capt. Edward Quelupana Bohorquez. "All our officers wanted to learn how to do these. With the help of U.S. officers and their experience, we did very well."

After seeing Panther in Hostila feels American units could benefit from the program. USARSO's 193rd Infantry Brigade (Light) in particular should play it, he said, because they operate in an area of low-intensity combat.



U.S. and Peruvian army officers plot terrorist activity on one of three "battle boards" while recently field testing "Panther," a new computer battle-simulation program.

U.S., Peru conduct Fuerzas Unidas '89

story and photo by
Spec Bob Blocher

LIMA, Peru (USARSO PAO) — Building friendships was the goal of a recent U.S.-Peruvian exercise, Fuerzas Unidas (United Forces) 89—Peru. True to its name, the exercise strengthened ties between U.S. and Peruvian armies by emphasizing personal contact between soldiers.

"We exchanged ideas, shared experience, doctrine and tactics, and established closer personal relationships between their officers and ours," said Lt. Col. Ronald Parker, director of Exercise Support Group, Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations, U.S. Army South.

The early December exercise was staged to field-test the computer battle-simulation program "Panther," developed by several U.S. agencies to aid countries embroiled in low-intensity conflicts.

Panther trains battalion-level staffs to fight insurgencies like Peru's Shining Path and Tupac Amaru revolutionary movements. Pushing intelligence gathering and civil-affairs operations instead of open warfare, Panther seeks to teach lessons U.S. forces learned in Vietnam by using computer-generated scenarios.

"Most operations involve going into towns, finding out what the peoples' problems are and helping them. Soldiers repair schools, vaccinate people and replace bridges the terrorists destroyed," said SSgt. Silvano Hostila, ESG operations noncommissioned officer. "Using these methods, they've been getting a lot of information about the terrorists."

Maj. Richard Mainville, a Personnel

Exchange Program officer in Peru added, "We're emphasizing the value of civil affairs and psychological operations, which they don't use. We're saying, 'These things will work for you.'"

"The exercise helped break down barriers," Mainville continued. "It lets them see U.S. officers, NCOs and soldiers as professionals who care about what's happening in Peru."

While Panther helped the exercise team knock down barriers and build good relations, music — the universal language — made members of the 79th Army Band instant goodwill ambassadors.

The band supported Fuerzas Unidas 89-Peru by playing the U.S. National Anthem at opening and closing ceremonies and by "improving community relations in general," said SSgt. James Kowall, assistant operations NCO and leader of the band's Latin Combo.

After the opening ceremony, band members exchanged songs, saxophone reeds and drumsticks with Peruvian army band members. They also received a medal of appreciation from the commanding general of Peru's 18th Mechanized Division during an open-air concert. Everywhere they went, U.S. band members were celebrities.

"Most of the people we played for spoke no English, and most of us don't speak Spanish. But through the language of music, we understood each other," Kowall said.

Although they had trouble with the language, band members played salsa music like native musicians. And while they shared U.S. music, like jazz and John Philip Sousa marches, the height of

their tour was their rendition of the Peruvian army song after the closing ceremony. Peruvian army officers were surprised and honored.

The Peruvians expressed their gratitude first in applause, then invited band members home for dinner. "Now they've got our

addresses," Kowall added. "They want to exchange ideas and music."

Lasting relationships are the mark of successful exercises, according to Parker. Peru agreed to play-test Panther because previous U.S.-Peruvian exercises were successful.



Celebrating the successful exercise and new friendships, U.S. soldiers treated their Peruvian counterparts to an afternoon of basketball. In turn, Peruvians stomped the norteamericanos in "futbol," latino style.



Spec. Gregory Nath, HHC, 5/87th, repairs an axle.

Professionalism: Mission demands it

story and photos
by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Carrying out your military duty in a professional manner. In Panama those words are taken seriously—the mission demands it.

"The mission is to protect U.S. lives and property and defend the Panama Canal," said Lt. Col. William H. Huff III, commander, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade (light). "Short of a shooting war, this has to be one of the most difficult areas to serve."

The mission here has put soldiers face-to-face with regime sponsored anti-American demonstrators, forced them to support each other through separations from families and friends, and refined their sense of duty. Each challenge has impacted their self-images.

Self-restraint is a must when soldiers face demonstrations, according to PFC Roy R. Frazier II, HHC, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment (mechanized), Fort Polk, La.

Demonstrators shouting derogatory remarks about the United States "can make you fighting mad," Frazier said. "But you have to do your duty and maintain your image as a soldier because you represent the United States."

"Serving here has matured me and made me responsible and confident," said Spec. Calvin Bradburry, Company C, 5/87th.

To guide them through challenges, soldiers of U.S. Army South and Joint Task Force Panama have developed unique definitions of devotion to duty.

For Pvt. 1 David Taylor, at 18 one of the youngest soldiers in the 5/87th,

the definition is simple. "I do what I'm told and support the chain-of-command."

However, putting his definition into action is hardly simple. Taylor has had to learn to take correction, help correct others and correct himself at an age when many teenagers are still trying to get drivers' licenses. "Correcting yourself is the hardest," he said.

For Sgt. Anthony Whiteside, HHC, 7th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, Calif., his deployment here has made duty a personal code that pushes him through the most difficult missions. "I adhere to principles and accomplish missions whether I like them or not. And above all, I'm ready to answer the call when it comes."

Being in Panama is all that and more for PFC Edward C. De Freest, HHC, 4/6th, a fourth generation military man. "For me it's a civil obligation, a responsibility to support my country and protect the freedoms we enjoy."

According to De Freest, the mission in Panama, although different from Fort Polk's mission, has similarities. "We still do things that make up everyday military life, things most people don't even consider duties or missions - a well-pressed uniform, common courtesies and even paperwork - but they take on added importance here."

"One by one, each task strengthens the Army and prepares us to meet challenges," he said.

Of all the challenges, the hardest is often being separated from friends and family. "Nobody likes to move away from his family, but I don't have any regrets," De Freest said. "I joined the Army knowing I'd be called away for exercises and overseas duty. It's part of the job."



Pvt. 1 David Taylor, Company B, 5/87th stands guard at a U.S. housing area.

To ease the stress of separation, 1st Sgt. James Washington, Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade, plans activities like softball games and cookouts. "Leadership has to be understanding to be effective. You have to take care of your soldiers to accomplish the mission."

Giving soldiers an appreciation of friends and families isn't the only positive effect the stress has had, said Spec. Michael Faller, Company A, 5/87th.

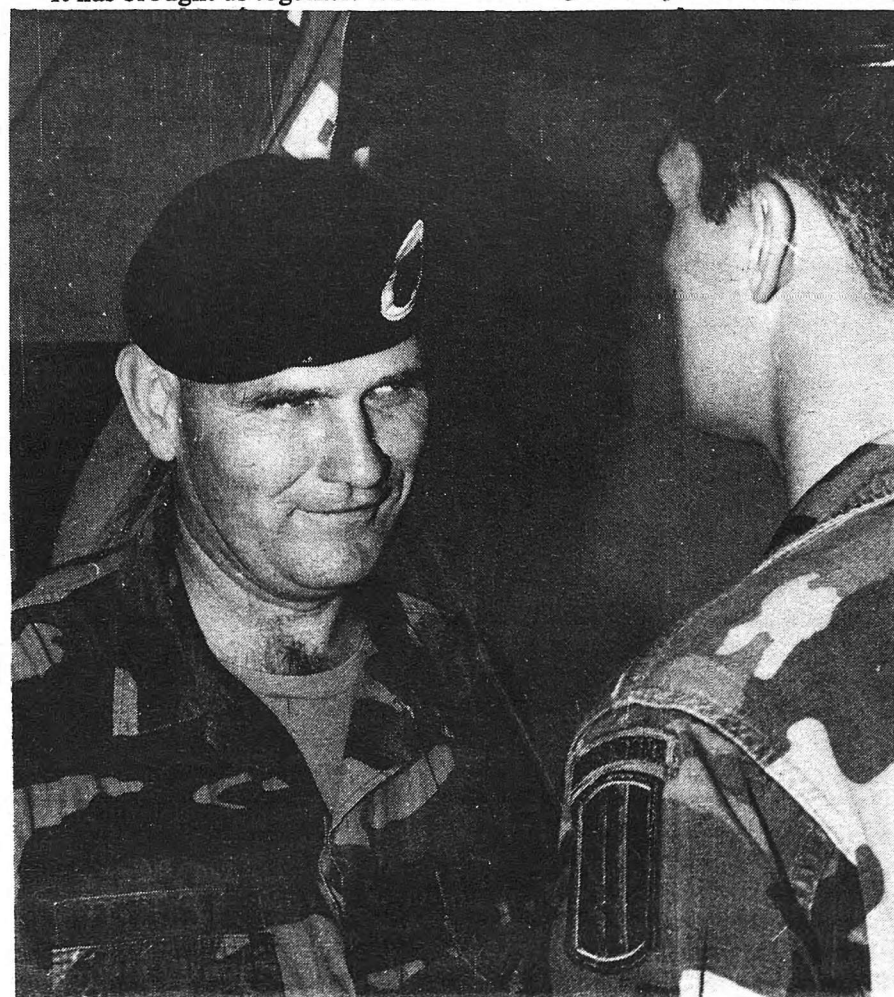
"It has brought us together. We're

not broken into little groups anymore," he added. "When everybody supports each other, unit pride soars and helps accomplish the mission," Faller said.

And while each soldier has his own idea of what defines duty and mission, all have one bonding factor: their constant commitment to readiness.

"Duty here really means you're a soldier 24 hours a day," said Spec. Gregory Nath, HHC, 5/87th.

And as long as the mission remains, soldiers here will continue to meet its challenges with honor and pride.



1st Sgt. James Washington inspects a soldier's uniform.

U.S. news

Lawsuit claims Sears policy 'false, misleading'

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — The New York Attorney General Thursday filed a lawsuit alleging that Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s news "everyday low price" policy is "false and misleading."

Attorney General Robert Abrams said the suit, filed in state Supreme

Court in Buffalo, alleges consumers were paying the same or higher prices despite the low-price campaign unveiled by the national merchandising chain last March.

"(Sears) recent adoption of an everyday low price marketing strategy representing substantial

savings to consumers was false and misleading," Abrams said.

"In fact when consumers went to make purchases, they were paying essentially the same price, and in a number of instances they were actually paying higher prices," he said.

Sears began its "everyday low price" campaign in March 1989 after closing its stores for a day or so to re-tag and discount all merchandise.

Sears said in a statement it will "vigorously defend itself" against the lawsuit.

"We are particularly disturbed that the allegations against Sears relate to off-pricing advertising commonly used by retailers throughout the the company said. "Sears industry," sales practices are and always have been carefully designed to comply with all federal and state laws."

Abrams pointed out that in one instance — before the new price policy — a consumer paid \$199 for a Kenmore vacuum cleaner. Under the

new pricing policy, the same vacuum cleaner sold for \$20 more.

"We have found again that they have deceived consumers — that the prices that people pay are not substantial sale, bonus, discounted prices. They are essentially the same prices, and even more," Abrams said.

Abrams also pointed out that Sears sold a sofa and chair for \$699.69 under the old price system and for \$699 under the new system, a 69-cent reduction.

Abrams said Sears is in violation of a 1986 agreement it made with the state. At that time, Sears paid a \$75,000 fine and agreed to stop advertising 50 percent discounts that were bogus, Abrams said.

"For the second time in three years, we are taking action to stop Sears from using deceptive advertising and merchandising practices," he said.

The lawsuit seeks restitution for Sears customers, as well as a fine against the retailer for allegedly violating the 1986 agreement.

Small toy parts can kill

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Federal consumer officials are warning parents to inspect toys for small parts and plastic wrapping that hurt and even kill children this Christmas.

The warning Wednesday from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's also included a "safety alert" about a toy rabbit wrapped in plastic that could choke children.

In addition, the commission said, toys are being inspected at 37 ports throughout the United States, with federal officials confiscating any items deemed unsafe for children.

Parents should be aware that warning labels such as "not recommended for 3 or younger" are meant to be taken seriously, said D. Elaine Brown, spokeswoman for CPSC's eastern regional center.

"Many times a parent thinks that if a child mentally or physically can use a toy, he is old enough to," she said. "But that's not the case."

A toy's warning labels may mean the existence of small parts, which could pose a choking hazard to young children.

The commission's latest safety alert concerns the Velveteen Rabbit, distributed by the Minneapolis-based Target Stores chain.

The plush, floppy-eared rabbit is marketed sitting in a Christmas stocking, with a plastic bag wrapped around its lower torso. Small children could smother or choke on the plastic, she said.

A Target spokesman said the company began placing warning labels on the packaging on Dec. 1.

George Hite, a Target vice president, said the plastic bag

complied with U.S. regulations.

But, he said, "It's still not something you want your kids to horse around with."

Hite said no injuries have been reported in connection with the toy.

The toy comes in two sizes — an 8-inch rabbit in a 10-inch stocking and a 12-inch rabbit in a 16-inch stocking — and is distributed by Target's 401 stores in 31 states. Target does not operate any stores in Pennsylvania, Hite said.

Ms. Brown cautioned parents about any toys containing small parts and items wrapped in plastic.

"They pose a choking hazard that is most dangerous for children under 3," she said.

In the dockside surveillance, conducted jointly with the U.S. Custom Service, officials impounded 1.4 million imported toys from Oct. 1, 1988, to Nov. 24, 1989, said Ms. Brown. The toys carried an estimated value of \$4.2 million, she said.

Of those, 138,086 unsafe toys with an estimated retail value of \$160,998 were seized at ports in the Philadelphia area, said Richard D. Swackhamer, director of the regional center. The New York-based center oversees CPSC operations in the Eastern Seaboard states.

About 60 percent of the seizures occurred July through October, when shipping increases to meet the demands of the Christmas market, Ms. Brown said.

CPSC statistics showed that injuries from toys sent children to hospital emergency rooms 142,000 times last year. Ms. Brown said most of the injuries were caused when children fell off or were struck by a toy.

America," which became the third-biggest box office hit of 1988, grossing \$300 million.

"Coming to America" is about an African prince, played by Murphy, who comes to New York to find a bride. Buchwald's concept focused on a contemptuous king from an oil-rich African nation who is stranded in Washington when he is overthrown.

Paramount dropped Buchwald's and producer Alain Bernheim's option on "King for a Day" in 1985, after spending \$500,000 to develop three scripts out of the humorist's idea.

Talk-show host Arsenio Hall, who co-starred in "Coming to America," has testified that he and Murphy, not Buchwald, conceived the idea for "Coming to America" in 1987, four years after Buchwald's original story idea was optioned by Paramount.

The studio is contending that Buchwald plagiarized the idea for his story concept from the 1957 Charlie Chaplin film, "A King in New York."

Buchwald, a Pulitzer-Prize winning syndicated newspaper columnist, denied that allegation in testimony earlier this week.

Hunt 'cashes in his chips' at bankruptcy court visit

DALLAS (UPI) — Former billionaire William Herbert Hunt, son of legendary oil tycoon and saloon gambler H.L. Hunt, was ordered by a bankruptcy court Thursday to cash in all his chips by turning over \$125 million in assets to creditors while retaining only his home and his car.

"Sure there's some bitterness," said Hunt attorney Steve McCartin, who left the courtroom tight-lipped and red-faced. "These (creditors) are the same people Mr. Hunt has been fighting tooth and nail."

"But my client is also relieved," McCartin said. "It ends over a decade of legal battles. Things have come to a global resolution. Now we have a confirmed plan."

The Internal Revenue Service takes the biggest bite out of Hunt's fortune, an estimated 70 percent, according to the settlement approved in court Thursday. The remaining 30 percent will be divided among bankers, the world's silver traders and other creditors.

The assets — which include cattle ranches, airplanes and part interest in the world's largest oil drilling fleet — will be sold over a six-year period, according to an order signed by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson.

"We're not in any hurry to sell," said a spokesman for Manufacturers Hanover, one of the largest unsecured creditors.

"Obviously, we want top dollar for every oil rig and every farm implement."

"Of course, we're glad this is settled," he said. "But we've been hurt badly, as have all the creditors who dealt with the Hunt family. We'll probably end up getting back less than 10 cents on the dollar for our (loans)."

In a related matter, Nelson Bunker Hunt, William Hunt's older brother and business partner, agreed Wednesday to pay a \$10 million fine to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and be banned from all commodity markets.

In its original complaint, the

CFTC charged Bunker and Herbert with attempting to corner the world's silver market using a "manipulative scheme" to inflate silver prices

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through purchases by individual silver accounts and a variety of U.S.-based and offshore companies.

The Hunt brothers' fall from wealth began in 1980 when they lost an estimated \$2 billion on silver futures. Afterward, the brothers spent years battling other silver traders who said they had lost millions because of the silver collapse.

Last week, Bunker Hunt was also stripped of his assets.

"This marks the unraveling of the one of the world's great fortunes," economist Harold Gross said.

'Small fee' Santa delivers to you

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Richard Beckner won't slide down your chimney, but for a small fee he'll bring packages to your door dressed as Old St. Nick.

Beckner is one of a few Postal Service employees who will deliver packages this weekend dressed as Santa Claus. The Santa service, which is not nationwide, costs \$12.

"I'll take my time, do a little ho-ho with them and ask the kids what they want for Christmas," Beckner said. "You just don't put the box down and say goodbye."

Joe Stultz, superintendent at the Huntington Post Office, said two or three employees will be paid overtime on Saturday and Sunday to deliver packages in Huntington dressed as Santa.

"We just decided to do something for the community," said Stultz. "We're losing money on it."

Murphy battles Buchwald in court

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Eddie Murphy's manager testified Thursday the comedian never liked a story sold to Paramount Pictures by humorist Art Buchwald, who is suing the studio for allegedly stealing his idea to make Murphy's hit movie "Coming to America."

Robert Wachs, testifying at the Superior Court trial of Buchwald's \$5 million breach-of-contract lawsuit, said he thought Buchwald's story, entitled "King for a Day," was "terrible."

"Did he (Murphy) ever say, 'Gee Bob, where's that script? Let's get to work on it?'" Paramount lawyer Robert Draper asked Wachs.

"No," Wachs replied. "We never liked it from the beginning. I told Paramount innumerable times that we didn't like it. It became a joke."

Wachs said that when Murphy liked a project, he became very obviously excited about it. In the case of "King for a Day," that didn't happen, Wachs said.

In his lawsuit, Buchwald claims that "Coming To America" was based on "King for a Day," a story concept he sold to the studio in 1983.

Buchwald claims Paramount stole the idea to produce "Coming to

Court rules Mahoney guilty on 27 charges

CARROLLTON, Ky. (AP) — Larry Mahoney was convicted Thursday of 27 counts of second-degree manslaughter and most of the other charges he faced in the nation's deadliest alcohol-related traffic crash, which claimed the lives of 27 people riding home from a church outing.

The jury, which deliberated about 11 hours, convicted Mahoney on 12 counts of first-degree assault and all but one of the 42 wanton endangerment counts he was charged with in the fiery crash on May 14, 1988.

The only acquittal was for Clint Bradley, a motorist Mahoney nearly missed as he traveled down the wrong lane of an interstate highway.

The jury, which had deliberated for 11 hours, returned to the courtroom shortly before 4 p.m. EST, when the lengthy verdict was read in Carroll Circuit Court. Jurors were to consider a sentence later Thursday.

Mahoney, 36, bowed his head slightly as the verdict was read on each count. Altogether, the indictment contained 82 charges, including 27 counts of murder, one for each of the victims.

Mahoney was driving his pickup in the wrong direction on Interstate 71 near Carrollton, when it rammed head-on into a bus, killing 24 children and three adults who belonged to the Radcliff First Assembly of God church.

Mahoney's lawyers said he admitted being drunk and driving north in the southbound lanes of the divided highway, striking the church-owned former school bus as it returned a youth group from a Cincinnati amusement park. But the defense said faulty design of the bus gas tank, not the collision, caused the explosion and fire that killed the victims.

The former school bus' fuel tank ruptured and the bus burst into flames, killing 24 children and three adults. Forty people escaped, but 12 were severely burned.

The jury began deliberating Wednesday afternoon.

Relatives of many of the victims watched Wednesday as Mahoney's lawyers and special prosecutor Paul Richwalsky gave closing arguments in the trial that began with jury selection Nov. 8.

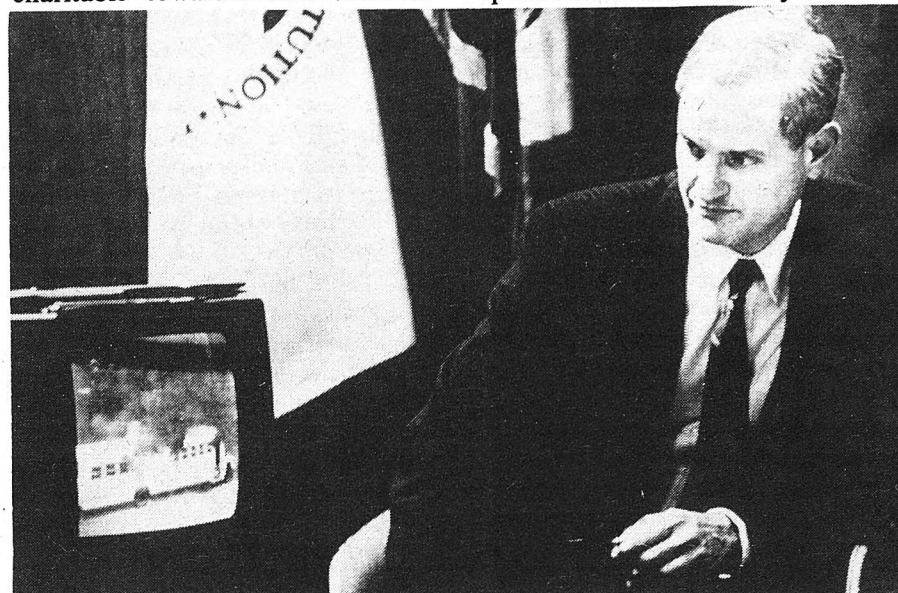
Lead defense attorney William Summers said Mahoney had been

beaten by public opinion like a "cur dog" since the crash.

Richwalsky, an assistant attorney general, said it was difficult to reconcile the spirit of the season with the task before the jury. But he told jurors they should not be "more charitable" toward Mahoney and his

family because Christmas was near.

Summers and co-counsel Jack Hildebrand stressed the twin themes of Mahoney's defense — that his intoxication was unintentional and that the bus was unsafe because of a vulnerable fuel tank and seats that spewed toxic fumes as they burned.



Eugene Sober, a NASA fire safety engineer, views a video of a burning school bus during his testimony in the Larry Mahoney murder trial in Carrollton, Ky.

Mahoney's defense team used the video to show how quickly a fire can spread throughout a school bus. (AP Laserphoto)

FBI searches for clues in series of parcel bombings

ATLANTA (AP) — The FBI pressed the search for links between a series of parcel bombs in the South and civil rights litigation, reportedly questioning a Georgia lawyer about a 14-year-old racial discrimination case.

The FBI emphasized its investigation of the mail bombs that killed a federal judge and a civil rights lawyer remained open-ended.

In Macon, attorney Charles A. Mathis said Wednesday that the FBI questioned one of his associates about a case in which his firm's clients won a \$3.75 million settlement over discrimination at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins. Mathis declined to name the fellow lawyer or detail what he was asked.

Another lawyer, Henry Grady

Smith of Warner Robins, said he was surprised to learn that his name was on the return address of a package bomb sent to the NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla. That bomb was defused Tuesday.

"I've never represented their organization. I'm not a civil rights attorney," he said, adding that he was interviewed by the FBI about the package Tuesday.

"I've never dealt with anybody in Jacksonville. I can't figure out why anybody would use my name." Earlier this week, a government source said the bomb that killed U.S. Circuit Judge Robert S. Vance in Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday bore the return address of a fellow judge who regularly sent Vance packages.

FBI spokesman Diader Rosario in

Atlanta said agents have interviewed everyone whose name appeared on the parcels, but "we do not consider them suspects or involved in any way, shape or form."

FBI agent Jerry Shockley of Montgomery, Ala., said the bombs — the two fatal bombs plus unexploded ones found at the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta and a NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla. — may have been sent by a racist group in response to NAACP school desegregation lawsuits.

Mississippi lawyer Richard Barrett, leader of a white supremacist group called the Nationalist Movement, said he does not think anyone in his or similar groups is to blame.

"I believe them to be the work of a deranged lunatic, that is my first impression," Barrett said. "I think that the American people should not be stampeded by the liberal knee-jerk hysteria that seems to be emanating from various quarters, including the FBI."

The FBI Thursday said it was installing 24-hour tip lines in Birmingham, Ala., Jacksonville, Fla., and Atlanta to seek clues in the investigation.

In Birmingham, a telephoned bomb threat Thursday forced evacuation of a building that includes the office of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge who gave the eulogy for Vance on Wednesday. No explosive was found, U.S. Marshal Tom Greene said.

Fatal feline disease resembles AIDS-causing virus

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — A fatal virus resembling the AIDS-causing virus in humans has been found in sick cats, and researchers say it affects the felines much the same way as the HIV virus affects humans.

The feline immunodeficiency virus, or FIV, also known as cat

AIDS, suppresses the feline's immune system, leaving animals with symptoms ranging from weight loss to chronic infection, veterinarians say.

Dr. Steven M. Price of the Watertown Animal Hospital said he has seen more than a dozen cats that have tested positive for FIV since the

virus was isolated. Some researchers say that more than 10 percent of outside or stray cats that are sick may have the virus.

"It's worldwide," said Dr. Margaret Barr, a doctoral candidate and FIV researcher at the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. "But it doesn't spread rapidly in the cat population and it's not dangerous to people."

After the Waterbury Republican published a story about the FIV virus Wednesday, Waterbury health officials issued a statement to reassure pet owners that the virus affecting cats isn't the same virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome in humans.

Laura Minor, director of the Waterbury AIDS Education Program, said she received about a dozen inquiries from people who didn't understand what cat AIDS or FIV is.

"People who panicked when seeing the headline should go through and read the entire article. It clearly stated this is not the human AIDS virus," Minor said. "It is a shame in a day when people should be changing their own behaviors they're panicking when they see a

headline about AIDS in cats."

Veterinarians have been able to test for the FIV virus in cats for less than two years, but many think the untreatable virus has been around, undiagnosed, for a long time.

"In the past a lot of vets have seen cats that look like they have leukemia but test negative. We don't know if they were AIDS-positive," Price said.

Barr said the virus appears to be spread through bite wounds, particularly among un-neutered stray or outdoor male cats. Male cats are "territorially more aggressive" and so tend to fight more, she said, which may account for their higher incidence of FIV.

She said "casual, non-aggressive contact," such as sharing food and water, grooming and saliva contact, "does not appear to be an efficient route of infection."

Once a cat has been infected by the virus, it usually will develop a series of infections, lose weight and, in the disease's later stages, run a fever. Other common symptoms are loss of appetite, enlarged lymph nodes, chronic, recurrent skin infections, anemia, mouth ailments such as gingivitis and other gum diseases, diarrhea and nasal discharge.

Housefire claims three lives

ORONO, Maine (AP) — A house fire claimed the lives of three children while their mother was with friends wrapping Christmas presents, authorities said Thursday.

The Nickels family moved to Maine in September from California, following the death of the children's father in a car crash. The family's home had been burglarized soon after they moved here, Fire Chief Duane Brasslett said.

When firefighters arrived at their house late Wednesday, 16-year-old Michael Nickels was yelling for help from a third-story window. He told firefighters there were other children inside.

He died along with Laura Ann Nickels, 4, and brother Brian, 6, said Fire Capt. David Martin. A brother, David, 11, jumped out a second-story window to escape the flames, Martin said.

Michael fell inside the building and could not be immediately rescued. He died on the way to a hospital, said the chief.

Their mother, Jennifer Nickels, was with friends in nearby Old Town wrapping Christmas presents, officials said.

Autopsies were planned. The house was gutted, and Brasslett said the cause of the fire was not known.

Nativity scene draws attention

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (UPI) — The city's Nativity scene, the subject of a Supreme Court decision five years ago, is drawing attention again because it is situated 30 feet from a cage of swinging spider monkeys and a flock of squeaking tropical birds.

Although statues of Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus are usually placed in Hodgson Park near City Hall, they had to be moved to Slater Park Zoo because their usual spot is being renovated, said Paul Savoie, a spokesman for Mayor Brian J. Sarault.

The Rev. Thomas E. Ahlborn of the First Unitarian Church in Providence, a critic of government-sponsored Nativity scenes, said the location makes a mockery of the religious symbol. "They've shown a lack of understanding and a lack of wonder and awe," he said. "I just hope the monkeys appreciate it."

Local ACLU Executive Director Steven Brown said, "It shows another clear example of why the government should stick to the business of governing and let private citizens and churches sponsor religious symbols and treat them the way they should be treated."

The ACLU sued the city in 1980, accusing it of violating the separation of church and state by placing the creche on city property. The Supreme Court ruled in 1984 that the symbol was acceptable because it was surrounded by non-religious symbols such as Santa's reindeer, a wishing well and candy canes.

There is nothing wrong with placing the creche at the zoo, Savoie said. Jesus was born in a stable and a zoo should be just as appropriate.

Salvation Army uses quieter bells

PEORIA, Ill. (UPI) — The Salvation Army and its bell-clanging soldiers who collect for the needy can stay at a shopping mall that had complained the Christmas volunteers were too noisy.

But there's one condition: They have to be quiet.

So instead of bells that peal "ding-ding," the Salvation Army's bells at Peoria's Northwoods Mall are letting out a more subtle "ting-ting."

"I'm all for Christmas tradition," Jeff Case, the mall's manager, said. "But bells that are designed for outside can overpower the center. This is a management decision based on a specific merchant's request."

The army and the mall agreed on a smaller bell, one that was less noisy than the standard variety but could be heard clearly.

"The bell can be heard," said army Maj. David Grindle. "We're not unhappy with the compromise." But some of the troops and merchants aren't too pleased.

"It would be better if it was louder," said Salvation Army volunteer Robert Walsh as he shook his "shrunkened" bell. "People want to hear it is Christmas."

Exiles express mixed emotions

MIAMI (UPI) — Panamanian exiles expressed conflicting emotions Wednesday about the U.S. attack in Panama, saying they were elated by the attempt to oust Gen. Manuel Noriega but worried about the fate of family and friends.

"The reaction in Miami has been very mixed, and I say mixed because many people are worried about their next of kin in Panama," said Luis Endara, a member of the Panamanian opposition movement in Miami and cousin to opposition leader Guillermo Endara, who was sworn in as president as the assault began.

"There has been mostly a party everywhere I have called, people saying, 'Hey, come over. We have champagne. We're celebrating.' And they have reason to celebrate," Endara said. "(But) we have to keep in mind that there are dead people. There are wounded people. There are hostages. So, we don't have a detailed picture of what is going on."

Roberto Dominguez, a former Panamanian consul in Miami and a Noriega opponent, also expressed conflicting emotions. "We are not

happy that a foreign government has invaded our country," he said.

But, he added, "Thank God a brotherly country has reacted. Thank God they have decided to help us get rid of this genius of evil. We had always said that the only way Noriega would be defeated was through armed struggle."

Raymond J. Takiff, a lawyer for Noriega in Miami, said he believed Noriega would remain in Panama and fight to the death rather than flee into exile.

"It's our opinion that Gen. Noriega is not the kind of man to run away," Takiff said at a news conference. "It's our belief that he'll fight to the death."

Frank A. Rubino, another Miami lawyer representing Noriega, agreed:

"There's no question that he will remain in Panama — and that's where he belongs."

Miami lawyer Neal Sonnett, who also represents Noriega, declined to comment on the situation in Panama.

"I'm not really making any comments. There are obviously ongoing actions down there. My

responsibilities are only those as a lawyer," Sonnett said.

Endara said he had been trying to phone Panama since the early morning hours.

"It has been very difficult to get through to Panama. The lines are just clogged," he said. "We have been able to get through to a few opposition friends — (and) we understand that our counterparts in Panama are in safe places."

"We were able to listen to (Guillermo) Endara about 2:30 a.m. (via a telephone placed next to radio speaker) — We heard President Endara calling for a truce in the fighting, calling for the PDF (Noriega's Panama Defense Forces) to surrender to the newly installed democratic government, that they will guarantee their rights as military officers, and the PDF would play a significant role in the return of democracy to Panama."

"This is not only a happy moment for Panama, but it is also a real hard blow to Cuba and Nicaragua, due to the fact that the Sandinistas evaded the blockade of Nicaragua through Panama," Endara said.

New method found for prenatal testing

NEW YORK (AP) — In a finding that could ultimately open up an entirely new approach to prenatal testing, researchers have determined the sex of a group of fetuses by testing pregnant women's blood, according to a published report.

Thursday's editions of The New York Times report that researchers, using a sensitive testing procedure, fished genes from the blood of 19 women, multiplied the genes and analyzed them to determine the sex of the fetus accurately in all cases.

The results appear to be the first wholly successful effort to determine the sex of a fetus by analyzing a blood sample from a pregnant woman.

Researchers warned that because

the study involved a relatively small group of women, they could not be sure how accurate the test would eventually prove to be when administered to far larger numbers.

The new approach could pave the way for the development of tests that would use a maternal blood sample to glean information on the health of a fetus. A blood test would be simpler and safer to administer than existing prenatal tests, which involve poking needles into a woman's uterus.

The report said that since the 1970s, researchers have been trying to establish whether fetal cells always circulate in the maternal blood and, if so, whether there are enough for analysis.

Experts said the new study showed

that fetal cells can indeed be found in the blood of pregnant women. But the experts cautioned that there are other hurdles to cross in devising a prenatal blood test that will detect most known genetic disorders.

If a prenatal blood test can be developed, it would be less risky than the available tests, which can cause miscarriages in a small percentage of cases. Because of the risks, prenatal testing is now reserved for women at higher than average risk of having a genetically abnormal fetus. If a blood test was available, prenatal testing could be offered to all women.

Any use of the test solely to determine the sex of a fetus could be controversial because it would open the possibility that couples might elect to abort a fetus if they were disappointed in its sex.

Court convicts West Coast drug kingpin

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The mastermind behind a drug ring that smuggled at least 26 tons of marijuana from Southeast Asia to the West Coast in the largest known operation of its kind was convicted Thursday on narcotics trafficking charges.

William Uhler, 40, described by prosecutors as a major drug kingpin, was convicted of 17 counts of narcotics trafficking from 1985 to 1988. He was acquitted on one minor charge of arranging business trips to Singapore, Thailand and Tahiti for alleged ring members.

Uhler faces a maximum term of life in prison without possibility of parole when he is sentenced March 5. A federal jury convicted him after a one-month trial and four days of deliberations.

Uhler lived in Maui, Hawaii between 1984 and 1987, when the bulk of the marijuana was shipped to the United States. He was indicted last April with a dozen other alleged smugglers involved in the network.

Most of the remaining defendants face trial in February.

Uhler was found guilty of organizing several trans-Pacific

shipments of tons of marijuana on boats off the coast of Thailand and prosecutors said the multimillion-dollar smuggling network was the largest federal agents ever uncovered involving marijuana brought in from Southeast Asia.

Uhler's defense attorney, Brent Carruth, conceded Uhler was involved in the drug ring, but contended he was simply an underling in the organization and eventually was forced to continue trafficking because of threats by the real ring leaders.

The charges against Uhler involve multi-ton loads of marijuana shipped by distributors via boats in the Gulf of Thailand in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988. Some of the shipments were sent to Hawaii, where Uhler allegedly had one of the boats blown up to avoid having its cargo detected by drug agents.

"Uhler sent large sums of money overseas to finance the smuggling ventures, had co-conspirators make and receive telephone communications to arrange the shipments, and organized the refueling of smuggling vessels," court documents said.

Alaskan volcano slows mail service

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Airlines and the Postal Service struggled to make up for lost time as Redoubt Volcano slackened a week into its first eruptions in 23 years.

Flights were added Wednesday to supplement those reinstated a day earlier after airborne volcanic ash cut into the state's air transportation lifeline.

Alaska Airlines, the main interstate carrier serving Anchorage, said it had erased a

passenger backlog in Seattle and reduced the number of standbys in Anchorage.

International airlines continued to divert flights away from Alaska's largest city because of concerns about engine-clogging ash from the volcano 115 miles southwest of Anchorage.

The Postal Service said mail could be back to normal by today. A backlog was caused by the need to use slower, less ash-sensitive propeller planes instead of jets.

U.S. news

AIDS treatment 'promising' for researchers

BOSTON (UPI) — An experimental AIDS treatment that combines a bone marrow transplant with the drug AZT may be promising but requires much more study, experts said Tuesday.

"It's an exciting marriage of two disparate treatment modalities," said Dr. William Haseltine of Harvard Medical School.

"It's an important early finding which may have long-term clinical use but needs further study."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, stressed that the procedure had only been done on one patient and it was much too early to gauge its potential usefulness.

"I think it's interesting and should be pursued. But to have the American public get the false impression that we now have the cure for AIDS is unfortunate," said Fauci.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore used the technique for the first time on a 41-year-old man who was infected with the AIDS virus and had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The patient died 46 days after undergoing the procedure, but he died from a relapse of his cancer and not the transplant, the researchers said.

Moreover, tests indicated the procedure appeared to have eliminated the AIDS virus from the patient's body, the researchers said. No other treatment has been able to do that.

"It's intriguing data on one patient," said Dr. Rein Saral, an associate professor of oncology and medicine who led the research. "It might offer a potential treatment which has not been considered in the past."

Saral and his colleagues described the case at a scientific meeting in Montreal in June and published their results in the current issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The researchers are evaluating other patients who may be candidates for the treatment, he said. Doctors at the City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, Calif., and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle are also considering the approach, he said.

The technique will be tried first only on patients who may otherwise be candidates for bone marrow transplants because they have leukemia, lymphoma or anemia, Saral said. Patients also must have a suitable donor.

The technique involves giving patients AZT, which inhibits the

ability of the AIDS virus to reproduce, before, during and after a patient undergoes a bone marrow transplant. Bone marrow produces the blood cells the AIDS virus infects.

Train crashes into truck

STOCKTON, Calif. (UPI) — A fast-moving, six-car Amtrak passenger train carrying upwards of 150 holiday travelers slammed into a garbage truck in heavy fog Tuesday, derailling and bursting into flames. Authorities said at least three people were killed.

The San Joaquin County Coroner's office said the truck driver was killed. Amtrak said two train crew members also died in the wreck.

"There are about 50 walking wounded, including 25 in fairly serious condition, and there are multiple fatalities," said Meagan Todd of the Office of Emergency Services in San Joaquin County.

The train was carrying from 150 to 200 people, including 60 passengers who had just been picked up in Stockton, a California Highway Patrol spokeswoman said.

Another CHP dispatcher said the tractor-trailer truck failed to stop at the Santa Fe Railway crossing 7

A bone marrow transplant involves destroying a patient's bone marrow with high doses of chemotherapy and radiation and then infusing them with marrow from a matched donor.

miles outside Stockton and was apparently hit broadside.

The San Joaquin Flyer Amtrak train left Oakland on time at 7:20 a.m. but was 19 minutes late leaving Stockton because of its heavy load of holiday passengers and dense fog, said Art Lloyd, an Amtrak spokesman at the scene.

The two locomotives tipped over and the first two passenger cars also derailed but remained upright, Lloyd said.

Lloyd said the train was traveling at the permissible 70 mph.

"We don't know what happened yet because the fog is so heavy. It's a disaster out there," the CHP spokeswoman said.

The train engine caught fire after the mishap, the OES said.

The accident occurred at 9:38 a.m. at a rural intersection 5 miles east of state Highway 99.

The crossing, on a curve, was well-marked, the CHP official said.

Eastern Airlines agrees to sell Latin routes

DALLAS (Reuter) — American Airlines ended months of on-again, off-again bargaining Tuesday by agreeing to pay \$471 million for Eastern Airlines' Latin American routes and other assets including gate slots at some of the nation's busiest airports.

The deal would provide badly-needed cash to Texas Air Corp., Eastern's parent, and could pave the way for Eastern to file a long-awaited reorganization plan in bankruptcy court.

Earlier analysts had speculated that Eastern's Latin American

routes, including many destinations to the Caribbean, were worth between \$300 million and \$400 million.

AMR Corp., American's parent, said the transaction announced late Tuesday also includes four ground handling companies in South America as well as airport facilities and other assets in San Juan, Miami and New York.

Most notably, American would acquire valuable gate slots at LaGuardia and JFK airports in New York as well as at Washington National and O'Hare in Chicago.

American would acquire additional JFK slots from Continental, which also is owned by Texas Air.

The deal between the two airline companies is subject to approval by federal regulators, which is far from certain, according to industry analysts.

The Latin American system, which includes routes from Miami to London and Madrid, would strengthen American's already strong presence in the region.

"The transaction will allow us to make our Miami hub a more competitive international gateway," AMR Chairman and President Robert Crandall said.

AMR stock rose \$2.75 to close at \$60 a share Tuesday, before the deal was announced. Texas Air closed at \$12 a share, off 62.5 cents.

The agreement positions Eastern to emerge from bankruptcy protection as a much smaller airline with operations focused on its

Atlanta hub. Eastern filed for protection under Chapter 11 of federal bankruptcy laws in March, five days after its machinists union went on strike.

While the strike has continued, Eastern has hired non-union replacements and now has about 800 flights daily, compared with 1,100 before the strike started. Eastern told its creditors Monday that it hopes to reorganize as a company 65 percent its pre-strike size.

AMR and Texas Air began negotiations over the Latin routes over the summer, but talks broke down over several issues, including AMR's demand that Continental drop a lawsuit against American's Sabre reservation system.

As part of Tuesday's deal "all outstanding lawsuits" between American Airlines and Texas Air Corp. have been settled, said Mary O'Neill, an American Airlines spokeswoman.

Doctors failing to make progress with survival rate of 'preemies'

BOSTON (UPI) — Despite the latest advances and more aggressive efforts, doctors have been largely unable to increase the survival rate for the most premature babies, researchers reported this week.

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University's medical school in Cleveland found the chances of survival remained low for premature babies born less than 25 weeks into their development.

"I think we've reached the limits," said Dr. Maureen Hack, an associate professor of pediatrics who led a new study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

The question of when a baby is viable outside the womb has been an issue in the nation's abortion debate.

"With pregnancy being terminated in some parts of the United States late in the second trimester and with live-born infants delivered at 22 weeks of gestational age occasionally surviving, it is imperative to determine the probability of survival for extremely low-birth-weight infants," they said.

To determine whether there has been any progress, the researchers compared 98 very young babies

delivered at the MacDonald Hospital for Women in Cleveland between 1982 and 1985 to that of 129 very young infants born between 1985 and 1988.

But despite the more aggressive approach, the chances the babies would survive did not increase significantly overall and the outcomes of those who did live did not improve substantially, they said.

"Despite a tendency to perform more (Caesarean) sections and active resuscitations, no improvement in the survival of babies with lengths of gestation below 25 weeks or birth weights under 750 (grams) was observed," the researchers wrote.

"The probability of survival is very poor if the length of gestation is less than 24 weeks or the birth weight less than 600 grams," they said.

Researchers said their results have ethical, economic, and medical-legal implications.

"Extremely low-birth-weight infants who require prolonged, often futile sojourns in neonatal intensive care units or who have poor long-term outcomes have become major consumers of health care resources and, in some cases, a major drain."

Polar Bear Club members keep New Year's Day tradition alive

RICHLAND, Pa. (AP) — Members of the Mount Gretna Polar Bear Club will have somewhere to go when it's time to go jump in a lake.

Their New Year's Day tradition was put in jeopardy when the owners of Conewago Lake said the event couldn't be held there for the ninth year because of insurance liability concerns.

So the blue-lip brigade began their search for a new site.

The turning point came when a television station did a feature story on the lake-less Polar Bears and happened to interview Stephan Boyer, an owner of Willow Springs Sportsmen's Club, who suggested his club.

In past years, up to 500 weather-defying people have

shown up and 100 have taken the plunge.

Willow Springs, 12 miles from the former site, is a flooded quarry known for its scuba diving among sunken vehicles and heavy equipment.

But it also has a shallow end, which is necessary for Polar Bears who don't mind taking an arctic dip as long as they can keep their footing.

Organizer Gordon Sheetz said the water at spring-fed Willow Springs is about 45 degrees in January, about 10 degrees higher than Conewago Lake. Consequently, bathers are unlikely to confront a sheet of ice.

"Cutting through the ice always makes it more interesting," said Sheetz.

world roundup

Romania seals borders as gunfire continues

BUDAPEST, Hungary (UPI) — Visitors to western Romania emerged with tales of a Tiananmen Square-style massacre of democracy activists, describing morgues filled with bodies, tanks patrolling streets and citizens seizing guns to fire on soldiers, Hungarian and Yugoslav news reports said Tuesday.

The state news agency Tanjug in neighboring Yugoslavia said Yugoslavs exiting Romania at the border town of Vrsac reported hearing renewed gunfire Tuesday in the western city of Timisoara, where violence first was reported Sunday.

Tanjug quoted the travelers as saying demonstrators in Timisoara broke into a store of ammunition and seized weapons, which they fired at Romanian troops.

The visitors also reported seeing Romanian soldiers marching citizens to the city's main square, where they were beaten, stabbed with bayonets and put in vans and driven to undisclosed destinations, Tanjug said.

The Tanjug reports could not be immediately confirmed.

Estimates of the number killed in Sunday's police crackdown on protesters in the western city of Timisoara ranged from a few dozen to many hundreds, with many others injured or arrested, the Yugoslav and Hungarian news reports said.

Romania's official news agency Agerpress Tuesday confirmed that it had sealed its borders with Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Hungary, but attributed the closing to lack of hotel

rooms. "Romania cannot receive any foreign tourists as there are no free places in Romanian hotels. All are occupied," Agerpress said.

The border closings blocked communications and travel into the country, making it virtually impossible to independently confirm the casualty reports.

Some witnesses compared the situation to the June crackdown in and around China's Tiananmen Square, when hundreds and perhaps thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators were killed.

"Tiananmen was nothing when compared to the shooting in Timisoara," a Western diplomat coming from the Transylvanian city told Tanjug. He was quoted as saying the death toll could reach 1,000.

Witnesses said Romanian soldiers, after scattering protesters with gunfire, hunted down protesters in a house-to-house search early Sunday, gunning down several people in their homes.

News of the violence sparked demonstrations in several European cities Tuesday and drew condemnations from the European Community, the United States and several West and East European governments.

Hard-line communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu, in Iran for an official visit, made a public appearance Tuesday to lay a wreath on the grave of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, but made no

mention of the disturbances. In a speech earlier in the day he described social conditions in his country as "good, stable and balanced," the official Romanian news agency Agerpress said.

Reports of the weekend violence and its aftermath continued to trickle in Tuesday, mostly from foreign travelers, and collectively painted a picture of terror and death in Timisoara, a city of 283,000 in a region of Romania with a large ethnic Hungarian population.

Greek medical students who witnessed some of the violence said they saw a large number of dead and wounded in Timisoara's main hospital, adding most of the victims appeared to have suffered gunshot wounds, Tanjug said.

A Timisoara doctor interviewed by the Austrian news agency APA said soldiers opened fire without warning on a crowd of about 5,000 demonstrators early Sunday.

"In the first three rows, nearly everyone was killed or injured," said the physician, who was not identified. "Everywhere there was blood and torn pieces of clothing."

The weekend demonstrations in Timisoara were believed to be the first serious unrest in two years in Romania, a bastion of orthodox communism that has been largely untouched by the democracy movement that has brought down hard-line communist leaders from East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria in the past month.

U.S.-British partnership changing; but retains 'special relationship'

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States has gone out of its way to reassure Britain it had not been eclipsed by West Germany as the main partner of U.S. European policy, but analysts say the relationship is changing all the same.

Washington and London have a "special relationship" founded on language, culture and more than 300 years of history, and that will always be.

But U.S. officials and other experts say the dizzying political upheaval in Europe, which is crumbling the East bloc and fomenting debate over possible German reunification, has necessarily placed the American strategic focus squarely on the Germans, West and East.

West Germany, home to 300,000 U.S. troops as NATO's frontline against the Warsaw Pact, has long been a European financial center. Now, Washington views it as crucial to managing political change.

"I don't have the impression that Britain and the United States are not dealing with each other as partners," said Helmut Sonnenfeldt, a former high-ranking State Department official who now is with the Brookings Institution.

"It's just that the focus has to be on Germany because they are so directly involved (in the European reordering) and it's a tricky political situation — Germany is a concern to everyone."

Some experts suggest the cataclysmic post-war geopolitical realignments now under way may lessen over time the emphasis on the U.S.-Britain bilateral relationship.

"U.S. foreign policy is changing, as is British foreign policy," one U.S. official said.

"British foreign policy will be increasingly tied, whether Mrs. Thatcher likes it or not, to the European Community. The question is whether we and the British want to continue to place as much emphasis on bilateral relations as we do now," he said.

During the eight years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, there was a perception of exceptional U.S.-British closeness, in large measure because of the personal ties between the U.S. leader and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The two shared a rapport and an ideological anti-communism fervor. Thatcher came to see herself as first among alliance equals in giving advice to the president.

British diplomats say Bush telephones Thatcher often. She visited him at the Camp David presidential retreat ahead of his first summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

But Sonnenfeldt says there is no question that Bush's relationship with Thatcher is more aloof and less emotional than Reagan's.

Added a U.S. official: "I think the Bush administration will see the Anglo-American relationship as one of several special relationships, along with Germany, Japan, Canada and Mexico."

A new look at U.S.-U.K. ties was fanned by Britain's Fleet Street press, which viewed a post-summit Bush speech urging NATO to quicken the pace of European integration and commit itself to deep arms cuts as sign of a rift with Thatcher.

She has been less than enthusiastic about both those ideas.

The media speculation prompted Bush to call Thatcher and assure her the special relationship was intact. Secretary of State James Baker hastily rearranged his five-day European trip last week to include a London visit with Thatcher.

Earlier this year, the United States, in a move that caused tensions with Britain, reached a compromise with West Germany on negotiating with Moscow on short-range nuclear arms once a broader conventional arms treaty is implemented.

U.S. and British officials admit they have tried to play down the dispute but acknowledge fundamental differences. The White House branded London's policy unacceptable, which in the Anglo-American context constitutes strong disapproval.

Aquino facing difficult times ahead, says intelligence chief

MANILA, Philippines (Reuters) — President Corazon Aquino's intelligence chief says she cannot count on at least two thirds of the military and her defense chief says she may have to face another coup attempt in six months.

After failing to predict the Dec. 1 coup attempt, the sixth and most serious Aquino has faced in almost four years in power, military and intelligence chiefs are now unanimously forecasting a new one, possibly within six months.

Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos says it will take the right-wing renegade military officers six months to regroup and organize a new attempt to topple Aquino, but meanwhile they may mount guerrilla-style urban attacks.

Grenade explosions at a U.S. Embassy housing complex and the home of a U.S. diplomat in Manila last week hurt no Americans but sent shivers through the stock market. The Manila index fell through the psychological 1,000-point barrier before recovering slightly.

"It's time to take a break," said a broker with Mount Peak Securities, as traders rushed to dump shares. Since the coup, Manila stock prices have fallen by almost 24 percent.

Aquino, who helped restore democracy in the Philippines through a 1986 "people power" revolt that removed former president Ferdinand Marcos, is now arming herself with emergency powers to help prevent further coups and revive the shattered economy.

Despite expressions of confidence from the International Monetary Fund that the economy can weather

the storm and later bounce back, continued coup rumors are making it difficult for Aquino to win back the

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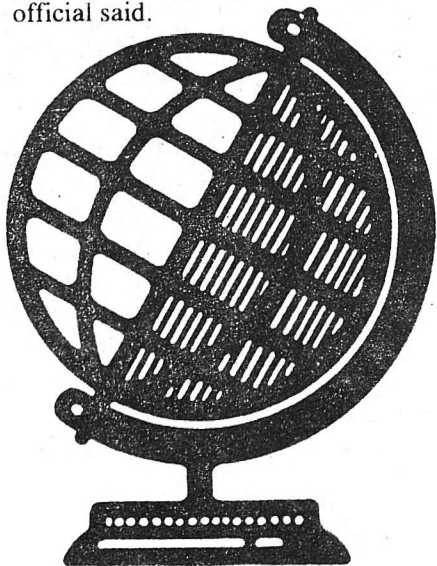
Most politicians and businessmen are looking for some decisive action from Aquino to restore confidence, including a radical government reshuffle to get rid of ministers who have failed to deliver basic services.

But so far Aquino has announced no policy changes, lashing out instead at opposition leaders she thinks could be linked to the attempt to oust her.

Both Ramos and Aquino's national security adviser Rafael Iloilo have recognized that some of the rebel grievances are valid and have called for changes in government direction.

Rebel officers had accused Aquino and other civilian leaders of mismanaging the country, tolerating corruption and engaging in too much politics while failing to solve basic problems such as rising prices and breakdowns in public services.

"I cannot rule out the possibility of another coup before President Aquino's term of office expires in 1992 if we refuse to face problems squarely and do something about them," Iloilo, a former defense minister, said in an interview.



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PLAY TIME -- The director of Atlantic Music and Theatre, Andy Lim, helps children prepare for the "Christmas Wonderland" pageant. The show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at the Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis. (U.S. Army photo by PFC Rodney McIntyre)

Santa says 'they're all good' at children's party

by Pat Walker

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) -- Santa Claus came to town Sunday at the children's Christmas party held in the Anchorage Club at the Naval Station Panama Canal.

Invited by the 39 members of the Navy/Marine Corps Officers' Wives Club, Santa handed out decorated bags stuffed with goodies and nodded solemnly in response to a steady litany of wishes for Ninja Turtles, Nintendo, and Barbie dolls.

While their requests may be different in these high-tech times, the children stay the same. Though hardly able to contain their excitement awaiting a turn on the ample lap, once there they shyly tested Santa's hearing in barely audible whispers; and the big man's

curly white beard still absorbed tears from some of his smaller charges.

Parents, too, provided traditional behind-the-lines entertainment, dancing jigs and pulling faces abaft the camera in hopes of an "on Santa's lap smile" for the family album.

This year, the photos, snapped in Polaroid by volunteer Lt. Randy Clifton, were especially personalized. To photo-folders decorated with holly leaves in green, the children added red hollyberries in the form of three fingerprints.

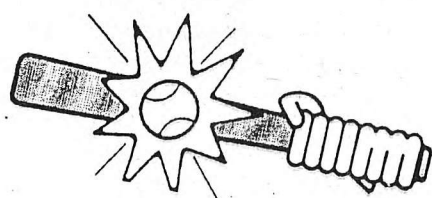
The folders were just one of several crafts available for the children, including assembling styrofoam ornaments and coloring paper gingerbread men, bells and trees.

"We were open to any craft that didn't include glue," laughed Terri Crep, apparently speaking from the wisdom of past experience.

Mrs. Crep and Cindy Cross were the guiding forces for this year's festivities, backed by other wives who manned the craft tables, ran Christmas videos, and provided a buffet-style spread of home-baked Christmas cookies and cakes that was nothing less than sweet-tooth heaven.

Through it all, though, Santa -- who in real life appears to be Lt. Cmdr. Marty Bowers -- remained the star of the show. Asked if anyone had admitted to not being good, he shook his white head from side to side: "They're all good, even though there are times when it might not seem like it."

Briefs



Softball

Registration for unit level and women's softball on the Atlantic side is taking place now. To register or for additional information call 289-4112 or 289-4002.

Coach clinic

There will be a mandatory clinic for coaches and officials involved in the Atlantic softball league at the Sundial Recreation Center at Fort Davis, Jan. 8 at 11 a.m.

College mixer

Quarry Heights Officers' Wives Club will hold a college mixer Dec. 26 from 2-5 p.m.

College and high school seniors should check this out. For more information phone 286-3736.



Opening Day guests savor hors d'oeuvres at the brand new full-service delicatessen located in the Class Six store at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Rodman. (U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Karen Banks)

Holiday season brings Navy, Marines together at fete

by YN3 Marilyn Brown

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) -- A dinner of barbecued chicken and spaghetti, spiced with the local flavors of empanaditas and arroz con pollo kicked off the second annual Christmas Party thrown for Navy and Marine Corps personnel at Naval Station Panama Canal earlier this month.

Background music -- country western and old '60s favorites -- added to the congeniality of the affair, and some of the Marines

provided their own entertainment dancing to reggae numbers.

Following dinner, Rear Adm. Gerald E. Gneckow officially welcomed everyone as a prelude to the evening's talent show.

Gneckow also served as a judge for that event, joined by Master Chief John Galstad, Lt. Cmdr. Fred Artho, Col. Charles Richardson, and Mrs. Linda Kelly.

Stealing the show immediately were children from the chapel community, rendering their version of four carols under the direction of Chaplain Danny Baker.

When all was said and done, fourth place and a free Pizza Hut pizza went to the Marine Corps' Anthony and the Dancers, whose rap work-out left even the audience feeling breathless.

Third place and a pizza went to the Marines' Blann and the Boys for their guitar-accompanied vocals complete with hand-tossed snow in their rendition of "Let it Snow." Lance Cpl. Michael Cannon, Marine Corps Security Force Co., earned second place -- and another pizza -- for his two solo trumpet numbers.

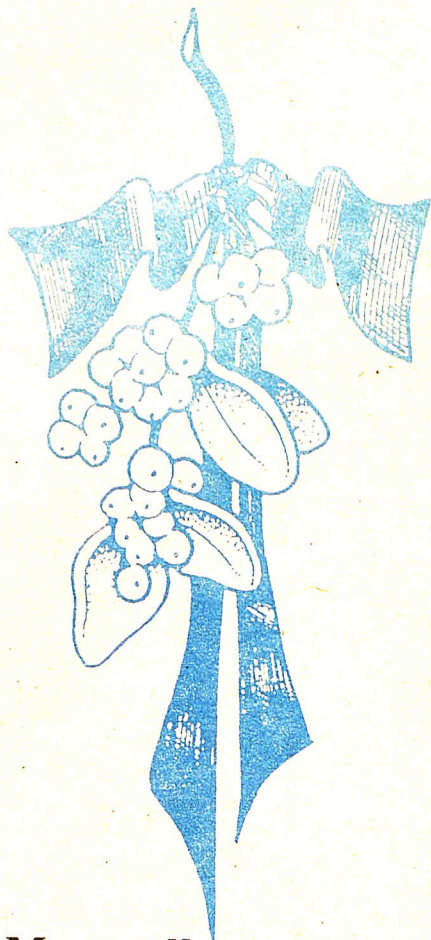
First prize was awarded to Patricia

Robinson for her terrific gospel vocal, "Because He Lives." First prize included a \$10 gift certificate to the new Don Lee Restaurant.

Then it was the audience's turn. The whole ensemble chimed in on Christmas carols led by Linda Kelly and Patricia Robinson.

There's something about Christmas. Marine Sgt. Dion N. Rosado touched on it: The party was great because "it gave the Navy and Marines something to celebrate together."

notices



Mars calls

The 1978th Communication Group's Military Affiliate Radio System, or MARS station, and the Sprint Telephone Company are offering free calls for the Christmas holiday.

The 1978th is offering service to the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for all U.S. military, family members, and Department of Defense civilians living in Panama.

The MARS station will accept reservations through Dec. 26 from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Calls will be placed Dec. 23 through 26 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. To make a reservation, call 284-4215/4062.

Christmas for singles

"Christmas for Single Soldiers" will be held at Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Dec. 25.

The all-day event begins with coffee and breakfast goodies and continues with tournaments, sing-alongs, and holiday movies. Join in for fun and surprises. For more information call 287-4201.

CDC hours

Children under 12 years of age cannot be left at home unattended. USARSO Child Development Services (CDS) would like to remind parents during this holiday season of the services available for the care of children. Hours of operation are as follows:

Child Development Center (CDC) Pacific, Building 39, Fort Clayton, 287-5657, Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

CDC Atlantic, Building 8351, Margarita, 289-4511, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

The CDC in Atlantic and Pacific communities will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Holiday hours

The Child Development Centers announce a change in holiday hours at Building 39, Fort Clayton and Building 8351, Margarita Complex.

New hours are 6-11 p.m. Dec. 31. Minimum of 10 advance reservations

are required. Call or stop by before Dec. 28.

A fee will be charged. For more information call 287-5657 or 289-4511.

Santa breakfast

A breakfast with Santa will be held at the Ocean Breeze Community Center, Fort Sherman, at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 24. Parents are invited to call and make the necessary reservations and arrangements for a gift to be given to the young participants. For more information call 289-6282.

Arts/crafts

A Finishing Techniques Class sponsored by Fort Clayton Ceramic Center will be held at Building 155, Fort Clayton, Monday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Learn glazing stains and chalking techniques. For more information call 287-4360.

Pool party

Atlantic Youth Services will hold a Teen Pool Party 6 p.m. Dec. 30 at Fort Davis Swimming Pool. For more information call 289-4 05.

No games

There will be no games at the Naval Station's Anchorage Club until Jan. 14.

PCC registration

Panama Canal College offers degree and certificate programs, and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools making credits from PCC transferable to other U.S. colleges and universities. Three degree programs are offered: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and an Associate in Technology. Major fields of study include the following: accounting, behavioral science, secretarial administration, general studies, and foreign language.

In addition to the degree programs the college offers a variety of certificate programs which include: bookkeeping, word processing, business data processing, computer programming, accounting, clerical, and management of business.

The residency requirement is sixteen semester credit hours. A student may complete the remaining degree requirements at another accredited institution and transfer back the credits to PCC to receive an associate degree.

PCC will hold early registration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 3-5, 8-12. To be assured entry to the courses you wish to take plan to register before the regular registration period Jan. 24-26. Tuition payment must be made by money order to the U.S. Treasurer. The college has a limited revolving loan fund to assist students in budgeting their costs. For further information call the college office at 252-3107/3304.

Dancercise

A Dancercise sponsored by Pacific Theatre Art Centre will be held at Building 2060 Curundu. New sessions begin early January. Unique exercise program features sessions during the day or after duty hours. Register in advance. For more information call 286-4662/3152.

Club parties

ICM Clubs will hold New Year's Eve parties Dec. 31 at Fort Clayton NCO Club, STRAC Club and Fort Davis Community Club.

Enjoy food, music and dancing party favors. Welcome the Nineties.

For more information call 287-4343 or 289-5160.

Dance sessions

Dance program sessions sponsored by the Pacific Theatre Arts Center will be held at Building 2060, Curundu, beginning early in January.

Registration is now underway for modern dance, classical ballet and tap lessons. Sessions for children are also available. For more information call 286-3152.

Softball

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center will begin intramural softball Jan. 8. A mandatory league organizational meeting for all coaches will be held Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Zodiac Recreation Center, building 709. For more information, call 284-3451.

45-minute workout

The Zodiac Recreation Center offers a 45-minute workout at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

All active duty and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are eligible to participate.

For more information, call 284-6161.

Marine Exchange

Newly arrived personnel as well as seasoned shoppers may not be aware of what the Marine Corps Exchange Service has to offer. Here's what the store have to offer you:

- Main Exchange, Building 70: clothes, jewelry, audio-visual equipment;
- 7-Day Store, Building 32: food, personal supplies;
- Furniture Department, Marine Barracks building 3005: gifts, rosewood, teakwood, rattan;
- Curio Store, Marine Barracks Building 3005: llama rugs, souvenirs;
- Hardware Department, Marine



Love that boy!

Name: Alexander Giovanni Rivera
Born: Nov. 12, 1989
Weight: 7 lbs. 9 Ozs.
Length: 20 inches
Parents: Jose and Brenda Rivera

Barracks Building 3004: appliances, housewares;

— Sporting Goods, Marine Barracks Building 3004: running shoes, golf items, cycling and camping equipment;

— Field & Stream, Building 660: fishing, Scuba and hunting equipment

The hours for the exchanges are Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays and holidays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 7-day store is open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Holiday sports event

A Martin Luther King Jr. Sports Tournaments sponsored by Reeder Fitness Center Fort Clayton will be held Jan 13-15. Tournaments include basketball, racquetball and table tennis.

Categories for men and women ages 16 years and over. Table tennis age limitation is 12 years. Spaces limited. Register early. For more information call 287-3861.

Holiday event

A Christmas Clock sponsored by the Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis, will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 25.

Enjoy drawings, puzzles and tournaments. For more information call 289-3889.

Zodiac classes

The Zodiac Recreation Center is currently offering the following classes:

Piano lessons are offered on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. People wanting to arrange times need to call 284-6161.

Shotokan karate classes are offered for adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Classes are also available for youth upon request. For more information, call 284-6109.

Tang Soo Do martial arts classes are given to adults from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday. For more information, call 284-6161.

Beginners Spanish classes are offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

All active duty and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are eligible to participate.

A small fee is charged for each class.

Auto repair class

Automotive repair classes sponsored by the Albroom Automotive Self-Help Facility will be held at Building 441 Albroom AFS.

Sessions range from alternator, generator and carburetor repair to minor tune-ups. Call for reservations. For more information call 286-3613.





Volleyball tourney

A 3-on-3 Volleyball Tournament will be held at Fronius Gym, Fort Davis Dec. 30. For more information call 289-3108.

Bowling tourney

A Parent/Child Bowling Tournament will be held at Curundu Bowling Center at 11 a.m. Dec 27.

There are two categories for children up to 12 years. Prizes will be awarded. For more information call 286-3914.

Over-30 Basketball

An Over-30 Basketball Program sponsored by Reeder Fitness Center will begin registration Dec 27, begins are invited to register. For more call 287-3861.

Zodiac tourneys

The following tournaments will be held at the Howard Recreation Center:

Jan. 3 -- pingpong from 7 to 10 p.m.

Jan. 5 -- pool from 7 to 10 p.m.

Jan. 7 -- darts from 7 to 10 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Preregistration is required. For more information, call 284-6161/6109.

Racquetball

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center will begin intramural racquetball Jan. 15. A mandatory organizational meeting for all coaches will be held Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Zodiac Recreation Center, building 709. For more information, call 284-3451.

Coaches clinic

There will be a mandatory clinic for coaches and officials involved in the Atlantic softball league at the Sundial Recreation Center Jan. 8 at 11 a.m.

Chapel activities

Fort Clayton Chapel will hold New Year's Eve activities 6-10 p.m. Dec. 31.

Activities include pot-uck movie and service. For more information call Parham Cain at 282-5526.

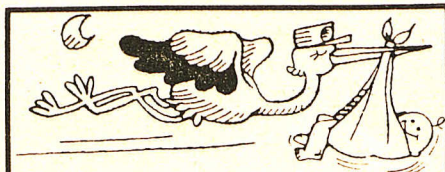
Photo class

A class on using your new photo or video camera sponsored by Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center will be held at Building 251, Fort Davis, 3-5 p.m. Dec 28 and 2-4 p.m. Dec 30.

Bring your film. For more information call 289-5104.

New Years event

"Welcome the New Year" -- all-night movies and breakfast, sponsored by the Sundial Recreation Center, will be held Dec 31. For more information call 289-3889.



It's a BOY!

Name: Anthony J. Saramago

Born: Nov. 12, 1989

Weight: 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

Length: 18 inches

Parents: Julian and Maria Saramago

Youth arts & crafts

Youth Arts & Crafts will be held at the Fort Clayton Youth Center at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. There will be different projects each week. The next sessions will be on paper chains, Mexican lanterns and snow flakes. For more information call 287-6451.

Softball

Registration for unit level and women's softball on the Atlantic side is taking place now. To register or for additional information call 289-4112 or 289-4002.

Racquetball tourney

A racquetball tournament sponsored by the Fort Sherman Ocean Breeze Community Center will be held at Sherman Courts Jan. 12-14.

There will be three categories and a novice classification. Matches will be the best two out of three.

Championships will be determined by a double elimination competition. Trophies awarded to first and second place winners. For more information call 289-6282.

Coaches needed

Coaches for Youth Baseball/Softball are urgently needed for various leagues. Help make this season a success.

For more information call 287-3253 or 289-4605, or stop by Building 219, Fort Espinar or Building 155, Fort Clayton.

Musicians needed

The Zodiac Recreation Center is looking for talented individuals in the areas of music, singing, dancing, comedy, rappers, etc., to audition for the Tropic Entertainment Variety Show, Jan. 21. All interested personnel should call 284-6161/3818.

Naval exchanges

Did you know that the Naval Station Panama Canal offers the following:

— A deli in Building 4, open every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— An ice cream parlor to open soon behind main exchange;

— Gold jewelry, emeralds and diamonds in Building 70, every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— Custom children's clothing, also in Building 70 every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— A video center, with electronic repairs in Building 65 every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— A barber and beauty shop in Building 94, open every day;

— National Car Rental in Building 665, open daily;

— A seamstress in Building 3005, Marine Barracks, open daily;

— A laundry, in Buildings 70, Rodman and 3005, Marine Barracks, open daily;

— A linen (table cloths, settings, etc.) store in Building 3005, Marine Barracks, open daily;

— Don Lee Restaurant in Building 6302, Farfan, which is also open daily;

Trap range

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR invites you to visit its Trap Range.

The schedule is as follows: Thur, Fri, 4 p.m. to dusk. Sat, Sun, and holidays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Firearms will be provided, rent free.

Story hour

A Story Hour for preschoolers will be held at the Fort Clayton Library Tuesdays at 10 a.m. For more information call 287-3806.

Craft class

Learn how to make a table lamp at the Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center Mondays from 6-8 p.m. For more information call 289-5104.

Pool reopening

The Rodman swimming pool, U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, has re-opened as a 5-star facility. Featuring a refurbished pool, new furniture and an outstanding snack bar, Fleet Landing, the pool is open every day from 10 a.m. til 6 p.m.

Spanish class

A Beginners Spanish Class sponsored by the Valent Recreation Center will be held at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information call 287-4201.

Water aerobics

Work off those holiday pounds and have fun doing it. You do not need to know how to swim. It's happening now at the Farfan pool Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. \$1 per class. For more information, call Lisa Ortiz at 284-5094.

Game night

Games Nights, open to all U.S. government employees, are Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Waterfront Inn Club, Coco Solo. For more information, call 289-5109.

Adult aerobics

Adult aerobic classes are offered from 9 to 10 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the Albroom Youth Center.

For more information, call 286-3195.

Pre-teen party

A pre-teen birthday party sponsored by Fort Espinar Youth Center will be held at Fort Davis Park Bohio 3 p.m. Dec 27.

For more information call 289-4605.

Birthday party

A Birthdays of the Month celebration will be held at Fort Clayton Youth Center 4 p.m. Dec 29.

For more information call 287-6451.

Free movie

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center is offering free movies for all hands and family members. The movies are shown at the Crews' Lounge, Building 88, and the MCSFCo classroom, Building 3005 (Marine Barracks). Two different features are shown each night, one at 7 p.m. and another at 9 p.m. For more information, call 283-5307.

AA

Sick and tired of being sick and tired? Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Building 6550, Corozal, every night of the week -- Monday thru Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, call 252-6709.

Meetings on the west bank of the Canal are held in Building 40 on USNAVSTA Panama Canal, Sunday thru Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9. The west bank phone is 283-5749.

Youth activities

FSD Youth Sports will hold a Baseball/Softball registration 3-6 p.m. Monday thru Friday at Building 155, Fort Clayton. Girls and boys 16 to 18 years are invited to participate. Atlantic registration is accepted at Building 219, Fort Espinar (289-4605).

For more information call 287-3252.

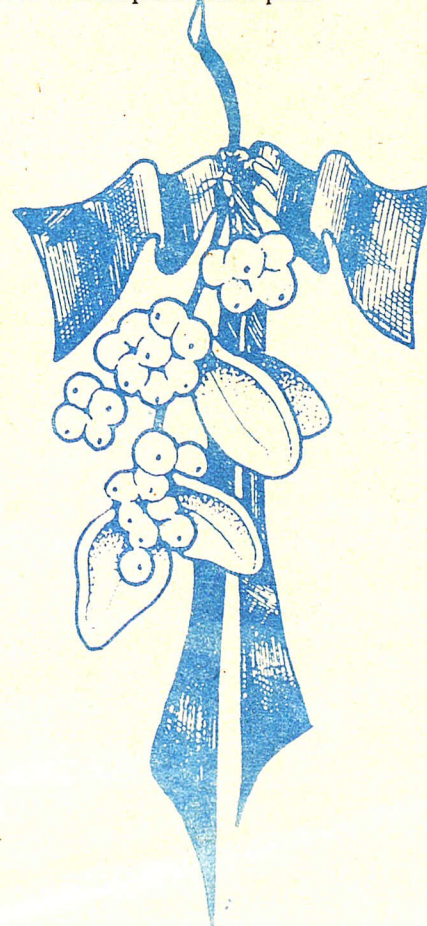
Womens softball

A Women's Softball Program sponsored by CRD Sports will be held at Building 154, Fort Clayton, 7:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Interested participants contact Mrs. Ball at 287-5618.

Cocoli service

The Cocoli Community Chapel, located on 2nd Street, Cocoli Housing Area, will hold a Christmas Eve Worship Service 7 p.m.



Bush approves satellite sale to China

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush, in another concession to China, informed Congress Tuesday that he has approved the sale of three U.S.-built satellites to the communist nation.

"It is in the national interest of the United States to lift" the ban on export licenses for the satellites that will be launched on Chinese-built rockets, Bush said in a letter to congressional leaders.

The action comes nine days after National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger made a secret trip to China in an effort to improve Sino-U.S. relations. It was the second secret trip by the two since Beijing's bloody crackdown June 4 against pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

In addition, the president signed the International Development and Finance Act, and said he would waive certain provisions in the bill that bars the Export-Import Bank's financing of U.S. business activities with China.

Bush said he was taking this action also "on the grounds of national

interest." "This does not return the Export-Import Bank's activity to business as usual with China," said White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

But he said the "waiver, by maintaining the status quo, preserves a level playing field for U.S. business."

Fitzwater held out the prospects of further dealings with China, saying they would be considered on a "case-by-case basis as part of a continuing review process." Sale of the satellites had been delayed indefinitely by the administration last spring after Beijing crushed a pro-democracy movement with military force.

Fitzwater said, "The sale of three satellites represents approximately \$300 million worth of business for U.S. firms."

The three telecommunication satellites were built by U.S. companies for AUSSAT and AsiaSat, firms based in Australia and Hong Kong, respectively.

Fitzwater said Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke had urged Bush to let the sale go through, emphasizing the importance of the

AUSSAT program for his country to develop telecommunications and broadcasting services.

"Australia is a good friend and an important ally of the United States, and the timing of the licenses is critical to the success of the program," the press secretary said.

The deadline for license approval, which Bush gave, was this month.

Fitzwater said AsiaSat is preparing to provide "similar and badly needed telecommunication services to several friendly countries in Asia."

The action comes amid new congressional criticism of Bush's secret dealings with China and revelations that Scowcroft and Eagleburger had a clandestine meeting in Beijing in July, a month after the crackdown against pro-democracy demonstrators.

Several members of Congress have accused the president of "kowtowing" to the Chinese, and approval of the satellite sale was expected to generate additional outcries.

The White House imposed a number of sanctions against China

last spring, including a halt on high-level exchanges, military sales and export of high-technology.

In a statement seeking to justify the satellite sale Tuesday, Fitzwater said approval of the license "is in keeping with the house the president's policy not to disrupt normal commercial relations with China."

He said denial of the licenses "would put at risk a trade practices agreement with China that helps level the playing field for the U.S.-launch industry by requiring the Chinese to abide by price and marketing guidelines."

"Furthermore, the United States," he said, "should maintain its reputation as a reliable supplier for the Australian government and the AsiaSAT consortium." Bush has publicly insisted that relations with China have not been normalized and that his sanctions remain in place. He has also indicated that he is still waiting for Chinese leaders to ease their repression of dissenters.

Fitzwater told reporters earlier Tuesday that the administration had not yet seen any signal of change.

Nicaraguan tanks surround U.S. Embassy

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI) — Nicaraguan troops backed by tanks surrounded the U.S. Embassy in Managua Thursday in retaliation for the placement of U.S. tanks and troops around the Nicaraguan Embassy in Panama.

Some 100 Nicaraguan soldiers carrying Soviet-made AK-47 automatic rifles encircled the U.S. Embassy compound at noon. At least six T-55 tanks were also positioned in front of the embassy.

Nicaraguan officials said the mobilization of troops at the U.S. Embassy was in retaliation for the placement of U.S. tanks outside the Nicaraguan embassy in Panama City.

U.S. troops, tanks and other military vehicles moved into position around the Nicaraguan and Cuban embassies in Panama City Thursday. U.S. authorities in Washington said the troops were engaging in

surveillance to ensure that Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Noriega did not attempt to slip into either of the embassies.

"We would study a request from Noriega for asylum as we would if George Bush requested it," D'Escoto said.

On Wednesday, Nicaragua placed its troops on maximum alert because of the U.S. attacks in Panama.

"I have also ordered the mobilization of troops and a maximum-grade alert nationwide," Ortega said in a statement addressed to other heads of state and the secretaries-general of the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

A newscaster for Radio Sandino, the official radio of the ruling Sandinista Front, said Wednesday, "The entire people of Nicaragua are on the alert, ready to combat United States aggression."

Guerrilla offensive in El Salvador fails to create general uprising

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A senior American official said Tuesday the guerrilla offensive in El Salvador has failed totally in its objective to create a general uprising in the cities and, as a result, peace is nearer than before.

But the official, speaking to reporters on the basis of no further identification, said the crucial factor in the future of El Salvador is the government's ability to convince the United States it will conduct a full and fair investigation of the murder of six Jesuit priests last month. Without that, he said, U.S. confidence and support will be lost.

The official said the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front apparently believed its own propaganda and expected an anti-government general uprising in El Salvador's cities leading to the overthrow of the Cristiani government.

When that failed, he said, the FMLN went into its second phase — "bringing the war home to the rich" — by taking over wealthy enclaves

and passing out weapons to young untrained teenagers, enlisting them as "militia."

The teenagers, some of whom received less than an hour's training in firing a weapon, took heavy casualties, and as many as 50 percent of them were killed or wounded, or quickly surrendered to government forces.

That phase, the official said, has now evolved into the next stage, in which the FMLN is retreating to the northern countryside in small units, suffering from shortages of food and medicine and losing their ability to communicate instantly with FMLN headquarters.

In El Salvador, FMLN rebels reported Tuesday that 401 guerrillas, including 10 commanders, were killed in their fierce offensive that began Nov. 11.

"To date, 401 of the bravest and most self-sacrificing sons of the fatherland have fallen in battle," the clandestine rebel-run Radio Venceremos reported.

"Nicaraguan troops will do exactly the same thing that North American troops do at the embassy in Panama," Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto said after speaking with John Leonard, a U.S. Embassy representative who was called to the Foreign Ministry in Managua.

D'Escoto also said that President Daniel Ortega had spoken by telephone with Nicaraguan ambassador to Panama, Antenor Ferrey, and asked him to defend the

"inviolability of the (embassy) as if it were Nicaraguan soil."

Lt. Col. Julio Ramos, who was in charge of the Nicaraguan operation, said the Sandinista forces were following government orders and that they were responding to U.S. actions near the Nicaraguan Embassy in Panama City.

D'Escoto said he would study the possibility of granting asylum to Noriega if he asked for it, but added he did not think he would ask for asylum.

Soviets express displeasure

MOSCOW, (Reuter) — "How could the Americans have done this? It plays right into the hands of everyone who wants to see our two countries remain enemies."

The anguished private comment from a Soviet official clearly summed up Moscow's real reaction Wednesday to the U.S. armed intervention in Panama.

Coming less than three weeks after his Malta summit with President Bush, the bloody fighting in Panama City poses a new dilemma for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Either Moscow takes a tough stand and risks damaging the much-needed new relationship with Washington sealed in Malta with joint recognition that a new era of peace was at hand.

Or it takes a softer line and faces a further loss of influence among leftist movements and Third World states that still see the United States as an "imperialist aggressor."

Foreign diplomats in Moscow said that was the stark choice facing Gorbachev on the international scene.

Domestically, liberal Soviet analysts said, the American action would strengthen the hand of Communist Party hard-liners who see Gorbachev's "new thinking" as a betrayal of revolutionary ideals.

"Mutual trust between us is vital, and that's what we thought we were both working for," said one Soviet official, a strong supporter of the Kremlin chief's policies.

"Now the conservatives can say:

"Look what your new relationship with Washington is worth. If they can invade Panama, they can invade Nicaragua and Cuba too." Just a few days after Malta, Gorbachev was effectively accused by senior Communist officials at a key Party forum of kowtowing to the West.

And although his opponents were dismissed Wednesday in the Party daily Pravda as bankrupt failures clinging to dogma to save their positions, such views are clearly widespread.

Cuban leader Fidel Castro's declaration early this month that his country would "defend socialism" even if it were alone found a ready echo among "old thinkers" in Moscow.

"Castro's a fine person. He sticks to his principles," is a comment both Soviet intellectuals and foreigners have heard widely from middle-level Party workers.

Over recent months, Moscow has shown scant sympathy for Panamanian leader Manuel Antonio Noriega, the target of the American operation.

And initial reaction from the Soviet Foreign Ministry was cautious, if firm.

"These actions, a violation of the United Nations charter and of the universally-accepted norms of interstate relations, should be condemned by the world community," a statement said.

"The United States should stop its armed intervention in Panama immediately."

hemisphere

Barco wins one, but faces long road

BOGOTA, Colombia (Reuter) -- President Virgilio Barco has struck a major blow against Colombia's drug trade with the killing of a top cocaine baron but still has a long way to go to stamp it out.

The death of Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, who was killed Friday in a shootout with police, removed a drug cartel leader accused of organizing major terror attacks during the four-month-old drug war.

Rodriguez Gacha was the number two man in the Medellin cocaine cartel and also headed his own terrorist group, according to Gen. Miguel Angel Maza Marquez, chief of the country's intelligence and security agency.

The killing of Rodriguez Gacha gave Barco a major victory in the drug war at a time when support for his drug crackdown had weakened within the ruling Liberal party.

On Thursday, the head of the Liberal party resigned due to the controversy over the policy of extraditing drug suspects to the United States.

Barco says the measure is a fundamental aspect of the drug war he began last Aug. 18.

In the eyes of some commentators, Rodriguez Gacha's killing provided badly needed credibility that the crackdown could nab the drug lords, who so far had proven elusive.

"The myth of invulnerability of the cartel chiefs is broken while that of security forces is strengthened at a time public opinion had seriously doubted its capacity," the El Tiempo

newspaper wrote of the killing.

Skepticism had grown in past weeks over the effectiveness of the crackdown.

Until Friday, Medellin and Cali cartel leaders appeared to be immune to the campaign, in which more than 11,000 people were arrested and more than 2,000 properties linked to drug traffickers seized.

Adding to the sense that the drug lords could act with impunity was their dramatic escalation of the drug war late last month.

A Colombian airliner was destroyed by a bomb Nov. 27, killing

all 107 people aboard, and the government blamed the traffickers.

The incident was followed by a bombing that killed 63 people in Bogota and was blamed on Rodriguez Gacha and fellow accused Medellin cartel chieftain, Pablo Escobar.

But Western diplomats say that while the drug barons might now feel more government pressure, it is not certain what effect this will have on Colombia's multi-billion dollar drug trade.

A U.S. official said that while cocaine production was disrupted in

the first few weeks of the offensive, output quickly recovered to between half and 75 percent of Colombia's previous estimated annual output level of 350 to 450 tons.

"The cocaine trade will not end overnight. It will take weeks, months, who knows, years," a senior military official said.

The widely held view is that Barco will continue the drug war until he ends his four-year presidential term on Aug. 7, 1990. But it is uncertain what the incoming president, who will be elected next May, will do.

Peru's debt climbs to \$19 billion in 1989

LIMA, Peru (Reuter) -- Peru's overall foreign debt will total \$19 billion by the end of 1989, up from \$17 billion previously cited, the nation's chief debt negotiator said last weekend.

Debt negotiator Abel Salinas said 27 percent of Peru's debt is owed to private commercial banks and the remaining 73 percent to multi-lateral lending agencies.

"We estimate that Peru's overall foreign debt will be \$19 billion by December 31," he said in a radio interview.

Until now, Peruvian officials said that Peru's total foreign debt was \$17 billion.

"While Mexico owes more than 51 percent of its debt to private banks, Peru only owes a quarter to them. That is why we had to

begin talking with the IMF."

He spoke after Peru made a token payment of \$42.3 million to the International Monetary Fund last week. It followed a draft agreement with the lending agency that President Alan Garcia called a milestone for a Latin American debtor country.

The IMF said the payment, which cleared arrears since Sept. 1 of this year, set the stage for talks that could lead to normal relations between Peru and the lending agency.

Before last week's payment, Peru's arrears to multilateral agencies, including the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, stood at \$1.64 billion, of which \$800 million were owed to the IMF.

The IMF declared Peru

ineligible for new loans in 1986 and the World Bank followed suit soon after, making it virtually impossible for the country to receive commercial bank loans.

Salinas, a former Finance Minister, said that he held what he called exploratory talks with World Bank Vice president Peter Botelier last week in Washington and that Peru would have to pay \$200 million next year to get fresh loans.

When an IMF mission visits Lima, probably in January, its members will find Peru gripped in an economic crisis for the second year in a row. Economists have warned cumulative inflation may surpass one million percent next July when Garcia will hand over power to the winner of presidential elections.

Rebels fail to bring El Salvador closer to peace

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (Reuter) -- A month-long offensive by leftist rebels has wreaked havoc in El Salvador and claimed thousands of victims, but has brought the country no closer to an end to its 10-year-old civil war.

The rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) surprised the right-wing Salvadoran government and its U.S. backers with the strength and skill of the military offensive launched Nov. 11. The army says some 2,500 people have died since then.

In the early stages of the offensive, the guerrillas embarrassed the army with their ability to strike in the cities, even turning some of the capital's most exclusive suburbs into battle zones.

But the government says the rebels

failed to win popular support for a mass insurrection.

Politically, the FMLN suffered a setback last week when five Central American presidents, siding clearly with Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani, urged the FMLN to stop its attacks and negotiate.

Diplomats say the impression that the rebels were taking part in peace talks with the government until shortly before the offensive while simultaneously preparing for war had also damaged their standing.

"The FMLN has gained military credibility, but they have lost credibility on the negotiating front," one Western diplomat said.

Rebel Radio Venceremos says the offensive has plunged the government into a deep political and military crisis.

The government and army's image has been tarnished by the FMLN's charges that the air force bombarded civilians and by the brutal slaying of six Jesuit priests by gunmen on Nov. 16.

Human rights and church groups say evidence points to army involvement in the murders. Diplomats say Congress could move to cut crucial U.S. aid to El Salvador unless the government brings the killers to justice.

With the offensive now dying down, the war, which has killed some 70,000 people, appears to have once again reached an uneasy impasse.

Guerrillas disappeared from the capital last week as quickly as they had come and the war returned to the traditional pattern of fairly small-scale clashes in the provinces.

The guerrillas' stated objective in launching the offensive was to strengthen their negotiating position by disproving the government's contention that they were a spent military force.

Most political analysts believe both sides will eventually be forced to negotiate a solution because of the improbability of either side winning a total military victory and because improving superpower relations have made the climate less amenable for revolution in Central America.

But after a month of heavy fighting, there appears to be no urgency to restart a government-rebel dialogue, cut short by the rebels last month in protest at a bomb blast at an opposition trade union office.

Both the government and rebels say they are open to talks. The government offered last week to

renew talks if the rebels stated publicly that they would stop attacks affecting civilians.

The rebels did not reply to that proposal. They instead set out their demands for talks, including an end to a month-old state of siege, release of political prisoners and dismissal of seven top army officers.

The main hope for getting both sides together soon appears to lie with United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

At their meeting in Costa Rica last week the Central American presidents asked Perez de Cuellar to mediate between the guerrillas and the government.

While the rebels rejected the presidents' agreement, which called for the FMLN's demobilization, they accepted the proposal for mediation by Perez de Cuellar.



Mexico nabs two U.S. drug pilots

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) -- Police in northern Mexico seized more than 3,000 pounds of marijuana last weekend and arrested two American pilots on drug-smuggling charges, the government news agency Notimex reported.

It said a shipment of 2,623 pounds of marijuana was captured by police after a shootout with traffickers near Nogales, a city in northern Sonora state on Mexico's border with Arizona.

The traffickers escaped, but several were believed to have been wounded in the shootout.

Another shipment of 456

pounds of marijuana was discovered aboard a plane that crash-landed on a clandestine airstrip in a remote desert area of Sonora, Notimex said.

It said the plane's pilot, an American identified as Douglas Edward Jones, was arrested a few miles from the airstrip.

Another U.S. pilot, identified as William Edward Brodwer, was arrested after landing his light twin-engine plane at the Nogales airport without a flight plan, Notimex said.

It did not elaborate, except to say that the interior of Brodwer's plane reeked of marijuana and that he had confessed to drug-running.

Operation 'Just Cause'

SSgt. Kevin Washington searches a suspected member of the Panamanian Defense Forces on the yacht club pier at Fort Amador. Washington is assigned to Company A, 1st Infantry Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney) (below) American soldiers rest briefly near the Carcel Modelo (prison) in Panama City in the aftermath of intense fighting Wednesday morning. (U.S. Army photo by PFC Don Dees)



Panamanian citizens seek food and shelter at Balboa High School after Operation "Just Cause" began Wednesday morning. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. John Moreland)



Soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) patrol an area near the Carcel Modelo. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. John Moreland)



Panamanian detainees are marched from the streets surrounding the Commandancia by soldiers from Company B, 4th Infantry Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized). (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)

military news

Army revises regulation regarding Article 15s

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — A revision to Army Regulation 27-10 will limit to one the number of Article 15s that can be placed in the restricted portion of Official Military Personnel Files for sergeants and above.

Changes to the regulation, slated to take effect Jan. 25, will also prevent Article 15s from becoming a permanent part of the records of soldiers in grades E-4 and below.

According to Maj. Paul A. Capofari of the Army Office of the Judge Advocate General, the changes are intended to avoid "hiding multiple misconduct" of senior soldiers and allow junior soldiers to overcome mistakes.

Under the current version of AR 27-10, "Military Justice," commanders may direct that an Article 15 be filed in either the performance fiche or restricted fiche of soldiers' OMPFs. Normally, selection boards evaluate soldiers based solely on their performance fiches; only certain selection and review panels can access soldiers' restricted fiches, and only under certain circumstances.

Capofari explained how the new

procedures will work for sergeants and above: "The imposing commander may select the restricted fiche for filing of the Article 15. When the Article 15 reaches the enlisted records center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., a review will be made of the soldier's restricted file. If an Article 15 is already filed on the restricted fiche, the present Article 15 will be filed on the performance fiche so that it can be seen by promotion and selection boards."

"But, since Article 15s for (junior soldiers) are not forwarded for inclusion in the OMPF, this review of the restricted fiche will only look for Article 15s imposed after the soldier was promoted to sergeant."

Article 15s for soldiers in grade E-4 and below will stay in unit files, rather than be forwarded for permanent filing. The record of the Article 15 will be destroyed after two years or when the soldier is reassigned, whichever comes first.

"Article 15 is intended to be a disciplinary tool for commanders," Capofari said. "It should be used for quick punishment to correct

behavior, not as a permanent record that forever affects a soldier's career."

Capofari said the change only applies to Article 15s imposed after the revised regulation takes effect.

Boards access restricted fiche

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — To ensure that only the best qualified soldiers are placed in positions of high trust and responsibility, some selection boards have access to the restricted portions of microfiche personnel records.

The R-fiche is the section of the Official Military Personnel File used to file some information of a derogatory nature, such as results of disciplinary actions, investigative reports or appellate actions.

Army personnel officials say that access to the R-fiche is carefully controlled so that only information relevant to the selection process is selection boards, and then only when it's appropriate. Actions that have been successfully appealed will not be looked at by selection boards.

Accurate, relevant and complete information on the R-fiche is reviewed during the voting process for all officer selective early retirement boards.

For colonel promotion boards and battalion and brigade command selection boards, a panel of senior officers conducts a post-board review

of those selected officers who have adverse information on their R-fiche or in files maintained by the Inspector General, Criminal Investigation Command or the Central Clearance Facility.

For NCOs, the R-fiche is reviewed by command sergeants major and sergeants major selection boards, Sergeants Major Course boards and boards that select command sergeants major and sergeants major for retention beyond 30 years. The review is done after the voting is completed, and only on those NCOs tentatively selected. If the review reveals information that would make the NCO's selection inappropriate, it could result in the NCO's removal from the selection list.

For all other promotion, school and command selection boards, the board president may request access to the R-fiche. All such requests must go to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and the convening authority's designee considers these requests on a case-by-case basis, weighing the best interests of both the individual and the Army.

Airmen earn degrees from CCAF

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW PA) — Nineteen Howard enlisted personnel were awarded their associate in applied science degree from the Community College of the Air Force recently.

The degree signifies completion of two years of collegiate-level study related to the graduate's Air Force specialty code.

The graduates who attended the ceremony at the Howard NCO Club were: TSgt. Joseph C. Beard Jr., TSgt. John R. Hellweg, SSgt. Karen A. Holmes, SrA. Tamara S. Jacobson, SSgt. Rick W. Langstraat, SSgt. William R. Lossner, SSgt. David J. Morgan, SMSgt. Kenneth G. Reese, MSgt. James G. Solomon, Sgt. Donald D. Tinder, MSgt. Michael S. Tripp, and SSgt. Charlotte E. Williams.

Those graduates unable to attend the ceremony due to recent

permanent-change-of-station moves were: TSgt. Albert Aguilar, SSgt. John Eves, Sgt. Steven W. Fall, SSgt. Ricardo A. Morgan, SSgt. John H. Reid III, MSgt. Carolina Santiago, and SSgt. Gregory Schmalfeldt.

Brig. Gen. Robin G. Tornow, 830th Air Division commander, delivered the commencement address and encouraged the graduates to seek higher goals in education as well as the higher goal in life — wisdom. After congratulating the graduates, Tornow presented them with their diplomas.

CCAF provides high quality educational programs which reflect personal and professional growth consistent with Air Force requirements. The college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Cheney may halt 'Looking Glass'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said he will probably reject an Air Force proposal to halt round-the-clock "Looking Glass" flights of aircraft capable of directing a nuclear war.

"It's been proposed, but I don't believe we'll go forward with it," Cheney told reporters last week when asked about the Air Force recommendation, first reported in Friday's New York Times.

"It's just a question of an economy measure basically," Cheney said. "I don't propose to go forward with it. That is to say, it's come up to us from within the Air Force. We haven't finished the (budget) package yet, but my guess is we will not go forward with taking 'Looking Glass' down."

"I think we'll continue to fly it as we have in the past."

The Times reported in Saturday's editions, meanwhile, that Cheney initially endorsed the proposal and was to present a recommendation to the White House Friday, but upon hearing media reports about the idea Bush rejected it.

Quoting unnamed Bush administration officials, the Times said no explanation was given as to why Bush rejected the proposal.

Since 1961 the Air Force has continuously kept aloft a

command aircraft capable of waging a nuclear war in case the president and most U.S. civilian leaders are killed in a surprise nuclear attack.

The Air Force proposed that the planes, collectively referred to as "Looking Glass," be kept on the ground some of the time. The planes would be shifted "to continuous ground alert with a specified number of sorties per week," the Times said, quoting Pentagon budget documents.

Currently, each "Looking Glass" flight is commanded from Omaha, Neb., by a Strategic Air Command general who could assume control of nuclear forces if the nation's top leaders were to be killed.

The Air Force estimated the flight reduction would save about \$20 million in fiscal 1991, which begins next Oct. 1.

Cheney also confirmed a report that he would press for full production of five B-2 stealth bombers in the 1991 budget, rejecting a suggestion by the Air Force that the \$70 billion program be stretched out to make the yearly costs politically palatable.

"If you go back and look at (this year's congressional) conference agreement, you'll find that we, in effect, cut a deal on the B-2, which was two aircraft in '90 and five aircraft in '91," Cheney said.

Computers replace people, equipment during upcoming REFORGER '90

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The United States will opt for more computer simulation and less personnel and equipment during the 1990 Return of Forces to Germany exercise, slated to begin in January.

REFORGER '90, this year's demonstration of U.S. commitment to the defense of Europe, will feature a 15 percent reduction in troops deploying from the United States and the total elimination of main battle tanks from the exercise.

According to a statement released by the Defense Department, about 15,000 troops deployed to Europe in '88. The 1989 REFORGER was cancelled while the services worked on changes to the exercise series.

"The revised REFORGER '90 will continue to demonstrate U.S. resolve and ability to rapidly reinforce Europe, produce highly effective training at reduced costs and decrease environmental damage,"

the DoD statement read.

The new REFORGER and its follow-up field training exercise, Centurion Shield '90, will use computer simulations tested during exercise Caravan Guard in September. Caravan Guard combined field training exercises, command field exercises and command post exercises through the Joint Exercise Simulation System. Using the JESS, battlefield decisions made by unit leaders were fed into a computer, which evaluated them based on the changing battlefield scenario.

The simulations "proved exceptionally successful in meeting the goals of increasing training effectiveness while reducing costs and the environmental impact," the DoD statement read.

The 1990 exercises will require fewer tracked vehicles; no U.S. main battle tanks will be used.



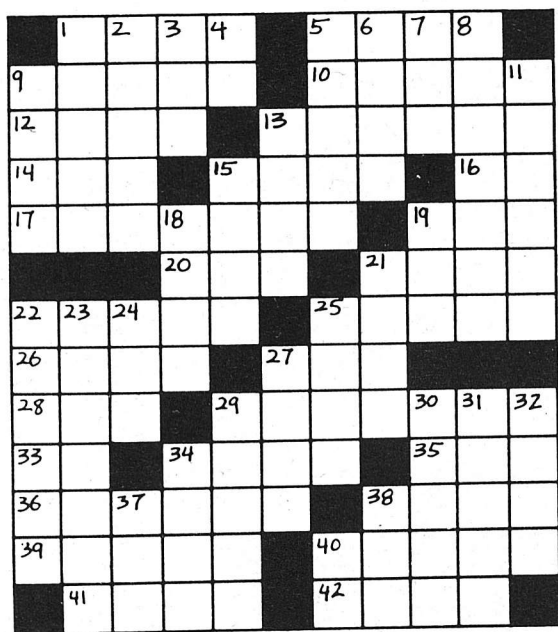
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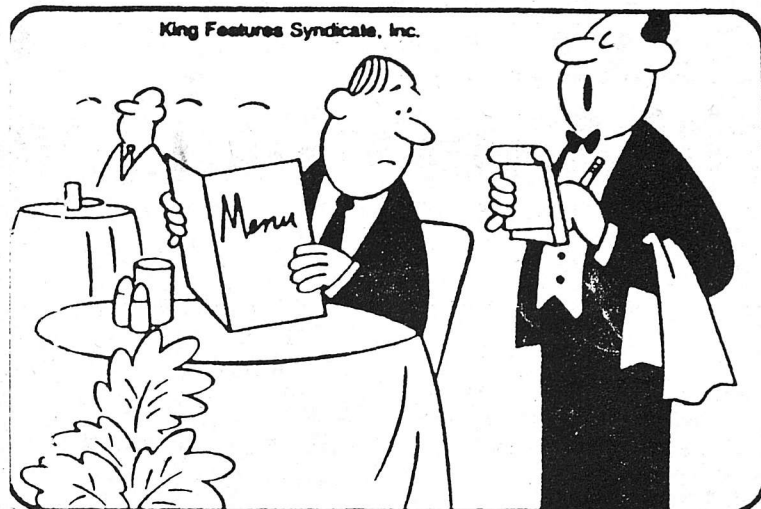
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12. Prong
13. Dry measures (Sp.)
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15. Walk, as thru a river
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17. Teases
19. City (E. Russ.)
20. Male sheep
21. Poke
22. Lucid
25. Places of confinement (on men-of-war)
26. Injure
27. Hawaiian food
28. Ovum (Biol.)
29. Moderately long
33. Thus
34. Destitute of hair
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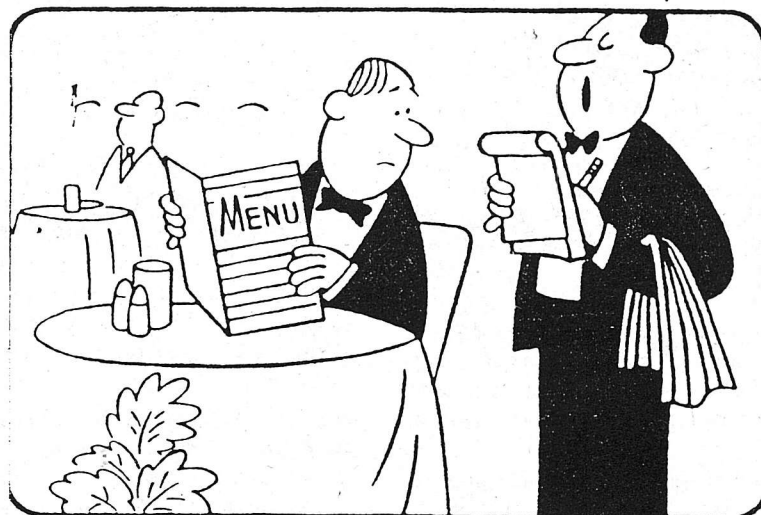
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4. Buddha (Chin.)
5. Scorches
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7. Hail!
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9. Cease
11. Dishes of greens, dressing, etc.
13. Shape
15. Terror
18. Street car (Eng.)
19. Swiss canton
21. A stuffy person
22. Bureaus
23. Shallow ponds connecting with the sea
24. Unit of work
25. A tie
27. Game played from horseback
29. Dips out
30. Manacles
31. Glossy, lustrous fabrics
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Vision Teaser



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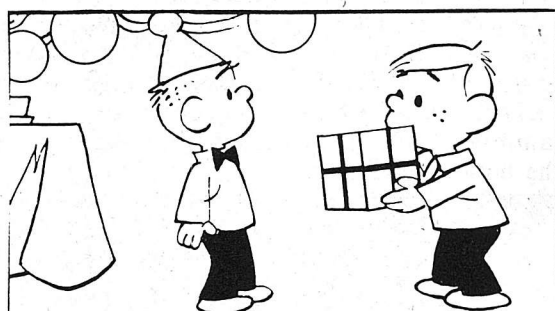


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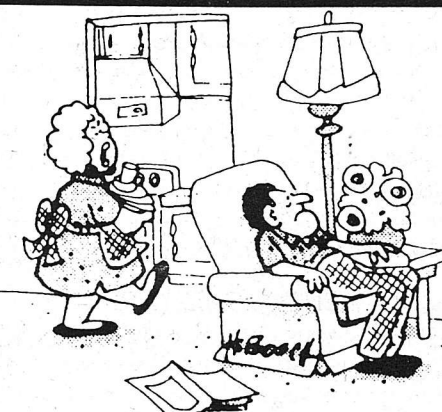


the Walker Bros.

Tiny



HENRY BOLTINOFF



"And another thing I notice...you laugh too much when you talk to yourself!"



"The pigs want the wolves to stop huffing and puffing. The wolves want a window view so they can howl at the moon..."



"I wish we could have just one vacation where he would sit down and relax!"

Professor Phumble

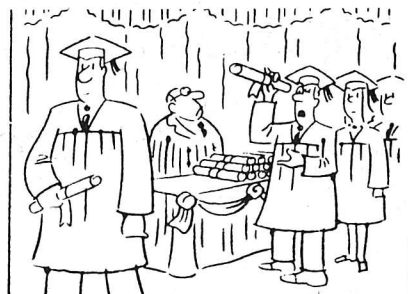


Bill Yates

Answers to King Crossword



"Think — is a hysterectomy worth a \$1.50 card?"



"Where's the prize?"

sports

British may ban Duran due to weight gain

LONDON (UPI) — Roberto Duran could be banned from boxing in Britain because authorities are concerned about his fluctuating weight.

The warning Tuesday by Dr. Adrian Whiteson, the British Boxing Board of Control's chief medical officer, came a day after promoter Barry Hearn announced Duran would fight Nigel Benn over the summer.

The board cast further doubt on the fight by questioning Duran's right to the World Boxing Council middleweight title.

Duran's indulgent lifestyle often

results in him ballooning 28 pounds above his fighting weight when not in training.

"If Duran was to box Benn now I would want assurances that he is not allowing his weight to go above seven pounds above his normal weight, and that is without taking slimming aids," Dr. Whiteson said.

"He would have to satisfy us with a number of strict criteria.

That's what we would want at the board. If he wants to be world class, don't insult your sport or the public."

On Dec. 7, Sugar Ray Leonard scored a unanimous decision over Duran.

"We have got to protect Duran from himself," Dr. Whiteson said.

"It's a shame. If he does come we would give him all sorts of tests. Even a complete psychological assessment.

"There must be a doubt about just how he lost so much weight for his recent fight against Sugar Ray Leonard. The Durans of this world do boxing no good at all by allowing themselves to get so unfit."

Whiteson once banned an ailing Muhammad Ali from fighting British champion John Gardner in London.

"We don't want another Ali situation in this world," he said.

"Boxing is a great sport, but sometimes it is difficult to defend. If we create ammunition, British boxing will end up shooting itself in the foot."

The board also said that since Duran lost his super middleweight bout against Leonard while fighting at 158 pounds his status as middleweight champion (160-pound limit) should be reviewed by the WBC.

"Personally, I feel his title should be declared vacant," Board Secretary John Morris said. "But that's something the WBC should think about and consider seriously."

Británicos pueden cancelar pelea de Duran por peso

LONDRES — (UPI) Roberto Durán puede ser excluido del boxeo en Gran Bretaña porque las autoridades están preocupadas con lo concerniente a la fluctuación de su peso.

La advertencia fué anunciada el martes por el Dr. Adrian Whiteson jefe oficial medico de la junta de control de boxeo Británico, el aviso ocurrió al siguiente día de que el promotor Barry Hearn anunció que Durán se enfrentaría con Nigel Benn en el verano.

La junta mostró aun mas incertidumbre en la realización de la pelea cuando cuestionaron el derecho que Durán tiene al título

peso mediano del consejo mundial de boxeo.

El estilo indulgente de vida que lleva Durán frecuentemente resulta con un sobre peso de 28 libras mas de su peso de pelea cuando no esta en entrenamiento.

"Si Durán fuera a boxear con Benn ahora, yo quisiera asegurarme que él no permitiera que su peso aumente mas de siete libras sobre su peso normal, y que sea logrado sin ingerir ningún producto para adelgazar," el Dr. Whiteson dijo.

"El tendrá que satisfacernos en una cierta cantidad de estrictas reglas. Eso es lo que queremos en la junta. Si él quiere ser categoria

mundial, no insulte su deporte ó el publico."

El 7 de diciembre, Sugar Ray Leonard obtuvo una decisión unánime sobre Durán.

Nosotros tenemos que proteger a Durán de si mismo," añadió el Dr. Whiteson. Es una verdadera lastima. Si él viene nosotros le administraremos toda clase de exámenes. Incluyendo una completa evaluación psicológica.

Hay una duda referente a la perdida de peso de la reciente pelea contra Sugar Ray Leonard. Los Duranes de este mundo no le hacen el boxeo ningún bien al permitir que ellos esten fuera de condiciones físicas."

Whiteson en el pasado no permitió al enfermizo Muhammad Ali de enfrentarse la campeón Británico

John Gardner en Londres.

"Nosotros no queremos otra situación como la de Ali en este mundo," él expresó. "El boxeo es un gran deporte, pero algunas veces es difícil de defender. Si nosotros creamos municiones, entonces el boxeo Británico terminará disparándose a si mismo."

La junta tambien dijo que desde que Durán perdió su título super peso mediano en el asalto contra Leonard en el cual su peso era 158 libras en su categoria como campeón de peso mediano (con un limite de 160 libras) debería ser revisado por el consejo mundial de boxeo.

Personalmente, yo pienso que su título debería ser declarado vacante," el secretario de la junta John Morris dijo, "pero eso es algo que el consejo mundial de boxeo debe analizar y considerarlo seriamente."

Kings fire Russell in shakeup

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Basketball legend Bill Russell has been fired as vice president of the Sacramento Kings, and coach Jerry Reynolds has been named director of player personnel, the team said Tuesday.

The Kings said a search would begin immediately to find a replacement for Reynolds.

Kings Managing General Partner Gregg Lukenbill said the shakeup was "in the best interest of the organization. It has become evident that our franchise was not moving in a positive direction."

Russell, 55, has come under increasing criticism for his role in two costly trades and his aloofness with fans. He has served as the Kings' vice president in charge of basketball operations since March 1988.

Reynolds, 45, took over as head coach following Russell's tenure, when the Kings had the fourth-worst record in the NBA. The Kings are a hapless 7-14 this season.

Lukenbill said Reynolds was appointed director of player personnel but would continue as interim head coach until his replacement was found.

Lukenbill said Russell was being replaced by Rick Benner, the team's vice president for business.

Russell has been criticized locally for the Kings' acquisition of Pervis Ellison, the No. 1 pick in the NBA's 1989 college draft, and Ralph Sampson, the 7-foot-4 star center who the Kings obtained in a Sept. 27 deal with the Golden State Warriors.

Both have been hampered by injuries and are unable to play.

LeMond gets 'sportsman' award

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Tour de France cycling champion Greg LeMond was named Sports Illustrated magazine's 1989 "Sportsman of the Year" Tuesday.

LeMond, 28, a native of Reno, Nev., who now lives in Wayzata, Minn., won his second Tour de France this summer after recovering from near-fatal wounds suffered in a 1987 shooting accident. LeMond surprised the experts who predicted he would not overcome a 50-second deficit to overall leader Laurent Fignon at the start of the tour's 27-kilometer final time trial.

LeMond had become the first American to win the French race in 1986. He finished second in 1985 and third in 1984.

LeMond was hunting wild turkeys outside Sacramento, Calif., in April 1987 when he was accidentally shot by his brother-in-law, Patrick Blades. Sixty steel pellets were

sprayed into LeMond's chest and abdomen.

After waiting for help for 45 minutes and losing two pints of blood, LeMond was flown to the University of California's Davis Medical Center in Sacramento where some of the pellets were removed.

LeMond then suffered an emergency appendectomy in the winter of 1987 and had surgery on an infected tendon in his right shin in July 1988.

"The last two years have been the most humiliating of my life," LeMond said after his victory in July. "Riders and team managers thought I was through, and that made me more determined than ever to return."

SI has named a Sportsman of the year since 1954 when miler Roger Bannister won it. Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Orel Hersher won in 1988.

Ruddock signs to fight Dokes

NEW YORK (UPI) — Donovan "Razor" Ruddock and Michael Dokes, who both accuse heavyweight champion Mike Tyson of ducking them, will fight each other this spring, it was announced Tuesday.

Promoter Murad Muhammad said at a news conference the bout

will be in late March or early April, depending on the site. Muhammad, Ruddock's promoter, said he is leaning toward Madison Square Garden but is entertaining offers from Las Vegas, Nev., Toronto and a country "in the eastern part of the world."



Greg LeMond, winner of the 1989 Tour de France cycling classic poses with his son Geoffery after capturing the title in Paris July 23. (AP Laserphoto)

NFL picture comes into focus during final week

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL playoff picture:

National Conference EAST

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (10-5): They need one victory to clinch a wild-card spot. Philadelphia will clinch the division if they beat Phoenix next week and the Giants lose to the Raiders because the Eagles beat the Giants twice this season.

NEW YORK GIANTS (11-4): They have clinched a wild-card playoff spot. The Giants can clinch the NFC East by beating the Raiders next week, or if they and Philadelphia each lose.

CENTRAL

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (9-6): The Vikings must win the division to reach the playoffs; they cannot be a wild card. Minnesota can clinch with a victory over Cincinnati Monday night, or if Green Bay loses to Dallas. The Vikings hold the tie-breaker over the Packers because of a better division record.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (9-6): Green Bay must win next week to make the playoffs. If the Packers beat Dallas and Minnesota loses to Cincinnati, the Packers win the division. If the Rams and Philadelphia each lose and Green Bay wins, the Packers are a wild card because of conference record. For the same reason, the Packers also are a wild card if the Rams lose and Green Bay and Washington wins.

WEST

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers (13-2): They have clinched the division championship and the home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

LOS ANGELES RAMS (10-5): If they win next week at New England, they reach the playoffs as a wild card. Even if they lose, the Rams can make it if Minnesota, Green Bay or Washington loses. (Washington is already eliminated, but can still get involved in a tiebreaker situation at 10-6 with Green Bay and the Rams that would put the Packers into the playoffs by conference record; if there is a two-way tie, the Rams are in because they beat Green Bay; but if Washington is involved it becomes a three-way tie, with conference records the determinant).

American Conference EAST

BUFFALO BILLS (8-7): The Bills can clinch the division by winning Saturday against the New York Jets. Buffalo holds the tiebreaker advantage in the division because it beat Miami twice and has a better AFC East record than Indianapolis. If the Bills lose, they can win the division if Indianapolis and Miami both lose, or can be a wild card if Indianapolis, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, the Raiders and Seattle all lose.

MIAMI DOLPHINS (8-7): The Dolphins must win to reach the playoffs. They will win the division if Buffalo and Indianapolis both lose.

Miami can still be a wild card.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (8-7): The Colts will win the division if they win at New Orleans next week and Buffalo loses. They also clinch a wild card with a victory because of a 7-5 conference record.

CENTRAL

HOUSTON OILERS (9-6): The Oilers will clinch the division if they win next week at home against Cleveland. If Houston loses, it will be a wild card if Cincinnati also loses because the Oilers swept Pittsburgh, Miami and the Raiders.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (8-6-1): The Browns will win the division if they win at Houston. If Cleveland loses, it can be a wild card if Kansas City loses and only one other wild-card contender finishes 9-7.

CINCINNATI BENGALS (8-7): The Bengals must win and get much help to be a wild card. To have a chance, they must have Houston and/or Pittsburgh in any multiple-team ties since the Bengals lost head-to-head meetings with Miami, Indianapolis and the Raiders. Cincinnati could be eliminated by the time it plays next Monday night against Minnesota.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (8-7): Pittsburgh must win next week and have almost all the other contenders lose.

WEST

DENVER BRONCOS (11-4): The Broncos have clinched the division

and the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (8-7): If the Raiders beat the New York Giants next week, they have a chance for a wild card.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (7-7-1): The Chiefs are a long shot. They must win next week and hope almost all other contenders lose. If the Chiefs win and Cleveland loses, the Chiefs have a potential tiebreaker over the Browns because Kansas City's 6-7-1 conference record would be better than Cleveland's 5-6-1.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (7-8): The Seahawks must beat Washington in their final game. They also need Indianapolis, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, the Raiders and Kansas City to lose.



Dravecky honored

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Dave Dravecky, who battled cancer to keep pitching for the San Francisco Giants, has been voted the 1989 winner of the Hutch Award.

The Hutch Award honors the memory of Fred Hutchinson, who was managing the Cincinnati Reds when he died of cancer in 1964.

The award is based on the voting of a panel of major-league broadcasters and sports writers. It goes to an athlete who has overcome adversity while displaying the character and competitive instincts of Hutchinson.

Dravecky underwent surgery to remove a tumor from the deltoid muscle in his upper left arm on Oct. 7, 1988, after spending most of the season on the disabled list.

Although doctors warned he might never pitch again, Dravecky went through a rugged rehabilitation program, and by mid-season of 1989 was ready to try his arm in the minor leagues.

After three successful appearances, he made his first start for the Giants Aug. 10 against the Cincinnati Reds. Although manager Roger Craig expected him to go no more than five innings, he held the Reds to one hit through seven innings and retired after the eighth, getting credit for a 4-3 victory.

He made his next start five days later in Montreal, but collapsed on the mound in pain with a fracture in the area of his previous surgery during the game.

Dravecky then entered a new round of treatment but a new tumor was discovered in October and he faces surgery in January. He retired at the end of the season.

The award will be presented Feb. 10

Big Ten could become 'Big Eleven'

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State officially shed its independent status Tuesday but that doesn't mean the Big Ten Conference will shed its name.

"Right now the Big Ten still sounds right even though it may very well be the Big Ten with an asterisk," Stanley Ikenberry, president of the University of Illinois and chairman of the Big Ten's Board of Directors, said during a news conference at Penn State's campus.

While Penn State is a member of the Big Ten, the Nittany Lions will have to wait a few years before competing for a berth in the Rose Bowl.

Because of scheduling obligations, Penn State is not likely to play a Big Ten football schedule until the mid-1990s. The Big Ten has a television contract through 1996, while Penn State athletic director Jim Tarman said his school plans to enter into a 1991-94 television contract with the College Football Association.

Other sports should be able to participate sooner, some as soon as the 1990-91 season, Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said.

Penn State, for years the leading Eastern football power, has played an independent football schedule since its program began in 1887. The rest of Penn State's athletic program competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Delany said unfinished business remains. "There are a myriad of competitive and business complexities that need to be worked out," he said.

Details of the agreement will be negotiated by athletic directors, administrators, coaches and faculty representatives and will take months to complete, Delany said. Both Penn State and the Big Ten must agree to the final terms.

Tarman said the Nittany Lions are committed to play basketball and other sports in the Atlantic 10 through the 1990-91 season. But conference commissioner Ron Bertovich took a dim view of the current situation.

"I don't like the lame duck status," Bertovich said Tuesday, adding that the nine athletic directors in the conference would discuss Wednesday what its course of action may be.

Ikenberry said presidents of the Big Ten schools decided Dec. 10 to extend an invitation to Penn State based on similar academic standards and its reputation for running a clean athletic program. He also said no other schools are being considered for admittance and no schools would be asked to drop out.

Former Redskin coach Allen takes job as head of struggling college program

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Former NFL coach George Allen said late Monday night that he has accepted the job as Long Beach State's football coach.

Allen, 71, will be introduced as head coach of the struggling program at a press conference Tuesday afternoon.

Earlier reports quoted Allen as saying he had turned down the job. But after a long day of negotiating with Athletic Director Corey Johnson, Allen said he accepted the job at about 11 p.m. Monday.

Allen said he reached a verbal agreement with the school but hasn't signed a contract yet. He said a contract would probably be for three years.

"I think that one of the reasons I'll accept is that I'm trying to save a

Penn State president Bryce Jordan said school administrators would take part in Big Ten conference-wide meetings. He also suggested giving Penn State students the ability to cross-register at other Big Ten schools.

The last change in the conference occurred in 1950, when Michigan State filled a vacancy left four years earlier by Chicago's departure.

Last week, Penn State coach Joe Paterno said he would welcome the move to join Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Northwestern, Purdue and Indiana.

Paterno, while he was also athletic director, tried in the early 1980s to form an all-sports conference of Eastern schools. But basketball's Big East Conference began in 1979-80

struggling program and I enjoy teaching," Allen said in a telephone interview from his Palos Verdes home just before midnight.

"And it's such a tough job that I'd like to try to leave a legacy there. And it's near my home. I've had other opportunities but I would have had to move, so that was a big factor. I met the (university president and vice president and athletic director and they all seemed to be committed to changing the image.

"I'm no miracle worker, and I hope we can turn the program around in 2-to-3 years."

Allen will replace Larry Reisbig, who resigned in November after compiling an 11-24 record over three seasons.

Pro Bowl selects Taylor, Munoz for ninth year

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawrence Taylor and Anthony Munoz joined some select company Wednesday when each was named to the Pro Bowl for the ninth consecutive year.

Munoz, the Cincinnati tackle who has set a standard for his position, became the first offensive lineman to achieve that honor. The New York Giants' Taylor, who has defined outside linebacking since entering the league in 1981, has made it in all nine of his NFL seasons.

The only other players to make nine straight Pro Bowls are Franco Harris and Jack Lambert of Pittsburgh and Randy White of Dallas. No player has made it more than nine times.

For the second straight year, the Minnesota Vikings had the most players selected, down from nine last season to seven. That's despite a disappointing season in which their playoff chances still are in doubt.

And Cincinnati, which is only 8-7 and in danger of missing the playoffs,

led the AFC squad with six players for the game, to be played at Honolulu Feb. 4.

The Vikings (9-6), who need a win over the Bengals Monday night or a Green Bay loss to Dallas Sunday to clinch the NFC Central, will have six starters — defensive end Chris Doleman, defensive tackle Keith Millard, cornerback Carl Lee, safety Joey Browner, tackle Gary Zimmerman and guard Randall McDaniel.

Tight end Steve Jordan made it as a backup.

The Bengals' contingent is led by Munoz. Three other Bengals will start — running back James Brooks, tight end Rodney Holman and safety David Fulcher — while quarterback Boomer Esiason and guard Max Montoya are backups.

San Francisco, which has clinched the NFC West and home field advantage in the playoffs with a 13-2 mark, had six men on the team, as did the Los Angeles Rams, who trail

the 49ers with a 10-5 mark.

Denver (11-4), which has won the AFC West and will have home field throughout the playoffs, got four onto the squad — safety Dennis Smith, linebacker Karl Mecklenburg, nose tackle Greg Kragen and kicker David Treadwell.

But the Giants, who lead the NFC East and have the NFC's second-best record, had only two — Taylor and kick returner David Meggett.

The NFC East choices were nearly in inverse order to their teams' success.

Fourth-place Phoenix (5-11) had four; Philadelphia (10-5) had three; the Giants had two, and the Washington Redskins (9-6) one, defensive end Charles Mann. The Dallas Cowboys (1-14) had none.

There were three rookies among the 82 players selected.

One was Meggett, a fifth-round draft pick from Towson State who has had three touchdown runs of 50 or more yards with short passes. The

others were both high first-round picks — Detroit's Barry Sanders, last year's Heisman Trophy winner, who will start at running back for the NFC, and Derrick Thomas of Kansas City, who will start at outside linebacker for the AFC.

Judge approves bout

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI) — A New Jersey superior court judge Thursday denied a request for an injunction to stop the Jan. 15, heavyweight bout between George Foreman and Gerry Cooney.

Bilal Mohammad and Bahar Mohammad brought a case against Foreman, promoter Top Rank Inc., and host Caesars World, stating they had fight contracts with Foreman. They claimed Foreman owed \$150,000 in advance training payments for fights that never materialized.

Judge Anthony Gibson denied their request.

Russell takes third NCAA Division 1-AA title, retires

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Erk Russell, who resurrected football at Georgia Southern College after 40 years, retired as head coach Wednesday, just days after winning

his third NCAA Division 1-AA national championship in five years.

Russell, 63, will become associate athletic director for football operations, said Southern Sports

Information Director Matt Rogers. Tim Stowers, the Eagles' offensive coordinator, will become head coach, Rogers said.

"Erk's Eagles" defeated Stephen F. Austin 37-34 last Saturday for their third Division 1-AA championship, concluding a perfect 15-0 season.

The Southern football office said Russell would not comment before an afternoon news conference.

Russell, a bald defensive guru from Vince Dooley's Georgia Bulldogs, became a folk hero in Georgia after he went to Statesboro in 1981 to resurrect a football program that had been dead since 1941.

His first team, composed entirely of walk-ons, went 7-3-1 playing at the club level in 1982. By 1984, the Eagles were in Division 1-AA, where Russell went 70-14-0 over the next six seasons, the best record in the country.

Overall, Russell was 83-22-1 with the Eagles. And he became a hit with fans for reasons that went beyond winning, as he tirelessly promoted Eagle football — to the point of

announcing that a drainage ditch beside his practice field had become "Beautiful Eagle Creek," flowing with mystical powers.

The Eagles won national championships in 1985 and 1986 and played in the championship game in 1988, losing that one to Furman.

Russell was interviewed for the vacant head coaching position at Georgia last winter following the retirement of Dooley, his longtime friend and boss.

But he told the Bulldogs he would prefer to stay at Southern.

Russell molded some top defensive squads in 17 years at Georgia, including the Bulldogs' 1980 championship team.

This week, after his third national championship victory, Russell had indicated he would take some time and consider what to do next.

Stowers has been Russell's offensive coordinator for two years, serving as offensive line coach in the three years prior to that. Before joining the Eagles' staff in 1985, he served as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Jacksonville State in Alabama.

Montana to be 'Man of the year'

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Quarterback Joe Montana of the San Francisco 49ers, who is winding up the best all-round passing season in NFL history, was named Thursday as the 1989 Man of the Year by The Sporting News.

Montana became a full-time starter for the 49ers in 1981. Since then, San Francisco has a record of 96-37-1 in the regular season and has won seven NFC West titles, including this year. Montana also has led the 49ers to three Super Bowl appearances in the 1980s, and San Francisco has won all three.

Entering the 1989 season, Montana had the NFL's highest career passing rating (92.0). With one game to play, he is on a pace this season to break Milt Plum's season record of 110.4, set in 1960.

Montana already is the league's career percentage passing leader (63 percent through 1988). He has a chance this season to break Ken

Anderson's single-season NFL record of 70 percent.

The former Notre Dame star also is leading the NFL this season in yards per attempt and touchdown-to-interception ratio. He has passed the 3,000-yard mark this season for the sixth straight time, tying the league record also held by Dan Fouts.

Montana becomes the 21st athlete to win the award. He will receive a specially created 18-inch Waterford Crystal trophy, valued at \$15,000, at a luncheon Feb. 6 in New York City.

The trophy, first crafted in 1982, has been presented to the five most recent winners of Man of the Year — Larry Bird, Pete Rose, Peter Ueberroth, Bowie Kuhn and Whitey Herzog — as well as to the first Woman of the Year, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, who won the award last year.

The award has been presented since 1968 to a sports figure who greatly influenced his or her field.

Brooks signs 3-year, \$6 million contract with Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hubie Brooks agreed to a \$6 million, three-year contract with the Dodgers on Thursday, adding a proven right-handed hitter to Los Angeles' lineup and creating a battle among four outfielders.

Brooks joins Kirk Gibson, Kal Daniels and Juan Samuel in the crowded outfield. On Wednesday, Los Angeles acquired Samuel from the New York Mets for outfielder-first baseman Mike Marshall and reliever Alejandro Pena.

Like Samuel, Brooks was shifted two seasons ago from the infield to the outfield. Both are former All-Stars who has been slipping, and that each is prone to strike out — Samuel 120 times last season and Brooks 108.

Brooks, 33, batted .268 with 14 home runs and 70 RBIs with Montreal last season. This week, he rejected salary arbitration and again said he did not intend to return to the Expos.

"I think the time was right for me to come west," said Brooks, a native of Los Angeles who has a home about 20 minutes from Dodger Stadium. "I never thought I would get a chance to come back home and play. Since I am older, that chance was just about over."

Brooks' contract calls for a \$950,000 signing bonus, \$1.5 million next season and \$2 million in each of the following years.

There's also a no-trade clause that prevents Los Angeles from sending Brooks back to Montreal or to any American League team other than the California Angels.

He is the fourth free agent to leave the Expos in the offseason. Earlier, pitchers Mark Langston, Bryn Smith and Pascual Perez chose not to resign with Montreal.

Brooks said the Expos' late-season losing streak, when they dropped seven straight and dropped out of

contention in the NL East, may have spurred Montreal to consider changes.

Brooks, a right fielder for the past two seasons, hopes to play the same position for the Dodgers. In the past, he has played third base and shortstop.

After the trade for Samuel was made Wednesday, Dodger manager Tom Lasorda mentioned that Gibson would probably be in right field and Daniels in left.

"The main thing is to have Hubie's bat and glove in the lineup," Dodgers general manager Fred Claire said Thursday, answering a question about how much Brooks would play right field.

The Dodgers were last in the major leagues with 554 runs last season. Only St. Louis hit fewer home runs than Los Angeles' 89 and the

Dodgers' .240 average was 10th among the 12 National League

teams.

Brooks is a .276 lifetime hitter with 103 homers and 609 RBIs in 10 seasons. He began his career with the New York Mets in 1980 and was traded to the Expos in December 1984 in a deal that sent Gary Carter to the Mets.

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12:30	SCN Midday Report
12:40	CNN Sports Latenight
1:00	Oprah Winfrey...Louisiana Massive Human Experiment?
2:00	Another World
2:58	Prime Time TV Guide
3:00	Star Trek
3:48	CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00	De Grassi Junior High
4:30	Guiding Light
5:15	General Hospital
6:00	SCN Evening Report
6:30	ABC World News Tonight
6:58	Prime Time TV Guide
7:00	Jeopardy
7:25	Christmas Special...Leprechauns Christmas
7:50	Christmas Movie... "I'll Be Home For Christmas" (95 min.)
9:25	Community Bulletin
9:30	NBC Nightly News
10:00	Entertainment Tonight
10:30	Kung Fu
11:20	SCN Late Night Report
11:30	NBC Tonight Show
12:30	Latenight With David Letterman
1:30 a.m.	Nightline
2:00	SCN All Night Movie... "It Nearly Wasn't Christmas" (120 min.)
4:00	SCN All Night Movie... "Christmas Star" (120 min.)
6:25	Videolink

Saturday

7:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
7:30	Just For Kids Christmas Special
	Chipmunks Christmas
	A Jetson's Christmas Carol
9:45	Mickey's Christmas Carol
	Christmas Movie... "A Very Brady Christmas"
	Mike and Carol Brady (Robert Reed, Florence Henderson) plan on surprising each other on Christmas day with a trip. Carol plans a trip to Greece and Mike wants to go to Japan. When each finds out about the other's secret, they decide to spend the trip money on their first family Christmas reunion in years. (94 min.)
11:30	America's Top 10
12:00	Headline News
12:30	NBC sports - NFL football
4:00	CBS Sports - NFL football
7:00	CNN Headline Newsbreak
7:15	Christmas Special...Julie Andrews: The Sound Of Christmas
8:10	SCN Saturday Christmas Movie... "Silent Night, Lonely Night" Two lonely adults try to find happiness outside the framework of yesterday's memories when brought together on Christmas Eve in a New England inn.
9:55	Community Bulletin
10:30	Videolink
10:00	CNN Headline News
10:30	Christmas Special... "Kenny's Rogers' Christmas In America"
11:30	Saturday Night Live
1:00 a.m.	SCN All Night Movie... "The Bible"
	Magnificently photographed, this film documents the origin of man, the evocation of the Garden of Eden, the murder of Abel by his brother Cain and many other stories from the Bible.
3:55	SCN All Night Movie... "A Year In The Life" (95 min.)
5:30	Grand Ole Opry Live
6:00	New Country
6:25	The Joy Of Music Christmas In Bavaria

Sunday

7:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
7:30	Robert Schuller With The Hour Of Power Christmas
8:20	The Joy Of Music Celebration Of Christmas
9:00	CBS Sunday Morning
10:30	The Joy Of Music Alpine Christmas
11:30	This Week With David Brinkley
12:30	NFL Double Header Football
7:00	CNN Headline News
7:15	SCN Christmas Eve Movie... "Miracle On 34th Street" (96 min.)
8:55	SCN Christmas Eve Movie... "The Christmas Wife" (73 min.)
10:10	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	Entertainment This Week
11:30	George Schlatter's Comedy Club

Monday

5:30 a.m.	CNN Headline News
6:00	CNN Headline News
6:30	NBC At Sunrise
7:00	NBC Today Show
9:00	Garfield Christmas
9:25	Christmas Special - The Christmas Toy
10:20	Christmas Special - Jack Frost Christmas
11:10	Christmas Special - Pinocchio's Christmas
12:00	Christmas Movie... "It's A Wonderful Life" (131 min.)
3:30	ABC Sports - College Football
6:58	Prime Time TV Guide
7:00	ABC World News Tonight
7:30	Christmas Special - Benji's Very Own Christmas
8:55	Community Bulletin
9:00	Monday Night Football
12:00	CNN Headline News
12:30	Latenight With David Letterman
1:30 a.m.	Nightline
2:00	ABC - College Football

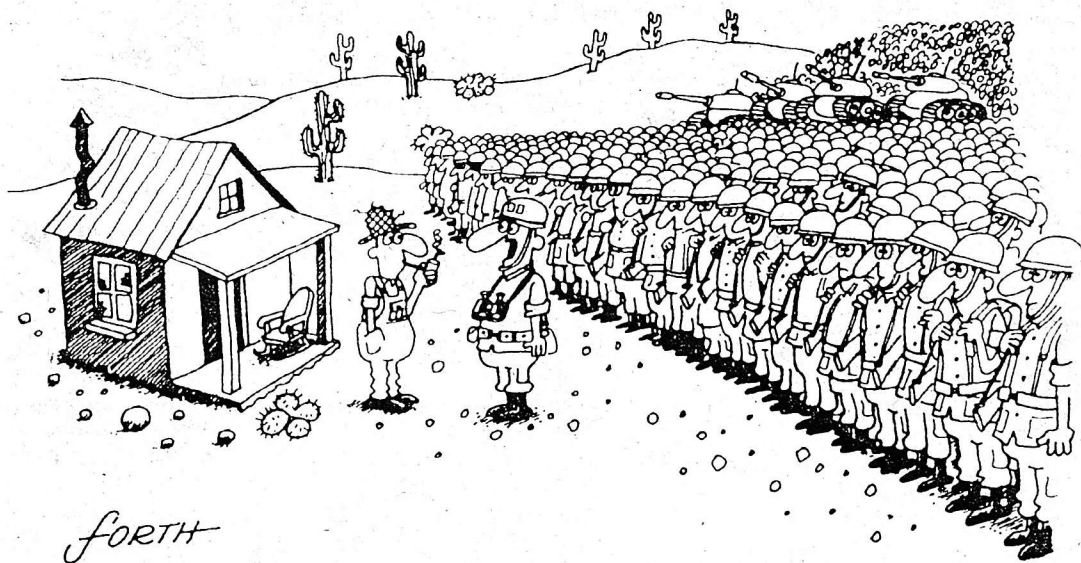
Tuesday

5:30 a.m.	CNN Headline News
6:00	CNN Headline News
6:30	NBC At Sunrise
7:00	NBC Today Show

9:00	Morning Stretch
9:25	Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers
9:50	Electric Company
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Community Bulletin
11:05	Classic Concentration
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12:30	SCN Midday Report
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7:00	Jeopardy
7:30	Saturday Night With Connie Chung
8:30	St. Elsewhere
9:25	Community Bulletin
9:30	NBC Nightly News
10:00	Entertainment Tonight
10:30	Hill Street Blues
11:20	SCN Late Night Report
11:30	NBC Tonight Show
12:30	Late Night With David Letterman
1:30 a.m.	Nightline

Wednesday

5:30 a.m.	CNN Headline News
6:00	CNN Headline News
6:30	NBC At Sunrise
7:00	NBC Today Show
9:00	Morning Stretch
9:25	Sesame Street
10:30	USA Today
11:00	Community Bulletin
11:05	Classic Concentration
11:35	Barney Miller
12:00	CNN Headline News



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Dual turntable, exe cond. \$125. 226-3562.

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1981 Plymouth Reliant, exc cond, new tires. \$1600. 236-1189.

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1979 Buick, 6 cyl, ac, am/fm cassette. \$1000. 287-5321.

1979 Pontiac Phoenix, fair cond. \$800. 284-5458.

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1985 Dodge Charger, ac, am/fm cassette, sunroof, 5 spd, great cond. \$5000. 286-3295.

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Graco baby swing. \$15. Round coffee table. \$15. Turntable w/ am/fm receiver & spks. \$40. Desk, like new. \$255. Parrot stand. \$70. 286-6428.

Freezer, large capacity, frost free Philco. \$325. 287-4178.

Beautiful dining rm glass round table, 4 chairs, like new. \$750. 224-4829.

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Teak Entertainment Center 6 x 7 ft. \$875. Teak dining rm set w/china cab, 8 chairs. \$2950. 252-6825.

Ceiling fans. \$75-\$135. 287-3584.

Rose color recliner, new. \$200. French shaggy beige wool rug. 6 x 8. \$200. 23-1475/9855.

Tropical curtains set, beige/brown. \$200 obo. 287-5093.

Magic chef gas range, like new. \$400. 223-1475/9855.

Carpets & padding, 3 mos old, 2, 12 x 15 ft. \$200 ea. 1, 9 x 12 ft. \$120. Asst'd blinds & more. 284-5623.

Lost

Shprt haired poodle named Coakley. 285-4407.

Miscellaneous

Sofa, waterbed, other items. 236-1189.

Dryer needs belt,b/o. Small animal carrier. \$15. Ceramic greenware. 284-4998.

Computer desk w/ hutch. \$120. Mens bike. \$60. Sofa back table. \$50. 284-4079.

Teak grandfather clock, teak roll top desk, tea cart, dinette set, rugs, pictures, bookcase, more. 284-3731.

Kenmore freezer, new. \$360. Microwave. \$180. Weight set 180 lb w/ bench. \$120. Rugs dark green (12 x 14) \$85. Bookcase. \$95. New high chair. \$50. 287-6887.

6 padded dining chairs. \$20. Plastic divider for campershell. \$10. 252-1194.

Bandsaw/Sander, 12" Craftman/Sears floor model, like new. 252-6845.

Boys 6" bike. \$25. Ladies 3-speed 26" bike. \$50. 286-6337.

Table top stereo w/ speakers. \$40. "Boom" box. \$10. Mens med clothing ladies size 8. 284-3898.

Honda electric guitar & a/m amp. \$350. Kimball organ. \$650. 252-2492.

Beige carpet, 9 x 6. \$50. blue print carpet, 8 x 11. \$75. 3 sets tropical curtains. \$45. 286-3625 avail Jan 90.

Hamsters cage w/ accessories and light up make-up mirror w/ double sides. \$20-15/obo. 287-5037.

Patio table w/ chair & cushions. \$125. Desk. \$35. Riccar sewing machine w/ cabinet. \$200. 287-4621.

Lawn mower. \$125. 4 drawer maple chest. \$150. JC Penny microwave. \$175. 287-4621.

Miscellaneous

Freezer, \$300. Microwave. \$185. Commodor comp,disk drive, color monitor, Epson NLQ Printer \$550. 287-3641.

TV Sony, color 19in, wood grain finish. \$125. 261-6037.

1988 4 vol Scott stamp catalogues, original cost. \$80. Mint condition. \$30. 252-6615.

Weight bench & barbells. \$100. VCR. \$150. 286-3295 after 5 pm.

Cosco infant car seat/carrier, like new. \$20. Sears electric typewriter. \$30. 287-3774.

Stroller in gd cond, 1 set suit case in gd cond, double bed frame. 286-3792.

Health supplements for the beginner to the serious athlete, all natural. 285-4190 after 4:30 pm.

Parrot stand-iron. \$70. Antique medicine cabinet-1g cherry wood. \$100. 3 rolls insulation. \$60. 286-6428.

Baby crib valued at \$200 sell for \$75. 284-5693 nites & weekends.

Swing set w/ slide, 2 swings, 2 seat swing. \$50. 285-5693 nites & weekends.

RAT cayuco paddles, 6 used but not abused. \$7 ea. 242-5405.

Surfboard, bag & leash. \$200. 243-5405.

Brown carpet 9 x 12. \$50. 8,000 btu a/c. \$100. Set 83-85, 2/28 center caps for wheels. \$25. 283-4247.

1981 Ford Mustang, 4-cyl gd cond, auto, US spec, mech sound. Other items. \$2500/obo. 286-6184.

Homelite generator 8 hp portable 4200 amp capacity 110 & 220 V. Like new. \$565. 286-4421.

Sports rowing machine. \$60. 252-2884.

Fish tank 20 gal w/ 3 fishes & accessories. \$60. 287-6529.

Barbie dream house w/ furniture. \$80. 252-1257.

12 yds upholstery material green gd quality. \$60. 282-3126.

Plath Sextant collectors item 1 of 300 made from Nazi submarines, exec cond. \$5000. 261-3325.

Boys italian bedroom set. \$400. 2 fans 22". \$20 ea. Baby carrier. 286-3484.

Stereo tuner/amp, speakers, ladies, shoes size 3, rock records, dishwasher. \$50. 252-2042.

Motorcycles

Yamaha YZ 80 great cond .Like new off road bike. \$800 o/bo. 287-6743.

Yamaha SR 185 1987 like new, very low miles, no duty pd. \$ 800. 289-4052.

81 Suzuki RM250, air cooled. \$650. 256-6879.

Patio sales

6230 Boqueron St. Los Rios. Sat. 8-12.

943B La Boca. Sat. 8-12.

Wanted

Seamstress to sew cushions for rattan furniture. 286-4776.

Will pay cash for lionel or American flyer electric train. 282-3407 after 7 pm.

Maid mon thru fri, live in, non eng, gd w/ kids. 287-3792.

Exp/resp live in maid, common sense a must,care for 4 yr old, clean & cook, gd salary. 264-6220.

White or black female Pechapoo puppie, reasonable price. 261-1670.

Members of OAS condemn U.S. for intervening

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Organization of American States Thursday session ended five minutes after it opened, as representatives divided on the wording of a resolution to condemn the U.S. military intervention in Panama.

OAS Chairman Angus Albert Khan of Trinidad and Tobago said he had been approached by several delegations asking for more time before beginning debate on a resolution submitted Wednesday by Nicaragua. He did not say when the session would resume.

Nicaragua's leftist government called the emergency session to introduce the resolution calling on members to condemn the use of force and demand the immediate withdrawal of American troops. As written, the measure could be interpreted to include the more than 10,000 U.S. soldiers permanently based in Panama.

The members held firm to OAS procedures Wednesday and put off debate on that resolution for 24 hours. They also used established procedures to rebuff a request by the U.S.-recognized government of Guillermo Endara in Panama to accept a new representative.

Instead, Panama is represented by Jose Maria Cabrera, who decried "the brutal and criminal aggression" against his homeland and de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Traditional U.S. allies, in speech after speech Wednesday, spoke out against the use of force in the region. But the agreement stopped there.

OAS sources, speaking Thursday on the condition of anonymity, said at least two other resolutions were being prepared by the Latin countries. The sources said the new drafts would include a condemnation of Noriega, who is wanted in the

United States on drug trafficking charges but eluded capture when troops stormed into Panama City.

The Caribbean members said they did not have enough time to consult their governments on an appropriate response.

"It's even more fragmented than that," U.S. ambassador Luigi Einaudi said after the session. He declined to comment further, saying only that the United States "obviously won't except condemnation."

The OAS has not been asked to

decide which government it recognizes in Panama. The United States announced Wednesday that Endara was sworn into office hours after the first troops arrived. He was elected in May in balloting later nullified by Noriega.

During the Wednesday evening session, member nations long considered U.S. allies read statements condemning the assault on Panama. The criticism came from Chile, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti and Costa Rica.

"We see abusive practices have not been forgotten and we do not accept it. We protest it," said Peruvian ambassador Edmundo Haya de la Torre. "This does not mean we support General Manuel Antonio Noriega."

Defense for the U.S. assault came from El Salvador, which said the U.S. action supported the freely elected government. Backing also came from Canada, which holds observer status until it becomes a member next year.



PANAMA'S PRESIDENT -- Newly installed Panama President Guillermo Endara swears in. Endara is flanked by first vice-president Ricardo Arias Calderon, left, and second vice-president Guillermo Ford. President Endara addressed the nation, calling on public forces to "define their loyalty to the people" and return to perform their lawful functions under the legitimate civilian authority. (photo by MSgt. Mike Zimmerman)

U.S. uses force to restore democracy in Panama

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check for."

The president said he doesn't believe Noriega has enough support left in the Panamanian Defense Forces to mount a guerrilla offensive.

Bush also quipped that he doesn't believe Noriega has the nature to be a guerrilla leader. "He hasn't been in the jungle in a long time," he said.

Asked if he were frustrated that Noriega had not yet been captured, Bush said, "I've been frustrated that he's been in power so long (six years), extraordinarily frustrated."

The president said, "The good news, though is that the government's beginning to function and the man (Noriega) controls no forces and he's out."

"He no longer commands the instruments of government or the forces of repression that he's used for so long to brutalize the Panamanian people," Bush said.

But yes, Bush conceded, "There is a certain level of frustration (that Noriega remained at large)."

Asked if the military operation in Panama, 24,000-troops strong, was opened ended, the president replied: "It's open ended as far as going after Noriega. As long as it takes."

U.S. authorities said troops met sporadic resistance from Noriega loyalists Thursday, but that he major offensive is over and that some

troops may be home within weeks. The normal U.S. military force in Panama is about 12,000.

Pentagon officials have said that they thought they knew where Noriega would be when the military operation began Wednesday. But when troops arrived, he was gone.

"Intelligence is imperfect," said Bush, a former director of the CIA. "Sometimes it's certain, counting numbers. (But) intentions of a person to be someplace, to move? Very difficult."

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The president said he was "gratified" by the "precision and effectiveness" of the American fighting forces in Panama and said they had demonstrated "the highest standards of courage and excellence."

U.S. authorities say they believe Noriega remains in Panama, possibly moving from "safe house" to "safe house" or hiding out in some remote or even downtown Panama location.

U.S. troops have been posted at the Nicaraguan and Cuban embassies in Panama in case he tried

to slip in.

Bush said reaction to the invasion has been generally favorable, particularly from Congress and the public. Foreign reaction, though, has been mixed and Peru withdrew from a drug summit next year because of it.

Bush, who spoke with Endara late

Bus schedule set for commissary

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOM PAO) — All Panama District Commissaries will be open beginning today. While this command is at PML Echo, only military vehicles (e.g. TMP, tactical, vehicles with military license plates, etc.) can go to the commissaries. A shuttle bus will be available for personnel on military installations.

The following shuttle bus schedule will be followed starting 9 a.m. today.

Bus No. 1

From Fort Clayton (Valent Rec. Center), every hour on the hour.

From Corozal (Main PX parking lot) every hour on the quarter hour.

From Albroom AFS (Shoppette/-swimming pool parking lot), every half hour on the half hour.

Bus No. 2

From Quarry Heights (Officers' Club parking lot), every hour on the hour.

From Amador (Golf Course

Wednesday, said his is anxious to help Panama rebuild. "We are convinced that when you open economic channels the quality of life will improve for all," the president said.

"I think we will feel obligated to try to help in every way possible," he said.

parking lot), every hour on the half hour.

Bus No. 1 and 2

Go to the Corozal Commissary.

Bus No. 3

From Fort Sherman, Shimmy Beach parking lot.

Bus No. 4

From Fort Davis (PX parking lot) Bridge in Green Area/gas station.

Buses No. 3 and 4

Go to the Fort Espinar Commissary

Bus No. 5

From Rodman (Marine Corps Exchange parking lot), every hour on the hour.

From Farfan (Four Seasons Store), every hour on the quarter hour.

From Cocoli (at the PX), every hour on the half hour.

Bus No. 5

Goes to Howard AFB Commissary.