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U.S. forces tighten security on bases

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — Certain changes in the use of entrance gates and parking areas at installations have been initiated by the component commands of the U.S. Southern Command, as outlined in the following news releases:

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — In order to ensure the safety and security of U.S. personnel and installations in the Panama area, the following adjustments to U.S. Army South entrance gate procedures and installation parking will remain in effect until further notice.

The Fort Clayton main gate will be open 24 hours a day to all except commercial vehicles. The pedestrian gate will also remain open 24 hours a day. The SCN gate will be open from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily to provide entrance only to commercial vehicles, official vehicles, and those with 1990 installation decals ***fixed*** on windshields. Finally, the Fort Clayton rear gate will be open to all vehicles from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily.

The main gate to the PX in Corozal will be closed. Access to this area will be provided, however, at the gate adjacent to the muffler shop where entrance only will be allowed from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. On weekends and holidays, two-way traffic will be allowed during this same time period.

To exit the Corozal PX area 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.,Monday-Friday, use the Diablo Rd. gate (adjacent to building 561). Two-way traffic for oversized vehicles will also be allowed at the Diablo Rd. gate during the hours listed.

The Quarry Heights main gate will be open 24 hours a day to all except commercial vehicles. The rear gate to Quarry Heights will be open 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. , Monday-Friday for commercial and official traffic only. There will be no change in times or operating procedures for the Fort Amador gate.

Adjusted parking regulations are in effect at a variety of locations including Gorgas Army Hospital and a number of on-post facilities. While these regulations are in effect, vehicles must park a safe distance from specific facilities. Patrons, particularly at medical facilities, are advised to allow extra time for parking before appointments. As an additional safety measure at Gorgas Hospital, all doors except for the main entrance door are closed to the public.

While these regulations and new procedures will undoubtedly cause some inconvenience, U.S. personnel are reminded that such measures are designed to ensure the safety of both people and property. Personnel are asked to be courteous to Military Police who are checking vehicles at installation gates, and to avoid conversation which might cause further delays to others who are waiting in line.

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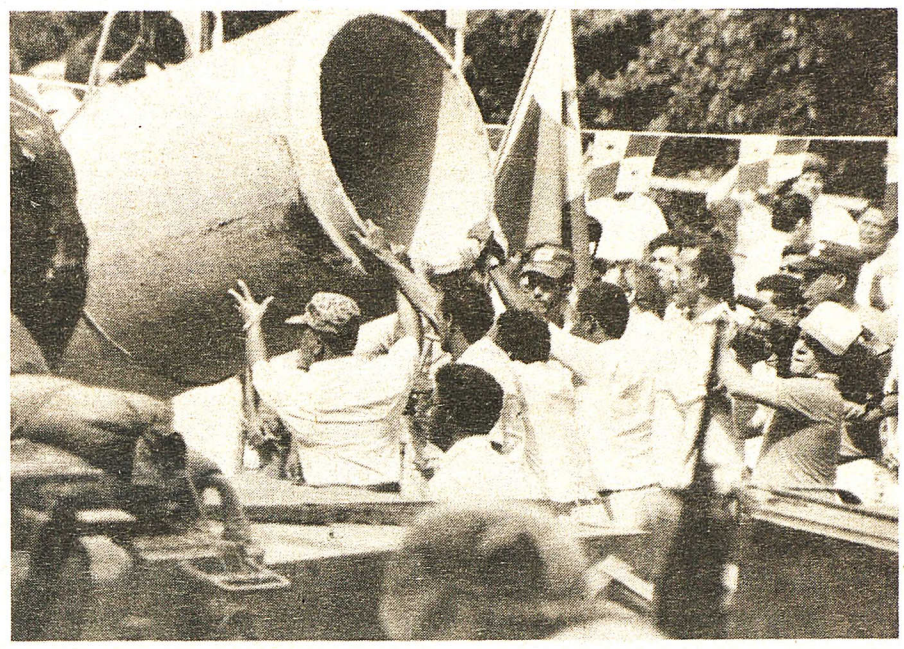

Panamanian demonstrators remove a concrete culvert pipe from a parking lot adjacent to Gorgas Army Community Hospital Tuesday. The Panama Defense Forces later agreed to return the pipe and to control access to the parking lot. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. John Moreland)

Tropic Times to publish daily

COROZAL (TROPIC TIMES) — Effective Monday, the Tropic Times will start publishing five days a week, from Monday through Friday.

Initially, the Monday through Thursday editions will comprise eight pages each with the Friday edition consisting of 20 pages.

Except during weeks with a holiday, the regular features will continue to be published on the usual days — the TV schedule Mondays, the movie schedule Wednesdays and the club calendar and classified ads Fridays.

The increase in frequency of publication is designed to provide Tropic Times readers with more up-to-date local, national and international news.

The deadline for classified ads will remain the same — 9 a.m. Mondays.

Turkey Bowl is postponed

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Turkey Bowl '89, which had been scheduled to be held today at Jarman Field, Fort Clayton, has been postponed until a later date. For more information, call Dave Dickerson at 287-3903 or Tom Gallant at 287-5201.

PDF acknowledges existence of Gorgas security threat

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — After meeting with the ranking U.S. Joint Committee representative, Panama Defense Forces (PDF) officials Tuesday afternoon finally acknowledged the existence of a security threat against U.S. forces and guaranteed they would take responsibility to inspect vehicles for possible bombs at two parking areas near the Gorgas Army Community Hospital complex.

The parking areas also serve a Panamanian Ministry of Health facility.

Earlier in the day, the PDF attempted to forcibly remove the concrete barriers which had been placed there by members of Company B, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry (Mechanized), Tuesday morning to control vehicle entry, after it was evident the PDF was not going to provide security in the area.

The mechanized unit had departed the area after emplacing the barriers.

When the PDF arrived to load the culverts onto a flatbed truck, M-113 armored personnel carriers returned to secure the area and prevent the removal of U.S. government property while U.S. Joint Committee officials again met with PDF counterparts to express the legitimate concerns which required a heightened U.S. forces security posture and PDF cooperation and concern for personnel in the area.

Panamanian civilians were again encouraged to demonstrate and endanger themselves as the U.S. forces attempted to provide for their security.

The PDF finally agreed to return the culverts to the U.S. forces and once the PDF finally agreed to

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Noriega killed PDF members, congressman claims

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega has killed more than 70 soldiers and perhaps more than 100 in the weeks following an abortive coup against him, Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said Tuesday.

Skelton chaired a closed-door hearing of a House Armed Services Committee panel Monday evening that heard from Gen. Maxwell Thurman, commander of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, on the job just three days when the coup took place Oct. 3.

Skelton, who termed the coup both unprofessional and undesirable, also predicted that the next coup against Noriega "will be bloody" and may accomplish nothing more than replacing Noriega with another military government while drug and money laundering operations continue.

Previously coups in Panama, he said in a statement, "were essentially bloodless. If you lost a coup, you lost your job -- but not your life."

He said Noriega "has changed all that. In the wake of the coup, Noriega has garroted more than 70 and probably more than 100 officers and men of the Panamanian Defense Force."

Skelton said that amounted to a loss of 3 percent of the entire PDF in seven weeks compared to an overall loss of 2 percent of U.S. forces in the four years of World War II.

In the coup, plotters did not want to hand over Noriega -- who is under indictment in Miami on drug charges -- to U.S. officials, hoping instead to let him retire in Panama after the coup. Noriega managed to get word to his forces, who flew in to a nearby airport and came to his rescue. Noriega is believed to have personally executed the top leaders of the coup.

Because Noriega has killed those involved in the coup, said Skelton, "There cannot be a chivalrous coup d'etat in the future. The next batch of plotters won't be interested in handing Noriega over to us or dispatching him into exile. Noriega has changed the ground rules. So, the next coup will be bloody."

Skelton said the coup "was unprofessional in the sense that the plot was really doomed to failure. It was premised on General Noriega's willingness to retire to his farm in Panama -- an irrational premise."

It was undesirable, he said, because the plotters did not want to hand him over to the United States, because another military government and not democracy would have followed the coup, and because it would not have ended Panamanian money laundering and drug running operations "because the new leaders of the PDF would likely have taken them over for their own benefit."

He said there is a danger that the next coup plot, if successful, "will do little that we want except eliminate Noriega -- which will probably happen in a manner we do not wish to be associated with."

"Given the concentration of thugs in the PDF resulting from Noreiga's current housecleaning, the chances that democracy will be restored and drug operations eliminated through the medium of a coup is very remote," he said.

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area outside a military installations, try to carpool whenever possible to help reduce congestion at installation gates. A shuttle bus service is now available every half hour to locations within Fort Clayton including buildings 95 and 519. Additionally, a shuttle bus which originates at the Fort Clayton pedestrian gate, travels a circular route on Gaillard Highway to include Corozal, Diablo Heights, the Albrook main gate, and the SCN gate at Fort Clayton.

A number of special events scheduled for this week throughout the community have had to be postponed, canceled, or relocated. The Fort Amador Officers' Club is temporarily closed, and as a result, Thanksgiving Dinner and Sunday Brunch will be held at Quarry Heights Officers' Club.

Additionally, the 193rd Infantry Brigade Formal which was slated for Friday, at the Fort Amador Officers' Club, has been relocated to the Albrook Officers' Club.

If your unit, club, or organization was scheduled to hold a special event this week or next, check with event POCs for possible changes or relocation.

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) — The main entrance to the Naval Station Panama Canal, Gate 1, off Thatcher Highway, will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The back entrance to the naval station, Gate 3, and the entrance to the Marine Barracks, Gate 4, both off Bruja Road which leads to Cocoli, will be open 24 hours a day.

However, traffic delays can be expected due to ongoing vehicle searches at all three of these locations. In addition, no visitors are being permitted through these gates.

Parking restrictions have also been implemented at the naval station to keep vehicles away from all sensitive buildings and those where large numbers of people congregate.

These buildings include building 1220, headquarters, U.S. Navy Southern Command, Fort Amador, building 51, headquarters, U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, headquarters, MCSFCo, Marine Barracks, and all clubs, including the mess hall.

Events and activities such as MWR trips, boat rentals and use of the marina have been cancelled until further notice.

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW PA) — People traveling to Howard or Albrook should expect some delay and should avoid traveling during heavy traffic times if possible.

Security police are doing a 100 percent identification check so drivers and all passengers should have their identification ready. Vehicles displaying government registration decals are subject to random search.

Vehicles without government registration decals will be permitted entry to Albrook only after being signed for and escorted by a sponsor. All of those vehicles will be searched. The sponsors are also responsible for escorting their visitors back to the gate.

All vehicles without government registration decals which are just passing through Howard will be escorted after being searched.

Drivers of those vehicles who wish to visit someone on Howard must follow the same procedures as for entry to Albrook. They must have a sponsor, the person they are visiting, sign for them at the gate and escort them to their destination and back. Vehicles will not be permitted to leave the escort convoy while transiting the base.

Although there are currently no parking restrictions at Albrook, there are several spots at Howard where parking is limited. These areas include the air passenger terminal, the family support center, exchange and post office area, the commissary and the elementary school.

Anyone needing to visit these areas should be prepared for limited availability of parking.

The back gate of Albrook is closed until further notice.

U.S. forces urge cooperation of PDF at Gorgas Tuesday

QUARRY HEIGHTS (USSOUTH COM PAO) — The Panama Defense Forces (PDF) Tuesday seriously endangered the lives of both U.S. and Panamanian personnel by interfering with a U.S. forces security mission near the Gorgas Army Community Hospital complex. Even though the PDF had been informed of heightened U.S. forces security concerns and had been requested to cooperate, they chose to impede rather than assist.

The enhanced security mission consisted of inspecting and moving cars to parking locations at least 75 meters from the hospital following a series of bomb threats against the U.S. forces.

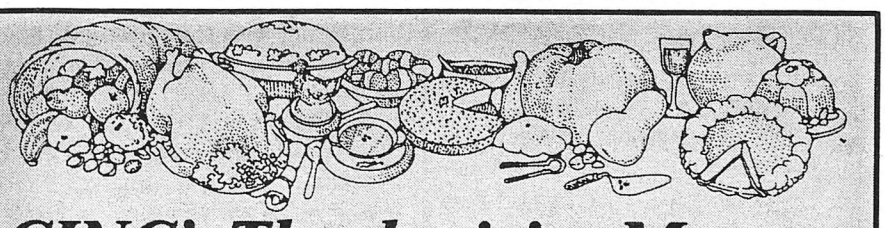
U.S. forces armored personnel carriers were posted near the area to increase security after PDF officials encouraged a group of Dignity Battalion members and other civilians to interfere with the mission by demonstrating and chanting obscenities.

Tuesday's incident follows a meeting held Saturday between a senior U.S. forces representative of the Joint Committee and PDF members of the Joint Committee and the Combined Board. U.S. officials explained the potential threat at that meeting Saturday and requested cooperation in maintaining a heightened security posture in the Gorgas Army Community Hospital complex and nearby areas.

The PDF then proceeded to ignore those legitimate U.S. forces security concerns for the well being and safety of Gorgas patients, employees, and passersby.

Paragraph 10 of Article IX of the Panama Canal Treaty says that the Republic of Panama "will cooperate in taking such steps as may from time to time be necessary to guarantee the security of the ... forces of the United States ... and their property."

The U.S. forces will continue practicing prudent measures to guarantee safety, and strongly protest PDF inaction and apparent disregard for the lives and property of Panamanian and U.S. citizens alike.



CINC's Thanksgiving Message

Thanksgiving 1989 has special significance for us serving here in Panama. We have faced numerous unique challenges that have impacted upon our daily lives. But through it all, we've found a cohesiveness that can only be termed "family." Many of us are separated from special loved ones, but we will be with them in spirit. Others here will be surrounded by the unique joys that only family and dear friends can provide.

Whatever the case, all of us should take time during this holiday period to reflect on the blessings of liberty. As many of the world's peoples openly strive for the promise that only democracy can bring, we should find a special pride in what the United States is and what it represents to freedom loving people everywhere.

We are fortunate to be citizens of a country that has become the leader of the free world through its commitment to the preservation of individual rights. The United States was founded upon the principles of freedom and justice for all and a political system that allows for the popular election of representatives mandated to serve the public will. For that, we should be thankful and hopeful that others can soon give thanks for similar freedoms.

To each of you, including our professional Panamanian workforce, I give thanks for your daily contributions and total team effort shown throughout the command in recent weeks. I also wish for you a special time of joy, peace and thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

M.R. Thurman
General, USA
Commander in Chief

PDF agrees to tightened security by U.S. forces at Gorgas Hospital

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assume responsiblity for security in the parking lots, the U.S. forces withdrew.

Members of the PDF were seriously endangering both U.S. and Panamanian personnel by refusing to cooperate in inspecting cars and moving them away at least 75 meters from the hospital, and allowing protests to continue in the area in attempts to politicize legitimate security measures.

During the meeting held Saturday U.S. Forces Joint Committee representatives had explained the potential threat and requested cooperation in maintaining a heightened security posture in the Gorgas Army Community Hospital complex and nearby areas. Members of the PDF were repeatedly advised and requested to cooperate with the U.S. forces in placing barricades to prevent cars from parking closer than 75 meters from the hospital.

Paragraph 10 of Article IX of the Panama Canal Treaty says that the Republic of Panama "will cooperate in taking such steps as may from time to time be necessary to guarantee the security of the...forces of the United States... and their property." It also says that the Republic of Panama will seek...legislation as may be needed to carry out the foregoing purposes and to punish any offender."

The U.S. forces will continue practicing prudent measures to guarantee personnel safety.

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Anti-tank platoon deadly with TOWs

by Spec. John Moreland

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — With their HMMWVs sling loaded beneath Blackhawk helicopters, the Antitank Platoon from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, ascended into Panama's predawn mist. The platoon's Nov. 13 TOW live-fire exercise was a tactical masterpiece.

They flew to Fort Sherman's Pina Range where they played an explosive game of hide-and-seek with an enemy victimized by TOW gunners — all calm as a card shark holding a royal flush. They unleashed the destructive power of four TOW missiles and eliminated an enemy threat.

When each of their squad leaders commanded, "fire at will," the four gunners aimed, fired and guided their missles to the target. Two were direct hits; the other two were easily within the kill zone. "Four for four, not a bad day," said 1st Lt. Jeffrey Smith, platoon leader.

The "frag order" called for the platoon's four-man squads to execute a four-wheeled version of fire and movement. One-by-one they emerged from hide positions in TOW-armed HMMWVs. Traveling at "combat speed" to a pre-selected firing point, the teams engaged and withdrew. They reappeared in less than a minute at another firing point to deliver an additional dose of firepower.

PFC William Jones, a gunner who accounted for one direct hit and collected a three-day pass for his merit, described the effectiveness of the platoon's peek-a-boo style. "When we fire the TOW from max range, the sound and smoke location are hard for the enemy to detect. If the enemy are lucky and survive, they might figure out where the blast came from. But by then, we'll be in our next position, pummeling them with another missile."

Jones and the other three soldiers who fired missiles made the day especially rewarding for the platoon, according to their platoon leader.

All are new to the light infantry and its tactics. The soldiers came from mechanized infantry divisions. Though they're not rookies on the TOW, the missions the 5/87th conducts differ from their past training, Smith said.

For example, none had fired the TOW from its HMMWV configuration. "It's a lot different from the Improved TOW Vehicle mech units have," PFC Terrance Watson said.

"The ITV has armor protection. You're sheltered from the blast. The sites are mounted, and the controls are hydraulic. It's easier," Watson said.

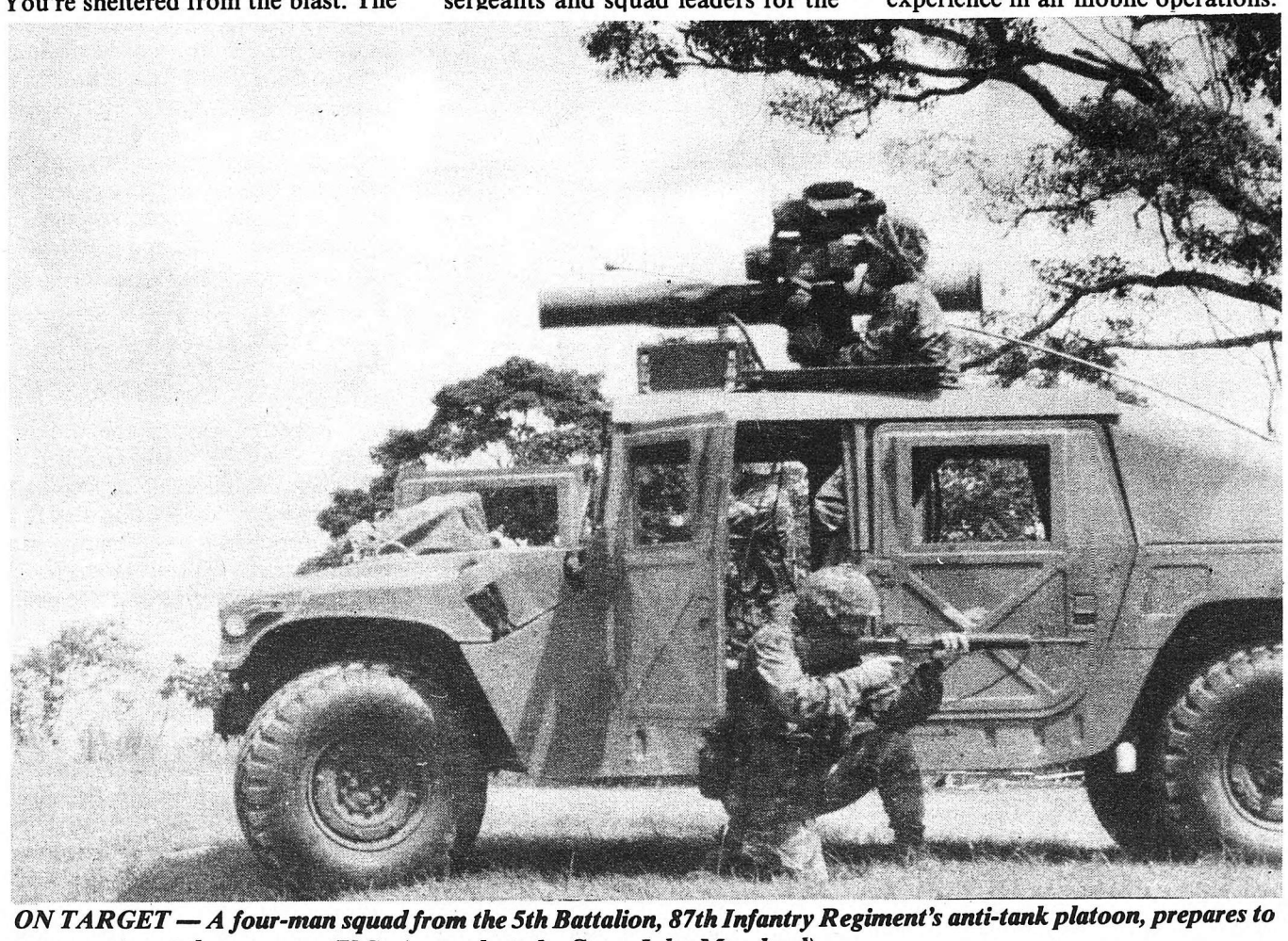
Watson's biggest concern about firing from the HMMWV was the noise. "The blast is a lot louder. It's loud enough to make an inexperienced gunner flinch. I'm pretty good, but I was worried because it was my first time," he said.

Despite the butterflies, Watson was composed enough to score the platoon's second direct hit and earn a pass to share with Jones.

SFC David S. de Camp, platoon sergeant, said the performance of the entire platoon was exceptional, but gave additional credit to section sergeants and squad leaders for the immediate success of the newly assigned soldiers.

"We feel our junior leadership is most capable and rely on them to bring the new guys up to speed. Additionally, we have intelligent, young soldiers who are responsive to the importance of the immediate, real mission we have in Panama," de Camp said.

What de Camp called the unit's "never ending training process" continued as Jones and Watson perched atop the platoon's vehicles. They steadied themselves in the powerful down draft created by the approaching helicopters. They were primed for their first hands-on experience in air mobile operations.



ON TARGET — A four-man squad from the 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment's anti-tank platoon, prepares to engage a target down range. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. John Moreland)

Air Force boosts security with local augmentees

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) -- The word augmentee has become a household name for those people stationed in Panama over the past year. Augmentees are arriving every 90 days to reinforce permanent party forces, help secure bases, and protect our people.

The Ready Program is a plan the Air Force has for using permanent party people from support organizations to augment base combat forces. "This U.S. Air Force program was established many years ago, but has not been used before in Panama," said Col. Thomas E. Cleland Jr., 24th Composite Wing vice commander. "Our intent is to start our program using support personnel already stationed at Howard/Albrook to augment our security forces during contigency operations.

"Although we have about 500 security police at Howard/Albrook for flightline security, air base ground defense and law enforcement, our first 24th COMPW "Ready Team" will be trained and equipped to augment these security forces during operational emergencies."

The objective of the program is to first identify and validate contingency, wartime or other emergency augmentation needs; then identify local personnel assigned to peacetime support duties; and finally conduct required training.

The program also provides the means for local commanders to make the best possible use of existing forces during times when manpower priorities must be temporarily shifted to meet local augmentation needs.

"The Howard/Albrook program will start in mid-December with about 40 people being selected from various organizations around the base to train with our security forces," Cleland said.

The augmentees will be trained and equipped by local security police in fundamentals of air base ground defense and law enforcement. During contingencies this ready team will be called up and assigned to the 24th Security Police Squadron.

"I have high expectations of our Ready Team Program at Howard/Albrook," Cleland said. "I intend to be selective in choosing people to augment our security police because the training will be demanding for this important duty. Once we train the security ready team, we'll select and train other people to augment combat functions throughout the two bases.

"My objective is to be prepared to sustain contingency operations, using assigned people, for the first several days until augmentation from the continental United States arrives," he explained.

"As the saying goes, 'Readiness is our profession' and we'll be even better prepared with our new ready teams," he concluded.

Take fire hazards out of Thanksgiving

by SMSgt. John E. Mattern

HOWARD AFB (Base Fire Chief) --Thanksgiving is a joyful time of celebration for everyone. It's a time for turkey with all of the trimmings as well as a time for good friends. The most important aspect of this holiday is to give thanks for our health, family safety and all of the blessings we've received.

So this Thanksgiving when the kids are running wild, the stove is full of mom's turkey dinner and the football games are in full swing, don't forget about fire safety. A kitchen fire can turn a joyous celebration into a tragedy.

Unnattended cooking is the number one cause of fire in military family housing. So minimize the distractions and fire proof your kitchen as much as possible prior to the holiday.

If grease ignites in a pan, simply put the lid over the pan to cut off the fire's air supply. Leave the pan on the stove until the heat has dissipated. Only use a fire extinguisher with a class B rating (for flammable liquids) in your kitchen for grease fires.

An ABC-rated dry chemical extinguisher is the most common. Mount the unit near a doorway, not over the stove where you'd have to reach through flames to get to it.

Fluffy fabrics, balloon sleeves and hanging tassels can get too close to a hot burner and ignite. If your clothes should catch fire, drop to the floor and roll to smother the flames.

Keep pot and handles turned in. An inquisitive child or a careless turn of the hips could topple a hot pan and cause a scald burn. Also keep children safely away when handling hot foods. Your children should be kept secure in a playpen or highchair when you cook, to keep them away from the stove, or put a fence across the kitchen door.

The Howard fire department wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. So think fire safety and enjoy many more future blessings. For more information on kitchen fire safety, call 284-5644/5645.

Marines participate in the traditional Marine Corps Birthday cake-cutting ceremony Nov. 10 at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal. (U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Karen Banks)

Marines celebrate 214th; miles from Belleau Wood

by Pat Walker

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) -- On the morning of Nov. 10, 1989, the men of Marine Forces Panama and Marine Corps Security Force Company executed a 10-mile hike.

"But the walk they took was much longer than the mere 10 miles they hiked," said the commander of Marine Forces Panama, Col. Charles E. Richardson.

"Their walk took them down narrow cobblestone streets to Tunn Tavern; across rolling wheat fields at Belleau Wood; through black sand on Iwo Jima; over frozen tundra at Chosin Reservoir; and to the jungles of Vietnam.

"For as they walked, they did as other Marines do on this day--reflect on a long and proud tradition of dedication to Corps and country."

November 10 was the 214th birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

At the cake-cutting ceremony following Col. Richardson's remarks, the traditional two pieces of cake were presented to Lt. Col. Larry G. Clarke, the oldest Marine present, and to PFC B.C. Spangler, the youngest.

That evening, Marine Corps Security Force Co. topped off the birthday events with a banquet held at Fort Amador. In attendance as the guest of honor was Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command.

Again, in the second traditional cake-cutting of the day, the oldest and youngest Marines present were honored: Col. J. Alonzo, the oldest, and Spangler, the youngest.

Here in Panama, as elsewhere, the proud Marine tradition perseveres.

Lifesaver Tag program helps kids, parents, doctors

by PFC Megra D. Johnson

MARGARITA COMPLEX (USARSO PAO) — After an accident a car can be identified without the owner because it's registered. Until now if a child was rendered unconscious or incoherent in an accident he couldn't be identified unless family or friends were there.

A new program, the Lifesaver Tag, provides on the scene documentation for injured children. The tag program, sponsored by Child Development Services-Atlantic is a preventive measure insuring children receive emergency care based on accurate information provided by parents.

The tag provides a space for parents to write their child's name, address, age and three telephone numbers where they may be reached. In addition, there is a medical consent form which allows emergency room physicians to provide immediate and necessary care if parents can't be reached.

In order to expedite admittance into a hospital, additional space is available for medical information such as allergies, medication, insurance company and policy number.

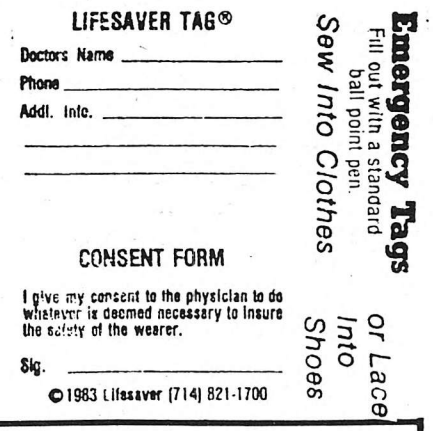
Also the primary family doctor's name and number should be written on the back of the tag. This records one person who knows the child's medical history and can provide his records.

It is recommended the doctor's name be visible when attached to clothing and checked occasionally for clarity since the writing may fade after several washings. The tags may be written on with a standard ball point pen, however, a fine line pen is suggested.

The tags are a polyester blend which can be sown on clothing or attached to a child's shoes. The material is tear resistant and will retain information written on them for up to six washings.

Lifesaver Charities, the distributor of the tags, exists by donation and sponsorship form companies. CDS provides the tags to parents free of charge on an unlimited basis until their supply is exhausted or the need no longer exists.

For more information contact the CDS-Atl. or write to: Lifesaver Charities, P.O. Box 125, Buena Park, Calif. 90621.



The Provost Marshal's Corner

Hello again crime fans and welcome back. Sorry we missed you last week (Editor's note: two weeks ago), but with the holidays we kept missing the revised deadlines (they missed it again — ed.). We'll try to do better from now on, but we can't promise anything.

A man coming from Cardenas about 8 p.m. didn't feel that he had to stop at the intersection at the bottom of the hill. That meant that he didn't have the time to notice the motorcycle going toward Fort Clayton. When he and the motorcycle tried to share the same space at the same time, the motorcyclist lost, big time.

The front bumper and right headlight were torn off the car by the impact, but the bike was totaled. The driver of the bike wasn't totaled, but he was banged up pretty badly and admitted to Gorgas Army Hospital.

According to folklore, true lovers are inseparable, but according to the Army they sometimes get separate assignments. When that happens, the approved course of action is to grin and bear it for the duration.

One couple had what they thought was a better plan. When the wife got her new orders, her husband decided to go with her. They forged him a leave form and hopped on the freedom bird headed north.

By the time they got to Charleston, though, the scam had already been uncovered and they were met by a committee with open arms and handcuffs. After the ritualistic reading of the rights, the wife pleaded the 5th. (amendment, that is. Not whiskey.) and moved on without her beloved.

He however, was overcome by remorse for his crime and cleared his conscience if not his name by confessing all. In an act of true love, he also cleared his wife's conscience for her by telling of her part in the plot.

Before he could be returned to Panama to atone for his crimes though, he reconsidered. Since his conscience was clear, why go back and face the music? No reason that he could see, so he is now AWOL headed for desertion. Ah, love!

A couple parked by the observatory had given up observing and had started mixing in international affairs when a PDF turned on his flashlight and put them right out of the mood. He ordered them back into their clothes (no doubt concerned that they might catch a cold) and they offered him $40 to forget what he had seen.

Such a paltry sum was probably offensive to man so dedicated to the preservation of law and order. He hauled them into town where he swore that each of them had offered $20 as a bribe. The judge carefully considered the evidence and then found them guilty of indecent exposure, immoral acts in public, and bribing a PDF. The soldier was fined $250 and his girlfriend $240. We presume the difference in fines is explained by the fact that she was partially covered at the time of discovery.

And thus another man finds out that there is nothing more expensive than a girl who's free for the evening.

The dependent father of a retired soldier was caught in a routine contraband check at the Curundu gas station. The two cases of beer in the trunk he cheerfully explained as the first part of this month's ration. The eight gallons of gas in the car and the two in the can were also within limits, right?

Normally yes. But in this case, he had lost track of the date and it was still last month. That's right folks, it was Oct. 31 and not Nov. 1.

After the MPs took him downtown for the booking, they did a little checking with other gas stations in the military system. They found out that he had bought 14 gallons of gas for his car and two for his can about two and a half hours earlier at Fort Amador. Figuring that his car couldn't be that far out of tune, they booked him for for privilege abuse on the gas and exceeding limitations on the beer. Then they charged the retired soldier with failure to control a dependent just to make sure that he understood that it wasn't only his father's problem.

For our last entry in the contraband control area we have a serious contender for this year's "Really Deserves To Be Caught" award. This person was stopped as she left the Class VI store at Fort Amador with three cases of beer and two cans of juice. When the CCS investigator asked for her ID, she cheerfully produced it and said that the beer wasn't for her, but for the man waiting in her car. He hadn't gone into the store to help her because he didn't have privileges.

Then she volunteered the startling news that her companion had even spotted the CCS car and had fingered the investigator for her. That was before she went in! Then when they took them downtown for the paperwork, they searched the companion and found that he had a knife large enough to qualify as a concealed weapon. Definitely serious contenders.

Well folks, that's all for now.

U.S. news

Congress passes $14b foreign aid bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress passed and sent to the White House a $14.6 billion foreign aid appropriations bill after refusing to put temporary restrictions on some of El Salvador's $85 million in military aid.

The measure passed late Monday includes $532 million in emergency economic aid for Poland and Hungary.

Attempts to add restrictions on the El Salvador aid were made in different forms by the Senate and House.

After a full day of debate on both sides of Capitol Hill about the civil war in El Salvador between the government and FMLN rebels that claimed the lives Thursday of six Jesuit priests, the House voted 310-107 for the bill following a 215-194 vote not to take up a plan to hold back 30 percent of the Salvadoran money until April 1.

The Senate later killed an amendment that would have withheld 30 percent of the aid until the administration reports that El Salvador has caught and brought to trial the people who murdered the priests. The vote was 58-39.

Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis., said the measure could be vetoed unless Congress adopts another measure, or through some agreement, a narrower reading of a provision that forbids a president from asking a foreign nation to carry out an action on behalf of the United States that is prohibited by U.S. law.

Kasten said the language in the bill, which stems from the Iran-Contra scandal, would invite a veto, but the Wisconsin Republican said he hoped an agreement could be worked out with the White House to prevent it.

The bill had been vetoed once over a $15 million contribution to a United Nations fund that provides population control assistance worldwide, including for China, which is accused of using forced abortions and sterilizations. That item was dropped.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., offered the Senate's language on El Salvador, saying aid for El Salvador was a "truly moral issue" and asked "what kind of signal do we send with our foreign aid ... if do not say there are, indeed, conditions."

But Senate Republican leader Robert Dole said the amendment would "reward" the communist terrorists and "punish the democratically elected government" of President Alfredo Cristiani, adding "let us not reward the terrorists."

As a consolation for being unable to have a direct vote on Salvadoran aid, the House voted 409-3 for a non-binding resolution deploring the deaths of the priests and warning that "a satisfactory resolution of this case is a critical test of El Salvador's democracy and judicial system and will be instrumental in determining continued U.S. support."

While the Senate prepared for debate on the issue, the public galleries were ordered cleared after nine protesters were arrested for disrupting the session, shouting slogans such as "Stop the murder in El Salvador," "Stop bombing civilians in El Salvador," and "Stop military advisers in El Salvador." A police spokesman said they were charged with demonstrating in the Capitol and disrupting a session of Congress, each punishable by a fine of up to $500, a six-month jail term or both.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., chairman of the spending panel that wrote the bill, warned the Salvadoran government and military that despite the issue's failure Monday, the killings must be solved.

"Make no mistake. If those killers are not brought to justice, if the Salvadoran government does not begin to establish a system of justice ... they are going to have a very difficult time in the next appropriations cycle. I think the Salvadoran government ignores that fact and the Salvadoran military ignores that fact at its peril," Obey said.

President Bush vetoed the bill late Sunday, demanding that Congress drop a $15 million appropriation for the U.N. Fund for Population Assistance, which gives assistance to China, which has been accused of using forced abortions and sterilization. That provision was dropped. And the House rewrote to the administration's satisfaction language that would restrict foreign aid money for activities that would be illegal in the United States.

The appropriations bill has $3 billion for Israel and $2.1 billion for Egypt, as well as $451 million in aid for Poland and $81 million for Hungary.

PRESIDENTIAL LOOK — Jessica McClure, the object of the nation's attention for 58 hours as rescuers struggled to pull her from an abandoned well, came to the White House this month and stole not only the scene, but also President Bush's glasses and handkerchief. Bush laughs as she tries on the glasses during the presentation of the first Midland Community Spirit Award to Sioux City, Iowa. (AP Laserphoto)

Howling winds damage jets on Atlantic Coast

by United Press International

Howling winds roared up and down the Atlantic Coast Tuesday, tossing jets outside their hangars and threatening morning traffic, while cold air pouring south across the Canadian border brought heavy snow to the Great Lakes.

A strong cold front brought gusts up to 44 mph in central Pennsylvania and the National Weather Service warned that winds in northern Virginia could damage trees, power lines and glass windows, and make driving difficult.

Heavy winds Monday night picked up a jet at New Jersey's Newark International Airport and dropped it on a fuel truck, and damaged at least two other jets at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, authorities said.

Thunderstorms and high winds whipped through the area after 9 p.m. Monday, bringing gusts of up to 60 mph, the weather service said. The Long Island Lighting Company said it recorded gusts of 96 and 100 mph.

The wind at Newark Airport lifted a parked Continental Boeing 727 jet, moved it 90 feet and dropped it on a baggage cart and a fuel truck, police said. A baggage handler was slightly injured when he jumped from the rolling jet.

At Kennedy, Pan Am 747s were sent skidding across the tarmac and a Douglas 8300 airbus was damaged when it crushed some scaffolding. One Pan Am jet was blown into a hangar and another was blown into a fence.

Both airports remained open despite the storm, but New York's LaGuardia Airport reported evening delays of up to an hour, officials said.

A weather advisory was in effect for most of western Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia Tuesday morning as forecasters predicted snow accumulation of up to 6 inches in the Laurel mountains.

It was windy and turned colder in West Virginia, with lows in the 30s and snow falling at higher elevations. Maryland residents saw windy and cold weather with temperatures in the upper 30s.

Heavy lake effect snow fell early Tuesday over northeastern Ohio and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The NWS warned up to a foot of snow could hit both areas and gusty northwest winds created dangerous wind chills.

Gusts to 35 mph in Michigan drove the wind chill from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. In Ohio, the heavy snow threatened to tie up morning rush hour traffic.

The lake effect snow is produced by winds sweeping out of the Northwest, picking up moisture off the Great Lakes. The moist air and freezing temperatures combine to produce snow.

In Wisconsin, a sprawling marsh fire in Green Lake County fed by high winds burned out of control Monday forcing traffic jams and evacuations of residents. The fire, whipped by winds gusting to 50 mph, spread 3 1/2 miles wide by 1 mile long over the White River and Puchyan marshes.

Occasional periods of rain changed to snow through parts of New England as temperatures continued to drop. Northern Maine reported light snow and temperatures in the mid-20s, while the southern part of the state reported rain and temperatures in the mid to upper-30s.

Boston was overcast and in the low 40s.

Navy planes collide at Pensacola

PENSACOLA, Fla. (UPI) — Two Navy planes collided on the ground Monday night when a T-47 jet with four people aboard crossed the path of a TA-4 that had just landed at a military air field, officials said.

Two people in the TA-4 and the four in the T-47 were taken to the Navy hospital in Pensacola and treated and released, said Navy spokesman J.B. McKamey.

He said the TA-4 from the VT-21 squadron in Kingsville, Texas, had just landed between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. EST at the Pensacola Naval Air Station's Sherman Field and was slowing down when the T-47 crossed its path.

The TA-4, a Skyhawk two seater, was going about 40 to 45 knots when it struck the other plane.

McKamey said there was no fire, but there was a minor fuel leak.

"The left wing on the T-47 is damaged and it looks like the nose gear on the TA-4 was damaged," he said. "Those are the only things that really stood out."

No dollar figure was placed on the damage.

It was the second accident in the Pensacola area involving Navy planes in the past three days. On Friday, a TA-4, also from Kingsville, crashed in the Gulf of Mexico 20 miles south of Pensacola after it lost power. Two pilots ejected and received minor injuries.

Friday's incident occurred nine hours after the Kingsville base finished its safety stand-down ordered by the Secretary of the Navy in the wake of a series of Navy mishaps.

U.S. news

C. America still irritant for U.S., USSR

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Central America, torn by fresh civil war battles, is emerging as an enduring irritant between the superpowers at a time of profound improvements in East-West relations.

Washington has accused the Soviet Union of bearing "special responsibility" for fighting in El Salvador which has killed more than 600 people since left-wing rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) launched an offensive last Saturday against the U.S.-equipped army.

According to the Bush administration, Moscow continues to funnel arms to the FMLN through Cuba and Nicaragua, a charge denied by the Soviet Union.

"Soviet behavior toward Cuba and Central America," Secretary of State James Baker declared this week, "remains the biggest obstacle to a full across-the-board improvement in relations between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Bush, who is due to meet Soviet President Mikhael Gorbachev next month, has said he would use the summit to press for an end to arms shipments to Central America.

The Bush-Gorbachev meeting, on ships off Malta, comes at a time of sweeping political changes in Eastern Europe that were dramatized by East Germany's decision to open its borders and the Berlin wall to citizens denied free travel for 28 years.

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskikh rejected the U.S. charges on Wednesday: "The Soviet Union has never supplied armaments to the FMLN or to any other rebel movement in Central America ...

"Moreover, the Soviet Union has ceased supplying weapons to Nicaragua. So now there are no Soviet arms supplies to Central America."

The sharply conflicting U.S. and Soviet versions reflected a gulf of mistrust that has served as a formidable obstacle to peace in Central America, where the United States has spent billions of dollars propping up its allies.

These include the governments of El Salvador and Honduras and right-wing rebels fighting for the overthrow of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) in Nicaragua.

The Soviet Union, in turn, helped build the Nicaraguan army into the biggest in Central America and equipped it with everything from rifles and grenade launchers to tanks.

Some Latin American diplomats and U.S. policy analysts here said the U.S. response to the latest burst of fighting indicated that the Bush administration was having problems in breaking out of the policy mould left by President Ronald Reagan.

When he came to office in 1981, Reagan said he would "draw the line against Communism" in Central America, where he saw Nicaragua as a beachhead for Soviet expansionism. Consequently, he raised an insurgent army, known as Contras, to fight the Sandinistas.

Soon after Bush took office in February, his administration made clear it had no intention of emulating Reagan's single-minded pursuit of military solutions in a framework of East-West confrontation.

But according to policy analyst Peter Hakim, Bush failed to shape a Central American policy of his own, preferring to distance his administration from the day-to-day politics of the region.

"The Bush administration has clearly decided not to pursue the Reagan agenda in Central America but it also decided not to abandon it," said Hakim, director of the Inter-American dialogue, an independent policy research institute.

The end result of this approach, he said, was that the United States was doing nothing to adapt to changes.

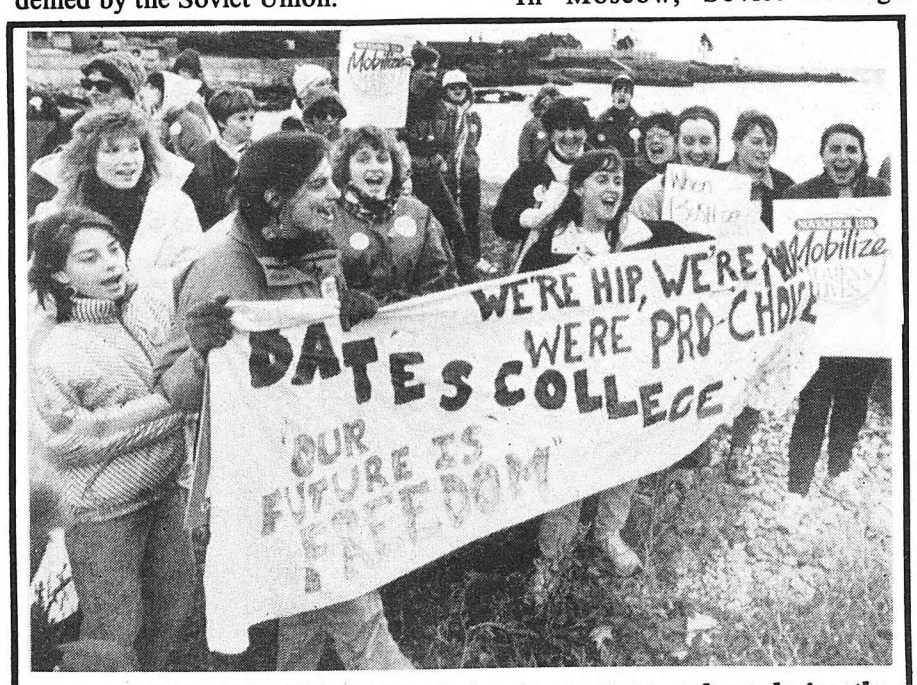
"They (Bush) come up with the same tired old tune: it's all the fault of the Soviets," said a European diplomat. "They are standing still while the world, and Central America, is moving."

The administration allegations of a Moscow-Havana-Managua arms pipeline to fan the flames of war in Central America coincided with a speech by Cuban President Fidel Castro which suggested sharp differences between him and the Soviets.

The FMLN, Castro said, was engaged in "an impressive offensive, a kind of lesson to imperialism ... Just look how these people (the guerrillas) can fight."

Castro, who has been sharply critical of reforms in the Soviet Union and elsewhere in Eastern Europe, is a staunch supporter of the FMLN.

Until recently, so was the Soviet Union. But in contrast to the Cuban leader's fulsome praise of the guerrillas, a Soviet television commentary the same day appealed to both sides to end the killing.



RALLY FOR CHOICE — Pro-choice demonstrators chant during the Mobilize for Women's Lives rally in front of President Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine, last week. Some 2,500 people took part in the rally that urged lawmakers to keep abortion legal. (AP Laserphoto)

Astronomers find universe's biggest structure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Astronomers have discovered the biggest structure yet in their effort to map the universe — a "Great Wall" of galaxies that stretches at least 500 million light years.

In addition to its staggering length, the newly found galaxy wall measures about 200 million light years wide and about 15 million light years thick. One light year equals about 6 trillion miles.

"We are sort of like people mapping the New World," said Margaret Geller of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambrdige, Mass., who helped discover the Great Wall.

The findings, reported last week in the journal Science, were based on telescope observations of about 6,000 galaxies made at Mt. Hopkins observatory in Arizona.

The Harvard team is not yet finished mapping the region around the Great Wall. But Geller said it is likely the massive sheet of galaxies will be found to be even larger, perhaps double its currently known size.

Galaxies are collections of stars, interstellar gas and dust. Our own Milky Way contains about 100 billion stars and is at least 100,000 light years wide.

Prior to the new discovery, the largest light-emitting structures in the universe were thought to be galaxy superclusters, some of which measure about 50 million light years across, said Geller's co-worker John Huchra. The universe is thought to be 10 billion to 20 billion light years across and expanding.

"People did not believe there were structures this big" as the Great Wall until recently, Geller said. The Harvard astronomy professor added that she was skeptical that super large-scale configurations existed when she started the mapping effort.

The wall, which cannot be seen with the naked eye, is about 200 million to 300 million light years from Earth. On either side of the curving wall are relatively dark voids — and the astronomers speculated the sheet of galaxies may be wrapped around the inner void like a bubble.

The finding of the Great Wall, coupled with several other recent discoveries of gigantic galaxy sheets and looming voids, shakes past views that matter is rather smoothly spread out across the universe.

New Murphy movie ends in death

RICHMOND, Calif. (UPI) — A teenager was mortally wounded by a gunshot inside a crowded theater showing the new Eddie Murphy movie "Harlem Nights" and two men were wounded by gunshots in a parking lot of a Sacramento, Calif., theater showing the same movie, authorities said.

The fatal shooting Friday night in the eight-theater Hilltop Cinema in the Bay Area community of Richmond touched off panic, sending 850 people spilling from the theater and creating a near-riot situation in the parking lot, Richmond police said.

"The victim fell to the floor and there was panic inside the theater," police Lt. Bob Parrick said. "The suspect or suspects ran out of the theater and, when the first officers arrived, they confronted a near-riot situation in the parking lot."

Extra officers arrived from the California Highway Patrol, the Contra Costa sheriff's office, and the Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito and Hercules police departments, he said.

Mortally wounded was a 17-year-old youth whose name was not released, he said. The boy and friends had been watching the movie, which depicts a conflict between club owners in Harlem in New York City, when an argument apparently broke out with the gunman, police said. The youth died a short time later in a hospital.

Police sought witnesses to the shooting in order to obtain a description of the gunman.

Official California quake toll 63

ATLANTA (Reuter) — Using data supplied by coroners and medical examiners in northern California, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control said last week that 63 deaths could be attributed to the Oct. 17 earthquake.

The health agency has examined deaths in several recent disasters in an attempt to develop a set of rules to determine when deaths should be attributed to disaster and when deaths should be ruled coincidental or only indirectly related to natural events.

"There is no universally accepted definition of an earthquake-related death," CDC noted.

CDC said 57 of the 63 deaths occurred within two minutes of the quake and three others occurred within eight hours of the earthquake. The remaining three deaths were listed as " indirectly related" to the earthquake.

The final death toll from the collapse of a section of freeway in Oakland was listed as 41 with victims ranging in age from five to 72.

U.S. news

Pilot pushed wrong button, report says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The cockpit voice recording of USAir Flight 5050, which crashed on takeoff at New York's LaGuardia Airport, showed the novice co-pilot pushed the wrong power button moments before the crash.

Toxicology tests on Capt. Michael Martin and First Officer Constantine Kleissas — taken 44 hours after the crash — also were released Monday by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Martin had traces of a muscle relaxer, which he contended he took after the crash, and a non-prescription pain killer, but no other prohibited drugs or alcohol. Kleissas tested negative for drugs.

Federal authorities suspended the pilots' licenses following the crash. The men have appealed the decision with the safety board, which is expected to hear the matter in February.

At 11:22 p.m. EDT Sept. 20, the Boeing 737-400, destined for Charlotte, N.C., ran off the rain-slick LaGuardia runway during an aborted takeoff, killing two passengers. The aircraft came to rest with its nose wedged atop a landing-light trestle and with the fuselage broken into three sections and partially submerged in the East River.

The "black box" recording began as the plane left the terminal to begin to taxi for takeoff, which had been delayed about six hours.

"OK, I'm tired of (expletive) around," Martin said to Kleissas. "Time is really getting (expletive) bad. We were due out at 16:55."

Martin needed to help the first officer with the standard takeoff checklist procedure, saying at one point, "Another thing, too. I don't know if they taught you — ." It was Kleissas' first time at the controls of a Boeing 737-400.

When the plane was cleared for takeoff at 11:20 p.m., the conversation between Martin and Kleissas went as follows:

Martin: "You ready for it, guy?"

Kleissas: "Oh, here goes nothing."

Martin: "Here goes the brakes — looking for one, ah — no wait a minute. What was the (expletive) weather again. (pause) All right, make a right turn as soon as you can. (pause with sound of increasing engine noise). I got the steering till you, ah."

Kleissas: "OK."

Martin: "OK, that's the wrong button pushed.

Kleissas: "Oh yeah, I knew that, er."

Martin: "It's that one underneath there. (pause) All right, I'll set your power."

NATIONS UNITED — Judith Timg, dressed in a Peruvian costume (second from left), and Arleta Halicki, in Polish attire (second from right) pose with other children during a parade marking the United Nations 44th anniversary in New York last month. About 400 students from PS 116 in Manhattan dressed in their native costumes for the occasion. (AP Laserphoto)

Then, according to the transcript, there was a "bang" followed by a "loud rumble."

Martin: "Got the steering."

Kleissas: "OK. (pause) Watch it then."

Martin: "Let's take it back."

Then a sound "similar to the throttles hitting the idle stops."

The crew radioed the tower it was aborting the flight, and the tower replied, "Roger, left turn at the end."

Kleissas: "Ah, we're going off. (pause) We're going off. (pause) We're going off." The plane then crashed into the river.

Three days after the crash, James Kolstad, the safety board's acting chairman, said Kleissas apparently disconnected the plane's automatic power system. Kolstad said the captain saw the error and decided to operate the throttle manually, rather than reactivate the automatic system. The plane then began drifting to the left as it hurtled down the runway.

In an interview Monday, an Air Line Pilots Association spokesman called Kolstad's conclusion a "red herring."

Harold Marthinsen, director of the group's accident investigation department, said Kleissas did hit the automatic throttle disconnect button, but that the captain "immediately noticed it, reached up and said, 'I'll get the throttles for you.' So it had nothing to do with the accident."

He contended the captain had indications of a possible mechanical failure because of "thumping sounds. It turns out this was probably the nose gear scrubbing on the runway ... unbeknownst to the crew."

Elephant has world's first Caesarean section

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (UPI) — Veterinary surgeons performed the first-ever Caesarean section on an elephant Monday, removing a dead fetus from an ailing pachyderm in her third year of pregnancy.

Jean, a 19-year-old, 5,000-pound Asian elephant at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, came through the 4-hour, 40-minute operation and stood up without assistance. The operation was considered highly risky but necessary to save her life.

"We're very pleased that she survived the procedure," said park spokesman Tom Hanscom. "Frankly we didn't hold out much hope. It's a brand new procedure never before attempted on an elephant."

A team of nine veterinary surgeons led by Illinois surgeon Joe Forner, considered the nation's top elephant surgeon, two anesthesiologists, four veterinary technicians and eight zoo keepers helped in the operation.

"We had a full house," said Hanscom.

The dead fetus was removed through a 2-foot incision, which was closed with absorbable sutures.

"The suture has to allow for quick healing and it also has to withstand the internal pressure of up to 3,000 pounds of body organs," Hanscom said.

When Jean started to come out of the anesthesia, keepers brought in Nita, the herd's matriarch, for moral support.

Hanscom said the keepers were prepared to haul Jean to her feet with a winch attached to specially installed crossbeams in the elephant barn, but she got to her feet on her own and the two elephants rubbed trunks through the bars.

"We all cried at that point," said Hanscom.

The vets will watch Jean closely for the next two weeks for signs of infection and to try to keep her from pulling out the stitches with her trunk.

"An elephant Jean's age is probably worth $20,000," said Hanscom. "We spent more on saving her than she would be worth on the open market. She's worth a lot to us as an individual."

The decision to surgically remove Jean's fetus was made Friday, after veterinarians confirmed that the unborn calf had died in its mother's womb and was beginning to decompose, Hanscom said.

"We've been in touch with experts all over the world and a C-section apparently has never before been performed on an elephant," he said.

Jean had set a world record for the longest known elephant pregnancy, lasting approximately 740 days. The longest prior recorded gestation ended after 720 days when an elephant in West Germany gave birth to a healthy calf.

Because of her massive body weight, Jean cannot remain lying down after the operation and will have to recuperate on her feet, a factor that complicates both surgery and recovery, said Hanscom.

"Weight distribution is critical to an elephant. If she lies on her side for too long, the redistribution of her weight will literally crush her lungs," he said.

Jean became pregnant in 1986 and was due to give birth to her first calf in August after what would have been a normal 22-month gestation. Early this month, when the pachyderm had shown no signs of labor, park officials began to suspect the fetus had died.

Veterinarians had said they would only resort to surgery if other methods to induce labor failed and Jean's life became endangered.

"Performing surgery on elephants is very dangerous. Just putting her under general anesthesia is dangerous," Hanscom said.

"This patient won't be able to lie in bed and recuperate for a couple weeks. We'll have to get her back up on her feet in eight to 10 hours and we won't be able to restrain her," he said.

Jean recently appeared listless and lost 500 pounds in the past month, said Hanscom. She briefly exhibited preliminary labor signs in the early fall but otherwise appeared fine, partly because "it is natural for elephants to mask infirmity," he said.

"If Jean is experiencing problems, she's likely to hide them, because in the wild, you don't want to show any potential predator that you're ill," he said.

Robot store sells compact discs

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Tired of pesky sales clerks hovering over your shoulder while you browse? Or worse yet, surly clerks who ignore you.

The new Robot Music Store may be the answer. A prototype robot started selling compact discs Monday in a small shop in the popular IDS Crystal Court in downtown Minneapolis.

Customers push a button and sample any of 5,400 compact audio CDs at one of four listening stations. Once a customer makes a decision he steps up to the command order center where an interactive video screen helps him through the transaction.

The machine asks "cash or charge" and the customer puts the money or credit card in a slot.

"The robot arm then brings the selected CD to a merchandise drop bin along with any required change and a receipt," a spokesman said. "In the unlikely event of a problem, the receipt lists a toll-free number where a person is on duty to courteously help the customer."

Robot Aided Manufacturing Center Inc. developed the operation. The firm also has developed a robot-based food preparation system for McDonald's, the fast-food chain.

There was no indication whether the robot would say "Thank you, have a nice day."

Classified ads must be in by 9 a.m. Mondays

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Brazil provides example of democracy

SAO PAULO (Reuter) -- While civil war raged in El Salvador and Maoist guerrillas vowed to mutilate voters in Peru, Latin America's biggest country, Brazil, provided an impressive example of democracy in action.

Brazilians voted last week in the most democratic presidential election in the country's 100-year history as a republic, viewing the election campaign with an enthusiasm normally reserved for soccer or Carnival.

The festive atmosphere defied economic crisis and in this vast country which covers half of South America, serious election violence was absent.

The Communist Party legally participated for the first time since 1945. Also for the first time, illiterate men and women voted in a presidential election. Illiterates, enfranchised in the mid-1980s, comprise about 20 percent of Brazil's adult population.

The election sealed Brazil's return to democracy after the military government ruled from 1964 to 1985, but several major questions remain about how that democracy will evolve.

Still unknown is who will succeed Jose Sarney, a president who was never directly elected but who had the support of the influential military. Right-wing populist Fernando Collor de Mello took a comfortable first place in Wednesday's vote.

But late Sunday the vote-counting continued and electoral authorities had not announced who would join Collor in the run-off Dec. 17.

Political analysts said it would almost certainly be Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of the radical Workers' Party.

Another unknown is what role the military will play in Brazil's political life, analysts said.

No fewer than six military men have cabinet rank and analysts say the military has effectively placed limits on domestic and foreign policy during Sarney's government.

Brazilians in general and politicians in particular are uncomfortable with the issue of the military's political clout and it was nearly ignored during the election campaign.

Alfred Stepan of Columbia University in New York, a specialist on the military question in Latin America, said in Sunday's Jornal do Brasil newspaper that this was a bad sign.

"The theme was not sufficiently discussed during the campaign and that is a bad, not a good sign," he said in an interview. "It is a sign that military prerogatives are absolutely entrenched in the political life of the country."

In 1987 and 1988, when Brazil drew up a new constitution, a very efficient military lobby defeated every proposal to trim the power of the military.

"In 40 democracies in the world there isn't one where the military have such prerogatives as they do in Brazil," Stepan said.

The constitution gives the military a role as a kind of last-resort police force to maintain domestic security. During Sarney's government the military dispatched troops and tanks to counter strikes and informed the civilian labor minister afterwards.

Lula, the candidate of the radical Workers Party, and who is likely to participate in the Dec. 17 run-off election, is a former trade union leader with strong links to the militant CUT trade union grouping he helped found.

Few analysts believe Lula will win that run-off, but the possibility is not ruled out.

"It will be difficult for Lula to beat Collor; difficult, but not impossible," wrote commentator Ricardo Noblat in the Jornal do Brasil.

Students of Brazilian politics say that if Lula wins, he would probably have to treat the military with kid gloves.

Besides the role of the military, is the issue of whether democracy can produce a more equitable economy.

Whoever wins will have to try to narrow the gap between rich and poor, commentators say.

The richest 20 percent of Brazil's population earns 33 times what the poorest 20 percent earns. The country's best known political scientist, Helio Jaguaribe, has repeatedly warned that democracy will perish if the country's wealth is not distributed more evenly.

SEEKING HELP — Seeking trade concessions during a visit to Washington last month, Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari (right) chats with Inter-American Development Bank president Enrique Iglesias during a visit to the bank. (AP Laserphoto)

Aylwin may face run-off election for presidency

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuter) -- Chile opposition candidate Patricio Aylwin appears to be cruising to victory with little more than three weeks to go before elections to choose a civilian successor to military president Augusto Pinochet.

The only doubt, diplomats say, is whether Aylwin will win the 51 percent needed to take the presidency outright Dec. 14 or if he will be forced to go to a second round two months later.

An opinion poll published Saturday by political research groups linked to the opposition gave Aylwin 57 percent against 23 percent for conservative rival, Hernan Buchi, Pinochet's former Finance Minister.

Other surveys have shown the veteran politician, who leads a center-left coalition of 17 parties, taking between 47 and 53 percent of the vote in the ballot, the first competitive election in Chile for 19 years.

Buchi trails more than 15 points behind.

"At this stage we don't see it going to a second round," said one Western diplomat.

But the calculations could yet be upset by the maverick third candidate, populist millionaire businessman Francisco Javier Errazuriz.

Although Errazuriz, a successful industrialist and owner of a supermarket chain, is not backed by any significant political party, his fast-talking style and sweeping guarantees of immediate solutions to a range of a economic and social problems could lift his support from around 10 percent at present as the countdown to the election begins.

Nightly propaganda spots for the three candidates have served to underline the convergence of thinking on economic policy, with none of the contenders offering radical changes to the free-market model applied by Pinochet's military government.

The general, 74, who has held power since a bloody 1973 coup, is barred from standing again after losing a plebiscite 13 months ago on his continued rule.

Pinochet had banked on the economy, the most dynamic in Latin America, to carry him to victory in the October 1988 election.

While most of the region is sunk in recession, the Chilean economy has grown over 16 percent in the past two years, inflation is about 20 percent and unemployment has fallen to around six percent.

But despite the fine figures, most Chileans do not feel they have benefitted and even government numbers show that over the past few years social inequality has grown with the better-off taking an increasing share of the country's wealth.

"The economy is not a trump card for the political Right," said one opposition economist.

Buchi, 40, who as Finance Minister from 1985 to earlier this year is considered the architect of the economic program, has preferred to pepper his campaign with pledges of more employment and better health care rather than dwell on the apparent success of the model.

The young, rugged-featured former minister, who jogs daily and made a much-publicized ascent of Mount Aconcagua, South America's highest peak earlier this year, was hoping to draw the youth vote with his sporting image and shaggy Beatle-style hair.

He has sought to distance himself from the military government, which he served for 14 years in a variety of posts, by promising further political reforms, such as the free election of town mayors.

But with little to distinguish the candidates on economic policy and with all promising more democracy if elected, Chileans will be voting as much on the candidates' past as on their visions of the future, diplomats say.

Here Buchi's links to Pinochet appear to weigh more heavily against him than Aylwin's alliance with Socialist parties and the electoral support the opposition candidate is receiving from the Communist Party, they say.

More Colombians extradited to U.S.

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Authorities extradited two more Colombians to the United States Saturday to face drug trafficking charges, bringing to eight the number extradited since Colombia launched its drug war three months ago.

Manuel Julian Palma Molina and Colombian-American Robert James Sokolowski Salah were turned over to U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officers at Catam military airport in Bogota shortly after midnight, Bogota newspapers said.

The two were flown to the United States in a DEA plane. A statement from the U.S. Marshal's office said Palma arrived in Miami after midnight EST, while Sokolowski was flown to Greensboro, N.C., arriving about three hours later.

Palma Molina, captured Oct. 11 in coastal city Barranquilla, was indicted in April 1987 in Florida on drug trafficking and money laundering charges.

Sokolowski, nabbed Oct. 20 in El Cerrejon coal mines in Guajira state, was indicted in November 1984 in North Carolina on a charge of narcotics conspiracy.

Palma was extradited despite his lawyers' claims that he was not the same man sought by U.S. authorities, citing differences in height and coloring between Palma and the fugitive described by police.

Saturday marked three months since the government launched its all-out offensive on the drug lords following mafia-linked assassinations of judges, police officials, and leading presidential candidate Sen. Luis Carlos Galan.

Eduardo Martinez Romero was the first to be extradited, sent to an Atlanta court on Sept. 6. Ana Elena Rodruguez, Bernardo Peleaz Roldan, and Ricardo Victor Carlini followed on Oct. 14, and Jose Abello Silva was extradited Oct. 29. Authorities extradited Guillermo Juan Delgado Bueno on Nov. 4.

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El Salvador: Clerics foment violence

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) -- The attorney general on Saturday accused some Roman Catholic bishops of fomenting violence in El Salvador's civil war and urged Pope John Paul II to withdraw them from the country.

In a letter to the pontiff, Attorney General Mauricio Eduardo Colorado said the bishops should be withdrawn for their own good. The letter was released the same day as followers buried six Jesuit priests who were slain in their home Thursday -- the most politically explosive slayings since Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated in March 1980.

Colorado accused "certain bishops" of fomenting the violence that culminated in the biggest leftist guerrilla offensive of the 10-year-old war. Fighting has raged in San Salvador and throughout the country since it was launched a week ago.

Colorado did not mention any bishops by name, but it was believed that among those he referred to were Monsignor Arturo Rivera Damas, the archbishop of San Salvador, and his auxiliary archbishop, Monsignor Gregorio Rosa Chavez.

Both are identified with human rights causes and have urged the government to negotiate with the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front to end the war.

Rivera Damas was appointed archbishop after Romero was slain by a sniper. Right-wing death squads were blamed for his murder.

El Salvador's rightist government censured news of the letter within the country. A copy of the letter was provided to The Associated Press.

There was no immediate reaction from Catholic leaders here or from the Vatican. The pope on Friday decried the killings of the six priests.

Those murders were denounced in the U.S. Congress, where some members threatened to cut aid to El Salvador if the government does not bring the killers to justice. Washington has provided $3.5 billion in aid over the past decade to successive Salvadoran governments.

Rebel gunners on Saturday shot down a U.S.-supplied A-37 jet fighter-bomber in the eastern province of San Miguel, according to witnesses and airport officials.

Peter Collins of ABC News was in San Miguel and said he and his crew saw the plane stuck by two projectiles, apparently from a 50-caliber machine gun fired by guerrillas.

Collins did not see the plane crash, but the air traffic controller at the San Miguel airport told two other reporters that the pilot ejected and the A-37 crashed.

The nation's most prominent leftist politician, Guillermo Ungo, left the country for Panama Saturday after spending a week in the Venezuelan Embassy.

Other leftist politicians, union activists and intellectuals were in hiding, fearing that the killings of the Jesuits were the beginning of another wave of death squad killings.

Rebels cannot be defeated, corruption lengthens war

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A U.S. general who drafted a classified military strategy for El Salvador said Friday the guerrillas cannot be defeated on the battlefield and the war drags on because of corruption within the U.S.-backed government.

Gen. Fred Woerner, who until recently headed the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, also said the murder this week of six Roman Catholic priests most likely was the work of the radical right wing acting without the support or tacit consent of the conservative government.

The general, who retired last week, said the six-day rebel offensive under way in El Salvador is "not surprising" and described it as "one more strategic surge for the guerrillas."

"I hold the FMLN in high regard professionally for their staying power," Woerner said, referring to the rebels by their Spanish initials.

The 7,000-strong rebels traditionally use guerrilla tactics, striking at will with surprise attacks. They frequently attack the economic infrastructure by destroying power lines and bridges. The battles underway in the capital of San Salvador are the heaviest since the fighting began.

In El Salvador, the guerrillas acknowledged they could not defeat the 56,000 strong Salvadoran armed forces but said they sought to prove the military could not destroy them, either.

"That is very candid," Woerner said. "This urban attack is the latest in a series, albeit the biggest and best, of spectaculars to reestablish their credibility as a power that has to be reckoned with, that cannot be ignored nor can the problem they represent be solved militarily."

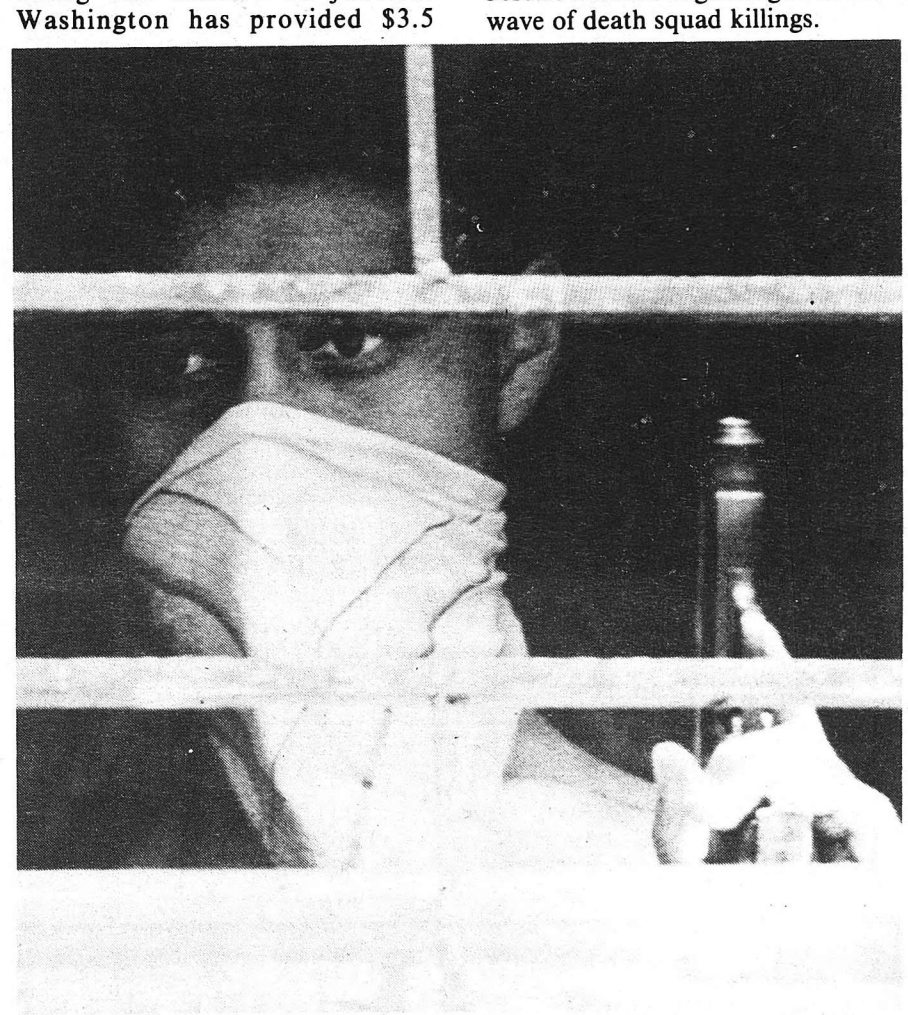
Neither the 55 American military advisers nor the millions in U.S. military aid and armaments can wipe out a guerrilla force, the general said.

"We're still at this 10 years later because the problems were so enormous," Woerner said, adding that the civilian governments "couldn't control the corruption," which led to a "focus on the military dimension of the problem at the expense of the civil plans."

The general, who retired two weeks ago, wrote the 1981 Woerner Report to outline a military strategy for the poorly trained Salvadoran armed forces, fighting leftist guerrillas since 1979. That report, still classified, called for U.S. military advisers, increased forces, large deliveries of weaponry and massive amounts of economic aid to bolster the battered infrastructure.

He praised the overall performance of the Salvadoran military, saying massacres over the years have been aberrations. He likened such incidents to "a Salvadoran My Lai," referring to the Vietnamese village where U.S. soldiers took part in the killing of civilians. Part of the training by the U.S. advisers, he said, is to teach Salvadoran soldiers that human rights abuses create more guerrillas.

The latest atrocity harkens up the images of the 1980 murders of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero and three nuns and a Catholic lay worker. Both cases were believed the work of the rightist ARENA party.



HOLED UP — A leftist rebel of the Faribundo Marti National Liberation Front peers from a window of a home abandoned by residents fleeing the fighting between the FMLN and government troops in the El Salvador capital, San Salvador. (AP Laserphoto)

CIA plan approved over congressional objections

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A secret plan allowing the CIA to encourage a coup against Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega was approved by the administration despite congressional objections to overthrowing foreign leaders without a clear threat to U.S. security, intelligence sources said Friday.

The plan was presented about three weeks ago to congressional overseers in a presidential legal document known as a "finding," the sources said.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Anthony Beilenson, D-Calif., and two others on the 19-member panel, Matthew McHugh, D-N.Y., and Robert Kastenmeier, D-Wis., responded with a letter of objection to President Bush, said government sources who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

When a president tells Congress of such a plan and presents a legal finding, lawmakers have no direct power to deny him though members can make whatever case they see as appropriate if they disagree.

Neither Beilenson nor McHugh would comment on the letter Friday. Calls to Kastenmeier's office seeking comment were not immediately returned.

Some officials suggested privately that the U.S. government might not have been upset to see the covert plan publicly leaked. Asked about it on Thursday, Bush said he would neither confirm nor deny such a plan existed.

The plan, first disclosed in The Los Angeles Times on Thursday, may be designed as much to add to pressure on Noriega to step aside as it is to encourage an actual coup, the sources said.

One source said leaking stories that a new operation was in place, that it was well funded and that the United States had new leeway to undertake coups -- including the death of a leader, so long as it is accidental --would clearly be an encouragement to Noriega to retire.

U.S. officials who have visited Panama in recent weeks have reported that there are indications, on which they did not elaborate, that Noriega may be considering stepping aside.

The anti-Noriega plan implements a new administration policy which permits greater latitude to the CIA in encouraging the overthrow of foreign leaders. So long as coup plotters do not set out to assassinate the official, U.S. intelligence agents can provide help even though there's a risk the leader might be killed in ensuing violence.

The refined policy is the result of a re-examination by the Bush administration of a longstanding ban on covert assassinations.

Noriega was for years the CIA's chief "asset" in Panama and during that time demanded that all agency contacts with the Panamanian Defense Forces be made through him, according to one intelligence source, also commenting only on condition of anonymity. The agency was therefore hindered in developing other contacts inside the PDF, which serves as Panama's military, internal security and intelligence arms.

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

Panama Area Exchange Movie Schedule

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

	Howard 284-3583	Clayton 287-3279	Davis 289-5173	Quarry Hts 282-3635	Amador 282-4287	Sherman 289-6251
Wednesday	EVENING 6:00 & 8:00 BATMAN Jack Nicholson Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 126 HONEY I SHRUNK THE KIDS Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 96	MISSISSIPPI BURNING Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (R) RT: 127 BATMAN Michael Keaton Adults-$1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 126	EVENING-7:00 RENEGADES Lou Diamond Phillips Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (R) RT: 106	CLOSED		CLOSED
Thursday	EVENING 6:00 & 8:00 KICKBOXER Jean Claude Van Damm Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 72 HONEY I SHRUNK THE KIDS Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 96	THE PACKAGE Gene Hackman Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 108 BATMAN Jack Nicholson Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 126	EVENING-7:00 CASUALITIES OF WAR Sean Penn Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 120	EVENING-7:00 TRUE BELIEVER James Woods Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (R) RT: 108		
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Saturday	MATINEE 12:00 & 2:00 Eddie and the Cruisers II EDDIE LIVES! Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 100	PARENTHOOD Steve Martin Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 123	MATINEE-2:00 EVENING 6:00 DEAD POETS SOCIETY Robin Williams Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 128	EVENING-7:00 LET IT RIDE Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 96		
	EVENING 6:00 & 8:00 PINK CADILLAC Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 126 JOHNNY HANDSOME Micky Rourke Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 94	LICENCE TO KILL Timothy Dalton Adults-$1.50 Children-$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 133 PARENTHOOD Steve Martin Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 123	EV 8:00 Harrison Ford INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE Harrison Ford Adults $1.50 Children $1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 127			
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EDDIE AND THE CRUISERS II

Twenty five years after faking his own suicide and moving incognito to Canada, a famous teen idle's interest in rock n' roll is rekindled.

THE PACKAGE

Gene Hackman plays hard-working military man thrust into the frontline of a harrowing chain of events that exposes covert activities with the American and Russian militaries while escorting a prisoner back to the U.S. from Europe.

JOHNNY HANDSOME

A gritty and unpredictable cast drives this crime drama about the tense relationship formed between a scarred criminal and the doctor forced to change his looks.

THE KARATE KID III

Karate Kid III finds our young hero bruised, beaten and badly in need of help from his old friend, Miyage. (Violence, nudity)

INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE

With an old battered hat and a cracking leather whip our intrepid hero returns once again to vanquish evil, and do battle against sadistic Nazis, but this time with the valuable assistance and sage advice of his crafty father.

ROAD HOUSE

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

PARENTHOOD

Households with nervous over-anxious dads, obsessive perfectionist yuppies, and overworked divorced moms are among the wildly diverse families that Parenthood explores in this delightful look at middle-class America.

KICKBOXER

Action abounds as a young American athlete vows revenge upon the vicious Thai fighter who paralyzed his brother during a kickboxing championship in Thailand.

DO THE RIGHT THING

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

TURNER AND HOOCH

Turner and Hooch is a fun-filled acton comedy with Tom Hanks playing a meticulous, strictly-by-the-book police detective whose new partner is a hairy, slobbering junkyard dog. (Violence, language)

SHAG

A wild weekend of dancing, good looking guys, and adventure at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, changes forever the lives of four girls. (Violence, language, sex)

COMING SOON

HOWARD
Fri. INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG-13)
Fri. TURNER AND HOOCH (PG)
Sat. KARATE KID III (PG)
Sat. TRUE BELIEVER (R)
Sat. AN INNOCENT MAN (R)
Sun. AN INNOCENT MAN (R)
Sun. YOUNG EINSTEIN (PG)R)

CLAYTON
Fri. KICKBOXER (R)
Fri. INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG-13)
Sat. EDDIE CRUISERS II (PG-13)
Sat. ROAD HOUSE(R)
Sat. JOHNNY HANDSOME (R)
Sun. JOHNNY HANDSOME (R)
Sun. FRIDAY THE 13TH, PART VIII (R)

AMADOR
Fri. MILLENNIUM (PG-13)
Sat. SHAG (PG)
Sun. THE ABYSS (PG-13)

QUARRY HEIGHTS
Fri. LOCK UP (R)
Sat. SHAG (PG)
Sun. THE ABYSS (PG-13)

DAVIS
Fri. THE PACKAGE (R)
Fri. K-9 (PG-13)
Sat. PARENTHOOD (PG-13)
Sat. HONEY I SHRUNK THE KIDS (PG-13)
Sun. PARENTHOOD (PG-13)
Sun. NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET V (R)

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Atlantic ACS holds Military Family events

by Cpl. A. Scott Lawrence

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO) — November is Military Family month and the Atlantic community is offering different classes and activities for military families.

ENRICHMENT PROJECT — Balboa Elementary School sixth grade students have been involved in an enrichment project. The students were taught how to make photograms in the darkroom. Shown with their pictograms are (back row from left) Patricia McKeon, Andrea Cedeno, Mrs. Lam, Alexandria Pretto, and (front row from left) Rodrigo Lam and Carlos Chapman. (DoDDS photo)

"This is a good time for military family month in Panama," said Karen Simkin, a family advocacy program specialist at Army Community Services, Margarita.

For athletic-minded families the Fort Espinar Youth Center is sponsoring a parent and child team run Saturday. During the run parents and their children will hold hands.

In addition, during the past week children in Atlantic elementary schools drew portraits of their families for an art presentation. Portraits will be judged Monday and Tuesday with one boy and one girl from each grade level being recognized for creativity and talent.

Also Monday and Tuesday, Simkin will present a film, "How to Raise a Street Wise Kid." The film, produced by the National Committee on Child Abuse, discusses child abduction and methods to avoid it.

Simkin suggests parents and children watch the film together and read through a pamphlet which accompanies it. The film will be shown both evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in room 17, Margarita.

Then, wrapping up November, a family picnic will be held the 30th from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. The picnic is sponsored by the Child Development Center and is designed to bring families together.

"Our goal at ACS is to give families the opportunity to spend quality time with each other," Simkin said. "A healthy family is essential to the mission. Morale and the Army mission tie together," she continued.

"I want families to have time together so they can be happy."

Atlantic CDS open Saturdays

The Child Development Center-Atlantic is now open Saturdays to meet the needs of parents who will be leaving the country earlier than expected.

CDS will be opening Saturday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The center will continue to open up Saturdays as long as there is a need. It is necessary to make reservations as this will determine whether the center is open or not.

For more information or to make reservations call Viveca Cuevas at 289-4511/4898.

The film "How to Raise a Street Smart Child" will be presented by ACS-Atlantic Monday and Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in room 17 at Margarita Complex.

The film, which focuses on how to protect your child from abduction, is appropriate for children five years or older.

For more information call Karen Simkin at 289-2096.

AWARD WINNER — Seth Wright, who won an award from the Inter-American Women's Club, is a member of the sixth grade class in Diablo Elementary School. As part of a class project, he wrote an essay answering the question, "What People Inhabited America When the Spaniards Arrived; Explain The Abilities They Possessed, Which of These Do You Admire, Why?" Three students' essays were chosen from the isthmus of Panama. Each winner received $50 in cash, a certificate of merit and a dictionary. Seth and parents, Capt. and Mrs. Wright, were honored at a special program given by the Inter-American Women's Club last month. (DoDDS photo)

SALT MAPS — Cathleen Panzer and Hila Burge proudly display their salt maps at Los Rios Elementary School. Made of salt, flour and water, the maps were a Social Studies activity. (DoDDS photo)

Where to go, what you need for AF base vehicle decals

HOWARD AFB (24TH COMPW PA) – Individuals who still need to process their 1990 base vehicle registration now need to go to the pass and registration desk in building 706 on the second floor. Registrations are no longer being done in the base theater. Registrants need to take a valid I.D. card, Panamanian driver's license, proof of 1989 insurance and 1989 base sticker issued by pass and registration.

BARK PAINTINGS — First graders from Fort Gulick Elementary School show off their "bark paintings," made from brown paper bags crinkled in black paint, then designed with "glow" paint for effect. (DoDDS photo)

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Christmas tree sales

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

Sundial tours

Sundial day trips are held every week. Call 289-3889 for details on next their next feature.

Burger King Atlantic

The Burger King is now open for business. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. The facility offers inside seating and a game room. For additional information contact Kermit Lasley at 289-3121.

Swimming pool

The Howard and Albrook swimming pools have many activities for groups, families or individuals scheduled monthly.

For information on the pool activities at Albrook, call 286-3555, or at Howard, call 284-3569.

Instructors needed

The Howard and Albrook Youth Centers are currently looking for instructors in jazz dancing, ballet, guitar and modeling. Applicants must speak, write and read English fluently. For more information call 284-4700.

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Exchange hours

Effective Monday, new hours for the Corozal main exchange will be: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ceramics class

A New Ceramics class will be held at building 155, Fort Clayton, 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Learn finishing techniques: glazing, painting, stains and chalking will be covered. Call to reserve a place. For more information call 287-4360.

Tire bonanza sale

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Marine Corps Exchange is having a Tire Bonanza Sale. Sale runs now thru Dec. 16, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Marine Exchange Warehouse, building 4 on the naval station. For more information call 283-5777.

Pacific awards

A Pacific commander's awards ceremony sponsored by Civilian Personnel Office Incentive Awards division will be held at Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton Nov. 30 at 9 a.m.Rehearsal begins at 7:30 a.m. Leave will not be charged to those who attend. For more information call 285-5611.

Advance scuba diving

The Howard Outdoor Recreation Section is now offering an Advanced Scuba Open Water Dive, Rescue and Equipment course. For more information on course requirements and times call 284-3569 or 286-3555.

Checkbook class

A Checkbook Management Class will be held at Valent Recreation Center 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Tuesday. For reservations or more information call 285-6517.

Gift service

A gift service for single soldiers sponsored by the American Society of Military Comptrollers will be held at Valent Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Nov. 25. For more information call 287-4201.

Alzheimer's group

An Alzheimer's Support Group Metting will be held at building 115, Corozal,6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information call 285-6518.

Charley Pride Tour

Another type of 'Charlie' will be experienced in Panama soon. The "Charley Pride Tour" will arrive in Panama Dec. 7 at Howard Air Force Base with performances scheduled for the Pacific and Atlantic communities. Shows are tentatively planned for:

Fort Espinar Theater — Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

Fort Clayton Theater — Dec. 9, 6 and 9 p.m.

Howard Theater — Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

Sandra Powell, country and western singer, will open the shows for 20 minutes, being followed by Charley Pride's 90 minute performance.

Thanksgiving service

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Fort Clayton Chapel 10 a.m. Thursday. Anyone wishing to join the Thanksgiving celebration is welcome. For more information call 287-5859.

Travel vouchers

A "Preparation of Travel Statement Voucher" course sponsored by Civilian Personnel Office, Training and Development Division will be held at building 6523, Corozal Wednesday. All personnel who prepare or review travel vouchers are invited. For more information call Michele Melant at 285-5470.

Roadrunners

The Isthmian Roadrunners will hold an annual marathon 4 a.m. Dec. 3. The 26.2-mile out-and-back course begins in front of Balboa High School.

Everyone who finishes will receive a T-shirt, certificate and breakfast. For more information call 225-6556 after 5 p.m.

Weapon check

The 24th Security Police Squadron is conducting privately-owned weapons registration checks. If you reside on Howard or Albrook and maintain a privately-owned weapon in your quarters or security police armory, stop by building 716, security police supply and equipment section, on Howard to update your registration. For more information, call 284-5904 no later than Dec. 20.

Tapestry class

Tapestry class are being held at Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center. Three-session courses are now offered. Learn how to use the punch needle to apply yarn. For more information call 287-5957 or stop by building 180, Fort Clayton.

Air Force ROTC

Finish college under the AFR 53-20 commissioning program. Consider Air Force ROTC at East Texas State University with its liberal accreditation of CCAF and previous college credits. If you are physically qualified, can achieve qualifying scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, and are within two years of completing a bachelor's degree, you've already made the first hurdle. For more information, write to: Air Force ROTC Detachment 830, Box X-2, ET Station, Commerce, Texas, 75428-1902, or call (214) 886-5200 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. central time, Monday through Friday.

Adult aerobics

Adult aerobic classes are offered from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the Albrook Youth Center. For more information, call.286-3195.

CDC closings

The Howard Child Development Center will be closed Thursday to observe Thanksgiving. For more information call 284-6135.

Howard Arts & crafts

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

Friday -- 50 percent off firing.

Saturday -- Free pouring class in Spanish from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday -- Vinegar etching class from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday -- Free pouring from 1 to 5 p.m.

Nov. 30 -- Macrame class for adults from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All activities take place in building 711 at Howard.

For more information, call 284-6361.

Albrook Arts & Crafts

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

Friday -- 25 percent off all greenware on the shelves.

Sunday -- Free pouring from 1 to 3 p.m.

All activities take place in building 806 at Albrook. For more information, call 286-3279.

Christmas bazaar

The Howard Youth Center is hosting a Christmas bazaar in the field next to the Youth Center, Dec. 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 284-4700.

Tax info

Make your 1989 taxes less taxing. Prepare for them now! Since 1987 was the first year the new tax law went into effect, many people were surprised when they filled out their tax returns the past two filing seasons. Tax rates, standard deductions, and personal exemptions are items that will change again in 1989.

Do not be surprised in April 1990. The Army Family Liaison Office has a list of significant changes in the new tax law most likely to affect Army families. For your free copy, write HQDA (DAPE-ZXF), Washington, DC 20310-0300.

Complaint line

The Department of Engineering and Housing (Atlantic) is now providing a complaint line for its customers. The line is available from 7 a.m. -3:30 p.m. If you wish to register a complaint please call 289-3412.

For more information call Glenda D. Miller at 289-3211/3578/3383.

Teaching positions

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

Job search

Interested in establishing an effective job search plan? This workshop is designed to help spouses develop and use effective strategies for seeking employment. Class will be held Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Family Support Center Conference Room. For reservations, call 284-5650.

Christmas mail

"Wrap and Mail Your Packages Early" services will be available beginning Saturday at Ocean Breeze Center on Fort Sherman. For more information call 289-6282.

Sealed bid sale

IMWR Services Division Supply Warehouse will hold a Sealed Bid Sale 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Nov.28 to 30, building 105, Fort Amador. Items offered include boats, trailers and golf carts. For more information call 282-3218.

SF-171 Workshop

Learn how to best present your qualifications on this job application form by attending class at the FSC from 9 to 11 a.m., Dec. 12. Advance reservations can be made by calling 284-5650.

Zodiac classes

The Zodiac Recreation Center is currently offering the following classes:

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

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

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

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

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

A small fee is charged for each class.

Musicians needed

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

Job search

Interested in establishing an effective job search plan? This workshop is designed to help spouses develop and use effective strategies for seeking employment. Class will be held Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the FSC conference room.

For reservations, call 284-5650.

Real Estate classes

A seminar geared toward individuals who wish to invest in income-producing property will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, in the FSC conference room. For more information, call 284-5650.

Gingerbread House

Learn to make a Christmas fantasy come true by making gingerbread houses. Construction will be in two phases from 9 to 11 a.m., Dec. 5, and from 1 to 3 p.m., Dec. 6.

Reservations are limited to 10 people, so call 284-5650 early to sign up.

Navy swim pool

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

1990 decals

All active duty and retired U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel and Dept. of Navy employed U.S. citizens must have their 1990 vehicle decals no later than Nov 30.

For more information call 283-5614.

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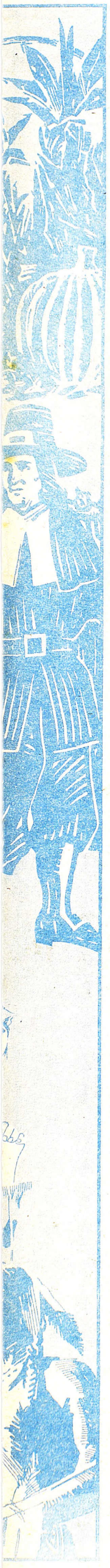

Singles thanksgiving

A Single Soldiers Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Cocoli Community Center 4 p.m. Thursday. Reservations are being accepted. For more information call 287-3363.

Youth bazaar

The Howard Youth Center will have a bazaar from 1 to 5 p.m., Dec. 2, in the field next to the youth center. For more information, call 284-4700.

Childbirth classes

A Prepared Childbirth class will be at Valent Center 7 p.m. Thursday. For more information call 287-4201.

PTO meeting

A Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting will be held at Diablo Elementary School, room 411 in building 5534, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Babysitting is available. All parents are welcome.

MARS services

If you want to make a phone patch home, or send a 25-word message, there is good news. MARS has new expanded operating hours.

The 1978th Communications Group's Military Affiliate Radio System station, or MARS, places phone patches and send free telegrams, called MARSgrams, for U.S. military, civilians and family members here to the U.S. or elsewhere in the world.

Hours for the station are now 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight seven days a week.

Using the MARS services is easy, just call the station at 284-4215 or 284-4062 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. After 6 p.m. until midnight call 286-3206 or 286-3609.

HEART

HEART is an organization that provides child care for volunteers. If you are currently volunteering or would like to but need financial assistance for child care please call 287-6109 or 287-4302. HEART also needs a secretary. Interested persons please call.

Therapists meet

A meeting with an occupational thearapist and physical therapist sponsored by the Panama Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) will be held in Room A 207/209, Curundu Junior High School, 4 p.m. Dec. 5. The thearapists will explain their services and answer all questions. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Cathy Savage 252-1123.

CPO course

The course "Absenteeism and Discipline" sponsored by the Civilian Personnel Office, Training and Development Division will be held at building 6523, Corozal, noon to 4:15 p.m. Dec. 6 and 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Dec 7-8. DD forms 1556 must be submitted by Dec. 1. For more information call 285-5463 or 285-5159.

Briefing course

The course "Briefing Techniques" sponsored by the Civilian Personnel Office, Training and Development Division will be held at building 6523 Corozal 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Dec. 4-8. Applications must be received by Dec. 1. For more information call 285-5463 or 285-5159.

Family month

Communtiy and family activities will hold a variety of programs to celebrate Family Month throughout November:

The Pacific and Atlantic child care centers will celebrate Thanksgiving with family lunches and special programs. They will also have a family day Nov. 30.

Family fun day

A Family Fun Day will be held at Clayton Pool 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Individual and team events for all ages include a slow-dive contest. DJ and pop music is free. Refreshments will be available. Call 287-3363 for more info.

45-Minute workout

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

Arts and crafts

Arts & Crafts Sessions will be held at Fort Clayton Youth Center 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Thanksgiving projects will include how to place cards (Monday) and Pilgrims and Indians puppets (Tuesday). Don't miss it! For more information call 287-6451.

Family classes

Family skills classes are offered on a regular basis by Army Community Services. Classes range from typing to filing business and military correspondence. For more information call 284-3105.

Retail sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office-Panama will hold a retail sale 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 1 at building 746, Corozal. For more information call Jose Gonzalez at 285-4808 or 285-4754.

Spanish course

A beginning Spanish course sponsored by the Fort Kobbe Education Center will begin Dec. 5. Classes are 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information call 284-3150.

Intermediate Spanish

An Intermediate Spanish class sponsored by Fort Kobbe Education Center will begin Dec. 5. Classes are 6-8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday For more information call 284-3150.

Spanish GED

A Spanish GED program sponsored by Fort Kobbe Education Center will begin Dec. 5. Classes are 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. For more information call 284-3150.

Children's table

The 470th MI Brigade Ladies will hold a children's table at the Christmas Village 1-9 p.m. Dec. 2 at Valent Rec. Center, Fort Clayton. The table is set up for children to do their own Christmas shopping. For more information call 287-5998.

Merry Go Sound

A "Merry Go Sound" will be held at Sundial Rec. Center Fort Davis 6-9 p.m. Monday. Admission to this DoD live show is free! For more information call 289-3889.

BHS yearbook sales

Balboa High School is now taking orders for the 1990 'Zonian,' the school's yearbook. Students should place their orders as soon as possible.

Yearbooks are $30, name imprinting is $2.50, and dust covers are $1. Checks should be made payable to Balboa High School.

Waiting wives

A Waiting Wives Support Group will be held at Fort Clayton Education Center, 7 p.m. Wednesday. Call 285-5556 for reservations.

Army recruiting

The United States Army Recruiting Center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 320, building 519, Fort Clayton. For more information call SFC Roberto Lopez at 287-5414.

Registered nurses

The Civilian Personnel Office is recruiting U.S. registered nurses. Full-time (shift-work included), part-time and intermittant positions available. For more information stop by building 560, Corozal, or call Enid L. Sullivan at 285-4116.

Practical nurses

The Civilian Personnel Office Recruitment and Placement Division is recruiting U.S. licensed practical nurses (NM-620-05). Stop by building 560, Corozal, or call Enid L. Sullivan at 285-4116.

Unusual 'society'

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

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

Photography classes

Photography classes will be held at the Davis Arts and Crafts Center. Weekly sessions feature various topics. For more information call 289-5104.

Retirement course

A 'Planning for Retirement' course sponsored by Civilian Personnel Office, Training and Development Division, will be held at building 6523, Corozal, Nov. 29 and 30. Applications must be received by Friday. For more information call Jacqueline Bell at 285-5462.

Alcohol awareness

Adult Children of Alcoholics holds meetings in building 6550, Corozal, Wednesdays at 8 p.m. For information call Debbie at 287-3942 or Ana at 261-8775.

214th anniversary

In celebration of the 214th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps, there will be a reception at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Chapel, building 88, beginning at noon Tuesday.

Christmas party

Navy/Marine appreciation Christmas party! NAVSTA-PANCANAL will serve up a potluck dinner and terrific talent show Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rodman gym. A great evening of food, entertainment and laughs for all our sailors and Marines, and the whole Navy community. For more information call 283-4148.

Call home free

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

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

The MARS station will accept reservations Monday through Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Calls will be placed Thursday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. To make a reservation call 284-4215.

Youth talent

A Youth Talent Contest will be held at Fort Clayton Youth Center 5 p.m. Saturday. All are invited to participate. Prizes will be awarded. For more information call 287-6451.

Orientation

Registration for the Civilian Personnel Office Management Orientation will be held at building 6523, Corozal, 7:15 to 4:15 Tuesday.

Applications must be received by Friday. For more information call 285-5462.

Talent show

A talent show will top off the Navy/Marine Appreciation Christmas Party. Talented? Nervy anyway? Sign up now! Deadline is Thursday. Call Lt. Carpenter at 283-4464.

Computer meeting

The Small Computer User's Group, open to all U.S. Department of Defense military and civilians, will meet 2 p.m. Wednesday in the 1978th Communications Group's training room, building 717, Howard AFB.

The discussions will cover various micro-computer issues. For additional information call the 1978th's Small Computer Technical Centr at 284-4614.

EFMP volunteer

A male volunteer is needed for the Exceptional Family Member Program to assist a handicapped adult to attend appointments at Gorgas Hospital two or three times a week. For more information call Mrs. Spratling 285-6518.

AA meetings

Sick and tired of being sick and tired? Alcoholics Anonymous meets in building 6550, Corozal, every night of the week; Mon. - Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. For information, call 252-6709. Meetings on the west bank of the Canal are in building 40 on USNAVSTA Panama Canal, Sun. - Fri. at 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9. West bank phone: 283-5749. Give AA -- and yourself -- a chance. IT WORKS!

Games night

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

club calendar

Specials/Openings

Naval Station O' Club - Fri. & Wed., social hour; open 7 days/nights a week.
Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri.& Tues., social hour; Sat., grill sandwich bar; Sun.
Naval Station CPO Club - Wed., Top Three Night social hour; Fri., Attitude Adjustment Hour.
Bamboo Inn - Mon. & Fri., social hour.
Ft. Amador O'Club - Available for special events on Wed., Fri., & Sat. disco
Waterfront Inn -Sun., fast food.
STRAC Club - Open Mon.-Fri.; Wed.- Fri., social hour with hot snacks, Fri., with DJ.; Sat., club open.
Clayton NCO Club - Fri., social hour, free snacks.
Ft. Sherman Cadre Lounge - Sat., open. Enjoy the new variety disco program.
Ft. Sherman Community Club - Mon., Tues., Wed., club closed, available for special functions.
Davis Community Club - Fri., social hour; Wed., Sr. NCO/Officers' lounge is open; Thurs., open.
Davis Mountain Top Pub -Available for kiddie parties. Call 289-3506.
Espinar Community Club - Available for special functions and parties only. Call 289-5160.
Quarry Heights -Now open for dinner Mon.; Oktoberfest (German cuisine) every Thur. night during Oct.; available for special events and functions. Call 282-4380.

Dining

Howard O'Club - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun.-Sat., a la carte dining; closed Thanksgiving.
Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Sun., a la carte dining; Membership night last Mon. of each month.
Naval Station Officers' Club - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun., a la carte dining; Mon., seafood night; Tues., turkey croissant; Wed., pork chop; Thurs., Porterhouse steak.
Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun., a la carte dining.
Naval Station CPO Club - Mon.-Sat., a la carte dining.
Quarry Heights - Tues., steak night; Wed. & Thurs., membership appreciation discount; Fri., Chateaubriand; Sat., seafood feast; Reservations recommended.
Amador O'Club - Thurs., Mongolian BBQ; closed holidays and Mon.
Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn - Fri., tacos; Sat., lobster thermidor, variety music.
Albrook O'Club - Fri.-Sat., prime rib/seafood; seafood; Sun., dining room closed; Mon. Mongolian BBQ; Tues., dining room closed, burgers in the bar; Wed., Mexican night; Thur., Thanksgiving buffet.
Clayton NCO Club - Casa Maria, Mexican food specials Mon.-Wed. & Fri.; Tues. - Sat., dining.
Red Door - Open every day.
Sherman Community Club - Tues.-Sun., pizza garden is open. La Vista dining room is open Fri., chateaubriand for 2; Sat., seafood special; Sat., open for fast food.
Davis Community Club - Fri., international dining in the Caoba Cafe, Mexican night; Thurs., Mongolian BBQ, disco follows BBQ.
Davis Mountain Top Pub - Thurs.-Sun., pizza & chicken delivery.

Entertainment

Howard O' Club - Fri., music.
Howard NCO Club - Variety disco in Ballroom: Fri. & Sat.; Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-& Wed.; Casual Cove Discos: Fri. & Sat., rock & roll, salsa; Mon. & Tues., variety; Wed. & Thurs., western.
STRAC Club - Fri., music with Judy Upton.
Naval Station O'Club - Fri., DJ; Mon. - Sun., live entertainment.
Naval Station Anchorage Club -Fri. & Sat., DJ; Tues. movie night.
Naval Station CPO Club - Fri., DJ; Sun., movie day.
Bayview Room -Sat., Piano for listening and dancing, also couple's night free corsage for ladies.
Bamboo Inn - Fri., live band.
Albrook O'Club -Fri. & Sat., disco; Sun., German Rosch during brunch
Clayton NCO Club - Fri. & Sat., C&W in the Corral; Mon., closed.
Corner Post Lounge - Sun., variety music, oldies but goodies.
Ft. Sherman Community Club - Fri., entertainment.
Davis Community Club - Fri., disco; Sat., land & sea special, Caoba Cafe.

Lunch

Howard O' Club - Mon.-Fri.
Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Fri.
Naval Station O'Club - Mon.-Sat.
Naval Station Anchorage Club - Mon.-Fri; grill sandwich bar; Sun.
Naval Station CPO Club -Tues.-Sun.
Quarry Heights - Mon.-Fri. lunch specials.
Amador O'Club - Mon.- Fri.
Bamboo Inn - Mon.-Sat.
Albrook O' Club - Mon.-Fri.
Clayton Guest House - Tues.-Fri.
Clayton NCO Club - Mon. - Fri.
Davis Community Club - Tues.-Fri.; closed Mon.
Sherman Community Club - Once a month lunch specials.

Breakfast

Howard NCO Club -Mon.-Fri.; Sun., sit down breakfast.
Naval Station Anchorage Club -Mon.-Fri.
Quarry Heights O'Club - Mon.-Sat.

Sunday Brunch

Howard NCO Club - 3rd Sun. of month.
Howard O'Club - 3rd Sun. of month.
Naval Station O'Club -
Amador O'Club -
Albrook O'Club -
Bayview Room -
Clayton NCO Club -
Sherman Community Club - once a month.
Davis Community Club -

Games

Howard O'Club - Wed.
Howard NCO Club - Sun. & Wed.
Albrook O'Club - Tues.
Naval Station Anchorage Club -Thurs.
Naval Station CPO Club - Tues.
Clayton NCO Club -Sun. & Tues.
Davis Community Club - Sun. & Wed.

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

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Old Zonians

The yearbook staff at Balboa High School is selling old editions of yearbooks for $30. Years available are 1964, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1982, 1984, 1985 and 1986. If interested, contact Mrs Joyce Hanson at Balboa High School at 252-7896 Ext. 23.

Cancellations

Fort Amador Officers' Club. Thanksgiving dinner and Sunday brunch will be held at the Quarry Heights Officers' Club Thursday and Sunday, respectively.

In addition, the 193rd Infantry Brigade Formal slated for Friday has been relocated to the Albrook Officers' Club.

If your unit, club, or organization was scheduled to hold a special event this week or next, check with event coordinators for possible changes or relocation.

2nd car shipments

Anyone interested in shipping a second vehicle to the U.S., at their own expense, call 282-3640 for more information.

Balboa SAC

There will be a meeting of the Balboa Elementary School Advisory Committee at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in room 111 of the school. All Balboa Elementary School teachers and parents are invited to attend.

Turkeython

A "Turkeython" will be held at Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis, at 1 p.m. Thursday. For more information call 289-3889.

CPO Thanksgiving

Come celebrate Thanksgiving at the Chief Petty Officers' Club, Naval Station Panama Canal, Thursday. For more information call 283-5475.

Thanksgiving buffet

Buffet styly Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Bayview Room in Coco Solo Saturday from 6 - 10 p.m. Dinner is $9.50, but bring your MWR November participant and receive $1 off. For information call 289-5109.

Eyewitness

The 24th Security Police Squadron has recently implemented the "Eyewitness" patrol car surveillance system.

The system is a video recording that provides visual records of interaction between law enforcement officers and persons stopped for alleged offenses.

The system can also serve as a source of identification and provides an unbiased account of what transpired. It will also help train patrolmen by correcting improper techniques, thereby improving their skills.

As additional money becomes available, all law enforcement vehicles will have units installed to protect the public.

CRD instructors

CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch is seeking instructors for canoeing, windsurfing, sailing, survival skills, water polo, and archery. For more information call 287-3363 or stop by building 154, Fort Clayton.

Outboard classes

The Fort Sherman Scuba Rental Center has classes on outboard motor operation every Saturday. Space is limited to 10 persons. Register in advance by calling 289-6104.

Aerobics class

An Aerobics class will be held at Valent Recreation Center beginning early December. Morning and evening classes are available for your convenience. For more information call 287-4201.

BNCOC training

Soldiers requiring BNCOC should submit a DA Form 4187 through their chain of command to DSPO training to request attendance. For information call 285-4548.

Gingerbread house

Learn to make a Christmas fantasy come true by making gingerbread houses. Construction will be in two phases from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 5 and from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 6. Reservations are limited to 10 people. Call 284-5650 soon to sign up.

Explorers

The 24th Security Police Squadron is recruiting youths ages 14 to 20, to join the Air Force Law Enforcement Post 11.

The Explorers is similar in operation to the Boy Scouts of America and is open to all military dependents on the Pacific side.

Explorers work with law enforcement personnel in such areas as administration, walking patrols, traffic controls and crime suppression activities. They also learn about crime prevention, military law, firearm safety and a variety of other topics.

They wear a distinctive uniform similar to the blue Air Force uniform with a specific Explorer patch on their upper sleeve.

For more information about the program, call SSgt. Shelia M. Dixon at 284-4755.

Money management

For those who are interested in taking control and planning for holiday expenses, a money management class is scheduled Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Family Support Center conference room at Howard Air Force Base. For information or reservations call 284-5650.

lifestyle

News show hit by criticism for re-enactments

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS' "Saturday Night With Connie Chung" is set this weekend to air another reconstruction of a news story, using actors to help tell it. But at both CBS and NBC, the technique could prove the wave of the past.

CBS News officials, whose low-rated Chung series has been hit by criticism and even cartoon ridicule for re-creating news stories with actors, may cut back such re-recreations or even drop them, network sources say.

"They're back-pedalling," says a CBS executive who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Whether they cease to do re-enactments or do fewer of them and are more selective is a subject of discussion."

NBC News, which has used news re-creations in the first three of its "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow" specials, is also considering whether to end the their use in the next three YTT specials it has has ordered.

At NBC News, Tom Ross, senior vice president for news planning, says the network is satisfied that YTT's re-creations were accurate and handled well.

"But ... we're re-evaluating the future of them here," he says, declining to elaborate.

Andrew Lack, executive producer of Chung's series, did not return phone calls. CBS spokesman Tom Goodman declined to comment when asked if the show's re-enactments are being scaled back or eventually will be dropped.

Several have been completed, though, and likely will be broadcast. One is on the Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident.

In Saturday's re-enactment, an actress plays a teen-age girl trying to get an abortion. Two other actors also appear. So do people who were involved in the real girl's real story, a spokesman for the show says.

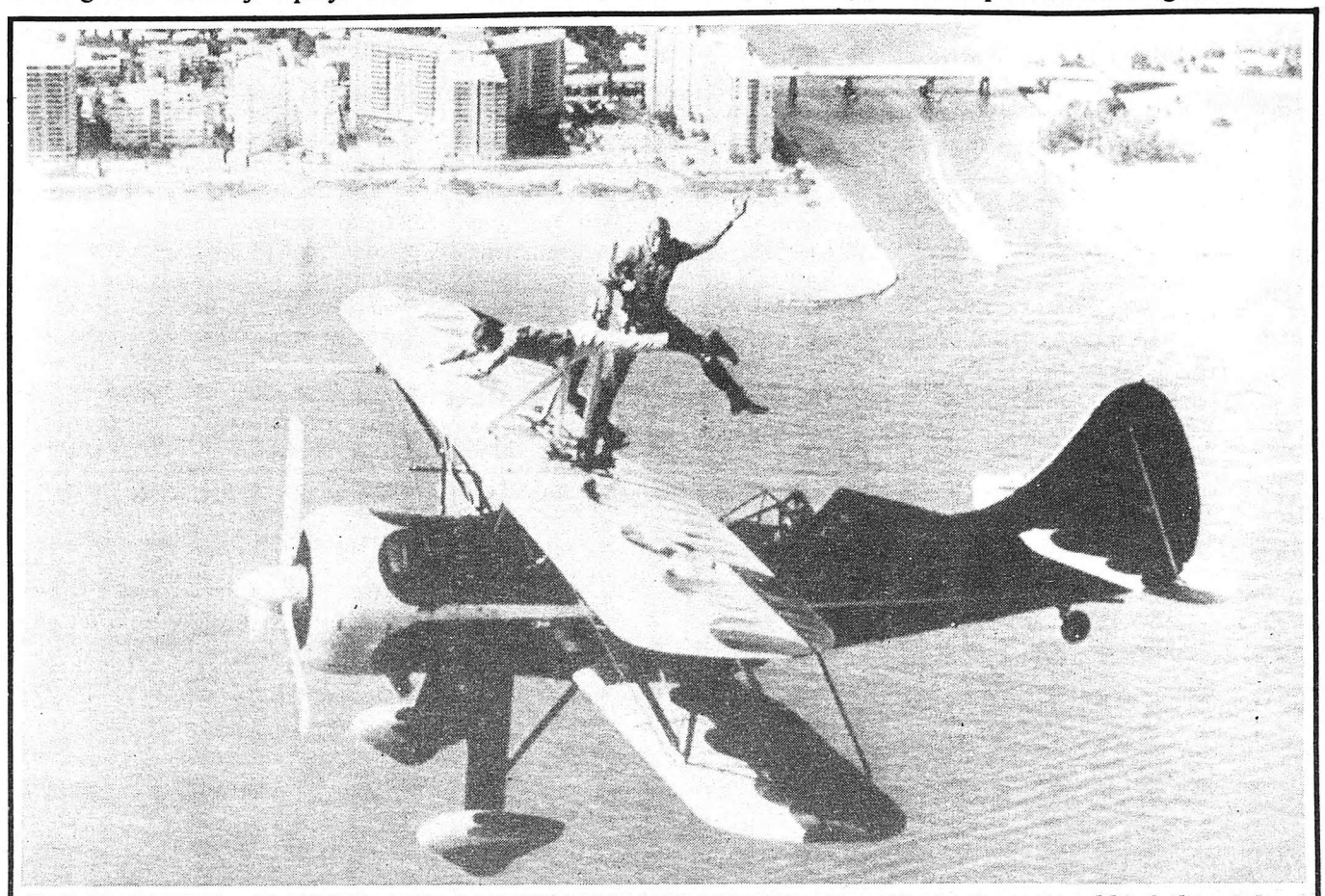
This mix of the real and the re-enacted recently was lampooned in a Jules Feiffer cartoon. It pictured a man watching CBS' show and hearing that Pat Sajak plays Vice President Dan Quayle and that Chung "is played by Cher."

But the mix is no matter for mirth by news traditionalists like former CBS News President Richard Salant. He says re-enactments blur the line between news and entertainment and wouldn't be permitted under guidelines he once drew up for CBS News, which he left in 1979

"Absolutely not," he says, adding that "no news organization has anything to go with except its credibility. If you start mixing imagined fact with real fact, there goes your credibility."

Both the Chung show and NBC's YTT specials say their re-enactments are clearly identified as such.

But some viewer confusion seems to exist, according to a Los Angeles Times poll taken in August.



BAL HARBOUR -- FATHER AND SON WINGWALKING DUO -- Tony Kazin, (prone) and his father, Johnny Kazin, (standing on wing) practice walking the wings of a Waco biplane over a strip of beach in Bal Harbour. The Kazins are appearing in the Miami Air Show at the Opa Locka Airport. (AP Laserphoto)

Christmas shopping? Consider software presents

1989 games, utilities, programs listed

NEW YORK (AP) –Thanksgiving hasn't even had time to get over the river and through the woods before a holiday chorus of software merchants has begun singing:

" 'Tis the Season to Make Money,
"Ring-A-Ling-A-Ling,
"The Registers Sing."

Computer software can make merry the holidays for the hobbyists on your list. Games are a natural, so are utilities and other programs. As a help to Santa's helpers, here's a once-over of software reviewed in this space in the last year. All of it is available for IBM PC and compatibles with color monitors. Some of it is available for other machines. If you have fewer than 640,000 characters of memory, double-check system requirements before buying.

If it's on the list, it means I like it. Prices are suggested retail, but the advice is to ignore them. Discounters and mail-order houses save you money.

SIMULATIONS: MicroProse International's F-19 Stealth Fighter is $69.95 and one of the best combat simulations available. If you'd prefer to fight the war underwater, their Red Storm Rising program at $54.95 is a thriller. Call 301-771-1151.

TRACON, by Wesson International, is an air traffic control simulation, complete with audio, that will give you goose bumps. It's $49.95. Call 512-328-0100. Life & Death, a surgical simulation by The Software Toolworks, costs $49.95 — a lot cheaper than medical school and malpractice insurance. The same company offers Chessmaster 2100, a $44.95 exercise in humiliation at the chessboard as a bit of sand routinely beats you. Call 818-885-9000. Steel Thunder, by Accolade, puts you in the driver's seat of the Army's M1A1 Abrams main battle tank for $39.95, somewhat less than the Army paid. Call 408-985-1700.

GAMES: Beyond The Black Hole, by The Software Toolworks, is something different — 3-D, complete with the funny eyeglasses. It's $49.95. Call 818-885-9000. Comic Book fans should enjoy Paragon Software's The Amazing Spider Man and Captain America in Dr. Doom's Revenge for $44.95. It's marketed by MicroProse at 301-771-1151. Those shopping for the early elementary-school set should look at Game-Tek's versions of Double Dare and Hollywood Squares. Two others done in cooperation with Fisher-Price are FireHouse Rescue and My Grand Piano. All four go for $14.95 each. Call 305-935-3995.

PRODUCTIVITY, UTILITIES: OPTune, by Gazelle Systems, could be the best $99.95 you've spent to keep the files on your hard disk in logical sequence and to tune the disk for optimum performance. They also do Back-It, a first-rate backup utility for $129.95. Call 1-800-233-0383. When the hard disk gets so cluttered you can't find anything, try Disc Director at $79 from Athena Software. Call 303-666-9569. LetterWare from CommonTouch Software will bring the gift of glib in pre-packaged business letters for $83.95. Call 617-964-7740.

If you want an easy-to-learn, easy-to-use everything-together software package, check out DeskMate for $99.95, available at any of the ubiquitous (5,000-plus) Radio Shack stores. The money gets you a word processor, spreadsheet, telecommunications program, database and more.

'Inchon' loses millions at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Inchon," the disastrous war epic produced by the Rev. Sung Myung Moon's Unification Church, has been selected as the biggest box-office fiasco of the 1980s.

In a list released Friday by the entertainment research firm Baseline, 1982's "Inchon," with Laurence Olivier and Jacqueline Bisset, was said to have cost an estimated $46 million but made less than $2 million at domestic movie theaters.

The movie's net loss, $44.1 million, placed "Inchon" on top of Baseline's survey.

"Heaven's Gate," widely considered the greatest flop in Hollywood history, landed in fourth place on the top-turkey index. Director Steven Spielberg, whose "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" is the all-time box-office champ, finished in a tie for 10th with "Empire of the Sun."

The list does not take into consideration ancillary revenues such as home video and overseas markets.

The 10 most spectacular failures, in order:

"Inchon" ($46 million cost, $1.9 million box office, $44.1 million loss); "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" ($52 million, $9 million, $43 million); "Ishtar" ($45 million, $7.7 million, $37.3 million); "Heaven's Gate" ($36 million, $1.5 million, $34.5 million); "The Cotton Club" ($46 million, $15 million, $31 million).

"Pirates" ($31 million, $700,000, $30.3 million); "Rambo III" ($58 million, $28 million, $30 million); "Santa Claus" ($45 million, $16 million, $29 million); "Lion of the Desert" ($30 million, $1.5 million, $28.5 million); "Empire of the Sun" ($38 million, $10.5 million, $27.5 million); "Once Upon a Time in America" ($30 million, $2.5 million, $27.5 million).

military news

Soviet subs test stealth under Arctic ice

OSLO, Norway (Reuter) — The growling fringes of the Arctic icecap and the dark, silent waters beneath the North Pole have become test sites in Moscow's drive to match the stealth of American submarines.

The Northern Fleet, the Soviet Union's mightiest naval force, increasingly exercises in icy seas near Arctic bases on the Kola Peninsula, NATO officials say.

"They have made big advances in submarine technology and they have an impressive under-ice capability," said Gen. Patrick Palmer, commander-in-chief, Allied Forces Northern Europe.

The shift away from exercising in more southerly seas, ever more evident since President Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985, might be linked to cuts in military spending or to a Kremlin desire to be seen projecting less power abroad.

But the change may also be to teach submarine commanders at the heart of Soviet naval power how best to hide in the Arctic Ocean, whose trenches are up to 18,500 feet deep.

New, longer-range missiles mean Soviet submarines could fire over the pole and not need to venture past NATO-member Norway, risking sonar detection, mines and torpedoes from attack submarines to get close enough to strike the United States.

Palmer told Reuters that Moscow has continued updating submarines, ships, aircraft and other equipment at the Kola bases despite political reforms sweeping through Warsaw Pact nations.

The massive Typhoon and Delta IV class ballistic missile submarines have far quieter engines than older Soviet models, which Western sonar can hear clanking through the oceans hundreds of miles away.

The new submarines have SS-N-20 or SS-N-23 nuclear missiles, which the Pentagon says have a range of 5,200 miles and could strike any point in the United States or Western Europe from Soviet home waters in the Barents Sea.

Meanwhile, the Typhoon, the world's largest submarine, weighing some 75,000 tons and 561 feet long, has a titanium hull and strong fins to smash through thick polar ice to fire its missiles from the surface.

Soviet submarines are still slightly noisier than their U.S. rivals — spearheaded by the Ohio class ballistic missile submarine — but grinding, creaking Arctic ice provides a natural ally.

"Close to the ice edge the sound conditions mean it is almost impossible to extract any submarine noises," said Adm. Torolf Rein, head of Norway's 50,000-strong armed forces.

He said that the Soviet Union test fires ballistic missiles from the Arctic over Siberia to the Pacific.

In northern Norway "the civilian population in Finnmark from time to time, particularly in the dark season, see a fireball in the sky because they are firing," he told Reuters.

Rein said Moscow has about 40 strategic submarines at Kola alone —more than the whole U.S. fleet. But NATO overall has more and better submarines than the Warsaw Pact.

Earlier this year a Soviet Mike class experimental submarine sank off Norway, killing 42 sailors. There have been several other accidents, with two Echo-class submarines entangled in Norwegian trawler nets in the past three months.

"The submarine is the Soviet Navy's principal platform for the conduct of both offensive and defensive naval warfare," the Pentagon said in its 1989 review of Soviet military power.

But it added that "despite measurable improvements in the Soviet submarine force ... the United States maintains an overall lead" in quietness, combat systems and detection systems used in anti-submarine warfare.

Gorbachev has often offered talks on reducing the superpowers' navies but, because the Atlantic separates it from its European allies, Washington needs superior sea power.

Both U.S. and Soviet submarines have long been able to lurk under the polar ice and break through. Washington showed its capability in 1986, when three U.S. nuclear-powered submarines surfaced at the North Pole.

Noise is the key to finding nuclear-powered submarines, which can stay submerged for weeks and cannot be seen by spy planes or satellites. Submarines are packed with insulation and the crew wear rubber or felt shoes to deaden noise.

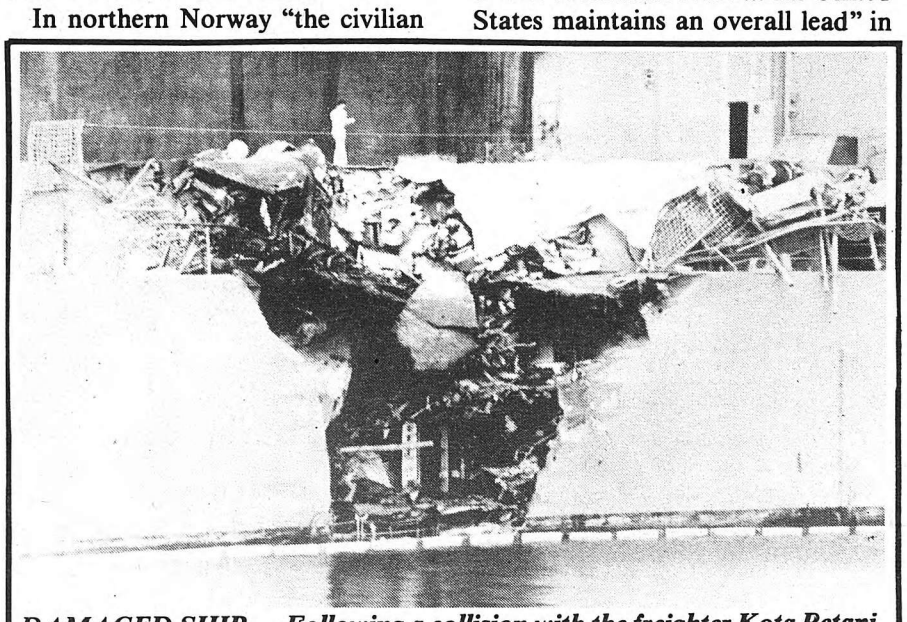
Sonar is the only reliable way of detecting submarines at distances of more than a mile, according to George Lindsey of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies in a recent study.

In ideal detection conditions — deep ice-covered water — the quietest Soviet submarines can be heard up to 55 miles away, Lindsey estimated. Older, noisy Soviet boats can be detected at distances of 250 to 1,250 miles.

Even with the propellor stopped, a nuclear submarine still makes some noise, since coolant has to be pumped around the radioactive core at all times.

Palmer declined to give details of NATO efforts to detect Soviet submarines under and around the Arctic icecap.

Lindsey said that sonar could be developed to drop from aircraft to drill through the ice. Mines could also be hung from the ice into the path of approaching submarines.



DAMAGED SHIP — Following a collision with the freighter Kota Petani in the Strait of Malacca near Malaysia last week, the destroyer USS Kincaid is shown in Singapore. (AP Laserphoto)

Soldiers get chance to become cadet candidates

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Dreaming of enhancing your career potential and serving the Army in a greater way? Such an opportunity exists, in a way not many soldiers know about.

Tucked away at Fort Monmouth, N.J., the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School provides enlisted soldiers a chance to broaden their scholastic horizons and the opportunity for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Soldiers accepted at the school become "cadet candidates," and have two English and two math courses to help them better their chances of completing their studies at West Point if they're appointed.

Cadet candidates spend their afternoons studying a variety of military topics and participating in varsity or intramural sports.

Physical education classes are mandatory every other day, and there is a mandatory three-hour study period each evening.

Prospective cadet candidates must:

— be U.S. citizens or eligible for naturalization before entering the school

— be at least 17 but not yet 21 years old on July 1 of the year they enter

— be single and have no obligation to support dependents

— be in good health and have no disqualifying physical condition

— be a high school graduate or equivalent

There are eight steps in applying, beginning with a basic letter of application. Following guidelines in AR 351-12 may be helpful for this step.

The next step is a commander's evaluation. AR 351-12 will also help in this category.

High school transcripts must be provided, including the applicant's final class rank if the school computes it. For GED certificate holders, GED test scores must accompany the high school transcript showing grades completed.

Applicants must take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Testing Assessment and provide the score. Both tests are available through Army Education Centers.

Applicants must undergo a thorough medical examination and submit both the Report of Physical Examination, SF 88, and the Report of Medical History, SF 93. Also, soldiers must have taken an Army Physical Fitness Test within a year of applying.

A full-length photograph must accompany the application.

The last step in the application process is writing an essay.

Applications are reviewed by an admissions council at USMAPS, a process that normally takes two to four weeks.

Application materials may be obtained by contacting Capt. Kristi Hicks at AUTOVN 992-1807 or commercial 201-532-1808.

New LCUs start service in winter

ESCATAWPA, Miss. (AR NEWS) — The champagne-drenched hull of the U.S Army Landing Craft Utility "Buena Vista" recently splashed into intercoastal waters, marking the newest addition to the Army's fleet of watercraft.

More than 1,000 spectators attended the christening of the "Buena Vista," the LCU-2008, eighth of 35 LCU-2000-series landing craft built for the Army's Troop Support Command by Moss Point Marine, Inc.

The LCU-2000-series vessels are 174 feet long, 42 feet wide and capable of transporting 350 tons of cargo up to 4,500 nautical miles. It can beach in four feet of water almost anywhere in the world with 175 tons of cargo on board.

The new landing craft are called "non-developmental" items, meaning they are the result of a commercial design modified to meet the Army's needs.

After christening, the "Buena Vista" and her sister ships will undergo seven months of final construction and testing. The first LCUs are expected to go to Fort Eustis, Va., this winter.

Vehicles to get new camouflage

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) —Camouflaged soft tops and cargo covers are on the way to field units, say staffers at the Belvoir Research, Development and Engineering Center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Intended to provide better protection for troops and equipment than the solid green components now in use, the new three-color items are scheduled for fielding during fiscal 1990.

Using a process developed by BRADC's camouflage experts, computer-controlled printing and coating methods produce three-color patterns on fabric. Computers duplicate a military vehicle's camouflage pattern to produce a matching cover.

world roundup

Sweden suffering from brutal crimes

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (Reuter) — Brutal robberies, rapes and assaults have shocked Sweden, which used to pride itself on the safety of its streets.

In one case a gang of youths robbed and kicked to death an elderly woman in a school yard. Three young men were jailed for beating to death a victim who refused to give his bank card number. A youth was butchered with a broken bottle.

"It is the ferocious nature of these attacks that has caused the present debate," Karin Jonsson, a sociologist and Stockholm city councilwoman, told Reuters.

Swedes are agonizing over demands for more law and order and trying to understand the causes of the new crime wave that has caused many citizens, especially women, to fear walking city streets at night.

"We do not accept violence in this form in our cities," Prime Minister Invar Carlsson's press secretary, Marita Ulvskog, said. "When somebody is beaten up or raped, it is a big deal in Sweden, maybe because we are a small country."

Irma Lilliendahl, daughter of the woman murdered in a school yard, collected almost 100,000 signatures of people protesting against violence and led a demonstration through central Stockholm recently.

"We cannot leave responsibility for dealing with violence to the politicians," she told a rally. "We must all take responsibility. We must look after each other."

Police received 4,226 complaints of outdoor assault in the first nine months of this year, 477 more than for the same period in 1988.

Carlsson told a news conference that part of the problem was that parents did not take enough responsibility. He also backed calls for more police to patrol the streets on foot.

National police chief Bjorn Eriksson believes 700 more police are needed to control the problem, a view shared by the conservative Moderate Party leader Carl Bildt.

In a statement Bildt demanded tougher penalties for first-time violent offenders, adding: "We must learn, in school, the family and in society, the difference betweeen right and wrong."

Alcohol, drugs, violence on television and immigration are blamed as the main causes of recent violence. But politicians cannot agree on whether the welfare state is doing too much for the mainly young offenders, or not enough.

Karin Jonsson said she was convinced that alcohol was the root of the problem.

"There are several reports in Sweden showing that when strikes affected the distribution of alcohol, violence fell," she said. "Between 70 and 80 percent of young people involved in fights are drunk."

One proposal is to raise from 18 to 20 the minimum age for consumption of alcohol on licensed premises. Swedes already have to be aged 20 to buy liquor at the state monopoly shops.

Youth Minister Margot Wallstrom has announced plans to propose draft legislation tightening up the sale or rental of prerecorded videos considered violent and providing tougher penalties.

"I cannot understand why we allow such videos in the first place," Jonsson said. "It is a purely commercial operation.
They are bound to have an impact on young people."

On a politically sensitive issue, Stockholm police figures showed that men of foreign extraction were responsible for two-thirds of assault cases solved by police.

Criminologists say immigrants are over-represented in Sweden's indices of social deprivation, such as unemployment and inadequate housing.

In the first nine months of this year, 48,700 people migrated to Sweden, 30 percent more than in 1988 and the highest number since 1970. Iran with 5,600 was the leading country of origin, followed by Chile with 4,800, Norway 4,300 then Ethiopia, Poland and Yugoslavia with 1,200 each.

Leif Persson, a criminologist who is chairing a government commission on the problem, told a news conference:

"Violence is more or less built into the society we live in, but one must always try to root it out."

NIXON GREETS MASSES — Former President Richard Nixon shakes hands with passers-by on a street in downtown Beijing during his visit to China earlier this month. (AP Laserphoto)

Australians pay for suntans with skin cancer

CANBERRA, Australia (Reuter) — Australians are paying a high price for their sun-bronzed, sports-loving image. They have the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world.

Of those who have spent all their lives in Australia, two out of three will develop some form of skin cancer by the time they are 70, cancer experts say.

But summer is coming in the Southern Hemisphere and, undaunted by the statistics and a worldwide thinning of the earth's sun-filtering ozone layer, Australians are again stripping and heading for the beach.

It's the only barbecue in the world where the meat turns itself, according to a morbid local joke.

The rush for the outdoors is especially heavy because the majority of Australia's 17 million people are of European descent — and many want that tanned, blue-eyed blonde look.

"The trouble is most of us are white, which is exactly the wrong color for living here," said Anna Voloschenko, director of education for the state of Queensland's Cancer Fund.

Aborigines, here for 40,000 years before whites arrived 200 years ago, rarely get skin cancer, she said.

Asian immigrants are also low on the register of skin cancer sufferers because they are more aware of the effects of sun, have different ideas about fashionable skin color and stay inside during critical times, such as midday.

Voloschenko has a tough job in Queensland, which is promoted by the authorities as the "Sunshine State," a Pacific coast tropical mecca for sun-worshippers.

"We have a lot of success showing younger children how to cover up from the sun. The problem starts when they get to high school age. A tan has sex appeal," she said.

Skin cancer is also high in South Africa among descendants of Europeans living in the sunny climate.

Australia has the world's highest per capita incidence of skin cancer, with about 145,000 cases reported in 1988 and costing the government $78 million in treatment and diagnosis.

The latest statistics show 1,027 Australians died from skin cancer in 1987, up from 897 in 1986 and 835 in 1983.

The biggest killer was malignant melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, with cases doubling in the past 10 years, health authorities say.

The incidence of malignant melanoma in Australia is nearly double that of New Zealand, three times higher than Norway, four times that of Sweden and 12 times the rate in Britain.

Scientists say it is too early to forecast how the depletion of the ozone layer, which screens out some of the sun's harmful rays, will raise the level of skin cancer in Australia.

Dr. Robin Marks, a director of the Anti-Cancer Council of the state of Victoria, says increased ultra-violet radiation has serious implications for the sun-soaked country.

He warned recently that a one percent decrease in the ozone layer would lead to a two percent increase in ultra-violet radiation and a huge increase in skin cancer.

Marks urges people to use skin creams that totally block harmful rays and to follow the rule "Between 11 and three, slip under a tree."

He says there is considerable evidence that exposure to sunlight during childhood and adolescence helps lead to the high rates of melanoma and other skin cancers seen later in adults.

Australian immigrants who spent their first 20 years or so in Europe without heavy exposure to sun are less likely to contract skin cancer.

Australian health authorities since 1985 have promoted an annual National Skin Cancer Awareness Week. Their theme this year: "Fry now. Pay later."

Religion may cost Ghandi election

NEW DELHI (Reuter) -- Religion cost Indira Gandhi her life in 1984 and could well cost Rajiv Gandhi, her son and successor as prime minister, next week's Indian elections.

Ceremonies were held in New Delhi Sunday to mark the 71st anniversary of Mrs Gandhi's birth -- an occasion that brings into sharp focus the close, often lethal link between religion and politics in India.

"Her son has used her memory to raise his campaign to an emotional peak through a woman who came to symbolize the Hindu deity Bharat Mata (Mother India)," said George Mathews of the independent Institute of Social Sciences in Delhi.

Bharat Mata, representing Hindu nationalism, is one of many deities worshipped by India's 650 million Hindus whose faith embraces a wide range of beliefs and customs.

Clashes between Hindus and India's 100 million Moslems are not new: the nation came into being amid massive blood-letting when the British Raj ended in 1947.

Violence between the two is an almost daily occurence but tension has intensified since 200 people died last month in savage Hindu-Moslem riots.

The genesis was a dispute over a holy site claimed by both faiths in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

Further west, Sikh extremists fighting for a homeland have stepped up their killings of mainly Hindus in Punjab state.

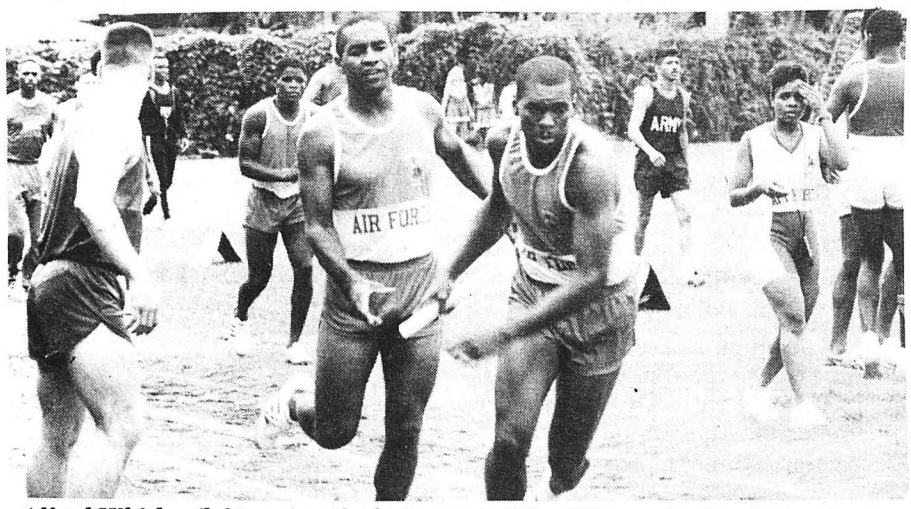
Mrs. Gandhi was killed by Sikh bodyguards after she ordered troops to storm the Golden Temple, Sikhdom's most sacred shrine, to disarm separatists who had taken refuge there.

Moslems, traditionally Congress supporters, were enraged when the government allowed Hindu militants to hold foundation stone ceremonies for a new temple near a 16th century mosque.

The militants say the mosque was built over a shrine marking the birthplace of their deity Rama.

"It is a god-sent opportunity to win back all that we have lost through these invasions. With this, we can change the destiny of our nation," Mathews said.

Air Force 'on track' in Turkey Bowl standings



Alfred Whitley (left) passes the baton on to Silas Winters during the men's two-mile relay at Balboa High School Stadium Saturday. The Turkey Bowl 1989 event, which was won by the Army in 8 minutes 44 seconds, was the first event leading to the main Turkey Bowl competition.(U.S. Air Force photo by Amn. Steve Rys)

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) -- Under gloomy, overcast skies at Balboa Stadium, Saturday, the powerful legs of the Air Force track teams churned out enough energy to capture first- and second-place finishes.

The event was the first in 1989 Turkey Bowl competition, with the remaining events scheduled soon, and puts the Air Force ahead in the overall point standings.

The Air Force women's team took first place in the two-mile relay and second place in the one-mile relay. The Air Force men's squad finished a disappointing fifth in the two-mile relay.

The women finished with a time of 11 minutes 45 seconds in the two-mile relay, more than one-eighth of a mile in front of second place Navy, who finished with a time of 12:25. The Army chugged across the finish line last in 13:40.

"Those who came to see us run, saw a bunch of nervous individuals," said April M. Shand, Air Force women's team trainer/coach. "More than two months of long and hard training went into today's race, and the results were more than we could ever have asked for. The contribution of the team will never be forgotten."

In the second event of the day, the men's two-mile relay, the Army team snuck in first in a speedy time of 8:44 with the Navy team coming on strong in second place with 8:52. The Marines grabbed third in 9:07, Panama Canal College took fourth in 9:11, and the Air Force team brought up the rear in 9:25.

"It was a very disappointing day for our team," said Tom White, Air Force men's team. "We just came out flat and got too far behind. The other teams were simply more prepared than us."

The PCC snapped the tape first in the women's one-mile relay with a time of 4:50. The Air Force team finished second in 4:52, Navy crossed the line third in 5:20 and the Army once again trailed the pack with a time of 5:22.

Air Force women's team roster-Debbie McCoy, Kellie Riell, Lori Smith, Terry Collins, Maria Sahonic, Carlene Forrest, Kim Richardson-Harris, Rebbeca, Kriete, Santesia Beasley, Felecia Henry, Trainer/Coach April M. Shand and Coach Robin E. Hurowitz.

Army women's team roster- Donna Lynn Young, Julie Anna Irwin, Angela Hamilton, Angela Richardson, Linda Dejanovich and Coach Eva Foster.

Navy women's team roster-Pam Maxey, Mia Felker, Tracey Nixon, Rosanna Gomez, Rosemary Claridy, and Coach Wendy Little.

PCC women's team roster-Mary Luz de Harper, Denis Hurley, Annette Villanverde, Analioska J. Cooksey and Coach Julio Sinclair (Marines did not field a women's team) Air Force men's team roster Silas Winters, Tom White, Ken Edney and Coach Alfred Whitley.

Army men's team roster Alexander Ortega, Henry Taylor, Jose Santiago, Gary Tullok, Doyle Jordan and Eddie Cooper.

Navy men's team roster - Cezar Torrez, Roger Evans, Doug Cullisson, William Goode and Coach Chris Maxey.

PCC men's team roster--Omar Weeks, Ken Underwood, Casello Williams, Ariel Gomez and Luis Camano.

Marines men's team roster--Harry Wilson, David Greene, William R. Davis and Alan Franklin.

40 earn honors in 10k run

by Pat Walker

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) -- Forty men and women vied for honors in the Nov. 12 10k Run sponsored by Marine Corps Security Force Co. as part of the Corps' birthday observances.

Thirty-three minutes after the starting gun, the first contestant crossed the finish line just outside the back gate at Naval Station Panama Canal, Rodman.

Spearheaded by SSgt. Randy Lubischer, the run included seven categories. Maj. R.B. Neller presented trophies to the winners of each:

Women 24 and Under: First, Wendy Little, NAVSTA Security; Second, Pam Maxey.

Women 25-34: First, Rosanna Robledo-Gomez.

Women 35 and Over: First, Candy Velez, SOUTHCOM; Second, Sara Leasure-Nelson.

Men 24 and Under: First, Thomas Horn, Marine Corps Security Force Co; Second, Doug Cullison, SBU-26; Third, Michael Haven, Seal Team Four.

Men 25-34: First, Simon Alvarado; Second, Boris Arjona; Third, Chris Maxey, NSW Unit 8.

Men 35 and Over: First, Richard Aguilar; Second, Noel Saunders, MARFORPM; Third, Richard Clark, MARFORPM.

Teams: First, U.S. Army South; Second, Company D Marines, Galeta Island.

Unscheduled entertainment was provided at the race reception area by Cpl. Nick Vitale and Cpl. Roger Powell who, tasked with assembling the trophies and checking in the finishers, maintained a running commentary of the events.

CPO position vacancies

WHO CAN APPLY: Current permanent employees of US Army South and Services Activities and other U.S. Government agency employees. If any other source is applicable, specific vacancy will indicate this. Only U.S. citizens will be considered for sensitive positions.
HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit to the CPO, Bldg 560, Room 306, Corozal by the close of business on the closing date of announcement. Application is a signed copy of SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action; USARSO Form 106, if applicable, and a current/last performance appraisal. Qualification standards may be reviewed at CPO. For further information call 285-5201.

VBI PERMANENT VACANCIES AND LOCATION ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS OPEN: 11-24-89 CLOSE: 12-05-89

102-90 BUDGET ANALYST, NM-560-9, 1109TH US ARMY SIGNAL BRIGADE, SUPPORT DIVISION, BUDGET BRANCH, COROZAL, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE 3 YRS., SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE 2 YRS. TIME-IN-GRADE NM-7. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

103-90 SECURITY SPECIALIST, NM-080-9, SENSITIVE, 41ST ASG, DSPO, SECURITY DIVISION, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE 1 YR. AT NM-7. TIME-IN-GRADE NM-7. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

104-90 LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT REPAIRER FOREMAN, MS-5317-8, 41ST ASG, DOS, SERVICES DIVISION, LAUNDRY BRANCH, CURUNDU, PANAMA. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE 1 YR. AT MG-5317-8. TIME-IN-GRADE N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. NOTE: SOBR FORM 1177 IS REQUIRED.

105-90 SECRETARY (STENO), NM-318-7, SENSITIVE, KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES. USA MEDDAC, GAH, OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, ANCON, PANAMA. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE 1 YR. EQUIV. TO NM-6. TIME-IN-GRADE NM-6. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

106-90 INTELLIGENCE ASSISTANT (TYPING), NM-134-6, SENSITIVE, USARSO, DCSINT, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. NOTE: THIS POSITION IS IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE 1 YR. EQUIV TO NM-5. TIME-IN-GRADE NM-5. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

107-90 COMPUTER ASSISTANT, NM-335-5, SENSITIVE, 1109TH SIGNAL BRIGADE, INFORMATION CENTER, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE 1 YR AT NM-4. TIME-IN-GRADE N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

108-90 WAREHOUSE WORKER FOREMAN, MS-6907-4, 41ST ASG, DOM/SUPPLY DIVISION, STORAGE SECTION, COROZAL, PANAMA. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE 1 YR. AT MG-6907-6. TIME-IN-GRADE N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

109-90 TELEPHONE OPERATOR, NM-382-4, SENSITIVE, SHIFT WORK, 1109TH US ARMY SIGNAL BRIGADE, OPERATIONS DIVISION, TELEPHONE SYSTEMS BRANCH, SWITCHBOARD SECTION, COROZAL, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE 1 YR. TIME-IN-GRADE N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

110-90 QUARTERS PROPERTY CLERK (TYPING), NM-303-4, DEH, HOUSING DIVISION ATLANTIC, FURNISHING MANAGEMENT, FT. DAVIS, PANAMA. NOTE: INDIVIDUAL MUST BE A QUALIFIED TYPIST. GENERAL EXPERIENCE 1 YR. TIME-IN-GRADE N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE.

111-90 MILITARY PERSONNEL CLERK (TYPING), NM-204-4, USA MEDDAC, PERSONNEL DIVISION, MILITARY PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION CENTER, GAH, ANCON, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE 1 YR. TIME-IN-GRADE N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL REGULATIONS. 2. ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE ORALLY. 3. ABILITY TO INTERPRET REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES OR POLICIES.

NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS (NAF) POSITION VACANCIES CLOSING DATE: 1 DECEMBER 1989

Applications must be submitted to CPO/NAF, Bldg. 560, Corozal, Room 102, by 1600 hours on the closing date of the vacancy. For more information call 285-5749/5203.

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Sports Shorts

Racquetball clinic

A Racquetball Clinic will be held at Reeder Gym, Fort Clayton, 1p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov 25. Space is limited to ten persons, so reserve early. For more information call 287-3861.

Retirees bowling

The Albrook Bowling Center is forming a retirees bowling league open to all DOD retirees and their dependents. For more information, call 286-4260.

Turkey challenge

Naval Station Panama Canal MWR presents our first annual Turkey Challenge Nov. 25. Events include a fishing tournament for all ages; softball, beach volleyball, horseshoes and spades tournaments. Rodman gym will be open from noon to 3 p.m. for skating. And there will be a space capsule for children. Beginning at 6 p.m. join us for an Old Time Southern BBQ and street dance in front of the gym. For more information call 283-5307.

Tournaments

The Zodiac Recreation Center is sponsoring the following tournaments during November:

Sunday -- Darts tournament, 7 to 10 p.m.

Nov. 30 -- Ping pong, 7 to 10 p.m.

There is a small fee for each tournament and advance registration is required. For information, call 284-6161.

Youth ball

The 1990 boys baseball and girls softball season will start Jan. 13 and youths ages 4-18 can register until Nov. 25 at the Howard and Albrook youth centers. Hours of registration are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

45-minute workout

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

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

For more information, call 284-6161.

Fun run

NSGA Galeta Island will host a 5 K Jungle Fun Run Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help get this run off to a great start. Even if you plan to run, you can be a volunteer up until race day. Please contact MWR at 289-5109 or CTOC Fifer at 289-5010.

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sports

Army raps other services for anticipated Bowl upset

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

commentary

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — For the past four weeks, the Army has put up with a lot of flak and bad information from the other services about the 1989 Turkey Bowl game.

The Air Force even attempted to sell tickets. What happened guys, did the Pentagon cut off your lawn chair funds?

As for the Navy, they must have forgotten to organize their press-gang. A week ago they were still begging for for team members. Sorry guys, but the ringers you lured from the San Francisco 49ers can't play.

Now we come to the Army's real competition, the Marines, or "Uncle Sam's Mutant Children," as Army's Michael "Ogre" Byers quipped.

Yes, we know they're tough. A few even have fangs and scales. But in the end, the Army's brains will best the Marine's brawn.

Oh by the way Air Force, per your Nov. 9 article, it's doubtful anyone is going to have to "coax the Marines out of the jungle." As a matter of fact, I'm "almost" willing to put money on them placing second. If I'm wrong, my NCOIC, SFC Stack, has promised to eat his hat.

But before the Army does battle in the game, there has to be a little insult before we add injury. So a few Army team members have something to say. Just remember, these guys are football players not poets.

First from Darryl "Mad Dog" Grant, "Today, the Marines, Navy and Air Force — tomorrow, more turkey."

Keeping with the holiday spirit, Troy "Bo Dog" Bost added, "Thanksgiving will be a dream, at least for the Army's Turkey Bowl team. We will start off with squid. I'm told it's a delicacy. The main dish will be bird. And for a dessert, 'Jar Head pie' will do just fine. This is what makes Thanksgiving divine."

Before you think that coach Ward Whyte forgot to feed these guys, it's time to let player Dennis Saunders close. "To the Navy, Air Force and Marines, things of the past are good to remember. Words of the future are good to say. But none of the above will help on D-Day —Welcome to the 'House of Pain.' If you bother to show, you're insane."

'Play fair, be honest, win with class.....go Irish'

commentary

by Spec. John Moreland

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — What college football fan wouldn't be proud when his team steamrolled to a 23-game winning streak, collecting the national championship and is on course to win its second in a row?

This fan!

Growing up in Southwestern Michigan, a scant 23 miles from the University of Notre Dame campus, I have never been a casual Irish fan. Winning was something I came to expect from Notre Dame. Anything less was hateful. But I overlooked the way "we" won in those days. We Irish did it with class. Not any more.

Gone are the days when ... we used to have players like Joe Montana, Ken McAfee, Angelo Bertelli, John Lattner, John Huarte, George Gipp, Ross Browner and his brother Joey. I'm not sure, but it seems that Tim Brown was the last of their breed. Great athletes, but first and foremost gentlemen.

Now we have All American middle linebackers like Michael Stone-breaker. Arguably as fine an athlete as legendary Irish tight end Dave Casper. So why the fuss? I just don't remember Casper getting drunk and wrecking a car with an under age girl for a passenger and then being kicked out of school for driving on campus with a suspended license and missing his senior season.

Moreover, when did Frank Leahy's teams ever bully their opponents off the field, in the tunnel, before or after the game? They didn't. They bullied their competition on the playing field — fair and square not cheap and dirty.

Remember the tunnel incident before last season's Miami game, the tunnel skirmish this year before the Southern Cal game and let's not forget the 1988 Fiesta Bowl fiasco when Notre Dame players were called for umpteen unsportsmanlike conduct penalties when the game was already out of reach.

College football needs Notre Dame. The sport is crumbling — steroids, athletic dorm rapes, payoffs and grade fixing — need I say more. College football needs the old Notre Dame.

Coach Lou Holtz was credited with "waking up the echoes" of Gerry Faust's dormant program. Unlike Holtz, Faust didn't win. But his program was unblemished. Lou, if you can't measure up to the integrity of eras gone and win with class, quit.

That's right-QUIT.

I know. Coach Holtz has already threatened to do that. He said he was embarrassed. I hope so.

However, if he, like myself, is embarrassed by his player's behavior, he should also be

embarrassed by his behavior.

Rumors have recently surfaced alleging the University of Minnesota program Holtz left before coming to N.D. was tainted by an illegal cash payments. Whether the charge is true, the College Football Association is on shaky enough ground without the coach of its most sacred institution being accused of foul dealings.

Like I said, the sport is already short on integrity. The CFA needs the Irish of old in a big way. Lou, stand and deliver, or go take a pro football job with the N.Y. Jets again.

It used to be whoever was the N.D. head football coach was a man with the highest ethics — a man beyond reproach in every moral aspect. The same was presumed of the school's athletes.

That's not being holier than thou or self-righteous in any way. It was a standard that made the school revered. It's the reason the team always had national appeal. If we lose that, we've lost everything.

This fan would rather lose this year's national championship than lose the respect that has made Notre Dame the "Champions of Honesty and Fair Play."

Let's win the "Big Game for the Gipper." Go Irish!

AF 'best athletes' to be honored

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) -- In an effort to enhance the overall physical strength and mental toughness of the military troops stationed at Howard and Albrook, an award will be given to the male and female athletes of the year.

The new program will recognize outstanding performances for sports activities here as well as outstanding performances of assigned military duties and community service. The sporting activities include all categories from "minor" sports to intramurals and those who participate in higher level military competition.

"We're looking for a good turnout for the award mainly because there are so many talented military athletes down here in Panama," said Jim Sanders, Howard Sports and Fitness Center athletic director. "It's a good program to have here and it will help improve morale as well as recognize our athletes."

Winners of the award will receive a medal from Lever Brothers which has been approved by the United States Military Sports Committee. The period covered for this year's award is from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1989.

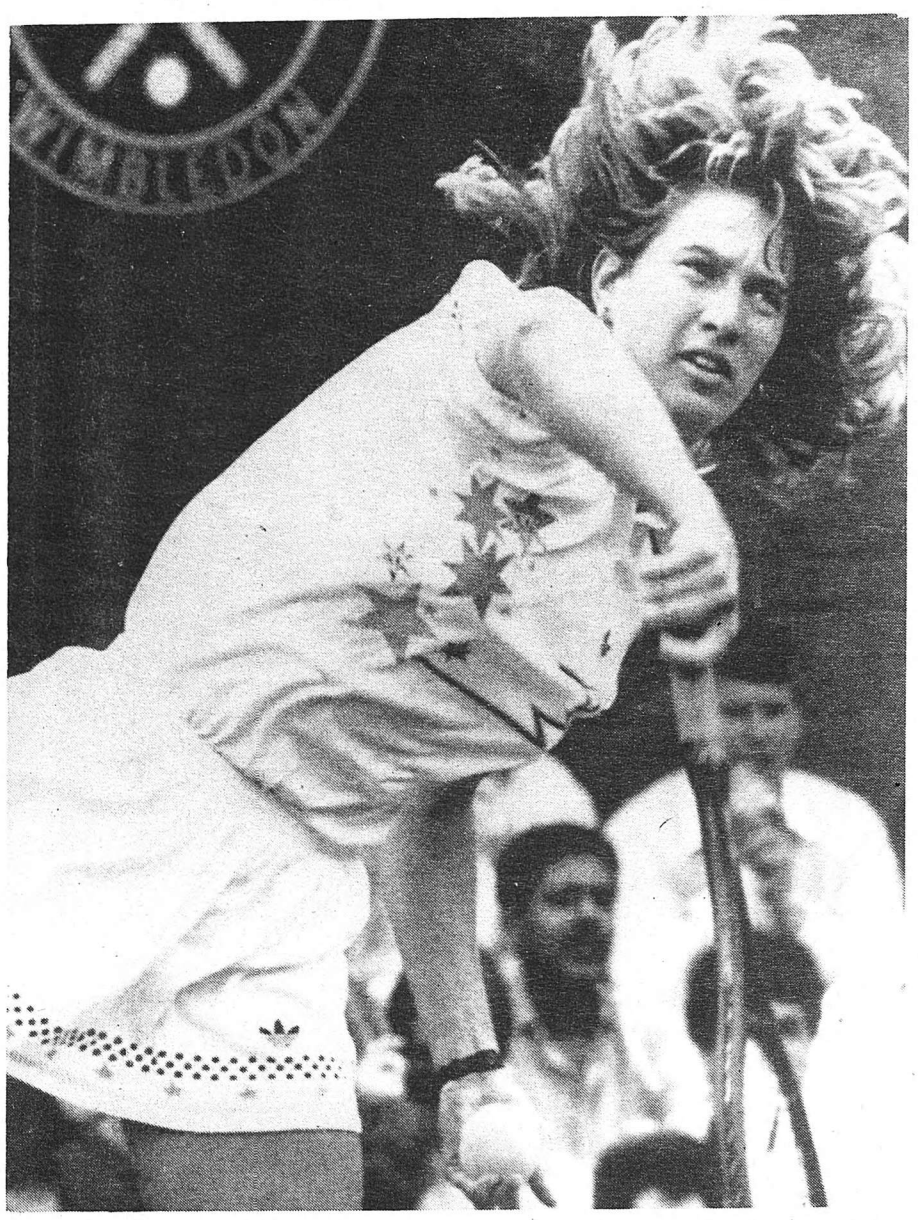
One male and one female from each squadron may be submitted for the award using a written narrative describing the person's achievements which must be signed by the squadron commander.

A selection committee will be made up of the Howard Sports and Fitness Center's athletic director, the Zodiac Recreation Center director, the president of the First Sergeant's Council, and the president of the Company Grade Officers Council.

It will be chaired by the 24th Combat Support Group commander or his designee.

Letters of instruction have already been distributed to all squadron and unit commanders. Deadline for submissions is no later than 4 p.m. Jan. 19, 1990 and entries must be receipted for by a Howard Sports and Fitness Center staff member.

Graf defeats Navratilova in Virginia Slims



Steffi Graff shows her serving form as she topped Martina Navratilova 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 to win the Virginia Slims Championship. (AP Laserphoto)

NEW YORK (AP) — It was only fitting that in the final women's tournament of the decade, the player of the 1990s beat the player of the 1980s.

"I am happy that everything is over," Steffi Graf, the world's top-ranked player, said Sunday after defeating Martina Navratilova 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 to win the Virginia Slims Championships.

Navratilova dominated women's tennis during the 1980s, winning 17 Grand Slam singles titles and 145 singles titles in her career. She holds the record for the longest match winning streak with 74, and has won 30 Grand Slam doubles titles.

Ranked No. 1 in the world from 1982 through 1986, Navratilova changed the women's game from the baseline battle of Chris Evert to one that featured an all-court attack. She raised the level of her game by her training methods and concentrating on the right diet.

But then came Graf. The 20-year-old from West Germany based her all-court game on a powerful forehand that not only got her out of trouble but created problems for her opponents.

Still, it is her quickness and speed that sets her apart. By far the fastest and quickest player on the women's professional tennis tour, Graf is in position for a good shot, even when her opponent has hit what at first appears to be a clear-cut winner.

She made her breakthrough at the 1987 Players International Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla., defeating Navratilova in the semifinals. Then she beat Navratilova in the final of the French Open in 1987.

Navratilova won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open that year, beating Graf in the final each time. But Graf showed she was the player of the future.

The future came in 1988 when Graf became the first player since 1970 to win the Grand Slam in a single calender year, sweeping Wimbledon and the French, U.S. and Australian Opens. She topped it off by winning the singles gold medal in the Olympic Games at Seoul.

She has been a little less dominant, so to speak, in 1989. She won the Australian Open but lost in the championship of the French Open to Spanish teen-ager Arantxa Sanchez.

Graf rebounded, however, to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, beating Navratilova in the final of both tournaments.

"For me to win the tournament is amazing," Graf said of her victory in the Virginia Slims Championships. "It's the best tournament I could have won.

"This one I didn't expect at all. The others I did."

Graf took over the No. 1 spot from Navratilova in the Virginia Slims rankings in August 1987. She has held it tightly ever since.

At 33, Navratilova's career is coming to a close, although her easy march to the title match in the season-ending tournament at Madison Square Garden showed she may still collect another Grand Slam crown.

Yount wins second American League MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Robin Yount, the major league hit leader of the 1980s, was named American League Most Valuable Player for the second time this decade on Monday, winning in a year when there was no clear-cut choice.

Yount won in 1982 as a shortstop and this season as a center fielder for the Milwaukee Brewers. He joined Stan Musial and Hank Greenberg as the only players to be MVPs at two different positions and became the first AL winner to play on a team without a winning record.

Yount batted .318, hit 21 homers and drove in 103 runs as Milwaukee went 81-81. He received eight first-place votes for a total of 256 points, and was the only player named on all 28 ballots by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Texas' Ruben Sierra, who batted leading 119 RBIs, was second with six first-place votes and a total of 228 points. Sierra, whose team finished fourth —as did Milwaukee — also led the league with a .543 slugging percentage, 78 extra-base hits and 344 total bases.

Baltimore's Cal Ripken was third with six first-place votes and 216 points. He hit .257 with 21 homers and 93 RBIs in helping the surprising Orioles challenge for the AL East title.

George Bell, like Ripken a former MVP, finished fourth with four first-place votes and 205 points. He batted .297 with 18 home runs and 104 RBIs for AL champion Toronto.

Dennis Eckersley, who finished fifth with 116 points, and Carney Lansford, who wound up 17th received the other first-place votes. Both play for the World Series champion Oakland Athletics.

The National League MVP will be announced Tuesday.

Elway-less Broncos top Redskins 14-10

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gary Kubiak, subbing for an ailing John Elway, threw two short first-half touchdown passes as the Denver Broncos beat the Washington Redskins 14-10 Monday night, all but sewing up the AFC West title.

Safety Dennis Smith also played a key role, twice stripping the ball from Jamie Morris, the first time setting up a Denver touchdown, the second time stopping a Washington threat at the Broncos' 10.

Kubiak completed just 13 of 27 passes for 123 yards, but the completions included a 1-yard touchdown pass to Melvin Bratton in the first quarter and a 5-yarder to Ricky Nattiel in the second. The defense took over as temperatures dropped and winds up to 30 mph swirled around RFK Stadium.

Bobby Humphrey carried 31 times for 110 yards for Denver, which at 9-2 is four games ahead in the division with five games left as they seek their third title in four years. Washington dropped to 5-6, in deep trouble in their quest for an NFC wild-card berth.

It was the first game between the two since the January 1988 Super Bowl, won 42-10 by Washington. But injuries and attrition had taken a toll on both teams. Just 10 players on each team who started that game started Monday night.

One of the non-starters was Elway, who came down with a stomach virus in late afternoon that left him in the locker room for the entire game.

Doug Williams, the Washington quarterback who was the MVP in the Super Bowl, also was on the bench after starting two games on his return from back surgery. Washington was also playing for the first time without defensive end Dexter Manley, suspended for life last week for a third substance abuse infraction and his replacement, Markus Koch, injured a knee in the third quarter.

It took just 13 yards of offense to produce two touchdowns, one for each team.

The Broncos reciprocated the first time Washington got the ball when Smith stripped the ball from Morris. Tyrone Braxton picked it up and returned it 35 yards to the Redsins' 5. After Humphrey carried to the 1, Kubiak rolled out and hit Bratton, who just made it over the end line for the score, losing the ball on the way

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NFL Schedule

by the Associated Press

Thursday
Cleveland at Detroit
Philadelphia at Dallas
Sunday
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets
Cincinnati at Buffalo
Houston at Kansas City
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
Pittsburgh at Miami
San Diego at Indianapolis
Seattle at Denver
New England at L.A. Raiders
Tampa Bay at Phoenix
Chicago at Washington
L.A. Rams at New Orleans

Sports on SCN-TV

Thursday

12:30 NFL Football Detroit vs. Cleveland
4 p.m. Dallas vs. Philadelphia

Friday

2:30 p.m. College Football Arkansas vs. Texas A&M

Saturday

Noon College Football Ohio State vs. Michigan or Pitt vs. Penn State

Sunday

1 a.m. College Football Notre Dame vs. Miami
1 p.m. NFL Football Minnesota vs. Green Bay or Houston vs. Kansas City
4 p.m. Seattle vs. Denver or Chicago vs. Washington

These games are subject to change.

Tyson, Douglas prepare to battle in Tokyo

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — James Douglas of Columbus will meet Mike Tyson for the world heavyweight boxing championship Feb. 12 in Tokyo, according to a published report.

Tyson, the undefeated world champion, had been scheduled to meet Razor Ruddock Saturday in Edmonton, Alberta, but withdrew after he came down with a lung infection. That fight was rescheduled for Jan. 20, but Home Box Office, the cable network with television rights, withdrew its support when it could not be assured the fight would come off then.

The Feb. 12 match will be Tyson's next, Al Braverman, director of boxing for promoter Don King, told The Columbus Dispatch in a story in Friday's editions.

"That's the date we're going to go, because the Razor Ruddock fight has been pushed off," he said. "James Douglas is next for Mike Tyson."

Home Box Office intends to telecast the fight, Ross Greenburg of HBO told The Dispatch.

Douglas signed a contract with King in September guaranteeing him a fight with Tyson either in the last quarter of this year or in the first quarter of 1990, The Dispatch said.

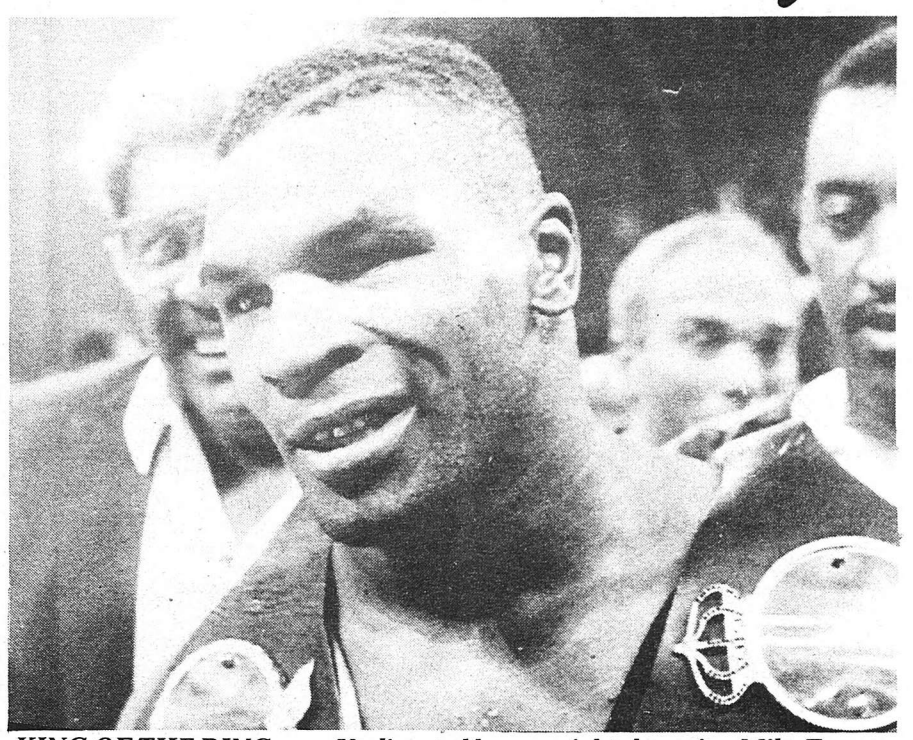
"Tokyo doesn't bother me — I'm an international kind of guy," Douglas told the newspaper. "I would fight Mike Tyson anywhere. It's about time we got together."

Douglas, ranked as the No. 2 challenger to Tyson by the International Boxing Federation, nearly faced Tyson once before.

He lost to Tony Tucker in an IBF championship fight in May 1987. Tucker went on to lose a 12-round decision to Tyson in a title unification fight four months later.

"I've paid my dues. I'm much more experienced now, I'm a more mature fighter," Douglas said.

Douglas reportedly will receive at least $1.3 million for the Tyson fight. Tyson is expected to receive at least $5 million, The Dispatch reported.



KING OF THE RING —— Undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will put his belts on the line in Tokyo against James Douglas Feb. 12. Douglas is ranked No. 2 by the International Boxing Federation. (AP Laserphoto)

Probable college bowl matchups

by United Press International

Dec. 28 All-American Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Duke vs. Texas Tech, Florida, Texas A&M or Arkansas

Dec. 29 Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Brigham Young, Air Force or Hawaii vs. Penn State

Dec. 30 Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Pittsburgh vs. Texas A&M or Arkansas

Dec. 30 Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Washington vs. Indiana or Florida

Dec. 30 Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Georgia vs. Syracuse or Arizona State

Dec. 30 Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson vs. West Virginia

Dec. 31 Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Arizona vs. North Carolina State

Jan. 1 Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Ohio State or Illinois vs. Auburn, Tennessee or Alabama

Jan. 1 Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia vs. Illinois or Michigan

Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M, Arkansas, Texas Tech or Texas vs. Tennessee, Alabama or Auburn

Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Nebraska vs. Florida State

Jan. 1 Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan, Illinois or Ohio State vs. Southern Cal

Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Alabama, Tennessee or Auburn vs. Miami

Jan. 1 Orange Bowl
At Miami
Colorado vs. Notre Dame

College's Top 25 play tough, as bowl scouts search for teams

by The Associated Press

Notre Dame remained No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll today for the 12th week in a row while Fresno State dropped out of the rankings and Michigan State returned after a five-week absence.

However, Notre Dame could face its toughest game in its battle to repeat as national champion in next Saturday's visit to No. 7 Miami.

The Irish, who flattened Penn State 34-23, received 57 of 60 first-place votes and 1,497 of a possible 1,500 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Colorado, a 59-11 winner over Kansas State, received the other three first-place votes and 1,439 points after completing an 11-0 regular season. The points for Notre Dame and Colorado were the same as last week.

Michigan held onto third place with 1,359 points after trouncing Minnesota 49-15, No. 4 Alabama received 1,319 points by trimming Southern Mississippi 37-14, No. 5 Florida State crushed Memphis State 57-20 and received 1,244 points, No. 6 Nebraska earned 1,200 points by downing Oklahoma 42-25 and Miami totaled 1,169 for a 42-6 rout of San Diego State.

However, Southern Cal was held to a 10-10 tie by UCLA, dropping the Trojans from eighth to 12th. Tennessee, a 33-21 winner over Mississippi, moved up from ninth to eighth with 1,065 points, idle Arkansas rose from 10th to ninth with 988 and Auburn from 11th to 10th with 925 by defeating Georgia 20-3.

The rest of the Top 25 consists of Illinois, Southern Cal, Houston, Texas A&M, Clemson, Virginia, West Virginia, Texas Tech, Pittsburgh, Ohio State, Brigham Young, Penn State, Duke, Hawaii and Michigan State.

Last week, it was Auburn, Illinois, Houston, Texas A&M, Clemson, Virginia, Penn State, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Texas Tech, Brigham Young, Ohio State, Fresno State, Hawaii and Duke.

Michigan State moved back in by crushing Northwestern 76-14 for its fourth consecutive victory. Previously unbeaten Fresno State lost to New Mexico 45-22 and dropped out after a two-week stay.

Miami's prediction: pain

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Hurricanes are finally willing to join the conversation about their game Saturday night against Notre Dame at the Orange Bowl.

While anticipation of the showdown dominated the attention of the Miami media and fans last week, the players tried to steer clear of the subject as they prepared for San Diego State.

After beating the Aztecs 42-6 Saturday, the Hurricanes were ready to help the hype.

"It's going to be a vicious game," defensive end Willis Peguese said.

"Notre Dame is No. 1. We're No. 7, but we still consider ourselves No. 1, so it's going to be a great game."

"We're excited about it," Coach Dennis Erickson said. "You can see it in the players' eyes."

Miami (9-1) will be trying to remain in contention for the national championship. Miami also will be seeking to avenge a 31-30 loss at Notre Dame last year, when the Fighting Irish and Hurricanes finished the season ranked 1-2.

"Notre Dame has the same kind of winning streak we had last year when they knocked us off," receiver Dale Dawkins said. "This year, we want to do the same thing to them. Last year was their time. This year, it's our time."

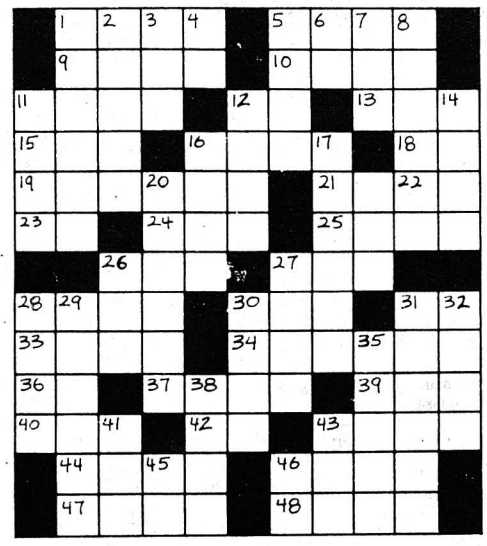
The Hurricanes easily cleared their final hurdle prior to Notre Dame, racing to a 28-0 lead after 18 minutes against San Diego State (6-4-1). Miami's Craig Erickson had 424 yards and four touchdowns passing, but also threw five interceptions and lost a fumble.

But Coach Erickson was disappointed in the turnovers, caused primarily by the Aztecs' gambling defense.

"They blitzed us 150 times," he said. "We didn't pick things up like we should. If we play that way offensively against Notre Dame, it'll be a long day."

"It's going to be a dogfight," he said.

King Crossword



ACROSS
1. Bristle
5. Departs
9. River (Russ.)
10. Solitary
11. Slender
12. Sun god
13. Moisture
15. Consumed
16. Heavy mats
18. Note of the scale
19. Fix firmly
21. Pitcher with a lid
23. Half an em
24. Performance
25. Comb. as wool
26. Writing fluid
27. Attempt
28. Built-in bed
30. Regret
31. Siberian gulf
33. Sea eagle
34. Whole
36. Tantalum (sym.)
37. American ostrich
39. A color
40. God of the sky (Babyl.)
42. From
43. Loiters
44. Persia
46. Yugoslavian leader
47. Poker stake
48. Not closed

DOWN
1. Turkish ruler
2. American Indians
3. Cap
4. Mulberry
5. Happy
6. Hawaiian bird
7. Finish
8. A seeding device
11. Secure
12. Talk wildly
24. Message
16. A dry measure
17. Hidden from others
20. Oil-carrying vessel
22. Route
26. Tavern
27. Kind of fish
28. Greek letter
29. Muse of astronomy (Gr.)
30. Narrow ridge near surface of water
31. Pacific coast state
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46. Toward

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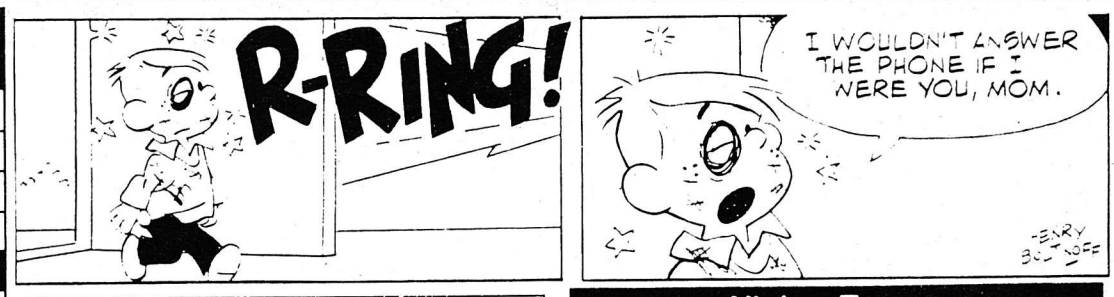
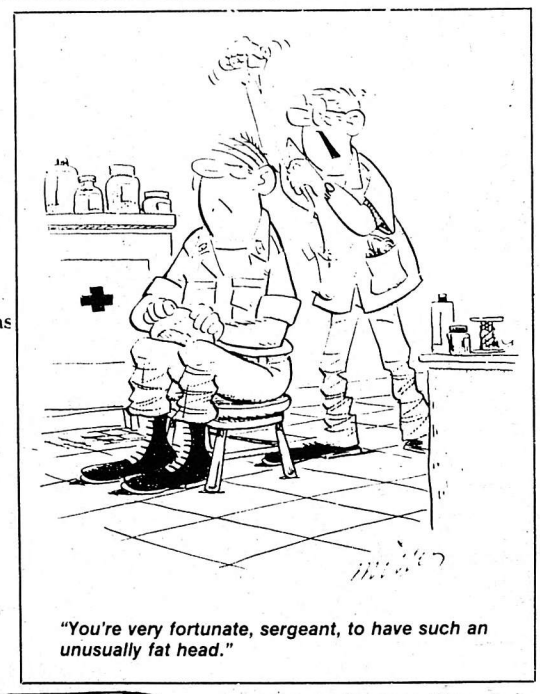
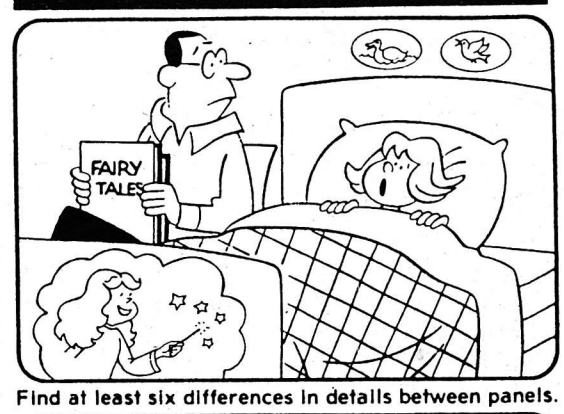




"You're very fortunate, sergeant, to have such an unusually fat head."

Vision Teaser



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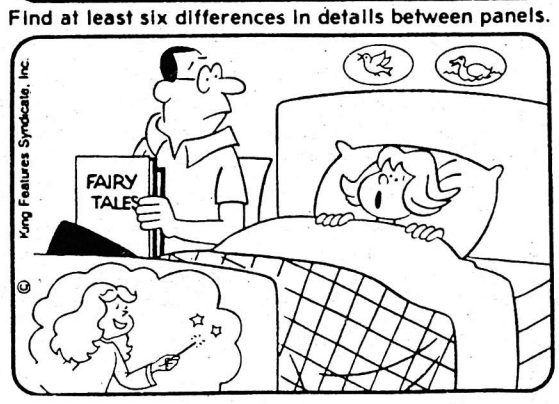
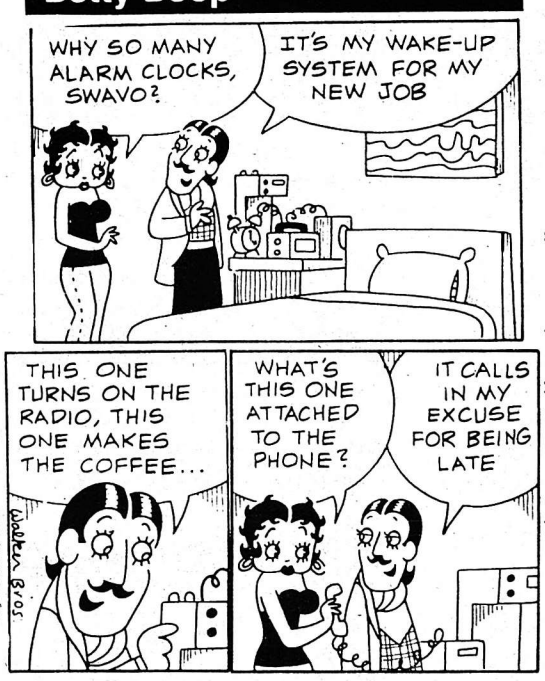


Betty Boop



"The latest computer weather report says the weather is lousy."

Answers To King Crossword

Answers for Vision Teaser

Differences:
1. Fingers are concealed.
2. There are less stars.
3. Sleeve is short.
4. Fold is wider.
5. Pillow is smaller.
6. Pictures are switched.

"This may cost you some points."

classified ads

Animals

Doberman pups, 6 weeks, purebred, all shots. Females. $200. Males. $250. 245-2565.

German Sheperd puppy, female, 2 mos, dewormed, akc-ccp papers, champion bloodlines. $200. 226-5395.

German Sheperd female puppy, akc-ccp papers, 2 mos old, dewormed, shots. Negotiable. 226-5395.

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Peekapoo puppies, 2 males, 1 blk, 1 brown, 8 wks old. $120. 261-3325.

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Brush pony, gd for novice riders, all tack included. $300. 284-5672.

Free to good home 4 month old "Heinz 57" puppy, loves kids, great pet, leaving soon. Free. 287-4928.

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19 in color tv Nisato. $275. 286-3192.

19 in sys 3 color w/video, filter, dual remote control. $275/firm. 282-4801 during duty hours.

Vhs stereo, 4 heads, Sears recorder. $400. JVC 14 in color tv in box. $225. 282-3186.

Stereo cabinet, large for tv, vcr, records, stereo. $50. 287-4389.

Pentax P-3 35mm camera, 50-80 meter lens, carry case, tripod. $250. 284-3070, rm 225.

Pioneer CS 707 speakers, 300 watts each. $350 pair. 252-1191.

Hitachi 19 in color tv. $200. Toshiba vhs w/remote. $200. Large metal storage cabinet. $75. 286-4139.

Stereo system w/cab & spks, 120 watts per channel, great deal, 2 yrs old. $400. 284-3684.

Amp stereo. $400. Tv. $200. Computer work bench. $150. 223-1475.

Audio-visual

Commodore 128 D computer w/software, still new, must sell. $400/obo. 287-4108.

Automobiles

Small block Chevy parts, engines, carbs, intake, hi-performance parts. Make offer. 284-4670.

71 Challenger, 318 v8, exc running cond. $1300. 287-4491 after 6 pm.

1979 Mazda, 4 dr, clean, motor perfect, duty paid, straight shift. $1800/obo. 269-1951.

74 VW Rabbit. $700. 77 Caprice SW. $500. Both fair cond. 287-3092.

1983 Datsun Sentra, ac, at, 4 dr, am/fm, runs great, exc body. $3800/obo. 286-4372.

82 Plymouth Horizon, 4 spd, 2 dr, hatch back, blue, runs gd. $2500. 287-3696.

82 Honda Quintet, 4 dr, ac, at, pb, ps, sunrf, sm/fm cass, exc cond. $2700 obo. 287-6348.

1987 Nissan Sunny, gray, 4 dr, 5 spd, am fm radio, no duty paid. $3500. 287-4723.

1978 Cutlass, needs trans work, in gd shape, must sell. $350 obo. 287-4108.

Classic 72 TR6, red. $3500/obo. 226-4855.

1985 Toyota Corolla, 4 drs, duty paid, radio cass Pioneer, 5 new radial tires, exc cond, must sell. $4300. 286-3483.

1986 Mitsubishi Galant, super, fully loaded, exc cond, duty not paid. $6500/neg. 286-4692.

82 Ford Granada Wagon, ps, pb, at, v6, electric windows, air, look & runs great. $3500. 286-4820.

1988 Plymouth Sundance, like new, less than 2500 actual miles, fully loaded, cost $13,500 new. $11,500/obo. 286-3349.

1986 Toyota Corolla SR, 1.6, hatchback, silver, ac, r/c am/fm, 4 spks, duty paid, exc cond. $6400. 286-4798.

1977 Oldsmobile Station Wagon Vista Cruiser, ac, at, am/fm, 350 engine, gd cond, duty paid. $1300/obo. 260-6384.

Automobiles

1973 Jaguar XJ6 classic, exc cond, duty paid. $5000. 252-2884.

1980 Granada, 1975 VW Van, 1975 Fiat as is. 286-3237.

1970 Cadillac Deville, 4 dr sedan, gd cond. $800. 252-1182.

1975 VW Beetle, runs exc, am/fm/cass, new battery. $800/obo. 284-3070, rm 225.

1976 VW, runs gd, had transmission repaired, its good on gas, must sell. $700. 284-3925.

88 Lebaron sedan, 4 dr, 4 cyl, ac, am/fm/cass, remote mirrors, 10,000 miles. $11,000. 284-4220.

1984 240 GLE Volvo Station Wagon, exc cond. $10,000. 252-5190.

80 Crown Victoria, loaded, hitch, rear helper springs. $2850. 284-3131.

1984 silver Subaru GL, 5 spd, ac, 4 dr sedan, exc cond. $5500. 284-3597.

82 VW van, gd cond. $1800. 223-1682.

1974 Toyota Celica, gd cond, new tires, us specs, ac, call anytime. $1000. 284-5220.

1982 Mazda GLC, am/fm/cass, Kenwood, new tires, ac, exc cond, us specs. $2000. 287-4929.

1977 Ford Thunderbird, gd cond. $1500. 252-1227.

1987 Ford Aerostar, 7 passenger, 6 cyl. $9300. 252-5786.

71 Ford Mustang, at, runs gd, great cond, am/fm/cass, ps, 6 cyl, 2 dr. $1100/obo. 284-3394 after 8 pm.

1986 Honda Prelude, 2 dr, at, ac, stereo, gd cond. $8000. 284-4277.

87 Chevy Nova, 5 spd, ac, low miles, am/fm, 4 dr, exc cond. $6400. 286-6236.

85 Nissan Pickup, w security cage, low mileage, like new. $4800. 287-4520.

1988 Nissan Sunny, ac, 4 dr, 5 spd, am/fm, 12,000 km. $4200. 284-3078.

1979 VW, 4 dr, duty paid, am/fm stereo cass, runs great. $900/obo. 286-4782.

Automobiles

1983 Mitsubishi Cordia, limited edition, am/fm/cass, pwr windows, ac, runs great. $3500/firm. 287-4587.

1981 Honda Accord, 2 dr, hatchback, standard. $1995. 252-6767.

1980 Honda Accord, loaded, cherry condition. $2700/obo. 286-3588.

1986 Suzuki, 18,000 miles, 4 dr, 5 spd, 1990 Panama inspection, am/fm/stereo. $2900. 286-3681.

1979 Chevy Malibu, ac, ps, pb, new tires, exc cond. $1300. 284-6629.

1986 Volvo 740 GLE, c/c, leather interior. $19,000. 287-3584.

1977 Cutlass 442, 260 v8, 5 spd, ac, stereo, sharp car. $2000. 236-0287.

1984 Ford Thunderbird, am/fm/stereo, ac, 3.8 ltr v6, pwr windows, must sell. $5400. 286-4594.

1977 Toyota Corolla. 286-4341.

1989 Pontiac Grand Prix, 500 miles, metallic gray, all extras. $16,000. 287-3044.

1985 Toyota Corolla, 2 dr, 5 spd, ac, am/fm/cass, 1990 inspected. $4300. 282-4234.

1975 Firebird, ps, pb, stereo, radial tires, engine/trans rebuilt, many new parts. $1800. 286-3293.

78 Chevy Impala, 350, ps, pb, fair cond. $300. 284-5672.

82 Mitsubishi, 4 dr, ac, standard shift, blk. $1800. 260-5366.

1983 Honda, white, 4 dr, beautiful interior. $3000. 287-3132.

1971 Grand Torino 500, needs little work. $200. 286-3923.

79 Plymouth Horizon, gd cond, new brakes, ac, radio/cass, duty paid. $1200. 282-4291.

Continental tires 195R 70R 14 tubeless, little use. $45 ea. 252-2063.

Honda water pump, like new. $400. 243-5275.

Mitsubishi Galant, 4 dr, 1982. $3500/obo. 252-6601.

1980 Volvo GLE, full equip. $4000. 261-1964.

1982 Honda Accord, 4 dr sedan, 48,000 miles, 5 spd, ac, pb, ps, electric sunroof, am/fm/cass, duty paid. $4000. 252-6246.

1982 Honda Accord, 4 dr, blue w/all extras. $3500. 284-3827.

1977 Dodge Aspen Wagon, gd cond, ac, new tires, hitch, 2 air shocks, at. $1500. 287-6126.

1974 Toyota Landcruiser, 4 wd, duty paid, exc cond, hitch, trailer, brakes. $3000. 287-6126.

1983 VW Rabbit, 4 dr, am/fm/cass. $1700/neg. 286-4693.

1966 VW Karmann-Ghia, new interior, rebuilt engine, new body/paint, a collector item. $3000. 287-6527.

1986 Nissan Sunny, gd cond. $3000. 286-3282.

1986 Nissan Sunny Station Wagon, ac, am/fm. 252-5056.

1984 Honda Accord, loaded, 5 spd, exc cond. 252-1153.

1986 Nissan Pickup Kingcab, ac, am/fm/tape deck, 5 spd, camper cap, duty paid. 252-5056.

1987 Toyota Cressida GL, diesel, fully loaded, exc cond, duty not paid. $9500. 268-1647.

1981 Chevrolet Caprice Station Wagon, 3 seats, seats nine, great ac. $6500. 284-5296.

1987 Mercury Topaz, blue, 32,000 miles, ac, am/fm/cass, pwr locks & windows. $7500. 286-3821.

1984 VW Rabbit, 4 dr, low mileage, ac, great gas mileage. $3500. 287-4587.

1982 Oldsmobile Delta 88, ac, ps, 8 cyl, 305, gd cond, new tires. $2800. 252-2307.

1974 Jaguar XJ6, duty paid, not us spec, 4 spd, ac. $6000/obo. 286-4683 after 5 pm.

Available

Bilingual maid, honest, reliable, irons, sews, exc w/children. 284-5675.

Spanish speaking live in maid, honest, dependable, refs, gd w/kids, avail immediately. 286-4693.

Outstanding bilingual housekeeper, honest, reliable, hard worker, great w/kids and pets, exc refs, M-F. 284-4220.

Excellent maid, bilingual, irons, wonderful w/children, dependable, honest, day work perferred. 286-3593.

Maid w/refs, live in or out, gen housework, irons, cooks, avail now, asking starting salary $110. 284-5734.

Honest, reliable maid, Mon-Fri, refs, avail, spanish speaking. 284-6623.

Maid, west bank only, spanish, some english, exc w/kids, avail 8 Dec. 284-6629.

Excellent spanish speaking maid, great w/kids. 286-3187.

Honest english speaking maid, 2 days, week, refs, Tues and Thurs. 284-3201.

Day maid, very honest, dependable, live out, avail now, speaks some english. 284-4812/4570.

Spanish speaking live in maid, exc w/kids, avail now. 284-4982.

Housekeeper, avail for work by day or week, cleans house, child care, ironing. 224-5173.

Would like to share my hard working english speaking maid, avail Mon, Wed, Thurs, weekends. 286-4188.

Mature bilingual maid, loyal, hard worker, exc w/babies/children, avail 1 Dec. 287-3075.

Boats & Campers

Cayuco & trailer, will sell separately. 252-5185.

Laser sailboat, mast or only boom. 287-4296.

14 ft Abernathy, 15 hp Johnson. $1800. 252-5797.

21 ft Deep V Hull, 165 I/O Mercruiser, kicker, trailer, many extras, runs great. $6500. 287-5037.

18 ft Glastron, 115 hp Mercury engine and trailer, new pistons, completely overhauled, runs great. $3500. 286-6485.

16 ft Sportcraft w/85 hp Johnson outboard, on display at Ft Clayton Burger King. $3000. 287-3725.

Boats & Campers

17 ft fiberglass Tri-Hull ski boat, galvanized trailer, newly rebuilt 115 hp engine, new battery, extras. $2800. 287-4739.

17 1/2 ft boat, 70 hp Johnson w/tilt & trim, 40 gal gas tank hd trailer, exc cond. $2500/obo. 286-4139.

9 ft Dingy fiberglass trailor 1.2 hp motor, safety equip. 252-5056.

Minkota trolling motor w/heavy duty battery, brand new. 252-6249.

14 1/2 Abernathy, 25 hp ob motor, many extras, mint cond. $2700/obo. 286-4536.

Canoe, Grumman, 15 ft, aluminum w/accessories. $500. 286-3192.

14 ft Zodiac MKIIGT, 25 hp Johnson outboard w/pedestal, tank, hose, all acess. $2500. 260-1439.

Paddle boat, 5 person, well cooler, hood, new, best quality, unique. $790. 286-6428.

15 ft fiberglass/trailer and 40 hp 1983 Yamaha boston whaler. $2000. 287-5734.

Household

Carpets, 12x15 beige, exc cond, w/pads, also 9x12 beige. $150. 286-3823.

New king sz tubed waterbed. $600. 19 in remote color tv. $100. Tv cabinet. $100. 260-0644.

GE dishwasher, small kitchen appliances, casio organ, stereo components. 252-2063.

Patio furniture. $400. Dinette set. $300. Rattan furniture. $100. 223-1475/9855.

Living rm furniture, 14,000 btu ac, 40 hp Johnson outboard. 286-3237.

12x26 rug, 6x8 rug, both exc cond, 4 pair curtains, hanging lamp. 286-4692.

Carpet and drapes for tropical, all in gd cond, screen enclosure for tropical carport. 284-3597.

Queen sz hide-a-bed, exc cond. $600. 252-6249.

2 blue rugs, 12x15 w/pad. $50 ea. Bird stand. $75. Antique medicine cabinet. $190. 252-5636.

Large handmade solid wood 2 pc wall unit, has tv cabinet plus many shelves/drawers. $600. 284-5926.

Gray blinds fits downstairs of 3 bedrm tropical housing. 284-5073.

Plaid hide bed couch. $300. Round 70 in oak table w/4chairs. $150. Tressle table w/benches. $150. 284-6481.

Crib-bed-dresser drawer, all in one. $300 firm. 261-3325.

New Whirlpool 16 cu ft upright freezer, perfect cond. $650 252-6246.

Beige wall recliner, exc cond. $150. 287-5344.

Wards large capacity washer and dryer, 2 1/2 years old, exc cond. $250 ea. 286-6220.

Beautiful living, dining rm, brown wall to wall carpet. $300/obo. 287-3231.

Ac, refrig 27 cu ft, dinette set, gas bbq. 287-4520.

Boys bedrm. $350. Outside patio furn. $150. Chest freezer. $375. 284-6623.

Gibson 12,8000 btu ac, 1 year use only. 223-8092 after working hours.

Refrig. $750. Freezer. $490. 2 couches. $400 ea. Recliners. $250 ea. Electric plant. $860. 252-1214.

Refrig Whirlpool, side by side, 18.8 cu ft freezer/refrig, auto icemaker, beige. $700. 252-2438.

2 each 12x15 blue pile carpets w/pads, very gd cond. $9.. ea. 287-4876.

Rugs 9x12 blue. $50. Parrot stand, iron. $75. Fans. $15-$40. 286-6428.

14x16 living rm rug. $25. Dining rm set w/chairs. $250. End tables and coffee table. $30 Stereo/tv stand. $50. 284-5070.

12x90 wall to wall carpet, never used w/pad. $15 firm per sq ft. Ac. $50. 282-5280.

Broyhill dining rm set w/6 chairs, china cabinet. $1800. Ac. $50. 282-5280.

Couch, loveseat, 2 chairs, beige, gd cond. $800. 252-2566.

Queen sz box spring. $135. Cordless Soundesign telephone. $40. 284-3227.

King bed. $325. 11 dr dresser. $85. Rocking chair. $50. 284-3296.

Tropical bathrm carpet. $25 ea. sofa, loveseat, chair. $700. 12x15 carpet blue. $95. 284-3131.

Glass dining table w/4 chairs, 5 drawer dresser brown, must sell, make offer. 284-3638.

Sofa/bed, loveseat, coffee table, 2 end table. $1200. Dining rm set. $200. 284-5894.

Complete living rm set, sofa sleeper. $500. Recliner chair. $225. 286-4882.

Girls bedrm set, daybed, twin bed, brass bed, dresser, other furn items. 286-4633.

Dishwasher. $100. Entertainment center. $70. 9x12 blue carpet. $100. Other misc items. 286-3593.

Magic Chef gas stove, self clean oven, value $600 will sell for $500. Dining rm table w/6 chairs. $600. 268-1647.

Student desk, 4 drawer. $20. 287-4738 after 5 pm.

Waterbed, qn sz, book case, headbd, double pedestal, 12 drawers, padded rails, 3 sets sheet. $300 firm. 287-4738.

Mini blinds, 58x47 pink. $40. Rug 9x12 red. $40. Rug 9x12 brown. $40. 286-6293.

Furniture: bedrm set, sofa, tables, rugs, curtains. 286-3767.

Lg bed frame, 2 matt. $150. Telefunking stereo furniture piece. $125. 252-1194.

Whirlpool dishwasher chopping block top, exc cond. $150. 256-6356.

Dining rm set, table, extension w/6 chairs. $1500. Living rm set, leather upholstered, 5 pcs. $1400. 252-5643.

Dining table & chairs, wall units, refrig, dehumidifier, shelves, carpets, ac, end, coffee tables. 286-4820.

Household

King sz waterbed, rattan rm set, rattan dining rm set. 284-5679 after 6 pm.

Bedrm suite, queen sz bed, headbd, new matt, dresser, nightstand. $365. Automatic dishwasher. $60. 287-3939.

King sz headbd. $60. 30 gal water heater, new w/safety valve & tubing. $300. 252-2679.

12.5 cu Sears freezer, 2 yrs old, white. $350. 287-3132.

Black mahogany bedrm, 8 pc set. $2500. Ficus tree. $50. 268-0621.

8000 btu ac, 2 12x6 rugs, free w/ac. $200/obo. 287-3696.

12x15 blue rugs w/pad. $60 ea. Parrot stand. $75. 3 fans. 286-6428.

Couch, rocking chair, chair, coffee table, end tables, lamps, matching se.t $300. 284-3684.

Chaise lounger. $175. Costa Rican ox cart. $150. Double bed. $200. Much more. 287-3990.

Matching sofas w/tables, king sz matt w/2 box springs, metal desk, kitchen set. 252-2180.

2 teakwd chair, carved, exc cond, suitable for dining. $120/obo. 252-5752.

Sofa, 6 ft long, us made, comfortable, gd cond, flowered upholstered. $400/obo. 252-5752.

Wool rug, 4x6 orange/brown shades. $25. Twin hide a bed, beige. $200. 260-5092.

King sz bedrm set, value $1500, will sell for $900. couch & chair, value at $900, will sell for $400. 268-1647.

Full bed set and frame. $200. 286-6170.

Dining rm table and 4 chairs. $100. Wood and glass coffee table. $60/obo. 286-4228.

6 ft glass dining table. $275. Dishwasher. $125. King bedrm set. $1400. Oriental end, coffee table. $375. 287-3990.

2 living rm sets, 5 pc and 9 pc. Best offer. 287-4774.

Coffee and end table w/glass tops. $300/obo. 286-3396.

Lost

Missing from qtrs 20 Albrook a Peekapoo female, brown, 1 yr old, answer to Jody. 286-4390.

Miscellaneous

Surf board w/leach, rack and cover. $175. 10 spd Univega man bike. $85. 260-5298.

Furiture, bikes, curtains, carpets, etc, lamps. 286-4341.

Gas bbq. $40. Bedrm furn. $300. 2 carpet. $75 ea. Baby crib, changing table. 286-4723.

2 fishing rods. $10 ea. Fisher Price toys. $3-$5. Video tape covers. $10 for 25. Infant seat. $15. 287-4928 after 7 pm.

Hanging shell lamp. $45. Electric fryer, almost new. $25. Various cookbooks. 260-5092.

Childs swing set, exc cond, new. $65. 287-4774.

Color tv, 20 in. $200. 20 in boys bike. $35. 3 12x15 brown rug w/pad. $150 ea. 286-6293.

Macrame hangers, boy toys, Egyptian paintings, He-Man skates, sz 3, misc. 287-5332.

Electric weed eater. $35. Motorcycle helmets. $15. 500 watts dc/ac pwr inverter. $225. 226-1158.

BCA mountain bike, 18 spd, 20 in frame, cantilever brakes, index shifting, biopace crank. $350. 256-6356.

Wooden desk w/chair, sewing cabinet w/chair, screen tent 12x12. 252-5985.

5 hp go cart, gd cond. $220. 252-7400.

Ceiling fans w/lights. $75-$135. Four total. 287-3584.

Sears craftsman lawnmower, 5 mos use w/bucket. $325. Grandfather clock. $675. Wicker trunk. $45. 287-3584.

Surfboard Gordon & Smith, 5 ft 9 in, gd cond, w/astrodeck and 8 ft balin leash. $175/obo. 286-4298.

Porch glider, redwood, wrought iron. $100. Girl 10 spd bike, 24 in. $75. Ceiling fan, upright piano. $500. 286-3192.

Miscellaneous

Regal meat slicer. $50. Waffle iron w/access. $35. 8 place setting Yorktown dishes. $50. 266-4882.

Picnic table. $75. Large pine bookshelf. $150. Weber bbq grill. $35. Dry sink. $250. 284-5296.

White dressy dress, lace and ribbons, perfect for 1st communion, sz 10. $50. 252-2307.

Curtains, kitchen, household items, 15 spd all terrain bike, clothes, Bell Howell slide projector. 284-3827.

7 1/2 ft Christmas tree, sofa, wall mirror swivel rocker, RCA 20,000 btu ac, 5 light chandelier. 252-6767.

Grandfather clock, pr rosewood monk's chairs, misc luggage, copper clad cookware, willow table lamps, molas. 252-5643.

Make up light mirror, double sided close up and regular. $15/obo. 287-5037.

Large tropical plants and orchids, local and hybird. $12-$75. 252-5190.

Dishwasher, Technics turntable, Pioneer tuner/amp, baby high chair, rock roll records, ladies no. 3 shoes. 252-2042.

Baby bed, fish tank, table/chairs, computer, beta recorder, bikes, curtains, night tables. 286-3636.

Hide-a-bed. $500. Wardrobe closet. $75. Exercise bike. $50. Carpets. $15-$100. End tables. $50 ea. 284-4628.

Baby walker, never been used. $20. Table top high chair. $10. Booster car seat. $15. 287-4387.

New factory made drapes, oyster color, acrylic backs, pinch-pleated, 100x90, lg. $65 pr. Man hiking boots. $50. 252-5643.

Wrought iron security door. $145. Wrought iron patio planter. $35. Gem tumbler barret set. $25. 252-2679.

Girls Schwinn bike, great shape, 3 yrs old. $60/obo. 286-4782.

Octa-gym, weights, weight bench, arc lamp, stroller, baby gates. 284-3621.

Winter coats, ladies, blue, sz 12. $20. Ladies pink sz large. $20. Ladies long rust colored. $25. 287-4287.

Motorcycles

1985 Honda Shadow, 500, low miles, new tires. $1800. 260-0644.

Black Honda CB900F fast runner, extra faring/stereo, duty paid, must sell. $1800/obo. 284-3638.

550cc Honda for sale. $900/obo. 262-1750.

Red nifty moped 60k. $300/obo. 287-3231.

80 BMW R65, immac, load, 5000 mi, duty not paid, many extras. $1500. 283-5698.

Patio sales

203 B Ancon, Gorgas Hospital housing area. Saturday.

583 Balboa Heights, misc. Saturday 7-12.

7304 Cardenas, multi family. Saturday 7-11.

2037 B Curundu. Saturday 8-12.

168 A & B, multi family patio sale. Saturday 9-12.

Wanted

Rocker recliner, and inexpensive dependable vehicle. 285-5262 during duty hours ask for SSg Mann.

2 drawer filing cabinet in exc to gd cond, reasonable priced. 252-2444.

10 spd 26 in bike. $50-$75. 252-6841.

Air rifle, 20 gal aquarium, mini-lathe, 8 ft ladder, glass bottle, 5 gal. 252-2042.

Ho scale train or military items, O scale train items. Negotiable. 287-5988.

Single bed or twin bed, chest of drawers, 5 or 6, desperately need will pay $100 for both. 284-5729.

Jeep Cherokee, 88 or 89, at, price according to condition.

Looking to rent or watch house in the canal zone areas, avail after 14 Dec. Negotiable. 252-5408 ask for Rob or Mony.

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U.S. brands hotel seizure 'terrorism'

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) -- Leftist guerrillas mounted a surprise attack Tuesday, seizing a luxury hotel housing the head of the Organization of American States and at least 23 Americans, including some U.S. officials.

Rebels said in a radio broadcast monitored in Mexico that they seized four U.S. military advisers as well as other guests but Salvadoran officials said the four were U.S. Embassy officials. A White House spokesman hinted at possible U.S. action.

Crack Salvadoran troops were dropped on the hotel roof by helicopters and reached OAS Secretary-General Joao Baena Soares but were unable to get him out of the building because rebels had mined the exits, according to Salvadoran Armed Forces Col. Carlos Armando Aviles.

REBELS ON GUARD — Leftist rebel soldiers stand guard on a San Salvador street during the severe fighting which has racked the capital of El Salvador during the last 10 days. (AP Laserphoto)

Baena Soares reportedly suffered a cardiac problem and was being treated.

It was not clear if Baena Soares, in El Salvador on a peace mission, was ever in direct control of the rebels, who said they had concentrated all guests on a single floor of the multi-story hotel to protect them.

In Washington, a State Department official said at least 23 Americans, some of them government employees, were in the hotel when part of the building was seized by a large force of FMLN guerrillas.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "We don't know if there were any casualties. We do know that there was a lot of guns firing."

President Alfredo Cristiani called an emergency meeting with military leaders to discuss the crisis at the hotel, formerly owned by Sheraton but now operating under other ownership.

The State Department official said some of the Americans were in San Salvador on various government projects, and added, "There are probably more Americans, but we don't have an exact count."

According to Salpress, a left-leaning Salvadoran news agency monitored in Mexico, the rebel station Venceremos claimed, "We have in our hands six military advisers, four U.S., one Guatemalan, one Colombian. We are not terrorists and they are not hostages. They are prisoners."

But Aviles, in an interview with Cable News Network, insisted the four Americans held were U.S. Embassy officials. He said some officials from Guatemala and Chile also were being held, but did not know how many people were being held.

Aviles said Baena Soares "is safe at this moment. Right now he is in the hands of the armed forces.

"We mounted a special operation with a helicopter to go through the roof," Aviles said. "The main problem right now in order to take him out is that in all the escalators and emergency stairs, they're mined.

"The FMLN guerrillas have put mines all around," he said. "So it's very difficult right now to take him out."

The hotel has two buildings and Salvadoran government radio said the rebels were holding the VIP section. It said Baena Soares, 58, a Brazilian, was unharmed and in the main hotel tower, apart from the rebel-held building.

But the report also said Baena Soares, who suffered a heart attack in 1987, had "developed cardiac problems and is being attended by specialized medical personnel." It gave no further details.

One source familiar with El Salvador's military situation said the pre-dawn attack was launched by as many as 1,000 guerrillas.

Heavy fighting erupted about 4:30 a.m. around the Sheraton Hotel in Escalon, one of the capital's wealthiest residential areas. Military officials and the hotel manager said the rebels took control of the hotel at 6:30 a.m., when Baena Soares was to meet with government officials.

"The guerrillas have penetrated the Sheraton but units of the army now have them surrounded and we're trying to control this," said a military spokesman.

Discovery's tight countdown proceeds in secret

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The shuttle Discovery's "tight" countdown proceeded in secret Tuesday toward a fiery Thanksgiving-eve blastoff Wednesday night on a hush-hush flight to put a secret military satellite in orbit.

Technicians worked overnight to pump supercold liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen aboard the veteran spaceplane to power its electricity-producing fuel cells before a final push to finish a booster repair job that has turned Discovery's blacked-out countdown into a cliffhanger.

But NASA's mission management team, a panel of top agency officials, reviewed the status of launch processing Monday afternoon and a brief statement said that "although the schedule remains tight, no major issues are being worked and launch ... continues to be targeted for Nov. 22."

Astronaut Brewster Shaw, the new chairman of the mission management team, said earlier in the day NASA had a "50-50 shot" at getting Discovery off the pad Wednesday night.

As with all military shuttle missions, the exact launch time is classified —NASA will say only that liftoff is planned for between 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. — but sources have said Discovery's takeoff is scheduled for around 7:30 p.m. Forecasters expect an 80 percent chance of favorable weather conditions.

The mission duration also is secret, but sources say the crew — commander Frederick Gregory, 48, and co-pilot John Blaha, 47, both Air Force colonels, Navy Capt. Manley Carter, 42, Kathryn Thornton, 37, and Story Musgrave, 54 — plan to spend four days in orbit before landing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The identity of Discovery's payload is classified as well, but Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine reported earlier this month that Gregory and company plan to deploy a 6,000-pound satellite capable of eavesdropping on Soviet military communications.

Work to ready the shuttle for flight ran into problems last week when engineeers were forced to replace an electronic control unit aboard the shuttle's right-side booster because of concern about the possibility of a short circuit.

The replacement work, and subsequent testing, went slower than planned, throwing launch preparations behind schedule. Engineers hoped to wrap up the job Tuesday, allowing Discovery to take off on time Wednesday night.

"We have basically just normal work to do, but we have a lot of it and it's been compressed by what's happened to us," Shaw said in an interview. "It's real tight."

It will be only the third night launch in shuttle history, and the ship's fiery ascent is expected to be visible for hundreds of miles along the East Coast.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to close out the year by launching the shuttle Columbia on a 10-day mission to launch a Navy communications satellite and to retrieve a science satellite dropped off in orbit in 1984 to expose a variety of materials to the space environment.

Columbia is officially scheduled for launch Dec. 18.

RP to decide election in March

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) — Foreign Minister Leonardo Kam said Monday that Panama's Council of State, its highest executive body, would decide in March whether to hold new presidential elections.

Kam, speaking at a news conference, said the decision would be contingent on the United States ending its policy of aggression against Panama.

"We will determine whether the aggression has ceased and if the conditions for elections have been created," he said.

The Council of State, which includes Panama's de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, appointed a provisional government headed by President Francisco Rodriguez Sept. 1 after an election tribunal annulled May elections in which the opposition claimed victory.

The Organization of American States, meeting in Washington last week, approved a resolution urging Panama to hold free elections as soon as possible.

Panama voted against the resolution, saying it failed to take into account the effect of Washington's policy of economic and military aggression.

The Bush administration has said it wants Noriega, who survived a coup attempt Oct. 3, removed from power.

MARS extends operating hours

HOWARD AFB (1978th CG/PA) -- If you want to make a phone patch home or send a 25-word message there is good news -- operating hours are now expanded.

The 1978th Communications Group's Military Affiliate Radio System station, or MARS, places phone patches and sends free telegrams, called MARSgrams, for U.S. military, civilians and family members here to the U.S. or elsewhere in the world.

Hours for the station are now 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to midnight, seven days a week. Using the MARS services are easy, just call the station at 284-4215 or 284-4062 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. After 6 p.m. until midnight, call 286-3206 or 286-3609.