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U.S. denies charges of obstructing electrical lines

by 1st. Lt. Ileana Rodriguez

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCAM PAO) — The acting co-chairman of the Joint Committee, Lt. Col. Ramon Rivera, has denied and termed as "unfounded" the Panama Defense Forces (PDF)

allegation that U.S. forces have obstructed the maintenance of Panama electrical lines. He also expressed indignation towards the local press, stating that recent articles accusing the U.S. forces of interference are not only irresponsible and unfounded, but are

also a part of the disinformation campaign launched by the PDF on the Panamanian people. (See editorial on page 2).

On Oct. 12, the PDF requested access to the high voltage power lines located at U.S. military installations on the west bank of the Canal. According to local press, rapid growth of trees in this area was forming electric arcs causing blackouts throughout the city of Panama.

Fred Warren, USARSO/DEH, contacted IRHE (Electric Company) officials to discuss a maintenance schedule. An IRHE representative indicated that they could not meet until Oct. 17. Meanwhile, in an article of LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA, dated Oct. 15, the press accused the U.S. Southern Command of impeding IRHE maintenance.

Rivera and Warren met with PDF and IRHE officials Oct. 17 and agreed to a work schedule that would begin Oct. 23.

The PDF requested permission to overfly the power lines using a FAP (Panamanian Air Force) helicopter. Although this overflight request was denied, U.S. forces offered the use of a U.S. helicopter with photographic support. On Oct. 25, CRITICA carried an article alleging that the U.S. impeded IRHE inspection of transmission lines by refusing the use of FAP helicopters. This was misleading since the U.S. forces did follow through with their promise to overfly the area, which occurred Oct. 27. (IRHE representatives failed to respond to the invitation to participate in the overflight).

Rivera has responded to a letter sent by PDF Lt. Reinaldo Arauz in which Arauz presents "our strongest protest for the U.S. force's attitude in obstructing the maintenance work at the transmission lines." Rivera said he was unable to understand the accusations, since he has personally met with IRHE officials and has made all arrangements to help them in the solution of the blackouts.



LIVE FIRE — Sgt. Raymond Wideman, Company C, 5/87th Infantry, dives for cover while participating in a live-fire exercise Saturday at Empire Range. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul Sweeney) See related stories on pages 4 and 8.

Navy experiences fifth accident during tragic week of activities

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Navy experienced its fifth accident in four days Wednesday as a boiler fire broke out in the fleet oiler USS Monongahela in the Eastern Atlantic and one sailor was slightly injured, officials said.

The sailor, whose identity was not immediately released, suffered minor burns and was treated aboard the ship, a spokesman for the Atlantic Command in Norfolk, Va., said.

The injured sailor and seven others also were treated for smoke inhalation.

The fire broke out in the ship's

main engineering space at about 4 a.m. local time as the Norfolk-based vessel was steaming between the Azores and Rota, Spain, a Navy spokesman said.

A day earlier, two sailors were missing and feared dead after being washed overboard from the aircraft carriers Dwight D. Eisenhower and Carl Vinson in incidents in the Pacific and the Atlantic.

On Monday, five sailors were injured when a Navy pilot mistakenly dropped a 500-pound bomb on the cruiser USS Reeves during night weapons practice in the Indian Ocean.

In the worst accident of the week, four men and one woman were killed and 19 injured Sunday when a fledgling pilot's landing attempt on the carrier USS Lexington in the Gulf of Mexico went awry and he crashed on board.

Ortega announces end to cease-fire

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI) — President Daniel Ortega, accusing President Bush of promoting "criminal terrorism" in Nicaragua, said Wednesday he would go ahead with plans to end a 19-month unilateral cease-fire with U.S.-backed Contra rebels.

"We are not going to extend the cease-fire, Mr. Bush," Ortega said in a broadcast speech Wednesday, the day the pact expired.

"It seems the United States has lost its head and wants to add a state," Ortega said. "Nicaragua is not another state of the United States. We are not slaves of the United States and we don't accept the dictates of anyone nor of any power."

Ortega said he would renew the cease-fire only if international negotiations lead to the dismantling of the U.S.-financed rebel army.

He called for a meeting between his government, the Contras, Honduras, where many Contras are based, and an international commission at the United Nations next week to discuss the demobilization of the rebel army by Dec. 7, as called for under a plan signed by five Central American presidents last August.

A White House spokesman said Bush had no immediate reaction to Ortega's announcement and a Contra leader in Honduras said he would seek aid from Washington.

Ortega had stunned Bush and Latin leaders at a summit in Costa Rica last week when he announced his intention not to extend the cease-fire. Wednesday, he appeared to blame Bush for the decision, apparently referring to continuing U.S. humanitarian aid to Contra rebels.

"President Bush is not supporting peace in Nicaragua," Ortega said at an early-morning news conference in Managua. "President Bush is promoting war, death, assassinations and criminal terrorism in Nicaragua."

Congress cut off military aid to the Contras in February but the United States still provides \$4 million a month in humanitarian aid to the rebels.

The Nicaraguan government alleges the Contras have recently increased their attacks. Diplomats and observers have said the Contras are more active, staging three large attacks in the last two months despite

the cease-fire, which began in March 1988.

"We have a right to defend ourselves," Ortega said. He cited recent rebel attacks and said, "We have been turning the other cheek."

"President Bush is not supporting democracy in Nicaragua. President Bush is supporting terrorism in Nicaragua," Ortega said. "We don't want a cease-fire. We want the war to cease."

In a comment possibly reflecting the unpopularity of the draft in Nicaragua, Ortega said, "We want to abolish the war because only that way there won't be obligatory military service."

Ortega mixed threats to act "with all the energy necessary" against rebels if their army is not dismantled, with offers to negotiate.

"If the United States wants to impose on us pressures, threats and actions which escalate the conflict, then it will be you, President Bush, it will be the yankee Congress which puts the Nicaraguan election process at risk," he said.

Ortega had previously said Feb. 25 presidential elections would take

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Check cashing schedule set for retirees

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Civil service retirees residing in the Atlantic community will be able to cash their annuity checks at the Panama Canal Commission Treasurer's Office Thursday, between 8 a.m. and noon.

Civil service retirees residing in the Pacific community can cash their checks Nov. 10 at Curundu Elementary School, Fort Clayton, between 9 a.m. and noon.

The general public is asked to avoid the area near the Clayton and Albroom Air Force Station back gates during check cashing hours to avoid traffic congestion.

A valid ID card, with photograph, is required to cash checks.

editorial

Noriega regime spreads disinformation

When Lieutenant Colonel Omar Torrijos participated in the coup d'etat that overthrew newly installed President Arnulfo Arias in 1968, the Panamanian press functioned as it had for many years - within relatively ample, albeit politicized, parameters. But what little media survives in Panama today solely serves the Noriega regime, its contents mirroring the Soviet-style "dezinformatsiya," or disinformation, as published in the controlled press of the Nicaraguan and Cuban regimes, and the insurgent Communist forces at work in Honduras and El Salvador.

While elsewhere in the hemisphere democracy and freedom (of the press and otherwise) have gained strong footholds, a prolific self-serving propaganda apparatus marches on in Panama, gesticulating wildly to no one in particular, like an actor on an empty stage. The themes woven into this monologue and often echoed elsewhere are:

- Panama is a nation "besieged" by the U.S.
- The U.S. directs and controls the political opposition.
- U.S. forces in Panama spread AIDS, conjunctivitis and malaria.
- The U.S. intends to renege on its Treaty obligations, including the transferral of the Canal to Panama.
- The U.S. is attacking Panama, not Noriega, with its sanctions.
- The U.S. is planning an invasion.
- The U.S. government controls the media and has launched a disinformation campaign to weaken General Noriega.
- General Noriega and his supporters are the only true nationalists; all opponents are traitors, sell-outs, or oligarchs.

All these premises are completely false and patently absurd.

In addition to relying heavily on these overused themes, the Noriega regime has recently resorted to saturating the media with invented or exaggerated reports of U.S. military casualties in Panama, product of what they call the "Phantom War the U.S. is waging here."

Indeed, there is a "phantom war" being waged - but it is by Noriega against the truth! Just one case in point is the Oct. 23 edition

of a local regime-controlled tabloid *Critica* that claimed more than 60 U.S. service members have died in the "Phantom War." The article substantiates its figures by reporting a recent alleged helicopter crash at Fort Sherman in which three service members died, elevating the "death toll" to more than 60.

The fact is there was no helicopter crash at Fort Sherman.

The daily disinformation tabloid continued the numbers game tallying three service members allegedly killed in a firefight in April 1988. In reality, only one U.S. service member died. Another tall tale printed was that a June 1989 helicopter accident near Chilibre on the Atlantic side caused the death of 13 service members. The truth is that three soldiers died in that accident.

Likewise, *Critica* exaggerated a helicopter crash off Kobbe Beach. *Critica* reported seven killed when again, actually only one service member died. Another item concerned a vehicle accident in which one service member was killed. *Critica* reported 14 dead.

To what end does this gross distortion of reality serve? To try to dupe the Panamanian people and attempt to deflect attention from the real cause of the crisis, Noriega, to the United States. Fortunately, the Panamanian people have proven too smart for that childish tactic.

To this day, the Noriega-controlled press distorts the facts surrounding several tragic and untimely deaths, the latest one being that of a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.

For days, the regime press ridiculed and demeaned the tragedy by decorating the front pages with cartoons and screaming headlines claiming the officer was pushed out the window and murdered because she was an intelligence agent and had been planning a meeting between U.S. and Panamanian military officials. Allegations were also made that she had "crossed" the U.S. Army South commanding general and he had her "eliminated."

All the charges were false. The truth is she was the U.S. Army South's adjutant general, in charge of personnel and administrative matters, and had no intelligence functions whatsoever. But the regime's complete disregard for human dignity and decency was once again

unequivocally manifested.

These themes illustrate Noriega's threads in a larger Latin American disinformation fabric which seems designed to confuse and drape in doubt all legitimate efforts by the United States in the region.

Noriega has several objectives. One is obviously to discredit Panamanian democratic forces, i.e., opposition politicians, supporters, or other independent individuals. But another is to provide false, distorted information about the U.S. which can be quoted, repeated, in regional media.

According to a recent U.S. Information Service report on disinformation tactics, stories appearing in regional newspapers have been picked up by Soviet publications and replayed as quotes by wire services throughout the world. In Panama's case, this pattern is clearly visible.

One example is a false charge made by Noriega in August 1988 that the U.S. was diverting Panama Canal funds to the Nicaraguan Contras. Noriega's charge reverberated as a domestic USSR broadcast, as a TASS article and as the subject of a Deutsche Press Agency file, in addition to its original appearance in the Noriega-controlled newspapers.

All these efforts are, unfortunately, going unchallenged because since the 1968 coup, and perhaps to a degree never imagined by the nationalist leader General Torrijos, Noriega's regime has badly mangled and ultimately cut off emerging sprigs of press freedom and ethics. The dictator's agenda -- be it to distract public attention from problems, smear the reputation of political foes, or mouth the virtues of his regime -- determines what can and cannot be printed and broadcast for 2.2 million Panamanians.

The campaign to silence the free press, or as Noriega puts it, the "unofficial," "seditious," or "destabilizing" versions of the truth, started with the crisis in mid-1987 and has obliterated all but the general's version of events. The purpose has been to hurt the U.S. image while distracting Panamanians' attention from Noriega's problematic and heavyhanded rule, which is the real reason behind public discontent.

Throughout the political upheaval in Panama, the Noriega-directed media has waged an openly vicious campaign to influence public opinion against the United States and opposing political forces in hopes of gaining time and maybe support.

While the obvious and often libelous fabrications published might be read and heard with amusement by some, they can be disconcerting for those in Panama. The vitriolic anti-U.S. rhetoric, blatant propaganda and disinformation contributes to an oppressive atmosphere that makes persecution of political opponents and harassment of U.S. personnel a popular activity with Noriega supporters.

Noriega's total control over the information flow has also left lingering suspicions that the campaign could have an effect on a more vulnerable Panamanian population.

But more preoccupying is the notion that this "dezinformatsiya" may not only reflect Noriega's desire to manipulate the Panamanian people, but be part of a larger effort to discredit the U.S. before its closest allies.

Having benefitted from a truly free press -- one that doesn't just hype the actions of an ill-intentioned regime and distort reality -- in this and other countries, and understanding its role in the course of human development, it is saddening to think that liberty-loving people of Panama will enjoy no such treasured freedom while Noriega holds power. They deserve better.



Two Panamanian Defense Forces officers stand by the entrance of the opposition paper "La Prensa," which was barred from publication. (AP Laserphoto)

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FIREMAN'S CARRY -- "Killer B's" LCpl. S. E. Nelson shoulders fellow Company B, 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion Leatherneck LCpl. G. M. Stodolski as Nelson runs a 50-yard fireman's carry relay during the Marine Forces Panama Iron Man competition at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal. The "Killer B's" won the event Oct. 15 with a team that included four more lance corporals: M. J. Artiaga, B. Huddleston, J. S. Turlington and J. Webber. The event also included rifle marksmanship, sit-ups and a rope climb over a running course of several kilometers. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by LCpl. Matt W. Fitch)

NCOs demonstrate 'nobody can touch' 92nd MP Battalion

story and photo
by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Two U.S. Army South military police sergeants recently proved that 92nd MP Battalion training is best in the corps.

Sgt. Charles D. Tilton of HHC, Law Enforcement Activity and 1st Sgt. Tommie E. Lipford of the 534th MP Company (Combat Support) soundly defeated their opponents during the fourth annual Military Police Corps' Noncommissioned Officers of Excellence Competition at Fort McClellan, Ala.

"We took 50 percent of the competition," Lipford said. "If we had sent a sergeant first class and a staff sergeant, we would've swept the whole thing."

Forty-eight MPs competed in the four-day event, which commemorated the MP Corp's 48th anniversary. First- and second-place awards were given to the top NCOs at each rank. Each battalion was limited to two entries.

"Even the Fort McClellan drill sergeants didn't expect this level of competition from Panama."
1st Sgt. Tommie E. Lipford

"We picked Tilton because of his past performance," Lipford explained. "He was USARSO's soldier of the year, he maxed his physical fitness test, and he's the most competent soldier in his military occupational specialty."

Not one to back down from a challenge, Lipford joined the competition to put his soldier skills to the test. "I consider myself a competitive soldier, a soldier the Army has a need for."

Lipford blasted the notion that soldiering stops at higher ranks. "A first sergeant's number-one duty is to make sure his soldiers are well trained. He can't do that behind a desk."

Lipford hit the road more than 2 months before the competition, running with a ruck sack twice a day. In addition, he honed his

marksmanship on the 9mm pistol, and practiced firing his M-16 in full Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear.

To help Lipford prepare for the competition's hardest event, the 534th's training section set up a trial road march with six common-task testing stations. In addition, Lipford devoured his MOS and common-task training manuals.

Tilton also concentrated on the road march, running to Albrook Air Force Station three times a week with his 40-pound ruck.

The training paid off when Tilton and Lipford reached the competition.

"I was glad I prepared," Lipford said. "We took the competition more seriously than the other competitors. Even the Fort McClellan drill sergeants didn't expect this level of competition from Panama."

Day-one of the competition featured an 11.2-mile road march with a 40-pound ruck and six common-task stations along the way.

At the first station, competing NCOs took apart and reassembled an M-60 machine gun. The next station tested first aid skills — applying a field pressure dressing and

carrying an unconscious patient 100 meters.

Then came marksmanship. Competitors fired 20 rounds from their 9mm pistols at silhouette targets 35 meters away. At the next station, they located themselves on a map using nearby terrain features.

The competitors "assumed" MOPP level four at the M-16 range and fired 20 rounds at a 150-meter target with unzeroed weapons. Tilton nailed 16 targets, Lipford hit 13. They stayed in MOPP-four during the next leg of the road march, a 1.2-mile hill. While climbing the hill in MOPP-four, Tilton passed competitors who couldn't take the heat. Rucking in Panama had paid off.

The end of the 11.2-mile course wasn't the end at all. The last station was a 550-meter bayonet course where competitors scaled walls and crawled under barbed wire while 'sticking' their targets.

Tilton finished the day in first place, racking up a lead that grew with each day's events.

The next day, a written exam tested competitors' knowledge of basic soldier and specialty skills. While most questions were taken directly from CTT and MOS



Sgt. Charles D. Tilton (standing) leads his Special Reaction Team on a recent jungle patrol.

manuals, Maj. Gen. Charles A. Hines, post commander, added 10 questions on current events like the situation here and drug intervention. Familiarity with Panama put Tilton and Lipford on top.

Day-three opened with an Army Physical Fitness Test. PT excellence was one reason Tilton and Lipford were picked in the first place — enough said.

After the APFT, contestants tackled the post confidence course. They were timed as they climbed ropes and jumped from log to log. Anyone unable to complete an obstacle suffered up to a 5-minute penalty, depending on the obstacle.

The final day put contestants before a board of five U.S. Army MP School sergeants major. Tilton had the competition wrapped up before the board, Lipford said. The sergeants major asked tough questions designed to challenge contestants' abilities to reason, not quote manuals.

They asked Tilton to describe the MP Corps of the future.

"The corps will expand," Tilton answered. "Instead of being combat support, MPs will start taking the action to the enemy. We'll become a combat-oriented force."

Tilton's view of future MPs stemmed from duty in Panama, he said. "We see more action here than the infantry."

Lipford agreed: "When anything happens, MPs are always first on scene. After hurricane Hugo hit the Virgin Islands, when there was chaos in the streets, they sent in MPs — not infantry, not armor. If you look around the world, you'll find MPs on the fighting edge."

Tilton will now refine that "fighting edge" in Panama, when he spearheads USARSO's newly-formed Special Reaction Force, a small unit of elite MPs designed for low-profile missions like rescuing hostages. More than ever, Tilton and Lipford define what "MPs of the future" will be.

"We're it!" Tilton exclaimed. "More and more, MPs who were here on temporary duty reenlist for Panama. They know the 92nd MP Battalion is the best. Nobody can touch us."

Live-fire training: bullets, stress are real

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Baptism by live-fire — The stress is real, and so are the bullets. A screw up at this level can cost someone a lot more than the embarrassment of a screaming MILES beeper.

To do it correctly, it takes faith in yourself and confidence in your squad members to do the right thing, at the right time, every time.

In MILES training you don't have to worry about fratricide. In a live-fire, if the troops haven't been properly trained, you do," said Capt. Donald S. Currie, commander, Company C, 5th Battalion (light), 87th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade.

Only a commander with the utmost confidence in his soldiers' abilities should conduct a live-fire, and then, only after intense training, according to Currie. "It's the pinnacle we strive for."

It's a pinnacle his troops achieved. After drilling themselves for weeks to the point that they executed their moves with rehearsed precision, they got their mission: N-hour, Gallery range, live-fire.

The nine-man squad had an objective 400 meters out. The approach would be classic, communicate and cover your buddy. That's simple enough for a group of

men skilled in the art of field-craft.

However, the terrain they had to cover was the sort that would make a grown soldier cry. Flat and wet, the only available cover was six-inch rocks and 60-foot mud puddles.

By the time they hit the objective they looked like a something from the black lagoon, but they attacked with the grace of their Panther mascot. Rifles firing and grenades bursting, they annihilated the hapless enemy forces.

Typical of the day's events this scenario was repeated by each squad in the company as they conducted live-fire exercises last week on Empire Range.

The purpose of a live-fire is to get soldiers used to maneuvering with real bullets flying, according to Currie.

This scenario also introduced the soldiers to the difficulties involved in attacking an enemy position on open ground.

For the newer soldiers, this training was especially important. "I've learned how to handle myself out here," said Pvt. 2 Mathew Ciochon, squad assault weapon gunner. "I'm not the complete infantryman yet, but I'm not a basic trainee anymore either."

"Ciochon has come a long way in the past few months," his squad leader, SSgt. Samuel Driskell said.

Other new soldiers found their first live-fire a little nerve wracking, though it wasn't the bullets that got them edgy.

"I made a few small mistakes at first. I was nervous because of all the brass watching. But my team members told me to ignore them, and then I did fine," said Pvt. 1 Mathew Pitts.

"I think that's because Sgt. Donald Gator made me spend a lot of time getting ready for this, but that 15 minutes of live-fire was worth every hour of training," he said.

The newer soldiers had a lot to say about their NCOs, most claiming their's was the best, but it took an experienced troop to sum up why they felt that way.

"It's simple. Mediocre NCOs make mediocre troops, and our squads don't have mediocre NCOs," said Spec. Kirkland Thomas.

Their ability to recognize a mistake and correct it also lifts the soldiers of Company C above average. Sgt. Mark Bryant put it this way:

"If I'm going to make a tactical mistake, I'd rather make it here than in a real battle."

This kind of thinking gives them an edge. No matter what happens at a higher level — if the commander catches a stray round or the company's communication center

gets shelled — these soldiers have the faith in their skills and their comrades to finish the job. After all, America's best doesn't train to be heroes, they train to win.



PFC William Gattis sprints through his corridor of attack during a three-second rush. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)

The Provost Marshal's Corner

Hello again crime fans. A quick report on the results of the 10-day marine life survey we conducted at Pinas Bay. We found five marlin and three sail-fish which couldn't tell the difference between a free-swimming bonita and a dead one with a hook tied in front of it. Three of the marlin were lucky enough to escape. However, two marlin and three sailfish were short of both discretion and luck. A fuller report is being prepared and may be published in the near future.

In the meantime, back to reporting crime. A very disgusted military policeman reported that his official vehicle had been damaged in a helicopter attack at Jarman Field. It seems that he was there with the door open (strictly in the line of duty) when a UH-60 Blackhawk landed nearby. The rotor wash pushed the door of his Toyota 4-Runner past the point of no return and resulted in 27 pounds of paperwork.

At the Howard NCO Club, an irate husband expressed his marital displeasure by bashing his wife in the back of the head with his motorcycle helmet. Then he bashed a fellow soldier from a different unit the same way. Having done that, he went with the security police to the station where he invoked his right not to tell anyone why he had done it. Though we may wonder about his motives, there is no doubt that the manufacturers of the helmet would be aghast to know that their product was being used to bash heads instead of protect them.

On Fort Clayton, a thief broke the window in the rear door of a certain house and opened the door, using the key that the occupants had left in the lock on the inside of the door when they

went to bed. He took a wallet, a purse and two jewelry boxes that were full of documents instead of jewelry. But the wallet had \$130 in cash. He left by the same door, leaving the keys right where he found them. (Crime prevention tip: Locks and keys provide much greater security when they are separated.)

A soldier tried to increase his supply of pain pills by changing the number on the prescription from 10 to 18. Pretty clever, right? It might have worked if he had used sloppier handwriting and a common unit of issue. But he didn't, and he was caught. Now he has a bigger headache than Fiorinal was ever designed to cure. The charges range from Altering a Public Document to Making a False Official Statement and Attempted Larceny.

One misinformed gentleman thought that as long as he was the escort, an otherwise unprivileged person could accompany him into the Toyland. I mean, it's not like they were checking ID's or anything. Well, the Contraband Gumshoe was glad to set him straight on the subject. He even confiscated his ID card so he couldn't make the same mistake (or even one similar) in the near future and imperil his career further. Yes, they really are looking out for you.

In another case of Unauthorized Escort, there wasn't even a chance to claim ignorance. In this case on Fort Clayton, an MP couldn't believe his eyes when he saw a soldier stop his government car in front of private quarters and let a young lady out of the trunk. He walked over and checked her base pass, which didn't exist. Then he blew the whistle and had the

driver and his friend picked up for questioning.

One of the men invoked his right to imitate a clam, but his buddy chose to imitate a canary. From him we learned that they had picked up the young lady while off base and hid her in the trunk so they could bring her through the main gate without the hassle of all that paperwork.

We're willing to bet that hassle and paperwork are going to be the norm in their lives for a little while. After all, they have to explain why they were special enough to violate written regulations and misappropriate a government vehicle to people who aren't.

For the good news, we are glad to report that two men reported as Absent Without Leave weren't. In each case, the men were on temporary duty and working hard for democracy while they were being vilified in the blotters. When they returned, the confusion was quickly cleared up and we all got a reminder that being accused is not the same as being convicted.

An elderly military retiree was traveling home from the commissary when he was stopped at a check point by several members of the PDF. Then, six men with weapons unloaded \$400 worth of goods despite the retiree's protests. After taking his groceries and household items, they ordered him to beat it. Asking for a receipt for the goodies or authorization for the theft was a waste of time and breath. The victim finally gave up and returned to Fort Clayton to report the theft and violation of treaty rights.

On the other hand, in Balboa Heights, a maid's report of a break-in brought a fast response

from the PDF. When they arrived at the house, they found one man trapped inside by the double key deadbolts, (the keys of which, this occupant had taken with him to the beach.) The lookout took off, trying to outrun the law, but found that he couldn't outrun a bullet.

The inside man went first to the Balboa jail and then to the Carcel Modelo, the lookout went first to Gorgas and then to Santo Tomas Hospital. Rumor has it he bit the big one and won't be robbing anyone again.

There's been another smash-and-grab robbery from a car at a red light here. This time it was a short distance from the traditional area, but only enough to indicate that this type of violent crime is spreading, not moving.

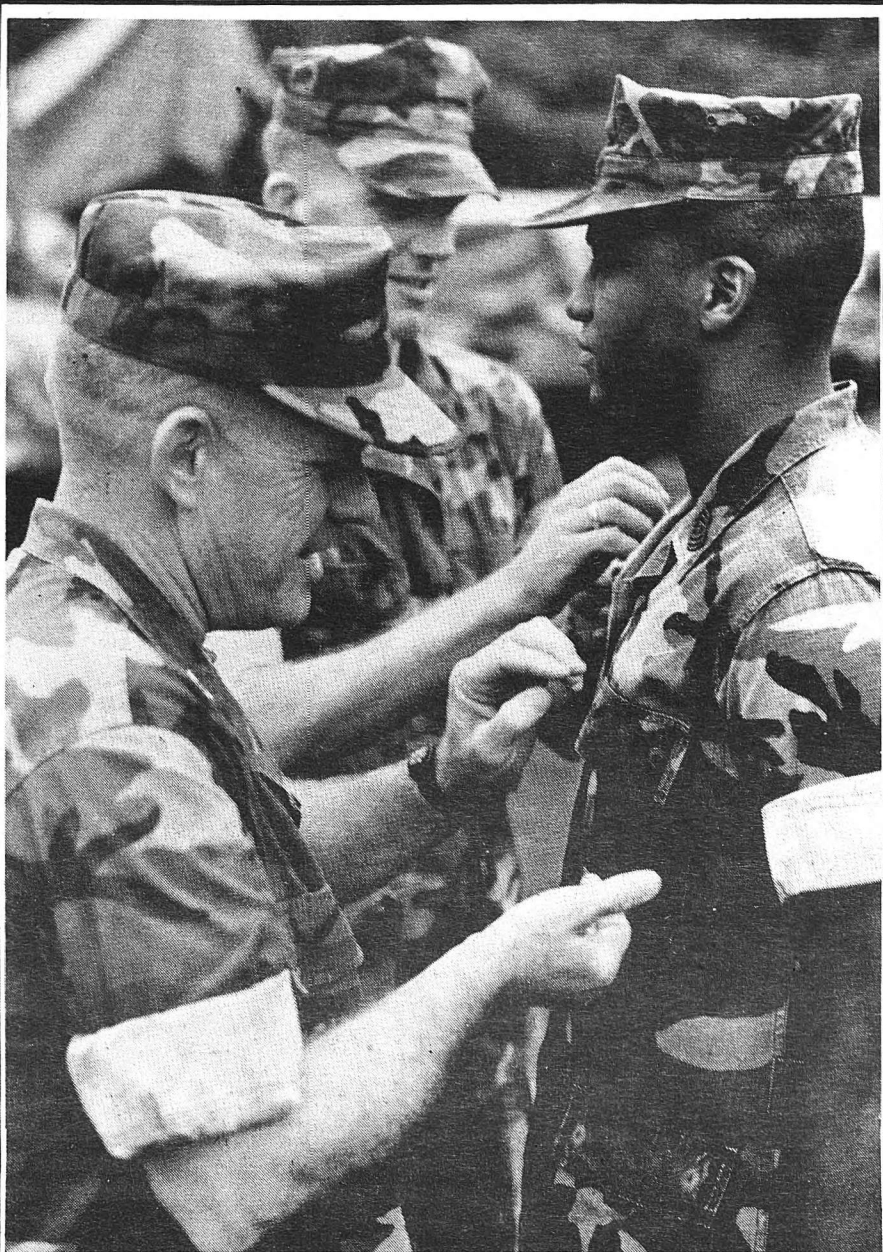
As before, the thief smashed the passenger window with a big rock, grabbed the purse off the seat and ran. In this case, he also got her necklace, which she had prudently removed from sight and hidden in her purse. Life is not always fair.

A Friday night barracks party moved into Saturday morning and everyone was feeling good. One soldier was so full of high spirits (perhaps rum), that she threw her glass out of the third floor window, onto the roof of the car below.

The car turned out to be owned by someone known to her and he wasn't happy. He called the cops and everyone went downtown for a game of 20 Questions played under the bright lights. As of this writing, no further information is forthcoming from the culprit. Though Paul Harvey may find out the rest of the story, for us it will remain one of life's little mysteries.

And now, in the words of Porky Pig, "Th...th...that's all folks."

people



FROCKING -- United States Marine Corps history is made as 1st Sgt. Earl L. Turner (left) has the insignia of his current rank pinned on by the commander of Marine Forces Panama, Col. Charles E. Richardson (right), during an unusual frocking conducted at the U.S. Naval Station, Panama Canal. The event, conducted Oct. 21, may have been the first such frocking from the rank of gunnery sergeant in many decades since Leathernecks first came ashore on the isthmus in 1856. Frocking to the next higher rank, that entitles a Marine to all responsibilities and benefits of that rank except pay and allowances, is traditionally reserved for commissioned officers. Capt. John S. Dunn (center) conducted the frocking and also pinned on a first sergeant chevron before a formation of Company B, 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion (-) (Rein) Marines. (USMC photo by SSgt. Mike Stroup)

USARSO commander honors 65 NAF employees at ceremony

ALBROOK AFS (NAF) — The second annual Nonappropriated Funds Awards ceremony for civilian employees was held Oct. 25 at the Fort Amador Officers' Club. Sixty-five NAF employees were recognized with performance awards, certificates of appreciation, certificates of achievement, and service awards. Maj. Gen. Marc A. Cisneros, USARSO commander presented the awards and made closing remarks at the ceremony. He commented on the importance of NAF employees to the military community, especially during these stressful times and Personnel Movement Limitations.

Nonappropriated Funds activities provide many valuable services to the military, family members, and civilian employees through organizations such as the club system, golf course, billeting, recreation programs, child development and youth services, as well as administrative activities. There are approximately 615 NAF employees in USARSO.

Those receiving awards were:

Service Awards

Community Operations Division: David Acuna and Sonia Lopez, 30 Years Service.

Billeting: Hernan Boyd and Manuel Morales, 30 Years Service.

Performance Awards

Community Operations Division: Viviam B. Boseman, Gabriel Joachin, Hector Joseph and Francisco Small.

Community Recreation Division: Jeanette Gray, Wilhel Gray and Sidney Polanco.

Family Support Division: Joan C. McKeon and Marcia Winford

Community Services Division: Damaris Martinez, William N. Miller, Jorge Navarro, Isidoro Rivera, Hugo Vernaza and Aracelys

Yanis.

Financial Management Division: Mirta De la Guardia and Joan M. Rodriguez.

Directorate of Civilian Personnel: Diana T. Gittens.

Community & Family Activities: Mario Henry.

Billeting Fund: Narciso Mendives, Hernan Boyd and Ernesto Boyd.

Quality Step Increase Awards

Community Recreation Division: Luzmila Carrion, Elizath Echevers, Constantino Glitsos, Clotilde Knox and Marisol Zambrano.

Family Support Division: Nancy Sanchez.

Community Services Division: Leica G. Cousins, Matilde Hayes and Bill Miller.

Financial Management Division: Zenovia Williams.

Directorate of Civilian Personnel: Marta C. Alvaranga and Vedette Mahon.

Billeting Fund: Gloria E. Beckford.

Certificate of Achievement

Community Recreation Division: Clara Cedenio, Lionel Perez, Ivette C. Thompson and Lessie Walker.

Family Support Division: Minerva Anglada, Sandra C. Barber, Isabel Mills, Susan Paradišo, Leonardo J. Quijada, Ines R. Rodriguez, Leatha R. Sprauve, Magda Vasquez and Judith A. Webb.

Community Services Division: Johannes J. Dullaart.

Central Accounting Office: Cynthia Abuert, Norma Holder, Yolanda Jimenez, Alberto Lonbardo, Patricia Young and Rogelio Williams.

Certificate of Appreciation

Central Accounting Office: Magda R. Buchanan, Victor A. Cisneros, Esteban Gonzalez, Nora Johnson, Jaime McClean and Javier Oberto.

Deadline for Angel Pin submissions approaches

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW PA) — Through the years, volunteers at Howard have been recognized for their unselfish and significant contributions to the community. But there are a few people here who take

their work one step further than the rest.

Those people are recognized with the distinctive "Angel Pin," thought of initially in 1988 by Eunice Welch, wife of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Larry D. Welch. The gold Angel Pin is awarded to recognize the

accomplishments and selfless contributions of those who donate their time and abilities to help ensure the well-being of the Air Force.

Eight to 10 Angel Pin recipients are chosen annually by a committee which includes a chaplain, the

director of the Family Support Center, the chief of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the wife of the 830th Air Division commander and the wife of the 24th Composite Wing commander. The deadline for submissions for this year's Angel Pin award is Tuesday.

Explosion injures 6 at Empire

by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Six soldiers from HHC, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) were injured in an explosion at 4 p.m. Saturday at Empire Range.

Injured were:

Sgt. Efrain Rios, Jr. was listed in stable condition at Gorgas Army Hospital after suffering a dislocated elbow and 2nd-degree burns to the front of his body and leg.

Spec. Michael L. Henson was listed in stable condition at Gorgas after suffering 2nd-degree burns to the front and back of his body.

Sgt. Gregory McLaurin was listed in stable condition at Gorgas after suffering 1st-degree burns to the front of his body.

Spec. Alroy Burgess was listed in

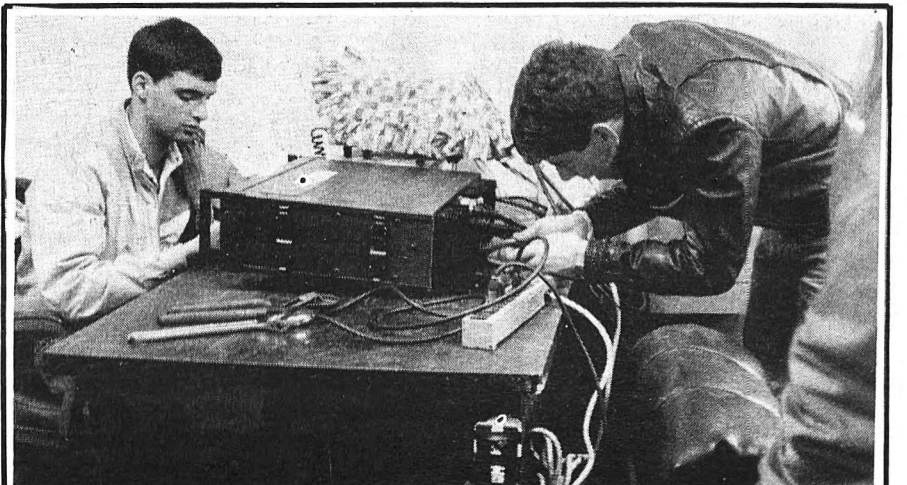
stable condition at Gorgas after suffering 1st-degree burns to the front of his body.

PFC Adam K. Kovac was listed in stable condition at Gorgas after suffering 1st-degree burns to the front of his body.

Pvt. 2 Jason T. Jenkins was listed in stable condition at Gorgas after suffering 1st-degree burns to the front of his body.

The soldiers were loading 107mm mortar illumination rounds into a HMMWV on range 7A when the accident occurred. According to a report filed by Sgt. Darrell Walker, range inspector, the nose of one round struck the tail of another while being loaded into the HMMWV, setting off a 40-round chain reaction.

The cause of the accident is being investigated by range officials.



PERU VISIT -- Working in civilian clothes because they are out of country are Sgt. Michael Tucker, ground radio communications equipment technician, left, and SrA Trevor Kearns, antenna/cable systems maintenance technician, 1978th Communications group, as they set up a high frequency transceiver at the U.S. Military Group in Lima, Peru. Through the year, the eight antenna and 11 radio technicians travel throughout Central and South America inspecting and repairing more than 60 antennas and radios of the Missions Radio System. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Nome Compton)

Maximum effort is key to receiving promotions

by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — The difference between soldiers who get promoted and those who don't is simple: Those who want the promotion go out and earn it, according to Spec. Valerie A. Brooks, 92nd Personnel Service Company promotion clerk.

Soldiers earn promotions to sergeant and staff sergeant by accumulating promotion points for education, training and duty performance. Each month, the Department of the Army sends Brooks a list of "cutoff scores." Soldiers whose promotion points meet or exceed the cutoff score for their rank and military occupational specialty are promoted.

Promotion points aren't always easy to find, but they're out there. For example, the average U.S. Army South soldier could increase his promotion score by 140 points if he earned all available points for military and civilian education, Brooks said.

Soldiers' promotion points are totaled on the Promotion Point Worksheet. A soldier who scores the maximum in each of the eight categories would earn 1,000 points.

To help soldiers reach their potential, several experts offered tips on how to increase promotion points in each category.

Promotion Board — Nervousness is the biggest killer, according to SFC Danene A. Beaulieu, 142nd Medical Battalion. Beaulieu was a member of her battalion's sergeant and staff sergeant promotion boards in September.

More than half of the possible 200 points are earned in areas of self-confidence, attitude and oral expression. Therefore, it is crucial that soldiers appear calm under pressure.

Beaulieu suggests two ways to fight nervousness: know your material well and rehearse at a pre-board. "If you're well prepared, the board will go a lot faster, easier, and you'll be out of there before you know it."

Skill Qualification Test — Soldiers train for their SQT every day by doing their jobs, said SGM Phil D. Cornett, SQT training coordinator for the 92nd Personnel Service Company. As his soldiers' test date approaches, Cornett's NCOs train their subordinates to improve test scores.

First they teach soldiers the basics of test-taking. Even soldiers who know the material can score poorly if they don't follow proper test-taking procedures. Therefore, soldiers are taught how to read and understand instructions, read through the questions thoroughly and eliminate wrong answers before selecting the right one.

Once test-taking skills are honed, 92nd NCOs focus on test material. They identify soldiers' weaknesses and concentrate on improving those areas.

However, soldiers' scores ultimately depend on how much effort they put into learning the material, Cornett said. "They know beforehand which material they'll be tested on, it's all in their MOS manual." Soldiers who put forth the effort reap benefits of up to 200 points.

Commander's Duty Performance Rating — Soldiers who score well in other categories have nothing to fear in this one, said Capt. Malcom B. Gunther, commander of HHC, 154th Signal Battalion. "Hard-charging soldiers naturally stand out."

Before he gives away any points, Gunther asks himself, "Will this soldier eventually become a first sergeant or sergeant major?" The commander's rating, he said, is a measurement of how valuable the soldier is to the Army.

If a soldier has an Article 15, is overweight or failed his SQT, he has a problem. But a soldier who keeps his record clean and performs to standards should rack up close to 200 points.

Military and Civilian Education — Anybody need an additional 140

promotion points? The average USARSO soldier has only 80 points in military education and 30 in civilian education. That's 110 points.

However, 150 points are available for military education and 100 for civilian education, a total of 250 points. That's one-fourth of all possible promotion points!

Education counselors help soldiers get more education and ultimately more rank. On-duty programs like Survival Spanish or the NCO Management Program help soldiers improve job performance while earning promotion points for military education.

Off-duty military education programs include Army correspondence courses. The courses allow soldiers to progress in job-related skills at their own pace.

Civilian education is the other half of the pie. The education center offers many services to soldiers seeking college credits. The Army even picks up 75 percent of tuition costs. By taking college courses on their off time, soldiers can build toward a degree.

Marksmanship and Physical Fitness — "Marksmanship is not just for infantrymen, it's a basic skill all soldiers need," said Sgt. Claude Joseph, HHC, USARSO training NCO. "A soldier who can't fire his weapon can't save his own life. How can he lead others?"

Joseph ensures all his soldiers have the opportunity to fire their weapons every two months. Any soldier willing to train can shoot expert and collect 50 promotion points, Joseph said.

Soldiers must also be physically fit to lead effectively, Joseph continued.

Sometimes company physical training just won't cut it.

"You need to get out and run on your own," Joseph suggests running from three to five miles daily. Then, the two-mile run will seem like a stroll through the park. A 300 PT-score is worth 50 promotion points.

Awards and Decorations — Dedication and a positive attitude bring awards and decorations, which are worth another 50 promotion points.

"Awards aren't given away, they're earned by dedicated soldiers," said SSgt. Linwood Thomas, administration NCO for HHC, USARSO. "A dedicated soldier is one who helps his unit get the job done. When he's finished with his own work, he looks for other soldiers to help. He's a team player."

Getting the job done and earning rank take the same kind of dedication. To get a promotion, soldiers must be strong in all areas. Knowing where the points are its important, but going out and earning them separates those who earn stripes from those who stockpile excuses.



NAF employment vacancies listed

ALBROOK AFS (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 & 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, not later than 4 p.m. on the closing date listed below. For more information on Promotion Bulletin and Vacancy Listings, call 285-5749/5203 or visit CPO/NAF Division. CPO/NAF is closed to the public on Wednesdays.

NM-1702-05, Education Technician, \$5.64 per hour, permanent full time, DCA, CFA, Family Support Division, Child Development Center, Fort Clayton. This announcement closes Nov. 14.

NM-0189, Recreation Aid (lifeguard), intermittent-on-call, \$4.74 per hour, DCA, CFA, CRD, Outdoor Branch, Fort Clayton swimming pool. This announcement closes Nov. 17.

Howard/Albrook shuttle bus schedule

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| MESS HALL (TENT CITY) | 0550 | 0630 | 0700 | 1030 | 1140 | 1600 | 1630 | 1710 | 1900 | 2100 |
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| COMMISSARY | 0554 | 0634 | 0704 | 1034 | 1144 | 1604 | 1634 | 1714 | 1904 | 2104 |
| PAX TERMINAL | 0556 | 0636 | 0706 | 1036 | 1146 | 1606 | 1636 | 1716 | 1906 | 2106 |
| HANGER #1 | 0558 | 0638 | 0708 | 1038 | 1148 | 1608 | 1638 | 1718 | 1908 | 2108 |
| POST OFFICE | 0600 | 0640 | 0710 | 1040 | 1150 | 1610 | 1640 | 1720 | 1910 | 2110 |
| GATEWAY HOUSING | 0603 | 0643 | 0713 | 1043 | 1153 | 1613 | 1643 | 1723 | 1913 | 2113 |
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| ALBROOK #405 | 0620 | 0700 | 0730 | 1100 | 1210 | 1630 | 1700 | 1740 | 1930 | 2130 |
| ALBROOK #811 | 0625 | 0705 | 0735 | 1105 | 1215 | 1635 | 1705 | 1745 | 1935 | 2135 |
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| GATEWAY HOUSING | 0642 | 0722 | 0752 | 1122 | 1232 | 1652 | 1722 | 1802 | 1952 | 2152 |
| COMMISSARY | 0645 | 0725 | 0755 | 1125 | 1235 | 1655 | 1725 | 1805 | 1955 | 2155 |
| PAX TERMINAL | 0647 | 0727 | 0757 | 1127 | 1237 | 1657 | 1727 | 1807 | 1957 | 2157 |
| HANGER #1 | 0648 | 0728 | 0758 | 1128 | 1238 | 1658 | 1728 | 1808 | 1958 | 2158 |
| POST OFFICE | 0649 | 0729 | 0759 | 1129 | 1239 | 1659 | 1729 | 1809 | 1959 | 2159 |
| MESS HALL (TENT CITY) | 0652 | 0732 | 0802 | 1132 | 1302 | 1702 | 1732 | 1812 | 2002 | 2202 |

• Anyone requiring transportation to the Howard Medical Clinic should contact the taxi dispatcher at 284-5058/5059.

• Personnel requiring transportation for official business at times not covered by the shuttle will be handled by the dispatcher on a case by case basis.

U.S. news

New York's mayoral race becomes bitter battle

NEW YORK (UPI) — With his once commanding lead in doubt, David Dinkins's bid to become New York's first black mayor has become a bitter, bruising battle with Republican Rudolph Giuliani for the hearts and minds of wavering white Democrats, particularly Jews.

Dinkins in recent days dodged eggs in Brooklyn, catcalls in the Bronx and chants of "Hymietown, Hymietown" from Jews in Queens reluctant to forgive his friendship with Jesse Jackson, the author of that 1984 remark about New York that still enrages many residents.

"I would hope that people would understand that it is David Dinkins who is running for mayor, not Jesse Jackson," a frustrated Dinkins has pleaded.

Dinkins, a moderate who has staked his career on coalition building and has a long record of support for Jewish concerns, has been forced to go so far as to declare that Jackson will play no role in his

administration.

"If as a Jew you cannot vote for this man on Jewish issues, you can never vote for a black," Assemblyman Alan Hevesi, a Jewish Dinkins supporter, lectured a woman at the Queens affair.

Prominent Jews have begun rallying to the defense of Dinkins, who also is enlisting the help of leading Democratic office-holders popular with Jewish voters.

In addition to Koch and Gov. Mario Cuomo, others to come to Dinkins' aid have been Democratic Sens. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, Carl Levin of Michigan, Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Koch and Kennedy appear in separate Dinkins TV spots warning that Democratic values are at stake in a contest in which the national GOP has vowed to establish a Republican "beachhead" in the city.

A month ago, the outlook for

Giuliani, a former federal prosecutor, looked nearly hopeless in a city where Democrats outnumber Republicans 5-1. But now, the polls are contradictory, with some showing Dinkins' holding an 18 point lead, while others indicate his edge has dwindled to just 4 points.

Dinkins now labels Giuliani a publicity-seeking Republican toady who has flip-flopped on many issues, such as abortion, out of political expedience.

And Giuliani continues to pound Dinkins on his personal finances while pleading with Democrats to jump ship and join his self-proclaimed crusade against crime, crack and corruption.

"To focus exclusively on the Jews ignores most of the voters and plays into the suspicions of some that Jews control 'X' 'Y' or 'Z' in New York City, which is not the case," said David Pollock of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

"The most serious fallout is if

David Dinkins loses and the Jews voted for Giuliani. At that point, some blacks will attribute the loss to Jewish abandonment and Jewish racism," he said. "People may try to find a scapegoat."

Jews are the one white ethnic group that has consistently supported Dinkins and is credited with helping provide his margin of victory over Mayor Edward Koch in September's Democratic primary.

But there has apparently been a marked Jewish shift away from Dinkins in recent weeks, according to polls now identifying Jews as the largest bloc of undecided voters.

As a result, Jews, who could represent up to 20 percent of the electorate, have become the focus of both candidates' attention in the final days before the Nov. 7 election.

That focus has created much uneasiness among Jewish leaders, who fear a Dinkins loss could deal a serious blow to black-Jewish relations.

Boss' son shot

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A gunman wearing a yellow mask shot the son of Philadelphia's imprisoned mob boss Tuesday night as he was dining at an Italian restaurant, police said.

Nicodemo Scarfo Jr., 24, was alive when he was taken to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, according to a detective who would not give his name.

Scarfo was admitted with multiple gunshot wounds and was still being evaluated late Tuesday, said Jefferson spokeswoman Betsy Samuels.

Witnesses said a man wearing a yellow mask and black clothes walked up to Scarfo in the bar of Dante and Luigi's restaurant in south Philadelphia at 7:15 p.m. and shot him at least five times, according to police.

He was shot once in the right neck and at least once in each side of his chest, police said.

Officers said they found a semiautomatic gun outside the restaurant.

The gunman "was like greased lightning," said Joseph Oberman, who was dining in the restaurant's main room. "He came in and out of the door."

The elder Scarfo, known by the nickname of "Little Nicky," has been imprisoned since his indictment in 1986 in a \$1 million extortion attempt. He was convicted in the extortion attempt and later on a murder charge. He is serving a 69-year sentence for racketeering at the federal penitentiary in Marion, Ill.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joel Friedman of the Philadelphia Strike Force declined to comment about the shooting Tuesday night or to provide information about the Philadelphia-southern New Jersey Mafia.

Until his sentencing with 16 others last April, the elder Scarfo was considered the leader of organized crime in the area.

The younger Scarfo has had several brushes with the law, but none in connection with the mob.

Firemen combat Halloween-inspired blazes

DETROIT (AP) — Firefighters scrambled from blaze to blaze and police jailed 165 juveniles who ignored a curfew imposed for Devil's Night, the three-day Halloween tradition of setting fires.

Dozens of blazes flared across the city in trash bins and abandoned buildings, and at least five homes burned Monday night. No one was injured.

By the end of Monday night, the number of blazes had already surpassed the 229 set last year, said City Councilman Mel Ravitz.

"We've got to find a way to either re-educate or incarcerate those who engage in this sport," he said.

Police and firefighters have refused to release a count of the number of blazes since Devil's Night began Sunday. Mayor Coleman Young's office is expected to release

fire totals Sunday

Police arrested 165 youths Monday, bringing the number of juveniles arrested since the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew went into effect to 334, said police Sgt. Christopher Buck. The arrests included four for investigation of arson.

Civilians have joined the battle against arson this year. About 30,000 signed up to patrol the streets, reporting curfew violators and trying to spot fires before they spread.

The strategy is aimed in part at relieving overworked firefighters of patrolling so they can devote all their time to dousing flames.

During curfew, police are allowed to detain children under age 18 overnight if they are caught on the streets without a parent.

Devil's Night is a decades-old tradition, but youths went from

soaping windows to arson about 10 years ago.

The blazes apparently peaked in 1984, when firefighters battled 808 blazes in the last three days of October. The number of fires has declined steadily since then.

Penny Thomas blamed Devil's Night revelers for a blaze that flared in an abandoned house next door and destroyed her home Monday night.

"The house just went to burning in the front and me and my friends, we ran out of the house," Thomas said.

Fire Capt. Amos Horton said arson that gutted another abandoned house jumped to an occupied home before dawn Tuesday.

"We don't know what started it or who started it, but somebody definitely started it," Horton said. "When a place is going like this is going, we know it was set."

Northwest settles 1987 crash lawsuits

DETROIT (AP) — Northwest Airlines settled the remaining lawsuits filed on behalf of 156 people killed in a 1987 crash, but claims against the maker of the jetliner are being pursued, a federal judge said Tuesday.

Northwest and McDonnell Douglas Corp., which made the MD-80 aircraft, also are pursuing counterclaims against each other in the crash near Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Terms of the settlements for the remaining 145 lawsuits against Northwest were not disclosed.

A total of 157 lawsuits were filed on behalf of crash victims. Eleven were settled earlier and one filed on behalf of a 5-month fetus was dismissed.

U.S. District Judge Julian A. Cook Jr. announced the settlements as the jury trial was to begin Tuesday. He reset opening arguments for Wednesday.

Attorneys and family members and friends of the victims would not comment on the settlement, abiding by a gag rule Cook imposed.

The jury will resolve the claims against McDonnell Douglas,

Northwest's claim that a defect in the aircraft caused the crash, and McDonnell Douglas' claim that the plane was improperly flown.

Flight 255 crashed Aug. 16, 1987, on takeoff from Detroit for Phoenix.

The National Transportation Safety Board ruled that Flight 255's pilots failed to set the plane's wing flaps and slats properly for takeoff and failed to make mandatory preflight checks that would have detected the error.

Also, a cockpit warning system failed to alert the pilots the flaps and slats were not set for takeoff, the NTSB said.

The only passenger who survived the crash was Cecelia Cichan, then 4, of Tempe, Ariz., whose parents and brother died in the crash. She now lives with relatives in Alabama.

The judge rescheduled opening arguments after questioning jurors about published reports about the settlements before they were announced.

Of the six jurors and six alternates, half had seen newspaper headlines or heard broadcast reports indicating the case was settled, and three more had been told by friends it was over,

they told Cook.

Cook questioned jurors individually about the reports, asking if they understood that plaintiffs could resolve claims against one defendant and still pursue claims against another.

"I am satisfied that all of them can be and will be impartial," he said.

The jury is expected to hear up to six months of testimony in determining liability in the Northwest-McDonnell Douglas cross claims. They also will decide if, and to what degree, McDonnell Douglas was to blame for the crash. Money damages would be determined in later trials.



When does 100-yards seem like a mile?

story and photo
by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Breathless after a 100-yard dash? You've got to be kidding! But to soldiers fighting for every inch — run, drop and crawl — 100 yards can seem like a mile.

Dripping with sweat and mud, soldiers from Team A, 1st Squad, bounded forward in three-to-five-second bursts while their comrades laid down support fire to keep the enemy busy. The team leader's commands rang out.

"Homewood, move!" The soldier answered: "Cover me!"

PFC James Homewood spotted his next position and sprang to his feet, covering five meters in a couple of seconds before diving to the ground. After rolling left and reorienting himself, Homewood was up again, closing in on his objective. Shots rang out from Team A's M-16s as Homewood hit the ground.

Although he was almost at his objective, Homewood knew the last five meters were the worst — low crawl. Ugh!

With his face half-sunk in the mud, Homewood pulled his body behind a pile of sandbags. Rolling to shoulder his rifle, he sounded off. "I'm in position!"

"King, move!" shouted the team leader.

"Cover me!"

Fire teams from Company B, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry Regiment, stormed enemy bunkers during live-fire exercises at Empire Range Saturday. The training was part of a two-week exercise which will culminate in task force live-fires beginning Saturday. The task force includes units from the 193rd Infantry Brigade and supporting units, 504th Military Police Battalion, and 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

The exercise is built on the move-and-cover concept. One soldier moves while others cover him. This simple concept is the basis for all infantry combat, according to 2nd Lt. Claude L. Perkins, 1st Platoon leader.

"All maneuvering is based on the buddy system," Perkins explained. "The platoon is just a huge group of buddy teams working together. I tell my squad leaders how I want them to maneuver and they tell their teams how to maneuver. The team leaders

then lead by example and the buddy teams follow him."

It starts with a soldier covering his buddy — "Hey Joe! You move, I'll cover." Then it expands to Team B covering Team A, Squad 1 covering Squad 2, 3rd Platoon covering 1st Platoon.

Soon, Company A will be suppressing enemy fire while Company B moves into a flanking position. However, without soldiers executing proper tactics at squad level, neither company can move anywhere.

Move and cover on a team and squad level is the essence of soldiering, where the noncommissioned officer really earns his title, "backbone of the Army."

Line-level NCOs like Sgt. Steven A. Vaughn, Team A leader, make snap decisions in the heat of battle. Their soldiers' lives depend on quick, correct decisions.

"Leadership, to me, is getting my men to do what they're supposed to do at the correct time," Vaughn said.

During Saturday's assault, Vaughn identified two enemy bunkers as his main threat. He deployed Homewood, with an M-203 grenade launcher, to take out the bunkers.

"I put the strong weapons to the right, since most enemy fire was coming from that direction. At the same time, I moved one man out to the left," Vaughn explained. "Once the man on the left was in position to suppress enemy fire, I moved the right-hand team on-line. Then we took out both bunkers with the 203."

Taking out the bunkers was not an end in itself, however. At squad level, it might free Team B, which was pinned down by the bunkers. "My team took out those bunkers so the other team could advance toward their next position. That's what I call teamwork," Vaughn said.

Like the team leader moves his

men, the squad leader puts his teams in positions where one can cover the other. It's a process repeated with larger elements.

Each team's contribution is crucial to the overall mission.

That puts a lot of weight on lower

NCOs like Vaughn. "If I don't do my job well, my team fails the squad," he said. "Then the squad fails the platoon and ultimately the company."

However when everyone executes, the job gets done.



Sgt. Steven A. Vaughn lays down suppressive fire while PFC Jon C. King moves into position. Once King was on-line, he and Vaughn covered PFC James Homewood, who took out two enemy bunkers with his M-203 grenade launcher.

BOSS promises you a better lifestyle

by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Soldiers living in the barracks: Do you ever get tired of other people trying to improve your quality of life? Do well-meaning committees of people who never lived in the barracks come up with ideas

that don't interest you? When did they ever stop to ask you, "How can we make life better for you?"

Maj. Gen. Marc A. Cisneros, U.S. Army South commander, is asking barracks soldiers to help him kick off the USARSO Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. Because BOSS is a program run by barracks soldiers for barracks soldiers, it promises meaningful improvements to soldiers' lives.

BOSS' goal is to generate new ideas to improve living conditions for barracks soldiers. Two suggestions under consideration are enhancing transportation available to barracks soldiers and establishing "BOSS recreation sites" by converting empty quarters into dayrooms so soldiers can get away from the barracks to cook, socialize or just kick back and relax.

The project is limited, however, by existing command restraints like curfews and short recall-times. In addition, no funds exist for new facilities, since U.S. forces will be

leaving Panama in 10 years.

But Cisneros is eager to implement new programs for barracks soldiers within the existing constraints. One way to do this is to make better use of existing resources. For example, if USARSO can't buy new shuttle buses, military vans or even five-ton trucks might be used.

The heart of BOSS is a committee made up of representatives from each USARSO unit. These representatives will collect ideas from their unit's soldiers and present them to the command. Soldiers wishing to make suggestions can either contact their BOSS representative or drop a note in their "BOSS box," which will be placed near unit mail rooms.

Ideas will be brought before the command during monthly BOSS committee meetings.

Soldiers with good, solid ideas now have a platform to stand on. The time for barracks soldiers to sit back and mutter silent gripes is past. Now they can improve their situation.

BOSS

"Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers"

MAC flight schedule

| Destination | Date | Departure |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Tegucigalpa, Honduras., Soto Cano AB, Honduras,S.C. | Friday | 5:25 a.m. |
| San Jose, Costa Rica. San Salvador, El Salvador | Friday | 8:40 a.m. |
| Homestead AFB, Fla. Philadelphia International, Pa. | Saturday | 3:15 p.m. |
| March AFB, Calif. | Saturday | TBD |
| Lima, Peru Quito, Ecuador | Sunday | 6:40 a.m. |
| Soto Cano AB, Honduras Charleston AFB, S.C. Dover AFB, Del. | Sunday | 10:55 a.m. |
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commentary

Addicts prefer cocaine over sex, food, drink

by Sgt. Cecilia Anderson

Social Actions Office, Pope AFB, N.C. — With each 10th press of the lever, the rat injects itself with cocaine — liquid pleasure.

If left alone, the rat will push all day. Given a choice between food and cocaine, it will choose cocaine. It will choose the drug over the

company of other rats and sex. The rat will push the lever until it dies.

Once believed to be a medicinal "tonic," we now know cocaine is really a medical nightmare. As the myths fade, the facts become brutally clear — cocaine kills.

The drug is a powerful stimulant that works directly on the brain's pleasure center, the central nervous

system — a complex network of nerves that ensures the species will engage in survival behaviors such as eating, drinking and sex.

The stimulation received from cocaine is called a rush, and comes from the activation of nerve cells in the brain that release the chemical dopamine, which is associated with pleasure and a sense of alertness.

Some studies reveal that a large portion of cocaine users — like the rat — prefer the drug to food, sex, family and friends.

Cocaine actually tricks the brain into feelings of pleasure. The desirable feelings have labeled cocaine the most reinforcing of all drugs because every time the drug is taken, the user experiences a strong compulsion to take even more.

Unmasking the myths and learning the facts about cocaine may help prevent the addiction trap. For instance:

Myth: It takes a long time to get hooked on cocaine.

Fact: Cocaine addiction can develop after using it just once.

Myth: You can get addicted only if

you inject cocaine with a needle.

Fact: All forms of cocaine use are addictive — snorting, smoking and injecting.

Myth: Women using cocaine will not become pregnant.

Fact: While use of cocaine may result in cessation of the menstrual cycle, this doesn't mean infertility.

Myth: Cocaine has no side effects.

Fact: Cocaine can cause tremors, convulsions, infections, heart attacks and death.

Myth: Cocaine increases the level of sexual performance.

Fact: Chronic use of cocaine severely diminishes performance.

Within seconds of using cocaine, heart rate, respiration and blood pressure increase. This sudden overstimulation can cause cardiac arrest, respiratory failure, brain seizures and as statistics show — sudden death.

The facts are clear about cocaine. It is a powerful drug that damages a person's physical and mental health and can destroy relationships with family and friends. Using cocaine is not worth the risks.



Political sharks feed on accomplishments of others

by SSgt. Debra L. Penton

HOWARD AFB (1978th CG/PA) — Our economy is not self-regulating and neither is unit morale; both must be cared for and protected from the political sharks.

Adam Smith, known as the "father of economics," said the economy should be left alone to play out its ups and downs as fate would have it — self-regulating. But self-serving political sharks who monopolized, upset things, causing small and then bigger depressions.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, then president of our government, responsibly stepped in with his New Deal. This was a regulating measure to control the political sharks' dealings within the stock market and industry.

Unit morale is the single greatest factor affecting production and therefore requires constant care and effort. Regulation wise, it is intended to be somewhat self-regulating — with mandated meetings to take place between the commander and unit members.

Other elements which enhance unit morale are work center meetings, award and incentive programs, and of course, unit picnics, parties, and other get-togethers that are planned throughout the year. However, there are also morale detractors, and none is deadlier than the political shark.

These political sharks feed on unit morale and influence how other people are treated. You know them and they know who they are. It doesn't take long for the work center, division, and unit to discover who they are. They are the intimidators, and I'll bet you have already thought of some while reading this — you know them because they are the ones who smile when there is nothing to smile about.

Political sharks are mostly hated, but sometimes feared. They disrupt normal operations and stir people up. They also assign unfair work loads or change working shifts just to

show how much control and power they possess.

They don't care who they hurt; they are selfish. They are in the military to get promoted. Mission? It's secondary and just a means to their end. They step on and run over people, and as they do, their plastic mask of deceit often slips.

Political sharks are also social outcasts really, except for their political shark comrades. Yes, there is often more than one and they stick together, to boost and develop even more tricks to get ahead. They earn little and are awarded much, often it is from the creativity, efforts and sweat of others. When this happens the rightful earner gets only the plate to lick while the shark engulfs the cake.

Those who can act may even claim they don't know who the political sharks are. However, this is difficult to believe when many different victims have spoken up. What should they do? Stop the injustices in the treatment of people as they find out about it. Basically, act decisively and quickly.

The favored tactic used within the military by political sharks concerns the taking of undeserved awards and recognition.

The unit people who know the sharks usually respond with statements like: "How could HE or SHE have won?" "I just can't believe it," "It is so unfair!" and "How did this happen?" Especially, when they know there is a deserving person who should have received the honors. But the question must be asked "How did this happen?"

Two factors are at play. The first is the political sharks, themselves. They are good at what they do. Always moving, looking after and assisting one another. They write up fantastic recognition and awards nominations for themselves and each other (mostly stacked with the deeds and ideas of others they supervise). If something works, you continue to do it, right?

The nominations for the people who really deserve the award, are

then not written as well. And when the winner is announced, the write-ups speak for themselves, literally. When these instances become well-known throughout the unit, morale plummets. The emotional scars within the unit become very difficult to recover from at this point.

The other factor, is the hesitation of the chain of command to correct the wrong. When the political sharks get away with these injustices it sends an emotionally charged message to the entire unit. Those in control are responsible and the unit workers know it — these crippling events never go by unnoticed or simply become forgotten because they wound deeply.

It also makes people wonder about their leaders intentions. "Are they a political shark too?" "Is

mission and morale foremost on their mind as it should be?" For the outcome is what stands out — right or wrong. It must be accepted that the lack of action speaks clearly of the leader.

Commanders, and all others in authoritative positions, be the Roosevelt in your unit, stop the political sharks from getting fatter off the deeds of others.

Remember, when one shark succeeds it allows others of their kind to develop. Do your job — improve morale by reducing the number of sharks within your unit. Otherwise, they will continue to feed on unit morale through ill-gotten rank and grow even more menacing. When the sharks are gone, the real prize individuals will be recognize, and rightly so!

Parents are responsible for kid's conduct, awareness of surroundings

by SSgt. Sheila M. Dixon

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — Playing "cops and robbers" can be fun, if conducted in the proper environment. Parents are responsible for their children's conduct and how their toys are ultimately used. Kids must be aware of their surroundings and responsibilities.

As citizens living in Panama, where tensions are increased and criminal acts are always a potential, it is prudent to be very careful.

Consider the following situation: It's late at night and security police are summoned to a possible burglary. Suddenly, the responding patrolman is confronted by a youngster who approaches him in an uncertain manner, waving a gun.

The patrolman asks himself several immediate questions. Is this a real gun? Is this an intruder? And, most importantly, is this an immediate threat to my life?

The patrolman must make a critical decision in a matter of seconds. Fortunately for all, the youngster begins to hesitate and drops his gun. The patrolman is relieved as he determines the gun is a toy.

Unfortunately, this situation recently happened on Howard. The results could have been catastrophic. Parents, ensure your children do not become statistics. The next time you purchase a toy gun for your child, take the time to establish these simple rules:

- Stay out of the jungle line
- Never play outside with your toy gun after dark
- Don't act in a threatening manner when playing
- When challenged, always lower your toy gun
- Keep your games fun and simple, play close to home

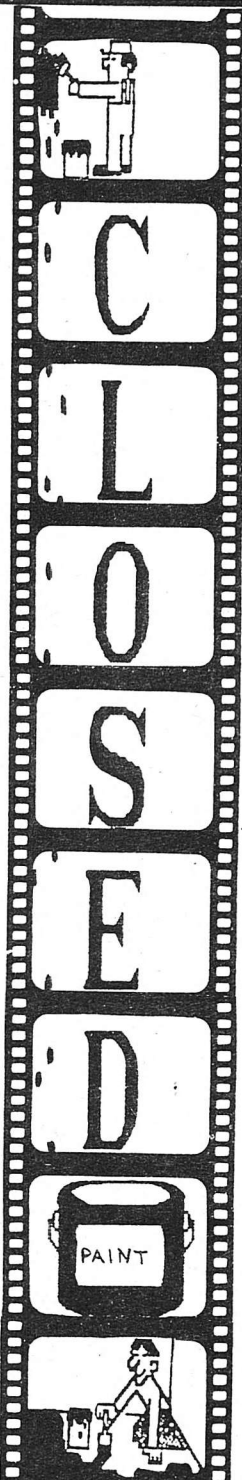
Establish these simple rules with your children and they will know their specific responsibilities which can help prevent a catastrophe.

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.
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PARENTHOOD

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

HONEY I SHRUNK THE KIDS

They all laughed at Rick Moranis' incredible electronic shrinking machine, but little did they know how well it really worked. Just ask his kids! (Violence)

VAMPIRE'S KISS

An obnoxious Manhattan yuppie goes looking for love in all the wrong places and happens to find it in the arms of a beautiful and seductive vampire.

LETHAL WEAPON 2

Our favorite pair of mismatched police are babysitting a mob accountant, little knowing he is the key to a case they've been pursuing.

FRIDAY THE 13TH PART VIII

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

SHAG

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

DO THE RIGHT THING

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

TURNER AND HOCH

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

LOCK UP

An exciting action-packed drama starring Sylvester Stallone as a prison inmate who must use all of his mental and physical powers to outwit a vengeful warden and his team of sadistic guards.

MILLENNIUM

Kris Kristofferson gets serious as a government investigator who makes some unusual discoveries at the scene of an airline crash. Stars Cheryl Ladd. (Violence, language)

LICENSE TO KILL

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

THE ABYSS

The employees of an underwater oil rig are drafted into service to help salvage a crashed nuclear sub. While a hurricane rages on the surface, our team battles for their lives. (Violence, language)

COMING SOON

HOWARD

Fri. CASUALTIES OF WAR (R)
Fri. BATMAN (PG-13)
Sat. DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG)
Sat.-Sun. LICENSE TO KILL (PG-13)
Sat.-Sun. UNCLE BUCK (PG)

CLAYTON

Fri. MILLENNIUM (PG-13)
Fri. KARATE KID III (PG)
Sat. SHAG (PG)
Sat. MAJOR LEAGUE (R)
Sat.-Sun. THE ABYSS (PG-13)
Sun. THE DEAD POOL (R)

AMADOR

Fri. NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET PART 5 (R)
Sat. GHOSTBUSTERS 2 (PG)
Sun. TURNER AND HOCH (PG)

QUARRY HEIGHTS

Fri. FRIDAY THE 13TH, PART 7 (R)
Sat.-Sun. HONEY I SHRUNK THE KIDS (PG)

DAVIS

Fri. LOCK UP (R)
Fri. PET SEMATARY (R)
Sat. CHEETAH (G)
Sat. WEEKEND AT BERNIES (PG-13)
Sun. RELENTLESS (R)
Sun. DO THE RIGHT THING (R)

leisure

Pacific Theatre to present 'Fiddler'

CURUNDU (USARSO PAO) — The Pacific Theatre Arts Centre is pleased to announce the cast of the upcoming musical "Fiddler on the Roof." Auditions were held at the Curundu facility in September and the cast and crew have been diligently working on the production ever

since. There was a tremendous turnout for the tryouts with 87 people auditioning for the many and varied roles required for the show.

The coveted role of Teyve was cast with veteran actor Ken Millard who has been active in both musical comedy and drama for over thirty

years. Golde, his wife, will be portrayed by JoAnne Mitchell, a popular musical actress with innumerable productions to her credit. The five daughters are played by: Naomi Unger, April Oliver, Heidi Arias, Megan Smith and Melanie Rojas. Their suitors are: Steve Golin, Todd Furtado, and Michael Harvey. Yente the Matchmaker is played by Lois Rojas with Ted Kuster as Lazar Wolf and Ed Hatchett as the Rabbi. Other supporting roles were cast with: Aaron Izbicki, Pat McNeil, Robert Luttrell, Carol Sponberg, Helga Kuster, Danny Baker, Rolando Linares and Bev Higley.

No musical is complete without a strong chorus, and this production is no exception with cast members including: Jay Alexander, Rachel Berger, Sarah and Scott Deering, Carmen Estrella, Cindy Grabowski, Joanne Haner, Leah and Miriam Izbicki, Karen Kuster, Robert Mitchell, Steven Sigman, Lee Ann Sponberg, Sharon Thompson and Frank Williams.

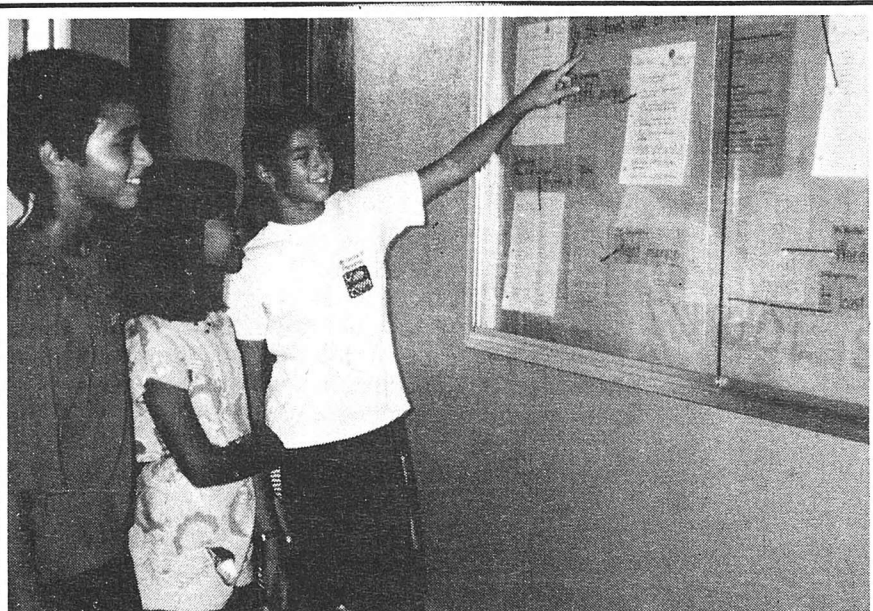
The musical is under the direction of Jerry Brees with Sandi Callahan providing musical direction and choreography by Janet Goertz. Lorraine McGuinness and Barbara Berger will be working closely with the director on various aspects of the production.

"Fiddler on the Roof" will be the first production of the newly renovated Pacific Theatre Arts Centre.

"Fiddler" follows the story of Teyve a poor dairyman and his plight as his daughters defy the ways and traditions of the Jewish faith. The musical brings to life such Broadway classics as "Matchmaker," "If I were a Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset" and "Tradition." This is the 25th anniversary of the long running Broadway musical comedy hit which begins a national tour in December.

"Fiddler on the Roof" promises to be a fun-filled evening of family entertainment.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the exciting gala opening of "Fiddler" November 10th. For more information on "Fiddler on the Roof," or any of the many other programs sponsored by the Pacific Theatre Arts Centre, call the Curundu facility at 286-3152/4662/3814.



GET THE POINT? — Students, teachers, and parents at Balboa Elementary School are implementing the Skills for School Success study skills program this school year. One of the skills being learned is *HOW to have a neat paper*. *HOW* teaches students the criteria for heading, organization and writing of the paper. Shown here looking at a bulletin board showing students' work meeting these criteria are (L to R) sixth grade students taught by Elaine Powers: Eugene Ortiz, Mary Ann Lim and Vanessa Allen. (DoDDS photo)

Licensed child care providers needed

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — Licensed child day care providers are in hot demand all over the United States and a growing demand for them at Howard and Albrook has reached a stage of great concern. Because of this, the Howard Child Development Center is offering a family day care provider orientation class Tuesday and Thursday at the Howard CDC from 8 a.m. to noon.

To receive a day care provider license, providers must attend eight hours of training, including studies such as fire prevention, safety, child development, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid and child abuse prevention. Family day care providers may care for up to six children, including their own under 6 years old, for more than 10 hours per week and a maximum of two children under the age of two years old is permitted.

According to Elizabeth Welch, Howard Family Day Care coordinator, providers are so vehemently needed here because the Child Development Center is filling up so quickly with children that there's hardly any room for more enrollment. "Since we reduced our fee July 1 from \$40 to \$20, we've been getting excellent participation here," Welch said. "And since there isn't a Child Development Center program at Albrook people are bringing their children here."

Incredibly, there is only one licensed day care provider at Howard and Welch said that person has indeed been quite busy. This leaves plenty of openings available for others who could make a decent salary, set their own hours and fees, and determine the age groups for

whom they will provide care. And it is widely known that spousal employment here is sparse.

Welch said that 7.5 million families in America use child care and a large portion of that figure is made up of family day care. "Only 20 percent of America's child care is provided in a large group setting such as child development centers while 35 percent is provided in the child's own home by a babysitter or family member," she said. People unfamiliar with the history of family day care often ask why such formal care requires regulation, she continued. In some states, regulations first appeared after a fire or other preventable accident occurred that resulted in injury or death to children in care.

"Originally, regulations were primarily concerned with safety and as they evolved, more areas of interest related to safety and child development were addressed,"

Welch noted. "The Air Force is interested in regulating family day care for a number of reasons; one factor being the changing composition of the Air Force and the large number of families in which both parents are employed outside the home.

"Fifty-two percent of all wives married to Air Force members are employed and most of these families have young children. Having family day care homes regulated will help ensure the homes have been inspected for health and safety hazards and the providers have received training."

One important fact for aspiring providers is permitting day care in a home without a license is in direct violation to AFR 215-27 on Albrook and Howard and can result in termination of base housing or dormitory room. For more information on child care, call Welch at 284-6135.



Air Force's Tops in Blue to perform

by A1C Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPWPA) — Some of the finest talent in the Air Force will be showcased at the Howard Theater Nov. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. as the Tops in Blue cast will present "A Dream into the Future."

The 29-member Air Force group will entertain the community for free with live entertainment featuring futuristic special effects, art, dancing and singing. Bring the family along and come early for a good seat.

The cast of Tops in Blue was handpicked from hundreds of talented Air Force people who competed at the 1989 Worldwide Talent Contest held in May at Minot AFB, N.D.

Tops in Blue is world renowned and performs annually to audiences of more than 500,000 at more than 200 Air Force bases and has supported communities all over the world.

Touring since 1953 with their first show performed at Mitchell Air Field in Long Island, N.Y., the crew has performed in front of thousands at Super Bowl XIX, on the Ed Sullivan Show, and many other large entertainment arenas throughout the years.

Maj. Alvin E. Reilly (now a retired colonel) created the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest in 1953 to recognize the quality of talent that existed within the Air Force community. Bases showcase performers in front of local audiences and if selected, individuals move up to the Air Force-wide level of competition.

Here, they vie for the "Roger" award, which is the Air Force's version of the Oscar or Emmy award. If selected again, they become eligible to tour with Tops in Blue, either stateside or overseas.

things to do

FORT DAVIS

Davis arts and crafts

The Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center will feature folk art painting, acrylic painting and making table lamps. The center's automotive section will offer instructions on changing your oil Monday and Nov. 22, and repairing the charging system Nov. 13. They also feature arc welding every Sunday.

The Center also teaches airbrush painting techniques the first and third Fridays of each month and overglaze applications on Sundays.

For information call 289-5104.

Sundial pool tourneys

The Sundial Recreation Center, Fort Davis, features 9-ball pool tournaments Fridays at 7 p.m. There is a dart tournament Sunday at 4 p.m. A ping-pong tournament is scheduled Nov. 12.

Davis Club

The Community Club has changed its hours of operation. The club will be open from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday nights will be disco and salsa, Saturdays will be rock and roll and Sundays will be disco.

For more information on club activities call 289-5160/3289.

Country/western

The Fort Davis Community Club has a country/western night every third Tuesday of the month from 7 to 11 p.m. For information call 289-5160/3299.

Baking classes

The Sundial Recreation Center offers bread and pastry classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Call 289-3889 to register.

San Jose Thanksgiving

The Sundial Recreation Center and Loft Theater will sponsor a trip to San Jose, Costa Rica Thanksgiving weekend. The four-day trip will begin Nov. 22.

The trip fee includes air fare, hotel, breakfast, lunch and Thanksgiving dinner. For reservations call 289-3889.

FORT SHERMAN

Outboard classes

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

FORT ESPINAR

Skating party

The Fort Espinar Youth Center will have a skating party at the Fort Davis play shelter tomorrow from 3-6 p.m. They will also have a party at the Sundial Recreation Center Nov. 10 and a pool party Nov. 11. For information call 289-4605.

Espinar swimming

The Fort Espinar Swimming Pool will be offering swimming classes

through Nov. 10.

Classes will be available for beginners, advanced beginners, adult beginners and intermediates. Classes will be held Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. For additional information or registration call 289-4189/3272.

Family month activities

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

Child Development Branch sponsors babysitting training at the Margarita Complex Tuesday through Wednesday.

A parent's workshop entitled "Infant Growth and Development" will take place Nov. 16, building 8350 in the Margarita Complex.

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

The Fort Clayton Youth Center will add events to their regular features.

Planned is a family dinner Nov. 19, a coed softball game and cookout Nov. 24 and a talent show Nov. 25.

The Fort Espinar Youth Center will sponsor the parent-child Turkey Trot Nov. 19.

FORT CLAYTON

Valent shopping

Shop Till You Drop returns to the Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton, Nov. 11-12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Clayton arts and crafts

The Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center offers lessons on oil painting, drawing and pastel techniques, serigraphy/photo screens, photographic developing and printing, pottery, sewing, lapidary and woodworking. The center also has studio space for serious artists and supplies for sale.

Clayton pool

The Fort Clayton swimming pool will have adult swimming classes beginning Nov. 13. Classes will be given Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 p.m. Children's classes will begin the same day. Register by calling 287-6660.

Turkey shoot

The Community Recreation Division will sponsor its annual Frontier Day Turkey Shoot Nov. 18 at the Clayton Pistol Range. The event consists of five stations, pistol shooting, knife throwing, archery, sling shots and the bull whip. Turkeys will be awarded.

Snorkel/dive trip

The Community Recreation Division will sponsor a snorkel and diving trip to Contadora Island tomorrow through Sunday. Make reservations by calling 287-3363.

Valent classes

The Valent Recreation Center has guitar and piano lessons, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in November. Also, a new cake decorating class begins Thursday and runs through Nov. 27. Register in advance. Call 287-4201.

Karate classes

The Valent and Sundial recreation centers offer ongoing karate classes. Advance registration is required. Call Valent at 287-4201 or Sundial at 289-3889.

COCOLI

Make-up demo

The Cocoli Community Center will offer free color analysis and make-up demonstrations through Tuesday. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call 287-3010.

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL

Turkey Shoot

Naval Station Panama Canal MWR invites you to try your luck at their first annual Turkey Shoot Nov. 18 and 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Naval Station Trap Range. Prizes include:

\$50 first prize, \$25 second prize and gift certificates. The closest pellet to the center wins! For more information call 283-5307/5103.

Turkey feast

Celebrate Thanksgiving at the Chief Petty Officers Club at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal. For information call 283-5475.

Charter fishing

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

Sailing classes

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

Boating classes

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, MWR sponsors Boston Whaler classes. For information on dates, call 283-5307.

HOWARD AFB

Gingerbread house

Learn to make Christmas fantasies come true Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Family Support Center on Howard. The two-part class is limited to 10 people. For information or registration call 284-5650.

Christmas Bazaar

The Howard/Albrook NCO Wives' Club is sponsoring their annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Howard NCO Club ballroom. For more information call 286-4720/3787.

Aerobics classes

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center offers morning aerobics classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and evening classes from 5:30 to 6:30.

There is a small fee for entry. For more information call 284-3451.

Arts and crafts

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

Saturday -- Free demonstration on how to apply gold from 3 to 4 p.m.

Nov. 10 -- Fifty percent off firing on all ceramic items all day.

Thursday nights -- Oil painting class from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

Howard arts and crafts

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

Saturday -- Free demonstration on how to apply gold halo, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday -- Free demonstration on how to apply platinum halo from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday -- Tole painting class for beginners from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday -- Porcelain class for beginners from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Thursday -- Fifty percent off firing all day and a clay flower class for beginners in second session from 9 a.m. to noon.

All activities take place in building 711 at Howard. For more information call 284-6361.

Outdoor recreation

The Howard Outdoor Recreation Section will offer the following trips and classes during November:

Saturday -- Arenosa fishing trip, 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday -- Snorkeling trip to Isla Mamey, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday -- Indian Village hiking trip, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday -- Coed water aerobics class, 5 to 6 p.m.

Nov. 10 -- Discover scuba diving at the Albroom Pool, 6 to 9 p.m.

All trips depart from the Howard Theater, and there is a small fee charged. For more information call 284-6109.

Tours

The following tours will be offered during November:

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

Sunday -- El Valle shopping tour, 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Tuesday -- Miraflores Locks, Contractor's Hill and Old Panama, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday -- Free Zone tour, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All tours depart from the Howard Theater, and there is a small fee charged. For more information call 284-6161.

Youth Center events

The Howard and Albroom Youth Centers have a variety of regular events for youngsters of all ages. Some of the activities include:

Wednesdays -- Arts and crafts plus ping-pong, pool and hockey tourneys.

Nov. 15 - 17 -- Family game nights Nov. 18, 4 to 6 p.m. -- Party for 6 to 8 year olds.

Nov. 25, 7 to 9:30 p.m. -- Pre-teen dance

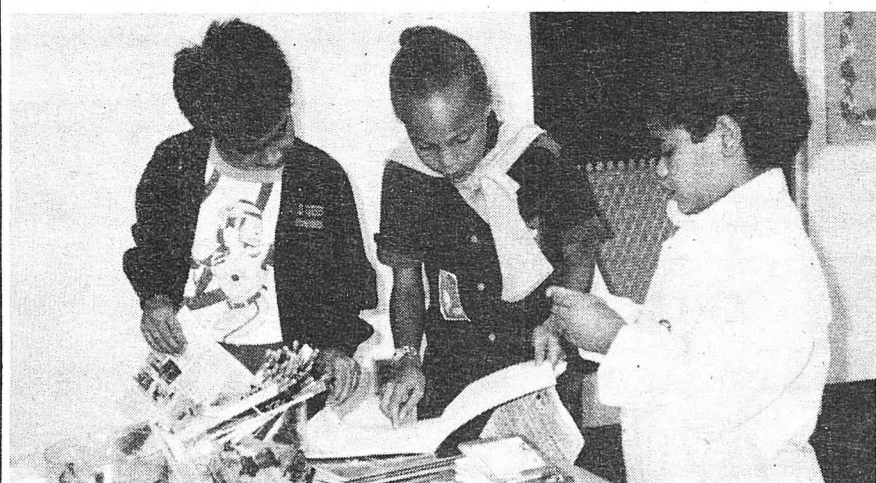
Nov. 30 -- November birthday celebrations

For additional information call 284-4700 or 286-3195.

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PERFECT 10 — Sixth graders (L to R) Aleksandra Stankovic and Dayra Chinasing from David Stapleford's class show off their winning answers for the Newspaper Math contest they won at Gulick Elementary School. The math contests are on-going at the school, challenging students at all grade levels to apply their math skills across the curriculum. (DoDDS photo)



LET'S BOOK! — Fifth grade students (L to R), Suresh Mayani, Nyris Burac, and Mayra Martin from Judy Landry's class, select their favorite books at the recent OWC Book Fair at Gulick Elementary School. Parents from the school spent hours planning, ordering and selling educational materials for this important school event. (DoDDS photo)

English classes

The Valent Recreation Center offers basic and intermediate English courses Monday thru Thursday. Register before Nov. 20 by calling 287-4201.

Spanish class

Registration is underway for the next beginner's Spanish class which begins Nov. 13 at the Valent Recreation Center. Call 287-4201 for more information.

Howard PTO

The Howard Elementary School PTO will hold a general membership meeting Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Babysitting will be provided for all preschool age children. For information call 284-3919.

Alcohol awareness

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

Sailing Club

The U.S. Navy Sailing Club, U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Rodman, meets Monday at the Bamboo Inn. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. For additional information call 284-3436.

Bike registration

Bicycle registration for Navy personnel will be conducted Saturday at the following times and locations:

9-11 a.m. at the bohio in Farfan housing

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the playground, Munro Park, Amador
2-3:30 p.m. at the playground, marine barracks housing

Trap range

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR invites you to visit its Trap Range! The schedule is as follows: Thur., Fri., 4 p.m. to dusk; Sat., Sun. and holidays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Firearm use will be provided rental free.

Marina hours

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Marina has changed its working schedule. The new working hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and Holidays from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

1989 Taxes

Make your 1989 taxes less taxing by preparing for them now. The Army Liaison Office has a list of significant changes likely to affect Army families. For a free copy, write Headquarters, Department of the Army, (DAPE-ZXF) Washington, D.C. 20310-0300.

Army recruiting

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

SAC meeting

Cristobal High School will hold a Student Advisory Council meeting Monday at 2:45 p.m. in the school's library. Parents and the public are invited to attend.

Tire Bonanza sale

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Marine Corps Exchange is having a Tire Bonanza sale. Sale runs now through Dec. 16, Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., at the Marine Exchange Warehouse, building 4 on the Naval Station. For more information call 283-5777.

Recipes

The Quarry Heights Officers' Wives Club is compiling a bilingual cookbook. All members need to submit their recipes by Tuesday.

Recipes should be submitted in English and Spanish if possible.

Contact: QHOWC Recipes, Box 1845, APO 34003.

Teaching positions

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

Nursing positions

The Civilian Personnel Office is recruiting U.S. licensed practical nurses, NM-620-05. CPO is also recruiting registered nurses for permanent, part-time and intermittent positions. Qualified persons should call Enid Sullivan at 285-4116.

Unusual 'society'

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

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

Frames available

Ready made frames are available at the Fort Clayton Arts & Crafts Center, building 180. Check out the selection.

Burger King Atlantic

The Burger King is now open for business. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. The facility offers inside

seating and a game room. For additional information contact Kermit Lasley at 289-3121.

Christmas tree sales

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

Investors workshop

There will be a small investors workshop Nov. 13 at the Sundial Recreation Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information will be available on Certificates of Deposit (CDs), mutual funds, bonds and saving for your child's education.

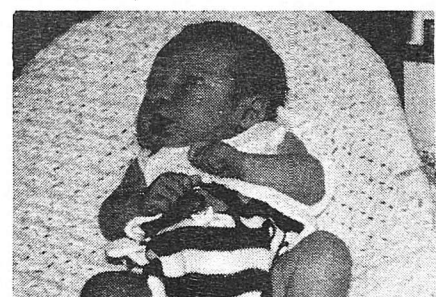
Before/after school

The Howard AFB Child Development Center's "Before and After School" program still has some openings for children attending Howard AFB and Fort Kobbe Elementary Schools.

This program provides an environment for children ages 5-12 years, and it includes transportation to and from school. Also, there is time for a snack each day, swimming once per week, a weekly cooking demonstration, field trips and homework time.

The program is \$20 per week for kindergarten children and \$17 per week for older children. For more info call 284-6135.

Births



Diana Alexandra "Alex" Witmer

Daniel and Rebecca Witmer announce the birth of their daughter Diana Alexandra (Alex). Born Aug. 7, Alex weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 inches long at birth.

Ted and Wendi Smith announce the birth of their daughter Amber Elise, born Oct. 15. Amber weighed 6 lbs. 1/2 ozs. and measured 18 1/2 inches at birth.



PET POINTS — Dr. Purdue, a veterinarian from the Corozal Vet Clinic, recently visited the Los Rios School to talk to the youngsters about responsible pet ownership skills. The children learned about feeding, watering, bathing, exercising and medical needs that all pets have. Pictured here are (back) Dr. Purdue and Matthew Banasick; and (front) Richard Council and Janelle Hauser. Dr. Purdue's special helper, Suzie Sloth, is in the cage. (DoDDS photo)

club calendar

Specials/Opening

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

Dining

Howard O' Club - Fri. & Sat.,

prime rib; Sun.-Sat., a la carte dining.

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Mon., a la carte dining; Membership night last Mon. of each month.

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

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

Naval Station CPO Club - Mon.-Sat., a la carte dining.

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

Amador O' Club - Thurs., Mongolian BBQ; closed holidays and Mon.

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

Albrook O' Club - Fri.-Sat., prime rib/seafood; seafood; Sun., dining room closed; Mon. Mongolian BBQ; Tues., dining room closed, burgers in the bar; Wed., Mexican night; Thurs., 2 for 1 steak night.

Clayton NCO Club - Casa Maria, Mexican food specials Mon.-Wed. & Fri.; Tues. - Sat., dining.

Red Door - Open every day.

Sherman Community Club - Tues.-Sun., pizza garden is open. La Vista dining room is open Fri., chateaubriand for 2; Sat., seafood special; Sat., open for fast food.

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

Entertainment

Howard O' Club - Fri., Disco.

Howard NCO Club - Variety disco in Ballroom: Fri. & Sat.; Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-& Wed.; Casual Cove Discos: Fri. & Sat., rock & roll, salsa; Mon. & Tues., variety; Wed. & Thurs., western.

STRAC Club - Fri., music with Judy Upton.

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

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Sat., DJ; Tues. movie night.

Naval Station CPO Club - Fri., DJ; Sun., movie day.

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

Bamboo Inn - Fri., live band.

Albrook O' Club - Fri. & Sat., disco; Sun., German Rosch during brunch

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

Corner Post Lounge - Sun., variety music, oldies but goodies.

Ft. Sherman Community Club - Fri., entertainment.

Davis Community Club - Fri., disco; Sat., land & sea special, Caoba Cafe.

Lunch

Howard O' Club - Mon.-Fri.

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Fri.

Naval Station O' Club - Mon.-Sat.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Mon.-Fri; grill sandwich bar; Sun.

Naval Station CPO Club - Tues.-Sun.

Quarry Heights - Mon.-Fri. lunch specials.

Amador O' Club - Mon.- Fri.

Bamboo Inn - Mon.-Sat.

Albrook O' Club - Mon.-Fri.

Clayton Guest House - Tues.-Fri.

Clayton NCO Club - Mon. - Fri.

Davis Community Club - Tues.-Fri.; closed Mon.

Sherman Community Club - Once a month lunch specials.

Breakfast

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Fri.; Sun., sit down breakfast.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Mon.-Fri.

Quarry Heights O' Club - Mon.-Sat.

Sunday Brunch

Howard NCO Club - 3rd Sun. of month.

Howard O' Club - 3rd Sun. of month.

Naval Station O' Club -

Amador O' Club -

Albrook O' Club -

Clayton NCO Club -

Sherman Community Club - once a month.

Davis Community Club -

Games

Howard O' Club - Wed.

Howard NCO Club - Sun. & Wed.

Albrook O' Club - Tues.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Thurs.

Naval Station CPO Club - Tues.

Clayton NCO Club - Sun. & Tues.

Davis Community Club - Sun. & Wed.

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

notices

Instructors needed

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

CDC closings

The Howard Child Development Center will be closed on the following dates:

Friday -- Panamanian Independence Day

Nov. 10 -- Veteran's Day

Nov. 23 -- Thanksgiving

For additional information call 284-6135.

Money management

For those who are interested in taking control and planning for holiday expenses, a money management class is scheduled Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Family Support Center conference room at Howard Air Force Base. For reservations call 284-5650.

Veterans Day

The Canal Area Veterans Association will sponsor a Veterans Day homecoming and celebration for the entire Canal area community on Nov. 11 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Albrook IAAFA recreational area.

Food, fun and games for the family

will be the order of the day. Live entertainment, boys and girls softball, automobile show, soccer, jumping ambassadors, and many other events. Bring your own lawn chairs and join the fun.

For more information contact Charles E. Brown at 286-4349.
NOTE: The Canal area veterans Association is composed of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Legion of Honor Unit of Abou Saad Temple Shriners.

Bank holiday hours

The American Express Banks are closed Friday in honor of Panamanian Independence from Colombia, a legal Panamanian holiday. Also, the banks will be closed Nov. 10 in honor of Primer Grito, a legal Panamanian holiday. ATM services will be available at Howard AFB and Fort Davis as usual.

Checkbook class

Learn how to balance a checkbook and better understand checking account transactions Nov. 17 from 9 to 10 a.m. and every third Friday until further notice. The classes will be held at the Family Support Center, Howard Air Force Base.

BHS yearbook sales

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

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

Job search

If you're interested in establishing an effective job search plan, the Job Search workshop will help. This workshop is designed to assist spouses in developing and using effective strategies for seeking employment. Class will be held Nov. 28 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the FSC conference room at Howard Air Force Base. For reservations call 284-5650.

SF-171 workshop

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

Marriage enrichment

Married couples and persons who are engaged can reserve space for a marriage enrichment seminar Nov. 14 and 15. The topics will include marriage expectations and myths,

when lovers fight and a new togetherness. Make reservations by calling 287-4636.

SGM promotion

An Army sergeants major promotion board will convene in February. All master sergeants with a date of rank July 31, 1987 or earlier are eligible. Record reviews must be completed by Nov. 15.

BNCOC training

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

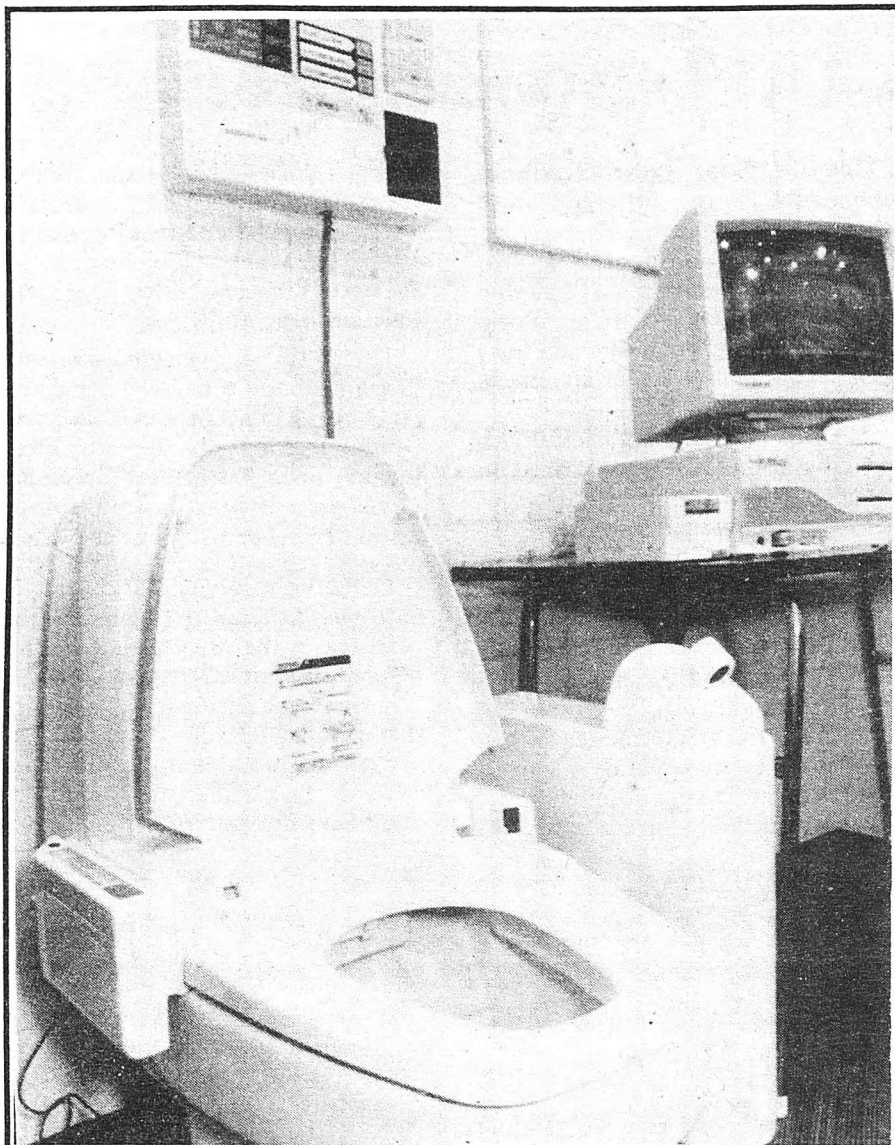
ACS Atlantic

Army Community Service - Atlantic has rescheduled its class on crediting volunteer hours. The class will be held Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Margarita Complex room 17. For more information call 289-4091.

PX hours

The Corozal Main Exchange now has new operating hours:
Monday - Saturday
 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

lifestyle



TOILET TECHNOLOGY — A new high-tech toilet, shown at a housing fair in downtown Tokyo, is "intelligent" enough to tell its health-minded users whether they are sick or not. The toilet, co-developed by three Japanese companies, releases a piece of litmus paper to measure the vital data of the user and display them on a screen. The user can measure blood pressure and pulse by inserting a finger into a device seen on the other side of the toilet. (AP Laserphoto)

Taping hurts music sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Home taping may be causing as much as a 22 percent loss in prerecorded music sales, a congressional report said Saturday.

The report, which Congress will use as it considers possible legislation dealing with existing taping and future taping from new technologies such as digital audio tape and erasable-recordable compact discs, showed 41 percent of people over age 10 had taped recorded music in the previous year.

That compared with 21-22 percent in a 1978-79 survey, but was about the same as 1982, the Office of Technology Assessment said.

The survey also found that most people tape from their own recordings or those of family members and that they think the practice should continue to be allowed without extra compensation to recording artists or manufacturers. But, overwhelmingly, they thought taping for sale was wrong.

"Tapers and non-tapers agreed that taping 'to save money' was acceptable, but taping 'to make money' was wrong," the study said.

OTA, which advises Congress on technological issues, said the survey was conducted by phone with 1,501 people last September and October. The margin of error was plus or minus three percentage points.

OTA found that 57 percent of those who had taped in the previous year thought they could have bought the material if they had wished. Of those, 49 percent said they would have bought it if they had been

unable to tape. In 77 percent of the cases in which the taper could have purchased, the taper said that if he or she had bought the recording, it would have been in addition to other recordings purchased, rather than in place of them.

The OTA concluded that about 22 percent (.57 multiplied by .49 multiplied by .77) "of the most recent tapings from prerecorded formats displaced sales of prerecorded music that might have otherwise been made, if the respondent could not tape."

OTA acknowledged, however, that the figure could be "excessively high" since other studies have shown that half or fewer of respondents answering affirmatively to hypothetical questions actually engage in the behavior being studied.

The OTA noted, however, that the findings also indicated that if people were unable to make the tapes, "over three-fourths of the tapes that would have been made would not be replaced by sales of prerecorded music." The survey providing some good news for the music industry, OTA said.

"Music tapers, in general, had a greater interest in music, listened to more music and purchased more recorded music products than did non-tapers," OTA said.

Most copying was for "place-shifting," that is, copying music from records and compact discs to the more portable cassette format for Walkman-type players and car decks, OTA said.

Children learn word processing with Sesame Street

by Larry Blasko
Associated Press Writer

Your pre-schooler won't be a total Yuppie until he has his own word-processing software, but not to worry — Sesame Street First Writer will help.

This \$14.95 program for both IBM and Apple II-series computers was designed by Children's Television Workshop and is produced by Hi Tech Expressions.

The money gets you a very simple word-processing program aimed at 4- to 6-year-olds. Children may copy words from a stock dictionary (parents may edit or add words) or write letters and stories of their own. The screen shows the letters about half an inch high, in caps and lowercase, and the youngster has a choice of four type styles.

When your little one tries to do something she shouldn't, a Sesame Street character will beep at her and

shake his head. When she uses the cursor keys to create a new page, the screen shows a page turning.

The software's manual gives parents some installation help and a couple of activity suggestions, plus a couple of keyboard templates to identify the function keys. F1, for example, is identified by pictures of Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Oscar the Grouch and Elmo, characters used to identify the current type style.

The program works with a number

of popular printers. It requires 256,000 characters of memory and color monitor and graphics capability for IBM machines, 128,000 characters for Apple II (e,c or GS) machines.

It's a very nicely turned piece of software at a very reasonable price, and once you get over the hurdle of kids exchanging a crayon and a sheet of paper for \$1,000 worth of hardware and a program, it's probably something to consider.

TV movie to be made about Morgan case

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Dr. Elizabeth Morgan will have "absolute control" over a TV docudrama about her two years in jail for refusing to tell a judge the whereabouts of her daughter, an attorney says.

The Washington, D.C.-area plastic surgeon signed with Lansburg Co., makers of "Adam," a television movie about a boy who was kidnapped and murdered, said Shelley Browning, an attorney who negotiated the deal for Morgan.

Morgan has alleged that her former husband, Dr. Eric Foretich,

an oral surgeon, sexually molested their child, Hilary, now 7.

Foretich vehemently denies the charges.

Morgan was jailed in 1987 for civil contempt of court by the judge presiding over their custody dispute. Morgan refused to comply when the judge ordered her to allow Foretich unsupervised visits.

She was released one month ago from the Washington, D.C., jail after Congress approved special legislation.

Ms. Morgan will be a consultant

on the film and will wield "final, absolute control over what appears," Ms. Browning said last week.

When informed of the movie deal, Foretich said: "I will absolutely sue them if my name or my daughter's name is used without my consent."

Ms. Browning said she expects to win any lawsuit by Foretich because "he has made himself a public figure."

Morgan's fee, an undisclosed amount totaling less than \$250,000, will go into a trust fund for Hilary, Ms. Browning said.

Residents attempt to ban wildflower patch

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — One man's garden can be another's eyesore, especially when the landscaping is a 6-foot-tall, front-yard patch of wildflowers.

Some residents of this tiny Cleveland suburb want Joseph Gyurgyik's lawn returned to a more

traditional decor, particularly now, as the once-colorful display is turning brown and wilting.

"I think it's an absolute eyesore," said neighbor Carolyn Wallace.

The city's Architectural Board of Review has declared the display in violation of a ban on inappropriate

landscaping, but Gyurgyik said he will fight that ruling and any others.

There's also a practical side to the unusual garden, Gyurgyik admits:

"The last thing I want to do after working 12 hours, six days a week, is come home and cut a lawn."

Cosell calls bowler 'a nobody' at dinner

DETROIT (AP) — Sportscaster Howard Cosell expected to be reunited with champion boxer Muhammad Ali was visibly angered when he had to settle for the company of a champion bowler and a retired high school baseball coach.

Cosell, 71, served as master of ceremonies at the induction of Ali and five other members into the Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame. However, Ali was a no-show because his connecting flight from Pakistan was delayed.

"I've been brought here under false pretenses," Cosell said, adding that without Ali: "You don't have a dinner. You don't have anything."

Cosell settled down, performed his duties and later apologized to Lafayette Allen Jr. after calling the champion bowler from Detroit "a nobody."

military news

6th Fleet will be host to U.S.-Soviet meeting

by Robert Mackay

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The unprecedented U.S.-Soviet summit at sea will involve the U.S. 6th Fleet, which maintains some 30 ships in the Mediterranean and has a prime candidate for host vessel in its flagship, the cruiser USS Belknap.

The guided-missile cruiser Belknap is the only American ship "home-ported" in the Mediterranean Sea, at Gaeta, Italy, and is the flagship of the commander of the 6th Fleet, Adm. James D. Williams.

The Navy said Tuesday the Belknap is undergoing maintenance, but it should be completed by mid-November, which would make the 547-foot, 7,930-ton warship available for the Dec. 2-3 summit between President Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Bush said he will meet with Gorbachev on board ship in the

Mediterranean, alternating between American and Soviet vessels.

The Navy officially declined to discuss what U.S. warships might take part in the Mediterranean summit and referred all questions to the White House.

But Pentagon officials said the Soviets have neither a commissioned aircraft carrier nor a battleship and that the two navies will probably want ships of the same size, such as cruisers or destroyers, to link up side by side for the Bush-Gorbachev meeting.

"The most comparable is cruiser size," a defense official said.

Navy historian John Riley said the United States has never before hosted a superpower summit aboard a U.S. warship.

"The only such meeting was in 1941 when (President Franklin D.) Roosevelt and (British Prime Minister Winston) Churchill met at

Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, aboard the British battleship Prince of Wales," Riley said.

Roosevelt traveled on U.S. warships, once aboard the battleship USS Iowa in 1943 to attend World War II summits, but never held talks with a superpower leader aboard an American vessel, Riley said.

He did, however, hold talks with the king of Saudi Arabia aboard an American destroyer near Egypt after the Yalta conference, Riley said.

For the Bush-Gorbachev meeting, the Soviets are likely to have their normal complement of about 20 ships that patrol the Mediterranean.

Among the 30 U.S. ships currently serving as the 6th Fleet are the aircraft carrier USS America and the battleship Iowa, scene of a tragedy April 19 when an explosion in one of its 16-inch gun turrets killed 47 sailors.

Both the America and the Iowa are

due to return home to the United States, however, as the Navy usually rotates ships after six months on deployment. The Iowa has been in the Mediterranean since June; the America since May.

The Iowa has been acting as the flagship of the 6th Fleet while the Belknap has undergone maintenance. Others making up the 6th Fleet include an assortment of cruisers, destroyers, frigates, amphibious assault ships, and supply vessels.

The aircraft carrier USS Forrestal had been scheduled to replace the America in the Mediterranean, but her deployment was delayed because of an elevator accident and ship fire that caused \$1.3 million in damage.

Repairs at Mayport, Fla., are nearing completion, the Navy said, and the Forrestal could be in the Mediterranean in time for the summit.

Discharges for overweight enlisted increasing

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The number of enlisted soldiers fighting the battle of the bulge is climbing, say personnel officials who set the standards for the Army's weight control program regulation.

According to John Slone, the Department of the Army representative for enlisted separation policy in the Office of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon, the number of enlisted soldiers discharged from the Army for failure to meet regulatory requirements rose from 1,165 in fiscal year 1987 to 1,913 in fiscal '88 and

Soldiers reminded to follow Army's weight control program, AR 600-9

2,084 in fiscal '89. The fiscal '89 figure represents an increase of 78 percent over the three-year period.

For that and other reasons, Lt. Col. Frank Farkas reminds soldiers of the Army's weight control program, as governed by AR 600-9. Farkas, who holds a doctorate in counselling psychology, serves as the chief of the health readiness policy branch, human resources division, directorate of military personnel management in ODCSPER.

"The regulation establishes criteria on body fat content by age and gender," he says.

At minimum, Farkas explains, the regulation calls for soldiers to be weighed when they take the semiannual physical fitness test. Each soldier's weight is compared to a height/weight screening table. Those whose weight exceeds the allowable or whose physical appearance fails visual scrutiny must undergo a tape test to measure body fat content. The results are compared to maximum allowable percent body fat standards.

For example, male soldiers between 17 and 20 years of age may contain no more than 20 percent body fat. Female soldiers in the same age group may contain 28 percent body fat. However, all soldiers are encouraged to achieve the most stringent DOD-wide goal of 20 percent for males and 26 percent for females. The amount of allowable percentage of body fat increases with the soldier's age.

The process continues for those soldiers who fail to meet body fat content standards. Those considered to have a medical problem are referred for evaluation and treatment. Those without a medical problem enter a weight control program and receive nutrition counselling. As a result, their records are flagged, meaning they cannot receive promotions, awards or decorations or attend professional military or civilian schooling until they meet the body fat content allowed by regulation.

"It's each soldier's responsibility to comply with the regulation," Farkas continues. "It's the Army's

responsibility to establish standard policy for a proper weight control program. It's the unit commanders'

responsibility to enforce the standards. It's a known fact that the soldiers perform to the standard the

commanders set. If the commander checks weight control, you'd better believe the soldiers are going to pay attention to that.

"The standard is there. It's up to soldiers, commanders and supervisors to make it work," Farkas concludes.

Photo policy changes reports PERSCOM

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Soldiers who are required to have an official photograph in their personnel files now have an extra two years between photo sessions.

According to information released Oct. 23 by the Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va., NCOs and officers now must update their official photograph every five years. Previously, new photos were required every three years.

Another change to the photo policy requires new staff sergeants, command sergeants major, first lieutenants, and brigadier generals or higher to have a photo taken within 60 of pinning on their new rank.

Army policy requires all officers and warrant officers, as well as staff sergeants and above, to have a full-length official photograph in their personnel file. The photos are used by officials who select soldiers for promotions, assignments and training.

Official at PERSCOM say the new policy is designed to reduce the administrative workload for soldiers and their chain of command.

PERSCOM officials say the new policy does not prevent a soldier from requesting a new official photograph more frequently for any reason.



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Rebels blame armed forces for bombing

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — Salvadoran rebels blamed the government for a powerful bomb that ripped through the headquarters of El Salvador's second largest labor union, killing eight people, including the union's leader.

The noontime bombing Tuesday of the headquarters of the National Federation of Salvadoran Workers came just a day after a bomb attack

on El Salvador's armed forces headquarters that killed one civilian. The government blamed El Salvador's rebels for the Monday attack.

The five commanders of the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, blamed the government for the union hall bombing and threatened retaliation, saying the killing of union leader

Febe Elizabeth Valasquez could derail the peace talks.

"These acts by the government and the military leadership endanger the dialogue process," said a rebel statement broadcast Tuesday night on the clandestine FMLN Radio Venceremos.

"They are playing with fire and they are going to get burned if they think the death of Febe Elizabeth will go unanswered," the rebel broadcast said. "With all the crimes that were committed today it is impossible to abandon the armed struggle."

The bomb killed seven other people, including three women and a 13-year-old girl, a member of the non-governmental Human Rights Commission of El Salvador told Radio YSU.

President Alfredo Cristiani, in a televised speech Tuesday night, called for an intensive investigation of the union hall bombing and an early morning bombing the rebels also blamed on the government.

Cristiani said the attacks were aimed at "obstructing the peace process that has begun in our country."

Cristiani said the government wants to go ahead with the next round of peace talks scheduled for Nov. 20-21 in Caracas, Venezuela.

Chris Norton, a journalist who

works for the Christian Science Monitor and ABC Radio, said he was on the second floor of the union building doing an interview when the bomb went off.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but a leader in the union, which has been described by the government as a "front group" for leftist rebels, said he believed the armed forces planted the device.

"We blame the armed forces," said union official Hector Bernave Recinos, who was inside the building at the time of the blast.

Recinos accused the military of designating El Salvador's popular organizations as targets after Monday's rebel attack on the Armed Forces headquarters in the capital.

Salvadoran leftist rebels earlier had announced a new offensive against the right-wing government, and a human rights group separately blamed the country's armed forces for a predawn bombing that injured four people, including an American and a 4-month-old baby.

The Salvadoran armed forces denounced the "terrorist attack" on the COMADRES headquarters. In the past, the military and the government have characterized COMADRES as a "front group" for the FMLN.



LOOKING FOR HIS DAUGHTER — Honduran Minister of Defense Col. Wilfredo Sanchez looks for his daughter's body in the wreckage of Tan Sahsa flight 414 which crashed Saturday. Within minutes of this photo last week, a searcher found the hand of the colonel's daughter which had a ring on it which identified it as the hand of the daughter. Last year the colonel's son died in an aerobatic plane crash. (AP Laserphoto)

Opposition leaders return to RP despite threats

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — Panama's two senior opposition leaders, facing death threats from a supporter of de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, returned home Monday from Costa Rica, where they met with leaders from North and South America, including President Bush.

"All the leaders of Latin America, Brazil and the Caribbean have left this summit committed to push ahead with the task of democratizing our hemisphere and isolating the dictators wherever they are found," Guillermo Endara, opposition presidential candidate in May 7 elections that were annulled three days later, told reporters.

Endara and one of his vice presidential running mates, Ricardo Arias Calderon, returned to Panama as a death threat against them and second vice presidential candidate Guillermo Ford appeared on Page 2 of the government-controlled newspaper Critica.

Under the headline "Oath of a Patriot," Victor Shailer, a pro-Noriega legislative candidate during the May national elections, accused the three opposition candidates of plotting with the U.S. government against Noriega and threatened them with death.

"I, Victor Ivan Shailer Herrera — assume responsibility as attorney general of the people and therefore vow before the altar of the fatherland to summarily judge and sentence with death Guillermo Endara, Ricardo Arias Calderon and Guillermo Ford, for executing the directive given by the Bush administration to the CIA, FBI, Southern Command, U.S. Army South and their allies within the traitorous, seditious and anti-patriotic opposition, to kidnap and/or assassinate the commander-in-chief of our revolutionary process for

national liberation, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega," the article said.

Ford did not accompany Endara and Arias Calderon to Costa Rica where 16 of the continent's elected leaders met to mark 100 years of democracy in Costa Rica and discuss the "6-Ds": democracy, development, debt, deforestation, disarmament and drugs.

Heads of the governments of Panama, Cuba, Chile and Haiti were not invited to the Costa Rican summit because they were not elected to their offices.

Bush and other heads of state met Saturday with the Panamanian and Nicaraguan opposition leaders at a special breakfast in the Costa Rican capital of San Jose.

"The summit in Costa Rica was a success from all points of view," Endara said after his return to Panama.

In an interview with Costa Rican television station Canal 6 during his visit, Endara said he doubted Noriega would retire voluntarily from the Panama Defense Forces. "Noriega will leave Panama in wooden pajamas (a coffin)," he said.

Endara's remarks sparked an uproar in government circles, where they were interpreted as a threat against Noriega.

Renato Pereira, the new government and justice minister filed a suit Friday against Endara accusing him of "defense of crime" for his remarks in Costa Rica, but no arrest order was issued.

Endara, summoned Monday afternoon to the the Government and Justice Ministry to explain his statement, told Pereira he was not advocating violence. "I am talking about something that would happen in the military bases, among officers. I would not participate in that."

Pereira replied, "Your words have had an unnecessary dramatic effect

because they constitute and evidently — were understood as an invitation to violence."

At his airport news conference, Endara said the opposition remains committed to non-violence.

"I stated that I wanted to believe that he would leave voluntarily for the well-being of the fatherland," Endara said. "But that lamentably, given the

experience we have had, I did not believe it. I believed that he would have to be removed by force." In recent months, opposition leaders have urged the military to remove Noriega, the chief of Panama's Defense Forces. But opposition leaders have denied any participation or prior knowledge of the aborted coup on Oct. 3.

UPI files appeal with Panama challenging office shut-down

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — United Press International filed an appeal with the Panama government Monday, challenging on constitutional grounds its decision to shut UPI's Panama office and expel its foreign staff.

Panama's Ministry of Government and Justice issued the edict Thursday, accusing UPI of "systematically violating journalistic ethics by publishing false reports with the obvious intention of slandering authorities of the Republic of Panama."

A UPI spokesman in Washington said the news agency is challenging the order on the "basis of the constitutional protection of the press" guaranteed under the Panama constitution. The appeal was filed with the ministry in Panama City and a copy was hand-delivered to Government and Justice Minister Renato Pereira.

Pereira pledged to consider the appeal immediately. Under Panamanian law, if Pereira rejects the appeal the case must go before the Supreme Court of Justice.

"We remain confident and optimistic we will be able to continue our operations," said Milton F.

Capps, senior vice president for corporate affairs, at UPI's World Headquarters in Washington.

"Our correspondents are in Panama and we continue to gather news and information in Panama at this moment," he said. "There has been no further action from the Panamanian government since the edict was posted, to our knowledge."

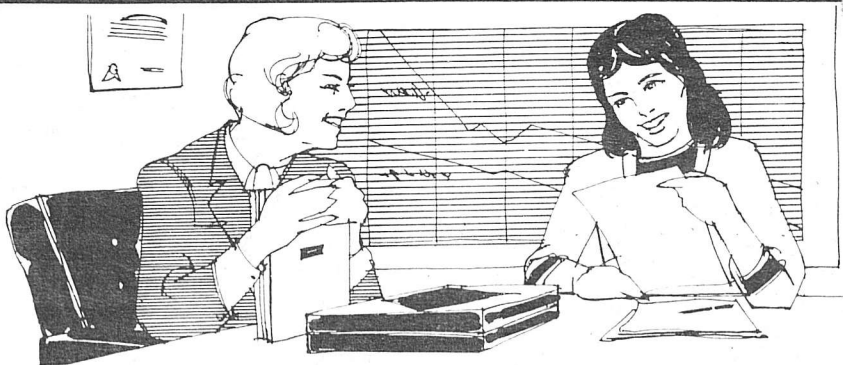
Capps said UPI would press its case with high-level Panamanian officials during the next 24 hours in an effort to have the order rescinded.

The edict said UPI's foreign personnel must leave the country within 72 hours after its effective date, two days after it was posted on UPI's office door at 1 p.m. Thursday. It did not specify which news stories the government considered false or misleading.

The news agency is represented in Panama by Tomas Cupas, a Panamanian national, and Betsy Lordan, an American.

The United States strongly criticized the edict in a statement issued last week by its embassy in Panama City.

"We understand the U.S. State Department is following the situation," Capps said.



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 reinstatements eligibles (those persons who previously have worked for the U.S. government on a permanent basis), U.S. government employees in the Panama area in a leave without pay status. Candidates with applications in the CPO applicant supply file will be considered for appropriate vacancies.

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. Tuesday of the closing date of the announcement.

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

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

Other considerations: positions are subject to priority referrals and reemployment priority lists. Consideration of candidates for repromotion will precede efforts to fill the position by competitive procedures. All qualified applicants will received 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.

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| LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT SPEC NM-346-12 US ARMY SOUTH EXERCISE SUPPORT GROUP LOGISTICS DIVISION FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA SENSITIVE JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 054-90 | 3 | 3 | NM-11 |
| INFORMATION PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, NM-301-11 USARSO, DCSIM, BLDG 95 SENSITIVE JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Knowledge of information management technology for printing, publications and forms systems management. 2. Knowledge of information sources, general agency guidance and publications in developing policy and procedures. 3. Skill in oral and written communications. 4. Ability to supervise. | 055-90 | - | 1 YR EQUIV NM-9 | NM-9 |
| COMPUTER SPECIALIST, NM-334-11 COA DIRECTORATE OF CONTRACTING COROZAL, PANAMA SENSITIVE JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 056-90 | - | 1 YR NM-9 | NM-9 |
| HISTORIAN, NM-170-11 USARSO DCSOPS - BLDG. 95 FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA SENSITIVE JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 057-90 | 3 | 3 | NM-9 |
| BUDGET ANALYST, NM-560-9 1109TH US ARMY SIGNAL BRIGADE SUPPORT DIVISION BUDGET BRANCH COROZAL, PANAMA JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 058-90 | 3 | 2 | NM-7 |
| BUDGET ANALYST, NM-560-9 470TH MI BRIGADE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (LIGHT) COROZAL, PANAMA JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 059-90 | 3 | 2 | NM-7 |
| TRANSLATOR (TYPING), NM-1040-9 (2 POSITIONS) PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AND | 060-90 | - | 1 YR NM-7 | NM-7 |

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| OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF QUARRY HTS., PANAMA SENSITIVE BILINGUAL JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH SPEC. NM-132-9 | 061-90 | - | 1 YR NM-7 | N/A |
| THIS POSITION IS IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE HQ, USSOUTHCOM INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (SCJ2) BIOGRAPHICS SECTION QUARRY HTS., PANAMA SENSITIVE JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 062-90 | 4 YRS 6 MO. | | NM-7 |
| CUSTOMS INSPECTOR, NM-1890-8 US ARMY SOUTH - PANAMA MILITARY POLICE COMMAND CUSTOMS DIVISION CURUNDU, PANAMA SENSITIVE JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 062-90 | 4 YRS 6 MO. | | NM-7 |
| ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, NM-525-7 COA IRM, FAD, ACCTG BR. CONTROL SECTION FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Knowledge of accounting procedures. 2. Ability to plan and organize work. 3. Knowledge of basic automatic data processing procedures. 4. Skills in the use of personal computers (PC) and developing off line accounting applications programs. | 063-90 | - | 1 YR EQUIV NM-6 | NM-6 |
| CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR NM-1701-7 COA DCA, CFA, FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA | 064-90 | 4 YR | 1 YR COURSE AT NEXT LEADING LOWER LEVEL TO DEGREE W/MAJOR STUDY IN EDUCATION | NM-5 |
| NOTE: MUST BE AVAILABLE TO WORK ON WEEKENDS AND EVENINGS; MUST POSSESS OR BE ABLE TO POSSESS CURRENT OPERATOR'S LICENSE, BEGINNING FIRST AID AND TRAINING AND CPR CERTIFICATION. INCUMBENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE PROCESSED FOR A BACKGROUND CHECK. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 060-90 | - | 1 YR NM-7 | NM-7 |
| TRANSLATOR (TYPING), NM-1040-9 (2 POSITIONS) PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AND OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF QUARRY HTS., PANAMA SENSITIVE BILINGUAL JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 061-90 | - | 1 YR NM-7 | N/A |
| INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH SPEC. NM-132-9 | 061-90 | - | 1 YR NM-7 | N/A |
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| AUDITOR, NM-511-5 COA INTERNAL REVIEW OFFICE FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA NOTE: THIS POSITION IS DEVELOPMENTAL TO NM-9 SENSITIVE JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. Knowledge of professional accounting and auditing principles, concepts and practices. 2. Knowledge of agency regulations and requirements sufficient to perform auditing assignments. 3. Ability to analyze. | 065-90 | 4 | - | N/A |
| NOTE: POSITION REQUIRES TRAVELING THROUGHOUT CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS. MILITARY PERSONNEL CLERK (TYPING), NM-204-4 BILINGUAL (ENGLISH & SPANISH) QUALIFIED TYPIST IS REQUIRED 41ST ASG DIRECTORATE OF PERSONNEL AND ADMIN. PERSONNEL SUPPORT CENTER FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. However, applicants must have one (1) year of general experience which is progressively responsible clerical office work which indicates ability to acquire the particular knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the position to be filled. | 066-90 | 1 | N/A | N/A |
| LIBRARY AID, NM-1411-3 NOTE: IRREGULAR TOUR OF DUTY, TO INCLUDE NIGHTS, WEEKENDS, AND HOLIDAYS COA DCA, ADCFA, COMMUNITY RECREATIONS DIV. LIBRARY BRANCH FT. CLAYTON, Panama JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | 067-90 | 6 MO. | - | - |
| MAIL AND FILE CLERK, NM-305-3 (MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR) NOTE: INCUMBENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN MILITARY VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE. WORKS OCCASIONALLY DURING IRREGULAR HOURS AND LIFT UP TO 50 LBS. MTMC TERMINAL PANAMA SENSITIVE DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE | 068-90 | 6 MO. | - | - |

sports



TURKEY BOWL -- Cheerleaders rehearse a mount during a recent practice session in preparation for the Nov. 22 Turkey Bowl. The cheerleaders expressed concern that the football team isn't getting the support merited by the magnitude of the Turkey Bowl. "This squad is full of Army pride, and we refuse to let the other services walk over us without a fight," coach Kim Thompson said. Capt. Ward Whyte, football coach, confirmed the ladies concern. "We need more players," he said. "But the guys who are playing have a lot heart and can get the job done." (U.S. Army photo by Spec. John Moreland)

Marines celebrate 214th birthday with 10K run

Join the Marine Corps Security Force Company, Panama, as they celebrate the Corps 214th Birthday with a 10K Run. Test yourself (are you ready for the 1989 Turkey Bowl?) or just run for the fun of it! This race is open to all military, DOD civilian personnel, and dependents.

The date is Nov. 12, show time is 6:30 a.m. to pick up your race packet and the race begins at 7 a.m. The place is U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Marine Barracks, at the Bamboo Inn parking lot.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each of the following categories:

Men: 24 and under, 25-34, 35 and over

Women: 24 and under, 25-34, 35 and over

Team: age open, 5 members (team must run as a formation)

Registration deadline is Thursday and is by mail only. Send your registration form and check or money order (\$2.00 per individual entry, \$5.00 per team entry) to:

SSgt. Lubischer, MCSF Co. Panama, FPO Miami 34061-9000

Do not send cash. Checks and money orders should be payable to "Marine Barracks Recreation Fund."

For registration forms or further information contact SSgt. Lubischer at 283-5605/5610.

Sports Shorts

Volleyball tourney

There will be a Veteran's Day volleyball tournament Sunday through Friday at Reeder Physical Fitness Center. For information call 287-3861.

Shift workers bowling

The Albrook Bowling Center is now forming a shift workers bowling league with a schedule based on team availability and competition scheduled for mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends.

For more information, call 286-4260.

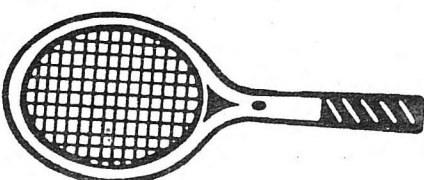
TDY bowling league

The Howard Bowling Center is now forming a TDY bowling league consisting of two-man teams with the league bowling for the duration of the TDY. For more information, call 284-4818.

Aerobicycle training

If you are interested in using the aerobicycles at the Howard Sports and Fitness Center, training classes are offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 8 p.m., 11:30 a.m. to noon, and 5:30 to 6 p.m. Training classes are mandatory for those who want to use the aerobicycles.

For more information, call 284-3451.



Tennis lessons

Tennis lessons are now offered at CRD Sports. Choose from private or group lessons at the Fort Amador Courts at 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday; or evening lessons at the Fort Clayton courts Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Register at building 154, Fort Clayton (287-4050).

Lockers

If you currently have a locker at the Howard Sports and Fitness Center and wish to keep it through 1990, renewal is required between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31. If the fee is not paid before the Jan. 31 deadline, your name will be moved to the bottom of the locker waiting list. For more information, call 284-3451.

Youth ball

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

5K run

There will be a Great American Smokeout 5K Fun Run Saturday beginning at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Tradewinds Dining Hall on Howard. There is no entry fee and no prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call 284-3451.

Retirees bowling

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

Navy Turkey Bowl

Any females (military or civilian) interested in participating in Turkey Bowl '89, representing the Navy teams, please contact BM2 Little at 283-5605.

Males interested in participating in Turkey Bowl '89. Navy team needs you for competition in biathlon, football and track relays. If interested, contact John Hern at 283-4222/5307.

Ski meet

The 28th Annual Air Force Invitational Ski Meet will be held March 4 through 9 at Utah's Snowbasin Ski Resort for active-duty military only. Team and individual competition will be held in various alpine events.

Since the meet is self-supporting, a \$125 entry fee will be charged to each participant. Entry fees will be returned to those not selected.

Anyone interested in participating in the meet should contact the Howard Sports and Fitness Center for resume' forms. Deadline for receipt of resumes' and entry fees is January 22.

For more information, call 284-3451.

Golf registration

Registration for Unit Level Golf will take place today through Thursday at the Fort Amador Golf Course. For information call 287-4050.



Basketball registration

Basketball registration for the 5 feet 11 inches and taller league will take place Monday through Nov. 14 at building 154, Fort Clayton. Registration for the Open Basketball Community League will be Nov. 15. For information call 287-4050.

sports quiz

1. What are the official team colors of the New York Jets?
2. What university did Jet QB Joe Namath attend?
3. Name the three teams the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated in four Super Bowls.
4. Name the Steelers' kicker for all four of their Super Bowl appearances.
5. Name the first ever head coach of the Buffalo Bills in 1960.
6. Name all five coaches the Cincinnati Bengals have had since their inception in 1968.
7. Name the winningest coach in the history of the Cleveland Browns.
8. State the year in which there were no franchise shifts for the first time since the formation of the NFL and for the first time all teams played the same number of games.

Spots Quiz Answers

1. Kelly Green and White; 2. University of Alabama; 3. Dallas Rams once; 4. Roy Gerela; 5. Buster Ramsey; 6. Paul Brown 1968-75, Bill Johnson 1976-78, Homer Rice 1978-79, Forrest Gregg 1980-83, Sam Wyche 1984-current; 7. Paul Brown 1954-55 (1960-62); 8. 1936

NFL Schedule

by The Associated Press

Sunday

Buffalo at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at L.A. Raiders, 4 p.m.
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24th CAMS team 1 takes trophy in tourney

by A1C Tamara S. Jacobson

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW/PA) — After an edge-of-the-seat come from behind that resulted in overtime, 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team 1 dropped their first game of the men's double elimination intramural basketball base championship to 4400th Air Postal Squadron, 55-52, rallying the next night to take the tournament, 58-39.

Going into the tournament with an impressive 8-1 league record in the West Division, 24th CAMS was favored for the base title over 4400th AIRPS. Doubts were raised though, as 4400th AIRPS opened scoring early in the finals playoff, sponsored by the Howard Sports and Fitness Center, and led for most of the game. C.J. Clinkscales of 4400th AIRPS continued a solid scoring season by shooting in the double figures again with 16 points.

The postal team ran a tight defense that shut down one of the tallest teams in the league, forcing them outside. Double-teaming the 24th CAMS key offensive player, 6-foot-9-inch center John Kimbrell, and half-court trapping left the maintenance team floundering on the court with a 25-13 halftime score.

The second half heated up as 24th CAMS scrambled to catch up; both teams got a little hot under the jerseys, with several technicals and some questionable fouls called. There was no doubt, though, that the tempo had changed after the break for 4400th AIRPS.

Scoreless for the first half, Kimbrell racked up 16 points, coupled with teammate Terry Curry's 11 points, to bring the maintenance team back on track. The 4400th AIRPS team knew they lost control of the court and the scoreboard when Curry tied the

game up with six minutes left. Seconds later, they watched with despair as Kimbrell dropped in a costly foul shot that put his team on top.

The 4400th AIRPS team found the tables turned as they pressed to play catch up. They got a break when 24th CAMS' Andrew Jones lost control of the ball and went out of bounds with 48-46 and less than a minute on the board. Fans left their seats when Lawrence Sherrell, 4400th AIRPS, found his mark with seven seconds left to tie it up at 48.

In overtime, 24th CAMS lost their momentum and control as 4400th AIRPS dropped in five foul shots and another bucket to end it, 55-52, and force an "if" game in the double-elimination tournament.

It was a different game and a different team that stepped on court for the finals of the base competition the following night. With the smell of their fresh loss hanging in the air, 24th CAMS paid no heed and soon made others forget. The trophy and title were still up for grabs.

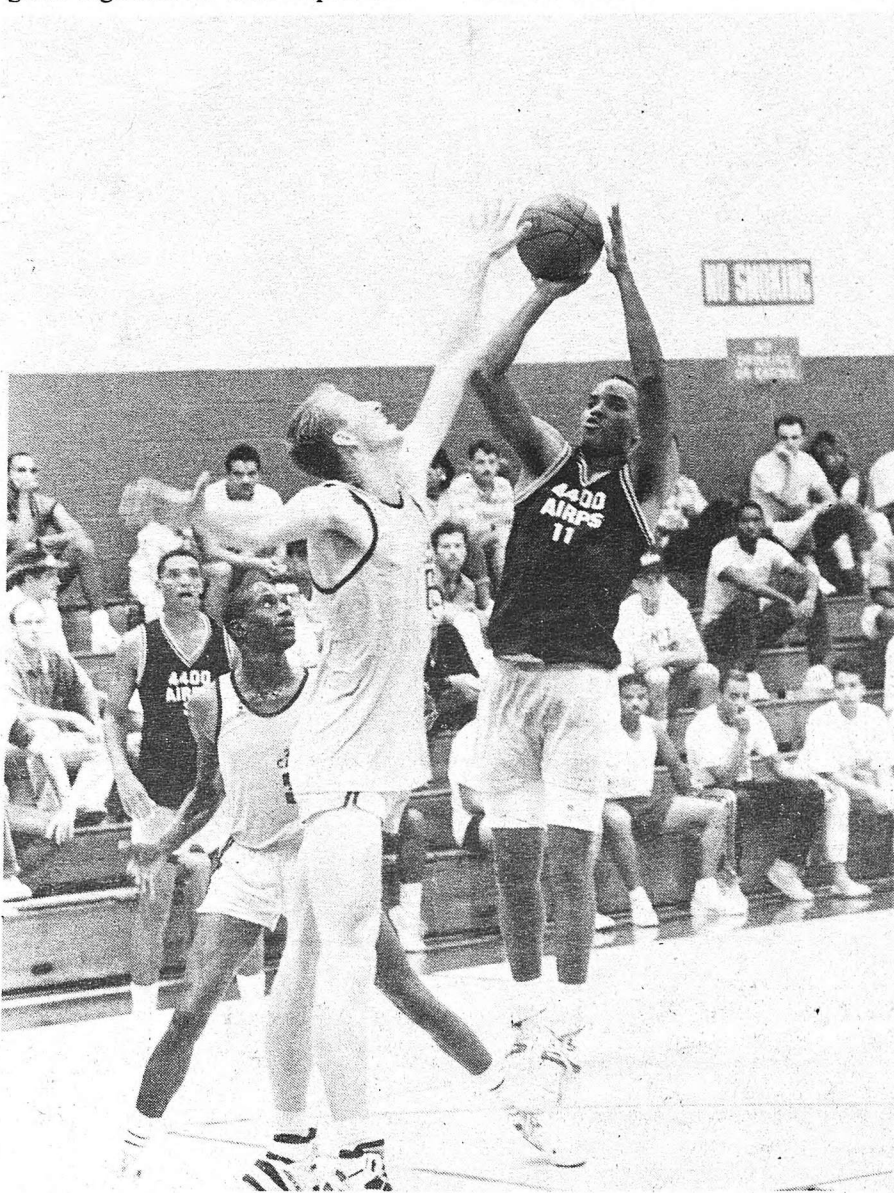
In an almost anticlimatic display to the previous night's thriller, 24th CAMS came out and played their game, 58-39. There was never a question of the outcome, just by how much, as 4400th AIRPS had better luck finding a lost package than the basket that night.

They opened scoring finally, when Terry Mitchell dropped in two foul shots ... 10 minutes into the game. It didn't get much better for the postal team, as they watched their offense ripped open like fourth-class mail and forced to shoot "air" ball from the outside. The faces of the team looked dazed as they headed for the locker room at halftime — evidence of the 26-12 showing on the scoreboard.

The 24th CAMS team didn't let up after the break, with Curry dumping

in 13 of his 15 points. Coupled with his previous night's effort of 17 points, Curry was named Most Valuable Player for the tournament. Teammate, Derwin Dobbs, had game-high honors with 20 points.

The 1989 Men's Intramural Basketball season came to a close when 24th Combat Support Group Commander Col. Thomas H. Copler handed trophies to Curry and players of both teams.



John Kimbrell, 6-foot-9-inch center for 24th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team 1, blocks the shot of his counterpart Jamie McFarland, 4400th Air Postal Squadron, during the finals of the Base Championship Intramural Basketball Tournament. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Katherine Huffman)

Honors committee nominates Hayes, Lanier, O'Brien

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Premier pivotmen Elvin Hayes and Bob Lanier were among 16 people nominated for election to the Basketball Hall of Fame on Tuesday, but former NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien asked his name be withdrawn over disapproval of the secretive process.

Hayes and Lanier, dominant collegiate players who played in 12 and eight NBA All-Star games, respectively, were nominated for the first time as were players Nate Archibald and Calvin Murphy and former Marquette coach Al McGuire.

Players renominated for possible enshrinement were Earl Monroe, Dave Bing, Walt Bellamy, Larry Foust and two women — former UCLA and Olympic star Ann Meyers and Nera White, who led her Nashville-based team to 10 consecutive AAU championships.

Also renominated were coaches Jack Hartman, Jack Ramsay and Wil Robinson and sportscaster Curt Gowdy, who served as president of the Hall of Fame for seven years.

Election requires 18 votes from the 24-member Honors Committee and inductees are announced in February.

There are 168 players, coaches and contributors and four teams in the Hall of Fame. The first women were enshrined in 1984.

O'Brien is the second nominee to ask out of the election process. Indiana coach Bob Knight asked that he not be considered for renomination after failing to gain election in 1987.

O'Brien, a Springfield native who was also nominated last year as a contributor, said he tried unsuccessfully to open the elections during his tenure as Hall of Fame president in 1984 and 1985.

"I have no quarrel with the Hall of Fame and would consider election a high honor, but I'm a guy who believes in the democratic process," O'Brien said.

Two of the nominees had more traditional reactions to the news.

"Just to come this close is glorious. When I heard about it, I got those old high school butterflies in my stomach," said the 5-foot-9 Murphy, who serves as shooting coach with

the Houston Rockets and as their director of community relations.

Lanier, known almost as much for his size 22 sneakers as his awesome playing ability, said the nomination was overwhelming.

O'Brien, who was one of President John F. Kennedy's closest advisers, served as Democratic Party chairman before becoming NBA commissioner in 1975. He retired from that position in 1984.

Becker eyes \$6 million Grand Slam Cup

PARIS (AP) — Boris Becker said Tuesday that he wants to talk with the International Tennis Federation officials who proposed the new \$6 million Grand Slam Cup.

Becker, the top seed in this week's Paris Indoor Tennis Open, has a increased interest in the new event since he won two of the four Grand Slam tournaments this year — the U.S. Open and Wimbledon.

"They have been talking a lot about this Grand Slam Cup," Becker said.

"But it's too early for me to say anything about it. I want to talk with some of the people of the ITF before saying what I truly think."

The ITF plans to have the Grand Slam Cup next year in Stuttgart in December, with an eight-man format and a \$2 million first prize, unprecedented in tennis winnings.

However, it comes during the rest period the new Association of Tennis

Professionals and it is in West Germany, where Becker is a big drawing card.

Becker just came off a forced rest to recover from a knee injury that caused him to withdraw from two tournaments. In his first round in Paris he beat qualifier Milan Sreber of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-3.

The first prize in Paris is \$300,000, but that is far less than what would be offered in the Grand Slam Cup, which Becker feels has difficulties beyond offering so much money.

"It could create problems with the ATP tour. The Grand Slam Cup is facing a lot of problems and I will like to talk to some people at the ITF to know what they're are going to do about it, apart from giving so much money."

Becker wondered how it might affect the tournament if he wasn't part of the field.

"I cannot say I am not going to

play," Becker said. "But a grand slam has a tradition behind it and that event is only money and, in my opinion, it's just not my thing."

"It wouldn't influence me. Rather it would influence the ITF, who would have a tournament in Germany without Boris Becker. It's like having Roland Garros (the French Open) without Yannick Noah," Becker said.

"If the tournament were to be played in the United States, it wouldn't be such a story if I didn't go. But in Germany it is more of a problem."

Becker, who turns 22 in November, has made more than \$5.5 million in official earnings in his career and has surpassed that in exhibitions and endorsements.

"I think for the future of tennis and the sake of the game, it must be a very serious decision to take and not only think about money," Becker said.

Eason drops 4 notches, gets released by Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Tony Eason, who sank from starting quarterback to fourth stringer in just 19 days, was released Tuesday after resisting the New England Patriots' proposal that he work for free.

Owner Victor Kiam contended that he had agreed last spring to pay \$1.1 million this season and \$1.25 million in 1990 on the basis that Eason would be the starter. When that changed, Kiam wanted Eason's salary to change, too.

With the season half over, Eason already had earned half his annual salary, \$550,000. New England proposed that for the rest of the year, Eason be paid his weekly salary of \$68,750 only in weeks in which he plays at least 50 percent of a game. Otherwise, he would get nothing.

Patriots General Manager Pat Sullivan said Tuesday the Patriots were reluctant last week to release Eason without getting anything in exchange.

But Sullivan added that the team decided that Eason, a first-round draft choice in 1983, would have "very limited" trade value. The team decided Tuesday morning to release him even if he accepted the pay cut, Sullivan said.

There was little chance of that.

Eason was "resistant to the concept" of staying with the Patriots "only for the purpose of being trade bait at the end of the season," Leigh Steinberg, his agent, said.

"I would have to disagree" with Sullivan's assessment of Eason's trade value, he added. "I think (the Patriots) clearly could have worked out a very interesting trade in the off-season."

Gators receive new coach

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Former Tennessee basketball coach Don DeVoe became Florida's interim coach Tuesday and said the position might be more than temporary.

DeVoe replaced Coach Norm Sloan, who retired under pressure earlier in the day.

DeVoe said he was offered the job for the coming season in a phone call from athletic director Bill Arnsparger, who said Florida planned a national search for a coach in the spring.

"I think if I do a good enough job, I can stay," DeVoe said.

DeVoe planned to travel from Knoxville, Tenn., to Gainesville for a news conference Wednesday. He said he was not overwhelmed by controversy surrounding the Gators program, which has been under internal investigation by the school.

"Jobs never open up unless there's some little bit of a problem area," DeVoe said. "But I think in the ebb and flow of intercollegiate athletics, things will be straightened out in a hurry. ...

"I'm not familiar with (the problems). I'll have to go down and focus on what I need to do with the basketball team, and not worry about what's transpired."

DeVoe, 47, was at Tennessee for 11 seasons before being forced to resign in March. He had a year's worth of salary left in the negotiated settlement.

Arnsparger said DeVoe will do an excellent job at Florida.

Eason couldn't be reached for comment. Steinberg said Eason was "disappointed" but "excited" about the chance to start over.

If a team claims Eason during the 24-hour waiver period, it would have to assume the remainder of his contract. Steinberg didn't expect that to happen.

If he clears waivers Wednesday, he could make a deal at what probably would be a lower salary. Steinberg said there is "no question" teams will want Eason this season. However, Eason may wait until the season ends for better proposals.

"We're looking to find him the best long-term situation," Steinberg said.

Despite injuries that limited Eason to six games in 1987 and 1988, Steinberg is optimistic the quarterback "will be successful in the NFL."

The Patriots, meanwhile, get nothing for the once promising player who led them to the 1986 Super Bowl.

Eason, who turned 30 on Oct. 8, is the third first-round choice cut by New England this season, which is only half over. Center Trevor Matich, the 1985 pick, was waived on Sept. 6 and running back Reggie Dupard, the 1986 pick, was released on Oct. 24.

With quarterbacks Steve Grogan, Marc Wilson and Doug Flutie also on the roster, Eason was expendable but untradeable. His huge contract and the uncertain health of his right arm, which underwent surgery that kept him out of the first 14 games last season, made teams wary.

"We were very pleased that we are able to attract a person of Don DeVoe's caliber, experience and integrity to step in as our interim head basketball coach on such short notice," Arnsparger said.

The Gators open the regular season Dec. 1 against Florida State. DeVoe said becoming Florida's coach just a month before the first game will be a challenge.

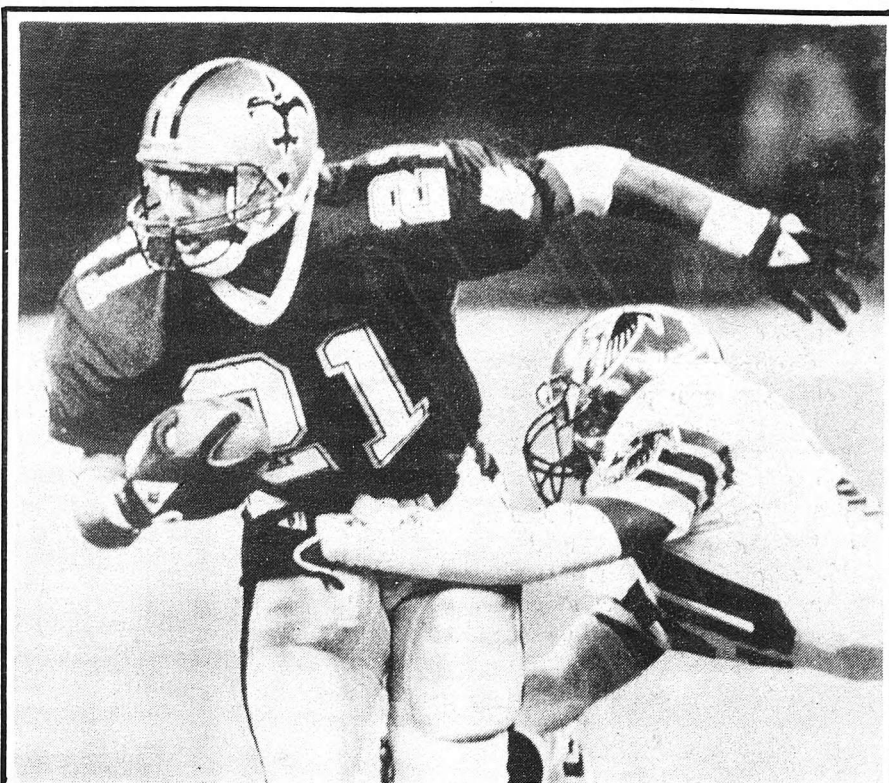
"It makes a difference, but it's a team that won the SEC championship a year ago," he said. "They have some things that are very solid. I hope to pick up where they are, and not do anything adverse to their style of play. Yet the team has to make some adjustments to what I want to do."

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Don DeVoe

DeVoe was offered the head coaching job at Mercer in Macon, Ga., earlier this year but turned it down. He said he wanted to "wait and be patient" for a major college coaching position.

"I wanted to coach in the Southeastern Conference or a conference comparable to the SEC," DeVoe said Tuesday.

"I felt like all these years I've coached meant something and it would be better for me to wait. So I was going to be patient and trying to be selective about a program where I could be successful, and I think I can be very successful with the Gator team."



FIRST DOWN? -- New Orleans Saint's running back, Dalton Hilliard, 21, picks up nine yards on a pass reception as he is hit by Atlanta Falcon's safety Evan Cooper, 20, during a recent game in the Louisiana Superdome. Hilliard scored two touchdowns. (AP Laserphoto)

Notre Dame focuses on Orange Bowl

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Bowl bids are still weeks away, but circumstances have brought Notre Dame and the Orange Bowl closer together for a potential match with the winner of Saturday's Colorado-Nebraska game.

The vagaries of the college football season and self-interests, however, keep the bowl picture highly speculative, bowl directors and Notre Dame said.

"Everybody in the world is doing everything they can to come up with what the public would consider a national championship game," John Heisler, sports information director for Notre Dame, said.

With previously undefeated Miami beaten Saturday by Florida State, a Notre Dame appearance at the Orange Bowl grew increasingly likely. "That's the most logical thing right now, if we remain unbeaten," Heisler said.

But with bowl bids not out until November 25, neither has a lock on the other.

"I don't think it's a certainty," said Mickey Holmes, executive director of the Sugar Bowl, from his New Orleans office. "Certainly the Orange Bowl is in the catbird seat, because they're sitting there with No. 2 and No. 3 playing each other this week. But if Nebraska should win, there's a possibility that Oklahoma could upset Nebraska. That's such a great rivalry."

In Miami, Orange Bowl executive director Steve Hatchell said the catbird seat is comfortable, if uncertain. "We're playing the what-if game, hoping it works out. I still think there are some significant games to come."

Notre Dame last appeared in the Orange Bowl in 1975, when the Irish beat Alabama 13-11. Two years later, Holtz took his Arkansas team there and upset Oklahoma.

"We'd be thrilled to have Notre Dame in our game," Hatchell said.

"We're trying to do the right thing so, at least from our end, the table is set."

Heisler sketched a scenario that could place Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl against an unbeaten Alabama team, should both Colorado and Nebraska end the season with losses.

"The powerbroker is the one who's No. 1, and that's Notre Dame," Holmes said. "Nothing is going to happen in that realm until Notre Dame has the opportunity to assess the situation and make its decision." There's no evidence from Notre Dame that's happened.

"I have not talked to anybody at Notre Dame (about bowls)," said Coach Lou Holtz, commenting on reports Notre Dame would accept an early bid from the Orange Bowl.

Mentioning by name Athletic Director Richard Rosenthal and the Rev. William Beauchamp, university vice president of athletics, Holtz said, "I just can't believe Notre Dame would do anything without talking with me."

"Why would we want to make a deal right now?" Heisler asked. "As long as we're unbeaten and we're No. 1, we have the option of everybody coming here and talking to us."

The picture could change radically if Notre Dame, with Penn State and Miami still on its schedule, should stumble, Heisler said. "We get beat, and holy smokes, it's all up for grabs again."



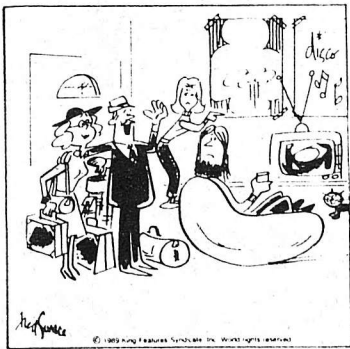
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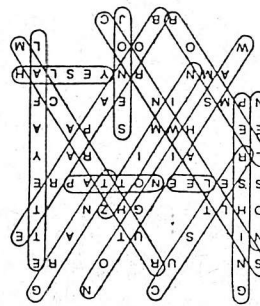
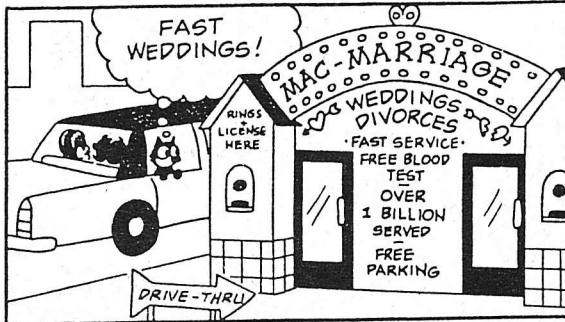
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73 VW Beetle, duty paid, standard, great stereo, new tires, must sell. \$800/obo. 284-3739.

1979 Mazda/929, 4 dr Sedan, duty paid, easily traded. \$1800. 269-1951.

1980 Dodge Colt, great cond, 2 dr, duty free. \$1299. 287-6380 after 7 pm.

1981 Toyota Corolla, at, radio, new tires, and battery, very gd cond. \$2350. 252-6101.

"Krome-King" piston rings, full set, for Chevy v8, 283. 307 eng. Best offer. 262-2235.

Available

Part time maid for afternoon or just wash-n-dry, on call service. 286-4622.

Maid, english, spanish, excellent, 3 day. 256-6453.

1/2 duplex in Gamboa. 256-6721.

Piano lessons in your home for children or adults. 261-0638.

Reliable live out maid, spanish, experience, gd w/children. 224-2397.

Family for my live out maid, refs avail, wonderful w/children, avail Dec. 89. 284-4131 after 5 pm.

Honest, hard working day maid, irons, cleans, gd w/kids, refs, spanish speaking. 228-3871.

Exp maid wants to work 2-3 days, gd w/kids. 286-3490.

Maid, cleans, irons, watches babies, any kind of job in the house, for day or month. 287-4379.

Exc spanish speaking maid, live in or out, gd w/kids, exc worker. 287-3934.

Exc bilingual housekeeper, M-F, avial now, great w/kids. 266-2264.

Boats & Campers

Johnson 25 hp outboard motor, needs work. \$450. 260-6369.

16 ft Orlando Clipper, 85 hp Mercury outboard, runs great, extra parts, (starter, 2 carbs, etc), trailer w/new tires. \$3800/obo. 286-4585 after 5 pm.

Bowrider, 17 ft, mint cond, w/140 Johnson, pwr, trim/tilt, factory, new, and full canvas. Best offer. 289-3319.

16 1/2 Tri-Hull, runs great, 85 hp Evinrude, w/trailer, new upholstery, walk-thru windshield. \$3000. 287-3474.

1985 MK III Zodiac Futura w/many access, aluminum trailer, like new. \$3200. 262-1812.

18 ft deep V Hull, w/135 hp Johnson eng & trailer, great for diving/fishing, runs great. \$3200/obo. 289-4525.

Warner "Velvet-Drive" marine transmission. Best offer. 262-2235.

Small unsinkable dinghy, new. \$400. 260-6522.

Household

Pine wall unit 93 in l x 83 in h x 19 in d. \$250. 252-6929.

1989 Broyhill sofa w/sleeper and loveseat. \$1500. 282-3686.

Queen sz Sealy posturpedic matt, 3 mos old, extra firm, paid \$150. Sale \$90/obo. 287-3337.

8 pc black brass/glass livingrm set/matching carpet. \$1800. Brazilian dining set, 6 chairs. \$1400. 283-4620.

Kenmore refrig, no freezer, 18 cu ft w/ice maker. \$250. 287-4280.

Crib-n-bed, all in one. \$350. 261-3325.

Mother of Pearl cabinet, beautiful. \$1500. 287-3430.

9 pc sectional sofa, hide-a-bed. \$700. Blue drapes 48x63. \$14. Carpets, 6x9 mauve. \$30. 9x12 beige. \$90. 286-4924.

Living, dining, bedrm furniture, wall units, and other misc items. 286-3237.

Waterbed, queen size w/mirror bookcase headbd and heater, sheets. \$280. 282-4823.

Round oak table w/4 chairs. \$650. Beautiful oak coffee table w/2 end tables. \$450. Ac. \$150. 286-4994.

Aquarium. \$45. Whirlpool dishwasher. \$80. Old upright piano. \$300. 252-6096.

7 pc Broyhill bedrm set, never used. \$1400. Dining rm, 6 chairs. \$475. 284-3996.

Sears dehumidifier, great for storage room. \$150. Microwave. \$300. Oak 4 drawer chest/changing table. \$200. Antique piano. 300. 286-4994.

King sz waterbed, heater, 3 pedal rails, complete special waterbed sheet set. \$225. 286-4621.

Leather like sofa, 2 swivel chairs, 1 sofa, gd cond. \$125. 286-4621.

Furniture, carpets, curtains, vcr, stereo, lamps, etc. 286-3767.

23 cu ft freezer, gold. \$375. 286-3490.

Whirlpool 10,000 btu ac. Best offer. 252-6845.

Early American solid pine hutch. \$210. Early American secretarial desk w/chair. \$175. Patio doors. \$155. 252-5985.

Household

Living rm set, dining rm set for 6 w/china and buffet. Negotiable. 287-5584.

Refrig. \$500. Gas stove. \$480. Bedrm set full. \$275. 4 pc bunk bed, plants. 287-4379/220-6583.

Living rm set, 1 sofa, 2 chairs, coffee table, 2 end tables. \$375 for all. 262-0882.

Living rm furn, American made, bought in USA, couch and 2 chairs. \$650. 286-3538.

Wall shelves, formica, 43x10, set of four. \$30. 286-4474.

1988 Kenmore 26 cu ft, side by side refrig/freezer, ice machine. \$1600. 15,000 btu ac. \$200. 282-3686.

Magic Chef stove, new. \$460. Gas heater water, 30 gal, new. \$330. 252-2679.

5 pc dinette set. \$275/obo. Brass overhead lamp. \$60/obo. 284-4321.

Wall unit, book shelf w/ lighted display area, exc cond. \$200. 286-4372.

Bamboo bar w/3 stools and cushions. \$225. Hexagonal wooden side tables, Mediterranean style. \$75 ea. 269-0579.

3000 btu window air conditioner. \$150. 286-3547.

2 brown 9x12 rugs. \$125 ea. 1 rose 9x12 rug. \$125. 1 beige 12x15. \$185. Desk. \$125. 286-3327.

Sofa. \$600. Recliner. \$250. Stereo. \$975. Curtains, carpeting, dining room table, bedrm set, coffee & end tables. 286-3767.

2 bookcases, dining rm set, carpets and other assort furn and baby access. 286-3834.

Sofa, loveseat, brown, curtains, carved bar, carpets, Amana radarange. 286-4178.

L-shaped sofa, neutral colors. \$575. 8x10 oriental rug. \$150. Pecan dining rm table. \$750. 286-3530.

An entire house of furniture, gd wood furniture. 286-4633.

Glass dining table w/8 chairs on casters/arm rests. \$900. Costa Rican ox cart. \$150. 287-3990.

Baby dresser w/fold out top, solid wood w/4 drawers. \$150. 286-3431.

Carpets w/pad, assort colors, assort sizes, assort prices, Whirlpool dishwasher. \$300/obo. 286-4295.

Rattan furniture, papasan chair, w/stools, 10 gal fish aquarium w/buffet style stands, hall unit w/mirror. 282-4696.

Convection oven, like new, w/cookbook. Best offer. 262-2235.

5 pc black lacquer bed set, queen matt/box, mirrored headbd. \$950. 286-4781.

18,000 btu Whirlpool ac, good cond. \$150. 287-3731.

Wooden gun cabinet, hold 6 rifles or shotguns, pc bottom for pistols or ammo. \$145. 282-3529.

Double width stuffed chaise lounge. \$175. Carved oriental coffee & end tables w/glass tops. \$375. 287-3990.

Rod irons chairs. \$125. Wood rocker chair. \$60. Refrig. \$300. Ac 5,000 btu. \$125. Ac 11,000 btu. \$200. 228-0685.

Upright freezer, 13 in tv, outdoor antenna, German coffee table, misc. 287-3474.

5x6 tv/vcr furniture. \$175. Baby changing table. \$60. 12-3x6 sheer drape panels w/rods. \$30. 282-3522.

Beige sofa bed, 2 recliners. \$1200. Teak coffee table w/2 end tables. \$595. \$1600 for all. 252-6825.

Teak entertainment center, 6 ft x 6 ft spanish black style. \$975. 252-6825.

Sectional sofa, recliner, queen sz matt, box spring and frame. 284-6835 after 4 pm.

Dining rm set-table/extension, w/6 chairs. \$1500. Living rm set-leather upholstered, 5 pcs. \$1400. 252-5643.

22,500 btu ac, in exc working cond. \$200. 264-4179.

Twin Captains bed/2 drawers. \$150. Weight bench/weights. \$20. Mens 26 in 10 spd. \$20. 282-4587.

King sz bedrm set, living rm set. 284-4732.

Carpets, 12x15 beige. \$150. 10x12 brown. \$125. 2-9x12 blue. \$100. 10x12 orange. \$75. 282-3522.

Beige sofa. \$475. Beige loveseat. \$400. Beige ottoman. \$100. Dining table w/4 chairs. \$425. Flat top desk. \$120. 282-3522.

Bar, w/4 stools, exc cond, will deliver. \$250. 286-4232 after 6 pm.

9x12 ft oriental carpet, top cond. \$285. 287-3298.

Whirlpool freezer. \$350. Whirlpool dishwasher. \$100 Both in gd cond. 282-3339.

Mini-blind, 6 ft x 6 ft, off white. \$25. 282-3339.

Lounge chair, beige color, cloth on dark hardwood frame. \$35. 282-4235.

2 easy chairs w/ottoman, brown color cloth. \$40 ea. 282-4235.

Twin and queen matt, perfect for platform beds. \$10-\$75. Baby pram. \$95. 282-3576.

Sofa, off white. \$400. Brown Berline rocker recliner. \$150. Misc chairs, rugs, drapes. 287-5271.

Dining rm set, 6 chairs, hutch, 2 leaves, exc cond. \$700. 243-5272.

Full sz bed. \$250. Bar w/5 chairs. \$600. Gas grill w/2 tanks. \$130. 252-5442.

Large safe, 3 compartments, has rollers, double locks, key, combination. \$700. 252-1143.

Portable dishwasher. \$200. Elect portable typewriter. \$200. 286-4635.

Air conditioner 20,000 btu, Whirlpool. \$250. 284-5296.

19 cu ft Whirlpool refrig. \$590. 18,000 ac. \$310. 12,000 btu ac. \$200. 5,000 ac, new. \$210. 252-2287.

Set of bunk beds w/matt, matt never used, beds 6 mos old. \$380. 226-0917.

Cranberry velour couch, 3 section, need repair. \$50. 282-3577.

Off white loveseat. \$150. Crib. \$100. Dresser. \$50. Stroller. \$20. Car seat. \$20. Juc keyboard. \$325. 284-6377.

Couch, loveseat, entertainment center, dresser w/mirror, carpets, dining rm table w/4chairs. 284-4812.

Complete living rm furniture, couch. \$500. Chair. \$450. Lamps. \$100. Tables, etc. 286-4882.

Lost

Villa Del La Fuentes, 1 small gray Peckapoo dog, male, answers to "Flash." 260-6369.

Miscellaneous

Living rm curtains, like new. 284-5712 after 4 pm.

Crossbow. \$225. Tent. \$110. Picnic table. \$100. Engagement ring sz 4 1/2. \$350. 284-3632.

Large utility trailer, all steel construction, w/15 in wheels. \$600/obo. 284-4278.

Fisher price car seat, gd cond. \$40. Whirlpool ac, 20,000 btu. \$250. 284-5296.

Bali blinds, white w/4 colors in between, 72 in. 282-5522 after 6 pm.

Concrete planters. \$15 ea. 8 pl setting phatzgraph dishes, stone ware. \$50. 286-4882.

Wrought iron door std size mounted on iron frame, lower section covered upper expanded metal w/lock. \$145. 252-2679.

Rainbow aqua mate carpet cleaning extraction unit. \$500. 287-3792.

Code-a-phone, personal answering system 900. \$50. 287-3792.

Surfboard, custom built, single fin, very gd cond. \$65. 252-5354.

Huffy 3 spd bike w/child carrier. \$90. 286-6136.

Wicker screen. \$135. Chinese sewing cabinet. \$410. Screen tent 12x12. \$130. Shower tent. \$45. Portable gas stove. \$55. 252-5985.

Cosco stroller for baby. \$25. 252-6547.

Home burglar alarm. \$150. Worried wife made me buy, then she left, still in box. \$150. 287-6380.

Buoyance compensator, diving us divers horse collar type, exc cond, 2 ea. \$90. 252-5685.

Everyday dinnerware by Noritake, 8 complete place settings w/extras. \$100. 252-5354.

Patio table w/umbrella, lawn mower, baby swing. 286-3294.

Bicycle, 26 in girl 10 spd, gd tires, w/light generator. \$75. 252-5685.

Band saw, Sears, 12 in floor model. Best offer. 252-6845.

Baby bassinet w/skirt. \$40. 252-6547.

Smith Corona word processor, pwp 6 cost \$899 will sell for \$699. 282-5280.

12x5 beige rug, exc cond. \$200. 9x12 multi-brown. \$75. 243-5272.

Brother sewing machine VX-808, new, not used. \$175. 287-3792.

Electric portable typewriter. \$100. 287-4280.

Fine china dishes, 96 pcs, like new, from Noritake (Japan). \$600. 287-3430.

Baby items, swing. \$30. Bath tub, nursing pumps, clothes, new born-9 mos, playpen. 287-5385.

Forming lumber, 160 board feet of 1x12, lot. \$40. 286-6398.

Living rm set, end table, lamps. \$700. Zodiac inflatable boat, needs work. \$200. Lawn mower. \$75. 287-5989.

Ladies black leather long coat, sz 9. \$150. Light brown wool long coat, sz 8. \$65. 26 in bikes. 286-3530.

2 26 in bicycles, Huffy boy and girl 3 spd bike. \$60 ea. 228-4514.

Curtains and drapes for 2 story tropical house on Albrook. \$110. 286-4836 after 7 pm.

Bar equip, stools, chairs, tables, cash register, etc. 284-4278.

Dresser maple. \$325. Queen bedspread sheet set, gold chain w/cross. \$125. Lady dresses, crib items, toys, car seat. \$25. 287-3632 after 5 p.m.

Patio frame. \$125. Heavy duty extension cord. \$15. Hose w/nozzle. \$10. Baseball glove bats. \$65. camera. \$20. Radio. \$35. 287-3632 after 5 pm.

Panama railroad book ends and pen sets. \$25. 252-1143.

Rock saw, 18 in blade, new extra blade, exc cond. \$1600. 252-1143.

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Miscellaneous

Push lawn mower, mans/girls/boys bikes, lg original oil painting woods scene, wood shelf, single bed, ftbd and rails. 282-4696.

Motorcycles

83 Honda CBB 900F, a fast runner, comes w/Kenwood stereo, many extras. \$2300/obo. 284-3638.

1985 3-wheeled Yamaha for a youngster. \$550. 284-4635.

Honda 4-wheeler, 70 cc. \$825. 287-5271.

Peugeot moped, low mileage, saddle bags and helmet. \$275/obo. 286-4635.

1987 Honda Lead, 80cc, like new, w/helmets, duty paid. \$950. 252-6825.

82 Honda Custom CX500 motorcycle, helmet included, exc transportation. \$1200. 284-4079.

Patio sales

42 Canfield, Albrook, furniture, clothes, plants, baby items, misc. Saturday 7-12.

53 A Albrook, large, small, items, clothing, etc. Saturday.

81 Albrook. Saturday.

141 B Albrook, 7:30-12:00. Saturday.

275 B Albrook, clothes, waterbed, bike, misc. Saturday 7-12.

332 A Albrook, many misc items, baby clothes, plants, etc. Saturday.

337 A Albrook. Saturday 7-12.

0419 B Venado Ancon, small items, furniture, other. Saturday 7-1.

763 B Balboa. Saturday.

6351 A Los Rios, kitchen appliances, household items, misc. 252-2707.

440 B Ft Kobbe, 2 family patio sale, lot of misc items. Saturday 8-12.

81 Howard, clothing, household items

PDF aids Noriega supporters to block roads

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOC PAO) — A U.S. Marine reinforced platoon of 10 light armored vehicles re-routed a scheduled road reconnaissance operation Tuesday after Panama Defense Forces personnel allowed a group of Noriega regime supporters to block their passage near La Chorrera.

The reinforced platoon of light armored vehicles from Company B, Second Light Armored Infantry Battalion, attached to Marine Forces Panama, did, however, complete their reconnaissance mission, through Nuevo Emperador and the Empire Range area.

The PDF had been previously notified the exercise would take place and did not provide escort.

The operation, which started at Naval Station Panama Canal, was designed to check the roads that lead to vital Canal defense installations such as Howard and Rodman. Several similar exercises have been held in the past.

While the convoy stopped to repair a flat tire near La Chorrera, the PDF purposefully set up a roadblock a short distance ahead by positioning buses and civilian cars across the road.

When the Marine vehicles then tried to continue, the PDF also herded civilians in the way. The PDF was asked to assist in opening the road but they refused.

A large group of PDF armed with

automatic AK-47 rifles stood by idly.

One PDF member went as far as to encourage a civilian car to block a byway through which some Marine vehicles had continued, causing an accident between a LAV and the civilian car.

The PDF attempted to set up another roadblock on the return

road, but their effort proved fruitless as the U.S. forces continued the reconnaissance mission on a designated exercise route.

This incident again illustrates the total disregard for the Treaty which exists among Noriega supporters.

The purpose of the U.S. forces exercise was to review the trafficability of access roads essential

to the defense of the Panama Canal and defense sites. According to Article XV of the Agreement in Implementation of Article IV of the Panama Canal Treaty, the mission is guaranteed freedom of movement.

The U.S. forces will protest this new instance of blatant Noriega regime disregard for the Panama Canal Treaty.



Noriega supporters block a previously coordinated U.S. forces route reconnaissance operation at La Chorrera. (U.S. Navy photo by PH1 J. Elliott, Joint Audio Visual Det.)

Bush nominates first woman as surgeon general

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush Wednesday announced he is nominating Puerto Rican-born Dr. Antonia Coello Novello, a government pediatrician, to be the nation's first woman surgeon general.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Novello, 45,

who "supports the president's position" opposing abortion, would succeed Surgeon General C. Everett Koop who officially left the post Oct. 1, but has been on leave since July.

Novello has served as deputy director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and as director of the

Division of Extramural Programs at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., since 1986.

Fitzwater told reporters, in response to questions, that "obviously she supports the president's position on abortion."

He said that "anyone coming into policy-making areas" of the

administration would have to have views coinciding with the president.

Other candidates considered to be the nation's top health officer were ruled out or ruled themselves out because of different views on abortion.

Fitzwater said Dr. Burton Lee, the White House physician, is "pro-choice" on abortion who "disqualified himself."

Novello has worked at NIH in several capacities, including as a staff physician for the National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes and Kidney diseases.

Novello worked for two years for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, when he was chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Novello was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, and attended the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine as well as Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

Nuclear weapons testing poses few health risks

WASHINGTON (UPI) — While nuclear weapons testing in Nevada has been made as safe as possible, public mistrust remains because of an ineffective policy of not announcing all tests, a congressional report said Wednesday.

The report, written by the Office of Technology Assessment for the House Interior Committee and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the policy of secrecy should be dropped.

In a statement accompanying the

report, Hatch said, "No significant health risks are likely to result from underground nuclear tests at the Nevada test site. That's good news for the people of Utah who have worried about the test site ever since above ground tests caused such terrible problems during the 1950s and '60s."

"We are spending billions of dollars to upgrade our nuclear missiles and warheads, and we need to have confidence that these

weapons will work. Underground testing gives us that confidence."

OTA, which helps Congress deal with highly technical issues, found that every attempt has been made to keep testing at the site — an area roughly the size of Rhode Island — as safe as possible. Procedures are redundant and conservative, the OTA reported, and there is no need for improved containment procedures.

Ortega

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place regardless of the circumstances.

"We haven't even considered response," White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater told reporters. "We were too busy trying to preserve the cease-fire and to preserve the peace process. We will analyze the options to determine our response."

Contra leader Enrique Bermudez, responding to the announcement, told United Press International from Honduras his troops were declaring "a unilateral cease-fire, the same one the Sandinista government is, negating."

If the Sandinistas continue the war, and as they are announcing the end of the cease-fire, we will seek help from the United States," Bermudez said, adding they would seek logistical as well as military aid.

He said his men would stay at their posts.

Suspension of the cease-fire also was announced in a statement in the pro-government newspapers Barricada and El Nuevo Diario. The statement said the cease-fire would not be renewed in part because "in the last 20 days, the infiltration (into Nicaragua) of the mercenary forces has intensified from their bases in Honduras."

It said the government was making emergency consultations with other governments and political leaders to stabilize the peace process "altered by the escalating guerrilla warfare of the counter-revolutionary bands."

Ortega said Friday in Costa Rica his Sandinista-led government would not extend the unilateral cease-fire. The announcement stunned Bush

and other leaders at a pro-democracy hemispheric summit, and prompted Bush to berate him as "a little man."

Ortega, facing pressure from his Latin American counterparts to maintain the cease-fire, later said he would reinstate the truce if Congress cuts off aid to the rebels.

He flew Tuesday morning to visit a farming cooperative in San Miguelito, 60 miles southeast of Managua, where the government said five civilians died in the latest Contra raid.

On Oct. 21, suspected Contra fighters ambushed a convoy of government soldiers, killing 19 people and wounding six.

The August agreement calling for dismantling the Contras was signed by the presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

U.S. names new charge d'affairs

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Reuter — Former U.S. Assistant Undersecretary of State for Latin American Affairs John Bushnell has been named the new charge d'affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Panama, the embassy said Tuesday.

The United States recalled its ambassador to Panama, Arthur Davis, to protest annulled general elections in Panama in May.

Bushnell, who replaces John Maisto, was charge d'affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Argentina.

He served at the State Department under former President Jimmy Carter.