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ACC commander addresses key issues

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HOWARD AFB - The 24th Wing's mission, quality improvements, downsizing and the drug war were among the topics discussed by Air Combat Command's top officer during an installation commander's call Tuesday at the base theater here.

Gen. Mike Loh, ACC commander, praised wing members for their quality-oriented approach to what is a "mission unique in the Air Force."

"This is a true composite wing. You operate about 12 different types of aircraft here and you're involved with everything that Southern Command is involved with in Central and South America," Loh said. "You do a lot of reconnaissance, intelligence, and airlift. You operate a unique aircraft here, the C-27, and have a very dynamic wing. You're doing its mission very well."

To emphasize the wing's success during the past year,



Gen. Mike Loh

the general congratulated the 24th Security Police Squadron for winning ACC's best large SPS unit award for 1993. The unit received a standing ovation as the current commander, Lt. Col. Natividad Gonzalez, accepted the trophy.

The security police squadron's horse-mounted patrol caught Loh's eye during his facilities tour Monday. He used it as an example of the wing's extraordinary nature.

"That is a very impressive operation and I think it's very effective too," he said. "We need to have the capability to maintain security for our people. They (horse patrols) are very effective and well-trained. I was delighted to see this operation. It's another example of ACC and 24th Wing quality in action."

Loh went on to acknowledge other quality improvements achieved by military members in vehicle maintenance, the clinic, and logistics support. During his tour of the Air Operations Center, he awarded TSgt. Rene Zapata Jr. with a Stripes to Exceptional Performers promotion to master sergeant.

"There are more people at Howard than the security police squadron. I saw a lot of quality in action in the 24th Wing," Loh said. "There are so many examples and I'm grateful to see it take hold. Faced with your mission, a lot of people might lay back, but you're leaning forward, even more than during my last visit, and I appreciate that."

The general revealed the development of a new focus in the wing's drug interdiction mission. Currently, most of the military's efforts involve intercepting drugs during transportation. This will continue; however, more emphasis will be placed on hitting narcotrafficker's sources.

"We have to work it from all sides. Our efforts are good and our people have been very good with this mission," Loh said. "We are involved in a drug war. We must stop the flow of drugs into the United States. We'll intercept traffic and work with the host nations to prevent production."

Loh was impressed with the wing's progress in implementation of the Panama Canal Treaty and tied the process in with the Department of Defense personnel reductions.

"You have an additional mission here and that is to help consolidate under the treaty terms and conditions into the Horoko complex," Loh said. "That in itself is a difficult mission that you're moving ahead with and figuring out how to do smartly and with quality people in mind."

Regarding the Air Force's drawdown, Loh answered questions about the possibility of a senior NCO selective early retirement board.

Despite a 35 percent force reduction, a senior NCO SERB is not likely, he said. A decision on the matter is expected from Washington by the end of April.

Meanwhile, the low promotion rates experienced this past cycle can be expected to continue for another two to three years, according to Loh. The general sees this as the lesser of two evils.

"We don't want to stop promotions. That would be even more demoralizing," he said. "I think we have the fairest, most honest promotion system I've seen. We try to promote based on performance. Job performance continues to be the most important factor for promotions, awards, and recognition."

Colombian officials seize thousands of kilos of cocaine base, four aircraft

QUARRY HEIGHTS (USSOUTHCOM PAO) - Colombian anti-drug police, and army and air force units completed a successful raid March 18 on the Candilejas airfield complex south of Bogota that resulted in the seizure of four aircraft and more than 1,100 kilograms of cocaine base, from which refined cocaine is made, Colombian reports said.

Long term intelligence support from the U.S. Southern Command helped make this raid possible, USSOUTHCOM officials said.

At Candilejas, the cocaine was being moved from growing areas in Bolivia and Peru to processing areas in Colombia. Refined cocaine is shipped from Colombia to markets all over the world. The identification markings were removed from two of the four seized aircraft, Colombian reports said.

In a separate event, Colombian officials arrested three people, and seized 1,020 kilograms of cocaine base and aircraft Saturday, Colombian officials said. U.S. military and law enforcement aircraft, with Colombian liaisons and U.S. ground-based radar tracked the aircraft to the Alfonso Bonilla Aragon International Airport in Cali, where Colombian officials made the arrest.

These two blows against narcotraffickers are part of a recent surge in regional successes. In February, Peruvian authorities seized more than five tons of cocaine base, the largest drug seizure in Peru's history.

7 civilian employees fired for stealing U.S. government warehouse supplies

COROZAL (USARSO PAO) - Seven civilian employees lost their federal service jobs recently for stealing U.S. government supplies from an Army warehouse, officials said.

The civilians, employees at 93rd Theater Army Materiel Management Center, were discovered after an investigation by the Criminal Investigation Division, Directorate of Civilian Personnel officials said.

Two of the employees resigned after the investigation but will have their misconduct permanently documented in official records. All seven have been barred indefinitely from future employment with the Army, officials said.

"Integrity is an essential ethical value for federal employees," said Jack Penkoske, DCP director. "Theft is considered a grave offense because it destroys the trust employers must have in their employees."

"Consequently, the Department of the Army has a strong policy which requires that any employee found engaged in a theft, fraud or other intentionally dishonest conduct against the Army will be considered for removal from federal service," he said.

Quality of life

Issue explored during marathon meeting with commander-in-chief

by SMSgt Steve Taylor
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QUARRY HEIGHTS - Life in Panama may be better than what most people think, if the facts presented at a four-hour briefing are true, U.S. Southern Command's top officer said Wednesday.

"This isn't all that bad," said U.S. Army Gen. Barry L. McCaffrey, SOUTHCOM commander-in-chief, at the conclusion of the briefings by Air Force, Navy and Army officials. "Maybe our challenge is to keep it that way."

That remark came after officials briefed McCaffrey on what quality of life is like in Panama. Top officials from the three services, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Defense Commissary Agency presented their side of the quality of life story at SOUTHCOM headquarters Wednesday afternoon.

But at the conclusion of the briefing, in which he frequently asked pointed questions, McCaffrey told those in attendance that "I will ask you to come here again, perhaps quarterly."

Earlier he told the group, which included the top senior noncommissioned officers from each of the services and SOUTHCOM's command sergeant major, Franklin D. Thomas, that the purpose of the meeting was to "help educate me...on how we're going to take care of our troops and their families."

McCaffrey's wife, Jill McCaffrey, and Thomas's wife, Patricia Cooper-Thomas, also attended the briefing. Both are known advocates of quality of life issues.

During the drawdown and removal of U. S. forces from Panama during the next six years, McCaffrey said he wanted to ensure resources were "kept in balance to continue the kind of care SOUTHCOM has prided itself upon in the past."

Managing that will be tough, he said, and he wanted to be able to explain to the resource managers at the Department of Defense what SOUTHCOM will need to continue quality of life programs.

McCaffrey also addressed rumors that an assignment to Panama would become an unaccompanied assignment. "We're not going to do that," he said. "This is going to remain a family assignment until the end, to the maximum extent possible."

The current plan is for accompanied tour lengths of three years through 1996 and two years in 1997, said Air Force Col. Richard M. O'Connor, director of the Center

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Rodman units share training techniques

SALINAS, QUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (US-NAVSTAPANCANAL PAO) - Naval Special Warfare Unit 8 and Special Boat Unit 26 could be called "working man" ambassadors to Central and South America.

These specialized units, attached to Rodman Naval Station, know what it takes to be true ambassadors, and it's not wining and dining foreign dignitaries. It is plain hard work with Latin counterparts that lack the highly specialized and technical training these units are more than willing to provide, officials said.

The work starts around daybreak, with emphasis on physical training, and lasts far into the night. The long hours are put in because Latin troops want to hone their skills during the next few months, officials said.

Ecuadorian Marine Lt. Fernando Recalde appreciates the training.

"What we learn in the time the SEALs and SBU-26 are with us is invaluable," Recalde said. "These are ideas and actions we will pass on to others we train, things we normally wouldn't have knowledge in, things we didn't know existed."

These training programs range from simple weaponry applications to reading a map of the complicated river systems in Ecuador.

The SEALs and SBU-26 readily share their knowledge with their counterparts.

"You see a one-on-one brotherhood," Lt. Chris Dugan, one of the SEALs. "Not one person leaves any part of the training without fully understanding each individual segment of the training program."

This ends in a final training exercise that demonstrates and tests their new found skills.

In Quayaquil, the SEALs and SBU-26 had to overcome many natural obstacles during training, to include amoebic dysentery, parasites, heat, mosquitoes and more. Some of the Ecuadorians were encountering the same medical problems, but it didn't stop the training. The Ecuadorian troops said they admired the Americans' stamina and wanted to keep up with them.

U.S. and Ecuadorian troops learned a lot about each other's military during training. Ecuadorians don't have the opportunity to volunteer for service. Enlistment is mandatory for men at age 18, unless they are attending college.

Living conditions for Ecuadorian troops are spartan. Food consisted of local fare and sanitary conditions which was less than adequate.

During riverine operations — small boats units patrolling a river — Lt. Nicholas Ettens of SBU-26 saw what the Ecuadorians were made of.



U.S. Navy photos by PH2 Roberto Taylor

BM2 Victor Maisonet, Special Boat Unit 26, goes over M-60 procedures with an Ecuadorian Marine.

"You can see the look of determination on the Ecuadorian Marines' faces. They want you to know how much they have learned and they want you to be proud of them," Ettens said.

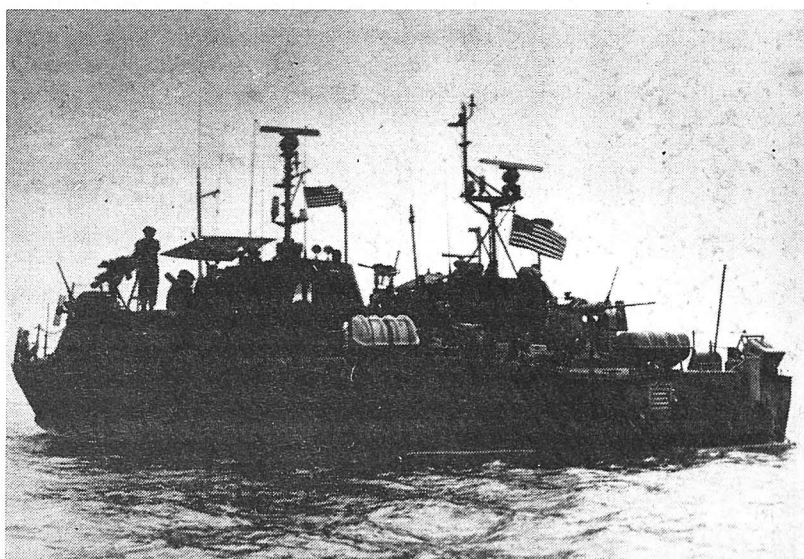
The best part of the training is the hands-on portion, Lt. Jeff Rodgers of SBU-26 said.

"Letting the Ecuadorian troops see and utilize equipment and the boats... (is the best part)," Rodgers said. "Letting them get a real 'feel' for the weaponry — It's like kids in a candy shop for the first time. They get excited and just look over the equipment for hours."

During riverine training operations, there was tension in the air as the Ecuadorian troops boarded the patrol boats.

This is the final exam. Because the Ecuadorians do not have the most modern equipment, firing the 50-caliber machine guns and M-60s is the highlight for some. Within seconds of firing at their targets, they relax and get into marksmanship. They're proud to show their trainers how well they learned. It was the first time many of these men had fired a live weapon, officials said.

Meanwhile, other Ecuadorian troops were testing their



Sailors aboard a Mark 3 and a Mark 4 prepare for an exercise.

new skills in explosives and demolition techniques. SEALs stood beside them as they placed charges of C-4 in and around a mock-up target. Nervous hands were quickly set at ease as the final charges were placed.

"This is the part that makes them the most apprehensive. They know one wrong move could spell disaster for all of us," Dugan said. "But the teachers did their job well and the demolition was a complete success."

The rest of the training was just as successful, he said.

AAFES, commissaries list holiday hours

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO)- The hours of operation for the Army and Air Force Exchange System - Panama for Thursday in observance of Good Friday are as follows:

PACIFIC

Corozal

Main PX - 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sweets Reflections - 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Frank's Franks - 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wok Works - 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Casa de Amigos - 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fort Clayton

Shoppette (Building 95) - closed
Frank's Franks (Building 95) - closed
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Burger King - 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Popeye's - 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Frank's Franks (by Burger King) - closed
Clayton Plaza Shoppette - 7 a.m.-mid night
Shoppette (519) - 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Auto parts store - 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Clothing Sales - closed

Fort Amador

Shoppette - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Albrook AFS

Shoppette - 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Snack bar - 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Frank's Franks - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Video rental - 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Furniture store - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Shoe store - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Toyland/Outdoor living - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Class Six - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Howard AFB

Main PX - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Class Six - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cafeteria - 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Clothing Sales - closed
Service station - 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fort Kobbe

Shoppette/video rental - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Burger King - 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Quarry Height shoppette - closed
Gorgas Hospital shoppette - closed
Curundu School cafeteria - closed
Cocoli shoppette - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Balboa school cafeteria - closed
Curundu Station - 6 a.m.-midnight

ATLANTIC

Fort Espinar

Shoppette - closed

Fort Davis

Main PX - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Auto parts store - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Gas station - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Cafeteria - 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Burger King - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Clothing Sales - closed

Fort Sherman

Shoppette - noon-6 p.m.
Gas station - closed
Anthony's Pizza - noon-4 p.m.

COMMISSARIES

All commissaries will be closed Thursday in observance of Good Friday.

Officials discuss quality of life issues

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— is having my family to go home to every night," O'Connor said.

"I want to note with pride, the sense of confidence I have about what a good tour Panama is — it's got a lot going for it...having said that, allow me to find out what the problems are," McCaffrey said.

Among the issues identified and discussed during the briefing:

◆Housing. There's not enough government housing, and housing off-base is expensive. While it was generally agreed that housing allowances cover rent, the utility allowance may not cover all expenses. That forces many people into lower standards of living because they have to reduce their normal use of electricity, such as for hot water and air conditioning, as Thomas pointed out.

"We shouldn't feel good about that," McCaffrey said. "That's not supposed to be happening. Does it reflect a diminished quality of life? We need to find that out."

Long waiting lists for government quarters, in some cases two years long, were questioned. "If folks come down here and end up waiting 24 months for housing, something tells me there's something wrong with the assignment policy," McCaffrey said.

As the drawdown continues, the goal is to have all families living on base by September 1995, according to Col.

Jeffery Petrucci, commander, U.S. Army Garrison - Panama.

McCaffrey also called for a joint black list of landlords. While the services share information, McCaffrey said "make sure if a landlord is abusing our troops, he comes off the list" of approved landlords.

◆Civilian employment. This may be a reason some families have gone home, leaving the sponsor here, O'Connor pointed out. With 30 or more applicants for each job, employment for family members is tough. As the treaty states, U.S. forces shall endeavor, but are not obligated, to ensure that the number of Panamanian nationals employed are 85 percent of the total civilian workforce, O'Connor said. The minimum is 72 percent. Anyone who has lived in Panama for 10 years or who has a Panamanian spouse can be included in that 85 percent. Currently, about 78 percent of the workforce are Panamanian nationals.

There are other exemptions for specialized positions, he said. "But in reality, we're getting smaller, and career civil servants have bumping rights," O'Connor said.

"There doesn't sound like there's a whole lot we can do about it," McCaffrey said. But he asked, "is there a demand for employment? Is there a way of satisfying it?"

Brig. Gen. James L. Wilson, deputy commander, U.S. Army South, suggested a joint-service effort was

worth looking into.

Other issues discussed were:

◆Medical care. There are some 34,000 medical beneficiaries in Panama, according to Dr. (Col.) Michael McConnell, commander, U.S. Army Medical Activity-Panama, who gave the briefing on medical care for all three services.

Of concern to the medical community during the drawdown is maintaining a competent workforce, the Dengue fever threat, and lead levels in children. These issues are being watched by medical officials, McConnell said.

◆Dental care. Generally, dental care is more available than in the United States. Most family members get treatment, but sometimes it takes longer than anticipated, according to Dr. (Col.) Robert Collins, U.S. Army Dental Activity Commander. He also said that a pediatric dentist will be here from the U.S. on temporary duty for four months to help the backlog in these types of cases.

◆Army and Air Force Exchange Service. With sales of \$103 million and a profit of \$6.3 million last year, the exchange service turned over about \$1 million to local morale, welfare and recreation programs. Several new programs are in the planning stages, such as Anthony's Pizza delivery service, a phone center on Forts Kobbe and Clayton and lower prices for gasoline.

◆Commissary. With sales of \$37 million, the Corozal store is the fifth highest volume commissary worldwide, and the second largest in terms of sales per square foot, according to Lt. Col. John McNulty, commander of the Defense Commissary Agency-Panama. He said that during the drawdown, he expects congestion in that store to lessen.

◆Youth. How long do school children spend on school buses? That is another factor in the quality of life when living off-post, McCaffrey said. "Let's get the voice of the teenager in Panama, find out what it's like," he said. "Not just how happy they are, but the quality of the schools, and other problems like drugs and college board scores."

At the end of the briefing, McCaffrey told the group that "I need to get some indicator of crime. Are families scared?"

McCaffrey said he also wants to meet with Panamanian officials, mayors, electric company officials, and others — for mutual assistance in solving quality of life problems.

He also said he plans, along with the SOUTHCOM command sergeant major, to meet with small groups of service and family members to get feedback on these issues.

After the briefing, he told the *Tropic Times*, "we must have a commitment to families throughout the life of the treaty."



Department of Defense photo by SMSgt Steve Taylor

U.S. Southern Command CSM Franklin D. Thomas (right) talks with CMC John Myers (left), Rodman NS; CSM Rea Elli Thorpe, U.S. Army Garrison command sergeant major; and CMSgt. Charles Shaffer, 24th Wing senior chief, during a break at the quality of life briefing Wednesday at Quarry Heights.

Clinton names Adm. Boorda new naval operations chief

WASHINGTON (Navy News Service) - President Clinton announced March 16 that Adm. Jeremy M. "Mike" Boorda, currently serving as commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, and commander in chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, has been nominated as the Navy's 25th chief of naval operations, relieving Adm. Frank B. Kelso II.

"Admiral Boorda brings to the job of chief of naval operations a keen appreciation of operational requirements in the post-Cold War world and an outstanding ability to work with our allies in complex and challenging circumstances," Clinton said.

"He has distinguished himself as one of the foremost military leaders serving in the armed services today and his counsel and guidance on the many national security issues facing our nation will be of great value," Clinton said.

The President also nominated Vice Adm. Leighton W. Smith Jr., deputy chief of naval operations, plans, policy and operations, to relieve Boorda and be promoted to the rank of admiral.

"Vice Admiral Smith possesses a thorough understanding of NATO structure and the requirements of the European theater of operations," Clinton said.

Upon hearing of his nomination, Boorda said, "It is, of course, humbling to be nominated by the President of the United States to be the military leader of one's service. We have a great Navy with wonderful men and women serving around the world. If confirmed, it will be my honor to be their Chief of Naval Operations."

Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton said he was de-

lighted at Boorda's nomination, and praised his past performance.

"I have seen Admiral Boorda in action here in Washington, at his headquarters in Naples and with our forces afloat in the Adriatic and Mediterranean," Dalton said. "He is an extraordinarily gifted man whose skills as a naval officer are unsurpassed."

"But more than just being an outstanding leader and warfighter, Admiral Boorda knows the Navy from the deck plates up. If confirmed by the Senate, he will be the first person to become CNO after rising through the enlisted ranks. Admiral Boorda's inspirational leadership and great affinity for the men and women in uniform will serve this nation well."

"I look forward to working with him to ensure that our Navy continues to be a cornerstone of our national defense and a point of national pride," Dalton said.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Frank B. Kelso II was also pleased with the nomination.

"The President has made an outstanding choice for the Navy and the nation," Kelso said. "People are the heart and soul of the Navy and no one understands that better than Admiral Boorda. I wish him well as he assumes this challenging and rewarding position."

Boorda enlisted in the Navy in 1956. He attained the rank of petty officer first class while serving in a number of commands, primarily aviation. He was selected for commissioning under the Integration Program in 1962, and attended Officer Candidate School.

He attained his present rank of admiral in November 1991.

Some leaving DoD can enter 'Troops to Teachers' program

WASHINGTON (Air Force News Service) - People leaving military and federal civilian jobs can begin new careers as educators in the Teacher and Teacher's Aide Placement Assistance Program.

The program, more commonly called "Troops to Teachers," will help finance teacher certification training for people leaving the military, Departments of Defense and Energy and some defense contractor jobs.

Participants will work as teachers and teachers' aides in schools serving children from low-income families and experiencing teacher shortages, said a March 1 DoD news release.

"It's a win-win situation" for both the schools and the people transitionally out of the federal work force "during this difficult period of downsizing," Defense Secretary William Perry said in the release.

To be eligible, military members must have at least six years completed of continuous active duty, be eligible for an honorable discharge and apply no later than one year after their release from active duty.

Individuals may apply for the program at base education centers and at transition assistance offices. More information may be obtained by writing: Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support (DANTES), 6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, Fla. 32509-5243. Information can also be obtained by calling the DANTES toll-free number: 1-800-452-6616.

534th lays claim as Panama's best MP Co.

by Sgt. Eric Hortin
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON - Elements of the 92nd Military Police Battalion competed March 10-11 to see which MP company is the "best" in Panama.

Hand-picked members of Headquarters Company, Law Enforcement Activity, the 66th MP Company, 511th MP Company, 534th MP Company and 549th MP Company did their best to uphold their units' honor.

The competition was made up of several events, some broken down into several more tasks. Common task skills, battle drills, a physical training test, a 10.5-mile road march, and the 9mm/M-16 range were designed to test the fortitude of the soldier-policemen.

This competition is designed after the MP Corps Competition held in Fort McClellan, Ala., said SFC John Sporrer, 92nd MP Bn. operations noncommissioned officer. It should help the three-man teams in higher-level competition, he said.

The first event of the competition was the PT test at Fort Amador. The individual high score went to SSgt. John Williamson, 534th MP Co., who scored 300 points. The team high went to the 549th MP Co., with an average score of 273. The 511th and 534th both had an average of 267, but the 511th captured second place by a fraction of a point.

The common tasks and battle drill portion of the competition was taken hands-down by the 511th, which maxed all tasks, including land navigation, first aid and employing the Mark 19 grenade launcher.

The second day started early with the road march, which is considered the toughest event, Sporrer said. The course took the teams out to the back gate, around Building 519, up Ant Hill and around Luzon Field twice. The 66th, which just arrived from Fort Lewis, Wash., lost one of its team members to the heat on the second lap around Building 519.

In last year's competition, the record was 2 hours, 31 minutes, 38 seconds by the 194th MP Company, Fort Campbell, Ky., and that was the battalion's best time ever. Three teams broke that this time out.

The 534th set a blistering pace of 2:14:47, taking the event. The 511th came in second at 2:22:32. The 549th came in third with a time of 2:23:17.

"It didn't seem that long," Williamson said after the march. "I think it's because we did a lot of running."

"I'm dying," said Sgt. Brad Hayman, 511th MP Co. "This course was very, very trying. If you can do this (road march course) you can do it on any post."

The last event of the competition was

the firing range. This one event all but decided the outcome.

Whether from exhaustion or the nervousness of having the competition hang on this one event, many of the shooters were disappointed with their scores, officials said.

In the end, the 534th came out on top, earning 746 points out of a possible 1,100. The 549th came in second with 708 points. Third place went to LEA with 664 points. The 511th grabbed fourth with 642 points. In fifth place, with 541 points, the 66th.

"These teams are all winners," said Lt. Col. Gerald Prentice, 92nd MP Bn. commander. "They are the best from their units, so all of them are winners."

The teams and their members are:

534th MP Co. - SSgt. John Williamson
Spec. Donald Clements
PFC Charles Jester
549th MP Co. - Spec. Tyrone Marrs
Spec. Terry Bradford
PFC Michael Lavoie
HHC, LEA - Sgt. Daniel Farrell
Spec. Adam Berry
Spec. Luis Melancon
511th MP Co. - Sgt. Brad Hayman
Spec. John Kelly
PFC Chad Miller
66th MP Co. - Sgt. Joseph McElvey
Spec. Steven Hornsby
Pvt. 2 James Carpet



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric Hortin

Sgt. Bruce Sweeney, 549th Military Police Company (right) calculates the score of Spec. Steven Hornsby, 66th Military Police Company on the M-16 range on the second day of the competition.

24th Medical Squadron leads MEDRETE '94

by SSgt. Rian Clawson
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BOCA DEL RIO INDIOS, PANAMA - A multi-agency effort led by the 24th Medical Squadron recently "hit the road" to dispense health care and goodwill to residents of the Panamanian interior.

Medical Readiness Training Exercise '94 also involved members of the Panamanian Ministry of Health and Air Force reservists from the 924th Medical Squadron, which deployed from Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

Members of the 24th Communications Squadron and the 24th Security Police Squadron provided additional assistance, said Maj. Jim Myers, administrator with the 24th MEDS and commander of the medical readiness training exercise. The Army's 128th Aviation Brigade provide air support.

A crew of 24th MEDS and MOH people made an advance trip up here to do a site survey Feb. 23, Myers said.

The rest of the team followed to Boca Del Rio Indio three weeks earlier and returned Wednesday.

The MEDRETE is a goodwill mission to support and

augment the Panamanian MOH's efforts to provide medical, dental, and veterinary care to remote sites. But there's more to a MEDRETE than simple medical care.

"We not only provide much-needed medical assistance to people in remote regions of the country, but we also get some very valuable training," said Capt. Dan Morgan, 24th MEDS readiness officer.

This training includes preparing and executing a field deployment, using field equipment and limited supplies to conduct medical and dental operations while living in austere conditions, and picking up and moving from one deployed site to another.

"We've augmented MEDRETEs conducted by Gorgas and 142nd Battalion medics in the past," Morgan explained. "This, however, is the first time the Air Force has been sole lead agent in a SOUTHCOM area of responsibility MEDRETE."

The 24th MEDS planned and executed everything, from funding and supplying the exercise, to coordinating with the Panamanian MOH.

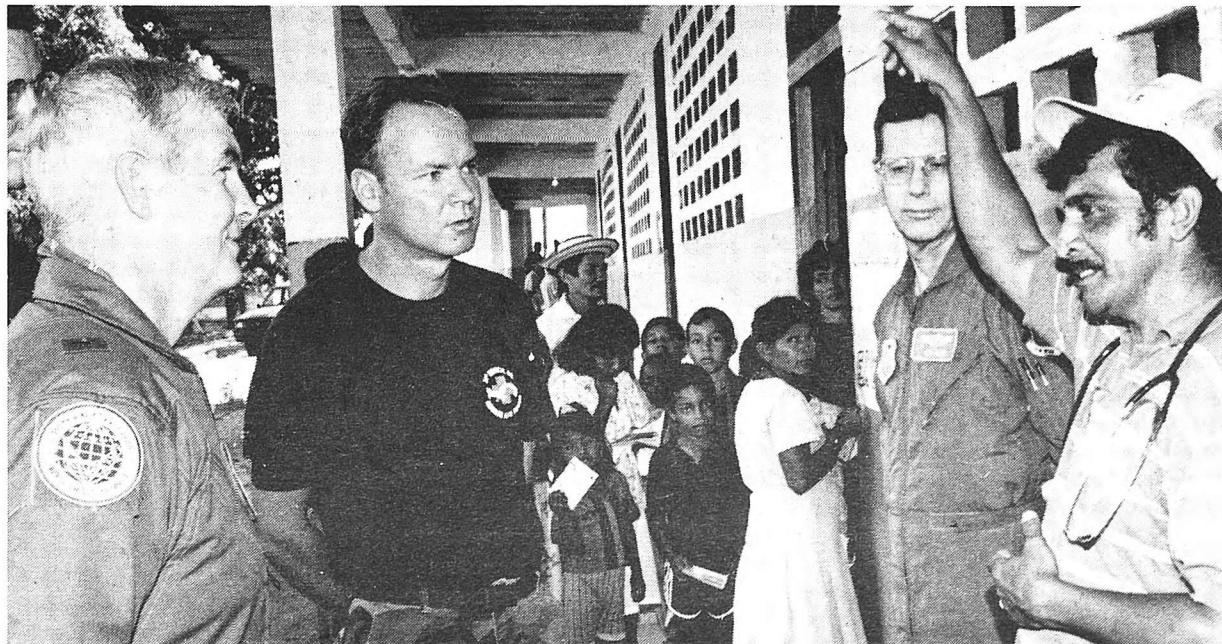
One memo she read described the MEDRETE environment as "austere," said SSgt. Robyn Filzen, a military public health technician with the 924th MS.

"Austere" conditions are why Filzen and SSgt. Jerry Pickard from the 24th MEDS, came along.

"We're here to make sure our people stay healthy while they're in the field," Filzen explained. "We see to it they have safe food and drink, as well as bathing, sleeping and toilet facilities."

"Sometimes harmful micro-organisms can get into food and water sources and make people sick," Pickard explained. "That's why we take extra precautions, examine everything, and if we find anything, treat the source."

Capt. (Dr.) Steve Richardson, chief medical officer for the MEDRETE, said that medical personnel saw and treated nearly 1,300 patients during the first two and a half days of the exercise.



U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Rian Clawson

24th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. David Sawyer, joint readiness officer, Capt. (Dr.) Dan Morgan and 24th Medical Squadron Commander Capt. (Dr.) Ken Klint talk with Dr. Manuel Gonzalez of Panama's Ministry of Health.

Smoking policy begins April 8

WASHINGTON, D.C. (American Forces Information Service) - The smoking lamp is out.

John M. Deutch, undersecretary of defense for acquisition and technology, signed an instruction March 7 banning indoor smoking in all Department of Defense workplaces worldwide. The policy is effective April 8.

The ban will affect nearly three million uniformed and civilian personnel in hundreds of installations worldwide. Smoking will be prohibited inside all DoD-owned and -rented offices. It will also be banned anywhere else meeting the definition of a workplace, including inside a tank, helicopter or airplane. The ban also applies to visitors.

Smoking will still be permitted in family housing, designated areas of military barracks, clubs, recreational areas, restaurants and prison quarters.

Sherry Wasserman Goodman, deputy undersecretary of defense for environmental security, will oversee and review the policy's implementation. Goodman said employee unions were involved in writing the policy and were "very supportive and helpful."

Goodman said the policy is intended to meet three objectives.

"First and foremost, we want to provide a safe and healthy workplace for all of our employees, both military and civilian. Both the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Environmental Protection Agency have reported that secondhand smoke from the burning of to-

bacco products is a major source of harmful indoor air pollution and a known cause of lung cancer, respiratory illness and heart disease.

"The second objective is to contribute to the readiness of the armed forces. Military personnel will be healthier, money will be saved due to reduced health care costs, fewer hours (will be) lost to sickness, and maintenance expenses will be reduced for many of the Defense Department buildings.

"The third objective is to be a leader in creating a smoke-free workplace. Last year, the EPA recommended that every company have a smoking policy that effectively protects nonsmokers from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke."

In addition to these goals, the department recognizes more restrictive tobacco policies may affect certain rights of smokers and nonsmokers alike.

"We have worked hard in drafting this policy to balance the rights of all workers and to maintain employee health and morale," Goodman said.

DoD will expand availability of smoking cessation courses. High-risk personnel, such as asbestos workers, will receive medical counseling about the risk of smoking.

Installation commanders will designate outdoor smoking areas. These should be accessible to all workers and provide a measure of protection from the elements. Some installations will build bus shelter-like areas for smokers.

"However, the policy does not require

building shelters, Goodman said. "For example, at the Pentagon 'Ground Zero,' (the nickname for the courtyard in the middle of the building) I doubt we'll have shelters. There are overhangs and other protected areas."

Smoking areas can't be near an entrance or an air intake for a building, Goodman said.

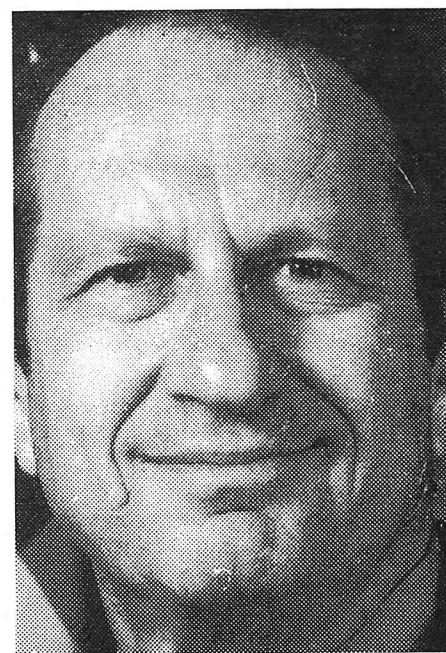
Goodman said the new policy is an extension of DoD Directive 1010.10 signed in 1986. That policy continues to guide smoking in living areas and other facilities exempt from the new policy.

Medical officials said the military bans smoking completely — 24 hours a day, seven days a week — during basic training.

Dr. (Brig. Gen.) Peter Hoffman, director of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, said Air Force smoking rates dropped dramatically a few years ago when the service banned smoking on all flights.

Navy Dr. (RADM) William A. Buckendorf, assistant chief for operational medicine and fleet support, said, "If you ask if this policy is going to change things tomorrow (in terms of people quitting smoking), I'd have to say no. But next year I say yes, we will see a difference. In 10 years, definitely yes. We will meet our goal of smoke-free Navy by the year 2000."

With the exception of submarines, the Navy had already banned smoking on ships below decks. Submarine commanders decide smoking policy for their boats.



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Army Dr. (Maj. Gen.) Thomas Tempel, assistant surgeon general for dental services, agreed change wouldn't happen overnight. "If the Queen Mary is pulling into port, you can't pull a U-turn and come back out again," he said. "This is a good start."

According to a 1992 worldwide survey, 37 percent of soldiers, 37 percent of sailors, 29 percent of Air Force personnel and 39 percent of Marines smoke. This rate is much lower than in 1980, when more than 51 percent smoked.

Servicemen's life insurance increases beginning July 1

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Air Force News Service) - For the first time ever, Servicemen's Group Life Insurance premiums are going up, but only by one penny per \$1,000 of coverage.

Beginning July 1, \$1,000 worth of coverage will cost 9 cents instead of 8 cents. That means the monthly premium for \$100,000 of coverage will increase from \$8 to \$9, and the premium for the maximum level of coverage, which is \$200,000, will increase from \$16 to \$18 per month, said Department of Veterans Affairs officials.

This is the first rate change since 1984 when the rate dropped from 11.6 cents to 8 cents per \$1,000 in coverage. At that time, more than \$145 million was in the SGLI reserve fund because of high mortality rates and returns on investments.

A premium of 9 cents per \$1,000 is now needed to maintain the break-even point, officials said. Local military personnel units have more information on SGLI coverage, which is available to all active-duty members.

SGLI does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, personal life style, hobbies or vocation, officials said.

Nearly 2.8 million servicemembers, or 99 percent, are currently covered under SGLI. Officials said 55 percent of servicemembers carry the maximum coverage available while 40 percent carry \$100,000 in coverage.

Air Force chief of staff takes re-enlistment request

HANSCOM AFB, Mass. (Air Force News Service) - Usually when it's time to re-enlist, people want someone special to swear them in.

SSgt. Jeff Woffinden of Phillips Laboratory's Geophysics Directorate here, went to the top, choosing the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Woffinden, one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of 1993, re-enlisted in Orlando, Fla., during an Air Force Association Enlisted Council session last month with Gen. Merrill A. McPeak presiding.

"I had many civilian job opportunities, but made the decision to re-enlist," Woffinden said.

"The Air Force has been my family and my home for the past 10 years. I wanted to stay on a winning team."

Former joint chiefs vice chairman feels services' future is secure

WASHINGTON, D.C. (American Forces Information Service) - After finishing 38 years of military service, Adm. David Jeremiah took time to look to the future.

Jeremiah, who retired Feb. 28 as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he left with a great sense of security. He praised the men and women of the armed services, saying, "The institution is in sound hands. Based on the quality of the youngsters I see coming up the line, the country will benefit."

People issues concern Jeremiah.

"You don't get anywhere with technology, with fancy gadgets, with all manners of other kinds of programs unless you have the young men and women who understand what their objectives are, why they are in the military and what their purpose is," he said.

He said the service chiefs and civilian leadership have done a good job supporting servicemembers, particularly against the backdrop of the drawdown. Leaders realize people are the first element of readiness.

"We all remember that in every action we take in the size and structure of our forces and the challenges we present, we are affecting people," he said.

In the past, when downsizing and reducing budgets, planners reached for the operations and maintenance dollars and personnel funds.

"Those are the things you spend money on that year as opposed to streaming it out for five or six years for a major weapon system. But we're not doing that. (Former) Secretary (of Defense Les) Aspin and Secretary (William) Perry made readiness one of the main tenets of the department."

Jeremiah maintains readiness is good and getting better. When drawing down forces, generally the oldest and most prone to breakdown equipment is dumped. This alone has a positive affect on readiness.

"What we would like to do now is get a better handle on different aspects of readiness," he said. "The services



Jeremiah

have done a very good job of measuring readiness as it stands and historically. What we want to do is elevate a click and get a much better understanding of the relative values of readiness with things that support a joint commander."

He said the very nature of war is changing, and this has immense effects on servicemembers.

"We're getting away from 100 years of theory that war is an extension of policy," he said.

"War is more often driven by cultural change, cultural desires and cultural drives. Fundamental cultural values are the kinds of things that, over the decades and centuries, shape the characters and clashes we see."

Jeremiah said the job of vice chairman grew during his tenure. The position was not a full-time voting member of the Joint Chiefs when he came to the job. DoD proposed legislation to remedy this. "It legitimized what we were already doing," Jeremiah said.

During his tenure, Jeremiah served as acting chairman for more than a year. While in communication at all times with former Chairman Army Gen. Colin Powell and current Chairman Army Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, he said it was an interesting sidebar to discover how much time he had served as the Washington image of the chairman.

Another area of growth was in defining requirements.

"We've been able to pull the requirements definition away from as it is understood by the acquisition community and focus it on what is needed in the field," he said. "Operators should be able to say 'I need a system that will do this for me.' They don't need specifications to the fourth decimal place. This type of operator requirements means the soldier, sailor, airman or Marine gets the product he's looking for to improve his combat effectiveness."

Jeremiah helped identify intelligence requirements commanders in the field need, then worked with agencies to acquire the intelligence and get it to those who need it.

Jeremiah said developing the force structure hinges on the problems confronting the United States.

"A resurgence of a hostile power or the emergence of a hostile power with the capability to challenge the United States could cause us to reconstitute a force very much like we had three or four years ago," he said.

"On the other hand, a continuation of events around the world leads you to look harder and harder at force packages with more mobility and self-sustainment so you can go into relatively hostile areas quickly, for long periods of time."

Can-vs.-6-pack beer prices concern reader

Dear Mayors' Corner:

A few nights ago, while standing in line for an ice cream cone, I read the drinks price list on the wall. I noticed that beer by the can is \$1.25 and by the six pack is either \$2.05 or \$2.50. This makes me wonder about the message we are sending to the customers. I can not see someone spending \$1.25 for one beer when a six pack can be bought for less than a dollar more. What then will be done with the other beer? Probably not saved for the next evening. I'm not sure what can be done, but I am sure that you are sending the wrong message with you pricing structure.

Not a Tee-Totaler

Dear Not:

AAFES food pricing structure requires individual can and bottle beer to be priced the same as MWR activities — Enlisted Clubs, NCO Clubs and Officer Clubs — which is currently \$1.25 for on-premises consumption. The six packs of beer were placed in the ice cream facility by customer demand for take-out service. Therefore, the beer is priced and sold as a retail item for take-out service just as it is in the Class Six stores and shoppettes.

Dear Mayors' Corner:

On Feb. 18, an American Department

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of Defense employee rented the Amador Swimming Pool for a private party. The party was scheduled for 7 p.m.-midnight. Since she has lived in Panama for a long time, she had invited both Americans and Panamanians to the party.

Everything was going fine until about 8 p.m. when a Navy patrol showed up and asked who owned certain cars parked in the parking lot. Since the cars did not have stickers, they would have to leave the area. The guests could park outside the area and walk in, but the cars must leave.

There were no questions about insurance and they were told there was no way their cars could stay. The Navy Patrolmen were asked to call their office to allow some of the military party-goers to explain the situation to the person in charge.

The patrolmen refused saying, "I'm here to tell you what the policy is." We were told this policy was put in place in January by the Navy. The guests left the party and did not return because they all had new cars and did not feel comfortable parking them outside on the street.

The first question is, why is the Navy harassing people at an Army-run facility? Whatever happened to bonafide guests be-

ing allowed to enter military installations with proof of insurance and a sponsor willing to sign them in?

As an American, this was an embarrassment to me. I don't understand how we could treat "guests" with so little regard and compassion.

What is the Policy

Dear What:

First, let me say that the Navy Security Police send their apologies for any embarrassment you may have experienced as a result of this issue. As you are aware, the Amador pool is located in a Navy housing area.

Navy Security Police have received numerous complaints from housing residents about unauthorized people using the area in and around the pool. There is not ample parking to accommodate large crowds and when they leave, their trash is left behind.

The Amador Pool is operated by the U.S. Army, but is located on Navy property. Entry onto Navy property by other than Defense Department personnel requires the permission of the Navy Security Officer.

People authorized to have functions on Navy property and plan to invite non-DoD personnel as guests, should make a written request through the U.S. Navy Security Office. They will need names, Social Security numbers or Cedula and a description of any vehicles that will be entering the installation. The date and time of the event is also required.

The sponsor is responsible for ensuring each vehicle is properly registered and has insurance.

The areas near the pool that are used for volleyball and softball must be approved in advance by contacting the U.S. Navy Athletic Department at 283-4061.

Security Police can be expected to check for written approval for use of the area and to check insurance and registration of non-DoD vehicles.

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Letter

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to the 24th Services Squadron Recreation and Fitness personnel and to the 62 riders who competed in the annual 25k bike race, not for my actions, but for the fact that my words and actions were taken out of context by Sgt. Lori Davis, the sports editor for this paper. Her article featured the negatives of an otherwise wonderful cycling event. Not only did Sgt. Davis not speak with me nor directly with any other cyclist involved in the so called "controversy," she failed to mention my involvement in the early planning stages of this event. My questioning of the established procedures dealt with the safety of the other racers and myself.

As for the incident with the "unregistered rider," I felt from the start he should have been able to race as an official entrant. My complaint to the officials was that the unregistered rider illegally impeded my efforts to win the race by aiding Mark Haddaeus. After my complaint, the officials admitted their mistake in handling the situation. I expected their apology and expected the matter resolved.

Instead of overshadowing the efforts of Mark Haddaeus, he deserves commendation for a well-ride race. It is also very sad that the women's race received no coverage. Bicycling is a very complex, yet exciting sport. It is very unfortunate that the negatives of one article may have tarnished the actual fun and camaraderie.

Once again, I would like to publicly thank Mr. Mayer, SrA. Roth, and the rest of the fitness center staff in their efforts for putting on a good cycling event. To the editors of this paper, I make one final plea, please leave the publishing of negative, superfluous journalism to the National Enquirer.

**Jonathan C. Redfern
SrA., U.S. Air Force**

To SrA. Redfern:

In sporting events there are many perspectives a reporter must take into account. There are participants, officials and spectators all sharing the same experience. Quite often their opinions conflict.

Winners and losers are a part of every athletic competition. Reporters must look for what stands out. In this case the display of poor sportsmanship overshadowed the event itself.

Reporters who only write the good and leave out the bad do their a disservice. People attending events know incomplete stories, and will begin to distrust their news service.

Most sporting events in this community are a joy to cover, and I enjoy meeting local athletes and sports fans. As the Tropic Times sports editor I do my best to share the accomplishments of our local athletes with the whole community.

**Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times Sports Editor**

MPs find 14 in off-limits places

Wrong place at the wrong time

Fourteen people were apprehended by the military police for being in an off-limits establishment, the Blue Goose. This establishment is listed by U.S. Army South as an off-limits area.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Before going downtown, be sure to check unit bulletin boards for a current listing of the off-limits areas.

For more information, about off-limits establishments call 287-4300 or 287-4363.

Drunk driving on the rise

There has been an increase of people charged with drunk driving. Many have been charged after being involved in traffic accidents.

Unauthorized price changing

A person was seen making unauthorized price reductions last week on merchandise in an Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility. Another person then tried to buy the clothing at the reduced rate. Both were charged with larceny of nonappropriated fund property and conspiracy.

Price changing is illegal and anyone caught will be charged with larceny. If such an incident is seen, report it to AAFES security or the military police.

Thief on the loose

The MPs want to alert people who live in the Panama City area that a thief is posing as an Intel utilities worker. The person has been known to target different homes, explaining that he was there to work on the telephone line.

Once inside the house, the thief manages to get the resident or maid to leave him alone by asking for help with another phone extension or for a glass of water. While alone in the room he steals whatever is in his reach or cases the area for a future robbery.

Never allow someone in without checking their cre-

Provost Marshal's Corner

dentials. Always remain in the same room while a workman is making repairs and advise any domestic employee of this thief and his operation.

For more information, call 287-4300.

Shoplifters beware

In the past six months, 31 people have been apprehended for shoplifting in AAFES facilities. All of these people have lost their shopping privileges for a period of six months as a result of their offense.

Shoplifting is a crime that affects everyone. Consumers must pay higher prices to make up for the deficit and the offenders have a record that follows them for the rest of their lives. Report shoplifters to AAFES security or the MPs.

The following crimes occurred in on and off post housing areas March 11-17.

Pacific

Cocoli housing area - one larceny of secured private property

Off post

Hato Pintado - one larceny of secured private property

Miraflores - one larceny of secured private property

Bethania - one larceny of unsecured private property

Panama City - one larceny of secured private property

Atlantic

Fort Davis housing area - two larcenies of unsecured private property

Fort Espinar housing area - one larceny of secured private property

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A little more love

The 'miracle' of hugs can help keep relationships strong

by Chaplain (Col.) Dave Goodwillie
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I was impressed by an article I read a while ago that had a lot to say about human nature. It was about a group of New York physicians concerned with infant mortality who set up a special high-tech clinic for orphans. They filtered the air in the nurseries, used special germ-killing lights and attendants wore sterile uniforms and surgical gloves while feeding the babies.

Yet, when they compared their results to a similar hospital in Mexico, they found their mortality rate to be three times higher than that in Mexico.

When they investigated the Mexican facility, the physicians found it lacked registered nurses, was unsanitary by New York standards and years behind state-of-the-art in pediatric medicine.

One unique practice stood out, however.

This practice required that all infants be held during feeding and that they be touched and cuddled as often as possible during the day. The warmth of a caring embrace made the life-sustaining difference.

Comparable studies in nursing homes have showed that the elderly need at least five hugs a day to feel emotionally satisfied — 10 hugs are better.

Another researcher suggested that if married couples gave each other three hugs a day, it would add five years to their life-span. That's not a bad deal.

The bottom line, of course, is that a basic sense of warmth, security, affection and being valued as an individual is critical to our well being, if not to our very existence. We need to feel needed.

In his book, "What Wives Wished Their Husbands Knew About Women," Dr. James Dobson stressed that one of the basic needs in marriage, for men and women, is a sense of security. Not just physical and material security, but more importantly a secure relationship — feeling secure in the affection of one's partner.

This gets back to hugs. If you haven't experienced a whole lot of them, it may be difficult to give them. The truth is, real men do give hugs, and real women too.

A hug is something very honest, very real. It affirms both the hugger and the huggee. It's good theology in practice. It's love poetry without words.

If you watched any of the recent Special Olympics, you saw a hug can help make the world a better place.

A hug can be our response to the Biblical wisdom which reminds us that "love should not just be words and talk, but true love which shows itself in action."



Direct Quotes

Who was the last person you hugged and why?



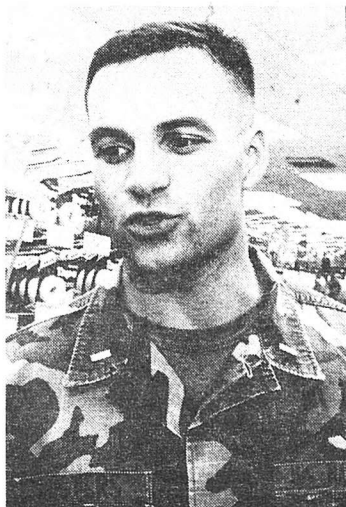
"My girlfriend because I have feelings for her."

Sgt. Tim Griggs
24th Security Police Squadron



"A church member last night, because I love her."

Petty Officer 1st Class
Judy Metts
U.S. Southern Command J-1



"My girlfriend. It was her birthday."

1st Lt. John Legters
Headquarters, U.S. Southern Command



"My husband, just because."

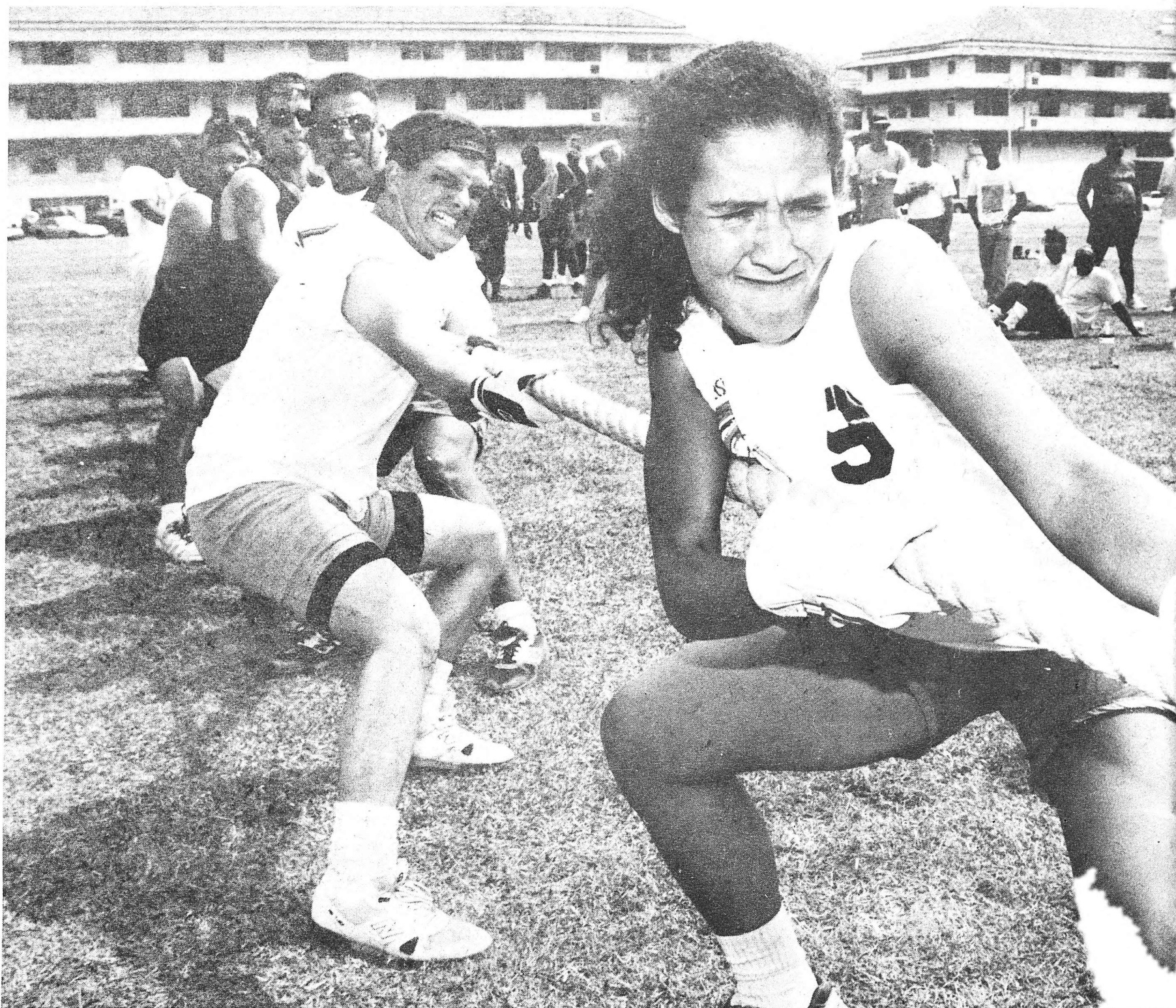
Yolanda Garcia
Air Force family member



"My girlfriend, to say goodbye."

Frank Peraira
Southern Command Network

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1st Lt. Claudia Monsalvez, 24th Civil Engineering Squadron, leads her team's charge during the tug-of-war.

Howard Aerobics Day

Air Force has all out 'war' toward fitness

by SSgt. Rian Clawson
24th Wing Public Affairs

HOWARD AFB - The 24th Mission Support Squadron "took home the gold" during the 13th annual 24th Wing "aerobics Day" held March 18 at the parade field here.

As the winning team, MSSQ earned the privilege and responsibility of putting on next year's event.

"The 310th Airlift Support Squadron won last year and they did an outstanding job putting together this year's program," said Maj. Jim Dula, MSSQ commander. "Next year, though, we're going to make it even better."

This year's event kept competitors on the go, trying to choose which sports to take part in.

"I only competed in two events, arm-wrestling and softball, but I had a lot of fun," said MSSQ's MSgt. Dianne Bowe, base education and training manager. "And I do want a re-match in the arm wrestling."

Army wrestling was one of the most popular events of the day, with nearly everyone on the parade field watching and cheering for their favorite contender, officials said.

In her match, Bowe held out for nearly two minutes before a break-away call awarded the win to her opponent.

The LG Support Flight/Transportation/Contracting

Individual event winners are shown below
5K Bike Race - Men - Operations Group/Operations Support Squadron, SrA. Jonathan Redfern; Women - OG/OSS TSgt. Darlene Gill
1.5 Mile Run - Men - 33rd Intelligence Squadron, TSgt. Rick Roman - Figueroa; Women - MSSQ, Marcelyn Downer
100-Yard Dash - Men - Civil Engineering Squadron, SrA. Gerard Smart; Women MSSQ, Michelle Dunn
Egg toss - OG/OSS SSgts. Bob Bone and Guy Hale
Golf chipping - 24th Services Squadron, Capt. Bob Marasko, SrA. Andrew Jackson
Wellie toss - Men - Supply, A1C Antonio Clayton; Women - Comptroller Squadron, SrA. Kerri Romero
3-Legged Race - SVS, Luis Davilla and Abdiel Chang
Basketball - MSSQ
Volleyball - CES
Softball - LG/MS
Bowling - 617th Airlift Support Squadron
Horseshoes - SPS
Tug-o-war - LG/MS

Squadron team swept the men's and women's arm wrestling, with skill and technique defeating brute size and strength.

Another very popular event was a non-competitive "dunk your boss" tank.

Dula was one of the participants in the dunk tank tickets for his 15-minute session on the "wet seat" sold out fast.

"I want all of you to remember who endorses y EPR (Enlisted Performance Report)," he warned the pitcher.

The warning apparently fell on deaf ears. "They love me," he said later as he climbed, dripping for the third time from the dunk tank. "They really love me."

While Dula was getting dunked his squadron went on to win the day's events. MSSQ first sergeant MSgt. Johnny Wilford was pleased with the results.

"I was really proud of the way the squadron came together as a team," Wilford said.

"We do that every day in our duty sections, but to we put together a team effort and proved it on the sports field too."

Wilford challenged the other squadron first sergeants to rally their units to do as well next year.

"We've already got some ideas on a couple of challenging new events," he promised. "It will be even better next year."

The top three teams participating in Aerobics were MSSQ, with 49 points, the combined team Logistics Group and Maintenance Squadron, with 45 points, and the Security Police/Office of Special Investigation team, with 42 points.



Ron Norton, 24th Operations Support Squadron, struggles with his opponent during arm wrestling.



Joe Epperson, 24th Communications Squadron, comes in during the bicycle race.



Brian Pontious (left) and Gabe Lacayo, 24th Weather Squadron dash for the finish line in the three-legged race.



Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer, 24th Wing commander, comes up after getting dunked.

U.S. Air Force photos by SMSgt. Boyd Belcher

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Top honor recipient reflects on his 'road'

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (USARSO PAO) - Like any of hundreds of promotion ceremonies that take place monthly, Capt. Stacy Roth, a nurse here, had her new oak leaves pinned on by a family member March 4. The family member given the honor was her stepfather, a person of rare honor himself — a Medal of Honor recipient.

Two-hundred twelve Americans earned the medal for actions in World War II. Of those, 110 were presented to widows and Gold Star Mothers.

Jim Burt's road to "the medal," as the former Reserve captain calls it, started at Norwich University, the first to offer a Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Burt was on a one-year training assignment when the attack on Pearl Harbor catapulted the United States into the war. His orders took him from one year to indefinite service, and he left for Fort Benning, Ga. From there, his travels read like a history account of WWII — North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Of all the battles Burt fought in, he never performed as heroically as he did in Aachen, Germany.

Forty miles from Cologne, Aachen was one of the important milestones in the battle of the Siegfried line. The line was Germany's last strong defense; the battle that ensued proceeded the push to the Rhine, signaling the downfall of Germany. Burt's Knights, as the tank company assigned to him came to be known, began its trek in Normandy on D-Day in June, 1944.

"We crossed (the entire battleground) of World War I — that's all of Northern France — in three days," the Massachusetts native said. "We went into Belgium, waited for gas, crossed Belgium into Holland and prepared for the Siegfried line."

The Germans didn't keep the Siegfried line manned at all times. The Americans found out later that their logistics breakdown in Belgium caused a delay that cost countless lives. If they hadn't run out of gas, they'd have run right through the Siegfried line to the Rhine because there would have been no German troops prepared to stop them, Burt said.

The German army had to man the line, and prepared a heavily-fortified supply route through the city of Aachen, in what came to be known as the Aachen gap.

"When we punched the Siegfried, Aachen held out and maintained the supply corridor," Burt said. "I was commander of a tank company. My battalion and a regiment of infantry were corps reserve."

The reserve was broken into three

teams, each a battalion of infantrymen and a company of tanks. Their mission was to hit Aachen and destroy the German garrison that held the supply route.

"The other two (teams) bogged down," Burt said. "Our team kept going — a house or two at a time."

The Aachen battle lasted more than a week and was filled with street battles. This was new for the tank and infantry forces, which had grown accustomed to the open areas of Africa and France.

At Aachen, Burt found himself in the strange position of commanding an infantry battalion as an armor captain.

"In the first couple of days, the infantry battalion lost...all their officers, the officers of their companies, all their communications officers, their forward observer and over half their men," Burt said. "So in default, even though our company was attached to the battalion, I took over the battalion and we kept on with our mission."

No change was recorded, no orders issued. The men knew who was in charge.

"Even though we were from a strange division and (the infantry soldiers had) never seen me before that week, they worked with me, fought with me, fine."

It was because of his unusual command that he earned "the medal," Burt said.

"It was largely possible because I was an infantry officer on the ground. It's more difficult to stay in your tank and get the medal."

Staying in his tank never crossed Burt's mind. His citation states he left the safety of his tank several times — twice during the first day of battle. He was injured on his face and neck several times.

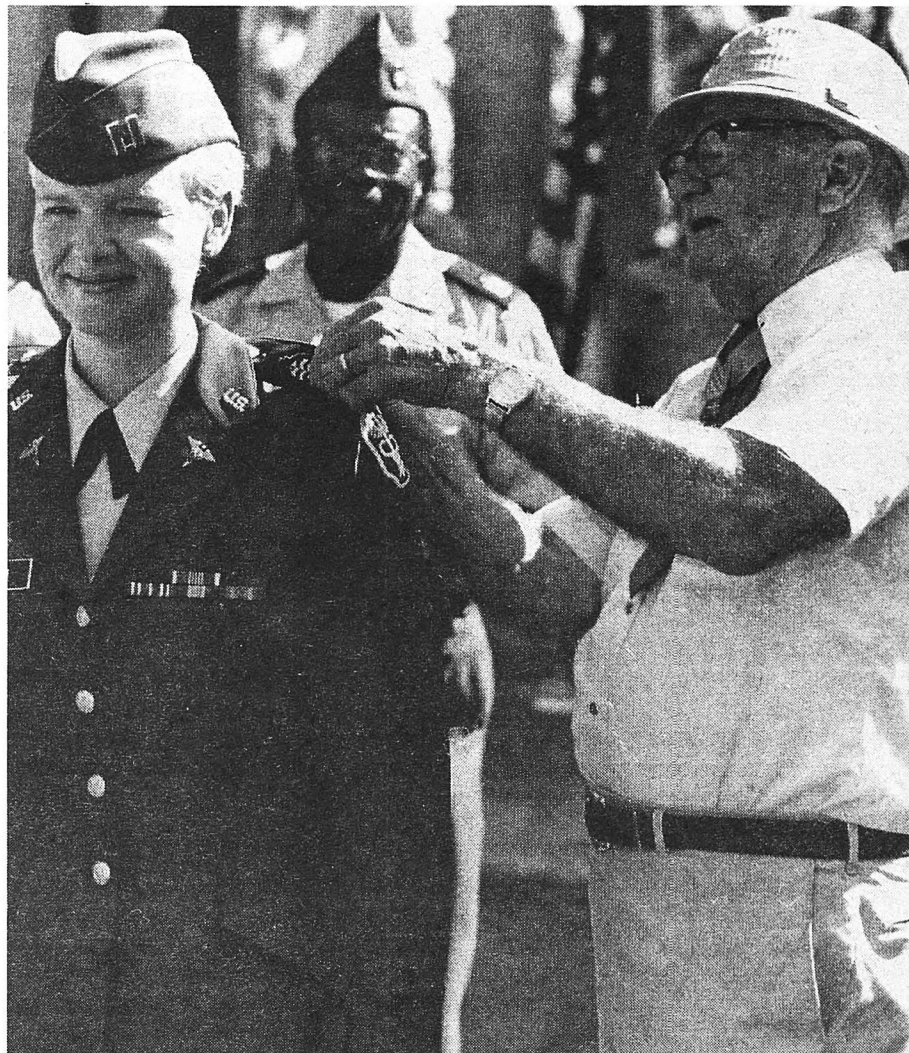
Citations usually tell of specific incidents of conspicuous gallantry beyond the call of duty. Burt's citation tells not of one incident, but of several he commanded.

"The citation covers the entire period and credits holding the team together to accomplish the mission. There were some particulars," Burt said modestly.

"I guess I dragged the battalion commander from a yard into a house or an aid station," he said, pausing for several breaths. "There were two or three other (incidents)."

The award citation lays out those incidents in stark detail, including the 75-meter dash through heavy fire to retrieve the wounded battalion commander. It tells of his actions, when he took his tank 300 meters into enemy-held territory.

He got out of the tank and, despite volleys of enemy fire, adjusted the artillery barrages "the affected prodigious destruction" on German forces, the citation reads.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Robin A. Mantikoski.

Jim Burt (right) pins oak leaves on his stepdaughter, Stacy Roth, during a March 4 promotion ceremony at Gorgas Army Community Hospital.

On the second day, Burt left his tank twice on reconnaissance. He would twice have the tank he was riding in destroyed from underneath him.

After taking Aachen, Burt and his company left the infantry units he had so bravely commanded and continued on to the Rhine River. There they met with other Allied troops and continued on to Berlin.

"I stayed in combat until the Rhine," Burt said. "We were the first (American) troops into Berlin. We waited on the Elba while the Russians set up their MPs and laid out the routes and what-not. It was an arranged entry. It wasn't a fighting entry."

In Berlin, Burt had time to look at his company and see the changes that had taken place since the unit left Fort Benning for the African campaign.

Once settled down, each company took pictures of those who made it from Benning to Berlin.

"(In the company I commanded), there were six in the picture — myself and the others who were cooks and mechanics."

Burt said high turnover in units wasn't unusual, because of casualties the Americans took.

He received three Purple Hearts in 30 months in the combat zone.

"Two, three or four Purple Hearts was

typical. I remember one officer who got a letter from his wife who said, 'I know you'll be coming home soon because you have a Purple Heart.' He said, 'How can I tell her I'm the only officer in the regiment with only one?'"

Burt returned to the United States shortly after entering Berlin. He had turned down a chance for a regular commission and a promotion because he couldn't reach his wife to discuss it with her.

"We received a point for each campaign, each invasion, each Purple Heart, each month of combat. I think I had 143 points. Anyway, I was scheduled to go home in a week or less on points and the division wouldn't go home for two or three months," Burt chose to leave.

He tried to maintain contact with the military in several ways, not the least of which is his stepdaughter, Maj. Stacy Roth.

He has also kept with the philosophy that allowed him to earn "the medal."

"I showed my face to the troops daily and I had some humor for them daily."

"That held them together and kept us from being afraid. Fear is stupid. It's debilitating, wasteful. It's good as a weapon. You should deliver it to the enemy. I haven't yet been afraid. I won't be afraid."

First Lady Roosevelt visits Panama in March, 1944

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The following are significant World War II events that took place during March 1944:

March 1

The Canal Zone Chapter of the American Red Cross announces the opening of the Red Cross War Fund Campaign throughout the Canal Zone during March in support of the U.S. armed forces. The local goal is to reach \$98,125.

March 2

Caribbean Defense Headquarters announces the assignment of Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young, Chief Engineer of the Caribbean Defense Command, to direct the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Gen. Young arrived in Panama in the fall of 1939 and participated in the development of land and air defense plans in the Panama area before and since the outbreak of the war.

March 3

Army officials at Quarry Heights disclose that military and civilian personnel of the Panama Canal Department contributed a total of \$17,715.13 to the Canal Zone branch of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

March 4

Lt. Col. Walter K. Tweedy, assistant to Brig. Gen. William C. Christy, Chief of Staff, Panama Canal Department, is promoted to the rank of full colonel. Col. Tweedy arrived in Panama in January 1942.

March 7

Panama Canal Department Headquarters, announce night firing March 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Local residents of the Pacific side are advised against becoming alarmed from the rumbling of gun fire from coastal defense weapons to be fired from Taboga and Taboguilla

Islands between 7:30-10 p.m.

The U.S. State Department announces the appointment of the Honorable Avra Melvin Warren as the new U.S. Ambassador to Panama.

March 8

Servicemen on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus are entertained by Bob Hope, Frances Langford, Jerry Colonna and their troupe at the Fort Davis baseball diamond. The troupe is scheduled for a four-day tour of the Army and Navy posts in the Panama Canal Zone.

Lt. George W. Booth, educational officer of the U.S. Navy, gives a talk on current affairs at the library of the Esther Witkin U.S.O. Club in Balboa. Officers of both Army and Navy have been asked to attend.

March 10

Col. Ross E. Windom, division engineer, announces the construction of the two-lane concrete road (known as the P.A.D. By-Pass Road) from Gaillard Highway into the Curundu Area, is being pushed toward completion during the present dry season.

Nineteen male members of the Panama Canal Department become citizens of the United States under Section 702 of the Nationality Act of 1940 as amended by Congress in 1942.

March 11

The Panama National Police give a review in honor of Col. Francis E. Howard, U.S. Provost Marshal, at the Olympic Stadium. U.S. attendees include the Canal Zone Governor, Maj. Gen. Glenn Edgerton, the Lt. Gov. Col. Joseph C. Mehaffey, Capt. Leon McIntire, Chief Intelligence Officer, and numerous officers of the U.S. Army.

March 13

The Special Service Buses of Albrook Field are incorporated into the Panama Canal Department Exchange bus system. Schedules and

routes are not changed by this transfer and fares remain the same as those in effect on other department exchange buses.

Two air base commanders of the 6th Air Force, lieutenant colonels Jack R. Adams and Richards M. Bristol of France Field and Rio Hato respectively, are promoted to the rank of full colonel.

March 21

Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the United States, arrives in Panama aboard a U.S. military aircraft on a "good-will tour." She is received by Panamanian President Ernesto De La Guardia and Maj. Gen. George Brett, Commander, Caribbean Defense Command.

March 22

Following a visit to the Presidential Palace, Roosevelt visits the Military Hospital at Fort Clayton.

March 23

Roosevelt leaves Rodman Naval Base aboard a PT boat to visit Taboga Island.

Roosevelt presents the Legion of Merit to Lt. Col. Jose Antonio Remon Cantera, Deputy Commander, Panama National Police, during a ceremony at Quarry Heights.

March 24

U.S. Citizen Wendell Miller Smallwood, an employee of the Panama Air Depot, dies during a car accident on the Boyd Roosevelt Highway.

Roosevelt departs for Salinas, Ecuador, aboard a U.S. military aircraft.

Editor's note: This time line was compiled by Dolores De Mena, USARSO historian, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of WWII.



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Ocean-to-Ocean

Cayuco race starts today

by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times Sports Editor

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - This weekend is the 41st Ocean-to-Ocean Cayuco Race sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America - Panama Canal District.

Race officials have provided information to help spectators enjoy this annual event.

The race is divided into three legs running today through Sunday. Cayuco followers should look for starting points at the Cristobal Yacht Club this afternoon, the south end of the Gatun Locks Saturday and at the Panama Canal Commission Dredging Division at Gamboa Sunday, officials said.

The third leg of the race is divided into three stages to transit the locks. Cayucos start the race at Beacon 93, then gather at the Pedro Miguel Locks for stage two and

finally they are sent through the Miraflores Locks.

Race officials said they have posted signs with directions along the highways to direct traffic.

"If you don't know how to get to the race, just follow the cayuco trailers," said Bill Cofer, cayuco race coordinator.

The Abou Saad Shriners will be selling food and drinks Saturday and Sunday. They plan to sell everything from hot dogs and hamburgers to empanadas and sweet rolls, officials said.

All the profits from the food sale are dedicated to supporting local charities.

For novice cayuco watchers, race officials have explained the race.

The first Panama Canal District Boy Scouts of America Ocean-to-Ocean Cayuco Race

was held in 1954. That three-day race began at the Cristobal Yacht Club and ended at the Balboa Yacht Club.

The cayucos in the race are all made from locally grown trees, as are the paddles, officials said.

Cayuco teams are divided into two categories, trophy and patch.

Teams entered in the trophy category will compete for first, second and third place in the men's, women's and co-ed divisions.

Paddlers entered in the trophy competition are registered Explorer Scouts or registered Boy Scout Leaders.

Patch teams do not compete for top scores. Every patch team finishing the race will earn a commemorative patch.

Paddlers in the patch boat category are registered Volunteer Scout Advisors.

Cayuco race schedule

The 41st Ocean-to-Ocean Cayuco Race sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America - Panama Canal District schedule is as follows.

Today

1 p.m. Crews report to the Cristobal Yacht Club
3 p.m. Begin launching cayucos
3:30 p.m. Race starts, first leg
4:14 p.m. (approx.) Finish - Navigation landing at north end of Gatun Locks

Saturday

6 a.m. Crews report to boat ramp, south end of Gatun Locks
6:45 Begin launching cayucos
7 a.m. Race starts, second leg
10 a.m. (approx.) Finish - Beacon 93, Gamboa
The Abou Saad Shriners will sell food and beverages at Gamboa from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Proceeds go to charity.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Crews report to Beacon 93, Gamboa
7:45 a.m. Begin launching cayucos
8:15 a.m. Race starts, final leg
9:30 a.m. (approx.) First cayucos arrive at Pedro Miguel
11 a.m. All cayucos arrive at Pedro Miguel
11:45 a.m. Prepare to enter Pedro Miguel Locks
12:15 p.m. Race resumes
1 p.m. Last cayuco arrives at Mira Flores Locks
1:45 p.m. Race resumes
2 p.m. Last cayuco crosses Diablo finish line
6:30 p.m. Trophy presentation at Curundu Junior High School
Shriners will sell food at Gamboa from 6:30 a.m. to race time, at Pedro Miguel from 9:30 a.m. to race time and at Diablo from noon until the race ends.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Robin Mantikoski

Foot soldier goes airborne

Steven Josey, 5th Bn., 87th Inf. leaps to catch a pass during the flag football championship game. Teams from 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry Regiment competed with 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment teams in various events during the 193rd Infantry Brigade Sports Day. See story on page 13.

Rockin' the house

Annual men's city tournament opens doors to women bowlers

CURUNDU (Tropic Times) - The 22nd annual Men's City Tournament came to a historic close Sunday after breaking down gender barriers by allowing women to bowl during the four-day event.

Seventy bowlers attacked the Curundu Bowling Center lanes vying for top prizes in individual, doubles and team handicapped events.

Among that group were seven women stepped up on the approach for the first time during an American Bowling Congress sanctioned event in Panama.

It's a proud accomplishment for the Panama Canal Bowling Association, said Rick Lindvig, tournament director.

"There are a lot of really good women bowlers here in Panama," Lindvig said. "Many of them bowl the socks off the men, so it's only fair that they be given a chance to do that during a men's tournament."

Lindvig said he hopes that this breakthrough will encourage other women to step forward, too.

One of those women who came forward to take part in this event was Janice Coggins. Coggins, a Panama Canal Women's Bowling Association member, said she was a little intimidated at first.

"I was a little nervous, but after I started it seemed natural," Coggins said. "I thought going in that the women would end up placing the lowest, but we did pretty well."

The top placing female was Hoko Johnson, who along with Tony Put finished second in the doubles.

Coggins said that she would definitely bowl again in a men's tournament.

The addition of women just helped to make the tournament more successful, Lindvig said.

"It made the event more competitive for everyone," Lindvig said. "The higher averaged bowlers had to bowl better and the lower averaged bowlers had to raise their games, too. The result was a very intense tournament."

Winners include:

Singles

Larry Rodgers - 639
Rick Reed - 637
Lou Engelke - 632
Tom Paridiso - 631
Mark Bloomers - 627

Doubles

Keith Krapfl/Wellington Fung - 1309
Tony Put/Hoko Johnson - 1278
Paul Doherty/Mike Lloyd - 1271
Larry Rodgers/Rick Lindvig - 1267
Darrel Wallis/Jean Pedersen - 1260

Team

Richard Elliot, Rick Reed, Paul Doherty, Fred Alcorn - 2417

Special Event

Jean Pederson - 701 series scratch
Keith Krapfl - 256 high game scratch

All Events

Keith Krapfl - 1994 total pins
Rodgers - 1902

Singles paid out to the top 15, doubles paid the top eight, and teams paid the top five. Prizes will be awarded 4 p.m. April 10 during the men's association meeting at the Curundu Bowling Center. The association invites all the participants to attend.

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Friends takes over-30 title

by Sgt. Eric Hortin
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON - Despite an eight point deficit at the half, Friends returned to beat the Medical Department Activity - Panama team, 64-61, in the over-30 championship game here March 18.

Friends, a mixed-service team sponsored by the Directorate of Community Activities, capped off its 23-1 regular season by cruising through the tournament that started March 12. Friends had to defeat three teams to get to the championship game.

MEDDAC had to play six games. MEDDAC lost its second game to the Knights, but came back up the ladder, defeating the Knights in the semifinals to play in the championships.

The first half of the championship game saw Friends playing a game of catch-up. MEDDAC's Kevin Taylor lit up the court, taking the ball and capitalizing on the inside line. MEDDAC's burst of power in the first half seemed to catch Friends off guard. As the half closed, MEDDAC had a 39-31 lead.

The Friends made its move early in the second half, dropping three-pointers

one after another. MEDDAC never gave in, though, and kept the pace up until the closing minutes. Friends had a slim 58-55 lead at the two-minute mark.

In the closing seconds, Friends' George Dudley tossed in a two-pointer, putting the game out of reach for MEDDAC.

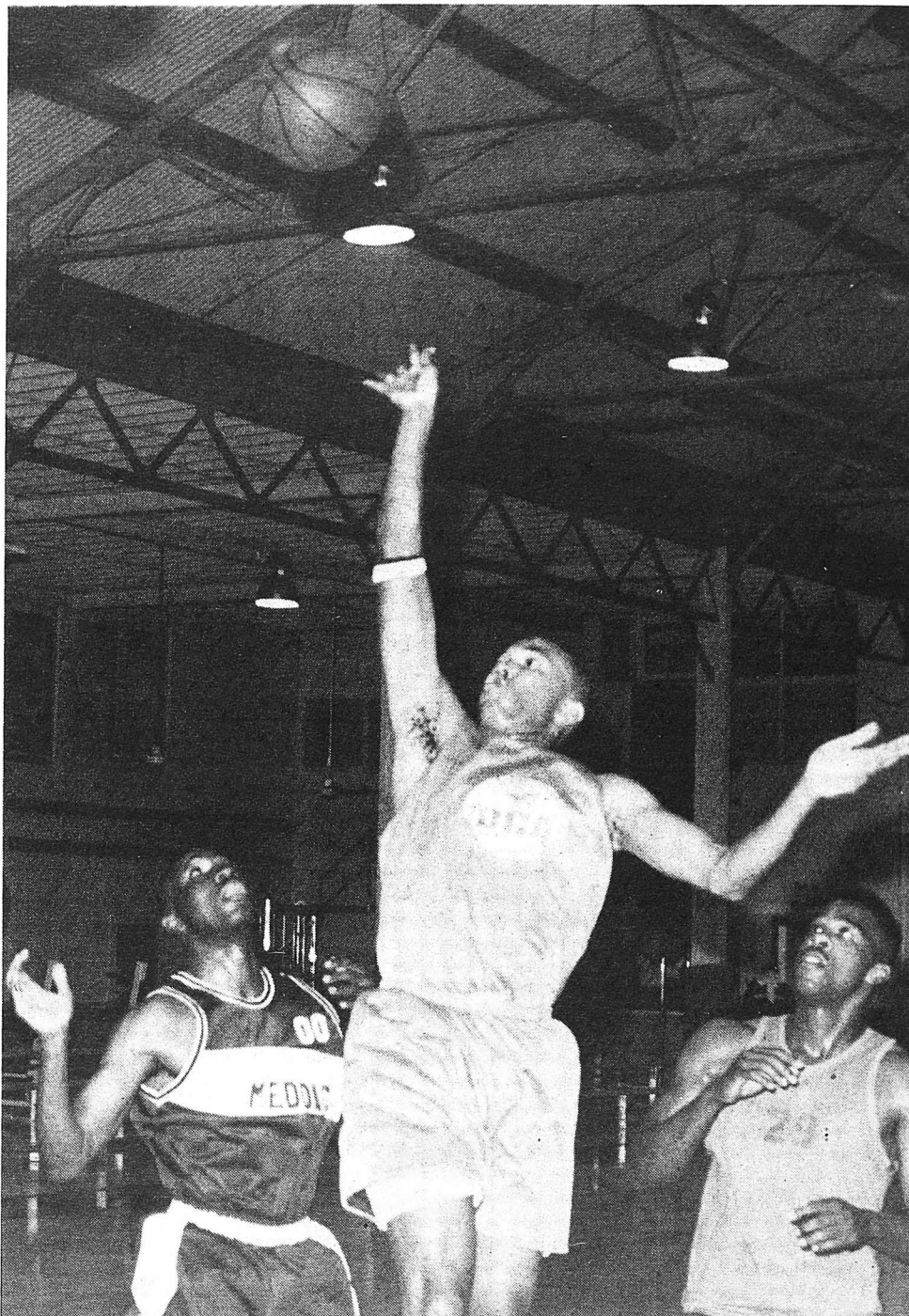
"It's been a great season, a long season," said the Friends' Emmitt Lane. "This was a great game. It was one of the best games we played this season."

"DCA is a very difficult team to match up against," said MEDDAC's Saul Ford. "They have the size, they're excellent shooters and they're all excellent, fundamental basketball players."

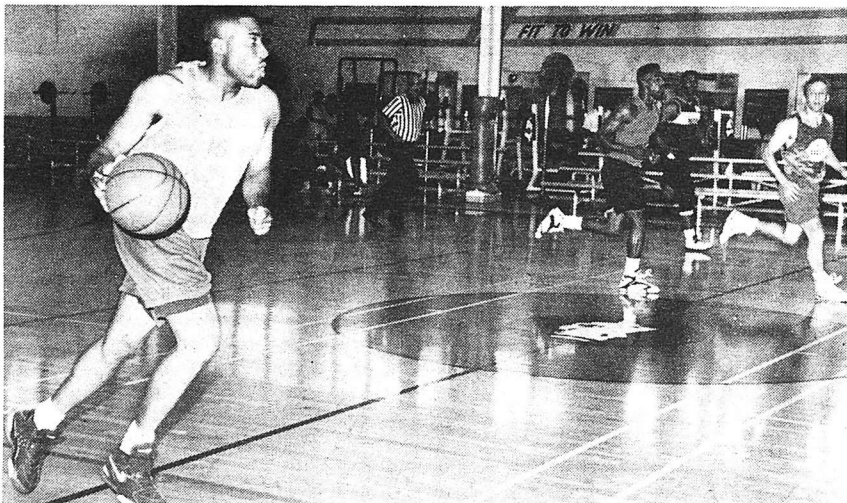
"They have good team coordination. The coach says something and the team follows through. That's why they only lost one game," said league coordinator Jorge Barrera.

MEDDAC is also one of the best military teams in the league, said Barrera.

"They beat other good teams and only lost to the Friends by three points," Barrera said. "They're a good team. They hustled hard to get to the championships. To only lose by three points means a lot."



Directorate of Community Activity's Johnny Taylor goes for the hoop between Medical Department Activity's Richard Dukes (left) and Kevin Taylor.



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Eric Hortin

Medical Department Activity's Jeffery Taylor takes the ball up the court.

Ruff Necks upset Boys II Men, 59-50

by Sgt. Rick Emert
USARSO Public Affairs Office-Atlantic

FORT DAVIS - The 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry Ruff Necks robbed the Pacific community's Boys II Men of its third consecutive title in the St. Patrick's Basketball Tournament here.

Six teams from the Pacific and Atlantic communities went head-to-head in the holiday hoopfest Saturday and Sunday. The double-elimination tournament ended in an "if" game between Boys II Men and Ruff Necks.

Game one of the tournament Saturday saw Ruff Necks edge out the tournament's only unnamed team, 63-57.

In game two, Ruff Necks poured it on handing the MPs the first of its losses, 60-52.

The Pacific Stars didn't shine. The team was a no-show. Those forfeits gave Boys II Men its first victory and kept the

MPs in the tourney.

Although Fire had the edge over Boys II Men in the first half of game five, 24-23, Boys II Men outscored Fire in the second half to win it, 54-51.

Fire came back in Saturday's last game to drop the anonymous team out of the tournament, 74-60.

Boys II Men were leading the Ruff Necks, 26-23 halfway through game seven, but Ruff Necks rallied to win it, 61-48. These teams would inevitably meet again.

Fire blasted the MPs, 66-53, dropping them from play.

Boys II Men extinguished Fire's chances, 66-56, in game nine. Boys II Men then faced the undefeated Ruff Necks in the championship game.

A win for the Ruff Necks would mean a sweep of the tournament, but Boys II Men weren't ready to bow out just yet. The half ended with the teams tied at 30.

Boys II Men dominated the second half, scoring 29

points to Ruff Necks' 17. The final score was 59-47, and an "if" game would decide it.

Ruff Necks got back on track in the final game. They led at the half, 23-22, and held on to beat Boys II Men, 59-50.

Boys II Men's two-year reign as tournament champs was over.

The Ruff Necks' near-sweep of the tournament was somewhat of a vengeance, said Coach Billy R. Hines.

"They (Boys II Men) won the tournament the last two times," he said. "They weren't going to get it a third time."

Hines attributed the team's tournament success to the players spirit and recent success.

"They were excellent on the court," he said. "There was a good attitude about the team and we had team unity. We swept the 193rd (Infantry) Brigade in our organization day tournament," he said. "We were practicing for that, and that helped us with this tournament."

Standings

Army unit level softball			
Red League			
56th Sig.	16	5	-
E Co. 228th	16	5	-
A Co. 154th	15	5	.5
HHC LEA	15	5	.5
534th MP	12	8	3.5
MEDDAC	12	9	4
HHD 56th	9	10	6
3D SOSG	8	12	7.5
E Co. 154th	6	11	8
92nd PSC	5	12	9
HHC 128th	5	14	10
DENTAC	5	14	10
HHC USAG/IG	3	17	12.5
White League			
142nd MED	18	3	-
HHC USAG	14	2	1.5
310th MI	13	6	4

C Co. 1-508th	13	6	4
B Co. 1-508th	9	6	6
565th Ord.	12	9	6
SOUTHCOR	10	8	6.5
HHD 470th	10	8	6.5
B Co. 193rd Spt.	10	8	6.5
59th Eng.	5	9	9.5
41st ASG	6	13	11
DCSRM	6	13	11
HHC 193rd	5	14	12
A Co. 193rd Spt.	2	15	14

Howard unit level softball			
American league			
North			
24th SPS 2	14	7	-
617th ALS 1	12	6	.5
Co. B 1-228th	11	7	1.5
24th MS	11	9	2.5

Co. A 1-508th	6	12	6.5
24th COMM 2	0	20	13.5
South			
24th SUP	18	1	-
536th Eng.	18	3	1
24th CES 1	13	7	6
24th AIRPS	5	15	14
Co. C 1-228th	3	14	14.5
310th ALS	4	16	15

National league			
West			
24th Med Grp	18	3	-
24th OSS/AISS	16	6	2.5
617th SOAD	13	7	4.5
24th COMM 1	11	11	7.5
HHC 1-508th	9	11	8.5
24th SVS	9	12	9
617th ALSS 1	1	18	16

East			
24th SPS 1	21	0	-
24th MSSQ	16	7	6
24th TRANS	12	10	9.5
24th WS	5	17	16.5
HHC 1-228th	3	16	17.5
24th CES	3	19	18.5

Air Force Golf Standings			
American League			
24th MS	61.5		
Navy	51.5		
24th CS (A)	51.5		
24th SVS	51		
24th AINS-OSS	44		
617th ALSS (B)	42.5		
24th CES (A)	40.5		
A Co. 1-228th	27.5		
24th WS	6		

National League	
617th ALSS (A)	67.5
24th Trans	60.5
24th SPS	42
24th Med.	42
536th Eng.	37.5
617th ALSS (C)	37
24th CS (B)	30.5
24th CES (FD)	17

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Infantry fights sports day battle

Airborne and leg units compete for athletic bragging rights

by Sgt. Robin Mantikoski
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON - During a time of war, units from the 193rd Infantry Brigade (Light) would be working together on the battlefield. These soldiers were pitted against each other on a different kind of battlefield March 18 — fighting for athletic bragging rights in the unit's sports day.

The 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry (Light), dominated three of the four events at the 193rd Inf. Bde. Sports Day held at Fort Clayton Recreation Park.

"Since we've never had a brigade organizational day, we decided to make it a competitive, purely sports day," said 1st Lt. Drew McCall, sports day coordinator. "I think the motivation has been high and the competition intense."

Throughout the day, the athletes participated in football, basketball, volleyball and softball. Each of the four units; 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry; 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry (Light); 59th Engineer Company; and Headquarters Company, 193rd Inf. Bde., were represented in all the events.

The 5-87th beat out 1-508th in three of the four events during the championship games. The 1-508th knocked the 5-87th out in softball.

The Sports Day results were:

Softball

59th Eng. over 5th-87th, 8-4
1st-508th over HHC, 193rd, 12-2

Consolation game

5th-87th over HHC, 193rd, 7-0

Championship game

1st-508th over 59th Eng. 8-5

Volleyball

1st-508th over 59th Eng., 2-1

5th-87th over HHC, 193rd, 2-0

Consolation game

HHC, 193rd over 59th Eng., 2-1

Championship game

5th-87th over 1st-508th, 2-1

Football

5th-87th over HHC, 193rd, 1-0

1st-508th over 59th Eng., 26-0

Consolation game

HHC, 193rd over 59th Eng.

Championship game

5th-87th over 1st-508th

Basketball

1st-508th over 59th Eng., 28-14

5th-87th over HHC, 193rd, 40-16

Consolation game

59th Eng. over HHC, 193rd, 26-20

Championship game

5th-87th over 1st-508th, 43-34



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Robin Mantikoski

193rd Infantry Brigade soldiers battle each other in volleyball.

Menasche Sports is softball champs

by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times Sports Editor

FORT CLAYTON - Comedy Crew got serious about softball in the women's championship tournament here Saturday and Sunday, rising from a 5-11 regular season record to challenge top seeded Menasche Sporting Goods for first place.

The challenge was answered by a strong Menasche team with an 11-6 victory over the upstart Crew in the final game.

Menasche cruised over its competition, beating Comedy Crew in the second round of the tournament. The Crew rebounded, upsetting the Chrysler team 19-14 and Nujak Swang team 15-9 in the next two rounds of the tournament.

Menasche and Comedy Crew faced off again in the finals, but the Crew ran out of steam against the more experience Menasche.

Comedy Crew played strong defense in the early innings, robbing Menasche's first three hitters by catching shots to third, center and left. Menasche answered in kind,

allowing only Frances Price's double in the first.

Comedy Crew beat Menasche to the scoreboard however, chalking up a run when Patricia Donato got onboard with a triple and was driven in by a Becky Weyant. Comedy Crew kept Menasche off the scoreboard through the first three innings, allowing only a pair of singles in the second.

Everything changed in the fourth when the Menasche bats got hot. Back-to-back doubles by Gemma Iannessa and Dee Overstreet, followed by a Noel Geddes home run and Tau Young's sprint home after hitting a triple, gave Menasche a 4-1 lead.

The Menasche defense started smoking too, denying Comedy Crew again and again. Menasche pitcher Karen Powell handed first base to Weyant on a walk, but turned it around by striking out Charlene Punter to close the fourth.

Comedy Crew was set up for a possible come-from-behind in the top of the fifth when Annamarie Fleck got a hit and Powell walked the next two batters to load the bases. Facing a three-point deficit with two outs and the bases loaded, Connie Ash stepped into the batters box and drove

the ball into center, only to have it snagged by Geddes.

Menasche's hot streak stretched into the fifth with hit after hit. Six Menasche hits blew past Comedy Crew's defense before an out was made. Menasche elevated the score to 10-1, shutting down Comedy Crew until the last inning.

Menasche added a run at the top of the eighth to make the 11-1, leaving Comedy Crew with one chance to come from behind. Comedy Crew dug deep looking for another surprise win.

The final inning looked like a whole new game for Comedy Crew when Punter led off with a double. Punter stirred up some more action when she was caught in a rundown and tagged out by second baseman Tammie Crofoot for the first out.

Comedy Crew came back with a string of hits by Paula Smith, Fleck, Molly Elling, and a double by Frances Price.

Comedy Crew rallied to 11-6, but couldn't get past first baseman Sylvia Jones' glove as she snagged a line drive to end the game.

Menasche had a strong lineup, including some former All-Army softball team members Geddes, Powell and herself, Iannessa said.

"We have good players and strategy. When we started practicing we taught the players the rules of the game. We played smart ball," she said.

Menasche didn't win its games on the field alone. They couldn't have done it without the support of their fans who came to every game to cheer for them, Iannessa said. "We had our own cheering section at every game," she said.

Comedy Crew saved its best for last. After their losing season Comedy Crew regrouped for the tournament, said Jim Lara, Comedy Crew head coach.

"They had big hearts and ambition to win. They got tired of losing," he said.

Many of the Comedy crew players were new to the game. Their turn-around in the tournament proved they learned from every loss and came back stronger than before.

"I saw a big improvement in them over the season with all their practice and hard work," Lara said.



Department of Defense photo by Sgt. Lori Davis

Menasche Sporting Goods' second baseman Tammie Crofoot tags Comedy Crew's Charlene Punter in a rundown with a little help from Menasche's third baseman Tau Young. The tag brought the first out of the last inning as Comedy Crew tried to come from behind.



Department of Defense photo by SSgt. Richard Puckett

Jimmy Jacobs takes a lead at second base.

All-Stars end tourney run

PANAMA CITY (Tropic Times) - The road to the Little League World Series ended Saturday for the Albrook All-Stars after Bethania eliminated them from the Panama City tournament.

Despite losing its first game a week ago to the tournament favorite Curundu, the All-Stars fought back. The team won three in a row (with one forfeit) in a bid to earn a rematch. But Bethania overpowered the weary warriors 13-0 at Curundu Field and advanced to the finals.

Although the loss was a tough one for the All-Stars, they have a lot to be proud of, said Vince Duncan, Albrook Youth Sports Director. The All-Stars not only advanced farther than its predecessor from 1993, but sent a message to the rest of the teams in Panama.

"Next year watch out," Duncan said. "Every year, despite the fact that we don't have a lot of kids, we improve. The players, coaches and program keep getting better. I think we'll be the favorites next year."

The All-Stars sent plenty of ripples throughout Panama



Department of Defense photo by Sgt. Lori Davis

Centerfielder Ben Vasquez takes a rip at a pitch in the first inning of Sunday's game.

City with its week-long run of crushing victories.

After edging Parque Levebre 7-6 in extra innings March 16, the team got hot.

Pitcher Brad Dobson sparked his teammates during the March 17 game against Santa Clara. He struck out 13 hitters, allowed two runs on just five hits in his team's 11-2 victory. Centerfielder Ben Vasquez cracked two hits including an inside-the-park home run to help provide the firepower.

The team continued to roll March 18 against Aldea S.O.S. Virgil Priestly got the nod and held Aldea in check, while his team romped.

The All-Stars' offense gave Priestly an early 8-0 lead in

the top of the first. Vasquez reached base on an error. Dobson drove him in with a double and Priestly took one out of the yard for a two-run shot.

Offensive stars included Vasquez who added four hits, and three stolen bases, Dobson with three doubles and a single, and Eddie Krynicki with two hits.

The team tallied up 15 to roll by Aldea 15-7.

A combination of the continuous schedule and the Elementary Track Meet at Balboa High School, which featured more than half of the team, took its toll on the team heading into Saturday's game against Bethania.

Bethania jumped to a quick lead and never looked back, forcing the All-Stars had to settle for third place.

On the green

Luck o' the Irish serves golfers



U.S. Navy photo by Debbie Erhart

Robert Will tries to sink a putt during the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day golf tournament sponsored by Navy Morale, Welfare and recreation and COPA Airlines.

HOROKO GOLF COURSE (Navy MWR Marketing) - More than 100 golfers joined in the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Golf Tournament here Saturday.

The two-person, best ball tournament was sponsored by Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation and COPA Airlines.

Awards for first, second and third place finishers were presented at a ceremony held at the Rodman Chief Petty Officers' Club.

Tournament results are as follows:

Championship Flight (Handicap 0-7)

1st Place: Larry Jones and Pat Young, 61
2nd Place: Mark Mikus and Roger Booser, 61 (tie breaker)
3rd Place: John Geist and John Dooley, 62

1st Flight (Handicap 8-15)

1st Place: Michael Miklas and Todd Curtis, 59
2nd Place: Dave Bishop and Rene Ibarra, 60
3rd Place: Richard Parker and Steve Wood, 61

2nd Flight (Handicap 16-22)

1st Place: Eddy Vieto and John Heithcock, 54
2nd Place: Greg Dhaene and Tom Edwards, 55
3rd Place: Jim Joliff and Ron Williams, 56

3rd Flight (Handicap 23 and above)

1st Place: Javier Solis and Jacobb Atie, 56
2nd Place: John J. Letscher and John Myers, 56 (tie breaker)
3rd Place: Thomas Sim and David Dixon, 58

Swimmers make All-Isthmian team

BALBOA (Tropic Times) - The Department of Defense Dependents Schools wrapped up the swimming season March 18 with the individual competition. Winners of the individual meet were selected for the 1993-94 All-Isthmian Swimming Team.

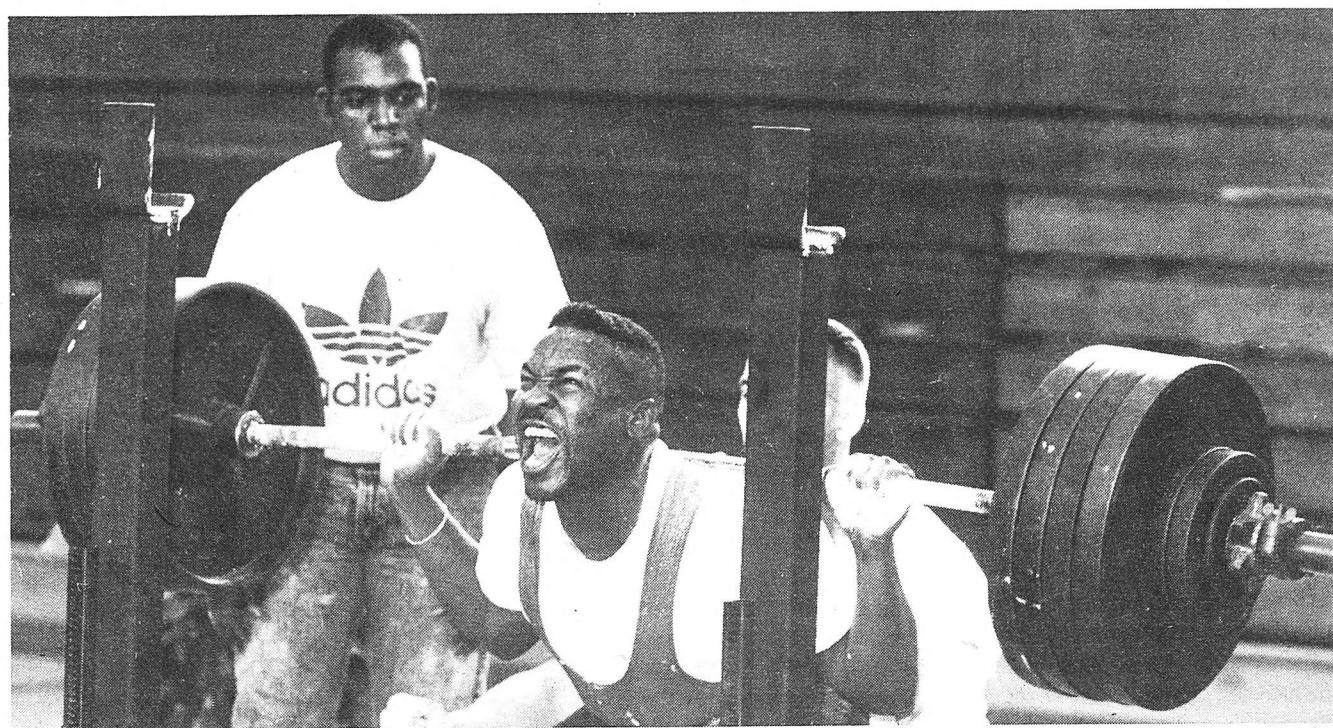
Swimmers and divers were selected for the team in the following events:

All-Isthmian Boys Team

Brian Vanairsdale (Balboa High School), 200 Medley Relay, 200 freestyle relay
Rajesh Nandwani (BHS), 200 freestyle relay
Floyd Able (BHS), 200 freestyle relay
Luis Ochoa (BHS), 200 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 400 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay
Ivan Rodriguez (BHS), 100 breaststroke (new record, 1:03.17), 200 medley relay, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay, 50 freestyle
Ryan Sweeney (BHS), 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle relay
Andrew Page (BHS), 100 backstroke, 200 freestyle relay, 200 medley relay
Garth Higgins (BHS), 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay
Jason Ely (BHS), diving

All Isthmian Girls Team

Beth Foster (Curundu Junior High School), medley relay, 200 freestyle relay
Rebecca Gabriel (CJHS), medley relay
Amanda Gabrielson (CJHS), medley relay, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay
Virginia Knowles (CJHS), medley relay, 200 individual medley, 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke
Megan Higgins (CJHS), 200 freestyle relay
Leslie Moruza (CJHS), 200 freestyle relay
Megan Kelly (BHS), 200 freestyle
Stacey Skoog (BHS) diving
Heather Thompson (BHS), 100 backstroke
Sarah Petersen (BHS), 400 freestyle



Tropic Times file photo

Pumpin' iron

Danny Kerns does squats during an Air Force powerlifting competition. The Rodman Physical Fitness Center will host a powerlifting meet 10:30 Saturday. The meet is open to all active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and family members 18 years of age and older. Call Morise Conerly or Henry Phillips at 283-4222/4061 for more information.

SCN AM 790, 1420 radio airs pro, college sports

Southern Command Network's AM 790 Pacific and 1420 Atlantic will broadcast the following sports this weekend.

Tonight

NCAA doubleheader: Boston College vs. Indiana, followed by Maryland vs. Michigan

Saturday

NCAA doubleheader: Teams TBA

Sunday

NCAA doubleheader: Teams TBA

Curundu Bowling Center will be closed April 1

The Curundu Bowling Center will be closed April 1. Call 286-3914 for information.

Amador Golf Course has spring clearance sale

The Amador Golf Course is discounting many of its items 10-40 percent to make room for new merchandise purchased at the 1994 Professional Golf Association show. The sale ends today.

Panama Armed Forces Running Championship

The Panama Armed Forces Running Association is sponsoring a 5-mile run Saturday starting at the Fort Clayton pedestrian gate. Start time for the race is 7 a.m. Call 287-5444 for more information.

Fronius gym starts over-30 basketball

Registration for the over-30 basketball is open until April 5. There will be an organizational meeting 6 p.m. April 8 at the gym.

Intramural flag football league kicks off in April

Registration for flag football is Monday through April 13. There will be an organizational meeting noon April 16 at the Sundial Recreation Center. Play begins April 18.

School volleyball, soccer tryouts set for April

Boys' and girls' volleyball and boys' soccer tryouts are scheduled for 3:15 April

4-6. Locations are as follows:

- ◆Boys' volleyball
April 4, Balboa High School
April 5, Curundu Junior High School
April 6, Panama Canal College
- ◆Girls' volleyball
April 4, CJHS
April 5-6, BHS
- ◆Boys' soccer
April 4-6, BHS

Howard hosts parents meeting for youth soccer

A parent's meeting for youth soccer will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday at Howard AFB. For more information, call Vince Duncan at 286-3195.

Howard, Albrook begin bowling sign-ups

The Howard and Albrook bowling centers are signing up bowlers to form summer bowling leagues. Visit the centers or call 284-4818 for more information.

Security police sponsor softball tournament

The 24th Security Police Squadron will host a co-ed softball tournament April 8-10 at Howard AFB's Weekly Field. Cost is \$100 plus one 12-inch and one 11-inch ball. For more information, call Norm Poppell, 284-3392 after 5 p.m.

Over 30 volleyball league begins in April

Registration is open for over 30 volleyball April 11-29. There will be an organizational meeting 6 p.m. May 2 at the Fronius Fitness Center. Call 286-3108 for information.

Amador Golf Course schedules tee-off times

The Amador Golf Course is using pre-scheduled starting times for teeing off Saturday, Sunday and U.S. holidays. Only groups of three or four may reserve tee-times before 10 a.m. on these days.

Reservations may be called in beginning the Wednesday before the weekend's play.

Albrook center sponsors no tap tournament

The Albrook Bowling Center will hold a no tap tournament 3 p.m. Sunday. Entry

fee is \$10 per bowler. Participants in must have verifiable league averages.

Registration opens for women's volleyball

Registration for women's volleyball begins Monday and runs through April 11. There will be an organizational meeting 5 p.m., April 11 at the Fronius Fitness Center. The league starts play April 14.

Major League baseball players visit Panama

Six former Major League baseball players will visit military bases here as part of the "MCI Ambassadors of Baseball" tour. Ron LeFlore, Paul Blair, Tug McGraw, Manny Sanguillen, John Stearns and Jimmy Wynn will visit the Pacific and Atlantic communities April 7-10, signing autographs and playing celebrity softball games.

Federal endorsement of sponsor not intended.

Howard, Albrook host flag football tournament

The Howard and Albrook Sports and Fitness Centers will host a flag football tournament April 25 at Weekly Field. Players must register at either center by April 18. Call 284-3451 for more information.

Howard, Albrook centers triathlon set for April 16

The Howard and Albrook sports and fitness centers are sponsoring a triathlon April 16. Registration for the event ends April 12. The event includes a 500-meter swim at the Howard pool, a 20-kilometer bike race and a 5-kilometer run. The event is for individuals only. Call 284-3451 for more information.

Horoko Golf Course changes hours

The Horoko Pro Shop is open Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. holidays.

The driving range hours are 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday and 6:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The restaurant will be open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Football, softball, soccer in sports line-up

Registration for the Directorate of Community Activities unit flag football is ongoing until April 5.

Women's soccer registration is ongoing until April 7. There will be a clinic 6 p.m. Thursday.

Desert Storm softball registration is ongoing until April 15. There will be a clinic 6 p.m. April 5.

Call the DCA Sports Division Office at 287-4050 for more information.

Sunskiff/Boston Whaler rental fees changed

The Rodman Marina announces that effective Sunday, daily rental fee on the Sunskiff will be \$86 and will include 36 gallons of gas instead of the previously allotted 16 gallons.

Half day rental for the Sunskiff will be \$43 with 18 gallons of gas. Daily rental rate for the Boston Whaler will be \$62 and will include 24 gallons of gas, a six gallon increase.

Half day rental for the Boston Whaler will be \$31 with 12 gallons of gas. Contact the Rodman Marina at 283-3147 for more information.

Rodman looking for martial arts instructors

The Rodman Fitness Center is looking for certified instructors to teach martial arts, aerobics and water aerobics. For more information contact Morise Conerly at the Rodman Fitness Center, 283-4222/4061.

Bowling centers offer deals for children in April

The Curundu and Clayton bowling centers are celebrating the Month of the Military Child throughout April. The centers are offering special prices and free shoe rentals for school age children.

Introductory sailing lessons for 15 and over

Sailing lessons are provided through the Moral, Welfare and Recreation Division monthly. Lessons are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. the last Saturday and Sunday of one month and the first Saturday and Sunday the following month. Classes are limited to 10 students 15 years old or older.

Sign up for classes at the Fort Clayton Boat Shop. An affidavit of good health and a swim test is required. Students will get a qualification card which will allow them to rent sailboats and to enroll in the intermediate sailing course at Rodman Naval Station after completing this course.

Fronius Fitness Center offers fitness courses

The Fronius Fitness Center offers a various weight training and aerobic classes.

Free weight training sessions are 3-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Free Nautilus machine training sessions are 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays.

Free step aerobics sessions are 9-10 a.m. Monday through Friday. The center now provides steps for the class. Call Mrs. Johnson at 289-4111 for more information.

Reeder offers aerobics

Reeder physical Fitness Center has free aerobics 9:15-10:15 a.m. Monday through Friday, include warm-up, cardiovascular workout, cool down and floor work.

Clayton center offers lunchtime bowling

The Clayton Bowling Center will offer a special lunch deal for bowlers 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. through Thursday. Call 287-6366 for more information.

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Fake quake readies Crisis Action Team

QUARRY HEIGHTS (Tropic Times) - The earth trembled with violent shudders. Buildings of concrete and steel crumbled as if they were made of cards. The lives of the Venezuelan people were thrown into instant turmoil by an angry force of nature, a devastating earthquake.

Within minutes phones were ringing here. The U.S. Southern Command's joint staff confirmed the natural disaster with the U.S. Military Group in Venezuela and mobilized a Crisis Action Team, a group of specially trained experts well-versed in the complex job of helping neighboring countries in the wake of catastrophe.

This may sound melodramatic for a training exercise, but the reality injected into this scenario by the Joint Exercise Control Group helped members of the CAT feel like they were in the middle of an actual crisis. In real emergencies, CAT members converge on Quarry Heights and labor over incoming information and develop a plan to send help quickly and efficiently.

The realism was crucial to ensuring the CAT would "train as it serves" and the SOUTHCOM Disaster Relief Office could evaluate its performance under pressure, said Capt. Jacinto Rodriguez, Disaster Relief Office action officer and a control group officer for this exercise, conducted last week.

The disaster relief office serves countries in need of U.S. assistance following a natural disaster, Rodriguez said. The office is the link between the Southern Command and the countries in its area affected by a natural disaster. The CAT coordinates relief efforts supplied by the U.S. military here, he said.

To properly evaluate the CAT, the control group set up a mock Venezuelan office at Fort Amador. From that office came directions from a simulated Venezuelan government, the U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela and the U.S. Military Group there, Rodriguez said.

The ambassador, played by Helen Hahn, was busy trying to coordinate helicopter

support for units sent by the Southern Command's CAT.

Learning these lessons in how to best help a country in need is the most important part of the training, Hahn said.

"You have to coordinate with the people there," Hahn said. "They are the experts. They are in a position to assist us."

The in-country military group also plays a vital role in assisting during an emergency.

Lt. Col. Michael Snyder, chief for the National Guard section of the U.S. Military Group in Venezuela, said the military group in the affected country works with the U. S. ambassador to apply military assets to their greatest potential.

While all this is going on in the disaster-stricken country, the CAT is busy coordinating support efforts and monitoring phones and computers for incoming messages as the situation progresses.

Those incoming messages also come from members of the disaster liaison team. They act as the CAT's ground crew at the site, working with country team and representatives from the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, said Lt. Col. Bob Townsend, CAT team chief.

"The military offers immediate airlift capabilities, help with communication in the field, help with providing emergency shelter for displaced people and engineers provide potable (sanitary) water," said Smith, an OFDA logistics specialist.

"The right approach is to step back, to send the right stuff at the right time," said Capt. Don Luebbecke, deputy director of operations for SOUTHCOM's Joint Operations Office.

The U.S. military is not the only organization offering assistance to nations affected by disaster. Neighboring countries throughout Latin America also come to each other's aid, Townsend said.

"It's a regional response. Other countries will want to contribute. We are just one contributor," Townsend said.

Submarine crew welcomes USSOUTHCOM commander

RODMAN NS (USSOUTHCOM PAO) - When an Army visitor comes onboard a Navy submarine, things happen.

For the 137-man crew of the *USS Gato*, things happened Wednesday as the submarine docked at Pier 2 North here.

The submarine, nicknamed "Black Cat" and based out of New London, Conn., passed through the Panama Canal Monday and stopped at Rodman for crew rest and submarine maintenance, said Lt. Cdr. Jim Stevens, executive officer aboard the submarine.

During the stop, Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commander-in-chief, U.S. Southern Command, visited the submarine and its crew.

"The biggest thing for the sailors was morale," said Cmdr. Randel Zellar, submarine commander. "We don't get to show off our ship very often. General McCaffrey was probably the highest ranked officer onboard in a long time.

"The purpose of the visit was to show that capabilities we can offer U.S. Southern Command. We did that," Zellar said.

During the one-hour visit, McCaffrey spoke over the submarine's public address system to the crew and launched a simulated torpedo attack from the ship's control

room. In his address, McCaffrey thanked the crew for their contributions to the United States.

It was PO3CL Thomas Winner's job to supervise the "torpedo attack." Winner, 21, from Marietta, Ohio, is a fire control technician working in the weapons department.

"He did very well," Winner said. "We had it all set up for him. Before he came onboard we set up a training problem and worked it through to the point of launching the attack. He came in, went to standby, then neutral, then the fire position.

"He got a direct hit.

"I enjoyed it as much as he did. It was a chance to show pride in what I do, and I think the others felt about the same. It was not only that he was a general, but that he's from another service interested in what we do" Winner said.

The submarine commander said that he had only one regret about the general's visit.

"When he came onboard, we didn't realize his tanker background," Zellar said.

"He probably felt at home, though — with the air conditioning, the close quarters and all. And, one of our ship's gyroscopes is very similar to the gyroscope in a tank. Had we known, we would've shown him."



Department of Defense photo by Spec. Ted Browning

Lt. Gen. Martin Antonio Balza, chief of the Argentine Army General Staff, checks out an M-16A2 as Maj. Gen. G.A. Crocker, U.S. Army South commander, looks on.

Argentine military chief visits Panama

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - As part of U.S. Army South's Distinguished Visitors Program, Lt. Gen. Martin Antonio Balza, chief of the Argentine Army General Staff, arrived in Panama Wednesday. His visit consisted of a three-day orientation and familiarization tour with USARSO soldiers, units and equipment.

The Distinguished Visitors Program is conducted to enhance military-to-military relations with forces in Central and South America. As well as bringing visitors here, the commanding general visits other countries, fostering a better understanding of the United States and the U.S. Army with Latin American countries.

Balza visited different areas within USARSO and the U.S. Southern Command during his tour. Part of his tour included meetings with the commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command, and the USARSO commander.

During this visit he participated in a night vision equipment demonstration followed by a UH-60 helicopter night flight, a tour of Quarry Heights followed by a command briefing, a tour of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy at Fort Sherman, and a demonstration of communication capabilities, equipment displays, maintenance areas and barracks.

Balza, as the chief of staff, has been the driving force behind the modernizing and restructuring of the Argentine army. During his term, his interest with improving military-to-military relations with countries in the Latin America has grown.

Media attention on Balza has also grown, due in large part to the Argentine army's increasing involvement in United Nations' operations. As a nationally known athlete, Balza is somewhat used to the attention, having set swimming records in the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle.

Balza is also well-known among the military community. He has authored two publications describing operations in the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands War, where he was an artillery battalion commander.

Balza's visit is scheduled to end today.

A look at Argentina

Facts about Argentina: Argentina, which occupies the southernmost tip of South America, is the eighth largest country in the world geographically (it is four times the size of Texas). Its population of 32.4 million

is largely European (primarily Spanish and Italian) with about one-third living in the capital city of Buenos Aires. Its gross domestic product for 1990 was \$80.4

billion. The government is a federally constituted republic with a constitution similar to that of the United States. The U.S. Military Group in Buenos Aires administers the security assistance program.





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Damsels in distress

Megan Kat, Katrina Michie, Nicole Reinert, Karen Moreland and Niedin Castro rehearse a scene from the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre's children's theater production "Twelve Dancing Princesses." See story and photos page B3.

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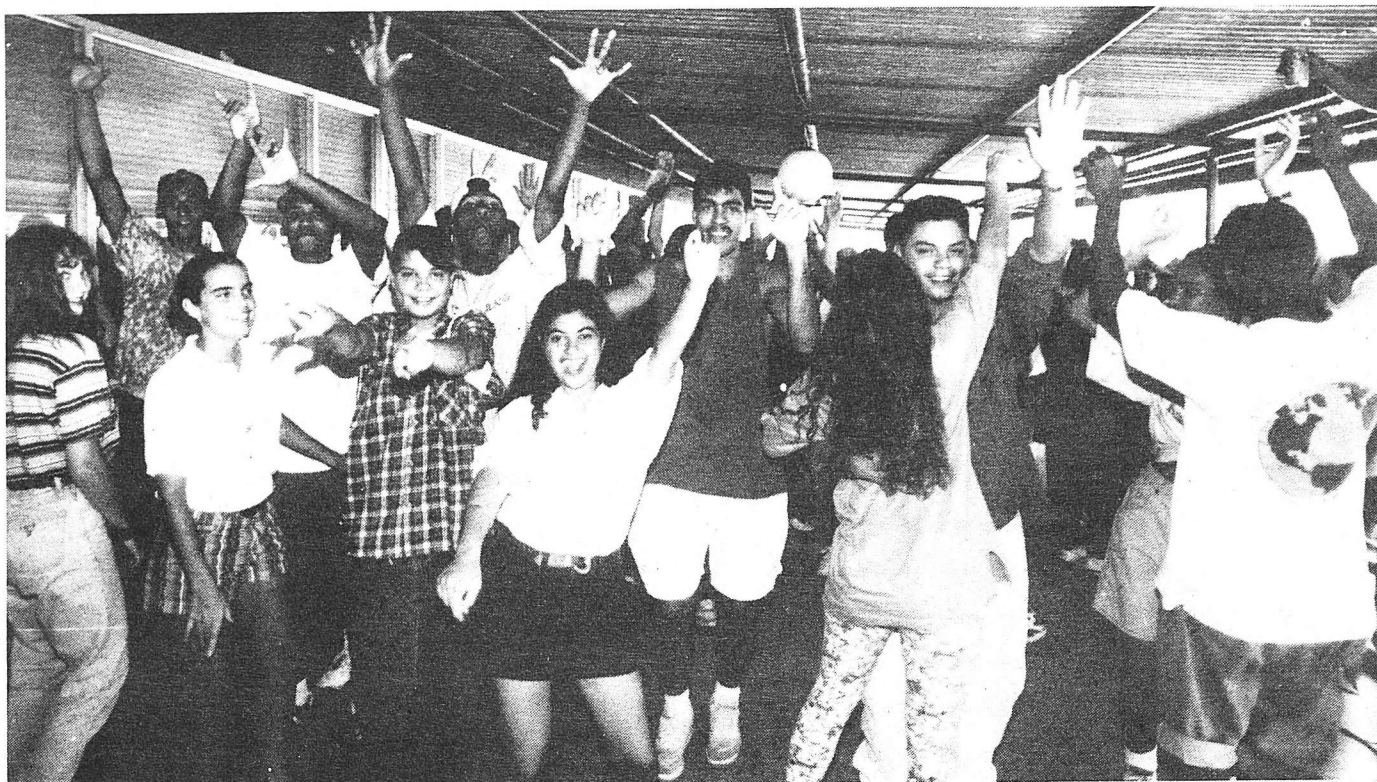
Balboa High School seniors enjoy a three-day funfest as their high school days dwindle.

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Seniors wave to the camera during their picnic.

Department of Defense photo by Juan Carlos Palacio

Rank has its privileges

Seniors enjoy three-day party

by **Juan Carlos Palacio**
Tropic Times student intern

BALBOA - Under the bright morning sun, the Balboa High School senior class prepared themselves for three days of fun March 15 - 17.

The seniors were watching movies, having lunch and breakfast while the underclassmen took their Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills.

It all started Tuesday. At 8:05 the bell rang. That was the sign for all seniors to pack up and take busses to the Amador Theater to watch the movie "The Air Up There."

The theater was not open, so some of the seniors decided to sit and wait while others walked to the shoppette to buy refreshments. Finally the theater opened and everyone rushed inside to get a good seat. After all the hustle and bustle of settling in, the movie finally started.

"The movie was pretty good — it was funny," senior Karina Manning said.

After the movie, the seniors walked to the Amador Officers Club for a hamburger and hotdog all-you-can-eat buffet.

The surprise announcement was made that local DJ group Rockway would play at the picnic. While they waited for the music, some decided to play frisbee. By noon Rockway had arrived and the fun started.

It was three long hours of dancing to non-stop reggae.

"I thought they were going to get tired but they did not. They wanted more so I gave them more," said one Rockway DJ, Chichi. "They were loving it. They even started their mini culecos, you could see they were having fun."

The seniors even decided to let the teacher escorts in on the fun. The girls grabbed the senior class sponsor, Kenneth Waugh, and dragged him to the dance floor for some getting down.

"It was fun watching Mr. Waugh get splashed with water," senior Amanda Spurlock said.

But Waugh wasn't the only one coerced onto the dance floor. Rita Sosa, Dorothy White, and Patricia Morales also got down and dirty.

On Wednesday, the seniors stayed in school to take their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test.

The last day of festivities was St. Patrick's Day. The seniors gathered in the school cafeteria for an egg, bacon, ham, hashbrown, and toast banquet. They also watched the movies "Coneheads," "A Few Good Men" and "Coming to America."

"The breakfast was pretty good — better than I expected," senior Jerome Price said.

"All in all these three days were quite fun," senior Tarina Cordoba said. "It was one of those things that you get to do with friends. It was one of those days you will always remember."

Dinosaurs invade Atlantic school

FORT ESPINAR (USARSOPAO-Atl) - A class from Gulick Elementary School recently got a real-life taste of the hit movie, "Jurassic Park."

The dinosaurs these third-graders created, however, were not as threatening. In fact, they're quite fragile.

The students made 14 papier-mache dinosaurs to tie in with a science lesson they had on the extinct animals, said Pam Potter, the students' teacher.

"We did a unit on dinosaurs and the kids were fascinated with them," she said. "I decided to make this a science project."

The students worked on their dinosaurs an hour a day for two weeks.

"Each student got some chicken wire to take home for their parents to help form the structure," she said. "The papier-mache was added in the classroom."

The project even involved a bit of recycling.

"We used newspapers for the papier-mache — actually, they were old Tropic Times."

The effort the students put into their individual projects was impressive, she said.

"They were so enthusiastic about it," Potter said.



Lauren Johnson touches up her miniature brontosaurus.

Youth activities

Albrook/Howard

◆ **Youth Centers** 286-3195/284-4700:

Both centers will be closed April 1 and 2.

◆ **Hideout Teen Center** 284-5487:

Movie night 6 p.m.-midnight Fridays for ages 13-19.

House party 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday at the Farfan Teen Center. Cost is \$2 per person. Call before 6 p.m. to arrange transportation.

Name the teen center contest for ages 13-18 through March. Drop boxes for submissions are at Balboa High and Curundu Junior High Schools, Anthony's Pizza outlets, Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppettes and cafeterias, Howard AFB Exchange and the Fort Clayton and Howard teen centers. Entry deadline is March 31. The winner will be announced at the teen center dance April 30.

Clayton

◆ **Fort Clayton Elementary School:**

Bicycle Rodeo 9 a.m.-noon Saturday sponsored by the Provost Marshal's office at the play shelter area. There will be finger printing, bike registration and an appearance by McGruff. Call 287-6762.

Skate night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the play shelter area. Admission is free for Fort Clayton school students, 25 cents for everyone else. Permission slips are required. Call Pamela Hoover at 287-4727.

◆ **Youth Center** 287-6451:

Spring Break activities are being scheduled for Monday-Thursday. Registration is open now.

Easter Egg hunt 9-11 a.m. April 2 at Clayton Park for ages 3-12.

A variety of classes are offered. Call for details.

◆ **Senior Teen Center** 287-3464/4680:

Meet at the teen center to watch the cayuco race 1 p.m. Sunday.

Spring break holiday co-ed sports camp Monday-Thursday.

Resume writing self-help seminar April 8.

◆ **Child Development Center** 287-3301:

Mini Olympics April 8.

Openings in a family child care home are available.

Child Development Services Central registry and offices have been moved to Building 155, Fort Clayton.

Atlantic

◆ **Espinar Youth Center** 289-4605:

Teddy bear bingo 3-4:40 p.m. today.

Express yourself block party at Special Effect's parking lot 7-9 p.m. for junior teens, 9 p.m.-midnight for senior teens tonight.

Spring Break mini-camp, Monday-Thursday.

Spring adventure camp for teens Monday-Thursday. Enjoy days at the beach, canoeing or snorkeling.

Easter egg hunt and games 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 2 at the Aquativity center.

After school party 3-6 p.m. April 8.

Youth welcome to Panama 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 9. Sign up by April 7. Tropical food tasting, a visit to Fort San Lorenzo and entertainment are included.

Atlantic & Pacific

Joint Service Boat Cruise to Taboga Island 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, \$5. Youths ages 15 to high school seniors are invited on a cruise including disco dancing on the boat, swimming and snorkeling. Bring your own food and snorkeling equipment. Parental permission is needed. The ship leaves from Pier 18.

Scouts

Adult leaders, including two district leader positions, are needed. Call 285-6548.

Campfire court of honor will be held by Boy Scout Troop 16 Saturday to recognize scouts for their advancements.

Cayuco Race will be held Friday-Sunday.

District Operating Committee meeting April 5.

Order of the Arrow meeting April 11.

District Executive Board meeting April 20.

Boy Scouts meet:

Troop 8 - 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Balboa Union Church

Troop 6 - 7 p.m. Thursdays, LDS Church

Troop 16 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Howard Riding Stables

Troop 20 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Albrook Building 812

Troop 128 - 7 p.m. Thursdays, Clayton Building 520.

Call 285-6548 for Cub Scout information.

Balboa

There will be a **fashion show** 6:30 p.m. today at the Balboa High School gymnasium to support the class of 1994. Tickets are \$2. Call Veronica Rines at 287-6317/5803.



Dancing Princesses Erika Simpson, Dori Andrade, Karen Moreland, Taya Castro, Melanie Herrington, and Megan Kat try to impress the Prince.

Twelve Dancing Princesses

Tiny actors ham it up

Layers of chiffon and sequins transform a stage full of little actors into princesses, trees, and a variety of other characters in the latest theatrical endeavor to hit the isthmus.

Nearly 30 children ages 7-15 are involved in the production of "Twelve Dancing Princesses" 7:30 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre in Curundu.

The young thespians have been rehearsing for six weeks. The play is the final project of the children's theater workshop. During the workshop, the children learned about acting, stage movement, props and other theatrical devices, said director DL Sima.

The little performers have been very responsive to the dramatic training and are looking forward to showing off what they have learned, Sima said.

"I can direct them and tell them how to do things, but it's the kids up there on stage and they're responsible for what goes on there," Sima said.

The young actors seem pretty confident about this show and most of

them think the audience will enjoy it.

"They'll find it very entertaining," said aspiring actress Megan Kat who portrays Princess Prudence. "There's a lot of good actors and actresses. It's going to be a very good show."

The children are pleased with the play, but many say they had to overcome some obstacles to prepare for their roles.

"It's not easy to act like a princess," said Princess Angela Taya Castro. "I

have to cross my legs and sit up straight, because I'm usually slouching."

"For me, the hardest thing is trying to carry a tray and wiggle and chew gum at the same time," said Katy Pitts, who plays a waitress and back-up singer.

"It's hard getting your costume on," said Princess Inga Erika Simpson "You have to change costumes and you don't have much time."

Even though the troupe had to work hard to make their show a success, most seem to think it was worth it.

"I'm having fun," said Cristina Finocchiaro, tree and back-up singer. "It's neat because it's magical and there's



Ben Davis, Sarah Stringfellow and Karen Moreland rehearse a scene.

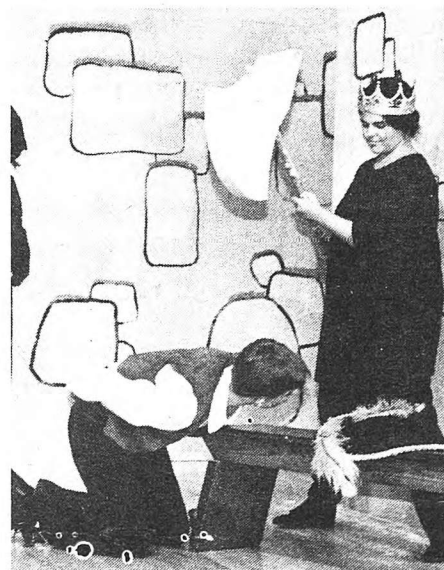
a palace."

"I like being in the play because you can entertain yourself if you don't have anything to do at home," said tree and back-up singer Cheryl Castro.

Besides getting the children out of the house, the theater workshop and the performance give the small thespians a sense of accomplishment, Sima said.

"The kids really seem to enjoy it," Sima said. "It gives them a chance to work on a project with other kids outside of school. They like doing new things."

Like most budding young actors, these youths are also publicity hounds. They all want their names in the paper. So, to the cast of "Twelve Dancing Princesses" — Charlie Andrade, Neidin Castro, Christina Crump, Cristina Finocchiaro, Kelly Karst, Jennifer Meeks, Karen Moreland, Nicole Reinert, Sonya Simpson, Dori Andrade, Taya Castro, Ben Davis, Sarah Hansen, Megan Kat, Stephanie Meeks, Katy Pitts, Cristina Roubik, Brooke Stringfellow, Tania Kat, Cheryl Castro, Angela Cellucci, Lilli Davis, Melanie Herrington, Jacqueline McNulty, Katrina Michie, Felicia Reinert, Erika Simpson and Sarah Stringfellow — Break a leg!



Lili Davis prepares to chop Ben Davis' head off. Will our hero be rescued in time?

story and photos
by Maureen Sampson
Tropic Times staff

Clayton power outage scheduled for Saturday

Fort Clayton will be without power 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday while the Panama Canal Commission performs switch-gear maintenance at the Miraflores generating station.

Officials announce SC Form 4 policy

U.S. Southern Command officials remind everyone that only active duty military personnel and their family members stationed in Panama and temporary duty personnel are authorized the use of SOUTHCOM Form 4, exemption from \$20 departure tax at Tocumen International Airport. People should ensure SC Form 4 has been filled out with correct name, bilingual ID number or TDY number and stamped by the issuing office. The form should also be signed. For more information, call 285-6937 or 282-4405.

AER relief campaign begins Wednesday

The 1994 Army Emergency Relief annual fund campaign will begin 11:30 a.m. Wednesday with a luncheon at Club Amador.

The campaign will be held through April to raise funds for AER, a non-profit organization which helps the Army care for its own. It is a one-time opportunity for Army people to help their fellow soldiers through their contributions to their own organization — AER, said Eddie Finney, U.S. Army South AER officer.

The present need for AER is greater than ever and is expected to increase even further, he said.

Campaign contributions help assure AER's capability to make available the required funds to meet the needs of soldiers and their families, he said.

In 1993, local AER sections provided more than \$300,000.

This help is usually for emergency travel, repair of essential vehicles, food and other essentials.

Finney explained that the emergency relief also helps with educational assistance by giving scholarships to family members of active and retired soldiers.

For information about AER, stop by Building 155, Fort Clayton, or Building 8348, Margarita, or call 287-6650 or 289-4206.

Customer units need to update access rosters

The Rodman Ammunition Supply Point Physical Security customer units need to update their accompanied access roster every 90 days or as personnel changes dictate. Beginning Thursday, units will be denied access to the supply point if rosters are not updated. For more information, call 283-5806.

Ammunition manager's course set for April 6

The 565th Ordnance Detachment will host an ammunition manager's course at the Rodman Ammunition Supply Point 9 a.m. April 6. The course will identify policies and procedures customer units should use with the ASP. For more information, call 283-5806/5643.

Units, offices announce upcoming closures

The Directorate of Civilian Personnel will be closed today, from noon to 4:15 p.m., for building repair and maintenance. For more information, call 285-5768.

The 106th Signal Brigade will be at minimum staff today for organization day activities. This will affect the following offices: Brigade Headquarters, U.S. Army South Printing Plant, Deputy Chief of

AMC flight schedule

Saturday		(C)	Charleston IAP, SC		April 1	
5:40 a.m.	C-130 Howard AFB (US) Milwaukee, Wis.				5:40 a.m.	C-130 Howard AFB Managua, Nicaragua (CC) Soto Cano AB, Honduras Howard AFB
4:40 p.m.	C-141 Howard AFB Charleston AFB, SC		Tuesday			
		5:40 a.m.	C-141 Howard AFB Brasilia, Brazil (O) (V) Asuncion, Paraguay Rio de Janeiro (O) (V) Howard AFB			
Sunday					9:55 a.m.	C-141 Howard AFB Charleston AFB, SC
No scheduled departures						
Monday			Wednesday			
5:40 a.m.	C-130 Howard AFB Tegucigalpa, Honduras Soto Cano AB, Honduras Howard AFB		No scheduled departures			US-U.S. passport O-Overnight C-Commercial Contract V-Visa M-Medevac CC-Country Clearance
7:30 a.m.	B-757 Howard AFB		Thursday			
		7:55 a.m.	C-5A Howard AFB Soto Cano AB, Honduras Charleston AFB, SC (O) Dover AFB, Del.			

Staff-Information Management office, USARSO Publications and Forms Center, Overseas Records Management, Information Center, LAN Support Center, Mail and Distribution Branch for Building 95, Telephone Customer Service, Southern Command Logistics Security Unit, USARSO Material Direct Support Activity, USARSO Data Processing Center and the Directorate of Information Management.

The Child Development Center, Building 39, Fort Clayton, will only be open for children enrolled in full day and those needing care during physical training Monday. The staff will be in training.

The 93rd Material Maintenance Company, including the Self-Service Support Center and civilian contracting, will close at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday for organization day activities.

The Preventive Medicine Services in Building 219, Fort Espinar, will be closed April 4. The office will be relocating to Building 210, Fort Sherman and will be open for business in the new location April 5. The new telephone number is 289-6106.

The Community Mental Health Services and the Family Advocacy Program will be closed April 8. The offices will be relocating from Building 8900 to Building 219, Fort Espinar and will be open for business April 10. The new telephone numbers are 289-4568/4638 for Community Mental Health Services and 289-4763 for Family Advocacy Program.

The 1322nd Medium Port Command in Building 1501, Balboa, will be closed April 8 for organization day activities. No vehicle pick-ups or turn-ins will be accepted that day. Call 282-3260 for more information.

The Fort Clayton Guest House dining room and kitchen will be closed through April 18 for renovations.

The Self-Service Supply Centers in Building 711, Corozal, and Building 244, Fort Davis, will be open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. The stores will close the last working day of each month for inventory. For information, call 285-5146.

Water flushing to affect pressure over weekend

Water mains will be flushed in the Quarry Heights through Sunday and Fort Clayton Saturday-Sunday. Water pressure will be low for about one hour from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Toastmasters meetings set for 5 p.m. April 7, 21

The Toastmasters International will hold their monthly meeting 5 p.m. April 7 and 21 at the Panama Canal Training Center. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month. For information, call 287-5689.

Job search seminars to be held in April, May

Job search seminars and professional counseling in Spanish is available at the Army Career and Alumni Program Job Assistance Center for Department of the Army Panamanian civilian employees.

Learn how to find employment information, write a curriculum vitae, practice networking, interviewing and salary negotiations. For people who qualify, classes are scheduled for April 20 and May 18. For information, call 287-5844.

Retirement orientation begins 8:30 a.m. today

A pre-retirement orientation will be held 8:30 a.m. today in Building 520, Fort Clayton. The orientation is for all soldiers retiring within six months. Spouses are welcomed to attend. For information, call 287-6417.

Pre-marital seminar to be held April 9

A pre-marital seminar will be held 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 9 in Building 156, Fort Clayton. People wanting to attend will be interviewed at the Chaplain Family Life Center before the seminar. Register today by calling 287-3497/5255.

41st ASG sponsors operation course

There will be a support operations course, phase II, May 2-13 sponsored by the 41st Area Support Group Logistics Operations. The course is open to noncommissioned officers and officers who have completed phase I and are eligible to fill the allocation quota within U.S. Army South. Deadline for showing proof of phase I completion is Thursday. For more information, call 285-4252/4251.

Equal opportunity course slated for April 18-22

There will be an equal opportunity representative course Monday-Friday for the Pacific community and April 18-22 for the Atlantic community. For information, call 287-4260/4268.

Civilian employee needs surgery, donated leave

A Department of Defense civilian employee needs donated leave. Richard Tedesco, a Directorate of Logistics employee, suffered a heart attack and had to travel to the United States for open-heart surgery. Tedesco returned to Panama in January but suffered a relapse. People wanting to donate leave may do so by submitting U.S. Army South Form 44 through the Labor Employee Development Division. For information, call 285-6720.

Red Cross sponsoring upcoming courses

An American Red Cross orientation will be held 9-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis. The morning session will be a volunteer orientation and the afternoon session will be a briefing for certified CPR instructors or people interested in becoming an instructor. Call 287-5509 or 289-3595. The American Red Cross will give the disaster casework course 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday. For more information, call 287-5647.

Army Emergency Relief to be held at Amador

An Army Emergency Relief luncheon will be held March 30 at Club Amador. Unit representatives will have tickets beginning Tuesday. For more information, call Army Community Service at 287-4599/6650.

Old Guard recruiters plan April 11-15 visit

Recruiters for the Old Guard will be in Panama April 11-15. Soldiers interested must be between 5 foot, 10 inches and 6 foot, 4 inches tall, have a general technical score of 100 or higher and no drug- or alcohol-related incidents. The following ranks and military occupation specialties are eligible: private-staff sergeant in 11B; and 31U; sergeant in 54B; and sergeant-staff sergeant in 92Y.

The following is the recruiters' schedule: 1-5 p.m. April 11 and 9-11 a.m. April 12 at Fort Clayton theater; 1-3 p.m. April 12 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 13 at Howard Air Force Base theater; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 14 at Fort Davis theater. For information, call 287-4665.

Community Relations Speakers Bureau

The U.S. Army South Public Affairs Office, Community Relations Branch, is in the process of reactivating its Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau is a group of military and civilian members who will represent the command and the Army by speaking on topics relating to their field of study or expertise to military and civilian organizations. The topics may also include current events, leadership, hobbies, military branches and career fields.

Participation in the Speakers Bureau is open to anyone in the military or civilian community. For information, call Jeannine Wilder at 287-3007/3058.

Officer candidate board slated for April 15

An Officer Candidate School board will be conducted at 9 a.m. April 15 at Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton. Applications must be at the Adjutant Generals' Personnel Operations Branch in Room 51, Building 519, Fort Clayton, by April 6. Call 287-6313/6655.

Institute needs veterans' input for history survey

The U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., is conducting a survey to find source material about World War II and the Korean War. The institute also needs veterans to record their recollections on a questionnaire. Anyone interested in getting a questionnaire should write Daniel Gallagher, SDSLE-BB-ACS, Building 664, Chamberburg, Pa., 17201-4150, or call (717) 267-9854 or Defense Switching Network 570-9854.

People programs

AF looks at recommendations to maintain future quality of life

KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. (Air Force News Service) - Amid the debate over what Air Force programs should go or stay, there's one view most military leaders subscribe to these days.

If the military doesn't take care of people programs first, it's not going to have a productive organization, said retired CMSgt. Geno Piccoli, a family programs specialist at Kirtland.

That axiom has been a cornerstone of the Air Force since its inception and must continue even as it shrinks, Piccoli said.

"There are a lot of things that are going to get cut in the next couple of years. And if we don't have good people programs now, what are we in the Air Force going to do in the future?" he asked.

"Today we know more about what you're entitled to — in terms of people programs — than we did before, and we've got to take advantage of that. We've must get rid of the mindset that we can't tell our people about everything they have coming."

Piccoli, former world president of Air Force Sergeants Association and longtime spokesman for military benefits, also says "people are distressed about the drawdown," and need a place to turn to.

He explained that when he was a first sergeant in the mid-1980s, the Air Force didn't have family support centers to help his people.

Today, a family support center's core function is linking active-duty members and families with the right resources to meet specific needs.

However, some Air Force people may not have an accurate perception about centers — especially when it comes to their privacy, Piccoli said.

"Today, folks come to the family support center because they want help. But if they know it's going to get back to their first sergeant or their commander, they're not coming. So, one of the things we offer is a degree of confidentiality," he said.

Moreover, in response to dramatic internal changes, the services have begun an intensive look at a variety of quality of life programs.

These programs are vital to the second generation of family support in the military, said Carolyn Becraft, deputy assistant secretary of defense for personnel support, families and education.

Becraft, who headed a recent family action conference in Washington, said the Pentagon is looking at new recommendations to improve quality of life.

For example, she said the services have already implemented three important family programs:

- ◆ A family liaison office to address and coordinate policy issues as they affect families.
- ◆ Job centers and career planning programs for family members.
- ◆ A transition assistance office at almost every base to help both active-duty and family members.

Becraft said she believes the services want to stay

"robust" in the personnel arena and promote self-reliance, resiliency and stability during times of peace and war.

Robust means the morale, sense of well-being, commitment and pride in the mission, she said.

The primary goal is to simply be able to get the mission done, and sometimes that means helping people when they have a problem, said MSgt. Joe Duran, director, family support center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

The director of the family support center at Reese AFB, Texas, echoes this view and says the key to family support is simply people helping people.

"I think people at the top realize that people will do a lot more for you if you take good care of them...especially with a leaner force, we must take care of them," Thierry said.

"There's a perception that the Air Force doesn't care because we're putting people out. But it's not that we don't care, it's just that the times are changing and it's causing us to have a smaller force."

The Air Force really does care about people programs and it's important for people to know that, he said.

However, family programs specialists such as Piccoli see the drawdown as a negative influence on morale in the Air Force today.

Piccoli said he also believes many Air Force people are not prepared for an abrupt end to a military career.

"I had a 10-year female staff sergeant walk in the door this morning and say, 'Well, I'm leaving, I'm separating — what can you do for me?' That kind of thing goes on almost daily," Piccoli said.

"For us to help, all it takes is five or six questions by the family support center staff. We're here to help."

Piccoli said family support centers offer a wide variety of services to the Air Force's most important and critical resource — "people."

Still, he's quick to point out the flaws in a system that is only as good as the people who use it.

"A family support center does not solve problems," he said. "What we do is provide accurate information so people can make an informed decision about what they have to do in a particular situation."

"All we want to do is give some good information. But, ultimately they have got to make the decision."

Piccoli is also down to earth when it comes to advice about people programs and the future of military transitions.

"I was lucky when I got out (of the military) because I went straight out the door and got a job," Piccoli said. "But there are a lot of folks who aren't prepared for this drawdown. The way things are going nowadays, it's a cruel world out there."

Family support centers say Air Force servicemembers should start to plan for a post-military career at least one year out. In addition, they recommend both active-duty members and their spouses attend the many seminars they offer.

Community activities

Clayton

Job search seminars and professional counseling in Spanish is available at the Army Career and Alumni Program Job Assistance Center for Department of the Army Panamanian civilian employees. Classes are scheduled for April 20 and May 18 in Building 128. Call 287-5844 for more information.

Regular Islamic prayer services are held 12:30-1:30 p.m. each Friday at the Fort Clayton Chapel hall. For information, call 287-5859.

The Enlisted Spouses' Club will hold a membership meeting and newcomers' welcome meeting 7 p.m. April 4 at the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers' Club. For more information, call 287-3327.

An Exceptional Family Member Program meeting will be 7:30 p.m. April 12 at Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton. Clarita Riba, Family Advocacy manager, will speak about "The difference between discipline and abuse." For more information, call 287-4921.

The Fort Clayton Chapel/Protestant Women of the Chapel general meeting and Interservice Pot-Luck will be held Thursday at 9 a.m. at Clayton Chapel. The speaker will be Patty Frey and the topic is "Jesus teach me to serve."

For more information, call Maria Munoz at 287-4178.

Applications for continuing education and Panama region inter-service scholarships from the Officers' and Civilians' Wives' Club - Pacific are now being accepted. Applications are available at the Fort Clayton Education Center, Building 128, and Florida State University - Panama. To return the application or for more information, call Diane O'Toole at 282-3087 or Darlene Solis at 282-4722.

Gorgas

The commissary, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Gorgas Army Community Hospital hold **monthly advisory council meetings** to inform the community and give the community an opportunity to speak to organization representatives.

Commissary and AAFES meetings alternate the second Tuesday of the month and the Gorgas meeting is held the last Wednesday of the month. For information, call 287-3205.

Albrook/Howard

A spouse job search workshop is offered 10 a.m. Tuesdays to provide family members with comprehensive information about local job opportunities, and how to effectively search for a job in Panama.

Volunteers are needed in family services to help with the loan closet, base brochure library, and layette program. Family services is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Volunteers get free child care and can visit the facility or call 284-5860.

Amador

The Officers' and Civilian Wives Club of Panama is sponsoring the Egg-Stavaganza Spring Bazaar, at 4 p.m. on April 30 at Club Amador. The bazaar will have more than 100 vendors available. For more information, call Jane Greenwood at 287-5120.

A community Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will be held 6:15 a.m. near Club Amador. Military chapels and English speaking churches of Panama will host the service and the 79th Army Band will perform. The club will serve a continental breakfast after the service. For more information, call 287-5859.

Balboa

Family portraits will be taken 1-9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. April 2 and 2-6 p.m. April 3 at the Christian Servicemen's Center in Balboa. Coupons are now on sale at the center. For more information, call 286-4724.



Courtesy photo

Samba Tres

The group Samba Tres is playing its last show beginning at 5 p.m. today at Club Amador. For more information or group reservations, call 282-3534.

Trips and tours

Rodman

◆Information, Tour and Travel:

El Valle shopping Sunday, \$12 per person, minimum of 10 people needed. Shop the marketplace in the hills of Anton Valley. Visit "Elnispero," a nature and wildlife preserve. Shop for local handicrafts, baskets, plants and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Barro Colorado Island tour Wednesday, \$65 per person, minimum of two people needed. Travel up the Panama Canal in Gatun Lake to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute island. Tour includes transportation, bilingual naturalist guide, sandwich lunch, cold drinks, and binoculars. Jungle life, plants, animals and research are highlighted.

Santa Clara Beach trip April 2, \$12, minimum of 12 needed. Visit Santa Clara, approximately 73 miles up the coast, and enjoy calm surf and white beach.

Panamanian dinner and show April 6, \$5 transportation fee, minimum of eight needed.

San Blas Island April 8-9, \$149, minimum of two needed. Visit the San Blas archipelago and shop for mola handicrafts and snorkel in the crystal clear waters.

Albrook/Howard

◆Zodiac Community Activities:

Free Zone shopping 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today, \$13 for transportation. Enjoy duty free shopping in the city of Colon.

Day trip to Darien Indian village 7 a.m.-7 p.m. April 2, \$25. Buy unusual baskets and pottery.

◆Outdoor adventures:

Panama Bay by moonlight 6-10 p.m. tonight, \$25. Price includes light food and sodas.

Canoeing and barbecue lunch on the Chagres 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, \$20. Cost includes transportation, canoes, safety equipment, guide and a barbecue lunch. Bring a hat and suntan lotion.

Snorkeling or scuba near Drake's Island 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday and April 2, \$22 snorkel/\$47 scuba. Package includes transportation to launching point near Portobello and snorkel or scuba equipment. This is the legendary burial spot of Sir Francis Drake.

Peacock bass fishing 5 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, \$25. Enjoy fishing on Gatun Lake. Bring your own fishing gear, lunch, and small cooler with drinks. A cooler with ice will be available for fish and bait. Fish cleaning facilities are available.

Barro Colorado Smithsonian trip 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, \$65. Ride a boat to the island in Gatun Lake that serves as a research base for the Smithsonian Institute. See several varieties of tropical animals and plants. Continental breakfast and lunch are served.

Visit Mayan Ruins in Guatemala April 20-25. Cost will include transportation, airfare, hotel, tours to Mayan ruins

and more. Register by April 8.

Clayton

◆Valent Recreation Center:

El Valle adventure April 3. "The Valley" is a mountain area with many sights and a cool climate. The tour includes a stop at the open market for handicraft shopping and other unique sights in the area. Stop for lunch at the Campestre Hotel.

Panama City historical sightseeing tour April 9. Learn about the culture and history of Panama from an experienced tour guide and a walking tour through the colonial section of Panama City, the "Casco Viejo." Visit the Cathedral, the National Theater, the Bovedas, the French Quarter, the San Jose Church with its golden altar and much more. The trip continues to the ruins of Old Panama and a handicraft shop. The last stop is at a local cafeteria for lunch.

Central Provinces tour April 15-17. Visit churches, museums and handicraft shops in Las Tablas. Cost includes transportation, lodging and meals.

Panama City shopping tour 8 a.m. April 16.

Adventures in nature jungle walk 8 a.m.-1 p.m. April 20. Families can follow a tour guide through "El Charco Trail" in the rain forest. Also visit the Summit Botanical Garden.

Weekend tour to central Province

and Azuero Fair April 29-May 1. Includes transportation, lodging, meals, tours to Las Tablas and handicraft shopping.

Gorgona beach cabin reservations are available through the center.

◆Outdoor Recreation Center:

Kayaking trip Saturday. Discover another way to enjoy the outdoors while getting a workout.

Horseback riding in El Valle April 2 and 30, \$35. Price includes a scenic trail ride along the Pacora River, transportation, breakfast, lunch, horse and guide.

Cerro Campana hike April 9, \$6. Families can participate in this hike through Campana's National Park. Price includes transportation and guide. Bring food and beverages.

Chagres River Canoe trip April 23, \$10. Float down the Chagres. Bring food and beverages.

Customized trips are available for groups with a minimum of four or 10 people.

Balboa

◆Balboa Dive Club:

The club is organizing a **dive trip in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gatun Lake all in one day** April 9 and 10. Cost is \$45 per person and includes a Twin Oceans T-shirt, Pacific diving by boat in Bay of Panama, afternoon snacks and dinner. Deadline to sign up is April 1. Call 284-5117 or 250-0346 for details.

Shops/classes

Rodman

◆Rodman scuba:

Open water scuba starts April 12. Equipment and textbooks are provided. Call 283-5307 for details.

Albrook/Howard

◆Zodiac Community Activities Center:

Intro to scuba, a free one-night class is available.

Advanced scuba April 4 at Albrook pool.

Open water scuba course April 11 and 27 at Howard pool.

Rescue scuba April 18 at Howard pool. Call the center to arrange scuba classes if these don't fit in your schedule.

◆Albrook Auto shop:

Air conditioning service and repair 12:30-5 p.m. every day except Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wheel alignment diagnostic and service 3-9 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Auto van show 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 16. A jury will select winners and award prizes.

Clayton

◆Valent Recreation Center:

Korean karate class 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Admission to the first class is free.

Indian Guyami sewing lessons are offered twice a week. Basic, 1-3 p.m. intermediate, 5-7 p.m.

Basic and intermediate sewing lessons are offered twice a week. Basic classes are 3-5 p.m., intermediate classes are 5-7 p.m.

Basic/intermediate cake decorating meets 6-8 p.m. twice a week.

Dog obedience class 7-9:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, \$60.

Basic/intermediate English classes are held Monday-Thursday. Call for an appointment.

Six-week Spanish classes. Basic class, 6-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Intermediate class, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, \$25.

◆Fort Clayton Boat Shop:

Bass fishing at Gatun Lake, \$20 fee includes guide, boat, bait and rods.

Deep sea fishing, \$200 fee includes captain, gear, lures and fuel.

Rec center news

◆Valent Recreation Center:

The center is looking for people to start **darts and chess leagues**.

Gloria's Bazaar 1-9 p.m. April 1-3.

Panamanian fashion display April 4-8.

Single soldier forum meets 2-4 p.m. April 7 to discuss quality of life issues and leisure opportunities.

Fresh water pearls bazaar 1-8 p.m. April 13-17.

Gumbo cooking contest 3 p.m. May 14. Sign up by May 11.

Experience the **latest movies** free of charge at the center's screening room. Call the 24-hour movieline at 287-4367.

◆Zodiac Community Activities Center:

1994 Rock and Roll Bed Races will be held April 9. Race and volleyball tournament participants and vendors should register by April 5.



Courtesy photo

The Pride of Baltimore

The tall ship *Pride of Baltimore* will be in port at Rodman Naval Station until Monday. To schedule a visit to this famous sailing ship, call the Navy Public Affairs Office at 283-5644.



Photo courtesy of 24th Services Squadron

Egg race

Youths participate in an egg race at last year's Family Fun Fest and Easter Egg Hunt. This year's fun fest takes place April 2 on the Howard Parade Field.

Atlantic

Book Drive

Army Community Service is sponsoring a **book drive** April 9. Donate old books to be distributed to agencies serving children. Pick up begins 8:30 a.m. at the Fort Sherman housing area, then passes through Fort Davis' and Fort Espinar's housing area.

Arts and crafts

The new Atlantic Arts and Crafts Center will re-open soon. Building 297 has been renovated and will offer a full service of arts and crafts including woodworking, ceramics and automotive services.

Rec center news

◆**Ocean Breeze Recreation Center:**

Instructors are needed for beginning English, beginning Spanish, guitar, piano and gymnastics.

Aerobics 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Family exercise 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Jazz dance 2-3 p.m. Monday

and Wednesday.

Piano Wednesday. Call for an appointment.

Cake decorating 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Tae Kwon Do 6-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Beginning sewing 10-11:30 a.m. Monday.

Advanced sewing 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday.

Beginning painting 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

◆**Sundial Recreation Center:**

Horse shoe tournament, Saturday.

Pool tournament, Saturday.

Thursdays are Wonderful, a program for women, Thursdays.

Spanish I 5-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Spanish II 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

English I 5-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

English II 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Piano I 2-7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Piano II 2-7 p.m. Thursday.

Tae Kwon Do 5-7:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Country line dancing 7-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Sewing I 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Sewing II 10 a.m.-noon Thursday.

Atlantic tours

◆**Sundial Recreation Center:**

Taboga Island April 2. Experience the beaches and scenery of this island in Panama Bay.

El Valle tour 5:30 a.m. April 3 and 17.

Panama historical tour 8 a.m. April 9.

Isla Grande tour April 10. Coral reefs make this an ideal place for snorkeling or sunbathing.

◆**Ocean Breeze Recreation Center:**

El Valle overnight 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Horseback riding in Portobelo 8 a.m. April 2.

Portobello tour 8 a.m. April 3.

Panama City shopping tour 8 a.m. April 9.

Special events

Egg hunt

The **10th Annual Family Fun fest and Easter Egg Hunt** takes place 8 a.m. April 2 at the Howard Parade Field. Other activities include games, pony rides, demonstrations and live entertainment.

Talent search

Performers are needed for the Directorate of Community Activities **Fiesta Panama Fair** in April. All talents are welcome. A **master of ceremonies** is also needed for the

fair April 14-17. Contact Marshall Esquina at the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre, 286-3152.

Concert

The **National Symphony Orchestra of Panama** is holding a concert at the church in El Valle 8 p.m. Saturday.

Theatre

◆**Pacific Theatre Arts Centre:**

"Twelve Dancing Princesses," a production performed by children, will be presented Saturday

and Sunday. Call 286-3814 for reservations.

◆**Ancon Theatre Guild:**

Job opportunity available. The guild is looking for part-time administrative help. Applicants must be bilingual and interested in the theater. Call 252-6786 for an interview.

◆**Teatro La Huaca:**

The musical **"Evita"** will be performed 8 p.m. April 12 at the theater in the Atlapa Convention Center. Proceeds will benefit the residents of Brisas del Mar.

Arts and crafts

◆**Canal Crafters:**

Handmade arts and crafts are available. Consignment and volunteers are welcome. The shop is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Building 804, Albrook.

Cross stitch 10:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month, free. Bring a small project.

Crochet 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Bring needle and thread. Make a doilie.

Quilting class coming soon. The three-week class will be held Tuesdays and Fridays, \$18.

◆**Howard Skills Development Center:**

Free mother of pearl demo 2-2:30 p.m. Saturday. **Closed April 1** for inventory.

Special ceramic classes for children April 2 and 9 to celebrate Month of the Military Child.

◆**Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center:**

The Ceramic Center, behind the arts and crafts center, rents two molds for the price of one Fridays during March.

Stone stroke classes 11 a.m. Sundays, \$10. Paint ceramic figurines to give the appearance of stoneware.

Fabric painting classes 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday and Thursday of each month.

Custom frames to order and do-it-yourself frame classes are available.

Phone guide

Pacific

24th Services Squadron Sports and Recreational Rental Center, 284-6107
Albrook Auto Craft Shop, 286-3613
Albrook Club, 286-4128
Albrook Riding Stables 287-4411/3333
Anchorage Club, 283-4332
Canal Crafters 286-4500
Chief Petty Officers' Club, 283-5475
Clayton Arts and Crafts Center, 287-5957
Clayton Boat Shop 287-6453
Clayton Ceramic Center, 287-4360
Clayton NCO Club, 287-3586
Clayton Outdoor Recreation Center, 287-3363
Clayton Scuba Shop 287-3355
Club Amador, 282-3534
Cocoli Recreation Center, 287-4119
Howard Auto Craft Shop, 284-3370
Howard Enlisted Members' Club, 284-4107
Howard Officers' Club, 284-4680
Howard Riding Stables 284-3779
Howard Skills Development Center, 284-6361
Howard Teen Center, 284-4700
Howard Wood Craft Shop 284-4510
The Loop, 287-3035
Pacific Theatre Arts Centre 286-3814
Quarry Heights Officers' Club, 282-4380
Rodman Marina, 283-3147/3150
Rodman Naval Station Information Tour and Travel Office, 283-5307/4454
Twin Oceans Pro Shop 286-6514
Valent Recreation Center, 287-6500
Zodiac Community Activities Center, 284-6161

Atlantic

Aquativity Center, 289-4009
Davis Arts and Crafts Center, 289-5201
Davis Community Club, 289-5160
Ocean Breeze Recreation Center, 289-6402
Outdoor Recreation, 289-4077
Sherman Arts and Crafts Center, 289-6313
Sherman Scuba Shop, 289-6104
Sundial Recreation Center, 289-3889/3300

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Fort Clayton 287-3279	7pm: Iron Will (PG) MacKenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey 9pm: House Party 3 (R) Kid 'N' Play, Tisha Campbell	3pm: Iron Will (PG) MacKenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey 7pm: Iron Will (PG) MacKenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey 9pm: Heaven and Earth (R) Tommy Lee Jones, Hiep Thi Le	2pm: Iron Will (PG) MacKenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey 7pm: Heaven and Earth (R) Tommy Lee Jones, Hiep Thi Le 9pm: House Party 3 (R) Kid 'N' Play, Tisha Campbell	7pm: Iron Will (PG) MacKenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey 9pm: Heaven and Earth (R) Tommy Lee Jones, Hiep Thi Le	7pm: House Party 3 (R) Kid 'N' Play, Tisha Campbell 9pm: Iron Will (PG) MacKenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey	7pm: Blink (R) Madeleine Stowe, Aidan Quinn 9pm: Intersection (R) Richard Gere, Sharon Stone	7pm: Intersection (R) Richard Gere, Sharon Stone 9pm: Blink (R) Madeleine Stowe, Aidan Quinn
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Fort Sherman 289-5173	7:30pm: The Air Up There (PG) Kevin Bacon, Charles Gitonga Maina	7:30pm: Ghost in the Machine (R) Karen Allen, Will Homeff	7:30pm: The Pelican Brief (PG-13) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	No show	No show	No show	7:30pm: Heaven and Earth (R) Tommy Lee Jones, Hiep Thi Le
Fort Amador 284-3583	7pm: The Blink (R) Madeleine Stowe, Aidan Quinn	7pm: I'll Do Anything (PG-13) Nick Nolte, Albert Brooks	7pm: Shadowlands (PG) Anthony Hopkins, Debra Winger	No show	No show	No show	7pm: Car 54, Where Are You? (PG-13) David Johansen, John C. McGinley

Coming soon

April 1

Howard AFB

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Fort Clayton

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Fort Amador

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Now showing

I'll Do Anything

Nick Nolte, Albert Brooks
Nick Nolte is a struggling actor who can't find work. Unexpectedly, he is forced to take care of his wildly unpredictable six-year-old daughter whom he hasn't seen in three years. Much to the surprise of her dad she manages to get a TV job on her own. PG-13 (sexual language, situations), 118 min.

Death Wish 5: The Face of Death

Charles Bronson, Lesley Anne Downe
Action packed movie filled with startling violence in a garment factory. Bronson returns to vigilantism after his sweetheart is threatened by a mobster. R (nudity, language, strong violence), 95 min.

Shadowlands

Anthony Hopkins, Debra Winger
Based on a true story with Hopkins as the celebrated British author C.S. Lewis, who falls in love with a beautiful New York writer. PG (thematic element), 130 min.

Car 54, Where Are You?

David Johansen, John C. McGinley
Check out this rollicking redo of the classic TV comedy series. Officers Gunther Toody and Francis Muldoon are again loose on the streets and likely to do more damage to each other than any criminals they might encounter. PG-13 (vulgar humor), 89 min.

Blink

Madeleine Stowe, Aidan Quinn
A woman recovering from an operation that will restore her vision is the leading witness to a murder. She becomes involved with the police detective investigating the crime and more killings occur. She becomes entangled and endangered as the killer draws closer. R (sexuality, language, violence), 106 min.

Intersection

Richard Gere, Sharon Stone
Torn between two women, Richard Gere wonders if he made the right decision when he comes to an intersection in his life. R (Some language, sexuality), 98 min.

Heaven and Earth

Tommy Lee Jones, Hiep Thi Le
Oliver Stone presents a story from the other side of the Vietnam war. It follows the life of a Vietnamese woman who lived through her country's changes from 1949 to the time of the war with the United States, her marriage to an American soldier and adjusting to life in the United States. R (violence, language, sexuality), 138 min.

Iron Will

MacKenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey
In the tradition of White Fang, Iron Will presents an outdoor adventure set in Minnesota in the early 1900s. A young man assumes responsibility for the family farm and enters a grueling cross country dog sled race to raise desperately needed money. PG (adventure action), 106 min.

House Party 3

Kid 'N' Play, Tisha Campbell
Kid 'N' Play returns to the raucous hip-hop comedy series with a whole new cast of characters. R (strong language, some strong sexuality), 94 min.

The Air Up There

Kevin Bacon, Charles Gitonga Maina
When a college basketball scout catches a glimpse of a documentary concerning an African tribe he gets a wild idea to go to Africa to recruit a prize player. PG (violence, language), 107 min.

The Pelican Brief

Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington
Julia Roberts is a New Orleans law student who writes a legal brief exposing the activities of a powerful oil magnate. PG-13 (language, some violence)



Showing at Davis and Sherman theaters.

Ghost in the Machine

Karen Allen, Will Homeff
In this techno-thriller, a serial killer's reach becomes limitless when he is transformed into a computer virus and is able to use everything electrical from common household appliances to complex computer systems — as tools of murder. R (high tech horror, violence), 95 min.

The Three Musketeers

Charlie Sheen, Kiefer Sutherland
The daring swashbucklers are on a mission to prevent the overthrow of the king. Along the way, there is time to fall in love, enjoy a variety of adventures and even catch a spy. PG (action/violence, brief sensuality), 102 min.

Cabin Boy

Chris Elliott, Ritch Brinkley
Nathaniel is a very spoiled rich child who goes through life showing nothing but contempt for everyone. PG-13 (crude language), 80 min.

Tombstone

Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer
When U.S. Marshall Wyatt Earp returns to Tombstone, Ariz. to spend some time with this family, he and his brothers find themselves facing a ruthless gang of outlaws — and a date with destiny at the O.K. Corral. R (violence), 128 min.

TV Schedule

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Tiny Toons Adventures CRO ** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles ** Beetlejuice Batman 10:30 Nature 11:30 Special: Smithsonian World 12:30pm Headline News 1:00 College Basketball: NCAA Division II Men's Finals 3:00 College Basketball: NCAA Regional Finals Doubleheader 7:30 Headline News 8:00 World Wrestling Federation + 8:50 Unsolved Mysteries + 9:45 Special Movie Presentation: "Promise At Dawn" 11:30 Saturday Night Live 1:00am Friday Night Videos 2:00 Movies: "I Saw What You Did" 3:30 "Rebel Without A Cause" 5:30 Headline News Break	6:00am CCMTV 6:20 Women's History Month Special: "Religion Of The Book: Women Serving Religion" 6:50 Faith And The Family 7:10 Jesuit Journal 7:35 Quigley's Village 8:00 Headline News 8:30 Washington Week In Review 9:00 CBS Sunday Morning 10:30 Face The Nation 11:00 Headline News 11:30 This Week w/Brinkley 12:30pm America's Black Forum 1:00 College Basketball: NCAA Regional Finals Doubleheader 5:30 Grand Ole Opry Live 6:00 Austin City Limits 7:00 ABC News "20/20" 8:00 Special: CNN Presents "America's Nuclear Shame" 9:00 Women's History Month Special Movie Presentation: "Swing Shift" 10:35 Headline News Break 11:00 Entertainment This Week Midnight 60 Minutes 1:00 Headline News Break 1:30 Meet The Press 2:30 Sports Latentight 3:00 ABC World News Now 4:00 Headline News 4:30 Sports Machine 5:00 ABC World News Now 6:00 Headline News Break	6:30am NBC News at Sunrise 7:00 Good Morning America 9:00 Basic Training Workout 9:25 Sesame Street 10:25 Guiding Light 11:10 General Hospital Noon Headline News Break 12:15 SCN MIDDAY 12:30 Sports Machine 1:00 Oprah Winfrey 2:00 Another World 3:00 Price is Right 4:00 Channel One 4:15 Newsroom 4:30 Name Your Adventure 5:00 Wheel Of Fortune 5:30 Showbiz Today 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:15 Headline News Break 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 ROC 8:00 Cops 8:30 60 Minutes 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 SCN Late Edition 10:05 Entertainment Tonight 10:35 David Letterman 11:35 Tonight Show 12:35am Headline News 1:00 Nightline 1:30 Larry King Live 2:30 Sports Latentight 3:00 Arsenio Hall 4:00 Headline News 4:30 Tonight Show 5:30 Headline News 6:00 Headline News Break	6:30am NBC News at Sunrise 7:00 Good Morning America 9:00 Body By Jake 9:25 Sesame Street 10:25 Guiding Light 11:10 General Hospital Noon Headline News Break 12:15 SCN MIDDAY 12:30 Sportscenter 1:00 Sally Jesse Raphael 2:00 Another World 3:00 Price is Right 4:00 Channel One 4:15 Newsroom 4:30 Ghostwriter 5:00 Wheel of Fortune 5:30 Showbiz Today 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:15 Headline News Break 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman 8:30 48 Hours 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 SCN Late Edition 10:05 Entertainment Tonight 10:35 David Letterman 11:35 Tonight Show 12:35am Headline News 1:00 Nightline 1:30 Larry King Live 2:30 Sports Latentight 3:00 Arsenio Hall 4:00 Headline News 4:30 Tonight Show 5:30 Headline News 6:00 Headline News Break	6:30am NBC News at Sunrise 7:00 Good Morning America 9:00 Basic Training Workout 9:25 Sesame Street 10:25 Guiding Light 11:10 General Hospital Noon Headline News Break 12:15 SCN MIDDAY 12:30 Sportscenter 1:00 Oprah Winfrey 2:00 Another World 3:00 Price is Right 4:00 Channel One 4:15 Newsroom 4:30 Mr. Roger's Neighborhood *** 5:00 Wheel of Fortune 5:30 Showbiz Today 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:15 Headline News Break 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy!! 7:30 Mad About You 7:55 Movie: "Cruel Doubt" (Part 1) 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 SCN Late Edition 10:05 Entertainment Tonight 10:35 David Letterman 11:35 Tonight Show 12:35am Headline News Break 1:00 Nightline 1:30 ABC News Turning Point 2:30 Sports Latentight 3:00 Arsenio Hall 4:00 Headline News 4:30 Tonight Show 5:30 Headline News 6:00 Headline News Break	6:30am NBC News at Sunrise 7:00 Good Morning America 9:00 Body by Jake 9:25 Sesame Street 10:25 Sally Jesse Raphael: "Tammy Faye" 11:10 General Hospital Noon Headline News Break 12:15 SCN MIDDAY Report 12:30 Sportscenter 1:00 Donahue 2:00 Another World 3:00 Price is Right 4:00 Channel One 4:15 Newsroom 4:30 Club Connect 5:00 Wheel of Fortune 5:30 Showbiz Today 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:15 Headline News Break 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:25 Fresh Prince Of Bel Air 7:50 Movie: "China Beach" pilot 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 SCN Late Edition 10:05 Entertainment Tonight 10:35 David Letterman 11:35 Tonight Show 12:35am Headline News Break 1:00 Nightline 1:30 Larry King Live 2:30 Sports Latentight 3:00 Arsenio Hall 4:00 Headline News 4:30 Tonight Show 5:30 Headline News 6:00 Headline News Break

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Sports and specials

Channels 8 & 10

Sports

College Basketball

NCAA Regional Finals Doubleheader, 8 p.m. today
NCAA Division II Men's Finals, 1 p.m. Saturday
NCAA Regional Finals Doubleheader, 3 p.m. Saturday
NCAA Regional Finals Doubleheader, 1 p.m. Sunday

Specials

Women's History Month: "Promise At Dawn," 9:45 p.m. Saturday. The story of a selfless, sacrificing mother who gave her son the strength and resolution to pursue the greatness she promised him. Stars Melina Mercouri and Assaf Dayan.

"Swing Shift," 9 p.m. Sunday. Scores of American women enlisted in the home front work force during the turbulent days of WWII, causing some complications on the domestic front, bringing hardship, transition and triumph. Stars Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell.

Series starts

Just for Kids! "Cro," 8:30 a.m. Saturday. (Replaces "Rugrats") It's animated, educational fun with an Ice Age boy and his animals learning the basic laws of physics.

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," 8:30 a.m. Saturday. (Replaces "Tazmania") The teenage turtle crew returns for another season of crime fighting.

Primetime movies

"Cruel Doubt," 7:55 p.m. Wednesday. A son's game of Dungeons & Dragons results in the attack of his parents and the death of his father. Stars Blythe Danner, Matt McGrath and Ed Asner.

"China Beach," 7:50 p.m. Thursday. An Army nurse, a Red Cross volunteer and a fun-loving singer have all come to the Vietnam War for very different reasons, but find themselves with the same problem of trying to survive in China Beach. Stars Dana Delany, Nan Woods, and Marg Helgenburger.



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Specials

"Let Me Be Brave," 4 p.m. Saturday. A team of young, mentally underdeveloped athletes takes on the challenge of Mount Kilimanjaro. Along with their training staff and support personnel, they undergo rigorous training in the almost desert-like conditions of Kenya and Tanzania and struggle through searing heat to the freezing summit of Africa's tallest mountain.

"Schindler: The Documentary," 9:35 p.m. Sunday. The men and women who lived the scenes dramatized in the Steven Spielberg film "Schindler's List," describe the horror of those years, when the only person who stood between them and death, was a Nazi...Oskar Schindler

Primetime movies

"The River," 9 p.m. Friday. In spite of a failing economy, a loving couple has managed to continue the farming tradition, until they find themselves battling not only the giant agribusiness determined to take over the land, but also...The nearby river that floods their fields and threatens to destroy their crops. Stars Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek

"Unspeakable Acts," 8 p.m. Sunday. Based on the transcripts of a true life court case in 1984, this gripping television movie chronicles the events leading to the prosecution of a Miami pre-school teacher and her husband for mass child abuse. Stars Gregory Sierra and Valerie Landsburg

"A Son's Promise," 8:55 p.m. Monday. A teenage boy who promised his dying mother he would keep the surviving family of seven together is forced to test his courage and commitment when he has to overcome a series of legal obstacles and setbacks. Stars Rick Schroder and Veronica Cartwright

"Look Who's Talking Too," 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. In this popular sequel, the prospect of life on the "outside" seems a bit too much for Mikey's unborn sister. After her birth, she has to endure the antics of Mikey, who offers his own outspoken opinions on brotherhood, parenthood and the complexities of growing up. Star: Olympia Dukakis and Kirstie Alley



Duty-free merchandise

FORT CLAYTON (Contraband Control Office) – As a reminder, in accordance with the Panama Canal Treaty and U.S. Southern Command regulations, duty free merchandise, whether new or used, cannot be given, transferred or generally sold to non-privilege holders. Violations to these dispositions may subject violators to prosecution under both, military and Panamanian laws. It is sometimes permissible to sell an item, but only if Panamanian taxes are paid. Before such a sale, it is strongly recommended that the seller contact the Contraband Control Section for advice at 286-3117.

Animals

Yellow headed parrot, hand raised, trained, \$70. 284-4392.

Female Samoyed, 11 wks, \$150. 287-5523.

Doberman/boxer pups, 5 wks, \$25 ea. 260-7574.

Free, kittens & female cat to good home. 261-3486.

Terrier/poodle puppies, 6 wks old, \$75. 261-2425 ask for Vivian.

Free, cocker spaniel, kitten, terrier mix, all good w/kids. 287-4474.

Weimaraner, 11 mos, good companion/watchdog, \$250/obo. 252-6845.

Yellow headed parrot, \$80/obo. 287-4829.

Free, 2 hamsters, male, female, wht. 286-4563.

Blk AKC cocker spaniel for stud service. 286-4084.

CCP/LCP reg Irish setter puppies, champsire, avail May 1, males \$450, females, \$350. 232-5622 appt only.

German shepherd, 2 yrs old, full blooded, no papers, \$75. 287-4334.

Cocker spaniel puppies, males, tails docked, dewormed, first shots, \$100. 252-2657.

Salvins Amazon parrot, yellow crowned Amazon, lg cage, \$300. 283-6883.

Pure boxer, 1 yr old, w/kennel, \$200. 269-7481.

Rottweiler puppies, male, female, CCP reg, \$700/neg. 256-6768.

Free, cat, 2 yrs old, declawed, neutered, all shots, grt w/kids. 287-3480.

Male doberman, 8 wks old, \$100; purebred female, 1 yr old, \$100. 289-3267.

Free, two adult cats, one lab retriever. 284-4232.

Pit bulls, 6 wks, females, \$200. 233-1342.

German shepherd puppies, females, born Jan. 31, \$200. 286-6524 after 6pm.

Free, female cat, spayed, declawed to good home. 284-3498.

Automobiles

1988 Customized Toyota Supra, mint cond, \$14,000/neg. 260-0173.

1991 Ford Explorer XLT, exc cond, \$16,500/neg. 228-4061.

1991 Chevrolet Lumina APV van, excellent condition, P/s, p/b, a/c, am/fm cass. \$3,500 neg. 236-4599.

1984 Toyota Celica, at, ac, loaded, exc cond, '94 insp, \$4,900. 252-2382 dty hrs.

1990 Ford Mustang, loaded, exc cond, \$8,500. 284-4065.

1978 Chevy C10 p/u, 8 mo rebuilt eng, dty pd, 4WD, camper shell, \$2,900; tires \$80. 282-4365.

1980 Ford Ltd sta/wgn, ps, pb, at, '94 insp, runs good, \$1,500. 252-2382 dty.

1987 Ford Ranger p/u, 6 cyl, at, \$7,000. 243-4805.

1992 Mercury Sable, 6 cyl, at, ac, \$14,000. 243-4805.

1980 Honda Accord, 4dr, ac, at, US specs, good cond, \$3,000. 282-4185.

1982 Honda Accord, 2dr, am-fm cass, 5 spd, ac, good shape, dty pd, \$3,200. 283-3856.

1977 Ply Volare, slant 6 motor, good running cond, ugly, \$850. 263-9665.

1990 Ford Aerostar Minivan, low mi, exc cond, avail w/i 30 days, \$12,900/neg. 287-4376.

1987 Buick Riviera, leather seats, ac, tape player, exc cond, \$7,500. 236-3073.

1986 Mitsubishi Mirage, 4 spd, US specs, good cond, runs good, \$3,000. 282-4185.

1986 Hyundai GLS, at, ac, am-fm one owner, \$4,200. 287-3978.

1982 Buick Regal, good cond, ps, pb, tilt wheel, \$2,000. 50-0397 LD#.

1978 Honda Accord, 4 cyl, ps, pb, std, \$1,400. 287-6437.

1975 Pontiac Lemans, ac, ps, at, lk/ runs good, \$1,200/obo. 284-5738.

1991 Dodge Daytona, 4 cyl, 5 spd, am-fm radio, no ac, \$5,500/neg. 228-4061.

1974 Chevy 1/2 p/u, V8, at, ps, pb, as is, \$750/obo. 287-3641.

1988 Chevy Corsica, 2.8L V6, 4dr, am-fm radio, ac, grt shape, \$4,999. 223-5386.

1993 Suzuki Vitara, ac, am-fm radio cass, exc cond, 9,000 km, dty pd, \$13,600. 261-7693 eves.

International Traveler Scout, needs work, \$700. 224-2276.

1987 Ford Mustang GT 5.0, ps, pb, ac, am-fm cass, 5 spd, \$6,800/obo. 260-1341.

1993 Nissan Bluebird, at, 4dr, all pwr, tinted glass, alarm, 23,000 km, exc cond, not dty pd, \$11,000. 285-4236.

1988 Nissan Sentra, 2dr, sr, am-fm stereo cass, \$3,500. 287-6295.

1982 Ford Exp Escort, runs good, '94 insp, sr, not dty pd, \$1,600/obo. 282-3334.

1991 Hyundai Excel, dty pd, ac, alarm, one owner, low mi, exc cond, \$5,900/obo. 226-5279.

1988 Nissan Stanza wgn, at, ac, am-fm cass, tint, alum rims, good tires, US specs, \$5,300. 284-6626.

1991 Hyundai Excel, ac, am-fm cass, pull-out radio, new tires, shocks, low kms, not dty pd, \$5,600. 260-4720.

Fiat Spider 124, am-fm, good cond, dty pd, \$2,400. 286-6272.

1991 Chevy Camaro, cd-10 am-fm cass, tilt steering, 8 cyl, low mi, warranty, \$12,000. 252-2017.

1973 German VW, motor 1300, new paint, tinted glass, 4 spd, wide tires, \$1,500. 51-8003 LD#.

1985 Porsche 944, 5 spd, ac, pw, ps, cd stereo, cruise, alarm, sr, clean, \$13,000. 284-4227.

1988 Dodge Daytona, 5 spd, ac, stereo, mag wheels, air bag, \$3,700. 284-3638 ask for Hector Sealey.

1972 Pontiac Ventura, 6 cyl, 4dr, at, dty pd, new batt, 250 eng, \$750/ obo. 268-3012 after 6pm.

1986 Buick Regal, pwr, ac, 65k mi, 5 spd, \$4,200. 287-6494.

1993 Nissan Terrano, loaded, dty pd, low mi, cd, anti-rust, 4 cyl, gas, \$21,000/obo. 262-4568.

1984 Jeep CJ-7 Renegade, one owner, \$5,500. 284-4277 after 5pm.

1982 Chevy Celebrity, 4dr, am-fm cass, ac, avail now, \$1,500. 223-8562.

1979 Ply Volare sta/wgn, runs well, dty not pd, \$600. 286-3325.

1990 Toyota 4Runner 4x4, 5 spd, exc cond, loaded, avail April 28, not dty pd, \$17,000. 286-4234.

1966 Pontiac Tempest, \$1,200/obo. 252-6277.

1984 Toyota Celica, 5s pd, dty pd, exc cond, no rust, no ac, \$4,500. 252-6968.

1993 Jeep Cherokee Laredo, at, full-time 4WD, low mi, lg tires, all extras, \$22,900. 286-3381.

1988 Chrysler New Yorker, 6 cyl, all options, bluebook/obo. 252-5320.

1978 Ford T-bird, ps, pb, at, ac, dty pd, exc cond, runs grt, \$2,000/obo. 287-6192.

1978 Gran Lemans, V8, needs work, dty not pd, \$600/obo. 284-4682.

1989 Pontiac Lemans, 3dr, am-fm cass, low mi, many new parts, good cond, \$3,700. 284-4389.

1983 Bluebird SSS coupe, 2dr, ac, stereo, mag wheels, dty pd, low mi, \$4,000/obo. 226-1158.

1991 Jeep Wrangler 4x4, 5 spd, new cond, 15k mi, 4 cyl, soft/bikini tops, extra options, \$11,500/obo. 286-6333.

1991 Aerostar XLT van, grt cond, fully loaded, 28,000 mi, \$5,000/ obo. 287-5084.

1991 Isuzu p/u, US specs, ac, alarm, mag wheels, Kenwood sound sys, lks good, not dty pd, \$8,700/obo. 252-5100.

1991 Lumina Chevy Minivan, ps, ac, am-fm cass, pb, cc, \$15,600/ obo. 236-0978.

1988 Ply Voyager van, exc cond, many extras, \$10,000. 287-3198.

1985 Toyota Cressida, fully loaded, 2.8 V6, exc cond, \$8,000/obo. 287-3925.

1992 Chevy Camaro, 15,000 mi, \$9,999. 286-3283.

1988 Subaru GL, 4 cyl, at, ps, pb, pw, pl, tint, ac, US specs, \$5,500/ obo. 286-4626.

1987 Ford Taurus, ps, pw, pl, ac, good cond, \$4,825. 256-6830.

1985 Chevy Citation II, ac, 4dr, runs good, \$2,000. 285-5580 Rm 204.

1992 Isuzu p/u, US specs, ac, 5 spd, bedliner, stereo, exc cond, \$8,000. 252-2243.

1988 GMC p/u, 4spd, 6 cyl, bedliner, stereo, US specs, camper top, \$7,200. 252-2243.

1991 Ford Explorer XLT, 4dr, am-fm, fully loaded, some extras, \$15,500. 287-4600.

1979 Olds Cutlass, 2dr, 8 cyl, at, ps, runs grt, \$900. 261-6845.

1992 Jeep Cherokee Laredo, 4WD, at, loaded w/options, tinted glass, 8k mi, \$18,900. 287-3321.

1989 Pontiac Grand Prix LE, 2dr, at, ac, am-fm stereo, \$7,999. 269-8775.

1985 Toyota MR2, \$4,000. 287-5225.

1982 Subaru Coupe GLF, 5 spd, 1800cc, sr, 2dr sedan, am-fm radio, dty pd, \$2,500. 260-1178.

1990 Dodge Grand Caravan SE, 36,700 mi, ac, cruise, tilt, trlr hitch, tinted glass, am-fm cass, good cond, \$9,900. 287-6399.

1983 Nissan Sunny sta/wgn, not dty pd, at, one owner, good cond, \$2,200/obo. 269-0631.

1986 VW GTI, ac, fm cass, sr, 60k mi, 5 spd, \$5,000/obo. 260-7129.

1977 Dodge Aspen sta/wgn, needs

trans work, \$500/neg. 235-1298.

1985 Chrysler Laser XE, 2.2L turbo, ps, pw, pb, pl, ac, alarm, dty pd, \$5,000. 235-9854.

1991 BMW, 318is, ps, abs, pw, sport pkg, Alpine stereo, low mi, \$16,500. 285-6745.

1987 Volvo 240DL, 4dr, 5 spd, ac, am-fm cass, exc cond, not dty pd, \$5,700. 226-6341.

1972 Mercedes 280SE, at, dty pd, low mi, classic, clean, \$3,700. 286-4930.

1989 Mercury Grand Marquis, one owner, low mi, loaded, clean, \$9,100. 286-4930.

1989 VW GTI, ps, pb, pw, pd/l, cruise, ac, cass, sr, 45,000 mi, \$7,800. 282-3895.

1985 Volvo 240DL, low mi, am-fm cass, at, OD, not pd, avail now, \$6,000/obo. 286-4888.

1989 Isuzu p/u, runs grt, w/liner, \$5,000/obo. 284-4720.

1989 Chevy Camaro, loaded, like new, low mi, t-top, V6 2.8L, at, \$10,000/obo. 252-6956.

1988 Hyundai Excel, 4dr, 5 spd, ac, am-fm cass, good cond, 61,000 mi, \$3,500. 285-4939.

1990 Dodge Dakota King Cab p/u, exc cond, \$11,000. 287-6892.

1987 Ford Mustang GT 5.0, ac, am-fm cass, perfect cond, \$6,800. 260-1341.

1978 Gran lemans, V8, needs work, not dty pd, \$600/obo. 284-4682.

1988 Dodge Caravan SE, V6 3.0L, at, ps, pb, ac, am-fm cass, tilt, cruise, 70km, good cond, \$8,000/obo. 284-5598.

1984 Ford T-bird, new paint, low mi, am-fm cass, alarm, ps, pb, \$3,000. 283-3634.

1988 BMW 318i Shadow Line, 2dr, 5 spd, ac, sr, am-fm cass, not dty pd, \$8,500. 261-6119.

1987 Honda Accord hatchbk, ac, alarm, tint, exc cond, \$6,500. 269-3764.

1989 Nissan Sunny, 4dr, 4 cyl, std, ac, \$4,000. 285-5359 Ms Rivera.

1991 Mercury Convert Capri, fully loaded, 5 spd. 236-2288.

1988 Chevy Cavalier, 2dr, ac, am-fm cass, 38,000 mi, at, exc cond, \$5,500. 264-7740.

1986 Chevy Cavalier hatchbk, 5spd, ac, ps, pb, am-fm cass, \$3,000/obo. 282-3980.

1985 Ply Voyager, \$4,200/obo. 264-9608 after 6pm.

1987 Monte Carlo SS, ps, pb, ac, am-fm cass, at, t-tops, new paint, tinted glass, exc cond, not dty pd, \$5,500. 235-9390.

1986 Ply Voyager LE, 4 cyl, ps, pb, am-fm cass, \$6,500. 284-4079.

1974 Triumph, 6 cyl, dty pd, overhauled, painted, convert, exc cond, \$2,500. 53-1243 LD#.

1986 Jeep Cherokee Laredo 4x4, V6, dty pd, fully loaded, exc cond, \$8,500. 53-1243 LD#.

1991 Eagle Talon TSI turbo, sr, pl/ w, warranty, cruise, 29,000 mi, exc cond, neg. 284-5065.

1985 Chrysler LeBaron, full extras, exc cond, \$2,800. 263-9814.

1994 Nissan Terrano, 4dr, ac, 5 spd, running boards, tinted glass, full extras, \$21,300. 261-7035 after 7pm.

1988 Ford Taurus, dty pd, exc cond, fully loaded, \$7,500/neg. 239-6485.

1988 Dodge Caravan SE, V6 3.0L, at, ps, pb, ac, am-fm cass, tilt, cruise, 70k mi, good cond, \$8,000. 284-5598.

1986 Jaguar XJ6, all extras, exc cond, \$13,000. 264-0118.

1992 Volvo 240 sta/wgn, OD, exc cond, 12,000 mi, warranty, ac, am-fm cass, \$17,500. 289-3235.

1986 Pontiac Grand Am, exc cond, ac, am-fm cass, new batt, tires, brakes, \$4,000/obo. 287-5890.

1987 Ford Tempo GL, 4dr, ac, am-fm cass, 5 spd, tinted glass, new tires, batt, \$4,500. 284-6730.

1966 Land Rover, removable top,

std, repainted, lks/runs good, \$3,000. 282-3985.

1975 Chevy Blazer 4x4, removable hd top, rebuilt kit incl, body fair cond, \$2,000. 284-6894.

1989 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, 5 spd, 4.0L 6 cyl, ac, pb, ps, stereo, tinted glass, US specs, exc cond, \$10,250/ obo. 284-3339.

1986 Mercedes 300E, like new, US specs, fully loaded, sr, \$23,500/ obo. 284-3339.

1978 Dodge Monaco, 2dr, ac, at, ps, pw, pl, 318 V8, eng/trans recently rebuilt, \$1,100/obo. 283-6330.

1983 Pontiac Grand Prix, 2dr, ac, stereo, no rust, exc cond, good tires, \$5,000. 284-6670.

1988 Ford Ranger p/u, 2.0L 4 cyl, 5 spd, ac, not dty pd, \$5,500. 283-3875.

1991 Pontiac Sunbird, 4dr, ac, ps, at, 48k, tinted glass, \$9,000. 226-6368.

1990 Dodge Grand Caravan, cruise, ac, am-fm, ps pb, alarm, exc cond, \$12,900. 228-7924.

1991 Hyundai, 4dr, ac, at, exc cond, \$6,500. 226-7679.

Available

Bilingual maid/housekeeper, clean, iron, cook, honest, reliable. 229-1292 ask for Angela.

Eng-spk, honest, reliable, babysitter, weekends/Fri. eves, Sat. 236-4553.

Eng-spk mature maid, live-in, M-F, honest, grt housekeeper, gen house work, refs. 228-7791 ask for Ruby.

Honest, dependable, babysitter, college edu, spks some Eng, Sat., some Fri. eves, 264-3546 ask for Veronica.

Bilingual housekeeper, M-F, good w/kids. 286-3890.

Eng-spk maid/sitter, grt w/kids, reliable, day work, refs, prefers Albrook area. 286-4563.

Teenage babysitter w/exp, work nights, wkends. 230-1927.

Bilingual daily babysitting or cleaning, 7 days a wk. 266-0747 ask for Emilia.

Eng-spk live-in maid/out, reliable, good w/kids. 221-8024.

Eng-spk mature maid, hardworker, good w/children, live-out/in, honest. 262-2271.

Eng-spk mature maid, hard working, good w/kids, M-W-F, honest. 221-1573.

Span-spk maid, honest, hard working, grt w/kids. 282-3694 ask for Mari.

Bilingual house cleaning maid, 3 days a wk. 224-0086.

Eng-spk honest, mature maid, grt w/kids, live-in/out, refs. 287-5221 anytime.

Maid to work Wed, refs. 233-0747.

Maid, 3 days a wk, grt w/kids, refs. 282-4727.

Maid, honest, reliable, hard working, good w/kids, part time work. 284-5628.

Boats & Campers

16' fiberglass tri-hull w/60hp



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er, software, \$300.; 284-4079.

Console 25" screen TV, in good cond, \$175/obo. 284-4984.

JVC VHS camcorder w/access, extra batt, grt cond, \$450/obo. 284-6383.

Phono player, \$180; typewriter, \$125; guitar, \$195; fly simulator prgms 5.0-4.0, joystick, software, \$195, computer, \$495. 261-7035.

Keybd piano casio, 20 sounds music, 100 instruments, \$125. 261-7035.

128 Commodore comp w/1571 dd, color monitor, desk, \$330/obo. 287-4392.

Computer software, Dos, Windows, Cdrom, orig disks, documents. 286-3736.

VW radio cass player, \$500. 230-1787.

Zenith 4hd VCR, \$175, 100w, 4-way JVC car speakers, \$75, Kenwood laser disc/cd player, warranty, \$185. 284-4781.

Aiwa component set, turntbl, am-fm, equal, dbl cass, 100 watts, like new, \$150. 228-0860.

21" Daewoo color TV, remote, connector cbls, ant, exc cond, TV stand, \$260. 228-0860.

PB 386SX-25 notebook computer, 127mb, hd, 2mb Ram, VGA, mouse, modem fax, software, \$1,250. 283-3560.

Household

Cab for sound equip, simulated wood w/glass dr, \$45. 230-1298.

Q-sz bed, frame, 9x12, 12x15 mauve carpets. 284-4431.

Refrig/frzr, gas stove, dryer, LR, DR, buffet, console TV, crystal buffet. 252-6277.

Modular closet-type furn, drawers, grt cond, \$75. 232-5419.

7pc patio furn, removable cushions, glass top, \$450/neg. 287-4376.

Lg sofa, loveseat, \$325; Whirlpool dishwasher, \$65, ac, no compressor, \$30. 252-2889.

Whirlpool dryer, 5 cycle, lg cap, \$140. 252-5126.

Dresser, \$100, swivel 29" Sharp TV, remote, exc cond, \$600. 284-5030.

Infant car seat, \$40, rocking chr, \$40; 2 end tbls, \$100, cream colored curtains, \$400/obo. 284-5030.

Hitachi stereo sys, \$100; Sony 8mm video cam, \$800; twin wht bed, matt, chest, bookshelf set, \$700. 287-5137.

Bamboo sofa, chr, \$125, dresser, \$75, end tbls, \$35, dbl bed, \$55, fish tanks, \$20. 256-6816.

Kenwood rack stereo sys, \$400, RCA 26" walnut grain floor model TV, \$400, lamps. 284-6493.

K-sz waterbed, matt, liner, heater, \$300. 260-4596.

bookcases, 4 set, \$250, bunk beds w/built-in dresser, \$600/obo. sofa w/curtains, rug, \$400. 284-5175.

Maytag washer, dryer, works good, \$300. 284-5372.

Q-sz sofa sleeper, \$400, recliner, \$175. 264-4056.

Washer & dryer, \$500; 4pc custom made leather LR, \$700. 284-3139.

19" port color TV, 12x15 med blue carpet. 287-3641.

Upright frzr, 21cuft, exc cond, \$225. 236-3099.

Rolling canopy bed w/matt, new, \$80, curtains for trop qtrs. 230-1927.

Wht dryer, like new, 8 mos old, \$200. 287-5324.

Twin bed, matt, box spring, frame, dresser drawer w/mirror, chest drawer, \$325/obo. See 264B, Albrook.

Brazilian leather chr, footstool, \$110. 252-2676.

Q-sz BR set, hdbd, night stand, dresser w/mirror, \$900/obo. 284-3386.

Sofa, loveseat, overstuffed, good

cond, \$700. 286-4234.

Twin bed w/bookcase, night stand, new matt, good cond, \$275/obo. 286-6395.

Sm wooden dining tbl, Sony stereo sys, 5 disc cd, silverware, more. 269-0356.

DR set, 6 chrs, china cab, \$1, 295/obo. 287-5277.

Bunk bed, tubular, full bottom, 3/4 top, new cond. 252-2180.

Thomasville oak triple dresser, mirror, storage hdbd, \$600, 4 uphols bar stools, \$300. 285-4432.

Dbl bed, box spring, matt, frame, good cond, \$225. 286-4222.

GE 21.6 cuft side-by-side refrig/frzr, ice maker, like new, \$800/obo. 252-6929.

Sofa sleeper bed, \$350, 4pc dinette w/glass tbl top, \$200, misc furn, carpet. 286-4275.

Coffee tbl, \$200, match end tbls, \$100 ea, dbl bed, new, \$275, fishing rods, \$25 ea, tiller/cultivator, \$200. 252-6841.

New 9x12 carpet, lt colored, \$75. 260-2341.

Refrig/frzr. See Bldg. 841 Balboa Sat.

Kenmore hvy dty washer/dryer, set only, \$550; oak Q-sz waterbed, \$350. 286-6236.

Curtains for 3BR trop, \$300; sofa sleeper, Q-sz, \$300; roll-top desk, \$300. 284-4277.

Brn 9x12 rug, \$25, coffee/2 end tbls, \$125, mini blinds, \$5, curtains. 286-4890.

Two 6x9 rose colored area rugs, \$85 ea, blender, \$35. 252-5985.

Q-sz waterbed w/6 drawers, \$60. 287-5390.

BR set, 2 dressers, mirror, 2 night stands, hdbd, 2 comforters, \$2,500/obo. 283-5236.

Sofa, chr, blue w/floral pattern, \$350. 287-3423.

DR set, 6 chrs, china cab, server, \$1,700. 282-3193.

GE hvy dty elec clothes dryer, \$175. 284-5684.

Hoover vacuum, \$50 wht marble/brass floor lamp, \$175, Bokarra runner 3x10. 263-8579.

Drop leaf tbl, 2 match chrs dinette set, exc cond, \$250. 287-4794.

Ceiling lamp, \$125, Hoover shampooer, polisher, \$95, console color TV, \$350, microwave, \$140. 252-2675.

Mauve curtains w/floral pattern balloon valances fits 3BR trop LR and DR, \$200. 284-5097.

Crib w/matt, \$130, Graco stroller, \$45, swing set, \$85. 226-8116.

Overhead fans, wht, brn, \$30 ea. sm propane tank, \$10. 287-3944.

Q-sz waterbed w/hdbd, heater, exc cond, \$350. 286-3326.

New washer, dryer, \$600. 286-4773.

Antique mahogany wardrobe w/beveled mirrors, \$800, antique milk can, \$50. 252-2033.

Household furn, stove, stereo, tbls, pots & pans. 286-4233.

Daybed wht color brass tops w/matt, springs, \$160, Eureka vacuum, \$80. 287-5137.

Whirlpool washer & dryer, \$300, stove, new, wht, \$500, refrig, almond, \$500. 282-4587.

Frigidaire refrig, \$700/qbo, Zenith 4hd VCR, hi-fi stereo, \$400. 264-9608.

Sears Kenmore hvy dty clothes washer/dryer set, almond color, lg cap, like new, \$850. 284-6274.

6-drawer dresser, \$150, 5 chest of drawers, \$125, 2 car seats, \$20 ea. 233-5582.

Childcraft crib/youth bed, matt, bedding, \$250. 289-4958.

Blk custom curtains, 2BR trop, \$150/obo, 4pr beige, 4pr rose curtains, \$35. 284-6730.

Full-sz futon, unfinished hd wood, L-shaped frame w/natural color cot-

ton matt, cover incl, \$250. 260-9019.

Stove, gas, Whirlpool, like new, \$300. 50-0236 LD#.

Crib w/o matt, Q-sz bed, girl clothes 24-sz 4, like new baby items. 260-8160.

2pc sectional sofa, needs repair, \$50, VCR, \$150, AF maternity uniforms, clothes. 284-6894.

Dbl bed, \$75, drapes, \$20 set, mini blinds custom trop, \$45 ea, TV, \$70, rugs, \$15 ea, grill, \$15, porch screen, \$70. 284-3873.

Lost

Key w/bead chain and child's baseball glove w/Brad Cherone written on side of glove. 286-3636.

Miscellaneous

BCs, lt, med, reg, US divers, reg marks. 284-4431.

Bird cage 8x6, \$200. 252-6722.

Lg swing set, 2 swings, slide, glide ride, gym rings, overhead climber, adult lawn swing. \$100/obo. 287-4742.

Rowing machine, like new, 475. 260-7621.

Stereo spker stands for any size, blk, \$20. 236-3073.

Stainless steel honey extractor, beekeeping supplies, new hives, strainers, valves, product crates. 252-2715.

Sports cards, 1988-1993/94, football, basketball, baseball. 284-3689.

Clothes, Aiwa, Sansui turntbls, \$45; turbo graphics game sys, \$80, Nintendo tape Jordan vs. Bird, \$10. 284-3689.

Zenith 25" console color TV, \$325, auto harp, \$200, glass patio tbl, \$50, exer bike, \$25. 284-6225.

American Tourister lug, \$25, 4pc Airway lug, \$35, wt bench w/butterfly, leg ext attachs, \$60. 286-3488.

Playskool bike, exc cond, \$30. 287-3971.

American Airline travel voucher, open ticket, worth \$140 will sell for \$120/obo. 252-2889.

Tools, vise, rotating parts bins, fastners, clamps, more. 252-2715.

Barbie Corvette, \$100, Teac cdplayer, \$120. 287-3931.

Spiderman 2, Terminator 2 for Gambeboy, men's Citizen chronograph watch, blk leather jacket. 284-3936.

Girl & boy 16" Murray bikes, \$30 ea. Sanyo microwave, 900 watts, works grt, \$100. 284-5726.

21" color TV, needs work, \$40; ac 6,000 btu, brand new, \$300. 282-3698.

New fashionable maternity sundresses, sz 8, clean, baby clothes. 282-3698.

2 patio chrs, 2 end tbls, good cond, \$85 all. 282-5630.

Boreal rock climbing shoes, sz 10, used only once, \$80. 283-5325.

27" 10 spd Nishiki racing bike, exc cond, \$275/neg. 264-4056.

Spoke wheels (4) for Jeep/Ford 4x4, sz 7x15, \$100. 284-4392.

9 rose color mini-blinds, \$100, ceiling fan w/lt, \$30, car seat, \$20. 286-3833.

Flex force VKR w/stair stepper, in grt cond, \$200/obo. 260-6384.

Oriental rug 9x12, wine w/medallion ctr, good cond, best offer. 263-5316.

Kolcraft dbl stroller, good cond, \$65. 287-3630.

Continental airline round trip ticket to any where in the US, except Hawaii, must be used before April 30, \$300/obo. 268-0575.

Trailer, homemade, needs work, \$35/neg. 252-2180.

Gas BBQ, grt con, \$75. 282-4225.

Books, FSU CGS2060 Lotus, Computer Lit, \$35. 260-3270.

Surfbd 6'3, \$150. 252-6968.

Avail sports cards sets, Stars, Rockies 1980-present. 287-3097.

Tent \$80, stroller, \$60, box of baby clothes, 0-3, \$20, box of toys, \$20, spkrs, \$60. 282-3297.

Ford Ranger 1983-85 new dash cover, spark wire cable for 4 & 6 cyl, door pocket, \$75. 260-4564.

Reg Nintendo machine, paddles convert to joysticks, 5 games, \$75. 286-4184.

Hyper extension stomach/back exerciser machine, good cond, \$35/obo. 286-6333

Exc 2 car carport, comp tbl, executive, desk, sofa, bar, other household furn. 252-2189.

Barbie doll dream house, \$85. 260-5368.

Salt-water fishing equip, Penn rod, reels, assorted tackle. 282-4538.

Baby items: swing, car seat, bouncy seat, changing tbl; rice cooker, wok. 284-4484.

Ladies bike, 10 spd, grt cond, \$100. 232-5419.

Playpen, new, \$40. 263-8077.

Crib, matt w/everything, \$50, baby items, diapers, bottles, socks, shoes, shirts, pajamas. 287-5974.

Sears disc-belt sander, \$60, Sears 18" scroll saw, \$180. 260-1870.

Lace, pearls wedding gown w/veil, gloves, \$1,000. 252-2017.

14k engagement & wedding band set, grt price. 229-1292.

Lg parrot cage & toys, \$75. 263-9665.

Antique cannonball bed, \$350; FP sandbox, \$45, car seat, \$25, booster car seat, \$20, misc carpets, wooden toy box, \$30, nursery monitor, \$20. 260-1677.

12volt fridge for auto, acetylene tank, mahogany form molds for coffee tbl bases. 226-1842.

Scuba tanks, back packs, misc diving equip, elec motors, misc tools, more. 226-1842.

New baby swing, stroller, car seat, fish tank, clothes for baby, Nintendo w/games Genie. 287-4895.

Morey Mach 3 boggie board, fins, like new, must sell, \$75. 284-6108 ask for Sean.

Baby crib, \$150. 226-6368.

Car top carrier, \$45, ladies 12 spd, beach cruiser bikes, \$75 ea., phone tbl, \$35, enter center, \$150. 252-2315.

Two night stands w/drawers, \$45 both. 287-3231.

Iron/glass art deco tbl w/steel chrs, \$150, cherry wood bed frame, \$300, baby, linens, misc items. 287-5890.

Baby crib, matt, \$75, Haro mt bike, many upgrades, \$200, habitrail set, \$15. 284-6339.

Mongoose 26" men's bike, exc cond, \$250. 284-3529.

Gas grill, needs burner, \$40, Nintendo, 3 tapes, game Genie, \$150, baby stroller, \$35, male 10 spd bike, \$90, ladies 10 spd bike,

\$60. 287-6874.

Jeep 4x4 for boy/girl age 3-7, recharg batt, charger incl, \$80. 287-5799.

Two twin wood bed frames, \$70 ea., crib-bed w/5 drawers, wht/oak, \$230. 264-2780.

TV/microwave cart, \$25. 287-3231.

Ladies golf clubs, 3-pw, putter, bag, all like new, \$100. 260-7568.

4 VW Riviera 15x5 rims, 1 damaged, \$50. 260-6289.

VW Super Beetle back window louver, new, \$80. 260-6289.

Four 15" alum, rims w/tires, 4 3/4" bolt pattern, \$300. 284-6699.

Two P205/75R15 tires w/rim from '93 Jeep Wrangler, perfect for replacing your spare, \$50 ea. 284-6443.

Full set Britannia encyclopedias, dictionnaires, 6 mos old, new cond, \$1,500. 283-6330.

Men's lg wet suit, aviator's Seiko watch, Grundig travel radio, / band, matterhorn boots, sz 9-10. 282-3969.

Metal detector, all access, new cond, \$1,200. 226-7679 after 5pm.

Motorcycles

1994 Honda CRB-600, \$6,000. 284-4044 between 6-7pm.

1985 Honda Elite, exc cond, two helmets, \$1,300/obo. 285-4734.

1992 Honda CR80 race bike, \$1,600. 252-6277.

1986 VF1000F interceptor, needs parts, has new pistons/rings, helmet, manual, \$800. 236-0105.

1983 Yamaha Sela 750cc touring bike, shield, cooling, side/rear storage compart, runs grt, \$2,500/neg. 55-5458 LD#.

1981 Honda CB650 header, new tires, tune-up, good cond, \$1,800/obo. 287-4081.

1992 Honda 750 Nighthawk, blk, \$3,800. 282-3895.

1990 Suzuki Katona 750, exc cond, \$3,750/obo: 1986 Honda Elite 80, low mi, needs batt, \$500. 233-5582.

Honda NX, \$1,800. 284-3873.

Helmet bell tour lite, sz lg, \$50. 2560-6768.

Patio Sales

Qtrs. 669B Clayton, Sat. 7-10:30am, bed clothes.

Qtrs. 1056A Clayton, Sat. 7-10am, kid's clothes, toys, misc household items.

Qtrs. 327A Albrook, Sat. 7-11am.

Qtrs. 105B Albrook, Sat. 7-11am, furn, curtains, rugs, household, video games, misc.

Qtrs. 226B Albrook, Sat. 8am-noon, no early birds.

Qtrs. 808B Farfan, Sat. 7-10:30am, no early birds.

Qtrs. 208B Albrook, Sat. 8am, no early birds.

Qtrs. 272B Albrook, Sat. 7am-noon, furn, adult/baby girl clothes.

Qtrs. 252B Albrook, Sat. 7-11am.

Qtrs. 1530C Howard, Sat. 7am-noon.

Qtrs. 133B, Howard, Sat. 8am-3pm.

Qtrs. 135B Howard, Sat. 8am, furn, baby items, more.

Qtrs. 674 Howard, Sat. 7-11am, no early birds.

Qtrs. 377A Kobbe, Sat., furn, kitchen items, clothes, more.

Qtrs 837A Farfan, Sat. 8am-noon, no early birds.

Qtrs. 608A Howard, Sat. 7-10am, baby items, clothing.

Qtrs. 587A Howard, Sat. 7-11am, computer, clothes, bike, grill, misc. 6443.

Plaza San Marcos #1, Apt. 41, Bethania, El Dorado, beds, rugs, furn, computers. 260-1178 for directions.

Qtrs. 542B Curundu, Sat. 8am-2pm.

Qtrs 2047 Curundu, Sat. 8am, misc household items.

Qtrs 5064B Diabo, Sat. 8am-noon, no early birds.

Qtrs. 977B La Boca, Sat. 7-11am, clothes, bikes, household, misc.

Qtrs. 6300 all Los Rios, Sun. 8am-1pm.

Qtrs. 7210 Cardenas, Sat., office equip, plants, clothing, misc.

Qtrs. 161 Gamboa, Sat. 9am-2pm.

Employment

HOW TO APPLY: Submit a SF-171, DD 214 if claiming veteran preference, a copy of college transcripts if claiming education and a copy of CASP notice of rating if applicable. Copy of latest SF-50 if you are a Federal employee.

For more information regarding Army vacancy announcements (forms required, job related criteria, etc.), visit the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, Building 560, Room 102, Corozal, or call 285-5201.

For more information regarding Air Force vacancies, visit the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 707, Howard AFB or call 284-5614.

*Note: One-on-one employment counseling should be the first step in the job search.

Vacancy announcements are also available at the Sundial Recreation Center.

The Army civilian personnel office accepts applications on a continuous basis for the following positions. These announcements are used to establish registers for future vacancies.

Army

VB# 001 * General Clerical, NM-3 (Used to fill most clerical positions)
VB# 001A * General Clerical, NM-4 (Used to fill most clerical positions)
VB# 002 * Sales Store Checker, NM-3 (Intermittent wk sch)

* CASP Examination (CEO, notice of rating) is required.

VB# 003 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (Lifeguard) Requires Cert + 6 mo recreation exp in the field.

VB# 004 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (req 6 mo recreation exp in the field).

VB# 005 Secretary (Stenography), NM-5

VB# 005A Secretary (Stenography), NM-6

VB# 006 Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-5

VB# 006A Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-6

VB# 017 Administrative Services Assistant, NM-5 (Typing/Office Automation)

VB# 017A Administrative Services Assistant, NM-6 (Typing/Office Automation)

VB# 018 Supply Technician, NM-5 (Typing/Office Automation)

VB# 018A Supply Technician, NM-6 (Typing/Office Automation)

VB# 010 Manual Positions, MG-2 (Veteran preference eligibles only and permanent employees.)

VB# 011 Manual Positions, MG-3 (Veteran preference eligibles only and permanent employees.)

VB# 012 Manual Positions, MG-4 (Veteran preference eligibles only and permanent employees.)

VB# 013 Manual Positions, MG-5 (Veteran preference eligibles only and permanent employees.)

VB# 014 Motor Vehicle Operator MG-6 (Veteran preference eligibles only and permanent employees.)

VB# 015 Motor Vehicle Operator MG-7 (Veteran preference eligibles only and permanent employees.)

VB# 016 Motor Vehicle Operator MG-8 (Veteran preference eligibles only and permanent employees.)

VB# 007 ** Medical Officer, NE-12/13/14, (Perm/Temp Full-time, Part-time, Intermittent)

VB# 008 ** Clinical Nurse (RN license required), NM-9/10/11, (Perm/Temp Full-time, Part-time, Intermittent)

VB# 009 ** Practical Nurse (LPN license required), NM-5, (Perm/Temp Full-time, Part-time, Intermittent)

** Selectees for Nurse & Medical Officer positions will be required to undergo a background check.

VB# VACANCIES TITLE AND LOCATION OPEN: 03-18-94 CLOSE: 03-29-94

Pacific

229-94-NC Supply Technician, NM-2005-6. Limited to permanent employees only.

230-94-VC Secretary (Office Automation), NM-318-7. Sensitive

231-94-NC Laundry & Dry Cleaning Plant Superintendent, NM-1658-9. Temp Nte: 1 yr.

232-94-EL Distribution Facilities Specialist, NM-2030-9. Sensitive.

233-94-LA(9) Telecommunications Mechanic, MG-2502-8/9/10/11/Developmental. Sensitive. Driver's license is required.

234-94-EL (2) General Engineer, NM-801-21)-12. Sensitive.

235-94-NC Custodial Contract Inspector, NM-303-5. Limited to permanent employees. Bilingual (Eng/Spanish), driver's license is required.

237-94-ES Lead Civilian Pay Technician, NM-544-6.

238-94-SS Civil Engineering Technician, NM-802-9. Limited to DEH permanent and temporary employees and Veterans. Driver's license is required.

Atlantic

236-94-NC Educational Aid, NM-1702-4. Temp Nte: 1 yr. Part-time.

169A-94-SS Masonry Worker, MG-3603-9. Applications received under VB# 169-94-SS, will be considered under this announcement.

194A-94-SS Engineering Technician, NM-802-7/Dev 9. Pay retention authorized for permanent employee. Training plan required. Driver's license is required.

Club news

Quarry Heights

◆Officers' Club:

Breakfast buffet served 6:30-8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday and 8-10 a.m. Saturday.

Club Amador

Typical Panamanian buffet 6-9 p.m. every Wednesday in La Concha.

Sunday brunch 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Membership night, "Night of Carnival '94," 6 p.m. April 22. Folkloric presentation, Premier Ballet of Panama, Light and Disco show and The Producers II.

Easter Sunday brunch 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with Easter egg hunt starting at noon April 3.

Clayton

◆The Loop:

Features CJ's Sports Bar and Prizmz Nite Club at Building 210, Fort Clayton. Ladies night begins 7 p.m. Thursdays at Prizmz, social hours Fridays.

CJ's Sports Bar pool tournament begins 5:30 p.m. every Saturday. Sports trivia contest 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

◆NCO Club:

Scrumptious Sunday buffet 4:30-8 p.m. Sunday. Adults, \$5.75, children from 5 to 12 years old, \$3, and children under 5 eat free.

Easter buffet 4:30-8 p.m. April 3.

Country and western dance lessons are held 7-9 p.m. every Sunday and Monday in the Corral Lounge.

Rock and Roll music is offered 7 p.m.-1 a.m. every Wednesday and 7-11 p.m. Thursday at the Underground Lounge.

Club will be closed April 1. The Underground Lounge bar will open at 4 p.m.

Tempest Rock and Roll April 6.

Luis Enrique and Orquesta, April 16.

Merenque Contest 9 p.m. in the Underground Lounge April 22.

Casa Maria 5-10 p.m. daily. Dine-in and take-out menus are available. All-you-can-eat special April 13 and 27.

Albrook/Howard

Free Ride program is offered to all Air Force club patrons who have had too much to drink. Check with the night/duty manager or bartender.

◆Albrook Club:

Basket bazaar will be held Sunday in the patio.

Fiesta de mariscos Saturday nights. Treat yourself to a seafood feast with different platters featuring your choice of clam chowder, shrimp cocktail or ceviche. The combination platter includes broiled corvina, stuffed crab, calamare rings, peel and eat shrimp, a choice of potato or rice, cole slaw and vegetables du jour.

Mongolian BBQs every Monday. Prepare your plate, choose the meat, vegetables, seasonings, oils and have chefs do the job outside on the open grills.

Easter Sunday brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations are a must and are open to club members only. Call 286-3557 duty hours.

◆Howard Enlisted Members' Club:

Captain KC packages are available to children age 12 and under every Monday night during family night in the dining room. Families can enjoy a buffet dinner with fried chicken, spaghetti, meat loaf, mashed potatoes and more.

Country and western dance lessons are held every Wednesday night in the Casual Cove. Learn the latest in line dancing, the stomp, waltz and others. A dance follows.

Jazz and Blues 7-10 p.m. Sundays beginning in April by recording artist Lowell Hopper in the Casual Cove.

Membership block party 4 p.m.-midnight Saturday at the parking lot in front of the Howard Enlisted Club. DJ music, food and beverage booths will be available. Families are encouraged to attend.

◆Top Three Club

Taco bar 5-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

Jazz up your evening 7 p.m. every Thursday by recording artist Lowell Hopper.

Karaoke 7 p.m.-midnight every Saturday.

For events or catering, call 284-4181.

◆Howard Officers' Club:

Thursday specials, steak by the ounce in the dining room.

Mini gourmet Wednesday. Call 284-3718 for reservations.

Friday night disco 8 p.m.-midnight.

For events or catering, call 284-3718.

Rodman

◆Rodman Officers' Club:

Lunch time 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Open to all hands.

Renovated dining room with new menu. Dinner is served 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Laguna Lounge. Enjoy the nautical lounge, music and social hours 4-10 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday and 4 p.m.-midnight Friday. The club is open to officers, warrant officers and civilians NM-7 and above.

◆Anchorage Club:

Breakfast is served 6:30-9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Grill and dinner specials 6-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Pasta night \$5.95 6-9 p.m. every Monday.

Country & western night 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, free dance lessons.

Taco night 5:30-9 p.m. every Thursday. All-you-can-eat, \$5.95.

The club is no longer open for lunch and closes every Sunday.

◆Chief Petty Officers' Club:

All-you-can-eat buffet lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Lunch grill is available noon-6 p.m. Saturday.

Dinner grill opens 6-9 Tuesday-Saturday.

A la carte dining 6-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Club closed every Sunday.

Davis

◆Davis Community Club:

Scrumptious Easter Sunday brunch, a feast of traditional favorites will be 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 3.

Easter egg hunt for ages 5-8, 11-11:30 a.m.; ages 9-12, noon-12:30 p.m. April 3.

Holy week schedule

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) -
The following schedule is for Holy Week and Easter Religious Services:

Pacific

Clayton Chapel

5:00 p.m. Catholic Mass for Palm Sunday
Saturday
6:00 p.m. Seder Supper for Catholics Saturday
8:45 a.m. General Protestant Worship Sunday
10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday
12:30 p.m. Gospel Worship Service Sunday
6:00 p.m. Seder Supper for Protestants Sunday
Noon Catholic Mass Monday
Noon Catholic Mass Tuesday
Noon Catholic Mass Wednesday
5:30 p.m. Catholic Mass, Holy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Protestant Thursday
3:00 p.m. Catholic Stations of the Cross April 1
5:30 p.m. Catholic Good Friday Liturgy
12:30 p.m. Regular Islamic Service in the Chapel's Activities Room April 1
9:00 p.m. Catholic Easter Vigil Service April 2
8:45 a.m. General Protestant Worship April 3
10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass April 3
12:30 p.m. Gospel Worship Service April 3
6:00 p.m. General Protestant Worship April 3

Amador Chapel

8:30 a.m. Catholic Mass Saturday
10:30 a.m. Episcopal Mass Saturday
7:00 p.m. Episcopal Holy Eucharist Liturgy Thursday
Noon Episcopal Pre-sanctified Mass April 1

11:00 p.m. Episcopal Easter Vigil & Mass April 2
6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service Amador Causeway April 3
8:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
10:30 a.m. Episcopal Mass

Corozal Chapel

10:00 a.m. Spanish Catholic Mass Saturday
1:00 p.m. Pentecostal Worship Saturday
10:00 a.m. Spanish Catholic Mass April 3
1:00 p.m. Pentecostal Worship Service April 3
6:30 p.m. Jewish Passover Service Saturday at the KOL Shearith Israel Synagogue, Cuba Avenue/Calle 36, 34-16

Albrook/Howard Chapels

Catholic
8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass Sunday
9:15 a.m. English Mass Sunday
11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday - Howard (Blessing and distribution of Palms during the Masses)
11:30 a.m. Mass - Howard Monday
11:30 a.m. Mass - Howard Tuesday
8:00 a.m. Mass - Albrook Wednesday
11:30 a.m. Mass - Howard Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Last Supper Mass - Thursday Albrook (Bring fresh flowers)
2:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy - Albrook
7:00 p.m. Family Stations of the Cross - Albrook April 1
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Liturgy - April 2 Albrook (Please bring Easter lilies and other fresh flowers)
8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Albrook April 3
9:15 a.m. English Mass - Howard April 3
11:00 a.m. Mass - Howard April 3
General Protestant
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Howard Sunday

11:00 a.m. Informal Worship - Albrook Sunday
12:30 p.m. Gospel Worship - Howard Sunday
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service/Passion Play - Howard
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Howard April 3
11:00 a.m. Informal Worship - Albrook April 3
12:30 p.m. Gospel Worship - Howard April 3 (Special Easter music at all services)
Protestant - Lutheran/Episcopal Traditions
9:00 a.m. Blessing and distribution of Palms - Howard Sunday
7:00 p.m. Tennebrae Service - Howard Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Howard
Noon Good Friday Service - Howard
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service - Howard April 3

Atlantic Espinar Chapel

7:00 p.m. Living Stations by youth Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Living Stations April 1
10:00 p.m. Gospel Shut-In until 6:00 a.m. April 1
7:00 p.m. Catholic Easter Vigil April 2
6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Shim-mey Beach April 3
9:00 a.m. Catholic Mass April 3
10:15 a.m. Protestant Worship Service April 3
Noon Spanish Catholic Mass at Davis Chapel April 3
12:20 p.m. Gospel Worship April 3
7:30 p.m. Protestant Worship Service April 3