



the Tropic Times

Vol. II, No. 28

Quarry Heights, Republic of Panama

Aug. 11, 1989

U.S. forces hold exercise on causeway

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — Thursday morning U.S. forces conducted a joint-service exercise along the Amador Causeway south of Fort Amador at the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal. The exercise involved boats, helicopters, amphibious light armored vehicles, tracked armored personnel carriers, and Air Force aircraft.

The operation was designed to exercise certain scenarios as part of the U.S. forces mission of defense and protection of the Panama Canal, particularly exercising troop readiness and movement capabilities. It was also intended to reassert U.S. forces treaty rights, including that of freedom of movement as directed by President Bush May 11.

The exercise began with an Army reinforced mechanized battalion moving in their armored personnel carriers across the Bridge of the Americas through Fort Amador to the causeway.

Near the end of the causeway,

which separates the entrance to the Panama Canal and the Bay of Panama, a Marine Corps light armored infantry company with their eight-wheeled amphibious light armored vehicles and an Army infantry company conducted an amphibious landing on Perico Island from Army landing craft mechanized boats.

In preparation for the landing, U.S. Air Force aircraft conducted a simulated clearing of the beach. Cover for the landing was also provided by U.S. Navy patrol boats.

At the conclusion of the exercise the infantry unit withdrew on the LCMs while the remaining forces moved down the causeway back through Fort Amador to their base camp on the west bank of the Canal.

The two-mile-long causeway and roadway south from the southern tip of Fort Amador is labeled by Panama Canal treaty documents as part of the Panama Canal operating areas, as are the Naos Island boat launch facility and the Flamenco Island Signal Station — both Panama Canal Commission facilities — located on two of the four islands at the end of the causeway.

The Amador Causeway and the islands had been under U.S. military

control since shortly after the signing of the 1903 treaty with Panama until October 1, 1979, the date of implementation of the Panama Canal Treaty.

Under provisions of the treaty, the U.S. forces have the right to use any portion of the Canal operating areas for military training, when such use is

determined by the United States to be compatible with continued efficient operation of the Panama Canal.

In addition, the United States has the responsibility to protect and defend the Canal and the freedom to move freely throughout the Republic of Panama in accomplishment of that responsibility.



A 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) armored personnel carrier pulls security as a Marine light armored vehicle off loads from an Army landing craft (Mechanized) Thursday during a training exercise on the Amador Causeway. (U.S. Army photo by SFC Cecil Stack)

PML Charlie in effect

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOM)—Due to recent events, PML Charlie is now in effect. Personnel should monitor SCN radio and TV for further updates, or call the PML Hotline at 287-INFO.

All systems blow for Canal's 75th

BALBOA HEIGHTS (PCC PAO) — It will all be systems blow for 30 seconds at high noon on Tuesday, August 15, as whistles, horns and sirens are tooted to herald the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal.

Marine Bureau and Dredging Division floating equipment, locks towing locomotives and vessels in Canal waters will take part in the noisemaking.

Also sounding off will be Panama Canal Commission fire engines and the very audible civil defense sirens in the Canal area.

Floating equipment with fire monitors will further contribute by spraying out large quantities of water.

UN meets today on RP complaint

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council will meet Friday to take up a complaint by Panama alleging intimidation and aggression by United States troops, a U.N. spokesman said Wednesday.

In its request earlier this week for a meeting, Panama recalled a similar complaint last April.

It charged U.S. troops had "continued the dangerous escalation of their acts of intimidation, provocation and aggression against Panama, in violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity and of the Panama Canal treaties."

U.S. to protest MPs detention

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — U.S. Southern Command officials will strongly protest actions by members of the Panama Defense Forces which led to the detention of two U.S. Army military policemen Wednesday morning.

As a result of the unexplained detentions, U.S. forces secured the entrance and exit to Fort Amador, a military area of coordination for which the U.S. forces must provide internal security, according to the Panama Canal Treaty.

For unknown reasons, at about 9:10 a.m. Wednesday a member of the PDF detained a military

policeman on official duty. The military policeman was transferred to Building 4, Fort Amador, the PDF 5th Company headquarters.

When a U.S. Army military police liaison arrived at Building 4 to attempt to secure the release of the military policeman, he was also detained.

After further attempts by other officials to obtain the release of both men failed, U.S. Southern Command officials determined it a prudent measure to provide for Fort Amador's internal security, in accordance with President Bush's May 11 directive to provide for the protection of U.S. lives and installations in Panama.

Five M113 armored personnel carriers, and personnel from the 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, La., were dispatched at 11:45 a.m. while two other PDF personnel who were functioning in the area, were requested to surrender their weapons and taken into custody for resisting surrendering them.

The situation was resolved when PDF and U.S. officials simultaneously released the detained personnel at 12:40 and the security augmentation was removed from the Fort Amador entrance area.

The arbitrary and unjustified actions leading to the arrest of both U.S. forces personnel will be strongly protested by U.S. officials.

Bush names Powell JCS chairman

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush said Thursday he will nominate Colin Powell, a four-star Army general on a fast career track, to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the first black to serve in the nation's highest military post.

Bush announced his choice of Powell for a two-year term as chairman during a Rose Garden ceremony at the White House. The 52-year-old general would succeed Adm. William Crowe, who is retiring Sept. 30, and become the youngest man to head the joint command of the four armed services.

Easy Senate confirmation was expected on Capitol Hill, where Powell won high marks for political sense as well as military intellect during stints as deputy national security adviser and national security adviser to President Reagan.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, called Powell an

"excellent nominee" whose "proven abilities and his experience provide a sound foundation for his advice on wide-ranging defense issues in times of severe budget constraints and a rapidly changing international scene."

Powell has headed the U.S. Forces Command at Fort McPheerson, Ga., overseeing combat readiness of Army troops in the continental United States, since picking up his fourth star at the end of the Reagan administration.

"He sets high standards," one Army officer said of Powell.

Described by one former colleague as "cautious, pragmatic and non-doctrinaire," Powell was chosen from the top ranks of an officer corps that included candidates with more command experience.

While known as a hard-nosed, no-nonsense commander, the genial Powell has in large part seen his star rise in recent years as a result of assignments not in the field but at the

Pentagon and the White House.

Along the way, he has established good working relationships with Bush and such members of the administration as Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, Secretary of State James Baker and national security adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Coco Solo beaches placed off limits

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO) — Effective immediately all of the beaches in the Coco Solo area (to include behind the government "water front" housing of Coco Solo), are off-limits until further notice.

Medical waste has been found in some of these beach areas. Residents are cautioned to use extreme discretion while using any other beaches. The use of protective foot wear is advisable.

commentary

Tonkin Gulf incidents still timely events

by Lt. Col. Jack Finch

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOM PAO) — Twenty years ago this month, the Woodstock Music Festival was a major event for many Americans, and one that most of us have some awareness of through listening to the Woodstock music albums.

Yet, only five years earlier, in August 1964, an even more significant event for Americans occurred, though few of us have probably reflected on the continuing significance of the events that transpired between Aug. 2-10.

It was less than a year since the assassination of President Kennedy and also an election year for President Johnson and his challenger, Sen. Barry Goldwater. In South Vietnam, there were 25,000 U.S. military personnel, and the nation was approaching its 200th overall combat death in that faraway land.

Yet, until those early days of August 1964, Americans would be unfamiliar with words like OPLAN 34A, Operational Timberwork, DE SOTO Patrols, Hon Me and Hon Nieu, Luc Long Dac Biet, SOG, NSA, destroyers USS Maddox and C. Turner Joy, or the Tonkin Gulf.

The Tonkin Gulf incidents of Aug. 2 and 4, 1964 involved confirmed attacks by North Vietnamese torpedo boats against the destroyer USS Maddox on Aug. 2, and a still controversial night engagement on Aug. 4, against the destroyers Maddox and C. Turner Joy by

suspected North Vietnamese naval vessels.

The result of these two incidents was the order on Aug. 4 by President Johnson for carrier aircraft attacks against North Vietnamese Military targets. On Aug. 5, the President submitted to Congress a resolution authorizing him to take "all necessary measures to repel any armed attacks against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."

On Aug. 7, Congress, after about 10 hours of debate, approved the Southeast Asia Resolution (popularly known as the Tonkin Gulf Resolution) by a vote of 88-2 in the Senate and 466-0 in the House. On Aug. 10, while public opinion polls showed 85 percent of Americans supported his reprisal raid action, President Johnson signed the resolution.

The resolution gave him the functional equivalent of a declaration of war in the absence of a declaration of war. Eleven years later, the undeclared but costly conflict ended with the fall of South Vietnam, and the loss of over 50,000 U.S. lives.

Yet, even now, 25 years later, the Tonkin Gulf incident repercussions continue to influence U.S. policy. Many government leaders and historians have come to doubt the validity of the Aug. 4 attack, which was the basis for the Congressional vote to approve the resolution.

In growing opposition to the use of U.S. military forces in Southeast Asia by Presidents Johnson and

Nixon, the U.S. Congress finally repealed the Tonkin Gulf Resolution in 1971 and in 1973 passed what we have come to know as the War Powers Act, which limits a president's ability to unilaterally employ U.S. military forces.

The continuing constitutional question, between the executive and legislative branches of our government, over authority to deploy military forces may someday be decided to our third branch, the judicial, represented by the U.S. Supreme Court.

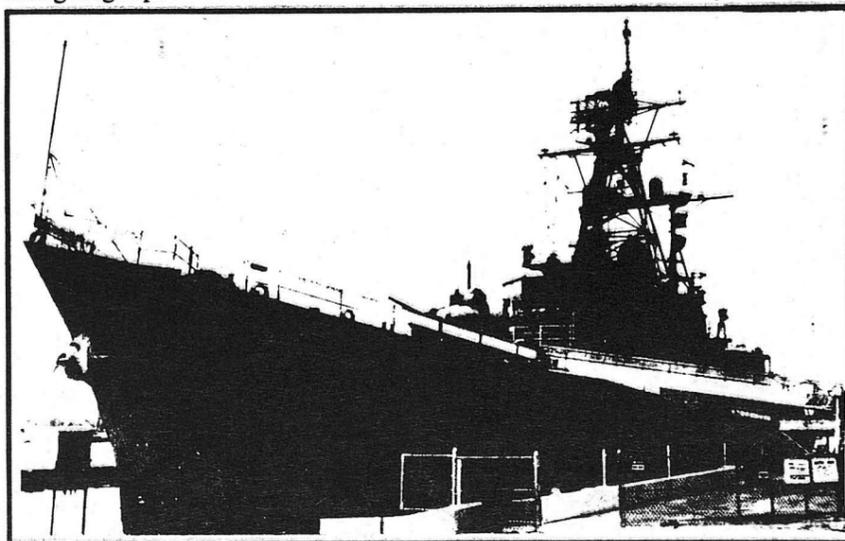
If and when that question is decided, the impact of the August 1964 incidents in the Tonkin Gulf will undoubtedly be reviewed and hopefully we will have a final resolution to the 25-year controversy.

For those interested in the many intriguing aspects of the Tonkin Gulf

incidents, and their connection with current events, the following sources are recommended.

Joseph Goulden; Tonkin Gulf, Eugene G. Windchy; U.S. News and World Report, "The Phantom Battle That Led to War," July 23, 1984, pp. 56-67; Vietnam At War, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Phillip B. Davidson; The American Experience In Vietnam, Clark Dougan; The Vietnam War Almanac, Col. (Ret.) Harry G. Summers; Raising the Stakes, Terrence Maitand; The Official History of the U.S. Navy in the Vietnam Conflict, 1986; The Gulf of Tonkin Conflict, John Galloway; Vietnam: A History, Stanley Karrow.

In light of the situation in Lebanon, and potentially here in Panama, you may find reading the "rest of the story" on the Tonkin Gulf incidents to be very timely.



'Sweating the small stuff' can be wise decision

By Lt. Col. Carl A. McIntire III
Commander, 1978th Communica-
tions Group

HOWARD AFB (1978th CG/PA) -- I know you've heard it and you've probably said it too, "Don't sweat the small stuff."

You meant well of course; trying to be accepted member of "the group," feeling a little guilty or frustrated, or maybe just acting human.

Someone said it to me the other day and for a moment, I felt better, but only for a moment.

I pride myself on attention to detail and I believe I deserve recognition for taking the time and care to attend to the small stuff -- in truth though, it's sometimes a drag.

A musician who does not attend to the details of his music will quickly become unemployed. A painter who does not follow a line or portray the image required will not likely sell many paintings.

The writer of an Enlisted Performance Report or Officer Performance Report who does not carefully describe the performance of a subordinate, does that person a serious injustice.

In building the Great Pyramid and the Temple of Solomon, the stone cutters were so conscious of attention

to detail, that no mortar was necessary for their construction and "neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was built."

In Christ's Parable of the Talents, the faithful servant who was a good steward over a few things, was placed in charge of many things.

Sexual harassment can be agonizing, but curable

by SSgt. Debra L. Penton

HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE, PANAMA -- (1978th CG/PA) -- This is a true story. At a base where I was a new arrival, it wasn't long before I noticed that the officer in charge was periodically involved in "accidents" at work.

Now, these weren't the kind of accidents that were due to an unsafe situation in the office but were intentionally made by the male officer with women -- civilian and Air Force members alike.

This leader of the office faked several accidents in order to touch the women.

In one instance he would have a lower file drawer pulled out and ask the women to retrieve an item out of it. Once she bent down, he would "accidentally" brush against her

The Wall Street Journal sums it up this way: "Your true value to society comes when someone says, 'Let me see your work.'" Your glib tongue may open a door or two and your artful use of the right fork may win an approving nod.

But the real test of your worth can be measured by the care you give to

the job in front of you: a budget to plan; a solo to play; a report to draft; a leaky sink that needs fixing.

Next time you write a memo, make sure you get all the facts straight. Pay attention to those details. Sweat the "small stuff."

posterior firmly with his leg. Of course, the woman felt the purposeful wrong done to her.

Another of his favorite accident scenes was to trip up a woman, who walked past him, then "catch" her at strategic points with his hands.

More often, he simply would be standing near a woman, with his back to her and, when he sensed she was turned about halfway toward him and beginning to walk away, he would suddenly turn around and bump into her chest -- lingering a second too long -- and then part from his victim. The woman was usually left with the feeling that she had been used and was humiliated by the experience.

What should be done to stop such sexual harassment? The first step is to confront the harassing individual, make it clearly understood that his or

her actions are totally unwanted and unappreciated, and that these "accidents" must stop.

If the person continues, the next thing to do is talk to your supervisor (or go higher if he or she is the one doing the harassing).

In some cases, talking to the individual and the supervisor is of little help in stopping the unwanted advances; therefore, the victim's next step is to go to their first sergeant. If it still doesn't stop, it's time the squadron commander heard your story.

Since the commander is the one who is in a position to take disciplinary action against a person who will not stop, chances are high that he can effectively discourage the offender. Another alternative is to discuss the problem with people at Social Actions.

Commander-in-Chief Gen. Fred F. Woerner
Director, Public Affairs Col. Ronald T. Seonyers
Executive Editor/NCOIC SMSgt. Harold J. Lee
Managing Editor Colin Hale

Assistant NCOIC SFC Richard A. Czizik
Editorial Staff SSgt. Greg Markley
Sgt. Monique Chere
Spec. Anthony Craft
AIC Randy Lawson
Composing Room Rosemary Chong
Carolyn Coffey

This authorized unofficial command information publication is for U.S. Armed Forces overseas. The Tropic Times is published in conjunction with the Armed Forces Information Program of the Department of Defense, under the supervision of the director of Public Affairs, U.S. Southern Command. Contents of the Tropic Times are not necessarily the official view of the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the U.S. Southern Command. The address is: APO Miami, 34002, Albrook Post Office. Telephone 285-6612.

NAVSCIATTS holds change of command

by CWO2 R. Garceau

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) -- In a ceremony held Aug. 3, CDR Robert E. Nelson relieved CDR Michael H. Imhof as commanding officer, U.S. Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School. RADM Gerald E. Gneckow, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, introduced the guest speaker, RADM Wayne E. Rickman, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Rickman's remarks praised Imhof and NAVSCIATTS' accomplishments in support of training and readiness of maritime forces throughout Latin America and the Caribbean basin.

NAVSCIATTS, one of the Panama Canal area military schools, conducts 13 formal courses of instruction, in both Spanish and English, on the operation, maintenance, and logistical support of small craft. Additionally, it has conducted over 40 technical survey/mobile training team security assistance visits in support of the commander in chief, United States Southern Command and commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command.

Nelson reported for duty from the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, Calif. where he served as the executive officer. Imhof will be reporting to the staff of Naval Special Warfare Command, San Diego, Calif.

Ready praises local naval forces during visit with sailors, Marines

by Debra Zepka

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) -- July 31, 1989 marked a significant event aboard U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal. On that day, Vice Adm. John K. Ready, made his first visit as commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, (COMNAVAIRLANT), to the Naval Station. Accompanied by Rear Adm. John A. Moriarty, commander, Fleet Air Caribbean (COMFAIRCARIB), this orientation visit was the last leg of their 17 major shore activities visitation schedule.

As COMNAVAIRLANT, Ready is the logistic and administrative commander for all naval air forces assigned to the commander in chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He is responsible for equipping, training, and administering 67,000 officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel who maintain more than 1,700 aircraft, nine aircraft carriers and 14 bases.

For reporting activities, U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal (USNAVSTAPANCANAL) chain of command has four separate, but integrated flows. In the administrative and operational chain,

Capt. Joseph "Scotch" Comer, USNAVSTAPANCANAL, commanding officer, reports directly to Moriarty, COMFAIRCARIB, who in turn reports directly to Ready, COMNAVAIRLANT.

Ready's three day tour of USNAVSTAPANCANAL provided him with insight into the activities, issues and needs of this shore activity. During his stay, he was shown the seven geographical locations which make up USNAVSTAPANCANAL. Additionally, he spent some time with many of the sailors and Marines, discussing local needs and issues.

Before leaving Tuesday, VADM Ready provided Naval Station personnel with some parting remarks. He stated he had a better understanding of what "quality of life" means to personnel stationed in Panama. He said he was leaving with a good feel for the issues and activities here. In closing, he said the leadership, morale and motivation are the best he's seen during this command visit. He further stated "USNAVSTAPANCANAL is the best looking station in all of AIRLANT! Pride in Professionalism is evident everywhere you go on this station!"



Awaiting the arrival of the Japanese ships.

Japanese ships visit here

story and photo
by John F. Wadman III

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) -- U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal recently played host to a three ship Japanese Naval Training Squadron. The 420 foot training vessel, JDS "KATORI" (TV 3501) and two 426 foot "HATSUYUKI" class destroyers, the JDS "SAWAYUKI" (DD 125) and the JDS "ASAYUKI" (DD 132) visited the Naval Station from July 24-26th.

Part of the Naval Station's mission is to provide fleet support, not only to the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, but to foreign navies as well. While the ships were here, the Japanese crews and trainees enjoyed the use of the Marine Corps Exchange facilities

and tours by Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Port Operations supplied the ships with berthing, line handlers and water at pier one.

Presentations by Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS), Special Boat Unit Twenty-Six (SBU-26) and Naval Special Warfare Unit Eight (NSWU-8) were included in the tour of the Naval Station.

The five month training cruise will take the ships to 14 ports of call in eight countries. After leaving Japan June 14, the squadron made stops in Pearl Harbor and San Diego before arriving in Panama. The Japanese ships will visit Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Mexico before returning to their homeport of Yokosuka, Japan in mid November.

41st ASG pushes to the limit in mini-ARTEP

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) --Thunder and lightning played in the hills around Fort Clayton as 20 soldiers from the 41st Area Support Group pushed themselves to the limit in an attempt to beat the clock.

To beat the clock, they had to complete nine tasks designed to measure a unit's ability to react in time of crisis.

"The testing is done in two categories. One group of 10 soldiers does a stress-fire exercise, which is running with an M16-A2 rifle and then qualifying with the weapon. The other group of 10 soldiers participates in a mini Army Readiness Training Exercise Program, which tests soldiers' combat skills and stamina," said 1st Lt. David R. Grazer, chief of training for the Directorate of Security, Plans and Operations.

"The results are used by the commanding general to determine at what skill level a unit is operating," Grazer said.

As the morning progressed the soldiers found out just what the general wanted to know.

The first group found themselves on the run and in the mud for the stress-fire exercise.

A stress-fire began with a three-mile run with rifles and was followed by marksmanship qualification.

After the weapons qualification, the runners received a written test on a STRAC soldier's mission and an evaluation of their survival Spanish.

"Most of us got something positive out of this morning and that's important. I take training seriously," said Spec. Eric Morrison, a finance specialist. "The stress fire was positive for me. I work better under stress and it showed. Even after running three miles with my rifle, I

still hit the target with 17 of the 20 rounds."

The other soldiers going through the paces of the mini-ARTEP found themselves in everything from the front leaning rest position to the Fort Clayton swimming pool. The first half of the mini-ARTEP tested the soldiers' physical fitness and water survival.

The soldiers then put on 40-pound rucksacks and started a three-mile road march. When they reached the two-mile mark, a litter complete with patient was picked up and carried to the finish line. The soldiers took 47 minutes to complete the march.

After finishing the road march, the soldiers were tested on weapons qualification, grenade toss, common task training and survival Spanish.

"The road march was a team effort," said mini-ARTEP participant Cpl. Douglas Addison. "After the road march, the skills

became individual efforts."

Although the tests are designed to give a balanced view of a unit's readiness, some soldiers felt that parts of the mini-ARTEP were easier than others.

"I'm not sure the system is really fair to the road marchers," said Spec. Melvin Attkinson. "Those of us who took part in the stress fire had it easy in comparison. We wore PT gear and they marched in uniform with rucksacks and carried the litter."

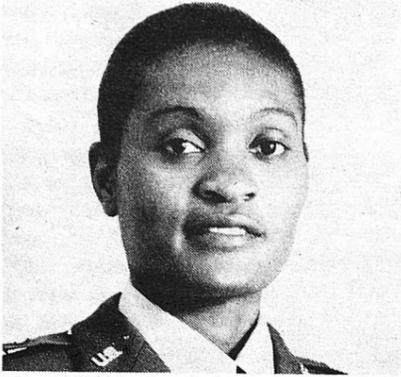
"I'd like to see a realistic scenario developed for testing us. Something like a three- or four-mile course that combines everything," Morrison said. "The march is what gives the best view of a unit's capability."

As the last soldier climbed out of the mud on the firing range and headed for the comfort of the CTT testing stations, the drizzling rain stopped, the clouds broke and sun shined on another day in the Army.

people

Dream now a reality, Army nurse says

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Sgt. Chinette George wanted to be an Army nurse since



2nd Lt. Chinette George

high school. Her dream became a reality when she was recently commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps at Gorgas Army Community Hospital.

"After graduating from nursing school, my father became terminally ill so I stayed home and cared for him until his death," George said. "Since I had challenged and passed the Licensed Practical Nursing Board, I joined the military as a Practical Nurse and started acquiring Army nursing experience."

Shortly after joining the military, George learned she had passed the Registered Nursing Board. However, she needed six months of nursing

experience to apply for commission in the Army Nurse Corps.

"I thought my dream would never become a reality. Luckily, my unit provided outstanding support and assistance," George said. The chief of nursing, the chief of community health nursing and the intensive care supervisor laid out a preceptorship program that gave George the chance to gain her nursing experience.

While assigned to USA MEDDAC, Panama, George worked as a practical nurse on a medical-surgical ward and as a wardmaster for the Intensive Care Unit. George credits her success to the exceptional support she received

at Gorgas.

After she completes the Officers' Basic Course this month, George will be assigned as a clinical nurse at Kenner Army Community Hospital, Fort Lee, Va. She also is scheduled to attend the Critical Care Course later in the year.

"I've only just begun, but already I'm hooked on Army nursing," George said. "The Army has been good to me. It has provided many different and challenging experiences which have contributed to my personal and professional development. I am looking forward to a long and prosperous career in the Army Nurse Corps."

See the furniture man for household needs

by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — This man possibly has more furniture than anyone else in Panama — \$18 million worth. If you're living in Army housing, bachelor's quarters or even barracks, chances are he's lent you furniture.

As the supply officer for Housing Division's Furnishing Management Office, Joseph A. Burns controls all furniture issued to Army housing.

"Military members and civilians with transportation agreements living in Army housing are eligible for furniture," Burns said. "For example, we supplied furniture to a Navy commander at Quarry Heights because he's living in an Army unit."

Families in Army housing are authorized furniture for 90 days, but there is an exception. "If household goods haven't arrived in 90 days, as is the case under the present transportation freeze, we'll extend the deadline until their household goods arrive," Burns said.

Bachelors, on the other hand, may keep Army furniture for the duration of their tour. In addition to basic furniture and appliances such as tables, chairs, beds and refrigerators,

bachelors also receive curtains, curtain rods and linen.

New bachelor quarters furniture is also on the way, but there's currently a snag.

"Transportation took part of my warehouse away to store the household goods of people who lived downtown," Burns explained. "Right now, I've got \$1.3 million worth of bachelor furniture coming in and no place to put it."

The furniture is needed to counter a present shortage of bachelor furniture. "Right now, we're short of bachelor furniture because there's more bachelors in the command," Burns said. "Until we receive new bachelor furniture, we make do with what we've got. However, I can truthfully say I give our customers the best I have."

They also supply linen to Army barracks. "We're the only ones in the command who issue linen," Burns explained. In addition to linen, Furnishing Management provides beds, desks, chairs and wall lockers to the barracks. "We're getting a lot of new barracks' furniture like beds with sliding drawers underneath and desk chairs," Burns said.

Burns' philosophy of service is

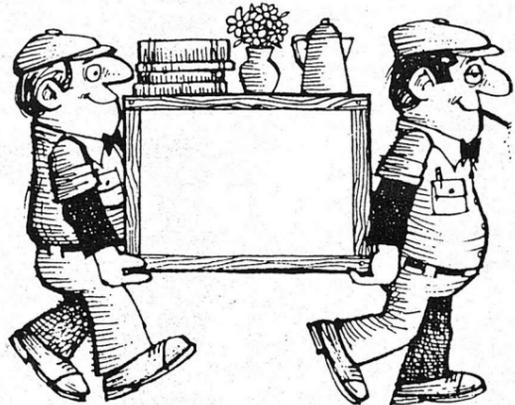
simple: "We're here to serve our customers. We treat them like human beings, whether we're dealing with a specialist or a colonel. If we make a mistake, we correct it right away. If they make a mistake, like forgetting to order something they need, they can come in and we'll take care of it."

While Burns forgives most mistakes, he doesn't tolerate damage to government furniture. "People need to realize they are responsible for their furniture," Burns cautioned. "One man had already left the command when we discovered his dog chewed up the couch. I forwarded a report of survey to his

new command, so one way or another he paid for it.

"I'm not talking about fair wear and tear — I'm talking about abuse," Burns continued. "We don't charge for nicks and scratches, but we do charge for cigarette burns."

Ordering furniture is as simple as filling out a form at Furnishing Management's Customer Service Section in the Housing Office at building 519, Fort Clayton. The Customer Service Section is open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 7:30 to noon Wednesday. The section also arranges furniture turn-in.



The Provost Marshal's Corner

Hello again crime fans and welcome back to another week's worth of the cream of the blotter as selected by your's truly and approved by more prudent (and higher) authority.

Over at the Fort Clayton theater, the janitor opened up with an eye toward cleaning up prior to the evening performance, only to find that someone else had already opened up and cleaned out. The concession stand that is. Rather than take the rap, he called the MP's and let them know that he wasn't guilty.

At first investigators didn't find any signs of forced entry, but they were persistent. Eventually they discovered how a small person had gone through the door without unlocking it. With that and other clues, they finally got a handle on the crime. Then, they followed the trail of empty candy wrappers to the perpetrators, who by that time were not only ready to confess, but didn't want to even see another candy wrapper.

The guilty party in an indecent

exposure case was positively identified in a line up that was closed to the public.

Last week someone cut a fence at Corozal and made off with some empty ammunition cans. The crime remained unsolved for almost a week, then the big break. All 300 of them were located in a store called El Deposito in Panama City. So far, at least one person has been charged with the theft, though he may soon have company.

On Sunday, lots of people like to go to the beach. Even some dogs like it. One of this latter group belongs to a man who decided to indulge Fido in the early evening after the bikinis had left. As they strolled along Kobbe beach, a PDF sergeant and a corporal came up and said that Fido had to leave. Annoyed but unwilling to start a confrontation, the owner and his dog started to leave.

For some reason, the corporal pulled his nightstick and started toward the pair. Fido took offense and lunged toward the attacker.

Both PDF then pulled their pistols and pointed them at Fido's owner. The lucky arrival of an MP roving patrol stopped any further nonsense, and the dog and his owner were escorted away before anything serious happened.

A soldier who was strolling through the park across from the Shaler bus station was approached by two men speaking to him in Spanish. What they were saying was probably not covered in SCN's Survival Spanish course, but it should have been. While he was trying to puzzle it out, they jumped him and one of them cut him in lower abdomen. Then he woke up with a real pain in the back of his head as well.

While he was out, the thieves had robbed him of four U.S. dollars, which though it was all he had, didn't make it worthwhile for either him or them. At Gorgas, he was treated for trauma to the back of his head and a laceration to the abdomen and admitted.

A pair of soldiers (one of each sex) were parked watching the

ships go by in the darkness of 4 a.m. when a PDF walked up to the car and demanded the man's ID's and driver's license. Once he had them, he asked for \$10. Though each was married, they refused to be intimidated and wouldn't pay.

Alright, he said, follow me downtown. Not being stupid, they didn't. Instead, they ducked into Fort Clayton and reported the matter. Later, the PDF must have gotten a little worried, because he took the ID's to the gate and gave them to the guard without explanation.

As for the couple, they were married to each other so that was alright too.

For the loser's column, we have a soldier who tried to pet a stray cat. The cat may have mistaken him for Alf looking for a snack. At any rate, he bit the soldier. The two then went in different directions — fast. The cat went to the Corozal vet clinic and the soldier went to Gorgas.

Hopefully they each learned a valuable lesson.

TDY handlers, dogs provide 24-hour coverage

story and photos
 by TSgt. Frederick G. Ripley

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW-PA) -- Dog handlers are a breed apart; they don't place a lot of stock in people. For them trust is a mutual thing that occurs between dog and handler... "up and down the leash."

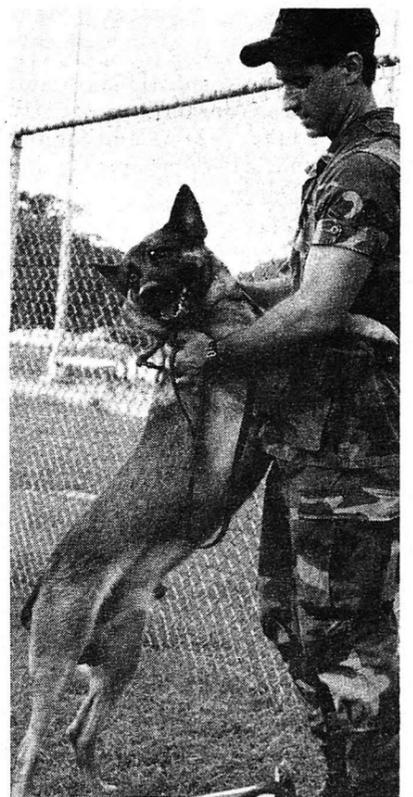
This adage applies as much today for Sgt. Stephen D. Webster and his dog Rico, 4th Security Police Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., TDY to Panama, as it did to former dog handler TSgt. (then A1C) Thomas J. Otto, 302nd Tactical Airlift Wing historian, Peterson AFB, Colo., and his dog Freud while on patrol at Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam, in 1969.

Although the Air Force's concept of the military working dog program continuously changes, one need spend only a few minutes talking with handlers to gain an enormous appreciation for those who went before. Pioneers like Sgt. Otto and the late K-9 Freud are held in such high esteem among this close knit fraternity that it's almost mystical; for they were the combat-tested teams providing the foundation for this highly specialized aspect of security police work.

Initially trained as a sentry dog, Otto brought the 1 1/2 year old German shepherd into the Air Force's newly implemented patrol dog program. True to his name, "Freud was one of only seven dogs selected Air Force-wide to make the transition," Otto says, attesting to the animal's superb intelligence. "What a remarkable dog that must have been," says the somewhat astonished Webster. "The sentry dog was trained for the purpose of attack. Once launched he was like a projectile out of control. The patrol dog is a more disciplined animal, with emphasis on controllability. To convert over, the dog had to be exceptional."

Rico, a 5-year-old Belgian malinois, is the fifth dog Webster has handled. Dual qualified in patrol and explosives, they've been together as a team for two years.

Once a dog has completed the basic six-week military working dog course at Lackland AFB, Texas, it goes on to specialize in either explosives or narcotics detection. The only exception being a



(Left) A1C Brian B. Felme, 1606th SPS, Kirland AFB, N.M., conducts a search incidental to apprehension, making sure that the suspect is unarmed prior to being transported. Bear keeps close watch. (Above) Sgt. Stephen D. Webster, 4th SPS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., hams it up with Rico, a 5-year-old Belgian malinois, on the Howard AFB flightline prior to their departure from Panama.

contraband dog which is trained for that purpose exclusively.

Presently, the only patrol dogs the Air Force is accepting are German shepherds and Belgian malinois, whereas the contraband K-9 can be a smaller breed like a beagle. To the layman, the Belgian malinois looks like a German shepherd, but that's where the similarity ends, according to Webster. "The malinois tends to be more adaptable to sudden changes in climate, a necessity for world-wide deployability. Their overall temperament varies somewhat too. And they don't have the hereditary abnormalities common in shepherds, like hip displacements."

The "real world" situation surrounding the Panamanian elections has afforded teams from the 4th SPS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; 325th SPS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.; 509th SPS, Pease AFB, N.H.; 42nd SPS, Loring AFB, Maine; 314th SPS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.; 437th SPS, Charleston AFB, S.C.; 836th SPS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; and the 1776th SPS, Andrews AFB, Md., the opportunity to participate in a normal 90-day TDY rotation cycle at a critical time.

Deployed to Panama's Howard AFB and Albrook AFS for the purpose of security enhancement and resource protection, these are the security policemen and K-9s that worked around-the-clock augmenting the permanently assigned force of 10 teams during operations "Nimrod Dancer" and Blade Jewel."

Armed, mobile and highly-trained quick-response teams like Webster and Rico remained on alert, looking for any signs of perpetration; a procedure certainly not unfamiliar to a veteran like Otto.

"Although we're primarily a psychological deterrent whose job it is to detect and warn, I had to actually release my dog for the first time while TDY here last year," Webster said.

"I spotted three intruders on a ridge, challenged them and when

they didn't respond, dogged 'em. They didn't waste any time disappearing into the jungle."

"Contrary to what a lot of people believe," Webster continued, "a dog does not think, it only reacts; therefore if you lose sight of your dog, you're in trouble."

A potentially hostile environment like what exists in Panama today, keeps a dog handler's skills as well as that of the K-9 finely tuned.

"A dog has both internal and external receptors, with more than 20 percent better sight capability than humans, making it ideal for night patrol, which is what we primarily do here," he says.

When the Air Force is in the market for dogs, they send out so called "buy teams," but contrary to their title, all dogs are donated. Some of the requirements a dog must meet are: be at least one year of age, but not older than three by the time it completes the initial K-9 course; weigh 55 pounds or more; stand at least 21-inches at the shoulder and be in excellent physical condition. A well-balanced temperament is also of utmost importance in the Air Force's quest to find the perfect "push button

dog," according to Webster.

Freud was anything but a "push button dog," because of his early training for sentry duty. Webster sees the potential to return to that program in certain crisis situations.

But he also believes in the patrol dog program and says the future of K-9s is in detection work, explosives and narcotics, because of the ever increasing problems of terrorism and drug trafficking.

"In this specialty you have to be highly motivated, there's no room for anything less. Stay in it long enough and most likely you'll become a kennel master. As in the case of Otto, these are the old timers that understand the field. In short, they've paid their dues," Webster says. So regardless of whether you're a relative newcomer or were around when the patrol dog program originated 20 years ago, both would have to agree that it's an idea that worked and, according to the young sergeant, just keeps getting better and better as time goes on. Because ultimately in the K-9 business, one adage reigns supreme ... "like dog, like handler."



Sgt. Stephen D. Webster, 4th SPS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., with dogs Bruno and Rico, prepare to be lifted on the K-loader to the C-5 platform. A load crew member gives the sign to raise the K-loader.



Will, a 3-year-old Belgian malinois, shows his agility by leaping over a drainage ditch at Albrook AFS for handler, Amn. Amaria T. C. Diaz, 836th SPS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

SOUTHCOM selects top NCO, soldier

FORT AMADOR (USSOUTHCOM PAO) -- The United States Southern Command recently selected the noncommissioned officer and service member of the year for 1988.

Army SSgt. Yvonne James was honored as the USSOUTHCOM NCO of the year while Army Spec. Heather Lebron was chosen as the service member of the year following competition held recently.

James, a native of Philadelphia, Pa, is a psychological operations analyst attached to the USSOUTHCOM J-3. An administration specialist, Lebron, a native of Jonesboro, Ga, is assigned to the USSOUTHCOM J-1.

"I feel honored to be selected as the NCO of the year for SOUTHCOM,

due to the fact that there are a number of high caliber NCOs working here," James explained. James was previously selected as the NCO of the quarter for the first quarter of 1988.

During the NCO of the year competition, James received the highest score of all the candidates who went before selection board, according to Sgt. Maj. James Jones, senior enlisted advisor for USSOUTHCOM. James received three perfect scores during the competition.

"I was a little nervous," she said. "I was nine months pregnant and a little off-balance. But, it's important to show the board members that you are in control," she added.

Lebron, who was previously

selected as the service member of the quarter for the third quarter of 1988, was confident of her chances. She had spent many hours preparing for the few minutes she would spend before the board.

"I studied and I studied hard," Lebron said. "I feel more soldiers should take the time to study before going before a board."

"I feel privileged that I can represent J-1 as the service member of the year for SOUTHCOM," Lebron added.

"I am extremely proud of both of them," Jones said. "They have come forward and have shown that they are knowledgeable and support a program that challenges their peers. Hopefully, their participation will cause others to strive to emulate

them," he added.

Although both of the honorees are women and members of the Army, Jones explains, that it makes no difference in how the NCO and service member of the year are selected.

"The fact that they are women and both are members of the Army has no bearing on what they have accomplished," Jones said. "Anyone of our soldiers, sailors, airmen or Marines have the capability to do what they have done."

For their achievement, James and Lebron received a \$100 savings bond, a Class-A uniform, a package of Post Exchange merchandise coupons and a designated parking spot at USSOUTHCOM.

Message center keeps people on speaking terms

by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) -- Peak performance -- pushing men and equipment to the max. That's the Army attitude. For the 154th Signal Battalion's telecommunications site at Corozal, peak performance isn't a luxury.

"Let this TYC-39 system go down and see how many people will be breathing down our backs," exclaimed SSgt. Albert C. Saarinen, site NCOIC. The Automatic Message Switch Central, or TYC-39, is an automatic tactical telecommunications switch which processes computer messages and relays them to other computers.

"Our mission is to provide secure telecommunications for Joint Task Force - Panama," said CWO2 Valentin Ramirez, site supervisor. "We've supported missions to Honduras, Equador and Costa Rica. In addition, we have access to an automatic switching center in California, which provides worldwide telecommunications for everyone we service.

"Telecommunications is basically one computer talking to another," Ramirez explained. "We provide

Communications site strives for peak performance

telecommunications service via land lines, satellites and microwave systems for up to 24 subscribers."

The TYC-39 is another example of machines doing tasks faster than humans. This system replaced tactical manual relay centers where three operators manned 10 teletypes and manually relayed messages.

"When a message came in to a manual site, an operator logged it in then retransmitted it to its addressee. If the message had more than one addressee, the process had to be repeated," Ramirez said. "This switch automatically logs and stores the message then forwards it wherever it needs to go."

The TYC-39 does this by reading each incoming message's "routing indicator," a coded heading that alerts the switch to the message's destination. "Think of the routing indicator as a telephone number," Saarinen suggested. "It specifically identifies the individual you're sending the message to."

What separates the Corozal TYC-39 from other TYC-39 sites is the way

the switch is used.

"Normally, these switches are used when units deploy in the field.

They'll operate for two or three weeks at most, handling only exercise traffic," Ramirez explained. "We're unique because we've been operating continuously for more than two years, processing training and real-world traffic."

Continuous operation puts pressure on both the soldiers and the switch.

"The personnel we have -- two operators and four technicians -- would be sufficient in a tactical situation where we'd be out for only two weeks," Ramirez said. "It's a little different operating a fixed site for two years."

Saarinen agreed. "The switch operates 24 hours a day, so we work 12 hours on and 24 off. None of my soldiers had a Fourth of July weekend holiday."

Continuous operation also means no down time. The TYC-39 achieves perfect performance by providing its own backup.

"Everything in the system is redundant -- we have two computer systems. If one system goes bad, the other comes on-line," Saarinen explained.

In addition, the switch acts like a doctor, continuously diagnosing its own ailments and helping technicians provide the cure.

"Built in test equipment sends out signals to the computer and all other components. The components return the signals and the computer analyzes itself," Saarinen continued. "If anything goes wrong -- a fever, if you will -- it will show up on the computer."

Saarinen and the rest of the site's crew were recently recognized for their performance in keeping the system operating.

"We recently received an award from our Automated Data Information Network Center, the switching center at McClellan AFB, Calif., for operating three consecutive months without a breakdown," Ramirez said. "When you consider what could go wrong, including things beyond our control like losing contact with the satellite or a power outage, that's an accomplishment."

Fort Espinar Chapel reopens

by SFC Marshall B. Wilkins

FORT ESPINAR (USARSO PAO) -- A re-dedication and ecumenical worship service was held at the Fort Espinar chapel Sunday to celebrate the re-opening of the 30-year-old facility.

The chapel which had been under renovation since November, received a \$182,400 facelift. Chap. (Capt.) Stephen R. Paine, assistant garrison chaplain, said the renovation included a new air conditioning system, a new ceiling and lighting system, a complete interior and exterior paint job, and a new roof.

Chap. (Col.) Michael G. Ortiz, USARSO and USSOUTHCOM command chaplain; and Col. A.T. Rossi, USARSO deputy commander; and Lt. Col. Robert J. Henry, Atlantic garrison commander; and Commander Bernard J. Ferrara, commander of NSGA Galeta Island, participated in the re-dedication ceremony.

"This beautiful chapel is a tribute to soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and their family members. I present it to you as a tribute to your part in our national defense," Henry told the congregation.

During his message of dedication Ortiz said, "This is the house of God, he's dwelling here 24 hours a day. He's here because people like you come here realizing the need for a community. This is the temple of God. Our souls, our houses and our minds can also be the temple of God."

English Mass is held each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the chapel and Spanish Mass is at 10 a.m. Bible study is at 7 p.m. each Wednesday and adult Bible study is each Friday at 7:30 p.m. For information call 289-4616.

Capt. Nick Catrow of the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment has scheduled joint services Protestant church services for Coco Solo. He plans to hold the services each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the youth room. A pianist is needed to participate in this activity. If you are a pianist and want to participate in the services or want more information call Catrow at 289-3126.



Wendy Daly weeds her garden outside of her quarters at 575B Fort Davis. The Daly family won the 4th yard of the quarter award for the post. Prizes included AAFES theater tickets, brunch at the community club, a gift box and free post exchange coupons. Capt. Thomas Monell of quarters 41B won for Fort Espinar. Petty Officer 1st Class Arthur Williams at quarters 1312B won yard of the quarter for Coco Solo. Fort Sherman quarters 6, home of SFC Simon Gonzales, was the winner for that installation. (U.S. Army photo by PFC Megra D. Johnson)

hemisphere

U.S. seeks Mexican \$\$\$ laundering law

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) —The United States will urge Mexico to join in tougher joint action against drug traffickers by making money laundering an extraditable offense, senior U.S. officials said Monday.

"Perhaps the most efficient attack you can make on the drug problem is an attack on the money laundering problem," Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady told reporters at the start of high-level U.S.-Mexico talks.

"We want to work with the Mexican government to attack the problem of money laundering and to make offenders extraditable," he said.

U.S. officials will also offer Mexico U.S. Customs cooperation to fight drug trafficking, he added.

The drive against narcotics was one of a host of issues U.S. officials were to discuss with their Mexican counterparts during the seventh session of the U.S. Mexico Binational Commission.

The meeting comes at a time of greatly improved relations between the two countries, a point stressed by the commission's co-chairmen, Secretary of State James Baker and Mexican Foreign Minister Fernando Solana.

"We pledge to you our government's commitment to work with Mexico to make this common

vision (of improved life and cooperation) an enduring reality," Baker told the commission's opening session.

Solana said his government attached great importance to the one-day meeting and hoped the two sides would establish a permanent mechanism to keep the bilateral dialogue going.

Ahead of the formal talks, which involve an unusually high-level U.S. delegation, Brady briefed reporters on his agenda with Mexican officials.

In addition to money laundering, he said the discussions would focus on Mexico's recent landmark debt accord with foreign creditor banks as well as investment and financial issues.

The agreement, between Mexico and a committee representing its 450 bank creditors, is expected to reduce Mexico's \$53 billion commercial bank debt by about \$3 billion to \$5 billion.

It has been criticized as too little by some analysts but Brady insisted "the free markets think this is a pretty good deal despite what the pundits say."

"As evidence of increased Mexican and international confidence, significant amounts of capital have been moving back to Mexico and domestic interest rates have fallen

sharply," he said.

As a result Brady suggested that a \$2 billion multilateral bridge loan, intended to cover Mexico until the debt accord took effect, may be "less necessary than it was before."

He also suggested Argentina, and possibly also Brazil, which are both debtor nations, would not qualify for similar debt relief because they have not yet taken steps to open up their markets and reduce tariff barriers.

On money laundering, a senior Brady aide said the United States would ask Mexico to make the practice a criminal offense and discuss implementing currency transfer reports to track the flow of illegal drug profits through banks.

This way, "you don't need an informant to get at the essence of the crime" as drug smugglers often put great distance between themselves and their product but not so between themselves and their money, he said.

The United States has long considered drug trafficking and drug production in Mexico to be a source of contention between the two countries.

Recently, however, top U.S. officials have given Mexican President Carlos Salinas De Gortari high marks for cracking down on the illegal drug trade.

The aide, who asked not to be

identified, said "money launderers don't recognize borders."

To get at this problem, the United States is setting up a money laundering detection center within its borders, would offer to train Mexican authorities in combating the practice and would explore with Mexico an extradition agreement that could help speed up prosecution of drug traffickers, he said.



HIGH MARKS — Mexican President Carlos Salinas De Gortari gets high marks from U.S. officials for his crackdown on the drug trade. (AP Laserphoto)

Salvadoran rebels set peace talk conditions

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — Top Salvadoran rebel commanders this week presented a list of conditions for future negotiations with the government of President Alfredo Cristiani, but failed to mention whether they would cease hostilities.

After returning to San Salvador from the three-day Central American summit in Honduras, Cristiani said, "We hope the FMLN's desire for peace is real so as to look for a negotiated solution within a short period of time."

Cristiani said he hoped the rebels' call for a dialogue was "not a pretext from the FMLN to obtain the sympathy of the (Central American) presidents."

In his June 1 inaugural speech, Cristiani proposed guidelines for a negotiated end to the 9-year-old civil war, which has cost 70,000 lives, mostly civilians.

On June 29, rebels rejected an offer to be members of a proposed peace commission, claiming it failed to include important sectors in El Salvador.

The five Central American presidents Monday signed an accord, outlining a plan to demobilize Contra rebels based in southern Honduras, and urged Salvadoran guerrilla forces to put an end to hostilities and begin a peace-seeking dialogue with the conservative Cristiani government.

"We once again state our willingness to continue to contribute to the negotiation efforts of the opposition parties, the Archbishop of the Catholic Church and other social groups for the realization of a dialogue and the initiation of negotiations with the government," said a communique drawn up by top rebel leaders who direct the Farabundo Marti National

Liberation Front, or FMLN.

The rebels demanded "a halt to repression, the liberation of political prisoners, guarantees to the freedom of expression and respect for agrarian reform," according to a local radio station, Radio Sonora.

"All the Central American presidents ratified that there is no symmetry between the Contras and the FMLN, since we are a popular force and they are ... counter-revolutionary death squadrons," the clandestine rebel-run Radio Venceremos said.

"The Contra has died, and Reagan

as well as all the war-mongers in the White House are in mourning," Radio Venceremos said.

The rebels urged Salvadoran citizens "to demand that President Cristiani carry out the democratization of the country," and asked that "all our countrymen taking refuge in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica and the rest of the world return" to El Salvador.

"All Central Americans have renewed the hope of beginning a serious and direct dialogue to achieve peace," Radio Venceremos said.

Mexican train crash kills 100

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) —At least 100 people were feared killed when a passenger train plunged into a river in the northern Mexican state of Sinaloa, authorities said.

The official Notimex news agency, quoting police sources, said more than 100 people died in the crash, just before dawn Wednesday near the village of Capomos, 940 miles northwest of Mexico City.

Jose Pena Galanza, head of the Pacific railways Mazatlan route, said 99 bodies had been rescued so far.

He said rescue work was suspended due to bad weather and would be resumed early Thursday.

The television station Televisa, which showed pictures of two carriages stuck into the narrow river bed with at least six others strewn nearby, said 103 people died in the crash.

It said 80 people were seriously injured and 550 suffered lesser injuries.

The station said 1,200 passengers were travelling in the train, called "El Burro" (the donkey), which was traveling from the central city of Guadalajara to Mexicali, on the

border with the United States.

Pena Galanza said the accident was caused by heavy rains which weakened a bridge over the river Bamao. The first six carriages crossed the bridge, but the next two fell into the river, and the remaining seven crashed into surrounding fields.

A commentator said most of the victims were women and children. Local press reports said many victims were washed away downstream.

Red Cross official Jesus Angulo said by telephone from the town of Guamuchil, near the site of the accident, that 60 bodies were brought to the Red Cross there and that other dead were taken to the town of Guasave.

Sinaloa state attorney-general Manuel Lazcano said about 250 rescue workers, including soldiers, were taking part in rescue operations hampered by heavy rains.

In a separate incident, five people died and 35 were injured when a gas tank exploded in the downtown sector of La Piedad, in Michoacan State, local authorities said.

Mexico nabs 28 heroin labs

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) — Anti-drug agents have made the biggest heroin bust in Mexico's history, seizing 119 pounds of pure heroin in the southern Chiapas state, local officials said this week.

The heroin, valued at \$10 million, was discovered in a clandestine laboratory Monday in the state capital Tuxtla Gutierrez. Four men were arrested at the site.

Investigators said they extended their search to the central state of Michoacan where they expected to find hidden fields of poppy, the base from which opium is derived.

In the past eight months 28 clandestine opium laboratories

have been discovered and closed in four central and southern Mexican states and more than 5,000 alleged drug traffickers have been arrested, officials said.

Mexico is the largest single source for heroin entering the U.S. market, the second largest source for marijuana and a leading transit point for cocaine coming from South America.

In recent years Congress had strongly questioned Mexico for failing to take action to limit the flow of drugs from its territory into the United States but President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who took office in December, has begun to crack down on drug traffickers.

hemisphere

Contras face tough battle for survival

TELA, Honduras (Reuter) — Nicaraguan Contra rebels, already weakened by cuts in U.S. aid, face a tough battle to survive as a guerrilla force following a call by Central American presidents for their disbanding.

"The Contras' death sentence has been signed," Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega declared after returning home from a three-day Central American summit in Honduras that agreed on a plan for disbanding the rebels.

The plan, coupled with a call by 20 Nicaraguan opposition parties last Friday for the Contras to be disbanded, means the rebels can cite little support for continuing their eight-year war against the leftist Sandinista government.

The five Central American governments, including several close U.S. allies, signed the plan despite strong lobbying from Washington to

keep the Contras intact to pressure the Sandinistas to hold free elections next February.

The plan, which calls for disbanding of the Contras within four months, is voluntary and contains no provision for forcing the Contras to leave Honduras, where about 12,000 fighters and 40,000 relatives are camped.

Contra leaders have said they will resist disbanding.

"We are not going to hand over our weapons until the causes of the war disappear," Contra spokesman Pepe Matus said in Tela this week.

But the accord and the knowledge that they are not wanted in Honduras is likely to further damage morale among the Contras, already undermined by a cutoff in U.S. military aid in February 1988.

With weapons and ammunition in

short supply since military aid was cut, most Contras are confined to bases in Honduras, where they live off U.S. humanitarian aid.

A Honduran pledge to invite a United Nations peacekeeping force to prevent the use of its territory by irregular forces will make it more difficult for the Contras to mount operations into Nicaragua.

Nicaraguan officials said that the success of the disbandment plan depended largely on the reaction of the United States.

Ortega said he hoped President Bush would support the plan and that part of a \$50 million humanitarian aid package that Congress approved for the Contras last April could be used for rebel disbandment and repatriation.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias said the plan's success depended on

both the rebels and the Sandinistas.

The rebels had to realize they would not win power through violence and the government had to create a climate for the Contras to return, he said.

The plan calls on the United Nations and Organization of American States to form a commission within 30 days to oversee Contra disbandment.

During the next 90 days, the verification commission and Nicaraguan government will hold talks with the Contras to "promote their return to Nicaragua and their integration into the political process."

The five presidents also called for dialogue and an end to civil war in El Salvador. They said they would hold their next summit before the end of the year in Nicaragua.

3 Contra leaders receive U.S. asylum

MIAMI (UPI) — Three of nine top Contra military officers, including the rebel chief of staff, were granted political asylum Wednesday, immigration chief Perry Rivkind said.

The high-ranking Contras, which include field commanders and advisers, won the State Department's approval for asylum two days after five Central American presidents agreed on a plan to demobilize the anti-Sandinista forces within the next four months.

The claims were given "special action" status and reviewed immediately, said Rivkind, the Immigration and Naturalization Services district director.

Israel Galeano, the rebel chief of

staff known as Commandante Franklin, led the list of officers filing claims. His was one of several approved immediately.

Galeano said the Contra leaders have no plans to move to the United States and sought nothing more than "travel documents."

"Some of us have the need right now to mobilize in the international field," Galeano said outside the INS office in Miami.

"There is a need to get documents to travel."

But Francisco "Johnny" Delgado, a political adviser on the Southern Front who was also granted asylum, admitted the action could be misinterpreted by the 12,000 rebel troops holed up in border

camp.

"It could be demoralizing to the troops if we were seen as retiring from the struggle," Delgado said. "But the troops know that's not so. Our struggle continues."

The officers denied there was a connection between their applications and the accord signed Monday by five Central American presidents in Tela, Honduras, calling for the dismantling of the Contras.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega declared that the plan puts an end to the rebel movement. The Sandinista government agreed to Democratic reforms leading up to national elections in return for the repatriation or resettlement of the Contras by Dec. 8.



Moscow could be key to Nicaragua problem

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Central American presidents have left Washington with few options by calling for the return home of a disbanded Nicaraguan rebel force from base camps in Honduras by Dec. 8, policy analysts said this week.

With the Contra rebels refusing to return to Nicaragua unarmed and no longer welcome in neighboring Honduras, Washington, which has funded the rebels since they were formed in the early 1980s, could soon face pressure to welcome them into the United States, the analysts said.

"The agreement means the Contras have gone from being the best-fed peasants in Central America to the homeless," said Cindy Buhl, legislative director of the Pax Americas policy research group.

But other analysts said Washington, having lost the rebels as a policy arm, must now find other ways of pressuring Nicaragua's Sandinista government to adopt democratic reforms. They said Moscow could prove to be the key.

L. Francis Bouchey, president of the Council for Inter-American Security, said the United States could be helped by the fact that the Soviet Union was looking to the United States for a broad range of help in the economic sphere.

Washington should look to Moscow to pressure Nicaragua to create conditions that would make it possible for the 12,000 Contras and

their 40,000 family members to return from Honduras, Bouchey said.

Leaders of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala approved the Contra plan Monday on the second anniversary of a regional peace agreement.

The accord, which calls for an international commission to oversee the voluntary disbanding and repatriation of the rebel force, could end the eight-year-old Nicaraguan civil war in which some 40,000 people have died.

Argentine inflation still unstable

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter) — Argentina's Peronist government believes it broke hyperinflation in its first month in office but economists find faults in its program and warn that stiffer measures must be taken before lasting stability can be achieved.

Private and official surveys show that high inflation subsided in the last two weeks of July, after prices nearly doubled during the first half of the month.

"Prices rose by only two or three per cent in the past six days, but it is still too early to say if this is a short-lived respite or lasting stability," leading economic analyst Miguel Broda said last week.

Bosco Matamoros, a spokesman for the Nicaraguan rebels, emphasized that the agreement called for the voluntary repatriation of the rebels.

Before any return was worked out, the rebels would look for direct negotiations with the Sandinista government, he said. But Matamoros said he doubted agreement could be reached to resettle the Contras before Nicaragua's Feb. 25, 1990 presidential election.

Matamoros said the rebel force would have to negotiate without

Washington's support. He said the United States had given up interest in promoting democracy in Central America, limiting its concern to security considerations.

In Miami, Aristides Sanchez, one of six directors of the Nicaraguan Resistance umbrella group, said the return to Nicaragua of the Contra fighters would increase the chance of new clashes with government troops.

"We have no choice but to return to Nicaragua armed and subsist off the land and the good will of the people," Sanchez told Reuters in an interview.

"Stability will require a fiscal revolution." July's 196.6 percent inflation easily surpassed the previous one-month record of June's 114.5 percent, but the government was confident it had reversed the trend.

Inflation was 1,472 percent in the last six months of the Radical Party's reign and workers' salaries lost two-thirds of their purchasing power during that period.

Menem forecast that inflation would drop to two digits in August and under 10 percent in September, and said prices would not rise by more than 15 percent in 1990.

But economists said the Peronists had yet to take further steps to

achieve success attained by other stabilization plans, such as Bolivia's 1985 program which in two years brought inflation down to 10 percent from 24,000 percent a year.

The Peronists agreed to a price-freeze with leading industries, continued printing money, raised public employees' salaries 175 percent and has yet to announce measures to stimulate exports.

The government has annulled utility bills it issued with up to 2,000 percent increases over previous rates after consumers complained they could not pay them.

Nevertheless, economists said the government could still rectify its program

leisure

Scuba diving: 'the most relaxing hobby there is'

by Sgt. Monique Chere

COROZAL (Tropic Times)—Scuba diving is one of the more common recreational sports in Panama. Divers can take advantage of a variety of sites and the low cost of participation here.

One can begin from the "water up" at numerous places.

The military provides encouragement to start diving, said Monika Jones, Balboa Dive Club secretary. "There are many organizations on base offering lessons at reasonable prices. The classes are scheduled frequently as well," said Jones.

"There are a lot of places to dive in Panama. Two oceans, the Panama Canal, sunken wreck sites and various islands offer a good variety. "Diving at Portobelo (on the Atlantic side) adds a Caribbean touch — the water is clear and there's lots of coral and tropical fish.

"Diving in Panama makes one more independent," Jones said. "Divers who go to a resort get pampered." Here you have to rely on yourself, and learn to cope with problems that may arise, she explained.

Thirteen-year-old Shawn Golembiewski has been diving here for a year. "My dad encouraged me to do it," he said.

"The only time I was scared was when I took my first lesson. I think diving's fun! "I've seen coral and different types of fish, like the butterfly fish. Two months ago I saw a barracuda. I wasn't scared, it was neat!"

Golembiewski has been on 15 dives in Panama and said his favorite spot was Isla Grande.

MSgt. Aubrey Henson has been diving for 12 years in several parts of the world. "It's the most relaxing hobby there is," he said. "It's so quiet down there; all you have to worry about is the air and the depth."

"I've been here four months and will probably join a club," he said.

Henson has several clubs he can choose from; among them, the Balboa Dive Club and the Bahia-Mar Dive Club on the Pacific side and the Pan American Dive Club on



Shawn Golembiewski, family member, examines his face mask before diving at Fort Kobbe Beach. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Monique Chere)

the Atlantic side.

Balboa Dive Club

The club, with a current membership of 200 plus, was established in the early sixties, and is a non-profit organization.

"It's oriented to divers first," said Barry Steils, president. "It's a place for divers to congregate and exchange information."

The club is open to the public and membership is evenly divided between PCC personnel, military personnel and others, according to Steils.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the PCC Training Center at 7:30 p.m. Membership is \$12 a year for families and \$8 a year for singles.

Upcoming highlights include dive tours to San Blas and Boca del Toros, Steils said.

Bahia-mar Dive Club

The non-profit club, chartered on Howard Air Force Base in October 1988 began with five members. Currently, the club has a roster of 65

members, all Department of Defense personnel, said MSgt. Mike Welch, club president.

"Often, one goes through the dive classes, then doesn't see their classmates anymore. A club offers a chance to dive with others of similar interests and gives ideas on places to go. You can always learn from other people's experiences.

"It's nice to have the camaraderie of others while diving and there's safety in numbers," added Welch.

Objectives of the dive club, said Welch, are to visit local dive sites, organize dive trips, provide safety, foster conservation of ocean resources and maintain a dive roster.

The club usually hosts a guest speaker at its meetings. Topics range from dive medicine to exploring a sunken vessel in the Caribbean. Often a club member will show slides or photos of a recent dive trip. Visibilities, water temperatures and "what's down there" are discussed.

Current items of interest are raised, such as a safety regulator recall.

Future diving destinations are

planned, and maps are circulated. "We plan dives," said Welch, "but often two or three just get together and head out there."

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Zodiac Recreation Club Center (top floor) at Howard AFB. Fees are \$8 a year for singles to \$12 a year for families.

On the current agenda are: diving from the "Black Stallion" in the Pacific and a diving/camping trip to Portobelo this weekend.

Pan American Dive Club

Located on the second floor of the post office at Fort Espinar, this club has been "quiet" for some time.

"But, we will be cranking up again very soon," said 2nd Lt. Robert Lehman, club operations officer.

"We provide quality inexpensive equipment for rent to club members," said Lehman. "We even have our own compressors."

The cost of memberships is \$10 for initial entry fee (includes rental of a long set) and a \$5 monthly fee. The club is open to all ages, said Lehman, but all members must be certified divers or certified snorklers.

Future plans include a trip to San Blas over the Labor Day weekend. Monthly meetings have been scheduled; the next is Aug. 21.

There are also several local clubs one can join. Information about some of the clubs can be obtained from the various scuba diving instructors or dive rental shops on or off post.

Once you start, it's not hard to get "hooked." As Jones said, "diving in Panama has many pluses." It would be a shame not to take advantage of that while living here.

For further information about the dive clubs listed, call: Balboa Dive Club (Monika Jones) 284-4776; Bahia-Mar Dive Club (MSgt. Mike Welch) 284-5319/4497 or Pan American Dive Club (2nd Lt. Robert Lehman) 289-3573/4133 or (Corine) 289-4433.

Sundial outings

Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis will sponsor a PX shopping tour Saturday, a day trip to Isla Grande resort Aug. 19, and a Gorgona Beach tour Aug. 26.

To reserve space for these outings call 289-3889.

Outdoor rec tours

CRD Outdoor Recreation is hosting a dive/camping trip this weekend. Space is limited to 21 persons. Call 287-3363.

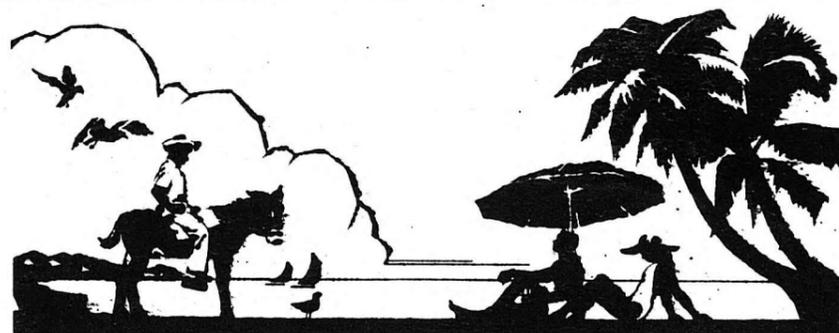
Also upcoming is a dive to the train in Gatun Lake Aug. 19. Fee includes transportation to the Aquativity Center at Fort Espinar, and boat transportation to the dive site, and a dive guide. Reserve today. Stop by Building 154, Fort Clayton.

Valent events

Valent Recreation Center is offering several beach tours. On Aug. 19, the center will sponsor a tour to Isla Mamey.

A day at Gorgona Beach is scheduled for Aug. 26. A minimum of 10 persons is needed to conduct the tour.

Call 287-6500 for further info.



Moonlight cruise

A moonlight cruise of the Panama Bay Saturday aboard the Fantasia Del Mar is being sponsored by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal.

There will be D.J. music and food and beverages will be sold on board. Tickets can be purchased at the MWR main office, building 65.

The boat leaves Pier 1 at the naval station at 7 p.m. and returns at 1 a.m. For details call 283-5307.

White-water rafting

Learn about the thrills of white-water rafting Thursday at the Panama Canal Commission Training Center. Judith Baerg, Walter Bottin and Norita Scott will

be presenting slides and photographs of their raft trips through the Grand Canyon this summer. Anyone who has taken a similar trip and would like to participate in the presentation is also welcome. For more information, contact the training Center at 252-4163.

Dance troupe

The Rainbow Revue will present dances from Tahiti, Samoa, New Zealand, and Hawaii.

The dances will be presented by this Polynesian dance troupe touring Panama under the sponsorship of the Armed Forces Professional Entertainment Organization.

There are six shows scheduled: Tuesday, at the Howard AFB Pool at

7 p.m.; Wednesday at The Anchorage Club at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal at 7:30 p.m.; Valent Recreation Center on Fort Clayton Thursday at 7 p.m. and at Camp Roadrunner Friday at 6 p.m.

The show will be at Ocean Breeze Center, Fort Sherman Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. and the Loft Theatre, Fort Espinar at 7 p.m.

Weekend cruise

A weekend cruise to Contadora Aug. 26-27 is being offered by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR.

It includes an overnight stay at the Contadora Hotel. Price includes hotel accommodations and boat ride. For more information call 283-5307, or sign up at building 65, MWR main office.

Youth tours

The Fort Clayton Youth Center is accepting reservations for a trip to Gorgona Beach from Thursday to Aug. 19 and a day tour to the Sierra Club Aug. 23.

Junior and senior teens are invited to join. Permission slips are required. Contact the center director for full details.

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

Panama Area Exchange Movie Schedule

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

	Howard 284-3583	Clayton 287-3279	Davis 289-5173	Quarry Hts 282-3635	Amador 282-4287	Sherman 289-6251	
Friday	WORKING GIRL Harrison Ford Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 114 MIND GAMES Edward Albert Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 93	DISORGANIZED CRIME Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 98 ROOFTOPS Troy Beyer Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 95	DEEPSTAR SIX Nancy Everhard Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 105 SING Peter Dobson Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 98	SHE'S OUT OF CONTROL Tony Danza Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 97	CRIMINAL LAW Gary Oldman Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 108	COMING SOON	
Saturday	FLETCH LIVES Chevy Chase Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 95 OUT COLD John Lithgow Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 92 FIELD OF DREAMS Kevin Costner Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 107	EARTH GIRLS ARE EASY Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 100 MIDNIGHT RUN Jennifer Rubin Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 126 RENEGADES Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 94	THE LOONEY BUGS BUNNY MOVIE Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (G) RT: 80 LEAN ON ME Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 104 RAIN MAN Dustin Hoffman Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 133	THE LAND BEFORE TIME Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (G) RT: 69	THE RESCUERS Technicolor Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (G) RT: 77	GHOSTBUSTERS II	
Sunday	FLETCH LIVES Chevy Chase Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 95 FIELD OF DREAMS Kevin Costner Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 107 CYBORG Jean Claude Van Damme Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 86	RENEGADES Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 106 AMERICAN NINJA III Steve James Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 90	PINK CADILLAC Clint Eastwood Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 122 LEVIATHAN Peter Weller Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 94	K-9 James Belushi Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 105	PET SEMATARY Dale Midkiff Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 102	COMING SOON "WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC in VHS	
Monday	FIELD OF DREAMS Kevin Costner Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 107 OUT OF THE DARK Karen Black Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 93	RENEGADES Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 90 AMERICAN NINJA III Steve James Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 90	PINK CADILLAC Clint Eastwood Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 122	TWINS Arnold Schwarzenegger Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 105	976-EVIL Steven Geoffrey Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 92	COMING SOON	
Tuesday	OLIVER & COMPANY Animated Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (G) RT: 72 FIELD OF DREAMS Kevin Costner Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG) RT: 107	RENEGADES Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 94 SING Lorraine Bracco Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG-13) RT: 98	I'M GONNA GIT YOU SUCKA Jim Brown Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 88	COMING SOON GREAT BALLS OF FIRE! ...YOU BROKE MY WILL BUT WHAT A THRILL!...	COMING SOON Walt Disney Pictures HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS	COMING SOON WITH SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION ROBBY RABBIT	
Wednesday	THE FLY II Eric Stoltz Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 105 MAJOR LEAGUE Tom Berenger Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 107	MISSISSIPPI BURNING Gene Hackman Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 127 RAIN MAN Dustin Hoffman Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 133	THE ACCUSED Jodie Foster Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 99	COMING SOON GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!	COMING SOON HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS	COMING SOON ROBBY RABBIT	
Thursday	NO HOLDS BARRED Hulk Hogan Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (PG-13) RT: 92 MAJOR LEAGUE Tom Berenger Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 107	KINJITE: FORBIDDEN SUBJECTS Charles Bronson Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 97 RAIN MAN Dustin Hoffman Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 133	DISORGANIZED CRIME Lou Diamond Phillips Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25 Rated (R) RT: 98	RED SCORPION Dolph Lungren Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (R) RT: 102	JANUARY MAN Kevin Kline Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 Rated (PG) RT: 97	COMING SOON Kate Jackson LOVERBOY	

PET SEMATARY

A family moves from Chicago to a small town in Maine only to discover that their house is next to an ancient Indian burial ground that brings corpses back to life.

RENEGADES

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

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

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

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING

A divorced man and a young widow try to put their past behind them and begin a new life together. (Language and sex)

DISORGANIZED CRIME

A fun-filled romp between the fastfoots and the flatfoots as five bad guys from Jersey endeavor to rob a small town western bank.

ROAD HOUSE

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

LISTEN TO ME

Follows a diverse group of students through a school year as they learn to polish their skills by being able to take either side of an issue. Events climax at a national showdown where the teams tear into one of today's hotly controversial objects. (Violence, language, nudity, sex)

OUT COLD

Out Cold is an offbeat murder mystery that has a pesky private eye tracking a man who isn't alive as the guilty wife tries to avert suspicion. Stars John Lithgow and Terri Garr.

SHE'S OUT OF CONTROL

Tony Danza stars as a widowed father desperately trying to cope with his teenage daughter's seemingly overnight transition from wall flower to knockout. (Sex)

K-9

This fast moving cop comedy is about an unorthodox narcotics officer teamed up with a German Shepherd which has better discipline than his human partner. (Violence, language, sex)

NO HOLDS BARRED

The incredible Hulk Hogan plays a good guy wrestler who must face the deadly Zeus. While a race against the clock goes on to find his kidnapped girlfriend. Stars Tony Lister. (Violence & language)

SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL

See No Evil, Hear No Evil is a rollicking comedy concerning a deaf newsstand proprietor who, along with his blind assistant, becomes mistakenly implicated in a murder.

COMING SOON

HOWARD

Fri. NO HOLDS BARRED (PG-13)
Fri. MAJOR LEAGUE (R)
Sat. LISTEN TO ME (R)
Sat. MERCHANTS OF WAR (R)
Sat.-Sun. SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL (R)
Sun. SHE'S OUT OF CONTROL (PG)

CLAYTON

Fri. WORKING GIRL (R)
Fri. MIGHTY QUINN (R)
Sat.-Sun. LEVIATHAN (R)
Sat.-Sun. FLETCH LIVES (PG)
Sat.-Sun. FIELD OF DREAMS (PG)
Sun. CYBORG (R)

AMADOR

Fri. SAY ANYTHING (PG-13)
Sat. THE BURBS (PG)
Sun. ROAD HOUSE (R)

QUARRY HEIGHTS

Fri. CRIMINAL LAW (R)
Sat. THE RESCUERS (G)
Sun. PET SEMATARY (R)

DAVIS

Fri. DISORGANIZED GAME (R)
Fri. MIND GAMES (R)
Sat. EARTH GIRLS ARE EASY (PG)
Sat. THE DREAM TEAM (PG-13)
Sat. RENEGADES (R)
Sun. CYBORG (R)

youth activities

Summer-hire student gains experience

HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE, PANAMA — (1978th CG/PA) — A boring, dragged-out summer of house chores, sleeping in, and watching TV may be for some high school teens, but not for Sean E. Carson.

At age 17, Carson is a summer-hire employee at the 1978th Communications Group, which provides, operates and maintains tele-

communications and air traffic control facilities and services for the 24th Composite Wing. The mission includes providing communications support for the U.S. Military Groups throughout Central and South America.

The Summer Hire Program, administered by the Howard Civilian Personnel Office, has numerous students employed at base units. The

students began work in the later part of June and will work until the program ends Aug. 18.

The program's purpose is to provide an opportunity for young adults to gain practical work experience, earn a salary, and further their education by learning what it is really like to hold a job.

"Last year I didn't work, but this year I wanted a job.

Most of my friends that are working this year are doing manual labor as summer hires and making more money than I, but this doesn't bother me. I just wanted a job to give me something to do with my summer and to also earn some money for myself.

I was lucky to get the type of job I wanted," said Carson.

A Balboa High School senior this August, Carson works as an assistant to the Land Mobile Radio manager in the 1978th's Plans and Programs Division. His parents are

SMSgt. William J. Feeney, superintendent of the 1978th's Operations Division, and Karen J. Feeney.

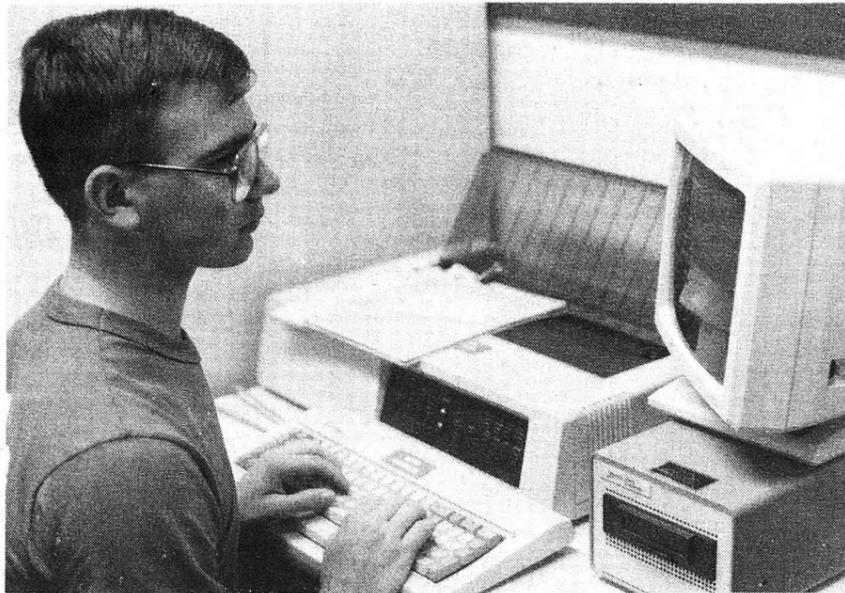
"I knew about the Summer Hire Program last year but I wasn't interested then. This year, I asked my step-father to get an application for

me, help me fill it out, and turn it in to the Civilian Personnel Office. I basically wanted office work, so on my application I asked for it. This is good for me because after high school I plan to go to college and be an Air Force officer, where I will probably be working in an office environment," he said.

Carson's job involves logging information into a computer, answering the phone, and assisting with other business in the division.

"I mainly work with SSgt. William McAfee, the Land Mobile Radio manager, and MSgt. Felix Johnson, the division superintendent. They have taught me everything I need to know about my job, the division, and then they let me do my thing."

"It hasn't taken me very long to learn what I had to do because I already knew how to type, but it did take me awhile to learn how the Air Force does things. I like earning money, three dollars an hour, and the 1978th's people —they are very interesting. Office work is just what I expected and I've found out that I like it. For me this is a good experience, working at an interesting job, with interesting people," said Carson.



Sean E. Carson, a summer hire employee at the 1978th Communications Group, logs information into the Land Mobile Radio data base. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Debra L. Penton)

Girl Scouts enjoy reunion 'day camp' at Clayton Bohios

By Maria E. Len-Rios

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) —Girls between the ages of 6 and 16 dressed in turquoise camp T-shirts gathered at the Clayton bohios for a special kind of reunion.

During the week of July 31 through August 5, the Girl Scout Service Center sponsored a Girl Scout day camp. The Panama oriented theme was "Fun in the Sun." Eighty girls from three Pacific side troops participated and 20 volunteers lent a hand to teach the girls useful and interesting skills and lessons.

The scouts were taught how to make Panamanian ornamental hair combs, first aid demonstrations were held, an Army Community Services representative talked about peer pressure and a representative from Preventive Medicine gave a presentation on local plants and insects.

Activities weren't limited to the bohios. The girls went on a trip to the Smithsonian Institution on Fort Amador. The highlight was seeing the recently completed replica of a tidal pool containing starfish, sea anemones and small fish.

A day was spent swimming at the

Fort Clayton pool and an overnight camp out at Clayton park ended the week's activities.

Girl Scouts has been around for 77 years offering young girls an opportunity to make friendships and learn about their surroundings.

"Girl Scouts has been a stable part of my life," said 16-year-old Sara Cales, a member of the Lone Tropical Troop. Cales is the most

recent recipient of the Gold Award, the highest achievable award in Girl Scouts and equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout award. "With my father in the military, we move around a lot. Girl Scouts has always been something I could get involved in."

Cales thinks some people have a misconception about Girl Scouts. "It's not all work. It's mostly fun and

teaches you about yourself. It taught me to be responsible, independent and to look towards the future," she said.

Girl Scout registration will take place Sept. 6. Information fliers will be sent home from the schools. Troops corresponding to residential areas are given below along with the names of the Lone Troop Committee Chairpersons.

Those interested in joining can call the Girl Scout Service Center at 286-3670.



Beatriz Broussard instructs the Girl Scouts on how to make ornamental hair combs. (U.S. Army photo by Maria Len-Rios)

Cocoli events

Cocoli Community Center is having activities for first through sixth graders. On Mondays and Wednesdays movies will be featured from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Crafts will be featured Wednesdays, followed by fun games Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, birthdays will be celebrated on the last Friday of the month.

Call 287-3010 for more details.

Loft Theater

The Loft Theater's Pixie Theater participants announce their

performance Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Loft Theater for the community. This family entertainment will last for one hour and admission is free.

The name of the play is "The Handwriting On The Wall." The play will be directed by Lisa Wettstein and Danny A. Velez. The program will include a youth activities fashion show. For more information call Andy Lim at 289-4302/4377.

Youth center closes

Due to mission requirements, the Fort Amador Youth Center has closed until further notice.

DoDDS orientation

Balboa High School will have an orientation program for sophomores and new students Aug. 22.

The program will be held at the Balboa High School auditorium from 9-11 a.m.

For details call 252-3483/7896.

Girl Scout volunteers

Basic leadership training for new Girl Scout volunteers will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday at the Fort Clayton chapel from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The sessions will provide all of the information needed to conduct Girl

Scout meetings and activities.

For more details call 286-3670.

Vacation Bible School

The Crossroads Bible Church invites preschool children through sixth-graders to its Vacation Bible School from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. The church is located on Gaillard Highway between Albrook Air Force Station and Fort Clayton. The theme for this year's program is "Joy Trek: Journey with Jesus through time and space." For further information, call 252-6480 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For the Farfan, Howard AFB and Cocoli areas, the troop is Tropical Lone Troop and the chairman is Toni Williams-Sanchez.

For the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Fort Kobbe, Fort Clayton and Curundu area, the troop is Clayton Lone Troop and the chairman is Clara Tatum.

For the Balboa, Diablo, Los Rios area the troop is Sunshine Lone Troop and the chairman is Jannice Walker.

For the Fort Espinar and Fort Davis area, the troop is Atlantic Lone Troop and the chairman is Valerie White.

things to do

FORT CLAYTON

Ed Center classes

The Fort Clayton Education Center will be offering high school completion classes starting Aug. 28.

MGMT 2202 Individual Orientation Techniques will start Aug. 28.

The classes are three weeks long and they meet Monday through Friday.

The next Graduate Record Exam will be Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Basic Skills Education Program classes will be Aug. 28-Sept. 15.

For more information call the Fort Clayton Education Center at 287-5702/5412.

Ceramics center

The Ceramics Center located in Building 155, Fort Clayton, offers a wide variety of classes.

The facility opens Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-9:30 p.m. The center is closed Fridays. For information call 287-4360.

Fairy tale

"The Magic Well," a fairy tale for children and adults, will be presented at Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton.

The production is directed by Richard Dahlstrom and features 18 children who have participated in the Summer Theater Camp.

The play opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. and will continue Saturday and Sunday with matinees at 2 p.m. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Video class

A video class is being held at the Fort Clayton Arts & Crafts Center.

The class is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, by appointment. Call 287-5957 or stop by Building 180, Fort Clayton.



Scuba diving

Discover the fascinating world of scuba diving! The CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch offers monthly classes, both PADI and NAUI.

The next sessions are scheduled for Aug. 21. Stop by Fort Clayton Scuba Center (building 178) to make your arrangements. For information call 287-5858.

FORT DAVIS

Pottery classes

Pottery classes will be available at the Fort Davis Arts & Crafts Center.

Pat Garrett will conduct the lessons Mondays and Saturdays for four weeks. A fee will be charged. Reserve your space. Call 289-5104.

Art lessons

If you are interested in art lessons, the Fort Davis Arts & Crafts Center has weekly sessions on preparing the canvas and charcoal drawing.

The classes meet Fridays and Saturdays, respectively. Call 289-5104.

CURUNDU

Dance program

A modern dance and classical ballet and tap program is offered at the Curundu Theatre Arts Centre.

New sessions begin Aug. 28. Register now at Building 2060, Curundu.

Sessions for children and adults are available. Call 286-3152.



Music lessons

Learn how to play the piano or guitar. Classes are offered at the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre in Curundu. Voice lessons are also available.

Classes are scheduled after school or duty hours. Guitar students must bring their own instrument.

For more information call 286-3152. New classes begin Aug. 28, so register soon.

HOWARD AFB

Howard center offers variety of programs

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW-PA) -- Howard/Albrook Family Support Center has a variety of events scheduled for August. Reservations are required for all of the programs, and can be made by calling 284-5650 or dropping by Building 707 here.

Cross Culture Workshop -- Is it your first time overseas? Feeling stressed over the different language and customs? The workshop could ease your culture shock and lower your stress level. Come to the FSC conference room, Tuesday, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call for reservations.

SF-171 Workshop -- Interested in a job? Learn how to best present yourself on paper, Wednesday, by attending a class at FSC from 9 to 11 a.m.

The workshop provides guidelines for properly preparing the 171 job application form.

U.S. Citizenship -- Want to become a U.S. citizen? DOD personnel and family members who have bilingual cards are eligible to attend this five session course designed for people desiring to become naturalized citizens. The class will help those individuals preparing for the citizenship test. Classes are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, Aug. 22 through Sept. 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"You Asked For It" -- Join FSC for a relaxing day of fun and educational workshops, including Panamanian Cuisine, Interior Decorating, Space A Travel to South America and more. Make free child care reservations starting Aug. 23. The event takes place, Aug. 30, at the Zodiac Recreation Center from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.



Outdoor rec classes

The Howard Outdoor Recreation Section is currently offering the following classes on an on-going basis.

Water aerobic class -- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m.

Preschool swimming class -- 3 to 5 year olds, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 2 to 3 p.m.

Events being offered during August are:

Friday -- Discover scuba diving courses at Howard AFB pool, 6 p.m.

Aug. 21 -- Scuba diving classes start at the Howard Pool, 6 p.m.

All active duty and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are eligible to participate. A small fee will be charged for each of the events. For more information, call 284-3569 or 286-3555.

Zodiac classes

The Zodiac Recreation Center is currently offering the following classes:

Piano lessons from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday and Friday; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday.

Shotokan karate classes for children from 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday.

For adults from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday.

Tae kwon do martial arts classes for children from 6 to 7 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For adults from 8 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information call 284-6161 or 284-6109.

Tennis lessons

The Howard Youth Center has a volunteer tennis instructor for the summer, with scheduled hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information on tennis instruction times, call 284-4700.

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL

Free movies

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center is offering free movies for All Hands and dependents. The movies will be played at Crews' Lounge, Building 88, and MCSFCo classroom, Building 3005.

Two different features are shown each night, one at 7 p.m. and another at 9 p.m.

Boating class

A Boston Whaler class will be held Aug. 19. It's sponsored by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR. Sign up at building 65, MWR main office. For details call 283-5307.

Sailing courses

Sailing courses are being offered by the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR. Sign up at building 65. For information call 283-5307.

ALBROOK AFS

Aerobics

A ladies aerobics class is being offered from 9 to 10 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the Albrook Youth Center. The instructor is Brenda Carafaus, who conducts low impact classes at the center. For more information, call 286-3195/3618.

Scuba course

Tonight -- Discover scuba diving course at Albrook AFS pool, 6 p.m.

Monday -- Scuba diving classes at Albrook AFS pool, 6 p.m.

For more details call 286-3555.

FORT KOBBE

Education center

Starting Aug. 21 Fort Kobbe Education Center will offer a variety of classes. Some of the classes are:

Beginning Spanish, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

Intermediate Spanish, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

Spanish GED, Mondays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

Beginning typing, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.

Beginning Algebra, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.



COCOLI

Eating contest

How many chocolate chip cookies can you eat? Children 7-13 years old are invited to enter a Cookie Eating Contest Saturday at Cocoli Community Center at 2:30 p.m.

Match your appetite against others.

Recipe roundup

Cocoli Community Center will have a Recipe Roundup every third Friday of the month at 1 p.m. Join in Friday. Bring your favorite recipe to the get-together, with the finished product.

Enjoy everything from appetizers to main courses. Call 287-3010 for information.

Jazzercise class

A Jazzercise class will start off Aug. 29 at the Cocoli Community Center. Dance to favorite tunes and exercise.

Class meets Tuesday through Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. A minimal registration is required. Call 287-3010 for more information.

1/508th refines training during exercise at Amador

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Three hours and 45 minutes after midnight Friday a flight of helicopters screamed through the night sky toward Fort Amador.

The helicopters were loaded with airborne troops of Company B and the HHC's antitank platoon of the 1/508th Infantry Battalion (Airborne).

After touchdown the soldiers fanned out and began setting up positions. Laying in ditches, behind large tree roots and under other sources of cover, the soldiers quickly blended with the housing area.

While the infantrymen set up, the the HMMWV's equipped with anti-tank TOWs moved into positions near the officer's club and golf course.

"This exercise was to refine the soldiers training in the protection of civilians," said 1st Lt. Darin C. Blancett, S-1 officer for 1/508th.

"The men were excellent, highly motivated, and enthused," SFC Michael Addams, Company B's 3rd platoon sergeant said.

Within minutes the soldiers settled into place for the night waiting for dawn.

"Ten minutes from touchdown we were in place and set up," said Pvt. 2 Michael Redmon.

"At Fort Campbell, Ky., we did live fire exercises but nothing like this," added Redmon, who has been in country about two weeks.

With dawn, the soldiers were readjusted by their leaders for maximum concealment and the best fields of fire.

"If we had to do this again, the

training we get today would serve us well," said SSgt. Michael Meadows, a Company B squad leader. "It gives us a good perspective of where we would be at first and where we would deploy from there."

"We normally train in the jungle," Meadows said. "The challenges you face in urban combat are different from those in the jungle."

The training exercise acquainted soldiers with the area and assured

residents' security.

"I think the families feel more secure because we're here," said Pvt. 1 Paul Millan.

"The civilians know that we're here to protect them and we won't pull out until after they've been evacuated," added Meadows.

Fort Amador residents Jerry and Ann Leitner agreed.

"It makes me feel more secure. This and the evacuation exercise held

a few weeks ago makes me feel very safe," Mrs. Leitner said.

As the sun rose higher in the sky and midmorning approached the order to pack up and go back to post was received.

Once again everything was measured in minutes and seconds and before the hour was up Fort Amador was as peaceful as it was at a quarter to four that morning.



Soldiers of Company B prepare to board a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)

Soldiers march 25 miles for distinctive buckle

by SFC Marshall B. Wilkins

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO) - When soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment went on a 25-mile road march last month, the courage and determination required to complete the march proved to be a triumph of individual efforts.

Almost 70 2/9th Manchus and one USARSO soldier started the march which began at Fort Davis. The soldiers marched to Gatun Locks, crossed the locks and continued to Fort Sherman, and back to Fort Davis.

The road marchers were followed by an ambulance; and several medics marched along to help with any leg

cramps, foot problems or cases of dehydration which could occur along the way.

"We checked them for blisters and leg cramps during the breaks," said PFC Anthony Ross, one of the medics. "We told them to elevate

their feet so they wouldn't swell during the breaks."

The battalion NBC officer, 2nd Lt. Emile Sheehan said the unit prepared the soldiers by building up to the 25 miler. "We did a 6, a 9 and a 12 mile road march to build up endurance

and acclimatize ourselves.

"It (the 25 mile road march) was very challenging and more difficult than at Fort Ord. It was hotter than normal in Panama so we had to drink more water and change socks more often. It was a challenge to the leaders to keep their men motivated and drinking enough water," Sheehan said.

The Manchus used the buddy system during the long march. SSgt. Kenneth Carter buddied up with the lone USARSO soldier in the march, Capt. Jamie Conway, battalion S-1 for 29th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI). "We kept talking to each other and checking to to make sure neither one of us was dehydrated," Carter said.

"I didn't have any blisters or heat problems or suffer form dehydration," Conway said. "After being in Panama all this time I knew I had to drick a lot of water. Running to Dock 45 helped prepare me for this."

Even though the desire to obtain the coveted Manchu belt buckle was motivation to finish the march, the buckle wasn't the only benefit. "The buckle is something we're all very proud of but the real reward is the self confidence a new soldier in the unit gets from completing the march. This road march instills pride in new soldiers, it's one of the most courageous steps they can take," Sheehan said.

Conway who said she has been on training exercises with the 193rd Infantry Brigade and units in Germany said, "The Manchus are a different breed of soldier, and a professional breed of soldier. They're the way they are because of the leadership."



Rossi aims to better Army operations

by Cpl. J. Alan Warner

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - His day usually begins with a foot race from building 95 to building 519 and back with a mock M-16. Then he makes his first meeting of the day. When the meeting finishes, he returns to his office and a pile of paperwork and usually three or four officers who want to see him. As soon as he begins making headway on the paperwork, the telephone rings. His administrative assistants aren't at work yet, so he answers the phone.

Long days and even longer nights characterize Col. Arnold T. Rossi, the USARSO deputy commander, who has dedicated himself to helping the command run like a well-oiled machine. For nearly three years he has been dual-hatted, the chief of

staff and the deputy commander.

"Because of my dealings with people and the projects I've been working on, I've been mostly visible as the chief of staff," Rossi said. "When Col. Leonard Hardy arrived as the new chief of staff, I simply moved over and now concentrate on the job of deputy commander."

Rossi now directs his full attention to filling the job of deputy commander. Although he fills only one position now, he said he has less free time. As the deputy commander he has the opportunity to focus on USARSO operations and training.

"The deputy commander focuses more on the operating command side," Rossi explained. "The deputy ensures actions the commanding general wants are properly carried out. It's a more direct supervisory role of the command's operational

side."

As the full-time deputy commander, Rossi said his main goals are to carry out his duties and responsibilities with vigor and energy. He will also be working to better the quality of life in Panama.

"I'll try to get more of the major programs and initiatives that have been approved fully implemented into the SOUTHCOM system," Rossi said.

The major programs include the reorganization of USARSO and the Army Community of Excellence Program which is designed to improve the military community's quality of life.

"But my main effort will be to guide and assist operational and exercise matters which help USARSO and JTF-Panama play out their roles in SOUTHCOM's area of responsibility," Rossi said.

club calendar

Specials/Opening

Howard NCO Club - Mon., membership night, open at 5:30.
Naval Station O' Club - Fri. & Wed., 5-7 p.m., social hour; Mon. & Sun., mom's night out; membership appreciation night.
Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Tues., social hour, 4-6 p.m. Sat., grill sandwich bar, 8-10 p.m., Sun., 1-10:30 p.m.
Naval Station CPO Club - Fri. & Wed., social hour, 4-6 p.m.; Mon., closed.
Bamboo Inn - Mon. & Fri., social hour, 5-6 p.m.
Ft. Amador O' Club - Available for special events on Wed., Fri., & Sat. disco, 8-12 p.m.
Bayview Room & Waterfront Inn - Fri., happy hour, 4-6 p.m.
STRAC Club - Open Mon.-Thurs., 4:30-10 p.m.; Fri., 4:30-11:30 p.m.; Wed.-Fri., social hour with hot snacks, 4:30-6 p.m.; Fri., with DJ.; Sat., club open.
Clayton NCO Club - Fri., 4:30-8 p.m., social hour, free snacks.
Ft. Sherman Cadre Lounge - Sat., open 5-10 p.m. Enjoy the new variety disco program.
Ft. Sherman Community Club - Mon., Tues., Wed., club closed, available for special functions.
Davis Community Club - Fri., social hour, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Wed., Sr. NCO/Officers' lounge is open 5-10 p.m.; Thurs., 4:30 p.m.-midnight.
Davis Mountain Top Pub - Available for kiddie parties. Call 289-3506.
Espinar Community Club - Available for special functions and parties only. Call 289-5160.
Quarry Heights - Membership Open House - Fri., Aug. 11, entertainment, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, 5-7:30 p.m., \$5. for non-members, members free; available for special events and functions. Call 282-4380.

Dining

Howard O' Club - 6-9 p.m: Fri., prime rib/seafood; Sat., prime rib & shrimp; Sun. & Mon., closed; 6-8:30

p.m: Tues., 2 for 1 steak night; Wed., Mexican night; Thurs., Cajun night.
Howard NCO Club - Fri., surf & turf 5:30-9 p.m.; Sun., dining 5:30-8:30; Mon. closed; Tues., Mexican night; Wed.-Thurs.-& Sat., a la carte dining.

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

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

Naval Station CPO Club - Fri.-Sun.-Tues.-& Wed., a la carte dining; Sat., seafood platter; Mon., lasagna night; Thurs., sirloin steak.

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

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

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

Albrook O' Club - Fri. & Sat., 6-9 p.m., prime rib & seafood; Sun., dining room closed, try our new Lounge Menu; Mon. Mongolian BBQ; Tues., dining room closed, burgers in the bar 5:30-8:30 p.m.; 6-8:30 p.m: Wed., Mexican night; Thur., 2 for 1 steak night.

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

Red Door - Open every day.

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

Davis Community Club - Fri., international dining in the Caoba Cafe, Mexican night; Thurs., Mongolian BBQ, disco follows BBQ.
Davis Mountain Top Pub - Thurs.-Sun., pizza & chicken delivery 5-9:30 p.m.

Entertainment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Albrook O' Club - Fri., DJ, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sat., disco 9:30-1:30 a.m.; Sun., German Rosch during brunch; Tues., Oktoberfest '89, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Lunch

Howard O' Club - Mon.-Fri. 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Breakfast

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

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Mon.-Fri. 6:30-11:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Brunch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Games

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

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

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

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

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

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

notices

Education Admin.

Applications are open for an Education Program Instructor and college instructor at Soto-Cano Air Base, Honduras. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university is required; a master's degree is desirable. For information call 287-3773/3432.

Job opening

The Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications for Telephone Mechanic, MG-2502-11 located at 1109th Signal Brigade, Operations Division, Telephone Systems Branch, Corozal, Panama.

This is a full time permanent position. Incumbent of this position must be a U.S. citizen. Interested persons should submit a SF-171,

Application for Federal Employment, to Virginia Callan or Suzette Jordan, Civilian Personnel Office, Recruitment and Placement

Division, Building 560, Room 306, Corozal for call 285-4218.

Instructors needed

Central Texas College is accepting applications for full and part-time instructors in basic skills, high school subjects and MOS-related training.

MOS-related training requires a bachelor's degree and a current teaching certificate from an accredited U.S. school.

Call 287-3773 for information.

Tennis instructor job

The Albrook Youth Center is currently seeking a qualified tennis instructor. Interested persons should call 286-3618/3195.

Contract bids

The USARSO consolidated chaplains fund is now accepting bids for their non-personal service contracts for the upcoming fiscal year that will begin Oct.1. Questions should be directed to the Fund Manager, Chaplain (Maj.) Wayne Strohschein at 282-3771.

Family Services job

Family Services is looking for a motivated, dedicated, concerned individual that is willing to take on the commitment of being the assistant coordinator. This is a full time obligation with flexible hours.

In addition, positions for dedicated individuals willing to serve in a voluntary capacity as chairpersons for various programs and committees are open. The hours are flexible.

Child care will be paid for all positions.

Coordinated and staffed by volunteers, Family Services provides assistance to families who are relocating - whether to a newly assigned base or arriving to the area. Family Services has a loan closet, food closet, Layette Program, plane welcoming committee, pen pal program for kids, and brochure library of all worldwide Air Force bases.

Those individuals interested in applying for a position or learning more about Family Service

programs, can call Melodie Miller, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 284-3968/3963.

Management course

CPO will offer a Middle Management Institute course Aug. 22-25. The course will be held in the Command Training Facility, Building 6523, Corozal.

All eligible personnel interested in participating should submit a DD Form 1556 to the CPO Training and Development, Building 6523, Corozal by Wednesday. Telephone reservations are encouraged since spaces are limited.

For more information contact Leonard Wickham at 285-4453/-5462.

Finance class

The Checkbook Management Class will be held Monday at Building 801, Fort Kobbe. A class is also upcoming at Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton Aug. 29.

Classes meet from 9-11:30 a.m. Call 285-5556 to reserve your space.

notices

FAMILY

School registration

School starts August 24 for all DoDDS students. If your children are not already registered, including kindergarten, please contact the nearest school as soon as possible. Take travel orders or sponsorship letter and ID cards with you. A birth certificate will also be required for kindergarten registration.

Family Child Care

The Family Child Care program offers Saturday morning workshops once a month. Workshops are on topics of interest to anyone who deals with small children. The community is welcome to attend. Upcoming workshops are:

September 9, "Food labeling," 10 a.m.-noon, building 39, Fort Clayton.

For more information, contact Martha M. Purmalis at 287-3301/6810.

ACS classrooms

Army Community Services Family Member Employment Program is organizing classrooms for family members.

One classroom will be located in Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton and the second one will be at Cocoli Community Center. Classes for teenagers and military spouses will soon be starting.

Instruction will include typing and skills to perform in an office environment. Call 285-5658 to reserve space.

Child development

Hourly child care is now available at the Albrook Preschool. The program is designed to provide a recreational/educational program for children during the summer.

Instead of parents taking children shopping or to the doctor with them, take them to the preschool to play and learn.

Hot lunches and snacks are served every day. For more information, call 286-3133.

Part-day program

The CRD Part-Day Program will conduct registration for the upcoming school year Thursday. The sign-ups will take place at Building 156, Fort Clayton from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bring the sponsor's I.D. card, child's I.D. card or birth certificate, and the child's shot record. The preschool program is based on the concept of developmental programming which provides experiences to promote growth in all areas of a child's development.

Your child will learn through exploration and interaction with adults, other children, and materials, which are designed to enhance a child's self-esteem and positive feelings about learning.

A registration fee will be charged. Spaces are limited. For more information call 287-5507/5104.

CDS part-day

Child Development Services is accepting applications for teachers and teacher's aides for the Part-day Preschool program at Fort Sherman and Margarita Complex.

Applicants should have an associate's degree and some

professional child care experience. Aides need to have at least a high school diploma and also have some experience working with children.

Applications are being accepted at Margarita Complex in room 28 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information contact Cynthia Johnson at 289-4511.

Margarita CDS

Child Development Service's part day pre-school program registration is continuing at building 8351, Margarita. There are openings in the 2½ year old class which is held Tuesdays and Thursdays; the 3 year old class, Monday through Friday; and the 4 year old class Monday through Friday. All classes are held from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. For additional information call 289-4511/4898.

Farfan Pool

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Farfan swimming pool has finished renovations and is now open. Hours are Mondays through Fridays 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the pool will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 283-5307 or 284-4252.

Howard CDC

The Howard Child Development Center still has a few weekly slots available at the low rate of \$20 per week. In addition, anyone interested in having this weekly rate made available at Albrook, for 2 1/2 to 10 year olds, should contact the child development center at 284-6135. If there is enough interest, the hours will be extended and weekly care will be made available at the Albrook Preschool.

This program is designed with the working parent in mind. Included in the low rate are all meals, up to five days of care, arts and crafts and cooking experiences.

For more information, call 284-6135.

Preschool program

Child Development Services, Part-Day Preschool Program announces a new Enrichment Program for children ages 3-5 years.

This program is designed to enhance a child's development in areas of science, art, spanish cultural awareness, fine and gross motor skills, pre-math concepts, language/pre-reading, and music/auditory perception.

The program will concentrate on one or two developmental areas a month. Parents can enroll their child for one or all the months. Children attending the morning session of preschool will be provided transitional care between programs.

September's theme will be "Developmental Science." Children will be provided hands-on experiences with water, sand, soil, seeds, magnets, tools, insects, wind, wheels, planes, pulleys, smelling, tasting, seeing an egg grow into a live baby chick and much more.

Registration for this program will be held Aug. 28-29 from 1-3 p.m. at Building 156, Fort Clayton. For information call 287-5507.

Albrook Thrift Shop

The Albrook Thrift Shop is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday and Thursday. Consignments are welcome.

Address updates

The DODDS staff is updating files on current addresses and phone numbers of students. The data contained in these files is an important source of information on local dependents and is used for emergency contacts when they become necessary.

If your family is new to the Panama area or if you have recently changed your address or telephone number, please notify your child's school immediately so that files can be updated. If you have questions, call Mr. Hunnicut or Ms. Cruz at 286-3908/3862.

CDS free meals

Child Development Services Atlantic and Pacific communities are offering free meals and snacks for the hourly care programs.

Parents no longer are required to pay for meals and snacks at Child Development Centers located at Building 39, Fort Clayton and Building 8351, Margarita.

If you have any questions, contact the CDS nutritionist, Elsa Atencio, at 287-5657 or 87-6812.

Orientation night

The CDS Part-Day Program at Fort Clayton will be offering an orientation night for parents Aug. 31, from 7-8 p.m.

During this time, parents will be able to meet their child's teacher and become familiar with the school policies and procedures, as well as address any questions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *If you've recently had an addition to your family and would like the birth announcement published in the Tropic Times, please provide us with the necessary information and mail it to: Tropic Times, APO 34002. Pictures may also be included, but will become the property of the Tropic Times. Also, include your name, rank, SSN and phone number.*

Athletics physicals

All students planning to participate in DODDS Interscholastic Athletic Program must have a physical exam

Workshops to note Women's Equality Day

A week-long series of workshops on issues of interest to women will be held Aug. 21-25 to commemorate Women's Equality Day.

Aug. 21 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Leadership and Supervisory Skills for Women. Instructor: Dr. Donna Watson of National Seminars

8 a.m.-noon — Enhancing Your Professional Image. Instructor: Prudencia Martinez

1-4:15 p.m. — Coping Lifestyles. Instructor: Sandra Wallace Brunner

Aug. 22 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Powerful Communication Skills For Women. Instructor: Dr. Donna Watson.

8:30-11:30 a.m. — Organization Politics, PT. 1: Building the Boss/Subordinate Role. Instructor: Lucia Acevedo.

1-4 p.m. — Organization Politics, PT. 2: Mentors and Mentoring. Instructor: Pat Picard-Ami

Aug. 23 (Pacific community) 8-11 a.m. — How To Be A Total Woman Until You Are 90 And Beyond. Instructor: Dr. Rosa Crespo de Britton

Aug. 23 (Atlantic community) 9

before they begin practice. Exams for the coming school year will be given at Balboa High School, Tuesday and Wednesday between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All students who have not had a physical exam after December 1, 1988, should plan to have their exam at this time. Students are to pick up a packet of forms from the Balboa High School or Curundu Jr. High School office prior to the exam and have parents sign the Sports Permission and Evaluation Form (2740). For more information call Balboa High School at 252-7896.

Coco Solo Clinic

Coco Solo Army Health Clinic is in need of volunteers to fill various positions.

Five clerical positions in supply, pharmacy and records need to be filled. There is also a position working with a registered nurse.

The clinic also needs volunteers to work as a geriatric assistant and in the obstetrics and gynecology clinic. Nursing experience is helpful in these positions. For more information about these positions or to volunteer contact the Red Cross at 289-4288 Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Advisory Council

The Joint Exchange/Commissary Advisory Council will hold its quarterly meeting at the Valent Recreation Center from 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, in room 2. All members and unit representatives are urged to attend.

Flea markets

Youth Services reminds everyone of its upcoming flea market Aug. 26.

Persons interested in participating are invited to make advance arrangements by calling 287-4408/6451 or 282-4810.

The flea market is held at the Curundu Jr. High School cafeteria beginning at 8 a.m.

A flea market and used car exhibit, sponsored by IAIFA, will be held Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, at the Howard AFB theater and parking lot.

Workshops to note Women's Equality Day

a.m.-4 p.m. — Success Skills For Administrative and Support Personnel. Instructor: Dr. Donna Watson. Location: Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis.

9 a.m.-noon — Enhancing Your Professional Image. Instructor: Prudencia Martinez. Location: Community Club Ballroom, Fort Davis.

Aug. 24 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — How To Handle Difficult People. Instructor: Dr. Donna Watson

9-11 a.m. — What You Should Know About Position Classification. Instructor: Lyle Wickham.

Aug. 25 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Success Skills For Administrative and Support People. Instructor: Dr. Donna Watson.

Anyone interested in attending the workshops should submit a DD Form 1556 through their organization's training coordinator to CPO, Training and Development Division, Building 6523, Corozal no later than Aug. 16. For further information contact Michele Melant, 285-5462, or Tanis Smythe, 285-4111.

tv guide

Saturday

7:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
7:30 Just For Kids!
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
Huckleberry Hound & Friends
Denver
Jem
Alvin & The Chipmunks
Nickelodeon Movie... "Yogi Bear and The Invasion Of The Space Bears." (95 min.)
11:30 America's Top 10
Noon CNN Headline News
12:30 p.m. The Untouchables
1:25 Motor Week
1:55 Community Bulletin
2:00 NBC Major League Baseball
5:00 WWF Superstars Of Wrestling
5:45 CNN Headline Newsbreak
6:00 Wheel of Fortune
6:25 Star Search
7:15 Primetime Live (series begins)
8:15 SCN Saturday Night Movie... "Attack On Terror: The FBI vs. The Ku Klux Klan." Part 1 (mature theme) (98 min.)
Community Bulletin
10:00 CNN Headline News
10:30 Saturday Night's Main Event
12:00 Videolink
1:00 a.m. SCN All Night Movies... "The Duchess And The Dirtwater Fox." (mature theme) (107 min.)
3:00 SCN All Night Movies... "Taste The Blood Of Dracula." (95 min.)
4:50 Austin City Limits
5:25 A New Beginning

Sunday

6:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
6:30 Christopher Closeup
7:00 Hour Of Power
7:55 Community Bulletin
8:00 CBS Sunday Morning
9:30 Ebony/Jet Showcase
10:00 Meet The Press
10:30 This Week With David Brinkley
11:30 CNN Headline News
Noon Country Clips
1:00 p.m. American Race Series
2:00 This Week On Pit Road
2:30 International Pro Bodyboard Championship
4:00 SCN Matinee Movie... "Finian's Rainbow." (141 min.)
5:20 Coming Next Week — Long Ago.
5:55 Community Bulletin
6:00 CNN Headline News
6:30 Little House On The Prairie
7:15 Married With Children
7:45 SCN Sunday Night Movie... "Attack On Terror: The FBI vs. The Ku Klux Klan." Part 2 (mature theme) (97 min.)
9:28 Community Bulletin
9:30 CNN Headline News
10:00 Entertainment This Week

Monday

5:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
5:30 NBC At Sunrise
6:00 NBC Today Show
8:00 Morning Stretch
8:25 Sesame Street
9:25 Size Small Island
9:50 Frugal Gourmet
10:15 CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30 USA Today - TV
11:00 Classic Concentration
11:30 Fight Back
11:55 Community Bulletin
Noon CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m. SCN Midday Report
12:30 Sports Machine
1:00 Another World
2:00 Oprah Winfrey...Alaskan Men Looking For Brides.
2:50 Star Trek
3:40 CNN Newsbreak
3:55 Square One
4:25 Guiding Light
5:10 General Hospital
5:55 Community Bulletin
6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 ABC World News
7:00 Jeopardy
7:30 Head Of The Class
8:00 Sixty Minutes
9:00 The Tracey Ullman Show (mature theme)
9:25 Community Bulletin
9:30 NBC Nightly News
10:00 Entertainment Tonight
10:30 NBC Tonight Show
11:30 Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m. Nightline

1:00 AFRTS Overnight

Tuesday

5:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
5:30 NBC At Sunrise
6:00 NBC Today Show
8:00 Morning Stretch
8:25 The Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers
8:50 The Roadrunner Show
9:15 Trapper John
10:15 CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30 USA Today - TV
11:00 Classic Concentration
11:30 Guinness World Records
11:55 Community Bulletin
Noon CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m. SCN Midday Report
12:30 CNN Sports Tonight
1:00 Another World
2:00 Donahue...Kids Who Shoot to Kill. (mature theme)
2:50 Star Trek
3:40 CNN Headline Newsbreak
3:55 3-2-1 Contact
4:25 Guiding Light
5:10 General Hospital
5:55 Community Bulletin
6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 ABC World News Tonight
7:00 Jeopardy
7:30 Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
8:30 St. Elsewhere
9:25 Community Bulletin
9:30 NBC Nightly News
10:00 Entertainment Tonight
10:30 NBC Tonight Show
11:30 Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m. Nightline
1:00 AFRTS Overnight

Wednesday

5:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
5:30 NBC At Sunrise
6:00 NBC Today Show
8:00 Morning Stretch
8:25 Sesame Street
9:25 The Berenstain Bears
9:50 Secret City
10:15 CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30 USA Today - TV
11:00 Classic Concentration
11:30 Barney Miller
11:55 Community Bulletin
Noon CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m. SCN Midday Report
12:30 CNN Sports Tonight
1:00 Another World
2:00 Oprah Winfrey...When The Wife Meet The Other Woman. (mature theme)
2:50 Star Trek
3:40 CNN Headline Newsbreak
3:55 Soapbox With Tom Cottle
4:25 Guiding Light
5:10 General Hospital
5:55 Community Bulletin
6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 ABC World News Tonight
7:00 Jeopardy
7:25 Just The 10 Of Us
7:50 SCN Wednesday Night Movie... "Right To Die." (100 min.)
9:30 NBC Nightly News
10:00 Entertainment Tonight
10:30 NBC Tonight Show
11:30 Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m. Nightline
1:00 AFRTS Overnight

Thursday

5:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
5:30 NBC At Sunrise
6:00 NBC Today Show
8:00 Morning Stretch
8:25 The Woody Woodpecker
8:50 The Flintstone Kids
9:15 The Love Boat
10:15 CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30 USA Today - TV
11:00 Classic Concentration
11:30 Ask Dr. Ruth (mature theme)
11:55 Community Bulletin
Noon CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m. SCN Midday Report
12:30 CNN Sport Latenight
1:00 Another World
2:00 Donahue...Dating Contracts. (mature theme)
2:50 Star Trek
3:40 Community Bulletin
3:45 CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00 Mr. Wizard's World

4:25 Guiding Light
5:10 General Hospital
5:55 Community Bulletin
6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 ABC World News Tonight
7:00 Jeopardy
7:25 Mr. Belvedere
7:50 Growing Pains
8:15 Murphy Brown
8:40 Cover-Up
9:29 Community Bulletin
9:30 NBC Nightly News
10:00 Entertainment Tonight
10:30 NBC Tonight Show
11:30 Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m. Nightline
1:00 AFRTS Overnight

Friday

5:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
5:30 NBC At Sunrise
6:00 NBC Today Show
8:00 Morning Stretch
8:25 Pac Man
8:50 Mork & Mindy
9:20 Incredible Hulk
10:15 CNN Headline Newsbreak
10:30 USA Today - TV
11:00 Classic Concentration
11:30 Alice
11:55 Community Bulletin
Noon CNN Headline News
12:20 p.m. SCN Midday Report
12:30 CNN Sports Latenight
1:00 Another World
2:10 Oprah Winfrey...Confrontation. (mature theme)
2:50 Star Trek
3:40 CNN Headline Newsbreak
3:55 Degraasi Junior High
4:25 Guiding Light
5:10 General Hospital
5:55 Community Bulletin
6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 ABC World News Tonight
7:00 Jeopardy
7:25 227
7:50 Magnum P.I.
8:40 Miami Vice
9:30 NBC Nightly News
10:00 Entertainment Tonight
10:30 NBC Tonight Show
11:30 Late Night With David Letterman
12:30 a.m. Nightline
1:00 SCN All Night Movie... "Attack On Terror: The FBI vs. The Ku Klux Klan." (mature theme) (195 min.)
2:40 SCN All Night Movies... "Finian's Rainbow." (141 min.)

Movies On SCN-TV

"Attack On Terror — The FBI vs. The Ku Klux Klan." A dramatization of the true story of the death of three young Civil Rights workers in Mississippi and the investigation by the FBI. Stars George Grizzard, Rip Torn, Dabney Coleman and Wayne Rogers.

"Right To Die." A mother stricken with Lou Dehrig's Disease in this fact-based TV movie about a woman affected by a disease that paralyzes before it kills. As her condition worsens she asks her husband to help her die. Stars Raquel Welch, and Michael Gross.

"Yogi Bear and The Invasion Of The Space Bears." While Ranger Smith enjoys a nice quiet summer without Yogi, Yogi and Boo Boo have been whisked off by aliens to be depicted for an invasion of Earth.

"The Duchess And The Dirtwater Fox." Amanda Quaid, a San Francisco saloon singer-hooker scheming to escape her lot in life, becomes involved with Charlie Malloy, a card shark who has stolen \$40,000 from the bankrobbing Bloodworth gang. Stars Goldie Hawn and George Segal.

"Taste The Blood Of Dracula." Dracula's disciple induces three "respectable" men to release the Count by holding a Black Mass after which Dracula takes vengeance upon their children for killing his disciple. Stars Christopher Lee.

"Finian's Rainbow." A leprechaun, Og, follows an Irish visionary Brian McLonergan and his daughter Sharon and a pot of gold to the United States. Stars Tommy Steele, Fred Astaire, Petula Clark and Keenan Wynn.

Specials On SCN-TV

"Primetime Live." This new ABC, Dianne Sawyer/Sam Donaldson news programs takes an in-depth look at the issues of the day and reports on stories of interest in America today.

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Maria Shriver, Mary Alice Williams and Chuck Scarborough join the SCN line-up. "Denver, The Last Dinosaur." A new series starts with a longer special first episode in which four boys find Denver, the Dinosaur, while visiting the La Bres Tar Pits.

health news

Bicarbonate causes metabolism disruptions

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A treatment routinely given to heart attack victims since the 1920s has been shown to do more harm than good to the patient, researchers reported last week.

In the first controlled human study to show adverse effects of sodium bicarbonate — commonly known as baking soda — scientists found that 'probably in most cases it has made things worse.'

"People who survived cardiac arrest probably did so despite the bicarbonate," the University of California, San Francisco, researchers write in the July issue of the American Journal of Medicine.

Heart attacks — the leading killer of Americans — caused 524,100 deaths in 1986 and are expected to strike 1.5 million Americans this year, according to the American Heart Association.

Sodium bicarbonate has been routinely administered to almost all cardiac arrest patients for more than 70 years, noted Dr. Allen Arieff, UCSF professor of medicine and chief of geriatrics research at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

"We found bicarbonate injection caused brief disruptions in the metabolism of heart disease patients," he said.

"Although its merit never was proved, bicarbonate injected by vein has been used over the years to combat lactic acidosis, a condition in which lactic acid accumulates in the blood and poisons the body by upsetting its delicate acid base balance."

Normally, the liver breaks down lactic acid — a natural product of metabolism, Arieff said. During a heart attack or cardiac arrest, however, the liver receives too little blood and slows down, causing the blood acid level to go up.

In the study, 10 volunteers with severe heart disease were to undergo diagnostic tests with cardiac catheters — small tubes — threaded through a blood vessel into the heart to reveal abnormal heart function.

The researchers first injected into the patients' veins a small amount of either saline — salt water — or sodium bicarbonate. Then, they obtained blood samples to determine coronary blood flow, oxygen use and lactic acid levels.

Patients administered the saline showed no adverse effects, but in all those getting bicarbonate the blood flow decreased, the body's use of oxygen fell 25 percent, the heart's oxygen use dropped some 20 percent and lactic acid blood levels rose. All these effects lasted no longer than two hours.

"A healthy person, and even patients with heart disease, can tolerate such brief changes," Arieff said.

"But the people we looked at are dreadfully ill, and their hearts already are working as hard as they can to supply normal amounts of oxygen. In an emergency, during a heart attack or cardiac arrest, bicarbonate might push them over the brink."

Scientists do not know why sodium bicarbonate produces such

effects, although preliminary studies suggest it may cause hemoglobin — the red blood cell pigment that carries oxygen — to tighten its hold on oxygen normally released to fuel the body's machinery.

In earlier studies, the scientists found animals with lactic acidosis were more likely to die after bicarbonate injections than animals getting no treatment. In fact, they

found bicarbonate actually worsened heart and liver function and increased lactic acid levels.

The debate over bicarbonate continues, although, increasingly, physicians tend to view it as harmful, Arieff said.

Arieff and his team are studying other drugs that may successfully combat lactic acidosis without dangerous side effects.

Leukemia, bone marrow cancer life-threatening time bomb

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (IMTS) — Chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) is like a ticking time bomb.

This type of bone marrow cancer will eventually kill nearly all 13,000 persons in the U.S. diagnosed with it this year unless their bone marrow can be completely replaced. (The bone marrow is the site of blood cell production.)

Whereas physicians have long believed that only bone marrow donation from a sibling would enable the patient to avoid a life-threatening immune reaction, researchers at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis now report findings confirming what cancer researchers have in recent years suspected — that bone marrow from nonfamilial donors can be transplanted successfully into CML patients, provided the donors' cells are carefully screened for critical markers.

Philip McGlave and his

colleagues, in the largest trial so far, found only a 10 percent rate of graft failure in nonfamilial bone marrow transplants they performed on 142 CML patients between April 1985, and October 1988; that rate is equal to that seen in transplants performed using sibling marrow.

The ability to use nonsibling marrow "should greatly increase the availability of this curative procedure," according to McGlave, and may be promising in the treatment of other bone marrow abnormalities, including some types of anemia.

He added that the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, recently created with Congressional funding and including more than 35,000 potential bone marrow donors in its registry, aims to attract 100,000 U.S. donors and to set up computer-linked marrow compatibility databases worldwide.

Scientists learn about how smoking affects children's health

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (UPI) — Cotinine, a byproduct of nicotine that can be measured in children, will help scientists learn more about how passive smoking affects children's health, researchers said.

Smoking indoors

Research conducted at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine shows the amount of cigarette smoke in homes with children corresponds to the amount of cotinine in their urine, Dr. Frederick W. Henderson said last week.

Results of the study are scheduled to appear in the American Review of Respiratory Diseases.

Effects of smoke

"The goal of our study was to find out whether cotinine measurements are good quantitative indicators of the amount of passive smoking a child is doing," said Henderson, the principal investigator in the research.

Children who are regularly exposed to adults' tobacco smoke have significantly higher rates than other youngsters of chest illnesses like bronchitis and pneumonia and of symptoms like wheezing.

Tobacco smoking

Those who breathe tobacco smoke also have slightly lower average levels of lung function, slower rates of lung function growth and more middle ear infections, the research shows.

Henderson and his colleagues studied 27 preschool children. Among the study group were 12 children who were not exposed to

smoke in their homes and 18 whose parents smoked regularly.

For their study, the scientists

monitored levels of nicotine in the children's homes and compared those levels with the amount of

cotinine in the children's urine.

"We found that 12 of the 15 exposed children regularly had levels of cotinine that were substantially higher than the 12 children who were not exposed," Henderson said.

Urine analysis

"We also found that there is a significant correlation between the amount of nicotine in the air in the homes where parents smoked and the amount of cotinine in the exposed children's urine.

After analyzing the urine once a week for four weeks, the group also found that levels of cotinine remained constant over time.

Toxic components

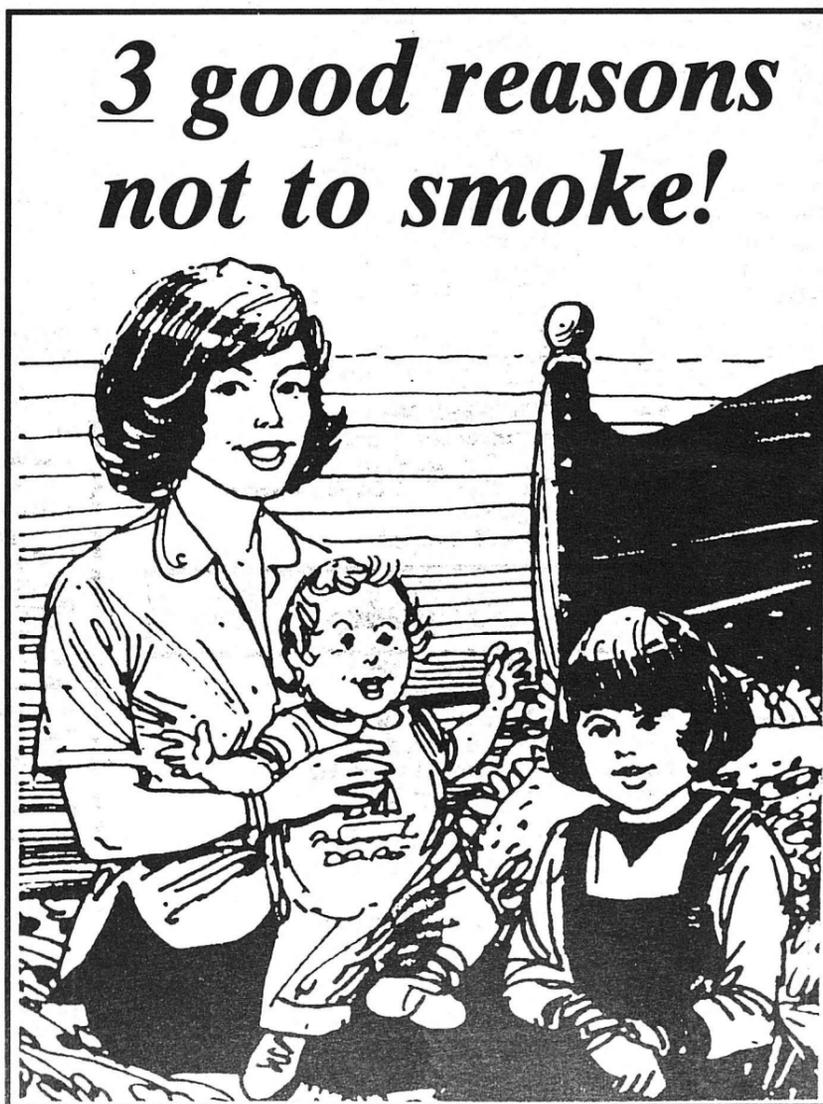
"That means cotinine can give us a reliable picture of what is going on over the long haul and will be a useful measurement in future epidemiological studies of the health effects of passive smoking," Henderson said.

Cotinine is not known to be a health hazard in itself, the pediatrician said, but is an accurate reflection of exposure to the many toxic components of tobacco smoke.

Health effects

"Giving up smoking is not only a good thing to do for your own personal health, it's also a very reasonable thing to do for the health of your children, especially those who already show symptoms of chest trouble," Henderson said.

"We think that parents who cannot stop at least ought to go outside when they smoke and not do it in automobiles when children or others are present."



Looking for a job? Check this page

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

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

1. Promotion from among current Department of the Army NAF employees;
2. Reemployment of a NAF employee from the NAF priority list resulting from a Reduction-in-Force (RIF);
3. Reinstatement of a DOD NAF employee whose separation was not for cause;
4. Reemployment of former NAF employees;
5. Appointment from among

applicants who submit DA Form 3433, Application for Nonappropriated Fund Employment, in response to position vacancy announcements listed on NAF Promotion Bulletin and Vacancy Listings.

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

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

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

Applications received under announcements for existing vacancies must be received by 4 p.m. on the closing date of the vacancies listed below.

NM-0188-05, Recreation Assistant, \$5.64 per hour, intermittent on-call, DPCA, CFA,

CRD, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Boat Shop, Fort Clayton. (One vacancy). Announcement closes August 23.

NM-0188-06, Recreation Specialist, \$8.41 per hour, temporary part time not to exceed one year, DPCA, CFA, FSD, Youth Services, Fort Clayton. (One vacancy). Announcement closes August 23.

Army has opening for phone mechanic

COROZAL (CPO) — The Army CPO is accepting applications for a telephone mechanic, MG-2502-11 located at 1109th Signal Brigade, operations division, telephone systems branch, Corozal, Panama. This is a full time permanent position. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and should submit an SF-171, Application for Federal Employment, to Virginia Callan or Suzette Jordan, Civilian Personnel Office, Recruitment and Placement Division, Building 560, Room 306, Corozal. For more information, call 285-4218.

The mid-level examination at the Central Examining Office in Ancon is open for receipt of applications for the following categories:

018 Safety & Occupational Health

- Management
- 050 Funeral Directing
- 101 Social Science Program Specialist
- 180 Psychology (2)
- 669 Medical Record Librarian
- 967 Passport & Visa Examining (U.S.)
- 1040 Language Specialist/Translator/Interpreter (U.S.)
- 1102 Contract & Procurement (U.S.)
- 1340 Meteorology (U.S.)
- 1670 Equipment Specialist



CPO position vacancies

Who can submit applications for permanent positions: Current civilian employees of: the U.S. Army South and the Army serviced activities, U.S. Government agencies in the Panama Canal area, qualified reinstatement eligibles (those persons who previously have worked for the U.S. government on a permanent basis), U.S. government employees in the Panama area in a leave without pay status. Candidates with applications in the CPO applicant supply file will be considered for appropriate vacancies.

Who can submit applications for temporary vacancies: For clerical positions — only those applicants who have taken the appropriate examination and have notice of rating. For positions, usually above the NM-05 level, non-clerical applicants need have taken an examination. For sensitive position requiring security clearance, applications will be accepted from U.S. citizens.

How to apply: Applicants must submit application to the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 560, Room 306, Corozal, by the close of business on the closing date of the announcement. Employees located in the Atlantic community must submit applications to the Civilian Personnel representative at Ft. Davis, by 4 p.m. on Tuesday of the closing date of the announcement.

The following must be submitted by all interested applicants: 1. Standard Form 171, Personal Qualification Statement. 2. Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action showing your current status. 3. USARSO Form 106, application for consideration or, in lieu of USARSO Form 106 — you may submit: A. a current or your latest performance appraisal, and B. your supplement qualifications addressing knowledges, skills and abilities (KSAs) described under job related criteria in this announcement. The information provided in the SF-171 is used for qualifications determination only. The information you provide on the job related criteria determines if you are highly qualified and ultimately referred for consideration to the selecting official. Remember: in job related criteria tell what, when, where, how, how long and with what results you acquired the knowledge, skill, or ability.

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

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

PERMANENT POSITIONS AND LOCATION	VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT		EXP REQ	GEN SPEC	TIME-IN-GRADE	1 YR AT:
	OPEN	CLOSE DATE				
(2)CLERK, NM-303-2 41ST AREA SUPPORT GROUP (PROV) DOS, SERVICES DIV., LAUNDRY BR., CURUNDU, PANAMA JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. SERVICE ORDER CLERK, NM-303-4 BILINGUAL DEH, ERMD/WR&S BR., COROZAL, PANAMA	08-11-89	08-22-89	3 MOS.	N/A	N/A	N/A
	499-89					
	500-89		1 YR.	N/A	N/A	N/A

(ROTATING SHIFTS - DAY, EVENING AND WEEKEND SHIFTS ON A ROTATING BASIS BETWEEN THE HOURS 0600 AND 1430 TO 2300).

JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. NURSING ASSISTANT, NM-621-4 SHIFT WORK USA MEDDAC-PANAMA, GORGAS ARMY HOSPITAL, DEPT. OF NURSING, WARD 4, ANCON, PANAMA	501-89	6 MOS.	6 MOS.	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. NURSING ASSISTANT, NM-621-4 SHIFT WORK USA MEDDAC-PANAMA, GORGAS ARMY HOSPITAL, DEPT. OF NURSING, WARD 6, ANCON, PANAMA	502-89	6 MOS.	6 MOS.	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. LAUNDRY MACHINE OPERATOR PMN. MS-7305-4 41ST AREA SUPPORT GROUP DOS, SERVICES DIV., LAUNDRY DRY CLEANING BR., CURUNDU, PANAMA	503-89	N/A	1 YR. AT MG-7305-5	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Ability to supervise. 2. Ability to communicate orally and in writing. NURSING ASSISTANT, NM-621-5 USA MEDDAC-PANAMA DEPT. OF NURSING, MIX MEDICAL WARD, GORGAS ARMY HOSPITAL, ANCON, PANAMA	504-89	N/A	1 YR. EQUIV. NM-4	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Knowledge of nursing theories and principles. 2. Ability to document the nursing process. 3. Skill in performance of technical procedures (e.g., tracheostomy/colostomy care, bladder catheterization, etc.) COMPUTER ASSISTANT, NM-335-5 SENSITIVE DPCA, MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION AUTOMATION SECTION, FT. CLAYTON	505-89	-	1 YR. AT NM-4	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. RANGE OPERATIONS ASST., NM-303-5 SENSITIVE, DRIVER'S LICENSE REQD. DSPO, RANGE DIV., COROZAL, PANAMA	506-89	-	1 YR. EQUIV. NM-4	N/A
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. INTEL ASSIST (TYP), NM-134-6 SENSITIVE-QUALIFIED TYPIST REQD 470TH MI BDE, TEAM AF RES MGT SEC. COROZAL, PANAMA	507-89	-	1 YR. EQUIV. NM-5	NM-5
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. BUDGET ASSISTANT, NM-561-7 SENSITIVE, HQ, USSOUTHCOM OFC OF THE COMPTROLLER FT. AMADOR, PANAMA	508-89	-	1 YR. AT NM-5	NM-5
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST, NM-647-7, DEVELOPMENTAL TO NM-8 USA MEDDAC, DEPT. OF RADIOLOGY, GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, ANCON, PANAMA	509-89	-	1 YR. EQUIV. NM-6	NM-6
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. BUDGET ANALYST, NM-560-9 DRM, INSTALLATION BUDGET DIV BLDG. 95, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA	510-89	N/A	1 YR. AT NM-7	NM-7
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Knowledge of the planning, programming, budgeting systems (PPBES). 2. Ability to work with multiappropriation programs. 3. Ability to interrelate funding requirements with program accomplishment. 4. Ability to review resource utilization and recommend changes in allocation. OPERATIONS RESEARCH ANALYST, NM-1515-14 SENSITIVE HQ USSOUTHCOM, RES & ANALYSIS DIV. QUARRY HTS., PANAMA	520-89	4 YRS.	3	NM-13
JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Knowledge of military force structures, responsibilities and interactions. 2. Knowledge of wargaming, combat simulation and modeling. 3. Knowledge of computer software development related to combat simulations. 4. Ability to plan, organize and assign tasks to a varied professional staff. NOTE: VB# 490-89, SECRETARY (TYPING), NM-318-7 IS CORRECTED TO READ: US ARMY SOUTH, DCSLOG, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA AND ALSO TO DELETE RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS & VISITORS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.				

military news

Higgins' wife: 'Not time for bitterness'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Maj. Robin Higgins, dressed in her Marine uniform, stood ramrod straight and with a firm voice advised against anger or recrimination for the slaying of her husband, Lt. Col. William Richard Higgins, in Lebanon.

With true esprit de corps, Mrs. Higgins appealed for "calm reflection" and said she will pray for President Bush "as he tries to save the living and end the suffering" of the other American and Western hostages in Lebanon.

"Yesterday afternoon, the commandant of the Marine Corps, General (Al) Gray, advised me of the

virtual certainty that my husband, Colonel Rich Higgins, is dead," the 37-year-old Mrs. Higgins said this week.

It was her first public acknowledgment that the ash-faced figure seen hanging by a rope from a gallows in a videotape produced by pro-Iranian Moslem extremists in Beirut was her husband.

Higgins, 44, part of a U.N. peace-keeping force, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon in February 1988. He was one of nine Americans believed held in Beirut by Moslem paramilitary groups.

Shiite Moslem kidnappers in Beirut claimed on July 31 they had

hanged Higgins when Israel refused to release a Moslem cleric abducted by Israel three days earlier. They released a video showing a hanged man, who FBI analysts determined, was Higgins.

"Rich went to Lebanon in the service of the United Nations because he believed he could be useful, that he could help, and that he was needed," Mrs. Higgins told Pentagon reporters, reading from a statement she drafted herself.

"He always had a need to fulfill a destiny. He wrote in his high school yearbook his goal was 'to always make my family proud of me.' He succeeded," said Mrs. Higgins, a

public affairs officer at the Pentagon.

"Now is not the time for anger and bitterness, for recriminations and blame," she said. "Now is the time for calm reflection, for kind thoughts of the man who has brought us together. Now is the time to tell Rich Higgins that we love him and miss him."

Mrs. Higgins, wearing her tan and dark green Marine uniform, was composed and kept her voice firm as she read the one-page statement to reporters.

Earlier Tuesday, the Pentagon agreed with the FBI analysis that there is a "high probability" Higgins was killed by his Moslem captors in Lebanon, but shied away from a stronger declaration of presumed death.

Defense Department spokesman Pete Williams said the "official position" of the department is the same as that of the FBI: "The person on the videotape is dead. There is, I think, a high probability — or however the FBI phrased it — that it is Colonel Higgins.

"But beyond that," Williams said, "the department is going no further than what the FBI statement said."

He added that a declaration of death or presumed death raises questions — "the status of pay, retirement benefits, whether and what time it would be appropriate to have a memorial service" — and that those questions are currently being studied by Pentagon officials.

Williams also said there has been no progress on recovering Higgins' body.



GREAT HALL PATROL — Troops patrol in front of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing under the continuing martial law in the Chinese capital. The area remains closed even to pedestrians. (AP Laserphoto)

U.S. Air Force appoints first woman test pilot

EDWARDS AFB, CALIF. (AFNS) — Capt. Jacquelyn S. Parker, a former flight instructor on the T-38 trainer and C-141 transport aircraft, is the first female test pilot in the Air Force.

The native of Wilmington, Del., was one of 25 pilots, flight engineers and navigators to graduate from the Air Force test pilot school June 10.

The school trains highly experienced personnel how to carry out and manage test and evaluation programs on experimental, research and prototype aircraft and related systems.

Parker will be a test pilot with the 4950th Test Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Many test programs involving large multi-engine aircraft are carried out by the 4950th.

"There a lot of interesting test projects there and I know I'll be busy," said Parker, who has been in the Air Force since June 1980.

"Ideally, I'd like to spend a couple of years at Wright-Patterson, then return to Edwards and work on the new C-17 tactical transport program that will be coming along then."

The captain said she is proud of being the first female test pilot in the Air Force, but stressed she was chosen to attend the Test Pilot School for her experience and background, not because she is female.

"You can erase my name, along with many others who were in the class, and there's very little difference in our backgrounds," she explained. "Women are now getting the

experience and education they need to get the more exciting programs. I believe we have a lot to offer these programs."

Parker served as a C-141 transport pilot with the 76th Military Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C., before entering the test pilot school last year.

Parker said the test pilot school offers "a very intense and demanding program.

"Now I'm looking forward to putting it to use testing airplanes and, hopefully, someday, fly the space shuttle."

To be eligible for test pilot school, pilots need a minimum of 1,000 hours of flying time, have been a command pilot for at least one year, and have at least a bachelor's degree in engineering, one of the physical sciences, or math.

More than 55 graduates of the test pilot school have been selected for the U.S. Space Program, including the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo projects of the 1960s and 1970s.

Parker graduated from the University of Central Florida where she studied math and general science between the ages of 14 and 17. She is the youngest graduate in the school's history.

Before entering the Air Force, she worked at NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston, where she analyzed the onboard flight computer systems during space flight missions.

She received her undergraduate pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas, and later was named the first female T-38 pilot instructor there.

Between 1983 and 1985,

Parker was named most outstanding T-38 academic instructor five times by student pilots at Reese AFB.

In 1985 she transitioned into C-141 aircraft with the 76th Military Airlift Squadron.

During that assignment, she flew the big four-engine transports on many worldwide missions involving presidential support and military operations.

In 1985 she was nominated to the Florida's Women Hall of Fame and in 1987 her career achievements were

highlighted in the International Women's Air and Space Museum, Centerville, Ohio.

The captain also was commended for her work at the Johnson Space Center, where she was the youngest flight controller. In 1979 she received the Kitty Hawk Achievement Award from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and Northrop Corporation, and the Golden Eagle Achievement Award from the American Academy of Achievement.



FIRST WOMAN TEST PILOT — Capt. Jacquelyn S. Parker has become the Air Force's first woman test pilot. (U.S. Air Force photo)

sports

Reeder Gym keeps traditional Saturday fun run

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — It's 7 a.m. Saturday and approximately 60 people of all shapes and sizes are gathered by Fort Clayton's Reeder Gymnasium. Formed up on a battered red line painted across the street, they wait for a signal to begin racing down the street.

Their reasons for being at the Community Fun Run are as varied as the outfits they wore, but most of them agreed on one thing. It's fun exercise and a good way to meet people.

"I do this for fun," said 8-year-old Jeff Herdt, son of Tim and Debra Herdt. "Sometimes it's not easy getting out of bed on Saturday mornings but I like to run."

Getting up early isn't exactly fun for another runner. "I'd rather be getting up late and going fishing," said Lt. Col. Phillip Pierce, of MEDDAC. "But I'm here for my daughter. It's kind of a daughter and dad thing."

The run was started by Maj. Gen. Bernard Loeffke, the former USARSO commander. Since Loeffke's departure the Reeder Gymnasium staff has taken control of the early morning run.

"Making the run fun is what we work at the hardest," said Valencio Thomas, gym manager. "We want people to enjoy themselves most of all."

"But it's the people who really make the run fun, some of them have brought their dogs and cats to keep them company," Thomas said.

For SFC Thomas Ogle the run is more than just fun. "Coming out and running with others makes me run harder. I run the five-mile course in under 33 minutes," said Ogle, who works at SOUTHCOM's J-6.

Ogle has been running the course since he arrived here six weeks ago.

"I've got 20 more miles and I've earned a T-shirt," Ogle said. Runners who complete 50 miles earn a T-shirt.

The number of people participating in the run has gotten smaller. "A lot of people think the run was canceled when Loeffke left and they've stopped coming. But we are still here," Thomas said.

The course is made for every ability group. "Participants can run only a half mile or as far as five miles," Thomas said. "And for those who really want a challenge there's the individual STRAC run."

To complete the STRAC run you must do 100 pushups in four minutes, a 100 situps in four minutes and run five miles while carrying a mock M-16 rifle in 45 minutes.

"If you can complete all that you get a special STRAC certificate signed by the commanding general and become STRAC qualified. Even if you don't qualify just for trying you get a regular Fun Run certificate," Thomas said.

For whatever reasons these runners were there, competition or fun, they're continuing a tradition that began on a Saturday in October 1987.

"If I have my way it's a tradition that will continue for a long time," Thomas said.



Lauralee Perry wipes the sweat from her face after completing the five-mile run. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)

ATLANTIC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Zonians	8	3
Atlantic Fire	6	4
Canal Services	6	4
1097th Trans	9	1
747th MI BN	8	3
3rd BN 7th SFG	7	4
549th MP	5	6
Co. D, 41st ASG	4	6
NSGA	3	8
29th MI BN	2	10
JOTC	1	9

Karate-do students test skills

by SFC Marshall B. Wilkins

MARGARITA COMPLEX (USARSO PAO)—Atlantic martial arts karate-do students were tested by a 7th dan black belt July 30 in the University of Panama Gymnasium.

The students were tested by Shigeru Takashina who comes here from Japan every six months to conduct testing. Takashina is a member of ISKA (International Shotokan Karate Association) of which the Atlantic martial artists are members.

ISKA is an amateur non-profit sports organization dedicated to the practice and promulgation of true karate. According to Gae Speed, treasurer of the organization, the Army recognizes it as a private organization.

Cecilio Simpson, 4th degree black belt in kenpo karate and an instructor of the Atlantic martial artists said, "about 302 students from Central America were judged in the testing. Takashina tested them to see if their techniques are up to Japanese Karate standards. He tested them on forms, three step sparring and free style competition."

It was the first time many of the students had participated in such a large ceremony. "It was extremely exciting, we were all excited. I was terrified when I saw all those people, then I calmed down," said Speed who earned her equivalency brown belt in karate do during the competition.

"It was great because I learned certain things. I learned to go out into the public and do what I had to do. I was nervous at first but then I felt relaxed," said Cecilio Simpson Jr., who went from blue belt to green belt.

Mariela Escobar, Jermaine Isaac, and Magdalena NG earned their blue belts. Carl Isaac, Vasco Tomlinson Jr. and Yisarah Simpson earned their green belts. "It's a free exercise, no aggression is involved. It's a defensive tool that basically orients a person to be disciplined. It gives you self confidence," instructor Simpson said about karate-do.

Karate-do classes are held in the Margarita playshelter every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you're interested in learning this ancient oriental martial art visit the class or call Simpson at 46-4875.

SPORTS SHORTS

Shorter hoopsters

Registration for a 5-foot-10-inch-and-under basketball league will begin at the CRD Sports Branch in Building 154, Fort Clayton.

For info contact Mrs. Ball at 287-4050.

Coaches needed

Coaches are needed for both the Pacific and Atlantic youth football programs. Persons interested in helping are asked to call 287-3252 or 289-4301.

Powerlifting tourney

Time's running out! The Powerlifting Tournament will be held Aug. 26, don't delay to register. The competition features 11 categories for men and ten for women.

An organizational meeting will be held Aug. 19 at 4 p.m. at the CRD Sports office in Building 154, Fort Clayton. For information call 287-4050.

Labor Day sports

Registration for Labor Day sports activities continue at Reeder Physical Fitness Center, Fort Clayton.

Racquetball players are invited to sign up for a "Doubles Tourney" to be held Sept. 2-4. The event will include categories for men, women, and co-ed competition.

Space is open to eight teams in each category.

A "Men's Basketball Tournament" will also be held, with space for 16 teams. Stop by or call 287-3861.

Bicycle race

If you enjoy bicycling, there's a race Aug. 19.

The 25-mile event will begin at 7 a.m. at Ocean Breeze Center, Fort Sherman. There are categories for male and female military, and male and female civilians. Trophies will be awarded to first place winners.

Call 289-6282.

10-miler tryout

The CRD Sports Branch will conduct 10-Miler tryouts to select a team to compete at an upcoming CONUS event.

The Pacific tryout will be Aug. 19 at the Reeder Physical Fitness Center. The Atlantic tryout will be held Aug. 20.

Both begin at 5:30 a.m. For info call Mrs. Foster at 287-4050.

Duran pledges to pay debt with fight earnings

MIAMI (AP) — Roberto Duran already has spent almost one-fifth of the \$8 million he is guaranteed for fighting Sugar Ray Leonard a third time. The money is going to the Internal Revenue Service to right an IRS error.

Duran has agreed to send a check for \$1.5 million to the tax people three days after the scheduled Dec. 7 fight.

The World Boxing Council's middleweight champion, who has a

house in the Miami area, reached the agreement with the IRS in a settlement signed Monday by U.S. District Judge Stanley Marcus.

"It's really an insignificant amount in relation to what Roberto expects to make in December," Duran's attorney Jan Neiman, said. "I just hope Dec. 7 turns out to be Pearl Harbor Day for Mr. Leonard."

Other provisions of the settlement prevent the Panamanian native with "hands of stone" from leaving the country without notice, bar him from selling assets or transferring funds, require him to pay the IRS half of all earnings before the fight and require an itemized statement on the source of all income.

Duran's tax debt was caused by a big IRS mixup.

Duran, 38, expected a \$60,000 refund on his 1983-84 taxes, but the IRS sent him two checks for \$1.6 million and has been trying to get the excess back ever since the agency realized its mistake.

But the boxer only had \$1,000 in a bank account by that time — after paying off a \$1 million mortgage in his native Panama, spending \$23,000 on jewelry, paying his living expenses in Miami and supporting his wife, six children and seven brothers.

Leonard, 33, came to the financial rescue, arranging another match with Duran, this one in Las Vegas.

Their previous welterweight title bouts have become a part of boxing legend.

Duran beat Leonard with a 15-round decision June 20, 1980. In a rematch five months later, Duran threw up his hands and pleaded "no mas," Spanish for "no more," in a dramatic eighth round technical knockout to end the title fight.

Leonard, 35-1-1, WBC super middleweight title holder, suffered his only defeat at Duran's hands, and Duran will enter the bout with an 85-7 lifetime record.

Leonard will receive more than \$13 million for returning to the ring, and Duran is guaranteed at least \$8 million.

Settling the tax question now will allow Duran to concentrate on training for the fight at the Mirage Hotel and Casino, a \$630 million showplace nearing completion on the Las Vegas Strip, Neiman said.

"Roberto is pleased to have put this matter behind him, and he's looking forward to the fight," his attorney said.

Police arrest former champion

LINDENWOLD, N.J. (AP) — Former boxing champion Dwight Muhammad Qawi has been arrested on charges of aggravated assault, simple assault and criminal restraint, police said Wednesday.

Qawi, 36, of Coachman Manor Apartments in this Camden County community, was arrested on the charges Monday and released on his recognizance, said Lindenwold police Sgt. Barry McCutcheon.

McCutcheon said Qawi's wife, Tracy Thompson, 23, filed a complaint charging that Qawi attacked her with a pair of scissors Sunday night and then refused to allow her to leave their apartment. McCutcheon said Qawi was also charged with pushing the couple's

5-year-old child. The child was not injured, and Thompson received minor cuts on her hand, McCutcheon said.

The sergeant said a court appearance for Qawi, who was once known as Dwight Braxton, was set for Aug. 17, where he would enter a plea to the charges.

Qawi, known as the Camden Buzzsaw, became the light-heavyweight champion of the World Boxing Association in

1981. He lost the title in 1983 when he was defeated by Michael Spinks in Atlantic City.

McCutcheon said officers were familiar with Qawi because of his boxing career and previous calls to the apartment on other domestic disputes.

Janszen gives testimony against Rose

NEW YORK (AP) — One of Pete Rose's chief accusers in baseball's gambling probe said Wednesday he had given federal investigators testimony directly linking the Cincinnati manager to a conspiracy to evade income taxes.

Paul G. Janszen, his voice cracking at times and tears welling in his eyes during a news conference, repeated many of the allegations against Rose, who is accused of betting on his own team.

For the first time, Janszen acknowledged providing FBI and Internal Revenue Service agents information that could subject Rose to an indictment for allegedly conspiring to defraud the U.S. government.

Meanwhile, in Columbus, Ohio, legal maneuvering continued as baseball's lawyers asked a federal judge to compel Rose lawyer Roger J. Makley to answer questions regarding Rose's legal defense.

Janszen, who claims to have run Rose's bets to bookmakers:

—Said he saw documents indicating Rose bet on baseball throughout the 1988 season;

—Denied he prompted baseball's investigation, saying he was contacted by the commissioner's office after someone else gave information first;

—Repeated that Rose never, to Janszen's knowledge, became involved in cocaine deals, despite allegedly asking how much he could

make on them.

—Repeated that Reds pitcher John Franco knew about Rose's debts with a Staten Island bookmaker nicknamed "Val."

—Said other Reds players, who he would not identify, knew of Rose's alleged gambling before charges became public, and said he had spoken with Cincinnati coach Tommy Helms about Rose's alleged gambling.

—Said Rose lawyer Rueven J. Katz knew of the alleged gambling problems as early as March 1988.

Janszen served four months in a halfway house after pleading guilty to falsifying his 1985 federal income-tax return and failing to report income from steroid sales.

"I don't know if he'll ever understand it, but in a weird way, I feel I'm helping him," Janszen said. "If I have one regret, that regret is that I was not man enough to walk up to Pete Rose — to say to him: 'That's it. No more.'"

Janszen said that each time he brought up the dangers to Rose, the Reds manager said: "They're not gonna get me. They can't get me. I have good attorneys."

Rose has said that when he learned Janszen was involved in drug-dealing, he stopped associating with him. Janszen denied that, saying: "Pete Rose knew that from the beginning."

Janszen, who met Rose at Gold's Gym in suburban Cincinnati, said Rose owned three quarters of a winning \$47,646 Pik-Six ticket at Turfway Park in Florence, Ky., on Jan. 16, 1987. The ticket was cashed by Thomas P. Gioiosa, another former Rose associate.

"You need to cash this," Janszen claimed Rose told Gioiosa. "You need to show some income. Something like that. 'You go cash this.' I remember Pete saying this: 'I've paid enough taxes.'"

Baseball Standings

As of August 10

AMERICAN

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	58	54	.518	-
Toronto	57	57	.500	2
Cleveland	56	57	.496	2 1/2
Boston	55	56	.495	2 1/2
Milwaukee	55	59	.482	4
New York	53	61	.465	6
Detroit	41	72	.363	17 1/2

	West Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	68	44	.607	-
Oakland	68	46	.596	1
Kansas City	62	51	.549	6 1/2
Texas	59	53	.527	9
Minnesota	57	57	.500	12
Seattle	54	59	.478	14 1/2
Chicago	48	65	.425	20 1/2

NATIONAL

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	66	48	.579	-
Montreal	63	51	.553	3
St. Louis	59	51	.536	5
New York	60	52	.536	5
Pittsburgh	48	65	.425	17 1/2
Philadelphia	45	68	.398	20 1/2

	West Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	65	49	.570	-
Houston	63	51	.553	2
San Diego	57	57	.500	8
Cincinnati	54	59	.478	10 1/2
Los Angeles	54	61	.470	11 1/2
Atlanta	46	68	.404	19

In sports today...

by The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Moved Greg Swindell, pitcher, from the 15-to the 21-day disabled list. Placed Luis Aguayo, infielder, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Steve Olin, pitcher, from Colorado Springs of the Pacific Coast League.

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Activated Gary Redus, outfielder-first baseman, from the 15-day disabled list.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

WASHINGTON BULLETS — Signed Mel Turpin, center.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DENVER BRONCOS — Waived J.R. Ambrose, wide receiver.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Waived Cedric Stallworth, defensive back.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Agreed to terms with Mike Elkins, quarterback, on a four-year contract.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed Louis Oliver, safety, to a four-year contract. Waived Ricky Phillips, guard.

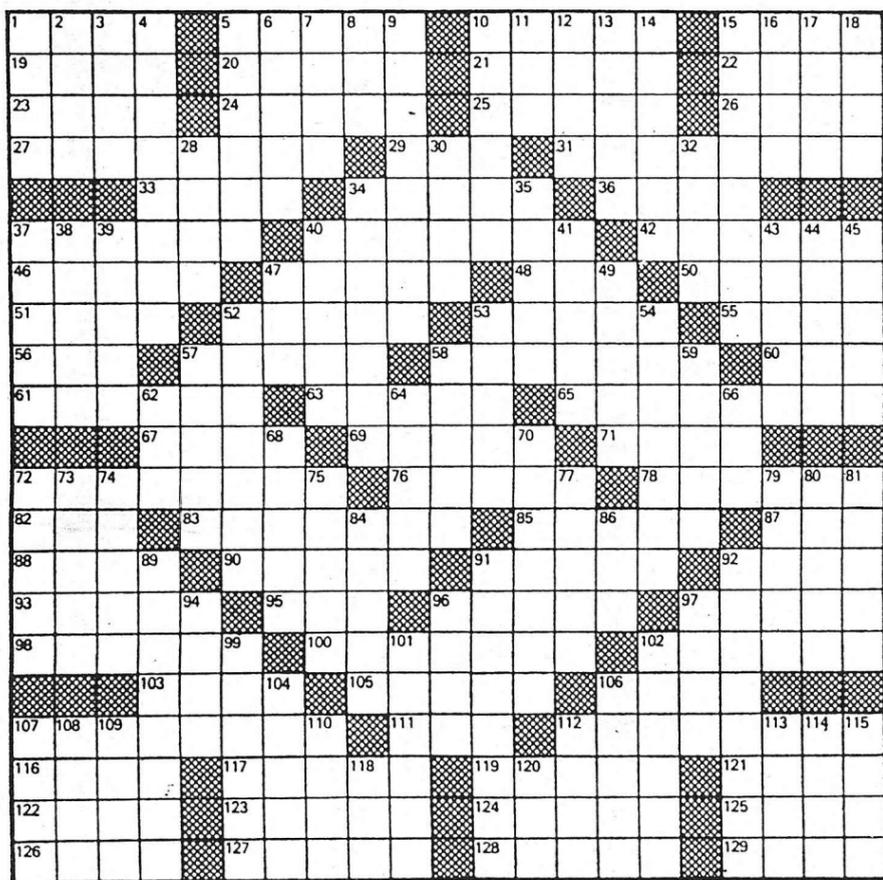
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to terms with Wayne Martin, defensive end. Signed Jumpy Geathers, defensive end, to a two-year contract.



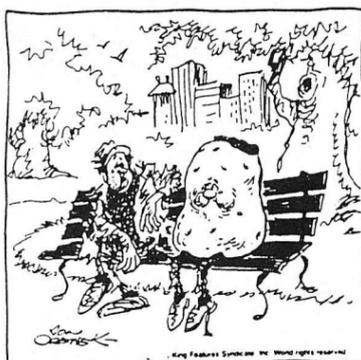
National Safe Boating Council

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 With 44 Down, "I'm Coming Out" singer
 - 5 Icelandic literary works
 - 10 Confidence games
 - 15 — on, O Ship of State! (Longfellow)
 - 19 Canadian prov.
 - 20 — Jean Baker
 - 21 Word before strip or opera
 - 22 Hillside dug-out
 - 23 Singer Campbell
 - 24 Down the — (lost in a wasteful way)
 - 25 Hives
 - 26 High time
 - 27 Lincoln biographer
 - 29 — segno (mus. direction)
 - 31 Beach sight
 - 33 Excludes
 - 34 Ancient Greek coins
 - 36 Old-time worker
 - 37 Sense of taste
 - 40 Lintel
 - 42 Dieter's standbys
 - 46 Axiom
 - 47 Construction site sight
 - 48 Ship-shaped clock
 - 50 Boy Scout badge basis
 - 51 Snatches
 - 52 Narrow opening
 - 53 Egyptian peninsula
 - 55 Jewish month
 - 56 Serpent follower
 - 57 Open-heeled slipper
 - 58 Menu delicacy
 - 60 "Cat — Hot Tin Roof"
 - 61 Peruvian seaport
 - 63 Weird
 - 65 Fairway hazard
 - 67 Gaelic
 - 69 Capital of Yemen
 - 71 Seashore sight, in Britain
 - 72 California seaport
 - 76 Former Russian measure
 - 78 Woodland deities
 - 82 GI's address
 - 83 Attacks with
 - aerial gunfire for Pierre
 - "I found it!"
 - Mink and sable
 - Canary's cousin
 - Comic lead-in
 - Worn out: colloq.
 - Assam silk-worms
 - Ark neighbor
 - Portuguese overseas territory
 - Rhone feeder
 - Medium's meeting
 - Pours off gently
 - Light boats
 - Senator from Kansas
 - Diffuses
 - Greeting or credit follower
 - Hero, for one
 - Hardwood tree
 - Baseball areas
 - Wild ox
 - Paint layers
 - Convex molding
 - Island
 - Cigar or ticket end
 - Skeletal part
 - Greek physician
 - Singer Horne
 - Story-teller Andersen
 - Sea birds
 - Social climbers
 - Belgian river
 - Pieces by Scott Joplin
 - Spicy stew
 - British gun
 - Flood containment needs
 - Tolerate
 - Click beetles
 - Pull with effort
 - Paris pal
 - Shoal in a river
 - Racing boats
 - The heart
 - City north of Des Moines
 - King who had a "gilt complex"?
 - Scottish tea cakes
 - Beach pest
 - ben Adhem
 - Curtain lead-in
 - TV's "What's My — ?"
 - Lessen
 - First-rate
 - Small drink
 - Juicy fruits
 - Ancient region of Asia Minor
 - Hit the — button
 - City in Turkey
 - Tag
 - Threefold
 - Repairs
 - Enthusiasm
 - See 1 Across
 - Leather fastener
 - Sigma —
 - Unit of capacitance
 - Moth havens?
 - Clip wool
 - French playwright
 - New Delhi garments
 - Trig functions
 - Ferber and Millay
 - Conducted
 - Poe's bird
 - Asian festival
 - Plumed bird
 - Phases
 - They might be cracked hands, and — heart
 - Water wheel
 - Propelled a rowboat
 - Gogol's " — Bulba"
 - "Gulliver's Travels" creature
 - French river
 - Gluts
 - Mends
 - de Oro
 - Flatfishes
 - Tunnel builders
 - Spring perennial
 - Flat-bottomed boat
 - Murray and West
 - Chalcedony
 - Draw forth
 - Narrow gorges
 - Church laws
 - Simone's school
 - He led the Israelites
 - Waist tie
 - Pilaster
 - It might be proper
 - Broadway musical
 - Choir prize
 - Granada cheers
 - Dialer's need
 - Marquee name
 - Wine cask
 - Highway hauler



LAFF-A-DAY

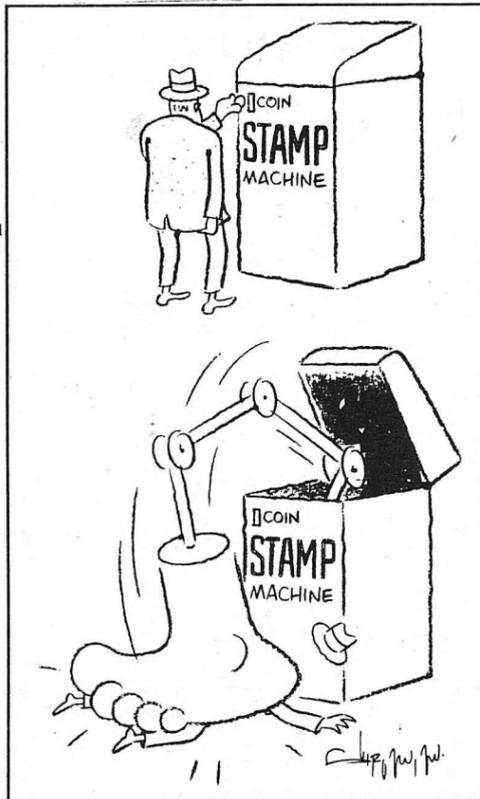


"So then what happened after the TV broke down?"

LAFF-A-DAY



"No mail today, sir, except for a crank letter from the Securities and Exchange Commission."

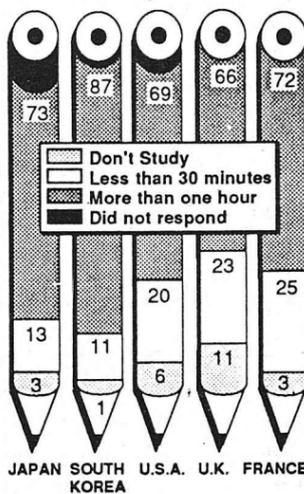


Hitting the school books

Children in South Korea seem to be studying the longest, with 86 percent doing homework for more than one hour a night, according to a recent survey.

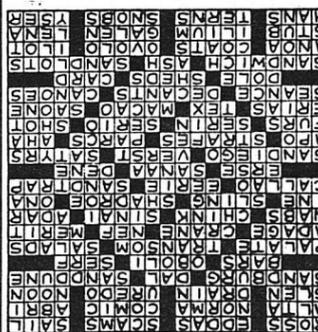
HOW LONG CHILDREN STUDY AFTER SCHOOL, PER DAY

In percent of those responding, for children 10 to 15 years old:



SOURCE: Survey of International Children, U.S. Census Bureau
InfoGraphics
© 1989 North America Syndicate, Inc.

Answers to Super Crossword



classified ads

Animals

- German Shepard, 1 lg male puppy. \$225, 1 sm female. \$140, purebred. 261-3325.
- CCP registered male Schnauzer, 3 1/2 yrs old, good w/kids. \$170/obo. 286-4585.
- 2 Toy Poodle puppies, female, blk, no papers, purebred. \$200. 261-3325.
- Lab retrievers for sale, golden, blk, all shots, ready to sell. 262-1418 after 3:30.
- Airedale pups, up to 90lbs, loving family security, ready to go. 282-3938.
- Male poodle for stud, must be small and eager. 284-3976 after 4:30.
- Adorable male kitten, blk, wht, 2 mo old, in need of loving, responsible family. Free. 284-5220.
- Pitt Bull, white female, 3 yrs old, UKC, ADBA, exc bloodline, San Diego bred, family dog. \$300. 284-4383.
- AKC female Rottweiler. \$800. 287-5726.
- Hamster, cage and acc, food to start. \$41. 287-3131.
- Free, 6 friendly kittens, 5 male, 1 female, 7 wks, will deliver. Free. 286-4829.

Audio-visual

- Apple II, 2 disk drives, Epson printer, monochrome monitor, system saver fan, software, desk. \$795. 284-6539.
- Sony Pak 88 Videocamera, case, battery pack, still under warranty. \$800/neg. 260-6187.
- Yashe fm-23 VHF hand held w/key punch DC charger. \$250, Technic SH8028 EQ. \$80. 261-5779.

Audio-visual

- TV 25" Console, wood cabinet, great cond, great picture. \$500. 286-4372.
- Gibson Epiphone guitar. \$200, Peavey guitar AMP. \$250. 286-3441.
- Sharp VHS w/wireless remote control. \$220/obo. 252-5725.
- Sony Beta movie camera, model, BMC-100, exc cond. \$800. 252-2080.
- Sony D-5 portable CD player w/AC pack and battery pack. \$150. 286-4682.
- Portable stereo, CD, dual cass, Dolby, 5 band eq, am/fm. \$175/obo. 286-3841.
- JVC stereo audio mixing board, new, 6x2 channel, slide faders (12 input). \$800/obo. 286-4585.
- Yamaha keyboard. \$150. 284-5680 after 6 pm.
- Games for IBM PC, Pirates! \$10, Kings Quest 3,4. \$20. Space Quest. \$20. 262-1539.
- Sharp CD player, like new. \$135. 287-3641.
- Pioneer CD, plays 3 sz disks, laser, compact, video disk. \$550. 286-4638.
- Computer desk and Epson printer. 286-6348.
- Commodore 128D computer w/amber monitor and printer. \$650. 287-4486.
- Atari 800XL computer, disk drive, printer. \$195, a/c Whirlpool 10,000 btu. \$225. 252-6845.
- 19" color TV. \$175. 284-3470.
- Sony radio/cass boom-box. \$90, Canon super 8 movie outlet w/zoom, light. \$80. 261-0258.

Audio-visual

- Casio MT-200 keyboard. \$100, Universal remote control unit. \$60, Tealistic audio/disco mixer. \$125. 261-0258.
- Uniden bearcat scanner, 16 channel, hand held. \$150/obo, Yamaha synthesizer. \$200. 284-4971.
- Fender Gtr, amp, 250 watt, dual channel, twin spkrs, good cond. \$400. 245-2515.
- Typestar 6 Canon typewriter w/case 2015 chair memory. \$120. 289-4366.
- TV, Sony 15" remote. \$150, TV, Sony 13". \$150, Betamax 5000, \$150. 252-2904.
- Sharp integrated stereo system, Fisher CD player, Sansui stereo spkrs. 287-6290.

Automobiles

- 1986 Volvo 740 GLE. \$20,000. 282-4500.
- Volvo station wagon, dty pd, great car, call now. \$2500/obo, 284-4882.
- 1988 Nissan Sunny, white, 5spd, tinted windows, a/c. \$5100. 287-3584.
- 1977 Datsun B-210 Coupe, 2 dr, 4 spd, a/c, am/fm/cass, US specs. \$1475. 284-6539.
- Ford Fairmont 1980, station wagon. a/c. \$2000. 260-6187.
- 1980 Plymouth Volare, 6cyl, mostly everything new or rebuilt. \$2000/obo. 286-4483.
- 1978 Cadillac Eldorado, loaded, dty pod. 286-3336.
- 1984 Chevy Chevette, runs gear, good gas mls, only 40,000mls. \$16,000. 284-4343.

Automobiles

- 87 Chrysler LeBaron, 2 dr, coupe, lw mls, dty pd, must see. 261-5779.
- 86 Toyota Corolla, std, am/fm/cass, a/c, lw mls. \$4995. 286-3187.
- 1983 GMC Jimmy, 4x4, lots of extras, red, blk, must see. \$7000. 286-3345.
- 1987 Toyota Land Cruiser II, 5 spd, diesel, a/c, sun roof, warn winch, CD stereo. \$14,500. 256-6356.
- Jeep Montero 1985, 35,000 mls, beige, 4 dr, exc cond, dty pd. \$14,000. 269-5836.
- 1983 Toyota Supra, all the extras, good cond, dty pd. \$6500. 223-8321.
- 1988 Toyota Coupe, white, 2 dr, a/c, am/fm/cass, 24000kms, exc cond. \$8000/obo. 264-0158 after 8pm.
- 75 Ford King cab, P/up, a/c, st/cass, good tires, engine, can be seen at Ft Clayton Burger King. \$1650/neg. 287-4055.
- 1986 Isuzu, I-Mark, great cond, a/c, am/fm/cass, tilt wheel, pwr mirrors, 30,000 mls, US spec. \$4800. 286-4585.
- 1985 Toyota Landcruiser, 2 dr, loaded, new tires, exc cond. \$10,000. 289-4541 after 4pm.
- 1969 Mercedes Benz 220, Stdndr, am/fm/cass, new exterior and interior, needs engine wrk still. \$2000/obo. 285-4592.
- 1988 Mitsubishi Lancer GLX, perfect, extras. \$6000. 260-2180.
- 1988 Hyundai Stellar, a/c, pw, am/fm/cass. \$5000, take over payment. \$140. 286-3797.
- 1977 Pontiac Gran Prix, not beautiful, runs good. \$475. 284-5137.

Automobiles

1979 VW Bug, exc cond. \$1400, 1975 VW Bug. \$300. 252-5893.

Barracuda 1965, good project, good mechanical cond. \$1200. 252-5951.

75 Lincoln Continental, like new comfort and luxury throughout. \$7500. 282-3236.

1986 1/2-Montero Sport, 4wd-Jeep, a/c, 5 spd, met. blu w/blk trim, am/fm/cass, exc cond. \$10,900. 252-6324.

1978 VW Rabbit, a/c, a/t, p/b, sunroof, great shape. \$1800/obo. \$1800. 286-3789.

1982 Mercury LNZ, bronze w/blk, complete Kenwood system. \$2800/obo. 284-3972.

1981 Mercury Zephyr station wagon, 6 cyl, ATF, a/c, ps, am/fm/cass, exc cond. \$2995. 252-1070.

81 Chrysler Le Baron, wagon, auto, a/c, runs great, avail Aug 31. \$2100. 286-4358.

1980 Volare, 6 cyl, everything new or rebuilt. \$2000. 286-4483.

1975 Fiat spider, conv, new paint, new uphol, new engine. \$3000/obo. 286-6296.

1985 Ford Branco II, 4x4, 6 cyl, a/c, ps, pb, am/fm/cass, mag rims, luggage rack. \$7800. 252-6943.

82 Mitsubishi Colt, standard, 4 dr. a/c, dty pd, good cond. \$2400. 260-5366.

1981 Mercury Lynx, am/fm/cass, sunroof. \$1500/obo. 285-6600.

1987 Nissan p/up, exc cond, many extras, must see, must sell. \$6500. 285-4014.

VW Bug, runs good. \$1000. 287-4374 after 5.

1980 CJ-7 Jeep, not running, must sell. \$1500. 287-4487 after 5pm.

1983 Ford Granada, 6 cyl, 4 dr, lw mls, exc cond, pb, ps, auto trans, a/c, am/fm. \$3600. 252-2275.

74 Olds, runs good. \$1000/obo. 284-4249 ask for Bob.

1980 Jeep CJ-7, V6, hard top, ps, am/fm/cass, a/c, exc cond. \$3800. 286-3225 after 6 pm.

1979 Dodge s/w Ply, good cond, radio, new tires, battery, a/c, 1989 inspected. \$1500/neg. 285-4661.

84 Renault Alliance, 4 dr, dty pd, std, a/c, radio/cass, new brakes, tires, lights, exc cond. \$4300. 286-4734.

84 Rebuilt Encore, see to appreciate. \$2500. 284-3371.

82 Mustang, good cond, must see. 284-6267 ask for Tim.

1987 Mitsubishi Cordia, ps, pb, am/fm/cass, a/c, exc cond. \$7750. 235-4854.

1982 VW Rabbit, 4 cyl, a/c, exc cond, ps, pb, new tires, am/fm/cass. \$2800. 286-3225 after 6 pm.

1987 Montero, dty pd, good cond, a/c, turbo-diesel. 221-4977.

Pontiac Grand LeMans, 1979, dty pd, perfect cond, all extras. \$2100. 261-2525 after 5pm.

1986 Suzuki Jeep, a/c, stereo, soft top, lw mls, exc cond. \$5800. 284-4438.

1988 Mitsubishi Montero, 4 dr, loaded, gas. \$13000. 252-5103.

84 MG, 5 dr, 5 gears, bought in Europe, exc cond, lw mls. \$5000. 286-6196.

1972 Monte Carlo, runs but needs work. \$450/obo. 284-5176.

1986 Ford Ranger, 4x4 p/up, topper shell, 5 spd, 4 cyl EFI. \$7500. 284-4626.

1984 Omni, 2.2 ltr eng, 4 dr, 5 spd, a/c, ps, exc cond, many extras. \$3500. 287-5131.

1971 Dodge Satellite, needs body work, runs great. \$700/obo. 287-4748 after 5pm.

1979 Ford F-150, 4 wd, p/up, 351c, 38" tires, lifted, auto. \$2995/obo. 289-4446.

79 Plymouth Horizon, blue, 4 spd, a/c, good cond, first \$1000 takes it. 284-3720.

1986 Suzuki (Jeep), 3 dr, bubble hardtop, 4 wd, a/c, am/fm/cass, delux interior. \$5500/obo. 284-3482.

1983 Mitsubishi Tredia, 4 dr, good cond, needs body work, dty pd. \$2000. 252-2291.

Available

Maid M-F exc w/kids, honest, dependable, has been w/us 6 yrs. 287-4374.

English spkng maid, 1-3 days, wash, irons, cleans, refs. 286-4638.

Honest bilingual live in maid, cleans, cooks, irons, refs. 228-6473.

Honest reliable maid, daytime only, please call M-Th. 252-6910.

Exc spanish spkng maid great w/kids, daytime Tues and Fri. 286-4270.

Maid to do houswork speaks english, great w/kids, honest, dependable, exc refs. 221-2403.

Exc bilingual maid, honest, reliable, a real gem. 287-4390.

Reliable english spkng live in or out maid, good w/kids. 286-4895.

Look no more, bilingual, honest, dependable, good w/kids, exc refs. 286-4358.

Honest, reliable, mature, bilingual, live in housekeeper, good w/kids, good refs. 286-6474.

Great, temporary, english spkng person, live in 5 days week, care for child, light housework. 287-5083.

Exc bilingual day maid, 1-5 days a week. 287-3785.

She's gppd, dependable, hard working, honest, avail Tues and Thurs. 287-6312.

Responsible, honest, hardworking, english spkng, live in maid, recommendations. 284-3434.

Live in maid, spanish spkng, ref. 220-6510.

Live in maid, spanish spkng, ref. 284-4197.

Honest, hard working bilingual maid to do day work, refs. 287-4088.

Available

Exc spanish spkng maid, honest, live out, refs. 286-3531.

Boats & Campers

16 1/2 ft Larson w/55HP Enivrude, TRLR. \$2500. 252-5125.

Shipmate Satnau. \$600, lcom 720 HF radio. \$650. 286-6475.

House trailer, entral air, appliances, Cocoli. \$18,000. 252-5125.

21' Seabird w/235HP Johnson, radio, pwr winch, out riggers. \$7000. 252-5125.

16 1/2 Tri Hull, 100 HP w/extras runs great. \$3000. 287-4486.

8'x29' trailer exc cond, central air, hot water, gas, elec. \$6850. 235-4854.

17' Jon Boat, 35HP Evinrude, completely rebuilt Hull, strong ribs, floor, seats, many extras. \$2250. 286-4273.

Spare trailer wheel, B78x13, 5 lug. \$20. 282-4500.

15'5" Zodiac with or w/o trailer, repair parts, anchor. 287-3175 ask for Steve.

Household

GE washer, dryer. \$635. 256-6453.

Barzilian (lafer), 2 gold leather love seat, 2 brn leather chair, brn footstool, coffee tble, end tble. 286-4982.

Dishwsher GE potscrubber w/wood top. \$100. 252-2404.

Antique gorgeous hand carved console tble w/marble top. \$1500. 268-1253.

Stairwell carpet for tropical qtrs. \$100, beige drapes for 3 windows. \$85, turkish rugs 9x6. \$350. 286-6392.

Antique furniture. 286-4633.

Living rm set, sofa, chrs, tbles, 5 pc. \$425. 287-5632.

Oak dining rm w/4 chrs. \$800. 286-3785.

Antique vanity w/mirror, needs work. \$75. 286-3192.

Wshr, dryer, good working cond, inter like new, exter needs paint. \$400. 283-4315.

Child's youth bd w/mattress. \$75. 286-4185.

Lg wall unit w/2 encl compact glass doors, display light, great cond, very sturdy. \$400. 286-4372.

Sofa, good cond. \$200/obo. 287-6177.

2 chests os drawers. \$80, 2 rugs. \$50, drapes. 252-2061.

2 5,000 btu, a/c's. \$225ea. 286-3441.

Food slicer, convection oven, camp stove w/fuel tanks, ceiling fan, 6x9 area rug. 252-5985.

Dining rm tble w/6 chrs, large server. \$625. 286-4982.

A/C (2), dehumidifier. 286-3187.

Central a/c unit for entire house. \$500/obo. 252-6879.

Curtains lv/dr tropical housing, off white. \$100. 284-6535.

Curtains, rugs, plants, tapes, stereo equipment. \$200-\$300. 286-3345.

A/Cs, 18,000, 10,000 btu, Whirlpool. \$300 for both. 252-5722.

4 A/Cs, 21,000, 18,000, 14,000, 8,000btu. 252-2287.

Refrigerator, freezer, frost-free, 14 cu ft, gas stove, Magic Chef. 30 in. \$425ea. 287-5237.

GE side by side refrige, 23 cu ft, refreshment center on door, Harvest gold, exc cond. \$600. 252-1191.

Kenmore portable dishwasher, 5 yrs old, exc working cond. \$125/neg. 286-4270.

Sofa. \$125, coffee tble. \$75, green drapes. \$30,\$15. 286-4477.

12 ft refrige. \$400, water heater, 4 burner gas stove. 286-6809.

Freezer GE, no frost. \$150, a/c 18,000 btu. \$100, curtains, draw drapes. \$100. 252-5893.

12x15 blue or beige rugs. \$65ea. 252-2379.

Sofa, love seat and lounge chr. \$800. 252-2379.

Portable dishwsher, redwood patio tble/chrs, rugs. 287-5339.

Mahogany coffee tble. \$90. 252-6750.

Boys bdrm set, wall unit, antique furn. 286-4633.

Rattan chr, beige cushion, exc cond. \$175/obo. 287-3298.

Dining, living rm set, a/c, tvs, beta, curtains, patio furn, washer/dryer. 252-6333.

Sears 8,000 btu, a/c. \$300, wshr, dryer. \$600. 282-3895.

Dinnerware by Noritake, complete place setting w/extras. \$130. 252-5354.

Qu sz bd, new cond. \$300. 286-4892.

Patio furn, carpet, toys, luggage, VCR, Sharp tv. 286-3923.

Full sz bd, mattress, box spring, frame. \$125. 252-6029.

Whirlpool dishwasher, pot scrubber, butcher block top, black glass exterior portable/convertible, emmaculate. \$375. 284-4836.

Sofa, wall unit, convection oven, cieling fans, book case, other house items. 284-5490.

Drapes for 3 bdrm tropical, complete set for 9 windows, quality, like new. \$350. 284-4836.

Kenmore lrg cap, gas dryer, heavy dty. \$150. 284-4383.

19.6 cu ft side by side GE refrige, sofa, twin bd, drapes w/travis rods, lg chest, plants, sewing machine. 243-5638.

American baby crib, fresh white paint, exc cond. \$75. 287-6223.

Girls bdrm set w/canopy, white dresser, night tble. \$300, tv 27". \$250, crib. \$100. 286-4690.

Bd rm set w/full mattress and box spring, living rm furn, both in fair cond, very reasonable. 287-3175.

Qu sz sofa/sleeper, matching love seat and coffee tble. \$850. 284-6684.

King sz waterbd, lighted headboard w/etched mirror, 75% motionless mattress, 6 drwr pedestal. 284-3681.

Round brass tble w/wooden base, 5 ft dia. \$50. 282-4500.

Alpaca rug, woven, 6x8, grays, brns, white, needs to be seen to appreciate. \$225, kitchen aid food processor. \$250, double smoker, new. \$50. 282-4500.

Household

Refrige, Whirlpool, 22 cu ft. \$765. 256-6453.

2 beige carpets 12x12. \$350, couch, chair. \$250, both perfect cond. 284-6535.

Dinnette w/4 chrs, cloth dryer. 252-6610.

Qu sz bdrm, living rm, carpets, tv, misc. 284-3594.

Miscellaneous

Baby basinet w/yellow gingham skirt and hood, 5 sheets, exc cond. \$60. 286-4173.

Brown couch-bed. \$185, baby car seat. \$25. 286-4577.

Childrens activity center w/slide, heavy dty plastic. \$150. 282-4823.

220 ft fence w/metal posts and door, twin bdrm set, 4 pc. 252-2404.

Baby items, walker. \$20, highchr. \$15, crib mobile. \$15, stroller. \$25. 282-4823.

Rattan headboard for twin bd. \$85, micro. \$150, lawnmower. \$285, luggage. \$145, vacuum cleaner. \$100. 287-3584.

Child car safety seat, one step type. \$25. 252-5725.

Kenwood am/fm tuner w/spkrs. \$135, mec press w/supplies. \$260. 252-2630.

Drapes 100"long, 228"wide, turquoise, satin damask. \$75. 286-3192.

Aluminum running board for pick ups and 4 wd. \$80. 252-6767.

300 ft long, 5 ft high fence. \$150, beautiful Wrought iron garage gate. \$350. 252-2061.

Hamster cages. \$20, unicycle. \$12, skatebrd. \$35, slide screen. \$40. 287-5589.

Trumpet, computer monitor, computer 101 key keyboard, portble color tv w/radio tape recorder. 252-5985.

18 spd men's mountain bike. \$130. 256-6356.

Skateboard. \$45. 284-5296.

A/C 18,000btu, exc cond. \$325; 252-5600.

ABU Garcia Graphite fishing rod w/ambassador thumb cast reel. \$30. 284-5176.

Weider weight bench w/leg curl and weight set, 2 mo old. \$85. 287-5770.

Misc furn, micro, pizza oven. 286-4988.

Whirlpool dryer, 10 spd, bike, BBQ. 230-0793 after 5pm.

2 med dog carriers, airline approved, never been used. \$35ea. 284-4891.

Original military print "Malvern Hill" by DonStivers, limited edition of 1100. \$200. 282-4500.

White uniform, sz 38, 40. \$75ea, golf clubs. \$300, elec sewing mach w/carring case and tble. \$1500. 282-4500.

Samsonite soft sided luggage lrg Pullman, like new, 4 mo old. \$40. 287-3641.

Royal correcting typewriter, hardly used. \$250. 252-6333.

Mosquito netting, work bench, flower pots, power tools, expanded metal, 8,000btu a/c, refrige. 268-1647.

Haro group I R.S. 3 bike, no dents. \$125/obo. 252-6703.

Mens 26" ten spd. \$60, Sony cass deck. \$75, Sansi reciever. \$270. Techincs equalizer. \$200. 286-3835.

Motorcycle trailer like new w/lights and spare tire. \$295. 262-2701.

Standard encyclopedia, top cond, 19 vol. \$80. 287-3298.

Furniture, baby items, clothes, 26" bike, curtains, Hide-a-bed. 286-4589.

Wall to wall carpet—tropical house, sofas, loveseat, tbles/chrs, tv, coffee/end tble, more. 286-3129.

2 tennis rackets w/covers. \$30. 252-5354.

Hand held car computer diagnostic equip, software included, moitor 2000. \$450. 286-4892.

Trailer-double wide unfinished, 5 burner gas stove, brn suede living rm set. 284-4278.

Surfboard, 2 fin. \$100. 252-5103.

Miscellaneous

Golf clubs. \$75, Sony cass deck. \$30. 286-4430.

18,000btu a/c. \$75. 286-3239.

Britannica encyclopedia, medical encycplpedia and 12 short stories. \$350. 286-3239.

Hamster cages, dive equip, refrig, bds, a/c, parts for T-Bird, formals. 243-5638.

Floor fan. \$30, 21" fan. \$17, toaster oven. \$22, hammock. \$5. 284-4281.

Metal detector compass. target id, depth id, top of the line, like new. 284-3878.

Living rm furn, lamps, bookstands, curtains, lawn chrs, mattress, box spring, punch bowl, serving trays. 287-3798.

Surfboard, "Town and Country", tri-fin w/removable fin, exc cond w/boardbag and leash. \$250. 243-5405.

Samsung ref. \$175, Craftman belt sander. \$50, Wagner paint sprayer. \$75, Magnavox color tv 25". \$275. 287-4087.

Men's, ladies' leather jackets, silver mink stole from Norway. \$250. 282-4500.

Work bench. \$60, misc tools, airator for live bait. \$20, scuba fins, US diver-rocket. \$10, home masseur. \$50. 282-4500.

Atari games: 20 for \$5ea, all for \$80, art print, framed, double matted, "Scotland Forever". 282-4500.

Life cycle computerized exercise bike, new. \$2000, Nordic skier exercise machine. \$1200. 282-4500.

Motorcycles

1977 Honda Goldwing, good running cond, luggage case, some extras, maintenance manual. \$1300. 286-4577.

Yamaha FZ600, 1987, good cond, low miles, dty pd. 252-2007.

1981 Kawasaki KZ440 LTD, 2 helmets and cover. \$950. 286-4430.

1984 Honda CBX 750F, dty pd. \$2000. 287-6284.

Honda Elite 80 motor scooter, perfect cond. \$1200. 282-4500.

4 wheeler Honda fourtrax 70. \$890. 287-5271.

Patio sales

Lrg multifamily patio and used car sale, Howard AFB theater, Saturday. 7-12.

Qtrs 11, Albrook, Saturday.

Qtrs 2312, Curundu, Saturday, 8-12.

631 A Howard, 8-12, Saturday.

2037 A Curundu, Saturday, 8-12.

Saturday 7-11, 2240 B Balboa Carr st.

Casa 18, calle 10, Las Cumbres, Saturday.

3 family patio sale, 8-12, 134 B, Albrook, Saturday.

Bld 316 B, Albrook, Saturday til noon.

Qrts 668 B Howard, Saturday.

Howard AFB, Qrts 15A, Saturday.

7274 Cardenas, Saturday.

Wanted

Day bd preferably brass or white. 252-6879.

Honest, bilingual maid, live in, cooks, cleans, irons, must have exper w/kids, refs. 287-6222.

Will give your Boxer a wonderful home at the beach. 252-5722.

Motor scooter, 50cc's, good cond. \$100-\$200. 287-5589.

House or apartment for rent. \$250 a mo, in canal area. 287-5684.

Couple for deep sea fishing trip, Sept 2,3,4. 284-4278.

Live in maid to car for 3 kids, general housework, cooking, little ironing. 252-5425.

Seamstress to sew various items in my qrts, make own patterns. 284-4489 after 5pm.

Baseball card. 287-5137.

the TROPIC TIMES Ad Form

Advertising in the Tropic Times is offered on a space available basis to U.S. military members, civilian DOD employees and employees of other U.S. government agencies. Ads will be accepted only for NON-COMMERCIAL services or goods offered by the advertiser or an immediate family member. Offerings of real estate or personal ads will not be accepted. The Tropic Times reserves the right to edit any advertisement. Questions regarding non-publication of submitted ads may be directed to the Editor at 285-6613.

Submissions must be typed or legibly printed and limited to 15 words. Only two submissions per family per week will be accepted. Each submission must indicate only one category for publication. Ads for services will be accepted once per quarter as will ads for the Wanted category. Patio Sale ads must indicate date and location. Submitted ads will be published only once and must be resubmitted for further publication. Ads not run because of late receipt or lack of space need not be resubmitted; they will be run the following week unless a specific date is involved.

Deadline for the receipt of ads is 9 a.m. Monday for the following Friday's edition. If Monday is an official holiday, the deadline is 9 a.m. Tuesday. Ads may be mailed to the Tropic Times, APO 34002 or deposited in a drop box at the Albrook Post Office. Advertisers should allow seven to 14 days for processing.

ANIMALS _____

AUDIO-VISUAL _____

AUTOMOBILES _____

AVAILABLE _____

BOATS & CAMPERS _____

FOUND _____

HOUSEHOLD _____

LOST _____

MISCELLANEOUS _____

MOTORCYCLES _____

PATIO SALES _____

WANTED _____

PRICE _____ HOME PHONE _____

Check only one category per ad form. Only two ads per person each week are allowed. Each ad form is limited to 15 words. Please type or print neatly. Information listed below is not included in the ad, but is required for publication. This information will not be released to third parties.

SPONSOR'S NAME _____ RANK/GRADE _____

ORG. _____ DUTY PHONE _____

99-14-285-(5)
362

SCN overcoming cable system problems

by JO3 Austin Mansfield

FORT CLAYTON (SCN) — "There are still some problems to be overcome before SCN Cable hits the airwaves, but the path has been cleared and the finish line is in sight," said SCN Commander, Lt. Col. Robert E. Gaylord.

"The problems should be ironed out by October, which will clear the way for SCN Cable to provide its viewing audience with the most recent and popular programming available by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service," added

Gaylord.

In addition to SCN Cable, 16 other cable channels will be available, including specialty channels with formats such as all news, all country/western, and all sports. "Even with all these other program sources, I think SCN Cable and SCN channels 8 and 10 will still provide the best and most balanced programming of any of the channels," said Gaylord.

With the advent of VISAT's encrypted signal, SCN Cable will soon begin broadcasting programs that could not be shown on SCN

channels 8 and 10. The scrambled signal will allow SCN to air programs that were previously restricted.

In order to receive the scrambled signal, customers must have a decoder box installed in their residence. Many of the decoders have already been installed.

However many locations are still experiencing a poor or even non-existent signal. This is due to the locations of the residence in relation to the transmitter on Ancon Hill. To help solve this problem, VISAT has brought in a technical specialist to determine the best way to improve the quality of the signal.

"There are three options to choose from," said Humberto Garcia, Project Manager for VISAT. The first is a CATV system, which involves a direct cable hook-up, as opposed to receiving the signal by an antenna.

The second option is building towers that would redirect the signal beam to trouble areas. These "beam benders" contain a receiving antenna for the original signal, an amplifier to boost it, and a directional antenna to aim the boosted signal at the trouble area. Manufacturing time for the "beam benders" is about three months.

Roof-top installation of antennas is the third option, but because of the clay tiles, it is difficult to mount the necessary support brackets.

"About 60 percent of the installations have been done and the remaining 40 percent are trouble

areas that are receiving special attention," said Garcia.

"Because of the conversion of some housing units here, there is currently a shortage of decoder boxes," said Gaylord. "Some units that were single family houses are now housing a number of bachelors, with an increased need for individual boxes," he added.

In addition, some people who transferred from Panama took their decoder boxes with them. "We are in the process of trying to track down these folks and get the boxes and they'll have to either return the box or pay for it," stated Gaylord.

To prevent future occurrences of boxnapping, VISAT has been added to the clearing sheet for anyone transferring from Panama. Customers can return their decoder box to the VISAT office nearest them, and they'll be given a receipt which should be retained.

This procedure also applies when moving from family quarters into the barracks.

"Those boxes are designed and manufactured for a specific system," said Gaylord and added, "people mistakenly think they can take those boxes back, and it'll do them some good on the stateside cable system."

So if you don't have a decoder box yet, or even a signal for that matter, keep the faith. You haven't been forgotten and you're not being ignored. SCN and VISAT are doing all they can to bring you a quality signal as quickly as possible.

SCN, VISAT to offer 16 channels

FORT CLAYTON (SCN) — When the VISAT cable system becomes fully operational, TV viewers will be able to receive a 14 channel cable package, and two free additional cable channels (SCN CABLE and ESPN). Also available will be Channel 8 (Pacific) and Channel 10 (Atlantic).

For a monthly fee of \$20.75, which comprises the basic VISAT cable package, viewers will be able to subscribe to the following channels.

WPIX-New York (tentative), WWOR-New York, WGN-Chicago, WTBS-Atlanta, Cable News Network, CNN Headline

News, The Learning Channel, Arts and Entertainment Channel, The Nashville Network, Financial News Network/Score, USA Network, Genesis and CNBC.

Also available by subscription is the Super Channel. This VISAT locally-packaged movie channel will be available for \$6.95 per month.

SCN CABLE and ESPN will be available at no charge as will channels 8 and 10.

For more information on the cable system, contact one of the following VISAT offices: Fort Clayton, Building 210, 287-5677; Howard AFB, Building 714, 284-5642; Fort Espinar, Building 214, 289-4103.

U.S. forces detain 29 trespassers on west bank

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — Members of a reinforced platoon of Light Armored Vehicles attached to U.S. Marine Forces, Panama, detained 29 trespassers at about 11:15 Tuesday morning, while conducting a route reconnaissance operation in an area west of Empire Range and north of Thatcher Highway.

The detainees, uniformed members of the Panama Defense forces and personnel in civilian attire, were held at the site for about an hour and 15 minutes, and were then escorted out of the area without incident.

According to the Panama Canal Treaty, the U.S. forces are responsible for providing the internal security of military areas of coordination.

The reinforced Marine platoon from Alpha Company, 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion, was conducting an operation to review

the condition of the road network leading into Empire Range, when 29 individuals in several vehicles were observed entering the military area of coordination and following the LAVs.

The U.S. forces proceeded to detain the individuals when it was discovered they did not have authorization to be in the installation.

Several trespassers, including civilians, were bearing weapons, among them four automatic rifles, two fragmentation grenades, a sub-machine gun, two .38 caliber pistols and five 9 mm pistols. The U.S. forces disarmed the trespassers and conducted a search of their vehicles.

According to the Panama Canal Treaty, the Panama Defense Forces are responsible for providing the external security of military areas of coordination, and U.S. Southern Command officials will protest the incident.

The weapons will be transferred to

the Panama Defense Forces through the Joint Committee/Combined

Board once the investigation of the incident is completed.



AMADOR EXERCISE — Airborne troops from the 1/508th Infantry Battalion (Airborne) exit a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter during a training exercise to secure the Fort Amador housing area Thursday. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul Sweeney)

et cetera

by United Press International

U.S., Iran to talk?

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Iran expects to begin indirect negotiations with the United States within days aimed at freeing Western hostages held in Lebanon by Iranian militants, the Tehran Times said Thursday. A Shiite Muslim official in Beirut, who asked not to be identified, told United Press International that the kidnapers of Joseph Cicippio have called off a threat to kill the American because of stepped up diplomacy in the region.

China still on hold

BEIJING — The U.S. government's easing of travel warnings for China will bring back more foreign business to Beijing but is not expected to revive tourism this year or reverse an exodus of foreigners, diplomats and business representatives said Thursday. Foreign investment, trade and tourism are likely to sag for the rest of the year because of domestic Chinese economic problems and continued anxiety over the prolonged martial law and political instability in Beijing, they said.

Silence marks orbits

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Columbia astronauts maintained public radio silence Thursday during the third day of their military shuttle mission, with officials on Earth hailing the successful launch of a spy satellite. "The United States now has a satellite in orbit as a result of a very successful launch," Air Force Secretary Donald Rice told reporters late Wednesday at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., the day after Columbia's launch from the Kennedy Space Center.

Death threat delayed

BEIRUT — Death threats against American hostage Joseph Cicippio by his extremist kidnapers have been "canceled" as a result of a flurry of behind-the-scenes diplomatic efforts, a ranking Shiite official said Thursday.

No progress, UN says

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, appearing grave and disheartened, announced a special envoy to the Middle East had made no progress in resolving the hostage crisis.