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Air Rescue Service MA-60G Pave Hawk helicopters from Nellis AFB like this one will be part of the Air Force Combat Rescue inventory that will transfer from Air Mobility Command to Air Combat Command Jan. 1, 1993.

Air Force rescue units merge with ACC

by TSgt. Rene Zapata Jr.
OL-I Air Rescue Service

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - The Air Staff will realign Air Rescue Service units under the Air Combat Command Jan. 1, 1993 to more closely align combat missions and simplify command lines. ARS is the primary Air Force combat rescue force with global search and rescue responsibility in support of Department of Defense operations.

Under the realignment, all continental U.S. rescue forces will transfer to ACC, except for the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, McClellan AFB, Calif.

The 55th WRS will remain with the Air Mobility Command. Overseas, ARS forces will transfer to the control of the

U.S. Air Force theater major commands. Locally, the U.S. Southern Air Forces (12th Air Force) will be gaining the 66th Air Rescue Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nevada and Operating Location-I ARS at Howard.

Among other responsibilities, the commander of ACC will assume duties as the Air Force chief of staff executive agent for search and rescue matters and will be responsible for the development of multi-command operational procedures for rescue helicopters, HC-130P tankers, pararescue jumpers, and theater rescue coordination centers.

"The ARS has had a proud history since its establishment March 13, 1946 at Andrews Field, Md.," Maj. Donald Dunn, OL-I ARS commander, said. "At the height of the Korean War, the 3rd Air

Rescue Squadron accounted for a total of 9,898 rescues of United Nations personnel, including 996 combat saves. During the Vietnam War, ARS forces saved the lives of 4,120 personnel, including a grand total of 2,780 combat saves. During this conflict, ARS aircrews and pararescue jumpers were the most highly decorated Air Force members with three Medals of Honor and 10 Air Force Crosses.

"As the Air Rescue Service enters a new phase of its history, one thing is remarkably clear," Dunn said. "The men and women who have been part of ARS's past have contributed to saving more than 25,000 lives, nearly 4,000 of these were combat saves, since the day in 1946 when ARS was established. The rescue motto will always continue to be: 'These things we do that others may live.'"

Panama starts CFC campaign

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - The U.S. Southern Command will begin its Combined Federal Campaign Thursday. The campaign will continue through Nov. 16, with a goal of \$350,000.

The 24th Wing's share of SOUTH-COM's goal is \$63,000.

"The disasters at Homestead AFB, Guam, Hawaii and Somalia brought tremendous devastation and loss of lives," said Maj. Michael Dillard, 24th Wing CFC project officer. "A call for humanity and help has been made. Answer the call with your contribution to the CFC, it's the human thing to do."

Air Force members should call Dillard at 284-3815 for details.

According to U.S. Army South's acting project officer, John Cuite, USARSO's portion of the goal is \$210,000.

The Army's campaign will begin with an 11:30 a.m. no-host lunch Wednesday for all commanders, directors, key staff and CFC project officers and keypersons. The lunch will be held at the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers' Club and will be followed by a training session for the project officers and keypersons.

Each unit will be assigned a key person who can enroll people in CFC or give more information.

Lt. James Morales is the project officer for U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal. The naval station has a \$31,500 goal this year.

Morales said Navy keypersons will be trained this week and there will be keypersons for all the naval station's divisions as well as its tenant commands. People can contribute through their keypersons.

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From street cops to commandos

by Peter Copeland
Scripps Howard News Service

Editor's note: This is the second in a three part series about the U.S.'s war on drugs as seen by Scripps Howard News Service reporters. It's reprinted with permission from the Scripps Howard News Service.

LA PAZ, Bolivia - The Drug Enforcement Administration, which provides many of the ground troops for America's drug war overseas, plans to greatly expand its roving patrols of combat-trained agents in five Latin American countries.

The plan, quietly included in the agency's proposed budget for 1993, would create a permanent "Andean support team" of 105 people trained in military operations to rotate through Peru, Bolivia, Guatemala, Ecuador, and Venezuela.

The DEA would use the new team to expand the existing Snowcap teams in Peru, Bolivia and Guatemala, operations staffed by U.S.-based field agents on temporary duty.

The Snowcap strike teams lead Latin American police forces in paramilitary raids on jungle drug labs and clandestine airstrips and in operations against traf-

ficking organizations.

The new program, which DEA says would cost \$11 million in the first year, would increase the number of mobile teams from six to 21, replace temporary-duty agents with full-time slots and supplement the work of more than 300 DEA employees already working in Latin America.

Agents who volunteer for the Snowcap teams are sent to Fort Benning, Ga., where they are given a week-long evaluation before taking an eight-week course taught by Army Rangers.

They learn to survive in the jungle, fire an M-16 and work a field radio. Then there is a 25-week Spanish course, followed by a 10-week "mount out" at the Marine base at Quantico, Va., where the agents polish their skills and pick up diplomatic pointers from the State Department.

They are formed into self-contained teams of about a dozen people from DEA and Border Patrol, plus former Army Special Forces soldiers who serve as medics and radio operators.

When they hit the ground, the teams come under the operational control of resident DEA agents in charge, men like Don Ferrarone.

Ferrarone, who heads the DEA team in Bolivia, sees his war as a low-intensity conflict. As a reminder to

himself about what could go wrong, he keeps a well-worn copy of "A Bright Shining Lie," a book about the tragedy and failure of Vietnam.

One year ago, worried about the lack of clear strategy to fight the war, Ferrarone sat down with Marilyn McAfee, the State Department's deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz.

The old strategy was enough to keep the Washington bean-counters happy — everybody had "body counts" of drugs seized and labs discovered — but it wasn't slowing the flow of cocaine from Bolivia.

A new scheme was hatched — Operation Ghost Zone.

The target was the Chapare, a remote piece of Bolivian jungle about the size of New Jersey.

The embassy group mustered 1,000 Bolivian and American cops, GIs and drug agents, a score of aircraft, a roomful of high-tech hardware and four U.S. military officers eager to fight a "real war."

On Feb. 23, they kicked off the largest counter-drug operation ever attempted.

"We're moving enough troops and equipment into the most active narco-trafficking area in Bolivia so that we can control the ground, the thousands of waterways

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STOP!

Crossing guard keeps walkers safe

by SrA. Jackie Ambrose
24th Wing Group Public Affairs Office

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - If you've driven along Bruja Road on school mornings, chances are, you've seen him.

Whether waving to passing cars or holding a stop sign for schoolchildren to cross, Ricardo Ogg has been a fixture here for the past three years.

Ogg, a security guard for the Howard Elementary School, works Mondays through Fridays as a school crossing guard and as a security guard for the school compound.

"People began waving at me from my first day on the job," Ogg recalled. "It's grown since then and now people blow their horns at me and even give me sodas and some snacks. I have 14 kids of my own, so I love kids and when the students get to know me, some even bring me candy."

A resident of San Miguelito, he is at the school by 5:15 a.m., even though his official day runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

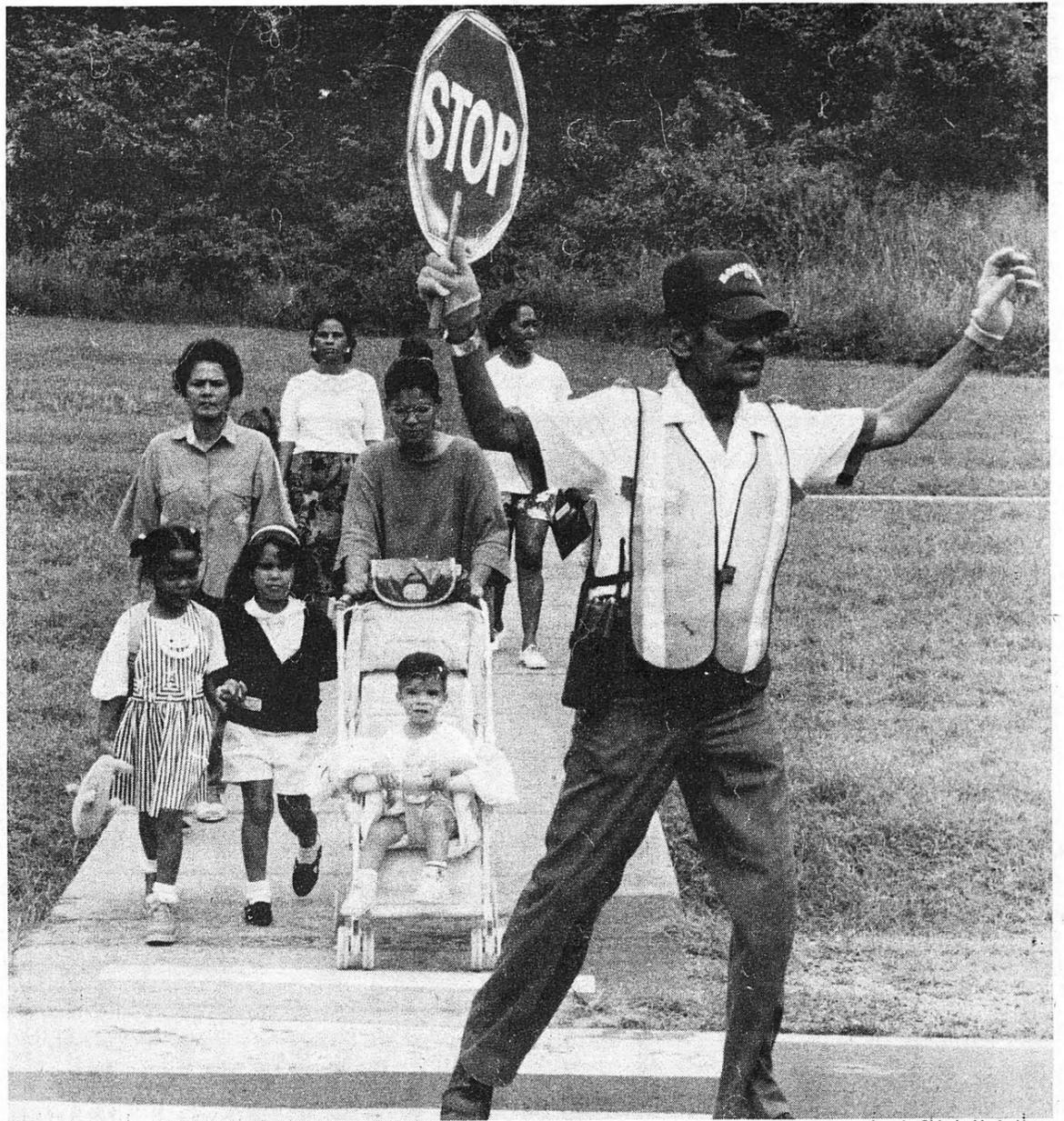
"Mr. Ogg is always here early," third-grade teacher, Terrie Haning, said. "He helps teachers with their books and other loads and is friendly with the kids, who really listen to him."

"I come early to relieve whoever is on that shift to give them more time to rest at home," he said.

Other than one incident last year, he's never had an accident occur at the crosswalk, Ogg said.

"An 8-year-old boy was on his bicycle and about to enter the road while traffic was moving. I just reached out and grabbed him and his bicycle," he said.

Ogg has received an excellence award and certificate of appreciation for his work as a security guard, and it's a job he looks forward to every day.



Ricardo Ogg stops traffic for schoolchildren and parents.

U.S. Air Force photo by SrA. Jackie Ambrose

Military police begin patrolling hospital, parking lots

by Sgt. Jane Usero
USARSO Public Affairs Office

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (USARSO PAO) - Visitors to Gorgas Army Community Hospital may have noticed a recent increase in the level of security around the hospital with identification check points, roving military police cars and dog patrols.

"The increased security is not because of an increased threat," said SSgt. Elieser Colonroche, hospital security non-commissioned officer in charge.

"Our purpose is to ensure safer and more comfortable surroundings for those visiting the hospital," he said.

The upgrade of hospital security began Aug. 19 with the addition of more military police roving patrols. These patrols include walking, mobile and K-9 teams between 6 p.m. - 6 a.m.

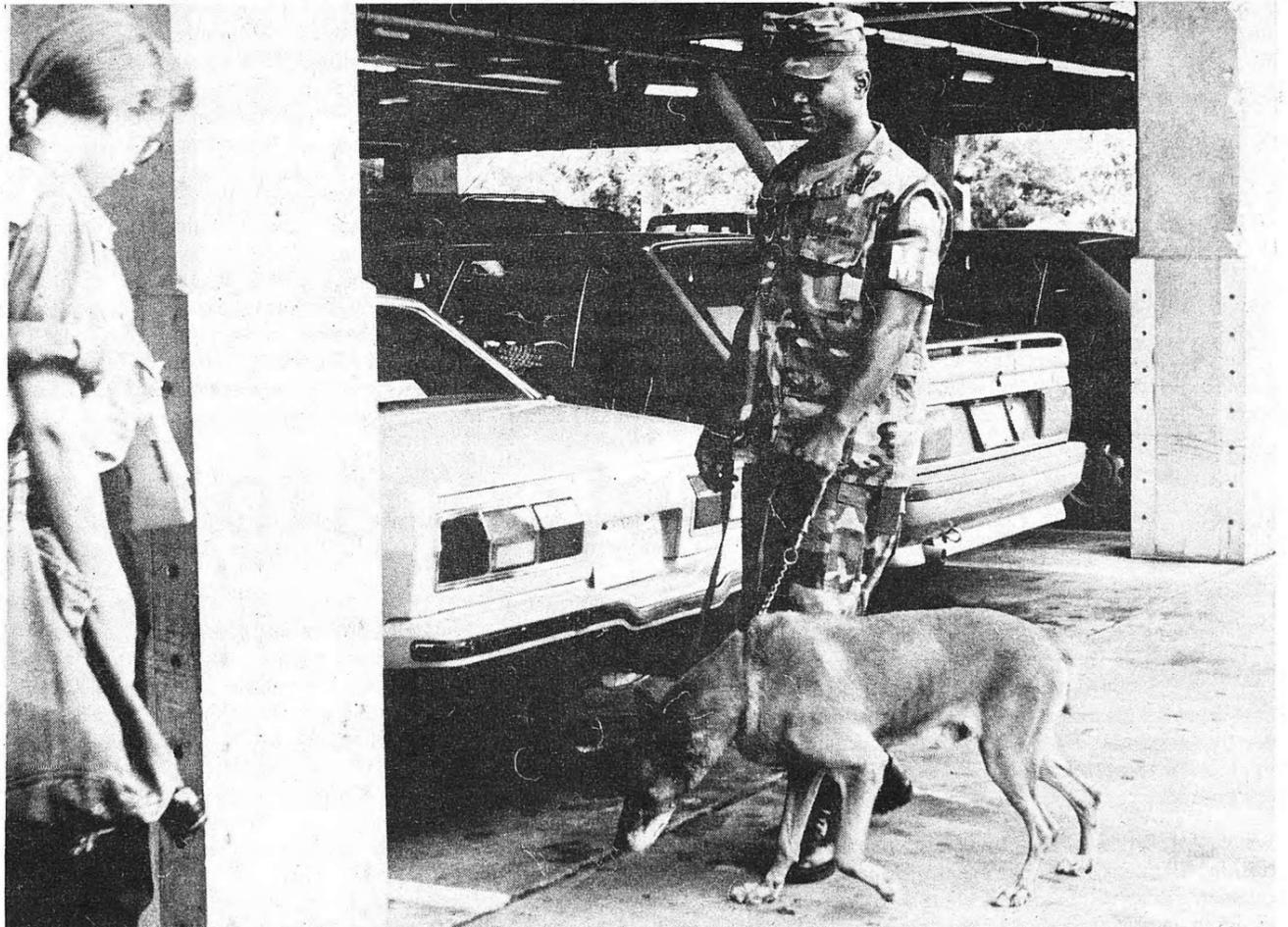
"These patrols have made a substantial difference," said Colonroche. "Before the increase in patrols, there were 711 trespassers apprehended between Jan. 1 and July 30. Since they began the new patrols there has been only one incident, and the culprits were caught," he said.

"Our job is to check identification of those parking in the hospital parking areas and attempting to enter the facility," said Spec. Thomas Mosher, a member of the guard force.

During the first day the four-man guard force was in place, it turned 169 people away, Colonroche said.

Another place people will find the guards is the emergency ramp, which guards will only let emergency vehicles use.

"Of course, there are exceptions to this. For example, elderly, handicapped or people who would have problems negotiating the stairs will still be able to be dropped off at the ramp," he said.



Sgt. James Myles and his military working dog patrol the parking lot at Gorgas Army Community Hospital.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jane Usero

"But in most cases, people will be directed to the parking areas."

The response to the new guards has been good, Colonroche said.

"I had one person tell me that this was the first time in his three years here he was able to find a parking place under the building," said Mosher.

"People used to park here to go downtown to work or shop," said Colonroche. "Now that the guard force is checking,

there are more parking spaces open for patients and visitors to the hospital.

"I've had people complain when I turn them away that they have been doing this for years and can't understand the sudden change," said Mosher. "But, after a while, everyone will get used to it."

"For a very long time, Gorgas was operated as an open, unrestricted and unsecure installation," Colonroche said.

"This caused conditions that encour-

aged criminal behavior, and many patients, staff members and the U.S. government were the victims. The new system is in place to change this," he said.

The higher security is no more restrictive than entering any other military facility or installation, according to Colonroche.

"There will probably be some resistance to this change but, in the long run, the hospital will be a more secure place for everyone concerned," he said.

'Movie man' shares back-to-back hits

by Sgt. Jane Usero
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON (USARSOPAO)- Walking through the Valent Recreation Center these days, visitors may notice something new. Neatly hand-written popsters hanging here and there, loud gun fights coming from one of the rooms and one man dashing in and out of the room with a stack of fliers in one hand and what looks like a gold album in the other.

Once the door opens to this noisy room and the lights are turned on, scores of people pour into the hallway smiling and talking about how impressed they were. Still others make their way into the room with the encouragement of their host, George Kaberline, a distribution facility manager for the Army and Air Force Exchange System.

What is going on behind the door to this room, thanks to Kaberline, is a chance to hear the movies. To Kaberline, you haven't seen a movie until you have heard the movie and, in the new screening room at the center, visitors can do both.

Though Kaberline is not a center employee, he offers his services, equipment and movies free.

"When I saw the big screen television, I offered to do this," he said. "It not only gives the soldiers and their families an opportunity to see these movies the way they were meant to be seen, but I have the enjoyment of seeing and hearing them myself. I couldn't do this in my apartment. The speakers are too big for one thing, but I don't have a television," Kaberline said with a grin.

"When George approached us with his offer, we jumped at the chance," said

Anne Kelly, Valent Recreation Center director. "A program like his is great, but one that we couldn't afford if we had to pay for it. He does an outstanding job. He does everything from setting up the schedule and doing the signs to printing up the hand-outs and setting up the room," she said.

Kaberline, the movie man, as some are calling him these days, is not new to the world of movies. He was introduced to movies at a young age by his father and worked 12 years as a theater manager and projectionist.

"I love the movies and have been collecting these for about six years now," he said.

With a collection of more than 500 movies, the movie man has plenty to choose from for his programming.

"I began choosing films that are action type, gearing the program toward the adult audience," Kaberline said. "Recently, however, I've noticed a lot of families coming in so I have begun to schedule family-oriented films as well."

With line-ups such as action-packed Arnold Schwarzenegger movies one day and movies like "Ferngully" and "The Color Purple" the next day, Kaberline's line-up is likely to have something for everyone.

"Some of my schedules are requested by those who come in," he said. One such line-up is the "Star Wars" trilogy that Kaberline has scheduled for Oct. 11.

Another likely hit is the "Star Trek" marathon set for Saturday and Sunday.

"I've heard a lot of the people that come through say they wouldn't miss that schedule," he said.

With limited seating in the screening room, however, Kaberline suggests coming early.

"Our screening Room seats only 40-50 people, but that is done on purpose. I wanted to keep the atmosphere intimate," Kaberline said. "With the smaller room and comfortable seating and surroundings, watching the movies is a more enjoyable experience. Also, the smaller room offers better acoustics and the movies can be heard better," he added.

Hearing the movies the right way is Kaberline's prime interest and with his digital laser disc player and Dolby Surround System, consisting of six speakers strategically placed around the room, the audience does just that.

"You don't just see the action in a gunfight, you are put in the middle of it," says the movie man. "You haven't seen a movie until you have heard the movie," he said.

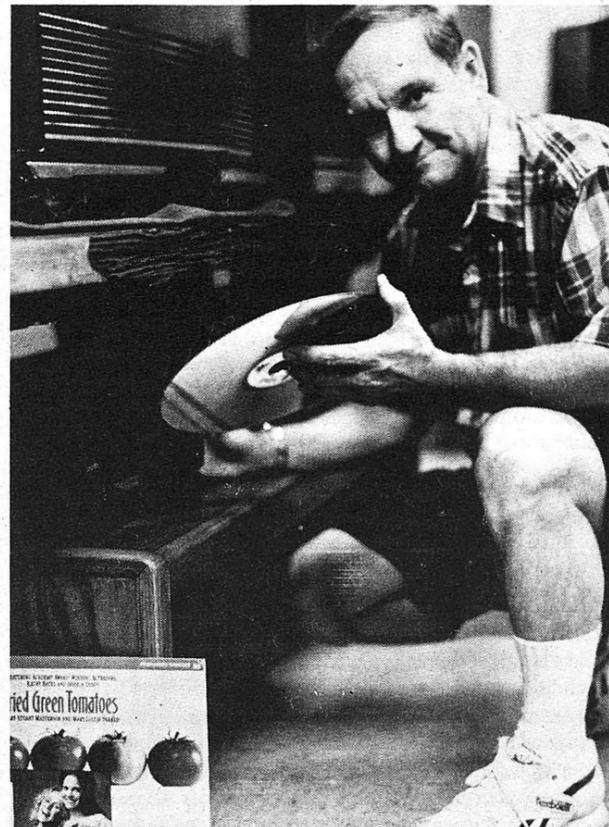
To ensure movie goers have the opportunity to see what is popular, Kaberline has many of the top movies on order from the states.

"At one point, I scheduled a movie before I even had it," Kaberline explained. "I was going on the hopes that it would make it here in time, and it did."

Another way the movie man ensures his audiences are seeing what's hot is by looking through a stateside television guide.

"I look through the guide and see what is being shown on the movie channels. This gives me good ideas for my scheduling," he said.

Just a few weeks ago, he was showing



Kaberline

movies just on Sundays, Kaberline has had to expand a bit and now he shows movies most Friday nights and Saturdays as well.

"I program movies for Fridays from 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays usually from 1 p.m. on," he said.

Putting all this time and energy into the screening room seems a lot for free, but to Kaberline, it's a labor of love.

"I get a kick out of it," he says. "I see people coming in from as far away as Howard and even the Atlantic side. I have also had people tell me that having the opportunity to watch my movies helped them pass the time and miss their families maybe just a bit less."

With a smile and a nod, Kaberline walks away to hang a new poster. "The thanks and smiles I get is pay enough," he says over his shoulder.

Canal Zone sees money burned, fuel rationed

FORT CLAYTON (USARSOPAO)- The following are significant World War II events which took place during September 1942:

Sept. 5

Final decision is made for Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of northwest Africa, to include landings at Algeria and at Casablanca, Morocco.

Sept. 6

The Executive Secretary of the Panama National Police announces that Lt. Col. Francisco Aued, third commander of the institution, and Capt. Bolivar E. Vallarino, chief, Cavalry Squadron, were invited to visit the United States by the U.S. secretary of war and the U.S. Army.

The Canal Zone Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Civilian Defense Corps coordinate and give instruction at Balboa School on incendiary bombs and the use and care of gas masks.

Germans announce the capture of Novorossisk, leading port on the east coast of the Black Sea. Fierce fighting continues around Stalingrad.

Sept. 7

The Panama Canal Department announces the promotions of Capt. Walter L. Coleman and 1st Lt. Leonard C. Kincaid, both of Quarry Heights, to the ranks of major and captain respectively.

Sept. 9

A Japanese plane drops an incendiary bomb on a mountain slope near Brookings, Ore., causing a small forest fire. This is the sole bombing by an enemy plane of the continental U.S. during the war.

Sept. 11

Completion of a runway on Adak (Aleutian Islands) permits stepped up air offensive against Kiska Island.

Since Aug. 29 about 6,000 Japanese have arrived at Guadalcanal.

Sept. 12

U.S. Army infantry troops penetrate the San

Felipe area of Panama City from 12th Street to 3rd Street. The Foreign Ministry later announced they were called upon to supervise the transfer of \$2 million in old bills to be burned in the Canal Zone as it was impossible to transfer them to U.S. banks.

Provisional raider-parachute battalion conduct reconnaissance in force along Edson's ridge, to close the approach route to Henderson Field, Guadalcanal.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower officially announces assumption of command as commander in chief, Allied Expeditionary Force for Torch, and Allied Force Headquarters is activated in London.

Sept. 13

Adm. Robert L. Ghormley orders the 7th Marines to reinforce the garrison at Guadalcanal.

Sept. 15

The first elements, Co. E and attachments of 126th Infantry, 32nd Division, fly to Port Moresby from Brisbane, Australia. This is the first U.S. infantry force to arrive in New Guinea.

Japanese submarines attack U.S. warships on patrol south and east of the Solomon Islands, sinking the aircraft carrier *Wasp* and damaging the battleship *North Carolina*.

Sept. 16

Cristobal Magistrate, E.I.P. Tateman, who served as regional director of the Civilian Defense Organization on the Atlantic side, is appointed Director of Civil Defense.

Cecil Tilton, senior business analyst of the Research Unit, Fuel Rationing Division of the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D.C., arrives to implement gasoline rationing in the Canal Zone.

German Army Group B penetrates the northwest suburbs of Stalingrad.

Sept. 17

The government of Panama issues a Decree-Law creating the Gasoline and Tire Rationing Office and

establishes regulations for the rationing of fuel.

Sept. 19

Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift establishes continuous defense lines, divides the Lunga area of Guadalcanal into 10 sectors.

Sept. 20

Maj. Gen. George Brett, commander in chief of the Allied Air Forces in the Pacific front arrives to inspect Panama Canal defenses.

The outline plan for Operation Torch is issued and D-Day is set for Nov. 8.

Sept. 24

The Honorable Frank Knox, secretary of the Navy, arrives at Albrook Field to inspect Canal defenses. He is received by U.S. Ambassador Edwin Wilson. A reception is given in his honor at the U.S. Embassy on Balboa Avenue.

Quarry Heights announces that Capt. David Young Nanney, stationed with the Coast Artillery at Fort Kobbe, is promoted to the rank of major.

Sept. 27

First Raider Battalion attempts to attack an enemy strongpoint in the Matanikau Village area of Guadalcanal from the rear but is unable to cross the river.

Japanese abandon Ioribaiwa Ridge in New Guinea under Australian pressure and are in full retreat.

Sept. 29

The troop strength of the Guadalcanal garrison is now 19,261; 3,260 troops are on Tulagi. Sixth Naval Construction Battalion is constructing an airstrip.

Editor's note: This timeline continues a series of articles relative to U.S. Army defenses in the Panama Canal areas as a contribution to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of World War II. The timeline was compiled by Dolores DeMena, U.S. Army South historian.



Shining Path continues fight

HUAYCAN, Peru (AP) - "Defend the Life of Presidente Gonzalo! Long Live the People's War!"

The slogan was daubed in fresh red paint on the walls of a school in this shantytown near Lima. The Shining Path wants to send a clear message that the capture of their leader has not ended their battle against the government of President Alberto Fujimori.

Abimael Guzman, known as "Presidente Gonzalo" to his fanatical followers, was captured Sept. 12. By Sept. 16, his guerrillas began stalked Huaycan's rocky streets under cover of darkness, painting schools, a health clinic and soup kitchens with dozens of revolutionary slogans and praise of their legendary leader.

"Huaycan is one of the Shining Path's bastions," said community leader Javier Ramon Figueroa. "They control four of the town's 16 districts, and their presence is growing."

"People here don't even think about erasing the writing when walls are painted," Gladys Puente, 20, said nervously as she prepared to feed 20 small children in an abandoned bus that had been converted into a soup kitchen.

Like nearby buildings on Huaycan's main street, the soup kitchen, where poor women and their children can get a hot meal for 10 cents, was smeared with red lettering: "We Demand that Fujimori's Genocidal Dictatorship Respect the Health and Life of Presidente Gonzalo."

Many residents of Huaycan, a shantytown on a barren mountain slope 12 miles east of Lima, were afraid Thursday to talk to a visiting journalist. The town's mudbrick shacks and reed huts are home to large numbers of refugees from the fighting in the countryside, and they have learned that a wrong word can bring death.

"Everyone feels fear. How can we not feel fear?" said a middle-aged woman, her front teeth missing, as she sold apples and bananas in front of the kindergarten.

The people of Huaycan are especially uneasy because Fujimori, who closed Congress April 5 and assumed near dictatorial powers to fight the guerrillas, has tried to force them into the battle against the rebels.

Fujimori has promoted civilian patrols as a key element in his battle against the Shining Path, whose 12-year rebellion has taken 25,000 lives.



A soldier guards the Central Police station in Peru where rebel leader Abimael Guzman is held.

In July he announced that Huaycan's vigilante patrols, formed to protect its streets from common criminals, were a model for civilian anti-guerrilla militias that he planned to form in other shantytowns.

The people of Huaycan protested, saying their clubs and whistles were no defense against the rebels' weapons.

At midnight on July 15, three hooded men knocked on the door of Pascuala Rosado Cornejo, Huaycan's top elected official, and gave her one final warning: Either disband the vigilante groups or die.

She now is protected day and night by 15 soldiers. But other community leaders such as Figueroa go unprotected.

Three killed during Columbus protests

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) - Plainclothes policemen fired on 300 people marching to protest upcoming quincennial celebrations, killing three people, including a human rights activist.

The shootings Sunday evening were the first violence connected to government plans to commemorate Christopher Columbus' arrival in 1492. Critics have said the celebrations, including construction of a giant lighthouse, are wasting millions of dollars.

The nation's police chief, Gen. Rafael Guerrero Peralta, said a police lieutenant and two agents were under investigation in the shootings and could face prosecution.

Police said one of the victims was Rafael Efrain Ortiz, a lawyer who headed the Dominican Committee of Human Rights. The other two were not immediately identified by police.

Ramon Almanzar, leader of the leftist Popular Organizations Collective, said Ortiz was shot in the head when he chanted "Columbus! You're Not Welcome Here!"

Two other people were wounded, and demonstrators scattered after the shootings.

The protest, named the "Cimarrona march" after a colonial-era escaped slave, attracted 300 people, including artists and community leaders who have publicly criticized the October celebrations.

The Popular Organizations Collective and other groups have scheduled a series of protests during the 500th anniversary celebrations Oct. 9-12. The celebrations coincide with the visit of Pope John Paul II to the Dominican Republic to open the Latin American Episcopal Conference.

John Paul will lead a Mass at the Columbus Lighthouse on Oct. 11, but will not attend government celebrations on Oct. 9 and on Oct. 12.

Government critics accuse President Joaquin Balaguer of glorifying Columbus. They acknowledge the explorer's accomplishments, but also note his support of slavery and subjugation and extermination of Indians.

Panama City bombs cause little damage

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuters) - Bombs exploded at two Panamanian government offices and the international airport the evening of Sept. 18.

The bombs apparently caused no injuries or serious damage, according to a police spokesman.

The first explosion occurred in a men's toilet at Tocumen International Airport, according to police spokesman Daniel Alonso.

Services were not interrupted at the airport, about 20 miles east of Panama City.

Approximately ten minutes later a second bomb exploded at the foreign ministry building in the capital, Panama City.

Soon after that a third bomb exploded at the nearby Electoral Tribunal.

The explosions broke windows but caused no serious damage, Alonso said.

A group calling itself Panama Soberana, or Sovereign Panama, claimed responsibility for the attacks in a telephone call to a local radio station, Alonso said.

Three people were detained for questioning in the incident, Alonso said.



FMLN members stand in formation as their weapons are turned in to U.N. peacekeeping forces.

Salvadoran rebels hand over weapons

AGUACAYO, El Salvador (AP) - Leftist guerrillas are turning in their weapons to U.N. observers under peace accords that ended a crippling 12-year civil war. One-fifth of the rebel force is to be demobilized this week.

"I am not giving up (my weapon), I am depositing it," Serbelio Nunez said Monday as some 380 rebels turned in their arms during a ceremony here, about 20 miles northwest of San Salvador.

Like many rebels, he said he would not hesitate to take up arms again if the government of rightist President Alfredo Cristiani does not fulfill its part of the peace accord.

Nunez held the rank of major in the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN.

"I feel good because I can say 'mission accomplished,'" he said. "I have accomplished the first stage of the struggle, and now we will enter the political struggle."

Some 75,000 Salvadorans, mostly civilians, died in the war. The U.N. agreement, which took effect Feb. 1, provides for an overhaul of the armed forces, police, judiciary, electoral system and for converting the guerrilla army into a political organization.

Land distribution to former rebels has

become a point of bitter contention in fulfilling accords signed in Mexico City in January. The rebels want 1,890 plots to be distributed now.

Remaining land is to be divided by Oct. 31, when demobilization of the FMLN is to be complete and all aspects of the accords are met by both sides.

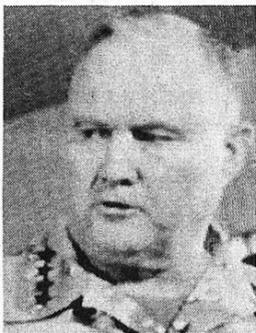
Another touchy issue is reform of El Salvador's politically powerful military, which stands accused of widespread human rights abuses. Twenty percent of the original FMLN force or about 1,670 rebels is being demobilized this week. Another 20 percent was demobilized earlier this year. That leaves about 5,000 rebel fighters.



French Puma transport helicopters come in aligned for landing on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Clemenceau in Djibouti Tuesday. The carrier and its task force joined the U.S. during action in Operation Desert Storm. AP LaserPhoto

Schwarzkopf: not invading Iraq good move

NEW YORK (AP) - Invading Baghdad in the final days of Operation Desert Storm to topple Saddam Hussein would have bogged down the United States in a quagmire "like the dinosaur in the tar pit," according to Desert Storm Commander H. Norman Schwarzkopf.



Schwarzkopf

"The legitimacy for what we were doing was the United Nations resolution which called for us to kick the Iraqis out of Kuwait," the retired four-star general said in an interview for *Newsweek on Air* carried by The Associated Press radio network.

"We never considered going to Baghdad.... We'd accomplished our mission."

Schwarzkopf also defends the decision to halt the ground war in his forthcoming biography, *It Doesn't Take A Hero*.

He also complains in the book of being pressured by Bush administration "hawks" he said had seen too many war movies and wanted to rush coalition forces into battle before they were ready.

"The increasing pressure to launch the ground war early was making me crazy," he wrote.

"There had to be a contingent of hawks in Washington who did not want to stop until we'd punished Saddam. We'd been bombing Iraq for more than a month, but it wasn't good enough. These were guys who had seen John Wayne in 'The Green Berets,' they'd seen 'Rambo,' they'd seen 'Patton,' and it was very easy for them to pound their desks and say, 'By

God, we've got to go in there. Gotta punish that son of a bitch!' Of course, none of them was going to get shot at."

Schwarzkopf doesn't identify the administration hawks or say whether they were reflecting the wishes of President George Bush.

His book will be released later this month by Linda Grey-Bantam publishers in New York.

In the radio interview, Schwarzkopf said going to Baghdad would have splintered the fragile 28-member coalition that ejected Iraq. He also said the cease-fire saved American lives.

Schwarzkopf also discusses the cease-fire's timing in his book, excerpts of which appear in the *Newsweek* issue available on newsstands Monday.

In a phone call with Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Schwarzkopf said he wanted to keep going on the advice of his commanders.

"I want to continue the ground

"...it was very easy for them to pound their desks and say, 'By God, we've got to go in there'... none of them was going to get shot at."

Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf
Operation Desert Storm commander

attack...drive to the sea and totally destroy everything in our path," Schwarzkopf told Powell. "In one more day we'll be done."

But when Powell called back and told him the White House wanted to stop the ground war after 100 hours, Schwarzkopf agreed.

The Iraqi army was in full flight from Kuwait, and U.S. pilots were bombing convoys along an escape route called the Highway of Death.

Military medical ethics under fire

WASHINGTON (AP) - The military uses psychiatric examinations and forced hospitalization in mental wards to intimidate and discredit people who disclose wrongdoings, an advocacy group contends.

The Commission on the Reform of Military Medical Abuses, made up of former and current military personnel who say they were victimized for speaking out, said that hundreds of people were being "taken against their will without due process and locked up in psychiatric hospitals."

During a two-day gathering that ended Friday, members of the group conferred with members of Congress and wrote President Bush, urging him to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate retaliatory psychiatric testing.

The Pentagon, in response to previous charges, has denied abuses of the medical system and said it is working hard to protect whistleblowers from reprisals.

Former Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jim Manship of Alexandria, Va., said retaliatory testing has "resulted in the personal destruction" of many good performers who were conscientious enough to speak out about problems.

Manship said he was ordered to a Navy hospital for psychological evaluation after complaining about a superior he said obstructed a drug intervention program.

He said after a five-minute interview, he was classified as an "obsessive compulsive with narcissistic tendencies" and lost his security clearance.

Michael Tufariello of Dallas, a former Navy chief

petty officer, showed the slippers pasted with happy faces he was forced to wear while locked up in a medical ward for four days. The 23-year veteran, who has testified before Congress and appeared in several television exposes on alleged medical abuses, said he was hospitalized after reporting payroll fraud at the Dallas Naval Air Station in 1983 and 1984.

"I was wounded in Vietnam, but that (hospitalization) overrode my Vietnam experience," Tufariello said. "A common criminal has more rights than a man in uniform." Tufariello, who heads a group called Wounded Eagles, which is similar to the commission, said he has documented 280 cases of retaliatory testing.

Others at the conference refused to give their names, saying the stigma of having psychiatric testing on their military records has made it difficult to get jobs.

One man said he was administratively discharged in April after serving 11 years as an Air Force linguist. He said he was declared to have a personality disorder after filing five complaints with the military inspector general. "We lost our careers, we lost our credibility."

A former Navy doctor said she was suspended from duty after writing her congressmen about a job dispute.

She said that in the next months she was put in a psychiatric ward for a week, tied in leather restraints, diagnosed as having a severe personality disorder and charged with wounding a member of a SWAT team that broke into her apartment.

Homosexual airman loses court decision

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - An Air Force hearing board has recommended the discharge of an airman who announced on network television that he is gay.

The three-officer panel rejected a plea from SSgt. Thomas P. Paniccia to stay in the service.

"Three words 'I am gay' do not change who I am and the contribution I have to make to the Air Force and the country," the 11-year veteran said.

Paniccia, 28, announced his homosexuality on July 23 on ABC's "Good Morning America" and made similar statements later in other interviews.

The panel found that the airman had made statements "that he was a homosexual or words to that effect" and thus was subject to discharge. It recommended an honorable discharge.

The board also rejected arguments that the Pentagon ban on homosexuals requires evidence of such conduct.

The recommendation goes to a brigadier general at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Paniccia has said he intends to go to court to overturn the ban. The Pentagon maintains that homosexuality undermines discipline and morale.

"If you discharge me, you punish me for something that I am, not for something that I have done," he told the hearing board.

Mayors' Corner

Dear Mayors' Corner,

We only have two radio stations in Panama; 91.5, which is almost strictly music that's almost strictly for head bangers or cowboys, and 790 with (to paraphrase Carl Sagan) billions and billions of 'intellectual' stuff.

I can't handle 91.5 but I can receive it. I want 790 but I can't receive it.

I live within 5 miles of the back gate and instead of Radio City it's Static City. What can I do?

Easy listener

Dear Easy,

According to commander, Southern Command Network, the problems with AM 790(Pacific) and AM 1420(Atlantic) aren't limited to off-post locations.

The same poor reception you get occurs in some areas of military installations as well.

Part of the problem is that SCN is only allowed to transmit 10 kilowatts of power on the AM band, compared to the average 150 kilowatts used by most stateside stations.

The other part of the problem is the location of the tower. The solution is to move the AM transmitter to a new location that will provide better reception.

S C N

has just completed a site survey and identified five new locations that will be submitted for approval.

SCN hopes to have that approval within the next year and to make the move soon thereafter.

The SCN commander also says to expect some program changes within the next 60 days.

Based on data from a survey taken last December, the preferences of the listening audience in Panama have changed

dramatically since the last survey and both AM and FM stations will reflect those changes.

Six to eight months from now, another survey will be taken to ensure that SCN is still in tune with its listening audience.

Dear Mayors' Corner,

Many soldiers are very upset about the new (no shorts) dress policy at the Fort Clayton NCO club.

A certain standard of dress should be required, but it should be left to the manager's discretion and good taste.

A nice pair of dress shorts and a dress shirt doesn't bring down the atmosphere of the club like a pair of skin-tight, worn-out jeans.

I know there are clubs downtown we could go to, but because of safety, transportation and cost, we would rather stay on post.

With more soldiers downtown, more unfavorable incidents will occur. Please tell us what we can do to get this policy changed.

Dear Mayors' Corner,

I'd like to know what is being done about the dress codes for the military clubs here.

Some of the guests are wearing very provocative and revealing

outfits that make regular patrons uncomfortable.

There aren't any signs posted to say what is allowed but common sense should tell you that some of those dresses are just too short and too low.

Enforce the rules

Dear Readers,

Generally speaking, Navy, Air Force and Army clubs encourage casual, con-

servative civilian attire with an emphasis on conservative. They also allow the uniform of the day with some restrictions.

According to the individual club managers, all service clubs allow conservative dress shorts during the day.

Two facilities, the Navy Officers' Club and the Fort Clayton Army Community Club, restrict shorts after 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively.

The Navy policy is long-standing and uncontested, says the Navy club manager.

The Army community club, however, recently returned to a no-shorts dress code that was approved by the Sergeants Major Council before the club ever opened. Reinstating the policy coincided with the reopening of the second floor dining room in August, according to the Army Community Operations Division acting chief.

But the strict no-shorts dress policy may be too exclusive, the COD acting chief said.

He agrees that some dress shorts are in keeping with the conservative intent of the Council's guidelines.

In response to club members' requests, he will ask the Sergeants Major's Council for an amendment at their next meeting.

And, yes, club managers agree that some patrons occasionally test the constraints of the dress policies.

At those times, managers may ask patrons to leave the club and return at a later date when their attire meets the standards set by sponsoring committees, boards, and councils.

Dear Mayors' Corner,

Why won't the Post Office date stamp a letter while I'm standing there waiting?

I send in rebates and sometimes the date is very important.

I'm worried about the letter not being stamped until late in the evening or even the next day.

And why isn't there a pick-up at Howard before 4:30 p.m.?

That means the mail truck is stuck in rush hour traffic to get to Tocumen.

What happens if it misses the plane? It goes out the next day but that may be too late.

D.R.

Dear D.R.,

According to the 24th Air Postal Squadron commander, envelopes are not hand stamped at the counter because high speed cancelling machines do the work in a fraction of the time.

The machines make service faster and keep the postal workers from being tied up.

Your rebates are safe, says the postal commander.

All mail delivered to drop boxes and post offices before posted cut-off times is cancelled the same day, to include fourth class. And all cancelled mail makes that day's mail flights.

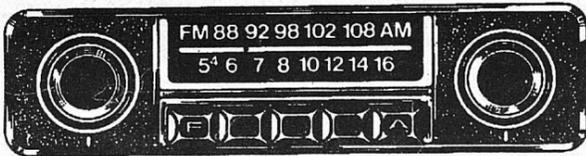
Mail isn't picked up from the boxes and taken directly to the plane, it has to be sorted first.

Afterwards it goes to the airport but exactly when isn't common knowledge, says the postal commander.

However, it's safe to say they are in no danger of getting caught in rush hour traffic, the commander said.

The postal commander reminds patrons to check cut-off times for mail pick up because they different boxes and post offices in Panama have different cut-off times.

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PM Corner

Drunk driver gets caught

A sailor was arrested for drunken driving and attempting to elude last week. The incident began when security police tried to detain the sailor for drunken driving. The man refused to stop and fled through the Howard main gate. A military police courtesy patrol later caught the sailor off base.

If you find that you have had too much to drink, call a taxi or let a friend drive.

More unsecure property stolen

A Corozal resident is missing more than \$1,300 worth of tools and stereo equipment after thieves stole the property from his unlocked car. Lock vehicles after parking them and never leave valuable items inside.

Civilian charged with misappropriation

A civilian employee was charged with misappropriation of government property last week. He used a government vehicle to conduct personal business at the Gorgas Army Community Hospital.

Military regulations prohibit the use of government vehicles for personal affairs. Report all misuse to military police.

Barracks thief strikes

A barracks thief stole \$240 from a Fort Clayton soldier last week. The thief entered the soldiers' room

and took the money from an unsecured wallet. Barracks soldiers should lock all valuables inside their wall locker. Large amounts of money should be locked in the unit safe.

Unregistered firearms

Military police charged a Fort Kobbe soldier with possession of an unregistered weapon last week. The soldier was found to have a pistol inside his wall locker.

Firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshals' Office before they can be stored on post, and registered with the Panama National Police before they can be taken off post. For information, contact the military or security police.

Post Office misuse

Three family members were charged with misuse of the Army Post Office last week. Contraband Control Section investigators found that the family members had used the APO to order items for resale in Panama.

Department of Defense regulations prohibit importing merchandise intended for resale through an APO. For information, call 286-3303.

Camcorder stolen

A Fort Clayton woman is missing a \$900 camcorder after thieves broke into her car last week.

Anyone with information that may help the military

police catch the thieves should call 287-5252.

Illegal parkers beware

The military police have recently received numerous complaints of abandoned and illegally parked vehicles. In response to these complaints, the military police have implemented new measures to enforce parking regulations. All illegally parked and abandoned vehicles will be towed to Jarman Field and their owners will be ticketed. Call 287-3203.

Crime statistics for September 11 - September 17, Pacific

Fort Clayton 800 area - 1 larceny of secured government property
Fort Clayton 900 area - 1 larceny of unsecured private property
Corozal - 2 larcenies of unsecured private property, 1 larceny of secured private property
Curundu - 1 larceny of unsecured government property

Atlantic

Fort Davis - 1 larceny of unsecured private property
Fort Sherman - 1 larceny of unsecured government property, 2 larcenies of unsecured private property, 2 larcenies of secured private property
Fort Espinar - 1 larceny of unsecured private property, 1 larceny of unsecured government property

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Rude moviegoers insult Native Americans' heritage

by Sgt. Jane Usero
USARSO Public Affairs Office

I recently sat in front of two men at the theater watching a movie and was amazed at the ignorance that two grown men could show.

While watching the movie, which revolved around

life on a Native American reservation, these two men constantly bombarded my ears with racist and ignorant remarks toward things they obviously didn't understand.

At one point in the movie, an elderly Native American

and more snickers came from behind and references being made to "drinking the water."

Visions are also not something taken lightly by Native Americans.

They are considered to be given from the heavens. For a better understanding of visions, and many other Native American traditional values, I suggest these two men read the book *Black Elk Speaks*.

All through the movie, remarks were made about things such as the sweat lodge, a tribal dance and traditional dress — all things that hold much tradition, heritage and meaning to the Native American.

My advice to these two men, and all those who have stereotypical impressions of Native Americans, is to open some books and learn before opening their mouths and insulting.

For instance, many people don't understand the stand being made now against sports team with names such as the Washington Redskins.

How many actually know where the word redskins came from?

It originated from a bounty put on Native Americans' skin. Yes, money was once paid for the skin torn from the bodies of Native American men, women and children.

This is not an act anyone should want immortalized in the name of a professional football team.

We all know and understand most terms and phrases considered racist to most ethnic groups and minorities, but know little or nothing about Native Americans.

Words such as "how" and "squaw" for instance. How is not a term used by Native Americans and squaw is actually a very insulting term Wasichus (white men) used toward Native American women.

In fact, if a child were to use the English equivalent, he would probably have his mouth washed out with soap, even today.

It's time all Americans make the commitment to learn about what our heritage truly consists of.

The more we learn about "the other guys," the more we will learn about ourselves and the less pain and degradation we will cause one another, whether intentional or not.

Sarge gives small bills for big cause

by SFC Joe Ferrare
Tropic Times Chief

I ran into the Old Sarge the other day, a-grumbling, a-mumbling and a-filling out a CFC card.

"Parting with a few bucks for the betterment of mankind, eh Sarge?"

"Not hardly, by-products brain," he answered. I snuck a peek at the form. I was impressed by the three digits, but only until I saw the decimal point.

"That all you're giving?" I asked.

"Yeah, that's all. And I wouldn't be giving that, but the commander wants 100 percent participation so he can look good. I got Mrs. Sarge and Little Sarge to think about. I can't afford charity."

"Don't give me that, Sarge. We're the same rank. I know you can give more than that," I said. "In fact, you've got more time in grade than Lucifer, so you ought to give more."

"I said I can't afford it! You want my family to starve so I can give all my money away?" he barked.

I did some quick calculations. "There are about 10,000 GIs in country, and I don't know how many civilians. If every GI gave \$3 that'd be \$360,000 a year, and the goal is \$350,000, counting civilians. You can't make \$3 a month?"

"No! Besides, I need it more than anybody else."

"I don't want to go into Guilt Induction Mode," I said. "But you spill more than \$3 a month, Sarge. You leave more than \$3 in fries on your plate. You burn more than \$3 in gas racing to work late. You'd never miss \$3, especially with payroll deduction."

"But why should I give somebody else my hard-earned money?" he asked.

"Nobody's asking you to buy one less CD, computer game, or even six less sodas a month. I bet 95 percent of the people in this command could write off \$3 a month without even knowing it."

"OK, OK: quit yer whining," he said grudgingly. "I'll give more."

"You make a '3' like this, Sarge," I pointed out. "It's a '1' that goes straight up and down."

"Geez, Mr. Certified Public Accountant all of a sudden," he groaned. Still, he made extra sure to show the form to his company commander.

"That's more than you've given your whole tour," his CO said.

"Well, I figure if everybody just gave \$3..."

Quote of the week

"Buried was the bloody hatchet; Buried was the dreadful war-club; Buried were all warlike weapons, and the war-cry was forgotten. There was peace among the nations."

Longfellow
Hiawatha, XIII

can brought out a traditional pipe to smoke with a visitor.

The men behind me began laughing and making remarks about illegal substances being smoked in the pipe.

If they had any knowledge of the significance of the pipe to the Native Americans depicted in this movie, they would have found nothing to laugh about.

The smoking of the pipe is a time of honor and spiritual importance. It is an act taken seriously by Native Americans.

Also, the substance traditionally smoked in the pipe of the Sioux (Lakotas) was the bark of the red willow, not an illegal substance.

At another point in the movie, "visions," were adressed

DIRECT quotes

How can we be more sensitive when dealing with Native Americans?



"Discrimination cannot be tolerated. American Indians should be proud of their heritage and treated accordingly."

CMSgt. Ronald Wheelis
24th Wing Senior Enlisted Adviser



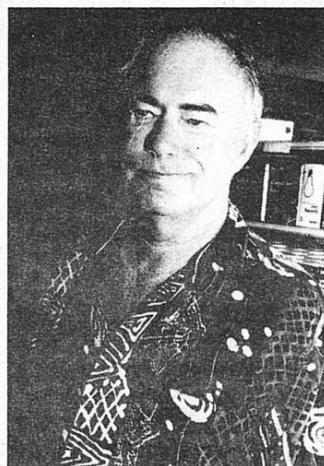
"We need to educate ourselves on American Indian culture. That way we can understand each other better."

SSgt. Mitch Billups
U.S. Southern Command J-6



"(Football teams) shouldn't use Indian names because some people might find that offensive."

P03 Frankie Heggins
USNAVSTAPANCANAL Mine Division



"Native American Indians are not draftable, yet every war we've fought in, they've volunteered in droves. We owe them our respect."

Bob Thrush
U.S. Customs, Howard AFB



"Probably treat them as individuals, treat them equally, and better education for the public."

SSgt. Anna Ellison
Non-Destructive Inspection Laboratory

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'Ghost Zone' haunts dealers

by Andrew Schneider
Scripps Howard News Service

CHIMORE, Bolivia - It's barely dawn. A thick fog soaks up most of the sun, but the temperature is already pushing 90. Day 66 of "Ghost Zone," the world's largest counter-narcotics operation, is going to be a hot one.

The jungle base camp, 300 miles east of La Paz, is starting to show signs of life.

The steady drone of generators and the chatter of jungle birds is eclipsed but the din of a dozen aging helicopters coughing to life.

Shrill whistles roust 350 Bolivian policemen and members of UMOPAR, the special drug unit, out of their barracks. With metal mess kits clanking, they line up for breakfast.

At the other end of the 30-acre compound, George Auflick, the Drug Enforcement Administration's operations chief, is already having a bittersweet morning.

It's 6:15 and two U.S. Custom Service P-3 radar planes have already spotted two Cessnas sneaking low and fast from different directions into the Chapare, the New Jersey-size hunk of jungle that produces one-third of the world's coca supply.

If the two small aircraft can make it to their clandestine airstrips, they will drop off the money or processing chemicals they're hauling, load their planes with several hundred pounds of cocaine base and, within four minutes, be airborne again to Columbia.

The fog is preventing the helicopters from taking off with the ground troops needed to seize the planes and make the arrests. Auflick is not happy and he uses colorful words to express that fact.

The 25-by-200-foot operations center reverberates with the static and din from 10 radios blaring from the adjoining closet-size communications room. Normal conversation is impossible.

"Target one's gone to ground," yells Butch Rutt, a Customs agent from Denver who's talking to one of his radar planes. He bellows out a stream of numbers which five men, hunched over maps spread on a big table, plot as the last known position of the aircraft.

Calling out new coordinates, Rutt adds, "Number two's down also. They're obviously lost and waiting out the fog."

"At least we're not the only ones in this jungle screwed by the weather," grumbles Auflick.

Outside on the porch, a dozen new "Snowcaps" — specially trained DEA agents and Border Patrol officers, fresh from the United States — try to stay out of the way as they wait for the boss, the DEA chief in Bolivia, Donald Ferrarone, to brief them.

Comparing notes on the critters they saw during their first night in camp, they realize the glamour of their new assignment as much oversold.

"Honest to God, it was four inches long and when it flapped its wings is sounded like a fan with a bent blade," says one Border Patrol officer.

Auflick sticks his head out the door: "Let's do it. Time to hear the gospel."

The Snowcaps were given "the big picture" during three days at the U.S. embassy in La Paz. Now it's time for the nitty-gritty.

Ferrarone does the honors.

"If you think your middle name is Rambo, you're probably in the wrong place," Ferrarone says.

"I know the uniforms, guns, helicopters and military analysts that we have here paint a vivid picture that this is a military operation — America at war in the jungle again."

The GI trappings, he explains, are necessary to move and survive in a jungle environment.

"We are at war, but every American carrying a gun through these jungles is also carrying a badge, because they're cops."

Mark Edmondson takes over. A former Birmingham, Ala., policeman, he has been with DEA for seven years.

He flips through large charts on an easel showing page after page of targets: "small level buyers," "Major buyers," "protection suppliers," "major producers," and "Colombian connection."

Over 400 names are on the pages, each with aliases, know associates, area of operations and their link to 22 different Bolivian drug trafficking organizations operating in the jungle. Eighty-eight of the names are crossed out, either arrested or killed since Ghost Zone began.

"Each day as new intelligence comes in, we add more names and cross out more," says Edmondson. "You're here to do police work, pure and simple. These are your targets. You're to identify, arrest, gather evidence and help convict them."

Eleven laptop computers crowd the makeshift desks of the command post. The computers, the new arrivals are

'Rambo' attitude doesn't cut

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that cut through it and the air traffic above," says Ferrarone.

Operation Ghost Zone looks like a military action, but the agents carry plastic handcuffs and evidence bags and work closely with local prosecutors to make cases.

They don't have the authority to make the arrests, but the Bolivian cops do.

That sometimes makes for a strained relationship between the two sides, and the Bolivians occasionally have to remind the DEA agents that they are the guest, not the bosses.

So far, the results of Ghost Zone are impressive: 29,544 kilograms of coca leaf and eight aircraft seized, 245 drug labs and 14 clandestine airstrips destroyed.

told, are packed with information on targets, vehicles, aircraft, informers, locations of airstrips, storage areas, base labs and detailed information on all the organizations.

"This is how we figure out who's going to make the target list and how you people will spend your days and nights," Ferrarone says.

Auflick starts putting names and jobs with the faces at the base.

Air Force Maj. Ed Terrazas and Pete Hernandez, a DEA agent who now is a State Department narcotics adviser, handle logistics. The duo moved 230 tons of material into the jungle to set up the base camp and 23 Ghost Zone outposts.

They supply 22,000 gallons of fuel every four days to run the operation's 26 aircraft, 41 vehicles, 2 "mother" ships and 8 chase boats and dispense boots, uniforms, ammunition, food, medicine and anti-venom kits for 1,030 troops spread over thousands of square miles.

The "intel," or tactical analysis team, is next. Army Lt. Col. Jim Creek from Las Cruces, N.M., runs it.

Navy intelligence officer Siebe Bandringa, a reservist who found himself "temporarily" activated from his job as a cop in Irving, Texas, is also on the team, as are DEA intelligence specialists John Fleming of San Francisco and Neal Rubin of Washington.

Juan "Ruby" Rutiaga is next. He's a retired Army aviation officer from Ramonville, Texas, who runs the 24 helicopters in the State Department's air wing.

The door to the radio room opens abruptly.

"The P-3 says the fog's lifted and they've tracked one of the Cessnas to a new strip," says radioman Don Taylor, a retired Special Forces sergeant major.

Auflick cuts off the introductions. "Six of you get your gear. I want the Hueys up in 10 minutes."

The men rush to the mess hall, which is decorated with American and Texas flags. They top off their four canteens, pick up their freshly charged radios and grab their heavy backpacks, web gear, 9mm pistols, M-16s and shotguns.

Three minutes later, they and six Bolivians from UMOPAR, ducking to avoid the spinning blades, climb into two helicopters that are older than most of them.

It will do little for their morale if they learn that a State Department training pilot at Chimore found the same Huey he flew in Vietnam 26 years ago.

They're airborne 20 minutes when the radio crackles with a P-3 report that the drug plane has lifted off and is gone. But they're almost over the area where the plane landed and there must be a lab nearby. So they look.

The helicopter flies in tight, fast circles, almost on its side, centrifugal force thrusting the machine gunner and two men sitting beside him deep into the worn canvas seats. The landing skids often perilously brush the treetops, but the technique offers the only hope of a peek through the thick jungle foliage below.

The intermediate steps that turn the coca leaf into cocaine need water to operate. The agents look for creeks and streams shiny with diesel fuel or gasoline.

"Watch for water stained black. It's a sure sign," a DEA agent screams over the roar of the rotors to a new Snowcap.

But the radio orders them back to base. Something hotter has come up. A two-man UMOPAR patrol has stumbled onto seven Colombians, and shooting has been going on for three hours.

Auflick is waiting at the airstrip and six other choppers are warming up. They'll carry 60 men to the town on the

While the "Rambo side of the house," as Ferrarone calls it, attracts the most attention, the bulk of DEA agents abroad do more traditional work: developing snitches, drawing "wiring diagrams" of how the drug rings are organized, building cases for local police.

For example, in the DEA's Operation Screaming Eagle, Bolivian police use space-age vacuum cleaners to scoop up micro-bits of cocaine left in airplanes. If the plane is dirty, it is confiscated. Just ask the owner of a shiny Lear Jet now parked in a corner of the dusty Presidential Hangar at the La Paz airport.

The same type of program in Peru, known by the less-glamorous name Operation Vacuum Cleaner, has failed to produce any planes, which shows that DEA's ultimate success overseas depends on the willingness of Latin American governments to help.

other side of the shootout to try and cut the Colombians off.

Andy Banks, A DEA agent from Chicago and the assistant team leader, will take another 60 men in by ground. Fifteen minutes later two Americans and 10 Bolivians are crowded into each of five lightweight Toyota pickups.

Everyone stands. It's too rough to sit. Trying to avoid getting a tooth or an eye knocked out by someone's rifle barrel, they grasp skimpy rollbars and fight to keep from getting thrown out as the trucks ricochet through the ruts of the jungle path.

The Colombians, it turns out, have eluded the ambush, but the day will not be a total loss. Earlier, an informant had tipped off the drug warriors to a coca lab in the same area.

After three hours of being thrashed around in the trucks, the team thinks it's impossible to be any more uncomfortable.

An hour later, on foot in the jungle, they knew they were wrong. They've only hiked about three miles, but the 108-degree heat and humidity turn their camouflaged uniforms black from sweat.

They've also violated the basic rule of foot soldiers: never let the man with the longest legs lead. In front is 6-foot-4 Brian Donaldson, an ex-Special Forces medic from Fairfax, Va.

There's little talk. It takes too much energy and they're deep in the bad guys' backyard. Coca bushes crowd both sides of the narrow path, which is marked with fresh footprints.

Two more streams to cross. The first is easy, the second more challenging. The 45 pounds of gear and weapons don't make crossing a 20-foot single-log bridge high above a stream an amusing experience.

Then there is a waist-deep river. "Piranha don't attack you if you're not bleeding, do they?" whispers one of the new guys.

"Naw. Not unless they're hungry," reassures Banks. The trail splits and so does the patrol.

It's almost dark. The sun has dropped behind the tall trees of the jungle canopy. Cautiously, the two groups circle a grove of trees split by a stream.

One of the patrols finds a 40-foot-long plastic-lined pit filled with coca leaves and highly flammable chemicals, the first step in making cocaine.

The Snowcaps gather chemical labels, shipping lists, any scrap of paper with writing on it. They torch the pit and a yellow-red ball of flame rolls into the tree tops.

About 500 yards away, the second patrol surrounds a raised wooden pole house. Nobody's there, but more documents are found.

It's almost midnight when they get back to Chimore. The cook saved them dinner.

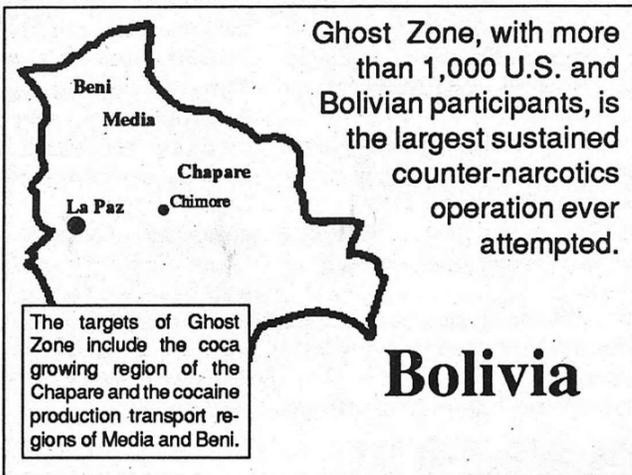
They joke with three guys putting black and green greasepaint on their faces. They're going out on a night patrol.

The Border Patrol guys who worked road checkpoints boast about their first full day on the job, confiscating chemicals used in drug-making.

There was a 50-pound flour sack filled with lime, a case of quart beer bottles containing sulfuric acid, a five-gallon bucket with two gallons of ammonia packed under three gallons of lard and a large pumpkin filled with dark purple crystals of potassium permanganate.

Auflick breaks up the one-upmanship: "Bring your beer. We've got to talk about what we found today and what we're going to chase in the morning."

It's 2 a.m. before most of them head to bed. It's been 20 hours since they started their day and only four until the next one begins.



Mom and Pop team dive into 'Shark 3'

Andrew Schneider
Scripps Howard News Service

COCA, Ecuador - A mother of two from Minneapolis and a great-grandfather from Tampa, Fla., lean on an M-60 machine gun mounted in a Boston Whaler that's barreling up a river in the Amazon.

The mom-and-pop duo are with the State Department's Narcotics Assistance Section in Ecuador. In fact, Yvonne Thayer and Thomas Zepeda are the entire NAS team.

"We can't just start a counter-narcotics program, hand out money, deliver vehicles, boats, bulletproof vests and check off a box on a form. We have to see if and how it's being used, and you can't do that sitting in an office," says Thayer, a former Latin American correspondent for *Newsweek*.

It's earlier the same week. The 42-year-old NAS director is walking down the dirt strip that is the main street of the bawdy border settlement of La Punta. The presence late at night of the petite "gringa" sparks more excitement in this squalid hamlet than the bullet-riddled body pulled from the river earlier that day.

She strides up to the log-walled fort at the edge of town where an astonished sentry nervously fidgets with his rifle as Thayer bangs on the heavy gate in 14-foot wall. Waving her embassy ID, she insists in rapid-fire Spanish that the corporal of the guard get his commanding officer.

"But it's late. He can't be bothered," he argues.

"I'll wait. He will see me. Get him, please. Now," she softly prods.

The corporal hurries off, muttering loudly. "I had to learn how to walk this very careful line of being diplomatic yet still tough enough to get the job done. So I just do what I think I have to do," she says.

Suddenly the stockade gate creaks open and a very tall, and a very annoyed man dressed in gym shorts and a T-shirt storms through. Henry Gordon commands the 50 men at the river garrison and obviously is puzzled what the U.S. embassy would want at this time of night.

The 5-foot-2-inch envoy explains she was "in the neighborhood" and wants to see how the drug war is going.

For more than an hour they sit on a bunker of crumbling sandbags overlooking the 300 yards of river separating Ecuador from Colombia.

They swat dime-size mosquitoes as Gordon, his enthusiasm now unbridled, zealously explains to his willing listener that the drug traffickers own the river and move freely between the two countries.

There are too few troops or aircraft on either side to effectively control the border, Gordon says, and wistfully talks of the need for a joint operation with the Colombians across the river.

"Perhaps some day," Thayer says, smiling. She knows that four days later she will be in Washington, meeting with the State Department and Drug Enforcement Administration officials pushing such a plan.

At that same moment, about 120 miles southwest, deep in the jungle in the dusty town of Coca, the other half of the NAS team, Thomas Zepeda, is also slapping bugs and doing his part in getting things ready to go after drug traffickers.

Zepeda, a retired DEA agent, has help. Two U.S. Coast Guardsmen, Lt. j.g. Ricardo Rodriguez from San Francisco and Petty Officer Jorge Medina from Norfolk,

Va., are on loan to the embassy from the Coast Guard's international Maritime Law Enforcement Team. Unlike their counterparts in the other military services, Coast Guard personnel are permitted to go to the front and mix it up with the bad guys.

The trio goes into battle with a 40-member Ecuadorian police riverine unit, funded, trained and equipped by the United States.

"Compared to Colombia and Bolivia, this unit is just a drop in the bucket, but it's something that works and it's a start," says Zepeda, who started his 27 years in law enforcement as a street cop in Louisville, Ky. He picked up the badge of a federal drug fighter in Detroit, worked most Latin American countries for DEA and retired soon after the agency shipped him to Washington.

"It was the most boring nine months of my life, so I quit. I was too young to sit on a porch, so when the State Department offered me this job I jumped at it," says the 60-year-old father of four.

Ecuador has never been a major player in America's drug war. Only a smattering of coca was ever found in the country, and that was quickly eradicated.

But as American-led, military-type interdiction efforts increase in neighboring Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, Ecuador is becoming an unwitting host to money-launderers and smugglers.

Thayer and Zepeda have about \$1 million to run their entire operation—virtually nothing compared to the more than \$50 million that drug warriors get in some other countries.

Add to that a host government that doesn't really see drugs as a problem and a six-man DEA team that concentrates on cases that lead back to the United States, and it creates a situation that would prompt most drug fighters to pack their bags.

Not so in Ecuador.

The diplomatic duo beg, borrow and cajole funds, equipment and government support to get the job done. They are not above bending the rules to get Ecuadorian officials on their side.

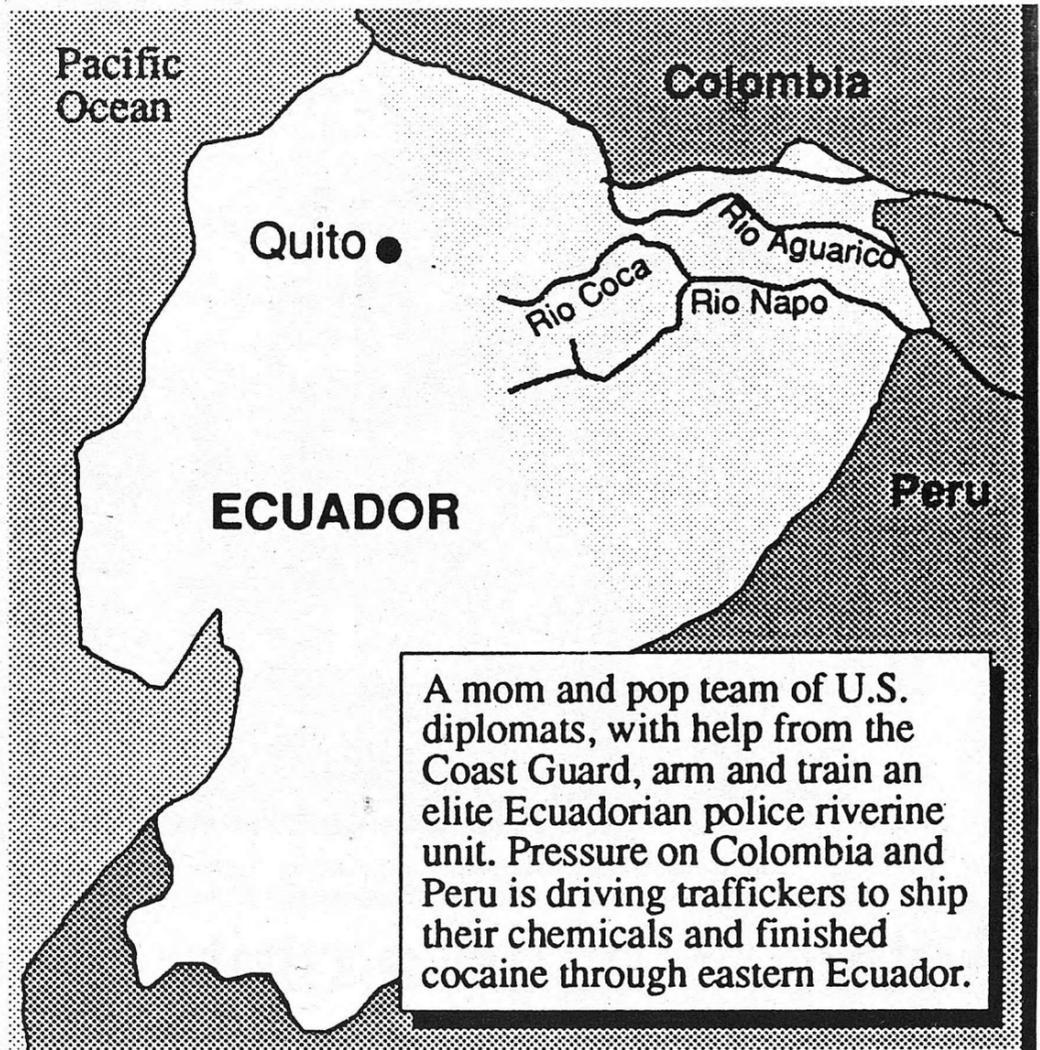
Thayer stunned the State Department protocol office when she took Ecuador's attorney general by subway to a drug halfway house in a war zone section of the Bronx, N.Y.

Her techniques obviously work. On his return, the attorney general created a national drug council of six cabinet ministers and produced two volumes of new laws and regulations aimed at money-laundering and sale of chemicals used in drug processing.

Thayer and Zepeda are unflappable. They have to be. Take Operation Shark III, a plan to use the Ecuadorian drug police river unit to stop trafficking near the Colombian border.

Earlier in the week, on the day that Shark III was to have begun, Zepeda had his patience tested.

The early morning sun was steaming the island headquarters of the Ecuadorian Army's elite 19th Jungle Brigade as Zepeda, the two Coast Guardsmen and Capt. Jaime Casco, head of the police riverine team, cool their heels waiting for an audience with the bri-



gade's commanding officer, Col. J. Manosalvas.

Although the arrangements had been carefully worked out among the police, the military and the embassy weeks earlier, Casco's three-dozen police officers have no beds or food and the army hasn't put the unit's boats in the water.

It's almost an hour before they are ushered into the brigade's conference room and seated at one end of a 20-foot, green-felt-covered oval table.

The Americans stifle their anger. Manosalvas doesn't. He is livid when he's told the American-led team is chasing drug traffickers and not insurgents.

The last time a riverine patrol was run in his region, five Ecuadorians were killed by Colombians, he says.

"Why waste your time chasing narco-traffickers?" the jungle commander demands. Zepeda swallows hard and says nothing. While with the DEA in Bogota, the drug cartel bombed his house.

It takes two more hours of wrangling and the promise of more American money, but the U.S. team gets food and lodging for its men and a helicopter available for medical evacuation.

The Coast Guard won't allow its people to participate unless there's a way to quickly evacuate any wounded.

Outside the headquarters, Zepeda, a broad smile on his face, says: "I'm making a narcotic cop out of Yvonne and she's making a diplomat out of me."

Slapping Casco on the back, he adds, "Let's get the damn boats in the water."

Thayer arrives from Quito just as the four Boston Whalers and two small piranhas are finally getting wet.

Machine guns are mounted, ammo checked and 43 men, Thayer and a U.S.-trained drug dog board. Shark III is finally under way.

"Our goal is training and advising and then getting out of their way. It's their show and they've got to run it," says Rodriguez.

The tiny flotilla spreads out across the swift current of brown water.

"These rivers are like highways leading into Peru and Colombia. Chemicals and money go in and drugs come out," Zepeda says.

Primitive dugouts are the freighters of this part of the river. Large ones carry 30 men and their baggage to and from the oil field up river. Most transport one or two people and a small pile of cargo.

All are stopped and searched.

Drug boats gently close in on the fragile wooden craft. The dog, named "Swoop," leaps across to the long, narrow boats and, to the entertainment of most passengers, sticks his nose into every nook and bundle.

Other officers, guns at ready, keep wary eyes on the dense jungle crowding the river's edge.

Rodriguez and Medina watch their charges work, while Thayer, Zepeda and Casco huddle over a map spread on the bow of the command boat, dickering over how close to the border the patrols should go.

The group is pragmatic about the effect their small team is having on the drug war.

"We do our part, but until we can reduce the demand back in the States, we can patrol like mad, chasing the bad guys around the clock, and they'll find some way to get the drugs across the border," says the young lieutenant.

Thayer has to get back to Quito. She spends the night in a small hotel with diesel fuel spread on the floor. They say it discourages snakes.

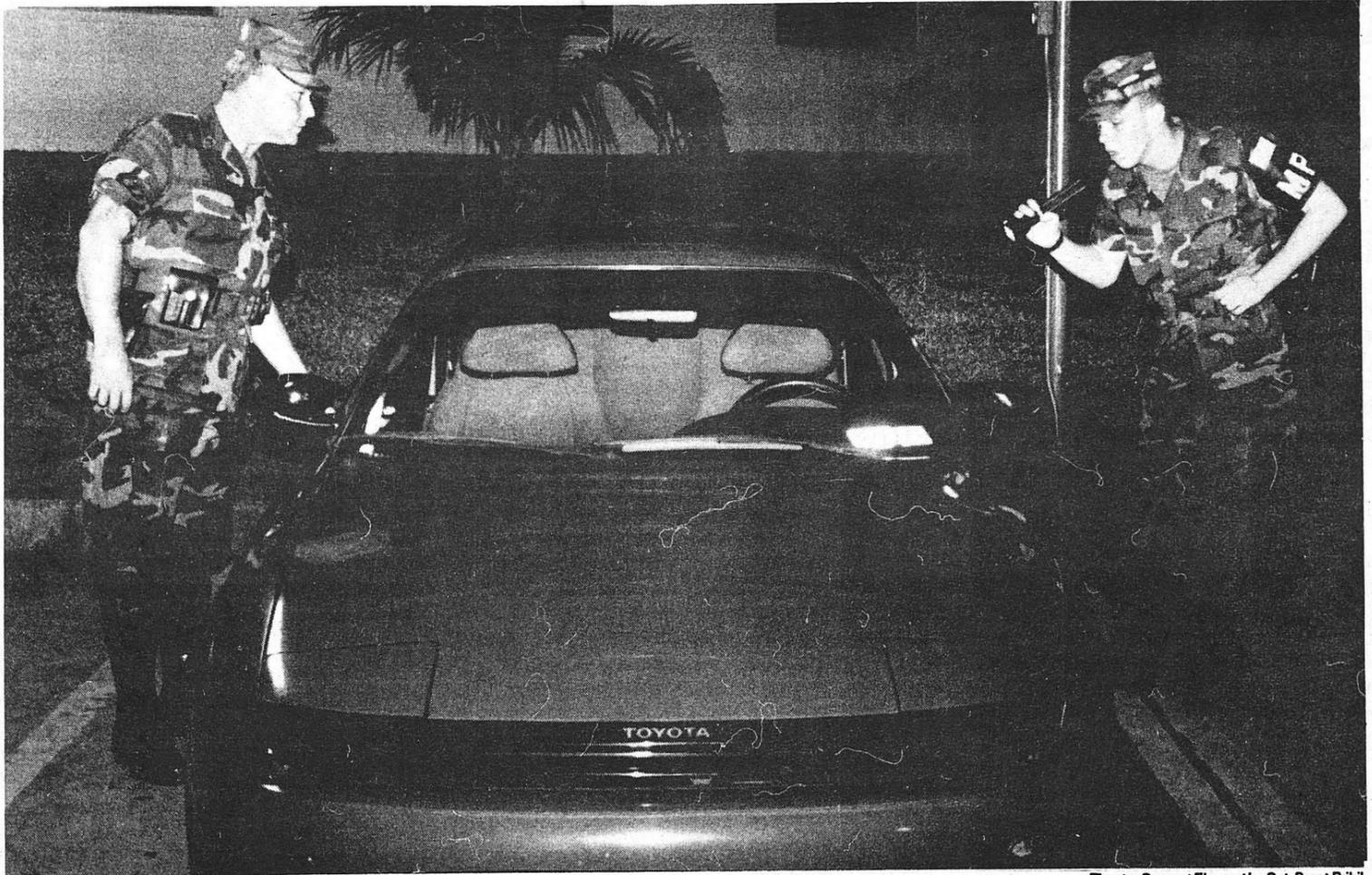
Obviously, this is knowledge that didn't come with her master's degree in public administration or a fellowship at Harvard.

She muscled her way onto an oil company plane returning to the capital and arrives with just enough time to change out of her muddy khakis before an early-morning meeting with top police officials and two cabinet members.

She rushes to her child's high school, where she has volunteered to cook hamburgers for a fund-raiser, before she heads home to pack for her flight to Washington the next morning.

"I'm not a soldier or a DEA agent, but just a plain old diplomat," she says.

"But it's exciting to get in the middle of this drug war and try to make a difference."



Theater Support Element by Sgt. Brent Pribil

SSgt. Eugene McCallister (left), Army National Guardsman from Foristell, Mo., and PFC Doug Wright, 534th Military Police Company, check a car to ensure the doors are locked during a night patrol on Fort Clayton.

Active, Reserve units hit the road together

by Sgt. Brent Pribil
358th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT CLAYTON (Theater Support Element) - Busting thieves on U.S. military bases in Panama requires military police to hide in the dark surrounding jungles, waiting for crooks to breach the fence line. So went annual training for some Missouri Army National Guardsmen.

The 170-member 3175th Military Police Company from Warrenton, Mo., deployed to Panama for three two-week rotations in August and September. Their mission is to help the local military police in guard and patrol U.S. bases and property.

SSgt. Eugene McCallister from Foristell, Mo., a platoon sergeant in the unit, believes the training they receive here surpasses the quality of the normal training they do back in Missouri.

"There's a difference between classroom training versus actual participation in military police duty like we get down here in Panama; it's actual training," McCallister said. "If activated again, like we were in Desert Storm, this is much like what we would do."

Pvt. 2 Konstantinos N. Damalas from Moscow Mills, Mo., found Panama to be a completely new experience.

"The jungle's a challenge; everything is different. They've got all different kinds of animals and poisonous frogs; you gotta watch out for warts here," Damalas joked.

Damalas pulled patrol duty while in Panama, something he said he could never experience back home.

"It's scary. It's dark. We have two or three-man walking teams that infiltrate through the jungle. Once in, we sit and wait and watch. It's a waiting game," Damalas said.

The military police play this game hoping to catch thieves stealing property from the government and soldiers' homes. According to PFC Mike Mueller from St. Peters, Mo., they walk these patrols more as a deterrent to crime than anything else.

"People know we're out here. And hopefully that gets them to think twice about ripping someone off," Mueller said.

Deterring criminals is only half of the problem. McCallister said people need to remember not to make it too easy for would-be thieves.

To remind people to secure their property, military police take on the thieves' perspective and look for things to steal.

If they find an item they could easily take, they know a thief would find it irresistible. When they find a potential problem, they fill out form they call the "gotcha card" that points out the unsecured situation to the citizen.

"The gotcha card is a written warning that we could have stolen your property because it was not secured," he said. "We leave the card on the item — usually it's unsecured autos — and hopefully the owners will be a

little more careful."

While some unit members walk their patrol areas, others guard the gates of military installations in Panama. Spec. Tracy J. Skouby from Gerald, Mo., pulled gate duty several times.

"The hardest day was the first day. There are so many rules and regulations. It's different here than back home. Just learning it was the hard part," Skouby said.

Once she learned the new rules, she found the duty easier to perform.

She found that being a female MP is a continual challenge.

"Being a woman MP can be a strike against you. It's not that we can't do the work, it's the attitude some people take toward us. There are only nine female MPs in our company, but if anyone does something wrong, it's a strike against all of us. It's always, 'Oh, those females,'" Skouby said.

"It's also kind of hard when you need to take in a huge infantry type who looks at you with a, 'Ya, I can squash you like a bug' look," she said.

Skouby said that the training she receives prepares her to handle difficult situations. She credits the non-commissioned officers of her company for setting a good example and teaching her well.

"Our NCOs lead by example, and they teach me a lot. It's so important because people are always watching MPs. People look up to MPs; we protect them," she said.

Total Force helps spawn commander's pride

by MSgt. Philip V. Bernal
358th Public Affairs Detachment

HOWARD AFB (Theater Support Element) - The role of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve in support of the U.S. military's Total Force Policy is evident in Central and South America.

The Total Force Policy is generally defined as all branches of the U.S. military, including National Guard and Reserve, operating as one team.

"We're all part of the CINC's (commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command) 'one team, one fight,'" said Col. Norman "Gene" E. Lasater, commander of operation Volant Oak.

Lasater, an Air Force Reserve Officer on a 33-month Active Guard and Reserve tour, said Volant Oak exemplifies the importance of the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

The operation is a year-round airlift

support mission conducted by Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard C-130 transport units since 1977. It provides SOUTHCOM with logistic and air support throughout Central and South America. These responsibilities include air freight, passenger transportation, military missions, and emergency evacuations. Volant Oak is also the primary life line for U.S. embassies in the area of operation (below Mexico) and South America (except French Guiana).

Because of the operations involved, the Guard and Reserve airmen have real mission assignments as part of their training. "Some folks in the United States don't realize this," said Lasater.

Volant Oak consists of two teams on two-week rotations, each bringing at least three C-130 Hercules airplanes with four crews, maintenance teams and support personnel. The units rotate in overlapping cycles and move from the flying

mission the first week to the administration mission the second week.

The command of Volant Oak also rotates between the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve and varies in length.

No stranger to Volant Oak, Lasater participated in four two-week rotations as a Reserve officer. "I've seen the mission change over the years. It's getting bigger every year," Lasater said.

"These are dedicated people who work side-by-side. You can't tell who is Guard and who is Reserve," said Lasater. "In Desert Storm and Desert Shield we flew side-by-side with the active-duty units. They could not distinguish who was who and we like to keep it that way. We fly the same equipment, fly the same missions and have the same training. Our only difference is when our folks aren't flying, they're working in their civilian jobs," he said.



Lasater



Sports

Local ironmen take on world's best

Sonney wants to be 'on'

by Sgt. Richard Puckett
Acting Sports Editor

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - Thirty-one year-old Mike Sonney doesn't look like your typical triathlete. He stands about 6-feet tall, is slender and muscles aren't bulging through his Air Force service dress uniform. Yet he may be one of the best all-around athletes in Panama.

Sonney, from 310th Airlift Squadron, is one of two local athletes sponsored by the U.S. Military Association packing his bags and heading to Las Vegas for Saturday's Bud Lite Triathlon. Sonney and Norman Stiegler will be competing in the military triathlon championship which is run simultaneously.

For Sonney this is first "prime time" opportunity to test his stuff against the best, including professionals, top amateurs and fellow military athletes.

"This is a real challenge," he said. "I think I'm ready for this opportunity. There will be a lot of great athletes there. I just hope I'm on that day and can use the extra adrenaline to my advantage."

Sonney's career as a three-event star began just four years ago while he was stationed at Dyess AFB in Abilene, Texas.

"It started as kind of a dare," he said. "A friend said he was in better shape than me and dared me to enter this triathlon, so I did. It was a nightmare getting through it, but I got hooked on the feeling and just kept with the sport."

One thing that lures Sonney to the sport is the complexity that the three-sport training requires.

"You can't be just a good swimmer, biker or runner and win," Sonney added. "You have to be good or decent at all three to be competitive. Everybody has their strong spot, but it is the weak spot that always catches you in the end."

It's that complexity that requires a lot of training time, and it's time the husband, and father of a 10-month-old son doesn't have to spare.

"Trying to balance training with family and work is hard," he said. "No matter how hard I try sometimes one of the three does suffer at times. Usually it's my training."

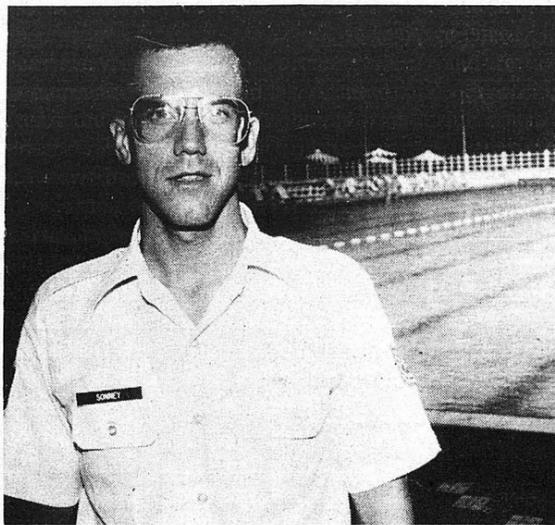
"My wife, Linda, is very understanding," he added. "But she needs a break too, so I try and help out with Taylor (our son) on the weekends and in the evenings."

So he finds himself running late in the evenings, getting up early to bike and swimming at lunch.

Sonney's schedule calls for alternating training for each event every day with one off-day a week. The rainy season in Panama has played havoc with his afternoon training.

"I haven't had as much time to prepare as I'd like," he said. "But I think training in the heat and humidity here will really help."

Sonney is also looking forward to competing against



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Richard Puckett

Sonney



U.S. Army photo by SSgt. Phillip D. Clark

Norman Stiegler and his son Daniel head out on a daily run.

Norman Stiegler, Panama's Navy representative.

"He's tough," Sonney said. "He's a much better runner than I am, so I have to get off to a good start or he'll catch me. He's done it before."

Stiegler aiming for best

by SSgt. Phillip D. Clark
USARSO Public Affairs Office-Atlantic

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO-Atlantic) - Tomorrow morning, Norman Stiegler will be pitted against world class and top military triathletes as he lines up to swim, bike and run in the Bud Lite Triathlon in Las Vegas.

Stiegler is in Vegas with Sonney to participate in the military triathlon championship which is run at the same time of this championship race.

Stiegler, a Navy lieutenant, has been taking part in triathlons for several years. He has kept his training up in Panama and has one fourth-place, a third-place and three first-place finishes here.

He's been training diligently for the 1.5k swim, 40k bike and a 10k run and had help from several people.

"I had two good workouts this weekend. A 45-mile bike ride Saturday at about 23-24 miles per hour, and Sunday I went for a 10-mile run with Geof Doyle, who is training for the Marine Corps Marathon," Stiegler said.

"If I read correctly, part of the run goes through sand, and the first seven miles of the bike is uphill, so it is not an easy race" he continued.

Stiegler knows it will take his best to beat Sonney.

"I'm not a real good swimmer, Mike's a better swimmer than me. We have a friendly competition and I'd like to beat him, but I'd have to have an excellent race to beat Mike."

Stiegler has been trying to get in two good workouts a day, but with family and military priorities as the officer in charge of Department 50, Public Works, here, two workouts is sometimes hard to do.

"I've been trying to get up early (about 4:30 or 5 a.m.) to get a decent run in and swim or bike the other part of the afternoon," he said.

Stiegler knows the time he has to take to train for triathlons, and right away that his family sacrifices personal time with him so he can train. He's tried to include his children more in his training lately by taking them out in a baby jogger (a stroller made for running).

He also appreciates his commands understanding and willingness to give him permissive temporary duty so he can compete for the Navy in the military championship part of the race.

Stiegler and Sonney both decided to apply for the competition and had to put together a packet to send to the U.S. Military Sports Association which agreed to pay for both racers plane tickets and entry fees.

Stiegler's goal is to finish in the top 20 percent.

"I haven't run in an ultra-competitive triathlon like this in a long time. A lot of how I finish will depend on how my legs feel. Mike and I are hoping that training in Panama in the heat and humidity will be beneficial to us as we run in the dry heat. It should be easier in that aspect," he said. "He and I have a perspective on this. The best will be there. We want to go and do our best."

3 U.S. Army South soldiers earn All-Army rugby spots

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - Three soldiers from U.S. Army South made the All-Army rugby team during tryouts and the Interservice Championship in Pensacola Florida last week.

Eight players from U.S. Army South went to the tryouts and participated in games against the Division One Atlanta Renegades and a Florida team from Okaloosa before the final cut was made for the All Army team and the inters-

ervice games.

During the week of practice sessions and games, four members of the USARSO team played in the game against Atlanta.

With the help of Chuck May of the 7th Engineer Dive Detachment; Steve Duckworth of Headquarters Company, USARSO; Jim Minahl from the 106th Signal Brigade; and Chris Mincey of the 59th Engineers, the Army team beat Atlanta 22-7.

At the practice game against Okaloosa, seven of the eight USARSO team players contributed to a 68-0 victory.

In addition to the four who played against Atlanta, the team consisted of Kevin Wimbley 7th Engineer Dive Detachment; Ron Sallis Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry; and David Schnegelberger, 747th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Also part of the USARSO team was Ray Malphurs of 3rd Special Operations Support Command.

Shortly after the practice games, it was announced that May, Wimbley and Sallis would play in the All-Army interservice games

Although the Army team didn't take the title, USARSO did its part, said May. No other command sent more players or had as many players make the team, he added.

1-228th Aviation earns hoops title

by SSgt. Steve Hicks
24th Wing Public Affairs

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - Things got a little spooky for the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment on the way to its second straight Howard Intramural Basketball Championship.

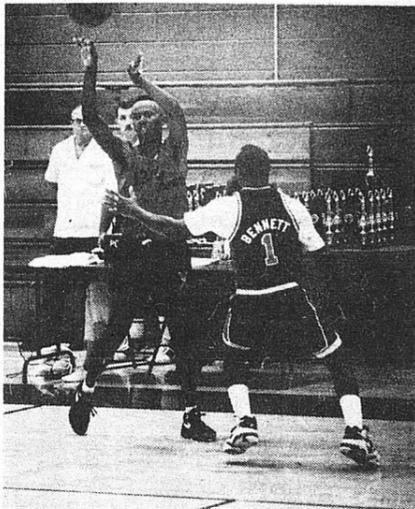
This was the 228th's second straight championship.

Faced with a game against the last qualifying playoff team on the road to the title game, the 24th Mission Support Squadron, might have seemed to be a cakewalk for the runnin' and gunnin' Express. But the MSSQ team, which finished its season at 8-4, wasn't ready to concede and battled the Express down to the wire Sept. 18.

They lost the game 68-62, it served as a warning to the Express that reputation alone does not win games — defense does. And defense is what won that game and the tournament for the Express.

After being down by 11 points to MSSQ, the Express put on a press that created numerous turnovers and propelled them to a five point lead which they never relinquished enroute to the victory.

The Express won the rest of its games with relative ease, including a 66-55 victory over the 617th Special Operations Avia-

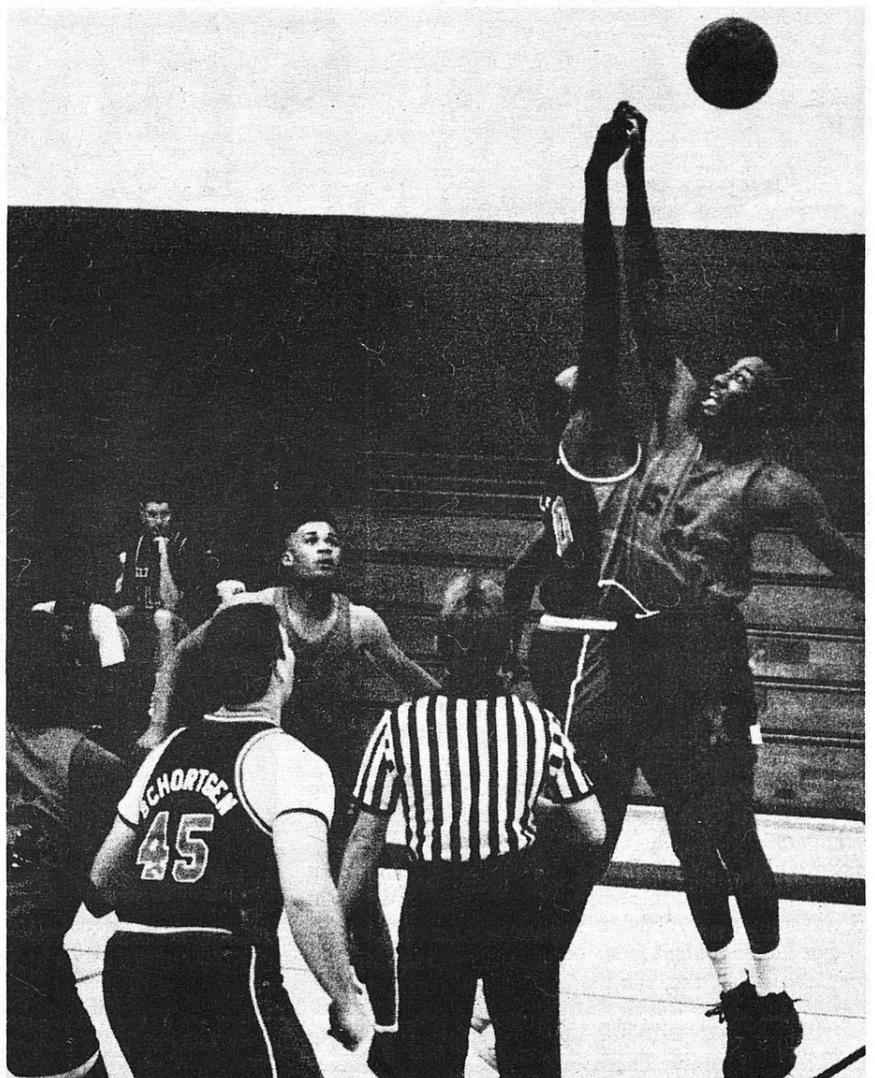


Express's Lucius Harpe (left) passes the ball around 617th's Levi Bennett.

tion Detachment, and a 56-40 win over the 617th Airlift Support Squadron.

The championship game was also against the 617th ALSS, and while 617th put up a better struggle, they were defeated 63-50.

The 228th outscored the 617th 31-18 in the first half, but in the second half of the game both teams scored 32 points. But it was too little too late for the 617th.



U.S. Air Force photos by TSgt. Ron Kimberlain

Express's Nate Moore (15) tries to outjump 617th's Nate Gagom during the tip-off of the 1992 Howard AFB intramural basketball championship Sept. 18.

Sport Shorts

Winter bowling leagues

Fort Clayton Lanes are now starting sign ups for winter leagues. Stop by Clayton Lanes for information.

Curundu Bowling Center is also beginning sign ups for its winter leagues. Call 286-3914.

Powerlifting competition

A powerlifting competition will be held Saturday at Reeder Physical Fitness Center.

An organizational meeting will be today at 6 p.m., Building 154. There will be three categories: dead lift, squat, bench press. Call 287-4050.

Crossed Flags 10k

The 154th Signal Battalion is sponsoring a Crossed Flags 10-kilometer road race begins at Johnson Field, Building 208, Fort Clayton, 7 a.m. Saturday. Individual and team categories will be offered. Ten-person teams must start and finish together. Register at Building 208. Call Capt. Millie Daniels at 287-5906/5904.

No tap event

Howard Bowling Center will be hosting a no tap tournament Sunday at 3-p.m. The handicap is 80 percent of a 200 average and when a bowler knocks down nine pins it's a strike. Ladies get one free strike per game.

Volleyball program

The Rodman Naval Station intramural volleyball program will begin Oct. 1. Units must submit letters of intent to the Rodman Sports Office by Monday. A coaches' meeting will be held Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Rodman Fitness Center. Call 283-4222.

Women's basketball

Women's Community Basketball registration is under way until Oct. 6. Call 287-4050.

Columbus fun run

A Columbus Day fun run will be held Oct. 12, at 7:15 a.m., registration ends Oct. 8. Early registration fee is \$7 and late registration fee, \$10.

Boxing, wrestling trials

All-Army Boxing Trials will be conducted at Fort Huachuca, Jan. 5-March 9 1993. Applications must be submitted to the Sports Branch by Oct. 9.

All-Army Wrestling Trials will be conducted at Fort Benning, Jan. 10-March 15. Applications must be submitted to the Sports Branch by Oct. 16.

Flag football tourney

A Columbus Day Flag Football Tournament will be held Oct. 10-12. The team entry fee is \$75. Call 289-3294.

Turkey Bowl tryouts

Tryouts for the 1992 Army Turkey Bowl football tournament will be held Oct. 17 and 24, 9 a.m., at Jarman Field, Fort Clayton, and Oct. 18, 9 a.m., at Fairground Field, Fort Davis. Call Eva Foster at 287-4050.

Columbus Day events

Columbus Day Sports Event registration is under way. Wednesday. Open racquetball, volleyball and basketball tournaments. Call Reeder Physical Fitness Center, 287-4713.

Sprint triathlon

The Navy MWR has scheduled a sprint triathlon at 7 a.m. at Rodman Pool Oct. 18. Events will be: a 500-yard swim, a 16k bike ride and a 5k run.

Registration fee is \$8 if paid by Oct. 15 at the Rodman Sports Office. The race day fee will be \$10 from 6-6:45 a.m. at Rodman Pool.

A biking helmet is required. Call Morise Conerly at 283-4222/4061 or Hank Baltar at 282-4651.

Women's softball

A women's invitational softball tournament will be held Oct. 10-12. Entry fee is \$85. The tournament will be at Symington Field, Rodman Naval Station, starting at 9 a.m. Oct. 10.

Entry will be limited to the first 10 teams. A coaches' meeting will be held Oct. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Rodman Fitness Center. Call Morise Conerly at 283-4222/4061.

Fort Clayton standings*

Flag football

Red League

TEAM	W	L
106th Signal	2	1
Co. E, 1-228th Avn	1	0
534th MP Co.	1	1
Co. E, 154th Signal	1	1
92nd MP Bn	1	1
HHC, 1-228th Avn	0	1
92nd PSC	0	0

White League

TEAM	W	L
HHC, 193rd	4	1
Co. B, 193rd Spt	2	1
HHC, 41st Spt	2	3
SOUTHCOM	1	1
HHC, 142nd	1	3
Co. A, 193rd Spt	0	3

5'11" and above basketball

TEAM	W	L
19rd Spt Bn	3	1
41st ASG	2	0
Moore Team	1	0
Let's Get Bussey	1	1
106th Sig Bn	1	2
MEDDAC	0	3

5'10 and under basketball

TEAM	W	L
The Slep Rock	3	0
Hustle	2	0
We're Blessed	2	1
The Untouchables	1	1
Guard Plus	1	1
106th Signal	0	3
79th Army Band	0	1
The Gansters	0	0

*As of Tuesday's games

SCN radio schedule*

Sat: San Diego State at UCLA 2:30 p.m.
ML Baseball: to be announced
Sun: Atlanta Falcons at Chicago Bears, noon
Miami Dolphins at Seattle Seahawks, 3 p.m.
San Francisco 49ers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Mon: L.A. Raiders at Kansas City Chiefs 8 p.m.

Ditka criticizes tentative players

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) - Mike Ditka isn't looking for any miracles. All he wants is a win for his Chicago Bears to turn around their 1-2 record.

That's their worst start since 1983 when they were 1-3 but finished strong for a respectable 8-8 record.

"It looks like we're waiting for someone to do something miraculous," Ditka said Tuesday after the Bears dropped a 27-14 decision to the New York Giants Monday night.

Asked if he was looking for someone to step up and take charge, Ditka said he thought his running backs — Neal Anderson and Brad Muster — started out that way, "but it didn't happen."

Quarterback Jim Harbaugh was unable to turn the tide once the Bears blew a 14-7 lead. Harbaugh threw a pair of touchdown passes in the first half, when he completed 9 of 13 passes for 122 yards, but finished with 17 of 28 for 183 yards.

"Harbaugh made some bad reads," said Ditka. "When he plays good, I say he played good, but he made bad reads."

Ditka also questioned the play of the secondary when asked if the defensive backs had become gun shy.

"That's part of it. You can't play football tentatively," he said.

The slide started in New Orleans when

the Bears held a 6-0 halftime lead but lost 28-6 on big plays both against the defense and the offense.

And they were totally outplayed in the second half by the Giants, especially in the third quarter when the Giants held the ball for more than 12 minutes and had a 155-3 edge in total yards.

"We came out ready in the second half, the plays were there, but we didn't execute," said Ditka. "We kicked off with the wind and wanted to make them go 80 yards. They went 80 yards. We had some foolish penalties, but I didn't think they could make 80 yards."

With the help of a 15-yard penalty against Richard Dent for hitting quarterback Phil Simms after a short completion, the Giants scored on a 13-yard pass from Simms to Stephen Baker for a 21-14 lead.

The Bears then ran three plays and had to punt, and the Giants held the ball for nearly seven more minutes before Matt Bahr booted a 31-yard field goal and a 24-14 lead.

Bahr booted a 32-yarder as the Giants controlled the ball for more than 22 minutes of the second half.

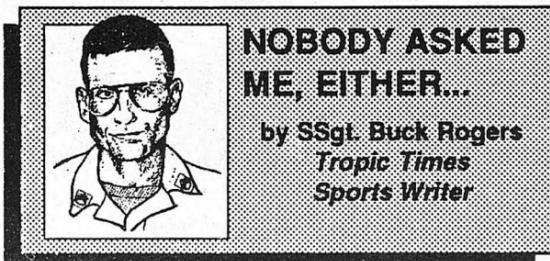
"Things have to change," said Ditka. "Everybody has to go out with the idea of shutting out the opponents and scoring 50 points."



Ditka

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Young guns making early impressions



YOUNG GUNS TAKE OVER THE NFL - This weekend is the one-fourth mark of the NFL season and already the new Young Guns have established themselves. Nine teams fielded new coaches for the 1992 NFL season, and after three weeks they have combined for a 13-13 record. Big deal, you might say. What's .500?

Consider that Mike Ditka's Bears, Jerry Glanville's Falcons and Wayne Fontes' Lions are 1-2. Art Shell's Raiders are 0-3. These four 1991 playoff teams that combined for a 65% winning percentage last season are off to a lowly 25% start in 1992.

One of the biggest factors affecting the outcome of games this season is the injury rate of the starting quarterback. Currently there are 13 starters who have been benched because of injuries and/or lackluster play. If you're looking for a winner in 1992, pick a team with a competent backup quarterback.

Last week's games: After having been out-picked by my wife, the Peg Bundy of the football world, I am happy to say that I rebounded this week with an 11-3 record, she finished 9-5.

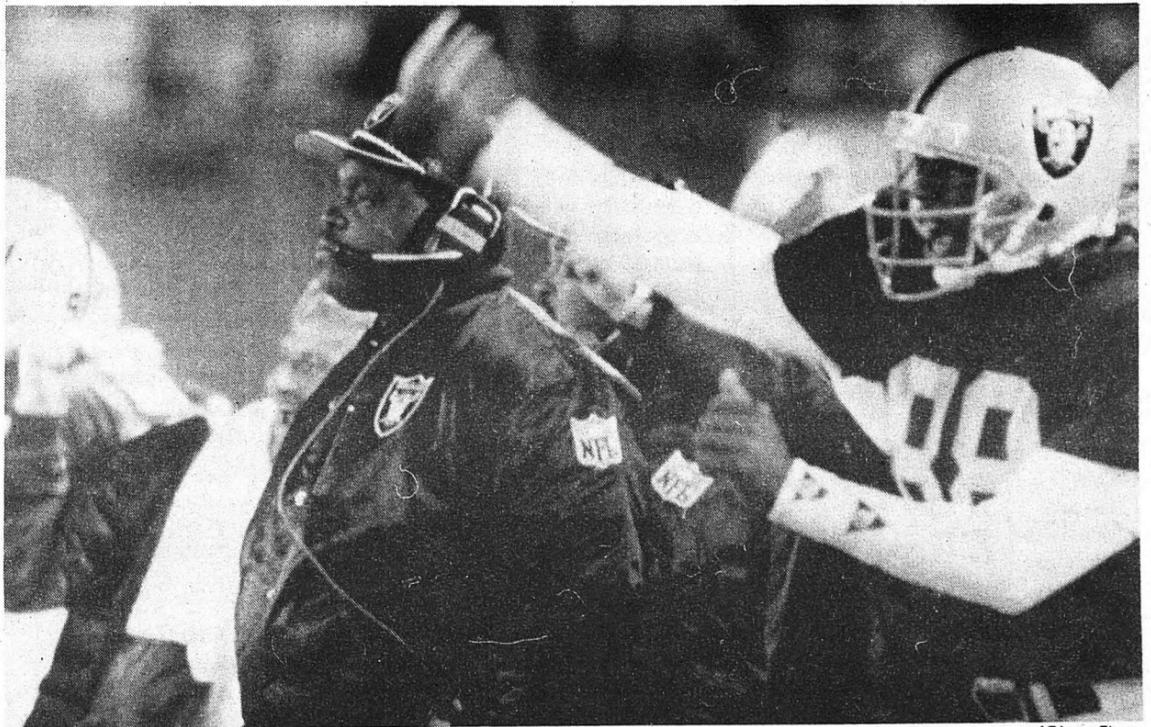
I have to give her credit though. She correctly gave you the 49er-Jets score (31-14); picked the Saints over the Falcons by three, final score 10-7; and Pittsburgh to beat San Diego 23-7, the actual score was 23-6.

She came close on three others, picking Miami to beat the Rams 20-10, the final was 26-10; the Bills to beat the Colts 38-14, the actual score being 38-0; and Seattle to beat the Patriots by four, 14-10. The final score was 10-6.

This week's five star games:

FALCONS FLY IN THE WINDY CITY

The Bears are a team on the way down. Two straight losses for a combined score of 55-20 to the Saints and the Giants. The Falcons have played three playoff teams from 1991, beating the Jets and losing close to both the Saints and Redskins. Who will lose



Los Angeles Raiders head coach Art Shell hasn't much to cheer about so far in 1992, but is hoping that second-year quarterback Todd Marinovich will provide some spark.

49ERS STRIKE GOLD IN NEW ORLEANS

Both teams are 2-1, both have lost by a field goal or less to outstanding teams, and both have smart quarterbacks. But the 49ers have scored 31 points a game for three weeks in a row. They won't get it this week, but they will have enough to win. 49ers 27, Saints 20.

BENGALS TANGLE WITH THE VIKES

David Shula and Dennis Green are new coaches with 2-1 records. Minnesota's opponents so far are 4-4. Cincinnati's opponents are 2-7. The Vikings only loss is to Detroit; the Bengals to Green Bay in a close game. The Vikings are winning games but not by big margins — 9 points in two games. Minnesota's biggest fan in Panama, Fort Kobbe's 12-year-old B.J. Solhjem, assures me of a Viking win. I have to agree with him. Vikings 24, Bengals 20.

CLOWNS ARE FOR REAL

After two tough losses, Cleveland stopped the

unimpressive Raiders this past week. The Broncos, meanwhile, are looking sad. A 30-0 drubbing by the high-flying Eagles showed that they might as well lay down and die. The magic is not there. Cleveland has nothing to lose, and won't as Eric Metcalf will shine again. Browns 27, Broncos 17.

CHIEFS BATTLE RAIDERS

The Raiders are the NFL's best team on Monday Night Football. They are 0-3 without a team leader. Kansas City has Dave Krieg, the former Seattle quarterback at the helm. Al Davis says, "Just win, baby!" Forget it, Al. Chiefs 24, Raiders 17.

Rounding out the rest of the league: The Jets 23, the Rams 16; Pittsburgh 20, Green Bay 17; Detroit 31, Tampa Bay 17; Houston 24, San Diego 13; Miami 24, Seattle 14; and Buffalo 41, New England 10, in a close one.

Dallas won't win this week, the NFC East has the week off, as does Indianapolis. Season record: 27-14.

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Jays' Winfield swings away

NEW YORK (AP) - It was in early April, about an hour before game time, and Dave Winfield was relaxing in the dugout at SkyDome, surveying the scene at his new home.

Then, he spotted a few familiar faces. The Yankees were in Toronto that night, and a couple of writers who used to cover him in New York were wandering by.

"They said he was too old, couldn't play anymore," Winfield said, breaking into a big smile and his best Muhammad Ali imitation. "He was all done, they said. Couldn't do the job."

Well, hee-haw, because the joke is on the Yankees and the Angels and everyone else who believed that Winfield was washed up.

He is old, that part is true. As in the oldest player to hit three home runs in a game and the oldest player to hit for the cycle.

And, in the next few days, Winfield might add an even more meaningful accomplishment — the only 40-year-old player ever to drive in 100 runs in one season. In fact, if Winfield waits until Oct. 3, the next-to-last day of the season, he can do it on his 41st birthday.

Winfield and the AL East-leading Blue Jays began a three-game series in Baltimore on Tuesday night. Winfield went into Thursday night with 99 RBIs.

"I don't normally dwell on the statistics, we've got a pennant race to worry about," Winfield said Sunday. "But I'll take a lot of satisfaction in getting the 100th."

"The next one is special," he said. "A lot of ballplayers have had 100 RBIs in a season, but I'll be the old man on that list."

Since 1900, only twice has a player 40 or older



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Winfield

driven in as many as 90 runs. Ty Cobb had 93 RBIs in 1927 at age 40 and Darrell Evans had 99 RBIs in 1987, also at 40.

Evans thought he had gotten his 100th in the final week of the season. He had 99 RBIs when he singled and Bill Madlock scored, but the play was scored an error on Baltimore catcher Terry Kennedy because Madlock's hard slide knocked the ball loose.

Evans did not drive in a run in Detroit's last three games, and finished one short.

The oldest players with 100 RBIs in modern history are Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Ernie Banks, Tony Perez and Cobb, who each did it at age 38. Banks' total of 106 in 1969 leads the list.

Several other players reached 100 RBIs at age 37, including Hank Aaron, Carl Yastrzemski, Mike Schmidt, Carlton Fisk and Dwight Evans.

Winfield got his 99th RBI on Sunday in Toronto. The Blue Jays play in Baltimore and New York before returning home.

"The 100th will probably come on the road, which is unfortunate for the fans up here," he said. "They've always been Dave Winfield fans and I would have liked to do it here. This park has had a lot to do with it. I've enjoyed hitting here from day one."

The Blue Jays have enjoyed having him since last Dec. 19, when they signed Winfield as a free agent to a one-year contract for \$2.3 million.

Baseball standings*

NATIONAL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
PITTSBURGH	89	63	.586	—
MONTREAL	83	69	.546	6
ST. LOUIS	76	75	.503	12
CHICAGO	75	77	.493	14
NEW YORK	69	82	.457	19.5
PHILADELPHIA	62	88	.413	26
WEST				
ATLANTA	91	60	.603	—
CINCINNATI	85	67	.559	6.5
SAN DIEGO	78	73	.517	13
HOUSTON	73	79	.480	18.5
SAN FRANCISCO	67	85	.441	24.5
LOS ANGELES	61	91	.401	30.5

AMERICAN

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
TORONTO	89	64	.582	—
MILWAUKEE	85	67	.559	3.5
BALTIMORE	83	68	.550	5
CLEVELAND	72	79	.477	16
NEW YORK	72	80	.474	16.5
DETROIT	72	81	.471	17
BOSTON	67	85	.441	21.5
WEST				
OAKLAND	92	60	.605	—
MINNESOTA	84	68	.553	8
CHICAGO	82	69	.543	9.5
TEXAS	73	80	.477	19.5
CALIFORNIA	67	84	.444	24.5
KANSAS CITY	67	84	.444	24.5
SEATTLE	58	94	.382	34

* Through Wednesday's games

Bay area residents nix Giants' tax idea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Residents in the seven-county San Francisco Bay area are opposed to spending their tax dollars on keeping the Giants from moving to Florida, according to a poll paid for by the city of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Seventy-four percent of those polled responded negatively when asked, "Are you in favor of spending taxpayer money to keep the San Francisco Giants baseball team," according to a recent poll conducted by Walker Research of Princeton, N.J.

The survey asked 229 people in the San Francisco Bay area on Sept. 19-20. No margin of error was given.

"This is a political poll question. It's not good survey methodology. The question is too generalized and the structure is faulty," Bob Forsyth, a spokesman for Mayor Frank Jordan said in an interview published in Tuesday's editions of the *San Francisco Examiner*.

"I suspect the intent of the poll was a PR device hoping that the San Francisco media picks up on it without questioning the faulty methodology and without questioning the context of the question," Forsyth said.

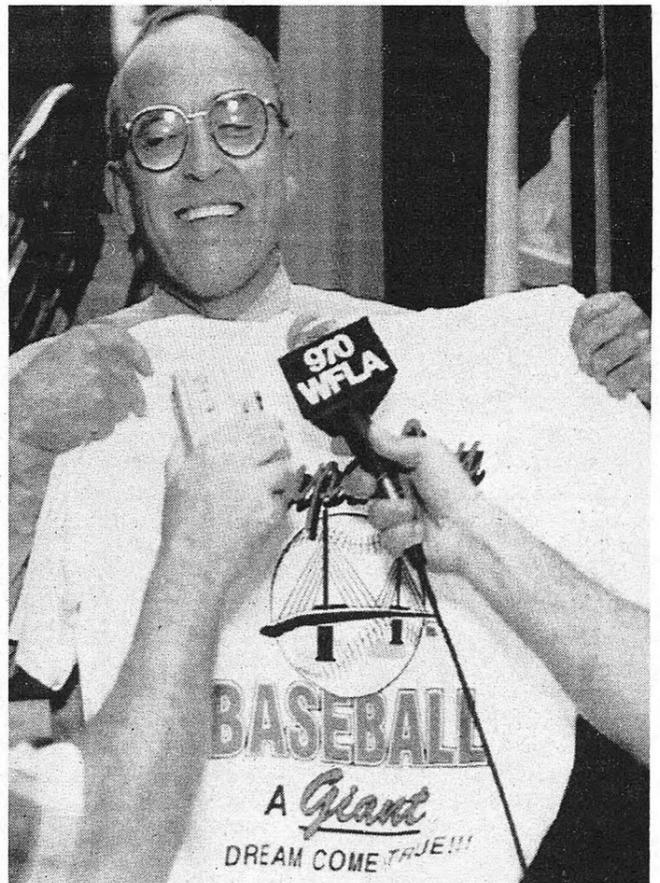
The issue of using tax dollars to build the Giants a new ballpark has already failed four times at the ballot box in the San Francisco Bay area.

A group of St. Petersburg investors have offered owner Bob Lurie \$115 million to move the team to the Suncoast Dome.

But Floridians admitted that a competing proposal to keep the team local, headed by NBA Charlotte Hornets owner George Shinn, has them a bit nervous.

"To say we're eager to get this settled is probably an understatement," said St. Petersburg councilwoman Leslie Curran.

"I think we're going to prevail, but if I had my way it would



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St. Petersburg Assistant City Manager Rick Dodge, who lead the effort to bring a major league baseball team to St. Petersburg for nearly a decade is still confident that the Giants will be heading South.

have been settled yesterday."

National League President Bill White has told San Francisco investors they have until the end of the month to submit their proposal.

Clemens leads All-Stars

NEW YORK (AP) - Roger Clemens, Ozzie Smith and Cecil Fielder will lead a team of major league All-Stars who will play a Japanese All-Star team in eight games from Oct. 30 to Nov. 8.

The series, to be played in Tokyo, Osaka and Fukuoka, will mark the fourth time in six years a major league All-Star team has traveled to Japan. The major league All-Stars went 3-4-1 in 1990.

The team will be managed by Tom Kelly of the Minnesota Twins, and Rod

Carew will serve as hitting coach. Each player will receive \$65,000 plus an additional \$8,000 in expense money.

Joining Clemens on the pitching staff will be Norm Charlton and Greg Swindell of Cincinnati, Mark Langston of California, Dennis Martinez of Montreal, Jack McDowell of the Chicago White Sox, Gregg Olson of Baltimore, Bob Patterson of Pittsburgh, Bob Tewksbury of St. Louis and Duane Ward of Toronto. Infielders besides Smith and Fielder

are Cleveland's Carlos Baerga, Wade Boggs of Boston, Craig Biggio of Houston, Travis Fryman of Detroit, Mark Grace of the Chicago Cubs and Terry Pendleton of Atlanta.

The team's catchers are Darren Daulton of Philadelphia and Mickey Tettleton of Detroit. The outfielders are Ron Gant of Atlanta, Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle, Shane Mack of Minnesota, Ruben Sierra of Oakland and Larry Walker of Montreal.

New NFL coaches earning high marks

NEW YORK (AP) - The early returns are in ...

Consider the new generation of coaches a success.

Bill Cowher has Pittsburgh unbeaten in three games and fans eagerly anticipating a new football dynasty.

Cincinnati's Dave Shula looks like he'll be a better head coach than an assistant. His Bengals are 2-1 despite a last-minute loss at Green Bay.

Dennis Green has Minnesota thinking playoffs again after an undefeated preseason and 2-1 start.

Green Bay's Mike Holmgren is 1-2, but the Packers' 24-23 victory on Sunday may do a lot to get the team back on track.

The Steelers' 23-6 victory over San Diego marked the first time since 1979 the team has won its first three games, and everyone in western Pennsylvania remembers what happened then — the fourth Super Bowl win in six years.

"It's nice to be in this position," Cowher said. "But you can't get caught up in looking at the big picture yet."

Cowher is inspirational rather than tactical.

His disclaimer isn't necessarily CoachSpeak — young teams with young coaches often start well, then fade when the enthusiasm wears off.

Still, excluding San Diego's Bobby Ross, who lost quarterback John Friesz in preseason and is 0-3, the four other first-timers are a combined 8-4.

The group is 8-2 against coaches other

than themselves. Shula's first loss was to Holmgren on Sunday and Holmgren's first loss, on opening day, was to Green's Vikings.

There's one common denominator running through the gang of four youth.

Cowher is 35, Green 42, Holmgren 42 and Shula is the baby of the bunch at 33 — the common perception when he got his job is that it was only because of his surname.

Add second-year coaches Bill Belichick (39) of Cleveland and Rich Kotite of Philadelphia (an ancient 50) and you may have the coaches of the '90s.

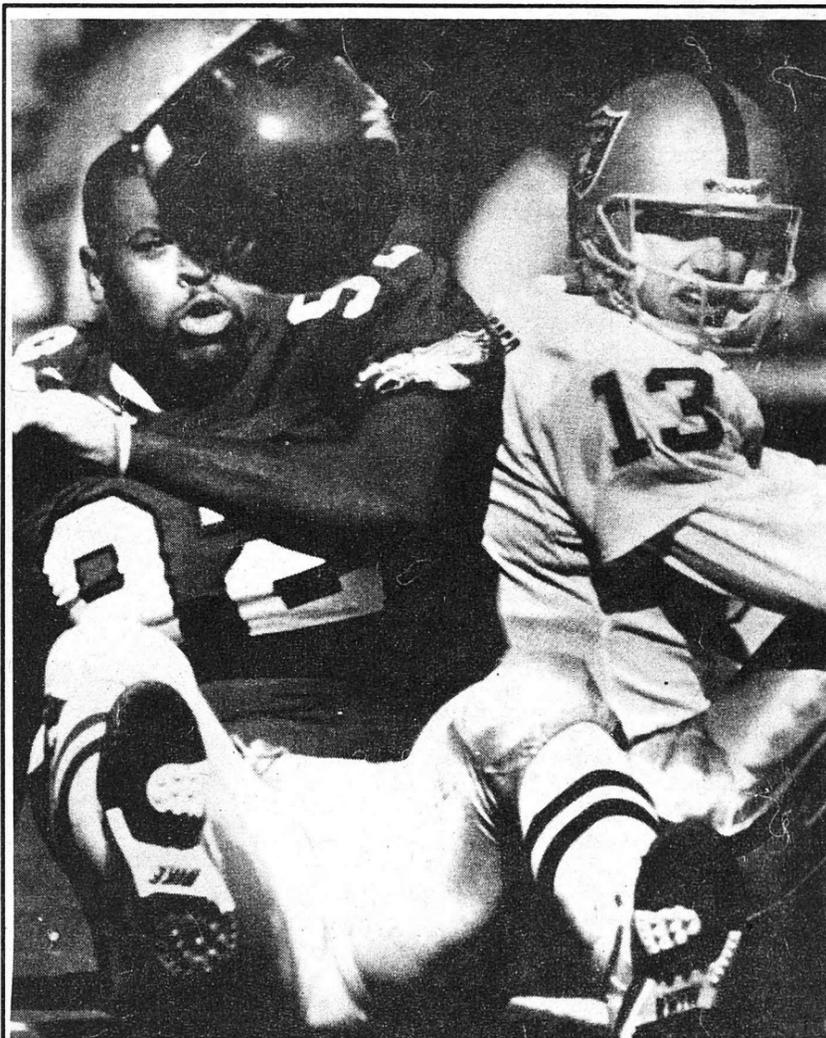
They're also different guys for different team: Cowher and Green are gung-ho motivators; Shula, Holmgren, Belichick and Kotite more the tacticians.

And they have help: Shula from defensive coordinator Ron Lynn, who makes up for mediocre personnel with an attacking defense, and Kotite from Bud Carson, 61, the former Cleveland coach, who gambles less than Buddy Ryan with just as effective results.

Moreover, the new guys are willing to disregard inflated reputations.

Green dumped such fixtures as Joey Browner, Wade Wilson and Keith Millard and Cowher got rid of Huey Richardson, last year's No. 1 pick, preferring to keep Elnardo Webster, a ninth-round pick this year.

"I judge on performance," Cowher said. "Huey wasn't one of my top 47 guys."



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CRYING FOUL - All-Pro defensive lineman Reggie White reacts to a penalty called against him during a Raiders-Eagles game. White cried foul Monday when he and two others filed a class-action lawsuit, seeking "freedom" for about 280 NFL players without a contract after the 1992 season. The suit comes two weeks after a jury in Minneapolis found for eight players who brought an antitrust suit against the league.

Colts using bye week to regroup after losses

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The Indianapolis Colts are idle this week, and coach Ted Marchibroda wants to use the extra time to get everyone healthy again, particularly quarterbacks Jeff George and Jack Trudeau.

George stretched a ligament in the thumb of his throwing hand in the third preseason game. He threw the ball in practice Sept. 16 but apparently felt some soreness and did not practice the rest of the week. Trudeau, a preseason holdout who did not play in the season-opening victory over Cleveland, was hospitalized two days last week after bruising his back in a loss to Houston.

"We go back to the basics at this point," Marchibroda said Monday. "We've had Jeff out for three games, and he needs the work, and this also gives Jack more

time to learn the system better."

The only other quarterback on the active roster is third-stringer Tom Tupa. The Colts signed Jeff Graham to the practice squad last week, and Marchibroda said once George is healthy, the third quarterback — presumably Tupa — would be one of the two designated inactive players each week, to be used only if the other two were hurt.

Marchibroda also said there might be some roster changes before the Oct. 4 game at Tampa Bay.

"There are a couple I'm thinking about, but I have two weeks to decide, so I don't want to say anything now," Marchibroda said.

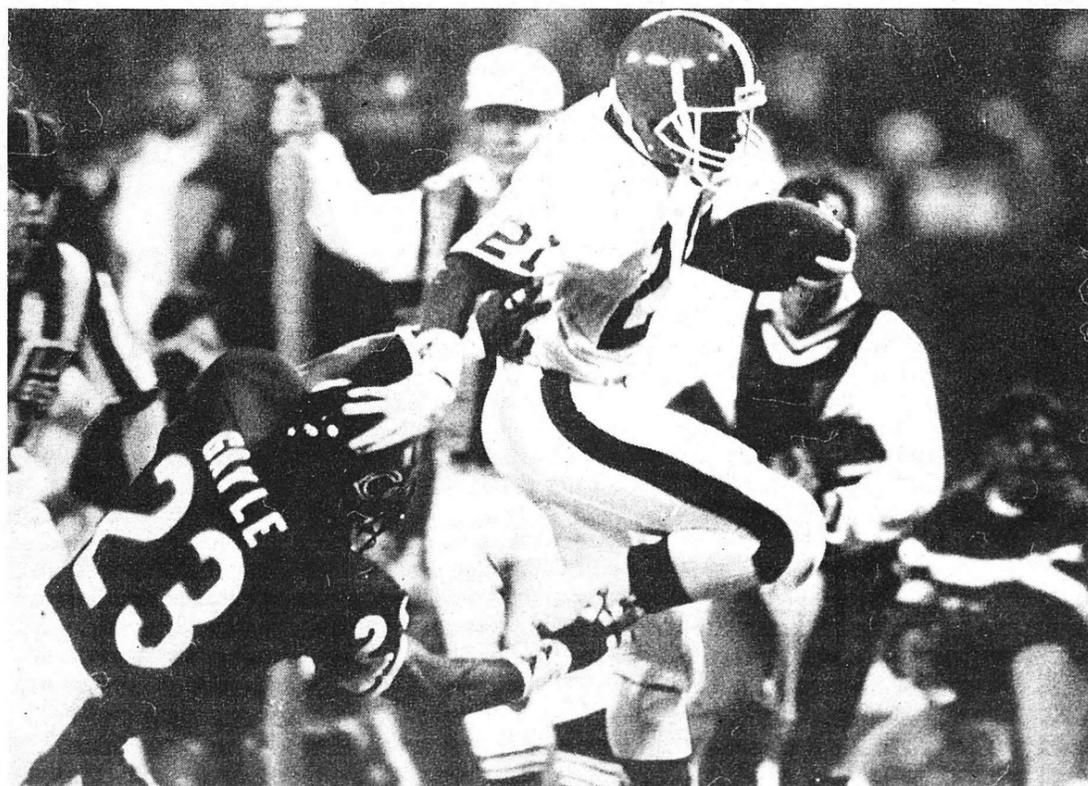
The Colts (1-2) are looking for something to kick start their offense. Through three games, Indianapolis

ranks dead last in the NFL in rushing and next-to-last in total offense.

The Colts made their worst showing of the young season in Sunday night's 38-0 shellacking by Buffalo.

"A good football team beat us, but we contributed to that defeat ourselves a great deal," Marchibroda said. "Without question, it was our worst offensive game of the year."

The Colts are averaging 52.3 rushing yards a game after netting 37 yards against the Bills. Buffalo's Henry Jones returned two interceptions for touchdowns, and defensive end Bruce Smith had 2 1/2 sacks, seven unassisted tackles — five of which came behind the line — and four assisted tackles.



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Cleveland Browns running back Eric Metcalf (21) showed a flash of his expected potential Sunday with four touchdowns as the Browns upset the Raiders 28-16.

Metcalf dazzles after 4 TD show

BEREA, Ohio (AP) - No new wrinkles were added to the Cleveland Browns' offense last week. No innovative plays were drawn up designed to vault Eric Metcalf to instant celebrity.

"We did a lot of things in this game that we've done in a lot of other games. They just worked out this time," coach Bill Belichick said Monday, reflecting on Metcalf's four touchdowns in Sunday's 28-16 victory over the Los Angeles Raiders.

Metcalf ran for a touchdown and caught passes for three more, a performance surpassed in Browns' history only by Dub Jones, who scored six touchdowns against the Bears in 1951, and Jim Brown, who scored five in a 1959 game against the Colts.

It was the type of big-play game the Browns have hoped Metcalf could provide ever since they traded up in the 1989 draft to select him 13th overall.

A running back at Texas, his size (5-10, 185 pounds) and lack of power have raised questions about his ability to make it as a running back in the NFL.

He scored 10 touchdowns as a rookie four of them on receptions, but his production has dropped off sharply since, partly because a shoulder injury sidelined him for half of last season.

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Family member attends Citadel

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - It's quite an achievement to graduate from the Citadel — especially when it's with honors.

It's even more impressive when the graduate is a 10-year-old Army family member.

While his classmates waded through the surf of the Panama beaches during their summer break, Eddie Krynicki, son of Maj. Gary Krynicki, was attending a two-week summer camp at the prestigious military college.

Krynicki said when he first decided to go to the Citadel, he wasn't sure how he would like it.

"I was like — they're going to be real strict," he said. "I knew we were going to learn sports like soccer, but I didn't know exactly what it would be like."

Krynicki said he was pleasantly surprised to find the summer camp was more fun than work.

"One day we would do something like swimming, sailing and soccer and the next day we'd learn wrestling and something else," he said.

Of course, the military school did have it's rules. "At Mark Clark (the school's founder) Hall, they told us about the seal — that's what they call it, the seal — and if you stepped on it, you had to get down and scrub it with a toothbrush. They said it's like stepping on the president's face."

Of course none of the students were assigned to such a task, because they heeded the warning, Krynicki said.

It was the Gen. Mark Clark award that Krynicki found himself bringing back to his Fort Clayton home after the camp. The award is given to four or five young men from each section of about 25 boys.

"I wasn't exactly trying to win," he said. "But I wanted to get it. You have to see how good you are in sports and they watch your manners at breakfast, lunch



photo courtesy the Citadel

Eddie Krynicki receives the Mark Clark Award from Lt. Gen. Claudius Watts III, president of the Citadel and dinner."

Krynicki said he wants to continue attending summer camp and someday attend the Citadel for college, like his father did.

"I think kids my age should go," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

CFC campaign begins Thursday

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People who want to know who their keyperson is can get the name from the Plan of the Day or on the computer Local Area Network, Morales said.

The keypersons, project officers, community/area project officers and numerous logistical support people provide important volunteer services to help produce a successful campaign, according to an American Forces Information Service press release.

The agencies participating in the campaign are described in the campaign booklet. The booklet also includes a breakdown of each organization's administration and fund-raising costs. This booklet will be distributed to all federal and military people by CFC campaign officers.

The booklet also lists information about how to designate a contribution, the different ways a person can give, how the contributions are distributed, a sample contributor's card and the recognition program and the Gold and Silver Eagle awards.

One of the easiest and most popular ways to contribute is through payroll deduction, officials said.

The contributor acknowledgement form is a screened area at the bottom of the contributor's card.

Those who want their names and addresses released to the agencies they designate must complete this portion of the card.

This fall, there will be more agencies and federations to choose from than ever before. Contributors will be able to give to any of 778 national agencies and 11 federations.

The office of personnel management added three new federations to the campaign: the World Service Organizations of America, Children's Charities of America and the National Black United Federation of Charities.

These federations were added to the federations that have been part of the Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas for many years, which are the International Service Agencies - Overseas, American Red Cross, National/United Service Agencies, Earth Share, USO, United Way of America, National Voluntary Health Agencies and the Independent Charities of America.

In addition to the agencies and federations that benefit from this campaign, U.S. service members and their families also benefit.

Up to six percent of the money raised during the campaign will be returned to support overseas family support and youth activities programs.

The amount returned to support these local programs is based upon total contributions raised in the campaign by the military installation, activity or community.

Last year, Department of Defense people serving overseas donated more than \$10 million.

More than 94 cents of every dollar donated in the campaign went directly to those who needed help.

This year, the principal combined fund organization, appointed each year by DoD to administer the overseas campaign, is a partnership between the National Voluntary Health Agencies and the American Red Cross.

AMC fee increases

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - The fee to travel space available on military flights will increase from \$10 to \$15 Thursday to cover cost increases in fuel, administration and other areas of the Air Mobility Command according to AMC officials.

The current fee was set in 1979, when fees for traveling space available were first charged, officials said.

Tops in Blue arrive

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - The Air Force variety show Tops in Blue will offer two free shows at the Howard AFB theater Thursday and Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The 90-minute show tours Air Force bases worldwide. For more information, call 284-6109.

Health fairs planned

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - The U.S. Southern Command Health Promotion office recently teamed up with Department of Defense Dependent School system health officials to kick off a series of health fairs in Panama schools under the Fit to Win program.

The fairs "consist of different learning areas that involve good nutrition, fitness and health issues," said Virginia Smith, health promotion specialist.

Each school created a health fair committee composed of school nurses, physical education teachers, classroom teachers and parents to teach the children about health concerns, Smith said.

While each school is approaching the fair differently, the overall concept will be the same, Smith said.

The committees will have booths dealing with subjects like nutrition, tobacco use, grooming, dental care, flexibility and even an entomology booth that will talk about the dangers of Africanized bees, she said.

For the elementary schools, special programs like puppet shows on healthy snacks, visits by McGruff and ambulance tours will round out the program.

High school students will see a wrecked car and hear about the dangers of drunk driving, Smith said.

The program is part of an overall plan to teach DoDDS students about all facets of health.

"Usually, the students have health classes before and after the fair, with this just being a part of the learning experience for them," she said.

Smith said the program wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for the organizations and individuals who volunteered for the program.

Any parents who would like to volunteer for the health fair programs should contact their child's school nurse for information, Smith said.

	Schedule
Howard Elementary	Tuesday
Balboa High School	Oct. 15-16
Curundu Jr. High	Oct. 27-29
Diablo Elementary	Nov. 19
Cristobal High School	Dec. 3
Curundu Elementary	Jan. 13-14
Fort Clayton Elementary	Feb. 25-26
Balboa Elementary	March 18
Fort Gullick/Fort Davis	March 25
Los Rios Elementary	April 22
Fort Kobbe	May 13

DEH, preventive medicine address lead paint

FORT CLAYTON (USARSOPAO) - Old layers of paint cracking and peeling off the wall may be no more than an unsightly inconvenience. But, what you can't see, can hurt you, especially when that unseen hazard is lead.

Recent medical studies indicate that even small amounts of lead in children may adversely affect their health. Subtle decreases in mental ability, behavioral changes, hearing problems and growth retardation have been associated with chronic low-level lead exposure, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

To ensure the safety of families in Panama, the Directorate of Engineering and Housing monitors the health hazards caused by exposure to lead-based paint.

During the past six months, more than 500 samples from 120 family housing quarters have been taken and analyzed for lead content, said Daniel Muschett, DEH environmental officer. Testing is also performed on administrative buildings to find areas with high levels of lead and begin programs to reduce the hazard for children and adults.

Common sources of lead exposure in children include eating lead paint particles, exposure to exhaust from cars that use leaded gasoline and consumption of water contaminated by lead-soldered pipes, said Maj. William Candler, chief of preventive medicine. In most places, however, the most common source is lead paint, Candler said.

Virtually all family housing units built

before 1950, in both U.S. Army South and the U.S., have coats of paint containing lead, Muschett said. An undisturbed wall that contains lead paint is not a health hazard.

Lead-based paint is only a hazard if eaten, or if paint dust containing high amounts of lead is inhaled, Candler said.

U.S. Army Engineering and Housing Support Center and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidance requires that a Lead Exposure Risk Assessment be conducted for USARSO housing areas.

Before work begins, engineers determine the scope of work and the best way to fix the problem.

Then repair work is scheduled and housing residents informed. Residents

might be asked to stay out of certain rooms or move into temporary quarters that will be provided if necessary, Muschett said.

The problem is usually fixed in one of three ways: enclosure, encapsulation, or removal. Enclosure involves sealing off the contaminated area, but also prevents that area from being used by occupants.

Encapsulation is presently being used in Cocoli Housing Area, which involves coating and sealing surfaces with specially developed coatings that are resistant to cracking, peeling and deterioration by algae and fungi, Muschett said.

Gorgas Army Community Hospital provides lead screening through the Well Baby Clinic, Candler said. For information, call 282-5419.



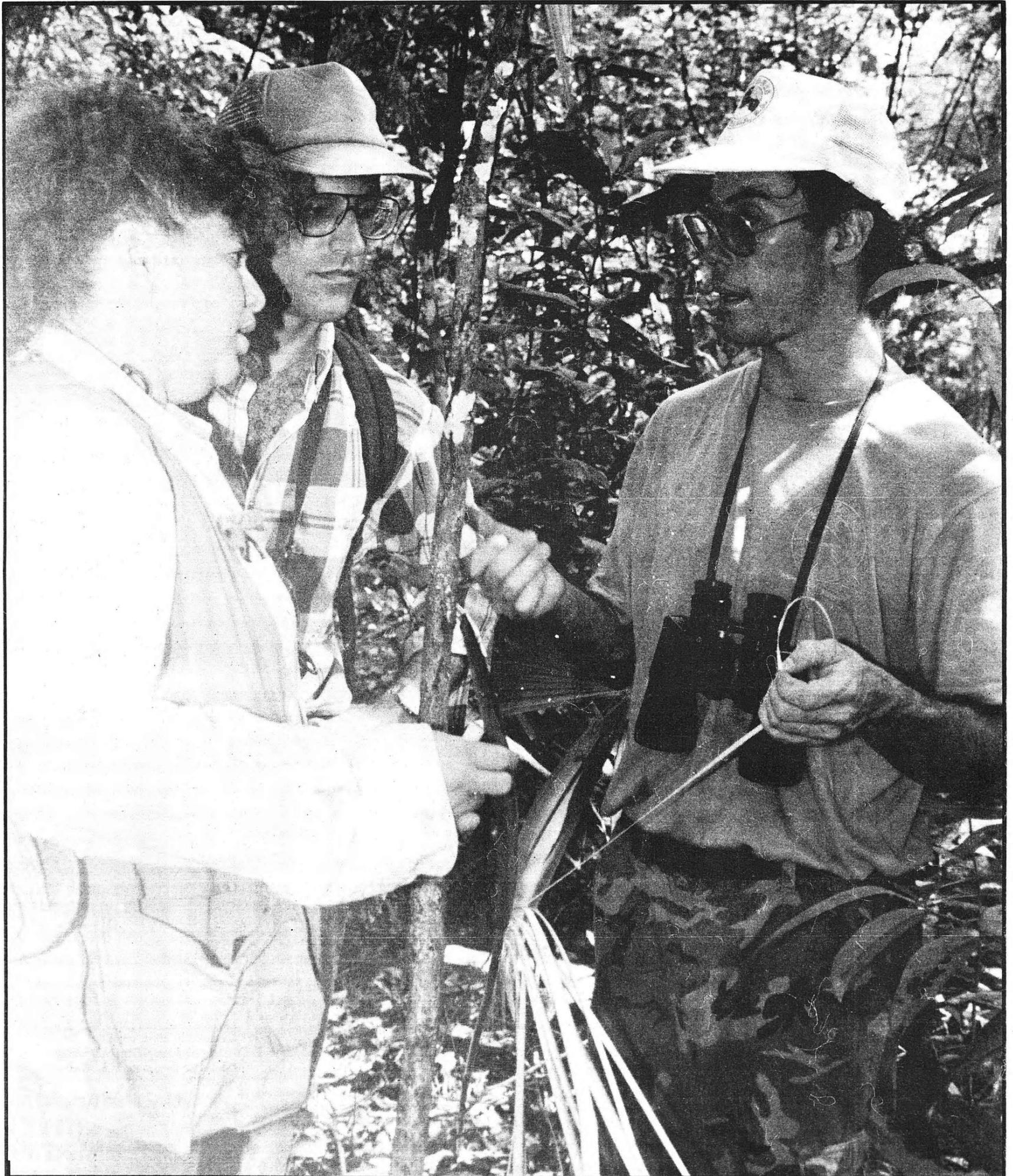
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An entertainment guide for the U.S. community in Panama

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Hannia Woodman (left) and Nathan Cohen get a survival lesson from Eco-Tour guide Rich Cahil on Barro Colorado Island. See story, photos page B5.

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HOWARD

Today
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9pm Sister Act (PG-13) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith

Saturday
2pm Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (PG) Rick Moranis, Marcia Strassman
6:30pm Batman Returns (PG-13) Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, Michelle Pfeiffer
8:50pm Universal Soldier (R) Jean Claude Van Damme, Dolph Lundgren

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CLAYTON

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7pm Housesitter (PG) Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin
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2pm Mom And Dad Save The World (PG) Teri Garr, Jeffrey Jones
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DAVIS

Today
7pm Folks (PG-13) Tom Selleck, Don Ameche

Saturday
7pm Alien 3 (R) Sigourney Weaver, Charles Dutton

Sunday
6:30pm Pinocchio (G) Animated
8:30pm Pinocchio (G) Animated

Monday
7pm Housesitter (PG) Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin

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7pm ACES: Iron Eagle III (R) Louis Gossett Jr., Horst Buchholz

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SHERMAN

Today
7pm Patriot Games (R) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer

Saturday
7pm The Cutting Edge (PG) D.B. Sweeney, Moira Kelly

Sunday
7pm Thunderheart (R) Val Kilmer, Graham Greene

Thursday
7pm Wild Orchid II (R) Wendy Hughes, Tom Skerritt

Oct. 2
7pm Folks (PG-13) Tom Selleck, Don Ameche

AMADOR

Today
7pm Year Of The Comet (PG-13) Penelope Ann Miller, Tim Daly

Saturday
7pm Patriot Games (R) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer

Sunday
7pm Batman Returns (PG-13) Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, Michelle Pfeiffer

Thursday
7pm Ferngully: The Last Rainforest (G) Animated

Oct. 2
7pm Patriot Games (R) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer

Now showing

"THIS IS THE SUMMER MOVIE OF ALL TIME. Sensational! A funhouse of comic and crazy surprises. You've got to see it twice."
- Pat Collins, WWOR-TV



MICHAEL KEATON DANNY DEVITO MICHELLE PFEIFFER

BATMAN RETURNS

PG-13

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Howard Theater Saturday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Club calendar

Club Amador

Reservations: 282-4025, 282-3837/3534. Lunch: Tues.-Fri., 11:30am-1pm. La Concha Restaurant: Tues.-Sat., 6-10pm; Bridge Lounge: Tues.-Thurs., 5-10pm; Fri., social hour, 5pm-midnight; Sat., 6pm-midnight; punch brunch for children, first Sun. each month, 10:30am-1:30pm. Champagne brunch, Sun., 10:30am-1:30pm. Beef & burgundy, Tues., 6-10pm; pasta pizzazz, Wed., 6-9pm; Mongolian BBQ, Thurs., 6-9pm. Bingo: Tues. & Wed., 7pm.

Howard Enlisted Members' Club

Building 710, 284-4189/5832. Cashier's cage: Sun.-Thurs., 9am-9pm; Fri. & Sat., 9am-11pm; holidays, 4-9pm. Dining: Casual Cove/Tropical Breezeway, Mon.-Fri., 6-30-9am, 11am-11pm, Fri. & Sat., until 1am. Dining room closed for renovation, members may dine at Howard O'Club Mon.-Sat. Ballroom: variety disco Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8pm-midnight. Casual Cove: variety disco Wed., 8pm-midnight, country & western Tues. & Fri. 8pm-midnight, rock & roll, 8pm-1am. Main lounge: Fri. & Sat., 5:30pm-midnight, Wed., 5:30-10pm. Social hour: Mon., Wed. & Fri., reduced price drinks. Bingo: Sun., 2pm; Wed., 7pm; bar bingo, Mon.-Fri., 5-6:30pm

Howard O'Club

Building 707, 284-3089. Cashier's cage: Mon.-Fri., 10am-1pm. Dining: Lunch, Mon.-Fri., 11am-1pm. Full menu Tues., Fri., Sat., and mini-menu Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-9pm. Thurs., tacos. Fri. & Sat., prime rib/seafood. Dining open to Enlisted Club Me-

members while enlisted Dining Room under renovation. Disco: Fri., 7pm-midnight. Lounge: Mon.-Thurs., 4-9pm, Fri., 4pm-midnight, Sat., 6-9pm. Social hour: Fri. 5-6pm. Bingo: Wed., 6pm. Closed Sun., & holidays.

Top Three Lounge

Building 707, 284-3089. Open: Mon.-Thurs., 4-10pm, Fri., 4pm-1am, Sat., 5-11pm, Sun. & holidays, closed. Social hour: Mon. & Fri., 4:30-6pm.

Albrook Club

Building 13, 286-4128/3547. Cashier's cage: Mon.-Fri., 11am-1:30pm. Mon., Thurs., Fri., 2-4:30pm, Wed., 2:30-4:30pm. Dining: Lunch, 11am-1pm. Dinner: Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8:30pm, Fri.-Sat., 6-9pm. Sun., champagne brunch, 10am-1pm. Mon., Mongolian BBQ, Thurs., Mexican, Fri., prime rib/seafood. Sat., steak. Italian 2nd/4th Wed. each month; mini-gourmet, 1st/3rd Wed. each month. Tues., dining room closed, bar menu available in lounge. Disco, Fri., 8pm-1am. Lounge open: Mon.-Thurs., 4:30-10pm; Fri., 4:30pm-1am; Sat., 5:30pm-midnight. Social hour: Fri., 4-6pm. Closed 1st Tues. each month at 2pm. Flea market 1st Sun. each month, 9am-4pm. Texas BBQ last Sat. each month 6:30-9pm, country & western dancing until 1am.

STRAC Club

Mon.-Wed., 4:30-10pm. Thurs., 4:30-midnight, oldies and classic rock. Fri., TGIF, 4:30pm-1am. Sat., 4:30pm-midnight, variety music, free pizza. Call 286-3511.

Quarry Heights O'Club

282-4380/3439. Breakfast Mon.-Fri., 6:30-8:30am, Sat., 8-10am. Lunch: Mon.-Fri., 11:30am-1pm. Dinner: Tues.-Thurs. 6-9pm; Fri.-Sat. 8-10pm. Bar lounge: Tues.-Fri., 4-10pm; Sat. 6-10pm; Fri., social hour, 4-7pm.

CPO Club

Open to E-7 through E-9, civilians NM-6 and above, and family members. Call 283-5475. Lunch: Mon.-Fri., 11am-1pm, all-you-can-eat buffet; Sat., grill open, noon-4pm. Dinner: Fri. & Sat., 6-9pm. Social hour: Wed. & Fri., 4pm, complimentary snacks.

Anchorage Club

Open to all ranks. Call 283-4332/3040. Breakfast: Mon.-Fri., 6:30-9:30am Sat., 8-10:30am. Lunch: Mon.-Fri., 11am-1:30pm. Dinner: Mon.-Fri., 6-9pm, a la carte dining. Grill: Mon.-Sat., 11-1:30pm; Sun. & hol., 3:30-9:30pm. Pizza & fried chicken to go, 5-9pm daily. Bingo, Mon., 5:30pm, special menu. Family night, Tues., 5:30-9pm. Social hour, Wed., 4-6pm. Country & western night, steak dinner, Wed., 6-9pm. All-you-can-eat taco night, Thurs. Bar hours: Tues.-Fri., 4-11pm; Fri. & Sat., 4pm-midnight; Sun. & hol., 3:30-10pm.

Rodman Officers' Club

Open to officers, warrant officers, civilians grade NM-7 and above, and family members. Call 283-4498. Lunch: Mon.-Fri., 11am-1:30pm. Dinner: Sun.-Thurs., 6-8:30pm; Fri. & Sat., 6-9:30pm. Din-

ing room bar open, 4-9pm. Laguna Lounge open Mon., Wed. and Fri., 4-10pm, complimentary snacks. Pool bar: Mon.-Thurs., noon-6pm; Fri., noon-8pm; Sat. & Sun., 10am-6pm. Thurs: steak-by-the-ounce; Fri. & Sat., prime rib.

Acey-Deucey Club

Open to E-5 through E-6 Mon., Wed. & Fri., 5-10pm only. Call 283-4332.

Clayton NCO Club

287-4343/4716/5692. Main corral: Mon.-Thurs., 7-11pm; Fri.-Sat., 7pm-2am; Sun., 1-11:30pm. Forum: Tues., steak night, 5-9pm; Wed., international buffet, 5-9pm; Thurs., ladies night, 5-9pm; Fri.-Sat., fine dining, 4:30-10pm; entertainment, 9pm-2am. Bingo: Sun., 2-5pm; Tues., 6-10pm. The Underground: Mon.-Thurs., 4:30-11pm; Fri., 5pm-2am; Sat., 1pm-2am. Midnight buffet: Wed., Fri., Sat., 10pm-1:30am. Casa Maria, Mon.-Sun., 5-10pm.

Davis Community Club

289-3289/5160. Breakfast: Mon.-Fri., 6:30-9am. Lunch: Mon.-Fri., 11:30am-1pm. Dinner: Wed. & Thurs., 6-9pm; Fri. & Sat., 6-10pm. Brunch: Sun., 10:30am-1:30pm. Bingo: Sun., 3-6pm.

Red Door Club

287-4343. Mon., progressive music, 7-10pm. Tues., special night, 7-11pm. Wed., oldies, 7-11pm. Thurs., ladies night, 7-10pm. Fri., social hour, progressive music, 7pm-midnight. Sat., rock 'n roll, 7pm-midnight.



Channels 8 & 10

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Oct. 2
5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Kids Incorporated 10:00 CNN Newsroom 10:15 Headline News Break 10:30 I Love Lucy 11:00 Wheel of Fortune 11:30 Showbiz Today Noon Headline News Break 12:20 SCN Midday Report 12:30 Sports Latentight 1:00 Another World 2:00 Oprah Winfrey 3:00 Think Fast! 3:25 Price Is Right 4:25 Guiding Light 5:15 General Hospital 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 Special: "Rock The Vote" 8:30 Prime Time Live 10:30 Headline News 11:00 Entertainment Tonight 11:30 SCN News Update 12:35 Latentight w/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Movie: "Urban Cowboy" 3:40 Movie: "Something Wild" 5:30 Headline News 6:00 Headline News Break	6:30 am Headline News 7:00 Carolina Marines 7:30 Navy News This Week 8:30 Cartoon Corner 8:30 Just For Kids! Woody Woodpecker Biskins Back To The Future Super Friends 10:30 Headline News 11:00 This Week In Baseball 11:30 CFA Football: Missouri vs. Indiana 2:30pm Inside the NFL 3:30 Special: The Dayton International Air Show 4:30 Today's Gourmet 5:00 Soul Train 6:00 Headline News 6:30 CFA Football: Clemson vs. Georgia Tech 9:30 Videolinks 10:00 Headline News 10:30 Saturday Night Live Midnight Friday Night Videos 1:00am Movie: "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf" 3:10 Movie: "Robin and Marian" 5:00 Headline News 5:30 Headline News Break	6:00am Hour of Power 6:30 Voices of Faith 7:00 Studio 7 7:30 The 700 Club 8:00 CBS Sunday Morning 9:30 Face The Nation 10:00 Meet The Press 10:30 This Week w/David Brinkley 11:30 Headline News Noon NFL Football: Chargers vs. Houston 3:00 Both Sides w/Jessie Jackson 3:30 Ebony Jet Showcase 4:00 Star Trek 5:00 Headline News 5:30 On Stage 6:00 Superstars of Wrestling 7:00 Street Stories 8:00 Movie: "Mermaids" 10:00 Entertainment This Week 11:00 The Case of Sherlock Holmes Midnight Business world 12:30 Headline News 1:00 Firing Line 1:30 Sports Machine 2:00 CNN Continues 3:00 Headline News 3:30 CNN World Report 5:00 Headline News Break	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Family Double Dare 10:00 CNN Newsroom 10:15 I Love Lucy 11:00 Wheel of Fortune 11:30 Showbiz Today Noon Headline News Break 12:20 SCN Midday Report 12:30 Sports Machine 1:00 Another World 2:00 Oprah Winfrey 3:00 Nick Amade 3:30 Price Is Right 4:25 Guiding Light 5:15 General Hospital 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 Charlie & Company 8:00 Taxi 8:30 60 Minutes 9:30 Evening News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 SCN News Update 10:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Latentight w/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Inside Politics '92 1:30 Sports Latentight 2:00 Arsenio Hall 3:00 Tonight Show 4:00 Latentight w/Letterman 5:00 Headline News Break	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Silver Spoons 10:00 CNN Newsroom 10:15 Headline News Break 10:30 I Love Lucy 11:00 Wheel of Fortune 11:30 Show Biz Today Noon Headline News Break 12:20 SCN Midday Report 12:30 Sports Latentight 1:00 Another World 2:00 Donahue 3:00 Square One TV 3:30 Price Is Right 4:25 Guiding Light 5:15 General Hospital 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 Fall Guy 8:00 48 Hours 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 SCN News Update 10:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Latentight w/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Inside Politics '92 1:35 Sports Tonight 2:00 Arsenio Hall 3:00 Tonight Show 4:00 Latentight w/Letterman 5:00 Headline News Break	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Back To The Future 10:00 CNN Newsroom 10:15 Headline News Break 10:30 I Love Lucy 11:00 Wheel of Fortune 11:30 Showbiz Today Noon Headline News Break 12:20 SCN Midday Report 12:30 Sports Latentight 1:00 Another World 2:00 Oprah Winfrey 3:00 Fight Back! 3:30 Price Is Right 4:25 Guiding Light 5:15 General Hospital 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 Science & Technology 8:00 Special: Country Music Association Awards Entertainment Tonight 11:00 Entertainment Tonight 11:30 SCN News Update 11:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Latentight w/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Inside Politics '92 1:30 Sports Tonight 2:00 Arsenio Hall 3:00 Tonight Show 4:00 Latentight w/Letterman 5:00 Headline News Break	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Silver Spoons 10:00 CNN Newsroom 10:15 Headline News Break 10:30 I Love Lucy 11:00 Wheel of Fortune 11:30 Showbiz Today Noon Headline News Break 12:20 SCN Midday Report 12:30 Sports Latentight 1:00 Another World 2:00 Donahue 3:00 Family Double Dare 3:30 Price Is Right 4:25 Guiding Light 5:15 General Hospital 6:00 SCN Evening Report 6:30 World News Tonight 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:30 Special: "Columbus: Columbus World" 8:30 Prime Time Live 10:30 Headline News 11:00 Entertainment Tonight 11:30 SCN News Update 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Inside Politics '92 1:30 Sports Tonight 2:00 Arsenio Hall 3:00 Tonight Show 4:00 Latentight w/Letterman 5:00 Headline News Break 6:00 Headline News Break	

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Channels 8 & 10

SPECIALS

Dayton International Air Show Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a day of chills and thrills at the air show as acts such as the U.S. Army's elite parachute team, *The Golden Knights*, the Navy's amazing *Blue Angels* and flying teams from around the world gather at America's premiere aviation event.

Country Music Association Awards Wednesday, 8 p.m.

The biggest names from Nashville and the Country Music Association gather for this annual gala event. Vince Gill and Reba McEntire host the event.

MOVIES

Mermaids - PG-13 Sunday, 8 p.m.

Set in New England in the early '60s, a saucy, sexy single mother of two provides her older daughter who wants to be a nun, with no end of embarrassment as the teenager tries to deal with her own sexual awakening. Stars Cher, Winona Ryder, Michael Schoeffling and Bob Hoskins.

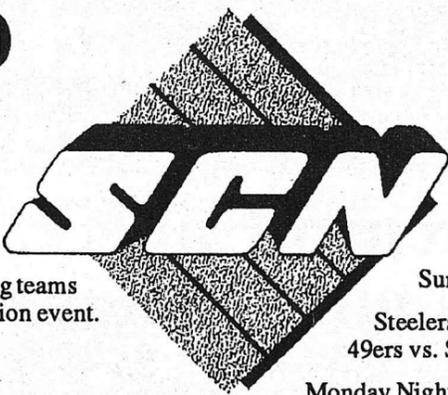
ALL NIGHT MOVIE BLOCKS

Urban Cowboy - PG Today, 1:05 a.m.

A young Texas farmer comes to Houston to work in a refinery and learns about the incredible honky-tonk named Gilley's with its easy women, macho ambiance and mechanical bull.

Something Wild - R Today, 3:40 a.m.

A businessman accepts a lift from a flaky, sexy girl and his life turns inside out.



Cable Channel 14

SPECIALS

Sports: NFL Football/Major League Baseball

Saturday
New York vs. Pittsburgh or Chicago vs. Montreal - 2:30 p.m.
Sunday

Steelers vs. Packers - 3 p.m.
49ers vs. Saints - 7 p.m.

Monday Night Football
Chiefs vs. Raiders, 8 p.m.

NEW SERIES

Widget

Thursdays, 8 a.m.

He's back. Widget the World Watcher is back to continue his mission of protecting the Earth's environment.

MOVIES

The Wizard - PG Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

A young man named Corey, his traumatized video game-wizard brother and their friend are pursued across the Southwest by various relatives and other grownups. Stars Fred Savage, Luke Edwards, Jenny Lewis, Beau Bridges, Christian Slater.

The Grass Is Greener - G Sunday, 12:15 p.m.

An American millionaire invades the private chambers of a straight-laced English Earl's mansion and falls in love with the lady of the house. Stars Robert Mitchum, Deborah Kerr, Cary Grant and Jean Simmons.

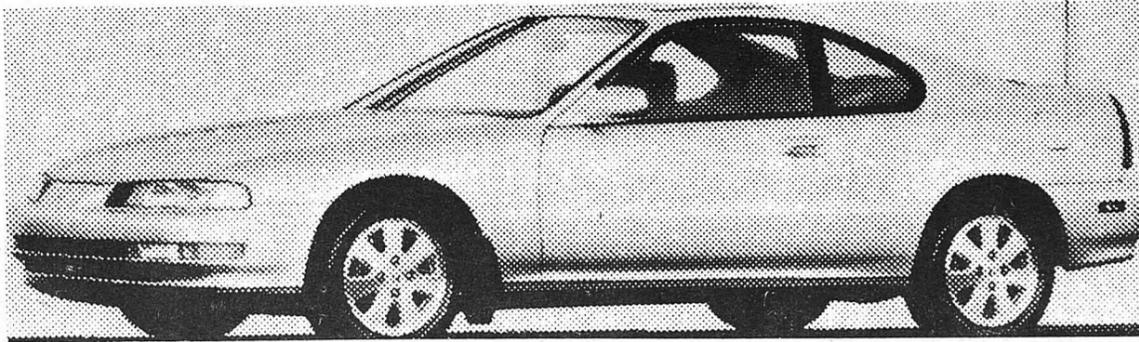
HONDA Prelude Si

Quality control is superb

by Zane Binder
King Features Syndicate

Among youthful enthusiasts cars, such as the Oldsmobile Achieva, Nissan 240SX, Toyota Celica, and Chevrolet Cavalier Z24 count substantial followings. Honda's entry in this sport class is the new for '92 Prelude, the fourth North American generation to carry the nameplate. It's a well-built vehicle of about the same dimensions as last year. It offers contemporary styling and a much more rigid body, but needs refinement to match the stellar sophistication of the previous generation.

Hondas have always been known for space utilization and interior designs others widely copy. The new Prelude Si (the top of the line) is a departure from tradition: it's not easy to climb into the front seats because of the leg-intrusive underdash design and large side seat bolsters. The rear bench offers so little knee room, no one can use it. A large center console divides the twin front cloth buckets; it actually extends to the rear seat. It's handy, but for some reason doesn't include a cupholder. The dash design is a strange combination of analog and digital instruments; worse, some are placed on the passenger side. Controls such as the



standard power door locks and power windows don't readily "fall to hand"; the built-in tilt steering column has limited adjustment range, too. The trunk is surprisingly roomy and well finished, and safety is a bright spot too: a driver's side airbag, five mile per hour front (not rear) bumpers, and anti-lock four-wheel power disc brakes are standard. Other features include variable assist power steering, a power sunroof, air conditioning, and much more.

The Prelude Si's engine is a 2.3 liter, dual overhead cam, 16-valve "4." It boasts 160HP, fuel injection, and dual balance shafts for smoothness. It moves this 2,866-pound car from 0-60 in nine seconds, about average for the class. Fuel efficiency was observed at 23 city and 25 highway (EPA, 22/26), slightly below par for the genre. It's a decent, quiet engine with adequate torque that's smooth, too. But it isn't nearly as smooth (the degree is the key), tractible, or economical as last year's powerplant, though its extra 20HP gives it considerably more zip.

The engine was mated to a short-throw five-speed manual transmission and light clutch. Both worked well, and you'll have no complaints, but again, weren't quite an equal of the previous generation. A modern automatic transmission is optionally available.

The Si's handling, with its four-wheel independent

suspension, rates good and about a average for the class. Its Michelin MXV-4 all-season tires are decent quality, but not the performance rubber this \$20,000 car should wear. Ride, sometimes a compromise with handling, was definitely stiffened on this vehicle to increase tossilibility and perceived sportiness. In most situations, the ride is satisfactory, but certain types of large bumps and dips will have you wishing for increased compliance. The turning circle was nearly 36 feet acceptable but not notable. A four-wheel steering option is available that cuts the turning circle by four feet; I didn't test it on this year's model, but haven't found it a "must have" on any automaker's vehicle. Again, the previous generation Prelude offered slightly better balance in all aspects of the ride/handling equation.

Quality control throughout the vehicle was superb. It's definitely a bright spot. Overall, the new Prelude isn't as refined or sophisticated as the last generation despite technical specifications that promise more. Its straight-line performance is much better, but smoothness, economy, ride space utilization (the '91s were only slightly better in this regard), and particularly comfort may leave you wishing for more. It's a decent car, but doesn't excel in any area and ranks nowhere near the class leaders -- the place where Honda's still now seemed to have a permanent lock.

Employment

All applicants should be aware that hiring is severely restricted because of the Department of Defense worldwide hiring freeze. Beginning April 6, the freeze allowed one new hire from outside Department of Army for every four losses to DoD. Placement of current DA employees (including those on leave without pay) is an exception to the freeze. Current temporary employees may now apply against permanent vacancies unless otherwise noted. Specialized experience, when indicated, must be in duties similar to those required by the vacancy.

Military Spouses: If available, qualified, and within the area of consideration specified for the vacancy, may be considered subject to the "one-for-four" DA hiring restriction.

Panama Canal Commission employees: U.S. and non-U.S. current permanent employees may apply for permanent employment subject to the "one-for-four" DA hiring restriction. Current permanent NAF or AAFES employees who were appointed before Nov. 3, 1989 may now also apply.

AMENDMENT ON HOW TO APPLY: Failure to complete U. S. Army South Form 106, when required, could hinder an applicant's chances of being referred for the vacancy. For information, visit the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 560, Corozal.

VB# Vacancies Title and Location Open: 09-25-92 Close: 10-06-92

PACIFIC:

478-92-VC - MILITARY PERSONNEL CLERK (TYPING), NM-204-4. Tem-

porary NTE 1 yr. SENSITIVE. ARPERCEN, Liaison South, Bldg 95, Fort Clayton. Gen Exp: 1 yr. Note: Knowledge of DBase. Limited to current DA civilian employees.

479-92-MW - GENERAL ENGINEER, NM-801(21)-13. Competitive Temporary Detail NTE 120 days. Sensitive. USARSO, Office of the CG, Treaty Implementation Office, Fort Clayton. Limited to current DA civilian employees.

480-92-NR - SUPPLY TECHNICIAN (PROPERTY BOOK OFFICER), NM-2005-7. Sensitive. DEH, Supply & Storage Division, Property Control Br., Corozal. Spec Exp: 1 yr. equiv to NM-6. TIG: NM-5. Form 106. Limited to current DA civilian employees.

481-92-NR - SERVICE ORDER CLERK, NM-303-4. Temporary NTE 01-31-93. HQ, USAG-DEH, ERMD, Work Mgmt Br., Corozal. Gen Exp: 1 yr. Bilingual (English/Spanish). Written test (CASP). Shift work.

The Directorate of Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications for the following positions:

Clinical Nurse positions. For information call Enid Sullivan at 285-4116.
Store Worker, MG-6914-4, Temporary/intermittent. Materials Handler, MG-6907-5, Temporary/Intermittent. For information call Julie Hurtado at 285-6268.

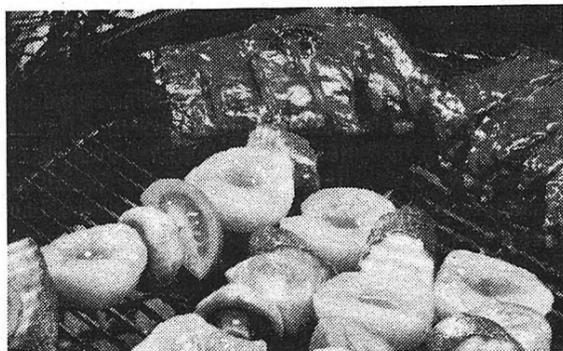
Kitchen Capers

Outdoor cooking has come a long way from the caveman's spit and the iron cauldron. There's an incredible variety of grills, from the simplest grid over coals to the more sophisticated, large, multiple-grill models that are almost like kitchens. There are compact, easy-clean, portables that fold and fit into small fabric carrying cases with handles for easy toting to camps, beaches or tailgate picnics.

And there are all sorts of cooking tools and accessories, fire-starters, aromatic wood chips and chunks and flavorizers that enhance taste and aroma. Relatively new are herb packets like tea bags that are first soaked in water then added to hot coals. If you plan to use wood chips or chunks, soak them in water for 20 to 30 minutes before tossing them into the hot coals, otherwise they will burn before providing their unique flavor and aroma.

Try soaking plain chips in Angostura aromatic biters in a wide-mouthed jar, perhaps overnight. Toss them wet on the fire for a unique flavor. The biters can be reused -- for soaking chips, not for cooking.

Pork ribs are a favorite barbecue meat. Dripping with a honey-sweet, slightly vinegary-tart sauce, they're just made for finger-eating -- not to be served to sophisticates. Get the meaty cut and serve with peachy vegetable kabobs.



Country rib barbecue

2 zucchini, cut into thick diagonal slices
1 large (16 oz.) can cling peach halves in juice or extra light syrup
3 pounds country pork spare ribs
3/4 cup catsup
1/3 cup honey
3 tablespoons prepared mustard
2 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
1 large clove garlic, minced
2 firm tomatoes
6 large mushrooms

Blanch zucchini in boiling water three minutes; drain well; set aside.

Drain peaches, reserving all liquid. Place ribs on charcoal grill about six inches from source of heat; cover and cooks slowly, about one hour, turning occasionally. Or place ribs on oven broiler rack and bake at 350 degrees one and one half hours, turning occasionally.

Combine reserved peach liquid with catsup, honey, mustard, vinegar, ginger and garlic. Bring to a boil in small saucepan, boil five minutes, stirring frequently. Brush ribs with sauce last 20 minutes of grilling or 3/4 hour of baking. Cut each tomato into six wedges and thread them on metal or WET bamboo skewers, along with zucchini slices, peach halves, and mushrooms. Grill or bake last 10 minutes of ribs' cooking time, brushing generously with sauce.

Make five or six servings. *The Chopping Block* recipe by Philomena Corradeno

Editor's note: People interested in sharing a recipe or household tip with *Tropic Times* readers, can send recipes or tips by MPS to *Tropic Times*, Unit 0936, APO AA 34002. Your name and base will be printed with your submission.



Rich Cahill, Eco-Tours guide, shows Nathan Cohen and Hania Woodman, 24th Civil Engineering Squadron, some of the jungle flora during a tour of Barro Colorado Island.

Island hop

Navy MWR, Eco-Tours show city slickers jungle environment

BARRO COLORADO ISLAND (Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation) - *Our Lady of the Rainforest* sat on still smooth waters in the early morning as we gazed intently at a mist-shrouded island. It took only a few minutes before we were welcomed to the jungle.

We weren't listening to the Guns and Roses tune, but rather the trills of a "Froot Loops" bird establishing his territorial branch, the coyote-like noises of black mantle howler monkeys, the chirping of thousands of creepy crawlers, the video arcade music from hundreds of frogs occasionally broken by the grunt of a wild pig.

We were a mixed group that descended on Barro Colorado Island — some city slickers curious to see jungle up close and personal; others, like Sandy Toothman, 24th Civil Engineering Squadron, who grew up in Panama, who had spent plenty of time in jungle areas but was looking for greater insight about her "great backyard."

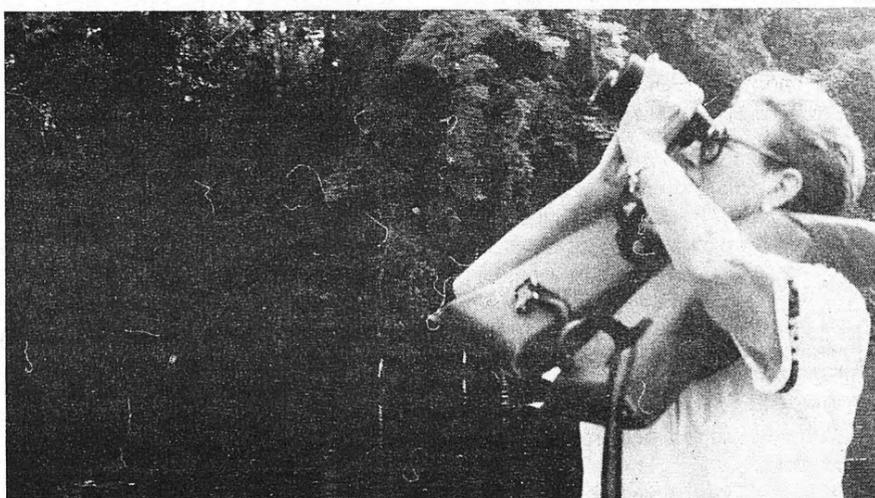
We were not equipped with butterfly nets, but we did have binoculars. We were not "birders," per se, but after a dozen or more sightings of colorful toucans and trogons, our enthusiasm grew with each recognition.

The bilingual Eco-Tours guides' enthusiasm was contagious. Group leaders Rich Cahill and Archibaldo Kirchman pointed out animals and plants while rapidly explaining habitats, traits and distinctions.

The Eco-Tours Barro Colorado tour, booked through Navy Morale Welfare and Recreation, was a learning experience from the start. Boarding *Our Lady of the Rainforest* boats we headed down the Panama Canal listening to our guides' historical notes about the building of the canal, stories about the birds spotted en route, like the cormorant and kingfisher, and about plants on the bank, such as Kuna grass.

When the way became narrower, Cahill skillfully guided the boat through obstacle-marked waters to a quiet cove.

"Watch for the bubbles," he said. Hannia Woodman looked for "Wally" the alligator, but he chose to remain



Marge Evans looks through binoculars for signs of toucans.

submerged during our trip.

Cahill guided our eyes upward, and the cameras and binoculars were turned to the treetops. After several sightings of toucans, kelly-billed (Froot Loops type) and the brown-chested mandible variety, we headed to shore to begin our jungle trek.

Walking through the jungle, it seems plants and animals grow to science fiction-size proportions. The giant blue butterflies — Cahill explained they were claustrophobic and domineering. If someone was wearing blue (we sneakily glanced at each other) the butterfly was wearing blue (we sneakily glanced at each other) the butterfly would fly toward him for fear the insect's space was being invaded.

Other overgrown items — anthills. One was at least 4-foot tall and hung from a tree.

And of course the plants — the threadlike lianas that grew to gnarly trunk-size ropes literally choking the life from trees, Cahill said.

We got lessons on jungle survival. Cahill took a piece from the palmetto tree (hearts of palm) and passed it among our group to sample. He pointed out which plants to use for water sources.

Then we had a quick "handcraft class." As he tore strands from a palma sombrero tree, Cahill explained how the Chocoe Indians wove their baskets, often dyeing the strands.

During our lessons the jungle noises continued unabated. The overriding sound was that of the howler monkeys. We strained to see them, but we spied them only from a distance high in the trees.

Kirchman's group was luckier. They saw white-faced capuchin and howlers.

"We saw five or six white-faced monkeys jumping from tree to tree, then they started following us," said Barbara Dalle-Molle, family member.

"No," said Kirchman, there were 10 or 15."

Sighting comparisons were made at the muddy trail's end. Some of us lay in hammocks, others thirstily drank bottled water and juices and most ate the hearty sandwiches provided.

We discussed our morning's adventure.

"It was one thing to go to a simulated rain forest like I did in Florida, but it's something else again to see everything in its natural surroundings," said Ernest Dalle-Molle, 24th Wing. "You have to concentrate and respect their (animals') habitats to see them."

Others, like Marge Evans, wanted to take the tour again.

"Next time, I'm going to stay in one place longer and be very quiet so I can see more," she said.

Often there may not be time for that. Many people trek through the jungle because they have to, especially the military. There's no time to stop to see let alone appreciate what the rain forest has to offer. Only time to feel too hot, wield a machete to get through the tall grass, avoid snakes and scratch more bug bites.

But we had time to learn some great things about our backyard and the uniqueness of a part of Panama. Barro Colorado Island, so close, brought us back to the classroom.

As we pattered away in our boats, we continued to watch for a branch to tremble, a movement in the brush, or a flash of color from the treetops.

story and photos by Monique Chere
Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Albrook Albrook Club

The club will hold officers' membership night Saturday. Barbecued chicken or beef brisket will be served 6:30-9 p.m., followed by country/western music until 1:30 a.m.

Child care

The Albrook Early Childhood Enrichment Center has openings for 4 year olds. Hourly care reservations can be made up to 2 weeks in advance for 3 year olds through kindergarten-age children. Call 286-3133 to make reservations.

Clayton Valent center

Valent Recreation Center is located in Building 53. Call 287-6500/4201.

Tours - Darien's museum, Gamboa and Miraflores Locks, Wednesday, 1-5 p.m.

Special tour: a cruise to the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Oct. 9-15. Reservations with payments must be made, space is limited.

A new bird watching and nature tour is available.

Hit movies in Dolby surround sound are a new feature at the center. Films are shown Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. Movies and time listings are at the center.

Piano recital, Monday, 7-9 p.m. Displays, vendors, live entertainment, refreshments and food.

Valent offers recreational and educational classes. Call for classes and times.

Volunteers are needed to start set construction for the annual Haunted House. Characters, make-up and decorations are also needed. Volunteers must be 18 years old. Call Miguel Briceno at the center.

BOSS program

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program offers recreational activities for single soldiers and geographical bachelors. Call Anne Kelly at Valent Recreation Center, 287-6500, to volunteer.

Youth centers

The Fort Clayton Youth Center, Building 155, has varied activities for preteens. Call 287-6451.

Atlantic education center moves, offers varied classes, schedules

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO-ATLANTIC) - Bigger and better is the way the Fort Davis Education Center staff sees its new location in Building 235 here.

The center officially moved in late August, but workers are still putting finishing touches on the building's interior. The only major item left is the carpet, said Patricia Bjorneby, education services specialist.

Even though the center is not as easy to find as it was in Building 32, above the post exchange, its new location will be more beneficial to its users, said Bjorneby.

The center now boasts four class rooms which will allow for more classes being offered and hold more people - up to 25, she said.

Three different colleges will use these classrooms, said Bjorneby. Florida State University and Panama Canal College will both teach college courses and Central Texas College is teaching Advanced Skills Education Program in the rooms. Other courses such as the

next mini-emersion Spanish class will also be taught in the rooms.

The center offers several improvement programs, said Bjorneby.

General technical improvement is one such program. Soldiers can come in at their convenience and work with a tutor to improve their GT score. ASEP is program for noncommissioned officers. NCOs use this course to enhance their training skills to make them better NCOs, Bjorneby said.

The center's staff knows the scheduling problems infantry soldiers have with continuing their education, and have a program to teach four-week college classes when the soldiers are not in the field, she said.

The center recently finished a morning class for a unit that worked evenings.

Center officials said there are many ways the education center can help military and family members improve and advance their education. For more information, see a counselor at Building 235.

Aerobic/fitness awareness program, 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The program is free and features low-impact aerobics, nutrition tips, step aerobics, seminars and guest speakers.

Junior teen council meetings, 3 p.m., first and third Thursdays of each month at the Youth Center. All youths may attend.

The Senior Teen Center, Building 155, offers activities for teenagers 15-19 years old. Call 287-6451.

Outdoor events

The CRD Outdoor Recreation Branch offers various adventure activities each month. Register at Building 154, Fort Clayton. Call 287-3363.

Partial canal transits consist of a guided tour vessel from Balboa to Pedro Miguel Locks and cruise to the Bay of Panama.

San Blas snorkel/dive, Saturday-Sunday, \$140 for non divers and \$175 for divers' packages. Packages include airfare, hotel, equipment transport, three meals, three guided dives and boat service.

Twin Oceans

The Twin Oceans Pro shop, Building 155, Fort Clayton offers scuba, snorkel, tennis and other outdoor recreational equipment. Call 287-3088.

Boat shop

The Fort Clayton Boat shop, Building 178, offers weekly specials. Charters can be made fishing and diving trips. Call 287-6453.

Auto crafts

The Albrook Auto Crafts Shop is located in Buildings 441, 442 and 443 on Albrook AFS. The shop holds weekly classes in arc and gas welding, auto air conditioning, auto transmission repair and engine rebuilding. Call 286-3613.

Arts and crafts

The Arts and Crafts Center is located in Building 180. Call 287-5957.

Classes offered are pottery, throwing pottery techniques, glazing and firing, hand building and sculpture, wooden jewelry box construction, stained glass, acoustic guitar construction, do-it-yourself custom framing, fabric painting, basic leather crafts, acrylic and oil painting, basic drawing, charcoal drawing. Registration is required.

Ceramic center

The center is located in Building 155, Fort Clayton. Call 287-4360.

Sessions offered are clay flower making, air brush techniques and ceramic painting classes. Participants must buy materials and pay firing fee. Registration is required.

Curundu Theatre Arts Centre

The center, located in Building 2060, offers a variety of classes. Registration is required. Call 286-3814/3152.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" will open at the center Oct. 16 and will play Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31.

The 1993 Army Soldier Show auditions will be held in September. Singers, dancers, musicians, technicians are needed. Nominee packages must have name, rank, social security number, unit address, ETS date, and speciality, a written release from unit commander for 179 days temporary duty beginning March 5. Technicians must send a resume of experience and training, full length photo and recommendations from local Morale, Welfare and Recreation representative, forms 2 and 2-1, must have a minimum of nine days time in service remaining after Oct. 31. Nominees must be deployable because the show may tour overseas.

Howard Zodiac center

The Zodiac Recreation Center, Building 709, offers many activities. The Information, Tour and Travel Office section will arrange special trips. All tours leave from the Howard Theater. Call 284-6161/6109.

Special of the week - Contractor's Hill and Miraflores Locks - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Vista Panama - Saturday, 7-9 p.m. An evening at the center includes a slide show, traditional dancers and Panamanian food.

Atlantic

Sundial center

The Sundial Recreation Center is located in Building 42, Fort Davis. Call 289-3889/3300.

Classes are available in music, juggling, piano, guitar, dog obedience training, cake decorating, Spanish, English, French, folkloric dance, modern dance. Other classes are also available.

Events: Wine and dine, Fridays, 4-9 p.m.

Thursdays are wonderful, a program for women, will feature weight training.

Ocean Breeze center

Ocean Breeze Recreation Center is located in Building 153, Fort Sherman, 289-6402, offers fun education classes and adult education classes for free or a nominal fee.

Classes: Nautilus orientation, aerobics, beginning and advanced karate, gymnastics, health cooking, juggling classes.

Arts and crafts centers

The Fort Davis Arts and Craft Center is located in Building 251. Call 289-5201.

Auto and multicrafts shop, ceramic shop, advanced and beginners oil painting from photographs.

The Fort Sherman Arts and Crafts Center is located in Building 206. Call 289-6313.

Wood shops, ceramics, painting, drawing, pottery and air brushing are available.

The center is closed Thursdays and Fridays.

Youth news

The Fort Espinar Youth Center is located in Building 219. Call 289-4605.

Events: Roller skating Tuesdays at the Espinar School.

Flag football and cheerleading registration is under way for youths 6-15. Requirements: registration, physical, \$10 registration fee. Coaches are also needed.

Sherman Rental

Sherman Rental, Building 31, is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; holidays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 289-6104.

Classes - Outboard motor boat operation, Saturdays, 10 a.m., at Fort Sherman Lagoon.

Christmas bazaar

The Atlantic Community Women's Club is sponsoring its annual holiday bazaar Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Davis Community Club. Vendors are needed.

Call Muriel Doyle at 289-4755 or Becky Steigler at 289-4354.



Colonial Panama tour - Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Historical sites of Panama including the French Plaza, National Cathedral, Church of the Golden Altar and National Theater.

Special family colonial Panama tour - Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Free Zone shopping - Wednesday and Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gorgona Beach trip - Oct. 4, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee includes lunch and use of facilities.

Outdoor adventures

The Zodiac Recreation Center has tickets for sailing tours on 41- and 47-foot yachts for parties of 10-15 people including Panama Bay, partial canal transits, Taboga Island and Contadora Island. All tours leave from the Balboa Yacht Club.

Special of the week - Gold panning in Las Cumbres, Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Hunt for the legendary underwater grave and treasure of Sir Frances Drake.

Sailing trip around Panama Bay - Today, 6-11 p.m. Fee includes snack, dinner and refreshments.

Partial canal transit - Saturday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Horseback riding in El Valle - Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Peacock bass fishing in Arenosa - Sunday and Oct. 4, 5 a.m.-2 p.m. Catch the biggest fish and receive a biggest peacock bass T-shirt.

Snorkel and scuba Drake's Island - Oct. 1, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

San Blas Islands - Leaves Oct. 9 at 6 a.m. and returns Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. Price includes transportation, air fare, meals, snorkeling/scuba equipment, dive master, charter boat and five dives. Scuba divers must have an open water dive certification card.

Family support

The Howard/Albrook Family Support Center, Building 707, has a variety of events scheduled each month. Hours of operation are: Mondays-Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 284-5650.

Financial counseling, appointment, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 284-6545.

Volunteers wanted - Family Services needs volunteers to assist with the loan closet, base brochure library, layette program and airman's attic. Call 284-5860.

Riding stables

Basic horsemanship classes will be held at Albrook Riding Stables Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Youth centers

The Howard Youth Center, Building 696, 284-4700 and the Albrook Youth Center, Building 850, 286-3195, offer trips, classes and activities for youths.

Annual membership renewal for the youth centers and the new Teen Center is due by Oct. 1. Fee is \$15 per year for the first child and reduced for families with two or more children. Children who haven't paid fee by Oct. 16 must pay \$1 each time they visit the center. Call 284-4700 or 286-3195.

Smithsonian Institute botanical tour - Monday, 2:45-5 p.m. for youths 5-18 years old. Fee includes transportation and supervision.

Pre-teen dance contest - Oct. 2, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Howard Youth Center for children 8-12 years old. Transportation from Albrook at 7 p.m., returning at 11 p.m. There is no additional cost, but reservations must be made in advance.

Great American Crab Races - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. Race a crab down a 4-foot track to victory. Bring a crab or rent one from the center. The races are open to youths 5-18.

Babysitter's class - Teens sign up Oct. 4. **Arts and crafts** - Wednesday at Howard and Thursday at Albrook, 3:30 p.m.. Scratch for color for children 5-18 years old.



U.S. Army photo by April Rainbolt

PANAMA CITY TOUR - The Valent Recreation Center, Building 53, Fort Clayton, will conduct a walking tour through colonial Panama Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tour includes a visit to the Cathedral of Plaza Mayor (above), the Presidential palace, National Theatre, French Plaza, the Golden Altar and Panama Viejo. Lunch at a local restaurant is also included in the tour. Call 287 4201/6500 for reservations. There is a \$10 fee for adults and \$6 for children.

Swimming pools

Albrook and Howard swimming pools are available for private rental. Passes are available and can be used at Air Force, Army and Navy pools. Call 284-3569.

Albrook pool offers classes for moms and tots, preschoolers, beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates and adults.

Howard pool offers classes for preschoolers, beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates and adults. Call for days and times.

Enlisted Club

Enlisted membership night will be held at the Albrook club Tuesday. Prime rib buffet will be served from 6-8 p.m. and is free for members. There will be a Karaoke contest, prizes, a DJ and dancing. Members may bring one guest over 18 years old. Call 284-4189 or 286-4128.

DJ G, from KOOL 105.5 FM in Denver, Colo., will be starring at the Howard Enlisted Club's Casual Cove Friday and Saturday evenings during October.

Officers' club

Club members and their family members over 18 years old may play bingo at the Howard Enlisted Club Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Arts and Crafts

Howard Arts and Crafts, Building 711, has a frame shop and award shop. Leather kits, belts, leather by the square foot and ceramics are for sale. Call 284-6361/6345.

Free mold pouring during September. **Free demonstration halo copper application**, Saturday, 1:30-2 p.m.

Center closed for inventory Thursday and Oct. 2.

Registration for the Oct. 17 Arts and Crafts Bazaar begins Oct. 3.

Rodman Anchorage Club

Specials - DJ night, tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m.; a "poor sailor's night" Wednesday. Call 283-4332.

Officers' Club

Special - People with September birthdays can eat at free buffet Tuesday. Call 283-4498.

Tours, leisure news

The Information, Tour and Travel Office is located in Building 24, (Pizza Hut Building) Rodman and is open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 283-5307/4454.

Upcoming tours: **Moonlight cruises**, tonight, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Cruise the Bay of Panama on the *Black Stallion*. Pay-as-you-go bar and complimentary snacks.

Panama City tour, Wednesday. Includes tour and bilingual guide.

Bambito Resort Hotel in Chiriqui - Oct. 9-12. Tour includes transportation, three nights at the hotel and tours of El Volcan, Cerro Punta and Boquete. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 5.

"Wet, Wild, Woolly Weekend" to Contadora, Oct. 10-12. Tour includes transportation on *Black Stallion* yacht, two nights hotel, deep-sea fishing, water skiing, snorkeling and use of MWR's jet skis.

Montego Bay, Jamaica, Oct. 11-14. Includes hotel accommodations, airfare and Montego Bay transfers.

Costa Rica tour, Oct. 31-Nov. 3. Includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, city tour and air port transfers in San Jose.

Deep-sea fishing charters/private moonlight cruises: leave the driving to us. Fee includes captain, fuel, rods, reels, coolers, ice. Charter a 61-foot yacht and a 25-foot Bertram for fishing or moonlight cruise. Rates vary. Call the ITT office for details.

Transportation available: 26-passenger bus and an 11-passenger van available for rent. A driver is included in the rental of either vehicle.

Bohio rental: use for group functions or private parties. Equipped with electricity, grills, water. Bohios are located at Rodman

Officers Club, Rodman Marina and behind the barber shop at Rodman. There is also a bohio at Farfan.

Pool rental: The Rodman and Farfan pools can be rented for private functions after pools close in the evenings. Call for rates.

Rodman Marina

The marina offers a variety of boats for rent and a bass fishing package. Call 283-3147/3150.

The marina bass fishing package includes transportation to Gamboa and return, boat and motor, gasoline, lake guide, \$5 worth of bait, a bait bucket, rods and reels, tackle, coolers and ice. Food and drink is not provided.

Scuba diving classes

An open water scuba diving course will be offered Oct. 19 through Nov. 1. The course will include five class and pool sessions at Rodman pool and open water dives Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. The price is \$145 and includes instruction, complete equipment, boat trips and certification fees. A minimum of four and a maximum of 10 people are required for the class.

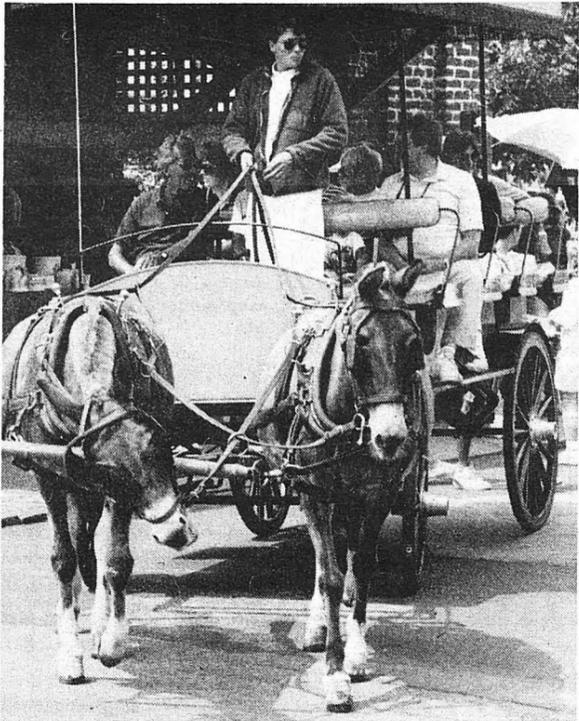
An advanced scuba diving class is set for Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Portobelo on the Atlantic side. The class includes a night dive, deep dive, navigation dive and two optional dives.

Options include a computer dive, search and recovery dive, photography dive and more. The cost is \$100. There will be a pre-dive meeting before the class. Call 283-5307/4454.

Sail/power boat classes

Boating classes will be held Monday and Wednesday. The classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Family Services Center, Building 40. The cost is \$25 for a power boating class or \$50 for the sailing and power boating class. Payment is made at the class.

After completing the classroom instruction, on-the-water training will be held. Call 283-3147/3150.



A relaxing way to see the downtown Charleston area is by horse and carriage.



U.S. Army Photos by Sgt. Richard Puckett

Historical architecture is on display at the Drayton Hall, a plantation that has survived the Civil War and Hurricane Hugo.

Walking through History

Charleston offers peek at past

Nestled on a small peninsula cradled between the Ashley and Cooper Rivers lies Charleston — a city seemingly suspended in time, still vibrant with sights and sounds of its early colonial days.

Today Charleston stands as living postcard from the past. The city was nearly devastated by Hurricane Hugo in September, 1989 that whipped the coastal city with winds reaching 87 miles per hour. It left \$700 billion in total damage in its wake. Charleston took the brunt of the destruction.

Although the scars of Hugo are still visible, Charleston has nearly recovered and still offers a unique and well-preserved glimpse into the past.

It can also serve as a getaway for military members here in Panama who are looking for a quick, relaxing and enjoyable stateside excursion.

Thanks to the Air Mobility Command's Space-A flights, Charleston can be reached for about \$10 a person. (\$15 as of Oct. 1)

AMC officials estimate that on the average about 4-5 flights leave Howard AFB enroute to Charleston every week with space-available room. Calling ahead and arriving at the terminal at least two hours before the flight is also recommended. (See weekly Space-A listing on page B8.)

Upon arriving in Charleston, check

with AMC terminal at Charleston AFB for flight availability back to Panama. The best bet is to make sure you don't fall short with leave or money. Commercial flights vary between \$400 to \$600 for one-way return flights.

Once you're on the ground, a car is a must. If you plan to rent one, make a reservation.

Accommodations are also easy to find. Besides for the standard hotels in the city, check with Charleston AFB or the Naval Station for availability at the military guest lodges. It is possible to make reservations before you leave, but flight crews and members on orders have priority. Call ahead.

Once you get settled in it's tough to find a place to start. The multitude of malls isn't a bad place to try, though. There are several shopping centers just off the highway that can provide hours of shopping pleasure. Not to forget the long-list of restaurants that serve everything from fresh sea food, Mexican entrees to fast food.

If you're in the mood to sight-see, Charleston is rich in historical wonders.

There are more than a dozen historical sites to be found. Some of the more beautiful include standing plantations such as Drayton Hall and Calhoun Mansion just outside the city.

The Citadel is also within 15 or so minutes of downtown. The downtown



Basket weavers at the Charleston's Market Place produce their wares while you wait.

area provides another shopping excursion thanks to the city's prized Market Place. Crafts, paintings, candies, souvenirs and more line the center's district

No visit to Charleston would be complete without seeing Fort Sumter. The famous outpost located on an island just off the coast. A quick ferry ride out to the island is like taking a time machine back to 1861.

Fort Sumter is the site of where the first shots of the Civil War were fired in April 1861. Only one level of the original structure still remains, but many of the cannons and other relics remain.

These are just a few of things Charleston has to see. Haunted house

tours, dinners by the bay and the USS Yorktown also Besides for a quick taste of America, Charleston is truly a national treasure.

In order to really experience the city and the surrounding area, plan ahead and be prepared. Most of all, take time to enjoy the visit

For a complete picture and information about Charleston, write to: South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Box 71 Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-0127.

by Sgt. Richard Puckett
Tropic Times staff



Animals

Doberman, purebred, declawed, tails docked, males \$200, females \$150. 284-6184.

Doberman, male, obedience trained, 2 yrs old, good guard dog \$200. 282-4135.

Rottweiler puppies, CCP reg, 2 mos old, males \$600, females \$500. 286-3693. after 3pm.

Bichon friese, 16 mos old, AKC, grt w/children \$400/neg. 261-5579.

16.1 thoroughbred horse, well trained English, needs experienced rider \$300. 260-9848.

Pomeranian male, 3 yrs old, AKC reg \$100. 286-4971.

Labrador, AKC reg, avail for stud service. 268-1914.

Labrador/retrievers, reg, all shots, dewormed. 252-5096.

Boxer, female, all shots, ear cropped, house trained, friendly w/children \$125. 289-3689.

Free, kittens, spayed, neutering incl. 287-5420 after 6pm.

Free, kittens, need a loving family and home. 283-5422.

Automobiles

1991 Toyota 4x4 p/u, ext cab, sport tires, capt bedliner, 11,400, 10 mos old, duty not pd \$18,500. 288-4084.

1989 Mercury Tracer, 2dr, hatchbk, AM-FM cass, alarm, new tires, brakes, batt, grt cond \$4500. 226-5079.

1987 Chrysler Voyager, 4 cyl, ps, pb, at, ac, cass, not duty pd \$7500/obo. 261-6037.

1987 Montero, 4dr, 5-sp, ac, stereo, tint glass, alarm, exc cond, duty pd \$10,750. 286-6378 after 6 pm.

1983 Pontiac Bonneville sta/wgn, full pwr, ac, fully loaded \$3500. 286-6337.

1985 GMC Jimmy, good cond \$4500. 284-4885 ask for Glen.

1976 Plymouth Volare, 6 cyl, pb, ps, ac \$1200. 252-1189.

1984 Buick Skyhawk, 53,000 mi, ps, pb, ac, at, exc cond. 287-3523.

1986 Chevy Astro van, 8 pass, ps, pb, ac, stereo cass, tilt wheel, cruise, trlr pkg, low mi, exc cond \$8000. 286-3441.

1983 Chevy Camaro, AM-FM cass, ac, good tires, exc cond \$5000. 252-5733 after 6pm.

1986 Chevy Suburban 4x4, 6.2 diesel, dual ac, silverado options \$13,000. 226-4090.

1991 Chevy Camaro, t/tops, low mi, needs ac, exc cond, sale or trade \$10,200. 236-0923.

1982 Isuzu Trooper, 4WD, diesel, ac, good cond, not duty pd \$4300. 252-2138.

1980 Saab 900 Turbo, 5-sp, needs minor work \$1000/obo. 287-5786.

1989 Dodge Dakota 4x4 p/u, ac, ps, pb, 5-sp, V6, AM-Fm cass, canopy, carpet \$15,000. 287-3441.

1987 Subaru, loaded, exc cond \$6500/obo. 284-3821.

1977 Mercury Marquis, 4dr, ac, at, pb, ps, runs good \$850. 284-4287.

1979 Chevy Impala, rebuilt eng, Pioneer stereo cass, new parts, needs minor carb/choke work \$2375/obo. 283-4227.

1988 Hyundai GL, at, ac, FM cass, 4dr, Alloy rims, tint glass, duty pd \$5500/obo. 284-6431.

1979 Ford F-100 p/u, ac, AM-FM stereo cass, runs grt \$3000. 282-4129.

1986 Isuzu Trooper 4x4, diesel, 2dr, ps, lpb, ac, AM-FM cass, exc cond, not duty pd \$6900/obo. 283-3721.

1991 Jeep Wrangler 4x4, 2.5L, 5-sp, soft top, 22,000 mi, exc cond, not duty pd \$10,500. 260-2037.

1981 Honda Civic, 4dr, 4 cyl, at, 40mpg, runs grt \$2100. 260-5148.

1983 AMC Jeep Wagoneer, 6 cyl, 4WD, reupholstered, new tires, good cond \$3850/obo. 282-4582.

1979 Jeep CJ-7, duty pd, exc cond \$3900. 283-3431.

1986 Chevy Camaro, 6 cyl, 5-sp, very nice \$3700/neg. 284-3923.

1985 Toyota model F van, 4 cyl, dual ac, 5-sp, duty pd \$6000. 252-6869.

1989 VW Golf GL, 4dr sedan, hatchbk, 5-sp, ac, AM-FM, tint glass, exc cond, low mi \$8500/obo. 287-6936.

1979 Chevy van, trlr hitch, needs tune-up \$1350. 282-4280.

1982 Toyota p/u truck, ac, cass player, exc cond \$3500. 287-3340.

1991 GMC Jimmy 4x4, 4dr, at, ps, pb, AM-FM, pw, ac, low mi, exc cond, duty not pd \$18,000/obo. 286-4884.

1989 Aerostar XL, ps, pb, cruise, tilt, ac, AM-FM cass, extras, 7 pass \$12,500/obo. 287-4075.

1981 Mercury Cougar, 6 cyl, ac, ps, pb, AM-FM cass, duty pd, exc cond \$3200. 252-6705.

1980 Volvo 244 GLE, new tires, AM-FM cass, at, pw, good cond \$2800. 264-0106.

1986 Bronco II 4x4, 5-sp, ac, AM-FM, low mi, exc cond, well maintained \$9500/obo. 269-0417.

1984 Toyota Corolla 1600 RS, ac, AM-FM cass, good cond \$3850. 230-0932.

1978 GMC p/u, 3-sp, 1/2 ton short bed, 6 cyl, one owner, duty pd, exc mech cond \$2500. 286-4834.

1991 Dodge D-150 p/u, ps, pb, ac, AM-FM stereo, pw & locks, tint glass \$10,000. 260-6523 after 4pm.

1990 Ford Tempo GLS, 4dr, low mi, AM-FM cass, ac, ps, pb, pw, pl, more \$11,000. 264-9187.

1975 Audi Fox, 4 cyl, at, good running cond \$600/obo. 287-4598.

1978 Ford Fairmont sta/wgn, V8, at, body needs work \$1000/obo. 286-6424.

1983 GMC Jimmy 4x4, sr, ac, pb, ps, radio cass, alarm duty pd, 5-sp, 2.8L \$6800/obo. 261-6830.

1988 Chevy p/u, at, ps, pb, shell bed liner, 350, 53,000 mi, new brakes \$9000. 287-4386.

1983 Nissan Pulsar, 5-sp, ac, AM-FM radio cass, exc cond, tint glass, not duty pd \$3500. 287-5153.

1984 Chevy Cavalier, 2.0L, 4 cyl, good running eng, no rust, good tires \$2000/obo. 284-5122.

1986 Buick Skylark, ac, ps, pb, AM-FM, avail now, good cond \$4000/obo. 283-6425.

1982 Subaru sta/wgn, at, ps, pb, AM-FM cass, tow bar \$2000/neg. 287-5586.

1989 Nissan Pulsar NX, ps, pb, ac, 5-sp, AM-FM, 2dr, t/top, remove hatchbk, 23,000 mi, nose bra includ \$9600/obo. 286-3239.

1983 Honda Accord, ac, new tires, good running cond, will need body work, paint job \$1900. 289-3430.

1983 Mitsubishi Saporu, duty pd, ps, pb, ac, tr, extras, runs well, new uphols \$2500. 221-9173.

1985 Volvo 740, all extras, exc cond \$6800. 268-1526.

1978 Monte Carlo, V8 305, pb, ps, new shocks, tires, u-joints \$2200/obo. 282-4997.

1978 Buick Estate sta/wgn, V8, at, ac, full pwr, 8 pass \$1600. 284-4935.

1986 VW Jetta, 5sp, ac, sr, low mi, new tires, exc cond \$5000/obo. 284-3940 Rm 55.

1991 Mitsubishi Galant, full extras, AM-FM cass, not duty pd \$9000/obo. 252-6794.

1982 Buick Skylark, V6, at, ps, pb, AM-Fm stereo radio, exc cond \$3000/obo. 285-4385.

1983 Honda Prelude, exc cond, all extras, not duty pd, no U.S. specs \$3700. 264-0118.

1987 Ford Tempo, 4 dr, 4 cyl, ac, at, AM-FM cass, pb, ps, rust treat, exc cond, duty pd, \$7900. 268-2193.

1981 Subaru coupe, 2dr, 5-sp, no ac, duty pd \$2200. 287-6312.

1987 GMC Safari Custom, AM-FM cass, at, ac, cruise, good cond. 284-4391.

Available

Day maid/babysitter, T-Th, prefers Kobbe, Howard, Farfan. 284-5398.

Eng-spk live-in maid, 15 yrs experi, responsible, hard working, good w/children, avail now. 284-3133.

Bilingual live-in/out maid, M-F, refs. 268-3720 ask for Ruth.

Eng-spk day maid/babysitter, honest, reliable. 269-8908 ask for Valerie.

Eng-spk live-in maid, honest, good w/children, refs, dependable. 284-4698.

Span-spk live-in/out maid, honest, dependable, refs. 252-1035.

Span-spk live-out maid, weekdays, weekends, general hsework, babysitting. 262-3923 ask for Francisca.

Eng-spk maid, weekends, babysits, cleans or irons. 260-0356.

Eng-spk live-in/out maid, refs, experienced. 287-5595.

Eng-spk maid, hsekeeping, child care, M-F days. 284-4737 ask for Ida.

Reliable, honest, grt w/children, day maid, speaks little Eng. 282-3344.

Bilingual day maid, 1-2 days per week, refs. 220-2125 ask for Louise.

Honest, dependable live-in maid, babysits, good w/children. 287-3293 ask for Georgina.

Bilingual honest, babysitter/hsekeeper, good w/children, live-in/out, refs. 228-6940.

Bilingual reliable maid, cleans, irons, good w/children, live-out only, refs. 245-4784 ask for Dorine.

Bilingual dependable, honest babysitter/hsekeeper, refs. 287-3839.

Eng-spk honest, responsible maid, 3 days a week, avail now. 287-4072.

Eng-spk live-in hsekeeper, honest, dependable, exc w/children. 287-4725.

Span-spk live-out maid, honest, reliable, T-Th, Howard, Kobbe, Rodman. 284-3980.

Span-spk honest, dependable live-in/out maid. 269-8845.

Eng-spk maid, M-W-Th-F, Howard, Kobbe, Rodman, refs. 284-5374.

Eng-spk honest, reliable, hard working maid, 2 days a week. 284-6392.

Eng-spk live-in/out maid, good w/children, hardworker, refs. 224-6602.

Span-spk honest, hard working maid, Howard, refs., 284-4933.

Eng-spk live-in maid, good w/children. 260-1994 ask for Rose.

Family child care provider. 252-2637 ask for Rena.

Boats and Campers

23' Sportfisherman, hardtop, Volvo-Penta, I/O diesel \$8000/obo. 260-6429.

20' grady white Openfisherman, 200hp Mariner, like new \$12,000, 2 14' alum boats \$700ea. 220-7080 day.

20'2" Bayliner center console, 1991 boat motor, trlr, exc cond, many extras \$11,500. 269-4459.

19' Rinkerbuilt, 140hp I/O, exc cond, safety equip, make offer. 282-3095.

19' V-hull, built-in gas tank, 135hp, OB recently rebuilt, exc trlr \$3295. 289-4856.

15' Chaparral boat, 75hp Mercury, exc cond, bimini top, pink trim, skis, fish finder \$3950. 260-9615.

12' wood/fiberglass jon boat \$600, 9.9 Evinrude motor, long shaft \$650. 286-4736 after 5pm.

Panga w/trlr, good cond \$1500. 252-5395.

Windsurfer, Masterclass 360, 12' carbon board, 3 Mylar sails \$500. 284-3108 msg for Chris.

Johnson 25hp OB, motor transom and elec controls, 6 gal, fuel cell \$950. 289-4748.

Ski-Delta, 6' wide w/towing bridle \$12. 252-2138.

Electronics

Pioneer stereo recvr SX8 \$300, PS-S50 turntbl \$100, cass deck \$225, spkrs \$300 pr. 252-6941.

Fisher dbl cass \$100, photocopier \$275, CB40 chan handheld trans/recvr \$90, printer \$100. 284-6881.

Zenith b/w TV \$50, MGA stereo sys \$75. 223-4276.

Technics stereo cass deck M228X, auto play, full auto stop, dbx, exc cond \$75/obo. 284-5839.

XT comp, 2FD, Math Coprocessor, Mono mon \$300, Panasonic 9-pin printer \$80. 252-5185.

Sony 8mm handycam, Sony underwater housing, Sonny 8mm cass recorder w/batt, 20 tapes \$1200/obo. 260-7313.

Commo Amiga 500, 1Meg Ram, 1084S mon, 50Meg HD, extra 3.5 dr, color printer, programs \$900. 236-1223.

Nintendo, 2 controllers, gun, Tetris, Duck Hunt, Mario Bros, 12 transmitters, receivers. 286-4638.

Tandy 1000SX, color mon, Tandy printer, 3.5-5.25 floppies, mouse, joysticks, software, 30Meg hard cord \$600. 284-5625.

Epson EX800, 9-pin color printer, littl use \$350. 223-6530.

Gameboy w/lt, carrying case, one game \$80, other games \$15 ea. 252-6707.

Apple IIc comp, xtr DD, Mono color mon, printer, Appleworks, games, joystick, desk chair, exc cond \$850. 286-3441.

Commo 128 \$150, printer \$175, VCR \$100, Sony 19" TV \$325, microwave \$175. 286-6378 after 6pm.

Panasonic phone/answer machine, 10" radial arm saw, extra attach. 252-5985.

19" Sony Trinitron color TV, remote, exc cond \$400. 262-1251 after 5pm.

Sony port cdplayer, 4 yrs old \$100, Nikon camera, lens, flash \$500/obo, Realistic scanner \$150. 282-4138.

JVC 260w chan car stereo amp, pre-amps \$250/obo. 230-1519.

Hasselbald 1000F, 80mm lens, A12 film magazine, flash adapter filters, cable release, extras \$700. 284-3097.

386SX 16Mhz, 42M HDD, 2Meg Ram, SVGA mon, mouse, IBM compat, 4 mos old, games \$999. 252-2998.

Mitsubishi 45" TV, solid oak cabinet \$1800, Epson FX85 printer \$300. 252-2582.

27" Zenith stereo TV sys, 3 w/remote, 2 yrs old, on-screen menus \$500. 289-4748.

Packard Bell 286-12/360 FD/20M HD, Mono mon \$700/obo. 230-0186 lv msg.

Wharfedale W60D spkrs, wood cased, exc cond \$250. 252-6990.

Chinon 20PXL Super 8mm movie camera \$125. 287-3882.

Sears, 2 keyboard home electronic organ w/rythmatic \$900. 236-3191.

Printer, Star Micronics NX1000, 8 fonts, tractor, friction, paper parking \$125. 286-3444.

Sansui recvr, Sharp dual cass, Realistic spkrs \$200. 286-3444.

Commo 64, comp, 2 DD, color mon, joysticks, software \$275. 287-4598.

PC Epson 286, FDD 1.2, color mon, 40HD, mouse, comp desk, dust cover, more \$800/obo. 261-6830.

Commo video color mon \$100. 284-5308 lv msg for Flaquer.

13" RCA color TV \$75, 19" Magnavox color TV \$160. 284-6694.



Classified Ads

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286 IBM compat, VGA color mon, Rainbow printer, sound blaster, compu desk \$1000. 287-5481.

Nintendo w/seven games, power glove. 286-3174.

Epiphone-Gibson elec guitar, special effects lever, brand new case \$225. 221-9173 ask for Henry.

Amstad word processor, green mon, extra ribbon, disks, manuals \$225. 284-6629.

Nintendo entertainment center, zapper, deck, good cond, games \$250. 252-5260.

Magnavox phone/clock radio, tone pulse dial, pwr backup, features hold \$40. 289-4424.

Hitachi full size VHS camcorder \$400. 289-4424.

Commo 64K keyboard, printer, disc drive, software \$350. 233-1417.

Kenwood 125w amp, exc cond \$200. 284-3156 ask for Jeff.

Nintendo sys, deck, gun paddles, hookups, 2 cart, Super Mario Bros, Duck Hunt, Super Mario 3 \$100. 289-5063.

Yamaha linear tracking turntbl (may need needle) \$125, Apple Imagewriter printer \$125, all obo. 287-4896 after 5pm.

Household

Kenmore microwave 700w, multi-pwr, temp controlled, program defrost \$150. 284-5532.

GE hvy duty washer & dryer, 2 mos old, \$700 set, dryer \$325, washer \$450. 284-4094.

Whirlpool 15,000 btu ac, 3 mos old, seldom used \$450/obo. 284-4094.

Twin bed, metal frame, matt \$120, comp table w/storage, shelves \$120, metal frame swing set, slide \$100, plants. 284-6881.

Twin matt, box spring, frame \$100, DR glass top tbl, 4 chairs \$50. 284-4681.

GE washer, lg hvy duty, access, exc cond \$500/obo. 286-6333.

Q-sz sleeper sofa, chr, recliner, exc cond \$850, rattan DR tbl w/smoke glass, 6 chrs, exc cond \$850. 286-3441.

Hotpoint washer & dryer \$150 both, comics, records. 233-5028.

Q-sz waterbed, waveless, oak headbd w/6 drawers, cushioned rails, heater, liner \$525. 260-2037.

Magic Chef microwave, exc cond, touch pad, digital \$185/obo, Whirlpool 21.6 cu.ft frzr, ice maker, dispenser \$880/obo. 289-4381.

Carpeting, med brn, cab for wall mounting, bamboo blinds. 260-4463.

GE washer & dryer, perfect cond \$600, 18,000 btu ac \$320. 284-3124.

DR tbl, 6 chairs, china cab, 2 leafs \$600/obo, 3pc LR set \$600 firm, 5pc stereo equip \$300 firm. 223-5709.

3 sets curtains, 84x72 \$225, 3 sets 52x105. \$175. 286-4783.

Dishwasher, top leading \$60, sofa and chair \$295. 252-6968.

Q/K-sz bed, GE fridge/frzr, water/ice disp, 23.5 cu.ft. GE cooking center (oven, micro, range, air ext), chair w/footstool. 263-4321.

Whirlpool 10,000 btu ac, 1 yr old \$200, designer model ac 10,000 btu, 3 mos old \$350, Whirlpool washing mach \$200. 263-4321.

Whirlpool fridge/frzr \$450, 3 bikes, various sizes, prices. 252-6986.

Lg vanity dresser, solid pecan, w/dbl mirror \$650. 252-2582.

DR tbl, smoke glass top, rectangle, 6 chairs w/bamboo base, exc cond \$750. 225-2197.

Sofa, loveseat, old hvy duty, needs minor repair \$350/obo. 286-4582.

Roper washer, full size, 3 mos old \$250. 261-9672.

Walnut daybed w/matt, exc cond, \$400. 286-3778.

Crib, access \$250, port crib, playpen \$130, sterilizer \$25, elec wing \$100, 2 carseats \$90-\$50/obo. 252-1227.

Entertainment ctr, stereo, TV, custom cabinet \$250, 19" color TV \$100. 287-5998.

Tappan 27,000 btu ac, 220volts, little used \$550. 230-0932.

Dinette set, 4 chrs \$225, deep rose 6x9 rug \$20. 287-4180.

Admiral 23cu.ft. side-by-side nofrost frige/frzr, ice & water disp, exc cond \$725. 252-6547.

8pc Early American LR set, exc cond, pine wood, velour \$2400. 286-3345.

Fum, household, carpets, curtains, more. 286-4337.

Whirlpool washer & dryer set \$550 both. 229-1706 10am-10pm.

12x15 beige carpet \$150, 9x12 pink carpet \$75. 284-4386.

French Prov desk, chr, nite stand, 9-drawer dresser, mirror \$1000. 252-5395.

Westinghouse 15cu.ft. fridge, 2dr, 2 mos old \$675. 260-3903.

End tbls, leather sofabed, tbl, china cab, Canon video camera, best offer. 260-6280.

White wicker loveseat w/cushion \$100. 284-3685.

Sharp microwave \$150, cobra cordless phone, new \$90, Sentry safety deposit box \$50. 287-6284.

Recliner chr, exc cond \$350, coffee tbl, 2 end tbls \$400, card tbl, chairs \$85. 287-6284.

12x15 rose pink carpet w/pad, good cond \$95. 264-0118.

Kenmore stackable, all in one, washer & dryer, med capacity \$550. 284-3739.

Burnt bamboo set, 6-fold screen, octagonal tbl, 2 arm chrs (need minor repairs), 5x7 Oriental design mach made rug, exc cond \$50. 260-5684 after 5pm.

Lost

Motorola Pageboy III Pager. If found call 286-6121 lv msg.

Miscellaneous

Freezer \$75, set of side step pipes for jeep or truck \$65, parrot cage \$25. 284-6694.

Exercise equipment. 284-3821.

Sewing mach w/cab \$300, rattan loveseat \$400, glass dinette, 4 chairs \$400, 9pc wall unit \$1400. 252-6941.

Several kitchen cabinets, exc cond \$50-up. 284-3930.

Desk roll-top solid oak \$1100, playpen \$50, single folding bed, matt \$75, Yamaha guitar \$200. 260-5102.

Lg bird cage \$80, encyclopedia Britannica set, like new \$800, twin trundle bed, wood \$450. 223-4276.

2 Barbie Corvettes, batt operated, new \$150 ea, Barbie Dream House, assembled, new \$150. 287-3738.

Whirlpool 18,000 btu ac \$160, Mr. Coffee maker. 252-5185.

Wedding dress \$195, playpen \$40, R&R LPs, sm judo suit \$25, shoes sz 3, new, pieces of leather. 252-2042.

Dog carrier, old U.S. coins, Budweiser memorabilia, compu desk, books. 287-3486.

Crib, matt, bedding \$100, 5 white alum blinds 31"W \$20 ea, high chair \$15, Little Tykes pool \$20. 284-5332.

McCullough 750W gen \$300. 286-3441.

Ping pong tbl \$275. 286-3156.

Pro-Form T50 pulse Ergometer treadmill, ad-just spd, incline, like new \$475. 256-6356.

Riding mower, MTD, 8hp, 30" wide, 5-spd, good cond \$550. 287-5632.

Mini & macro blinds, assor. sizes, new, brn recliner. 252-5985.

Sm pet/cat carrier, cat food & kitty litter, scratching post \$110 all, Fenwick 3 compart tackle box, V fix latch \$5. 223-2193.

2 twin beds, matt \$100, swing set \$70, wedding rings, female \$200 all neg. 284-6431.

41 vol encyclopedia Britannica, yearbooks until 1987, 15 vol Britannica Jr, English. \$1000.obo. 262-1251 after 5pm.

Potted house plants, indoor/outdoor, various sizes, types. 286-4783.

Century baby walker, Gerry backpack, playpen, high chair. 282-4138.

Gold carpet to fit std BOQ, 15x15 & 15x30 \$200/obo. 287-6936.

12volt child's elec sports car, stereo/CD player, jogging, stroller, misc. 285-4236.

Bike, port AM-FM cass radio, aquarium, vaporizer, port organ. 286-4478.

Gameboy, light, 6 games, cleaning kit \$130, cordless elec clipstick weed eater \$25. 287-3738.

JVC 20" TV, like new \$350, SC mem type-writer \$200, 4 Nissan truck sport rims, 14x5, steel \$80 set. 252-5829.

7-drawer dresser \$100. 252-5829.

Cosco baby swing, brand new \$30, Evenflo baby carrier \$20. 264-9180.

Barbie Corvette \$150, washer & dryer, wicker blind. 285-4692.

6,000 btu ac \$150, complete set NIV Bible on cass \$60. 287-3882.

Northwestern golf clubs, 1-3-5 woods w/cover, 3-9 irons, Pina Putter, balls, bag, tees \$350/obo. 287-3270.

Treadmill Proform w/heart rate, pulse comp, like new. 252-6592.

Plants, palms, Bouganvillas, ferns, others. 232-5258.

Fuji Palisade men's racing bike, access \$200. 287-3738.

Limoges vase \$250, garbage disposal \$195, paper back novels, radio electronic parts. 252-2042.

Ladies 18K three color gold necklace \$1000, rattan porch set \$1500. 287-3340.

Baby swing \$28, deluxe stroller (rever handle, like new \$75. 287-6382.

Four Firestone all terrain tires 31x10.5x15, 4 15x8 WW \$250/obo, AF Blues dbl knit 43R, new \$75. 269-4343.

Metal frame for twin bed \$13. 282-3575.

Asst colors prom dresses, sz 5 \$70ea/neg. 286-3570.

Lg rear storage container for Jeep CJ-7 or Wrangler \$50. 268-2144.

Maternity clothes, szs 8/12, best offer, Acoustic guitar, case \$200/obo, lg dog kennel. 260-5148.

Wetsuit, men's shorty, 2mm sz lg, never used \$75. 286-4571.

Kolcraft deluxe stroller, adjust \$45, baby swing \$15, both grt cond. 283-4227.

Bumper pool/card tbl, 4 chrs \$250, K-sz matt, top only \$100, Lloyds AM-FM cass, recvr, 4 spkrs \$85. 252-2540.

Nintendo sys, 9 cartridges \$120, sm pet carrier, never used \$15. 223-4575.

Gold clubs, asst metal/woods, Mizuno irons, std irons, negotiable. 287-6820.

Whirlpool 10,000 btu ac, used 1 yr \$290. 269-8845.

Graco walker \$25, Dazey hair dryer \$20, boy's bike \$35. 287-4083.

Parrot cage, and parrot seed. 284-3799.

60 original Beta movies \$2ea or \$90 for all. 287-5896.

Ladies cocktail dress, sz 12, pink, like new \$50, ladies suit sz 12 \$120. 282-3577 after 6pm.

Brother electric typewriter \$100, answer machine \$50. 223-3739.

Police leather gear, belt hold 9 diff access,

basket weave finish \$150. 289-5063.

Seed sprayer, assorted pot planters, reel-to-reel w/2 spkrs, exc cond. 223-7437 after 6pm.

Wedding dress, veil, slip, sz 5 \$300, 21" mountain bike, 18-spd, good cond \$300. 252-2080.

Motorcycles

1990 Honda GB-500, '91 Montesa 345, '88 Honda TLR-250, like new, extras. 261-3485.

1985 Suzuki Madura 700cc, V5 motor, water cooled, shaft drive, many extras \$2500. 289-4748.

1985 Honda Shadow, 700cc, good cond \$1400. 268-1526.

1984 R-100RS BMW, exc running cond, needs cosmetic work on fairing \$1500. 252-5100.

1984 Honda Nighthawk 700c, 9,000 mi, exc cond, 2 helmets \$2500. 284-3685.

Vespa Grande Moped, recently rebuilt, runs good \$250. 286-4971.

Harley drag bars \$25, light fairing \$60, '78 650 engine 90% comp \$150. 286-4638.

Patio Sales

Qtrs 305B, Clayton, Sat. 8am-noon. Clothes, computer, auto parts, twin beds.

Qtrs 669A, Clayton, Sat. 7:30-11am. Multi-family.

Qtrs 544C, Clayton, Sat. 7am. Clothes, toys, misc household items.

Qtrs 105B, Howard, Sat. 7am-noon. Clothes, fishing gear, microwave, stereo equip, file cab, more.

Qtrs 605B, Howard, Sat. Household items, girls/women clothing, stereo equip.

Qtrs 767B, Balboa, Sat. 6:30-11am. Household, clothes, misc.

Qtrs 60D, Espinar, Sat. 8-?

Qtrs 195, Gatun, Sat. 10am-2pm. Multi-family.

Wanted

Lamp, floor/table in working cond, low price. 236-0981 after 5pm.

Bassett hound puppies. 233-5028.

Eng-spk mature maid, babysit, cook, clean, laundry, occasional overnight, refs, 7am-4:30pm, M-F, \$110. 286-3385.

Live-in maid, very mature, honest, must speak English well, refs, cook, clean. 236-4408 after 6pm.

Eng-spk gymnastics coach to temporary teach classes at Howard, Albrook, Clayton. 286-3772.

To train our puppy to be a guard dog, must speak English. 261-5579.

To buy book shelf unit for encyclopedias. 287-3441.

75-100lb dog travel cage, 5-10 lb cat travel cage. 252-6990.

Baby crib w/mattress. 261-4338.

Person with p/u truck to move DR furn from Howard to Panama. 284-4995.

Mechanic for 1985 Cadillac Coupe Deville, knowledge in computer readout, will supply parts & handbook for the car. 282-5584.

Bilingual live-in maid, days, take care of a 3 yr old. 286-3197.

Piano in good cond. 243-5269.

Baseball, football, basketball, hockey cards, all variety, will pay reasonable price. 260-7997 5-10pm.

Military patches, old or new, foreign, U.S. 284-3945 Rm 215.

Mature bilingual maid, good w/children, M-F, occasional overnight work, \$120 mo. 260-6342.

Hospital bed in good cond. 260-6450 lv msg in answering machine.

