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## Bush expresses concern about RP election fraud

by Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, Reuter - President Bush repeated his concern Thursday that Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega has rigged his country's elections, but refused to say how the United States would respond to ballot fraud on Sunday.

"We'll cross whatever hypothetical bridge we may have to cross later on," Bush told reporters at a joint news conference with Canadian

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. "But it's too hypothetical at this point to go beyond that."

Bush had been asked about a proposal by a top Republican legislator that the United States delay implementation of its treaty commitment to hand over the Panama Canal unless Noriega is removed from power.

Earlier, Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger refused to rule out the use of force by the United States if the elections are fraudulent.

"I would think that we ought to keep that amongst ourselves and think about it until we see how the election comes out," he said. "I would not want to speculate."

The Senate voted 100-0 to urge Noriega to allow free and fair elections, and criticized the obstacles put in the way of the campaign of opposition candidates.

The embassy of Panamanian President Eric Delvalle, who was ousted by Noriega in February 1988 but still recognized by Washington,

said Noriega's government had set up a special military command to steal the election and put down any protests.

Bush said that the world would be watching the elections with a view to deciding what action should be taken if the elections are fraudulent.

"I've been very disturbed by reports that the elections will be less than fair, less than free and less than open," added Bush who has previously said he would not recognize the results of a dishonest election.

Newt Gingrich, the second ranking Republican in the House, predicted that the Panama voting would be rigged by Panama Defense Forces chief Noriega on behalf of his handpicked presidential candidate Carlos Duque and said one response would be to hold off on implementing U.S. pledges on the canal.

The American people would not feel in any way comfortable turning over control or administrative leadership of the canal to a puppet government that is dominated by the dictatorship," he said following an early morning meeting between Republican lawmakers and Bush.

The United States is scheduled to yield control of the canal in 1999. The 1977 canal treaties call for a gradual transfer of control and an administrator is scheduled to be appointed by the government of Panama by January 1, 1990.

## Ford, Carter prepare to observe, support

by Katherine King

PANAMA CITY, (Reuter) - Former President Gerald Ford, one of dozens of international observers coming to watch Sunday's elections, arrived in Panama Thursday.

Up to 300 individuals tied to half a dozen different observer projects are

flocking to watch the polls amid charges that military leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega is preparing to rig them.

Ford, a Republican, arrived last evening on a military jet at Howard Air Base, a day ahead of former Democratic President Jimmy Carter.

The two men are co-chairmen of a international delegation sponsored

by the Council of Freely Elected Heads of Government, a private Atlanta-based group to promote democracy in Third World countries.

Their 20-member delegation includes the prime minister of Belize, a retired U.S. general and political party leaders and election experts from Mexico, Spain Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Australia and Costa Rica.

Ford will leave before the voting actually takes place Sunday.

Carter will stay on and hopes to visit polling areas during the vote.

He said their staff would divide into four or five teams on Saturday.

"We want to emphasize that we are not policemen of the vote. We will be here to observe and to provide support," said one of the projects' staffers.

delivered, expressed doubt North will be pardoned. "His opportunity for a pardon disappeared when Ronald Reagan went to California," Hyde said.

Former Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., at a testimonial dinner in Chicago to mark his 80th birthday, said North's conviction "is a damn shame."

## Times to publish Tuesday, Friday

COROZAL (Tropic Times) — Due to the Panamanian elections Sunday, the Tropic Times will not be published Monday.

Instead, the Tropic Times will be published Tuesday and Friday.

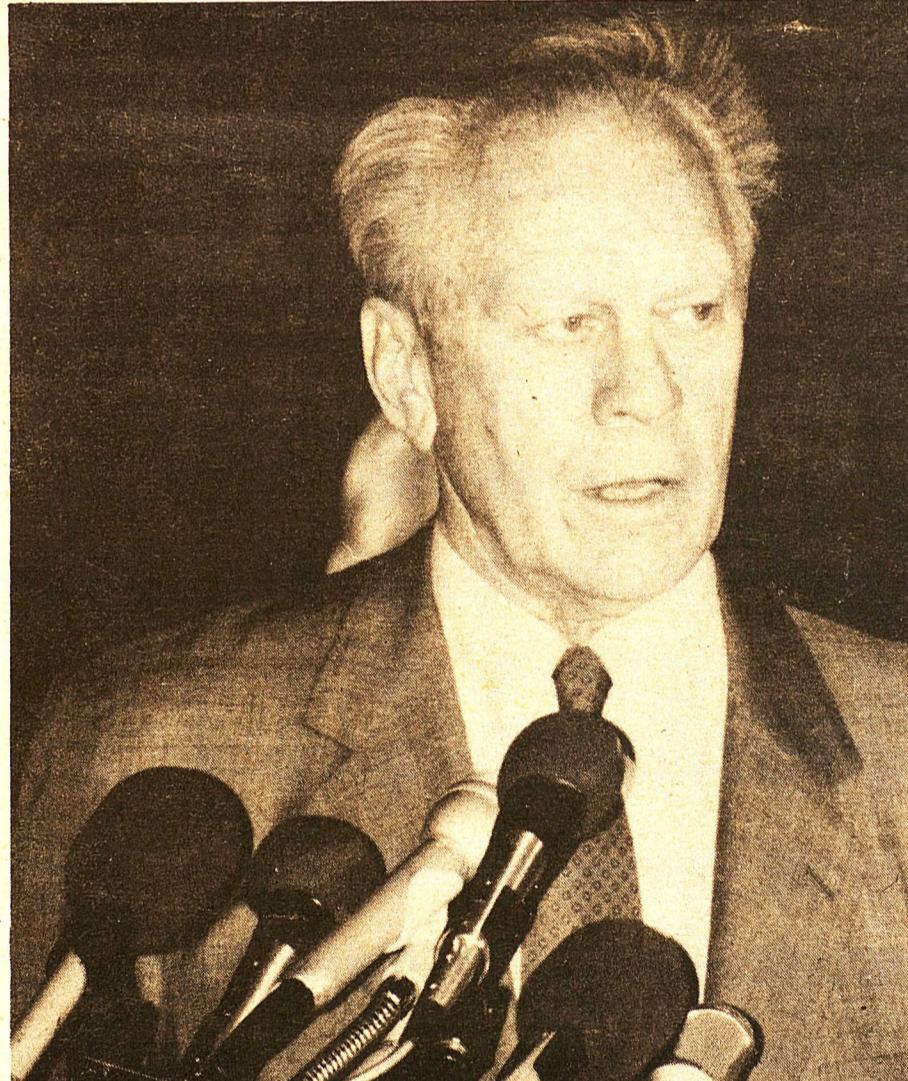
## PML Bravo in effect

Saturday at 6 p.m.

COROZAL (Tropic Times) — DoD military and civilian personnel are reminded that PML Bravo will go into effect Saturday at 6 p.m. and will remain in effect until further notice.

PML Bravo is being implemented as a precautionary measure to keep DoD personnel and their families out of harms way during this weekend's Panamanian elections.

A "stay close to home" policy is emphasized and a variety of entertainment activities are scheduled. For a list of activities see page 3.



Former U.S. president Gerald R. Ford discusses his role in Sunday's elections with members of the media upon his arrival at Howard AFB Thursday night. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Chris Dries)

## Atlantis mission rockets into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)

The shuttle Atlantis finally rocketed into orbit Thursday after a "cliffhanger" countdown, and its crew quickly got to work, opening the ship's cargo bay doors and readying a \$530 million robot probe for launch to Venus.

Three hours after Atlantis' ground-shaking takeoff, the astronauts beamed down television views of the Magellan Venus radar mapping probe mounted in Atlantis' open payload bay, its 12-foot dish antenna pointed at the crew cabin.

With the blue-and-white Earth as a

spectacular backdrop, the spacecraft was poised for release from the shuttle in the first launch of an American planetary probe in 11 years and one that came six days late because of a technical glitch.

"Everything is going exactly according to plan so far," NASA spokesman Brian Welch said as astronaut Mark Lee worked through a complex checklist.

At a Magellan ground station, where controllers awaited the shuttle's launch, a large sign was tacked to a wall that read: "Venus or Bust."

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said he was "disappointed but not surprised" at what he called a compromise verdict that reinforced his view "that Oliver North was left to twist in the wind" by his superiors.

North was convicted of aiding and abetting the obstruction of Congress by making false statements, destroying documents, and accepting an illegal gratuity.

But after more than two years of investigation costing millions of dollars, Hatch said no one profited and that President Bush "will probably" pardon North.

But Hyde, who was in the courtroom when the verdict was

*commentary*

# Abuse: some childrens' continual nightmare

This article was compiled by A1C Kristi Moody from several interviews with child abuse victims. Although the characters are fictitious and not meant to single out any victims, the events are real.

LANGLEY AFB, Va. (TACNS) — Child abuse has received a lot of attention on television, in movies, and in books. From my point of view, it can never be discussed enough. For seven long years, I was a child abuse victim.

My name is Rick, and I am 21 years old. From the time I was 8, until I was 14, I had been physically, sexually and emotionally abused.

Unlike some abused children's parents who were either alcoholics or drug addicts, mine were responsible adults who were respected throughout the community. My father was a successful businessman, and my mother was a housewife. The difference was when my father could not handle stressful situations; instead of turning to alcohol or drugs, he turned to me.

One of the main reasons my nightmare started was because of my grandfather's death. My father couldn't handle the situation and became uncontrollable if anything was said or done wrong.

The first time anything happened was when he came home from a long day at work. He was in the kitchen talking to my mother about how he wished things were different and that he couldn't understand why his father had to die.

The next thing I knew, he was in the living room, towering over me and yelling because I'd left my shoes in the middle of the floor.

The rest was almost like a dream, no, a nightmare.

He picked up a baseball bat that had been lying beside an end table — the same bat I had tried to play baseball with earlier that day. Little did I know that my father had different plans for that bat.

As the bat came down across my

back for the third and fourth times, I could still hear him yelling, "Why can't you be a good kid?" All I could think was, "What had I done to deserve this?" I had simply left my shoes out on the living room floor. Was this my punishment? Next, I was being rushed to the hospital to take care of the blood pouring down the back of my head.

When he arrived, the questions started coming from the doctors. "How did this happen?" Before I could respond, my mother told her version of the story.

"He was trying to put some things away in the garage, when all at once, the shelf above him broke," she explained, trying not to look my way.

They all bought her story and within an hour I was released with 12 stitches in my head. By this time, half a dozen bruises outlined my back and shoulders.

The ride home was silent. This gave me time to think.

It wasn't the bruises or the aches that hurt the most. It was the fact I had been beaten for something I knew nothing about. Why had my mother lied for my father about something like this? It hurt more inside than it could ever hurt outside.

This was the first of many times my father physically abused me.

Another incident occurred when my father arrived home late one night from a long business trip. Usually when he came home late, I knew to stay in my room because it meant he'd had a hard day.

After hearing a few things crash in the kitchen, an idea arose to climb out my window and save myself from what I knew was coming.

Before I had the chance to decide, my door opened and there stood my father, holding the iron and asking me why I hadn't helped with the weekly laundry. As he approached, I tried to explain that I was too little to reach the ironing board. Before I could get the first two words out, there was a sharp kick to my side and a painful sting on my arm.

I must have blacked out after that, because when I woke up it was around 3 a.m., and I had a swollen arm, aching ribs, and other bruises that must have happened after I'd blacked out. My only concern was to get out — just run.

However, I knew I had no place to go, and I was too scared to even try telling someone about what had happened.

I lived with this for another two years. Then the worst nightmare happened. Not only was I a victim of physical and verbal abuse, but I became a victim of sexual abuse as well.

It was a Saturday afternoon and my father and uncle were getting drunk and watching the "big game." My mother wasn't home, so it was just the three of us.

My father went to get another beer out of the refrigerator, when my uncle picked me up and carried me into my parents' room.

What followed, for the most part, has been blocked from my memory. The one thing I remember vividly is my father standing in the doorway laughing, just laughing at what he saw.

This was the last time I was a victim of any kind of abuse. I ran away and never went back.

I have had many meetings with psychiatrists and I am now involved with a group of people who share those same types of experiences. We discuss any problems we have and try to deal with them.

Now I am finally getting the help I needed and some answers to questions I've had for a very long time. The saddest part of all of this is that I am one of the lucky ones. I got out before it was too late.

These things happen to more than a million children each year. More than 5,000 of these cases result in death of the child. However, there are more and more agencies that can help reduce these statistics.

The Howard Family Advocacy Office and the family support centers offer counselors for these types of situations in homes. Parents with abuse problems or children being abused can call 284-3865 or 284-5302 for help or advice. All those seeking help will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

People need to become more aware that a definite problem does exist and start working together to help stop this growing epidemic.



## 'Watch out for your buddy' includes wear of seatbelts

By Evelyn D. Harris  
American Forces Information Service

"Watch out for your buddy" is one of the first lessons a military recruit learns. Reminding your buddy to use a seatbelt is part of that, said George Siebert, director of occupational safety and health policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel.

You'll be hearing more than usual about the importance of seat belts and child restraints during "Buckle Up America" Week, May 22-29.

Laws in 31 states and the District of Columbia require seat-belt use by front-seat drivers and passengers. Approved child-restraint systems for babies and young children are

required in all states and the District of Columbia.

Military bases enforce these laws and add stronger regulations of their own in those localities with no seat-belt laws. Military people and DoD civilians must wear seat belts while driving government vehicles or when driving a privately owned vehicle on official business-on or off the installation.

Seat-belt use in the United States has increased dramatically. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a record 47 percent of Americans now use them. In 1983, before the agency's national safety belt campaign and enactment of state belt laws, that figure was 11 percent.

But if half the population uses seat

belts, what about the half that doesn't?

"Their risk of being killed or seriously injured if involved in an accident is double that of belt wearers," said Siebert. He cited National Safety Council research showing that belts are 45 percent effective in preventing deaths and 55 percent effective in preventing disabling injuries.

"In fiscal 1988, 1,083 military persons were killed in accidents, both on and off duty. Of these, 778, or 72 percent, were killed in motor vehicle accidents," said Siebert.

"The same year, 28,755 military members suffered disabling injuries due to motor vehicle accidents," he added. "These are tragic losses that seriously affect defense readiness."



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# On-base activities available this weekend

**QUARRY HEIGHTS (USSOUTHCOM PAO)** — The Republic of Panama will hold national elections Sunday (see related articles in this edition), and members of the U.S. forces, civilian employees, contractors, and family members are urged to stay close to home for their safety and welfare. For that purpose, an array of special activities have been scheduled at Fort Clayton, Howard Air Force Base, Albrook Air Force Station, Naval Station Panama Canal, Rodman and the Atlantic community this weekend.

Except for Fort Amador Officers' Club which will be closed Sunday, Officers' and Noncommissioned Officers' Clubs will extend operating hours throughout the election weekend. Other Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and community facilities will also offer special activities. And — except for food, beverages, child care services and

golf course fees — there will be a 20 percent discount on all prices at MWR facilities (bowling lanes, supply and recreation centers, etc.).

Sunday, the Howard Chapel located on Bruja Road, will sponsor a barbecue at 3 p.m., while the Albrook Chapel on Hall St., will have one at 6 p.m. Both events will feature barbequed chicken, refreshments and covered dishes. Picnics will be held at Naval Station Panama Canal Officers' Club bohios at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Naval Station Panama Canal gymnasium will be open for volleyball, basketball, softball and racquetball. The trap range will also be open.

For music-lovers, the 79th Army Band will offer a concert at the quadrangle behind Building 95, Fort Clayton, at 4 p.m. Sunday.

AAFES is offering a selection of

films this weekend and has added a 12:30 and 3:30 matinee to the Monday billboard at both Howard and Clayton.

Personnel are also advised that the Miraflores Visitors Pavilion will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Because civil disturbances may develop, at a minimum, Personnel Movement Limitation (PML) "Bravo" will be in effect starting Saturday at 6 p.m. and may be restricted further, if necessary. Personnel who do not live on U.S. defense sites or military areas of coordination, should stay near their residence unless traveling to and from their place of duty, and are advised to reduce time in public areas of Panama.

Also, personnel are reminded that local law forbids the sale or transfer of liquor on election day. Therefore, all night clubs, discos, bars and other

facilities that sell liquor in Panama will be closed from midnight Saturday, through midnight Sunday.

To further decrease the chances of U.S. forces personnel being unintentionally or unwittingly drawn into political events, all MWR trips or scheduled activities off post have been cancelled from May 6 through May 8.

Personnel are reminded that according to the Panama Canal Treaty, members of the U.S. Forces, the civilian component, designated contractors, and family members "shall abstain from all political activity in the Republic of Panama."

Personnel are encouraged to review scheduled activities in today's "Tropic Times," call their hotline for information (see numbers on this page), and avoid all non-essential travel outside U.S. military installations.

## Use hotlines, PMLs for information, safety

**QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM)** — A network of Information hotlines is now operating for U.S. forces, their families and PCC employees to provide up-to-date information to the U.S. community about events affecting their safety and well-being during the Panamanian election period.

U.S. Southern Command, component units, and PCC personnel are manning telephone lines to answer questions and dispel rumors with accurate information. Information on Personnel Movement Limitation status and traffic conditions are being provided continuously, 24 hours daily, now until further notice.

Personnel manning the information hotlines will also be accepting calls from individuals with

information concerning traffic conditions or other safety related happenings in their areas which may affect the U.S. community. When the information is verified it will be passed to other members of the community.

The Information hotlines will not provide election information, but only information on local situations as they develop and the impact on the U.S. community.

There will be a "Straight Talk Center" staffed by the 24th Composite Wing, Howard Air Force Base, to answer any questions concerning Air Force personnel. The number to call is 284-5650 or 284-6552.

U.S. Navy South, Fort Amador, will provide the Naval community with Hotline information at 252-5649.

In the Fort Clayton area, individuals may call U.S. Army South's Hotline at 287-4636.

The Panama Canal Commission is also assisting concerned callers at 252-7474 or 252-7946. PCC numbers will be operating through 4:15 this afternoon; Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday and Monday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SCN will broadcast live radio and TV updates as situations develop that affect U.S. forces personnel. Additionally, SCN runs a recorded PML hotline which provides the current PML status. The number for this 24-hour hotline is 287-3113.

Personnel are reminded that PML Bravo will go into effect at 6 p.m. tomorrow. PMLs are mandatory for all DOD personnel and are advisory for other U.S. citizens. A combination of following the PMLs

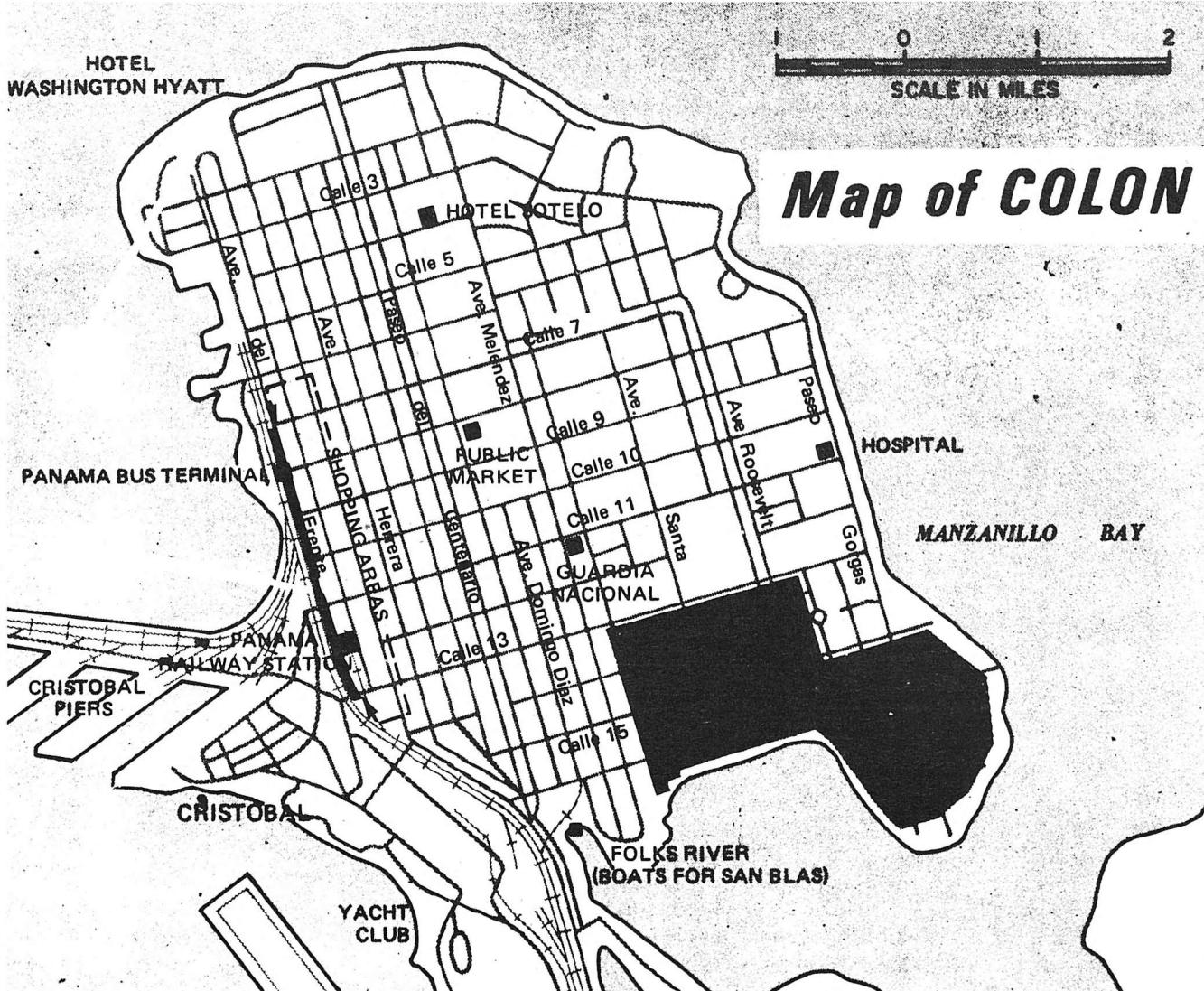
and using common sense will minimize the possibility of personnel becoming involved in a civil disturbance.

**--PML ALPHA (Exercise Caution)** There is a potential for some type of disturbance activity. Avoid potentially hostile crowds, meetings and demonstrations. Monitor SCN to learn which areas to avoid and to receive other important details.

**--PML BRAVO (Decrease Visibility)** Some civil disturbance activity is probable. Reduce the amount of time spent in public areas of Panama. If you do not live on a defense site or military area of coordination stay around your residence unless traveling to and from work or conducting personal business in a non-affected area. Monitor SCN.

**--PML CHARLIE (Limit Movement)** Major civil disturbances are occurring or will probably occur. Do not go into public areas in Panama except for essential business. Limit your travel to work, a non-affected area, or another defense site or military area of coordination. Monitor SCN closely to avoid trouble areas.

**--PML DELTA (Remain in Place)** Serious civil disturbances are occurring and will probably continue. If you live on a defense site or military area of coordination, stay there. If you do not live on a defense site or military area of coordination, stay home and be prepared to relocate to a defense site or military area of coordination if told to by U.S. military authorities. Travel to, or through, an area not on a defense site or military area of coordination will be done only when specifically authorized by USSOUTHCOM or a component commander for essential, emergency reasons. Some important areas on certain defense sites or military areas of coordination will be declared "Limited Movement Areas" (LMAs). People living within LMAs will be requested to remain in their homes, and visitors will be requested to stay away. LMAs, safety instructions and other details will be passed over SCN and official channels. (SCN-TV, Channel 8-Pacific, Channel 10 Atlantic) SCN Radio - AM-790 Pacific and 1420 Atlantic, FM-91.5 Pacific and 98.3 Atlantic.)



The above map of Colon is provided for Atlantic side residents, and in the event of a disturbance in Colon, SCN-TV and radio will notify the listening audience of the location. Using the attached map, personnel should locate the general location of the disturbance and avoid that location or area.

## Manta Raya '89 meets fly and fight mission

by A1C Tamara S. Jacobson  
photos by SSgt. Matthew Gildow

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — Tactical Air Command's mission in 1989 is to fly and fight — and those who don't, support those who do, according to TAC Commander Gen. Robert D. Russ. For 33 personnel assigned to Howard AFB, it was a job description on a recent deployment for training to Manta, Ecuador.

"Manta Raya '89 was a deployment that met or exceeded all of its objectives," said Lt. Col. Dave Robertshaw, detachment commander with 24th Tactical Air Support Squadron. "We were able to deploy a small operations package 600 miles to a strange environment, work under unfamiliar conditions, and do so successfully."

"Just as important was the fact that we were working side by side with our allies in the Latin American theater and exchanging ideas."

During the nine-day deployment, 30 sorties were flown, with only three cancelled due to weather. "Flying training was outstanding, since our forward air controllers (FAC) had the chance to control numerous fighters, with many from the Ecuadorian Air Force (FAE), and on two ranges outside of Panama," stated Capt. John B. McClanahan, deployment deputy commander.

Close air support training, using six pilots and four OA-37 aircraft assigned to TASS, and two tactical air control party (TACP), was conducted with FAE members of Escuadron de Combate, the highly regarded "Dragon" squadron equivalent to TASS. Throughout the week, pilots from both squadrons were seen flying wing to wing and even side by side, as several FAE members took a turn in the right seat of the cockpit.

The exchanges taking place were not just in the air, but down on the ground as 19 maintenance personnel, one life support specialist, one radio operator and an operations administrator were intrigued by how their counterparts kept their pilots in the air.

What they all discovered were many similarities between the two Air Forces, including the mission, and many differences. U.S. personnel arrived back at Howard with a greater appreciation for the Air Force here, and for the FAE. "I was impressed with their Egress Shop," said SSgt. Barbara A. White, aircrew egress systems mechanic with 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "They were limited in equipment, but really used everything they had."

It was just the opposite in the instrument shop, according to TSgt. Ray E. Martinet, avionics instrument technician with 24th CAMS. "They had updated equipment, some better than ours, but didn't know how to use it."

One thing became clear to the deployed personnel, they could take a lesson in appreciation from the Ecuadorians, who accomplish much without the same benefits of manpower, technology and training that they receive.

"The bottom line here is that these guys are working just as hard as we are in the same types of support jobs, with much less," said SSgt. Anthony Guadalupe, production supervisor for the deployment. "You have to be dedicated to do that."

Dedication for the job was apparent when it was discovered that many FAE members have more than one. Capt. Fernando Cano, Ecuadorian project officer for Manta Raya, is typical of the FAE, holding several positions including Public Affairs Officer, Safety Officer, A-37 instructor, ranking official in Escuadron de Combate, and member of the directory of the FAE Officers Club. When he can schedule it in, he can also be found with the first love of the FAE — flying.

Their reverence toward flying can best be understood by the translation of a prayer all FAE pilots hold dear:

*"...Aviation is the most elevated of the human species. It's the being that detaches from the earth's vulgarity to take communion with the pureness of the sky and later descend to purify the earth after having received the*

*communion of the infinite..."*

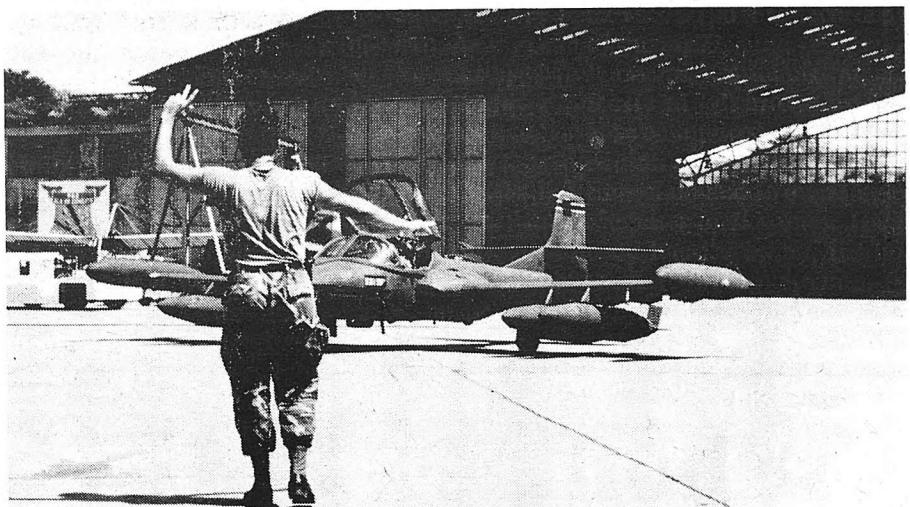
The FAE extended their enthusiasm for aviation to the reception of their counterparts in the U.S. Air Force. They published schedules, printed pilot aids, extended diving privileges and did everything possible to make conditions more comfortable for those who weren't used to their climate, food and water.

Unfortunately the flight surgeon

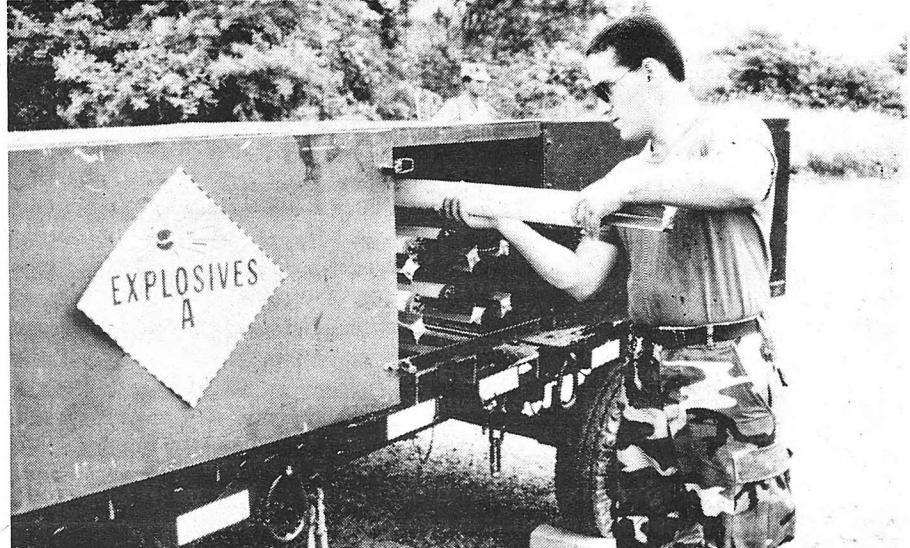
was kept busy but it never affected the mission of the deployment according to McClanahan.

"All of those involved deserve credit for a job well done and under difficult circumstances," he said.

"It was our first trip to Ecuador, and a lot of effort was put into it by both countries. The interaction was valuable to both Air Forces. It would be worth it to make it an annual event."



SSgt. Anthony Guadalupe, 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, signals an OA-37 Dragonfly into position at Manta AB, Ecuador, during a recent deployment for training exercise.



SSgt. Jose Flores, 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, loads a white phosphorous rocket into a munitions trailer during a recent deployment for training exercise to Manta AB, Ecuador. The munitions team built 72 rockets on the training deployment.

## Ecuador great place to calibrate compasses

by A1C Tamara S. Jacobson  
HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PAO) — "Ecuador" is Spanish for

equator — the area on Earth exactly midpoint between North and South Pole and which runs continuously



TSgt. Ray E. Martinet, 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, adjusts the compass on an OA-37 Dragonfly during a recent deployment for training exercise to Manta AB, Ecuador. It was one of six aircraft assigned to the 24th Tactical Air Support Squadron that were calibrated during the exercise. (U.S. Air Force by SSgt. Matthew Gildow)

east and west. It is also one of two places in South America which has a compass rose to accurately calibrate compasses.

During a recent deployment for training to Manta, Ecuador, six OA-37 aircraft assigned to the 24th Tactical Air Support Squadron here, had compass swings completed on them.

"It seems appropriate that Ecuador would be the place, but actually it has nothing to do with the equator," said TSgt. Ray E. Martinet, avionics instrument technician with 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"A compass rose is a master compass marked on the ground with exact directional points for north, south, east and west, and has an area 600 feet in diameter cleared of all metal and wiring around it," explained Martinet, who performed the task.

Adjustments are made by using the rose and taking exact readings in opposite directions, beginning with north and south, and calibrating the average differences on the compasses in the aircraft. "The key is the

absence of metal, which affects readings. Besides here, Venezuela is the next closest place with a compass rose."

The J-2 Compass System, while not the only navigational aid nor the most sophisticated on the OA-37, its role is not to be overlooked, according to Martinet. Coordinates, targets and direction are dependent upon a navigation system, and the J-2 system aids a pilot in making those operational decisions by supplying an accurate north reference.

For many, a sense of direction is important, but never more so than for pilots sitting in cockpits 20,000 feet up, hoping to reach their destination. They rely on the aircraft's navigation system to get them where they are going — on time and safe.

"Aircraft need to be flying with not more than a two degree variance in the system, and those worked on in Ecuador were all in need of adjustment," said Martinet. "Ecuador provided an excellent opportunity to improve the flying condition of our aircraft here."

# Bridge dedication conducted in Costa Rica

Story and photo  
by Spec. Frank L. Marquez

PUERTO JIMINEZ, COSTA RICA — Costa Rican President Oscar Arias headed the list of U.S. and Costa Rican dignitaries who attended the bridge dedication ceremony held here April 23.

The ceremony brought to a close three months of bridge and road building by Task Force 36 (mainly the 43rd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Group, Fort Benning, Ga.) and the Costa Rican government during exercise Camino de La Paz (Road of Peace) '89.

Arias extended his appreciation and that of the Costa Rican people to the American soldiers. "It is much better to build bridges, to bring nations and people together, than to build walls that separate nations and people. That's precisely what you have done," he said to the engineers.

"The people of Costa Rica and the people of the United States are much closer than before," he continued. "I am sure that there is no country in the whole of Latin America that appreciates the United States, your democracy and your people more than the Costa Rican people."

U.S. officials on hand for the event included Deane Hinton, U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica; Maj. Gen. Bernard Loeffke, commander of U.S. Army South; and Col. Douglas R. Church, commander of Fort Benning's 36th Engineer Group.

and of Task Force 36, which built the bridges.

Costa Rican officials present included, besides Arias, Guillermo Constenla, Minister of Public Works and Transportation, and Hernan Garron, Minister of Public Security. Personnel from those ministries, as well as from the Ministry of Health, played an integral part in Camino de la Paz.

More than 400 soldiers from Task Force 36 participated in the ceremony, held at the 290-foot bridge over the El Tigre River.

School children and area residents were here too, along with the 79th Army Band and the U.S. Army

South Chorus, both of which flew in from Panama for the occasion.

In his remarks, Church noted that the members of Task Force 36 were "soldiers, but soldiers dedicated to peace and construction, not war and destruction."

During the past three months, the Fort Benning engineers, with support from units stationed in Panama and in the United States, constructed seven Bailey bridges over rivers from Rincon to Puerto Jimenez on the remote Osa Peninsula. After those bridges were finished, they rebuilt an eight-foot-long bridge in the village of Bahia Rincon. The bridges will

make transit possible when the tropical rainy season floods the rivers.

The engineers also built 3.2 kilometers of unpaved road and improved 17 kilometers of the existing road.

During the bridge and road construction, civil engineers of the Air National Guard built seven one- or two-room schools and two community centers. They also made desks and installed blackboards for the schools. Officers of the 43rd Engineer Battalion built a lunchroom for another school.

Also incidental to the bridge and road project were two medical training exercises, in which first the 142nd Medical Battalion of Fort Clayton, Panama, and then the 5501st U.S. Army Hospital, an Army reserve unit from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., provided medical and dental treatment to about 3,000 people in six nearby communities.

After the speeches, the ribbon cutting, and the first official crossing of the longest bridge built by the engineers, the community hosted a day-long celebration for the soldiers and local residents, including a concert by a Costa Rican "salsa" band, a rodeo and an evening dance.

Now that their task is completed, the engineers and support personnel are heading for home. All are expected to return by mid-May.



After the ribbon cutting, a long line of vehicles inaugurates the 290-foot bridge over the Río Tigre.

## Soldier masters heavy equipment operations

Story and photo  
by Sgt. Mary Algiere  
319th Public Affairs Detachment  
U.S. Army Reserve

FORT KOBBE, Panama — Some people get up with the proverbial chickens, but PFC Sylmarie Cajigas goes to bed after the rooster retires and gets up before he crows again.

It's a catchy line Cajigas might use in a letter home, but there's more than that about life here to tell her family.

Cajigas, a member of the 3678th Ordnance Company, Army National Guard, Levittown, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, has been wrestling bulldozers, rollers and scrapers for nearly two months.

She neglected to tell her mother that she'd be operating heavy equipment on a roadbuilding project when she accepted a 60-day tour of duty here.

"My mother wouldn't have understood why I wanted to do something like that, so I never explained what I was doing in Panama," Cajigas said. "Now, she'll have to hear it from me before the story comes out."

More than one person has done a double take after learning the slightly-built individual manipulating the machinery with consummate skill was in reality a female.

She's the only female on the project operating heavy equipment.

For the record, Mother, her supervisor, SFC Raymond Bronson, said he'd like a few more just like her.

Originally trained as a crane operator, Cajigas took time out from college studies to come here to be trained on heavy equipment.

Bronson, a platoon sergeant with the 15th Engineer Company, 536th Engineer Battalion, said she's a natural.

"She has what it takes to be a super

operator," said Bronson. "It normally takes up to two weeks to get good with a scraper, but she mastered it in one week."

He asked Cajigas if she'd be willing to extend her tour 30 days, but she needed to be back for classes at the University of Puerto Rico where she's majoring in biology with emphasis on sports medicine.

Cajigas said she had always been something of the oddball in her family, so being the only female operating heavy equipment on the project hadn't made her uncomfortable. Her co-workers didn't seem to mind either.

"She's doing a great job, and in fact has become one of the better operators among all the new people in the unit," PFC Howard Hord said. "And that's quite an accomplishment considering she had no prior training."

Cajigas, who joined the Army National Guard two years ago, said she didn't want to be sitting around on college break and jumped at the chance to go to Panama to train in a new military occupational skill.

It's an interesting experience but not as glamorous as it may sound, she said.

Active army and reserve component personnel are building a 3.5 mile road around Howard Air Force Base and Fort Kobbe which will allow commercial traffic between Panama City and Vera Cruz to bypass the military reservations.

"It takes work, a lot of hard work, to get the job done," said Cajigas. "We have a rigorous schedule and I just remind myself that I'm part of the team and it has to be done."

The workday runs from sunrise to sunset, six days per week.

"We are trying to beat the rainy season and we're looking to a June 1 completion," Bronson said.

His platoon was assigned the

"cutting and filling" portion of the roadbuilding project.

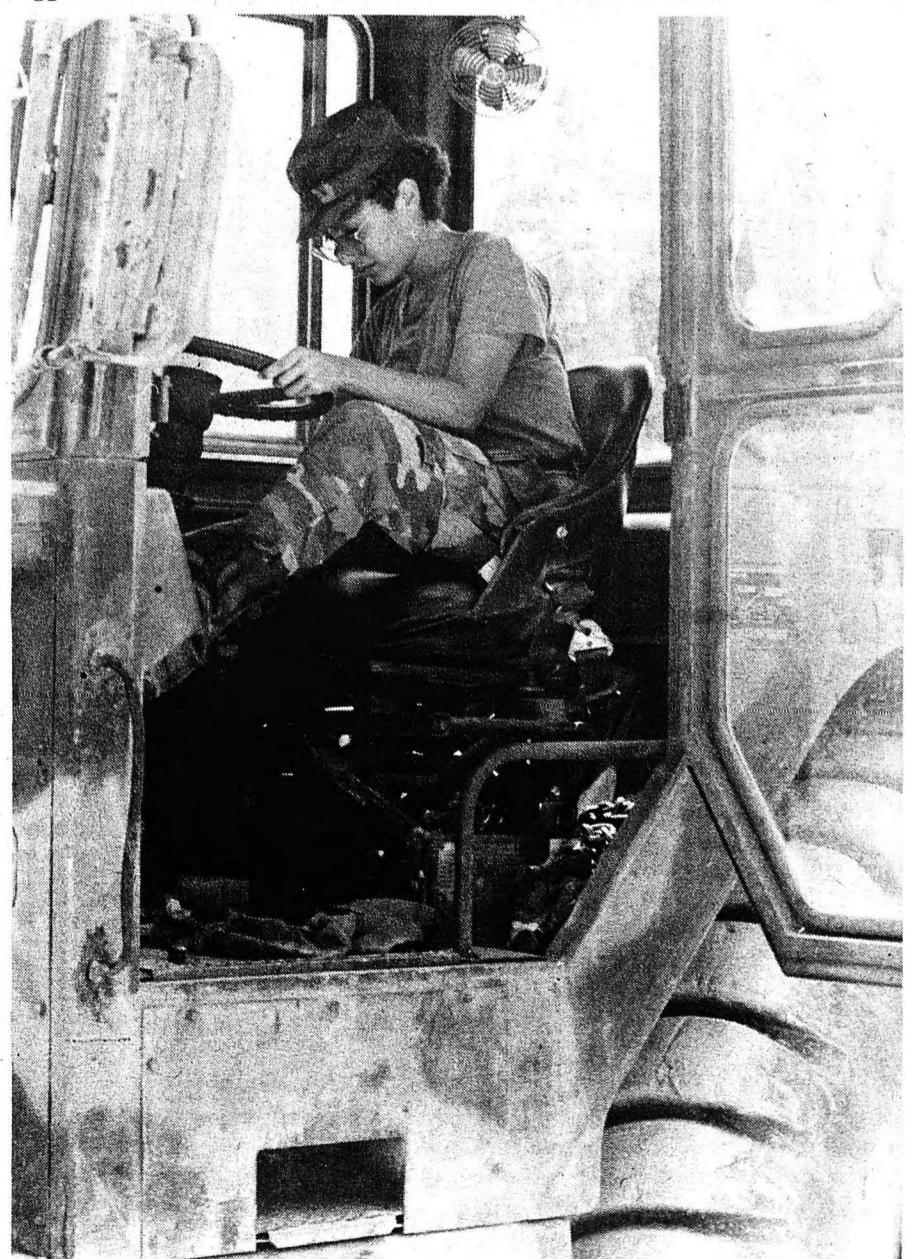
Aside from the precision required to operate heavy equipment while trying to avoid other pieces of equipment and rolling stock, the biggest challenges facing operators

here are the sun and bees.

Cajigas unearthed a large colony of bees and they attacked in swarms. No, she was not seriously injured.

But be forewarned.

Jokes about bees in her bonnet will not be appreciated.



PFC Sylmarie Cajigas prepares to start a road scraper.

# AF evaluation system undergoes change

RANDOLPH AFB (AFMPC) -- The revised Enlisted Evaluation System went into effect May 1 and with it are bound to be many questions.

During December 1987, the Air Force chief of staff chartered an Airman Performance Report study group to examine the system from top to bottom.

The APR had not been changed substantially in 20 years. The task was to identify problems, propose solutions and make recom-

mendations. No assumption was made that the APR was "broken," rather the charter was to look for ways to improve the system.

After data gathering from many sources and analysis of information collected by the APR study group, the revised Enlisted Evaluation System was created and approved by the Secretary of the Air Force for implementation May 1.

Following are frequently asked questions and answers regarding the EES:

Q: What change from the APR to the EES?

A: The EES was adopted for several reasons. First there was a perceived need for more feedback on job expectations and performance. Secondly, due to inflation of APR numerical ratings, indorsement levels and narrative comments, it was becoming difficult to identify top performers. Third, it was determined that the APR was more of an administrative burden than it should be and, finally, the APR was not fully used in the promotion process.

Promotions to airman first class to senior airman are on a non-competitive basis and indorsements are not used in the promotion process until master sergeants compete for promotion to senior master sergeant.

Q: How did you know these problems existed?

A: The APR study group interviewed numerous commanders, senior enlisted advisors, first sergeants, promotion board members, functional managers, professional military education students and ratees. There was also an analysis of rating and indorsement data. In addition, a survey was conducted of more than 6,900 officers and airmen.

Q: What are the major changes?

A: Formal feedback sessions will be mandatory for technical sergeants and below, and highly encouraged for master sergeants and above. In addition, reports on most airmen basic, airmen, and airmen first class with less than 20 months' total active federal military service are no longer required. Indorsements for technical sergeants and below will be capped at the rater's rater. Final voluntary indorsements for master sergeants through chief master sergeants will be a maximum of the senior rater (usually the wing commander or equivalent). The first field grade officer in the chain can close out the report. There will be no general officer indorsements unless the general officer is the senior rater or in the immediate rating chain. There will also be a new regulation and forms with revised scales.

Q: What will the EES do for the average enlisted person?

A: First, the Air Force is increasing the involvement of senior NCOs and others immediately in the supervisory chain. Raters will be closer to their ratees and will have direct knowledge of duty performance. Second, the Air Force sees feedback as a big plus. With this process the top quality enlisted force will get even better. Ratees will know what their boss expects, strong and weak areas, and how to improve. Finally, the job of producing evaluation reports has been made easier with fewer and simpler forms, fewer evaluators, and less need to send reports with justification to a faraway headquarters. This will free up time to work on each unit's mission.

Q: When is the change effective?

A: The system went into effect May 1. Most of the changes will be effective then with these exceptions:

- EPRs on E-4s begin Oct. 1, 1989.
- EPRs on E-5s begin Jan. 1, 1990.
- EPRs on E-6s begin Jan. 1, 1990.
- EPRs on E-7s begin Oct. 1, 1989.
- EPRs on E-8s begin Aug. 1, 1989.
- EPRs on E-9s begin Aug. 1, 1989.

Q: Why the phase-in?

A: The phase-in is being used to maintain fairness.

All records during the first

promotion cycle after the May 1 implementation will contain only APRs. This allows a full year for EPRs to be generated naturally.

Q: How will the EES affect the Weighted Airman Promotion System?

A: The EES will not change the WAPS process. The same factors will be considered and 135 points will still be given for evaluation reports.

Q: What if my senior rater only signs deserving reports but another rater signs them all?

A: The whole issue boils down to integrity. Raters must be willing to identify top performers from weak performers. In addition, senior Air Force leadership is expected to provide guidance that will minimize large indorsement variations and keep equity in the system.

Finally, indorsement data will be tracked at AFMPC and provided to the major commands. This will go a long way toward avoiding the problem.

Q: What should be talked about in a feedback session?

A: The performance feedback worksheet outlines the topics and Air Force Pamphlet 39-15, USAF Guide to the Airman and NCO Feedback System, describes in more detail what the topics mean. In general, feedback should focus on duty performance: what the rater's expectations are, how the ratee is meeting those expectations (positive and negative), specific examples to explain ratings, and ways to improve.

Q: Will I be receiving more information on the new system?

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For more information, call 284-4268.

## Pacific Community Chapel Schedule

### AMADOR CHAPEL

Building 108, Phone: 282-3771

#### General Protestant

10:45 a.m. (Sunday) Worship Service

#### Catholic

9:00 a.m. (Sunday) Mass

#### (Apostolic) Pentecostal

12:30 p.m. (Sunday) Adult Sunday School

1:30 p.m. (Sunday) Worship Service

7:00 p.m. (Wednesday) Bible Study

#### Spanish Protestant

5:00 p.m. (Sunday) Worship Service

7:30 p.m. (Thursday) Bible Study

### CLAYTON CHAPEL

Building 64, Phone: 287-5859

#### General Protestant

9:00 a.m. (Sunday) Worship Service

10:30 a.m. (Sunday) School

#### Gospel

10:30 a.m. (Sunday) School Chapel Annex, Bldg 156

noon (Sunday) Protestant Worship Service

#### Catholic

4:30 p.m. (Saturday) Confessions

5:00 p.m. (Saturday) Worship

6:00 p.m. (Saturday) Spanish Mass

Baptisms by appointment

10:30 a.m. (Sunday) Mass

10:00 a.m. (Mon-Fri) Mass

### GORGAS HOSPITAL

Family Education Program-5th floor

12:15 p.m. (Thursday) Mass

### RODMAN CHAPEL

Building 88, Phone: 283-4148

#### Catholic

3:00 p.m. (Saturday) Mass

## Atlantic Community Chapel Schedule

### FORT DAVIS CHAPEL

Building 32, Phone: 289-3319

#### Catholic

4:00 p.m. (Saturday) Confession

5:00 p.m. (Saturday) English Mass

9:15 a.m. (Sunday) English Mass

Sundial Rec. Center

10:30 a.m. (Sunday) CCD

6:30 p.m. (Wednesday) Youth

Bible Study

7:00 p.m. (Wednesday) Adult

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Ft. Espinar, House 21-A

7:30 p.m. (Friday) Adult Bible

Study, Ft. Espinar, Hse 21

### FORT ESPINAR CHAPEL

Building 224, Phone: 289-4616

under renovation

### FORT SHERMAN CHAPEL

Building 152, Phone: 289-6481

7:00 p.m. (Wednesday) Bible Study

7:45 a.m. (Sunday) Catholic Mass

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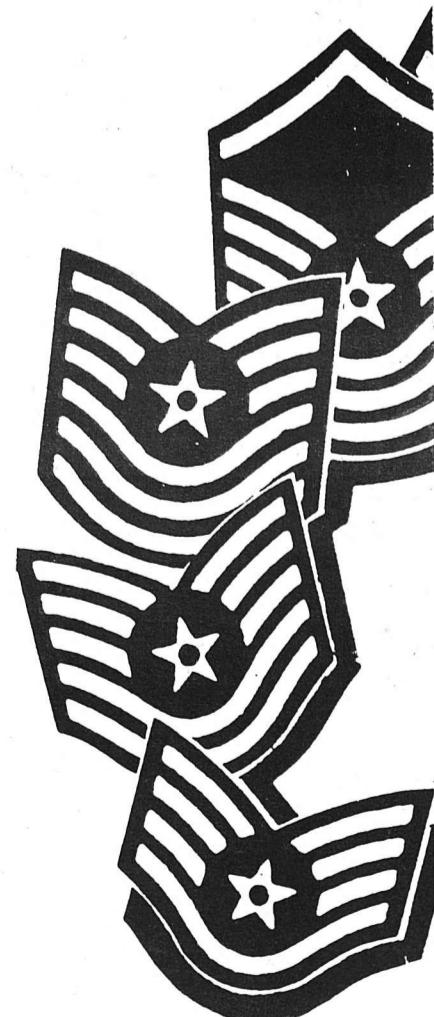
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# Guatemalans, Costa Ricans enjoy MAC Band

Story and photos  
by Capt. Glen Lee Davis Sr.  
QUARRY HEIGHTS (US)

SOUTHCOM) — Capacity crowds in Guatemala and Costa Rica were treated to one of the premiere U.S.



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## SCN Radio Schedules

### AM Radio

#### Weekdays

	A.M.	P.M.
12:00	Lite AM	
5:10	NPR's Morning Edition	
7:00	Lite AM	
9:30	World News Roundup	
9:45	Lite AM	
		SCN Midday Report
12:35		Lite AM
12:40		Paul Harvey News/Commentary
1:17		Lite AM
1:30		Feature Block
2:30	UPI Radio News	
	Paul Harvey R.O.T.S.	
	Spectrum	
	The Osgood File	
	Newsnotes	
	Your Dollar	
	Your Money Minute	
3:00	Lite AM	
3:11	Armed Forces Digest	
3:17	Paul Harvey News/Commentary	
3:30	Little AM	
4:06	NPR's all things considered	
5:00	Radio Theater	
5:30	CBS The World Tonight	
5:45	Lite AM	
6:35	SCN Evening Report	
6:40	Lite AM	

#### Saturday

	A.M.	P.M.
12:00	Lite AM	Paul Harvey R.O.T.S.
5:05	Bob Costas Coast to Coast	Paul Harvey Commentary
6:00	Lite AM	Lite AM
6:35	NPR's Special Assignment	NBC Source Report
7:05	NPR's Weekend Edition	4:00
9:00	Lite AM	Paul Harvey R.O.T.S.
9:30	CBS World News Roundup	3:12
9:45	Lite AM	3:17
		Paul Harvey Commentary
1:12		3:35
1:17		MBS Weekend Headliner
1:30		4:05
2:30		NPR's all things considered
4:00		5:00
3:12		5:35
3:17		The Golden Days of Radio
3:35		6:30
4:05		7:30
5:00		8:00
5:35		9:00
6:30		9:30
7:30		CBS Newsmark
8:00		11:00
9:30		Lite AM

#### Sunday

	A.M.	P.M.
12:00	Lite AM	12:00
5:05	Monitoradio	5:05
6:00	AP News/ABC Perspective 1&2	6:05
7:05	NPR's Weekend Edition	7:05
9:00	Lite AM	8:05
9:35	ABC World News This Week	8:30
10:00	Lite AM	9:05
11:30	Radio Smithsonian	9:30
		10:05
12:00	Lite AM	12:05
12:35	MBS Newsbreakers	4:05
1:00	Lite AM	6:05
1:35	ABC Speaking of Everything	8:05
2:00	Lite AM	8:05
2:35	ABC World News This Week	11:05
3:00	Lite AM	King Biscuit Flour Hour
3:35	ABC Listen Closely	

NEWS on the hour from AP Radio Network

military bands. Sponsored by U.S. Southern Command, the Military Airlift Command Band from Scott AFB, Illinois, lead by Maj. Bruce Gilkes, toured major population centers from April 3-13.

The MAC Band is actually two bands: the Show Band, a 45-piece concert band, and Starlifter, a seven-piece rock band. Their audiences included foreign military personnel, cadets, students, U.S. and European tourists, and general audiences.

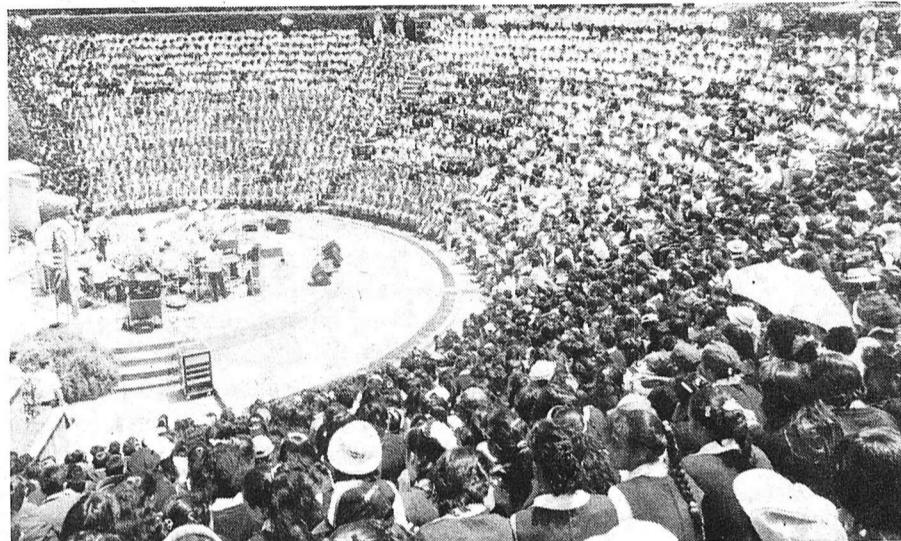
Some of the notable guests of the band were the U.S. Ambassadors to Costa Rica and Guatemala, the Governor of the Province of Heredia, Costa Rica, the President of the Guatemalan Society for the

Performing Arts, and many flag-grade military officers.

This was the band's second goodwill tour. Last year band members learned Latin American survival techniques which they again put to good use while on the road.

An estimated 25,550 people attended the 12 band concerts in Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Many local schools used the concerts to expose their students to American culture. A common follow-up assignment for students was to write a thank you note to a favorite band member in English. Enough letters have been received to date to keep vocalist Normia Carter busy writing for the next six months.



*The show band exposes a Guatemalan audience to American culture through music. Aisles and walkways were filled with students who thrived on American music.*



*Vocalist Debi Mahoney entertains and interacts with cadets from a Guatemalan military academy in the Itra Amphitheater in Guatemala City. 3,000 students jammed the theater which seats 1,500.*

## Today is the last day to submit winning July 4 T-shirt designs

Today is the last day to submit your design for the 1989 Fourth of July T-Shirt Design Contest. Win \$100 and see your design on thousands of official Fourth of July T-Shirts!

The contest is open to everyone, and the rules are simple: the design must feature a patriotic theme and must incorporate the words "4th of July 1989" and "Panama." The theme of this year's celebration is "75th Anniversary of the Panama Canal." Entrants may use as many colors in their design as they wish, and designs must be camera-ready.

The Community Fourth of July Committee will choose first and second place winners as well as honorable mentions in two youth categories.

All entries become the property of the Fourth of July Committee and may be used by the committee for contest and resale activities. The first place design will be turned over to local Cub Scouts packs, who will



# Bush says U.S. won't recognize rigged balloting

WASHINGTON (AP) - President George Bush called Tuesday for all U.S. allies to condemn anticipated massive election fraud in Panama, where the administration predicts Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega will steal Sunday's vote.

"All nations that value democracy, that understand free and fair elections are the very heart of their democratic system should speak out against election fraud in Panama," Bush said in remarks to the Council of the Americas, an organization of business people. "That means the democracies of Europe, as well as nations in this hemisphere struggling to preserve the democratic systems they've fought so hard to put in place."

In a speech touching on the economic, political and social situation throughout the hemisphere, the president also said that unless Nicaragua's leftist government changes the "ominous" actions leading to its elections next February, "It will be a tragic setback, and a dangerous one. The consolidation of tyranny will not be peace. It will be a crisis waiting to happen."

He said Paraguay, where Monday's elections led to victory for Gen. Andres Rodriguez, "is on its way to joining the democratic mainstream."

"We congratulate President-elect Rodriguez on his electoral victory and look forward to working with him," Bush said.

Various U.S. officials have

claimed that Noriega and his supporters plan to steal the election through vote fraud. The Panamanians claim Washington has funneled 10 million dollars to the opposition and plans to take over Panama militarily if the opposition fails to win.

Bush continued to step up the administration's anti-Noriega rhetoric. He repeated his promise that the United States "will not recognize the results of a fraudulent election engineered to keep Noriega in power."

Noriega, commander of Panama's

defense forces and de facto ruler, is backing Carlos Duque for president. An opposition coalition is backing Guillermo Endara.

"A free and fair vote in the elections," Bush said, would enable Panama "to take a significant step towards ending the international isolation and internal economic crisis brought on by the Noriega regime."

But, added Bush, "It is evident that the regime is ready to resort to massive election fraud in order to remain in power."

In Nicaragua, where the Bush administration is supplying non-

lethal aid to the Contra rebels until the elections next year, the president blasted the election laws recently passed by the Sandinista-controlled national assembly.

He accused the Sandinistas of imposing a "stacked deck" against their opposition, by unilaterally setting the rules, giving excessive enforcement powers to the Interior Ministry, and barring private ownership of television stations.

Bush praised the recent elections in El Salvador and said the new president, Alfredo Cristiani, "has our support."

## Opposition welcomes fair election efforts

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — A senior opposition leader Tuesday welcomed U.S. efforts to ensure fairness in next week's Panamanian presidential elections but cautioned against possible military intervention.

"We want the United States to support democracy in Panama," said opposition vice presidential candidate Guillermo Ford, who praised President Bush for helping bring international pressure on the Panamanian government.

Bush accused Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega of plotting "massive election fraud" during Sunday's election, and urged European allies and Latin American democracies to "speak out against election fraud in Panama."

"Let me be clear," Bush told a news

conference. "The United States will not recognize the results of a fraudulent election engineered simply to keep Noriega in power."

But Ford, a member of the Democratic Opposition Civilist Alliance, rejected the possibility of U.S. military intervention to oust Noriega even if Sunday's elections are fraudulent.

"We don't want to use Panama's special relations with the United States to solve our problems," Ford said.

In Guatemala City, Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo Arevalo said Central American leaders were sending a letter to the Panamanian government calling for fairness in Sunday's polls.

"In this letter we indicate that, God willing, there will be free elections

that respect the will of the people," Cerezo told a news conference. "This will be good for both Panama and peace in Central America."

Opposition parties have accused the Panamanian government of preparing to steal the election and of monopolizing the country's news media in favor of Carlos A. Duque, presidential candidate of the pro-government Coalition for National Liberation.

Noriega is seen as the real power behind Panama's civilian government, which ousted former president Eric Arturo Delvalle on Feb. 26, 1988, after he tried to fire Noriega.

The U.S. government still recognizes Delvalle as Panama's legitimate president and has indicted Noriega for alleged drug-trafficking in the United States.

## ADOC charges Noriega with padding voter lists

by Douglas Tweedale

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — Opposition leaders Wednesday accused Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and his supporters of padding voter registration lists and intimidating voters in an attempt to steal presidential elections.

The charges by the presidential and vice presidential candidates of the Civil Democratic Opposition Alliance, known by its Spanish acronym as ADOC, were made as tension between Noriega's supporters and opponents grew, with both sides planning campaign rallies and accusing the other of fraud.

Opposition activists shouting anti-Noriega slogans and waving flags began gathering Wednesday morning in downtown Panama City for the alliance's final campaign rally.

## Poll indicates 61 percent favor opposition

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara is the choice of 61 percent of Panamanians, compared to only 27 percent for the government candidate, Carlos Duque, according to a recent Univision poll.

Endara heads the ADOC Coalition and Duque is running with the Colina Coalition. Hildebrando Nicosia of the PPA received three percent in the poll, and nine percent of the poll ballots were invalidated.

However, the poll, done as a prelude to the May 7 election, showed that few Panamanians are expecting a fair and open election, with 61 percent saying there will be fraud. Only 25 percent expect an honest election.

Nearly 60 percent said the opposition has been treated unfairly by the government during the campaign, and over half do not

believe the government will honor an opposition victory.

Former U.S. presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford are planning to go to Panama as leaders of an international delegation of election observers from the council of Freely-Elected Heads of Government. Carter has said he hopes "the council's presence will contribute to a climate that will permit free and fair elections and will encourage all Panamanians to exercise their right to vote and to determine their own future."

In the poll, over 60 percent said they believe the presence of foreign observers would decrease the incidence of election fraud during the election.

The poll, conducted by Bendiken and Schroth, a Washington-based research firm for Univision, asked 1,312 Panamanians in 21 cities to cast

most powerful leader, have padded voter registration lists with thousands of duplicated names and the names of dead people.

He also charged that potential opposition supporters have been assigned to polling stations far from where they live.

The Bush administration has warned of possible fraud in Panama, and many diplomats and political observers predict Sunday's vote will be altered to give Duque a narrow victory.

Duque and government officials have denied the fraud charges, saying the opposition is trying to discredit the elections to offset a victory by COLINA. For days, pro-Noriega newspapers have been filled with predictions of a Duque win.

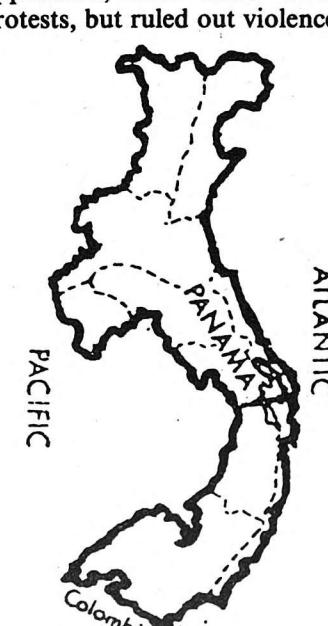
But an independent opinion poll released Tuesday showed the

secret ballots with their choice for president. It was carried out between April 11 and 18. Other results of the poll show:

—Four out of five Panamanians think things are going badly in their country, and 62 percent believe Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega is doing a bad job running the country.

—Nearly half of those polled believe Gen. Noriega is seriously involved in drug trafficking, and Panama's drug problem has increased since Noriega came to power. Over half believe that high officials in the Panamanian military have enriched themselves through drug trafficking.

—Nearly half think the United States will not turn over the Panama Canal to Panama in 1999 unless the country involvement of the military.



## leisure

# Balboa High School to present 'Wizard of Oz'

by Johanna Leffler

The Balboa High School Drama department will be presenting the musical version of L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz* May 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 7 p.m. with matinees May 13 and 20 at 2 p.m.

Directed by English and Drama teacher Richard Johnston, Mr. J., and high school junior Noelle Woodrow, the show will be the biggest school production ever at BHS with a cast of over 60 and consisting of six sets.

Cast members include students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Although pleased with the audition turnouts, the bad part about them was not being able to cast all the talented kids, said Mr. J.

However, a large cast does present difficulties. As the otherwise smoothly running rehearsals progress, Mr. J must tackle the problem of coordinating the cast and sets during scene changes, in addition to the building of all the sets.

In spite of the hard work involved building these sets, the results are rewarding and students are diligently staying after school to help out.

Among those is sophomore Aaron Izbicki, the wizard. "I love everything about the play but mostly the music."

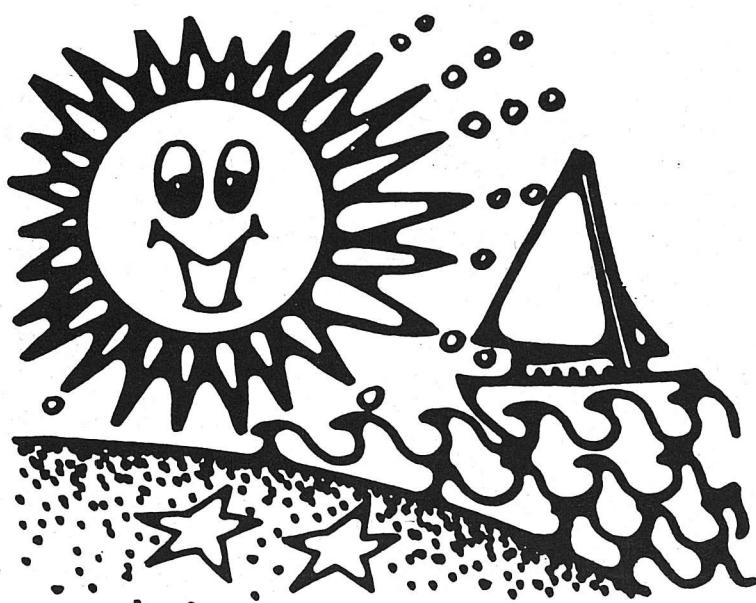
Music coordinators include Dottie

Nelson, in charge of vocals, Wilma Monlouis directing the orchestra, and Mitch Swanson, the "Munchkin master," responsible for teaching the Munchkins their musical parts.

One Munchkin farmer, fifth-grader Ginger Corbett said she is enjoying herself because "I have lots of lines."

Other BHS faculty members involved with the show include Industrial Arts teacher Rafael Chen; English teacher Sydney Corbett, who serves as an advisor and all around handyperson; French and English teacher Cynthia Piper, in charge of publicity; and Art teachers Barbara Reeves, Marty Kober and David Young. In addition, others involved are community volunteers Dan Goldsworthy, technical director and Linda Dahlstrom, choreographer; Curundu Jr. High Art teacher Joan Beasley and local artist Al Sprague.

Mr. J gets no extra sleep when putting together a production such as this one. However, he says it's "very fulfilling to see so many people working on different things."



### Sundial getaways

The Atlantic community residents are invited to reserve a space for the El Valle trip being held by Sundial Center May 14. Enjoy the scenic ride and visit the colorful market.

Rio Mar Beach is the destination May 20. The group will depart Fort Davis at 6 a.m.

The center also reminds you that reservations are still available for the trip to Santo Domingo during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

For information call 289-3889.



### ACS outing

The ACS Family Support Group will sponsor a trip to the Atlantic community May 12. Persons interested should call 285-6518.

### Dive trip

The Fort Sherman Rental Center will have a dive trip May 27. The group departs Fort Sherman and travels via motor boats to Isla Naranjo where deep or shallow diving can be enjoyed.

Reserve space at building 30, Fort Sherman. For information call 289-6104.

### Fort Kobbe outings

Visit El Valle May 14 and spend a day at Rio Mar Beach May 20. Fort Kobbe Community Recreation Center is now accepting registration for these tours. Call 284-6462 or stop by building 801, Fort Kobbe.

A dining out is planned for May 19. Reservations are required.

### Dive at Isla Iguana

A dive trip is being held by the CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch.

It's an overnight trip to Isla Iguana May 27-28.

This is a good time to visit the interior of Panama. Isla Iguana in Pedasi area is great for snapper, grouper and corvina.

Space is limited to 14 persons, so reserve now. Stop by building 154, Fort Clayton or call 287-3363.

### Weekend cruise

A weekend cruise to Contadora sponsored by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal will be held May 27, 28 and 29.

Spend a relaxing time at the Caesar Park Hotel on Contadora. For more information call 283-5307 or sign up at building 65, MWR Main Office.

### Zodiac tours

The Zodiac Recreation Center at Howard Air Force Base is offering the following tours:

May 13, 16; San Carlos Beach; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 18; Free zone tour; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 14; Portobelo and Langosta Beach, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 19; Miraflores Locks, Contractor's Hill and Old Panama; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 20; Isla Grande beach; 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 21; El Valle Shopping; 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All tours depart from the Howard AFB theater. Fees will be charged.

For information call 284-6161 or 284-6109.

### 'Little Shop' to open May 12 in Ancon

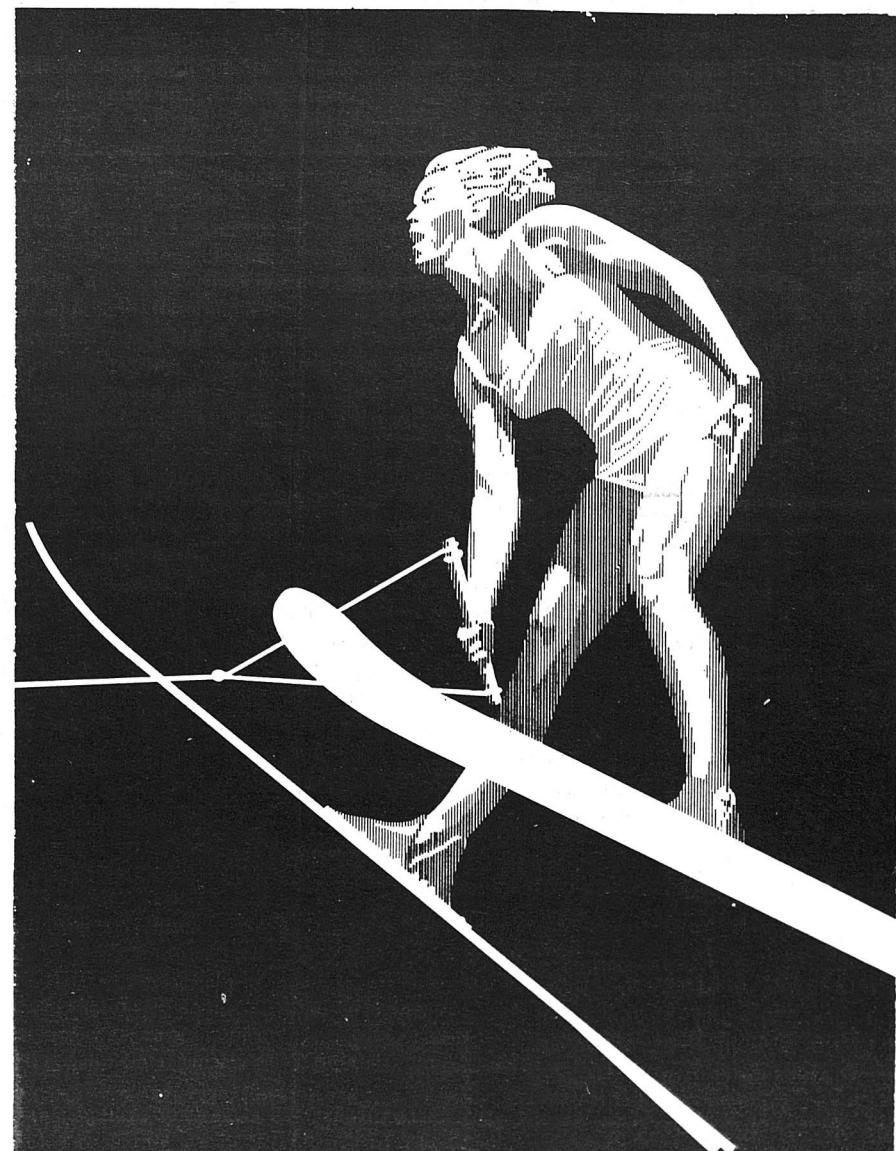
The musical comedy, "Little Shop of Horrors" will open May 12 at the Ancon Theater Guild.

The musical is a co-production of the Theater Guild and the Pacific Theater Arts Center. Call 252-6786 or 286-3152 for information.

### Quito getaway

The Zodiac Recreation Center at Howard Air Force Base is offering a Memorial Day weekend trip to Quito, Ecuador.

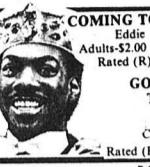
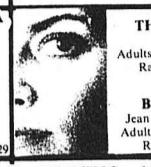
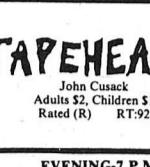
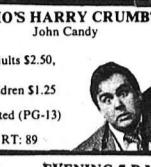
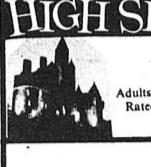
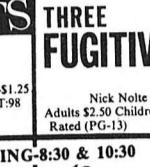
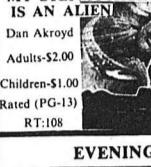
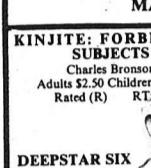
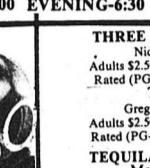
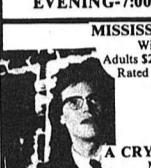
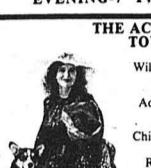
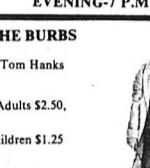
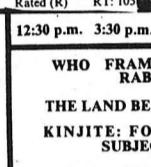
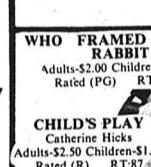
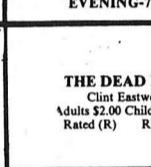
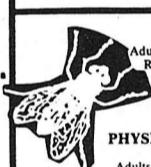
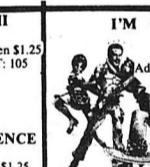
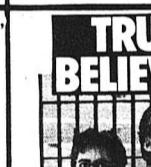
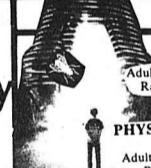
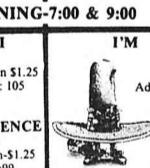
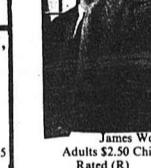
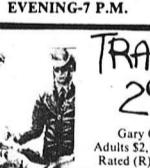
Reservations are open for this three night, four day trip. For more information call 284-6161/6109.



G — General Audiences. All ages admitted.  
PG — Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.  
PG-13 — Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.  
R — Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

# Panama Area Exchange Movie Schedule

Box office opens 20 minutes prior to each performance.  
Programs are subject to change without notice.  
RT: Running time in minutes.  
SIT: Titulos en Espanol — Subtitles in Spanish.

	Howard 284-3583	Clayton 287-3279	Davis 289-5173	Quarry Hts 282-3635	Amador 282-4287	Sherman 289-6251
<b>Friday</b>	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>COMING TO AMERICA</b> Eddie Murphy Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.00 Rated (R) RT:110	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>THE ACCUSED</b> Jodie Foster Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (R) RT:99	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>BEACHES</b> Bette Midler Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT:123	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>GLEAMING THE CUBE</b> Steve Bauer Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:105	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>TAPEHEADS</b> John Cusack Adults \$2, Children \$1 Rated (R) RT:92	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>WHO'S HARRY CRUMB?</b> John Candy Adults \$2.50, Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:89
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MATINEE</b> 2:00 <b>EVENING</b> 6:30  <b>HIGH SPIRITS</b> Darryl Hanna Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:98	<b>MATINEE</b> 2:00 <b>EVENING</b> 6:30  <b>THREE FUGITIVES</b> Nick Nolte Adults-\$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:95	<b>MATINEE</b> 2:00 <b>EVENING</b> 7:00  <b>MY STEPMOTHER IS AN ALIEN</b> Dan Aykroyd Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT:108	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>Her Alibi</b> Tom Selleck Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (PG) RT:110	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>THE LAND BEFORE TIME</b> Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (G) RT:69	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>COCOON: THE RETURN</b> Don Ameche Adults \$2.50, Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT:116
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>MATINEE</b> 2:00 <b>EVENING</b> 6:30 & 8:30  <b>KINJITE: FORBIDDEN SUBJECTS</b> Charles Bronson Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT:97	<b>EVENING</b> 8:30 & 10:30  <b>DEEPSTAR SIX</b> Nancy Everhard Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (R) RT:105	<b>EVENING</b> 9:00  <b>TEQUILA SUNRISE</b> Mel Gibson Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (R) RT:116	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>THE NAKED GUN</b> Leslie Nielsen Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT:84	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST</b> William Hurt Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (PG) RT:122	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>THE BURBS</b> Tom Hanks Adults \$2.50, Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT:102
<b>Monday</b>	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 9:00 p.m.  <b>WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT</b> Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (PG) RT:103	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.  <b>THREE FUGITIVES</b> Nick Nolte Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:95	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.  <b>TEQUILA SUNRISE</b> TAP Gregory Hines Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT:108	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.  <b>MISSISSIPPI BURNING</b> William Dafoe Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (R) TV:127	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.  <b>IRON EAGLE II</b> Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (PG) RT:100	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.  <b>BIG</b> Tom Hanks Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (PG) RT:104
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT</b> Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (PG) RT:103	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>OLIVER &amp; COMPANY</b> Animated Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (G) RT:72	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>THEY LIVE</b> Roddy Piper Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (R) RT:95	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>THE DEAD POOL</b> Clint Eastwood Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT:100	<b>COMING SOON</b>  <b>COMING SOON</b> WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS <b>THE RESCUERS</b>	<b>COMING SOON</b>  <b>COMING SOON</b> <b>WICKED STEPMOTHER</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>THE FLY II</b> Eric Stoltz Adults-\$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT:105	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>I'M GONNA GIT YOU, SUCKA</b> Jim Brown Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT:88	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00  <b>THE NAKED GUN</b> Leslie Nielsen Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:84	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00  <b>TRUE BELIEVER</b> James Woods Adults-\$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT:108	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>FULL MOON in Blue Water</b> Adults-\$2.00 Children-\$1.00 Rated (R) RT:95	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>TRACK 29</b> Gary Oldman Adults \$2, Children \$1 Rated (R) RT:87
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>THE FLY II</b> Eric Stoltz Adults-\$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT:105	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> Burt Reynolds Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (R) RT:99	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>I'M GONNA GIT YOU, SUCKA</b> Jim Brown Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT:88	<b>EVENING</b> 7:00 & 9:00  <b>THE NAKED GUN</b> Leslie Nielsen Adults-\$2.50 Children-\$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:84	<b>EVENING</b> 7 P.M.  <b>BEACHES</b> Bette Midler Adults \$2.50, Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT:123	

## WHO'S HARRY CRUMB?

John Candy stars as an incredibly bumbling detective who manages to solve a kidnapping in spite of himself by using a bizarre array of disguises. (Language and sex)

## THE BURBS

The life of a stressed-out suburban, who needs more than anything just a quiet week of loafing around the house, is turned upside down when some mysterious and reclusive neighbors move in next door. (Violence and language)

## TAPEHEADS

Two wisecracking security guards are canned from their jobs and promptly embark on a zany scheme to crash the world of pop music dubbing themselves as the Video Aces.

## TRUE BELIEVER

A brilliant outspoken attorney who defends the rights of big money criminals agrees, against the wishes of some crooked city officials, to defend a young Asian man falsely convicted of a gang slaying.

## TRACK 29

The lonely wife of a small town doctor searches for something to fill the emptiness that engulfs her life and tragically finds it in the arms of a young, free-spirited drifter.

## BEACHES

"Beaches" is the touching story of a profound friendship from childhood to beyond the grave, between two wildly mismatched women, a lower class Jew from the Bronx and a San Francisco blueblood. (Language)

## TAP

An old man hopes to bring back the art of tap dancing by using the talents of a discouraged ex-con. Join the good times as the magic of the dance brings meaning back to an almost wasted life. (Violence, language, sex)

## THREE FUGITIVES

A desperate father, a forlorn little girl and a professional thief trying to go straight make a wildly berserk romp for the Canadian border after a hopelessly bungled bank robbery. (Violence, language)

## I'M GONNA GIT YOU, SUCKA

In this lighthearted parody of black exploitation films, a young man, upon returning from the Army finds his family in shambles and his old neighborhood a virtual war zone.

## WATCHERS

A teenager encounters two genetically altered lifeforms which are the result of a government experiment gone wrong. One, a golden retriever with human-like intelligence, the other, a violent creature that brutally terrorizes an entire community.

## THE FLY II

A brilliant young man finds himself locked in a raging battle with his own mind and body.

## KINJITE: FORBIDDEN SUBJECTS

A veteran L.A. cop must overcome his own anti-Asian bias in order to catch a sleazy pimp who has kidnapped the daughter of a Los Angeles-based Japanese businessman. (Violence, language)

## COMING SOON

### HOWARD

Fri. **HANNA'S WAR** (PG-13)  
Fri. **ALLEN NATION** (R)  
Sat. **CROSSING DELANCEY** (PG)  
Sat.-Sun. **POLICE ACADEMY 6** (PG)  
Sat.-Sun. **WICKED STEPMOTHER** (PG-13)  
Sun. **GLEAMING THE CUB** (PG-13)

### CLAYTON

Fri. **COMING TO AMERICA** (R)  
Fri. **BAT 21** (R)  
Sat. **HIGH SPIRITS** (PG-13)  
Sat.-Sun. **KINJITE: FORGOTTEN SUBJECTS** (R)  
Sat.-Sun. **A CRY IN THE DARK** (PG-13)

### AMADOR

Fri. **WHO'S HARRY CRUMB?**  
Sat. **COCOON: THE RETURN** (PG)  
Sun. **WORKING GIRL** (R)

### QUARRY HEIGHTS

Fri. **TAPEHEADS** (R)  
Sat. **THE LAND BEFORE TIME** (G)  
Sun. **THE BURBS** (PG)

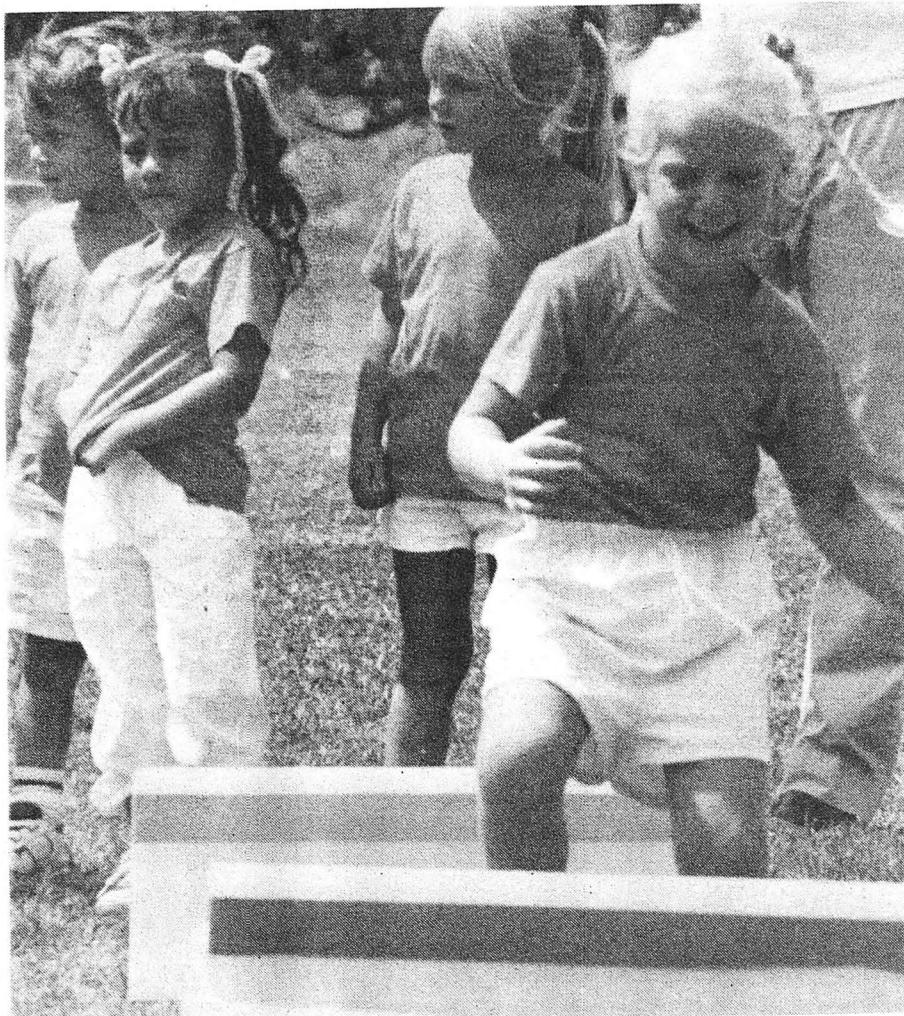
### DAVIS

Fri. **THE ACCUSED**  
Fri. **TALK RADIO** (R)  
Sat. **3 FUGITIVES** (PG-13)  
Sat. **TWINS** (R)  
Sun. **TAP** (PG-13)  
Sun. **DEEPSTAR SIX** (R)

### SHERMAN

Fri. **BEACHES** (PG-13)  
Sat. **MY STEPMOTHERS IN AN ALIEN**  
Sun. **MISSISSIPPI BURNING** (R)

## youth activities



*This youngster has fun jumping over the hurdles at the Mini-Olympics at the Margarita complex. (U.S. Army photo by SFC Marshall B. Wilkins)*

### Mother's Day event

Families are invited to join the Mother's Day dinner and fashion show to be held at the Fort Clayton Youth Center May 13.

Advance reservations are required. Call 287-6451.

### Swimming classes

New swimming classes will be starting May 9 at the Fort Clayton pool. Children's instructions includes preschool, beginners, advanced beginners and intermediate levels. Class meets four days a week in the afternoon for three weeks. Call 287-6660.

### Mother's Day

For Mother's Day the Fort Clayton Youth Center will have a workshop today at 3 p.m. for those who want to learn how to make cards. The necessary materials will be provided. Call 287-6451 to reserve space. Fort Amador youths can join the session set for May 4 at 3 p.m. in the Fort Amador Youth Center.

### Jello Eating Contest

A Jello Eating Contest will be held at the Fort Amador Youth Center Saturday. It begins at 2 p.m.; advance registration is underway. Permission slips are required. Call 282-4448.



### Junior teen dance

The Fort Clayton Youth Center invites all junior teens to its "Cinco de Mayo Dance" tonight. The evening's features include a variety of Mexican dishes. Bring a guest. A small fee will be charged. The dance will begin at 8 p.m.



### Youth office hours

The FSD Sports Office announces its new hours of operation. The office will open Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 4-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The youth sports office, located in building 155, Fort Clayton, will close Sunday and Monday. For information call 287-3252.

### Bowling party

Attention youths age 6-11! Now is the time to sign up for the Bowling Party to be sponsored by the Fort Clayton Youth Center May 12 at 3 p.m. Call 287-6451.

## Young Atlantic 'athletes' perform at Mini-Olympics

by SFC Marshall B. Wilkins

(USARSO PAO) — Billowy white clouds were visible in the blue sky above as pairs of anxious eyes looked upward. Then a steady chorus of "ooohs" and "aaahs" erupted from the crowd when the tiny figures of two men hurtled through the sky enveloped in pink smoke.

From three miles above, the red and blue parachutes slowly brought the men to the ground.

The crowd was comprised of children, parents and teachers of the Child Development Center who gathered outside the Margarita complex April 26 to watch a free fall demonstration by the Jumping Ambassadors of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

The demonstration preceded the 1989 Mini-Olympics which CDC hosted to celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

A parade was held after the free fall demonstration. Each class wore colored shirts and represented a country.

Countries represented were: Costa

Rica, Germany, Japan, Panama and the United States.

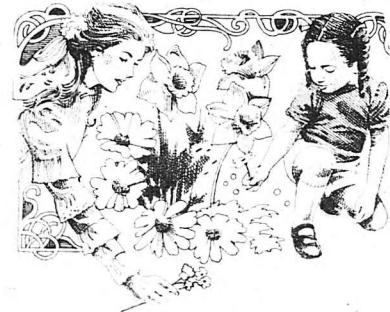
Following the parade the children paid their respects to the American flag, then released dozens of colorful balloons into the sky which signaled the beginning of the games. CDC Director Cynthia Johnson said the "Olympics" were coordinated by preschool teachers Theresa Herring and Mary Mouw.

Activities included; the giraffe toss, turtle race, tug-of-war, hurdles, high jump and a train ride (courtesy of the Mount Hope Fire Department).

McGruff, the crime dog from the Atlantic provost marshal's office, was also on hand to greet the children. He participated in the tug-of-war and hurdles.

A drawing was held and the winner of the McGruff doll was Amanda Digby. Twenty other youngsters also won McGruff T-shirts.

The Mini-Olympics brought laughter and smiles to the faces of children, parents and teachers, and recognition to the Atlantic community's military children.



### Baby Olympics

Fort Kobbe Community Recreation Center will have a Baby Olympics May 13. The competition will be featuring various events for the young competitors. Persons interested should call 284-6462.

### Youth clinics

The Fort Clayton Youth Center will be rescheduling clinics which are sponsored by the CRD Sports Branch.

The volleyball session will be held Saturday; basketball follows May 20. Both clinics begin at 10 a.m. and will take place at Reeder Physical Fitness Center.

### Amador Youth Center

The Amador Youth Center invites youths to learn to play tennis. During May, there will be weekly classes Wednesdays at 3 p.m. Youths of all ages are invited to register. A small fee will be charged and permission slips are required. Call 282-4448.



*MINI-CARNIVAL -- Arron Olander tosses a bag as his father, SMSgt. Lonnie F. Olander, 1978th Communications Group, left, cheers him on during Howard Air Force Base Youth Center's fifth annual Mini-Carnival recently. Children enjoyed nine events to include face painting and pony rides at the carnival which was in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. (U.S. Air Force photo by A1C Ali Guimond)*

## Photo contest at Tropic Times for youths only

A photo contest for youths ages 1-18 is being sponsored by the Tropic Times.

Photographers must be in one of the two entry categories: ages 1-12 or ages 13-18.

Subject matter must involve youths.

Photos submitted can be in color or black and white.

Each entry must be accompanied by an information sheet listing title of photo, subject matter and photographer's complete name, age, phone number, name of school if applicable and place of residence.

Photos can be submitted to the Tropic Times office, building 405, Corozal, or the public affairs offices of the 24th Comp Wing (Howard AFB), U.S. Army South (Atlantic and Pacific), or the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal.

Eligibility: all DoD and PCC family members.

Deadline for submissions is June 1 by 4:30 p.m. Judging will be held June 2 by the editorial staff of the Tropic Times. Winners will be notified the same day.

Winning photos will be published in the June 9 edition of the Tropic Times.

Submitted photos may be picked up after June 12. Point of contact is Sgt. Monique Chere, 285-6613/6612.

## DoDDS registration

DoDDS is conducting pre-registration in all schools beginning Tuesday through May 12.

Students will be given registration packets, which parents are requested to return no later than May 12.

Kindergarten registration is underway. Children who will be five years old by December 31 should be registered now for the next school year.

Take the child's birth certificate, PCS travel order or agency sponsorship letter and identification cards with you to the nearest elementary school.

## FSU registration

Florida State University-Panama Canal Branch will conduct its registration for Term 5, School Year 1988-89 during the following days and times:

Fort Clayton, May 11 - 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Albrook AFS, May 16, 17 - 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Howard AFB, May 12 - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fort Kobbe, May 18 - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fort Davis, May 15-17 - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

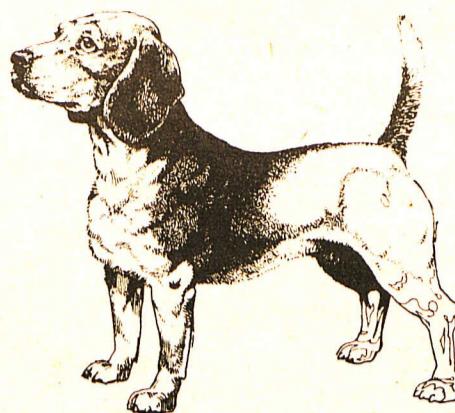
The Florida State University-Panama Canal Branch is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a degree-granting unit of the university. The branch is also a member of the network of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges. All faculty are fully qualified and have been approved by their respective department chairpersons and academic deans.

The branch offers the baccalaureate degree with majors in computer science, international affairs, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS), LACS/business, social science and Spanish.

It also offers an associate degree liberal arts. For additional information call 284-4470/3638.

## West Pointers

West Point graduates, former cadets and associates who want invitations to West Point Founder's Day events, scheduled for May 27 at the Fort Amador Officers' Club, must call 282-4805.



## Pet show

The Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis, will have a pet show Saturday, noon-3 p.m.

Call in advance, 289-3889.

## Trap, skeet range

The newly opened trap and skeet range at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal is open at the following hours: Thursday and Friday from 4 p.m. to dusk; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Firearms will be provided and rental is free.

## Scoutmaster needed

The Howard AFB/Fort Kobbe Boy Scout Troop 16 is currently looking for a scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster.

For more information call 284-4441/4347.

## Volunteer needed

Army Community Service is seeking a volunteer to assist with the Exceptional Family Member and Foster Homes programs.

Interested persons should be family members with mature judgment and have the ability to work with people.

Experience is not required.

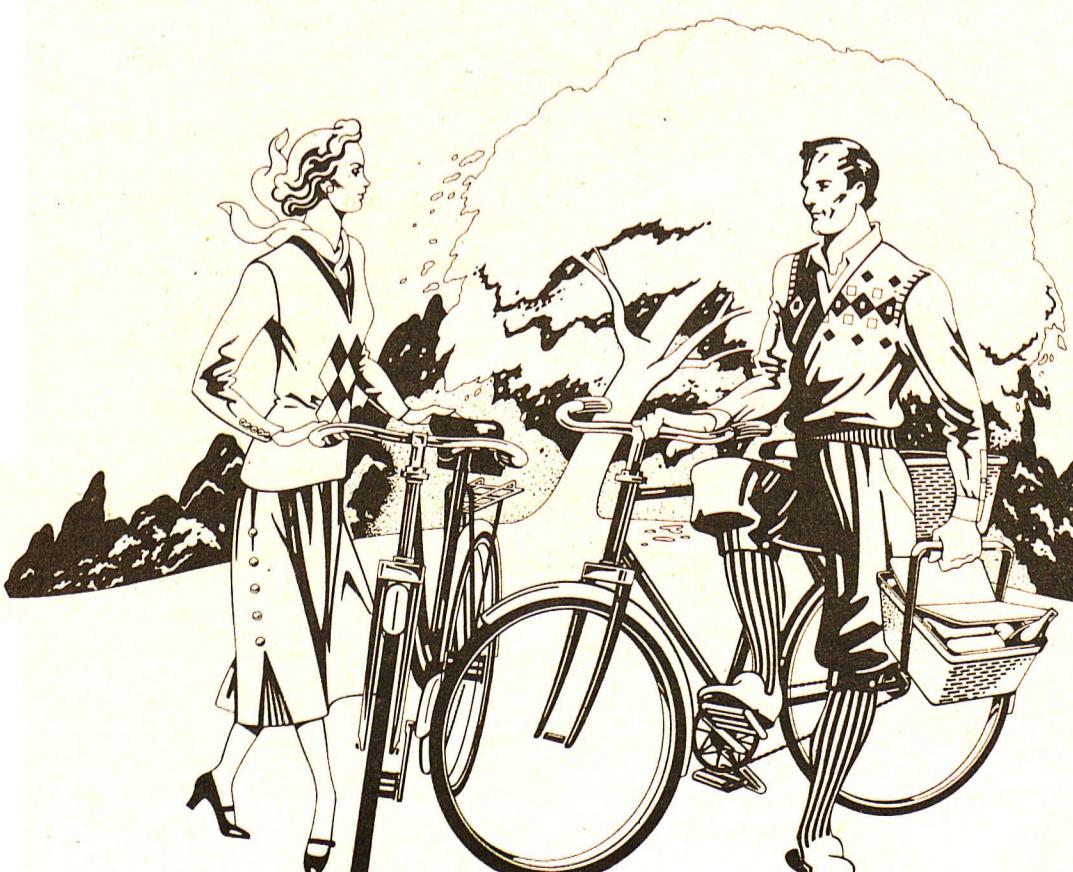
For information, call Mrs. Spratling at 285-6518.

## Mormon services

The English-speaking Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is located on the road to Cardenas Village, one half mile from the Gaillard Highway.

You are invited to "Meet the Mormons," and worship during the Sunday services, held from 9 a.m. to noon every week.

Call 252-6294 or 286-4833 or 287-4146 for information.



## New features

The Curundu Bowling Center has new "glacier cushions" -- a feature for beginners of all ages.

The center is featuring the bowling aid Saturdays in four of its lanes.

Special arrangements for birthday parties can be made by contacting the manager.

Another feature to help make bowling easier has been added -- color coded bowling balls.

## Tour guides?

The Army Community Service is seeking volunteers to help as tour guides for the monthly "Welcome to Panama" orientation. Persons interested in helping out should call Janice Crawley at 285-4630.

## Hawaiian night

Professional hula dancers, limbo dancers, Hawaiian buffet cuisine, disc jockey, various prizes, photographer, and more, are all awaiting you within a tropical setting at the Fort Amador Officers' Club May 20.

This will be the last Quarry Heights OWC function of the year. Dress Hawaiian or casual.

The festivities are set to begin with cocktails at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Cost for members and husbands is \$5 per person; cost for non-member guests is \$13.50 per person.

Tickets will be on sale at today's Quarry Heights OWC luncheon and must be purchased by May 17. Call 282-3091 after 5:30 p.m. for details.

## Caribbean Baptist

Caribbean Baptist Church would like to invite the members of the Atlantic community to come and worship each Sunday.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m., with morning worship service at 11 a.m. Call Pastor Jack Pearce, 243-5428, for additional information.

## Canal exhibit

Sundial Recreation Center at Fort Davis is preparing for its special program "Man Conquering the Tropics." Displays and tabloids honoring the 75th anniversary of this great engineering wonder are planned.

The program will be an entry in the annual FORSCOM Programming Contest. Be on the lookout for announcements with full details.

## Scholarship tea

The 1989 Isthmian College Club recipients will be honored with a tea to be held May 13, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the residence of Denise Manfredo, Quarters 103, Balboa Heights.

All members and guests are invited to attend, and for reservations or additional information, call 252-7880 or 228-0015.

## Fort Davis exhibit

The Atlantic community is invited to view the special exhibit to be presented at the Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center, through May 10.

Admire acrylics and mixed media works by Sue Vest; a collection recently displayed at Fort Clayton. For information call 289-5104.

## Color analysis

A Color Analysis seminar for women will be offered at the Fort Kobbe Community Recreation Center May 17 and 24.

For details call 284-6462.

## things to do,



## Health check

Fronius Center at Fort Davis will offer blood pressure screening May 31 at 9:30 a.m.

In addition, Nautilus orientation sessions will be offered May 17 from 5-6 p.m. and May 20 from 10-11 a.m.

## Playgroup

The Albrook Air Force Station Chapel has a moms and tots playgroup that meets Tuesdays from 10-11:30 in the chapel nursery.

For information call Wanda Mastin at 252-2981 or Pam Briggs at 287-5736.

## Support center has full May schedule

HOWARD AFB/24 COMPW/PA — Howard Family Support Center officially opened, April 21, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by Gen. Robert D. Russ, Tactical Air Command commander.

Accompanying him was newly arrived FSC Director Nancy Taylor.

This month's schedule includes: Listening For Love -- Enrich your marriage with this 12-hour class develop empathetic listening skills.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Classes will be held Mondays in the FSC conference room. May 15 through June 12, 9-11:30 a.m.

You Asked For It — A collection of informative workshops including EML travel, in Spanish and English; Panamanian cuisine; USA Travel Tips and Bargains; interior decorating; and many more will be offered May 17, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Zodiac Recreation Center. Free child care and a fashion show will also be provided. Child care reservations can be made starting May 8.

Job Application Workshop — Interested in a job, but have problems with the paperwork involved? A class providing guidance on how to properly prepare the Standard Form 171 will be given, May 23, from 9-11 a.m., at the FSC conference room. Learn how to best present a job application.

For more information on any FSC programs, call 284-5650.

## meetings

## Support group

The Alzheimer Support Group will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 10 in building 115 in Corozal.

## Dive club meeting

Bahia-Mar Dive Club will hold a meeting May 15 at the Zodiac Recreation Center at Howard Air Force Base at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming dives to San Blas and Bocas del Toro will be discussed, as well as a world record dive. For more information on the club or dives call 284-3164 or 284-5045.

# places to go

## classes

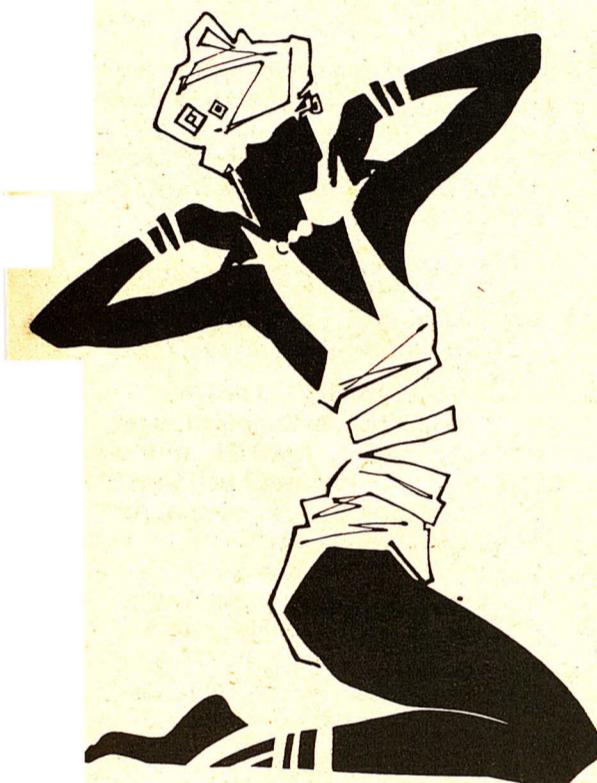
### Fitness program

The Pacific Theater Arts Center is now offering a dynamic new program: "An Adventure in Exercise" - a balanced routine of stretching, strengthening, and cardiovascular exercise training.

The program offers a new and different approach to exercise without the high impact Aerobics effect.

Classes begin Monday, and will meet Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Call 286-3152/3814 or stop by Building 2060 in Curundu.



### Zodiac classes

The Zodiac Recreation Center is offering the following classes on a continuous basis:

Piano lessons - Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Karate - Children 6-7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 4:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays. For adults, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 5:30-7 p.m., Saturdays.

Tae kwon do - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6-8 p.m.

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

### Sailing class

Sign up for sailing courses at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR Main Office, building 65. For more information call 283-5307.

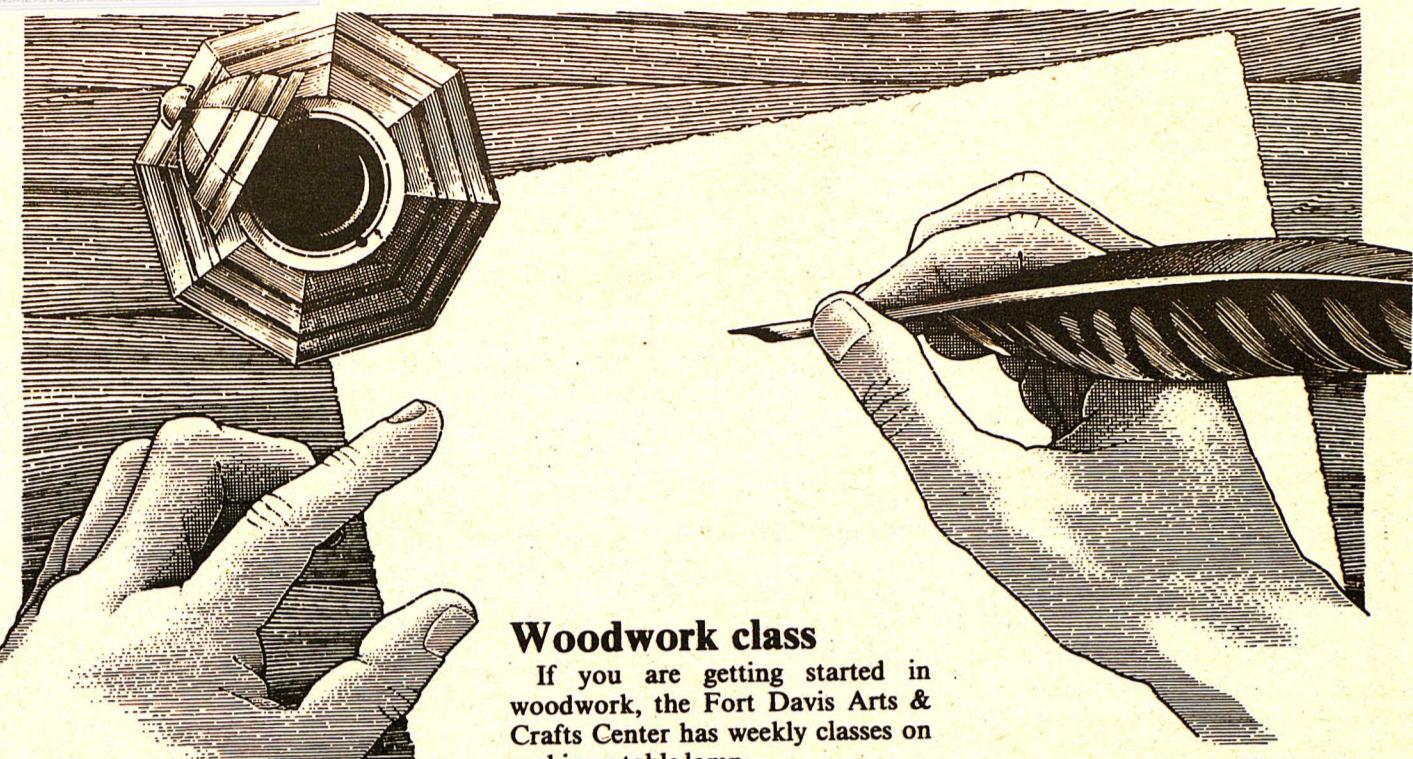
### Water aerobics

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal swimming pool offers water aerobics classes. For details call 283-4253.

### Learn photography

The Clayton Arts and Crafts Center has five regular courses and three special classes conducted by appointment. Learn color or black and white processes; learn developing and printing; also the techniques to slides and printing from slides.

For advanced students, there is studio photography, silk screen, and Kodalith film process. Visit the facility located in Building 180, Fort Clayton, or call 287-4369.



### FCC program sets certification class

The USARSO Family Child Care Program is offering classes which lead to certification as a family child care provider. Pacific classes will begin May 22. Atlantic classes will begin June 5.

The Family Child Care Program is a part of Child Development Services, and is a system in which parents can take their children to the home of a trained and certified child care provider for either hourly or full-day care.

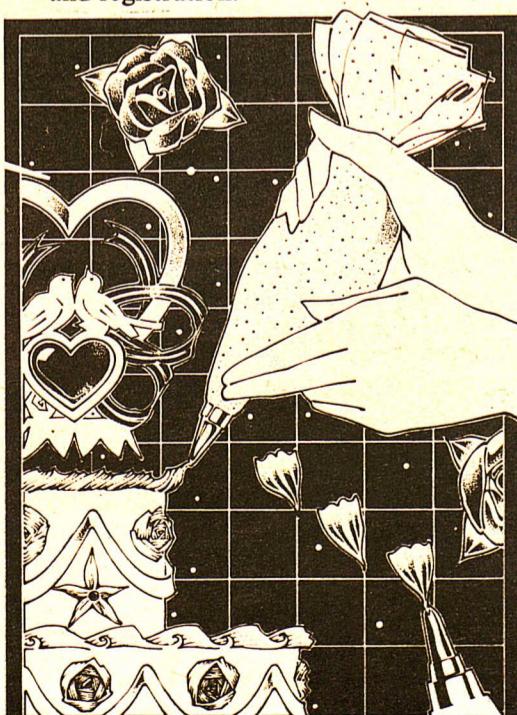
FCC providers must be at least 18 years of age and live in government-owned or leased housing. If you enjoy children and would like to have a small business in your home, consider working toward your certificate as an FCC provider.

The May and June classes will also be open to candidates for the Army Community Service foster parent program.

Individuals interested in becoming Family Child Care providers should contact Martha Purmalis at 287-3301/6810. Those of you who would like to be foster parents contact Miriam Spratling at 285-4859 or 284-5759.

### Cake decorating

Cake Decorating instruction is being offered at Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Call 289-3889 for information and registration.



### Woodwork class

If you are getting started in woodwork, the Fort Davis Arts & Crafts Center has weekly classes on making a table lamp.

The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. Call 289-5104 for full details on materials needed.

### Arts, crafts

The Albrook Air Force Station Arts and Crafts Center will be offering the following classes and special events:

Monday, free ceramic pouring class, 6 p.m.

May 11, oil painting class, 6 p.m.

All classes will take place in building 806. For more information call 286-3279.

### Portrait painting

The Fort Davis Arts & Crafts Center continues its intensive class program with new topics.

For those interested in painting instruction, the center is offering Cuna Indian Mola Design painting this month.

The sessions are offered every Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1 p.m. Students will provide their paints; canvas is provided as part of the class fee. For information call 289-5104.

### Seminar for fathers

There will be a "How to" seminar for fathers and single parents May 10 and 17 at the Fort Davis chapel at 7 p.m.

Topics covered are: "What Children Expect From Fathers" and "The Best Gift a Father Can Give Children."

### English class

Basic English instruction will start May 15 at Valent Recreation Center. The level one class will meet at 9 a.m.

The center will also be starting Intermediate English for the more advanced students. Register in advance. Call 287-4201 for details.

### Apple users

The Atlantic Apple Users Group meets at Sundial Recreation Center the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Call Paul Seymour at 289-3568 for information.

### Kids Spanish program

Registration is open for the Spanish Enrichment Summer Program at the Child Development Center, Fort Clayton.

It begins May 15.

The program is for children ages 4-6 and will be offered at building 39, Fort Clayton. Sign-ups will conclude May 19. For more information call 287-5657.

### Learn about Panama

Improve your tour in Panama by learning some of the language and culture! The Fort Clayton Education Center begins new classes Monday.

A noon time class is scheduled Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and an evening class Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.

Books and tapes are included. Enroll at building 128 or call 287-5702.

### Adult swim classes

The Fort Clayton Pool announces the start of new adult swimming instruction. The morning class will begin May 16. Registration will begin May 9. Stop by the pool or call 287-6660 for details.

### Training classes

The Training and Development Division, Civilian Personnel Office offers the following classes:

Basic Writing: Aug. 21-31

Advanced Writing: July 10-20 and Sept. 11-21.

For information call CPO.

### Boston Whaler class

A Boston Whaler class is offered May 26 by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR.

Register at building 65. For details, call 283-5307.

### Spanish/English class

An Intermediate Spanish class will start May 15 at the Valent Recreation Center at Fort Clayton. The class is held twice weekly at 7:30 p.m.

For those interested in learning English, the basic class will start May 15.

Registration information is available -- call 287-4201/6500.

### Scuba class

The outdoor recreation section will begin scuba classes at 6 p.m., Monday at the Albrook Air Force Station pool and May 15 at the Howard Air Force Base pool.

All equipment will be included. A small fee will be charged for the class. For more information, call 286-3555 or 284-6161.

### Boating instruction

Learn to operate Jon boats and Boston Whalers. The Fort Clayton Boat Shop will have a boat licensing course May 19-20.

Register at the CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch in Building 154, Fort Clayton. Call 287-3363 for more information.

## club calendar

### Specials/Openings

**Howard NCO Club** - Fri. & Sat., Casual Cove, rock & roll, disco, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sun., Casual Cove, salsa, disco, 7-12 p.m.; Mon.-Tues., Casual Cove, variety disco, 8-12 p.m.; Wed.-Thurs., Casual Cove, western, disco, 8-12 p.m.

**Naval Station O'Club** - Fri. & Wed., 5-7 p.m., social hour; Sat., birthday salute; Mon., membership appreciation night.

**Naval Station Anchorage Club** - Fri. & Tues., social hour, 4-6 p.m. Sat., grill sandwich bar, 8-10 p.m., Sun., 1-10:30 p.m.

**Naval Station CPO Club** - Fri. & Wed., social hour, 4-6 p.m.; Mon., closed.

**Bamboo Inn** - Mon. & Fri., social hour, 5-6 p.m.

**Ft. Amador O'Club** - Available for special events on Wed., Fri., & Sat.

**Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn** - Fri., happy hour, 4-6 p.m.

**STRAC Club** - Open Mon.-Thurs., 4:30-10 p.m.; Fri., 4:30-11:30 p.m.; Wed.-Fri., social hour with hot snacks, 4:30-6 p.m.; Fri., with DJ.; Sat., club open.

**Clayton NCO Club** - Fri., 4:30-8 p.m., social hour, free snacks.

**Ft. Sherman Cadre Lounge** - Sat., open 5-10 p.m. Enjoy the new variety disco program.

**Ft. Sherman Community Club** - Mon., Tues., Wed., club closed, available for special functions.

**Davis Community Club** - Fri., social hour, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Wed., Sr. NCO/Officers' lounge is open 5-10 p.m.; Thurs., 4:30 p.m.-midnight.

**Davis Mountain Top Pub** - Available for kiddie parties. Call 289-3506.

**Espinar Community Club** - Available for special functions and parties only. Call 289-5160.

### Games

**Howard O'Club** - Wed. at 6 p.m.

**Howard NCO Club** - Sun. at 2 p.m.; every Wed. at 6 p.m.

**Naval Station Anchorage Club** - Every Thurs. at 7 p.m.

**Naval Station CPO Club** - Every Tues. at 5 p.m.

**Clayton NCO Club** - Sun., 4 p.m.; Tues., 5:30 p.m.

**Davis Community Club** - Sun., 3 p.m.; Wed., 7 p.m.

### Dining

**Howard O'Club** - Fri., prime rib/seafood; Sat., prime rib & shrimp; Tues., 2 for 1 steak; Wed.,

Mexican night; Thurs. Cajun night. Closed Sun. & Mon.

**Howard NCO Club** - 5:30-9 p.m., Fri., surf & turf; Sun., dining, 5:30-8:30; Mon. closed. Tues., Mexican night; Wed. & Thurs., a la carte dining.

**Naval Station Officers' Club** - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun., a la carte dining; Mon., seafood night; Tues., spaghetti night; Wed., ham steak; Thurs., chicken in basket.

**Naval Station CPO Club** - Fri., Sun., Tues., & Wed., a la carte dining; Sat., corvina; Mon., Mexican night; Thurs., chicken in basket.

**Quarry Heights** - Tues., dinner special, 7-9 p.m.; Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., membership appreciation discount; Fri., prime rib/seafood special until 10 p.m.; Sat. chateaubriand for two until 10 p.m.

**Amador O'Club** - Thurs. 6-9 p.m., Monolian BBQ; Closed holidays and for sprays; Closed Mon.

**Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn** - Fri., tacos, 5-8 p.m.; Sat., lobster thermidor, variety music.

**Albrook O'Club** - Fri. & Sat., 6-9 p.m., prime rib & seafood; Sun., brunch only; Mon. Mongolian BBQ; Tues., dining room closed, burgers in the lounge; Wed., 6-8:30 p.m., Mexican night; Thurs., 2 for 1 steak night.

**Clayton NCO Club** - Casa Maria, Mexican food specials Mon.-Wed. 5-9 p.m., Fri., 5-10 p.m.; dining, 5-9 p.m., Tues.-Sat.

**Red Door** - Open every day.

**Sherman Community Club** - Tues.-

Sun., pizza garden is open 4-10 p.m. La Vista dining room is open Fri., chateaubriand for 2 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Sat., seafood special, 6-9 p.m. Sat., open for fast food 5:30-10 p.m.

**Davis Community Club** - Fri., dining 5:30-10 p.m.; Caoba Cafe for elegant dining w/live music 7-11 p.m.; Sat. lobster dinner for 2 until 9:30 p.m.; Wed., buffet specials 5-10 p.m.

**Davis Mountain Top Pub** - Thurs.-Sun., pizza & chicken delivery 5-9:30 p.m.

### Entertainment

**Howard O' Club** - Fri., DJ 8-12 midnight; Wed., 6-9 p.m.; Fri., piano in the dining room.

**Naval Station O'Club** - Fri., DJ, 5-12 p.m.; live entertainment Mon.-Sun.

**Naval Station Anchorage Club** - Fri., DJ, 6 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sat., DJ, 8-12 p.m. Tues. movie night, 7:30 p.m.

**Naval Station CPO Club** - Fri., DJ, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Sun., movie day, 1-6 p.m.

**Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn** - Mon., 7 p.m., pepperoni pizza, games night; Wed., 6-10 p.m. hors d'oevres, ladies night, DJ; Thurs., pounder burger w/french fries, games night.

**Bamboo Inn** - Fri., live band starting at 7 p.m.

**Albrook O'Club** - Sun., German Rosch during brunch.

**Clayton NCO Club** - Fri. & Sat., C&W in the Corral from 7 p.m.-Wed.; Mon., closed.

**Corner Post Lounge** - Sun., variety music, oldies but goodies, 6-9 p.m.

**Ft. Sherman Community Club** - Fri., entertainment until 8 p.m.; Atlantic blue & gold Boy Scouts awards ceremony until 10 p.m.

**Davis Community Club** - Fri., disco; Sat., land & sea special, Caoba Cafe until 9:30 a.m.

### Lunch

**Howard O' Club** - Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Howard NCO Club** - Mon.-Fri., from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Naval Station O'Club** - Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Naval Station Anchorage Club** - Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat., grill sandwich bar, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun., 1-10:30 p.m.

**Quarry Heights** - Mon.-Fri. lunch specials from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.;

**Amador O'Club** - Mon.-Fri. from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. lunch specials.

**Bamboo Inn** - Lunch specials, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Sat.

**Albrook O'Club** - Mon.-Fri. from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Clayton Guest House** - Tues.-Fri., lunch specials from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Clayton NCO Club** - Mon.-Fri. specials lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Davis Community Club** - Tues.-Fri., lunch specials from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Sherman Community Club** - Once a month lunch specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Breakfast

**Howard NCO Club** - Mon.-Fri., 6-9 a.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., sit down breakfast.

**Naval Station Anchorage Club** - Mon.-Fri. 6:30-11:30 a.m.

**Quarry Heights O'Club** - Tues.-Fri., until 8:30 a.m.; Sat., 7:30-9:30 a.m.; closed Sun; available for breakfast meetings Mon.-Fri. 6:30-8:30 a.m., Sat. 7:30-9:30 a.m.

### Sunday Brunch

**Howard NCO Club** - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Naval Station O'Club** - 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Amador O'Club** - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Albrook O'Club** - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Clayton NCO Club** - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Sherman Community Club** - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., once a month.

**Davis Community Club** - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## U.N. ambassador answers RP charges

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to resolve their differences peacefully. Tragically, however, the military dictatorship of General Noriega, which employs Mr. Ritter, will not permit a free and fair election nor will it permit open debate on the country's future.

We are discussing Panama before the Security Council because the regime will not permit a free and open debate to take place among the Panamanian people in Panama.

The solution to Panama's lack of democracy does not lie here in the Security Council. The solution lies in Panama.

The people of Panama should be able to vote freely. The people of Panama should be able freely to debate the issues of their election.

As the countries of the Western Hemisphere, indeed the world, move toward democracy and greater openness, Panama lags behind and is now moving in the opposite direction.

The international community should not now be asked to accord legitimacy to a regime which is unwilling to face the judgment of its own people. That would be a

travesty. Nor should the military regime be allowed to conceal its own unpopularity and illegitimacy by alleging a plot by the United States with the sole intention of deflecting world attention away from Panama's basic problem: its lack of freedom and its apparent intention to conduct fraudulent elections.

Because Mr. Ritter's government cannot face being judged by its own citizens, it has been systematically subverting the electoral process. Illustrative of the activities which the regime is taking to control the results of the May 7th elections are the following steps:

— One, manipulation of voter lists, including the printing of false lists, changing data in voting registries and last minute changes in the assignment of voters to polling locations.

— Two, manipulation of cedulas, individual identity cards required for voting, including invalidating the voter registration identity cards of opposition supporters and the issuing of duplicate voter cards to regime supporters to permit multiple voting.

— Three, developing plans to disenfranchise large numbers of voters at polling booths; and,

— Four, working out deliberate arrangements to misprint ballots and to mix ballots from different polling booths in order to invalidate the vote count.

Among the other actions to influence the electoral process which the regime in Panama has taken are:

— Limiting observers of the elections only to those accorded "official" status by the regime and denying entry into Panama during the election period of other interested international observers and organizations;

— By reserving on a priority basis and withholding from use all rooms at hotels, the regime seeks to deprive visitors and observers of accommodations;

— Placing restrictions on the entry of foreign journalists;

— Denying the use of commercial rental vehicles to anyone not authorized by the regime in order to prevent travel within Panama for the purpose of evaluating the electoral process.

The international community should not become part of an effort by the Noriega regime to deflect attention from itself through bringing what is in essence a problem with its unfair and fraudulent elections to this body. Instead, the Noriega regime should immediately restore the minimum conditions for free elections. These include: freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, and personal freedom. The regime should also permit full international and press monitoring of the elections.

Panamanians should of course have an opportunity to resolve Panama's political and economic crisis. But a manipulated and stolen electoral process will only compound Panama's troubles. The United States remains firmly committed to supporting the efforts of the Panamanian people to restore genuine, civilian democracy. We also remain fully committed to the Panama Canal Treaties. All friends of the people of Panama should affirm the right of their people to realize their aspirations for democratic government and to rejoin the community of free nations.

## health news

# Drug tests: Afraid of a false positive?

by Evelyn D. Harris

(AFIS) — You're not a drug abuser. But when you found out that you are in a testing-designated position, you definitely became nervous.

Terror is an accurate word to describe your feelings when you were told to go to the lavatory for your drug test. After all, you've read the stories about people whose careers were ruined by a false positive on a drug test. You've heard that if you take prescription drugs or over-the-counter allergy pills or even if you eat poppyseed bagels, you'll test as positive as a hardened addict.

Calm down. According to Navy Cdr. John Irving. "If you are not abusing illegal drugs, you have no reason to fear the tests." He is acting chief of the Drug Testing Section, Office of Workplace Initiatives at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The Department of Defense uses only military and certified civilian drug-testing labs. To ensure accuracy, DOD regularly sends special coded "dummy" specimens through them. If a lab comes up with even one false positive on the dummy specimens, it loses its certification.

DOD drug screening involves a two-step process. The first is a screening test, where specimens are analyzed to indicate the presence of drugs. Specimens that test positive in the screening phase are retested to confirm beyond doubt that the urine does contain the drug in question. The second test involves a procedure called gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. Using it, the possibility of obtaining false positives is virtually eliminated. In fact, the results of urine tests using these procedures have been accepted and sustained in the federal courts.

Job applicants and a percentage of DOD civilian employees in testing-designated positions are being screened for THC (the active ingredient in marijuana), cocaine, PCP, opiates and amphetamines. Unless an individual agency wants to do so, there will be no test for barbiturates.

Irving said that certain over-the-counter drugs could produce a false positive in the initial screening. These drugs include some antihistamines and Vicks-brand inhalers. However, recent improvements in the screening test have reduced the likelihood of this happening, and the more accurate second test, the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry,

usually eliminates the problem.

However, as a safeguard, the medical review officer will talk to individuals who test positive before their agency is notified of the results. During the interview, the individual can demonstrate that the positive finding is due to a valid prescription and the result is sent back to the agency as negative.

Eating poppyseeds — even in normal amounts — can result in a positive screening. Therefore, positive readings for opiates are routinely retested to look for a metabolite found only in heroin. As a further protection, the medical review officer routinely retested to

look for a metabolite required to verify other clinical evidence of drug abuse before the individual's opiate-positive results are sent back to the agency.

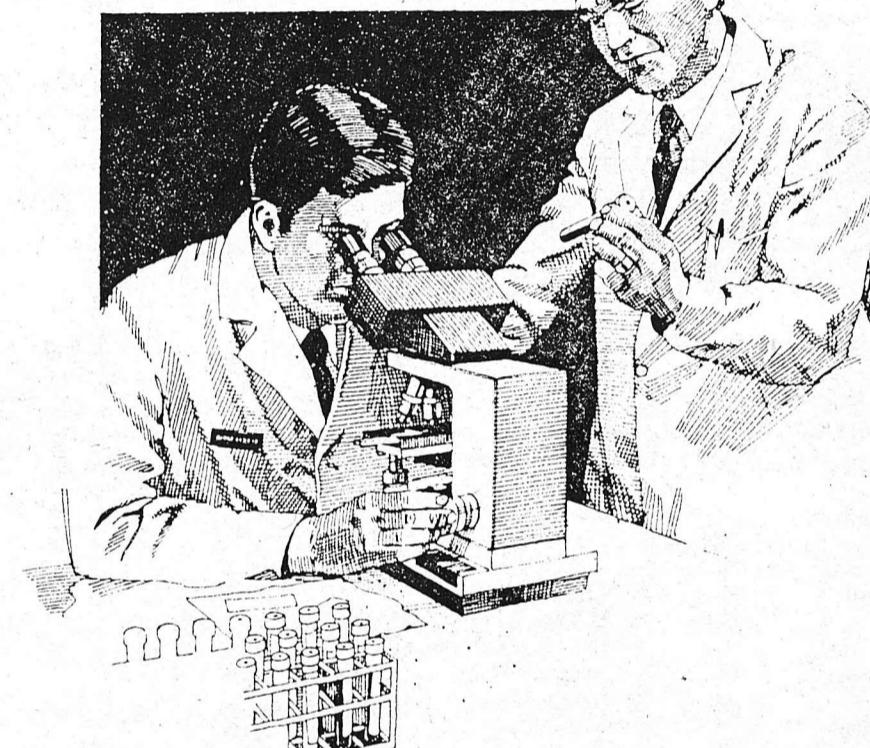
Music fans have nothing to fear either. Irving said the detectable cutoff level for THC is such that the specimen from a person attending a rock concert or being in a room where marijuana has been smoked would not come up positive in a drug

Drinking an herbal tea called "Inca" could result in a positive test for cocaine. The tea has been off the market since 1987 and is prohibited in the United States because it is made from the coca leaf. However, said Irving, if someone "found some in the attic" and drank it, the medical review officer could determine if that was the cause of the positive test.

"The amount of cocaine in the urine from drinking herbal tea would be very low, and the individual's sample would probably be declared negative. But if there was high level, the officer wouldn't buy it — the test result would be positive," said Irving.

You may have heard that drug test discriminate against blacks because they mistake melanin, the substance responsible for skin pigmentation and present in urine, for marijuana. Scientists have been unable to replicate the research that was responsible for this concern and thus have concluded that it was faulty. The conclusion: Testing will not mistake melanin for marijuana.

What if you're not afraid of a false positive but are offended by an "invasion of privacy"? You can lay that concern to rest as well. "There will be no direct observation of civilians while they are giving their sample," said Irving.



# Planning prevents accidental food poisoning

by Evelyn D. Harris

(AFIS) — For most people, the word "picnic" evokes fond memories — good food, good friends, games and music shared in a beautiful outdoor setting. But anyone who has gotten sick from eating improperly handled food may not have such glowing memories.

A little planning before the picnic is the best way to ensure that food is safe as well as tasty. Here are some tips from military and Department of Agriculture food-safety experts:

■ When shopping for food, buy perishable items such as meat for food, buy perishable items such as meat last. Get them into a refrigerator or portable cooler as soon as possible. Never leave perishables in a hot car while you run other errands.

■ If you are going to use perishable food quickly, refrigerate it. Otherwise, freeze it.

■ Don't thaw meat on the counter. Thaw in the refrigerator or in your microwave oven. If meat is not completely defrosted when you're ready to leave, just cook it longer at the picnic.

■ Cook everything thoroughly. Cook pork chops and ribs until the pink is gone; poultry should have no red near the bone. Steak and hamburger are safer when cooked

until well-done.

■ Clean your hands before cooking and after tasting. If there's no water faucet, use disposable handwipes. Don't reuse the same utensils and dishes that touched raw meat for serving.

■ Keep hot foods above 140 degrees and cold foods below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Invest in a thermometer to check temperature range.

■ Keep perishable foods in a cooler as long as possible. Pack the cooler with plenty of ice or use an ice pack. Try to keep it in the shade.

■ The high-acid content of commercial mayonnaise actually helps protect foods from spoiling. But homemade mayonnaise, if made without vinegar or lemon juice, could be risky.

■ Keep food covered to avoid exposing it to flies and common bacteria.

■ If you were gone no more than five hours and your perishables were kept on ice except when cooked and served, you may be able to save the leftovers. But if you have any doubts about a food, throw it out.

## Poison-proof your home

Military hospitals in the United States and overseas have the equipment trained staffs necessary to treat poisonings. But prevention is much better than cure. Here are some

tips that may help you avoid a call to the poison hotline or a trip to the emergency room:

■ Poison-proof your home if you have children or if children visit regularly by keeping poisons out of reach — preferably locked up.

■ Poison experts no longer consider the poinsettia plant toxic, but some other common houseplants most garden shops can tell you which plants to avoid if you have young children.

■ Never put kerosene, antifreeze or other poisons in cups, glasses, milk or soft drinks bottles. Never transfer poisonous products to a container without a child-resistant closure.

■ Keep purses, briefcases and diaper bags closed when children are around. They may contain medicine, cosmetics or other items little hands could get into.

■ If you have children, don't leave alcoholic drinks around. After a party, empty drink glasses before you go to bed.

■ Buy a bottle of syrup of ipecac, and keep it where you can find it fast. Don't forget to tell your baby sitter where it is. Post the number of the nearest poison-control center or emergency room by the phone; use it if poisoning is suspected. Don't give ipecac unless told to do so.

■ Never tell a child medicine is "candy."

■ Since 1971, the United States government has regulated the amount of lead permissible in paints. Old houses and furniture could still have enough lead in paint flakes to cause lead poisoning, so be careful.

■ Adults can accidentally poison themselves, too. Always take medicine in good light. Never take someone else's medicine. Throw away medicine that has passed its expiration date; old medicine can become toxic.



## Saturday

7:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
7:30	Just For Kids!
7:31	Berenstein Bears
7:55	Huckleberry Hound & Friends
8:25	G.I. Joe
8:50	Flintstone Kids
9:20	Woody Woodpecker
9:50	Nickelodeon Movie... "Garfield: His Nine Lives."
11:30	America's Top 10
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:30 p.m.	Washington Week In Review
1:00	NBC Major League Baseball
4:00	Country Clips
5:00	Lifestyles Of The Rich and Famous
6:00	WWF Superstars Of Wrestling
6:50	SCN Mini-Series Special... "Roots." (Part 1) (97 min.)
8:30	SCN Mini-Series Movie... "The Blood Of Others." (Part 2) (91 min.)
10:00	CNN Headline News
10:30	Saturday Night Live
12:00	Videolink
1:00 a.m.	SCN All Night Movie... "Midnight Express." (mature theme) (117 min.)
3:20	SCN All Night Movie... "The Goodbar Killer." (mature theme) (98 min.)
4:45	Austin City Limits
5:55	Challenge
6:25	Insight

## Sunday

6:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
6:30	Christian Lifestyle Magazine
7:00	In Touch
7:58	Community Bulletin
8:00	CBS Sunday Morning
9:30	Essence, The Television Program
10:00	Meet The Press
10:30	This Week With David Brinkley
11:30	CNN Headline News
11:40	Cayuco Race '89
Noon	SCN Matinee Movie..."Star Wars." (121 min.)
2:00 p.m.	CNN Headline Newsbreak & Local News
2:20	SCN Sunday Movie..."Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid." (mature theme) (110 min.)
4:10	CNN Headline Newsbreak & Local News
4:30	SCN Mini-Series Special..."Roots." (Part 2) (97 min.)
6:10	CNN Headline Newsbreak & Local News
6:45	SCN Mini-Series Special..."Roots." (Part 3) (97 min.)
8:25	CNN Headline Newsbreak & Local News
8:40	Transisthman Race '89
9:00	SCN Mini-Series Movie..."The Blood Of Others." (Part 3) (103 min.)
10:45	CNN Headline News
11:00	Entertainment This Week

## Monday

5:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
5:30	NBC At Sunrise
6:00	Today Show
8:00	Morning Stretch
8:30	SCN Monday Movie..."The Cockeyed Cowboys Of Calico County." (101 min.)
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	Fight Back (series begins)
11:55	Community Bulletin
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m.	SCN Midday Report
12:30	Sports Machine
1:00	Another World
2:00	Oprah Winfrey...Fashion Revolt
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	Community Bulletin
3:45	CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00	It Figures
4:25	Guiding Light
5:10	General Hospital
5:55	Community Bulletin
6:00	SCN Evening Report
6:30	ABC World News Tonight
7:00	Jeopardy
7:30	SCN Mini-Series Special..."Roots." (Part 4) (96 min.)
9:10	The Air Force Now
9:25	Community Bulletin
9:30	NBC Nightly News
10:00	Entertainment Tonight
10:30	NBC Tonight Show
11:30	Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m.	Nightline

**Tuesday**

5:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
5:30	NBC At Sunrise
6:00	NBC Today Show
8:00	Trapper John, M.D.
8:50	Reading Rainbow
9:20	3-2-1 Contact
9:50	Goodnight Beantown
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	Guinness World Records
11:55	Community Bulletin
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m.	SCN Midday Report
12:30	CNN Sports Tonight
1:00	Another World
2:00	Donahue...New Fathers. (mature theme)
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	Community Bulletin
3:40	CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00	Rhoda
4:25	Guiding Light
5:10	General Hospital
5:55	Community Bulletin
6:00	SCN Evening Report
6:30	ABC World News Tonight
7:00	Jeopardy
7:30	SCN Mini-Series Special..."Roots." (Part 5) (97 min.)
9:10	Transisthmian Race
9:30	NBC Nightly News
10:00	Entertainment Tonight
10:30	NBC Tonight Show
11:30	Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m.	Nightline

6:30	ABC World News Tonight
7:00	Jeopardy
7:25	Mr. Belvedere
7:50	Growing Pains
8:15	Gimme A Break
8:40	Cagney & Lacey (series ends)
9:30	NBC Nightly News
10:00	Entertainment Tonight
10:30	NBC Tonight Show
11:30	Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m.	Nightline
<b>Friday</b>	
5:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
5:30	NBC At Sunrise
6:00	NBC Today Show
8:00	Morning Stretch
8:25	Pac Man
8:50	Mork & Mindy
9:20	Incredible Hulk
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	Alice
11:55	Community Bulletin
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m.	SCN Midday Report
12:30	CNN Sports Latenight
1:00	Another World
2:10	Oprah Winfrey...Foreigners Taking Over America.
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	Community Bulletin
3:45	CNN Headline Newsbreak

## Wednesday

5:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
5:30	NBC At Sunrise
6:00	NBC Today Show
8:00	Morning Stretch
8:25	Sesame Street
9:25	Porky Pig
9:50	Secret City
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	Barney Miller
11:55	Community Bulletin
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m.	SCN Midday Report
12:30	CNN Sports Tonight
1:00	Another World
2:00	Oprah Winfrey...Sex and The Single Mother. (maturing theme)
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	Community Bulletin
3:45	CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00	It Figures
4:25	Guiding Light
5:10	General Hospital
5:55	Community Bulletin
6:00	SCN Evening Report
6:30	ABC World News Tonight
7:00	Jeopardy
7:25	9 To 5
7:50	SCN Mini-Series Movie...“Roots.” (Part 6) (96 min.)
9:28	Community Bulletin
9:30	NBC Nightly News
10:00	Entertainment Tonight
10:30	NBC Tonight Show
11:30	Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m.	Nightline

**Thursday**

5:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
5:30	NBC News At Sunrise
6:00	NBC Today Show
8:00	The Love Boat
8:50	Robotech
9:15	The Roadrunner Show
9:40	Square One
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	Ask Dr. Ruth
11:55	Community Bulletin
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m.	SCN Midday Report
12:30	CNN Sport Latenight
1:00	Another World
2:00	Donahue...How Couples Fight. (mature theme)
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	Community Bulletin
3:45	CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00	Spirit Bay
4:25	Guiding Light
5:10	General Hospital
5:55	Community Bulletin
6:00	SCN Evening Report

## Movies On SCN-TV

"The Blood Of Others." The Germans invade France and Helene learns that Jean has become a prisoner of war. Stars Jodie Foster and Michael Ontkean.

“Roots.” A mini-series based upon Alex Haley’s Best-Selling book by the same name. This programs tells the story of Haley’s family from the time one of his ancestors is kidnapped in Africa until the end of the Civil War.

"Midnight Express." A young man is arrested in Turkey for smuggling drugs and soon finds his life is on hold as he faces a term in Turkish prison. (1978)

"The Goodbar Killer." A killer is on the loose and it's up to our hero to try and stop him.

"Star Wars." Dark times have fallen on this space age Camelot and it's up to an intrepid band of fighters to overthrow the evil empire. Stars Carrie Fisher, Harrison Ford and Mark Hamill. (1978)

"Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid." Robert Redford and Paul Newman star as a couple of legendary western outlaws who take it on the lam for South America. Also starring Katherine Ross. (1969)

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**Specials On SCN-TV**

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"Super Sunday On SCN" will bring movies like "Star Wars," "Roots," "The Blood Of Others," "Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid," as well as the long-awaited specials on the cayuco race and the Transpacific Relay.

“Happy Birthday Garfield.” Cartoonist Jim Davis hosts a 10th anniversary salute to his animated cat “partly animal” given to defending his right to overeat.

"partly animal" given to defending his right to overeat. "Garfield His Nine Lives." Garfield is one fat cat with nine lives, and lives his life to the fullest nine times. "Casper Page '89." The exciting ocean-to-ocean race

"Cayuco Race '89." The exciting ocean to ocean race is now history but SCN takes you down the canal one more time.

"Transisthmian Race '89." This race was run from the Atlantic to the Pacific by 118 teams and the pace was hard and unforgiving.

# 154th Signal provides essential commo support

by PFC A. Scott Lawrence

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) -- "You can talk about us, but you can't talk without us," said Sgt. Earnest Downs, team chief for a multichannel communications team from Signal Support Company, 154th Signal Battalion, Ft. Clayton.

While on the 193rd Brigade Field Training Exercise, earlier this month, the 154th supported the brigade with communications.

The 154th not only made available station-to-station communication within the FTX sites, but also set up communication links which allow people in the field to call people on post using commercial phones.

"This enables people in the field to receive support from individuals on the other end of a commercial link," said Downs. "If a soldier needed to talk to someone on Ft. Davis we could set up the connection and that soldier could talk person-to-person

on a military phone in the field."

The phones are not only used for supporting the mission. They also serve an important role in keeping soldiers informed if a family crisis should arise.

"This type of communication is necessary for the accomplishment of the mission, Downs said. "If there were a personal emergency and a soldier needed to be contacted, this is the fastest way to reach him."

Since units in the field want communication for the duration of the exercise, signal ends up spending more time in the field.

They must arrive in the field early and set up so units can communicate as soon as they arrive. Signal is also the last unit out so communications can be accessed right up to the last minute, if necessary.

As Spec. Andre Sykes, assistant team chief, said, "We are always the first out and the last to pack it in."

## Volunteers 'light up our lives'

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW/PAO) — Is a paycheck the measure of the value of work? Fortunately for the military community here, there's a group of individuals who don't feel money measures everything. They are called Family Services Volunteers, and they work for free — but not for nothing.

More than 700,000 volunteers provide millions of hours of service annually to the welfare of military and civilian personnel. Locally, in the past six months, 18 volunteers under the direction of Family Services Coordinator Melodie Miller, have contributed 4100 hours of time, energy and talents toward making this a better place to live.

Where can these volunteers be seen? Every Monday and Thursday they can be found on the flightline, meeting and caring for children of incoming personnel while parents clear customs and baggage. They can be seen carrying baskets of baby items and handmade gifts to new parents. And, they can always be found at the Family Services office in Building 47, manning the phones and stocking the loan closet.

Family Services also provides information pertaining to the base and surrounding area, and maintains information packets on nearly every U.S. Air Force base in the world.

Not to forget the younger members, they coordinate "Kids in Touch With Kids," a program which helps children find a pen pal and

friend before they arrive or leave Panama. Volunteers fill a need in the community, and were recently recognized for their contributions during National Volunteer Week, April 9 through 15. The theme this year was "Volunteers Light Up Our Lives."

At an awards banquet held April 11 at the Howard Officers' Club, Family Services volunteers who brighten the community here, were honored. Certificates of Recognition were given to Maria Ojeda, Cathy Porter, Glenn Porter, Cindy Roldan, Herman Smith, Helen Timm, Wendy Tovado and Diana Turner. One-year pins were awarded to JoAnn Bookwalter, Brenda Merchant, Dede Mix, Cathy Porter and Helen Timm.

Two-year pins were presented to Maria Ojeda and Diana Turner, with Family Services Emblems awarded to Mark Miller and Glenn Crane.

Receiving hour guards were Kim Schwark, 100; Penny Crane, 250, 500, 750 and 1,000; Dede Mix, 500; Kathy Johnson, 750; Brenda Merchant, 750; JoAnn Bookwalter, 1,250; Sima Zaldivar, 1,750; and Melodie Miller, 2,000, 2,250 and 2,500.

Volunteer of the Quarter, January through March, was presented to Brenda Merchant, with top honors of Volunteer of the Year, 1988, awarded to Mrs. Miller by 24th Composite Wing Commander Col. Lansford E. Trapp Jr.

Feedback will consist of the rater filling out a simple handwritten form, followed by face-to-face discussion between the rater and ratee. The original copy of the form will be given to the ratee to enhance objectivity and candor.

Raters may keep copies of the form for their own records, for future feedback sessions and for preparation of enlisted performance reports. Raters may not use the form for any other purpose nor show it to anyone else.

Feedback must be provided by the rater who actually writes the performance report.

Separate feedback forms will be used for airmen and NCOs. Air Force Form 931, Airmen Performance Feedback worksheet, is designed specifically to assist raters in helping first-term airmen adjust to



Spec. Andre Sykes (left) and Spec. Jorge Acevedo stay busy at the brigade TOC communications camp. (U.S. Army photo by PFC A. Scott Lawrence)

## Wives club seeks new members

HOWARD AFB (24TH COMPW/PA) — The Howard/Albrook NCO Wives Club is presently seeking members for their organization. According to Jeanne Musick, NCOWC president, "The club is a source of learning, laughter and goodwill to all those people who will open their hearts to us."

The new philosophy of the NCOWC is that membership is the "key" that unlocks the door to any good club. "There are many women out there holding the key and don't realize it," Musick explained. "The word needs to be spread that the NCO Wives Club is here for all women."

Some of the things that the club offers are craft sessions, guest speakers with information about the Panama area, and sessions discussing the issues facing women in the community each day.

The club also supports several

charities in the community, gives a helping hand to the area Girl and Boy Scout organizations, and is a strong voice in the base populace through the Howard Base Spouse Advisory Committee.

"We will continue to support each and every one of these organizations, as they are a part of our everyday lives," she said. "The Howard/Albrook NCO Wives Club is a wonderful tool each of us can use to aid our community, learn about our host country, and maybe even learn a little bit about ourselves and know that we can make a difference."

The club meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard NCO Club. The dues are \$1.25 per month or \$12 per year. For more information on NCOWC activities call Musick at 284-3681 or Karen Boyd at 284-5680.

## Performance feedback required of supervisors for tech sergeants, below

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFMPC) — Supervisors must provide performance feedback for all technical sergeants and below within 120 days of the May 1 start date of the new enlisted evaluation system.

The feedback system was established in response to enlisted people's desires for more feedback on supervisors' job expectations and how they are actually performing the work.

Formal, written feedback is mandatory for technical sergeants and below and "highly encouraged" for master sergeants and above.

Feedback does not replace formal counseling for serious problems. It is intended to improve individual performance by telling the ratee that the job expectations are and how the ratee's performance is meeting those expectations.

the service.

The NCO form, Air Force Form 932, will be more specific, focusing on leadership and managerial performance.

After the 120-day initial phase-in period, mandatory formal feedback must begin within 30 days of an individual receiving a new assignment, change of rating official, or the closeout of a report by a continuing rater.

A follow-up session is required midway through the reporting period.

Airmen with less than 20 months, total active service will not receive an enlisted performance report; however, performance feedback will be required every 180 days.

Raters can provide additional sessions when needed. Raters also can request sessions, but raters are

not required to give feedback if a session has occurred within the last 60 days.

Instructions on completing the feedback form are in Air Force Pamphlet 30-15, USAF Guide to the Airman and NCO Feedback System. The pamphlet is available to all raters of airmen and NCOs and can be ordered through the publication distribution office.

Air Force Regulation 39-62, enlisted personnel — the enlisted evaluation system, contains specific requirements. For more information, call 284-3508.

You're never too old to quit blowing smoke.

# CPO vacancies

Who can submit applications for permanent positions: Current civilian employees of the U.S. Army South and the Army serviced activities, U.S. Government agencies in the Panama Canal area, qualified reinstatements eligibles (those persons who previously have worked for the U.S. government on a permanent basis), U.S. government employees in the Panama area in a leave without pay status. Candidates with applications in the CPO applicant supply file will be considered for appropriate vacancies. For Who can submit applications for temporary vacancies: For clerical positions — only those applicants who have taken the appropriate examination and have notice of rating. For positions, usually above the NM-05 level, non-clerical applicants need have taken an examination. For sensitive position requiring security clearance, applications will be accepted from U.S. citizens.

How to apply: Applicants must submit application to the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 560, Room 306, Corozal, by the close of business on the closing date of the announcement. Employees located in the Atlantic community submitting applications to the Civilian Personnel representative at Ft. Davis, have until Wednesday after the closing date of the announcement.

The following must be submitted by all interested applicants: 1. Standards Form 171, Personnel Qualification Statement. 2. Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action showing your current status. 3. USARSO Form 106, application for consideration; or, in lieu of USARSO Form 106 — you may submit: A. a current or your latest performance appraisal, and B. your supplement qualifications addressing knowledges, skills and abilities (KSAs) described under job related criteria in this announcement.

The information provided in the SF-171 is used for qualifications determination only. The information you provide on the job related criteria determines if you are highly qualified and ultimately referred for consideration to the selecting official. Remember: in job related criteria tell what, when, where, how, how long and with what results you acquired the knowledge, skill, or ability.

Method of evaluation: Ranking of eligible candidates to determine the best qualified will be accomplished by comparing each candidate's knowledges, skills, and abilities with the job related criteria below. Supervisory appraisals, experience, past performance, training and awards will be considered in the rating and ranking process. Note: only information provided in SF 171, USARSO 106 or appraisal and job related criteria will be used.

Other considerations: positions are subject to priority referrals and reemployment priority lists. Consideration of candidates for repromotion will precede efforts to fill the position by competitive procedures. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, marital status, non-disqualifying handicap, age, sex, political affiliations or other non-merit factors. Additional information on vacancies is available at the Civilian Personnel Office on corresponding announcement — 285-5201/6954.

NOTE: VB# 294-89, SOCIAL WORKER, NM-185-09 IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE:  
(A) SELECTEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A URINALYSIS TEST FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT.  
(B) THIS POSITION REQUIRES THAT SELECTEE OBTAIN THE ADAPCP CLINICAL CERTIFICATION.

VB# 312-89, SOCIAL WORKER, NM-185-11 IS HEREBY CANCELLED. POSITION WILL BE READVERTIZED UNDER VB# 313-89.

PERMANENT POSITIONS AND LOCATION	VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT OPEN CLOSE DATE	EXP GEN	REQ SPEC	TIME-IN-GRADE 1 YR AT:
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SOCIAL WORKER, NM-185-11 313-89 MSTERS 1 YR NM-09  
DPCA, CFA, FSD DGR PROF  
ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE SOC SOC  
FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA WRK WRK  
JOB RELATED CRITERIA:  
1. Ability to initiate, coordinate and complete command staff actions.  
2. Ability to prepare and present briefings.  
3. Knowledge of marketing principles related to family advocacy issues.  
4. Knowledge of human relations and community organization.

TRANSPORTATION CLERK 314-89 6 MOS - N/A  
NM-2102-03 DEVELOPMENTAL TO NM-05  
MTMC TERMINAL-PANAMA  
BALBOA, PANAMA  
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ASSISTANT (TYPING), NM-303-05 315-89 - 1 YR N/A  
MILITARY POLICE COMMAND EQUIV TO  
HHC, BLDG. 204, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA NM-04  
QUALIFIED TYPIST IS REQUIRED  
JOB RELATED CRITERIA:  
1. Knowledge of military personnel management.  
2. Ability to coordinate military personnel actions.  
3. Ability to communicate in writing.

BUDGET ASSISTANT (TYPING) 316-89 - 1 YR AT N/A  
NM-561-05, DOM NM-04  
MAINTENANCE DIVISION  
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT  
COROZAL, PANAMA  
QUALIFIED TYPIST IS REQUIRED  
JOB RELATED CRITERIA:  
1. Knowledge of budget procedures.  
2. Knowledge of accounting applications.  
3. Ability to extract, compile, organize and present information.

FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR 320-89 1 3 YRS OF -  
FIRE GROUP, CLASS 2, SUB CLASS (B) FIREFIGHTING  
BILINGUAL, DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED EXPERIENCE  
DEH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION  
FIRE PROTECTION SECTION  
FT. DAVIS, PANAMA  
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE

PASSENGER RATE ASSISTANT (TYPING) 317-89 - 1 YR AT N/A  
NM-2133-05, DOS NM-04  
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, MOVEMENT BR.

PERSONNEL MOVEMENT SECTION

FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA

JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to read and interpret regulations and instructions.
2. Ability to exercise tact, patience and courtesy in dealing with others
3. Ability to operate computer terminals in the processing of passenger reservations.
4. Knowledge of air transportation and travel procedures.

CYTOLGY TECHNICIAN, NM-646-07 318-89 N/A 1 YR AT NM-05  
USA MEDDAC PANAMA NM-05  
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

ANCON, PANAMA

JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE

SUPPLY TECHNICIAN, NM-2005-07 319-89 N/A 1 YR AT NM-06  
USA MEDDAC PANAMA NM-06  
LOGISTICS DIVISION

ANCON, PANAMA

JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE

THE POSITIONS LISTED BELOW SERVE AS AN OPEN-CONTINUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR VACANCIES IN THE TITLES AND GRADES LISTED FOR WHICH THERE MAY BE AN ANTICIPATED NEED UNTIL 12-31-89. THESE VACANCIES MAY BE EITHER ON THE ATLANTIC SIDE OR THE PACIFIC SIDE. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS UNTIL 12-31-89. CPO WILL MAINTAIN AN OPEN CONTINUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS. APPLICANTS WILL BE REFERRED AS VACANCIES OCCUR.

CLERK-TYPIST NM-322-04	OC-1A-89	1	N/A	N/A
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to follow instructions.
2. Knowledge of grammar, spelling and punctuation rules.
3. Ability to maintain propriety form and arrangements required by correspondence manuals.

SECRETARY (STENO) NM-318-05	OC-1B-89	N/A	1 YR.	N/A
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to work independently.
2. Knowledge of administrative procedures.
3. Knowledge of grammar and punctuation rules.
4. Ability to interpret rules and apply policies.

SECRETARY (TYPING) NM-318-05	OC-1C-89	N/A	1 YR.	N/A
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to work independently.
2. Knowledge of administrative procedures.
3. Knowledge of grammar and punctuation rules.
4. Ability to instruct clerical personnel in administrative procedures.

SECRETARY (STENO) NM-318-06	OC-1D-89	N/A	1 YR.	NM-05
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to work independently.
2. Knowledge of administrative procedures.
3. Knowledge of grammar and punctuation rules.
4. Ability to instruct clerical personnel in administrative procedures.

SECRETARY (TYPING) NM-318-06	OC-1E-89	N/A	1 YR.	NM-05
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to work independently.
2. Knowledge of administrative procedures.
3. Ability to instruct clerical personnel in administrative procedures.

SUPPLY CLERK NM-2005-05	OC-1F-89	N/A	1 YR.	N/A
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to work rapidly and accurately with numbers, names, codes and symbols.
2. Ability to organize and present information.
3. Knowledge of DOD Supply System.
4. Ability to apply written instructions and guidelines.

SUPPLY CLERK NM-2005-04	OC-1G-89	1	N/A	N/A
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to apply written instructions and guidelines.
2. Ability to work rapidly and accurately with numbers, names, codes and symbols.
3. Ability to organize and present information.

DATA TRANSCRIBER NM-356-04	OC-1H-89	1	N/A	N/A
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JOB RELATED CRITERIA:

1. Ability to follow written instructions.
2. Ability to understand coding system.
3. Ability to work with extensions reports, listing and extracting information from item.

NOTE: FOR POSITIONS INVOLVING TYPING OR STENOGRAPHIC SKILLS, APPLICANTS MUST SHOW POSSESSION OF THESE SKILLS.



# 'D' Battery uses eyes, brains, brawn in missions

by PFC A. Scott Lawrence

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) -- "Sierra 26, Sierra 26, this is Lima 13, request artillery support, over."

"Lima 13, do you have a map or compass? Over."

"Negative."

"Where are you located? Describe the terrain around you."

Where is the sun setting as you face the enemy?

Is there a long, straight, narrow body of water around you?

Can you see a large hill? How many football fields away from the peak of the hill is the enemy?"

These are only some of the questions asked in the untrained observer mission, conducted by D Battery, 320th Field Artillery, Fort Kobbe, during the 193rd Field Training Exercise, at Empire Range recently.

In all artillery missions there are three sections: the forward observer, the fire direction control center (FDC), and the actual gun teams.

The forward observer calls for and adjusts all artillery fire. The FDC plots the coordinates of both the observer and the target. Then they translate the information into how far the gunners need to turn their

weapons and how high. The gunners adjust their weapons according to the information given by the FDC, and fire.

"A simple way to think of it is the forward observers are the eyes, FDC is the brain, and the guns are the brawn," said SSgt. Donald E. Ruffin, fire support NCOIC for Company C, 1.508th Airborne Infantry, Fort Kobbe.

According to Ruffin, the untrained observer mission is conducted so a soldier without forward observer skills can still call in artillery support.

"In this mission, the soldier can not use a map or compass. In addition, FDC does the computations manually. Both prepare us for the worst possible scenario," commented 2nd Lt. Kent K. Gibson, fire direction officer for the FDC.

Gibson admitted, "In combat, it is more than likely that we will have an untrained observer directing fire. However, someone in the unit should have a compass or map." Since these tools are not used in the training mission, FDC must locate the observer on a map based on his description of the terrain.

FDC narrows down the area by asking questions about the terrain. Then once they have outlined an area

around the enemy and no friendly troops are within those constraints, they fire.

"The FDC will ask the observer if he saw the first round and how far it was from the target. From that information they readjust the guns and fire again. This process continues until the target has been

destroyed," Ruffin explained.

D Battery is the only artillery unit in South and Central America. Their duty is to support the infantry with artillery.

The untrained observer mission is only one of the ways D Battery trains to remain, "Fit to fight."



Members of D Battery camouflage their equipment during a tactical move while on the 193rd Brigade FTX. (U.S. Army photo by PFC A. Scott Lawrence)

## PCC personnel repair baffle piers at Gatun Dam Spillway

BALBOA HEIGHTS (PCC PAO)

Maintenance Division personnel are currently repairing the baffle piers at the base of the Gatun Dam Spillway after a routine annual inspection revealed significant water erosion of the concrete portion of the piers and water erosion coupled with normal oxidation of the metal parts.

The 19 baffle piers, which look like huge blocks and are lined up in a

staggered fashion at the foot of the dam, break up the enormous volume of water that pours over the dam during spilling operations. Without the baffles, the water's force might destroy much of the surrounding area and the bridge crossing the Chagres River just south of the dam.

Making optimum use of the remaining weeks of dry season, repairs were begun about five weeks

ago. The piers with the worst erosion were tackled first, and those with lesser damage were left for last.

Several epoxy substances have been used in the repairs, different ones on different baffles. When the baffles are inspected next year, the epoxy products will be examined to determine which have held up the best and should be used for future repairs.

Most of the epoxy substances are being used only on metal, but one is being tested on concrete as well. Another product, which is considered three times harder and more resistant than concrete, is also being tested on some concrete and metal surfaces.

"Surface preparation has been one of the most important aspects of the job," says Rafael Samuels, who has acted as general foreman on the

## Shipping weight for Air Force increases

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The amount of weight that Air Force members are allowed to have shipped during a permanent change of station move will be increased by July 1.

The amount of weight the member is entitled to have shipped or stored

project. The project has included sandblasting both metal and concrete surfaces.

At the start, maintenance engineer Luis Ferreira gave a seminar to Samuels, maintenance mechanic Sabino Vargas and cement worker leader Victor Fuentes on some of the products that are being used in the work.

Safety matters were also considered before the project began. Samuels, who takes great pride in maintaining a safe environment at the work site, says preparation was the most time-consuming part of the job.

This stage included building sandbag dikes, erecting stairs, transporting equipment, setting up safety barriers and having divers caulk several of the Spillway gates.

## Shipping weight for Air Force increases

depends on pay grade. The Secretary of the Air Force may limit the amount of weight that may be shipped to certain parts of the world.

The chart below shows pay grade weight allowances.



BTZ PROMOTION -- A1C David Brocato, ground radio operator with the 1978th Communications Group's Tactical Communications Element, initiates a communications check from his Panamanian jungle location to the homebase station at Howard AFB. Airman Brocato was recently selected for the rank of senior airman ahead of his peers, below-the-zone. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Debra L. Penton)

Rank	W/Family Members	W/O Family Members
General	18,000	18,000
Lieutenant General	18,000	18,000
Major General	18,000	18,000
Brigadier General	18,000	18,000
Colonel	18,000	18,000
Lieutenant Colonel	17,500	16,000
Major	17,000	14,000
Captain	14,500	13,000
First Lieutenant	13,500	12,500
Second Lieutenant	12,000	10,000
Grad. of Service Academy	12,000	10,000
Chief Master Sergeant	14,500	12,000
Senior Master Sergeant	13,500	11,000
Master Sergeant	12,500	10,500
Technical Sergeant	11,000	8,000
Staff Sergeant	9,000	7,000
E-4 over 2 yrs. of service	8,000	7,000
E-4 under 2 yrs. of service	7,000	3,500
Airman 1st Class	5,000	2,000
Airman	5,000	1,500
Airman Basic	5,000	1,500

## sports

## Richmond wins Rookie of the Year

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -- Mitch Richmond, who overcame Coach Don Nelson's aversion to rookies and helped Golden State post the fourth most improved record in NBA history, was named Rookie of the Year on Monday.

The Warriors' first-round draft choice from Kansas State, Richmond played his way into the starting lineup early in the preseason and averaged 22 points per game, 16th best in the NBA, along with 5.9 rebounds and 4.2 assists.

"He's as good as anybody that I've ever coached," said Nelson, who had All-NBA players Marques Johnson and Sidney Moncrief during 11 years as coach of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Golden State's shooting guard was an easy winner in balloting for the Eddie Gottlieb Trophy, receiving 80 of 85 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Willie Anderson of the San Antonio Spurs received four votes and Chris Morris of the New Jersey

Nets drew one vote from the media panel, composed of three from each league city and 10 representatives of the national media.

"This is something very special to me, something I'll cherish," Richmond said at a press conference at the Oakland Coliseum, where the Warriors will try to complete a three-game playoff sweep over Utah Tuesday night.

"I was fortunate to be drafted by Golden State, which gave me the opportunity to play early and prove myself early. I'm surprised that things happened so early for me. When I got confidence in myself, everything jelled and came a little easier for me."

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Richmond, a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team, started all 79 games he played as the Warriors improved their record by 23 victories over last season.

He helped the Warriors go from a 20-62 record a year ago to a 43-39

mark and their second playoff berth in 12 years.

"He's turned this whole team around," said Chris Mullin, who teamed with Richmond to form the league's highest-scoring duo this season at 48.6 points per game.

"Mitch is a much better player as a rookie than I was. He's been a great player from Day One. He's got no weaknesses, and he has a great attitude. He's hungry and wants to be the best."

Nelson, who for years has disliked giving rookies a lot of playing time, told Richmond last summer that he might not play much in his first season even though he was the fifth player selected in the June draft.

But Nelson was impressed enough to give him a great deal of playing time during preaseason, and he responded by averaging 21 points. One night in October, he scored 14 of Golden State's 16 overtime points in a victory over the Jazz.

## Baseball standings

As of May 4

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

## East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	13	12	.520	-
Baltimore	13	13	.500	1/2
Cleveland	12	13	.480	1
New York	12	14	.462	1 1/2
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	2
Toronto	10	17	.370	4
Detroit	8	17	.320	5

## West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	18	7	.720	-
Oakland	19	9	.679	1/2
Kansas City	17	9	.654	1 1/2
California	16	11	.593	3
Seattle	14	15	.483	6
Minnesota	10	15	.400	8
Chicago	10	17	.370	9

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

## East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	14	11	.560	-
New York	14	11	.560	-
Montreal	15	12	.556	-
Chicago	14	12	.538	1/2
Philadelphia	11	14	.440	3
Pittsburgh	11	16	.407	4

## West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	15	10	.600	-
Los Angeles	14	13	.519	2
San Diego	15	14	.517	2
San Francisco	13	14	.481	3
Houston	12	15	.444	4
Atlanta	11	17	.393	5 1/2

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## Griffey turns mistake into double play

SEATTLE (AP) All rookies make mistakes, but seldom do those foul-ups turn into fielding gems that help win games.

Seattle was leading Detroit 5-3 in the eighth inning Monday night at the Kingdome. The Tigers had runners on first and second with one out, and Fred Lynn was at the plate.

Lynn lifted a long fly to left-center that sent Ken Griffey Jr. to the warning track where the left-handed centerfielder made the catch and let his momentum turn him around before he unleashed "a lifetime throw" to the wrong base.

Instead of pegging the ball to second to keep the potential tying run from reaching scoring position, Griffey sent the ball to third base, where Mariner Mario Diaz was

planning the usual decoy for the advancing runner.

"I never thought the throw would come to third," Diaz said. "I was just trying to decoy him. Even when you're not expecting it, he just does it."

The throw took a short hop in front of the bag but still caught Lou Whitaker by a step and a half.

"We're on the bench yelling 'throw it to second' and he throws the guy out at third," said Mariners manager Jim Lefebvre.

"I turned to (Mariners pitching coach) Mike Paul and said, 'That shows you how much we know about this game.'

Griffey, the American League's player of the week last week, said he

realized from left fielder Jeff Leonard's reaction that he had made a mistake.

"Hac's behind me and he says, 'Oooooh, OK,'" Griffey said. "He told me that it was a once-in-a-lifetime throw, but that next time I should throw it to second because you get burned more times throwing to third."

Relief pitcher Mike Schooler, who picked up the save, watched from the mound.

"I felt like running out and giving the guy a big hug," he said. "Plays like that are awesome. It picks everybody up."

It picked the fans up: The 14,788 in attendance gave the rookie a standing ovation.

## Mancini beats top players

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) -- Only 19 years old, Argentina's Alberto Mancini is too young to enter the famed Casino in Monte Carlo. Still he left Monaco with more than \$120,000 in winnings Monday.

Mancini wasn't too young to be on the tennis courts of the Monte Carlo Country Club during the weekend, when he scored stunning upsets over Mats Wilander of Sweden and Boris Becker of West Germany on consecutive days. That helped him earn \$122,900 in only his second pro final Sunday, for winning the Monte Carlo Open.

"If you beat Wilander twice and Becker, something is telling you that you can be a great player," said Mancini, who will be 20 this month. "I don't realize it much now, but I expect to do very well on the tour."

Mancini was rated No. 31 before the Monte Carlo tournament. He will jump in the rankings after victories over the No. 2 and No. 3 players in the world. He started the year in 49th place.

Last year, Mancini got to the quarterfinals of nine of 16 tournaments he played, but won only one, at Bologna, Italy. He earned less than \$19,000 for that title. His overall winnings for 1988 were less than \$122,000.

"This year is beginning very good and giving me a lot of confidence for the rest of the year."

Mancini's topspin and speed from the forehand and backhand sides gave opponents fits at Monte Carlo.

"Mancini hits so hard from both sides, you can't come to the net with a normal approach because he's going to pass you," Becker said. "You have to work. If he keeps playing like that, he'll be dangerous."

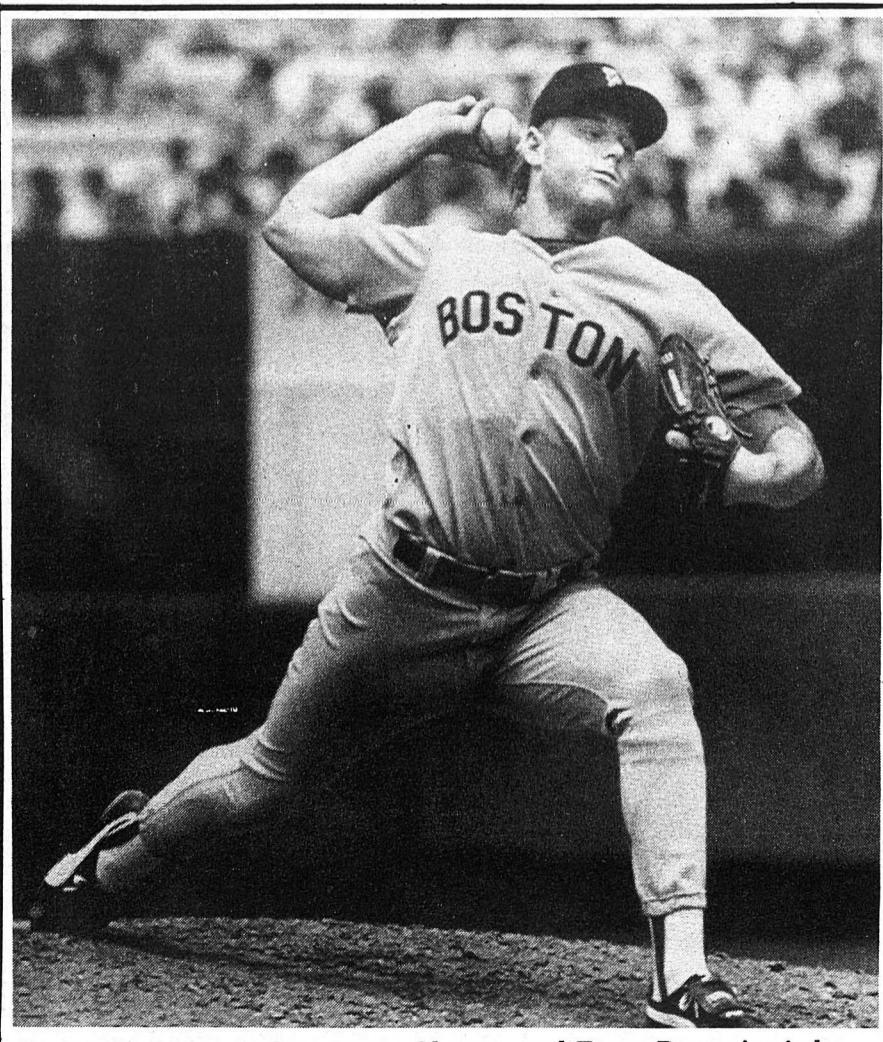
"I've never seen anyone with such strokes from both sides," Wilander said.

Wilander, who won three Grand Slam tournaments in 1988, was beaten by Mancini 6-0, 6-3 in the semifinals of the Monte Carlo tournament.

"I never saw anyone beat Wilander so bad in a semifinal on clay like that," said Becker, who lost in the final 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.

It was not the first time that Mancini had beaten Wilander. The Argentine defeated Wilander last month in the International Players Championship at Key Biscayne, Fla.

The previous week, in a tournament at Nice, Fraaments on the road to the French Open in Roland Garros at Paris, starting May 29.



Boston Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens and Texas Ranger's pitcher Nolan Ryan meet for a showdown in Boston tonight. Ryan was victorious in their last confrontation. (AP Laserphoto)

## 1097th Trans earns USARSO softball title

by SFC Marshall B. Wilkins

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO) — The 1097th Transportation Company (Medium Boat) scored six runs in the first inning and went on to beat USARSO 12-10 and win the USARSO Softball championship at Fort Davis April 26.

Both teams served notice that the game would be a slugfest in the first inning. USARSO's Brian Kerr and Linwood Thomas got on base. James Nelson followed them with a long home run over the left field fence to give the Pacific team a 3-0 lead.

The boat company came back to score six runs in the bottom half. Steve Bartell led off with a single. Mike Byers hit a hard line drive that was dropped by the USARSO left fielder. Then Larry Wiginton grounded to short but the infielder's high throw popped out of the stretching first baseman's glove. Alfred Keeter delivered a run with a single and the second baseman bobbled Tomaakuino Leota's ground ball. Dexter Fell's single, Dave Stepp's single and Hector

Figueroa's double added to the scoring.

Trailing 12-8 USARSO made an exciting attempt to tie the game in its last chance to bat in the seventh. Howell singled to center and slid safely into third after the next batter's base hit. Kerr hit a long line drive to Bartell in rightfield that scored Howell to make it 12-9. USARSO loaded the bases when Figueroa fielded Ulysses Brown's grounder at second but threw the ball over the first baseman's head; and the dangerous Thomas was walked intentionally. Nelson, who had homered in the first inning, hit another long drive to left that looked like it would clear the fence.

The ball was hit so high and far that when it hit the top of the fence the baserunner's were surprised. Only one run could score because the leftfielder caught the bounce off the fence and quickly threw the ball to the infield. The next batter was retired to end the game.

Transportation scored a run in the sixth to lead 12-8 when Keeter singled to center. He drove in Bartell

who reached on a double over the rightfielder's outstretched glove. The team scored in the fifth on RBIs by Leota and Fells, tallied a single run in the fourth, and two in the third on a homer by Joseph Wren.

USARSO cut 1097th's lead to a one run margin and threatened for more in the fifth. Howell singled and when he rounded the bag he noticed Fells was taking too long to field the ball so he slid into second base ahead of the tag.

Carlos Cardenas pinch hit for Rolland Zamora and knocked Howell in with a base hit. Bartell couldn't hold Kerr's line drive to right field and Brown singled to load the bases for Thomas. The menacing right handed batter had homered in the third inning with nobody on base. But on this occasion Wren got him to bounce to shortstop. Keeter fielded the ball and flipped it to second for the force on Brown.

After the game Lt. Col. Robert J. Henry, Atlantic garrison commander, presented the championship and runners-up trophies to the teams.

## Howard sponsors sports activities

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PAO) — Intramural softball season ended earlier this week, but intramural flag football starts Monday, with three months of pigskin on the gridiron ahead. Come out and support your unit. If not in football, how about softball? Howard Sports and Fitness Center is sponsoring the 1989 Intramural Squadron Level Marathon Softball Tournament, May 12-14, at Weekly Field here.

Registration for the tournament ends today at 4 p.m. and is limited to the first 16 teams signed up. An entry fee will be charged to offset the cost of awards and officials. In addition

to the tournament, individual competitions in pitching, May 12 at 5 p.m., base running, May 13 at 1 p.m. and homeruns, May 13 at 5 p.m., will be held. A \$2 entry fee will be charged, and sign-ups will be taken day of contest only.

Participation is open to personnel possessing a valid DOD identification or bilingual card from Howard, Albrook, Rodman, Marine Barracks or Fort Kobbe installations.

Intramural tennis starts, May 15, with letters of intent due to SFC today. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held at 1 p.m., May 8, at the Zodiac Recreation Center.

If running is more your style,

registration is on-going for the 4th Annual Worldwide 5K Fun Run held here, May 20, at 7 a.m. The first 100 runners to register receive a T-shirt. U.S. Air Force bases across the globe will hold fun runs that day. Be on the Blue Team May 20.

Intramural horseshoes "kicks off," June 5, with letters of intent due by May 22. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held at 1 p.m. May 26, at the Zodiac Recreation Center. Come and toss a shoe.

Due to reconstruction of the Howard SFC gym floor, intramural basketball is tentatively scheduled to start, July 17. Stay tuned.

For more information or registration on any sport events, call the Howard Sports and Fitness Center at 284-3451.

## Sports Shorts

### Sports award program

Attention! Anyone who has completed the Presidential Sports Award Program requirements is urged to contact the CRD Sports Branch before May 15.

An awards ceremony is planned for May 18 and information is needed for this purpose. Call Mrs. Foster at 87-4050 or stop by Building 154, Fort Clayton.

### Nautilus orientation

As part of the Fitness Center celebration, Fronius Physical Fitness Center will offer Nautilus orientation as follows: May 6 and May 20 at 10 a.m., and May 17 at 5 p.m.

### Volleyball program

The Pacific Women's Volleyball program will take place during June. Registration is now open at the CRD Sports Branch in Building 154, Fort Clayton.

### Women's soccer

Teams and players are needed for the CRD Women's Soccer Program. Register before May 10 at Building 154, Fort Clayton.

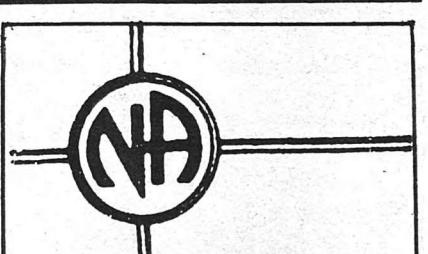
## Tide chart

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Sunday		
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9:51 a.m.		-0.5
Monday		
2:28 a.m.		1.3
10:37 a.m.		-0.6
5:36 p.m.		0.2
7:51 p.m.		0.1
Tuesday		
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Wednesday		
4:15 a.m.		1.2
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Pacific Tides		
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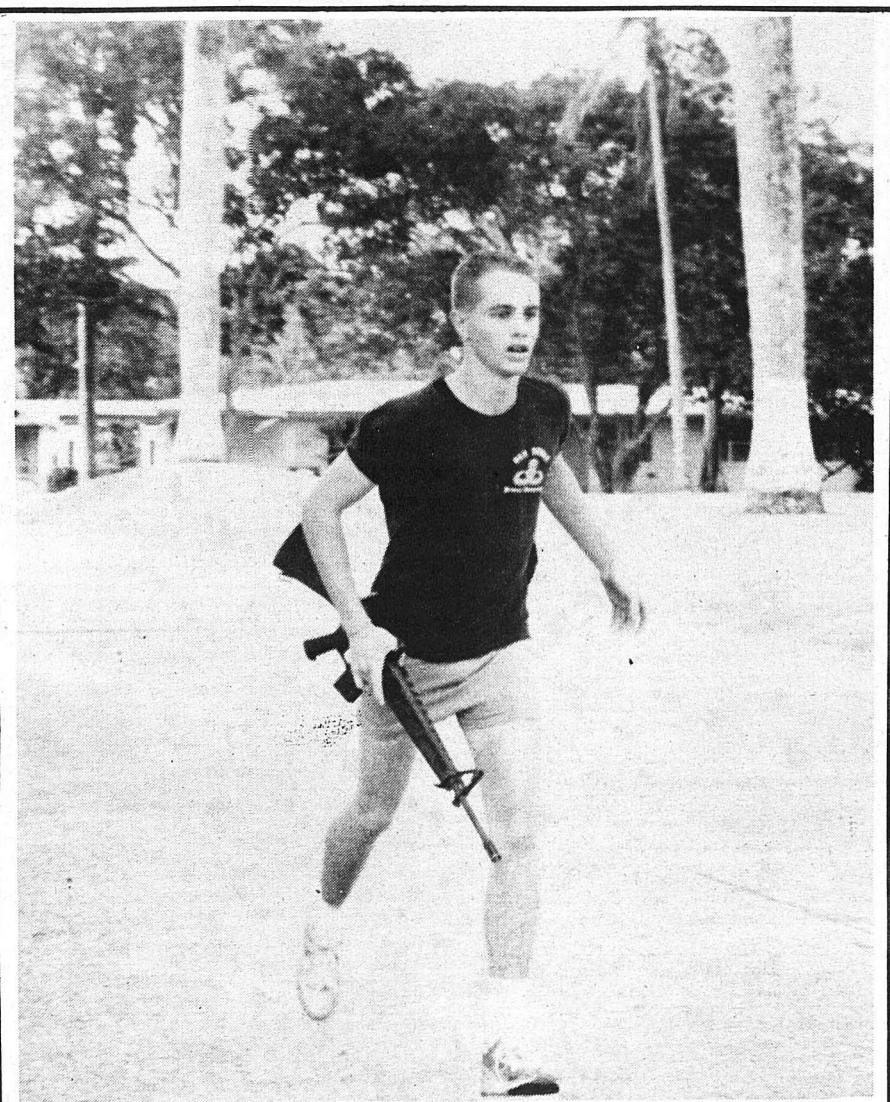
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STRAC SOLDIER OF THE WEEK — PFC Thomas H. William of Bravo Company 1st Battalion, 508th Airborne Infantry did 135 push-ups, 165 sit-ups and had a time of 34:22 in the 5-mile run. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Frank Marquez)

# USARSO air support helps Camino de La Paz

by Spec. Frank L. Marquez

CAMP RUGGED SEAHORSE, COSTA RICA (USARSO PAO) — For U.S. Army South's aviation support team, flying the friendly skies of Costa Rica can be a big job. But they take pride in doing that job and earning their wings every day.

For the past three months, the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, Fort Kobbe, Panama, has provided air support for the Camino de La Paz (Road of Peace) bridge building project, gaining valuable experience in what the aviators call a "real mission."

The project entails the building of seven Bailey bridges and 3.2 kilometers of unpaved road on the isolated Osa Peninsula of Costa Rica by the 43rd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Group, Fort Benning, Ga.

"We are a General Support Aviation Company (GSAC). We give general support to U.S. forces in Latin America," said CWO3 John Robertson, operations officer.

"In Costa Rica, our morale is high. We have flown many hours in direct support of the mission and have developed a good working relationship with the engineers from Fort Benning. We enjoy flying when

we see results and they see results. It makes it worthwhile," said Robertson, who has been here since Feb. 28.

The aviation regiment began their support with A Company's UH-60s and B Company's OH-58 at the start of the project.

On Feb. 28, B Company assumed complete air support responsibility with two UH-1 Hueys and four Huey pilots, one OH-58 pilot, and crews, including technical inspectors, for each aircraft.

After that, the aviators flew 121 hours in 40 days. "Our missions are resupply; transportation of soldiers on emergency leave to San Jose enroute to the U.S.; mail pickup and delivery; bringing in fresh troops on rotations; delivery of noncritical medical patients to Gorgas Army Hospital in Panama; and transporting VIPs," said Robertson.

Air support includes the 214th Medical Detachment, which has an important role in the case of any medical emergency or situation that necessitates the transport of anyone injured at the base camp or work site.

The medevac unit's UH-60 Blackhawk transports the injured to nearby Golfito, to the Costa Rican

capital San Jose, or to Gorgas Army Hospital.

"There has been everything from heat injuries to strained backs. We have also moved Costa Ricans who have injured themselves here on the Osa Peninsula," said Robertson.

"In the field, we take care of the emergencies, providing medical support for Task Force 36 when the injured need to be transported to a hospital," said CWO2 Mike Elliott, pilot in command (instructor pilot), 214th Medical Detachment.

"We have done a lot of missions because of the size of the operation and its proximity to hospitals. And we have given more help to the Costa Rican people than to our soldiers," he added.

"In February, we gave support to the 142nd Medical Battalion for their MEDRETE (medical readiness training exercise) that was held in conjunction with Camino de La Paz," said Elliott.

The first MEDRETE took place in four communities on the Osa Peninsula. In late April, an Army reserve unit from Minneapolis, Minn. carried out a second MEDRETE in two communities on the mainland across from the peninsula. "Both exercises were supported by USARSO," said Elliott.

Unlike the engineers, the air support crews are here for only a two-week stint, then they move back to the "rear." For some of them, rotating is a welcome relief. For others, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, or at least a very rare mission that they savor.

"Latin America does not offer many opportunities for the UH-1 pilots to get exposure to other than Canal Area operation," said CWO3 Paul Kahler, key UH-1 instructor pilot and command advisor.

"Costa Rica provides a worthwhile experience for our pilots in

command. The environment is different. It gives us the opportunity to see how long we can sustain operations away from home base, staging coordination with other units and responding to other-than-normal situations. It boils down to how effective we are in that mission. That is what gives us the edge," said Kahler.

Not only has the mission been beneficial for the pilots and crew in training experience; so has the quality of life in base camp.

UH-1 crew chief Spec. Daniel Carter said "this is one of the best base camps" he has seen. He was in Costa Rica during last year's road building project, and this year there's a "wider range of recreational activities," he said. "You can run down to the beach if you want."

And there's a good reason why others have volunteered to stay here beyond the required two weeks.

"I'd rather be in the field, because you don't have to deal with the hustle and bustle of Panama," said crew chief Spec. Mick Deering, who has been here for a month and a half. "Things are so organized out here; all you have to do is your job. And because of it, I've learned more in the field," he said.

"This is a lot better than Lebanon," said WO1 Jeff Wagner, who was there in 1982 as a Marine. "They should bring other engineer units here to see the base camp setup and the construction of the bridges."

"Compared to last year's project, Task Force 36 has done an excellent job of making the troops comfortable. The base camp's soldier's club is excellent, and the dining facility is much nicer than the one for last year's project," said SSGt. Eli Flores, OH-58 technical inspector.

Satisfied, the pilots and crew will take back valuable experience to Panama because of the mission.



Spec. Kenny Zimmerman of the petroleum, oil and lubricants section, 1st Battalion, 228th Regiment, fuels up a UH-1 Huey helicopter for a mission. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Frank L. Marquez)

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## Audio-visual

PC-XT IBM Compatible, 2-360K drvs, 20meg hardisk, CGA monitor, 640K, 8087, printer. \$2600. Call 282-3522.

## Automobiles

1982 Olds SW, auto, ps, pb, diesel, avail. June, dty free. \$2800. Call 287-3874.

1980 Vw Brasilia, lw mlge, clean, runs great 2nd car. \$1350. Call 282-4236.

1978 Mustang, auto, 4 cyl, body good, eng. needs work. \$500. Call 284-4776.

1976 Chevrolet Nova htchbck, V8, ps, pb, a/c. \$2000. Call 260-8936.

1988 Nissan Sunny, good cond., 4 dr, 5spd, clutch, metal rims, dty pd. \$5000. Call 252-2894.

1987 Suzuki Samurai Jeep, Soft-top, US spec., 4-whl-driv., am-fm cass. radio, dty not pd. \$7100. Call 282-3534.

1982 Dodge Van, 6 cyl, a/c, fully loaded, good cond., avail. June. \$7500. Call 252-5108.

1982 Trans Am, 8 cyl, t-tops. \$4200/OBO. Call 260-7846.

1978 CJ7 Jeep, bikini top, new tires, good cond. \$3200. Call 286-4275.

1976 Toyota Land Cruiser, US specs, gas-runs well, must sell. \$3000/OBO. Call 264-3534.

1985 Chev. Sprint, 3 cyl., 5spd, 48pg, exc. cond., avail. May 31. \$4500. Call 286-4320.

1987 Montero, Mitsubishi, 4-whl-driv., diesel, a/c, ps, am-fm cass., lw mlge, exc. cond. \$12,200. Call 264-6621.

1979 Dodge Ply. SW, good cond., 6 cyl. 89 insptd, D/C. \$1500. Call 285-4661.

1982 Ford Bronco Lariat, a/c, ps, pb, cass. Call 287-4841.

1985 GMC S15 P'Up, 6 cyl, full pwr, a/c, lw mlge, topper, 1968 Camaro 350, auto. Neg. Call 286-6437.

1987 Ford Bronco II, ps, pb, 5spd, a/c, stereo cass., luggage rack. \$10,000. Call 264-6230.

1981 Merc Lyns, am-fm cass., sunroof, a/c, runs good. \$2200. Call 284-3296.

1986 Ford Bronco II XLT 4x4, loaded, a/c, am-fm stereo cass., more. \$11,000. Call 289-5423.

1980 VW Bug, Brazilian, runs good, needs body work. \$1000. Call 223-8971.

1977 Gran Prix, rebuilt eng./trans, new tires/paint job. \$2200. Call 287-4220.

1985 Toyota Landcruiser, 2 dr, dty free, loaded, new tires, exc. cond., must sell. \$11,500. Call 289-4541.

1979 Toyota Corolla SW, a/c, 5spd, good cond., avail June. Call 287-4299 aft 6pm.

1982 VW Panel, many repair parts, good cond. \$2500. Call 223-1798.

1974 Chev. Impala, 2 dr, ps, pb, new water pump, 3 tires, runs good. \$950. Call 286-3219.

1981 Dodge Mitsubishi Challenger, exc. cond., a/c, am-fm cass., tnt glass. \$3000/firm. Call 223-4890.

1978 Chrysler Cardoba, pw, pwr seats, runs good. \$1800/OBO. Call 284-5031.

1979 Fiat Brava, a/c, stereo, 4 dr, 5spd. \$2300. Call 287-3494.

1973 Ford LTD for parts, 351 eng., 2 new tires, eng. knocks but runs. \$250. Call 284-4185.

1972 Mercury Marquis, looks good, runs great. \$650. Call 284-3971.

1986 Nissan Sony, like new, auto, a/c, radio cass., lw mlge, motor 1500cc, 4 cyl. \$4500. Call 264-0284.

1987 Monte Carlo SS, silver, loaded, lw mls, very good cond. \$13,500. Call 287-4592 aft 5pm.

1972 Oldsmobile Delta 88, am-fm radio/tape, boat hook-up, runs good. \$800. Call 284-4829 aft 5pm.

1981 Honda Accord, 4 dr, auto, US specs. \$2200. Call 284-5087.

1979 Toyota Starlet, reliable, economical, good cond., am-fm, avail May 28. \$1250. Call 287-3683.

1981 Cutlass Supreme, wht, a/c, Landau roof, ps, pb, new tires, tilt, am-fm cass., V8. \$3500. Call 287-6295.

1981 4 dr 244DL Volvo, very good cond., 4spd w/overdrv, sunroof. \$3700/OBO. Call 287-3925.

1986 Buick Century, wht, 4 dr, auto, a/c, pw, pb, am-fm cass., undercoating. \$10,000. Call 284-5595.

1982 Toyota Landcruiser, diesel, wht, a/c, ps, mint cond., taxes-\$625. \$12,000. Call 262-1154.

1985 Dodge Caravan, lw mlge, exc. cond., auto, am-fm, luggage rack, trailer hitch. \$9000. Call 287-3420.

1979 Jeep, CJ7, exc. cond., hard-top, am-fm, a/c. \$3500. Call 287-4723.

1984 Honda Accord htchbck, 5spd, a/c, stereo cass., exc. cond. \$4700. Call 223-0405.

1980 Mazda sedan, 4 dr, a/c, dty pd, good cond. \$2500/OBO. Call 287-4998.

1976 Pontiac Grand Prix, many new parts, good cond., dty pd. \$2000/OBO. Call 284-5084.

1984 Dodge 600ES, auto, loaded, lots xtras. \$6500, 1978 AMC Gremlin, a/c, runs good. \$1000. Call 286-6125.

1988 Toyota Corolla, a/c, pb, am-fm, sunroof, 16 vives, 2 dr, dty pd. \$9500. Call 224-2819.

1987 Subaru Sedan, 4 dr, a/c, 5spd, c. cond., loaded, dty not pd, non US specs. \$8000. Call 223-8040.

1983 Ford Fairmount, std, 4 cyl, a/c, radio/cass., 4 dr, no rust, lw mlge. \$3200. Call 264-5393.

1979 Ford Pinto Wagon, exc. cond., orig. owner, new German paint job. \$2400/OBO. Call 260-3975.

1980 AMC Concorde, auto, am-fm cass. w/sprks. BO. Call 287-6174.

1987 Mazda B2600 4x4 P'Up, custom wheels/shell, perfect mchncs. \$9500. Call 261-0806.

1981 Dodge St. Regis V8, auto, runs good, avail. June. \$2100. Call 286-3877.

## Automobiles

1986 Montero, ps, am-fm cass., 4 spkrs, tntd wndws, a/c, gasoline, lw mlge, exc. cond. \$10,200. Call 252-2676.

1985 Ford Thunderbird, 42km, ps, pb, pw, a/c, loaded, avail May 17. \$6100. Call 264-1446.

1978 Chrysler Cordova, 400ci eng., 4 dr, auto, pw, ps, pb. \$1500. Call 269-4628.

1981 Mercury Zephyr, 6 cyl, 4 dr, a/c, radio, rebuilt eng. \$1500/OBO. Call 287-3780.

1977 VW Van, new tires, a/c, German. \$2700. Call 287-5889.

1986 Mazda P'Up truck, rust proof, under coated, bed liner, am-fm radio, lw mls, like new. \$5950. Call 286-4920.

## Available

Live in/out maid, English spkng, refs. Call 223-5284.

Live in maid, speaks English, good w/kids, M-F, refs. Call 284-5729.

English spkng, day maid, exc. w/children, honest, experienced. Call 287-3735.

Outstanding maid, English spkng, M-F, honest, hard working, dependable. Call 282-4236.

Outstanding day maid, worked for US families for 20yrs, cleans, cooks, great w/children. Call 227-1970.

Day maid, good w/kids, honest, refs. Call 286-4336.

Exc. Spanish maids (sisters). Call 286-6181.

Experienced English spkng maid, good w/children, will live in, M-F, honest, dependable. Call 286-4294.

Spanish spkng hsekeeper, exc. w/kids, desires Howard/Kobbe area. Call 284-5639.

English spkng, live-in maid, good w/children, trustworthy, avail. May 30, refs avail. Call 286-4170 aft 7pm.

Spanish spkng, live in maid, exc. w/children, 8yrs experience, mature, refs avail. Call 237-0850.

Spanish spkng, day maid, mature, responsible, gen. hsework, irons, good w/children. Call 257-2176.

Maid: full time, good refs, bilingual. Call 286-4275.

Exc. day maid, bilingual. Call 260-2924.

Bilingual maid, honest, efficient, hardworking, good w/children, M-F, mature. Call 221-1579.

English spkng maid seeking job, 1 day a week. Call 284-3676.

## Boats & Campers

25in Parabolic boat trailer springs-slip fit-Teleflex steering head. \$60 ea. Call 252-6817.

18f V hull Glastron, new 120hp Evinrude, new floor/top. \$7500. Call 252-1266.

18f Monark cabin boat, great for fishings/skiing, 70hp Chrysler, 10 kicker. \$3800. Call 252-5111.

21f Glastron w/351 V-8 Volvo 270 I/O drv, NAV compass, VHF Radio, elec. winch. \$900. Call 287-6575.

1986 70hp motor, 15 1/2 ft tri-hull, Galv. tri., dty pd. \$2900. Call 287-5889.

15f Invader tri hull, 90hp Evinrude pwr, trim/tilt, S/S prop. \$3900. Call 264-0957.

18f ski/boat, very fast, trailer, many xtras, must sell. Call 260-3383.

## Household

Microwave oven: 600-700w, like new, less than 1yr old. \$150. Call 287-6825.

Couch/loveseat, like new. \$1100, dining tble w/4 hrs, exc. cond. \$350. Call 284-3570.

Captain's bed, 12 drawer. \$600. Call 282-3429.

Whirlpool dshwshr w/butcher block top. \$175, 2 Wingback formal lvngrm chrs. \$175 ea. Call 286-4924.

Mahogany wood twin bdrm set, almost new. \$1200, 15x28 off wht, top grade carpet w/pad. \$400. Call 286-4648.

Queen sz waterbed w/headboard, 2 mattrses, pad rails. \$250. Call 287-4633.

King sz waterbed, dble pedestal railings, heater, no mattrss. \$400/OBO. Call 286-3690.

Rugs: 10x12 beige. \$35, 5x9 purple. \$25, 29x12 multi-colored rust. \$30 ea. Call 289-3963.

King sz waterbed with pads, 6 drwr pedestal. \$400, freezer 13.3cf Frigidaire. \$300. Call 284-5529.

Whirlpool wshr, good running cond. \$75, 4pc bdrm suit. \$250, crema loveseat. \$150, desk. \$45. Call 252-2832.

Queen sofa bed, carpets: 12x42, 12x15, 12x9. Call 287-6881.

Draperies: fully lined, peach, 2 pair 100in wide. \$75 ea., 1 pair 60in wide. \$50. Call 286-3381.

Coffee tble, oak smoked glass, vac., breakfast tble w/2 hrs. Call 282-4246.

Kenmore port./conv. dshwshr. \$150. Call 280-4270.

Canopy bdrm set w/accs., twin bed, chst of drwr, wood desk w/chr. Call 252-6622.

Queen sz mattrss, bxsprng, almost new, exc. cond. \$60. Call 252-5953.

Kenmore lrg capacity deluxe wshr/dryr. \$400/OBO, 8x11 brwn oval rug. \$50. Call 282-3124.

## Household

Lvngrm, dining rm furniture, apartment sz refrig. Call 286-3139.

68in dining tble w/4 hrs. \$350, drssr. \$350, red vinyl mini blind 62in. \$25. Call 284-4035.

7pc lvngrm set, 7pc diningrm set, GE refrig., stove, wshr, queen single beds. Call 226-6850.

Wshr/dryr, mtchng set, Whirlpool, new. \$75

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Thousands attend local political rallies

by Douglas Tweedale

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — Pro-military candidate Carlos Duque staged a final campaign rally Thursday before Sunday's national election, which opposition leaders and foreign observers say he is planning to steal on behalf of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Supporters of Duque's National Liberation Coalition began pouring into the capital Thursday morning, snarling traffic as party activists completed preparations for the early afternoon rally by hanging banners and posters and finishing the construction of a huge stage where Duque planned to speak.

The rally was planned to culminate a bitter campaign that pitted Duque, a Noriega crony, against Guillermo Endara, candidate of the U.S.-backed Civil Democratic Opposition Alliance, a three-party coalition opposed to Noriega.

The alliance held one of the biggest opposition rallies ever Wednesday, drawing more than 100,000 flag-waving supporters who chanted: "Not one day more."

"As much as a race between Duque and Endara, this election will be a referendum on Noriega's rule," said a Latin American diplomat.

An independent poll released this week showed Endara with a 2-to-1 lead over Duque.

But opposition leaders and U.S. officials, including President Bush, have said Duque forces plan to stage massive fraud Sunday to keep Noriega in power as Panama's

military chief and effective ruler.

Endara has promised to try to negotiate Noriega's departure from the Panamanian Defense Forces and to fire him if he refuses.

The elections also may deepen the 2-year-old confrontation between Noriega and the United States, which has tried since 1987 to remove him with a combination of economic sanctions, covert propaganda campaigns and support for anti-Noriega forces inside Panama.

Noriega has been indicted in the United States on drug trafficking charges.

Bush said Tuesday the United States will not recognize the results of a fraudulent election in Panama, and U.S. officials say they are studying a range of options to step up pressure on Noriega if Duque wins by fraud.

Duque has denied accusations his eight-party coalition, known by its Spanish acronym COLINA, is planning to steal the election, and government officials accuse the Bush administration of trying to discredit the elections to justify further moves against Noriega.

Independent election monitors say there is enough evidence — including the padding of voting registration lists with duplicate names and government intimidation of opposition supporters — to suggest Sunday's elections will be less than honest, but say the extent of possible fraud will not be known until after the vote, if ever.

More than 300 U.S., Latin American and European election observers — including former U.S.

Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter — are expected to monitor voting, although the government will not permit them to observe vote counting.

Should Noriega remain in power through a Duque victory virtually all analysts in Panama agree it will present the Bush administration with a particularly difficult foreign policy dilemma.

"The approach we've tried so far clearly hasn't worked," said one U.S. official who requested anonymity. "And our options for the immediate future are limited."

Economic sanctions imposed by former President Reagan have helped drag Panama's once-prosperous economy into a crushing economic crisis, but they have not created enough discontent inside Panama to push Noriega out.



More than 100,000 attended Wednesday's opposition rally. (Courtesy photo)

The most likely scenario for U.S. action if Duque wins through fraud, according to several informed sources, is a combination of stepped-up economic sanctions and a withdrawal of U.S. diplomatic personnel, including the recall of U.S. Ambassador Arthur Davis.

But some U.S. officials and Panamanian analysts say it is difficult to see how such measures could be effective, because Noriega and his Panamanian Defense Forces are "economically independent" of the government and the economy at large. Private businessmen say economic sanctions so far have hurt them much more than Noriega.

Opposition leaders have said they will contest the results of Sunday's voting if they believe fraud has been committed, but declined to say what form their protest will take. Some advocate peaceful street demonstrations but others suggest a nationwide strike would be more appropriate.

Endara, 53, is the political heir of Arnulfo Arias, a populist politician cheated four times of victory in past presidential elections, either by fraud or by a military coup.

Duque, 59, is an associate of Noriega in several business ventures and has won praise for his loyalty from the military.

In addition to the presidential race, slightly less than 1.2 million Panamanians will cast votes for two vice presidents, 67 deputies to the Legislative Assembly and representatives to 510 municipal councils.

## Panamanian elections set stage for conflict

by Katherine King

PANAMA CITY, Reuter — With accusations of electoral fraud, threats of unrest and an ongoing struggle with Washington, the stage seems set for conflict no matter who wins Sunday's Panama general elections, independent observers say.

The presidential election pits lawyer Guillermo Endara for the opposition against businessman Carlos Duque in a contest many see as a plebiscite for or against Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Noriega's supporters say he represents nationalism and independence from Washington; his opponents call him a dictator.

"Of all the campaigns I have seen, this one has to be the most acrimonious. The two sides cannot even talk to each other," one election observer said.

"I do not believe the elections will resolve this crisis."

No matter who wins, there will be controversy," he said.

The opposition candidates say that if they win the vote they will move to retire Noriega, head of the Panama Defense Forces and a former U.S. ally who has been indicted in Florida on drug trafficking and racketeering charges.

But Noriega, who has consolidated his power despite more than a year of U.S.-backed efforts to oust him, is unlikely to give in. The last Panamanian president who tried to fire him, Eric Arturo Delvalle, now lives in exile in Miami.

Manuel Solis Palma is acting president but Noriega is the country's de facto leader.

If the pro-Noriega candidates win, the opposition is unlikely to believe the vote was fair. The opposition

already says the government is preparing election fraud and its supporters have vowed to "defend the vote in the streets."

Opposition leaders said Wednesday they had examined the electoral register and found it to be infested with irregularities pointing to fraud in favor of Noriega's hand-picked candidate.

Opposition vice-presidential candidate Ricardo Arias Calderon said 100,000 names appeared at least twice on the register and that it contained the names of at least 1,000 dead people.

U.S. government officials, joining in the fraud accusations, have threatened to increase sanctions against Panama if they view the results as "unfair."

"Let me be clear: the United States will not recognize the results of a fraudulent election engineered to keep Noriega in power," President Bush said Tuesday.

But political analysts with long experience in Panama predict that Noriega, the nation's de facto leader since 1983, will not give up power no matter what happens in Sunday's vote.

Angry exchanges during campaigning have made many Panamanians fearful of political and possibly violent conflict as soon as polls close Sunday night.

The Panama Defense Forces say they have distributed guns to civilian militias to defend against what they say is a planned U.S. invasion requested by the "traitorous opposition."

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler accused Panama of adopting an "increasingly threatening tone," citing high-profile

media reports about the distribution of arms.

"The campaign of intimidation undertaken by the regime press and the Panama Defense Forces is aimed at reducing voter turnout and discouraging any popular protest following the announcement of a victory for regime presidential candidate Carlos Duque," she said.

Opposition fears of fraud stem from 1984 elections, when the Noriega-backed candidate Nicolas Ardito Barletta won by a tiny margin after a delayed vote count and amid accusations of vote-rigging.

Analysts say Noriega, an astute strategist and expert intelligence

officer, will be ready to cope with any unrest and may deploy troops.

A doctor at the state social security hospital said an emergency plan would be drawn up for election weekend as a precaution. The plan calls for a suspension of all non-emergency surgery and an increase in staffing.

The U.S. Southern Command has also issued an advisory to its personnel, calling on them to stay close to home throughout election weekend and cancelling classes at U.S. Defense Department schools the day after the vote.

Although tension is high, the streets are quiet and campaigning on both sides has continued normally.

## U.S. ambassador to U.N. responds to RP charges

**Editor's Note:** In a recent address to the U.N. Security Council, Panama's Foreign Minister Jorge Ritter accused the U.S. of attempting to renege on its Panama Canal Treaty obligations and interfering in the internal affairs of Panama. The foreign minister also alleged the U.S. Army rented 80 automobiles to destabilize Panama, and engaged in a number of activities against the Panamanian state.

Excerpts of U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Thomas Pickering's response to the accusation follow:

Mr Ritter is here for a clear purpose. That purpose has to do with elections in his own country. Our message to him is clear. The election cannot be won in Panama through a debate with the United States in the

Security Council. As we have made clear and will make clear, we have grave doubts over the fairness and freedom of the coming elections in Panama. Mr. Ritter and his friends should be debating with their election opponents in Panama. Nevertheless, the United States recognizes that the Security Council is a forum open to all countries and will always uphold the right of free speech here. The United States favors a free election in Panama and in all countries.

The people of Panama clearly want to debate the future of their country openly and free of fear. They want to decide that future through a fair election process.

An election is scheduled in Panama on May 7th. That election offers Panamanians an opportunity

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