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Woerner to receive honors

Change of command ceremony tomorrow

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — Tomorrow, Gen. Fred F. Woerner, the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command, relinquishes his command and receives the nation's highest honors for his more than 34 years of distinguished service to the United States.

At the change of command ceremony, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Fort Clayton, Woerner will pass the reins of command to Gen. Maxwell Thurman, formerly commander of the U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Center.

Officials at the ceremony will include Gen. Robert T. Herres, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Herres will present Woerner with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the nation's highest peacetime award.

Also attending the ceremony will be Gen. Carl E. Vuono, chief of staff, U.S. Army, who will present Woerner with the Army's Distinguished Service Medal.

Mrs. Gennie Woerner will also receive honors for her many years of service to the nation.

As the military authority on Latin America, Woerner's dynamic leadership and brilliant articulation of the role of the military in an emerging democracy was instrumental in the accomplishment of U.S. national goals in the Southern Hemisphere.

Woerner assumed command of the Southern Command on June 7, 1987, supervising and expanding the proactive U.S. presence in the 17 nations of Latin America, in addition to intensive support for U.S. efforts in El Salvador and Honduras.



General Fred Woerner, commander in chief U.S. Southern Command

Woerner recognized that only the utmost efficiency and unity of effort by the forces under his command could successfully meet the dynamic, multifaceted challenges of the region. He formulated and vigorously pursued a three-prong strategy to preserve and enhance U.S. security interests in Latin America and focus the efforts of the Command: establish firm military-to-military contacts to promote professional, apolitical military establishments; maintain a visible U.S. military presence in the region to bolster friendly governments and deter adventurism by others; and establish a proactive information campaign to neutralize communist propaganda efforts and provide an accurate picture of the situation in the region.

During his tenure, Woerner waged

an untiring campaign to promote U.S. security interests in the region, to counter communist disinformation and to correct perceptions about Latin America and U.S. strategic interests therein. He appeared before Congressional subcommittees, councils of international relations, and other prestigious audiences, speaking out on Latin American issues, emphasizing the strategic basis for U.S. interests, urging solutions and patience. He is widely respected as an activist, articulate and influential voice in Latin American affairs.

In Panama, Woerner continually stressed the importance of a comprehensive inter-agency approved plan which would put pressure on the Noriega regime

across the full spectrum of economic, political and military activities. After the brutal repression of the Panamanian opposition on May 10, 1989, he directed the orderly movement of U.S. military personnel and their dependents from Panama City to U.S. military bases as well as the subsequent early departure of thousands of other U.S. personnel from Panama to CONUS.

Woerner also recognized the key and essential role that the security assistance program should occupy in small wars, in general, and Latin America in particular. In this respect, he continually championed before Congress and other groups, the need for increased levels of assistance for Latin America as well as the importance of breaking excessive Congressional earmarking of these critical funds. To supplement security assistance, Woerner also significantly increased deployments for training, subject matter expert exchanges, a humanitarian assistance program, and JCS directed exercises. The result of his efforts was greatly enhanced military to military programs.

A nationally recognized expert on Latin America and a brilliant strategist of uncommon acumen, Woerner significantly improved military to military relations with Latin American allies. He also very ably articulated the importance of the region to U.S. strategic interests and developed a comprehensive strategy to further those interests. His accomplishments in the region rank him as one of the most distinguished soldier-statesmen in the service of his country. The cause of democracy in the region has been immeasurably improved by his efforts.

Thurman to head Southern Command

Quarry Heights (USSOUTHCOM PAO) — Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman becomes the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Southern Command tomorrow. He will be responsible for all U.S. military activities in Latin America, with exception of Mexico and the Caribbean, and for implementing U.S. national security policy and strategy in this region.

Thurman was born in High Point N.C., on Feb. 18, 1931. He received his degree in Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University at Raleigh in 1953 and was commissioned through the ROTC. Thurman's military education includes the Ordnance Basic Course, the Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

He has held a variety of command and staff positions both overseas and in the United States. In Europe, with the 11th Airborne Division and the 24th Infantry Division, he commanded light artillery and rocket units and served as an intelligence officer. His unit deployed to the

Middle East with other 11th Airborne elements during the 1958 Lebanon crisis.

He served twice in Vietnam, first as a corps intelligence advisor and later as commander, 2d Battalion, 35th Field Artillery during the Tet Offensive. In the U.S., Thurman commanded the 93d Airborne Division Artillery and, from 1979-81, was Commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

Other assignments leading to his selection as Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command, included duty as Hawk missile instructor, Field Artillery School staff officer, and tactical officer/instructor at the U.S. Military Academy. In 1970 he was the Chief of Army Program Development in the Office of the Chief of Staff and, in 1975, was Deputy Assistant Commandant for Combat and Training Development, Field Artillery School. He later became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command acting as Comptroller and Manpower Director.

Thurman was next assigned to Washington as the Army's strategic programmer, the Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation. This was followed by duty as the Army's chief recruiter as Commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sheridan, Ill. In August, 1981, Thurman was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general and became the Deputy



Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman

Chief of Staff for Personnel, U.S. Army.

He was promoted to his present rank of general and appointed as the Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army on June 23, 1983. As Vice Chief of Staff, Thurman served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the absence of the Chief of Staff and chaired the first Joint Requirements Management board in the JCS. He served as the Vice Chief of Staff until June, 1987, when he assumed command of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

His military awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal with V Device (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), four Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Joint Service Achievement Medal. He is a Master Parachutist and holds the Army General Staff and Joint Chiefs of Staff identification badges.

General Woerner bids farewell to SOUTHCOM



TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND:

When I arrived in Panama and assumed the responsibilities as Commander in Chief in June 1987, I knew I was joining a command well-known for the caliber of its people and the effectiveness of its mission execution. I also knew that our allies within the U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility were being challenged on many fronts. Budding democracies were being put to the test; insurgencies threatened their progress, and the economies of almost all nations were severely strained.

Our country fortified its resolve of supporting the achievement of peace through democratic and economic stability, and this was often and unmistakably reiterated in the programs developed, often alongside our allies, by you, the SOUTHCOM soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines, and civilians.

Deployments for training and exercises in virtually every country in Southern Command's area of responsibility made us stronger and brought us closer to our allies. Nation-building in Honduras, Costa Rica, and Ecuador continued to test national guardsmen, reservists and active duty personnel in unfamiliar settings. The conditions may not have been the best, but your commitment has served to further U.S. interests in a critical region, where building a road or vaccinating a child constituted a brick in the path to democracy and social justice.

Here in Panama, the place thousands of service members, spouses and children call home, a struggle for self-determination continues to command the world's attention. During these difficult times you have shined the brightest.



FAREWELL GIFT — The commander of U.S. Army South, Brig. Gen. Marc Cisneros (left), makes an amusing point during his presentation of a farewell gift to the retiring commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command, Gen. Fred F. Woerner, at a dinner hosted by USARSO Friday. (U.S. Army photo by Teresa Holmes, TASC)

I witnessed and depended on the exceptional qualities of the service members, the civilians, and the families under my command. The attitudes I saw all around me completely invalidated any doubts of inter-service rivalries or self-serving indulgences. To the outstanding military and civilian personnel serving in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines Corps, and your families, I say thank you -- thank you for your role in the successful outcome of our missions.

The U.S. Southern Command will continue to defend the Panama Canal and the southern flank of the United States and advance national interests in Latin America. And although the mission remains the same, the tasks have become more clearly defined as drug lords threaten the stability of friendly nations, and abusive dictators continue trying to frustrate the region's progress toward democracy.

Your new Commander in Chief, General Maxwell Thurman, has challenging tasks ahead -- missions which I know will be successfully accomplished thanks to the human excellence he will encounter within the U.S. Southern Command. He is a fine soldier who will serve you and this nation well.

You have left an indelible mark on me, for I have seen your true mettle. I leave here assured that the future of this command is bright, for its people are incomparable. I salute you.

Gennie and I are grateful for your friendship, your courage and your selfless dedication. God bless each of you.

Fred F. Woerner

Fred F. Woerner
General, USA
Commander in Chief

USARSO hosts dinner for commander-in-chief

by Cpl. J. Alan Warner

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — The United States Army South hosted a farewell dinner for the U.S. Southern Command commander-in-chief, Gen. Fred F. Woerner and his wife, Gennie, Friday at the Fort Amador Officers' Club.

Woerner will retire from the Army Saturday after more than 34 years of active duty.

After music provided by the 79th Army Band, Brig. Gen. Marc Cisneros, USARSO commander,

welcomed the 172 guests and bid farewell to the CINC.

"This is our way of saying goodbye to Gen. Woerner from the Army," Cisneros said. "We appreciate what you have done for this command. You have been a great friend and will be greatly missed. We wish you Godspeed."

Woerner was then presented with a videotape from the Training Support Center, Fort Clayton, which highlighted the two tours Woerner has served in Panama. It included major milestones in the Southern

Command's development, humanitarian aid and major Central and South American exercises. The tape ended with a salute of gunfire to Woerner.

Cisneros also presented Woerner with a caricature depicting Woerner jumping off the top of the USARSO "banana boat" for his final parachute ride as key USSOUTHCOM and component officers watch.

Woerner thanked Cisneros and the dinner guests for the farewell dinner. "As I reflect on my 34 plus years and all the sergeants, lieutenants and generals and every rank in between,

and all the different units I've been assigned to, I wouldn't change a moment," he said. "My career has brought me fulfillment and I appreciate the chance to serve this great country.

"As I look at the Army I'm about to leave, it is the best one I've seen in my 34 years," Woerner added.

The night ended with ballroom dancing. Woerner will take home many souvenirs, but the most important souvenir will be the memory of his time here and friends made.

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USAF Reserves fly aid to Hugo victims

by Spec. Fred Baker
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ANTIGUA, Leeward Islands (USSOUTHCOM TSE) — Less than 24 hours after Hurricane Hugo left this small chain of islands on the eastern edge of the Caribbean Sea battered and beaten, a U.S. Air Force Reserve unit from Colorado was on-hand to initiate relief efforts.

The Reserve crew of the 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo., and its C-130 Hercules, flew in the first disaster relief supplies, to Montserrat, a British

colony just off the coast of Antigua.

Hugo devastated the small island, virtually destroying everything and leaving about 12,000 people homeless. Schools, hospitals, the police department and government headquarters all suffered serious damage, and the colony appealed for drinking water, tents and medicine.

For the Air Force reservists, flying those provisions was no routine humanitarian mission. They were active in their two-week annual training at Howard AFB, Panama, when called to fly the mission. No contact had been made with the

islands here and the crew didn't know whether they would be able to land once they arrived.

Once fueled in Panama, the crew took off in hopes of being able to refuel in Puerto Rico. Luckily the airstrip in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, had been cleared for landing. Earlier that day 80 percent of it had been covered with gravel and debris scattered by Hugo.

Officials there hadn't been able to communicate with the Leeward Islands either. Again not knowing what to expect, the Colorado crew took off into the darkness, flying over islands that would usually be lit like Christmas trees, but were darkened by severe power outages.

Upon reaching Antigua airspace though, the pilots found the airport operational and received approval to land. Having flown for eight hours they were anxious to find a place to sleep for the night before unloading the equipment in the morning. Finding a motel with power and water was almost impossible — most had been wiped out by Hugo — but a motel was finally found and the crew settled in for the night.

The next morning another kink was thrown into their mission. The materials were to be ferried from the airport in Antigua by boat to Montserrat, but the hurricane had also damaged its pier, leaving it inaccessible for unloading the much-needed supplies.

After meeting with Paul Bell, damage assessor from the Agency for International Development's Regional Office for Latin America, the pilot, Maj. Russ McKeel, decided

to unload part of the cargo in Antigua and fly over Montserrat to survey its small landing strip.

Although the runway had been cleared for emergency provisions to be flown in, landing the large aircraft on the strip made for smaller planes could result in damaging the runway or crashing the Hercules into the ocean at the end of the strip.

But a few fly-bys convinced the pilot and crew that they could make the landing, and minutes later locals were unloading the cargo. Grateful islanders had immediately rushed to the airstrip upon word that supplies were coming in. Some watched while many unloaded and soon the provisions were being distributed throughout the island.

The British also had a C-130 here at the airport full of blankets and Red Cross supplies to go to Montserrat, but were waiting for approval to make the landing. The morning after the Colorado crew had flown its supplies to the island, the British received approval and began flying in their goods. Local charter planes also helped ferry in supplies.

The Reserve crew and plane were called back the next day to Panama to continue training. While the crew was disappointed they couldn't stay to lend the British a hand with the supplies, being the first crew in was an unforgettable experience, according to the pilot.

"Just banking over those cliffs and pulling that C-130 in safe over the ocean onto the island, and knowing we were the first crew there was enough for us," said McKeel. "It's a feeling that can't be taken away."



Locals from the island of Montserrat unload disaster relief provisions flown in from Antigua by a Colorado Air Force Reserve unit. Members of the 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Peterson AFB, initiated the relief efforts to the island, devastated by Hurricane Hugo.

Gen. Larry G. Welch visits here

Discusses issues facing military, families in RP

by Sgt. Kirk Boyd

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — Gen. Larry G. Welch, Air Force chief of staff, was at Howard last week on an official visit.

While at Howard, Welch spoke with SCN and the Commander's News about the current issues facing U.S. military and dependents in Panama.

One of the big questions on many people's minds is whether families will be able to come to Panama. Welch answered that this is under constant review by the Joint Chiefs.

"There were about 100 families allowed to come to Panama in recent months," he said. "These families were those who were already en route when the restrictions on travel were put into effect."

Welch made it clear that it is the Air Force preference to have families together during assignments. He would like to see families come to Panama. However, because of the political situation this issue is being reviewed.

"We have no intention of removing families, and as the situation will permit, we will continue to try to get more families together in Panama," he said.

The next obvious question is the tour length. Some rumors have risen saying the Air Force will go to a 12/24 month tour. "There is no plan for the tour length in Panama to be changed," said Welch. The 15-month short tour is allowing fewer families to come to Panama, but I feel people get married to stay together and that's what we are working toward."

The housing crunch has really affected the daily living and quality of life issues in Panama. Welch said there are projects underway to house people in more permanent settings, instead of being stuck in Harvest Bare/Eagle and open bays.

"The 530th Air Division has construction projects going that will provide room for PCS and TDY members. The first phase of these projects will be completed by the first of the year, with more to come in 1990," Welch went on to say that Panama would continue to receive priority on housing matters.

Looking toward the political questions in Panama, Welch was asked about the United States asserting its treaty rights. "We strongly support fulfilling the treaty

and the rights provided to us in the treaty. Be assured we will take whatever steps necessary to fulfill our rights," Welch said.

"The main Air Force mission here is to train, exercise and be the forefront to other Central and South American democratic countries in the region. We need to interface in operations, logistics and training with these countries to ensure democracy throughout the region," he said.

As far as the political situation is concerned, Welch said, "Noriega's

presence here is illegal, and we are trying to work solutions through the Organization of American States."

The general wanted all Air Force members in the region to know he understands there is frustration. "I think it is important that the United States maintains its position in Panama. There is always a price for freedom, and it has to be paid here also."

"Your job here is important, and there are people in high places working the family and quality of life issues for you," Welch concluded.



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PROMOTION — In one of his last official actions, the commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command, Gen. Fred F. Woerner, joins TSgt. Clide Hunter's wife, Angela, in pinning on Hunter's E-6 stripes. Hunter received the stripes under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion program. Also pictured are the couple's daughters, Mashilla (left) and Merisha. (U.S. Air Force photo by SrA. Mike Tramble)

Many Hispanics become topflight officers

by Lt. Col. Shaun M. Darragh

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — The United States Military Academy's Register of Graduates does not record the first Hispanic-American graduate. Perhaps because the rosters for the majority of 19th century classes are not included in the register.

In the early days of this century, however, Hispanic names began to appear among other American nationalities. However, search for the first Hispanic-American graduate is further complicated because several Latin American nations sent cadets.

Strangely enough, the most prolific military academy family were the descendants of Eloy Alfaro of Ecuador, who eventually settled in Panama. The Alfaros provided no less than seven military cadets.

The first named Hispanic-American graduate of West Point was Arthur Robert Calvo, who had been born in El Salvador but admitted to the USMA from Costa Rica. Following his graduation in 1907, he became a naturalized American citizen and went on to become an engineer in New York.

He was followed by Jose Martin Calvo in 1910, who was likewise admitted as a foreign cadet from Costa Rica. However, Calvo enlisted in the U.S. Army engineers and eventually obtained a captain's commission. Like his predecessor, however, he later turned to a civil engineering career in civilian life.

It wasn't until 1915, however, that the service academies provided two Hispanic-Americans who were determined to make their mark in the military sphere. Both were admitted to their respective academies in 1911, both graduated in 1915, but the course of their careers could not have been more different.

Luis Raul Esteves graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in the class that included Eisenhower, Bradley, and many other future generals. However, he returned to Puerto Rico to become the commanding officer of the Officer Training Command where he played an important role in the training and organization of what was to become the Puerto Rico National Guard.

Esteves attained the rank of major during the First World War, but resigned from the regular army as a captain in 1919. But his military career was not over.

In 1939, Esteves was named as the adjutant general of the Puerto Rico National Guard. He went on to play a crucial part in gaining acceptance of Puerto Rican troops within the Army during World War II. In 1948 he was promoted to major general, a position and rank he held until his retirement in 1957.

Pedro A. del Valle graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1915, but opted to win his spurs on foreign battlefields as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was quickly caught up in the so-called Banana Wars, and saw service in Haiti in 1915 and the Dominican Republic in 1916.

During World War I, he commanded the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Texas and was with the British Grand Fleet when the German High Seas Fleet surrendered.

Following the war, he became aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Pendleton and saw a series of important assignments in Washington prior to being ordered back to Haiti for a tour with the Haitian Gendarmerie.

After graduation from the USMC Command and General Staff Course he was assigned to the school as an instructor. But his language abilities and knowledge of Latin America twice led to his being sent on temporary duty to Nicaragua to assist the U.S. Electoral Mission, then trying to sort out the tangled politics of the period.

After further sea duty which included the Cuban Revolution of 1933, del Valle was assigned to Rome as an assistant naval attache. Instead of a plush assignment, however, his real duties lay in assessing the capabilities of the Italian Army in Ethiopia.

In Ethiopia he was cited for heroism by the Italian government and his reports led to his being selected to attend the Army War College and earmarked for high level planning responsibilities within the Headquarters, Marine Corps.

In March, 1941, with war imminent, he was named to command the 11th Marines, an artillery regiment destined to provide Marine fire support in the Guadalcanal Campaign as part of the 1st Marine Division.

His conduct during the battles of

Guadalcanal resulted in del Valle being named Commander of Marine Forces on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Russell, and Florida Islands during May to July 1943. Following a short stint back in the continental U.S., he was again sent to the Pacific to command the IIIrd Marine Amphibious Force Artillery and took part in the invasion of Guam. This led to his highest wartime command, that of the 1st Marine Division, during the battle of Okinawa.

Following the Second World War, del Valle returned to the United States to serve as the Inspector General, and later as the Director of Personnel of the United States Marine Corps. He retired from the Marines in January 1948 as a Lieutenant General and opted to spend his last years in the United States.

If Esteves and del Valle weren't the first Hispanic-Americans to graduate from the service academies, they certainly set an example for others to follow. Some, like Adm. Hiram Rivero of Puerto Rico, would attain high rank while others, like Col. Louis G. Mendez Jr., of Colorado, would make their mark in combat.

Mendez, who commanded the 3rd Battalion of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment within the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II, is best remembered for his instructions to Troop Carrier Command pilots just before taking off for the airborne invasion of Holland. "Put us down in Holland," he told the pilots, "or put us down in Hell. Just make sure that you put us all down together." Mendez went on to win the Distinguished Service Cross, and was a 1940 graduate of West Point.



The Provost Marshal's Corner

Hello again crime fans and welcome back to another week's worth of wonderful crime, brought to you by those great folks at LEA and various unlucky miscreants. Those of you who have been wishing that you were in Beverly Hills so you could watch the Zsa Zsa Gabor show need no longer feel deprived. Our very own local talent has tried to recreate it for you here.

Of course there were a few changes. Instead of a Rolls-Royce, it was a blue Cadillac convertible that was being driven in an erratic manner and the location was the new gate at Clayton. When the MP pulled the car over, the female driver was emitting alcoholic fumes and not feeling cooperative.

When asked for her ID cards, she became belligerent. When she was pulled from the car, she became violent. She hit one MP on the head with her shoe and kicked another one in the groin. That's when they put the handcuffs on her, using the minimum necessary force, of course.

At the station, she kicked a female MP in the leg and spat in her face. That's when they put the leg irons on her. Then, thinking that they at last had her attention, they read her rights aloud.

They also read her the Implied Consent rule which says that by

driving on post she had consented to blood or breath alcohol testing. But she stoically refused to acknowledge that anyone was asking her anything. She also refused medical treatment for the minor scrapes on her face.

Since that's the way she wanted it, that's the way she got it. She was released to her sponsor without a Band-Aid or her driving privileges.

A man on Fort Clayton picked up a new 10-speed bike cheap last week. In fact he got the bike at a five-finger discount by shopping in the very early morning. However, he stopped to admire his new toy just inside the jungle and an MP spotted him.

Since he couldn't steal very well, he tried his hand at being a track star and took off without the loot. He thought that he could easily outrun an overdressed MP in the jungle. And maybe he can, but he can't outrun a guard dog. Fido went after him and nailed him to the ground in short order with bites to his left arm and right leg.

Then the MP was able to determine that even though he had a stolen bike, he didn't have post privileges. So they bound him and booked him and treated his wounds before sending him to the court downtown where he was sentenced to six months in the slammer.

Another guy who thought that he could outrun Rover was found in the Corozal impound yard playing midnight auto supply with government vehicles. For his trouble he got a bitten left knee and six months in the same resort as his compatriot of the preceding story. He also lost a set of tools which he probably didn't buy in the first place.

The importance of wearing seat belts was brought home to a driver who was in the PX parking lot on Sunday. He was sitting in there, not moving, when someone ran into him. Because he was wearing his seatbelt, of course he wasn't hurt. But the guy who ran into him wasn't wearing a seatbelt and suffered a fairly bad head trauma and had to be admitted to Gorgas for observation.

Perhaps his injury would have been less severe if he had been in a car at the time he ran into the stopped car. But he wasn't. He was on foot and running to get out of the rain.

An NCO who was born 100 years too late decided to enforce some old-fashioned iron-fisted discipline on a soldier in his company. Instead of using his stripes (while he still has them) he used his fists and beat the soldier into the hospital. The loser was treated for an open fracture of the lower left jaw and admitted to Gorgas.

The NCO, who has certainly heard of the UCMJ, will now get a detailed view of its workings from the inside.

An investigation of phone calls made on official lines to the U.S. has resulted in six GIs being arrested for the theft of government phone service. The audit is still underway, but the present bill exceeds \$1,661. It's a real good bet that they'll be charged in more than one way for this one.

In the future crimes department, we regretfully announce that our very able secretary will soon be stolen by another office. Because the other office will pay better than we can, we won't post a reward for her return. We can't mention the initials of her name, but her name is Angela and we'll miss her very much.

We have been invited to participate in a privately funded marine life survey at Pinas Bay for the next nine days. While bobbing around there in a small boat, trailing our sensors, we will be unable to bring you this column. However, by popular demand, the Pacific Provost Marshal will get another chance to fill in for us.

Don't hesitate to call his office and let him know how much the public is looking forward to his personal contribution.

And that's all folks!

Hispanics make civil, military contributions

by Lt. Col. Shaun M. Darragh

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Hispanic heritage month is an appropriate time to remember both the civil and military contributions that Hispanics have made to the development of the United States, but in some cases some of their greatest contributions have been made in other causes.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico offers a prime example in its greatest military hero, Gen. Antonio Valero de Bernabe. While the island, as could be expected, produced great soldiers such as Demetrio O'Daly de la Puente, a field marshal in the service of Spain and Lt. Gen. Pedro Del Valle, who commanded the 1st Marine Division in the battle of Okinawa, it also produced sons who fought for the liberation of the Americas under flags which were not their own.

Juan Rius Rivera of Mayaguez, rose to become a brigadier general in the War for Cuban Independence and the poet Francisco Gonzalez Marin died fighting in Cuba under the command of the Dominican General, Maximo Gomez. By sheer variety of campaigns fought and posts held, however, Valero eclipses them all.

Antonio Valero de Bernabe was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico Oct. 26, 1790. It is not known what effect the English General, Sir Ralph Abercromby's attack upon the island in 1797 had upon the young Valero or what part if any his family played during the campaign, but he chose to make a career for himself in the Spanish Army.

As was the custom during the period, he was sent to Spain as a boy to enroll in the military academy and on Nov. 30, 1804 was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Boy lieutenant's were the custom then and they matured to manhood within

the school of the Regiment.

In Valero's case, however, his life as a garrison lieutenant was cut short by Napoleon's invasion. Promotion

History of Hispanic warriors goes from 1,500 years ago to present

by Maj. Juan Salinas

The history of the Hispanic warriors goes back 1,500 years to the nomadic warrior tribes of Europe. The Celtic, Vizigoth and even the Hun are part of the Iberian peninsula cultures that spawned the military men of the nation of Spain.

They waged a 500 year war to expel the occupying Moors from their country and then set sail to explore, conquer and colonize the New World. For 200 years these soldiers made their presence known throughout the world as representatives of the super power of its time. Today some of their ancestors serve in the military of the super power of the nuclear age.

The American Revolution -- Bernardo de Galvez, Governor of Louisiana, provided forces that defeated the British along the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico to secure the southern flank and thus help win independence.

The Civil War -- As many as 10,000 Hispanics fought in military units of both Union and Confederate Armies. Loretta Janet Velasquez fought for the South at the battles of Bull Run, Fort Donelson and Shiloh. She also served as a confederate spy. California provided a battalion of Hispanic cavalry commanded by Maj. Vallejo; Texas had 12 companies of cavalry in its First Regiment. New Mexico organized Gen. Montoya's Socorro County Militia, Lt. Col. Chaves' New Mexico Militia, and Col. Pino's Second Regiment of volunteers. The 55th

in the wartime Army was rapid, particularly in an Army as hard pressed as Spain's, and by the time he turned 16 Antonio Valero was a

New York State Militia had significant numbers of "Yankee" Hispanics.

Boxer Rebellion -- USMC Pvt. France Silva earned the Medal of Honor.

The Spanish American War - At least 10 Hispanics served with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. One, George Armijo, served as Congressman after the war.

World War I -- Thousands of Hispanics served overseas fighting the Axis Powers.

World War II -- Half a million Hispanics saw combat, including the 65th Infantry Regiment composed almost entirely of Puerto Ricans. Pvt. Jose P. Martinez was the first Hispanic Medal of Honor recipient. Hispanics received more Medals of Honor per capita than any other identifiable ethnic group in this war. Pilot Aces: Cmdr. Eugene Valencia with 23, Maj. Michael Brezas with 12 and Capt. Richard Candelaria with six.

The Korean Conflict -- The 65th Infantry Regiment, an all Hispanic unit, earned a Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Korean Unit Citations and more than 200 individual awards Ace: Col. Manuel Fernandez with 16.

Vietnam - Thirteen Hispanics were awarded Medals of Honor. Lt. Everett Alvarez, Jr., was the first American pilot POW.

QUESTION: Who was and what is Admiral David G. Farragut famous for?

captain. Extraordinary courage during the second Siege of Zaragoza earned him a battlefield brevet to colonel and with the end of the war it seemed as if Antonio Valero was destined for greater things.

Initially named as second in command of an expedition which was being raised to reconnoitre the La Plata river region (modern Argentina and Uruguay), he was instead attached to the staff of Lt. Gen. Juan O'Donoju for the reconquest of Mexico.

Neither Valero nor O'Donoju were absolute monarchists, however, and when the King returned to suspend the Spanish Constitution and reimpose absolute monarchy, they resigned their commissions to offer their swords to the Mexicans.

The Mexican Army, with Spanish garrisons still holding key ports and terrain, was in the process of transforming from regional insurgent armies to a national army. Talented men from all nations were gladly accepted. Initially commissioned as a colonel in 1821, Valero served as a staff officer drafting regulations for the Mexican Congress which would govern the new army. Promoted to brigadier general in May 1822, he served a brief stint as the chief of staff and then became implicated in Freemason plot to overthrow Augustine Iturbide, who had proclaimed himself the Emperor of the Mexican Empire.

His brother Masons succeeded in forcing Iturbide from office in March 1823, but not before Valero had departed the country for Grand Colombia. It is likely he would have left Mexico in any event, for the new army laws greatly reduced the number of general officers by adjusting the ranks downwards and as a staff officer he had no geographical base of support upon which to build a career.

question of the week

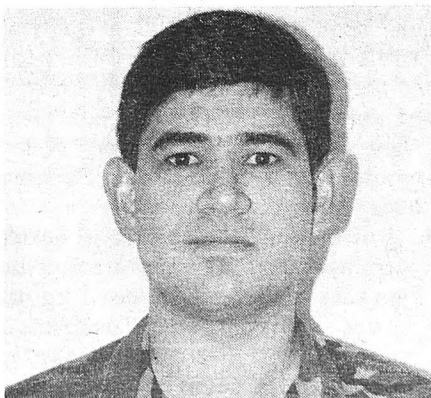
What does your Hispanic heritage mean to you?

by Maria Len-Rios



Spec. Carlos De La Rosa
HHC, 193rd Infantry (Light)
Fort Clayton

"It means the preservation of the culture, history and traditions that I have grown up with."



1st Lt. Alvin Garza
Deputy Chief of Staff Operations
and Plans
Fort Clayton

"Being born of Mexican American descent, I am most proud of my people for being very considerate and concerned for those whom we associate with."



Capt. Luis Hernandez
JTF-Panama

"I have a lot of pride in the history of the Spanish people and their influence in the forming of America. I am proud of our contributions to the growth and development of the United States."



SFC Luis Camacho
HHC, 193rd Infantry (Light)
Fort Clayton

"It means preserving my Puerto Rican heritage, language and customs. Serving in the U.S. Army defending democracy supports democracy in Puerto Rico and that is important to me."

October activities celebrating Hispanic Heritage

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — The following activities have been planned in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the theme for which is "500 Years of Hispanic Heritage 1492-1992...The Continuing Adventure." Weekly luncheons will be held at the Fort Clayton NCO Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. each Friday. A different

country will be acknowledged each week with food and entertainment to salute that particular country.

Oct. 6 HISPANIC LUNCHEON — Entertainment provided by "Los Consules."

Oct. 13 CARIBBEAN LUNCHEON — Schools within the DODDS system will be participating with art

work which will depict each country that is being saluted every Friday during the luncheons. The art work will be displayed throughout the club.

Oct 7-8

Art exhibit: USARSO PAO and PCC/EEO office bring you a display of artistic expression from paintings to ceramics in the Valent Recreation

Center. Viewing is in conjunction with their operating hours.

Oct. 8

Hispanic fiesta/concert in the park. Festivities include a chili cook-off, activities for children, bands, DJ's, food tasting. BYOP — bring your own picnic...Clayton park noon-6 p.m.

U.S. calls for RP air safety meeting

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOT PAO) — In the interest of aviation safety, the U.S. Southern Command element of the bi-national Joint Committee proposed to Panama a formal Joint Committee meeting in October to establish a bi-lateral ad hoc aviation subcommittee as the forum for addressing issues related to U.S. military aviation operations in Panama.

U.S. Co-Chairman Lt. Col. Robert Perry, in his September 17 letter to his Panama Defense Forces' counterpart, proposed that such a meeting be convened October 19 at Fort Amador in "an effort to advance this Canal defense and safety issue."

He proposed that an ad hoc aviation subcommittee be established at that meeting and that it be tasked to develop aviation and air-safety control and coordination arrangements based on the Panama Canal Treaty and associated documents.

Perry stated the proposed subcommittee would be composed of local U.S. and Panamanian aviation technical experts. He noted that the preparation of draft arrangements developed by each side would facilitate progress at the Joint Committee meeting.

Perry also noted that, although obligated by the Panama Canal Treaty to address the aviation issue within the Joint Committee, the U.S. Forces would not object to the presence of a representative of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in an observer status at both the Joint Committee and subcommittee meetings.

In the same letter, Perry again requested a response from his Panamanian counterpart to the "score of unanswered U.S. Forces' requests for cooperation on aviation issues," the latest ones being in July, August, and September.

According to U.S. Southern Command officials of the Joint Committee and of the Combined Board (the other treaty-mandated military bi-national body), about 20 letters over the last 12 months have been sent to their counterparts seeking to resolve aviation safety issues or protesting PDF aviation-related treaty violations, including interfering with the U.S. Forces' freedom of movement in the Republic of Panama.

In the same period of time, the U.S. element of the Combined Board received from its PDF counterpart about 40 letters alleging over 150 air space violations by U.S. forces

aircraft.

Those officials note that investigations of each such protest have revealed that at least 98 percent of the incidents protested by Panama have not been in violation of any ICAO, Panamanian Flight Information Pamphlet, or other international flight standards.

They also noted the numerous Panamanian complaints of alleged air space and related violations by U.S. forces' aircraft, as well as

attempts to impede U.S. forces treaty rights, clearly reflect a concerted effort by the PDF to exercise unilateral approval or disapproval authority of U.S. forces operations—which is contrary to the treaty.

Such actions and allegations also demonstrate the PDF's preference to politicize such issues in international forums rather than resorting to the treaty-mandated bodies for resolving disputes.

Panama detains 8 persons, closes publicity company

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) — Panamanian police Wednesday closed a publicity agency that had promoted the opposition's civil disobedience campaign and arrested its director, an opposition leader said.

The military police closed Cosmos Publicity and arrested eight people including the director, Valerio Arauz, Guillermo Cochez of the Christian Democratic Party told Reuters.

Cochez said the police did not

show an arrest order but said they were closing the agency by orders from authorities.

Some 300,000 leaflets designed by the agency encouraging Panamanians to join the campaign "not one cent more" have been circulated in the city, he said.

The campaign calls on Panamanians not to pay light, telephone or water bills and to boycott pro-government newspapers and state-run lotteries to try to oust military strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

SOUTHCOT diplomat to retire Tuesday

by Sgt. Lara M. Risco

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOT TSE) — He gets paid for giving advice. But sometimes he pays for the advice he gives.

At one point in his career as a Foreign Service Officer, he was kidnapped and beaten by government-linked forces in Uruguay who disagreed with U.S. Embassy policies on human rights. Now he no longer has full use of his voice — a result of broken neck vertebrae, aggravated by the stress experienced during a lengthy diplomatic career.

John J. Youle, in his first assignment to a military command, has served as political advisor to the

commander in chief of U.S. Southern Command for the past two years. Youle retires Tuesday.

The politico-military analyst, who has served more than 24 years in the State Department, acted as a bridge between SOUTHCOT and key figures in Washington D.C. and U.S. embassies throughout the hemisphere.

A graduate from Columbia University with a master's in International Affairs and one in Latin American Affairs, Youle's job has been to brief the CINC on political and economic developments in the region. Having served in six different countries in Latin America, Youle drew on his extensive contacts to increase the information flow to

SOUTHCOT.

Fluent in Spanish and Italian, he accompanied the CINC on virtually all his visits to the 17 countries in SOUTHCOT's area of responsibility, as well as frequent trips to Washington.

"During this assignment, I acquired great respect for all branches of the U.S. military and its personnel of all ranks," he said. "I learned a great deal regarding integrity, discipline and courage — intellectual as well as physical — from Gen. Woerner and other members of the command."

Youle added that he was sorry to see the CINC retire when he did. "It has been a challenge as a political advisor to tell Gen. Woerner something he didn't already know," he said. "Gen. Woerner has been right in every analysis, every policy recommendation, regarding Panama over the past 2 1/2 years."

Fortunately, the command hasn't permitted itself to be captured by the Panama problem, according to Youle. Despite no increased resources, it has significantly increased its security assistance programs and military-to-military contacts in South and Central America. With Youle's aid, SOUTHCOT has laid the groundwork to battle the "War on Drugs" through training, intelligence sharing, and providing equipment and doctrine.

Youle wrote, or participated in the writing of, a number of policy documents. They included a transition paper recommending policy approaches for the Bush administration, a human rights initiative, a Panama election campaign strategy, a post-elections options plan, a vulnerabilities study, and portions of the CINC's congressional testimony.

His contributions to SOUTHCOT were recognized at an award ceremony here Sept. 25. He received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, and his

wife, Ines, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. The approval of the John Jacob Rogers Certificate, a State Department award for Youle, was also announced.

Having advised Woerner for two years, Youle will take his expertise to Lima, Peru, where he previously served as Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy. There he will assume the vice-presidency of the Southern Peru Copper Corporation — the largest private employer in the country.



John J. Youle

RP economy to be worse at year-end, Perez says

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez said this week the crisis in Panama could worsen at the end of 1989 if the United States does not appoint a Panamanian as administrator of the Panama Canal.

Perez, a strong critic of the government supported by Panamanian military leader Manuel Noriega, said Washington's failure to appoint a canal administrator would be a failure to comply with the Panama Canal Treaty.

"This is the most wicked thing that could happen for the political future of Latin America, for the future of democracy in Latin America," Perez said.

"For this reason, we believe that the process of democratizing Panama is indispensable to save us from this dangerous collapse," he said.

Perez's government has lead multilateral efforts to bring democracy to Panama. It called the first meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS) on Panama

after the Noriega-backed government annulled May 7 elections following reports of a sweeping opposition victory.

In an interview with Reuters, Perez was highly critical of the Panamanian government that took power Sept. 1, when the victors of the May elections were to have been inaugurated.

"The present government of Panama does not enjoy any sign of legitimacy, much less any sign of legality," he said. "It constitutes a problem of democratic destabilization for Latin America."

The Panama Canal Treaty, with which the United States agreed to hand the canal over to Panama by the end of the century, calls for Washington to approve a Panamanian appointed administrator to the Panama Canal.

But Washington had not had relations with Panama since the new government took power. Officials have said that as such it will be impossible for the United States to act on any Panamanian proposal.

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Cartel spreads across Latin America

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Colombia's drug cartels are spreading out across Latin America, prompting fears that the region's drug problem could become a thousand times worse.

Latin American and international drug experts said Colombian drug barons were branching out into other Latin American countries even before Colombian President Virgilio Barco ordered a crackdown on cocaine traffickers last month.

The trend gained momentum after authorities arrested more than 10,000 suspects, seized properties worth hundreds of millions of dollars, confiscated scores of aircraft and destroyed record amounts of cocaine, experts said.

According to U.S. estimates, cocaine exports from Colombia to the United States have been cut by as much as 50 percent.

"Things will never be quite the same again in Colombia," said Frank Shults, chief spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

President Bush has pledged full support for the Colombian crackdown and Washington airlifted \$65 million worth of military hardware to Colombia last month to help the fight.

The possible repercussions of the

Colombian cocaine war have prompted a flurry of pre-emptive actions in Latin America including tighter border controls and moves for tougher anti-drug laws.

"We face the danger that with the offensive in Colombia, the commercialization of the drug could move to other countries in the region. The problem could become a thousand times worse," Bolivian President Jaime Paz Zamora said in an interview in La Paz.

Similar expressions of concern have come from the president of Ecuador, Rodrigo Borja, who said recently cocaine-processing laboratories were springing up there.

And Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez told Reuters: "There are obvious signs there is a penetration of drug trafficking (from Colombia) in the country."

For decades, the multi-billion-dollar trade in cocaine followed a pattern: Peru and Bolivia, the world's biggest growers of coca leaf, produced coca paste which was smuggled to Colombia to be refined into pure cocaine and shipped to the United States.

Insiders say the pattern has been eroding over the past two years as Colombians moved into the traditional source countries to set up

jungle laboratories and supervise the production process from beginning to end.

Statistics confirm the trend. The DEA says Bolivian authorities seized eight cocaine laboratories in 1987 and 24 in 1988, a 300 percent increase. In the same period, seizures of paste laboratories rose by only 17 percent.

In Peru, the increased Colombian presence in the refining process has been reflected by the arrest of Colombian nationals in raids on laboratories. President Alan Garcia says paste production is already controlled by Colombians.

In Brazil, Colombians are believed to have become involved with the cultivation and processing of epadu, a local variety of the coca bush. It flourishes under the dense canopy of the Amazon jungle which provides ideal cover against aerial detection.

The latest country to be drawn into the supply network is Guatemala, according to Western diplomats there. They estimate that up to 200 Colombians working for the Cali and Medellin organizations are now operating in the country.

The two organizations, named after the Colombian cities where they are based, are believed to account for more than two thirds of the cocaine

consumed in the United States.

Most of the cocaine routed through Guatemala is carried overland through Mexico and across its 1,952-mile border with the United States.

U.S. officials believe that vast cocaine stockpiles in Mexico have insured uninterrupted supplies to the U.S. market despite the reduction of direct exports from Colombia.

The price of cocaine in Miami, traditionally supplied by air and sea from Colombia and the Caribbean, rose sharply after the Colombian crackdown. Cocaine prices remained stable in regions supplied from Mexico.

Mexico produces no cocaine of its own but has long been the biggest single supplier of heroin for the American market. Anti-narcotics officials say Colombian cocaine runners have teamed up with leading Mexican heroin traffickers to move huge amounts of drugs across the border.

Last November, the chance discovery of a cocaine cache in the Mexican border state of Chihuahua pointed to the enormous size of the stockpiles.

Soldiers on patrol in a remote area stumbled across 4.8 tons of cocaine hidden in a cave.

Ortega, Chamorro chasing Nicaraguan presidency

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI) — President Daniel Ortega accepted the Sandinista Front's expected nomination to run for re-election and said Nicaragua's election campaign would be "another battle against Yankee imperialism."

The ruling Sandinista Front of National Liberation planned Monday to register Ortega formally as its presidential candidate and Vice President Sergio Ramirez as his running mate. Candidates for national deputies and municipal councils also were to be registered.

Ortega called Sunday's party convention "an example of popular democracy," but his nomination was considered a foregone conclusion by party officials, diplomats and other observers. The convention was called so leading party activists and sympathizers could approve the candidates beforehand.

About 1,500 cheering Sandinista activists waved red-and-black bandannas and chanted "Daniel! Daniel!" as Interior Minister Tomas Borge — frequently rumored to be a

rival of the president's — proposed Ortega's presidential candidacy for the February 1990 elections.

Ortega, Nicaragua's president since 1984, accepted the nomination in a speech to a crowd of about 2,500 people outside the convention hall.

"The days of our 10 years of revolution have been better than the past ... but they have been full of sacrifices," Ortega said. "The political platform which we approved today guarantees that as long as the (Sandinista Front) is in power, everything will be better."

Ortega accused the Bush administration, which has been looking for ways to channel \$9 million to anti-Sandinista candidates, of interfering in Nicaragua's election.

The election will be "another battle against Yankee imperialism," he said.

The convention delegates approved the Sandinista electoral platform, titled "Everything Will Be Better," which promises sweeping improvements in the economy, health, education and public works

programs.

Ortega's government called national elections for Feb. 25, 1990, as part of a Central American peace accord in which Nicaragua agreed to democratic reforms in exchange for a regional plan to end the U.S.-financed Contra war.

Ortega, 43, was elected to a six-year term in 1984 in elections boycotted by some opposition parties, who accused the Sandinista government of fraud.

The Sandinista candidate will run against Violeta Chamorro, the candidate of the United National Opposition — a coalition of 14 anti-Sandinista political parties. Besides the Sandinista Front and the UNO, as the coalition is known, eight other parties have named candidates for the election.

At the convention, Ortega and other party activists wore red-and-black bandannas around their necks, and many wore T-shirts inscribed "Daniel Presidente" on the front and "Vote FSLN" — the Spanish acronym for the Sandinista Front —

on the rear.

Sandinista Front chief spokesman Dionisio Marenco said his party's polls and research showed Ortega was the most popular candidate for president.

Diplomats expected Ortega to be nominated because of his leadership within the National Directorate, the highest Sandinista group that makes all important decisions in the party and the government.

"He is sort of a first among equals," a European diplomat said.

"There is no one to challenge him at the moment."

A Latin American diplomat called Ortega "the obvious choice" because he played a leading role in Nicaragua's successful diplomatic initiatives to end the 8-year-old war against Contra rebels.

"He was largely responsible for the Central American peace process, promising elections and democratic reforms in exchange until he got a promise to dismantle the Contras," the diplomat said. "They had to choose him."

Chilean wants colony investigated

MADRID, Spain (Reuter) — Leading opposition candidate for the Chilean Presidency Patricio Aylwin called last week for a thorough investigation into alleged human rights abuses at a shadowy colony of German immigrants.

Aylwin, favored to win the election in December, told a news conference: "Under a democratic government and in a state governed by the rule of law, what happens on land occupied by the so-called Colonia Dignidad must be seriously investigated."

Aylwin, 70, was winding up a tour of West European capitals, taking in Bonn, Brussels, Paris and Rome, to drum up support for his campaign.

He is leading a broad coalition of parties, including Socialists and Christian Democrats, against right-

wing candidate Hernan Buchi, a former Finance Minister who served under the military government of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

West Germany has accused Chile of obstructing an inquiry after the Chilean Supreme Court earlier this month dismissed charges of serious crimes at Colonia Dignidad (Dignity Colony) where 300 people of mainly German descent live behind barbed-wire fences.

Aylwin said it was necessary to "ensure that human rights are respected and that all Chilean laws are upheld there." The West German government believes people are being held against their will inside the compound, set in the Andean foothills about 250 miles south of Santiago.



WARM WELCOME — Opposition candidate for the Nicaraguan presidency Violeta Chamorro acknowledges a warm welcome from a rally of 2,000 Nicaraguan exiles in Miami, Fla. It was her first U.S. visit since she was nominated by an opposition coalition. (AP Laserphoto)

Riding bulls is easier if you're a little crazy

Story and photo by
Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Holding a North American bull riding rodeo in Panama isn't the easiest thing in the world and when your bucking bulls have been sold for hamburger meat it can be downright difficult.

But for cowboys, few situations are impossible. After scattering like buckshot from a 12-gauge shotgun, members of the Central American Rodeo Cowboy Association scoured local ranches for replacement bulls.

"We had to go so far back in the sticks, some of the bulls had Costa Rican passports," said Russ Pope, CARCA's president.

With the bulls in place, the rodeo started and first out of the chute was first time rider Marla Getty. "I've always wanted to ride a bull because it looked like fun," Getty said, as she pounded dust from her jeans. "After all, you only have to stay on for eight seconds and the worst you can do is fall and get run over."

"It was fun, now I just have to try it again so I can figure out why," she added. Getty is now known to the local children as "La norteamericana es loca" or "The crazy American woman."

And while it takes a special kind of insanity to climb on top of a bull, the clowns who protect a fallen rider are

generally considered even crazier.

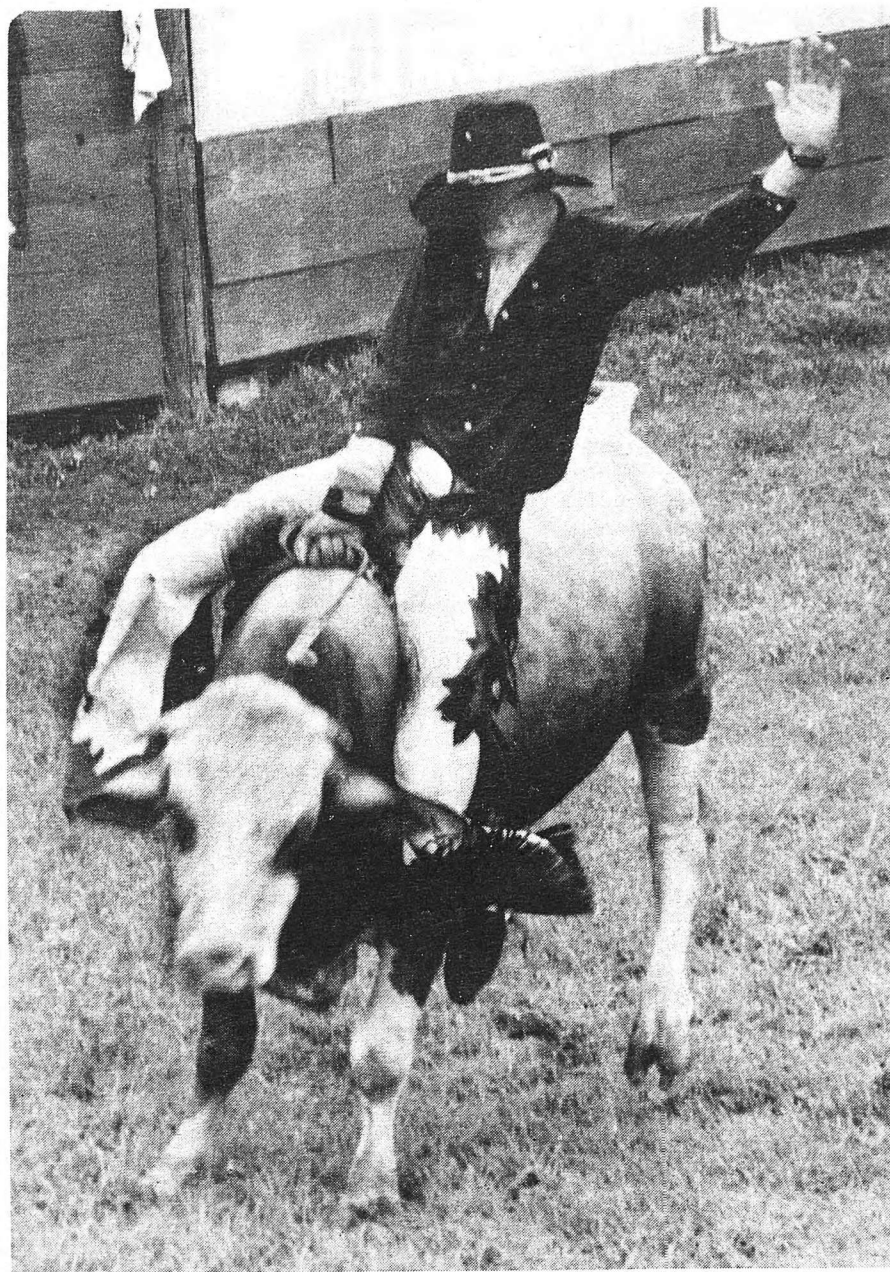
In colored shirts and suspenders loud enough to shake the rafters, the clowns bounced around in front of the bulls like crazed pogo sticks. They played matador with scarves, used the bull's horns for hat racks and did anything else they could think of to keep the bull's attention off a fallen rider while he made his escape.

"At first I clowned for the challenge, but now I do it for the fun. As long as I remember to never underestimate even the smallest bull it's going to stay fun," said John McIntyre.

"The riders and the clowns aren't the only ones in the rodeo, they're just the stars of the show," Pope said. "If it weren't for the others in the club who handle stock, keep time, and do a million other things we wouldn't have a show or nearly as much fun."

When the only thing holding a man on top of 1,500 pounds of twisting rage is his fist, 12 feet of rope and a lot of determination, and you hear "airborne" leave his lips as he finally gets thrown off you know he's having fun. And fun is what a rodeo is all about.

For more information about the Central American Rodeo Cowboy Association, call Russ Pope at 286-4829, or Mike Wormington at 287-5151.



It really is fun. Hang on!

Munitions supply NCO takes his job seriously

by PFC Megra D. Johnson

FORT ESPINAR (USARSO PAO) — Ammunition Supply Point Number Two provides the Atlantic community with munitions for operations and training.

Sgt. Milton Ivy, noncommissioned officer in charge, realizes the responsibility he holds. The job requires being accountable for everything in the ASP. Ivy takes the initiative and treats each day as a challenge. "That's not hard. There's no hard part because I do it all."

Ivy must also be responsible for the other soldiers and civilians that work in the ASP. Safety measures and precautions are always taken to ensure the least amount of damage is

done to the people and the surrounding area.

The soldiers must wear head and eye protection when they're driving a forklift. They must also wear safety boots when handling magazines loaded with ammunition. Signs are posted throughout the area to safeguard against minor incidents that could become major accidents.

"Ivy is a noncommissioned officer who really cares about his men. He's easy to work with and if there is an over abundance of work he jumps in and helps us out," said PFC James Kpokou, ammunition specialist.

Robert Zeugner does quality assurance specialist (ammunition surveillance) at the ASP. He

performs tasks from inspection of rounds to insuring the load on vehicles is in accordance with regulations. Stock control is handled by Saul Vargas. He is responsible for accounting for ammunition.

The ammunition specialists, Kpokou and Pvt. 2 Rodney McIntyre are responsible for the issuing and receiving of all ammunition. They assist in inspections and boat operations when ammunition is shipped from the United States to Panama. The staff has had to put in extra hours since the arrival of the augmentees. Their workload has gone up from one or two issues of ammunition to five per week.

"This is the best job I ever had," said Kpokou. "It's never the same. Every day is different."

Ivy trusts his soldiers and civilian workers. He believes there is no way he could work in this field with them if he did not trust them because of the danger involved. "We have a one to one relationship that precludes all problems. They know what is expected of them; they do it and do it well."

The soldiers agree that meeting people is one of the most interesting aspects of their job. "We see civilians and officers that some people will never get to meet," said McIntyre. "You never know what or who to expect next."

4-6th Infantry arrive here to relieve sister battalion

by Sgt. Steve Finley

CAMP GATOR (FORT POLK PAO) — About 700 soldiers from 4-6th Infantry, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) arrived in Panama last week in relief of their sister battalion, the 1-61st Infantry, which deployed here in May.

Soldiers of the 4-6th, better known as the Regulars, are in Panama to

assist the United States Southern Command to protect U.S. lives and property in accordance with President Bush's mandate following Panama's elections May 7.

Since their arrival, soldiers of Task Force Regular inprocessed, signed for equipment and began acclimatizing to the jungle heat and humidity. The Regulars are also

scheduled to zero weapons, conduct live fire exercises and continue to train for their mission.

"We'll have the same mission as 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry had, and that is to protect American lives and reassert our treaty rights," said Lt. Col. William A. Steiger, commander of the 4-6th Infantry. "I think the battalion is ready for this mission."

According to Steiger, the Regulars trained for three months in preparation for their mission in Panama. Soldiers of the 4-6th underwent Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training at Fort Hood, Texas; sniper training; and combat lifesaver training. Other training included airmobile training and squad-level mechanized gunnery training.

The staging base for the 4-6th Infantry is Camp Gator, formerly Camp Roadrunner, which was renamed after the battalion's mascot — an alligator. The battalion also has personnel at Empire Range and Cocoli.

"We did extensive training before coming down here and feel we are fully prepared for the mission," said Sgt. Maj. Rudolph H. Ford, sergeant major for 4-6th Infantry. "The morale is very high and the soldiers are eager to get on with the business that we came down here for."

National Fire Prevention Week theme teaches children fire safety tips, hazards

by Debra Zepka

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) — National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8-14.

This year's theme is "Big Fires Start Small: Keep matches and lighters in the right hands." Children playing with fire is the leading cause of fire

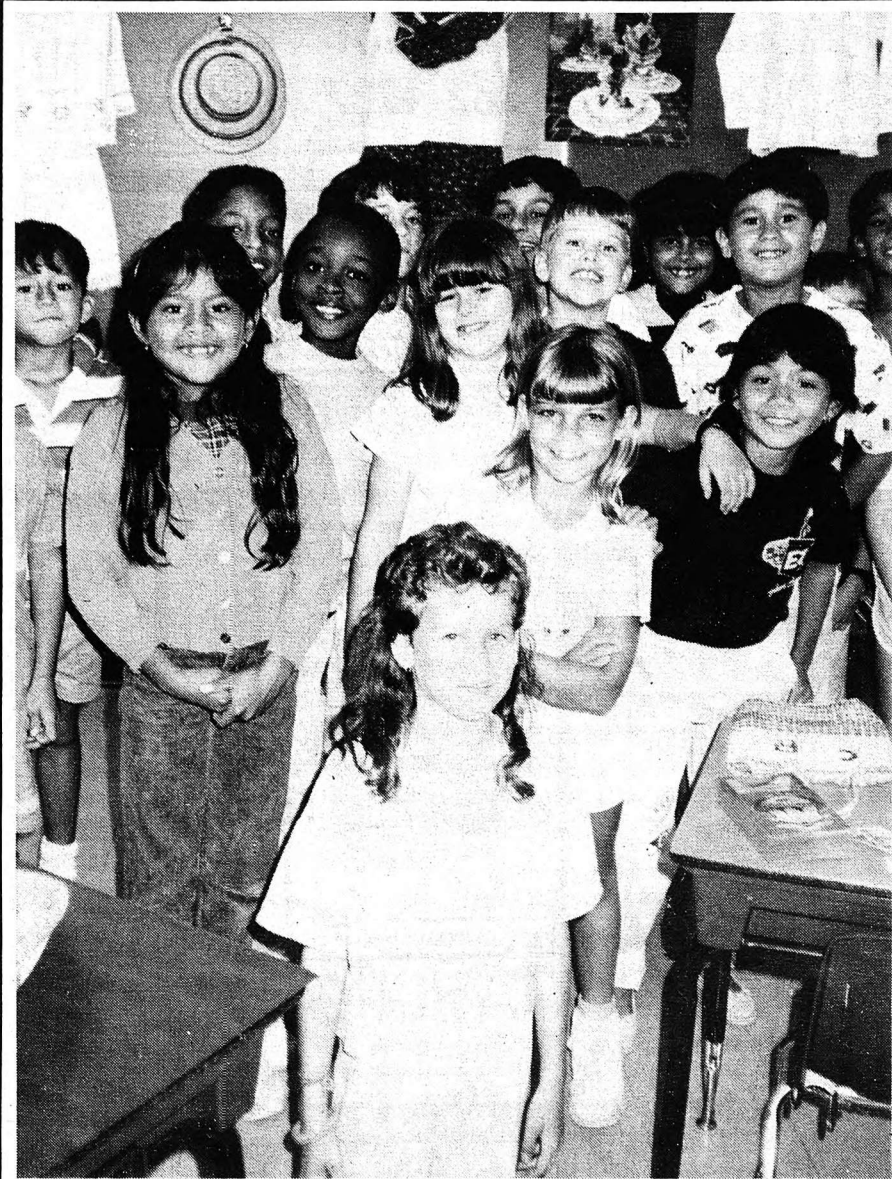
deaths among young children who die in residential fires. Also, children playing with fire is the sixth leading cause of civilian fire deaths.

This year, activities for Fire Prevention Week focus on keeping matches, lighters and other heat sources out of childrens' reach. U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal is working hard to "light the fire" in

kids' minds about fire prevention. The NAVSTASPANCANAL Fire Prevention Inspector has kitchen magnets, cartoon book covers, stickers, pencils and coloring books available for children, all promoting good fire safety tips.

To get a fire safety packet for your child, or for fire prevention information, call at 283-3350.

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Hispanic Heritage Month

(Left) In commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Ana Real, host nation teacher at Balboa Elementary School and her students in grades one through six recently organized a museum of objects from many Hispanic countries. Classes visited the museum and viewed such items as: Hispanic crafts, costumes, games, dolls and foods contributed by Real and the students. Shown here are students in Sandra Roscoe's third grade class visiting the museum. (Below) Tina Buholtz, Erika Reyes, Katie McAleer and Beth Moore are some of the Los Rios Elementary School kids who got into the spirit of Hispanic Heritage Month recently. The children celebrated and learned about their host nation by dressing up in native costumes, eating typical foods and dancing to a strolling Mariachi band. Parents and other community members attended. (Photos courtesy of DoDDS)



Babysitter training

A Babysitter Training Course for teenagers 13-18 years of age has been scheduled by the Fort Clayton Child Development Services.

The course is designed to prepare teenagers for accepting the responsibilities of being a sitter and includes nine hours classroom training and some one hour observation in the Child Development Center.

Topics include: job responsibilities, developmental stages of children, basic first aid, nutrition

education, crime prevention, fire safety and detection and prevention of child abuse.

Now is the time to register! The training will be conducted after school Oct. 17, 18, 19 and 21 from 8:30 a.m.-noon at the Fort Clayton Youth Center, building 155.

Teenagers successfully completing the training will receive certificates and with parent approval, are eligible for placement on the CDS Babysitter Referral List. For further information or to make reservations call Mrs. Beverley at 287-6719.



Swim meet

The Fort Espinar Swimming Pool will host a Youth Swim Meet Oct. 12. Youths ages 6-17 years are invited to participate. Call 289-4002.

Center activities

The Fort Clayton Youth Center will have a Youth Bowling party at 6 p.m. today. Youths interested in participating should call 287-6451.

On Saturday there will be a bean bag encounter and scooter relay. Youths are invited to join in at 3 p.m.

Cooking lessons will be given Wednesday at 3 p.m., arts and crafts Thursday afternoon, and a pool tourney will be held Oct. 7 and 8.

Call the center to sign up.

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Classical concert set

Wilma Monlouis, a Balboa High School music teacher, will be the first woman to conduct the Panama National Symphony Orchestra.

Monlouis will perform as guest conductor Friday at the National Theater.

The concert begins at 8:30 p.m.

Moonlight cruise

A moonlight cruise is scheduled for Saturday. The cruise on the "Fantasia del Mar," is sponsored by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal.

For more details call 283-5301.

Fishing tourney

If you like to fish, there are two competitive opportunities in store.

The CRD Outdoor Branch will sponsor the quarterly Bass Fishing tournament Saturday.

A "Four Man Fishing Tourney" will be held Oct. 9. There will be an award for the team catching the most fish.

The tournaments will be held at the Aquativity Center in Fort Espinar. Stop by building 154 or the center to register in advance.

CRD trips

Register now for a snorkeling and diving trip to Isla Mamey resort.

The CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch is sponsoring an overnight trip Oct. 21-22, and a three-day trip to the San Blas Island Oct. 7-9.

In addition, take a boat ride up river and then hike up to the old Indian Village site and tour with a guide. A day trip is planned for Oct. 28.

Reservations for all the outings can be made at building 154, Fort Clayton (287-3363).

Valent outings

Reservations are now being accepted for tours to Isla Mamey Oct. 10 and a Contadora Boat trip Oct. 14-15.

Valent Recreation Center will conduct these trips as well as the monthly visit to El Valle Oct. 15. Also scheduled is a partial canal transit Oct. 19. Stop by the center or call 287-6500.

Tours

The Zodiac Recreation Center will offer the following tours:

Monday --San Carlos Beach, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday --Free zone, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday -- Isla Grande Beach, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 7 --portobelo and La Angosta Beach, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 8 --El Valle shopping, 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All tours depart from the Howard AFB theater, and advance reservations are required. For more info call 284-6161.

'Dial Sun for fun'

Sundial Recreation Center will have a variety of tours, to include photography outings.

Go shopping at the Pacific community exchange Oct. 7, enjoy Rio Mar Beach Oct. 8, or the El Valle market Oct. 15. If you enjoy taking pictures, the Gatun Locks and Fort San Lorenzo will be visited Sunday.

These are some of the many areas scheduled for the first half of the month; there are more in store. Reserve your space by calling 289-3889.

Travel service

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR now has a Tour & Travel service. Located at building 65, hours are: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon. For more information on tours and trips, call 283-5307.

Contadora cruise

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR will sponsor a weekend cruise to Contadora Oct. 7-9.

Spend a weekend at the Caesar Park Hotel in Contadora.

Departure time is 7 a.m. Oct. 7 from the naval station (Pier One) and return time is approximately 5 p.m. Oct. 9.

For details call 283-5307.

Charter fishing

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, MWR once again offers charter fishing services on board the Black Stallion and Vargas. For more information, call 283-5307.

Costa Rica tour

The Loft Theatre is sponsoring a Thanksgiving dinner tour of San Jose, Costa Rica.

The trip is scheduled for Nov. 22-26 and will include a stop at the Irazu Volcano, the ox cart facilities and Ojo de Agua.

The tour package includes double occupancy hotel accommodations, airfare and a turkey dinner.

Space is limited to 45 passengers. For more information call Andy Lim at 289-4302/4377/3889.

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
Friday	EVENING-7:00 & 9:00  LICENSE TO KILL Timothy Dalton Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 133 FIELD OF DREAMS Kevin Costner Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 107	DO THE RIGHT THING Spike Lee Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 120 I'M GONNA GIT YOU SUCKA Jim Brown Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 88	EVENING-7:00 & 9:00  UHF Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 96 MISSISSIPPI BURNING Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 127	EVENING-7 P.M.  GREAT BALLS OF FIRE Dennis Quaid Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 100	EVENING-7 P.M.  LOVERBOY Patrick Dempsey Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 98	
Saturday	MATINEE-2:00  INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE Harrison Ford Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 127 EVENING-8:30 & 10:30 THE FLY II Eric Stoltz Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 105 INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE Harrison Ford Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 127	EVENING-6:30  BATMAN Michael Keaton Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 126 THE ACCUSED Jodie Foster Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 99	MATINEE-2:00  WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT Animated Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 103 EVENING-9:00  RENEGADES Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 106	EVENING-7:00  STAR TREK THE FINAL FRONTIER William Shatner Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 106	EVENING-7:00  GHOSTBUSTERS II Bill Murray Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 108	
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Wednesday	EVENING-7:00 & 9:00  ROAD HOUSE Patrick Swayze Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 114 RAIN MAN Dustin Hoffman Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 133	7:00 & 9:00  LICENSE TO KILL Timothy Dalton Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 133 RENEGADES Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 106	EVENING-7:00  COCKTAIL Tom Cruise Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 104			
Thursday	EVENING-7:00 & 9:00  FRIDAY THE 13TH PART VIII Scott Reeves Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 100 SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL Richard Pryor Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 103	LICENSE TO KILL Timothy Dalton Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 133 RENEGADES Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 106	EVENING-7 P.M.  DO THE RIGHT THING Ossie Davis Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 120	EVENING-7:00  THE KARATE KID III Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 126	EVENING-7:00  MIDNIGHT RUN Robert De Niro Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 126	

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STAR TREK V

Sybok, a Vulcan exile, stages a kidnapping on a distant planet to lure the Enterprise into his grasp. It's his notion that he can find the Supreme Being at the center of the universe. (Violence, language)

RENEGADES

An exciting police thriller with a mismatched pair of crime fighters — an unorthodox undercover agent and a native American Indian — pursuing a brutal murderer who has made off with a sacred tribal relic.

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

Dennis Quaid plays the hard-living hard-rocking music legend, Jerry Lee Lewis as he soars to the heights of superstardom only to watch his popularity plummet when he marries his 13-year-old cousin. (Violence & language)

DO THE RIGHT THING

This is a spunky and spirited film that socks across a strong message concerning human nature and relationships within a racially mixed Brooklyn neighborhood.

FRIDAY THE 13TH PART VIII

Jason's eternal quest for revenge leaves a trail of raw bloody violence as the demonic horror stalks his prey through the streets of Manhattan.

ROAD HOUSE

Patrick Swayze plays a much respected, yet mysterious loner brought into this rough-and-tumble western town to restore order to a once thriving road house and to protect the townfolks from a vicious, local bully.

LISTEN TO ME

Follows a diverse group of students through a school year as they learn to polish their skills by being able to take either side of an issue. (Violence, language, nudity, sex)

UHF

Weird Al makes a movie. All about a little TV station he fumbles into success. But the story is only an excuse to stage a collection of gags to poke fun at popular movies and TV shows. (Violence, language)

THE KARATE KID III

Karate Kid III finds our young hero bruised, beaten and in badly need of help from his old friend, Miyage, who wisely refuses to train the angry Daniel. (Violence, nudity)

BATMAN

In the darkened recesses along the littered streets of a crime ridden Gotham City lurks a menacing and mysterious figure, a gallant crime fighter, a psychologically tormented vigilante, a brooding caped crusader. (Violence, language)

WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S

Two office buddies who uncover a \$2 million insurance scam are rewarded for their efforts with a weekend of partying, scantily-clad ladies, and bars flowing with champagne. (Violence, language, sex)

LICENSE TO KILL

In this high-octane action spectacular Special Agent 007, strikes off on a personal mission of vengeance that leads him to the Central American hideout of a vicious drug baron. (Violence, language)

COMING SOON

HOWARD

Fri. FRIDAY THE 13TH, PART VIII (R)
Fri. SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL (R)
Sat. LEVIATHAN (R)
Sat.-Sun. HONEY I SHRUNK THE KIDS (PG)
Sun. GREAT BALLS OF FIRE (PG-13)

CLAYTON

Fri. LICENSE TO KILL (PG-13)
Fri. RENEGADES (R)
Sat. MISSISSIPPI BURNING (R)
Sat.-Sun. INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG-13)
Sun. KINJITE: FORBIDDEN SUBJECTS (R)

AMADOR

Fri. DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG)
Sat. KARATE KID III (PG)
Sun. THE ADVENTURES OF BARON MUNCHAUSEN (PG)

QUARRY HEIGHTS

Fri. LOVERBOY (PG-13)
Sat.-Sun. GHOSTBUSTERS II (PG)

DAVIS

Fri. DO THE RIGHT THING (R)
Fri.-Sat. FIELD OF DREAMS (PG)
Sat.-Sun. BATMAN (PG-13)
Sun. NO HOLDS BARRED (PG-13)

things to do

FORT CLAYTON

Art exhibit

An art exhibit will be held in the Valent Recreation Center, Oct. 7-8. USARSO PAO and the EEO Office of the Panama Canal Commission are seeking members of Hispanic heritage who would like to display their paintings, woodwork, ceramics, photographs or poetry. Active duty military or family members should call 287-3007/3058 if interested. Panama Canal Commission employees should call the EEO Office (252-7907).

Spanish class

The Fort Clayton Education Center is offering Spanish classes beginning Tuesday which run through Dec. 7. The classes are as follows:

Spanish Headstart-Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

Intermediate Spanish (Level I)-Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.

Intermediate Spanish (Level II)-Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.

Sign up at the Education Center, building 128. For more information call 287-5412/5702.

Music lessons

Piano and guitar lessons will be taught at Valent Recreation Center. Piano instruction will feature sessions Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, for 30 minutes between 6-8 p.m. Class starts Monday.

Guitar sessions will be available Tuesday or Thursday. The 30-minute class is available between 6-8 p.m., starting Tuesday.

Stop by the center or call 287-4201.

Latin cuisine

Valent Recreation Center will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a special Latin Nouvelle Cuisine demonstration. Join in Wednesday and discover delicious foods. The program begins at 6 p.m.

Valent courses

A Beginner's Computer class will start Oct. 9 at Valent Recreation Center. Sessions are held at 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for two weeks. Advanced instruction will be available in November.

In addition, the center will start Beginners' Spanish, Cake Decorating, Monday and Karate lessons Tuesday.

All classes require advance registration. Stop by or call 287-4201.

Aerobics

Aerobics class continues at Valent Recreation Center. Morning aerobics will start Oct. 9 and will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m.

An afternoon class meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Choose at your convenience and get started on a fitness program. Call 287-4201.

Folkloric night

Catholic Community is sponsoring a "Noche Folklorica Hispanoamericana" Saturday, at the Valent Community Recreation Center.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a handicrafts exhibition, followed by a fashion show at 7:15 p.m. featuring traditional dresses from 20 different countries.

Folk dances by "Agrupacion de

Bailes Internacionales" as well as a group of local Puerto Rican dancers commencing at 8:30 p.m.

A "Latin Disco Fiesta" will be the finale. The disco is scheduled to run from 10:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Food and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

Scuba diving

Scuba diving lessons are available through the Fort Clayton Scuba Center. Two-week classes will begin Monday and Oct. 16.

The class meets Monday through Friday from 6-9 p.m., and includes open water dives on weekends. Register at building 154, Fort Clayton. For more info call 287-3363.

Haunted house

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

Aqua aerobics

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

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

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

Christmas bazaar

Community crafts people are invited to participate in the upcoming Christmas Bazaar at Valent Recreation Center.

Reserve your table by calling 287-4201/6500. The bazaar will take place Oct. 14 beginning at 11 a.m.

Diving seminar

Twins Oceans Pro Shop will host a scuba seminar Oct. 11. Dr. Joe Pulcini will speak on the subject "Diving Injuries, Diving Medicine and Diving Safety Rules." The sessions will be held from 6-7 p.m. at building 155, Fort Clayton. For information call 287-3059.

CURUNDU

Aerobics program

An aerobics class is being offered at the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre.

Raylene Hort has been conducting the low-impact aerobics program three days a week.

Sign up for the new sessions starting Monday. Stop by building 2060, Curundu. For details call 286-3152.

Dance, music classes

The Pacific Theatre Arts Centre will start ballet/tap, piano and voice lessons Monday.

Registration is still open. Stop by building 2060, Curundu or call 286-3152.

ALBROOK AFS

Arts/crafts

The Albrook AFS Arts and Crafts Center offers a free pouring class (Spanish) today from 3-6 p.m. in building 806. Call 286-4787 for info.

OWC bazaar

The Howard AFB/Albrook AFS Officers' Wives Club will sponsor a Christmas bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7.

It will be held at the Albrook AFS Officers Open Mess.

People interested in reserving tables should call 286-3721/4890 by Friday.

HOWARD AFB

Arts/crafts

The Howard AFB Arts and Crafts Center is offering the following classes and special events:

Sept. 30 --Decal application from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday -- Decal application, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunday -- gold application, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday -- Halloween sale. 25 percent discount on all greenware on shelves.

Wednesday -- Ceramic painting class for beginners in Spanish from 6-8 p.m.

Thursday -- Ceramic painting class for beginners in English, 6-8 p.m.

Friday -- Pre-registration day for the ceramic painting class in Spanish/English for Nov. 8 and 9.

All activities are in building 711. For more info call 284-6361.

"45-minute" workout

The Zodiac Recreation Center offers a "45-minute" workout at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the center. All active duty and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are eligible to participate. For more information, call 284-6161/6109.

FORT SHERMAN

Augmentee events

The Ocean Breeze Center at Fort Sherman is conducting weekly events for the augmentees.

Join in Sundays for a pool tourney at 1 p.m., Wednesday for dominoes at 1 p.m., and ping pong is featured Friday. Join in Saturday at 1 p.m. for a game of Spades.

In addition, join in for movies at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Windsurfing

Do you windsurf? If so, then sign up for a regatta to be held at Fort Sherman Oct. 7. Space limited to 16 competitors. Call 289-6104.

Rental center events

The Fort Sherman Rental Center has surf sailers. For those who need some experience, the rental center has the Fort Sherman Lagoon in front, where you can improve your ability. Call 289-6104.

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL

Free movies

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center is offering free movies for all hands and dependents. The movies will be played at Crews' Lounge, Bldg 88 NAVSTAPANCANAL, (Rodman) and MCSFCo classroom, Bldg 3005 NAVSTAPANCANAL, (MAR-

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

Sailing classes

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal is sponsoring Basic, Crew and Skipper sailing classes. Register now at building 65, the MWR main office or call 283-5307!

Swimming pool

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

For more information call 283-5307 or 284-4252.

FORT DAVIS

Desk making

Develop your creative skills. The Fort Davis Arts & Crafts Center is featuring a class on techniques to Desk Making.

Class will be offered Thursday and Oct. 26 from 6-8 p.m. Another course is "Doll House Making," with sessions Mondays beginning Monday until Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.

You can also learn "Stain Glass Design" Thursday and Oct. 26, "Ceramic Design on the Use of Cover Coats and Design Coats" Thursday and "Techniques of Painting with Stains" Oct. 19. Call 289-5104.

Crafts sale

The North American crafts sale will be held at Sundial Recreation Center Oct. 14. Persons interested in selling their crafts should contact the director at 289-3889.

Automotive classes

The Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center offers and Oil Changing class Saturday.

The class will be from 1-3 p.m. For more information call 289-5104.

Cooking

Sundial Recreation Center reminds you of its Bread Pastry class. Class meets Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Call 289-3889.

Also offered is English. Group meets twice weekly in the evening. Advance registration is required.

Color analysis

A Color Analysis class will be offered at the Ocean Breeze Recreation Center. Women are invited to participate Wednesday and Oct. 11.

Call 289-6282 for full details.

Swimming frenzy

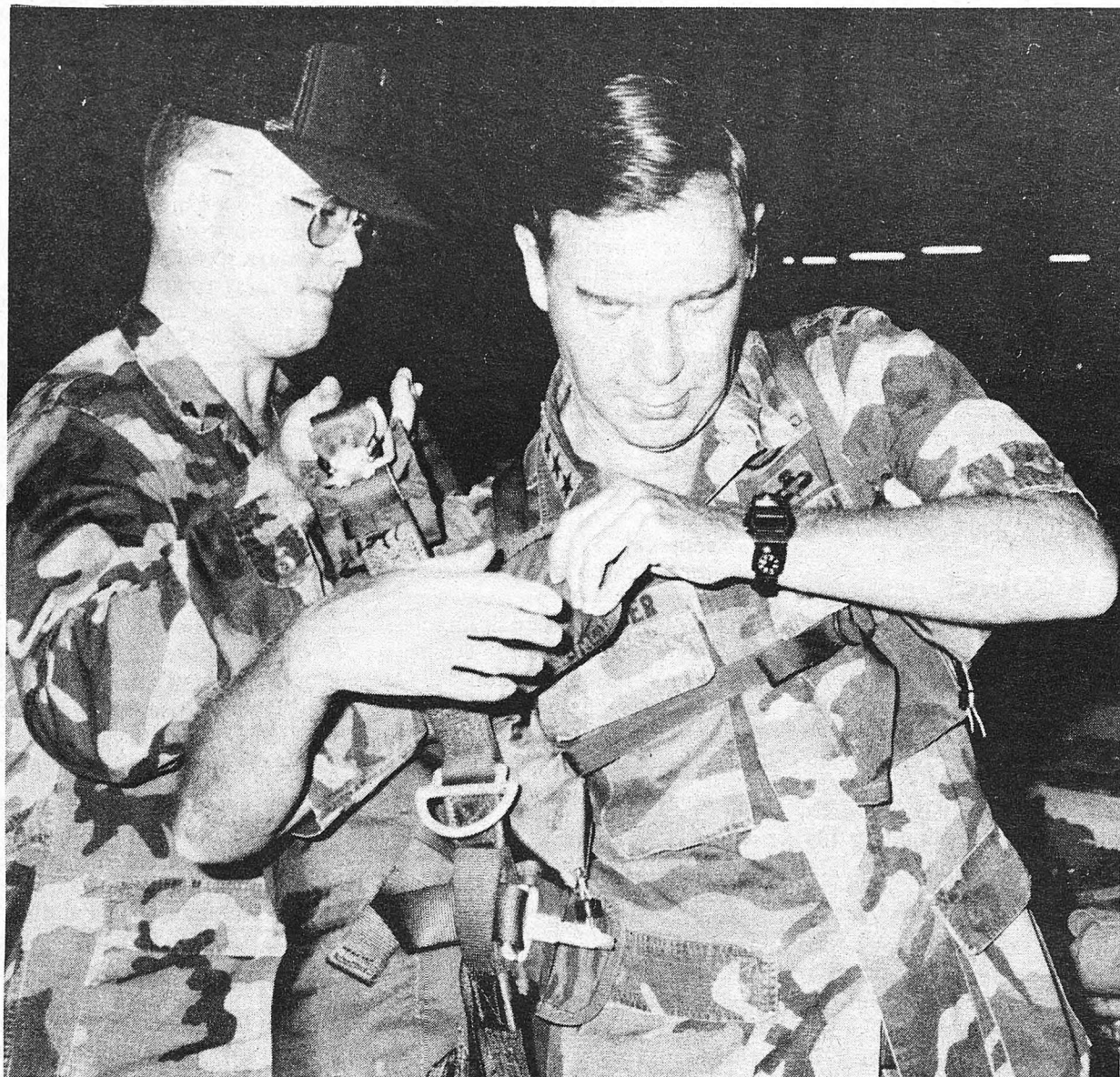
The Fort Davis pool is sponsoring a "Midnight Madness" night Oct. 7. Enjoy swimming from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

COCOLI

Hispanic event

Reserve Oct. 7 on your calendar. Cocoli Community Center will have a special Hispanic celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be typical foods, dancers, crafts and a variety of entertainment.



Gen. Woerner, who holds parachutist badges from many Latin American countries, prepares for his last military jump. He recently completed his 140th and final jump with the 1/508th Airborne.



Prior to the May 7 elections in Panama, Gen. Woerner joins briefing.

General Woerner to end 34-year career

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO)—A great soldier-statesman and combat commander, Gen. Fred F. Woerner, commander-in-chief, United States Southern Command, Saturday, relinquishes command and retires after more than 34 years of distinguished service.

A nationally recognized expert on Latin America, Gen. Woerner assumed command of the U.S. Southern Command on June 7, 1989.

As CINCSOUTH, Gen. Woerner was responsible for all U.S. military activities in Latin America (except Mexico and the Caribbean) and for implementing U.S. national security policy and strategy in the region.

A native of Philadelphia, he entered the Army after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1955 and earned a Master of Arts degree in Latin American History from the University of Arizona in 1965. His Army schooling has included the Basic and Advanced Infantry Officers Courses; studying Spanish at the U.S. Army Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. in 1963; and the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in 1973.

His career has been divided between infantry assignments (in the continental United States, Hawaii,

and two tours in Vietnam in 1962-1963 and 1970) and duties associated with Latin America. He has commanded infantry units at platoon, company, and battalion levels and for six years at the brigade level. He has served on staffs at every echelon up through the Army General Staff at the Pentagon. He is Ranger and Parachute qualified.

He studied on sabbatical leave in Colombia in 1965 (where he spent a year of study and travel throughout the northern countries of South America) and served the following three years in Guatemala as a civic action officer assigned to the U.S. Military Group. He then attended the Uruguayan Military Institute of Superior Studies in Montevideo in 1969. In 1970, he returned to Vietnam as Assistant G-3, Headquarters XXIV Corps and then as commander of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry in the 23rd (Americal) Infantry Division. In 1971, he joined the Department of the Army staff at the Pentagon. After graduation from the U.S. Army War College in 1973 he remained as director of Latin American Studies.

Following assignments as commander of the 3rd Basic Combat Training Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Chief of Staff of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Ga., he was promoted to brigadier general in November 1979. He was

assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kan. from 1980 to 1982, first as study director of the Echelons Above Corps Study Group at the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and then as deputy commander of the Combined Arms Training Developments Activity.

General Woerner served as the commanding general of the 193rd Infantry Brigade, Panama, (the Army component of the U.S. Southern Command) from April 1982 to March 1986 and concurrently commanded the U.S. Army Security Assistance Agency Latin America, both at Fort Clayton, Panama. He initiated and oversaw most of the realignment of the 193rd (Panama) from a heavy combat unit to a light infantry unit better equipped to carry out support functions and civic action programs in support of U.S. Southern Command's missions. (The brigade was redesignated U.S. Army South in December 1986.) He was promoted to major general in July 1984, to lieutenant general in April 1986, and to general on June 6, 1987.

As commanding general of the Sixth U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., from March 1986 to June 1987, General Woerner was responsible for ensuring readiness for mobilization of more than 100,000 Army National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

His command encompassed twelve western states.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon (with numeral five), Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star, Vietnam Service Medal (with four Bronze Stars), El Salvador Gold Medal for Merit, Guatemalan Cross of Military Merit First Class, Panamanian Distinguished Service Medal, Venezuelan Star of Carabobo, Argentine Order of May of Military Merit (Grand Officer Grade), Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Army General Staff Badge, Ecuadorian Parachutist Badge, Honduran Parachutist Badge, Panamanian Parachutist Badge, Guatemalan Parachutist Badge, Paraguayan Parachutist Badge and Uruguayan General Staff Badge.

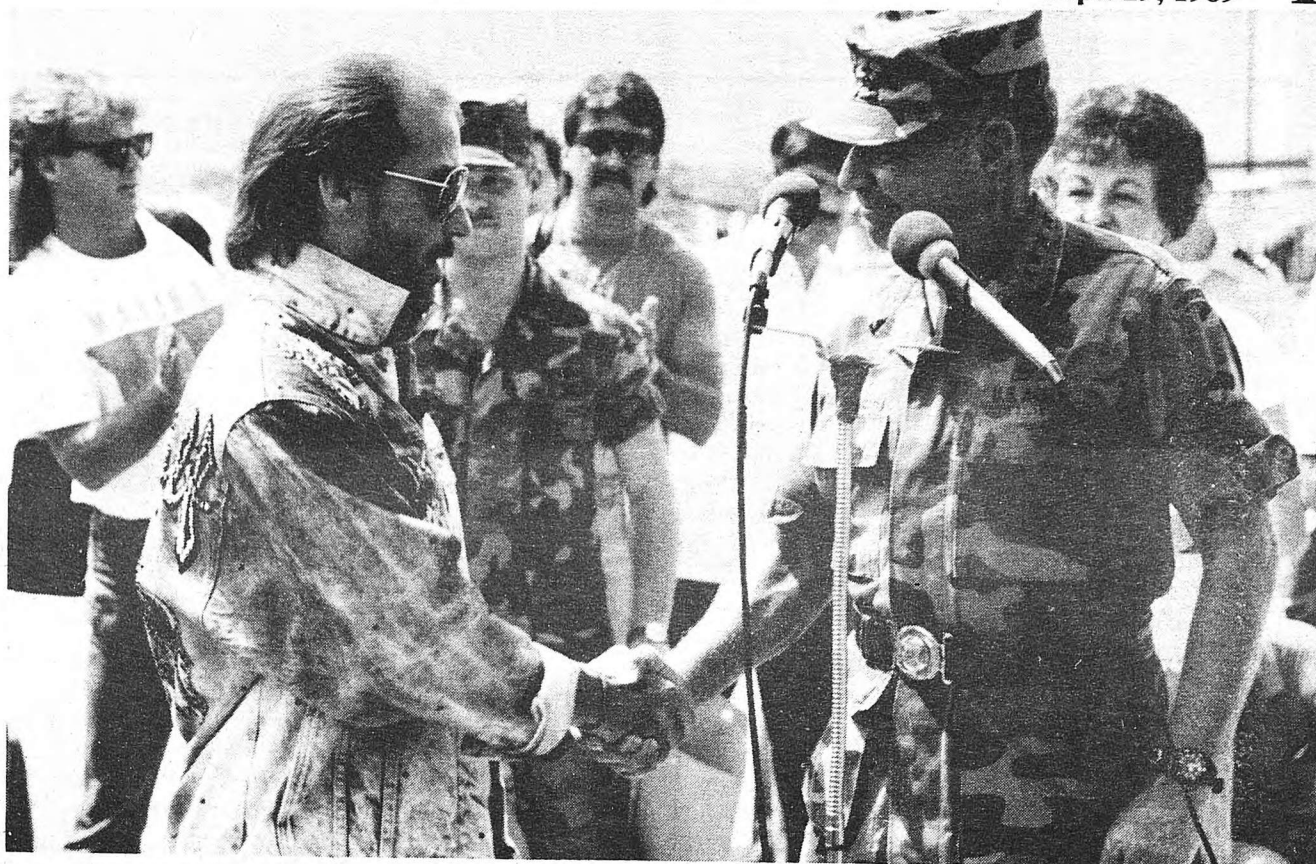
General Woerner is married to the former Gennie Ehrhorn who was born in Cochabamba, Bolivia and moved to the United States in 1950. They have four sons: Fred III, Chip, Rob, and Michael.



During Nimrod Roadrunner.



former President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford for a



On behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Southern Command, Gen. Woerner thanks singer Lee Greenwood for entertaining the troops during a USO tour to Panama.



At Howard AFB, Gen. Woerner says farewell to former U.S. Ambassador to Panama, Arthur Davis. Ambassador Davis was recalled to the United States by President George Bush, following election fraud by the Noriega regime.



Dancer, Gen. Woerner visits a field commander at Camp



On a recent visit to Chile, Gen. Woerner reviews soldiers of the Chilean military. A nationally recognized expert on Latin America, Gen. Woerner is credited for improving military-to-military relations with Latin American allies.

club calendar

Specials/Opening

Naval Station O' Club - Fri. & Wed., 5-7 p.m., social hour; Mon. & Sun., mom's night out; 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 - Mon.-Thurs., 3:30-11:30 p.m.; Fri., 3:30 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sat., 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

Ft. Amador O' Club - Available for special events on Wed., Fri., & Sat. disco, 8-12 p.m.

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.

Quarry Heights - Membership Open House - Fri., Aug. 11, entertainment, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, 5-7:30 p.m., \$5. for non-members, members free; available for special events and functions. Call 282-4380.

Dining

Howard O' Club - 6-9 p.m. Fri., prime rib/seafood; Sat., prime rib & shrimp; Sun. & Mon., closed; 6-8:30 p.m. Tues., 2 for 1 steak night; Wed., Mexican night; Thurs., Cajun night.

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Sat., 5:30-9 p.m., a la carte dining; Sun., dining 5:30-8:30; Mon., a la carte dining, Membership night last Mon. of each month.

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

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun., grill sandwich bar 4-9 p.m.; Mon. & Thurs., chicken in the basket; Tues., spaghetti night; Wed., Mongolian stir fried night.

Naval Station CPO Club - Mon.-Sat., a la carte dining 6-9:30 p.m.

Quarry Heights - Tues., steak night, 7-9 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., membership appreciation discount; Fri., Chateaubriand; Sat., seafood feast; Reservations recommended.

Amador O' Club - Thurs. 6-9 p.m., Mongolian BBQ; closed holidays and Mon.

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

Albrook O' Club - Fri., closes 1:30 p.m., military function; Sat., 6-9 p.m., prime rib & seafood; Sun., dining room closed; Mon. Mongolian BBQ; Tues., dining room closed, burgers in the bar 5:30-8:30 p.m.; 6-8:30 p.m. Wed., 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.; Tues. - Sat., dining, 5-9 p.m.

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., international dining in the Caoba Cafe, Mexican night; Thurs., Mongolian BBQ, disco follows BBQ.

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

Entertainment

Howard O' Club - Fri., Disco, 8-midnight.

Howard NCO Club - Variety disco in Ballroom: Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m.-2 a.m.; Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-& Wed. 7-midnight; Casual Cove Discos: Fri. & Sat., rock & roll 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; salsa 7-midnight; 8-midnight: Mon. & Tues., variety; Wed. & Thurs., western.

Naval Station O' Club - Fri., DJ 5-midnight; Mon. - Sun., live entertainment.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri., DJ 6 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sat., DJ, 8-midnight; 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, game night; Wed., 6-10 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, ladies night, DJ; Thurs., pounder burger w/french fries, games night.

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

Albrook O' Club - Fri., DJ, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sat., disco 9:30-1:30 a.m.; Sun., German Rosch during brunch

Clayton NCO Club - Fri. & Sat., C&W in the Corral from 7 p.m.; 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. 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m.

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Fri., from 11 a.m.-1 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.

Naval Station CPO Club - Tues.-Sun., 11 a.m.-1 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. lunch specials from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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. 6:30-11:00 a.m.

Quarry Heights O' Club - Mon. & Fri., 6:30-8:30 a.m.; Sat., 8-10 a.m..

Sunday Brunch

Howard NCO Club - 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 3rd Sun. of month only.

Howard O' Club - 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 20.

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.

Games

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

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

Albrook O' Club - Tues. at 6 p.m.

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

Naval Station CPO Club - 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.

CDS offers varied programs to suit community's needs

USARSO Child Development Services provides quality care for children ages six weeks to 12 in both Atlantic and Pacific communities.

Services offered include hourly, part-day, full-day, school age and family child care programs. CDS announces a change in their fee structure effective Monday.

Hourly fees will be as follows: E-1 to E-4 will be \$1.05 per hour, E-5 will be \$1.25 per hour and E-6 and above/civilians will be \$1.40 per hour.

The fee for meals and snacks will be eliminated. Fees for the school age program will be \$60 per month for after school care and \$75 per month for before and after school care.

To address the needs of parents enrolling children in one or more programs, a one-time annual registration fee of \$10 per family will be in effect beginning Monday. This fee entitles access to all CDS programs.

Hourly care is provided for parents requiring short term child care on an intermittent basis and "Full-day"

care is available for parents requiring child care services 5 to 11 hours per day on a regularly scheduled basis.

Part-day Preschool programs are provided on a two, three and five day basis for three and four year olds and a special Part-day Preschool program that meets three times a

week is available for children 2 1/2 years old.

The School Age program meets at building 156, Fort Clayton and is designed for children 6-12 years old, providing before and after school care to include care on holidays, teacher in-service days, school

closing and summer vacations.

The FCC Program provides in-home child care services by an FCC certified adult family member occupying government quarters.

For further information call 287-6812/5657 (Pacific) and 289-4085/4511 (Atlantic).

CDS observes Hispanic Heritage Month

USARSO Child Development Services invites children and parents to participate in activities and events scheduled to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

In the Atlantic community, the part-day Program invites parents to join their children in a puppet show in Spanish. In addition, there will be a special presentation of songs sung in Spanish by the children enrolled in the program.

The presentation begins today from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 8350, Margarita. As a special highlight Carmen Anderson, Ms. Latin America, will attend and is also scheduled to visit the Child

Development Center located in building 8351.

Other activities planned at the CDC include a "Panamanian Food Tasting Party" Wednesday and the children making a tropical fruit salad for their snack Oct. 11.

In the Pacific community, during the CDC's Hispanic Recreation Day, a morning full of activities is scheduled for Oct. 11 from 9-11:15 a.m., at building 39, Fort Clayton.

Age-appropriate activities are scheduled for all programs and include songs and games presented in Spanish. Children will also enjoy a pinata event with candy and party favors.

On Oct. 12, the children enrolled in the full-day toddler and preschool programs will perform a skit for their parents from 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Following the performance, a special Panamanian luncheon is scheduled from 11:30-12:30 p.m. (a small fee will be charged to adults). Menu includes chicken with gravy, rice with chick peas, fried plantains, fresh vegetable salad and pineapple juice.

Space for the luncheon is limited; call for reservations (287-5657) by Oct. 10.

Information for Atlantic programs is available at 289-4511.

notices

Vehicle registration

Vehicle registration for U.S. Army and Department of Defense Army personnel (bilingual I.D. card holders) only, will begin Monday, at the 534th MP Motorpool, Fort Clayton.

In order to obtain the 1990 decal, the following information must be provided: valid I.D. card; 1989 Panamanian registration; Panamanian drivers license and proof of insurance.

The following procedure will be utilized during the registration process:

Personnel with last names beginning with: A-H: Monday to Oct. 20; I-P: Oct. 23-Nov. 10; Q-V: Nov. 13-24, W-Z: Nov. 27-Dec. 1. Registration hours are from 8 to 11:45 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.

Personnel effected must register their vehicles within the prescribed time and category. For more information call 287-4960.

Computer users meet

A special meeting of the Small Computer Users Group, open to all Department of Defense personnel, will take place at 2 p.m. Oct. 11 in 1978th Communications Groups Training Room, building 717 at Howard Air Force Base.

This meeting will discuss the Columbus Day Virus/Timebomb and cover issues brought back from the Small Computer Users Conference, held recently in Montgomery, Ala.

For more info call 284-4614.

School meetings

SAC-Diablo

A School Advisory Committee meeting will be held in the Diablo Elementary School, Room 222, Oct. 10. All parents are welcome.

PTO-Howard AFB

A Howard AFB Elementary School PTO meeting will be held Oct. 10. It's a general membership meeting.

Babysitting will be available for pre-school age children. Call 284-3919.

PTO-Balboa

The Balboa Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the school's music room to elect officers for the school year.

All Balboa Elementary School parents and teachers are invited to attend.

Volunteer class

The Army Community Services Atlantic will hold special classes on how to credit volunteer hours Oct. 17 at 9:30 a.m.

The Army Community Services Atlantic will hold special classes on how to credit volunteer hours Oct. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more info call Mandy Cruz Rivera at 289-4091.

3-day child care

The Fort Clayton Child Development Center, building 39, is offering a three-day program for children 2 1/2 years of age.

The program begins Tuesday and will meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. The Part-day program for 2 1/2 year olds will provide activities to enhance a child's growth and development.

Daily experiences will include language development, fine and

gross motor activities, developmental art, science experiences, songs, finger plays and many others.

Transportation will be provided for children residing on Fort Clayton, however spaces are limited. For further information call 287-6812/5657

Red Cross moves

The Atlantic American Red Cross office has moved to building 214 on Fort Espinar. The office is on the third floor.

Vision screening

The Optometry Clinic at Howard AFB will conduct eye tests at Diablo Elementary School Monday, Thursday and Oct. 12 and 17.

For more info call 284-6149.



Yanissa C. Perez

SSgt. Genaro and Myriam Perez announce the birth of their daughter, Yanissa. Born June 27, she weighed 7 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs., and was 20 1/2 inches.

Special event

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal is sponsoring a combined Hispanic Heritage and Navy/Marine Appreciation Day Friday.

The festivities will begin at 1 p.m. with the celebration of a Spanish Mass at the chapel.

After the mass and opening remarks, the festivities begin. There will be traditional Hispanic dance lessons and pinata games for the children.

A live band will provide entertainment. Bring a covered dish for the potluck dinner.

Luncheon

A Quarry Heights Officer's Wives Club luncheon will be held Oct. 11 at the Quarry Heights Officer's Club. The ways and means table will be ready by 10:30 a.m.

Col. Ronald T. Sconyers from the USSOUTHCOM Public Affairs Office will be the guest speaker.

For reservations call 282-3431 or 232-5360. Permanent reservations are in effect.

Operating hours

The following are the new Animal Hospital and Quarantine Section, Corozal, hours of operation, effective Monday.

Sick-call/Walk-ins, Monday-Friday, 8:30-11 a.m.

Appointments, 285-5866, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Surgical Appointment, 285-5866, Monday-Friday, 7:15-7:30 a.m.

(patient drop off)

Vaccination Clinic, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

(walk-in only, vaccinations and health certificates)

Pharmacy, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday 7:15-11 a.m.

Administration, 285-5867, Monday-Friday, (information, payment of bills, etc.), 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m.

Clinic closed, Thursday, 11 a.m. After Duty Emergency 282-5111

Navy birthday

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal will celebrate the 214th birthday of the United States Navy Oct. 14. This year's Navy Ball will be held at the Fort Amador Officers' Club, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets or information, call 283-6315/5348.

New hours

The new hours of operation for the Howard Main Exchange and the Howard and Curundu Service Stations are:

Howard Main Exchange: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Howard Service Station: Monday-Saturday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Curundu Service Station: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Sunday 5 a.m.-9 p.m.

Military pay

The Military Pay section of the U.S. Army Finance Office, Fort Clayton, will be closed Thursday for necessary training. Other sections of the office will operate as usual.

FCC certification

Persons interested in certification as Family Child Care Providers are invited to attend the Child Care classes being held Monday-Friday at building 39, Fort Clayton.

Topics will include child guidance, activities, nutrition, safety, health, CPR and more. Call 287-3301 to reserve your space.

Monitors to ride buses

Bus monitors will begin riding school buses on selected routes to oversee the safety, welfare and behavior of passengers. They will also serve as lunchroom monitors where needed.

Facility monitors will watch schoolgrounds and facilities around the clock in an effort to deter theft and vandalism; oversee safety and behavior of children on schoolgrounds and assist children at crosswalks.

Christmas cantata

Rehearsals for Handel's "Messiah," will continue Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Balboa.

Anyone interested in singing in the cantata is welcome to participate. Performance times will be announced during the rehearsals.

For more information call Capt. Ellen Williams at 286-6373 weekdays after 7 p.m.

Community center

As of Sunday, the Cocoli Community Center will have new hours of operation. The facility will open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturdays from noon-8 p.m.

For more info call 287-3010.

Commissary holiday

All commissary stores will be closed Oct. 9, Columbus Day. Corozal and Fort Espinar commissaries will also be closed Oct. 10.

Guitar instructor

The Pacific Theatre Arts Centre is looking for a guitar instructor. Interested persons should bring a resume and letter of recommendation to building 2060, Curundu. For any information call 86-3152.



Jewish services

All Jewish personnel are invited to participate in high Holyday services (Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur), at Corozal Chapel tonight at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Oct. 8 at 6:15 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Marvin Fass from Israel will officiate. For details call Chaplain Hagler at 284-3948/3107 or Dr. Topletz at 287-3939.

Wives group

The next Cocoli Wives Group meeting will be Thursday at the Cocoli Baptist Church on Bruja Road. Group will meet from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Get acquainted with your neighbors. Child care is provided.

For info call 285-6518.

CDC hours

The Fort Clayton Child Development Center opens at 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. This accommodates persons participating in PT activities.

CDC is located in building 39, Fort Clayton. For information call 287-6812.

Quarterly awards

Nominations for the quarterly flight, weapons and ground safety awards for July through September are due to the 24th Composite Wing Safety Office by Monday.

See AFR 900-66, HAFB Supplement 1 for nomination procedures.

For more info call 284-4005.

Financial aid

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

The deadline for applications is Oct. 31.

AAFES reduces prices

Local AAFES movie theaters are reducing their admission prices.

Beginning Oct. 7 admission prices will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

Recipes

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

Recipes should be submitted in English and Spanish if possible.

Contact: QHOWC Recipes, Box 1845, APO 34003.

Howard Craft Bazaar

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

tv guide

Saturday

7:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
7:30	Just For Kids!
7:31	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
7:55	Huckleberry Hound
	Augie Doggie
	Denver The Last Dinosaur
	Jem
	Alvin And The Chipmunks
9:30	U.S. Southern Command Change of Command (live)
11:00	College Football
2:00 p.m.	CNN Headline News
2:30	NFL Week In Review
3:00	College Football
6:00	WWF Superstars Of Wrestling
6:55	CNN Headline Newsbreak
7:10	48 Hours
8:15	SCN Saturday Night Movie... "The Yeagers." (111 min.)
10:00	CNN Headline News
10:30	Saturday Night Live
12:00 a.m.	ESPN College Football
3:00	Videolink
4:00	America's Top Ten
4:30	Grand Ole Opry Live
5:00	New Country
5:25	A New Beginning

Sunday

6:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
6:30	Catch The Spirit
7:00	Robert Schuller And The Hour Of Power
7:55	Community Bulletin
8:00	CBS Sunday Morning
9:30	Ebony Jet Showcase
10:00	Meet The Press
10:30	This Week With David Brinkley
11:30	NBC Sports "NFL Live"
Noon	NBC Sports "NFL Football"
3:00 p.m.	NBC Sports "NFL Football"
6:00	CNN Headline News
6:30	Little House On The Prairie
7:15	Mr. Belvedere
7:45	SCN Sunday Night Movie... "Death Stalk." (77 min.)
9:02	CNN Headline Newsbreak
9:10	L.A. Law
10:00	Entertainment This Week

Monday

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	Mr. Rogers
9:50	The Frugal Gourmet
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	Fight Back
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...Joint Custody Debate.
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	CNN Headline Newsbreak
3:55	Kids Incorporated
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	Head of The Class
8:00	Sixty Minutes
9:00	Married With Children
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	Morning Stretch
8:25	Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers
8:50	The Roadrunner Show
9:15	Trapper John
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	World Class Women
11:55	Community Bulletin
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m.	SCN Midday Report
12:30	CNN Sports Late Night
1:00	Another World
2:00	Donahue...Compulsive Behavior
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	CNN Headline Newsbreak
3:55	Encyclopedia
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	Saturday Night With Connie Chung
8:30	St. Elsewhere
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

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	The Berenstain Bears
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 Late Night
1:00	Another World
2:00	Oprah Winfrey...Adult Children of Emotional Abuse.
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	CNN Headline Newsbreak
3:55	Soapbox With Tom Cottle
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	Just The Ten Of Us
7:50	SCN Wednesday Night Movie... "Banyon." (77 min.)
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 At Sunrise
6:00	NBC Today Show
8:00	Morning Stretch
8:25	The Woody Woodpecker Show
8:50	The Flintstone Kids
9:15	The Love Boat
10:15	CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30	USA Today - TV
11:00	Classic Concentration
11:30	I Love Lucy
11:55	Community Bulletin
Noon	CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m.	SCN Midday Report
12:30	CNN Sport Late Night
1:00	Another World
2:00	Donahue...Getting Away With Murder
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	Community Bulletin
3:45	CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00	Mr. Wizard's World
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
7:20	Charles In Charge
7:45	Amen
8:10	Murphy Brown
8:35	Prayer For New Year
9:35	NBC Nightly News
10:05	Entertainment Tonight

10:30	NBC Tonight Show
11:30	Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m.	Nightline

Friday

5:00 a.m.	CNN Headline News
5:30	NBC At Sunrise
6:00	NBC Today Show
8:00	Morning Stretch
8:25	Defenders Of The Earth
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 Late Night
1:00	Another World
2:10	Oprah Winfrey...Family Disputes over the Wedding
2:50	Star Trek
3:40	CNN Headline Newsbreak
3:55	De Grassi Junior High
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	227
7:50	Magnum P.I.
8:40	Miami Vice
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
1:00	SCN All Night Movies... "The Yeagers." (111 min.)
2:45	SCN All Night Movie... "Death Stalk." (77 min.)
4:05	SCN All Night Movies... "Oasis Of The Zombies." (mature theme)
5:35	VideoLink

Movies On SCN-TV

"The Yeagers." Carroll Yeager (Eddie Albert), the patriarch of an independent logging and mining family, fights to protect his land and company from the hostile takeover of a conglomerate attempting to buy out all the small companies. When Yeager refuses he finds himself fighting a wildcat strike, uncooperative bankers and the railroad that won't wait for his timber and ore deliveries. Airs Saturday at 8:15 p.m. (1980)

"Death Stalk." A crisis drama of two men (Vince Edwards, Robert Webber) who battle treacherous rapids and each other as they desperately try to catch up with four escaped convicts. The men and their wives had been enjoying a vacation when the convicts kidnap their wives and are fleeing down a raging river in a rubber raft. Airs Sunday at 7:45 p.m. (1975, 2 Stars)

"Banyon." A private detective (Robert Forster), formerly with the police department, finds himself in hot water when a girl is discovered in his office and murdered by his gun. Airs Wednesday at 7:50 p.m. (1971, 2 1/2 Stars)

Specials On SCN-TV

"U.S. Southern Command Change of Command Ceremony." Live from the quadrangle behind building 95 Fort Clayton, Saturday at 9:30 a.m., Gen. Fred F. Woerner, commander in chief U.S. Southern Command, will turn over command to Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman.

"Prayer For A New Year." This NBC Religious Special, anchored by William Schechner, it features music and prayer of the Jewish New Year and Day of atonement services as celebrated and sung by cantors and choirs. Airs Thursday at 8:35 p.m.

Changes On SCN-TV

I Love Lucy starts airing Thursday's at 11:30 a.m.

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all about autos

Minivans dominate 1990 model lineup

by JAN A. ZVERINA
UPI Auto Writer

DETROIT (UPI) — Some of the biggest news to come out of Detroit for 1990 has to do with trucks, not cars.

Industry leader General Motors Corp. has launched a triple-pronged assault on Chrysler Corp. with a trio of plastic-bodied minivans, which the federal government considers trucks, although as passenger vehicles they have steadily been replacing cars.

GM's first front-drive passenger vans ever, sold under the Chevrolet Lumina, Pontiac Transport and Oldsmobile Silhouette names, are intended to weaken Chrysler's stronghold of the minivan market held since 1984.

All three GM versions share the same body shell, which has a massive, sloped windshield and sliding door on the passenger side. Industry pundits say GM is now in the look-alike van business, after being chastised for building look-alike cars during the late 1980s.

But GM insists future models will be more distinctly styled from each other.

For 1990, all versions share a 3.1 liter V6 engine coupled with a 3-speed automatic — essentially the same drive train used in GM's intermediate cars. A 4-speed automatic with overdrive is planned for 1991.

Base prices range from \$13,995 for the Lumina to \$18,225 for the Transport SE, meaning fully loaded versions will easily hit \$20,000.

Chrysler, which will not redesign its Caravan and Voyager minivans until the 1991 model year, seems unconcerned about its new competition, saying its models have more interior room and are more

efficiently designed for carrying people.

Also new from GM are the long awaited four-door versions of its mid-sized, front-drive coupes introduced for 1988 — the Buick Regal, Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme and Pontiac Grand Prix.

The three sedans, to carry the same names as the two-door models, are expected to outsell the coupe models by a wide margin and help bolster GM's sagging market share.

Chevrolet, which first introduced its sedan version under its new Lumina vehicle family in mid-1989 as an early 1990 model, will offer a coupe version of that car.

A convertible version of its Beretta coupe is also new, as is the Storm, a Japanese sports coupe sold through its Geo small car line.

But the big news at Chevrolet is the Corvette ZR-1, heralded as the most powerful and sophisticated sports car on the planet. At \$58,995, it is also the most expensive U.S. production car ever built, but all 3,000 models for 1990 are already sold.

About a year late because of production problems, the ZR-1 is powered by a 32-valve, 5.7 liter V8 producing about 375 horsepower, jointly developed by GM and its partner Lotus.

One the pricey end of the market, Cadillac will be the first U.S. nameplate to introduce traction control on its Allante roadster, whose price was cut to \$50,900 to spur sales.

Similar to anti-skid brakes which reduce wheel lock during hard braking, traction control eliminates wheel spin on slippery roads or during strong acceleration.

GM's Oldsmobile division will offer a convertible version of its

Cutlass Supreme for 1990, in addition to the coupe and new sedan.

Also new is a redesigned Toronado, more than a foot longer than the 1986-89 versions. It is the last of GM's three luxury coupes to enter the restretching machine after the carmaker missed the market with its pram-sized Toronado, Buick Riviera and Cadillac Eldorado.

Buick enters 1990 with a convertible version of its \$28,000 Reatta two-seater, expected to be priced in the low \$30,000 range.

For 1990, GM will equip several car lines with driver's side air bags as standard equipment, including the Buick Reatta and Riviera, all Cadillac models, the Oldsmobile Toronado, Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette, Pontiac Firebird, and the Geo Metro convertible and Storm.

Ford Motor Co. will open the 1990s with the first significantly new Lincoln Town Car in a decade. The luxury sedan keeps its 5.0 liter V8 engine and rear drive, but features a more rounded body style.

Ford claims a vast improvement in steering and handling with the new version, without sacrificing any of the comfort or interior room associated with the Town Car. The price is also up, to more than \$27,000.

Ford hopes to stoke cooling sales of its Probe sports coupe with the addition of a 3.0 liter V6 engine, which replaces the 2.2 liter four on the LX version.

Also from Ford is an all-wheel-drive version of its Aerostar minivan.

In spring 1990, Ford plans to replace its popular Escort with an all new model billed as a 1991 model and engineered by its Japanese partner Mazda. Its Mercury Tracer subcompact, already a Mazda design, will also be substantially changed, with both cars costing Ford \$1.5 billion in new tooling and facilities.

Also in early 1990, Ford plans to introduce a new line of sport utility vehicles called the Explorer, to replace its current Bronco II line. Most probably billed as a 1991 model, a four-door version will be part of that line to counter similar models also planned for a spring release by GM's Chevrolet and GMC divisions.

Those three models are aimed at Chrysler's Jeep Cherokee, which has had this niche virtually to itself

before being joined by a host of new four-door sport utility trucks from import carmakers like Toyota and Mitsubishi.

Ford plans to offer driver's side air bags on the Mustang, Taurus, Sable, Crown Victoria, Grand Marquis and Lincoln Mark VII. Its Lincoln Town Car and Continental sedans will have air bags for both the driver and front passenger.

Chrysler Corp. is beginning the new decade by moving up the price ladder and more firmly into the luxury car market. However, Chrysler is the only U.S. carmaker to make driver's side air bags standard across its entire line of U.S. built models, including its subcompact models.

Early next year the Imperial name will be resurrected, affixed to a lengthened version of Chrysler's front-drive New Yorker sedan introduced for 1988. Coming this fall is yet another Fifth Avenue sedan, also based on the New Yorker platform.

These models knock the New Yorker down a notch or two in an effort to broaden its appeal to what Chrysler calls "value-oriented buyers."

Set for a January introduction is a more luxurious version of the mid-sized Dodge Spirit and Plymouth Acclaim introduced in 1989. It will wear the well worn LeBaron name.

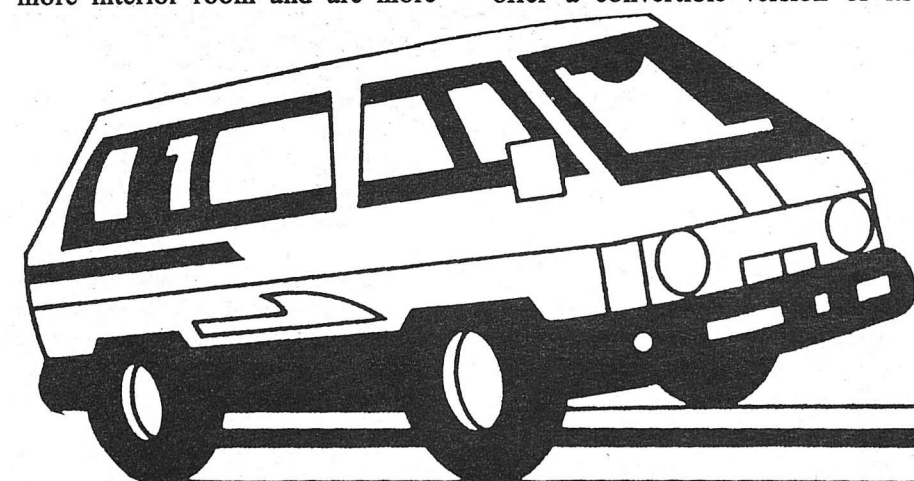
Two other nameplates have been dredged up for duty in 1990, the Town & Country and Monaco.

The Town & Country name, which once adorned the wood-bodied Chrysler convertibles of the 1940s but last appeared on gussied-up compact wagons, graces a luxury version of the carmaker's long-wheelbase minivan introduced in 1987.

A fully equipped leather interior and wood-like planking on its sides distinguish the Town & Country from lesser Dodge and Plymouth minivans, as well as a price tag well into the \$20,000 range.

The Monaco name is glued to Dodge versions of the Eagle Premier sedan inherited by Chrysler in the acquisition of American Motors in 1987.

Diamond-Star Motors, the joint venture between Chrysler and Mitsubishi, has added an all-wheel-drive version of its snappy sports coupe under the Eagle Talon name.

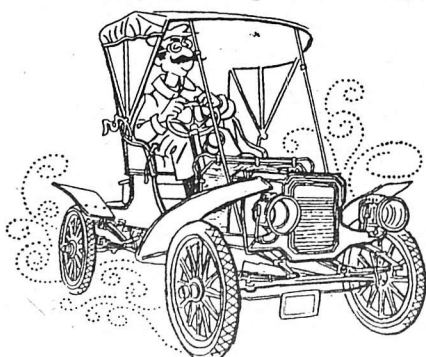


Fuel injection: tune-up may not be the answer

by United Press International

Many drivers will turn to a tune up when their car's engine starts making those annoying little noises, like knocks and pings, or begins to stall, but such problems can be remedied in a much less expensive way, a survey says.

The random telephone survey,



conducted for Chevron Corp. by the market research firm R.H. Bruskin Associates, showed that most drivers cited a tune up as the solution to minor engine problems, Chevron said.

Of the 1,000 people contacted between June 23 and June 25 for the survey, 806 who own or lease a car completed the interviews.

About half of the drivers said they had experienced one or more performance problems with their cars; 33 percent said their cars stumbled or hesitated; 25 percent said their cars stalled; and 27 percent said they heard knocks and pings.

Of those surveyed, 56 percent said they would get a tune up, 36 percent said would they start using a gasoline with higher octane, and 26 percent said they would change the oil when

their cars started running poorly.

Chevron said using gasoline with higher levels of octane can take care of knocks and pings, and quality additives designed to eliminate deposits can eliminate other problems.

Chevron blamed many of the driving problems, such as stalling, on today's sensitive fuel-injected engines, which can develop problems in just a few thousand miles because of carbon deposits.

"They (engines) are designed to have better fuel economy and produce fewer emissions," said Ron Kiskis, manager of the fuels division for Chevron Research Co.

"But compared with engines using traditional carburetors, the new port-injected engines are less able to tolerate anything which impedes the flow of fuel, like a microscopic

buildup of carbon deposits."

In the past several years, gasoline companies have introduced higher-grade gasolines designed to eliminate many performance problems.

Even so, Kiskis said tune ups, higher octane and clean oil often do not address the real problem — deposits. Gasolines that contain deposit-control additives, or separate bottled additives that can be poured in the tank by themselves, could be the quickest way to smooth driving, he said.

The survey also found that young people are most likely to buy expensive grades of gasoline with additives: 39 percent of drivers between 18 and 35 said they frequently or occasionally chose gasolines with additives or bought bottled additives, compared with 30 percent of the older drivers surveyed.

Two airmen gain 'Top Wheels' honors

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW/PA) — The base "Top Wheels"

NAVSTA holds POW/MIA service

photo by PH3 Karen Banks

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) — On Sept. 15, the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal conducted a POW -MIA Remembrance Day service in honor of American prisoners of war and those missing in action.

More than 2,000 Americans, of which 457 are from the U.S. Navy,

competition was recently held with Amn. David H. Plagge, 24th

remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

The ceremony, which took place at the NAVSTA chapel, included a musical tribute, silent remembrance, a 21-gun salute and was concluded with the playing of taps. Navy personnel also participated in a joint service retreat ceremony at Howard Air Force Base. Let us remember our prisoners of war and missing in action lest we forget!



Transportation Squadron, earning first-place honors in the general purpose category.

SSgt. Alvin R. Hale, 24th Supply Squadron, received top honors in the special purpose category.

The Transportation Squadron has a reputation of maintaining some of the sharpest-looking vehicles on Howard. But this time, SrA. James Brunson and Sgt. Jack Coronet took those standards to new heights when their entries in the "Top Wheels" competition placed first in both the general and special vehicle categories.

Brunson took a van, which was used to shuttle distinguished visitors and transformed it into a "chariot of the gods." It is now in the finest condition it has ever been in.

Coronet, known as the "miracle worker," breathed new life into an old forklift. On a daily basis, this

forklift is used by many different organizations and was showing its age. By cleaning, polishing, painting and replacing worn and damaged parts, Coronet significantly improved its appearance and extended the useful life of the vehicle.

"Top Wheels" competitions are held monthly and the winners receive certificates of recognition from Col.

Lansford E. Trapp Jr., 24th Composite Wing commander. They also receive coupons and discounts from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The real winner in the "Top Wheels" competition is the Air Force. By keeping vehicles in tip-top shape and by improving operator care, the Air Force extends the vehicle fleet's life expectancy. About 208 vehicles in Panama's Air Force fleet compete each month out of more than 600.



SSgt. Alvin R. Hale of the 24th Supply Squadron took first place in the special purpose category during the "Top Wheels" competition held last month at Howard AFB. (U.S. Air Force photo)

NAF position vacancies

COROZAL (USARSO CPO/NAF) — Those eligible to apply for NAF positions include family members of active duty military and DOD Civilians assigned to Panama, off-duty military and the local civilian population. Family members must present the bilingual ID card issued by U.S. Forces, off-duty military must obtain a letter of permission from individual unit commanders with concurrence from the Staff Judge Advocate, Panamanian citizens must present their cedula and local civilians who are not Panamanian must present documents reflecting authorization to reside in the Republic of Panama such as a Work Permit or Temporary Visitor's Permit.

NAF positions are filled by the following methods, in accordance with AR 215-3:

1. Promotion from among current Department of the Army NAF employees;
2. Reemployment of a NAF employee from the NAF priority list resulting from a Reduction-in-Force;
3. Reinstatement of a NAF employee whose separation was not for cause;
4. Reemployment of former NAF employees;
5. Appointment from among applicants who submit DA Form 3433, Application for Nonappropriated Fund Employment, in

response to position vacancy announcements listed on NAF Promotion Bulletin & Vacancy Listings.

Applicants for all positions must submit a completed DA Form 3433 to apply for each position vacancy for which they wish to be considered.

Reinstatement eligibles should attach a copy of their last DA Form 3434, Notification of Personnel Action, to be eligible to compete for In Service announcements. Only reinstatement eligibles and current employees of the Department of the Army Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities may compete for In Service announcements.

Applications for any vacancy must be turned in to CPO/NAF, Building 560, Corozal. For more information on Promotion Bulletin and Vacancy Listings, call 285-5749/5203 or visit CPO/NAF Division. CPO/NAF is closed to the public on Wednesdays.

Applications received under an announcement for an existing vacancy must be received by 4 p.m. on the closing date listed for the vacancy.

NM-0188-09, Recreation Specialist, \$11.43 per hour, Permanent Fulltime, DCA, CFA, CRD, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Fort Clayton. (1 vacancy) This announcement closes Oct. 6.

Howard flightline drivers need special authority cards, radios

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW/PA) — Having the only major Air Force flight line south of the Rio Grande can make for busy schedules at Howard and the everyday hustle and bustle can sometimes lead to serious problems.

A growing problem here is some members of various services and agencies that use the runway simply don't know how to operate vehicles properly on the flight line.

Can you imagine what would happen if you accidentally drove your vehicle across an active runway as an A-7 prepared to land? Quite a mess.

According to Maj. Dennis Gill, chief of Airfield Management at Base Operations here, the increase of incidents on the Howard flight line is due mainly to two particular reasons: people aren't getting the training and certification required to drive on the flight line, and people are driving across the active runway without two-way communications with technicians in the Howard control tower.

If you or anyone in your work area has a legitimate reason to operate a vehicle on the flight line and you are not already authorized to do so, contact your unit's vehicle control officer. That person can help arrange for you to get a competency card (AF Form 483) which authorizes you to drive on the flight line. To earn a competency card, you must pass a written and color/vision examina-

tion and a day/night orientation. "If you don't know who your unit's vehicle control officer is, you can call the airfield management office at 284-4651 or someone in vehicle operations at the 24th Transportation Squadron at 284-4645," Gill said.

"The most dangerous problem, however, is people driving across the active runway and not observing the yellow hold lines that are painted on the roadway to alert a driver of an off-limits area," he continued. "If you are driving or are a passenger in a vehicle that is riding over a solid and intermittent yellow line on the flight line, you are heading in the wrong direction. And this can be very dangerous." Gill stressed that two-way communications with the control tower are imperative when driving across an active runway for the safety of the driver and any aircraft that may be landing at the time.

Members of the 24th Security Police Squadron posted at the flight line gates will also check for competency cards. If you don't have one, you will not be permitted on the flight line.

Information regarding all of the rules and regulations of flight line driving at Howard can be found in Howard AFB Regulation 55-2. The Air Force directives on flight line driving can be found in AF Regulations 77-2 (Army Field Manual 21-305), 77-4 and 77-310.

U.S., Bolivian forces perform civic actions

by Spec. Keith Busby

BASE CAMP SANTA LUCIA, Bolivia (13th PAD) — In a country without efficient transportation, logistics become a problem. In an exercise separated from the main supply point by 2,200 miles, large problems emerge that must be overcome to ensure the mission's success.

Fuerzas Unidas '89-Bolivia is an effort by the U.S. and Bolivian governments to upgrade Potosi airfield and perform civic action projects, such as building schoolhouses and providing medical care.

Soldiers participating in the exercise are experiencing what happens when they have to order

supplies months in advance to make sure the supplies arrive on time.

"You have to explain (to the supply people at Fort Kobbe, Panama) that they're thoroughly (needed supplies) or it won't be right," said Spec. Leonard E. Sosa, of the 536th Engineer Battalion. "There are lots of communications problems. If it doesn't come in, you just call and reorder."

"When we got here," Sosa continued, "we had a 30-day supply, but we started ordering too late — two months in advance. We needed to start three or four months in advance. We were rushed and most of the stuff didn't come in."

"We had to local purchase a lot of stuff we needed, like construction materials, heaters and transformers. We ordered 128 heaters and 48 transformers from La Paz, but they only had 24 transformers. Here, you can't really buy in bulk. You buy whatever they have. That's the problem with local purchase, they don't have enough or it's the wrong type."

"Resupply — that's what hurts us the most," Sosa said. "Once every week, a plane lands in La Paz. Then it comes to base camp by truck, which takes it about 12 to 24 hours." Along with the supply section, the dining facility is also taking hits in getting re-supplied.

"Right now, we've got 50,000 sets of eating utensils on order," said Sgt. Willie L. Bridges, shift leader of the dining facility. "We're having to break down the sets we have to make them last."

The cooks talked about some of the base camp drawbacks. They included the altitude, wind, dust and cold mornings. "If you don't feel good at work, it's harder to keep up an appearance," he said. "We strive hard to keep morale up."

"They gave us a perfect briefing in Panama," said Sgt. Roberto O. Morelos, dining facility shift leader. "They talked about the effects of high altitude and how we should take it

easy for a few days. Some soldiers stayed in La Paz a couple of days, but others didn't get a chance to acclimatize. The cooks started working as soon as they got here."

"When we first got here, we had to start right away," said SFC Reinaldo H. Francis, dining facility manager. "It was tough; you'd walk from one end of the mess hall to the other and, by the time you got there, you'd be so tired that you'd have to sit down."

The 15th Engineer Company's six cooks are short-handed because they don't have to operate a dining facility in Panama, according to Francis.

"Normally, we support the unit when they go on a field training exercise or Army Training and Evaluation Program," Francis said. "I have two shift leaders, two first cooks, a food service sergeant (myself) and a clerk," he said.

Serving from 250 to 300 U.S. and Bolivian soldiers per meal can be a nightmare for the staff. According to Francis, the cooks served an additional 100 soldiers in the 90 minutes allotted for each meal when Illinois National Guardsmen arrived for their Medical Readiness Training Exercise.

Cooks at Santa Lucia start the day at 3 a.m., preparing a combination of A- and T-rations for breakfast. When soldiers start through the line at 5:30 a.m., they get Meals, Ready to Eat (MREs) to take to the worksite for lunch.

By 8 a.m. the cooks and five KPs — two U.S. and three Bolivian — clean up after breakfast and prepare to cook dinner. Because food takes longer to cook at high altitudes, half the day was taken up preparing B-rations for dinner.

Bridges said he appreciated the cooperation of the Bolivian Army. "I get along with them well," he said. "They support me with extra troops to get the mission accomplished."

Despite the difficulties in supplying the camp, the soldiers were well-fed and their cabins well-heated. Because they wouldn't admit defeat, they worked until the job was done.



Spec. Yancey Caldwell (left) and Spec. Paul Burns, 15th Eng. Co., 536th Eng. Bn., Fort Kobbe, do brake repairs on a roadgrader. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jon Connor)

Mechanics keep Fuerzas Unidas 89-Bolivia moving

by Sgt. Jon Connor

BASE CAMP SANTA LUCIA, Bolivia (13th PAD) — You can call them unsung heroes or call them what you want, but without them the U.S. Army in Bolivia would probably come to a standstill.

They're the soldiers whose hands are dirty from grease and calloused from use and occasionally, they get a pat on the back for a job well done.

But these soldiers are doing what they want, which is being mechanics.

During Fuerzas Unidas 89-Bolivia, mechanics from the 15th Engineer Company, 536th Engineer Battalion, Fort Kobbe, worked in conditions very different from Panama. The 90-day exercise was a joint effort between the U.S. and Bolivian governments. The exercise was intended to increase tourism in the area by extending the runway at Potosi Airfield to allow commercial jet aircraft to land and take off.

Thirty-one pieces of heavy equipment were used for the exercise to remove a section of mountain that blocked the runway's landing and approach zone.

Several natural problems hampered maintenance efforts.

First, the oxygen content at 13,500 feet is 40 percent less than what it is at

sea level in Panama. This means the engines have considerably less air to take in and function properly.

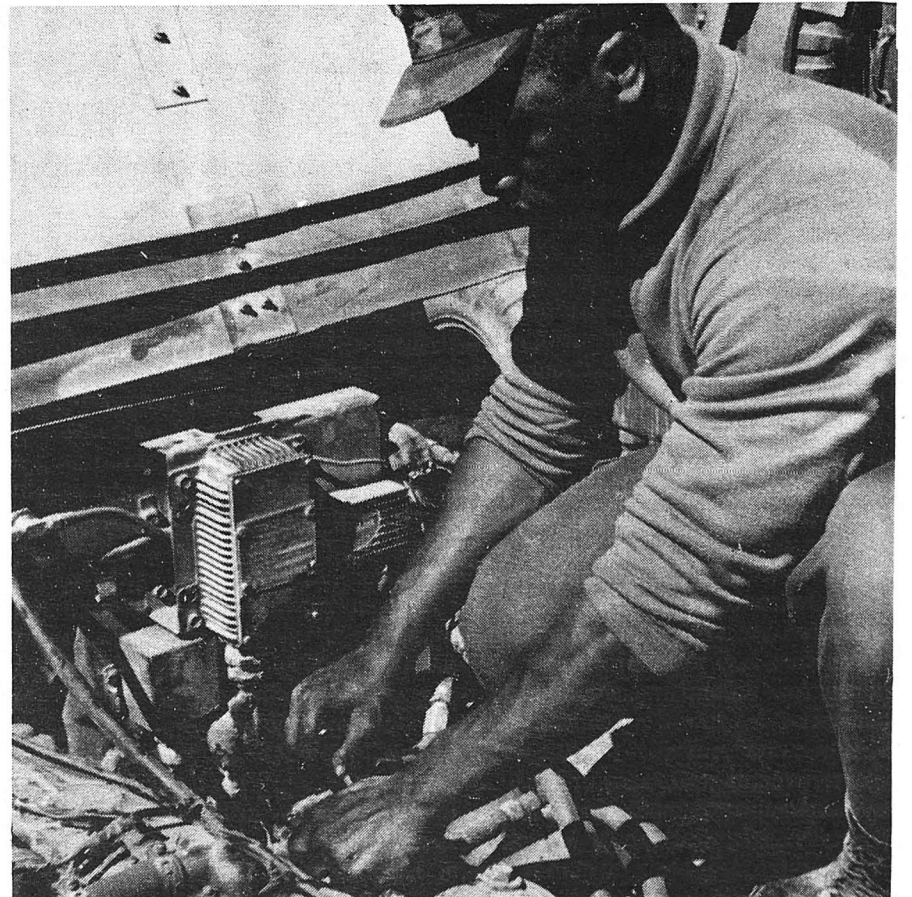
The maintenance section's 10 U.S. and five Bolivian mechanics made the best of the situation by adjusting diesel engine timing and fuel systems to increase engine efficiency. However, even with the tinkering, fuel consumption was 30-40 percent above normal.

Another natural problem the engineers faced was dust. "It's a great bother," said SSgt. Shannon Henry, noncommissioned officer in charge of the maintenance section. "This dust is terrible." In fact, the dust is so terrible that air filters had to be cleaned daily with a compressor.

Removing large boulders also took its toll on the equipment. The extra wear and tear cost the engineers a lot of nuts and bolts, resulting in the maintenance section doing "a lot of welding."

While U.S. mechanics were initially concerned about the Bolivians' skills, any misconceptions were erased by the Bolivians' desire to learn.

"These mechanics are highly qualified. They know what they're doing," said Sgt. Steve Kimsey, a heavy equipment operator.



Spec. James Lemon, 15th Eng. Co., 536th Eng. Bn., Fort Kobbe, installs a fuel injector for a dump truck whose housing cracked. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jon Connor)

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Howard purchases battery-powered body-fat analyzer

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW PA) — The Sports and Fitness Center staff here has added a new dimension to their goal of helping keep the members of Howard in top physical condition.

The staff purchased a battery-powered body fat analyzer that calculates a person's overall fitness condition with the use of a laser "light wand."

According to Jim Sanders, athletic director of the Howard Sports and Fitness Center, "this device is very simple to use and its benefits are wide-ranging. In just a few painless minutes, the device will print out vital health information such as the body fat percentage, the lean fat percentage and the analysis of a person's risk for heart disease, stroke, diabetes and other disabling diseases, and grade you from excellent to poor."

The device, about the size of a portable calculator, will also compute weight and exercise change

recommendations, a weight-gain chart, body fat loss chart, recommendations for fitness activities and the calories expended based on a person's weight.

"We attach a small, circular pad to a person's prominent arm and send a laser light beam through the fatty tissues," Sanders said. "By placing the light wand at this location, the fat percentage of the total body is directly displayed on the device's digital screen."

The light wand can be moved to any part of the body which can provide a relative measure of the

local body fat. By recording this value and comparing it to subsequent weekly measurements, direct knowledge of improvement can be determined, Sanders said.

Before the testing is started, a qualified Sports and Fitness Center staff member will correlate age, weight, body frame (small, medium or large), sex and weekly activity level. Then the calculator will print out a personalized fitness analysis.

"This device is great for those who are just starting a health and fitness plan and want to know just where

they stand in reference to overall body health," Sanders said. "With the information we can provide, a person can start an exercise and diet program that will help get that person in the best shape possible."

Staff members can test people at the Howard Sports and Fitness Center every Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. The fee for the testing is \$5.

For more information on the body fat analyzer or any activity at the center, call 284-3451.



Lt. Col. Kay Leming, Morale, Welfare and Recreation chief is about to have her overall body fitness evaluated by Howard Sports and Fitness Center staff member, Gary Geiger. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Turkey Bowl tryouts

As CRD prepares for the annual Turkey Bowl event, participants and coaches are being sought. Tryouts for Biathlons, Relay Races, a 10k Run and Flag Football will be held as follows:

Biathlons

The female biathlon will include a 300-meter swim and a 2.6 mile run.

The male biathlon will include a 500-meter swim and a 3.5 mile run. Both events will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11, and 13 at Fort Clayton swimming pool, 6 a.m.

Friday will be the day for biathlon tryouts at Fort Davis swimming pool, 6 a.m.

Two-Mile Relay

Two Mile Relay (Male and Female) will be held Tuesday, Thursday and Oct. 12 at Curundu Jr. High School track, 6 a.m. It will also be held Wednesday at the Cristobal High School track, 6 a.m.

One-Mile Relay

The One-Mile Relay for females will be held Wednesday at the Cristobal High School track, 6:30 a.m. It will also be held Friday, Oct. 12 and 17 at the Curundu Jr. High School, 6:30 a.m.

10k Run

The 10k run will be held Oct. 7, 14, and 21 at the Reeder Physical Fitness Center, Fort Clayton, 6 a.m. The event will also be held at the Fronius Physical Fitness Center, Fort Davis, 6 a.m.

Flag Football

The Flag Football tryout will be Oct. 7, 14 and 21 at Jarman Field, Fort Clayton, 8 a.m.

Participants needing transportation to attend tryouts should report to Reeder or Fronius Fitness Center at 5:30 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, the Flag Football tryout will meet at the Fitness Center.

For more information call Mrs. Foster at 287-4050 or Mr. Appin at 287-5618, or stop by building 154, Fort Clayton.

SPORTS SHORTS

Bowling

Unit level bowling registration continues at the CRD office located in the Margarita complex. Sign-ups are open until Oct. 10. Active duty personnel are eligible to participate.

Additional info is available at 289-4002.

Basketball

Sign-ups for unit level basketball will start Monday and continue through Oct. 31 at the Atlantic CRD Sports Office.

Stop by the Margarita complex (Room 15).

League bowling

The Curundu Bowling Center is forming leagues. League bowlers are invited to join adult, youth, mixed and men and women leagues.

Scratch and handicapped are available both morning and evening. Check with the facility manager. Call 286-3916.

Tennis lessons

The CRD Sports Branch will start tennis lessons in October. There will be two different schedules: morning lessons at the Fort Amador Court, at 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday; evening lessons at the Fort Amador Court at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

All classes are one hour.

Students may join group lessons of two or three participants, group lessons of four and more students, or private sessions. Fee will vary accordingly.

Registration is now underway at building 154, Fort Clayton. For additional details call 287-5618/-4050.

Fun run

The Fifth Annual Fun Run will be held Oct. 14 at Ocean Breeze Recreation Center. There will be trophies for the winners.

Now is the time to register. Call 289-6282.

Table tennis

Table tennis enthusiasts are invited to enter the tournament being held Oct. 9. Youths and adults are eligible to participate.

Call Reeder Physical Fitness Center for information (287-3861). Sign up early. Space is limited.

Hoop tourney

Attention basketball players 13 years and above. Reeder Physical Fitness Center, Fort Clayton is accepting registration for "3 on 3" and "Super Throw" tournaments, Oct. 7-9.

There are three categories: 13-15 years, 16-29 years, and 30 years and over. Space is limited to the first 16 teams signing up in each category, so call 287-3861.

Volleyball tourney

A "Co-ed Volleyball Tournament" will be held at Fronius Physical Fitness Center as part of the Hispanic Month Celebration.

The single elimination event will be open to 16 three-person teams. Register soon. Call 289-3108.

Coaches needed

Can you coach swimming, running, relay, flag football or track? CRD Sports is seeking coaches for the annual Turkey Bowl events.

Persons interested in helping should bring a resume to building 154, Fort Clayton. For information call 287-4050/5618.

Shimmey events

Attention sports enthusiasts! There's a "3 on 3" basketball tourney Saturday at Shimmey Beach. The single elimination event is open to the first 16 teams signing up. Call 289-4002.

Shimmey Beach will also host a badminton doubles tourney Oct. 7 and 8.

Sports On SCN-TV

Saturday

11 a.m. College Football: Pittsburgh vs. W. Virginia (3hrs)
2:30 p.m. NFL Week in Review (30 min)

3 p.m. College Football: Auburn vs. Tennessee (3hrs)
Midnight ESPN College Football (3hrs)

Sunday

11:30 a.m. NBC Sports "NFL Today." (30 min)

Noon NBC Sports "NFL Football." Miami Dolphins vs. Houston Oilers. (3hrs)

3 p.m. NBC Sports "NFL Football." San Diego Chargers vs. Phoenix Cardinals. (3hrs)

Atlantic team dominates Sevens Tournament

The sport of rugby is making a strong comeback in Panama as evident by the last Sevens Tournament. Anyone happening by Fort Clayton's new community soccer field on Saturday witnessed the best rugby play seen in Panama. The USARSO Rugby team hosted its second annual Rugby Sevens Tournament Saturday. (Sevens Rugby is played the same as normal rugby except each team only has seven players instead of fifteen players. The size of the field does not change so Sevens Rugby is more open and faster moving than normal Rugby).

Five teams entered the tournament; 7th Dive Detachment, Atlantic Composite, 5/87th Infantry, Air Force Composite, and the Over the Hill team. The Atlantic Composite team being favored to win and the Over the Hill team was the long shot of the tournament.

The opening game matched the smaller more experienced Air Force team against a younger and stronger 5/87th Infantry. The more experienced Air Force managed to pull out a 10-6 victory over the 5/87th.

The second game pitted the young and aggressive 7th Dive Det. against the much older and less aggressive Over the Hill team. The Over the Hill (OTH) team's experience paid off early in the match with Dennis Gill kicking a 20 meter penalty kick for 3 points and Jim Sweeney diving in from 1 meter out for another 4 points. The first half ended with the under dog, OTH leading 7-0. The OTH team's experience could not carry them through the second half as the Dive Detachment's superior fitness produced 18 unanswered

points in the second half. Greg Griffin scored two tries with one being a sixty meter break away run. Dave Oly Olson also scored a try and Robby Freeman converted on all three kicks after goal. The final score was 18-7 in favor of the Dive Det.

The Dive Det. had to play the third game against the tournament favored Atlantic Composite team. The Atlantic team completely controlled the first half scoring 15 unanswered points. Bruce Yost amazed the fans with a perfect drop kick from outside of the 22 meter line for 3 points and added 2 points on the kick after goal. Yost exhibited his kicking skills again by booting the ball 50 yards past the defenders and covering the ball in goal for 4 points. He than added 2 points on the kick after. Newcomer Dave Desilva (3/7 Special Forces Group) thrilled the crowd with a 40 meter break away run for a try (4 points). You guessed it, Bruce Yost made the kick after. The Dive Det held the Atlantic scoreless the second half, but could only produce 6 points on a try by Jack Walters and kick after by Robby Freeman.

The tournament play halted over the midday hours to escape the heat and have a general assembly meeting. During the general assembly meeting new SOUTHCOM Rugby Football Union officers were elected. Bill Beverley was elected president and Dan Shedroff was chosen as vice president.

The first game of the afternoon (Atlantic vs 5/87th) proved to be the most well played game of the tournament with the Atlantic team coming away with a narrow 6-0 victory. Bruce Yost contributed all six points with one try and kick after goal. On several occasions the fine play of Steve Gantu, Brian Proctor and Jim Byrd nearly produced goals, but penalties lost them possession of the ball.

The Air Force surprised the Dive Det. and captured a 8-6 victory. Airman Watts scored two tries for the Air Force and Greg Griffin galloped for his third score of the day with

Robby Freeman kicking his fifth kick after goal for the divers.

In the fifth game the Air Force proved to be no competition for the Atlantic team which coasted to 21-0 victory.

In the last game the 5/87th Infantry got its only taste of victory by defeating the Dive Det 12-6. Scott Williams a first time player of rugby scored the 5/87th first try and Jim Whitt scored the second goal with Jim Byrd making both kicks after goal. Again Griffin and Freeman did the scoring for the divers.

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1ST Place — Atlantic
- 2ND Place — Air Force
- 3rd Place — 7TH Dive Det
- 4th Place — 5/87TH Infantry
- LAST — Over the Hill

Col. Connolly (USARSO Deputy Chief of Staff Resource Management) was the tournament marshal and presented first, second, and third place trophies. He also presented the tournament Most Valuable Player award to Dave Desilva (Atlantic).

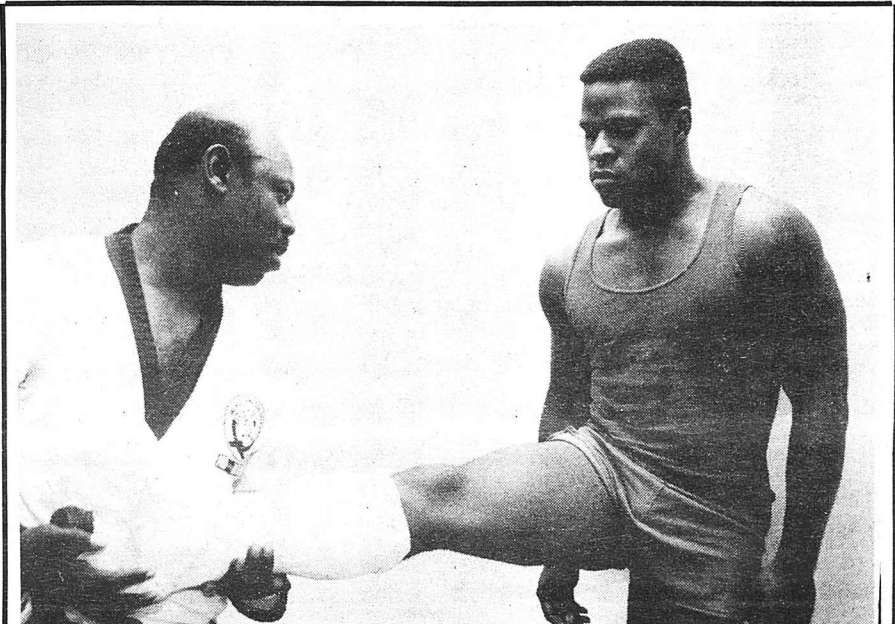
The Atlantic team was the

undefeated champion of the tournament, but finished dead last in singing during the traditional social gathering after the tournament. They failed to respond when called upon to sing a song.

The tournament was superbly supported by the community and especially Mr. Appin and Mr. Williams, CRD who provided and marked the field. SFC Jimenz, 41st ASG, prepared a culinary feast after the tournament fit for a king. The SOUTHCOM RFU thanks you.

The next scheduled rugby play in Panama is Columbus Day weekend at Fort Davis. The Atlantic team is sponsoring its first tournament and it looks to be a good one. Maybe the Atlantic team will learn to sing by then.

The big rugby question is still unanswered, WHERE IS COL MORGAN? (Persons — male, female, military or civilian — interested in rugby should contact Bill Beverley 282-5114 or Dennis Gill 284-4484)



TANG SOO DO -- Vance Britt, world Tang Soo Do 4th degree black belt, helps Cedric Ward, Tang Soo Do student, stretch during a recent class. Britt stresses that everyone can learn the art of Tang Soo Do, even the injured. Britt teaches Tang Soo Do at the Zodiac Recreation Center. The next class begins Sunday and the cost is \$35 per month. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Kirk Boyd)

Baseball Standings

As of September 28

AMERICAN

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	87	72	.547	-
Baltimore	86	73	.541	1
Boston	80	78	.506	6 1/2
Milwaukee	80	78	.506	6 1/2
Cleveland	72	86	.456	14 1/2
New York	72	86	.456	14 1/2
Detroit	58	101	.365	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
xOakland	96	62	.608	-
Kansas City	91	67	.576	5
California	89	69	.563	7
Texas	81	77	.513	15
Minnesota	79	80	.497	17 1/2
Seattle	70	88	.443	26
Chicago	67	91	.424	29

x-clinched division.

NATIONAL

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
xChicago	91	68	.572	-
St. Louis	85	74	.535	6
New York	83	75	.525	7 1/2
Montreal	81	78	.509	10
Pittsburgh	74	84	.468	16 1/2
Philadelphia	63	96	.396	28

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
xSan Francisco	91	68	.572	-
San Diego	87	72	.547	4
Houston	84	75	.528	7
Los Angeles	76	83	.478	15
Cincinnati	74	85	.465	17
Atlanta	63	96	.396	28

x-clinched division.

Warriors trade Sampson to Kings

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —The Golden State Warriors, who described Ralph Sampson as a franchise player when they acquired him two years ago, traded him to the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night for journeyman forward-center Jim Petersen.

The trade relieves the Warriors of Sampson's huge salary and a player who didn't fit into their plans, and gives guard-strong Sacramento a front line of Sampson, Waymon Tisdale and rookie and No. 1 draft pick Pervis Ellison.

The 7-foot-4 Sampson has been dogged by knee injuries ever since he arrived from Houston with Steve Harris in a December 1987 trade for Joe Barry Carroll and Eric "Sleepy" Floyd. He averaged just 9.3 points, 6.6 rebounds and 22.7 minutes in 90 games as a Warrior.

Last spring Golden State general manager and head coach Don Nelson said the 1989-90 season would be "Sampson's year." But the former University of Virginia star never fit into the Warriors' small-sized, up-tempo style, and the summertime acquisitions of 7-footers Alton Lister and Uwe Blab made him even more expendable.

"There's a time to hang on and a

time to let go," Nelson said at a press conference at the Oakland Coliseum Arena. "It just seemed like the time to let go and go another way with our ballclub."

The 6-10 Petersen, who has averaged 8.1 points and 5.4 rebounds in five years with the Rockets and Kings, will miss the first month or two of the regular season after undergoing surgery to remove scar tissue from his right knee on Sept. 18. He has begun a rehabilitation program and is scheduled to participate in on-court basketball drills in early to mid-November.

The trade is contingent upon both players passing physicals to the satisfaction of their new clubs, but Nelson professed no concern that either would fail.

"What I like about Petersen is his big body," Nelson said. "He doesn't try to do things that are out of his ability. He sets a good screen, has a good sense of timing.

"I'm not going to tell you that we're going to get a superstar, or make somebody into a superstar ... He's a journeyman who know how to play and knows how to play well."

Petersen, 27, is a Minneapolis native and product of the University of Minnesota. A third-round draft

pick by Houston in the 1984 NBA draft, he spent his first four seasons primarily as a backup to the Rockets' "Twin Towers" of Akeem Olajuwon and Sampson.

He was traded with Rodney McCray to Sacramento for Otis Thorpe last Oct. 11. Last season, he started 40 times in 66 games and averaged 10.2 points, 6.3 rebounds and 24.7 minutes per game.

NFL Schedule

by The Associated Press

Sunday

Atlanta vs. Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Denver at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Raiders, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

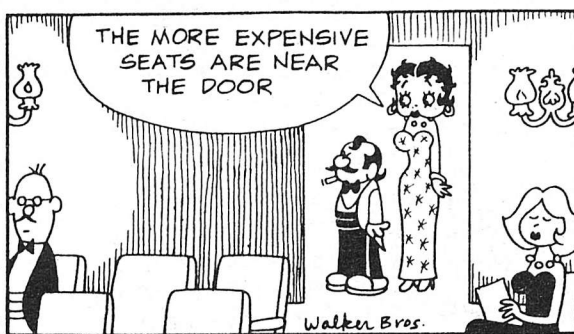
Monday

Philadelphia at Chicago, 9 p.m.



"Just enough to tide me over until I get my allowance on Friday."

Betty Boop & Friends



"He doesn't want to be taken to our leader...he wants his allowance."

CPO position vacancies

PERMANENT POSITIONS AND LOCATION	VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT OPEN CLOSE DATE	EXP REQ GEN SPEC	TIME-IN-GRADE 1 YR AT:
ELECTRICAL LEADER, ML-2805-10 DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED DEH-UTILITIES DIV, ELECTRICAL BRANCH INTERIOR ELECTRICAL SECTION CROZAL, PANAMA	09-29-89 10-10-89 002-90	- 1 YR AT MG-2805-10	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Ability to read and interpret blueprints, diagrams and sketches. 2. Skill in using a wide variety of testing equipment. 3. Ability to lead. 4. Knowledge of materials. (2) COMPUTER SPECIALIST, NM-334-11	003-90	N/A 1 YR AT NM-9	NM-9
SENSITIVE 1109TH SIGNAL BRIGADE INFORMATION CENTER CROZAL, PANAMA			
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. SECURITY ASSISTANT (TYP), NM-086-6	004-90	- 1 YR AT NM-5	N/A
SENSITIVE THIS POSITION IS IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE ANYONE CAN APPLY WHO MEETS THE QUALIFICATION 1109TH SIGNAL BRIGADE SECURITY OFFICE CROZAL, PANAMA			
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. MILITARY PERSONNEL CLERK (TYP) NM-204-5 - SENSITIVE 41ST AREA SUPPORT GROUP ADJUTANT GENERAL OFFICE PCS, OFFICER RECORDS SECTION FORT CLAYTON, PANAMA	005-90	- 1 YR AT NM-4	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. FUNCTIONAL SYSTEMS ANALYST, NM-301-5	006-90	3 -	N/A
NOTE: THIS POSITION IS DEVELOPMENTAL TO NM-9 SENSITIVE IRM, FINANCE & ACCOUNTING MANAGEMENT DISBURSING BRANCH FORT CLAYTON, PANAMA			
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Knowledge of principles, concepts and methodology applicable to information systems management. 2. Skill in performing trainee and developmental assignments. 3. Ability to follow instructions. DIRECTOR CLERK, NM-303-4	007-90	1 N/A	N/A
SENSITIVE 1109TH SIGNAL BRIGADE OPERATIONS DIVISION, TELEPHONE SYSTEMS BR. CROZAL, PANAMA			

JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. INTERDISCIPLINARY (SOCIAL WORKER, NM-185-11 PSYCHOLOGIST, NM-180-11 SOCIAL SCIENCE, NM-101-11) USA MEDDAC PANAMA, ADAPCP CROZAL, PANAMA	008-90	MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK 2 NM-9 BA 3 NM-9 3 3 NM-9
(A)** This position requires that selectee take an urinalysis test for illegal drug use prior to appointment. (B)** This position requires that selectee obtain the ADAPCP clinical certification. (C)** This position may filled in any or the 3 specialties. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, NM-341-9	009-90	- 1 YR NM-7 EQUIV NM-7
USA MEDDAC-PANAMA CLINICAL SUPPORT DIVISION DUTY - SURGERY DEPARTMENT ANCON, PANAMA		
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. COMPUTER OPERATOR, NM-332-7	010-90	1 YR NM-6 EQUIV NM-5
USA MEDDAC PANAMA INF MGMT DIV., INFORMATION CENTER ANCON, PANAMA		
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. However, candidates must show one year of experience in operation of minicomputers, multiuser microcomputer, and single user microcomputers; in recognizing, diagnosing and resolving common error conditions. PRACTICAL NURSE, NM-620-5 DEV NM-6	011-90	- 1 1/2 YR N/A
U.S. LICENSE REQUIRED - SHIFT WORK USA MEDDAC, PANAMA, GAH DEPT OF NURSING, INTENSIVE CARE UNIT ANCON, PANAMA		
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. However, candidates must show experience in nursing principles and practices of a wide range of disease entities routinely, cared for in the Intensive Care Unit. PRACTICAL NURSE, NM-620-6	012-90	- 2 1/2 YR NM-5
U.S. LICENSE REQUIRED - SHIFT WORK USA MEDDAC PANAMA, GAH DEPT OF NURSING, INTENSIVE CARE UNIT ANCON, PANAMA		
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. However, candidates must show experience in performance of highly complex nursing care and which demonstrates skill sufficient to assess critically ill patients, respond to emergency situations and operate highly technical medical equipment. SOCIAL WORKER, NM-185-11	013-90	- - -
COMPETITIVE DETAIL NTE: 120 DAYS (AREA OF CONSIDERATION LIMITED TO DCA) APPLICANT SELECTED WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION. DCA, CFA, FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE FORT CLAYTON, PANAMA		
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. NOTE: VB# 588-89, SUPERVISORY SUPPLY TECH, NM-2005-07, THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS CANCELLED.		

classified ads

Animals

2 black kittens free to a gd home, litter box trained, 7 wks old. Free. 286-4490.

Pit Bull pups, avail Sept 27, reg A.D.B.A. 287-3337.

Wanted: Large Golden Lab stud w/papers, pick of litter. Negotiable. 260-7769.

3 purebred American Pit Bull puppies, 1 male, 2 female, w/shots. 246-4555.

10 month old orange Tiger cat, needs a gd home, accessories included. 286-4433 after 5 pm.

Baby rabbits. \$5 ea. 252-6852.

Peek-a-poos black w/white boots, beautiful puppies. \$125 for 2 males. \$100 for female. 261-3325.

Purebred blk Cocker Spaniels, reg, all males, dep accepted, avail 26 Sept. \$250. 261-3353.

Shari-Pei mix puppies, very wrinkled and very cute. \$50. 284-5023.

Intelligent cute kittens. Free. 264-4551.

1/2 German Sheperd, 1/2 Belgian Sheperd puppies, 4 males, 1 female, blk w/silver. \$180. 261-3325.

Young female hamster w/cage, food, and all supplies. \$12. 287-5729.

Peek-a-poo, 6 mos old, white. \$100. 284-3436.

Audio-visual

Panasonic stereo, am/fm w/built in tape deck, turntbl, 2 spks. \$125. 282-3529.

Synth korg. \$500. Yamaha DX7. \$1300. Ensoniz esqi. \$1200. Rhodes elec piano. \$900. 286-4221.

Macintosh plus, ext drive. \$1500. Programs. \$150. Teak computer desk. \$200. 286-4936.

Sears vhs hi-q vcr, remote control, 1 1/2 yrs old. \$175. 284-5998.

Kenwood stereo system w/spks, 2 mos old. \$600. Cd player, 1 month old. \$160. 284-3884.

Mac Plus, ext drive, several programs. \$1650. Teak computer desk. \$200. 286-4936.

Sony 26 in Trinitron color tv, exc cond, floor model. \$400. 284-3293.

Audio-visual

Palmer guitar acoustic, electric w/case. \$180. 238-9459.

Betamovie BMC-110 w/accessories. \$650. 282-3839.

Canon F-1, winder, filters, 50mm, 80-200mm zoom, wide angle lenses, works great. \$550/obo. 282-5126.

The HTK model 75 Quadriif system, multi-ch rec, dual 1214 turntbl, 4 hifi sonics speakers. \$275. 252-2266.

Magnavox complete stereo system, in gd cond. \$150. 287-4298 after 5 pm.

Sony MPK-F340 Marinepak for v/w video, never used. \$600. 252-2054.

Atari 2600 game, 1 joystick, 6 games, never used. \$55. 261-5543 after 5 pm.

Brand new Commodore 64C, never used, still in box w/all infor. \$135. 286-4589.

Sony stereo system 636. \$600. 252-2054.

IBM PC XT-compatible, 30 meg hard, 2-360k floppies, 8087 coproc, high res color mon, 640k mem, Epson printer. \$2200. 282-3522.

R/C Futaba, 4 channel radio w/4 servos, 1/5 scale piper cub, new. 226-7091.

Yamaha electric guitar, new. \$220. 252-6703.

Sony betamovie camera. \$500. Zenith 25 in console color tv. \$100. Zenith 20 in color tv. \$100. 252-2007.

IBM PC 256K, Monochrome green, Star SG-15 printer w/computer table, all exc cond. \$1800. 282-4234.

IBM PC/XT computer, 640k, turbo, clock/cal, all ports, 20 meg hard drive, monitor, new sys. \$1200/neg. 286-3142.

Vhs video camera, exc cond, many features, hard case. \$950. Tripod (3-6 ft), brand new. \$30. 287-4928.

Commodore 1280 computer, new w/10 games. \$500. 287-4108 ask for Pv 2 Mike Smith.

1 pr Bose 601 speakers, 1 yr old, like new, exc cond. \$475. 287-5111.

Sony 26 in console tv, remote control, exc cond. \$450. 252-2979.

Zenith computer, IBM compat pc, great cond, \$12k, 5 1/4 double disk drive, Epson printer. \$1500. 284-6125.

Antenna for cb and 10 meters vhf radio, Hammond organ w/stage II, computer desk w/hutch, printer stand. Best offer. 252-5567.

Audio-visual

Kenwood turntable, direct drive. \$100. 283-3984.

182 Microline printer-Okidata, brand new. \$275 neg. 262-1154.

Sony betamovie camera, model BMC-100, exc cond. \$800. 252-2080.

Sony betamax vcr SL-20, brand new, still in sealed box, many features. \$250/obo. 252-5752.

Commodore computer in gd cond, cassette drive, cassettes for games, joy sticks/paddles. \$150. 287-4691.

Automobiles

1985 Nissan Sunny, 4 drs, std trans, ac, am/fm/stereo, duty paid. \$3500. 226-1779.

1987 Nissan Sunny Station Wagon, red, ac, am/fm, 5 spd, less than 19,000 miles, duty not paid, great cond. \$400. 286-3142.

1969 Chevy Nova, 6 cyl, gd transportation. \$500. 261-5495.

1983 Buick Skyhawk, 2 dr, 4 cyl, pwr steering, am/fm/cass, exc cond. \$4200. 223-8159.

87 Nissan Sentra, 2 dr, ac, 26,000 miles, 5 spd, am/fm/cass, runs great. \$6000/obo. 284-3738.

1979 Toyota Corona, gd cond, 4 dr, 4 spd. \$1000. 287-4051.

73 240Z w/80 engine, 5 spd, runs gd, duty paid, gd cond. \$1500. 286-4424.

82 Toyota Carina Station Wagon, great cond. \$2800. 252-5125.

1985 BMW 318i, us specs, ac, ps, am/fm/cass, 5 spd, 4 dr. \$11,800. 286-4221.

85 Suzuki 310, auto, ac, 4 dr, stereo/cass, exc cond, not duty paid. \$3800. 286-4420.

1984 Opel Corsa, 2 drs, 1.3cc, am/fm/cass/amp, 5 spd, no ac, no duty paid, gd cond. \$3000 firm. 286-3531.

1980 CJ7, black w/white hard top, 4 spd, winch, bikini top, w/soft doors, am/fm/cass. \$4000. 286-3237.

1974 Datsun 240Z. \$1000. 252-1278.

1984 Toyota Camry, 2.0L, ac, am/fm/cass, tuned, new tires, runs great. \$4700. 282-5308.

Automobiles

1985 Nissan 200SX, 2 dr, am/fm/cass, 5 spd, us spec, ac, no duty paid. \$7500. 289-3939.

1988 Chevy Beretta GT, 5 spd, tinted windows, custom Sony am/fm/cass, loaded, duty free. \$16,500/obo. 289-3301/3608.

1984 Oldsmobile 98, silver/blue, 4 dr, 1 owner car, fully loaded, 60,000 miles. \$7500. 287-4937.

1986 Daihatsu Charade, ac, 5 spd, duty paid, stereo, runs gd, exc cond, gas saver. \$3000. 232-4466.

1987 Nissan Pickup, many extras, must sell, duty not paid. \$5500/obo. 285-4014.

1977 VW runs great. \$800. 284-6273.

1984 Cutlass Ciera. \$4200. 287-6139 after 5 pm.

1988 Nissan double cabin diesel Pickup, gd cond, ac, cass player. \$8000. 287-3340.

1976 Chevy Pickup 3/4 ton w/camper shell. \$1800. 252-5949.

1986 Toyota MR-2, exc cond, fully loaded. 252-2282.

1981 Dodge Aires, 2 dr, 4 spd, ac, new clutch and shocks, gd cond, duty not paid. \$2200. 263-5111 after 6 pm, apt 58.

79 Brazilian VW, gd cond, runs gd, needs 2 tires. \$1400/obo. 284-3176.

1979 Brazilian VW, gd cond. \$1280. 252-2322.

1973 Gremlin. \$550. 224-7671.

72 Ford Torino, 351m, at, ps, pb. \$900. 285-4749 ask for Cam, rm 205.

1987 Roky Jeep Daihatsu, duty paid, diesel, ac, radio/cass, 4 wd, gd cond. \$8900. 252-3182 during office hours.

1986 Nissan Sunny, 4 dr, at, ac, am/fm, white. \$3350. 282-4535 after 6 pm.

1979 Chevrolet truck, 6 cyl, std trans, camper cover, exc cond. \$3500. 282-4535 after 6 pm.

1985 Chevrolet Impala, 4 dr, ac, exc cond, am/fm/cass. \$4200/obo. 283-3984.

1976 Chevrolet Impala Wagon w/trailer hitch. \$800. 256-6895.

1979 Peugeot 504, diesel, power steering, pwr windows, new tires, exc cond. \$2200. 284-4470.

1986 Nissan 4x4 Pickup, ac, stereo, 8 ft bed, us specs. \$5900/obo. 252-1266.

Cuba accuses U.S. of RP meddling

Only Communist reforms will stop exodus

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The foreign ministers of Britain and West Germany said last week that only democratic and economic reforms in communist nations will stop people from fleeing.

They cited the exodus of refugees from East Germany and Hong Kong residents who fear Chinese rule.

The foreign ministers of Cuba, Portugal, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Israel also addressed the U.N. General Assembly. Cuba accused the United States of meddling in the affairs of its neighbors to the south.

U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering exercised his right of reply at the end of the day's debate, rising to protest "the contentious language and distortions by the foreign minister of Cuba."

Speeches began Monday as part of the General Assembly's annual three-week debate of political, economic and social problems.

Foreign Secretary John Major of Britain said London will offer resettlement in Britain to Hong Kong residents anxious over Chinese rule, which will begin in 1997.

Many Hong Kong residents are worried about their future under communist China following its repression of the student-led pro-democracy movement in June.

"Millions of us around the world were shocked to see Chinese troops kill and wound their fellow citizens on the orders of their own government," Major said. "No

government can survive indefinitely by the suppression of peaceful dissent."

Major said Britain will offer "a package to encourage people essential to Hong Kong's future stability and prosperity to stay there, by giving them guarantees of resettlement in Britain if they wish.

That package would be designed not to strip Hong Kong of its people, but to give them hope and confidence to remain."

He did not elaborate.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West Germany lamented the exodus of East Germans, who have fled their

country for greater freedom in West Germany.

"Deeply moved, we witness the fate of young people who are sorrowfully leaving their home and their familiar surroundings" he said.

East Germany blames the West for encouraging its people to leave with false promises of a better life.

But Genscher said reforms "would open up new prospects in the German Democratic Republic, as in other central and Eastern European countries. This will encourage the people to stay."

He also reassured Poland, the victim of German aggression in World War II, that West Germany would never again threaten its frontiers.

"The wheel of history will not be turned back," Genscher said.

Most leaders who addressed the General Assembly last week expressed optimism about resolving international conflicts.

But Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca of Cuba said "we have a difficult road ahead" unless Washington gives up its "policy of arrogance."

Malmierca accused Washington of fomenting unrest in Panama with its troops stationed in the Canal Area, and of meddling in Nicaragua's 1990 election by funding the opposition candidates.

In addition, said Malmierca, "The people of Puerto Rico linger under a foreign boot, after almost 100 years of U.S. military occupation."

PDF robs 2 members of U.S. forces, one at gunpoint

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) -- Two members of the U.S. forces were relieved of some of their money --one at gunpoint -- by uniformed members of the Panama Defense Forces in two incidents in the past few days.

A U.S. citizen Navy civilian employee was stopped on the Trans-Isthmian Highway about 6:45 p.m. Saturday, at which time three PDF members entered the back seat of his vehicle.

They demanded \$40 there or \$80 at the National Investigations Department, or DENI, station. After the employee paid them \$40, the three thanked him, shook his hand, and departed the scene without further incident.

At noon Monday, a U.S. Army South soldier was stopped by a

PDF Transito (traffic) officer named Garibaldo on Tumba Muerto near the MacDonald's restaurant and the El Dorado shopping center.

The Transit officer jumped in the soldier's car, pointed a gun at his side, and demanded his wallet. After taking the money, the PDF member dropped the wallet and departed.

These incidents bring to six the number of reported incidents of this type committed by the Panama Defense Forces this year, five of them since early May.

In light of these incidents, members of the U.S. military community are reminded to exercise caution while driving off-post. Drive with windows up and doors locked.

Tour plane crashes in Grand Canyon, 10 die

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (UPI) — A tour plane carrying 21 people veered away from a control tower as it tried to land Wednesday and slammed into a wooded, rocky hill after a 50-minute flight over the scenic Grand Canyon, killing 10 people.

The De Havilland Twin Otter was making its final landing approach at about 10 a.m. MST, and the last radio contact came when the craft was 3 or 4 miles from the airport, on the South Rim of the canyon outside the boundaries of Grand Canyon National Park, Coconino County Sheriff Joe Richards said.

"There was nothing to indicate any kind of emergency, there was no indication they were having any mechanical trouble," Richards said.

Richards said 10 of the 21 people aboard were killed in the crash and the remaining 11 were injured, six of them seriously.

The twin-engine propeller-driven plane did not burn.

Ron Warren, general manager of Grand Canyon Airlines, which owned the plane, said the aircraft was on its second flight of the day. "No difficulties were reported during the flight and it had been cleared to land," he said, adding that at least one witness said the plane had touched down and then became airborne again as if to abort a landing and make another approach.

"The crew was very experienced, the weather conditions were absolutely perfect," said Warren. "... At the last moment, something happened. They touched down and all hell broke loose."

Richards said officials in the

airport tower told him they "saw this plane approaching, heading toward the tower itself and then for some unexplained reason it seemed to be drifting off. It apparently circled away and crashed on a hilltop."

The sheriff said witnesses could not see whether the plane struck a power line or the ground first. It crashed on a hill a half mile east of the runway at the airport, which is surrounded by tall ponderosa pines.

Elly Brekke, a Federal Aviation

Administration spokeswoman in Los Angeles, said her agency and the National Transportation Safety Board would investigate the crash. She said it was "too early to tell" what might have caused it.

The NTSB dispatched a six-member team, headed by Dr. John Lauber, to the Grand Canyon.

The plane was on its side with debris scattered over an area measuring about 100 by 150 feet. The fuselage was twisted and one wing

had sheared off and was in front of the nose cone. Rescuers spent about 30 minutes removing survivors.

The dead included the pilot, Capt. William H. Welch, about 45, and 1st Officer Keith Crosson, about 30, Warren said. Welch had been with the tour company for 4 1/2 years and Crosson joined Grand Canyon Airlines last spring, he said.

The passengers, all adults, "were scattered from all over the United States — none from Arizona, some from California, some from the East Coast," Warren said. He said they had arrived at the canyon on a motor coach tour.

The plane was of the same type and owned by the same airline as one involved in a collision with a sightseeing helicopter over the Grand Canyon on June 18, 1986. That crash killed all 25 people aboard the two aircraft.

On June 30, 1956, a United Airlines DC-7 and a Trans World Airlines Super Constellation collided and plunged into the rugged canyon. That accident, which killed 128 people, was the worst air disaster in history at the time.

Airplanes and helicopters fly an estimated 50,000 sightseeing trips over the canyon each year. The 1986 collision intensified efforts by environmentalists to restrict the sightseeing flights, and in August 1987 President Reagan signed a law banning flights below the rim and establishing flight-free zones in the canyon.

Warren said Grand Canyon Airlines had no problems with the new rules on flights over the canyon and "there have been zero problems."



NEW THEATER OPENED — Panama Canal Commission Administrator D.P. McAuliffe cuts the ceremonial ribbon to open the brand new theater at Miraflores Locks. Also participating in the ceremony are Public Affairs Director Willie K. Friar, standing behind McAuliffe, and at the other end of the ribbon from right to left, Deputy Administrator Fernando Manfredo Jr., Orientation Service supervisor Antonio Grenals and Alcides Ponce, the architect who designed the building. The Orientation Service is using the new theater for audiovisual presentations as an important part of its efforts to educate the public about the Panama Canal. The Orientation Service welcomes visitors at the Miraflores Locks seven days a week, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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