



the Tropic Times

Vol. II, No. 44

Quarry Heights, Republic of Panama

Dec. 1, 1989

Rebels bomb palace in bid to topple Aquino

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — Renegade troops strafed the presidential palace today and seized two garrisons and the government television station in the seventh attempt to topple President Corazon Aquino's nearly 4-year-old government.

Aquino said she remained in control, but minutes after she addressed the nation by television, a rebel helicopter bombed the station, knocking the only functioning private television station, Channel 9, off the air and injuring several civilians.

The governor of northern Cagayan province said troops in his region



Philippine President Corazon Aquino (AP Laserphoto)

were moving toward Manila to support the uprising.

The coup attempt began hours before dawn, and at daybreak three rebel T-28 trainer planes flown by troops loyal to renegade army Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan made bombing runs at the palace in the face of fierce anti-aircraft fire.

Three soldiers and eight civilians were killed in the fighting, the Red Cross said. The civilians were in an appliance store that was hit by a rebel bomb. Fifteen others were wounded.

In one television address, Aquino asked the public to support her, cautioning that there may be "another historic need for people power."

"The mutiny has been contained," the president said. "The original rebel force has not received reinforcements." She said she could "confidently assure our people that the rebellion will not outlive this day."

Aquino said her forces were dislodging rebels from the government television station and the Fort Bonifacio army camp, and had confined the rebels to a section of Villamor Air Base.

"Military camps in metro Manila and throughout the country have stood steadfast by the government and are, at this very moment, sending their forces to our side," the president said.

Aquino urged the rebels to

surrender and asked the military to "smash this mutiny with all the forces at hand." Officials said the trainer planes took off from nearby Sangley Point, a former U.S. Navy air station outside Manila. The planes were being pursued by government jets.

Cagayan province Gov. Rodolfo Aguinaldo contradicted official claims the rebels lacked support outside the capital, saying troops in the northern region were supporting the rebels. Soldiers in the six-province military Region 2 were attempting to reinforce the rebels in Manila, he said.

"We are moving and we are bringing in artillery and armor," said Aguinaldo, a former army colonel.

U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Platt read a statement from President Bush on radio, expressing "unequivocal support" for the Aquino government, condemning the uprising and saying the United States would cut off aid to Manila if Aquino is overthrown.

In an earlier broadcast, Aquino declared, "This nation must never again be allowed to fall into the hands of tyrants," Aquino said.

Armed forces chief Gen. Renato de Villa said marines and ranger elements shortly after midnight Thursday entered the Philippine Air Force headquarters at Villamor Air Base, the Army headquarters at Fort Bonifacio and the government television complex, which houses

Channels 4 and 2.

De Villa said the troops under the command of Honasan were trying to take military camps nationwide and set up a military junta. "Aside from portions of the two camps, the rebels do not have any support outside of metropolitan Manila," De Villa said, and he urged soldiers to "obey the chain of command."

"I order you not to allow them (Honasan's forces) to destroy our country, our freedom and our democracy," de Villa said.

De Villa said eight hours after the coup began that the 600 to 800 mutineers had been "contained in their places of assault." He also denied rebel claims that two generals in the south had defected. He said his troops would intercept those of Aguinaldo if they approached Manila.

De Villa said Honasan's troops seized the 205th helicopter wing inside Villamor Air base adjacent to the Manila International Airport, but had no trained pilots to fly helicopters parked there.

De Villa said the rebels also took over the headquarters at Fort Bonifacio and a standoff had ensued.

At Villamor Air Base, Col. Orlando Buenaventura was attempting to talk the rebel soldiers into giving up. Rebel sources at Villamor said howitzer fire hit the 205th helicopter wing headquarters building, setting it ablaze.

Bush bans RP-flagged ships from U.S. ports

PANAMA CITY, Panama, (Reuter) — Owners of Panamanian-flagged ships had already started to register their vessels under other flags out of fear the Bush administration might do what it did Thursday — ban such ships from U.S. ports, shipping sources said.

"It's like a run on a bank," said an

Navy A-4F Skyhawk crashes

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — A Navy A-4F Skyhawk attack jet assigned to the elite "Top Gun" squadron lost power and crashed Thursday near the Miramar Naval Air Station, but the pilot ejected safely, officials said.

Lt. Cmdr. Stanley O'Connor, 37, a "Top Gun" instructor, was approaching Miramar on a routine flight when his jet began losing power, said Chief Petty Officer Bobbie Carleton, a base spokesman.

The single-seat jet crashed shortly after 10 a.m. in a remote area of the base, 6 miles east of the Miramar runway and within sight of Interstate 15.

The crash sparked a 35-acre brushfire in Sycamore Canyon. Fire and rescue crews from Miramar and the San Diego Fire Department were sent to the scene, officials said.

The cause of the Skyhawk's power failure would be investigated, Carleton said.

After O'Connor alerted Miramar air traffic controllers that his jet would have to make an emergency landing, he headed the plane toward an unpopulated area, Carleton said.

official with the Chamber of Shipping, which represents local agents of shipowners who use the Panama Canal. "Any talk of a bank having problems and people take their money out."

The White House announcement, the latest in a series of economic sanctions taken to try to oust

"He made sure (the jet) wasn't endangering any houses and then he had to eject," she said.

O'Connor, who had been carrying out what Carleton called "a routine functional flight," was not injured in the crash but was taken to a medical clinic at Miramar for observation.

The A-4 attack jets in the "Top Gun" squadron serve as so-called "adversary planes," simulating Soviet MiGs and other enemy aircraft in mock dogfights against F-14 pilots at the Naval Fighter Weapons School at Miramar.

Carleton said another A-4 Skyhawk with two crewmen aboard crashed earlier this month off the coast of Southern California. The crewmen were rescued unharmed.

Thursday's crash occurred exactly two weeks after 500 Miramar personnel participated in an unprecedented Navy-wide 48-hour "stand down" that was prompted by a string of accidents that left 10 dead and 71 injured since early October.

The safety stand down did not include aircraft maintenance procedures but instead focused on personnel safety procedures.

strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, is likely to further deepen Panama's already severe economic crisis, they said.

"It should have a major impact I would think, considering the problems they already have," said one shipping source.

There was no immediate official reaction from the Panamanian government, but a government source said the ban was "one more demonstration of using force over reason."

The Chamber of Shipping official, who asked not to be named, predicted that the ban would virtually eliminate the registry of vessels as a source of revenue for Panama's already hard-strapped government.

It earns between \$45 million and \$70 million a year in revenue from registering foreign vessels and lawyers and many others are dependent on the industry as a source of income, according to the shipping source.

He said it was not clear where ships were being registered, but that many were probably going to Liberia, which edges out Panama as the world's largest fleet.

Japan was the single biggest user of Panama as a flag of convenience, with some 40 percent of its fleet registered here.

The source said the announcement was well timed because most shipowners wait until the end of the year to make their registry payments.

Noriega, who is under indictment in two U.S. courts for drug

trafficking and other charges which he has denied, has been the target of other U.S. sanctions imposed in early 1988.

They include suspending U.S. payments for use of the Panama Canal, banning American companies from paying taxes in Panama, and preventing Panama from obtaining its assets in U.S. banks.

On Wednesday, Panama's civic opposition warned Washington that imposing any new sanctions would only hurt the Panamanian people, already suffering under the weight of the crisis.

Scouts set to sell Christmas trees

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Canal area Boy Scouts will be selling Christmas trees today through Sunday in the Atlantic and Pacific communities at the following locations: The baseball stadium on Albroom and at the Fort Davis gas station.

Times are: Today 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Supplies are limited.

Inside:

Shipping pets MAC p.2
Red Ribbon campaign . p.4
Data automation p.5
Noticias breves p.20

MAC requires special care for all pets



OHNO! — Jamie Rose, daughter of MSgt. James Rose, helps "Zack" into the cage he will travel in for the next few hours. (Photo by Sgt. Lance Kamisugi, Hawaii Army National Guard)

by Sgt. Lance Kamisugi
117th Public Affairs Detachment
Hawaii Army National Guard

HOWARD AFB — Sometimes the most special members in the family have special needs and that the Military Airlift Command recognizes.

However, these needs can inadvertently be forgotten when it comes to pets, especially during travel.

When leaving Panama on a MAC flight, you're allowed two pieces of baggage not weighing more than 70 pounds each and one carry-on bag that will fit under your seat.

This restriction does not include a 51-pound German Shepherd dog or a three-pound Persian cat. No, please don't leave your pet in Panama, but just follow proper procedures to ensure you and your pet's safe travel.

The 6th Aerial Port Squadron expects a huge increase of "bow-wows" and "meows" at the passenger terminal due to the large number of families leaving Panama.

A close working relationship with your service's transportation section is important to avoid any delays in travel plans.

"As soon as your travel orders are in your hands, notify your transportation section for a booking to include your pet," said TSgt. Mike Plouffe, the non-commissioned

officer in charge of the squadron. "Make travel plans flexible. Don't tie yourself down to one or two days, especially if you have a pet."

Once the booking is confirmed, pets, like servicemembers, require paperwork to travel. The documents for your pet should include proof of a rabies vaccination, shot records, a certificate of health issued within the past 10 days, and your travel orders.

Bring the documents to the MAC terminal the day before your flight after 2 p.m. Pets fly on a space-available status, but when your pet travels, you must escort it on the same flight.

The pet cage must meet basic standards. Your pet must be able to stand in the cage and have room to complete a 360-degree turnaround. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has an ample supply of cages, according to Plouffe.

"Our squadron is hoping for a smooth and easy transition," Plouffe said. "We stress to the families to cooperate with their transportation officer, so that we can give the service we are capable of."

Your pet will have earned its wings after this flight, so please show him your love by treating him to his favorite nibbles — after the flight — because dog biscuits and kitty treats are prohibited on the plane.

Relocation Center is clean, spacious, helpful

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) —Relocation Center. The words that conjure images of converted warehouses crammed with hungry and hard-faced people.

But it's not U.S. Army South's idea of a relocation center. The center, located on the fifth floor of Building 519, is clean, spacious, air conditioned and shares only one thing with that image — its name.

The center was established to make the accelerated stateside relocation of soldiers and their families easier by consolidating outprocessing into a one-stop procedure, said Vera Hanna, operations officer.

Although designed to simplify the process, the operation depends on soldiers using their chain-of-command to run smoothly.

According to Hanna, that means soldiers should not come to the center out of uniform or until they have received assignment instructions from their unit.

However, soldiers who think they should go to the center but haven't been notified, should contact their unit commander or personnel officer.

To help soldiers prepare for outprocessing, the center has published an information handbook. The handbook gives soldiers complete information on clearing the center.

Units are furnished handbooks to distribute to outprocessing soldiers. Without the information in the handbook, the process will be difficult. Therefore, units must ensure soldiers receive copies of the handbook as soon they're identified to relocate, according to SSgt. Nestor Rodriguez, reassignment NCOIC.

Like the handbook, the center is arranged logically and efficiently.

A well-prepared soldier can enter in the morning without orders and leave that afternoon with only a few "loose ends" to tie-up, like turning in TA-50 or getting certified health records for pets, before departing Panama.

Soldiers with orders can begin outprocessing immediately. However, soldiers needing orders are briefed at the center's AG office. Then their orders are published, and they're given a port call and necessary paperwork.

Although the center has eliminated most of the hassle, areas of special concern remain. For example, vehicle de-registration, extended leaves and clearing customs merit additional attention.

"It's covered in the handbook, but soldiers forget their vehicle decals," said PFC Charles Villarreal, military police representative. "Soldiers can't de-register their vehicles without them."

Another detail sometimes overlooked is leave authorization.

For soldiers taking 30 days leave or more, a DA Form 4187 signed by their commander authorizing the action is required, according to Cpl. William Dewgard, a reassignment NCO.

The snarl at the customs desk is from people coming there for the wrong reasons. "We only clear prepared vehicle paperwork here," said Cici T. Sosa, Customs clerk. "You still have to ship your vehicle at Pier 18 in Balboa or transfer it to someone else yourself."

Although not an official duty, customs directs people with special problems, such as shipping exotic pets or antiques to the correct office.

In addition to streamlining outprocessing, the center has made provisions to ensure military families' well being.

For example, family members who do not have U.S. entry visas are issued special waivers, said Goergina Abrego, a passport and visa officer.

The waivers allow family members to enter the United States through Charleston, S.C. and Philadelphia. Then, their sponsors' new duty stations will process six-month tourist visas to give family members time to make permanent arrangements.

Another service offered to families is education coordination through Department of Defense Schools. The center will obtain dependent childrens' education records to ensure they can enroll in school at new duty stations.

Also, the center provides worldwide information files about installations and neighboring communities. The files will tell soldiers what schools and housing are available wherever they're going.

"We learned from experience that people arrived stateside not knowing what to do next," Abrego said. "Now they're briefed and given the essential forms before they leave."

Following these guidelines will reduce the stress of relocating, according to W. Bruce Gray, director of resource management.

For more information call 287-4344.

Do you need information on the Exceptional Family Member Program? Call 285-6518

Commander-in-Chief Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman
Director, Public Affairs Col. Ronald T. Sconyers
Executive Editor/NCOIC SMSgt. Harold J. Lee
Managing Editor Colin Hale

Assistant NCOIC SFC Richard A. Czizik
Editorial Staff Sgt. Monique Chere
Spec. Anthony Craft
Spec. John Hall
PFC Megra Johnson

Composing Room Rosemary Chong
Carolyn Coffey
Mary Munoz
Tina McBride
Josefina Diez J.

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

1978th checks out antenna in Ecuador

HOWARD AFB --(1978th CG/PA) -- A five-member team from the 1978th Communications Group recently traveled to Ecuador to check out part of a communications network.

People from three work centers went to Quito to perform maintenance on the Mission Radio System, or MRS, network.

Ecuador is one of 17 countries in Latin America where the primary voice link between the United States Southern Command and U.S. Military Groups is the MRS. The team serviced the high-frequency single-sideband radio net which is often the only effective means of communication.

In addition to yearly maintenance visits, the 1978th also operates the MRS radio net control station

located at Howard AFB.

During the maintenance-operational visit, the team inspected, repaired equipment and provided operational assistance to the U.S. Military Group. Team members were SSgt. Joseph McConnell, SrA. Trevor Kearns, and Compton from the Antenna Maintenance work center, Sgt. Mike Tucker from the Tactical Radio Maintenance work center, and SrA. Debra Patterson a member of the 1978th's Mission Radio System network control station.

"Corrosion on antenna towers and parts is a big problem in the tropics, but to our surprise, even after a year, the antenna was in excellent shape. The antenna elements were not badly rusted, the rotator was in good working condition and the cable run

to the radio was without problems. So all that was needed was to lower the antenna, clean it up and raise it once again.

"Space was very limited due to walls, fences, etc., but the lowering went smoothly. The weather in Ecuador could not have been more perfect -- it was beautiful. The sun beaming down was gentle, making us neither hot nor cold, and a calm cool breeze made our work most comfortable," said Compton.

While the antenna people worked, the two radio maintenance technicians performed all radio repairs, alignments and adjustments. They also gave on-site instruction to the local radio operators as well as guidance in proper radio operating

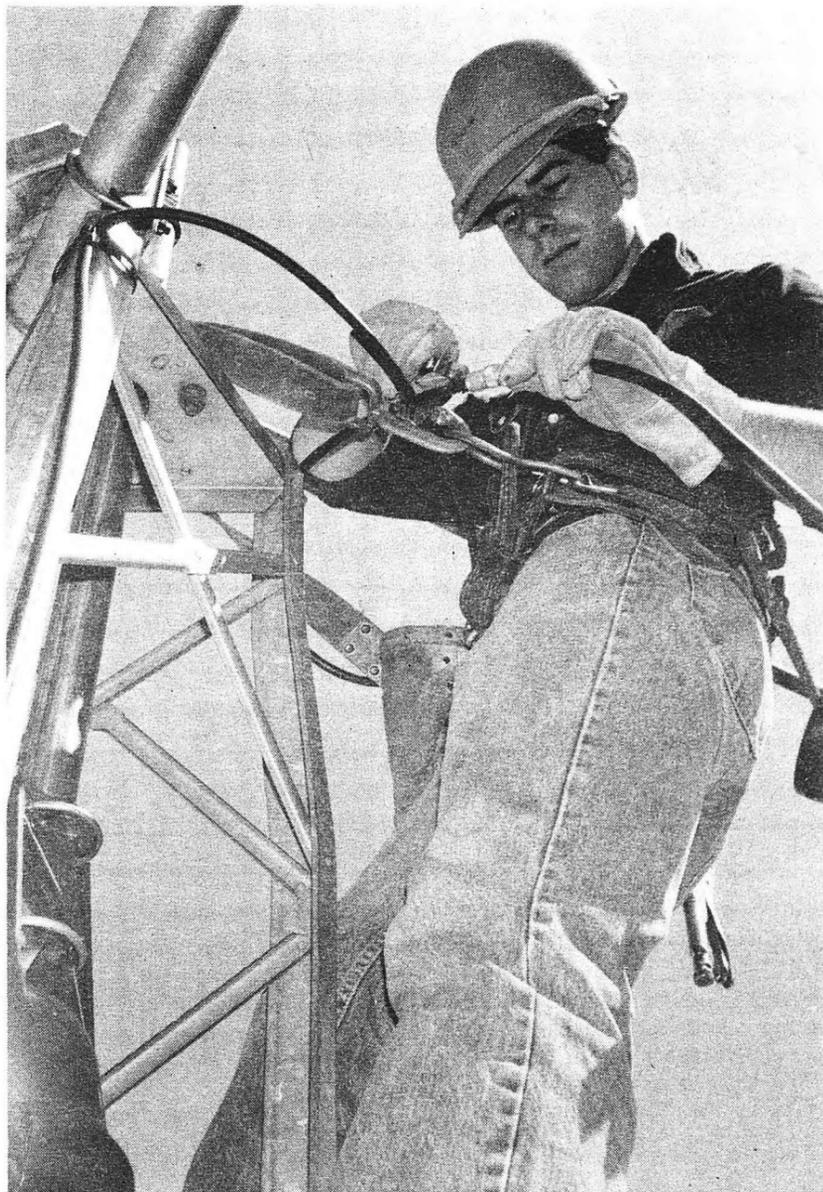
procedures.

Within two days the work was completed and the MRS radio station at Ecuador was back on the air. After packing test equipment and extra parts for the flight back to Panama, the team had a few hours free to explore Quito.

"It was the first trip to Ecuador for Patterson, Tucker, and I. The sites were beautiful and the city of Quito filled with excitement. A couple of the sites I thought were really interesting for visitors was the Center of the Earth monument and Valley of the Angel statue. As you walk through the streets, you can see that there are still traces of the old Ecuadorian Indian ways, but that is slowly being overcome by the push of modern civilization," said Compton.



WAITING — An Ecuadorian Indian sits patiently for a customer in one of the Quito, Ecuador, market places. (U.S. Air Force photo by Amn Nome Compton)



WORKING — SrA Trevor Kearns, antenna/cable equipment specialist, replaces a special tape to prevent moisture from getting into the antenna cables on top of a 48-foot tower at the U.S. Military Group, Quito, Ecuador. (U.S. Air Force photo by Amn Nome Compton)

GCCS handles all DoD aircraft in Latin America

HOWARD AFB --(1978th CG/PA) --It's what command and control is all about --an efficient two-way communications link and the 1978th Communications Group is right in the middle!

The 1978th's Global Command and Control Station, or GCCS, at Albrook Air Force Station is the communications relay center of the airways for all U.S. Department of Defense aircraft flying over Latin America and the Caribbean.

The station consists of a communications relay center where operators can communicate with aircraft, and the receiver site, both on

**Buckle up
for safety**

Albrook AFS, and the transmitter site located on the west bank side of the Panama Canal on Howard AFB.

There are 17 radio operators, and nine associated maintenance technicians that help pilots relay of vital information about mission and flight safety.

"The 1978th's GCCS is one of 12 such stations located strategically around the world. The station's mission is to provide reliable, rapid, two-way command and control, and operational communications between Department of Defense aircraft on transoceanic flights, and military ground agencies, regardless of the geographic location or type of aircraft," said TSgt. Joseph P. Sousa, noncommissioned officer in charge of the GCCS.

"The air-to-ground com-

munications complex through its high-frequency voice and data circuits ensure the major commands can maintain continuous, real-time communications with their aircraft. Plus, if needed, the GCCS can support special purpose, and contingency air-to-ground-to-air missions. We have the ability to operate at 10,000 watts transmitting power, so we can literally provide command and control to any area on earth," Sousa said.

Though the GCCS equipment capability is global, everyday tasks are normally limited to providing communications within Central and South America and the Caribbean area.

"One example of what the GCCS does involves the Freedom Bird flight which flies the Howard AFB-

Charleston AFB, S.C., route. Periodically, the pilot contacts us and passes the take off and arrival times of the aircraft along with load information to a GCCS radio operator to be relayed to the appropriate agencies," said Sousa.

More dramatic examples are the many over-water and in-the-water emergency rescues the GCCS participates in every year. The station often becomes the only link for troubled aircraft, and stranded boaters to rescue agencies and other support systems.

The number one mission at the station is to ensure safety of flight; helping the pilot to get from here to there with as little problem as possible is just one of the many ways the 1978th's GCCS provides for communications needs in this region.

Red Ribbon Campaign to mark December

by Sandra Wallace

FORT CLAYTON (ADAPCP) — The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program is sponsoring a Red Ribbon Campaign during December.

The campaign was born in 1985 when Enrique Camarena, a drug enforcement officer, was murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico. His mutilated body outraged Americans and mobilized them in a collective

movement to fight illegal drug use.

Since then, attaching red ribbons on automobile antennas, doors and mirrors has become a symbol of support for those who fight for drug-free lifestyles and for the victims of accidents involving drunk drivers.

Red ribbons are a statement by individuals and organizations committed to reducing abuse, addiction and the destruction of lives.

The ADAPCP encourages all

members of the community to show their support by tying red ribbons to their cars.

Ribbons will be distributed with paychecks or Leave and Earning Statements. Posters, flyers, news media and youth groups will focus on the campaign message and the responsible use of alcohol.

In case a little extra encouragement is needed to join the crusade, consider the scope of the problem:

— Twenty-three million Americans age 12 and over currently use illicit drugs.

— A recent nation-wide Weekly Reader survey of 68,000 fourth graders found that 34 percent report peer pressure to try alcohol, 41 percent to smoke, and 24 percent to use crack or cocaine.

— People 15 to 24 years old are dying at a faster rate than any other age group. Accidents, homicides and suicides are the leading causes of death among these young Americans. Many of these deaths are related to drug and alcohol use.

— Illegal drug use is directly linked to the deadly AIDS virus which can be transmitted by needle sharing. The intravenous drug user population comprises 25 percent of all AIDS patients.

— According to a research study of 440 highway fatalities in one state, 80 percent of male drivers killed in vehicle accidents were under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs at the time.

Here's a look at some more sobering statistics:

— Someone dies every 23 minutes in an alcohol-related auto crash.

— Nearly 500,000 people are injured each year in alcohol-related traffic crashes, an average of one injury per minute.

— It's estimated that two of every five Americans will be involved in an

alcohol-related crash in their lifetime.

— Drunk driving is the crime most frequently committed in the nation. In 1988, there were an estimated 1.8 million drunk-driving arrests.

— In 1988, 23,351 persons died in alcohol-related traffic accidents. These deaths comprise nearly 50 percent of total traffic fatalities.

— More than 40 percent of all deaths of 15- to 19-year-olds happen in motor-vehicle crashes. About half of these are in alcohol-related. Estimates are that more than 3,000 people in this age group died in alcohol related crashes in 1988.

Let's see that red ribbon tied to your car's antenna and displayed on your doors at home and at work. We all have the potential for healthy, happy lives. We all have a responsibility for finding solutions.

Remember that the habits you develop and nurture here follow you back to the states. Don't become one of the grim statistics — choose life and be responsible for it!

If you are concerned about someone who is abusing alcohol and drugs, or about your own abuses, call the ADAPCP at 285-5913, the ASACS at 285-4701/5103 and Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous at 252-6709. Call us and ask to speak to a counselor. We can help.



Open your home to a child. Be a foster parent. Call 285-6518

The Provost Marshal's Corner

Hello crime fans and welcome back. Let me explain that this week's column is really last week's column and last week's column was for the week before. But ... it took so long to get through the gate to the Tropic Times that everything showed up in the paper a week late.

An MP, responding to a report of a possible housebreaking, found that the house was well guarded by an unleashed dog. In fact, Fido (not his real name) was primed for action. While the MP was sneaking up on the house, Fido was sneaking up on him. After being bitten on the right arm and leg, the MP beat a retreat and called for help.

As the two combatants left to be seen by doctors and vets, the backup stayed behind to charge the dog's owner with failure to control a pet.

Residents of Fort Kobbe were disturbed one night by a young man who was going from house-to-house asking for baseball bats and other items which could be used as weapons. When an officer-type asked him why he needed the weapons, he insisted that he needed them to arrest a Panamanian off post.

While mulling this over, the officer noticed a 12-gauge shotgun in the back of the young man's car and commented about it. The

young man lost his cool and became a little abusive. That was enough to get him arrested for disorderly conduct and the shotgun and two shells confiscated.

At the station, it was discovered that the gun wasn't registered on post. The oversight that cost him another charge, Failure to Register a Firearm. After he waived his rights and gave a statement, he was released to his sponsor. But the MPs kept the shotgun for awhile.

A young soldier partying at the Howard AFB NCO Club, must have been overdoing it, because he hired a cab to take him and his girlfriend to a hotel in Veracruz. When they arrived, he told the cabbie to return for them in an hour, at which time he would be rested enough to return to the party and also to pay for his ride.

When the cabbie returned, the young man was embarrassed to find himself without the necessary funds. But as we are taught in life, there are no free rides: So instead of returning to the party, they went to the police station in Veracruz. The PDF took him to Building 4 at Fort Amador and then to night court. There, the young man managed to settle out of court for the paltry sum of \$35.

But he wasn't out of the woods yet. The MPs wanted to discuss his failure to obey a general order.

He invoked his right of silence and was released to his unit. However, we suspect that there is a certain general who is not willing to let things rest at this stage, and an understanding will soon be reached on Army terms.

A PCC civilian tried to enter Quarry Heights while carrying an unsafe load of firewater. A field sobriety test was administered on the spot. But it didn't help. He was still drunk. In fact, he ran out the gate and off the post, leaving his truck and daughter to the MPs. He was charged with drunk driving, reckless endangerment, child abandonment and resisting apprehension, all in absentia.

The next day, his wife came onto the post, picked up the truck and took it home. The trouble is that the MPs weren't through with it yet and were, in fact, impounding it when she did it. They called her up and asked her to come in and be charged with obstructing justice.

She did and waived her right to remain silent and swore out a statement for the MPs. Then her husband was brought in by PCC liaison, but he didn't waive anything and was released to PCC pending completion of the investigation.

A hungry soldier stopped by the 1-2-3 Club for a beer and a bite, but things didn't go right for him. He got his beer on the back of his

head while it was still in the bottle. When he fell on the floor he cut his right hand on some broken glass. Then he got his bite right in the middle of his chest while he was still on the floor.

His assailant got up and ran while the still hungry soldier went to Gorgas with the MPs.

A couple of Fort Kobbe soldiers found out that mud wrestling is illegal at Howard. At least when it's done on the parade field by inebriated servicemen who get belligerent with the SPs.

A Fort Clayton soldier found the trademark on his television too prophetic for comfort when lightning struck outside while he was watching it. His set blew up.

For our Winner's Column, we have a man who watched a soldier with a car too big for him to drive, hit another car while backing out of a parking space at the Fort Clayton NCO club. When our winner saw the man return and park in another space, he blocked the demolition derby reject with his own car and called the the MPs.

We love concerned citizens who get involved. A tip of the hat and a hearty "well done."

Well folks, that's all for this week, and next week we'll again be conducting a marine life survey in the Gulf of Panama. With any luck, we'll once more return with more fish than stories.

Data automation impacts AF mission

by SMSgt. William J. Feeney
1978th Communications Group

HOWARD AFB, Panama — (1978th CG/PA) — Outside the communications world, most Air Force people don't have any idea what data automation does for them — personally.

The data automation branch of the 1978th Communications Group has a direct impact on every U.S. Air Force civilian and military member serving in Panama. Located in building 714 on Howard, the Data Processing Center, or DPC, is manned by 13 military and five civilians.

The DPC affects you directly. Let's start at the heart of the matter — money. Your mid-month and end-of-month Leave and Earnings Statement are produced by the DPC. Not only the Air Force payroll is handled, but also the civilian payrolls for 4,500 U.S. Army, 1,500 Air Force, and 450 non-appropriated fund employees. Soon the U.S. Navy civilian payroll of 600 employees will also be DPC processed. Besides this service, most of the U.S. Savings Bonds for people here are DPC printed.

Ever get a computer product from the Consolidated Base Personnel Office, known as CBPO, or the Howard AFB Clinic giving you instructions to do something? How about those numerous supply documents or even your next permanent change of station assignment? Yep, all courtesy of the DPC.

Our paper cost alone for fiscal year 1989 was about \$35,000. Throw in the ribbons used to print and this adds another \$10,000 to the list.

The base computer, a UNISYS 1100/60, is the workhorse of the system. A second processor was recently added which has increased our processing speed to customers. Two civilian field engineers are on-hand to make sure the computer doesn't "crash" on us; of course, it often does because it's sensitive to such things as power fluxes.

This will soon be fixed with the addition of a \$68,000 uninterruptible power supply. This will ensure stable power for up to 20 minutes and will smooth out any fluxes that occur.

So how does the system really work? There are eleven on-line systems and about 40 batch users.

On-line systems are those unique functions where the DPC customers make their own direct inputs into the

base computer from their local terminal. Complicated passwords and more than one series of unintelligible gibberish are needed to access the system.

These on-line users need what is called "real time" — up-to-date data at their fingertips all the time.

People like those who work at finance, supply, and CBPO where the only constant is change.

The batch users bring in floppy disks or magnetic tapes for the DPC to run the data on them into "hard" copy through the use of various standard Air Force-wide computer programs.

An example is the magnetic tape received from Denver, Colo., with the Air Force military payroll on it. Finance brings it to the DPC and we run the Leave and Earnings Statements.

Sometimes end-of-month statements are early or can be a few days late. When it's early, the tape was perfect. When it's late, we had to send for another tape from Denver because of an error code or just a bad tape itself. But the DPC has a back-up procedure, such as mid-month statements that the DPC can create without the tape as back-up files are sent to us via Automatic Digital Network, or AUTODIN.

The Air Force is always changing and data automation is no exception. Contingency processing procedures are established and practiced periodically so that if the system goes down for more than 48 hours the DPC would begin deploying people and data to one of our two alternate processing sites.

Computer technology is moving



Bolivar Vergara, a tape librarian with the 1978th Communication Group's Data Processing Center, selects a tape for use from the more than 5,000 magnetic tapes in storage. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Debra L. Penton)

along at an incredible pace; yesterday's breakthrough is today's old program.

The UNISYS 1100/60, which replaced the old Burroughs system at the DPC in 1986, is itself being replaced by the UNISYS 2200.

Computers are quiet, and processing information is a quiet business, but let the DPC process too slowly, or go down for few hours, and the customers make it real noisy!

DEH installing radon detectors in local facilities

COROZAL (DEH) — Department of Engineering and Housing personnel began installing radon detectors in U.S. Army South facilities in November.

Radon is a naturally-occurring radioactive gas that may increase the risk of lung cancer for people who are exposed to high levels for long periods.

To safeguard the health of USARSO soldiers, military families and civilian employees, DEH workers are installing radon detectors and implementing corrective measures as needed. Child care centers, hospitals, schools and living facilities will be tested first.

Radon canisters will be placed in facilities for 90 days. After they are removed their radon contents will be compared to Environmental Protection Agency specified safe levels. To ensure accurate results, radon detectors should not be disturbed once placed.

Questions about radon testing should be directed to the Environmental and Energy Conservation Office at 85-4965.

Officials urge personnel to avoid Rain Forest Road

by Spec. Bob Blocher

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Potholes and other road hazards on the Rain Forest (Madden) Road have prompted U.S. Army South safety officials to urge all U.S. personnel to avoid driving on this highway.

According to USARSO Safety Officer, Bob Swaney, large potholes and concrete slabs floating on water make the Rain Forest Road unsafe for privately-owned vehicles.

Swaney suggests riding military shuttle buses. He also cautions people driving their POVs to travel during daytime, reduce speed and drive defensively.

The USARSO Safety Office does not recommend taking the alternate route — catching the Transisthmian Highway from Panama City — because of present personnel movement restrictions.

The deteriorating roadway has been the subject of safety inquiries over seven years, Swaney said. Ironically, most complaints have come from military shuttle bus drivers.

For more information about the Rain Forest Road or other safety concerns, call the USARSO Safety Office at 287-4051.

Army hosts annual FAO, PEP conference

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — The U.S. Army Security Assistance Agency Latin America recently held its annual week-long Personnel Exchange Program and Foreign Area Officers conference.

The officers, who serve in 11 Latin American countries, exchanged up-to-date information about their regions and host countries, according to Maj. Dan Plair, USASALA operations officer.

Several issues were discussed. "A primary concern was how to ensure the welfare of families serving with their spouses throughout the region," Plair said.

In addition, the officers discussed host governments' concerns about additional resources the United States will commit to the war on drugs.

These programs offer payoffs for

the officers and SOUTHCOM.

"The programs not only train PEPs and FAOs for future assignments in Latin America. They also serve as a vital part of SOUTHCOM's efforts to maintain and improve military-to-military ties with our allies in the region," Plair said.

Further, "These programs help increase Latin American military exposure to our ideals and professionalism," Plair said.

PEPs and FAOs travel extensively throughout Latin America, gaining broad exposure to the diverse cultures. Although similar, each country has its own peculiarities. The travel is perhaps the best cultural education available, according to Plair. They also establish contacts in armies and learn from the experience

of foreign officers.

For example, Capt. Daniel Fournie, a FAO trainee in Bogota, Colombia, is attending their army's command course. "The Colombian army is fighting a guerrilla war and many of my classmates have combat experience. That's an excellent opportunity to get different views and make comparisons," Fournie said.

In addition to giving peers and senior commanders updates, participating officers used the conference as an opportunity to make personal, logistical appointments.

That's important, Fournie said, because an officer stationed somewhere in Brazil doesn't have many opportunities to see a dentist or straighten out administrative glitches.

U.S. news

Record promoter faces racketeering charge

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — An independent record promoter and two others were indicted Thursday on 57 counts of racketeering and other charges for allegedly making "payola" payments in the form of cocaine and cash to radio programmers in exchange for air play of records.

It is the latest stemming from a nearly 3-year-old investigation by a

federal grand jury into the record industry "payola" racket, which has become national in scope.

Named in the indictment are Joseph Isgro, 42, an independent record promoter from Glendale; Raymond Anderson, 49, a former executive at Columbia Records, also known as CBS Records, which was acquired by Sony Corp. two years ago, after the alleged payoffs; and

Jeffrey Monka, 31, an Agoura Hills resident accused of laundering money for the racket.

Isgro and Monka were arrested Thursday. Isgro, who surrendered to U.S. Marshals, was being held in \$500,000 bail and was scheduled to appear at a bail hearing Friday. Monka was being held in \$100,000. Anderson was expected to surrender Friday.

The three are charged with making undisclosed payola payments to programmers at radio stations for adding records to their playlists from 1980 to 1986. The radio stations included pop music station KIQQ in Los Angeles, KYNO and KMGX in Fresno, and KAMX in El Paso, Texas.

The stations were not named as defendants in the indictment and none of their employees has been charged.

Along with racketeering, the three were charged with conspiracy to obstruct and impede the Internal Revenue Service, conspiracy to defraud many record companies, obstructing justice, mail fraud, conspiracy to distribute cocaine and filing false tax returns.

Record companies allegedly defrauded in the scheme were Columbia, MCA, Warner Bros., RCA and Polygram Records, the indictment said.

Two co-conspirators in the case, Ralph Tashjian and Bill Craig, were indicted in February 1988.

Tashjian, who promoted records on behalf of Isgro, pleaded guilty in

May to a misdemeanor payola charge and two felony tax and obstruction of justice counts and agreed to testify against his former business associates.

Isgro, a major focus in the government's payola investigation, is named as a defendant in 51 of the counts.

The indictment said Isgro owned three record promoting companies and made kickbacks through the companies of at least \$70,000 to Anderson, then an executive at Columbia.

Monka worked with Isgro to create a sham corporation, Star Promotions Inc., through which he exchanged checks from the companies for cash used to pay off radio station managers, music directors, radio station employees and for illegal kickbacks paid to record company executives, the indictment alleges.

Besides cash payments, Isgro and his alleged co-conspirators are accused of mailing cocaine to radio station personnel in return for air time for music recordings.

If convicted, Isgro could receive a maximum sentence of 200 years in prison and \$1.4 million in fines. Anderson faces up to 20 years in prison, while Monka could be sentenced to 23 years and fined \$1.3 million.

The investigation of payola in the record industry is headed by the IRS, and also involves the Organized Crime Investigative Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Food stamps go plastic

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Nearly 4,000 families in a Baltimore suburb will use plastic cards, similar to the cards used at money machines, instead of food stamps to test a new way to deliver social services, officials said Thursday.

As part of the test, food stamp recipients in Park Circle, Md., will be issued a plastic magnetic strip card instead of food stamps or a check. A computer terminal at the grocery store checkout counter will automatically subtract the cost of food from the monthly allotment.

In addition, recipients will be able to use the card for other programs, such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children and the

Child Support Enforcement Program.

The federal Food and Nutrition Service first tested electronic transfer of benefits in 1984 in Reading, Pa. The project received high marks from recipients and businesses.

"From the test beginning today in Baltimore and other pilot projects scheduled around the country, we will be able to assess the cost-effectiveness of (electronic transfers) and better analyze those issues which must be resolved with the new technology," said Assistant Agriculture Secretary Catherine Bertini.

The test in Baltimore involves a joint federal, state and local electronic benefit transfer system.

Newborn drowns in school gym officials continue investigation

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (UPI) — A 15-year-old high school sophomore whose newborn baby drowned in a campus restroom toilet will not be charged with murder, prosecutors said Thursday.

However, officials are continuing their investigation into whether the Vietnamese-American girl should be charged with any other crime, possibly involuntary manslaughter or child endangerment, Deputy District Attorney John Conley said.

He also said it was possible no charges would be filed against the girl.

The girl, an honor student whose name was not released because of her age, was taken into custody after authorities found her dead baby boy in a toilet inside a girl's restroom at Santiago High School Tuesday morning.

The tiny, 90-pound teenager walked into a stall and gave birth to a full-term, 6-pound boy, who was alive at birth but drowned in the toilet.

So far there has been no evidence the child's head was held underwater

or that the young mother premeditated the death, Conley said.

But the girl's parents, who left Vietnam in 1975 when their daughter was 1, rejected such speculation.

"She grew up here and we know she has changed to this society," her father told the Orange County Register. "Is it any easier for an American girl to tell her parents she's pregnant?"

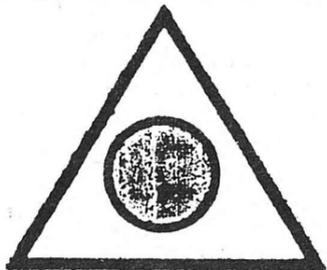
Several other girls were in the bathroom at the time, but did not realize what was happening until they heard the girl's cries during the birth. They contacted school officials, who found the baby dead in the toilet and the girl in the stall.

She was taken to UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, where she was in stable condition Thursday. The girl will remain in protective custody while she is hospitalized, Conley said.

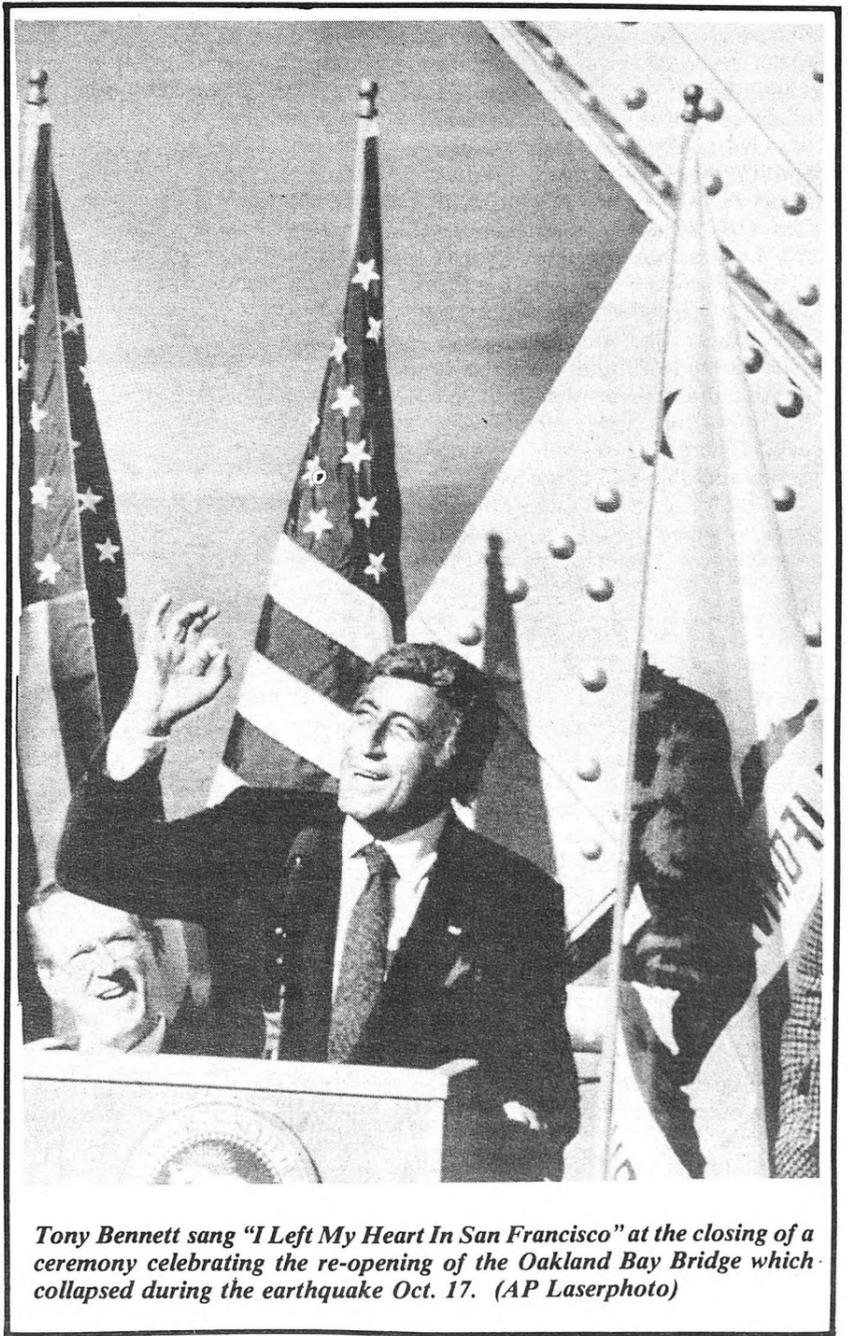
The Vietnamese immigrant, who was enrolled in advance courses at the high school, had hid her pregnancy from her parents and many of her friends, disguising her figure with loose-fitting clothes. The student's counselor said she had confronted the girl two weeks ago after hearing rumors about her pregnancy from other students and urged her to tell her family.

But the girl's parents only learned of her condition after they were contacted by police following the death.

School officials and members of the Orange County Vietnamese-American community had speculated that the girl kept silent about her pregnancy because of cultural traditions that revere virginity and consider unwed mothers embarrassments to their families.



Is an alcoholic causing problems in your life? Try Al-Anon which meets every Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. in Building 6550, Corozal.



Tony Bennett sang "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" at the closing of a ceremony celebrating the re-opening of the Oakland Bay Bridge which collapsed during the earthquake Oct. 17. (AP Laserphoto)

U.S. news

Waste to cost taxpayers \$150b more

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Government waste from poor financial management may cost taxpayers up to \$150 billion beyond the cost of the savings and loan bailout and the HUD scandal, Comptroller General Charles Bowsher told a Senate panel.

"I think the \$100 billion to \$150 billion range is not unrealistic,"

Bowsher said Wednesday when asked by Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman John Glenn, D-Ohio, the potential cost of government waste and inefficiency now being uncovered in several agencies.

At the hearing, Bowsher released a new General Accounting Office report that said the government

failed to implement properly a 1982 law designed to improve federal financial management.

Glenn said the new report "indicates the atrocious condition of the federal governments controls."

"Unfortunately, time and time again we find situations where agencies and auditors have identified problems, yet the corrective actions taken, if any, are ineffective and the problems remain uncorrected for years," Bowsher said in his prepared statement to the committee.

The report said "the government does not currently have the internal control and accounting systems necessary to effectively operate many of its programs and safeguard its assets. Many of the weaknesses are long standing and have resulted in billions of dollars of losses and wasteful spending."

In addition to the scandals that rocked the savings and loan industry and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which cost taxpayers about \$139 billion and \$4.2 billion, respectively, Bowsher listed several new problems carrying multibillion-dollar price tags.

Among them:

— The \$50 billion that taxpayers have admitted they owe the IRS but which remains uncollected — a three-fold increase since 1981.

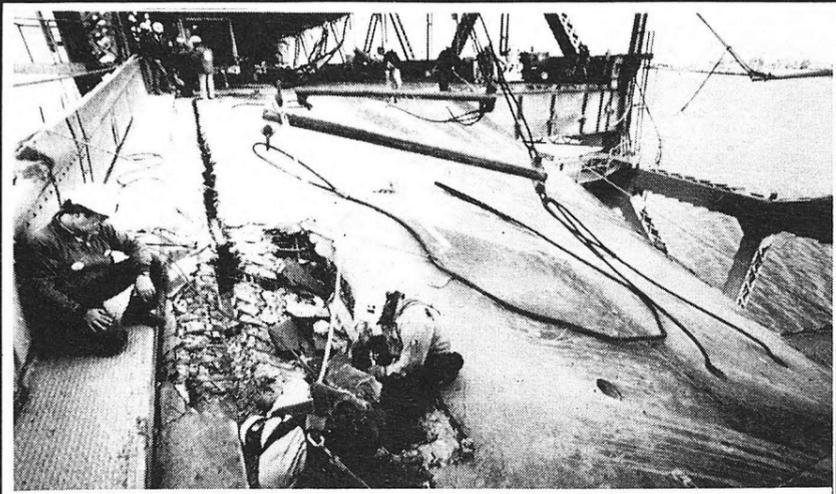
— The Pentagon's overload of unneeded spare parts and inventory, which has grown from \$10 billion to \$29 billion since 1980.

— Losses in several federal credit assistance and insurance programs, which Bowsher said "total in the \$200 billion range."

— The "massive problems" with government purchases of automated systems, such as the Navy's decision to halt installation of a new automated management information system after spending about \$230 million on it over nine years.

Bowsher said other anticipated taxpayer losses could total about \$6 billion due to problems at the Export-Import Bank, \$12 billion at the Commodity Credit Corp., \$26 billion at the Farmers Home Administration, up to \$20 billion due to problems with foreign military sales, and \$5 billion in losses from government student loan programs.

In addition, he said Medicare losses may now be "as much as \$10 billion."



BRIDGE REPAIR — Bridge workers separate a section of the Bay Bridge to be removed by crane prior to beginning repairs. (AP Laserphoto)

KGB more aggressive under Gorbachev, CIA says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — CIA Director William Webster said the Soviet KGB is "more aggressive" under Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and is making a bigger effort to "recruit our embassy and intelligence personnel" as spies.

Webster made the remarks at a National Press Club luncheon Wednesday when asked if Soviet intelligence efforts had declined since Gorbachev assumed power and implemented a series of economic and social reforms.

"We believe just the reverse is taking place," Webster said. "Around the world our stations are reporting more aggressive action, a more robust intelligence-collection effort, more efforts to recruit our embassy and intelligence personnel than we have seen in a long time."

"They're less confrontational in that they avoid doing flat-footed things ... but the activity is there," Webster said.

Much of the KGB's intelligence efforts are aimed at obtaining high-technology information through clandestine means, he said.

Webster said other intelligence chiefs from around the world have reported "exactly the same experience and same conclusion."

The CIA chief, however, said the KGB does appear to be "minimizing" its domestic role as Gorbachev presses for a more open society.

He also said it is "much too early to tell" whether the dramatic movement toward democratic reform in Eastern Europe will adversely affect KGB intelligence.

Nonetheless, Webster said, "I can

think of one instance ... where a prominent defector from the United States was finally thrown out or expelled from a (Eastern) bloc country that had been providing him comfort and sanctuary."

Declining to name the defector or the country, he added, "That would have been contrary to the wishes of the KGB."

The CIA director said he does not "look forward" to the possibility his agency might be asked to take deep budget cuts similar to those being discussed for the Defense Department.

The country "needs our services more now than in the old stand-off environment" between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, Webster said. "I intend to make that point very clear," he said, to President Bush.

In addition to verifying compliance with arms control

treaties, the CIA must now provide intelligence on economic conditions of the changing Eastern Europe countries and warn of possible violent upheavals, he said.

On other topics, Webster said:

— The United States has "a right to assume Soviet involvement" in providing weapons to the rebels in El Salvador since the arms are manufactured in the Soviet Union or Soviet bloc countries.

— U.S. intelligence indicates the Salvadoran rebels, while well armed, do not have the power "to totally destabilize" the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government.

— The CIA has reported its findings to the White House on news reports that Israel secretly helped South Africa obtain technology for long-range missiles that could carry nuclear warheads. He declined to elaborate.

Shell fined \$20m for spill

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Shell Oil Co. has escaped criminal charges for dumping 432,000 gallons of oil into an estuary of San Francisco Bay by paying a record \$19.75 million in fines and compensation to federal, state and local agencies.

In exchange for Shell's agreement Wednesday, the state decided not to pursue criminal charges against the giant oil company over the 1988 spill. The payment also ends Shell's financial obligation for the cleanup costs. The company spent about \$8 million in cleanup costs immediately after the spill.

The oil poured out April 22, 1988 when a storm drain hose inside an oil tank at Shell's Martinez refinery broke and discharged more than 432,000 gallons of crude into a bay estuary north of San Francisco.

Officials said the spill happened because Shell violated a federally mandated oil spill prevention plan by leaving storm sewer drains open, allowing the oil to pour into the water.

More than 150 acres of wetlands

were coated with crude oil and 11 miles of shoreline were polluted along the estuary at Martinez and Benicia in Contra Costa County.

The Justice Department's top environmental official, Assistant Attorney General Richard Stewart, said he hoped the nearly \$20 million levy may serve as a precedent in the negotiations with Exxon over its much larger oil spill in Alaska last spring.

"I hope it sends a message to anybody who is in the oil business," he said of the Shell settlement. "I think spills that are proportionately bigger ought to have a proportionately larger bottom line."

Since the Exxon spill was about 1,000 times greater than the Shell spill, Stewart was asked if the government would seek 1,000 times as much from Exxon for damage to the environment.

"We will see," he replied. If Exxon had to pay 1,000 times as much as Shell is paying, it would amount to nearly \$20 billion.

Shell lawyers in Houston were not available for comment.

Friedman wins National Book Award

NEW YORK (UPI) — Journalist Thomas Friedman's "From Beirut to Jerusalem" won the 1989 National Book Award for non-fiction, and John Casey's "Spartina" won the award for fiction.

The authors were presented with their awards Wednesday at a dinner attended by 500 people at the Pierre Hotel. Each award is accompanied by a check for \$10,000 and a commemorative medallion, a spokesman said.

"From Beirut to Jerusalem," published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux Inc., is an account of Friedman's years of reporting for The New York Times from two middle eastern capitals. It was considered a favorite to win the non-fiction award.

"Spartina," published by Alfred A. Knopf Inc., is set in a small Rhode Island coastal town. It was a surprise winner, upsetting favorites "Billy Bathgate" by E.L.

Doctorow and "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love" by Oscar Hijuelos.

Other finalists in the fiction category were Katherine Dunn for "Geek Love" and Amy Tan for "The Joy Luck Club."

Finalists for the non-fiction award were McGeorge Bundy, "Danger and Survival: Choices About the Bomb in the First Fifty Years"; Marilynne Robinson, "Mother Country,"; Taylor Branch, "Parting of the Waters," and William Pfaff, "Barbarian Sentiments: How the American Century Ends."

The National Book Awards were established in 1950 to recognize American literary works of exceptional merit and were administered for many years by a non-profit organization set up by the Association of American Publishers. Early this year the National Book Foundation was set up to distribute the awards.

U.S. news

Base closure plan would save millions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The commission that devised a plan to shut down or scale back nearly 40 major military bases nationwide overestimated annual savings from the closures by at least \$170 million, congressional auditors said.

The General Accounting Office study released Wednesday also differed substantially with the commission on the amount of time it would take the government to recover the costs associated with closing and realigning bases.

The GAO study said most of the cost-savings errors it found were due to "tight time constraints" of the commission and a lack of "effective management control" for verifying the accuracy of its data.

Congress had given the commission one year to develop its base-closing plan.

The GAO's findings support criticism that the commission's work was flawed. But the GAO did not take issue with assertions by the commission and the Defense Department that the choices for closing bases "are still sound and logical."

The base-closing plan, accepted by Congress in April, calls for shutting down 34 major military installations and 52 smaller ones by 1995, plus the partial closure of five major bases and the "realignment" of 54 others.

It marks the first major effort in a decade to close a group of domestic bases.

About 20,000 jobs are expected to be lost nationwide, though military personnel will be reassigned and civilians will get first crack at openings elsewhere under a special job placement program.

California would be especially hard hit, losing six bases, including the Presidio in San Francisco,

headquarters of the 6th Army.

The GAO reviewed 15 base closings and realignments that account for 90 percent of the commission's estimated annual savings, including the Presidio in San Francisco, three Air Force bases in California, Fort Dix in New Jersey, and Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.

The commission estimated that those 15 eventually will save a total of

\$623 million a year. But the GAO put the annual savings at between \$400 million and \$453.4 million.

For the Presidio alone, the GAO said the commission overstated annual savings by at least \$27.3 million. The savings from placing Fort Dix on semi-active status were overestimated by \$40.7 million, the report said.

Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois was overestimated by \$13.6 million, and the three Air Force bases in California — George, Mather and Norton — collectively were overestimated by \$46 million, the GAO study said.

Additionally, the shutdown of the Presidio and mothballing of Fort Dix would each exceed the six-year limit for cost recovery established by Congress as a criteria for closing a base, the report said.

The GAO noted that the cost of cleaning up hazardous wastes left behind from a base closing were left out of the commission's estimates and its own, as was the economic impact on communities that lose a base.

However, the study recommended that future evaluations of base closings account for job losses and other economic consequences. The GAO said the commission lacked adequate time for such calculations.



DEFENSE DISCUSSION — Sen. Sam Nunn, from Georgia, discusses defense matters with Rear Adm. Richard Milligan prior to opening hearings by the Senate Armed Services Committees last month. (AP Laserphoto)

Recall of U.S. troops from Europe could aid budget

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush's proposal to withdraw 30,000 troops from Europe would save only \$1.6 billion to \$3 billion a year and more cuts would be necessary to make substantial budget savings, analysts said this week.

"Clearly, conventional arms reductions will have to produce larger savings if they are to have a significant budgetary impact," said the Defense Budget Project, a non-profit, non-partisan research and analysis organization.

Earlier this year, the United States and NATO proposed at the Conventional Forces in Europe, or CFE, arms reduction talks with the Soviets in Vienna that U.S. and Soviet forces be reduced to 275,000 each in Europe by 1994.

To reach that level, the United States would have to reduce Army and Air Force personnel in Western Europe by 30,000 and the Soviet Union would have to withdraw 300,000 troops from Eastern Europe.

The Defense Budget Project said its studies show that such a U.S. reduction would only save between \$1.6 billion and \$3 billion annually — far short of the \$65 billion in U.S. defense savings needed by 1994.

"One way to gain larger savings would be to make corresponding cuts in U.S. forces stateside," the organization said. "According to a commonly used rule of thumb, approximately two soldiers are needed stateside to support every soldier deployed abroad."

"Thus, a CFE cut of 30,000 troops from Europe could lead to a cut of 60,000 troops based in the United States, for a total cut of 90,000 troops, saving between \$5 billion and \$9 billion annually," it said.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told NATO allies that Bush is prepared to discuss even deeper

troop cuts when he meets this weekend with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in their shipboard summit near Malta.

The Defense Budget Project said Moscow's proposal for the CFE treaty would yield even larger U.S. budget savings, because the Soviets want to reduce all troops for each alliance — not just U.S. and Soviet forces — to 300,000 each.

"If cuts in stationed forces were shared proportionately among the NATO allies, the United States would cut roughly 100,000 troops from Europe," it said. "If troops were also cut from the United States using the 2.1 rule, the United States could cut a total of 300,000 Army and Air Force troops, saving between \$17 billion and \$30 billion per year."

While this would "make a major

contribution" toward resolving U.S. budget deficit problems, the organization said, "it will still be necessary to go well beyond the cuts directly associated with a CFE agreement and cut strategic forces and naval forces as well."

The Bush administration so far has resisted including the superior U.S. naval forces in the conventional arms control talks with the Soviets.

Investigators to review plane crash records

BLOCK ISLAND, R.I. (UPI) — Federal investigators said they would review operating records of a

commuter plane that vanished off Block Island with eight people aboard and decide whether the

wreckage should be retrieved.

The Coast Guard late Wednesday suspended its search for survivors of the New England Airlines twin-engine plane that disappeared on a 15-minute flight Tuesday night from Block Island to the mainland town of Westerly.

Authorities believed the plane crashed and sank in waters off the northwest end of Block Island with no survivors. An intense search for more than 25 hours turned up the bodies of two dogs and some articles from the aircraft, but no sign of wreckage or the eight people aboard.

"We believe that if there was a person in the water, we would have found them, due to the thoroughness of our search," Coast Guard spokesman Hank Leeper said.

The Coast Guard said it would resume the search only if evidence turned up of possible survivors.

"I think it's a reasonable assumption that it sunk. We've searched the area thoroughly and did not find any sign of the actual aircraft or the people aboard," Leeper said.

Ted Lopatkiewicz, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said the board would begin reviewing the operating records of the plane as well as training and job records of the pilot.

Nation's economic growth up 2.7 percent in 3rd quarter

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Commerce Department has upped its estimate of the nation's economic growth in the third quarter to a 2.7 percent annual rate, reflecting a lower-than-expected trade deficit during the three-month period.

But the department also reported that corporate profits — a key indicator of the health of the economy — fell 7.2 percent during the July-September quarter, the third consecutive quarterly drop and the steepest for a three-month period since a 16.5 percent decline in the first quarter of 1986.

The department last month had estimated growth in the gross national product — the total of goods and services produced in the economy — at a 2.5 percent annual rate during the July-September quarter but that was based in part on an estimate that the trade deficit in goods and

services worsened by \$22.9 billion during the quarter.

A better-than-expected trade picture in September reduced the actual increase in the shortfall to \$12.4 billion, boosting the domestic GNP figure.

Exports of goods and services rose \$2.3 billion during the quarter but imports climbed \$14.1 billion, the department said.

The slight upward revision in economic growth was widely expected by economists but growth during the summer quarter was nevertheless much stronger than analysts originally had expected.

Still, economists warned that growth in the quarter was inflated by car sales pushed artificially higher by sales incentives. Few analysts expect the growth to continue at the same pace in the fourth quarter.

leisure

Balboa High School presents 'mellerdrama'

The billboard advertises an "Astonishing and Inspiring Mellerdrammer." Without a shadow of a doubt, *Egad, The Woman In White (or Sealed In A Madhouse!)* is that and much much more. From imaginative characters to preposterous situations and dastardly deeds, this show is an eye-catcher to the grande final, and thanks to some astounding technical feats provided by Mr. Dan Goldsworthy and crew, is not lacking the pizzazz to thrill all and sundry.

Dominating the stage is Sir Percival Glyde, played by the clever Mr. Raymond Samuels. Sliding slimily, he orchestrates devilish schemes to gain at the expense of our young and starry-eyed heroine, Laura, who is promised to Sir Percy by her dying father. Miss Valerie Forster, as Laura, does an admirable job as the damsel in distress.

Who else but a drawing master, equipped with his drawing pencils and a change of socks, to be her fair

knight. Mr. Mason Gann, a newcomer to the BHS stage, often reaches the genius level in his portrayal of the myopic and foolhardy hero. With abandon, he plummets off to save dear Laura, knocking into doors and challenging Sir Percy to fisticuff in the style of Marcus of Queensbury Rules.

A monkey wrench is thrown into the works. First, Countess Fosco, a clever creature that runs the local madhouse, has made an astonishing and inspiring discovery. Within her abode is a certain Miss Catherick, once a wife of Sir Percy. A wife never divorced. So Miss Monica Rios, ever so sultry in her high heels and high fashions, waits for our rascalion to announce his marriage to Laura. She pounces, threatening to allow Miss Catherine to sue for bigamy. Thus our villain must pay reparations or be doomed.

The second twist in Sir Percy's plan is the namesake of the play. A mysterious Woman in White, a

figure of mystery, and a cause for alarm, has been wandering about Blackwater Park, Sir Percy's habitation. Who is she? What is she after?

Supporting a crowd of new and old faces is a devoted, unfailing crew. Cosmetic embellishments of the cast were provided by Miss Carmen Ortiz.

Mr. Chris Berrean, assisted by the able Mr. Alex Royo carried out the management of the stage. Assembly of the stage was diligently worked on by Miss Noelle Woodrow, et. al. Publicity through the various media was provided by Miss Laura Putnam. Sale of tickets was provided by Miss Jennifer Shulte and Miss Bridget Kelly. Properties are due to efforts of Miss Paulette Nassiff. Lavish wardrobe prepared by the untiring Miss Pam Thompson and Miss Ashely Gann. Goldsworthy and his crew of technically dextrous gentlemen provided lighting and audio effects, as well as a few special

effects which are meant to amaze and awe.

Not forgetting the important, certain faculty and parents must be thanked for their untiring devotion. To Mr. Johnston, veteran dramatist, for providing the community with enriching and hysterical entertainment. Mrs. Corbett should be thanked for giving her time and playing the role of Aunt Fredericka Fairlee. The crowd at Pacific Theater Arts Center are held in deep regard for their sound advice and moral support. The parents of the nascent and patriarch actors alike must be extoled for their great patience and endurance.

Last but certainly not least, the writer would like to express his appreciation to Mr. Corbett, who aided him when he had run out of combustible fuel and would not have arrived at the auditorium in good humor. (if at all) without his timely aid.

Charlie Pride will share his talent with U.S. military communities

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) -- Charley Pride always "dug" country music, a business that appreciated his talent. The 1971 "Entertainer of the Year," will share his talent with Panama's military communities Dec. 7-10.

Before being discovered in 1963, the Sledge, Miss. native dabbled in diverse vocatons. Pride served in the Army from 1956-58. Before that he played professional baseball for the Memphis Red Sox. But Pride's passion remained country music.

"Nobody in my family was musical. I memorized all those country songs and sung them. My family thought I was crazy, asking, 'why you singin' this music? It ain't gonna get you nowhere.'" Pride said he didn't care if it got him anything; he loved it. We all know, the rest is history.

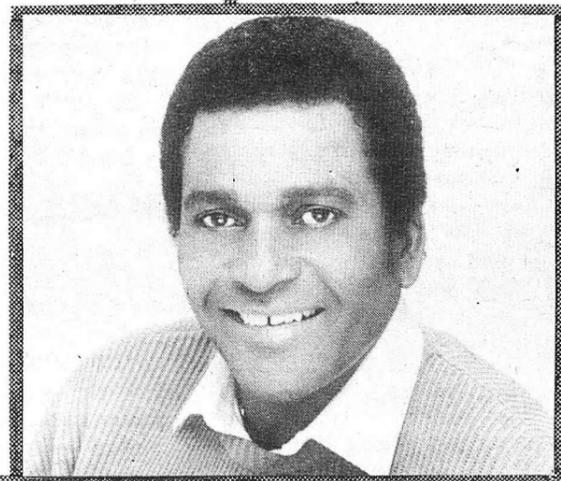
Within two years of his first album's release, Pride had a string

of eight number-one records. The statistics thrust him into the top-10 among country artists with the most chart-topping tunes. The string included "I'd Rather Love You," "Is Anybody Goin' to San Antone," "Afraid of Losing You Again," "Kiss an Angel Good Mornin'" and "Night Games".

Chet Atkins, arguably the most successful guitarist in the business, believes Pride has a greatness that will transcend country music. He says, "Superstars like Hank Williams and Frank Sinatra have a certain intangible edge. Put Charley Pride on the worst sound system in the country and it won't matter. He'll penetrate. That's greatness. Few have it. Charley does."

NOTE: Shows have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8, at the Fort Espinar Theater; 6 and 9 p.m., Dec. 9, at the Fort Clayton Theater, and 7 p.m., Dec. 10, at the Howard Theater.

I
N
C
O
N
C
E
R
T



with special guest
Sandy Powell

Nova University holds largest commencement exercise in 8-year history

ALBROOK AFS (NOVA) -- Nova University held its eighth and largest commencement exercise at the Fort Amador Officers' Club with 85 students in three fields of study graduating of whom 55 were present.

The president of Nova University, Dr. Abraham S. Fischler, conferred degrees on 28 Masters in Business

Administration, on 47 Bachelors of Science in Professional Management and awarded certificates to 10 professionals in the Paralegal Studies program.

Among the graduates were numerous U.S. government personnel, including the following:

MBAs: John Loughlin, Conrado

Notyce and Alalvaro Schollianos (USARSO), Jerry Salazar (USAFSO), Eric Green (USNC), Hercilia Chen, Canute Cockburn, Rebeca Gomez, Abraham Saied and Berta Tang (PCC) and Juan Foster and Harold Mitchell (Civilians).

BPMs: John Culmer, Wayne Goulet, D'Andrea Record, Grant

Rees, Kelly Riell, Carl Sadowski, Pedro Sanchez, Alfonso Uriola and Elizabeth Welch (USAFSO), Vivian Attias, Gary Dyer, Randall Evans and Graciela Rivera (PCC), Cristina Beech, Jacqueline Horton, Dallys Icaza, Esteban Mayers, Michelle Robinson, Sheila Teran, Gina Cano and Teresa Hun (Civilians).



ASSEMBLY — Curundu Elementary School held an honors assembly for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 to mark the students achievements in behavior and academic work, including selection of a student of the quarter from each class. Here students display their certificates. Parents were invited to the assembly. (DoDDS photo)



STUDENTS PLANT TREE — Los Rios Elementary School third grade students Analisa Shoemaker, Glen Davis, Jonas Gaston and Galen Herring plant a pine tree in preparation of Arbor Day. The tree was donated by the Parent Teacher Organization and represents the continuing bond between the school and the community. (DODDS photo)

notices

HEART

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

2nd car shipments

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

Balboa SAC

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

Retiree payday

For Atlantic community retirees, retirement checks will be cashed on Dec. 7 at the Panama Canal Treasurer's Office, Margarita, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The change in the day is because Dec. 8, which falls on the Friday, is a holiday, Mother's Day, in Panama.

For the Pacific community, retirement checks will be cashed on Dec. 9 at the Curundu elementary School, Fort Clayton, from 9 a.m. to noon.

In both cases, a valid ID card is required. The Pacific community also should avoid the area of the Fort Clayton and Albrook AFS gates during retirement check cashing hours.

Adult aerobics

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

Gingerbread House

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

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

Army recruiting

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

Registered nurses

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

Practical nurses

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

Air Force ROTC

Finish college under the AFR 53-20 commissioning program.

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

Explorers

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

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

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

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

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

MARS services

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

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

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

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

Musicians needed

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

Christmas mail

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

Old Zonians

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

Family classes

Family skills classes are offered on a regular basis by Army Community Services. Classes range

from typing to filing business and military correspondence. For more information call 284-3105.

Roadrunners

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

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

Weapon check

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

Navy swim pool

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

Advance scuba diving

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

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.

Tax info

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

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

Gift wrapping

The Special Forces Wives Club is sponsoring free gift wrapping for 3/7 soldiers Dec. 16. All 3/7 soldiers can bring their gifts to be wrapped to 3/7 Headquarters, Fort Davis.

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.

Therapists meet

A meeting with an occupational therapist and physical therapist sponsored by the Panama Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) will be held in Room A 207/209, Curundu Junior High School, 4 p.m. Dec. 5. The therapists will explain their services

and answer all questions. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Cathy Savage 252-1123.

Tours & travel

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

Children's table

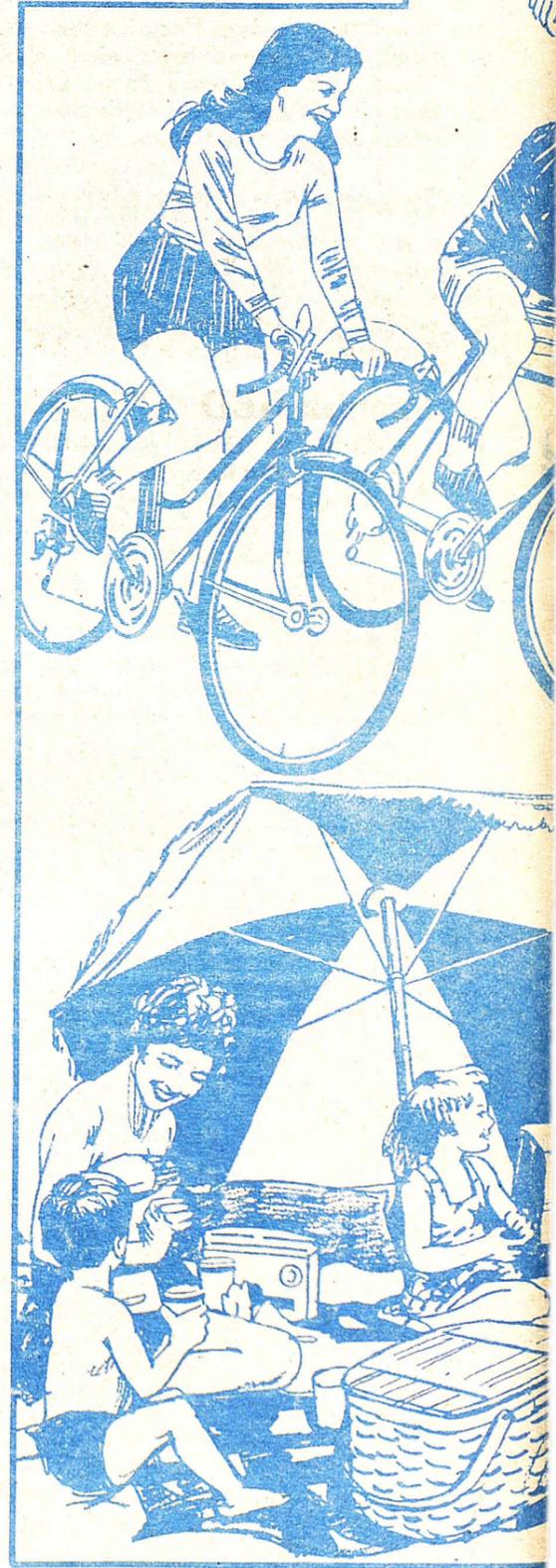
The 470th MI Brigade Ladies will hold a children's table at the Christmas Village 1-9 p.m. Dec. 2 at Valent Rec. Center, Fort Clayton. The table is set up for children to do their own Christmas shopping. For more information call 287-5998.

Aerobics class

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

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.



notices

Eyewitness

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

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

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

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

AA meetings

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

Spanish course

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

Intermediate Spanish

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

Spanish GED

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

Movies

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

Naval Station Panama Canal, (MARBKS). Two different features are shown each night, one at 7 and another at 9 p.m. For more information, please call 283-5307.

Trap range

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR invites you to visit its Trap Range! Schedule is as follows: Thursday, Friday, 4:00 p.m. thru dusk. Saturday, Sunday, Holidays, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Firearms use will be provided, rental free.

Jungle run

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

Event changes

Fort Amador Officers' Club has had to reschedule or relocate several events during this week.

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

Water aerobics

Work off those holiday pounds and have fun doing it! You do not need to know how to swim. Farfan Pool, Mon., Wed. & Fri, 6-7 p.m. Begins Nov. 27, \$1.00 per class. For information, call Lisa Ortiz at 284-5094.

No games

There will be no games at the Naval Station's Anchorage Club from Dec. 14 through Jan. 14.

Cash paychecks

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Federal Credit Union will cash paychecks for retiree members commencing at 9 a.m. Dec. 4. Retirees with base passes, unable to walk to the Credit Union Office from the gate without assistance will be picked up at the gate by the shuttle bus, taken to the Credit Union Office and returned to the gate. Guests accompanying the retirees will not be allowed to accompany retirees beyond the gate. Only individuals with base I.D. cards will be allowed to enter the Station.

Black Stallion

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

Boating classes

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

Scuba course

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal offers a scuba diving course. Class will be at the Rodman Swimming Pool Dec. 4 - 10 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Five classes and two days of diving are included. Sign up by Dec. 4. For information 283-5307.

Exchange hours

New hours for the Corozal Main Exchange are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Computer classes

Computer classes are now being offered at Valent Recreation Center. The ongoing program includes sessions for beginners and advanced-level. For more information call 298-4201.

CRD cruise

A Friendship Cruise sponsored by CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch will depart from Rodman pier at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 31. Reservations open December 7 at building 154, Fort Clayton. Enjoy a buffet and dancing. Make new friends. For more information call 287-3363 for reservations.

Photo portraits

A Class on Photo Portraits will be held at Fort Davis Arts & Crafts Dec. 4 and 8. The session is limited to four families. Learn the basics of portrait lighting and setting. For more information call 289-5104.

Christmas village

A Christmas Village sponsored by Cocoli and Valent Center Music & Theatre will open at Valent Center patio Fort Clayton 5 p.m. Dec. 1 1-9 p.m. Dec. 2-3. Come visit the village...get into the holiday spirit!

The Christmas Village will feature mouth watering treats entertainment vendors sleigh rides and more. A delight for young and old. For more information call 287-4201.

Ceramic special

A Ceramic Special for active duty military will be held at Clayton Ceramics Center 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout December, featuring a 10-percent discount on greenware. Get ready for Christmas make your gifts or ornaments. For more information call 287-4360.

Bronze casting

Casting in Bronze classes are available by appointment at the Fort Clayton Arts & Crafts Center, building 180. Students will learn how to prepare wax model, invest it and cast molten bronze. For reservations call 287-4369.

Ladies' crafts

Ladies' Crafts sessions will be held at Cocoli Community Center Sundays at 11 a.m. For more information call 287-3010.

El Valle trip

An El Valle Shopping Trip sponsored by Cocoli Community Center will be held Dec 9. Call 287-3010 to reserve a space.

El Valle Shopping Trips sponsored by Valent Recreation Center depart Fort Clayton 6:30 a.m. Dec 3 and 17. Enjoy the countryside and picturesque valley. Visit the handicrafts market. For more information call 287-6500.

Valent trip

A Portobello & Langosta Beach trip sponsored by Valent Recreation Center will be held Dec 9. A day at historical ruins and swimming in

clear waters. For more information call 287-6500.

Dive trip

A Snorkel and Dive at Isla Mamey resort sponsored by CRD Outdoor Recreation will be held Dec 9. Reservations are underway at building 154, Fort Clayton. Excellent location for outdoor activities. For more information call 287-3363.

Volleyball

A Volleyball Challenge will be held 9-11 a.m. at Reeder Gym, Fort Clayton Saturdays during December. Call for space information. For more information call 287-3861.

Youth sports

A youth baseball/softball sponsored by FSD Youth Sports Office will be held at building 155, Fort Clayton and building 219, Fort Espinar. Registration begins Dec 5, Mon-Fri afternoons. Three leagues will be conducted. For more information call 287-3252 or 289-4289.

Atlantic SAC

The Cristobal High School Student's Advisory Committee will meet Dec. 11 at 2:45 p.m. in the school library instead of Dec. 4.

Honor Society meet

Twenty new members were initiated into the National Honor Society Nov. 15. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Richard Wainio, Chief, Economic Research and Marketing Development Division, of the Panama Canal Commission.

Mr. Ernest Holland, Principal of Balboa High School, initiated the following members: Michael Hoffman, Mei-Ling Lavecchia, Mark McIntire, Alberto Mizrahi, Susan Nelson, James Ritchie, Kimberly Thompson, Aliesha Ave-Lallemant, Melissa Bowman, Sara Marie Cales, Valerie Forster, Michelle Hayden, Leah Izbicki, Christine Ledezma, Jennifer Lively, Elizabeth Ridder, Iliana Rodriguez -Mesa, Carlos Ruiz, Jennifer Shulte, and Christopher Skora.

Congratulations are extended to these students for achieving membership into this prestigious society.

Kid's auditions

A Audition for Children's Play sponsored by will be held at Clayton Youth Center 2:00 p.m. Dec 2. Play will be held on Dec 23 as part of the annual Christmas party. Help is also needed to make props. For more information call 287-6451.

Kid's shopping

Morning Children's Shopping Sprees sponsored by Espinar Youth Center will be held at Sundial Rec Center 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 289-4829.

Golf tourney

Low Net Ball Golf Tournament will be held at Amador Golf Course Dec 9. Teams of four persons are invited to register. The event is open to golfers with an established handicap. Entry fee includes lunch. Prizes will be awarded. For more information call 282-4511.



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.

Albrook O' Club - Special functions for the Holiday Season will require the evening meal to be served in the Falcon Room.

Bamboo Inn - Mon. & Fri., social hour.

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

Waterfront Inn - Sun., fast food.

STRAC Club - Open Mon.-Fri.; Wed.- Fri., social hour with hot snacks, Fri., with DJ.; Sat., club open.

Clayton NCO Club - Fri., social hour, free snacks.

Ft. Sherman Cadre Lounge - Sat., open. Enjoy the new variety disco program.

Ft. Sherman Community Club - Mon., Tues., Wed., club closed, available for special functions.

Davis Community Club - Fri., social hour; Wed., Sr. NCO/Officers' lounge is open; Thurs., open.

Davis Mountain Top Pub - Available for kiddie parties. Call 289-3506.

Espinar Community Club - Available for special functions and parties only. Call 289-5160.

Quarry Heights - Now open for dinner Mon.; 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.-Sun., a la carte dining; Membership night last Mon. of each month.

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

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri. & Sat., prime rib; Sun., 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., membership night 10% discount; Fri., Chateaubriand, lobster special; 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., prime rib/seafood; seafood; Sun., dining room closed; Mon. Mongolian BBQ; Tues., club closed for maintenance; Wed., Mexican night; Thur., 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 - Sat., Piano for listening and dancing, also couple's night free corsage for ladies.

Quarry Heights O' Club - Tues. - Sat., live entertainment.

Bamboo Inn - Fri., live band.

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

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

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

Ft. Sherman Community Club - Fri., entertainment.

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

Lunch

Howard O' Club - Mon.-Fri.

Howard NCO Club - Mon.-Fri.

Naval Station O' Club - Mon.-Sat.

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

Naval Station CPO Club - Tues.-Sun.

Quarry Heights - Mon.-Fri. lunch specials.

Amador O' Club - Mon.- Fri.

Bamboo Inn - Mon.-Sat.

Albrook O' Club - Mon.-Fri.

Clayton Guest House - Tues.-Fri.

Clayton NCO Club - Mon. - Fri.

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

Sherman Community Club - Once a month lunch specials.

Breakfast

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

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Mon.-Fri.

Quarry Heights O' Club - Mon.-Sat.

Sunday Brunch

Howard NCO Club - 3rd Sun. of month.

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

Naval Station O' Club -

Amador O' Club -

Albrook O' Club -

Bayview Room -

Clayton NCO Club -

Sherman Community Club - once a month.

Davis Community Club -

Quarry Heights O' 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

Computer Faire

Atari ST and Amiga computer enthusiasts will host a unique "Computer Faire" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 9, at the Panama Canal Training Center.

The "Faire" will feature door prizes, a swap table, demonstrations of desktop publishing, word processing, computer graphics and IBM or Macintosh emulation on Atari ST and Amiga computers.

For Christmas shoppers, the "Faire" will also include the sale of Audubon Society and Union Church calendars and a variety of 75th anniversary memorabilia. Refreshments will also be available.

For more information, call Dr. Mel Boreham at 252-1202.

Kid's crafts

Afternoon Christmas-Craft classes for children will be held at Espinar Youth Center now thru Dec 8. For more information call 289-4605.

Locks tours

Lock Tours sponsored by Sundial Recreation Center will be held every Thursday. Sundial also has upcoming tours to Isla Grande and San Lorenzo. Get the details, call 289-3889 for reservations.

Nutrition clinic

Nutrition Care Division Nutrition Clinic USA MEDDAC will hold a 'Cholesterol Clinic' for eligible health

recipients 7:30-9 a.m. Nov. 28 at Section O Conference Room 3 Gorgas Community Hospital. Please bring your medical records. For more information call 282-5270 or 282-5119.

Child care

Family Child Care Program will hold a workshop 'Christmas Potpourri' 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 2 at the Child Development Center, building 39, Fort Clayton. The workshop will introduce holiday arts and crafts for children ages 2-7. For more information call 287-3301 or 287-6810.

Social Actions moves

Effective immediately, the Social Actions Office will be located at Albrook in building 812 (Formerly IAFFA) on the ground floor. The telephone numbers are 286-3109/4644/3460.

Swim classes

Children's Swimming Classes will be held at Fort Clayton Pool beginning Dec 4. Levels include preschool, beginners and advanced beginners. For more information call 287-6660.

Bowling tourney

A "King & Queen" Tournament will be held at Espinar Bowling Center 5:30 p.m. Dec 9. For more information call 289-4100.

A "No Tap Tourney" will be held at Clayton Bowling Center 6:30 p.m.

Dec 2. For more information call 287-6366.

Youth bazaar

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

Howard arts & crafts

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

Dec. 5 -- Ten percent off on all items in sales store Dec. 7 -- Free demonstration on how to apply gold from 2 to 3 p.m.

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

Albrook arts & crafts

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

Dec. 2 -- A free demonstration on how to apply decals from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 3 -- A free demonstration on how to apply gold from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

Zodiac tourneys

The Zodiac Recreation Center is sponsoring the following tournaments:

Dec. 1 -- pool from 7 to 10 p.m.

Dec. 8 -- spades from 7 to 10 p.m.

There is a small fee for each tournament and advance registration is required. For more information, call 284-6161/6109.

Zodiac classes

The Zodiac Recreation Center is currently offering the following classes:

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

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

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

Beginners English classes will start Nov. 20 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The classes will be given on Monday and Wednesday.

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

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

A small fee is charged for each class.

hemisphere

Cocaine continues to flow thru Mexico

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — A top official said last week 18 or 19 planes loaded with South American cocaine still land every month on Mexico's clandestine air strips despite a crackdown on drug barons in Mexico and Colombia.

Mexico does not produce cocaine, but a large amount of the cocaine consumed in the United States passes through Mexican territory. The 1,933-mile U.S.-Mexican border allows drug traffickers to smuggle drugs easily into the United States.

"Between 18 and 19 (cocaine-loaded) planes land each month in Mexico," said Javier Coello Trejo, deputy attorney general for narcotics matters and the man overseeing the country's anti-drug operations. "Of these planes, we capture between 30 percent and 40 percent."

Coello Trejo told United Press International in an interview that since President Carlos Salinas de Gortari assumed office last December, authorities have seized 25 tons of base cocaine, an unprecedented amount.

"The 25 tons of cocaine seized during the first year of this administration is equivalent to 85

percent of the cocaine confiscated over the past 10 years," Coello Trejo said.

Most of the cocaine comes in small planes from South America that can easily land in some 300 miles of desolate land that stretches south of the border.

Coello Trejo said about 20 percent of the cocaine consumed in the

United States enters through the U.S.-Mexican border. U.S. officials, however, put the figure much higher, at above 40 percent.

He insisted that the passage of South American cocaine to the United States through Mexico has declined, but said he could not estimate by how much.

"The information we have

indicates that the shipment of cocaine through the Mexican border has declined," Coello Trejo said.

Coello Trejo said that Mexico has enhanced its cooperation on drug issues with the United States, "The cooperation with the Bush administration has been excellent," Coello Trejo said, adding that both countries have been exchanging information on drug issues on both sides of the border, resulting in unprecedented success.

He said one of the spectacular results of the cooperation between U.S. and Mexican officials was the world-record seizure of 21.4 tons of cocaine on Sept. 29 in Los Angeles.

"The seizure of over 20 tons of cocaine in Los Angeles was based on our information," Coello Trejo said.

He said that since Dec. 1, 1988, when Salinas, a Harvard-trained technocrat, assumed office, Mexican authorities have seized 1,044,500 pounds of marijuana ready for consumption and 1,312 pounds of heroin and opium paste.

Coello Trejo said authorities have also arrested 10,107 alleged drug traffickers since Dec. 1 and have been tightening security in prisons housing drug traffickers.



ELECTION ELATION — Supporters of leftist candidate Luis Inacio (Lula) da Silva celebrate in Rio de Janeiro after he placed third in the first round of Brazil's presidential elections. (AP Laserphoto)

New Honduras president backs private enterprise

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (Reuter) — Rafael Callejas, expected to be confirmed as Honduran president-elect in the next few days, is a firm believer in economic reform and reducing the country's recent dependence on the United States.

Callejas, 46, claimed victory early Monday in Sunday's elections, after early unofficial results gave him 49.3 percent to 45.34 percent for ruling Liberal party candidate Carlos Flores, based on 37 percent of the vote. Official results are due this week.

An agronomist with a master's degree from Mississippi State University in 1966, Callejas has

extensive experience in the public and private sectors and says his priority will be to cut the large government role in the economy.

Callejas, of the National party, said he aims to reduce the fiscal deficit, this year running at 7.9 percent of gross domestic product against 4.7 percent in 1980, and will close down state institutions.

"We have to restore confidence in the Honduran economy and revert the negative flow of dollars," he said. While ruling out a devaluation he said he will establish a free rate for non-essential items.

The outgoing government of Jose Azcona has had a running battle with

Washington over \$70 million in U.S. loans blocked after Honduras broke with the International Monetary Fund over economic austerity measures proposed by the IMF.

Callejas also says he will redefine Honduran foreign relations, cutting its traditionally heavy economic dependence on the United States and cultivating ties with Europe and Japan.

He says he will seek detente with his Central American neighbors, and intends to pursue plans to repatriate about 10,000 Nicaraguan rebels inside Honduras.

Apart from studying agronomy, Callejas did post-graduate study at

the Social Sciences Institute of The Hague, specializing in agricultural development.

He served in military regimes during the 1970s, heading national banana, electric power, ports, water supply and forestry corporations and rising to natural resources minister in 1975-80.

In the private sector, he has worked in banks, hotels, railroad companies and agro-industrial enterprises.

Born in Tegucigalpa on November 14, 1943 to a large landowning family, Callejas is married to the former Norma Regina Gaborit and has three children.

Leftists rebels stage wave of bombings in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuter) — Leftist guerrillas have claimed responsibility for a wave of bombings in which one person was killed and the Chilean capital blacked out Saturday, the 74th birthday of President Augusto Pinochet.

A teenaged guerrilla was killed and at least two people were wounded in the worst outbreak of violence since Pinochet was defeated in a plebiscite last year.

A powerful bomb exploded early Sunday inside the studios of a pro-government radio station, injuring the announcer and raising to 11 the number of explosions, police said.

A man identifying himself as a spokesman for the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front (FPMR) said in telephone calls to local newspapers that the blackout was caused to "repudiate the dictator's birthday and to protest against his plans to stay in power".

Government officials accused the Communist Party of instigating the violence to disrupt elections set for December 14 in which Chileans will vote for a president for the first time in 19 years.

"The Communist Party and its armed wing, the FPMR, want to

prevent the transition to democracy from taking place peacefully,"

Experts say three in crash not on manifest

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Forensic medicine experts examining the remains of people killed in the explosion and crash of a Colombian jet airliner have identified the bodies of three people not on the passenger list, raising the death toll to 110, officials said Thursday.

The Forensic Medicine Office said the bodies were those of two men and one woman, all Colombians. The office said that 102 other bodies have been identified, mainly from dental records, and that five bodies were still unidentified.

Authorities still have not determined what caused the explosion that ripped apart the Avianca Airlines Boeing 727 Monday morning during a flight from Bogota to Cali. The plane crashed outside Bogota four minutes after taking off from El Dorado International Airport.

All aboard, including six crew members, were killed.

A team from the Seattle-based Boeing Co. joined Colombian experts to examine the wreckage of Flight HK 1803 and decipher the "black boxes," which contain crucial flight information and all radio communications between the pilots and the control tower, civil aviation director Yasid Castano said.

The FBI also dispatched a bomb specialist to Colombia at the request of the Colombian government to help determine whether the crash was caused by a criminal act.

So far, officials have not reported finding any evidence that the blast was caused by a bomb.

Castano said it would be about two weeks before investigators revealed the contents of the jetliner's black boxes, which investigators hope will help them determine what caused the crash.

Interior Minister Carlos Caceres said after inspecting the wrecked studios of Radio Minería.

Police said a 16-year-old member of the FPMR was blown to pieces when a bomb he was about to plant on a high-tension power pylon exploded.

Another youth belonging to the Communist guerrilla group was seriously injured in the blast late Saturday.

The explosion occurred yards away from the site where the FPMR ambushed Pinochet's motorcade with rocket guns in a failed assassination attempt in 1986.

State electricity company officials said three pylons were knocked down and Santiago, a city of 4.5 million, was plunged into total darkness for more than 30 minutes.

Pinochet, who seized power in a bloody military coup in 1973, must hand over to an elected civilian president in March, but intends to stay on indefinitely as commander-in-chief of the army.

Classified ads must be in by 9 a.m. on Monday

hemisphere

Chartered jet flies out U.S. families

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — U.S. officials chartered a jet to bring Americans out of El Salvador Thursday following leftist rebel attacks in the capital that left a U.S. official's home destroyed and sent about 100 Americans into emergency shelters.

U.S. Embassy employees in El Salvador were told their families could be moved to safer areas or leave the country altogether, although U.S. officials stopped short of calling the actions an evacuation.

"Anyone who felt it might not be safe to stay in their house, other options have been made available to them," spokesman Jefferson Brown said. "The ambassador has now authorized a voluntary departure for any dependents or anyone who wants

to leave."

About 100 people took advantage of the offer, taking refuge at the embassy or the heavily fortified Agency for International Development building. U.S. officials also have chartered a jet to carry Americans out of the country Thursday.

The leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, said its fighters had been ordered not to harm Americans in their fierce new offensive, which

began before dawn Wednesday. The rebels soon retook areas of the capital that had been lost to government troops nearly a week ago.

In Washington, Secretary of State James Baker said FMLN forces overran the home of a U.S. Embassy officer but were driven out by Salvadoran troops. All American personnel were believed to be safe, he said.

"We are taking steps to assure the security of our personnel," Baker

said, adding that President Bush "has never ruled out any option" deemed necessary to protect Americans.

The U.S. Embassy was closed because of the fighting, and many embassy officials were told to remain in their homes.

The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting for Thursday afternoon in New York. El Salvador asked for the session to denounce alleged gun-running by Nicaragua, which it called an "act of aggression."

El Salvador alleged that anti-aircraft missiles found in a plane that crashed Saturday in its territory were sent by Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

To counter the largest attack since the FMLN launched its initial offensive Nov. 11, Salvadoran jets fired rockets at suspected rebel positions in one neighborhood and tanks and other armored vehicles rushed into the area. Helicopters swooped low over rooftops to strafe rebel positions.

Rocket and artillery explosions shook the capital Wednesday morning after five days of relative calm and fierce street battles were reported between rebels and troops in southwest San Salvador.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in the rebel offensive against the government of President Alfredo Cristiani. The rebels had been trying to negotiate and end to the 10-year-old civil war but broke off talks shortly before launching their offensive.

The military press office said at least 17 rebels and soldiers died in Wednesday's fighting. A military spokesman said 12 FMLN guerrillas were killed and 27 wounded, while the army suffered five dead and eight wounded.



DOWNED BOMBER — Campesinos view the wreckage of a Salvadoran air force A-37 bomber shot down by rebel forces' machine gun fire in the first round of fighting for the country's capital, San Salvador, last week. (AP Laserphoto)

Army CPO has position vacancies

Who Can Apply: Current permanent employees of US Army South and Services Activities and other U.S. Government agency employees. If any other source will be considered for sensitive positions.

How To Apply: Applicants must submit to the CPO, building 560, Room 306, Corozal by the close of business on the closing date of announcement. Application is a signed copy of SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action; USARSO Form 106, if applicable and a current/last performance appraisal. Qualification standards may be reviewed at CPO. For further information call 285-5201. 113-90

Quarters Property Clerk (TYPING) NM-303-04, DEH Housing Division, Albrook AFS. General Experience 1 YR., Specialized Experience N/A, time-in-grade N/A. Job related criteria: Note: qualified typist required. 114-90 Protocol Clerk

(TYPING), NM-303-05, Sensitive, HQ USARSO, Protocol Office, FT Clayton, Specialized experience 1 yr. equiv. to NM-04, time-in-grade N/A. Job related criteria: 1. Knowledge of procedures required to obtain proper accommodation for VIP's and high ranking officials. 2. Skill in the use of electronic mail

system. 3. Knowledge of the organizational functions and procedures of the Protocol Office. 4. Skill in operating a word processor. Note: bilingual. 115-90 Supervisory Intelligence Operations Specialist, NM-132-12, Sensitive 470th MI Brigade, C Company, Corozal, General experience 3 yrs., specialized experience 3 yrs., time-in-grade NM-11. Job related criteria: Note: driver's license required, knowledge of English and Spanish. 116-90 Community Relations Officer, NM-1101-13, Competitive Temporary Promotion NTE: 120 days. Sensitive, DCA, Community Operations Division, FT. Clayton. Specialized experience 1 yr. at NM-12, time-in-grade NM-12. Job related criteria: none. Note: area of consideration limited to DCA. Illustrator, NM-1020-07, Sensitive, Community Operations Agency, Directorate Training Support Center, FT. Clayton. Specialized experience 1 yr. equiv. to NM-05, time-in-grade NM-05, job related criteria: none. However candidates must show at least one year of experience as described under "duties". Note: VB No.103-90 Security Specialist, NM-080-09, is amended to read: this position is an excepted service, any one can apply, those who meet the qualifications.

FMLN claims church woman is not guilty

HAVANA, Cuba (Reuter) — El Salvador's left-wing guerrillas have denied any links with an American woman arrested after police discovered an arms cache under her house in San Salvador.

The Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), in a broadcast by its Radio Venceremos, accused the Salvadoran authorities of trying to frame the woman, Jennifer Jean Casolo, and distract the attention of the U.S. public from atrocities carried out by government soldiers.

"The action...appears to be an attempt to continue the repression against humanitarian groups, against those sympathetic to El Salvador," the radio, monitored by the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina, said.

The FMLN has accused government soldiers of killing six Jesuit priests in San Salvador on November 16 and of other atrocities carried out since FMLN guerrillas launched a nationwide offensive Nov. 11.

Casolo, who has worked with U.S. political and Church officials visiting El Salvador, was detained Sunday.

Cuba agrees to halt arms to guerrillas

PARIS (UPI) — Nicaraguan leaders and Cuban diplomats agreed to halt shipments of weapons to Salvadoran rebels through Nicaragua after a meeting with Soviet diplomats in Managua, Le Monde reported Wednesday.

Following the meeting Tuesday, Nicaragua's Sandinista commanders also decided to expel leaders of the Salvadoran rebel group, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), from Nicaragua, the report said.

The meeting was held, "apparently at the request of the Soviets," to discuss the Salvadoran guerrilla offensive of Nov. 11 and the crash in El Salvador Saturday of a twin-engine plane carrying anti-aircraft missiles. Salvadoran government officials said the missiles were bound for the leftist guerrillas.

Le Monde, citing unnamed Sandinista officials, said the Nicaraguan commanders were never informed about the shipment of weapons by Cuba through Nicaragua. The source said Nicaraguan leaders were furious at Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

The Sandinistas are concerned about El Salvador's claim before the U.N. Security Council that Nicaragua is interfering with its internal affairs.

"We are already in a very difficult economic and diplomatic situation," Le Monde quoted an unidentified spokesman for the Sandinistas as saying.

"The El Salvador affair can only serve to increase our isolation even though we have had nothing to do with recent events. The offensive and weapons deliveries were organized by the FMLN and by Cuba.

"We were against the offensive because we think that conditions are not favorable for a general insurrection in El Salvador," the official said. "We are paying a very high price today for our solidarity with the FMLN."

The official said Managua hopes the decision taken Tuesday will "reassure the Soviet Union, which remains wary about us."

military news

Analysts criticize defense budget cut

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense analysts criticized reported U.S. military plans to cut 250,000 troops and issued a study showing the Pentagon budget could be reduced by 50 percent in 10 years without undermining readiness.

"Doing it that quickly is going to cause chaos in the ranks," former Reagan administration defense official Lawrence Korb said Tuesday of reported plans to reduce U.S. military personnel by 250,000 men and women by 1994.

Longtime defense analyst William Kaufmann said, "There is an attitude in the Pentagon to keep programs that are long-term and ... if necessary, to sacrifice personnel and force structure (to achieve) fast money."

"I think that's what's happened. We really have to be careful about cutting people and force structure," he said. "It's not as easily brought back as you think."

The Washington Post reported Tuesday the U.S. armed services have drawn up plans to reduce America's 2.1 million troops by more than 250,000 by 1994 by eliminating three Army divisions, five Air Force fighter wings and 62 Navy ships to

meet Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's demand for budget cuts.

The Pentagon declined comment on the report, and Cheney and his top aides were in Belgium attending a meeting of NATO defense ministers.

The subject of the report came up during a news conference at the prestigious Brookings Institution by Korb and Kaufmann, who is author of the study "Glasnost, Perestroika and U.S. Defense Spending" to be published next month by Brookings.

Kaufmann, an MIT professor who helped write military force posture statements for defense secretaries

from Robert McNamara to Harold Brown, said his plan would save \$500 billion over 10 years without "getting rid of manpower or force structure" but by halting production of expensive new weapons programs.

Kaufmann's study, which has been forwarded to budget director Richard Darman, outlines ways to reduce the U.S. defense budget from \$305 billion to \$160 billion by 1999.

Although U.S. defense budgets have been declining since 1985, "a good deal more can be taken out of defense without any damage to current defense commitments,"

Kaufmann said in his study.

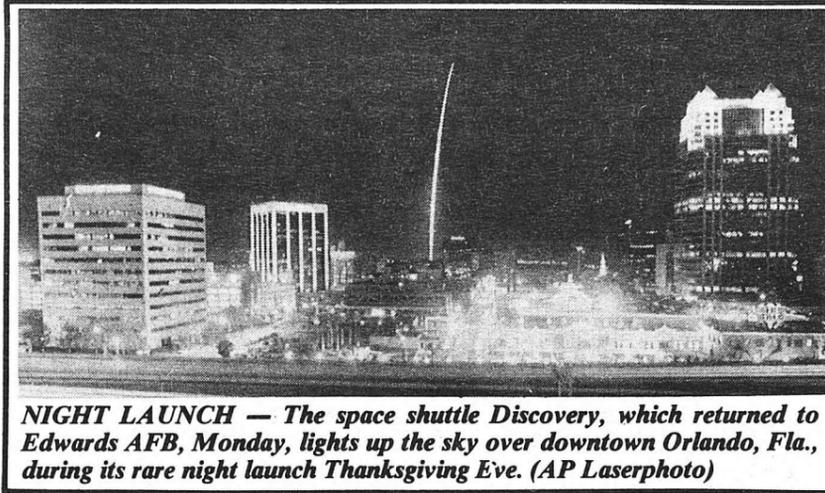
"A first step in this direction would be to halt the rush to produce a next generation of weapons that is now in the acquisition pipeline — at a cumulative cost of more than \$117 billion," he said.

Kaufmann would scale back the B-2 stealth bomber force to 13 planes, cancel the new C-17 cargo plane, defer production of the Air Force's advanced tactical aircraft and the Navy's advanced tactical fighter, eliminate two of the 14 aircraft carrier battle groups, cancel the SSN-21 attack submarine and drastically reduce production of new destroyers and amphibious ships.

He would also cancel the rail garrison system for the MX nuclear missile and defer production of the new Midgetman missile, relying more on the Trident ballistic missile submarines for a nuclear deterrent.

Kaufmann would also cut one-active duty Army division in the United States, but keep present force levels in Europe until a conventional forces agreement is signed with the Soviets.

"We're overspending on strategic nuclear forces," Kaufmann said at the news conference. "We're overspending on the Navy."



NIGHT LAUNCH — The space shuttle *Discovery*, which returned to Edwards AFB, Monday, lights up the sky over downtown Orlando, Fla., during its rare night launch Thanksgiving Eve. (AP Laserphoto)

U.S. Coast Guard waging drug war in Bolivia

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (UPI) — A specially trained Coast Guard unit, taking advantage of a rules of engagement loophole, is quietly sending small teams deep into Bolivian jungles to find and destroy cocaine laboratories.

Wearing jungle fatigues and armed with grenades and carbine models of the AR-15 assault rifle, the special teams travel upriver aboard 22-foot Boston Whalers mounted with M60 machine guns. They also land near labs in Vietnam-vintage UH-1H Huey helicopter gunships, Coast Guard officials told The Virginian-Pilot of Norfolk.

The Coast Guard's first 90-day mission to Bolivia began in January when members of its recently formed Drug Interdiction Assist Team joined with Drug Enforcement Administration agents and members of the "Leopards," Bolivia's U.S.-trained anti-narcotics militia, said Lt. j.g. Steven Baynes.

Baynes, who commands the unit, the only one of its kind in the Coast Guard, acknowledged that DIAT's aggressive approach is moving its personnel into the front lines of the war on drugs.

Since January, Baynes and other DIAT members have helped blow up 14 cocaine labs, seized more than 2,800 pounds of processed cocaine and 4,000 gallons of chemicals.

Baynes, who spent half of this year in Bolivia, said four Colombians have been captured during raids. He said the Coast Guard unit has not had any major confrontations, but said that could change.

"They usually run when we get there," Baynes told the newspaper.

"But as we start hitting them harder, they may start putting up some resistance."

DIAT's members learn jungle and guerilla warfare techniques, foreign languages and other skills utilized by such special operations units as the

Army's Green Berets and the Navy's SEAL teams.

The DIAT office in Portsmouth is an element of "Operation Snowcap," a joint agency effort linking the Coast Guard, DEA and State Department with South American governments such as Bolivia. The operation seeks to destroy drugs at their point of origin, Baynes said.

Operation Snowcap began as Operation Blast Furnace, a training mission by Army Special Forces from Panama and Fort Bragg, N.C. But rules of engagement restricted actual participation by the Green Berets.

The Coast Guard, except during declared wars, falls under the jurisdiction of the Transportation Department and is not under as stringent restrictions.

"The most important thing to remember is that we would not be doing what we're doing without an invitation from the host country,"

said Baynes, 25, who attended the Army Special Forces Jungle Warfare Training School in Panama.

Baynes told the newspaper the operation in Bolivia has been successful enough that authorities plan to expand it to include Ecuador in January. The country straddles major shipment routes between Bolivia and Peru, where coca and its byproduct, cocaine, is grown and produced.

Baynes said New Orleans was considered as a headquarters for the DIAT office, but Portsmouth was chosen because the 5th Coast Guard District had space and is close to the unit's command element in Washington. It is also close to several other military training facilities.

The DEA is the lead agency, and operations are funded by the State Department's Office of International Narcotics Matters, Baynes said. The Coast Guard pays the salaries of its own personnel.

Russia unable to launch quick attack on West

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A classified study done for Defense Secretary Richard Cheney concludes that the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies for several years have been incapable of launching a quick attack against the West, the Washington Post reported Wednesday.

The study on "lessons learned" from U.S.-Soviet military crises was prepared before the current pro-democracy movement erupted in Eastern Europe, the Post said. The conclusions about Soviet military reaction time represents a consensus of opinion by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Central Intelligence Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency.

The study made available to the newspaper depicts as outdated two scenarios for war in Europe that drove the West to keep its forces at a high level of readiness over the past

decade. One scenario had the Soviet Union invading with little advance preparation. A second scenario was

for a Soviet attack after only two weeks of mobilization.

In the most likely circumstances

U.S., Vietnam begin MIA talks

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A U.S. team flew to Vietnam this week for the first technical talks on missing American soldiers since Vietnam last month agreed to expand cooperation on the issue.

The team of military specialists was led by Lt. Col. Joe Harvey, commander of the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center.

The center is trying to determine the fate of the 2,323 Americans listed as missing in action from the Vietnam War.

James Williams, spokesman for

the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, said the three days of talks would be the first since the negotiations Oct. 29-30 by special U.S. presidential envoy John W. Vessey and Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach.

Vessey said the Vietnamese agreed to work on two new lists of top-priority "discrepancy cases" involving about 80 Americans. Such cases include people who the United States believed were taken prisoner but not freed after U.S. involvement in the war ended in 1973.

for a Soviet attack, the study says, "the intelligence community believes we would have some 33 to 44 days of warning time."

In some cases, the report says, the West might know of a major war as much as six months in advance.

The Post said the new study questions old assumptions that the West must be ready to respond to a surprise Soviet attack within 10-14 days. That belief led to expensive investments in airlift capability and other forms of mobility and deployment.

The conclusions of the study appear to have been accepted by Cheney, who now talks freely of troop reductions in Europe and Pentagon budget cuts, the Post said. The defense of the 16-nation NATO alliance consumes about half of U.S. military spending.

sports

Air Force satisfies appetite in Turkey Bowl

commentary

by AIC Michael Louis Amato

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — The Air Force football team woke up Saturday with growling stomachs. To squelch their appetites, they started the day with a serving of cold squid sandwiches and a bowl of grunt soup.

After their meal, the team celebrated its 32-0 drowning of the Navy and 10-3 stomping of the Army to grab the 1989 Turkey Bowl flag football championship.

Despite a torrential rain storm at Fort Clayton's Jarman Field, Air Force fans gathered to watch their team take on the Navy in the first round of the playoffs. The Army squad had drawn a bye into the championship game after the Marine team pulled out of the competition.

The Air Force scored first after driving down the field early in the first quarter and giving halfback Todd "Lightning" Hill the opportunity to scamper 25 yards into the end zone. The extra point sailed wide as the Air Force took a 6-0 lead. With mud splattering everywhere, the ball exchanged hands several times, causing many penalties, before time ran out in the first quarter.

Looking like ducks caught in an oil slick, each team battled tight in the second quarter until halfback Greg "G" Fields rambled five yards for the touchdown, giving the Air Force a

12-0 advantage. The point after failed.

Staunch defense by the Air Force led to a late quarter interception by middle linebacker Winston "H-Man" Husband at the 15 yard line of Navy. After several miscues, kicker David "Ogar" Lowenthal chipped a 30-yard field goal attempt wide, giving Navy one last breath before halftime. But defensive lineman Tim "Ziggy" Stephenson sacked the Navy quarterback which eventually led to another punt.

Air Force took the ball and after a short gain, Hill snared a beautiful pass from quarterback William "Gums" Overton and scampered 40 yards for the TD. Lowenthal nailed the extra point for a 19-0 halftime lead.

The Air Force went on to dominate the Navy in the second half with touchdown runs of 15 and three yards to end the blitzkrieg and set up the championship game with a squeaky dry Army team.

"Our defense stopped everything Navy had and our offense had too much power and we ran right over their defense," said Fields after the first game. Overton also praised the help he received from his line. "Our offensive and defensive lines played outstanding. On offense, our line dominated Navy's and gave our halfbacks enough room to find the holes."

After intermission, the Air Force trotted onto the field in hopes of winning their third consecutive

Turkey Bowl football championship. But the disciplined Army team had other plans.

On their first possession of the first quarter, Army's runners slashed through a tired Air Force defense like a chainsaw through a paper cup and knifed their way down to the Air Force 8-yard line. But outside linebacker Richard "Jack Flash" Jack picked off an errant throw in the end zone to halt the Army drive.

After the change of possession, Fields pummeled through the line three yards on first down and then pulled in a 40-yard toss from Overton to carry the ball into Army territory. Although appearing weary, the Air Force continued to play toe to toe with the fresh feet of the Army until the whistle blew, ending a scoreless first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Fields continued his nifty running, reminiscent of Tony Dorsett, and brought Air Force into field goal range. On fourth and long, Lowenthal split the uprights 15 yards out to break the scoring drought, 3-0.

Bending but not breaking, the Air Force defense led by Stephenson's inspired play, held Army's powerful ground game until seconds were left on the clock. But Army punched a 20-yard field goal through to knot the score, 3-3, at halftime.

The clouds were still crying in the beginning of the third quarter as Fields took the opening kickoff 21 yards to the Air Force 38. Air Force

ran a running play on first down and on second and long, Hill made a spectacular catch through the middle and sprinted to the Army 5-yard line.

"We've worked hard for this and now we've got it."

Tim "Ziggy" Stephenson

Both teams exchanged 10-yard penalties and on third and goal, Overton plowed over the goal line on a quarterback sneak. With the extra point, Air Force pulled ahead, 10-3. Air Force halted the Army attack for the remainder of the fourth quarter and celebrated another Turkey Bowl football championship.

Hoisted upon the shoulders of his teammates, Air Force Most Valuable Player, "Ziggy" Stephenson yelled, "It's a great victory for us, we've worked hard for this and now we've got it. Although I won the MVP, this victory was a total team effort." After he was lowered down into a huge mud puddle by his exuberant teammates, he said, "The only thing I regret about this game is that the families won't be here in the future to watch it because of the drawdown. I've been in three Turkey Bowls and this will be my last one." The game also marked the last Turkey Bowl for quarterback Overton. "Being my third and final year, I'm glad we won, thanks to the whole team, and I'm proud of the terrific support we received from the entire Air Force community."

AFC, NFC individual leaders after 12 weeks

AFC

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD
Kelly Buff.	270	162	2302	20
Esiason Cin.	300	172	2389	18
Moon Hou.	350	213	2801	17
Kosar Clev.	369	227	2568	14
Brister Pitt.	261	147	1781	7

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg
Thomas Buff.	238	1045	4.4
Okoye K.C.	256	1043	4.1
Brooks Cin.	175	1018	5.8
Dickerson Ind.	227	933	4.1
Humphrey Den.	210	803	3.8

Receivers

	NO	Yds	Avg
Reed Buff.	66	1005	15.2
Blades Sea.	61	838	13.7
Slaughter Clev	52	968	18.6
Johnson Den.	52	878	16.9
A.Miller S.D.	50	884	17.7

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Pts
Thomas Buff.	11	5	6	66
Okoye K.C.	9	9	0	54
Fernandez Raid	8	0	8	48
A.Miller S.D.	8	0	7	48
Metcalf Clev.	8	5	3	48

Kicking

	PAT	FG	Pts
Treadwell Den.	32-32	21-25	95
Zendejas Hou.	32-32	21-30	95
Norwood Buff.	39-39	16-22	87
Lowery K.C.	25-25	18-25	79
Biasucci Ind.	22-22	17-22	73

FACT: Buffalo Bills Thurman Thomas leads the AFC in rushing and touchdowns scored.



FACT: Last year's Heisman Trophy winner, Barry Sanders, leads the NFC in rushing.

NFC

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD
Montana S.F.	310	222	2812	22
Everett Rams	395	230	3276	20
Majkowski G.B.	444	272	3388	22
Rypien Wash.	357	202	2739	18
Hebert N.O.	327	206	2587	15

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg
B.Sanders Det.	193	1016	5.3
Anderson Chi.	220	997	4.5
Hilliard N.O.	250	992	4.0
Bell Rams	202	805	4.0
Anderson Giant	243	778	3.2

Receivers

	NO	Yds	Avg
Sharpe G.B.	69	1083	15.7
Rice S.F.	67	1266	18.9
Sanders Wash.	63	798	12.7
J.Smith Phoe.	62	778	12.5
Ellard Rams	61	1176	19.3

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Pts
Rice S.F.	15	0	15	90
Hilliard N.O.	14	11	3	84
Anderson Chi.	12	10	2	72
Sharpe G.B.	11	0	10	66
Bell Rams	10	10	0	60

Kicking

	PAT	FG	Pts
Cofer S.F.	39-40	21-26	102
Lansford Rams	35-35	19-24	92
Lohmiller Wash	29-29	20-27	89
Allegre Giants	23-24	20-26	83
Andersen N.O.	32-33	15-20	77

Chicago must 'bear down' to make playoffs

MADISON, Wis. (UPI) — After losing four of their last six games the Chicago Bears find themselves on the verge of doing something they haven't since 1983 — failing to make the NFL playoffs.

The team's three-days of practice at the Dave McClain Indoor Practice Facility on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus is designed to get the Bears out of the cold and into an environment similar to the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, where the Bears play the Minnesota Vikings Sunday.

It is also hoped it will restore some confidence to the Bears. They are 6-6 and in second place in the NFC Central Division behind the Vikings and Green Bay Packers, who are 7-5.

"We're getting to accomplish what we came here for, and that's to regain a little confidence and play like we're capable of playing," said placekicker Kevin Butler, who will break the NFL record for consecutive field goals of 23 if he makes his next attempt.

"This right now is the playoffs for the playoffs. We have to approach it like that because one loss and we're out," he said Thursday.

The Bears will also practice indoors Friday before going to Minneapolis for the big game. Despite last Sunday's 38-14 loss to the Washington Redskins, the Bears still feel they can win their last four games — just as they did their first

four — to give them a shot at a division title or a playoff berth.

"I think being here has been very helpful for us," said all-pro linebacker Mike Singletary. "Our focus is better, and it will have to be for a game like this. This is an



The Chicago Bears have had their heads down all season much like wide receiver Wendell Davis does as he is thrown to the ground by Los Angeles Rams LeRoy Irvin in one of the Bears few wins this season. (AP Laserphoto)

excellent opportunity for us, and I think that will show on Sunday."

For running back Neal Anderson and cornerback Donnell Woolford, both of whom suffered through sub-par outings against the Redskins, the combination of being in Madison and out of Chicago could be the perfect cure.

"This is a great facility, and it makes our practices so much better," said Anderson, who rushed for a season-low 27 yards last week.

"We know what's at stake on Sunday and being here helps put that in perspective."

Woolford, who had a tough day in the secondary as Washington passed for 390 yards, said the trip to Madison might pay real dividends on the trip to Minnesota.

Banquet to be held

The Directorate of Community Activities Family Support Division will hold its annual youth services football sports banquet Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers Club.

Transactions

by The Associated Press

BASEBALL

Senior Professional Baseball Association

ORLANDO JUICE — Fired Gates Brown, manager. Named Dyan Miller manager.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Activated Tim McCormick, center, from the injured list. Placed Adrian Caldwell, center-

forward, on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed Glenn Antrum, wide receiver. Signed John Simpson, wide receiver, to the developmental squad. Waived Mike Jones, wide receiver.

Canadian Football League

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Named Mike McCarthy general manager of football operations.

Cambio de jugadores

por la Prensa Asociada

BEISBOL

Asociación Mayor Profesional de Beisbol

ORLANDO JUICE — Despiden a Gates Brown. Nombran a Dyan Miller como nuevo gerente.

BALONCESTO

Asociación Nacional de Baloncesto

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Regresa Tim McCormick. Colocan a Adrian Caldwell en

lista de lesionados.

FUTBOL

Liga Nacional de Futbol

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Glenn Antrum reanuda contrato. John Simpson firma contrato y Mike Jones parte.

Lig Canadiense de Futbol

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Nombran a Mike McCarthy como el gerente general de operaciones.

Kentucky's Pitino gets first big test as Wildcats face Knight's Hoosiers

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Rick Pitino gets an introduction to the basketball rivalry between Kentucky and Indiana on Saturday, when college teams from the Bluegrass and Hoosier states meet in the third annual Big Four Classic.

More than 45,000 fans are expected for the doubleheader at the Hoosier Dome, which opens with No. 15 Louisville (2-1) playing Notre Dame (1-0) and concludes with No. 14 Indiana (2-0) against Kentucky, which won its opener 76-73 over Ohio in Pitino's debut as Wildcats' coach.

Pitino, whose main coaching experience has been in the northeast, left the NBA's New York Knicks to take over the Kentucky program after the Wildcats were severely penalized by the NCAA. A ban on televised Kentucky games prevents Pitino's first coaching matchup against the Hoosiers from being seen by millions of other fans across the nation.

Reggie Hanson, Kentucky's tallest player a 6-foot-7, scored 24 points to lead the Wildcats past the Bobcats, while Derrick Miller, Kentucky's only senior, added 18 points.

The Wildcats, trying to bounce back from their first losing season

since 1927, send four freshmen and five sophomores against an Indiana squad with eight freshmen Coach Bob Knight has been pleased with the play of sophomore Eric Anderson underneath, guard Greg Graham and 6-8 forward Lawrence Funderbruke.

"Graham has played not just extremely well for a freshman but extremely well," Knight said. "To this point, he has been exceptional."

Louisville has been led by 7-foot Felton Spencer with 16.6 points and sophomore Everick Sullivan with 13.3 points a game. The Cardinals were third in the Maui Classic, losing 82-79 to eventual champion Missouri after trailing by 23 points.

"That game could have gone either way. That's how explosive they are," Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps said. "They have more quickness than they had last year. That's the fear I have, as well as their balance with their first eight or nine players."

The Irish are the only team to win both previous Big Four appearances. Every player returns from last year's squad, but academic problems have sidelined 6-9 LaPhonso Ellis until at least next month. Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps said the Classic gives players a chance to experience the feel of NCAA tournament games.

Carson's new defense breaks up Browns' defensive duo

BEREA, Ohio (UPI) — Cleveland's Pro Bowl cornerback tandem of Hanford Dixon and Frank Minnifield earned their reputation as one of the league's top coverage duos through their tight man-to-man coverage.

But in Bud Carson's attack defense, Dixon and Minnifield are dropping into zone coverage more than ever before. Carson said the Browns are playing zone more than they ever did under Marty Schottenheimer, and said the mix between zone and man-to-man coverages was about 50-50.

"To sit there and bump and run forever, I think that day is over," Carson said. "The wide receivers are

too good. The day is over when you can go out there and line up and bump and run everybody and single cover them forever without putting an added measure (pressure) on the players."

In a man-to-man defense, the defensive back generally has his back to the quarterback, and rarely is in position to help out on a pass intended to a receiver other than the one he is covering. The result is a defense that looks aggressive, but in reality is incapable of coming up with many interceptions.

"You're not going to intercept the football nearly as much as people that mix coverages, mix zones, mix the mans. mix the doubles so they

don't know where they're coming from," Carson said. "You don't intercept a lot of passes when you're playing (man-to-man). Nobody does. I don't care who you've got back there."

When the Browns opened training camp in July, Carson moved Dixon to safety and inserted Anthony Blaylock at Dixon's corner spot. Blaylock, however, was not ready to start, and Dixon was moved back to corner.

Carson intimated at the time that Dixon had slipped, but has since recanted that statement and said the three-time Pro Bowler is playing as well as ever.

NFL Schedule

Sunday

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



classified ads

Animals

Doberman pups purebred, reg. 6 wks old, male. \$200 male. \$175 females. 223-4881.

Spayed female, mixed, exc watch dog. Free. 283-6774.

Purebred Pit Bull, great w/kids. \$200. 286-3840.

Doberman puppies, weaned by Christmas. \$165 males. 252-2889.

10 gallon fish tank, w/13 fish, outside filter, large can of food, more. \$60/obo. 287-5022.

Complete 30 gal aquarium w/stand. Negotiable. 286-4773.

Free Cock-a-poo and 2 adorable kittens to gd home. Free. 287-6527.

Family watch dog, gd w/children. 252-1194.

Rottweiler puppies, ccp reg, born Oct 11. 236-1802.

Dog travel cage, new, px type, about 36 in high. \$40. 286-4282.

Purebred German Sheperd puppies, avail 10 Dec, gd price for gd home. 287-5093.

Adorable 10 wks old male Apricot Poodle, no papers, tail docked, claws removed, sm kennel included. \$150. 284-6481.

Akc, American Cocker Spaniels puppies, avail 15 Dec, shown by appt only. 286-3432.

Irish Setter, male, 11 mos, papers on parents, great w/kids, needs gd home. \$200/obo. 283-5843.

6 mos old male cat, litter trained. Free. 284-5981.

German Sheperd, mixed, adores children, gd watch dog. Free. 282-4587.

Hamster w/2 cages and food. \$20. 287-6590.

Horse for sale, Western/English, tack. Best offer. 284-6130.

Audio-visual

IBM PC monitor, hard drive, 30 meg printer, exc cond. \$1300. 282-4234.

Commodore Colt computer, IBM PC compat monochrome monitor. \$700. 284-3691.

Radio controlled race car w/batt/charger/control unit, perfect Christmas gift. \$65. 282-3495.

Canon AE-1 camera w/extra lens, filters, flash, bag, many access. Best offer. 282-3495.

Sony tv, 26 in, new. \$800. 21 in. \$560. 12 in. \$150/obo. 282-4696.

Canon T-80 AF/Zoom camera set, complete w/35-70mm, 75-200mm lenses, speedlite, cases, carrying bag. \$563. 282-3855/3928.

25 in color tv. \$200. Kenwood stereo receiver. \$100. Ambr computer monitor. \$75. 286-4884.

Fisher stereo sys w/cabinet, cd, tape deck, turntbl, almost new. \$1100. 282-5280.

21 in Sony Trinitron color tv, Jvc vhs vcr, Jvc digital amplifier, Jvc digital multi disc cd player, must see. 284-3773.

Sony 24 in color tv, w/remote vcr w/video camera, Zenith vcr. 287-4621.

IBM XT keyboard. \$75. 250 watt pwr ampl. \$260. 5 channel stereo mixer. \$120. 226-1158.

Lloyd's stereo am/fm, 4 spks. \$125. Telefunken large furn stereo, am/fm w/record storage. 252-1194.

Seequa XL portable computer w/software, runs DOS or CP/M, sold as is. \$400. 284-3873.

IBM compat portable computer w/printer. \$400. 284-3873.

Sansui C-1000 stereo control amplifier, never used. \$100. 284-5693.

Epson LX-800 printer, IBM compat or Amiga compat. \$170. 284-3388 after 5 pm.

Linear track Kenwood turntable MB 64-F. \$85. 284-3388 after 5 pm.

AppleII/HGS software, original disks w/documentation, many types, 35 percent below retail. 284-3573.

Canon T8 auto focus lens 35-70. \$20. 252-5951.

All kinds of Atari tapes. \$2. 252-6379.

Compact disc player, Hitachi DA-1000, exc cond, sound, programmable. \$199. 284-5920.

Pioneer receiver 1080SX, Teac cass A-700, Pioneer turntable w/beautiful oak stand. \$400. 284-3827.

Stereo, amplifier, speakers. \$200. Sony tv. \$150. 3 ac. \$200-\$450. 223-1475/9855.

Sony Trinitron 15 in, great picture, a steal at \$150. 284-4800.

RCA Colortrak 25 in console tv, peccan w/swivel base. \$500. 287-3939.

Closed circuit tv camera, Panasonic model WV-140, compact, new, lt wt. \$175/obo. 252-5752.

Commodore 64 software, 50 titles, original package and titles. \$2-\$10 ea. 287-4739.

Technics stereo SU-V707 amp, 90 watts, ST-G5 tuner, SL-Q115 turntbl, direct dr, RS-M222 cass deck. \$350. 286-3840.

Audio-visual

Hq reversible lens tele/wide for all video camera, new. \$58. 252-2630.

IBM compat computer w/printer, many extras. \$1800. 282-3522.

Vcr, Panasonic vhs recorder, remote control, 6 mos old. \$550. 221-8806.

Sharp 20 in tv w/remote, Carver. \$250 ea. 236-0691 leave message will call back. 236-0691.

Sony compact disc player for auto w/tuner, cass equal, pwr amp. \$625. 286-3173.

Nintendo game sys w/super Mario Bro. \$100. Double Dragon. \$30. Bayou Billy. \$30. 287-5022.

Panasonic record player, recorder w/2 spks, need new stylus. \$125. 252-5185.

Beta movie camera, new cond, 4 batt, charger and case. \$900. 284-4973.

Automobiles

1988 Plymouth Sundance, driven for 5 months, less than 2,500 miles, fully loaded, new, must sell. \$11,500/obo. 286-3349.

1982 Plymouth Reliant, pb, ac, ps, gray, exc cond, blue. \$3500. 252-5046.

1985 Mitsubishi Cordia, ps, pw, am/fm, new tires/brakes, 5 spd, man, ac, hatchback. \$3700. 287-6523.

77 Amc Matador, 2 dr coupe, 304 v8, at, duty paid. \$550/obo. 287-5380.

71 Challenger, 318 v8, exc running cond. \$1300. 287-4491 after 6 pm.

VW parts, tires, bumpers, running boards, anything you need. 287-6590.

1978 Fiat Spyder Conv, needs timing belt. \$500. 287-6590.

87 Chevy Nova, 5 spd, ac, 4 dr, am/fm, exc cond. \$6350. 286-6236.

Suzuki SJ410, lifted, low mileage, duty paid, soft top. \$6250. 223-6171.

1979 Futura Ford, 2 dr, at, new brakes, new starter switch. \$1100. 282-3686.

1983 Datsun Sentra, 4 dr, ac, at, gd cond, gd body, motor. \$3800. 286-4372.

Honda Accord, 4 dr, sedan, 5 spd, ac, ps, pb, pwr sunrf, antenna, am/fm/cass, pwr locks, 49,000. \$4000. 252-6246.

1987 Toyota Corolla, 1.6 SR, ac, Kenwood stereo, alarm, gd cond. \$5500. 284-3073.

1977 Ford Ltd II, 302, 8 cyl engine. \$1800. 284-4973 after 3 pm.

1977 Olds Cutlass, 4 dr, runs great. \$600/obo. 287-4322.

1985 Dodge Omni, 4 cyl, 5 spd, ac, am/fm/cass, runs gd, 1 owner, black, 2 dr, 67,000 miles. \$3000. 287-3174 after 5 pm.

1978 CJ7 Jeep, rebuilt engine, duty free. \$3000. 287-3340.

82 Honda Quillet, 4 dr, ac, at, pb, ps, sunroof, am/fm/cass, exc cond. \$2700/obo. 287-6348.

1985 Suzuki Microbus, super carry, exc cond. \$3500. 286-4377.

1985 Toyota Corolla, 2 dr, ac, am/fm/stereo cass, 5 spd, 1990 inspected. \$4300. 282-4234.

1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass Brougham, 2 dr, ac, 6 cyl, blue, am/fm/cass. \$3000. 286-4321.

1987 Toyota Corolla, full extras, no duty paid. \$5995. 286-4341.

1974 Pickup Mazda, ac, am fm, camper shell. \$1600. 284-5796.

85 Honda Aero, 50 cc, gd cond, plus extra parts. \$450. 286-6293.

1979 Jeep Wagoneer, 4x4, new tires, heavy duty susp, duty paid. \$2700. 286-4295.

1984 Dodge Colt, turbo, very fast, must see, ac, am/fm/cass, 1600 cc. \$4000. 284-4430.

1979 Dodge Colt, very reliable, gd shape. \$900. 284-5791 from 10-5. 283-5725 nights.

1988 Nissan double cabin diesel Pickup, like new, ac, cass. \$8000. 287-3340.

1986 Daihatsu Charade, 17,000 miles, duty paid, 40 mpg. \$3000. 252-2128.

1984 silver Subaru Gl, 5 spd, ac, exc cond. \$5500. 284-3597.

1982 Buick Skyhawk, in gd cond, but not running, will sell for parts. Best offer. 284-6422 after 5 pm.

1976 Chevy Malibu, 4 dr, runs gd, minor work, am/fm/cass, pb, ps. \$700/obo. 284-3985.

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

Rear window for Toyota "Hi Ace" Van, VW rims. Best offer. 262-2235.

19892 Mazda Glc sport, 2 dr hatchback, sunrf, am/fm/cass, runs great. \$2500/obo. 287-4322.

Automobiles

1980 Toyota Land Cruiser, duty paid, exc cond, open roof w/bikini top. \$2700. 269-0631.

1981 Ford Mustang, 4 cyl, gd cond, mechanically sound. \$2500. 286-6184/3401.

1988 Nissan Sunny, red, at, stereo, ac, 14,000 miles, not duty paid. \$4000. 287-6348.

Catalytic converter for 4 cyl Mustang/Capri, etc. \$25. 289-3522.

1980 Ford Pinto, gd cond, ac, 4 spd, am/fm/cass. \$800. 286-3646.

1982 Honda Accord LX, 2 dr, am/fm/cass, ps, pb, deluxe interior, exc shape. \$3350. 252-2457.

1985 Jeep Cherokee, silver, 5 spd, fully loaded, exc cond. \$10,500. 286-6371 evenings.

83 Toyota Celica, duty paid, ac, at. \$2500. 284-4878.

81 Town car. \$8500. 76 Chevy Nova. \$850. 282-3426.

84 Honda Accord, Sedan, tinted glass, pwr locks/winds, ac, radio/cass, at, no us specs, no duty paid. \$4001.99. 287-3336.

1968 VW Bug, aug cond. \$350 firm. 284-6159.

1980 Mitsubishi Colt, beige, 2 dr, at, must sell, neg. gd cond. \$1200. 287-4714.

1978 Volare Wagon. \$1500. 287-6824.

88 Dodge Lancer, 4 dr, st, ps, ac, cruise control, am/fm/cass, Ziebart/tint glass. \$11,000. 286-3678.

71 Ford Mustang, 2 dr, 6 cyl, gd shape, am/fm/cass, ps, at. \$1000. 284-3225 ask for Ericka after 8 pm.

1980 Chevy Blazer, 4x4, exc inside and out. \$4500. 286-3840.

1973 Chevy Monte Carlo, 305 engine, runs exc, interior exc, body needs minor work. \$800/obo. 284-4670.

81 VW Beetle, runs gd, new tires. \$800/obo. 286-6342.

1980 Honda Civic, exc running cond, must drive, avail on Dec 30. \$1800/obo. 284-4800.

84 Renault Encore, at, no rust, gd cond, engine gd, payments can be arrange. \$1600. 285-5431.

80 Ford Granada, 2 dr, exc cond. \$2400. 286-4227.

71 Lemans, 4 spd, 700, mags, new clutch, runs great. \$1000. 287-3881.

79 VW Bus, 2000 cc rebuilt engine, drive train, duty paid. \$1800/obo. 287-3379.

85 Chevy Blazer TLC, v6 eng, ac, new tires, battery, chrome wheels. \$7200. 286-4882.

1986 Mitsubishi Montero, 2 dr, 48,000 km, very gd cond. \$950. 228-3425.

1986 Mitsubishi Galant Super Saloon, exc cond, pw, ps, pb, ac, fully loaded, duty not paid. \$6500. 286-4692.

1979 Chevy Malibu, ps, pb, ac, new tires, exc cond. \$1300. 284-6629.

1980 Granda Ford, 6 cyl, std. \$2500. 1975 VW Van. \$1500. 1975 Volvo, 1975 Fiat as is. 286-3237.

1983 Honda Prelude, loaded, exc cond. \$5200. 252-2975.

1975 Volvo, 6 cyl, elect wind, 4 dr, runs great. \$2200/obo. 284-4471.

1979 Jeep CJ7, 6 cyl, gd cond, runs great, w/bikini top. \$2950. 284-5988.

1984 VW Rabbit, 4 dr, low miles, ac, great gas mileage. \$3500/firm. 287-4587.

1983 Mitsubishi Cordia, limited edition, am/fm/cass, pwr wind, ac, runs great. \$3500/firm. 287-4587.

1984 Chevette, only 42,000 miles, very dependable, great gas mileage, exc cond. \$1800. 284-3773.

1982 Cadillac Sedan Deville, elegant, loaded, 1 owner car. \$10,000/firm. 282-5280.

88 Nissan Sunny, 4 dr, 5 spd, am/fm/radio, ac, duty paid, red wine. \$5600. 224-1534.

1984 Chevy Chevette, 42,000 miles, red, 2 dr, am fm cass, no problems. \$2000/obo. 284-3773.

1977 Ford Maverick, ps, pb, ac, runs gd. \$700. 286-3647.

1979 VW Bug, exc transportation, runs great. \$1400. 287-6527.

Custom Van 1985 Chevrolet, 75,000 miles, am/fm/cass, cb, tv. \$10,000/obo. 286-4298.

1977 Chevy Malibu, 2 dr, sedan, gd cond, must sell. \$950/obo. 223-2116.

1973 Ford Fury III, am/fm/cass, duty paid, 1990 inspection. \$650. 284-3394.

74 Jaguar XJ-6, us specs, duty paid, exc mechanical, loaded, low mileage, garage kept. \$5900/obo. 286-6136.

1985 Toyota Corolla, 4 dr, duty paid, radio cass Pioneer, 5 new radial tires, exc cond, must sell. \$4300. 286-3483.

78 Toyota Pickup w/camper. \$2200. 284-5482.

VW transmission. \$55. Wheel and tire. \$20. VW handbooks. \$20. Fiberglass nose and buggy. \$75. 226-1158.

79 Olds, 2 dr, clean, low mileage, v6 engine, ac, see it to believe it. \$3000. 286-4882.

Automobiles

Steel trailer, 6x8x15. \$400. 284-4278.

1986 Toyota Cressida. \$6000. 223-1475/9855.

1983 Honda Accord, 4 dr, gd cond, new brakes, tires, radio/cass, all extras. \$2900/obo. 287-5575.

1972 Ford Marquis, gd cond. \$450/obo. 284-6794.

1988 Nissan Sunny, ac, at, duty paid, alarm, radio, am/fm, low mileage, like new. \$6500. 261-9471.

82 Mazda Glc, ac, am/fm/cass Kenwood. \$1800/obo. 287-4929.

1988 Nissan Sunny, 4 dr, ac, 5 spd, am/fm/radio, low mileage. \$4200. 284-3078.

Chevrolet Citation 1980, 4 dr, 4 cyl, very gd. \$1400. 252-5951.

1984 Nissan Maxima, 4 dr, 6 cyl, 5 spd, loaded, am specs, new ac, tape deck, more, avail Jan 30. \$5500. 284-3430.

1989 Hyundai Si Stellar, 4 dr, silver, am/fm/cass, at, tinted windows, exc cond. \$8500. 228-3871 287-4510.

1973 VW square back, needs paint. \$600. 252-6167.

1980 Chevy Monte Carlo, turbo, 6 cyl. \$1500. 252-6167.

Mustangs "Classics", 1965 & 1966, both red & white. \$2500 & \$4300. 252-2419.

1969 Truimp TR7, exc cond. \$4700. 287-3835.

1978 Honda Accord, 2 dr, hb, 5 spd, Pioneer am/fm/cass, spks, us specs, runs great. \$1800. 284-5311.

1984 Toyota Pickup, gd cond. \$3800. 287-3570.

66 Volvo P1800, very clean. \$3500/obo. 286-3447 after 6 pm.

1982 Honda Accord, 4 dr, blue, exc cond, fully loaded. \$3600. 284-3827.

1973 Jaguar XJ6 Classic, exc cond, duty paid. 252-2884.

1977 Dodge Aspen Wagon, gd cond, ac, new tires, hitch & air shocks, at. \$1500/obo. 287-6126.

1974 Toyota Landcruiser, 4 wd, duty paid, exc conc, hitch, trailer, brakes. \$3000/obo. 287-6126.

Volvo 740 Glc, 4 dr, ac, c/c, leather interior. \$19,000. 287-3584.

Edel Brock manifold, Hollex carb, and high stall conv for Chevy \$50. \$100. 287-3881.

79 Buick Century Wagon, runs gd, ps, pb, 6 cyl. \$1200. 287-5321/6939.

1985 German Opel Manta, 2 dr, sprt, 5 spd, ac, am/fm/cass w/equal, 12,000 miles. \$15,000/obo. 252-6324.

1986 Nissan Sunny, gd cond. \$3000. 286-4586.

1982 Oldsmobile Delta 88, ac, ps, 8 cyl, 305 gd cond, radio, new tires, 1990 Revisado. \$2800. 252-2307.

71 VW Super Beetle, new bearings, brakes, exc running cond. \$1200. 287-3589.

82 Ford Granada Wagon, looks and runs good. \$3000/obo. 286-4820.

1987 Nissan Sunny, 4 dr, duty paid, ac, am/fm/radio, 1990 safety inspection completed. \$4000. 286-4897.

1973 Ford Fury III, am/fm/cass radio, duty paid, 1990 inspection. \$650. 284-3394.

1977 Olds Cutlass 442, duty paid, nice car. \$1800/offer. 236-0286.

1980 Subaru 4x4 Station Wagon, ac, stereo, tinted windows. \$2200. 236-0286.

83 Ford Laser, ac, at, 83 Ford Club Wagon, ac, lots extras, both extra clean. 286-6293.

1988 Plymouth Sundance, like new, ac, red, 4 dr, 5 spd trans, am/fm. 286-4638.

1980 Ford Fiesta, red, gd cond, ac. \$1500. 252-1174.

Continental tires 195/70R14, little wear. \$45 ea. 252-2063.

1975 Firebird, ps, pb, stereo, radial tires, engine/trans rebuilt, many new parts. \$1800. 286-3293.

Available

Housekeeper, cleans, washes clothes, refs, been w/us 2 years. \$12 a day. 221-4821.

Exc reliable day maid, M-F, exc w/kids, hard worker, avail now, refs. 228-2044 ask for Jasmin.

Honest, bilingual live in maid, refs. 284-5680.

Ironing by the day, exp w/both uniforms and fine linen. 224-5173.

Maid, West Bank only, spanish, some English, exc w/kids, avail 8 Dec. 284-6629.

Excellent live in bilingual housekeeper, gd w/kids, honest, gd refs. 286-3578.

Housekeeper, loyal, honest, gd w/children, cleans spotless. 229-2783.

Bilingual maid, honest, live in or out, cleans, irons, babysits, avail immediately, gd w/kids. 284-6670.

After 6 maids I found Gladys who cooks, cleans, irons, child care, quiet, dependable. 286-3890.

Available

Outstanding bilingual housekeeper, honest, reliable, hard worker, great w/ kids and pet, exc refs, M-F. 284-4220.
English speaking maid, 2 or 3 days, exc refs, highly recommended, avail now. 286-6481.
Excellent spanish/english speaking maid, work everyday, honest, pleasant, gd worker. 284-3434.
English speaking, honest, reliable day maid, available now. 231-0114 ask for Rosa.
Maid, hard worker, dependable, reliable, speaks, writes English. 287-3835.
Spanish speaking live in maid, general housework, gd w/ kids, exc refs, avail now. 286-4372.
Experienced maid, honest, reliable, english, day work. 256-6453.

Boats & Campers

13 ft Von boat w/ oars, cushions. \$450. 252-2549.
14 ft Zodiac MK11GT, 25 hp Johnson outboard w/ pedestal, tank, hose, all access. \$2500. 260-1439.
Excalibur 8 ft camper shell, brand new. \$700/obo. 252-5938.
Fast Cayuco and light strong trailer. 252-5185.
16 ft open Fisherman, 65 Evinrude 1986, w/ trailer, exc cond. \$3500. 252-2457.
16 ft Orlando Clipper, 65 hp Johnson, aluminum trailer, gd cond. \$4700. 252-1268.
Cayuco, very stable, gd cond. \$550. 287-3872.
18 ft Glastron, 115 hp merc engine and trailer, new pistons, completely overhauled, runs great. \$3500/obo. 284-5920.
15 1/2 ft 70 hp Caravelle, walk thru, gd cond, no problems, many extras, must sell. \$2500/obo. 286-6176.

Household

Single waterbed. \$150. Queen sz brass bed. \$300. Washer/dryer. \$300. German shrunk. \$450. China cabinet. \$50. Foam couch/bed. \$170. 287-6847/4938 after 5 pm.
Grandfather clock. \$675. Bbq gas grill. \$100. 287-3584.
Large metal desk w/ wood top, exc for computer. \$75. 284-3873.
Matching washer & dryer, large capacity, 3 1/2 yrs old, exc cond. \$550. 287-6743.
Whirlpool 16 cu ft upright freezer, new w/ door lock. \$595. 252-6246.
B/w tv, bookcase, dishwasher, wall unit, coffee table, end tables, exercise equip, loveseat, sofa chair. 286-3432.
Feeders ac, 13,500 btu, exc cond. \$250/obo. 283-5843.
Sofa. \$550. Recliner. \$225. Entertainment center. \$250. 12x15 carpet. \$140. 2 lamps. \$25. More. 284-5981.
Single girls bed, curio cabinet oak, dining table w/4 roller chairs, misc items. 282-4696.
Acs, 18k btu. \$500. 7k btu. \$200. Double door refig. \$600. 283-5221.
4 pc living rm set. \$350. Picnic table. \$35. 13,300 btu ac. \$400. 282-3986.
Freezer, needs some paint, operates perfect, 500 lbs cap. Best offer. 262-2235.
Brown plaid couch and double foot rest bench. \$150/obo. 284-5495.
4 wooden Panamanian country chairs and table for patio, well built to last. \$65. 285-5431.
Never used Kenmore disposer, 1/2 hp, 5 1/2 in diameter shedder plate, sound insulated. \$95. 282-3184.
Wood/glass dining rm set, w/4 chairs. \$150. Computer desk w/chair. \$125. King sz waterbed. \$250. 287-4928.
7 pc living rm set, sofa, chair, rocker, ottoman, coffee table, 2 end tables. \$350. Matching tv stand. \$75. 287-4928.
German wall unit, chiming clock, bar, book shelves, very nice. 287-4684.
Double door refig, Amana microwave, furnished Barbie house, toddler desk. 286-4433 after 5 pm.
Sofa. \$300. Recliner. \$100. Atari. \$50. 2 6x9 brown rugs. \$35 ea. 284-5680.
Brown 12x15 rug. \$75. 2 tan 9x12. \$50 ea. 3 ceiling fans, elect typewriter. \$75. More. 283-6774.
Loveseat, chair, 2 coffee tables, boys Captain bed. \$100. Dining rm w/china cabinet, 6 chairs. \$700. 282-3217.
Custom made sofa. \$250. 284-3873.
Roll top desk. \$400. Electric stove. \$100. Kimball piano. \$1500. 268-0652.
Teak grandfather clock, teak & marble roll top desk, teak hope chest, 8x11 floor rugs. 284-3731.
Moving sale, furniture and misc. 287-3835.
Brownish beige sofa. \$350. Brownish beige loveseat. \$250. Rectangular coffee table. \$75. 228-4656.
Dinette set, solid oak. \$700. Kitchen table w/4 chairs. \$275. Twin bed, matt. \$50 ea. 286-3632.
Outdoor patio furn. \$200. Plant stand. \$15. Sofa bed, loveseat, easy chair, ottoman. \$1400. 286-3632.
Carpets. \$90-\$175. Small ac unit 8000 btu. \$50. Gas bbq. \$45. 286-4295.
Living rm suite, yellow w/ contrasting green, complete and matching. \$1300. 286-4882.
5 light chandelier w/ extra bulbs. \$100. Multi speed ceiling fan w/ light. \$65. 252-5354.
23.5 cu ft GE refig/freezer, elect food slicer. 252-5917.
Carved furniture including roll top desk, cedar chest, buffet. 252-6614.
Furniture, 2 bedrm sets, bikes, table, chairs, computer table, curtains, carpets. 286-4781.
Dining & living set, beds, computer, more. 284-5482.
2 living rm sets, 5 pcs. \$350/obo. 9 pc. \$550/firm. Childs swing set, new. \$65. 287-4774.
Living rm set. \$700. Symphonic stereo ver. \$220. Computer desk. \$75. 284-5284.

Household

Queen sz bedrm set. \$800. Work table. \$15. 11x12 rug. \$50. Coffee table. \$150. 282-3228.
3 acs, 19,000, 18,000, 5,000, priced to sell. 252-2287.
Dining rm set w/8 chairs, 2 ext, china cabinet and server table. \$2700. 287-6297.
Queen sz waterbed w/bookcase headbd, double pedestal, padded rails, 3 sheet sets. \$300/firm. 287-4738 after 5 pm.
Carpet, 9x12, light brown, sculptured high/low, w/ padding. \$50. 10x13 med blue pack pile. \$30. 287-4738 after 5 pm.
12x26 w/pad, 6x8 rugs, 4 sets of curtains, all in exc cond. 286-4692.
2 dinettes, dining rm table, sofa/ sleeper, sofa, 2 26 in bikes. 84-3397.
9 cu ft freezer, adjustable, cold control, security lock, Kenmore. \$180. 287-5033.
Carpet, drapes, for tropical, all in gd cond, screen enclosure, for tropical. 284-3597.
Sleeper/sofa, queen w/ matching recliner chair, as new. \$800. Elect typewriter w/ case, like new. \$150/obo. 252-5177.
Dining rm set for 8. \$500. Whirlpool dishwasher. \$50. Betamax recorder, access. \$600. 282-3839.
Washing machine, 2 yrs old. \$300. Dryer. \$75. 252-2975.
Sofa bed queen. \$380. Twins bed, wood, matt. \$180 ea. Rugs 12x10. \$80. 287-6887.
GE dryer. \$200. Living rm table. \$150. Stool. \$10. Big metal bbq. \$40. 252-6333.
Living rm set. \$1700. Dishwasher, king sz bed, other misc items. 286-3237.
Moving, queensz waterbed. \$75. 10 spd bike. \$60. Monterey beach cruiser. \$45/obo. 282-3286.
5 pc bedrm suit, stereo console w/ am/ fm/ radio, single box spring & matt. 252-2548.
Norge refig, compact sz, just months old, avail on or about Dec. 30. \$160/firm. 286-3776 ask for Carlos.
Dining rm set table, 6 chairs, china cabinet. \$1250. 252-1197.
Antique display cabinet, dining rm table, 6 chairs, and other items. 286-4633.
Wooden desk w/ chair, wooden patio doors, screen tent (12x12), oriental sewing cabinet. 252-5985.
Single bed. \$75. Carpets 9x12, blue. \$80. 12x15 tan. \$130. Kitchen cabinet doors. \$125. Portable ac. \$175. 282-3522.
Rocking chairs, high back, made in Panama (2). \$60 ea. 221-8806.
Loveseat. \$150. Coffee table. \$40. Ceiling fans. \$35 ea. Ladies antique writing desk. \$300. 287-3589.
2 carpets, 9x12. \$50 ea. Dresser, toys, lamps, twin bed, headbd, frame, more. 284-4670.
12x15 rug, 16 in color tv, twin sz bed. 286-6342.
King bed. \$250. Chaise lounge. \$175. Microwave 1.1 cf. \$250. Oriental coffee, end tables. \$350. 287-3990.
Refig, table w/chairs, wall hanging shelves, wall to wall tropical house carpeting. 286-4820.
Beautiful 8 pc living rm set, must see. \$2100. 286-4897.
GE refig freezer. Negotiable. 286-4773.
Oak davenport, strong table w/4 chairs/leaf, reg davenport w/chair needs upholstery. 287-6631.
Free sheets! With a queen size waterbed w/mirror bookcase headbd and 6 drawer pedestal. \$350. 284-3691.
King sz bed complete, matt, box spring, frame, wooden headbd. \$200. 252-5722.
Girls 7 pc bedrm set, perfect. \$625. Large freezer, exc cond. \$275. Hond ac evaporator. \$295. 252-5177.
Mahogany coffee table. \$70. 252-6750.
Livingrm, bedrm set, dining set, rugs, bikes, tv, etc, pcs. 286-4341.
Everything must go! Waterbed. \$200. Carpets. \$70. Tv. \$150. Coffee, end tables, exc cond. \$100/obo. 284-6670.
Rattan papasan large sofa, single round papasan chair, 2 swivel chairs, sold as set. 264-4022 after 6 pm.
Chest of drawers, microwave cart, easy chairs, oriental rugs, dresser, must sell. 252-2676.
Dining table, 2 sizes, 4 chairs, bookcase, glass/slide doors. \$380. 282-3826.
Sectional sofa/sleeper. \$800. Recliner. \$150. Full sz bed w/frame, headbd, 2 night tables. \$450. Qn sz bed/frame, like new. \$250. 284-6835.
Antique wardrobe, 2 drs, w/ beveled mirrors, beautiful. \$375. 287-4621.
Blinds. \$50-\$20 ea. New Tandy 1000 ex computer. \$300. Stair carpet. \$40. Ac. \$300. Dishwasher. \$25. 286-3578.
Sofa, blue Colonial. \$500. Recliner chair, brown. \$225. Dishwasher. \$75. 286-4882.
Roll top desk, 1 pr 100 watt speakers. 286-3527.
Modern sofa w/matching lamps, tables, 3 chairs, for a complete living rm. \$1300. 286-4882.
Double bed. \$200. 6 ft glass dining table. \$275. Dishwasher w/ butcher block. \$125. Costa Rican ox cart. \$150. 287-3990.
Sofa w/ bed. \$500. Dishwasher. \$50. Recliner chair. \$225. 286-4882.
Living rm set, sofa, loveseat, chair, coffee table, 2 end tables. \$1400. Dining rm table w/6 chairs. \$800. 286-4139.

Lost

Missing from qtrs 2308 Balboa, black Labrador Retriever, male, respond to Ringo.

Miscellaneous

2 ten spd bikes, boys bike, little. 286-4633.
3 surf boards, 1 boogie board w/fins. \$250/obo. 286-6176.
Screened in porch, all new wood, screen, and metal, door included. \$250. 284-4220.
6 pc kitchen set. \$50. 287-5033 after 5:30 pm.

Miscellaneous

Royal Alpha 2001 typewriter. \$200. 5 pcn suit, various colors, sz 31-32. \$40 ea. Metal table. \$75. 252-6333.
Baby play gym, Fisher Price. \$10. Evenflo elect sterilizer set, holds 9 bottles. \$25. 252-6333.
Gold & silver jewelry, diamonds, us gold, silver coins, misc, must sell. 223-2116.
"Great books of the Western World", 54 book collection in wooden bookcase. \$150/obo. 252-5752.
Sliding shower door. \$100. Ladies 12 spd bike. \$80. Wedding dress. \$100. 252-2781.
Fencing 3 ft high, 130 ft long, green coated wire, posts, gate. \$95. 252-2278.
36 in round kitchen table. \$45. Lawn chairs. \$5 ea. King sz sheets, bedspread. 252-2278.
Christmas tree. \$115. Sears Craftsman lawnmower. \$325. Wicker trunk. \$45. Ceiling fans w/lights. \$75-\$135. 287-3584.
Silver coffee and tea serving set for sale, made in Peru. 236-0691 leave message will call back.
Baby carriage, walker, car seat, rocker, sand box, bassinet, dressing table. Best offer. 221-8806.
Construction materials, 2 chairs, misc household, toys, repairable color tv. 286-6398 after 6 pm.
Ceiling fans, new, 52 in. \$480. 42 in. \$60. 9x12 carpet. \$30. Cedar chest. \$50. Truck. \$25. 286-4884.
Outdoor items, gas grill, patio table, chairs, charcoal grill. \$5-\$50. 284-5988.
Pcs sale, furniture, pots, pans, living rm tables, baby swing, playpen. 286-3420.
New stainless steel light bar, holds up to five lights, fits good on roof of car, truck, 4 wheel drive. \$70. 252-5722.
Misc items for sale, beds, dining rm set, carpet, etc. 282-5280.
Man and women bikes. \$280. 284-6835.
Casio cash register. \$200. Glass showcase. \$250. Wood desk. \$100. Book display racks. \$75 ea. 282-3522.
Bunk beds. \$450. Utility trailer. \$225. Underwater movie camera. \$125. Chandelier. \$145. 252-5023.
12 cu ft deep freezer, 3 yrs old, P22R75 15 truck tires, baby stroller, boys clothes, scooter. 285-4487.
Microwave oven, perfect for dorm, 8 mos old, avail about 30 Dec. \$90. 284-4800.
Skateboard. \$5. Corning casserole set, 10 pc. \$50. 2 slicer toaster. \$8. Electric skillet. \$15. 287-4876.
Girl 20 in bike. \$20. 12 glasses. \$6. Ice chest for 4x4. \$10. 287-4876.
Daisey wheel printer w/cable. \$50. Timex Sinclair computer, needs repair. \$20. 284-4795.
Century 2000 car seat. \$30. 287-3393.
Black & Decker router, never used. \$48/obo. 261-6037.
Tennis racket, Wilson string, 5/8 grip. \$50. 287-6348.
Girl baby clothes, toys, baby car seat, maternity sz 7 clothes, crib, stroller. 283-4628.
Swing, fair cond, w/chain & swivel seats, slide, ropes, hand bar. 284-5585.
Weight set, baby swing, high chair, walker, oriental umbrella, clothes. 284-4677.
18 spd BCA Mountain bike, cantilever brakes, bio-pace crank, 26 in tires, 20 in frame. \$325. 256-6356.
2 golf clubs, ping eye, 1, 3, 4, 5, woods, 21 through SW, 1 1/2 yrs old, exc cond. Best offer. 286-4084.
10 spd Huffy 26 in bike, needs little work. \$60. 284-5693 evenings.
Benotto 10 spd bike. \$100. Single bed w/drawers and storage. \$100 ea. 252-2216.
Swing set w/slide, 2 swings, 2 seater swing. \$50. 284-5410 days and 284-5693 nights.
Surfboard, wind surfer blanks, hardware, sail for wind surfer. 250-0251.
Suitcases, weight bench, Cayuco paddles, dishwasher. 252-5185 after 5 pm.

Miscellaneous

8 classical cds, 7 leather back Louis Lamour westerns, 12 decorative concrete blocks, movies, old ones. 284-3773.
Table saw, floor model, Rockwell deluxe, 9 inch blade. \$150/obo. 286-4298.
Rowing machine, octa-gym. \$75. Hydro slide. \$75. 252-5354.
Numerous book of Panama, natural history, science and biology. 252-6614.
Computer desk. \$100. Epson RX80 FT printer, like new. \$250. 252-5875.
Baby, ladies, boys clothes. Baby toys, bbq grill. Best offer. 286-3841.
Regal meat slicer. \$50. Shelves, utility, different sizes, dishes, stoneware. 286-4882.
Table fan. \$20. Door mirror. \$10. Plastic 32 gal trash can. \$20. 286-4282.

Motorcycles

XT 250 Yamaha, 83, duty paid. \$700. 284-4573.
Honda CB900F, must sell fast, leaving in Dec. \$1800/obo. 284-3386.
1984 Honda XL 350R, many access, duty paid, exc cond. \$1000. 286-4774.
Cota Moutessa 349, must sell. Best offer. 268-0652.
Moped w/gd cond. \$175. 284-3731.
Suzuki 125, 4 wheeler, low mileage, 1986, gd cond. \$800. 284-3699.
Yamaha FZ-600, 1 year old, duty paid, us legal, exc cond. \$2850. 223-6171.

Patio sales

2432 Morgan Avenue, Balboa, household items, bikes, Saturday.
3222 Empire Street, Balboa. Saturday 7-12.
7304 B Cardenas, multi family. Saturday.
7274 A Cardenas. Saturday 8-11.
326 Empire Street, Balboa, furniture, curtains, clothes, etc. 252-6615.
6539 A Anton Street, Corozal. Saturday 7-11.
76, 62B-E St, Villa Lilla, dishwasher, tv, betamax, desk, weight bench, household items. 223-8159. Saturday.
6577 B Corozal, multi family. Saturday.
770-C Barneby St, Balboa, household items, clothes, art work, misc. Saturday 8-12.

Wanted

Want to buy female black Cocker Spaniel, must be ake or ccp. 225-3697.
Old Victrola phonograph in working cond, will pay reasonable price. 286-3520.
RCA flying saucer type tv antenna, other similar auto-rotate antenna, 75-300 ohm, buy or trade. 262-2235.
Live in, english speaking maid, Mon-Fri, house work, care for 2 children. 284-3322.
Individual who possesses the "Jaws" theme music for recording. 284-5738.
Jeep Cherokee 88/89 at, price according to condition. 269-3100 Mon-Fri.
Batman cards, trade, sell or buy. 286-4173.
Nintendo games, extras, gd cond, reasonable price. 224-0804 ask for Yendo or leave message.
13 in tires to fit a Ford Pinto. 252-1150.
We are looking for a house to watch or rent in the canal areas. Negotiable. 252-5408 after 6 pm.
5 bolt, 13 inches rim for 1968 Plymouth Valiant. 284-4430.
To rent video laser disc player at reasonable price. 282-3495.
To rent commuter van or similar for 21 days. 226-3562.

the TROPIC TIMES Ad Form

Advertising in the Tropic Times is offered on a space available basis to U.S. military members, civilian DOD employees and employees of other U.S. government agencies. Ads will be accepted only for NON-COMMERCIAL services or goods offered by the advertiser or an immediate family member. Offerings of real estate or personal ads will not be accepted. The Tropic Times reserves the right to edit any advertisement. Questions regarding non-publication of submitted ads may be directed to the Editor at 285-6613.

Submissions must be typed or legibly printed and limited to 15 words. Only two submissions per family per week will be accepted. Each submission must indicate only one category for publication. Ads for services will be accepted once per quarter as will ads for the Wanted category. Patio Sale ads must indicate date and location. Submitted ads will be published only once and must be resubmitted for further publication. Ads not run because of late receipt or lack of space need not be resubmitted; they will be run the following week unless a specific date is involved.

Deadline for the receipt of ads is 9 a.m. Monday for the following Friday's edition. If Monday is an official holiday, the deadline is 9 a.m. Tuesday. Ads may be mailed to the Tropic Times, APO 34002 or deposited in a drop box at the Albrook Post Office. Advertisers should allow seven to 14 days for processing.

<input type="checkbox"/> ANIMALS	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> AUDIO-VISUAL	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOBILES	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> AVAILABLE	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> BOATS & CAMPERS	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> FOUND	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> HOUSEHOLD	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> LOST	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> MISCELLANEOUS	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLES	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PATIO SALES	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> WANTED	_____

PRICE _____ HOME PHONE _____

Check only one category per ad form. Only two ads per person each week are allowed. Each ad form is limited to 15 words. Please type or print neatly. Information listed below is not included in the ad, but is required for publication. This information will not be released to third parties.

SPONSOR'S NAME _____ RANK/GRADE _____

ORG. _____ DUTY PHONE _____

Ortega says no to Bush commission

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, (Reuter) — Nicaragua said Thursday it would not allow President Bush to send observers to monitor elections next February because his representatives would not be impartial.

Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto said the U.S. Congress had approved \$9 million for opposition presidential candidate Violeta Chamorro's election campaign and had Thursday approved the continuation of aid to anti-Sandinista Contra rebels.

"Facing this situation, Nicaragua cannot allow any U.S. presidential commission to come to Nicaragua to play the farce of being innocent and impartial electoral observers," he said in a statement.

Bush had said he would appoint a presidential commission to monitor the elections which Nicaragua agreed to hold next February under a Central American peace plan.

The U.S. government, which has backed Contra rebels in their eight-year-old war against the Sandinista government, strongly favors Chamorro, candidate of the National Opposition Union (UNO).

D'Escoto said it was clearly incompatible to try to buy the election of a candidate while being

accepted as impartial observers of the polls.

"The same unfortunately cannot be said of President Bush nor, therefore, of any commission appointed by him..." d'Escoto said.

D'Escoto said Nicaragua would continue offering complete cooperation to invited election observers and hoped the United States would accept their findings.

Chamorro meanwhile made public a letter sent to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev this week in which she urged him to use his political and moral authority "to assure the survival of the electoral process."

She also asked him to support the opposition's call for all countries to stop sending weapons to Nicaragua.

Chamorro said she believed the only solution to the crisis facing Nicaragua was democracy. This solution was possible if the government complied with its promise to allow free and fair elections, she said.

But Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's decision to lift a cease-fire in the Contra war this month had seriously endangered the peace process and the possibility of free

elections, she said.

"Nobody in the world will make the Nicaraguan people consider Bush or any commission of his as impartial," he said. "The very fact that Mr. Bush is appointing this commission is enough to totally discredit it in our eyes."

Nicaragua would therefore not grant visas or observer credentials to members of Bush's commission, he said.

D'Escoto said Nicaragua had taken a political decision that the election process in Nicaragua would be the most rigorously observed of any election held in a sovereign state.

"We want the whole world to see that without a shadow of a doubt, our electoral process has been scrupulously fair and democratic," he said.

The government had invited hundreds of observers from the United Nations, Organization of American States, the Council of Freely Elected Heads of Government headed by former President Jimmy Carter and other groups, d'Escoto said.

Freeway shook up

OAKLAND, Calif., (Reuter) — A remaining section of the double-decker highway that collapsed in northern California's Oct. 17 earthquake and killed 42 people was shaken again Thursday, this time in a deliberate test by engineers.

Scientists placed hydraulic jacks beneath the Nimitz Freeway and gave it enough of a shake to simulate a 5.0 earthquake on the open-ended Richter scale.

That was far less powerful than the 7.1 quake that rocked the highway six weeks earlier, but engineers said the amount of shaking would be increased gradually over the coming weeks.

They said they hoped to learn how the two-tiered roadway, built in the 1950s, acted during the quake and what could be done to strengthen similar elevated highways. Some portions of elevated highways in San Francisco were still closed due to quake damage.

Workmen have nearly finished removing the rubble left after one and one-half mile of the top deck fell onto the lower roadway during the 15-second quake.

News briefs

by The Associated Press

Bush off to summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush headed Thursday for his first summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, saying the two have a "powerful and historic opportunity" to work for peace. Gorbachev, in a speech in Rome, called for a 35-nation meeting next year to speed the integration of Europe.

Banker killed

BAD HOMBURG, West Germany (AP) — A bomb Thursday killed the powerful chairman of West Germany's largest bank as he drove to work, and officials said the leftist Red Army Faction terrorist group claimed responsibility. The Red Army Faction has carried out numerous attacks against leading West German figures in the 1970s and 1980s.

Pentagon fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former defense company official pleaded guilty Thursday to conspiring to make illegal campaign contributions and to obstructing the FBI's investigation of Pentagon procurement fraud. John B.G. Roberts III, a former Unisys Corp. marketing manager, admitted that he arranged to funnel illegal campaign contributions to a number of lawmakers who had influence over the defense budget on Capitol Hill.

TV rights fees rise

NEW YORK (AP) — Turner Broadcasting Systems and the NBA pushed the escalation in television rights fees even higher when they agreed on Thursday to renew their contract for \$275 million over four years.

Noticias breves

por la Prensa Asociada

Bush hacia la cumbre

WASHINGTON (AP) — El Presidente Bush partió el jueves para su primera conferencia con el presidente Soviético Mikhail S. Gorbachev, expresando que ambos tienen la "gran e histórica oportunidad" para trabajar por la paz. En un discurso en Roma, Gorbachev hizo un llamado a 35 naciones a reunirse con el propósito de dialogar sobre la integración de Europa.

Muere banquero

BAD HOMBURG, Alemania Occidental (AP) — El jueves una bomba mató al poderoso presidente de la junta del banco más grande de Alemania Occidental, cuando éste se dirigía hacia su oficina. Oficiales dijeron que los izquierdistas del grupo terrorista del Ejército Facción Roja aclamaron responsabilidad por este acto. El Ejército de Facción Roja ha llevado a cabo numerosos ataques contra

grandes personalidades de Alemania Occidental en la última década.

Fraude en el Pentágono

WASHINGTON (AP) — Un ex-oficial de la oficina de defensa se declaró culpable del delito de conspirar con contribuciones ilegales en una campaña y por la obstrucción de investigaciones del FBI acerca del fraude del procurador en el Pentágono. John B.G. Robert III, un ex-gerente de la Corporación Unisys, admitió que él arregló la distribución de las contribuciones ilegales con varios legisladores, los cuales tenían influencias sobre el presupuesto de defensa del Capitolio.

Aumentan tarifas de tv

NUEVA YORK (AP) — El sistema de radiodifusión Turner y la NBA presionaron para el aumento de pago de los derechos para televisión sobre más de lo acordado, al reanudar su nuevo contrato de \$275 millones por un período de cuatro años.

Bush issues executive order; Chinese students stay in U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush vetoed legislative protection Thursday for visiting Chinese students, but issued an order to let them stay in the United States and avoid possible persecution in their homeland.

Bush said his executive order would provide the same safeguards as the legislation, but avoids "congressional micromanagement of foreign policy" and a new law that would put "America in a straitjacket." Micromanagement is a Washington synonym for meddling.

Congressmen quickly complained that Bush's remedy was inadequate since it could easily be revoked, and said they would seek to muster the necessary two-thirds votes to override him.

Both chambers appear to have more than enough support since the measure passed the House, 403-0, and the Senate on a unanimous voice vote.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said, "An executive order can be revoked at any time, and these students know that. Our support for these students should be unequivocal, not subject to change at the stroke of a pen."

The president had been expected to veto the measure and his administrative remedy came as a surprise. It was announced just before he left the White House for his Mediterranean summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

They said, "We join all Americans in wishing you well at the summit meeting this weekend." But, "We pray that you do not forget the slaughter in Tiananmen Square. We urge you not to set back the struggle."

Beijing had opposed the legislation to allow Chinese students to remain in America and indicated that it would further strain U.S.-Chinese relations.

Bush said in a statement accompanying his veto message: "I will always adhere to the principle that no one will be returned forcibly to a country where he or she faces persecution. America will always stand with freedom-loving men and women around the world."

Last spring, during the crackdown of pro-democracy demonstrators in China, Bush ordered that visiting Chinese students be permitted to remain in the United States until this June.

But with that deadline approaching, Congress moved to allow those students to remain indefinitely by passing the Emergency Chinese Immigration Relief Act.

It would have waived a requirement that an estimated 40,000 Chinese students in the United States on visas return to their homeland upon completion of their academic programs, which for most, would be June 1990.

New 'clean air' standards proposed

WASHINGTON, (Reuter) — The government Thursday proposed new standards it said would reduce air pollution from municipal waste incinerators 90 percent overall in five years.

The standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency include a requirement to separate at least 25 percent of the reusable components of municipal trash. The goal is to cut both the quantity and toxicity of garbage to be burned.

The so-called materials separation

requirements would spur recycling, rather than burning, of items such as paper and glass. Also banned would be burning of car batteries to cut lead emissions and residues.

In addition, the EPA proposed to tighten incinerator operating standards to ensure optimum combustion and thus less pollution.

The standards, now subject to a period of public comment, represent a strengthening of the current standard set in 1971 and amended in 1986, the EPA said in a statement.

99-14-262-1
359