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T-birds Panama air show features new jets

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - The Air Force Thunderbirds will fly into Howard AFB Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m. for their scheduled Oct. 24 show over the Bay of Panama near the Marriot Hotel and Atlapa Convention Center beginning at noon.

The Air Force is offering shuttle bus service to Atlapa from the Howard Theater at 10 a.m. and from the Albrook parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Buses will leave Atlapa at 1:15 p.m. to return to Howard and Albrook.

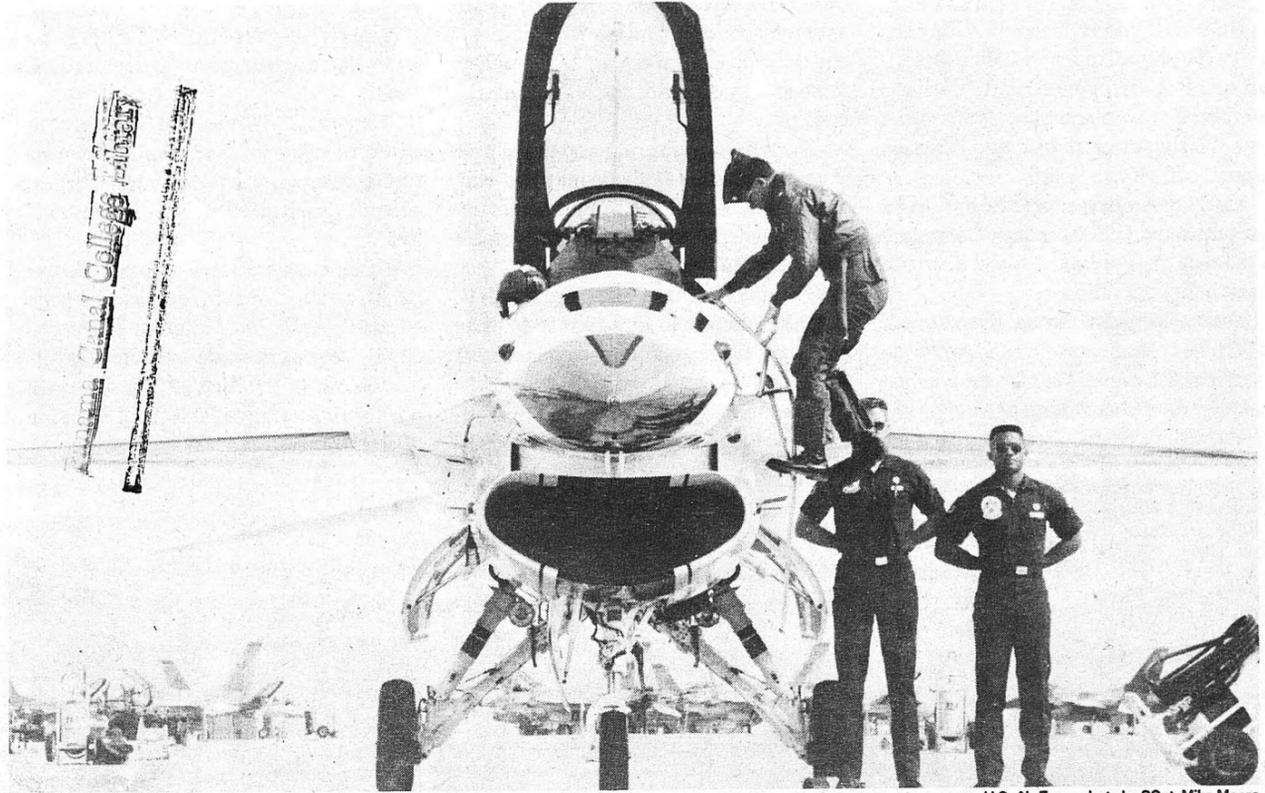
Military community members are welcomed to watch the Thunderbird's arrival at Howard.

The team will add another page to the Thunderbird history book with the introduction of its ninth different type of demonstration jet, the F-16C Fighting Falcon.

"This season millions of fans will see a new Thunderbird aircraft grace the skies," said SSgt. Linda Ipser, Thunderbird public affairs representative. "Since August 1982, the Thunderbirds flew the A-model of the Fighting Falcon. The squadron was also the last active-duty unit to make the transition."

"We converted to the upgraded C-model because we represent the best of the Air Force — its people and inventory," said Capt. Marc Paquette, Thunderbird maintenance officer.

"Every frontline F-16 squadron in the Air Force employs the F-16C. It also made sound sense for logistical and combat-conversion reasons," Paquette said.



Lt. Col. Daniel J. Darnell, Thunderbird commander, departs his F-16C after a show.

U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Mike Moore

Ipser said, the major parts of making an F-16C a Thunderbird aircraft involved swapping the gun system for a smoke system, as well as each jet receiving the traditional Thunderbird F-16 paint scheme.

In 1991, the team performed 75 official demonstrations in front of more than 9.5 million people in 30 states and

nine countries. The team has flown 3,131 demonstrations in its history, including 676 in the F-16A.

The team's fleet of nine A-model and two B-model jets were initially transferred to a depot at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

There they received a full facelift and

operational-capability upgrade. They are all scheduled to be assigned to Air National Guard units.

The team still uses 11 jets, with two F-16Ds replacing the B-models.

"I'm sure with this new jet another great chapter of Thunderbird history begins in 1992," Paquette said.

Howard group gives newborn layette

by SSgt. Reuben V. Martinez
24th Communications Squadron

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - The Howard Hispanic Heritage Committee handed out layettes at the Santo Tomas Hospital in Panama City in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the new world.

Santo Tomas services the city's poorest citizens. The layette went to the first child born Monday.

"This child represents the next 500 years of Hispanic heritage as well as our dreams of strengthening the bonds between ourselves and the local Panamanian community even more," Capt. Jose Rivera, the committee chairman, said.

A baby boy, Jorge Adamis Sanchez, born at 12:06 a.m., was the beneficiary of the layette. Sanchez weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was wide awake to greet the committee members.

The 27-year-old mother, Zunilda Sanchez of San Miguelito, said she was surprised. She'd noticed when committee members entered the obstetrics ward, but she had no idea the commotion would soon be directed at her newborn son.

The day also marked the beginning of a cooperative effort by Rodman and Howard members to celebrate Hispanic heritage, said Command Master Chief Jose Ruiz-Osuna, committee member from the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal — Rodman.

The group named outstanding Hispanics from the Air Force and the Navy. SSgt. Pedro A. Serrano and GMG-1 Jaime Martinez were recognized from Howard and Rodman, respectively.



Courtesy photo

Capt. Jose Rivera, committee chairman, gives a layette to Zunilda Sanchez.

"The many agencies and individuals that participated in this year's celebrations are far too many to mention all, but the 24th Medical Group came through with more than \$100 worth of donations," Rivera said.

This year's committee will become a Hispanic Club to conduct activities throughout the year. Its goals are to educate the community about Hispanic American contributions and educate Hispanics about their heritage, Rivera said. For information, call 284-5546/5418.

X-Mas sponsorship program gearing up

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - Joint Task Force - Panama is gearing up for the annual Christmas Sponsorship Program.

Through the program, units, staff offices, directorates, Panama Canal Commission and civic organizations can adopt a school, orphanage or home for the elderly during the holiday season. "Anyone can participate, even down to the individual family level," said Jeannine Wilder, project coordinator.

Those wishing to adopt a site must begin with registration. "In order to hold fund raisers and purchase goods for the program through the post exchange and commissaries, units or individuals need to be registered through (their service's) representative," Wilder said.

With nearly 40 groups already registered with the program, Wilder said the goal is to have a total of 100 groups participating by Christmas. "Last year we had a wonderful turnout, 91 groups, and it will be hard to beat," she said. "But I have high hopes and we are expanding to more remote sites this year."

Groups can be a part of the spirit of giving by collecting such things as school supplies, clothes, toys, farming tools and vegetable seeds. "Many people may think everything has to be new, but that's not necessarily true, especially with the schools," Wilder said. "These schools are in such need that things such as used pens, pencils, crayons and

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U.S. assists rescue attempt

Mission suspended after three days

by TSgt. Rene Zapata Jr.
OL-1 Air Rescue Service

HOWARD AFB, Panama - The U.S. Air Force joined forces with their Brazilian and Bolivian counterparts during a combined search and rescue operation for a missing aircraft with two Bolivian general officers on board.

The U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia in La Paz requested U.S. Southern Command assistance in sending a team down to assist in the operation.

The request went through Department of Defense channels and a U.S. Air Force Search and Rescue Task Force was assembled for the deployment.

The task force was assembled by units

from two bases.

From Patrick AFB, the 301st Air Rescue Squadron provided an HC-130P and 14 crewmembers, including three pararescuemen jumpers.

From Howard AFB, Operating Location-India, Air Rescue Service provided a search and rescue mission coordinator and the 24th Communications Squadron provided two radio operators for the mission.

The missing aircraft, a twin-engine Piper Seneca II with six people on board, was enroute from Robero to Puerto Suarez Sept. 10 when it encountered bad weather in eastern Bolivia.

Bolivian Air Force authorities believe the pilot attempted to return to Robero after the bad weather prevented him from landing at Puerto Suarez.

A combined rescue coordination center was set up with SAR mission coordi-

nators from the Bolivian 22nd Air Training Group, the Brazilian 22nd SAR Group and OL-1 ARS, officials said.

The 24th Communications Squadron provided communications for command and control throughout the mission, officials said.

The HC-130P searched 5,270 square miles for three days with negative results.

The terrain in the search area consisted of triple canopy rain forest, surrounded by extensive mountain ranges, according to Bolivian Air Force authorities.

After consultations between Bolivian, Brazilian and U.S. search and rescue mission coordinators, the group suspended the air search because sufficient information about the aircraft's last known position was not available, said Bolivian officials.

Christmas gift drive begins

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clothing are greatly appreciated."

Wilder said fund-raising campaigns can be used, but these are restricted to non-gambling events.

"Those who sponsor the smaller sites sometimes put the names of the children into a drawing with each person buying for the child whose name they drew," Wilder added.

Units may also use government vehicles for the program.

"This is the only time of the year when we have permission to use government vehicles and aircraft as a means to reach the sites," said Wilder. "We are also authorized to visit the sites in duty uniform."

Call: 24th Wing, 284-5459; USARSO PAO, 287-3007; U.S. Naval Station PAO, 283-5641; or U.S. Southern Command PAO, 282-4278.



A 1-508 soldier guards the jungle line from a Zodiac boat.

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



Capt. Barry Blackmon, monitors the radio during a resupply mission on the Chagres River.

Jungle fighters practice warfare

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

FORT DAVIS - M60 Machine Gunner PFC Gregory Nagel and Assistant Gunner Pvt. 2 Jon Demmon played an important role in suppressing the enemy in a combined training exercise Oct. 2.

So important a role, that the platoon easily overcame the enemy with only four friendly force soldiers being wounded, said SFC Michael Huffman, 1st Platoon sergeant.

This was the finale to 1st Platoon, Company C's mission that started as Oct. 1 was taking shape. The platoon moved in with the rest of 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry as they air assaulted into Gatun Drop Zone from here as part of Operation Tropic Strike, a joint training mission with the 2nd Battalion, 75th Rangers.

The assault took four lifts by four UH-60 Blackhawks and two CH-47 Chinook aircraft, said Maj. Thomas Hayden, executive officer, 1-508th.

After the assault, two companies conducted a passage of lines with the Rangers who were already set in defensive positions around the drop zone.

A passage of lines is when one unit crosses over another friendly unit's line of defense and continues with a mission, Hayden said.

Once past friendly lines, the infantrymen crossed the Chagres in rubber boats, Huffman said. The soldiers then walked from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the jungle to get to their objective.

This is not as easy as it sounds.

The infantrymen carry about 35-40 pounds of gear in their rucksacks along with their weapon. Assistant gunners must carry up to 90 pounds with the extra ammunition, Huffman said.



A 1-508th soldier guides a UH-1 Huey into Gatun Drop Zone.

Between 1 and 4:30 p.m., the platoon conducted reconnaissance patrols of the area to determine the best avenues of approach for the attack.

At 4:30 p.m., the infantrymen went onto the assault line about 100 meters from the enemy and lay silent until 11:45 p.m. when they started low crawling through the wet and muddy jungle to the objective.

Once on the objective, the platoon initiated fire. Huffman said the idea at this point was to put so much

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Capt. Mike Schleicher

Company A Commander

fire onto the objective that the enemy were either killed, ran off, or forced into bunkers so they could not return fire. Because of the teamwork of the M-60 machine gun team, the platoon was able to suppress the enemy.

This was one of two attacks the morning of Oct. 2 to take out a logistics base and a command and control point.

Company A, the Moatengators, were also in the jungle on a main attack, said Capt. Mike Schleicher, company commander.

From the drop zone to Camp Rock, the company's objective, it's about 8 kilometers. The main challenge for the company was having to go uphill the entire way.

"It was a very challenging move, but they did a good job and I was real proud of them," Schleicher said. "We totally surprised the enemy."

Just as the Moatengators were moving onto the objective it started to rain and that helped cover the company's movement.

It is hard to move around in the jungle without being heard, Schleicher said.

While Charlie and Alpha companies were in the jungle, Bravo Company stayed at the drop zone and relieved the Rangers of their duty and took over the defensive position.

Beside the infantry, there were about 440 people involved in the operation from 470th Military Intelligence Battalion, a logistics element from 41st Area Support Group, and a platoon of engineers from the 59th Engineer Company, Hayden said.

After the mission, the companies moved to the pickup zone and flew back home to Fort Kobbe.

Widespread protests mark Columbus Day

MIAMI (Reuters) - Exactly 500 years after Christopher Columbus first made footprints in the sand of the New World, angry Indians throughout the hemisphere marched and splashed red paint on statues of the explorer to protest the beginning of European domination.

While New York and Chicago held traditional Columbus Day parades with fanfare and floats, the anniversary was dominated by bitter Indian protests which included large demonstrations in Bolivia and others in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Chile, Peru and some U.S. cities.

But much of the world yawned at the holiday, ignoring the voyage in which Columbus claimed all of the hemisphere for Spain.

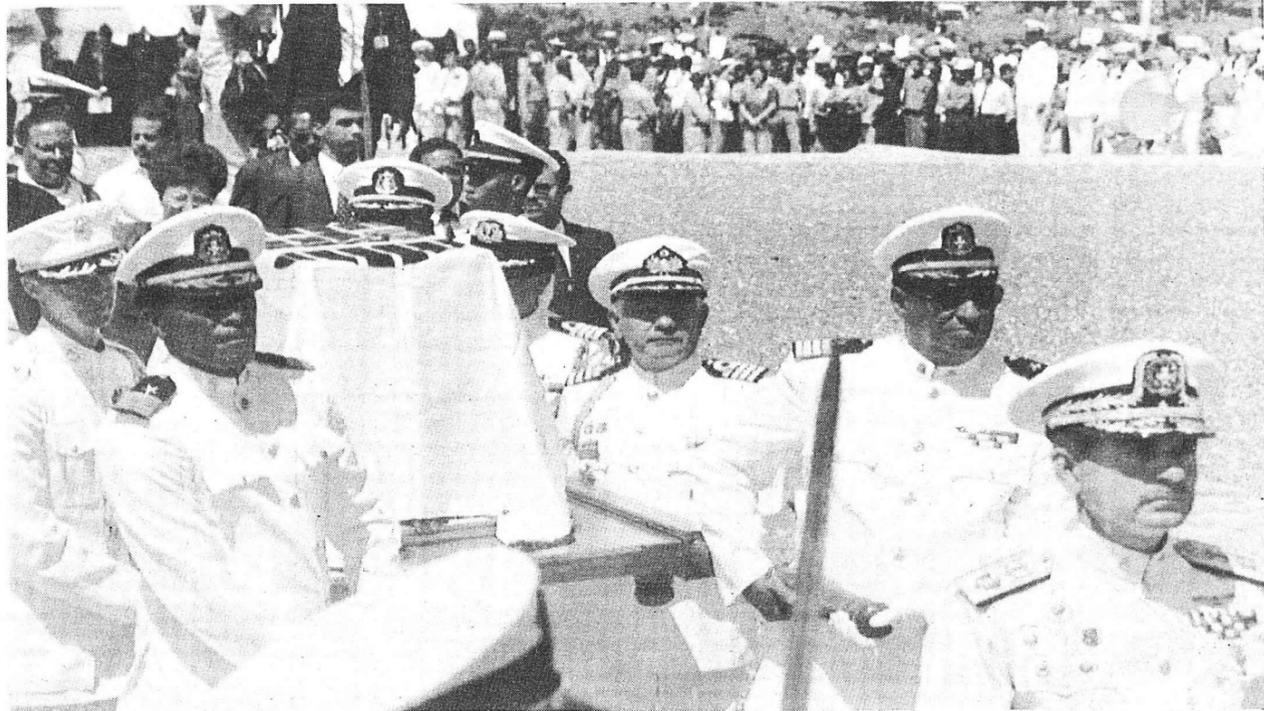
Even Columbus' own hometown of Genoa, Italy, shunned any celebrations. Festivities for the city's favorite son were cancelled after devastating floods last month.

Dozens of Indian groups throughout Latin America seized the anniversary to show their disgust for the explorer's "discovery" of native peoples.

In Bolivia, some 50,000 peasant farmers marched to protest Columbus' arrival. Local radio said 25,000 to 30,000 peasant farmers marched in the capital La Paz and in Potosi, the legendary area where Spanish conquistadors forced indigenous Bolivians to dig for silver. Thousands of others took to the streets.

In neighboring Chile, several thousand Mapuche Indians also marched through various cities. Police and scores of demonstrators fought running battles in the streets after one march in Santiago.

In Mexico, thousands gathered in the capital city's historic main plaza, chanting and waving signs. "What do Mex-



A group of Dominican admirals carry a coffin containing what the government claims are the remains of Christopher Columbus during the inauguration of a controversial multi-million-dollar Columbus Lighthouse in Santo Domingo. The lighthouse was the centerpiece of the nation's lavish quincentennial celebrations.

ico's indigenous want? Liberty!" shouted the crowd.

Protesters defaced statues of Columbus in both Mexico City and San Salvador, splashing them with red paint, symbolic of the blood spilled by the invaders.

Indian groups in El Salvador also staged mock battles between sword-wielding "conquistadors" and Indians armed with bows and arrows.

Nobel Peace Prize candidate Rigoberta Menchu led thousands of Mayans in a Guatemalan demonstration against the

European explorers who stole their land and brought disease.

"How beautiful it will be when the land is (again) ours, because this is where our ancestors died and because the land belongs to us," said Menchu, who wore the colorful dress of her ancestors.

The controversy surrounding the 500th anniversary has been so intense that Pope John Paul II carefully chose conciliatory words for a sermon he delivered in the Dominican Republic. The pontiff, who has praised Columbus several times

during his trip, called for respect of the rights of Indians and social justice for all in Latin America.

One Dominican man was shot in the head and seriously wounded when dozens of youths piled up garbage and built flaming barricades to block streets, then stoned police cars.

Cuba's Fidel Castro, whose government has been under fire for human rights violations, blasted the anniversary as a violent intrusion of Europe into America.

Escobar's mother claims fugitive son will surrender

BOGOTA, Colombia (Reuters) - Fugitive cocaine king Pablo Escobar Gaviria, one of the world's most wanted men, intends to surrender to Colombian justice authorities for a second time but is in no hurry, his mother said Sunday.

Escobar, head of the Medellin cocaine cartel, first surrendered in June 1991 to take advantage of a government leniency offer. He escaped from jail in July and has not been seen since.

Peru death toll hits 47 after Shining Path attack

AYACUCHO, Peru (Reuters) - The death toll from a weekend Shining Path guerrilla attack in an Andean highland town rose to 47 after three of the wounded died in a hospital, military and hospital officials said Monday.

The Andean attack Saturday — the biggest since Shining Path leader Abimael Guzman was captured last month — left 30 women and children among the dead in the town of Huayao in the southeastern region of Ayacucho.

Mexico to spend \$33m on archeological sites

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - The Mexican government said Monday it would spend \$33 million over the next two years to preserve and continue further excavation at 10 archeological sites.

Restoration work will begin shortly at four of the most famous ruins — the pyramids of Teotihuacan outside Mexico City built before the birth of Christ, the Zapotec ceremonial center atop Monte Alban in Oaxaca, and the Mayan religious centers of Chichen Itza and Palenque in the Yucatan Peninsula.

Despite their age, beauty and importance to Mexico as tourist attractions, many ancient Indian sites have been neglected or left half-buried.

Venezuelan leaders denying Perez assassination attempt

CARACAS, Venezuela (Reuters) - Confusion surrounded reports of an assassination attempt Monday against Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez after presidential bodyguards killed two people in a truck they said was speeding toward the presidential convoy.

Television and radio reports said there had been an assassination attempt, but the chief government spokesman described the shooting incident as confusing and denied there had been an assassination attempt.

Angel Zambrano, head of the Central Information Office, who was with Perez when the incident occurred near the Colombian border, said in a radio interview, "There has been tremendous confusion. There was no such assassination attempt against President Perez."

Zambrano later told Reuters that presidential bodyguards killed two unarmed Guajiro Indian men as they sped toward the convoy.

"The (driver) was drunk and he was going to run into the people at the site," Zambrano said.

One army officer and four soldiers were injured when the truck plowed into a group of people. Four children and two adults also were hurt in the incident, Zambrano said.

A news editor at a local television station, which had a reporter at the scene, told Reuters the presidential guard had opened fire "because they thought it was an assassination attempt."

Zambrano's statements contradicted eyewitness reports from television and radio reporters on the scene in Paraguaipoa, a small town on the Colombian border in Venezuela's western Zulia state, where Perez had gone to open a hospital.

According to the reports, unidentified gunmen opened fire on the presidential convoy, which included the bus carrying Perez, Zambrano, Interior Minister Luis Pinerua Ordaz and Zulia state Governor Oswaldo Alvarez Paz.

According to the broadcast reports, three people were killed.

Perez, who took office in February 1989 for a five-

year term in this oil-rich country, escaped an assassination attempt in a failed military coup attempt eight months ago in Caracas.

At least 25 people were killed in the failed Feb. 4 attempt, during which loyal troops whisked Perez out of the presidential palace as the rebels rammed a tank into it.

It was the first open military challenge to Perez in his two presidential terms, the first of which ran from 1974 to 1979.

Pinerua also denied there had been an assassination attempt Monday and urged Venezuelans to remain calm, saying in statements to a local television station that security forces fired on the truck when the driver refused an order to stop.

He said several people, including an army lieutenant and a soldier, were injured when the truck plowed into a group of bystanders, mostly Guajiro Indians.

Guajiros, who live in both Venezuela and Colombia, are a major Indian group known for their colorful textiles.

"There was no impact against the president's bus, and apparently no shots were fired against it," Pinerua said. "We thought some drunk had fired shots in the air. You know the Guajiros are always armed, and they are trigger-happy."

Following initial reports of the incident, one television station showed pictures of visibly nervous bodyguards and members of the presidential honor guard patrolling the area around the hospital.

The attack comes at a tense time in Venezuela, a nation still shaken by an assassination attempt on Congressman and prominent labor leader Antonio Rios less than a month ago, as well as a more recent firebomb attack on the house of former President Jaime Lusinchi.

The leftist Bolivarian Liberation Forces that claimed responsibility for the attacks had threatened to target more public figures if the government failed to make a real effort to clean up corruption.

Hurricane Andrew forces policy changes

WASHINGTON (American Forces Information Service) - Within days of the destruction at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., officials changed Department of Defense personnel policies to help those affected by Hurricane Andrew.

The changes are permanent and will help any service-member or federal employee affected by future disasters.

DoD will now allow stateside evacuation allowances for both military and civilian personnel. For civilian workers, officials approved indefinite administrative leave — leave with pay, said Christopher Jehn, assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel.

"The devastation Hurricane Andrew wrought called for extraordinary measures," Jehn said. "We want to reassure people that they will receive all the pays and allowances they are entitled to" even if the non-work

period extends for several months.

Andrew uprooted more than 11,000 at the base with most also losing their belongings. About 5,000 active duty members, family members and 1,500 civilian employees were assigned to the base, home to the 31st Fighter Wing.

The Air Force will make arrangements for military personnel as quickly as possible, Jehn said. This could mean a move to another installation, continuation of the status quo or a call back to Homestead. Air Force personnel were put on temporary duty when they were evacuated, Jehn said. Normally temporary duty status doesn't extend past six months, he added, but it could be extended.

When evacuation of the area was announced, civilian employees were given five days' administrative leave. When it became obvious that five days would not be enough, DoD gave local commanders the authority

to grant administrative leave for an indefinite period.

"It was a change we could make ourselves," Jehn said. "Many of our policies, regulations affecting travel, temporary duty, evacuation allowances and the like were obviously designed with evacuation of a base overseas in mind."

Overseas evacuations that quickly come to mind are last year's pullouts at Clark Air Base and Subic Bay in the Philippines following the eruption of Mount Pinatubo, Jehn continued. DoD realized policies and regulations that aided the Philippine evacuees could not be used stateside. DoD personnel officials, with help from the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of Management and Budget, set about to change them quickly.

By the weekend following the hurricane, revised regulations were in place, allowing the payment of evacuation allowances and other monies.

Antarctica crash kills 3, injures 2

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) - A U.S. Navy pilot and co-pilot were in a hospital Tuesday after their helicopter crashed in near hurricane-force winds in frigid Antarctica, killing three others.

Doctors said pilot Lt. Cmdr. Edward L. Crews, 39, of Baton Rouge, La., and co-pilot Lt. John C. Serralles Jr., 28, of North Patchogue, N.Y., were in serious but stable condition in Christchurch Public Hospital.

Crews has severe internal injuries. Serralles has two broken legs and a dislocated pelvis.

Killed in the crash on Tuesday were P01 Benjamin W. Micou, 35, of Michigan, along with New Zealand civilians Garth E. Varcoe, 49, and Terry F. Newport, 31.

The UH-1N Iroquois helicopter came down on the icy coastline of Ross Island on a routine flight from Cape Bird to Scott Base in New Zealand's sector of the frozen continent.

It had been flying at about 100 feet in poor visibility and 70 mph winds when it crashed near Mount Erebus where an Air New Zealand DC-10 crashed in 1979, killing 257 people.

A hurricane is defined as having sustained winds of at least 74 mph.

Navy reviews magazine sales

WASHINGTON (AP) - Should Navy commissaries sell *Playboy*, *Penthouse* and other sexually explicit magazines?

The Navy is considering that question as part of a new program to stamp out sexual harassment.

The move, which the Navy is calling a "review," is prompting concern that the Navy may be going overboard as it attempts to deal with the repercussions of the Tailhook sex abuse scandal.

The mere rumor that adult publications might be banned from the military's store shelves prompted a stern letter from *Playboy's* lawyers to Christopher Jehn, the assistant secretary of defense for personnel.

"Any such ban would clearly violate the First Amendment," Bruce J. Ennis, who represents *Playboy Enterprises Inc.*, said in a Sept. 8 letter.

"*Playboy Enterprises* takes this matter very seriously, and has authorized me to take whatever steps may be necessary, including litigation, to ensure that there will be no interruption in the sale of *Playboy* magazines at Navy PXs, or at any military PXs," Ennis wrote.

Earlier this year the base commander at the Recruit Training Center in Orlando, Fla., decided to remove *Playboy* and *Penthouse* from base exchanges.

The base is one of three boot camps for sailors, but it is the only one that has mixed classes for males and females. It has been the site of some sexual harassment problems for the service.

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Pietropaoli

a Navy spokesman

A Navy spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Steve Pietropaoli, said Tuesday the decision was a response to "consistent complaints" that the publications were demeaning to women, and after the commander determined that "these publications were not in accordance with his mission of teaching young recruits about the importance of human dignity."

Pietropaoli said the Navy "is not contemplating a ban" on such publications, but that the policy of allowing them to be sold on bases is worth reviewing.

"The sale of adult materials is permitted ... but it is also not mandated," the spokesman said.

It is within the purview of any commander "to review what is on his shelves and decide whether it is helping his mission of good order and discipline or not," Pietropaoli said.

The review of the publications was announced Tuesday as part of Acting Navy Secretary Sean O'Keefe's efforts to eradicate sexual harassment from the service.

New systems weather tests

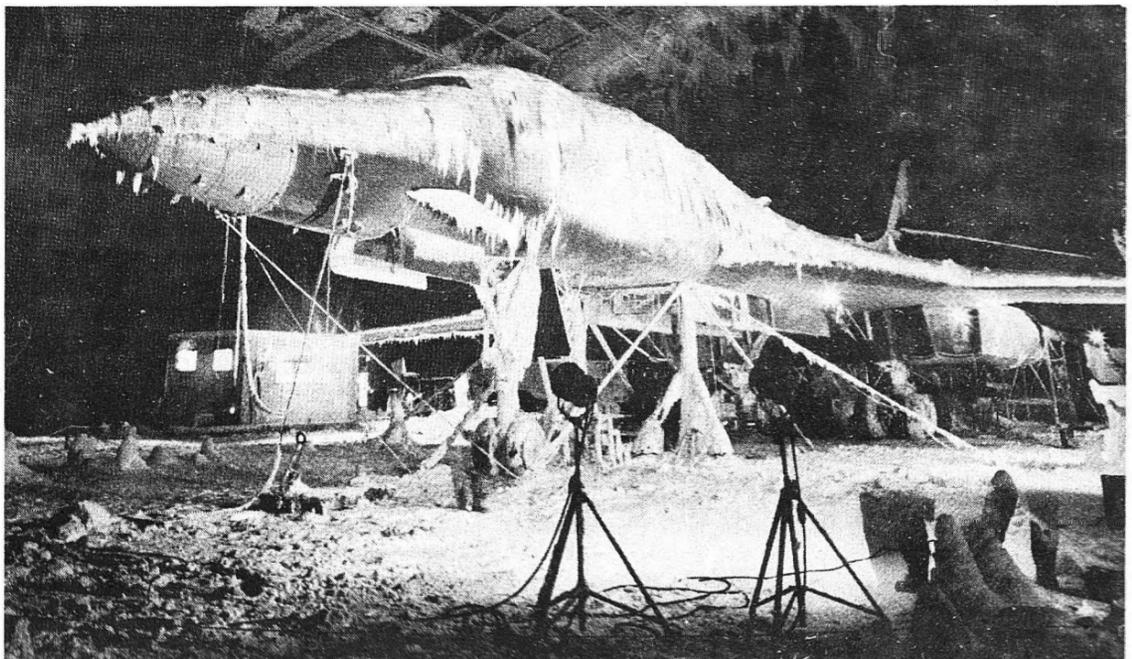
WASHINGTON (American Forces Information Service) - Outside, the Florida sun beats down, and the 85-degree temperature feels much hotter but Kirk Velasco works inside, wearing an Arctic parka to protect himself from minus 65 degree temperatures and biting winds to test an F-117A stealth fighter.

Nearby, other personnel have just subjected the Army's Air Defense Anti-Tank System to swirling sandstorms.

Velasco, a mechanical engineer, directs the McKinley Climatic Laboratory at Eglin Air Force Base. Completed in May 1947, the laboratory was renamed in 1971 to honor Air Force Col. Ashely McKinley, one of its pioneers. Before McKinley and others created the lab, tests were conducted outdoors. Researchers were at the mercy of Mother Nature. More important, they could not duplicate test conditions time after time. The indoor facility at Eglin gave them that flexibility.

The first tests in 1947 included the B-29 bomber, the P-51 fighter, the Sikorsky R-5D helicopter, trucks, tanks and clothing. Since then, the staff has tested more than 350 aircraft and 2,000 pieces of equipment. These include materials for the Apollo capsule and insulating materials for the NASA space shuttle, bomb shelters for the Defense Nuclear Agency and even commercial tires the Army considered buying.

Foreign governments can use the facility for a fee only if American forces will use the foreign equipment as well, Velasco said. For example, a Canadian company is building the ADATS for use by Canadian and U.S. forces. Mounted on an M-113 armored personnel carrier, the system includes infrared sensors, a laser target designator and laser-guided missiles.



Air Force photo

The elements assault a B-1B bomber at the McKinley Climatic Laboratory, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Velasco said McKinley still has the largest test chamber in the world and can simulate the broadest range of climatic conditions.

"We can bring our facility down to minus 105 degrees Fahrenheit and up to plus 170 degrees Fahrenheit," he said. "It is usually easier for us to simulate heat. It normally takes 24 hours to get minus 65 degrees and 12 hours to get plus 140."

"We can simulate fog, rainstorms, snowstorms and sandstorms. We have several kinds of sand and dust, so we can simulate appropriate conditions for beach landings or another Desert Storm," Velasco said.

The lab has six test chambers. The large main

chamber can hold the C-5A Galaxy, the Air Force's largest transport plane. The main chamber is 252 feet wide, 201 feet long and 70 feet high in the center, and has 55,000 square feet of usable floor space.

Researchers use McKinley's smaller chambers for altitude testing and testing tanks, trucks and other vehicles.

In earlier days, humans sat in McKinley's altitude chamber, but now, it is only for equipment. The chamber can duplicate altitudes up to 75,000 feet, with temperatures down to minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit. It can also simulate rapid decompression, going from 8,000 feet to 40,000 feet in 3.5 seconds.

Recycling advocate left 'holding the bag'

Dear Mayors' Corner,

Many American embassy people I know have many paper bags from the commissary which are in excellent condition. I would like to see recycling started at the commissary for these "like new" paper bags whereby a receptacle is provided outside the building (under cover) for people to return paper bags for reuse.

Karen Barnes
American Embassy

Dear Ms. Barnes,

It's a great idea but according to Defense Commissary Agency Policy Letter 40-11 dated Feb. 26, 1992, "The commissary will not be a conduit for the collection or dissemination of consumer generated cardboard, paper, or plastics for recycling efforts."

Patrons can't bring bags in for others to use for sanitation, pest control, and manpower reasons, says the deputy district commander for DeCA. However, patrons are encouraged to bring paper and plastic bags back to the commissary for their own use.

Recycling isn't a dead issue, says an Panama Army Communities of Excellence team member. PACE is working

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with agencies in Panama to promote recycling and hopes to have a program in the near future. Watch *Tropic Times* and Southern Command Network for details.

Yards of the Month

Army
September - SSgt. and Mrs. Jose Ocasio, 673D; October - Sgt. and Mrs. Andrew T. Brosowsky, 685D.

Air Force
August - Howard Tropical - SSgt. and Mrs. Marc Blackwelder; Howard Gateway - SSgt. and Mrs. Warren French; Albroom Tropical - Sgt. and Mrs. Mitchel Hall; Albroom Chapel/Hidden Valley - SSgt. and Mrs. Mark Samples.

Editor's note: This column is provided to allow community members to submit questions or concerns to be researched and answered by the Mayoral Congress. Letters should be mailed to: **Mayors' Corner, APO AA 34004 (MPS).** Anonymity will be granted upon request. **Publicity Chairperson, Dyana Ellis.**

The action line is a direct link between Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer, 24th Wing commander, and Howard AFB and Albroom AFS personnel. If you have a question or problem that you can't solve through normal supervisory channels, call the Action Line at 284-5849. Callers should leave a name, telephone number and mailing address in case questions need to be clarified. Names will be kept confidential and used only to provide callers with a personal response.

Action Line



Sawyer

Q. I'm calling in reference to a big, old green box that the contractor left in the backyard of my house.

I would like to have it locked, removed or have something done about it.

I have two children and some small neighbors and they can get locked in it because it can be opened easily.

Please do something about it. Thank You.

A. Thank you for bringing this safety hazard to our attention.

We currently have a project to replace PCB-contaminated transformers.

The "green boxes" that you see throughout the housing area are the new transformers.

We began installation of these new transformers Sept. 3 and the contractor was finished in the housing area Sept. 23.

We have notified the contractor to ensure all transformers are secure until time of replacement, and the transformer next to your quarters has been secured.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to us to resolve.

Please feel free to call 284-4156/3705 if you have any additional questions.

Military working dogs help capture thieves

Working dogs help catch thieves

Rodman Naval Security Police reported the apprehension of two thieves last week. The apprehensions were made after security police used a military working dog to subdue the fleeing pair. Reports indicate that the security police recovered more than \$200 worth of stolen property during the apprehension.

If you see suspicious activity in your area, notify the military or security police immediately.

Automobiles stolen

Military police have received two complaints of stolen automobiles in the last week.

Reports indicate that one car was stolen from the parking lot adjacent to Building 95 while the other was taken from a housing area. Both incidents occurred on Fort Clayton. It is unknown whether the thefts were related.

Anyone having information that might assist the military police recover these automobile should contact the Military Police Investigations Section at 287-5252.

Altered ID card confiscated

A Panama City woman was apprehended by military police after she attempted to enter post with an altered military identification card. Military police investigators determined that the woman purchased the identification card down-

town and had used it in the past to gain entrance to military installations in Panama. Lost or stolen identification cards are often used by criminals.

Ensure you safeguard your ID cards at all times.

More unsecure money stolen at the gym

Here we go again at Reeder Gym.

A Fort Clayton soldier is missing \$148 after he left his

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wallet in an unsecure locker.

The money was left unsecured for only 10 minutes when the theft occurred.

Reeder Gym, Fort Clayton, has been the scene of numerous larcenies in the past few months. When you go to the gym, do not take anything you don't need and bring a lock if you plan to use a locker.

Duty free privileges abused

The Contraband Control Section has apprehended numerous people in the last few weeks for wrongful transfer of duty free merchandise.

This violation occurs when duty free merchandise is given to people who do not possess duty free privileges.

With the holiday season drawing near, don't let the spirit of giving interfere with good judgement. Remember that in accordance with Southern Command Regulation 119, duty free items may be given to people who do not possess duty free privileges only for a bonafide holiday and may not exceed \$10 in value.

For more information, contact the US SOUTHCOM Contraband Control Section at 286-3303.

The following crime statistics are for the week of Oct. 2 - 8.

Pacific

Fort Clayton 1-26 area - one larceny of secured private property

Fort Clayton 700 area - one larceny of secured private property

Fort Clayton 900 area - one larceny of unsecured government property

Cocoll - one housebreaking

Gorgas - one larceny of secured private property, one larceny of unsecured private property

Atlantic

None to report

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Writer says it's a good life - so what's the beef?

by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall
Tropic Times Sports Editor

In a world where natural disasters end lives and destroy millions of dollars worth of property, countries are at war and billions of people are starving, it seems kind of petty to complain about the trivial things in life like neighborhood dogs leaving a present in your yard.

The people of South Florida, not long removed from the devastation Hurricane Andrew wrought, are still shaken. Some will never recover — mentally or monetarily. Because of the great number of deaths during the civil war in what used to be Yugoslavia, families are grieving in front of makeshift graves. It's so bad in Sarajevo, soccer fields are being used as burial grounds because the regular cemeteries are full.

Closer to home, children from third world coun-

tries — to include Panama — are homeless, parentless and starving. Who do you think they voice their complaints to?

People who are well off — especially Americans — don't take much time to sit back and realize how lucky they are. Complaining about what they don't have comes natural.

If they have a 19-inch TV, they want a 25-inch model. Station wagon owners want a sports car. Millionaire athletes want to be billionaires. The more you get the more you want.

Take a look around. Some of us

seem to view life through blinders. We don't see the child on the street corner with torn clothes, no shoes and a face of hunger behind a layer of soot. We see them but we don't.

What we do see is blue pampers but no pink, TV reruns, no shopping malls, no concerts, limited fastfood

choices and music selections, no MTV, CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, HBO, Cinemax, Showtime, multiplex theaters, KMart, Walmart, Target, J.C. Penny, Spencers, Sears — and last but not least — no Home Shopping

Quote

"Nothing to do but work,
Nothing to eat but food,
Nothing to wear but
clothes, To keep one from
going nude."

Ben F. King
The Pessimist

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Network in some areas.

We have places to voice our "concern." The Air Force has the Action Line and the Army has the Mayors' Corner. People can call Southern Command Network's Answer Line to talk to people responsible for anything from commissary to hospital services. By the way, these outlets can be used to help find solutions to problems instead of just complaining about them. They can also serve as a way to applaud good things that are going on.

The majority of people here and abroad who are fortunate enough to be employed have so much they don't see. Jobs give people self-worth. With employment comes family security, a house, a car or two or three, TVs, VCRs, camcorders, boats, summer homes, swimming pools and more.

Although most people don't personally own some of the above luxuries they do have access to them. Nearly every base has recreation facilities, so people come to expect and take them for granted.

Rent-free housing and free utilities are also taken for granted. How many Florida and Hawaii residents would like even a roof over their head right now? Some of us complain about things like not having maid's quarters or a dishwasher.

So the next time the neighbor's dog leaves a present in your front yard, the cable TV goes out or you can't find that new CD your stateside friend wrote you a letter about, pick up a newspaper and open your eyes.

Dear Editor,

Reference the Mayor's Corner, Oct. 2. Bad mousing the facilities here in Panama has become endemic.

I for one am ready to see it stop.

When's the last time you printed a letter from someone who appreciated the services they received at the hospital, the craft shops, the commissary, et al?

For that matter, when's the last time anyone did? "The question is not what a man can scorn, or disparage, or find fault with, but what he can love, and value, and appreciate."

Letters to the Editor

We need to get in the habit of saying thanks.
Name withheld

Dear Editor,

Thank you, your writers, staff, photographers for the fine articles this year which caused this proud veteran to be humble.

I have written some thank you notes, but missed so

many wonderful people...parade drivers, Pacific and Atlantic guides, companies and volunteers.

If you and Jeannine Wilder wish, and if the recipients are agreeable, please print the above mentioned thanks.

James M. Burt

Editors Note: James M. Burt, Medal of Honor recipient, was the guest of honor during Panama Fourth of July commemorations. Jeannine Wilder was the JTF-Panama project officer.

Direct Quotes

What good things can you say about being here?



"You get to travel a lot, and the tropical weather is good for outdoor sports."

Sgt. Reuben Tull
154th Signal Battalion



"Folks here help make being away from home liveable."

SrA. Willie David
617th Airlift Support Squadron



"I've had a real good opportunity to coach and work with youth sports."

SSgt. Rick Lindvig
59th Engineer Company



"[Nothing]. There is nothing for military family members here. This should be an unaccompanied tour."

Nina Rutledge
Gorgas Army Community Hospital



"The people are very nice. Children and adults are very receptive to Americans."

Paulette Edwards
Balboa Elementary School

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Bulldogs smash Green Devils 34-13

300 rushing yards help Balboa stay unbeaten

by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall
Tropic Times Sports Editor

BALBOA STADIUM (Tropic Times) - Before his game against the Balboa Bulldogs here Oct. 9, Panama Canal College Green Devils football coach Lou Husted looked in the sparsely populated stands and said, "Judging by the size of the crowd, I guess everyone's conceding the win to the Bulldogs."

Husted was a prophet — at least for one night.

Tailback Paolo Ameglio rushed for 152 of his team's 300 yards, scoring once, and teammate split end Jerome Price added two more touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs to a 34-13 victory over the Green Devils.

The Bulldogs remained the only undefeated team (5-0) in the Department of Defense Dependent Schools football league. The Green Devils fell to 2-3.

On the first play from scrimmage — 14 seconds into the game — Ameglio served notice to the Green Devils defense. He went off tackle and raced down the sideline for an 80-yard score. Eric Holland converted his first of four extra point conversions and the Bulldogs led 7-0.

After the Green Devils offense stalled, the defense made things happen. On second and 10, linebacker Quint Underwood nailed Ameglio for a four-yard loss. On third and long, Ameglio was held to a two-yard gain on a plunge, and the Bulldogs were forced to punt.

Green Devils tailback Wilbert Reese gave his team a spark with a 95-yard touchdown on the punt return. The extra point attempt was blocked, and the Green Devils trailed 7-6.

After trading stalled drives with the Green Devils, the Bulldogs got on track. Ameglio connected with split end Raymond Morris on a flea flicker for a 41-yard gain that put the Bulldogs deep in PCC territory. On the next play, Ameglio paved the way for Price's first TD with a vicious block. The extra point was good and the Balboa led 14-6.

The Bulldogs defense came up with the big play on PCC's next possession. Green Devil quarterback Tyler Quinn hit split end William Pohl for a short gain. Pohl fumbled and Bulldogs defensive end Brian Swenty recovered the ball on the PCC 26. The PCC defense kept the Bulldogs in check and held them to a missed field goal attempt.

After a bad punt, the Bulldogs took over in Green Devil territory with less than five minutes left in the first half. Knowing the PCC defense would key on Ameglio, the Bulldogs faked to him and gave the ball to split back Alex Staton who rumbled for nine yards. Ameglio added 10 more up the middle and was brought down at the 10-yard line. Price scored on a sprint draw and the Bulldogs led 21-6 at the half.

In the second half, the Bulldogs continued to use the big play to put points on the board. Tight end C.J. Howard scored on a 66-yard reverse and Morris caught a



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall

Balboa Bulldogs defensive tackle Alex Stirlin (65) puts pressure on Panama Canal Commission Green Devil quarterback Tyler Quinn.

19-yard quick slant from Price for another score. The Green Devils only second half points came on a 30-yard TD pass from Quinn to Pohl.

Bulldogs head coach Vince Martinez was happy about his victory over the Green Devils, but said his team needs to improve to win tonight's game against the Curundu Cougars.

"To beat the Cougars again (the Bull-

dogs won an earlier matchup 22-12) we'll have to play better than we did last time," Martinez said. "The Cougars had two early first quarter turnovers and had to play catchup the rest of the way."

The Cristobal Tigers and Balboa Red Machine face off at Balboa Stadium at 5:30 p.m. tonight and the Curundu Cougars and Balboa Bulldogs will play in the following game.

Gridiron Stats



Panama Canal College Green Devils head coach Lou Husted stresses a point to John Williford (64) and Mike Buchanan.

Bulldogs 34, Green Devils 13

	Bulldogs	Green Devils
First downs	11	9
Rushes-yards	36-300	23-89
Passing yards	70	102
Comp-att-int	3-7-1	7-20-3
Return yards	30	157
Fumbles lost	4	3
Punts-avg.	4-25.2	3-26.0
Penalties-yards	6-60	9-77

Individual stats

RUSHING - Bulldogs, Ameglio 14-152, Howard 2-75, Nieves 5-30, Price 4-18, Oliver 4-18, Staton 1-9, Hall 2-6, Hopkins 2-(minus 2). Green Devils - Richards 7-38, Reese 9-32, Quinn 6-15, Leontlev 1-4.
PASSING - Bulldogs, Ameglio 1-1-0 41, Price 1-3-0 19, Johnson 1-1-0 10, Beattie 0-2-1 0. Green Devils, Quinn 7-20-3 102.
RECEIVING - Bulldogs, Morris 2-60, Charris 1-10. Green Devils, Pohl 4-73, Wilson 3-29.

Cougars 32, Tigers 21

	Cougars	Tigers
First downs	10	17
Rushes-yards	28-229	43-186
Passing yards	10	111
Comp-att-int	3-9-1	9-13-0
Return yards	77	134
Fumbles lost	1	0
Punts-avg.	2-25.5	2-22.5
Penalties-yards	2-15	3-11

Individual stats

RUSHING - Cougars, Williams 9-138, Von Holten 7-62, Garcia 3-16, George 5-13, Szymanski 1-7, Salazar 1-5, Waller 1-(minus 4), Reyes 1-(minus 8). Tigers, Townsed 24-146, Acosta 10-43, Alvarez 1-(minus 3).
PASSING - Cougars, Garcia 3-9-1 10. Tigers, Alvarez 9-13-0 111.
RECEIVING - Cougars, Szymanski 2-6, Williams 1-4. Tigers, Smith 3-52, Cox 2-41, Fiol 2-7, Townsed 1-8, Figueroa 1-3.

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Blue Jays become first Canadian team to make World Series and battle the Braves Saturday night.

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41st Area Support Group coach Angela Newton led her team to five straight wins to claim the Columbus Day Basketball Tournament title at Reeder Physical Fitness Center Monday afternoon.



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall

Andre Toussaint (right) of the 41st Area Support Group, shoots over Danito Moore of the Downtown Express.

'Looking good' - 41st group wins tourney

by Sgt. John "Gus" Hall
Tropic Times Sports Editor

FORT CLAYTON (Tropic Times) - During the Columbus Day Basketball tournament some people doubted the ability of the 41st Area Support Group coach to get the job done. After all, how could a woman coach a men's team through three days of grueling play? When it was over, anyone who questioned Angela Newton's coaching skills had to feel silly, as her team captured the title Monday afternoon.

Without a coach, the 41st lost its first game of the double-elimination tourney 46-38 to the Downtown Express. Realizing they were a little disorganized, the 41st players decided they needed an experienced coach. So they called on Newton who coached most of them to victory in a recent tournament at Rodman Naval Station. She responded by helping them pound out five straight wins.

Newton's critics only added fuel to her fire.

"Not only am I going to win this thing, I'm going to look good doing it," the

confident Newton said.

Her players looked good too — on the court that is. After beating the 193rd Support Battalion 73-58, The Sportsmen 56-51 and Michelob Dry 47-41 in the loser's bracket, the 41st got a chance to avenge its loss to the Express.

The Express led 7-6 early, but lost the lead for good when the 41st's Melvin Turner caught fire. He scored on a feed from Reggie Milbry, nailed a hook shot and canned a three-pointer on consecutive possessions. Turner showed off his defensive prowess by stealing a Vince Duncan pass, dishing the ball to Danny Harley who scored and drew the foul. The three-point play gave the 41st a 16-10 advantage and forced the Express to call timeout with 7:14 left in the first half.

The 41st expanded its lead to double digits — highlighted by Dale Christopher's trey — and led 34-18 at the half.

In the second half, the 41st pushed its lead to 21 in impressive fashion. Christopher hit Milbry on a breakaway who followed through on a thundering dunk that electrified the crowd and gave the

41st a 46-25 lead. Primus Campbell of the Express tried to duplicate Milbry's feat, but missed the jam badly. That pumped up the 41st fans even more, forcing the Express to call time and re-group.

The break helped only the 41st as it coasted to a 60-34 win, forcing an if game.

In game two, the Express jumped out to a short-lived 6-2 lead. A skyhook and a breakaway layup by 41st's Turner erased the only Express lead, just minutes into the first half. The Express got close at 17-14, but Milbry quickly took the life out of the Express comeback with a second crowd-charging dunk. The 41st dominated the offensive boards, getting many second-chance shots and led 27-19 at the half.

Aristides Clarke's layup brought the Express within six, but was answered by another Christopher trey. With the 41st up by 10, Milbry hammered the final nail in the Express coffin. He scored on an outside jumper, dished a sweet pass to Andre Toussaint who scored and drew the foul, and hit Nathaniel Taylor for a

fast break layup, extending the 41st lead to 45-30. The Express tried to rally but the deficit was too much to recover from and bowed 56-42.

One of the competitors who didn't doubt Newton's coaching skills was Duncan of the Express.

"I'm glad to see a woman coaching basketball and I'm sure there are many women who would like to be playing in these tournaments too," Duncan said.

Although Newton could have rubbed her victory in the faces of her doubters, she only praised her team.

"I'm just happy we did it. I'm thrilled for the fellas; they really deserved it."

Scoring

Game 1
41st ASG (60)
Christopher 13, Turner 13, Knight 9, Toussaint 9, Milbry 7, Harley 5, Gamble 2, Taylor 2.
Express (34)
Clarke 8, Duncan 8, Campbell 5, Myrie 4, Pinillo 4, Butler 3, Moore 2.
Game 2
41st ASG (56)
Turner 18, Toussaint 10, Christopher 7, Milbry 6, Taylor 6, Gamble 5, Harley 2, Knight 2.
Express (42)
Butler 11, Clarke 10, Duncan 9, Moss 4, Campbell 3, Myrie 2, Pinillo 2, Moore 1.

Sport Shorts

Sprint triathlon

A sprint triathlon will be held Sunday beginning at Rodman Pool at 7 a.m. Events are a 500-yard swim, a 16-kilometer bike ride and 5-kilometer run. Age groups are: men/women, 16-29; men/women, 30-39; and men/women, 40 and above. Register on race day from 6 to 6:45 a.m. at Rodman Pool for \$10. Two- and three-person teams can enter. Biking helmets are mandatory. Call Morise Conerly at 283-4061/4222 or Hank Baltar at 282-4615.

Golf tournament

A Veterans Day golf tournament sponsored by AT&T will be held Nov. 11 at Horoko Golf Course. The two-person, best-ball event begins at 7:30 a.m.

with a shotgun start. There will be four flights. Handicaps are as follows: "A" players with 0-7 handicap; "B" players with 8-15 handicap; "C" players with 15-22 handicap and "D" players with 23 and above handicap.

Teams can be chosen by golfers. The team handicap will be 50 percent of the lowest golfer's handicap. For example, if one team member's handicap is 14 and the other is 16, the team handicap will be 7.

Entry fee is \$20 and includes green fees, polo shirt and lunch at the CPO Club Nov. 11.

Entry forms are at the Horoko Golf Course, Rodman Fitness Center, the MWR main office (Building 65) and the Information, Tour and Travel Office (Building 24 next to Pizza Hut).

Call 283-4454/5307 or 283-4222/4061.

Isthmian Roadrunners

The Isthmian Roadrunners are sponsoring to upcoming

ing races. A 10-kilometer run will be begin 7 a.m. Oct 25 at the Kentucky Fried Chicken in El Dorado. A 21-kilometer run will begin 6:30 a.m. at the Summit Gardens entrance. Call Ed McAleer at 252-2464.

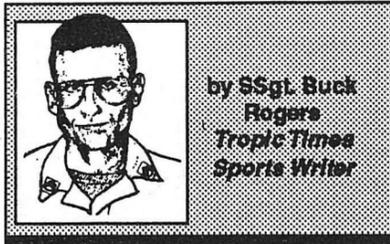
Atlantic standings*

Flag football - Green League		
Co. C, 5/87th	6	0
549th MPs	5	1
408th MI	4	1
HHC, 5/87th	3	3
747th MI	3	4
USAG	3	4
Marines	2	3
Navy	2	4
1097th Boat Co.	2	6
Co. C, 3/7th	1	6

* Through Wednesday's games

Nobody asked me, either...

Miami remembers 1972



by SSgt. Buck Rogers
Tropic Times
Sports Writer

Dallas fans can breathe easier, Buffalo fans can only wonder, and in Miami thoughts turn to 1972 — the year the Dolphins won it all with a perfect 17-0 record.

The Cowboys rebounded from their Monday night debacle a week ago against the Eagles by soundly spanking the Seahawks 27-0. Because of Philadelphia's loss to Kansas City, the Cowboys have tied up first place again in the NFC East.

The Bills have dropped two in a row and have fallen farther behind the undefeated Dolphins. This week Buffalo gets some much needed rest with a bye. Are the Dolphins walking away with the division title? Don't be so quick to concede, Bills fans. Five of Miami's last seven games are against the Oilers, 49ers, Saints, Raiders and Bills.

And finally, last week Gus predicted that the Eagles would beat the Chiefs 20-16. But he also wrote, "If the Eagles are going to lose in the first half of the season it will be in Arrowhead." On Sunday morning he told me that there was no doubt about it, the Chiefs would beat the undefeated Eagles. In all fairness I have to give Gus credit for the correct pick on the game. The season standings are: Gus 48-27, Buck 44-31.

49ERS HIT PAYDIRT - Usually when the Falcons and 49ers meet, sparks fly. San Francisco leads the series 29-20-1, and in those 50 games the 49ers have averaged 21 points per game to the Falcons' 16. The Falcons have a history of winning when the 49ers take them for granted. If Atlanta has any dreams of winning this game they must shut down Steve Young's rushing attack. Young had an off day last week with only 69 yards rushing. Look for a better week against the Blackbirds. 49ers 24, Falcons 17.

FULL MOON OVER DENVER - Forget home field advantage. In the 30 games these two teams have played, Houston has a 19-10-1 advantage. The Oilers have outscored the Broncos by an average score of 27-20 and nothing should stop them from repeating history. Denver is the worst 4-2 team in history. Warren Moon has a target rich environment to work in. Oilers 24, Broncos 13.

COWBOYS AND CHIEFS, OH MY! - When the Chiefs and Cowboys go to war one thing is for certain — mucho points. The series is tied at

2-2, with both teams 1-1 at home. The average score between these teams is 31-26 in the Cowboys' favor. Both teams are in contention for their respective division title. The receivers should have a field day. Cowboys 27, Chiefs 24.

EAGLES FLY INTO WASHINGTON - The Birds, humbled by the Chiefs last week, will be looking for some payback. The Redskins are still celebrating last Monday night's bombing of Denver, 34-3. Are the Skins for real? No. The Eagles' defense is stunning, and their secondary will be ready for Mark Rypien. The Redskins on the other hand, must win to stay alive for wildcard contention. Washington has won 16 out of the last 20 games played against the Eagles in RFK Stadium by an average score of 21-14. If the playoffs started today, the boys from D.C. would be watching on TV. Eagles 23, Redskins 13.

BEARS HOST THE BUCS - Forget that the Bucs consider themselves a playoff contender. Yes, Sam Wyche has them improving, but the Buccaneers couldn't get to the Super Bowl if it was held in Tampa Stadium and Vinnie Testeverde was driving the bus. Da Bears lead the series 22-6. Average score? 24-14. Tampa has won only one game in Chicago in the past 12 years (32-31 in 1989). Mike Ditka will have his team fired up after their fiasco against Minnesota two weeks ago. The Bears blew a 20-0 lead against the Vikings and lost 21-20. Then, after a long, quiet plane ride home, they had a bye week last weekend. The Bears will be hungry and know that a loss to Tampa in front of the home fans will be the beginning of the end. Ditka's team will be ready. Bears 23, Buccaneers 17.

The rest of the action: Cleveland 20, Green Bay 13; Los Angeles Raiders 17, Seattle 10; New Orleans 24, Phoenix 14; N.Y. Giants 17, Los Angeles Rams 14; Indianapolis 24, San Diego 10; Miami 27, New England 13; and Pittsburgh 27, Cincinnati 13.

Two teams are taking the week off: the Bills and Jets. Gus the Guru, polished up his magic ball and sees the outcomes a little differently:

Falcons 30, Niners 27; Oilers 31, Broncos 20; Cryboys 24, Chiefs 20; Eagles 17, Redskins 13; Bears 26, Bucs 20; Pack 21, Brownies 10; Hawks 27, Raiders 24; Saints 16, Cards 10; Rams 24, Giants 17; Chargers 13, Colts 6; Dolphins 30, Patsies 13; Kitties 33, Steelers 27.

Gus will be back next week to give you the games after conferring with Bobbie the Bookie. Could it be that Gus has outside help with his picks? Say it isn't so, Gus!

NFL trivia

1. Which team does San Francisco's Jerry Rice have his most career receptions, yards and touchdowns against?

2. Who had more 300-yard passing games last season, Steve Young or Chris Miller?

3. Since 1986, who leads the Eagles-Redskins regular-season series?

4. True or False. Dallas running back

Emmitt Smith had more 100-yard rushing games last year than Kansas City's Christian Okoye and Barry Word combined.

5. Who gave up more points last season Denver or Houston?

ANSWERS

1. Atlanta, 69, 1157, 14
2. Young 3, Miller 2
3. Washington 8-4
4. True, 8-6
5. Houston, 251 to Denver's 235

Offensive line woes killing Denver's output

DENVER (AP) - Dan Reeves was able to pinpoint the Denver Broncos' problem that led to their Monday night drubbing at the hands of the Washington Redskins.

And it's got everything to do with the offensive line.

"You have to have pass protection to be able to pass the ball," Reeves said Tuesday, "and you've got to have blocking to be able to run the ball.

"You can't throw it if you can't block them up front. So we've got to look at it. Do we have to keep more people in and send out less people? We've got to come up with some way that we can get the ball off."

Reeves called this team his poorest offensively at this point of the season. He said the 12.2 points the Broncos are averaging this year is the lowest in his 12 years with the team.

"I don't think there's any good time to go in and play the national champions in their back yard," Reeves said. "We just didn't play good. There's no excuses. We made too many mistakes. We've got to regroup and come back and try to play better."

Reeves blamed the low numbers on poor pass protection.

Denver, which is tied with New England for most sacks allowed, has yielded 25 this season, five Monday night. Quarterback John Elway was the victim in 24 of those sacks.

"It gets a little bit old," Elway said of the pounding. "But it also comes with the territory."

The Broncos head into Sunday's home game against Houston (4-1) with a 4-2 record, good enough for a tie with Kansas City to lead the AFC West.

That sort of record doesn't usually prompt a coach to shuffle players, but Reeves did not rule out such changes on the offensive line.

"I think our best lineup is in the ballgame right now," Reeves said. But, "I'm going to give them an honest chance to see if they can do it. Then you have to



AP LaserPhoto

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look at making changes. And I'm certainly reaching close to that point, where over a period of time a guy's got to show he can get the job done."

Reeves gave the offensive line a grade of 75-80 percent for its play so far this season. But, he said a championship-quality team has to play at 85-90 percent to compete at that level.

The NFL trading deadline passed Tuesday with no announcements from the Broncos. Denver does have a spot open on its roster, with the waiving of running back Jeff Alexander Tuesday.

Barring the addition of a free agent, the players who could be moved up on the offensive line depth chart include veteran Dave Widell (utility) and rookies Chuck Johnson (tackle) and Bob Meeks (center). Tackles Jim Johnson and Mark Flythe, converted from defensive end, are on the practice squad.

"If the coaches feel changes need to be made," Elway said, "I'm sure they'll make them."

Chiefs' tough defense concerns Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Jimmy Johnson has seen the Kansas City Chiefs on videotape and he's concerned.

"Kansas City has one of the top teams in the league," the Dallas Cowboys coach said on Tuesday. "They are one of the most physical teams in the NFL."

Johnson was at Valley Ranch and was unhappy about what is ahead for the Cowboys.

"I'm not in a very good humor," Johnson said. "I've been watching Kansas City tapes."

Johnson saw the Chiefs impressively defeat the Philadelphia Eagles 24-17, a team that throttled the Dallas Cowboys 31-7 only two weeks ago.

"Kansas City did things we wanted to do against Philadelphia," Johnson said. "Kansas City did well in every department and they even blocked a field goal. We had hoped we would have done something like that ourselves."

Odds makers rated the Cowboys early four-point favorites over the Chiefs. Dallas has won nine consecutive home games.

Johnson said the Cowboys (4-1) will have to play well in all three phases, offense, defense and special teams when Kansas City (4-2) comes calling at noon Sunday in Texas Stadium.

He lost his top special teams player, Bill Bates, for the season because of torn ligaments suffered in a 27-0 victory over Seattle. Ken Norton will take Bates' place as the middle linebacker in the nickel pass defense packages.

"Bates meant a lot to this team because of his leadership," Johnson said. "He was a great example on the field. We'll also miss him a lot on the special teams."

Another spot on the roster opened up when the Cowboys traded wide receiver Alexander Wright, the NFL's fastest man, to the Los Angeles Raiders for future middle round considerations. The Cowboys will get a fourth-round pick but it could move up to a third depending on Wright's playing time.

Johnson admitted the Cowboys made a mistake in drafting Wright in the second round in 1990.

"He didn't develop as fast as we wanted," Johnson said. "We had to go on about our business. We didn't get what we paid for because we wasted a couple of years."

Wright had blazing speed but his hands didn't always pull down the football. Wright couldn't beat out Kelvin Martin, who has average speed but great hands.

Don Shula 'feeling good'

Dolphins only unbeaten team left after season's sixth week

MIAMI (AP) - Twenty years ago, Don Shula became the only NFL coach to lead his team to an undefeated season. Now he's the only coach with a chance to do it in 1992.

The Miami Dolphins are 5-0. Every other team has at least one loss.

"That's a good feeling," Shula said Monday. "No question about it."

When Miami missed the playoffs five of the past six years, Shula — to his credit — never suggested his mediocre teams were better than their record. So he's not inclined to concede the reverse as being the case now.

"You measure a team by its record," Shula said.

Linebacker David Griggs agreed.

"Are we as good as our record? Of course we are," Griggs said.

"That's a silly question. I mean, look around. I see a lot of talent on this team," Griggs added.

Talent, yes, but also a habit of taking games to the wire. Sunday's 21-17 victory over Atlanta marked the third time Miami has trailed in the fourth quarter before rallying.

"I'll bet you a dinner that if you take the years when the Giants or the Bills or the 49ers went to the Super Bowl, you'll find a few games where they came from behind," Griggs said.

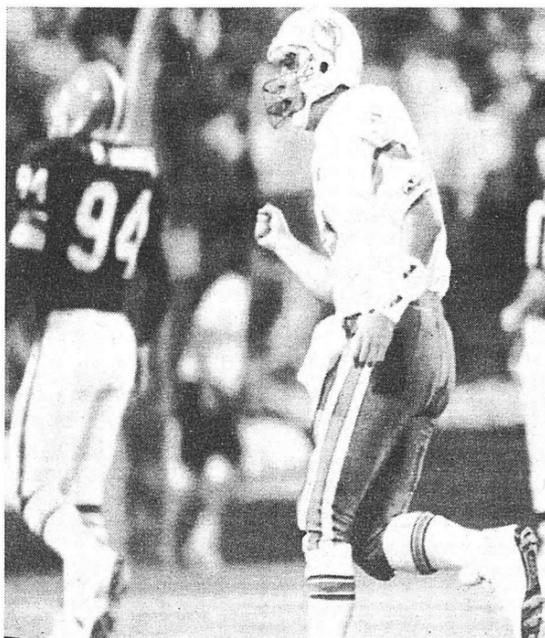
"It's a good sign. You're going to have to win games like that. The competition is so even, you can't go out and dominate like you could 20 years ago."

Still, narrow escapes taint Miami as something less than a powerhouse.

"We've been in a lot of close games," quarterback Dan Marino acknowledged. "Hopefully we'll get some easy ones down the line."

The easiest win thus far has been a shocking 37-10 victory at Buffalo Oct. 4. Miami also survived in two other hostile settings against mediocre teams — Cleveland and Seattle.

The Buffalo win was impressive, but it should also be noted that all but one of Miami's victims are under



AP LaserPhoto

Miami quarterback Dan Marino celebrates during a come-from-behind win over the Cleveland Browns during a Monday night game this year. Miami has needed three fourth-quarter rallies — including one against the Falcons last week — to remain undefeated this year.

.500 and in last place in their divisions.

Remarkably, Miami leads the two-time defending conference champion Bills by two games in the AFC East standings. Buffalo lost Sunday to the Raiders in Los Angeles.

"That was a good evening," Shula said with a smile, "to watch television and see that happening on the West Coast."

He wants a cushion in the standings because though the Dolphins are unbeaten, they're hardly unbeatable. The running game ranks 17th in the NFL, the defense 16th, the pass defense 23rd. A juggernaut? Not.

"We realize," Shula said, "that we're just five games into the season."

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Miami	5	0	0	130	77
Buffalo	4	2	0	166	102
Indianapolis	3	2	0	54	78
N.Y. Jets	1	5	0	84	123
New England	0	5	0	46	119

CENTRAL

Houston	4	1	0	132	83
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	91	74
Cincinnati	2	3	0	99	128
Cleveland	2	3	0	71	78

WEST

Denver	4	2	0	73	109
Kansas City	4	2	0	140	84
LA Raiders	2	4	0	90	109
San Diego	1	4	0	46	101
Seattle	1	5	0	43	116

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	1	0	124	58
Dallas	4	1	0	122	89
Washington	3	2	0	105	80
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	110	113
Phoenix	1	4	0	89	140

CENTRAL

Minnesota	4	1	0	129	98
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	115	83
Chicago	2	3	0	108	131
Green Bay	2	3	0	74	104
Detroit	1	4	0	95	97

WEST

San Fran.	5	1	0	160	108
New Orleans	4	2	0	87	61
Atlanta	2	4	0	116	123
L.A. Rams	2	4	0	83	116



AP LaserPhoto

Mike Tyson (center) leaves an Indianapolis courtroom Jan. 30 with long-time friend Camille Ewald (right). Now in jail after being convicted of rape, Tyson spends time reading books about black history and issues.

Jailed Tyson 'doing great'

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (AP) - The man who invited Mike Tyson to make his fateful journey to Indianapolis last year said the former heavyweight boxing champion is doing great in prison.

"He understands what he has to do. He's making the best of the opportunity to find himself as an individual, not as Mike Tyson the boxer," said Rev. Charles Williams.

It was Williams who invited Tyson to Indiana in July, 1991 to attend Indiana Black Expo, which Williams heads. While there, Tyson raped a contestant in the Miss Black America pageant.

Now, six months after being sentenced for rape, Tyson has settled into a routine of work and reading at the Indi-

ana Youth Center, a pattern broken only by the stream of visitors.

Tyson spends much of his time when he's not working in the prison's recreation area reading books about black history and issues. "He's never had the time to read," said Williams.

He said Tyson's reading list includes books by black poet Maya Angelou; Frances Cress-Welsing, who writes about the origins of racism; and Arthur Thomas, who writes about black leaders.

"I don't see any rebellion in him," Williams said. "I think he has used this as an opportunity to look within himself and toward the future — without a crowd of advisers — to make some definite decisions."

Hurricanes, Huskies share college football's top spot

NEW YORK (AP) - Miami and Washington, last year's co-national champions, share the No. 1 spot again in this week's college football polls.

Washington edged Miami by one point in Sunday's Associated Press writers' poll, while the Hurricanes led the Huskies by one point in the USA Today-CNN coaches' survey.

Washington (5-0) led both polls by a comfortable margin last week, but Miami (5-0) gained ground by beating Penn State 17-14 Saturday. It was the Hurricanes' second consecutive victory over a Top 10 opponent, following a 19-16 win over Florida State the previous week.

Washington's 35-16 victory over California was the Huskies' third straight over a ranked team, but none of those opponents is currently in the AP Top 10. Nebraska is 11th, Southern Cal is 18th and California, which was 24th last week, dropped out of the Top 25 this week.

Miami and Washington each received 30 1/2 first-place votes in the AP poll. But the Huskies got one more point (1,517 1/2-1,516 1/2) because one voter listed Alabama first, Washington second and Miami third. Another voter split his first-place vote between Washington and Miami.

In USA Today-CNN, Miami outpolled Washington by two first-place votes (31-29) and one point (1,467-1,466).

The results are the opposite of last year's final polls, when Miami was No. 1 in AP and Washington was No. 1 in USA Today-CNN.

Washington coach Don James said Sunday that he was "pleased we're still recognized as No. 1 in the AP poll." But, he added,

"I don't think coaches get as caught

up in the polls as other people do. I think all this stuff will sort itself out in time."

Miami coach Dennis Erickson agreed. "There will always be a comparison until one of us loses," he said. "The players can't worry about this.... There's nothing we can do but play well and win games. The rest is in the hands of others."

The one-point margin in the AP poll isn't the closest ever for No. 1. There have been two ties for first, in 1939 and 1941. On Nov. 27, 1939, Texas A&M and Southern Cal tied with 939 points each. On Oct. 27, 1941, Minnesota and Texas shared first place with 1,161 points apiece.

The closest final AP poll was last year's four-point difference between Miami and Washington.

Miami, which has the nation's longest winning streak (23), plays Texas Christian next Saturday at the Orange Bowl. Washington, which has won 19 in a row, visits Oregon.

Michigan remained third in this week's AP poll. Rounding out the Top 10 are Alabama, Texas A&M, Florida State, Colorado, Stanford, Penn State and Georgia.

Nebraska is 11th, followed by Notre Dame, Tennessee, Syracuse, Mississippi State, Georgia Tech, Virginia, Southern Cal, Clemson, Boston College, North Carolina State, Washington State, Florida, West Virginia and Kansas.

Tennessee plunged nine notches to No. 13 after losing to Arkansas 25-24, and Virginia dropped seven spots to No. 17 after falling to Clemson 29-28.

Washington State, West Virginia and Kansas moved into the Top 25, while Oklahoma, UCLA, Ohio State and California dropped out.

JAYS AND BRAVES, OH MY!

Atlanta produces 9th inning miracle

ATLANTA (AP) - There were three outs left in the Atlanta Braves' season. The tomahawks were missing the targets. Things were falling apart. But in a matter of minutes, these probable losers were World Series-bound for the second year in a row. "Even though we were down to our last three outs, we thought we could win," Terry Pendleton said.

A double by Pendleton and an error by Pittsburgh Pirates second baseman Jose Lind to start the ninth inning gave life to the Braves Wednesday night. A walk, a sacrifice fly by Ron Gant, another walk and a popout left the score 2-1 with just one out left.

At the plate for the Braves was pinch-hitter Francisco Cabrera.

Who is Francisco Cabrera?

He's now the Braves' hero as his bases-loaded single brought in the tying and winning runs in a 3-2 victory in the seventh game of the NL Championship Series. Sid Bream just managed to slide around Mike LaValliere's tag.

"This is a gift of God to the Atlanta Braves," Otis Nixon said. "It don't get no better."

It seems impossible to pick where to begin.

Just a few days ago, the pennant was sealed for Atlanta. But consecutive meltdowns by Braves starters Steve Avery and Tom Glavine pushed the Braves to the edge.

Cabrera pulled them back and pushed the Pirates over, too.

"I guess we were a little lucky," winning pitcher Jeff Reardon said, "but we played good also."

Pittsburgh, though, had played better.

The Pirates outpitched the Braves and outthit them. If anybody deserved to go to the World Series, it was Pittsburgh, a team on the verge of breakup because of free agency.

Almost no one comes back from 2-0 deficits in the ninth. Maybe in June and July, when the opponents are the Dodgers and the Phillies, but not in October, when all of baseball is watching. Not against a pitcher like Doug Drabek, who took a five-hitter into the ninth.

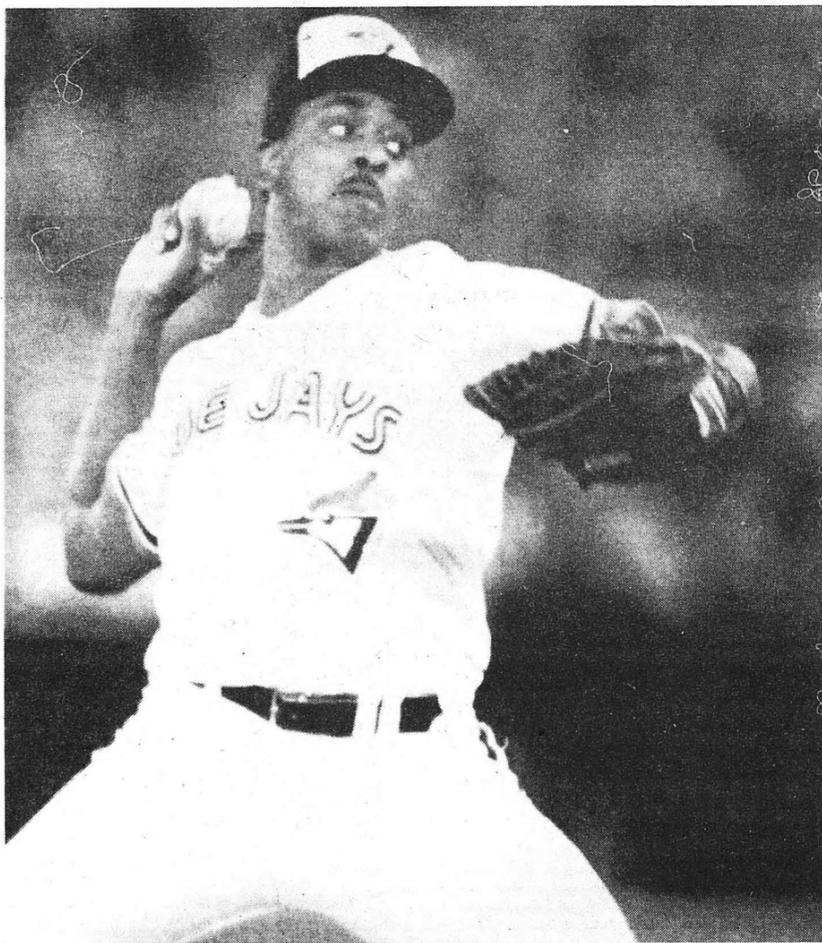
"It was our last chance," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said.

"I've never been part of something that went from down there to up here so quick," Ron Gant said. "I was hyperventilating. I thought I was going to have a heart attack. I never dreamed of anything like this."

It was Gant's sacrifice fly that closed the Braves within a run. But after Brian Hunter popped out, leaving the bases loaded with one out to go, it looked like close was all Atlanta would get this time.

In Pittsburgh's dugout, manager Jim Leyland's heart was pounding. But Cabrera had some pounding to do of his own.

"I tell you what, when we had bases loaded and Ronnie's fly drove in that one run, there was still some doubt," Bream said.



Toronto pitcher Juan Guzman pitches in the first inning of the Blue Jays' 9-2 victory over Oakland Wednesday afternoon.

Maldonado, Carter lead Toronto to World Series

TORONTO (AP) - Candy Maldonado is the guy the Toronto Blue Jays hope can do it. Joe Carter is the guy they count on to do it. On Wednesday, both did it in the deciding game of the American League playoffs.

Carter, the Jays' No. 3 hitter, cracked a 405-foot home run to left and Maldonado, the quietly efficient left fielder, mashed a 424-footer to center, getting Toronto off to a running start and accounting for five of their first six runs in a 9-2 victory over Oakland Thursday to give the Blue Jays the playoffs 4-2.

Add in a 3 for 5 performance by Roberto Alomar, the second baseman who was selected most valuable player of the series, and Juan Guzman had all the support he needed. The fireballer from the Dominican Republic threw seven innings of five-hit ball, giving up one run and winning his second victory of the series.

Carter, Toronto's workhorse all year as he hit 34 homers and drove in 119 runs, started it with a two-run homer in the first.

"In a game like this, the first inning is very important," Carter said. "Juan shut them down and I hit the home run after Rickey (Henderson) made the error. Once we took the lead, the pressure was on

them."

Then came Maldonado with a three-run shot in the third that made it 6-0.

"I got a fastball right over the plate; it was the greatest feeling," Maldonado said between dousings of champagne in the locker room. "I was looking for something up and got a great pitch to hit."

The team that scored first had won each of the first five games, and the Jays knew that.

"We came in with the idea if we could get ahead, we could put the pressure on them," Maldonado said.

The Blue Jays have been suffering their own kind of pressure. Three times they have won the AL East title and three times failed to advance to the World Series.

"It's a shame, but there will always be pressure on us until we reach the next plateau," Carter said. "We don't only want to get to the World Series, we want to win there."

The Toronto rightfielder said it didn't really matter whether the Jays faced Atlanta or Pittsburgh.

"This team matches up very well against either ball club. We are not a one-or-two man team. We've got 8, 9, 10, 11 guys who can beat you any particular day."

Braves get 2nd chance against Jack Morris



Jack Morris — a Twins pitcher in 1991 — celebrates in Minnesota after the Twins defeated the Atlanta Braves in the World Series. Saturday night, the Blue Jays and Braves will be together in Atlanta for Game 1 of the 1992 World Series. Morris will almost certainly start for Toronto, while it might take a while for Atlanta to decide its pitching plans.

TORONTO (AP) - So we're back to where it all ended in 10 amazing innings last October, with Jack Morris about to face the Atlanta Braves in the World Series.

Less than two hours after the Toronto Blue Jays won the AL pennant by beating Oakland 9-2 Wednesday, Morris was in the bullpen at the nearly empty SkyDome, tuning up for his next start.

A few hours later, Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium was in a frenzy as the Braves rallied for three runs in the ninth inning to stun Pittsburgh 3-2 in Game 7.

On Saturday night, the Blue Jays and Braves will be together in Atlanta for Game 1. Morris will almost certainly start for Toronto, while it might take a while for Atlanta to decide its pitching plans.

The Braves begin the series looking to atone for last year's near miss. They blew their big chance in Game 7 at the Metrodome on Lonnie Smith's baserunning blunder in the eighth inning, and wound up losing 1-0 to Morris and the Minnesota Twins.

For the Blue Jays, it's a series of World Series firsts. Toronto's first appearance marks the first time the event will be played outside the United States — Game 3 Tuesday will be in Canada — and Cito Gaston becomes the first black manager in Series history.

Howard holds first transition seminar

HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - In 1991, the U. S. Air Force began reducing its size by more than 17 percent over a five-year period.

"This means that many Air Force personnel and their families have or will face separation in this, the largest downsizing in the history of the all-volunteer force," Gregory Galloway, Howard Family Support Center director, said. "These members and their families now face critical crossroads in their lives."

To help separating members, the Howard Transition Assistance Program will conduct its first three-day seminar Wednesday - Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Howard Officers' Club.

"The seminar is designed to help individuals and families ease the transition from a formerly secure and mobile lifestyle to the challenges of the civilian community as comfortably and confidently as possible," Avis Pine, transition assistant specialist, said. "Participants will discover how to translate their military career into civilian fields, enhance marketability,

strengthen job finding skills and simultaneously balance their personal and family life."

The seminar covers personal appraisal, setting goals, communication skills, family issues, legal and financial planning, an overview of veterans' benefits and programs as well as provide hands-on assistance in researching companies, preparing winning employment applications, effective resumes and successful interview skills.

"A variety of speakers from the community will offer their perspective, share their experiences and motivate the audience into making informed and enlightened decisions about the choices they will face as they enter into their new lifestyles," explained Pine, who coordinated the three-day seminar.

"The transition assistance program here offers quality education and guidance to separating members and their families," she said. "We want to ensure that they are well-equipped to compete in the civilian community. As the civilian sector becomes more competitive,

military experience and training must be maximized to ensure optimum utilization of these valuable resources."

The backbone of the Air Force Transition Assistance Program in the states is the three-day seminar directly supported by the departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs, Pine said.

Since Panama is too remote for direct representation of these agencies, local veterans groups have volunteered their skills and experiences to support fellow veterans and this program.

"With the participation and knowledge of local experts as well as the support of the command, the transition assistance program will now begin producing a total quality seminar that parallels what is offered in the states," Pine said.

Separating and retiring military members and their families are encouraged to attend this seminar and make use of transition assistance as they plan for the next phase in their lives. To register, call 284-4347/3865.

Coast Guard academy taking applications

QUARRY HEIGHTS (USSOUTHCOM PAO) - The United States Coast Guard Academy is currently accepting and processing applications for appointments as cadet, U.S. Coast Guard, class of 1997.

The Coast Guard Academy, located in New London, Conn., is the only U.S. service academy that has no congressional nominations or geographical quotas.

Appointments are offered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition.

Both men and women are eligible. Applications must be submitted to the academy's Director of Admissions before Dec. 15.

Candidates must arrange to participate in either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Testing Assessment before or including the December 1992 ACT and SAT administrations.

Appointments as cadet are offered based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community affairs, and/or part-time employment.

The most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both the mathematical and applied sciences fields.

Those interested in further information may contact either Coast Guard Capt. Al Hindle at U.S. Southern Command Headquarters, 282-4554, or Coast Guard Capt. Richard Asaro at the Panama Canal Commission, 252-4244.



U.S. Army photo by SSgt. Phillip Clark

LOOK MA, NO PADDLES! - Chris Martini, Michael Fisher, Drake Sprague, Marcus Worcester and Shem Unger, Troop 20, compete in the canoe race with no paddles. The canoe race was part of the Boy Scout Fall Camporee held at the Fort Espinar Aquatics Center, Oct. 10, 11 and 12. Ninety-one scouts and 26 adults from the Pacific and Atlantic sides took part in the Camporee. The scouts had campsite inspections, tug-of-wars, canoe races and a blind-man obstacle course.

Respiratory illness preventable through simple precautions

QUARRY HEIGHTS, Panama (Tropic Times) - Histoplasmosis is a respiratory illness found in Panama that the U.S. Southern Command Surgeon feels is preventable.

Histo, as it's called, is a relatively mild flu-like illness which generally last a few days, said the Command Surgeon, Col. Ernest Sutton.

The colonel said sometimes the infection can last weeks or a month. "However, there are cases of lingering infections and medical treatment is available," he said. It is only when the spores spread from the lungs to the rest of the body, less than 1 percent of the cases, that complications may occur. Those most susceptible to this type of infection are the very young, the elderly and those whose immune systems are depressed. Therefore, most cases of histo require little or no treatment and most patients recover through natural defenses, he said.

Histoplasmosis is caused by the fungus *Histoplasma*

Capsulatum, an extremely simple form of plant life, he said. This organism grows well in soil mixed with bird or bat droppings. It is the high nutrient content of these droppings that provides an excellent growth medium. It can also be found in droppings not in contact with soil. The spores of histo are extremely small and float in the air when stirred up with dust, he said.

When inhaled, the fungus can get down into the lungs where it eventually reaches the air sacs and multiplies, he said.

"Unless the spore invasion is enormous in quantity, however, the body's natural defenses are normally sufficient to fight off the infection without damage to the lungs," Sutton said.

"In the majority of cases, little harm is done to the patient. Many patients feel no symptoms at all, while others may suffer a brief and relatively mild flu-like illness."

On the basis of skin testing, it is estimated 30 million people have been infected and about a half million more become infected each year, he said.

Most cases involve cave explorers and those involved in cleaning areas that served as bird or bat roosts and have poor ventilation. In these situations the people disturbed the area resulting in breathing in the dust containing the fungus spores. "Because of the large bird and bat population here, it is believed that exposure can also occur almost anywhere," Sutton said.

Sutton offers the following tips to help prevent the infection:

◆ Avoid caves and areas of poor ventilation that have several years accumulation of bird or bat droppings.

◆ Avoid bivouacs in areas around large trees and caves which might house bird or bat populations.

◆ Keep buildings, especially attics, free of birds or bats and as dry and clean as possible. When sweeping them out, wet down the area with water to prevent dust.

◆ Consult the Directorate of Engineering and Housing before cleaning areas with large accumulations of bat droppings.

For more information on histoplasmosis, contact Preventive Medicine, Entomology Section, U.S. Army Medical Activity, Panama at 285-5643.



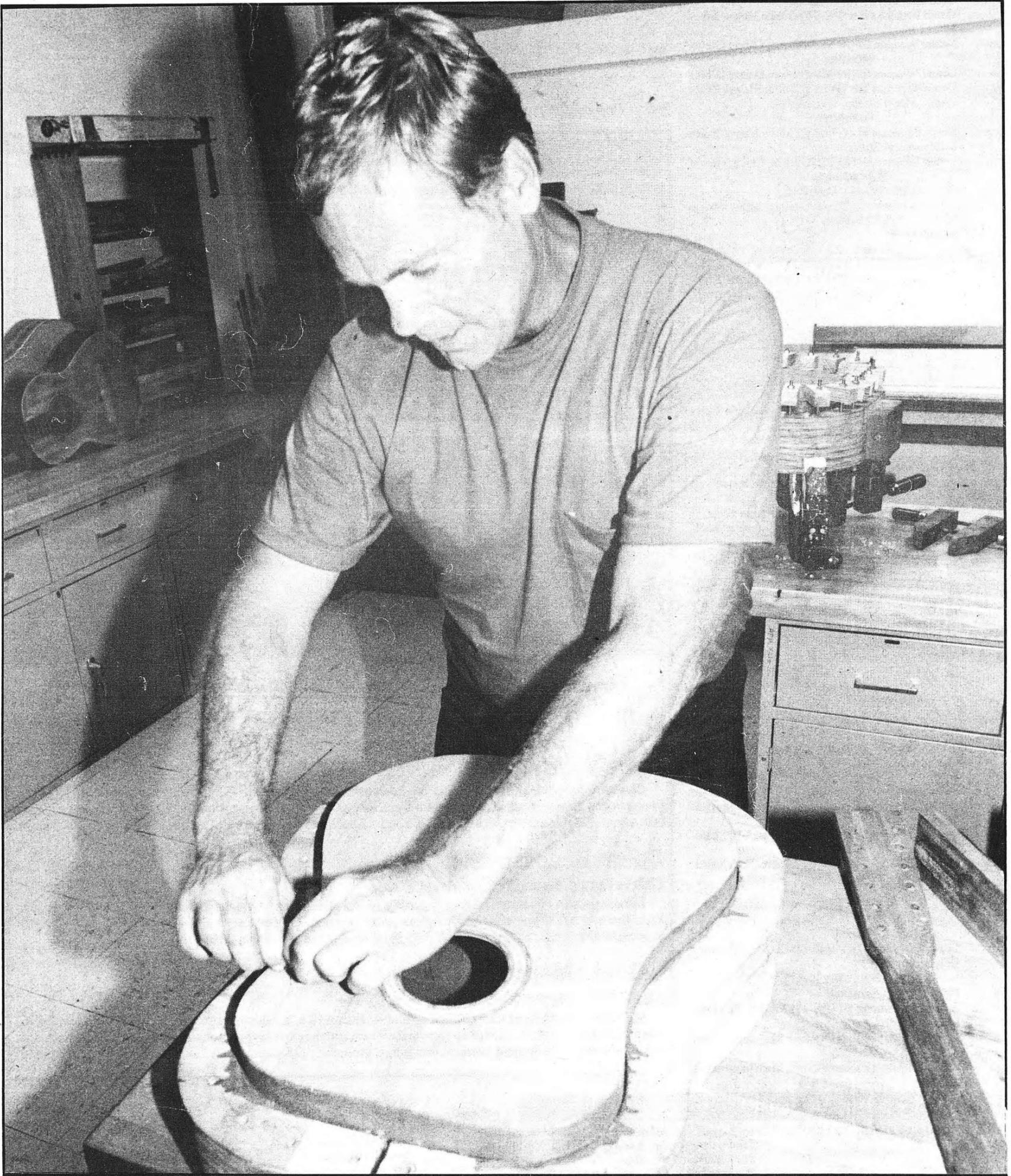
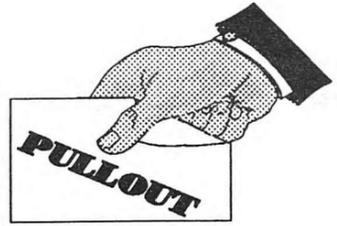
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U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Bob Wright

LaRue Ave-Lallemant, instructor at Fort Clayton's Arts and Crafts Center, builds a guitar for an upcoming class. See story, photos page B5.

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A group of street-smart youngsters wreak havoc as uninvited guests on a date in *Bebe's Kids*.

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Chevy Cavalier RS convertible offers comfort in stylish, compact-size car.

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Movies

HOWARD

Today
7pm Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin
9pm Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovitch

Saturday
2pm Bebe's Kids (PG-13) Animated
6:30pm Death Becomes Her (PG-13) Goldie Hawn, Bruce Willis, Meryl Streep
9pm Lethal Weapon III (R) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover

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Thursday
NO MOVIE

Oct. 23
7pm Bebe's Kids (PG-13) Animated
9pm Death Becomes Her (PG-13) Goldie Hawn, Bruce Willis, Meryl Streep

CLAYTON

Today
7pm A Stranger Among Us (PG-13) Melanie Griffith, Eric Thal
9pm Unlawful Entry (R) Kurt Russell, Madeleine Stowe

Saturday
2pm Beethoven (PG) Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt
6:30pm Prelude To A Kiss (PG-13) Meg Ryan, Alec Baldwin
8:50pm Raising Cain (R) John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovitch

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DAVIS

Today
7pm Universal Soldier (R), Jean Claude Van Damme, Dolph Lundgren

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2pm Pinocchio (G) Animated
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SHERMAN

Today
7pm Sister Act (PG) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith

Saturday
7pm Man Trouble (PG-13) Jack Nicholson, Ellen Barkin

Sunday
2pm Pinocchio (G) Animated

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

Thursday
7pm Universal Soldier (R) Jean Claude Van Damme, Dolph Lundgren

Oct. 23
7pm Batman Returns (PG-13) Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito

AMADOR

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

Saturday
7pm Boomerang (R) Eddie Murphy, Robin Givens

Sunday
7pm Pinocchio (G) Animated

Thursday
7pm A Stranger Among Us (PG-13) Melanie Griffith, Eric Thal

Oct. 23
7pm Lethal Weapon III (R) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover

Now showing

PG-13

Howard Theater, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Oct. 23.

Bebe's Kids

Based on the characters created by the late comedian, Robin Harris, Bebe's Kids are three street-smart youngsters whose mission in life is to total a first date as they tag along to turn an evening in an amusement park into a total shambles. PG-13 (violence, language). Special added attraction: The Itsy Bitsy Spider. PG, 81 min.

Death Becomes Her

Goldie Hawn, Bruce Willis, Meryl Streep

In this epic tale of vanity and vengeance, we explore the limits to which two middle age beauties will go to keep their looks. When conventional aids aren't enough, Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep call upon the supernatural to preserve their youth. PG-13 (violence, language, nudity), 104 min.

Lethal Weapon III

Mel Gibson, Danny Glover

Mel Gibson and Danny Glover team up one more time to chase down an ex-cop who's selling stolen police guns to criminals. Spectacular action, special effects, and the explosive personalities of the two stars make this a don't - miss entertainment event. R (language, violence), 116 min.

SCN FM radio schedule

Weekdays
5:05-9am The Morning Show (local, live)
9:05-10am Charlie Tuna (top 40 hits)
10:05-11am Gene Price (country/western)
11:05-1pm Middy Show (local, live)
1:05-2pm Don Tracy (urban contemporary)
2:05-3pm Laurie Allen (classic rock)
3:05-4pm Harry Newman (country/western)
4:05-6pm Afternoon Drive (local, live)
6:05-7pm Larita Shelby (urban contemporary)
7:05-9pm The Rock Block (local, live)
9:05-10pm Mary Turner (album oriented rock)

10:05-11pm Joe Reiling New Rock
11:05-11:30pm Jim Pewter Oldies
11:30-Midnight Jazz Beat
Midnight-5am SCN Overnite - Adult Rock & Roll (UNISTAR)
Midnight-6am Friday - SCN Overnite

Saturdays

6:05-7am Golden Days of Radio (nostalgia)
7:05-8am Off the Record (album oriented rock)
8:05-10am The Countdown (urban contemporary)
10:05-Noon Morning Show (local, live)
12:05-4pm American Top 40 (contemporary hit radio)

4:05-6pm Saturday Golden Oldies (local, live)
6:05-8pm Canal Country (local, live) Country & Western
8:05-11pm American Dance Trax (dance music)
11:05-Midnight In the Studio (album oriented rock)
Midnight-6am SCN Overnight

Sundays

6:05-6:30am In The 1 Gospel (religious)
6:30-7:00am Roller Coaster
7:05-7:30am Crosscurrents (religious)
7:30-8am Love on the Rock (religious)
8:05-9am Doug Orduino (classical)
9:05-10am The Jazz Show
10:05-Noon Morning Show (local, live)

12:05-4pm American Country Countdown
4:05-6pm Hits of the 80s (local, live oldies)
6:05-8pm Sunday Night Special (local, live urban contemporary)
8:05-11pm Dick Clark's Rock, Roll and Remember (oldies)
11:05-Midnight King Biscuit Flower Hour (live concert)
Midnight-5am SCN Overnight

SCN FM radio airs 91.5 Pacific and 98.3 Atlantic on the FM dial with five minutes of AP Network news at the top of each hour. Power FM News airs weekdays at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.



Channels 8 & 10

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Oct. 23
5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Kid's Incorporated Series Ends 10:00 CNN Newroom 10:15 Channel One 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: "Success Through Education" 8:30 Special: Frontline: "Clarence Thomas & Anita Hill Public Hearing, Private Pain" 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 SCN News Update 10:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Late Night W/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 All Night Movies: "Captain From Castille" 3:30 All Night Movies: "No Way Out"	6:30am Carolina Marines 7:00 Air Force News 7:30 Navy News This Week 8:00 Cartoon Corner 8:30 Just For Kids! Widget Woody Woodpecker Shirt Tales Back To The Future 10:30 Headline News 11:00 CFA Football: TBA 2:00pm Headline News 2:30 CFA Football: TBA 5:30 Austin City Limits 6:30 Headline News 7:00 Special: A Nation's Agenda (Pt. 3 of 3) 8:00 Saturday Night Movie: "Ladyhawke" 10:00 Headline News 10:30 Saturday Night Live Midnight Friday Night Videos 1:00 Night of The Hunter 2:15 "The Best of Times" 4:15 Videolinks 5:00 Headline News 5:30 Headline News Break	6:00am Robert Schuller: 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 Washington Week In Review 10:30 This Week W/David Brinkley 11:30 Both Sides W/Jessie Jackson Noon NFL Football: TBA or the following Schedule Noon Movie: How The West Was Won 2:30 Today's Gourmet 3:00 Headline News Break 3:15 Nova 4:10 Star Trek 5:00 Headline News 5:30 On Stage '92 6:00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 7:00 Street Stories 8:00 Sunday Night Movie: "Sudden Impact" 10:00 Entertainment This Week 11:00 The Casebook 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 ABC Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Family Double Dare 10:00 CNN Newroom 10:15 Channel One 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 Machine 1:00 Another World 2:00 Oprah Winfrey 3:00 Nick Arcade 3:30 Price Is Right 4:25 Guiding Light 5:15 General Hospital 6:00 Special: ABC "Presidential Debate" 8:00 SCN Evening Report (Tape Delayed) 8:30 The Fall Guy 9:30 Headline News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 SCN News Update 10:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Late Night W/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Inside Politics '92 1:30 Sports Latentight 2:00 Arsenio Hall 3:00 Tonight Show 4:00 Late Night W/Letterman 5:00 Headline News Break	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 ABC Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Silver Spoons 10:00 CNN Newroom 10:15 Channel One 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 LateNight 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 Anything But Love 8:00 Evening Shade 8:30 48 Hours 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 SCN News Update 10:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Late Night W/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Inside Politics '92 1:35 Sports Tonight 2:00 Arsenio Hall 3:00 Tonight Show 4:00 Late Night W/Letterman 5:00 Headline News Break	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 ABC Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Back To The Future 10:00 CNN Newroom 10:15 Channel One 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 LateNight 1:00 Another World 2:00 Donahue 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 Wednesday Night Movie: "F/X" 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 SCN News Update 10:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Late Night W/David Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 Inside Politics '92 1:30 Sports Tonight 2:00 Arsenio Hall Show 3:00 Tonight Show 4:00 Late Night W/Letterman 5:00 Headline News Break	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise 6:00 ABC Good Morning America 8:00 Body by Jake 8:30 Sesame Street 9:30 Silver Spoons 10:00 CNN Newroom 10:15 Channel One 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 Thursday Night Movie: "Violation of Trust" 9:05 Pinnacle 9:30 CBS Evening News 10:00 Entertainment Tonight 10:30 SCN News Update 10:35 Tonight Show 11:35 Late Night W/Letterman 12:35am Nightline 1:05 All Night Movies: "Sudden Impact" 3:00 All Night Movies: "Violation of Trust" 4:40 Videolinks 5:30 Headline News 6:00 Headline News Break	

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Channels 8 & 10

SPORTS

College and pro football
Join SCN Channels 8 & 10 as we bring you NFL and College football action!

Saturday at 11 a.m.

CFA teams to be announced.

Sunday at noon

NFL teams to be announced.

SPECIALS

Presidential Debate

A Presidential debate between the Democratic challengers and the incumbent Republicans will be carried on SCN Monday at 6 p.m.

The Nation's Agenda Part 3

Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Episode #6

The conclusion of this three-part series examines crucial issues facing the United States. A battle of global economic dominance, the United States is losing. Restoring our nation's prosperity is our nation's next big test.

MOVIES

Ladyhawke

Saturday at 8 p.m.

A youthful pickpocket (Matthew Broderick) escapes a medieval prison only to find himself caught up in a dangerous quest with a savage, brooding knight (Rutger Hauer) and a beautiful watchful hawk (Michelle Pfeiffer). Stars Ken Hutchinson, John Wood and Alfred Molina.

Cable Channel 14

SPECIALS

Sports
Major League Baseball League Championship Series
SCN Cable channel 14 brings you continuing coverage of the World Series. Some normal programming may be moved or pre-empted.

Monday Night Football

Bengals vs Steelers 8:00 p.m.

NEW SERIES

Darkwing Duck

Replaces "Mickey and Donald"

He's brave, he's mysterious, he's incredibly clumsy, he's Darkwing Duck, champion of truth, justice and all that other good stuff.

Sundays at 6:55 a.m.

MOVIES

Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

An intrepid scientist and his party of unlikely companions set out on a hazardous journey into the depths of a volcano to find the center of the earth, and end up finding the lost city of Atlantis! Cast includes Pat Boone and James Mason.

The Alamo

Sunday at noon

John Wayne produced, directed and starred in this sprawling saga depicting the gallant men who valiantly defended the Alamo against the attack of thousands of Mexican troops under the command of Santa Ana in 1836. Cast includes Richard Widmark, Lawrence Harvey, Richard Boone, Chill Wills and Linda Crystal.





Chevy Cavalier RS

Compact-size convertible offers comfort

by Zane Binder
King Features Syndicate

One of the more reasonably priced American convertibles is Chevrolet's Cavalier RS Convertible, a variant of General Motor's bread-and-butter economy car. Though designed in the mid-1970s, in most aspects it's aged well; at a base price of \$15,395, the Cavalier Convertible offers decent value. But be aware, just as with any soft-top you pay a price in noise and handling, weight, reduced side and rear visibility, and even air leaks. But with convertible sales skyrocketing, it's obvious many feel the trade-offs are worthwhile.

Inside, the Z24 carries four in relative comfort. The twin front cloth buckets are wide and extremely comfortable, being designed with real, non-ideally shaped humans in mind. They're extremely soft and on long trips won't equal the fatigue-fighting qualities of more

supportive designs, but they're satisfactory. In the rear, the bench holds two adults for moderate trips, a surprise because of the car's compact size and space-consuming convertible top. The trunk, too, is decent size; taken together it means this car has a practical side. Turning to the manual convertible top, putting it up and down is relatively easy. It takes a few minutes to learn, but unlike many cars, doesn't present a real problem.

Looking forward from the driver's seat, the RS Convertible's dash contains abundant hand-dial analog gauges. They're jammed together and too small, but it's better than not having them at all. Storage nooks and crannies abound, and there's even an innovative but strangely designed cupholder. Standard power steering aids the Cavalier's handling; power door locks, a no-cost option automatically engage as you drive away. Unfortunately, they don't unlock when you shut off the engine, a real annoyance. Turning to safety, four-wheel

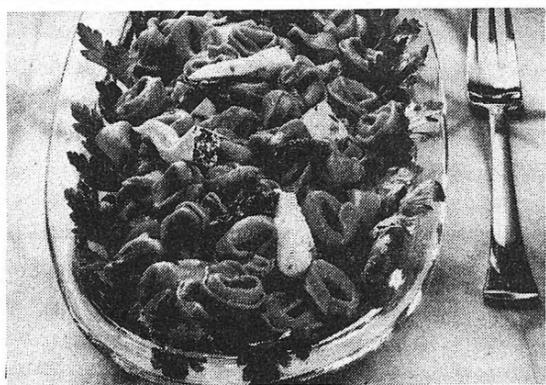
power disc anti-lock brakes are standard, a real plus on this relatively inexpensive car; air bags, unfortunately, aren't available. A rear window defogger is a \$170 option.

As mentioned above, one of the compromises to be endured in living with a convertible is handling. Like almost every vehicle without a permanent top, "below average" best describes it. Lack of body stiffness and rigidity - most people are unaware tops are stress-bearing members - is the culprit here. Despite the Z51 performance handling package (\$224), corners can be negotiated only at mundane speeds - and with lots of body lean. The tires, Goodyear GA all-weather types, don't help. They're too small and not sticky enough, often howling in protest. The turning circle on this 2,757-pound front-driver, at just 37 feet, is slightly below par for the class.

The RS Cavalier's ride, the opposite side of the handling equation, is soft, offering additional evidence the Z51 package is strongly biased toward comfort rather than sport. Neither large bumps nor potholes are taken well, and it's fairly easy to get the suspension to "bottom." When this occurs, the lack of body stiffness causes numerous squeaks and rattles to appear throughout the vehicle; that's the way things are with ragtops.

The test Cavalier RS was equipped with the optional \$610 3.1 liter 140 HP V6 (a 2.2 liter four is standard). This two valve per cylinder, old but well-proven engine, is one of GM's best. It provides good low-end torque, fine economy, decent smoothness and is reasonably quiet. Zero to 60 times averaged 8.9 seconds with the light clutch and "clunky," but satisfactory five-speed, more than a full second better than the factory claim. Fuel economy on the 268-mile test trip was observed at 18 city and 27 highway (EPA 19/28), fine real-world figures for the class.

Overall, despite shortcomings, the Cavalier convertible has lots of appeal. Its price, comfort level - much better than semi-competitors such as the Honda Prelude, Ford Tempo, Acura Integra, and Nissan 240SX - and good looks make it attractive. It's not sophisticated, but it's a decent top-down value.



Kitchen Capers

any shell or tubular-shape will do. If serving the dish hot, why not spaghetti, linguine or noodles?

A few words about the cheese that gives this dish zing. Danish Blue is a white-yellowish cheese with greenish blue veins and a distinctively tangy, sharp flavor. It can be sliced, crumbled or spread. Blue Castello is a light yellow, triple cream with blue veins. It's tangy, aromatic and extremely creamy. It can be sliced or spread, but does not crumble well because of its creaminess.

This dish can be chilled and served as a salad. Just before serving, drizzle a small amount of cold water over the pasta to moisten and toss again.

- Tortellini with Danish Blue cheese**
 4 ozs. Danish Blue cheese, crumbled, or Danish Blue Castello
 1 (12 oz.) package fresh meat tortellini
 1/4 cup virgin olive oil
 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 Fresh ground black pepper to taste

- Salt to taste**
 2 tablespoons water
 1 garlic clove, pressed
 1 tablespoon marinated sun dried tomatoes, drained and chopped
 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or 2 tablespoons dried parsley sprigs

Crumble Danish Blue cheese to make one cup; set aside. Cook tortellini in boiling water according to package directions, until al dente. Drain well and turn into serving bowl. Whisk together oil, lemon juice, pepper, salt and water. Add garlic, dried tomatoes, basil and two tablespoons reserved Danish Blue cheese and whisk. Pour dressing and remaining cheese over tortellini. Gently toss to mix thoroughly. Serve at once. *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.

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: 10-16-92 CLOSE: 10-27-92

ATLANTIC
 010-93-NR - ELECTRICAL WORKER (HIGH VOLTAGE), MG-2810-8. HQ, USAG, DEH-Atl Opns Br, Utilities Sec, Ext/Int, Electrical Shop, Fort Davis. Spec Exp: 2 yrs in the trade. Form 106. Note: Driver's license required. Limited to DA current civilian employees only. Candidates who applied under VB#460-92-NR need not reapply.

PACIFIC:
 002-93-JH - BUDGET ANALYST, NM-560-9. Comp Temporary Promotion NTE 1 yr. DODDS-Panama Region,

Office of Director, Fiscal Div, Albrook. Spec Exp: 1 yr equiv to NM-7. TIG: NM-7. Limited to DODDS employees only.

003-93-JH - PROCUREMENT CLERK (TYP), NM-1106-5. USAG, Directorate of Contracting, Contract Admin Div, Corozal. Form 106. Note: Qualified typist. Limited to DA civilian employees only.

004-93-VL - MEDICAL CLERK, NM-679-5. USA MEDDAC-Panama, Gorgas Army Commy Hospital, Clinical Support, Ancon. Spec Exp: 1 yr equiv to NM-4. Form 106. Note: Knowledge of Spanish. Shift work. Limited to MEDDAC/DENTAC permanent/temporary employees.

005-93-NR - BUDGET ASSISTANT (TYP), NM-561-6. HQ, USAG-DEH, ERMD, Budget Br, Corozal. Spec Exp: 1 yr equiv to NM-5. TIG: NM-5. Form 106. Note: Qualified typist. Limited to current DA civilian employees.

006-92-VL - BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS COLLECTOR, NM-5001-5. USA MEDDAC-Panama, Preventive Medicine Svc, Entomology Sec, Corozal. Spec Exp: 6 months in the trade. Form 106. Note: Driver's license required. Limited to MEDDAC/DENTAC permanent/temporary employees.

007-93-LA - SOCIAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, NM-187-5 Dev 8. DCA, FSD, ACS, Corozal. Spec Exp: 1 yr equiv to NM-5. Form 106. Note: Position will be filled at NM-5 level. Selectee will be required to undergo satisfactory background investigation. Limited to DA civilian employees.

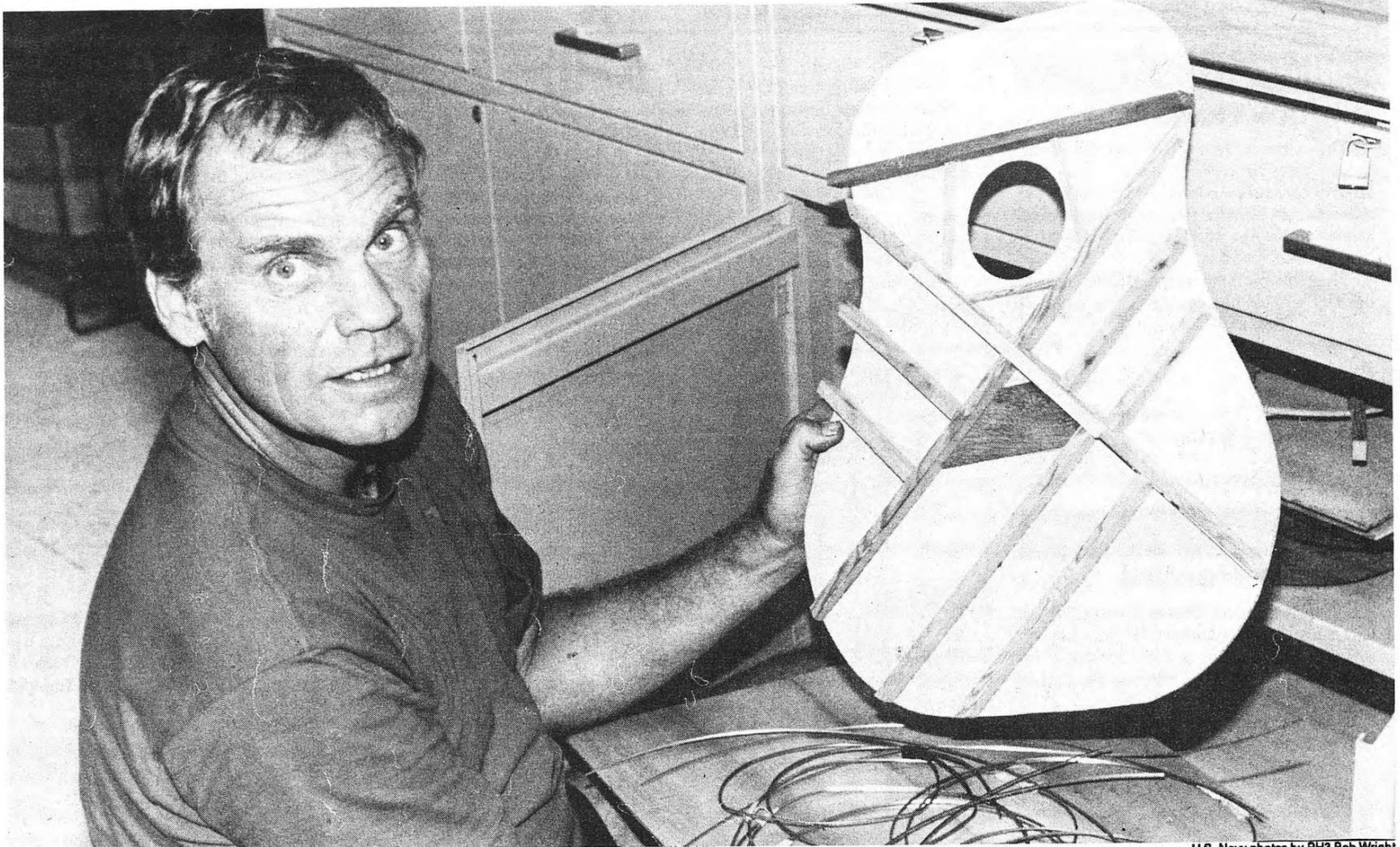
008-93-GG - MILITARY PERSONNEL CLERK (TYP), NM-204-5. Sensitive. USAG, AG's Office, Personnel Services Br, Fort Clayton. Spec Exp: 1 yr equiv to NM-4. Form 106. Note: Qualified typist required. Limited to DA civilian employees only.

009-93-GG - RECREATION ASSISTANT, NM-189-5. DCA, CRD/Gyms, Reeder Physical Fitness Center, Fort Clayton. Spec Exp: 1 yr equiv to NM-4. Form 106. Note: Limited to DA civilian employees only.

011-93-NC - ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, NM-525-5. Temporary Promotion NTE 120 days. 41st ASG, DOL, Services Division, TISA Br, Corozal. Spec Exp: 1 yr equiv to NM-4. Form 106. Limited to DOL, Services Division employees only.

Note VB#478-92-VC, Military Personnel Clerk (Typ), NM-204-4 is cancelled. VB#400-92-SS, Office Automation Clerk, NM-326-4 is cancelled.

The Directorate of Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications for the following positions: Clinical Nurse positions. For information call Enid Sullivan at 285-4116.



U.S. Navy photos by PH3 Bob Wright

Guitar making class instructor LaRue Ave-Lallemant explains his choice of wood for the guitar face.



Ave-Lallemant explains the gluing process for making a guitar base.



Ave-Lallemant inspects the neck-piece of a guitar before placing it for gluing.

A Work of Art

FORT CLAYTON (USARSOPAO) - To buy a guitar that puts out a perfect C flat, it usually costs around a G-Note. But, the Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center can teach guitar enthusiasts to build their own instrument for as little as \$150.

It takes 70 to 80 hours to make a guitar, but students get a quality, great sounding guitar, said LaRue Ave-Lallemant, an instructor at the center.

"A \$200 or \$300 dollar plywood guitar you buy in a store doesn't compare in quality or sound to ours. A guitar that costs under \$1,000 is either heavy on treble or bass," Ave-Lallemant said. "Ours are clear on bass and treble."

The students use a combination of rosewood, Alaskan spruce and ligna vitae. The ligna vitae comes from railroad ties at the bottom of Gatun Lake, Ave-Lallemant said.

Each type of wood has a different purpose, Ave-Lallemant said.

The rosewood is for the back of the

guitar and reflects the sound. The spruce is for the face because it is light, very strong and creates good sound by complementing steel strings.

The ligna vitae is for the neck because it is strong as well as beautiful, holds the fret board nicely and will serve as a memento of Panama, he said.

The center has all the materials, moldings and instructors available to assist students.

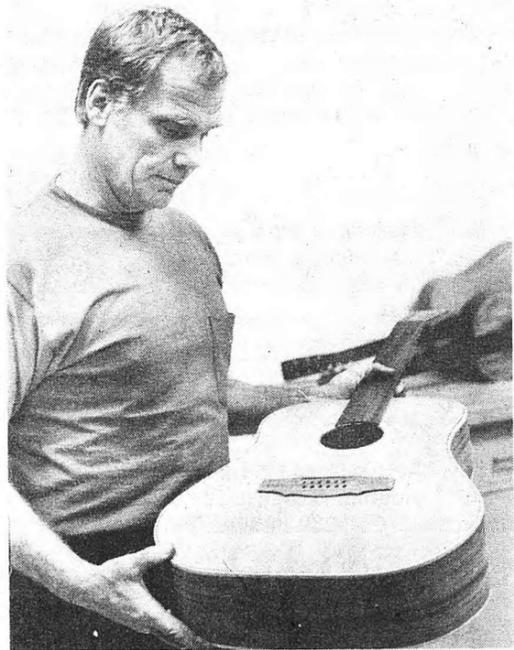
"You don't need to know how to play a guitar to build one," Ave-Lallemant said.

Students can start with as little as \$40 and

a little motivation. Students can then pay for what they need as they go along, he said.

The center usually holds classes on Thursdays and students can make appointments by calling 287-5957. After the first class, students can begin working with little instruction, Ave-Lallemant said.

"You can come here for two or three hours a day and it will be done in no time," he said.



Ave-Lallemant inspects a finished product.

Child care

Albrook/Howard

The Albrook Early Childhood Enrichment Center has openings for 4-year-olds. Hourly care reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance for 3-year-olds through kindergarten-age children. Call 286-3133 to make reservations.

The Howard Preschool and Child Development Center has openings for 3- and 4-year olds. Call 284-3711.

Clayton

The Fort Clayton Child Development Services is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. Call 287-5657.

Trips/tours

Albrook/Howard

The Information, Tour and Travel Office offers a monthly calendar of events and can arrange special trips for groups of 10 or more. Call the Zodiac Recreation Center 284-6161/6109.

Free Zone shopping, today and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; **shopping in Penonome**, Saturday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; **colonial Panama tour**, Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; **factory outlet shopping**, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Portobelo and Langosta Beach**, Oct. 24, 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

White water rafting in Costa Rica, Tuesday-Oct. 24. The \$390 fee includes transportation, air fare, accommodations, daily breakfast, one day class IV white water rafting with lunch, city tour and volcano tour. Fee is \$290 for non-rafters and \$222 for children.

Panama Bay sailing trip, Thursday, 6-11 p.m. The \$40 fee includes dinner, snack and refreshments.

Specials of the week - Peacock bass fishing in Arenosa, Sunday, 5 a.m.-2 p.m., fee is \$20; **horseback riding in El Valle**, Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., fee is \$18.

Horseback day trips to Pacora River Valley, Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. The \$25 fee includes transportation, horse rental and lunch. Call 287-4411 for reservations.

Clayton

Valent Recreation Center and the Outdoor Recreation Center are offering the following tours, for which reservations are

required. Call Valent, 287-6500/4201 or Outdoor Recreation Center, 287-3363.

Pacific beaches, Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10 fee; **El Valle**, Sunday, 6:30 a.m.; **shopping tour**, Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Contadora weekend trip, Oct. 25 and 26. The fee are \$160 per couple and \$109 per single.

Chiriqui trip, Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

Isla Mamey junior's snorkel/dive trip, Saturday, for young divers and interested parents. The \$17 fee includes transportation, two dives with master, bohio use and entry fee.

Bass fishing trip, Oct. 24. The \$10 fee includes transportation, boats, tackle, bait and guide.

Chocoe Indian Village trip, Oct. 31. The fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

Chiriqui white water rafting, Oct. 31-Nov. 3. Cost, to be announced, will include transportation, cabins and equipment.

Rodman

The Information, Tour and Travel Office is offering the following tours. Call 283-5307/4454.

Bay of Panama moonlight cruise, Oct. 23 and 30, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., complimentary snacks.

Panama City tour, Oct. 28, led by bilingual guide.

Barro Colorado Island, Oct. 24, includes transportation, bilingual guide, lunch, binoculars and poncho.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, includes round trip airfare, three nights hotel accommodations, city tour and airport transfers, passport required.

Montego Bay, Jamaica, Nov. 8-11. Fee includes hotel accommodations, airfare and Montego Bay transfers, passport required.

"Wet, Wild, Wooly," to Contadora, Nov. 27-29, includes transportation, two nights hotel, deep-sea fishing, water skiing, snorkeling and jet skiing.

Bass fishing package, includes transportation to and from Gamboa, boat and motor, gasoline, lake guide, \$5 worth of bait, bait bucket, rods and reels, tackle, coolers and ice. Call the Rodman Marina, 283-3147/3150.

Youth centers

Albrook/Howard

The Howard Youth Center, 284-4700,

and Albrook Youth Center, 286-3195, are offering the following trips and activities. All trips pick up at Howard at the time specified and at Albrook 30 minutes later.

Arts and crafts - Halloween masks, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. at Howard and Thursday, 3:30 p.m. at Albrook.

Preteen lock-in and dance - Tonight, 8 p.m.-8 a.m. at Howard Youth Center for youths 8-12 years old. Fee is \$10 for all night; \$2.50 for the dance only. Free transportation leaves Albrook at 7:30 p.m., returns at 11 p.m. and also in the morning. Reservations required for transportation.

Causeway and McDonalds - Tuesday, 3 p.m. Transportation, supervision included in \$1 fee.

Halloween preteen costume dance - Oct. 23, 7:30-11 p.m., for youth ages 8-12. The fee is \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers. Prizes awarded for best costumes. Free transportation leaves Albrook at 7 p.m. Reservations required for transportation.

Clayton

The Fort Clayton Youth Center is offering the following activities for preteens. Call 287-6451.

Mask making, Monday, 3 p.m.; **haunted Halloween decorating**, Tuesday, 3-7 p.m.; **carmel ball making**, Oct. 23, 3 p.m.; **bingo and free snacks**, Oct. 24, 3 p.m.; **junior teen bowling bash**, Oct. 24, 3 p.m.

The Fort Clayton Senior Teen Center offers the following activities. Call 287-6451.

Deep sea fishing trip, Oct. 24, 7 a.m. Sign up deadline, Saturday.

Senior teen council meeting, Saturday, 3 p.m.

Cocoli

The Cocoli Community Recreation Center is offering the following activities. Call 287-4119/3010.

Dribble contest, Saturday, 4 p.m.; **children's arts and crafts**, paper bats, Wednesday, 3 p.m.; **pumpkin pie cooking**, Thursday, 3 p.m.; **children's Halloween costume party**, Oct. 24, 3 p.m.

Arts and crafts

Clayton

The Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center is offering the following activities. Call 287-5957.

Jewelry box construction, Saturday.

Howard

The Howard Arts and Crafts Center has the following events slated. Call 284-6361/6345.

Arts and crafts bazaar, Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; **free gold application demonstration**, Oct. 24, 1-2:30 p.m.

Club news

Albrook/Howard

The Howard Enlisted Members' Club will host DJ "G", from KOOL 105.5 FM in Denver, Colo., in the Casual Cove Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 284-4189.

There will be a Karaoke night, tonight and Oct. 30 in the Main Lounge and Thursday, in the Casual Cove.

Rodman

The Anchorage Club will host an Oktoberfest event, tonight, 6 p.m.; **poor sailors night**, Wednesday; **Labor Day Extravaganza** Battle of the Bands first-place winner, "Tempest", Oct. 23.

Miscellaneous

New child care program

The Howard and Albrook youth centers are offering a new before and after school program. Care is available for children from 6 to 12 years old from 6:30-8:15 a.m. and from 2-5:30 p.m. and full-day care on nonschool days. Fees range from \$17 to \$34 per week per child, depending on family income and includes breakfast and an afternoon snack. Call 284-4700/4817.

Swim team tryouts

The Howard and Albrook swim teams are holding try-outs for youths from 6-18 years old. The Howard Stingrays practice at the Howard Pool Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. The Albrook Tiger Sharks practice at the Albrook pool Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m.

Instructors needed

The Zodiac Recreation Center needs licensed instructors to teach shotokan and private pilot's ground school on a contract

Atlantic

Sundial center

The Sundial Recreation Center's Thursdays are Wonderful program, a program designed for women, will feature bird watching. Call 289-3889/3300.

Atlantic tours

Sundial Recreation Center: **Wine and dine**, Fridays, 4-9 p.m.; **Isla Grande**, Sunday, 8 a.m.; **Panama City tour**, Oct. 24, 8 a.m.; **El Valle**, Oct. 25, 8 a.m.

Ocean Breeze Recreation Center: **Panama City tour**, Saturday; **Portobelo**, Oct. 24. Call 289-6402.

Arts and crafts

Following is a list of recurring classes offered at community arts and craft centers. Call Fort Davis Arts and Crafts Center, 289-5201 or Fort Sherman Arts and Crafts Center, 289-6313

Ceramics; painting; drawing; pottery; air brushing; advanced and beginners oil painting from photographs.

Youth news

The Fort Espinar Youth Center is offering the following activities. Call 289-4605.

Preteen pool party, today, 6-9 p.m., Espinar Pool, fee, \$1.

Sweetest Day junk food family night, Saturday, 6-9 p.m., \$1.

Teen costume bowling party, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$2.

Ongoing classes

Following is a list of recurring classes offered in most communities. Call Sundial, 289-3889/3300; Ocean Breeze, 289-6402 or Aquativities Center, 289-6104.

Spanish; English; piano; guitar; modern dance; shotokan; cake decorating; gymnastics; juggling and outboard motor boat operation.

Instructors needed

The Directorate of Community Activities Family Support Division needs instructors modern dance, piano and beginner ballet. Call Rory Egger, 289-6104.

Dinner/show presentation

The Atlantic Music and Theatre is presenting "The Nerd." The production will take place at the Fort Davis Community Center, Monday, Tuesday and Oct. 25-27. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner/show will cost \$10. Show only tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Call Ocean Breeze Recreation Center, 289-6402.

Oktoberfest '92

The Fort Davis Community Club will host Oktoberfest

92, Saturday, 7 p.m., in the Esmerelda Ball Room. The Oktoberfest will feature authentic German foods, live entertainment, games, door prizes and a complimentary Oktoberfest mug. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Call 289-5160/3298 for information.

Craft fair

The Sundial Recreation Center will sponsor a North American Craft and Ecology Fair, Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Margarita Complex patio. The fair will feature arts and crafts, antiques, canal zone memorabilia, coin collections, photographs and more. Call 289-3889/3300.

Holiday bazaar

The Atlantic Community Women's Club is holding its annual holiday bazaar Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Davis Community Club. Call Muriel Doyle, 289-4755 or Becky Steigler, 289-4354.



basis. Call 284-6161/6109.

The Howard/Albrook youth centers need a qualified piano instructor to teach classes on a contract basis. Call 284-4700.

The Howard Arts and Crafts Center needs qualified instructors to teach advanced pottery wheel throwing and volunteers to demonstrate various crafts. Call 284-6361.

Haunted house

Volunteers are needed for the Valent Recreation Center's annual haunted house. Characters, make-up and decorations are also needed. Volunteers must be 18 years old. Call Miguel Briceno 287-6500.

Youth center fees

Children who have not renewed their annual membership at the Howard/Albrook youth centers by today will have to pay \$1 each time they use the facility. Call 284-4700 or 286-3195.

Twin Oceans

The Twin Oceans Pro Shop, Building 155, Fort Clayton, will temporarily relocate to Building 2060 in the Curundu area.

Trail rides

The Howard Riding Stables are offering escorted 2 1/2 hour trail rides to Veracruz Beach, Mondays through Fridays. Call 286-4920.

Evening child care

The Howard Child Development Center offers evening child care Fridays and Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to midnight for children from 6 months to 11 years old. If enough reservations have been made by Wednesday, 4 p.m., care will be provided. Call 284-6135 to make reservations.

Theatre Arts Centre

The Theatre Arts Centre offers various classes for which registration is required. Call 286-3814/3152.

Halloween costume rental, the \$7 rental fee covers Friday-Monday.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" opens at the center tonight, 8 p.m., and will play Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31. Tickets are \$10 for tonight and \$8 for all other performances. Tickets are available at the center.

Auditions for the "Nutcracker," Oct 25 and 26, 7:30 p.m. There are parts for four adults, five young adults and 15 children age 8 and up. Scripts can be obtained through the center.

Logistics support

Logistics Support on Howard AFB will be open Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 284-6107.

New item - Sewing machines are available, at daily or weekend rates.

Family support

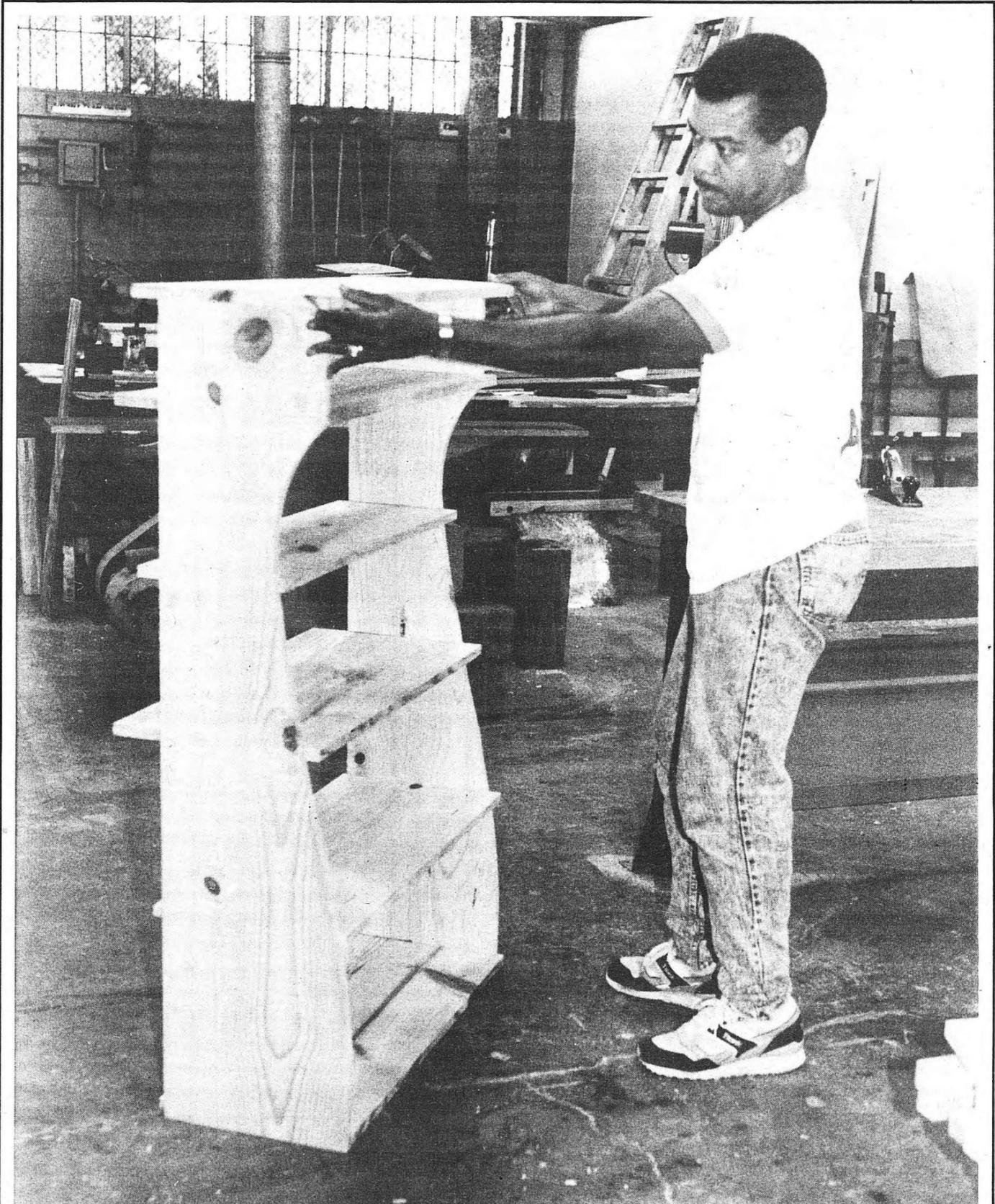
The Howard/Albrook Family Support Center, has various events scheduled for this week. Call 284-5650.

Managing mutual funds, Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Howard Chapel Annex.

Transition assistance program seminar, Wednesday - Oct. 23, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Howard Officers' Club.

Newcomer's orientation, Thursday, 8:45 a.m. Transportation provided from Building 707, Howard AFB at 8:15 a.m. and from the Albrook Shoppette at 8:30 a.m. Call the Howard Child Development Center at 284-6135 or the Albrook Early Childhood Enrichment Center at 286-3133 for free child care.

Family Services needs volunteers to assist with the loan closet, base brochure library, layette program and airmen's attic. Call 284-5860.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Deborah E. Williams

MAKE IT YOURSELF - Gary Fuller puts the top shelf on a bookcase he is working on at the Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center. The center has a wood shop which offers a variety of classes such as custom framing, wooden jewelry box construction, acoustic guitar construction and furniture construction. The center also has wood working qualification classes which certify people to use shop equipment. Classes are offered at the Clayton Multi-crafts Shop, Building 180 and the Howard Arts and Crafts Center, Building 711. Call the Clayton center at 287-5957 or the Howard center at 284-6361 for information about the various other classes available.

Ongoing classes

Following is a list of recurring classes offered by recreation centers in most communities. For information call Valent, 287-6500/4201; Zodiac, 284-6161/6109.

Aerobics; piano lessons; taekwondo; cake decorating; beginner german; Spanish, beginner and advanced; English, beginner and advanced.

Following is a list of recurring classes offered by youth centers in most communities. For information call Howard Youth Center, 284-4700; Albrook Youth Center, 286-3195; Fort Clayton Youth or Senior Teen Center, 287-6451.

Street/video dancing; cheerleading; Spanish and English; aerobics; arts and crafts; gymnastics; boys gymnastics; modern, jazz, tap and ballet dance; piano lessons; tennis lessons; taekwondo.

Following is a list of recurring classes offered by arts and crafts centers in most communities. For information call Howard Arts and Crafts Center, 284-6361/

6345; the Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center, 287-5957.

Stained glass; cross stitch; clay flower; pottery wheel; knitting; framing; air brushing; lamp assembly; leather working; macrame classes; pottery; throw pottery techniques; glazing; firing; hand building; sculpture; wooden jewelry box construction; acoustic guitar construction; do-it-yourself custom framing; fabric painting; watercolor; acrylic painting; oil painting; basic drawing and charcoal drawing.

Weekly classes in car care and maintenance, arc and gas welding, auto air conditioning, auto transmission repair and engine rebuilding. Call the Albrook Auto Craft Shop, 286-3613 or Howard Auto Craft Shop, 284-3370.

The swimming pools in most communities offer recurring classes. For information call Howard swimming pool, 284-3569; Albrook swimming pool, 286-3555; Fort Clayton swimming pool, 287-6660; Rodman swimming pool, 283-4253.

An open water scuba diving course be-

gins Monday at the Rodman swimming pool and includes open water dives Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. The \$145 fee includes instruction, complete equipment, boat trips and certification fee. Call 283-5307/4454.

An advanced scuba diving class is set for Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at Portobelo on the Atlantic side. The \$100 fee includes a night dive, deep dive, navigation dive and two optional dives.

Options include a computer dive, search and recovery dive and photography dive. There will be a pre-dive meeting before the class. Call 283-5307/4454.

Boating classes will be held Monday and Wednesday. The classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. at Rodman's 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.



Courtesy photo

Bill Forbes (left), Carol Forbes and Carlos Williams try to kill each other in the Theatre Guild of Ancon production of "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" directed by Armando Him and showing Thursday through Oct. 24.

Theatre Guild kicks off new play season

by Maureen Sampson
Tropic Times Theater Critic

ANCON (Tropic Times) - The new local theater season kicks off with the Theatre Guild of Ancon's production of "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," written by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick.

Audience members can once again look forward to an evening of socializing, drinking and being entertained by live actors on a stage just a few feet from them.

"Murder" is directed by Armando Him, who directed "Butterflies are Free" for the Guild last season.

This play is centered around a rather bizarre love triangle.

Carol Forbes, who last appeared in the Guild's performance of "Steel Magnolias," portrays Arleen, a pampered wife reaching middle age who needs some

excitement in her life.

Carlos Williams, who has been involved in isthmian theater for 24 years, plays the part of Mitchell, Arleen's lover.

Mitchell is a tacky-dressing dentist and a self-proclaimed ladies man.

Bill Forbes completes the triangle as Arleen's husband, a devoted but feeble minded used-car salesman whose idea of a romantic dinner is fried chicken and beer.

The small cast works well together.

All players bring their role to life. Probably most convincing is Bill Forbes' portrayal of Paul as a morose, yet loveable husband.

His line deliveries and physical gestures are apropos of a man who thinks having sex is a lot like watching baseball.

The play flows well. Although it is a little slow at the beginning, the actors compensate as the show progresses.

Each act brought more laughs and the characters became more believable. These actors obviously enjoy performing together.

The play has much visual as well as verbal humor. The set, which looks like your typical HOJO room, is realistic and functional. One of the funniest scenes is when Paul and Mitchell are chasing each other on the window ledge.

But who gets murdered?

You'll have to see the play for yourself to find out. "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" runs Thursday through Oct. 24.

For information on reservations, call the Theatre Guild of Ancon at 252-6786.

Air Force offers Albrook tours

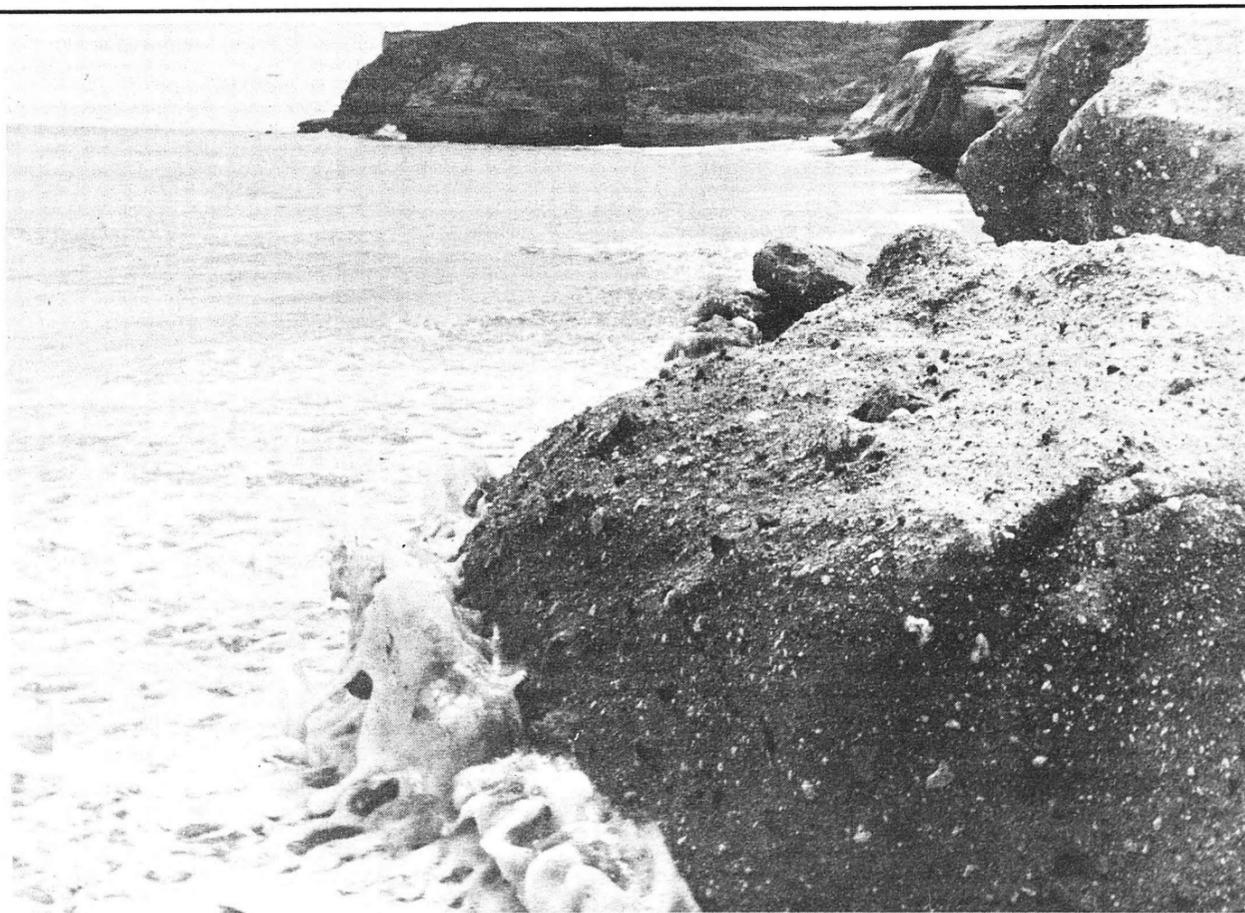
HOWARD AFB (24th WG/PA) - The Zodiac Recreation Center and Outdoor Adventures are offering a new service for tours that will include those who live on the east side of the Panama Canal.

Customers can now sign up for trips at the Albrook Pool and tour buses will make extra stops at Fort Clayton and Albrook for all trips to the Atlantic side of the isthmus, downtown Panama or eastern Panama.

Glen Casperson, recreation center director, said he believes this will increase participation in morale, welfare, recreation and services trips.

"Now our trips will be accessible to the East Bank community," he said. "With this new service our customers can sign up without traveling to Howard. Improving customer service and convenience is all part of MWRS' continued mission to 'do good things for people.'"

Those signing up at Albrook must register in advance and make full payment before the tour. The pool is open Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 284-6161.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. James Yocum

Air Force tours to beaches like Rio Mar, pictured above, are now more convenient for East Bank residents.

Animals

Cat, female, spayed, declawed, shots, cat carrier, all other belongings \$25. 289-3141.

Yorkshire terrier puppies, ready for Thanksgiving. 282-3822.

Bluetick hunting dogs, 20 mos old, 1 male, 1 female \$300. 252-1182.

Guppies, male & female. 286-4971.

Boxer, female, 7 mos old, updated shots, no papers \$200. 260-3130.

Weimaraner puppies, 2 males, 3 females, no papers \$200. 261-3325.

Pitbull puppies, male and female, 5 wks old, ADBA regi \$200. 287-5536.

Doberman, 10 mos old, affectionate, protective \$150. 287-5994.

Small bush pony, gray mare for trained children \$185/obo. 225-4749.

Doberman puppies, 6 wks old, males \$200, females \$150. 284-6184.

Rottweiler pups, 2 mos old, w/papers, all shots. 286-3693.

Doberman puppies, 6 wks old, 5 males \$200, 3 females \$150. 229-3123.

Pekingese female for stud service. 264-0118.

German shepherd female for stud services. 252-6910.

Free, kittens, spayed, neutered to good home. 287-5420.

Free, kitten, female, 5 mos old, w/litter box. 287-5135.

Free, 3 kittens, 2 mos old, 1 male, 2 females to good home. 261-3486.

Free cat, female, has shots, litter box, kitty condo, food dish, litter inclu. 283-4227.

Automobiles

1985 Chevy Citation II, at, 4 cyl, 2.5EFI, ac, pb, ps, cruise, AM-FM stereo, 4dr hatchbk, runs good \$2800/obo. 287-3779.

1983 Nissan King cab p/u, ac, stereo cass, duty pd \$4700. 228-4061.

1991 Hyundai Excel 1.5 GLS, all extras, not duty pd, pl, pw, ps, luxury rims, tint glass \$5500. 230-1409.

1975 Chevy van-10, exc cond, duty pd \$2600. 260-3691.

1990 Eurosport Celebrity sta/wgn, loaded, AM-FM cass, ac, ps, new tires & shocks. 284-6836.

1984 Alfa Romeo Spider convert, std, 35,000 kms, duty pd, good cond \$10,500. 261-2525.

1982 AMC Concord, new tires, AM-FM cass, good cond \$1500/obo. 286-4939.

1981 Ford Bronco, duty pd, good cond, at, new tires \$4000/neg. 252-5134.

1986 Chrysler Laser, 5-spd, 4 cyl, loaded, 44,200 miles, exc cond \$5500. 260-4564.

1988 Jeep Cherokee, all extras, ps, pb, pw, clean, not duty pd, ac, at \$12,500. 264-7315.

1986 Oldsmobile Regency, 4dr, 6 cyl, fuel injec, fully loaded, duty pd \$12,000. 260-2574.

1978 Toyota Corolla, exc cond, newly painted, no rust, runs grt \$2800/obo. 286-3345.

1983 Mazda 323, 4dr, radio, ac, good cond \$2300. 220-2051.

1990 Hyundai Stellar, at, ac, AM-FM stereo cass, 32,000 miles, not duty pd \$6000. 260-3183.

1982 Fiat Spider convert, fun car, good cond \$3000/obo. 286-6432.

1982 Caprice sta/wgn, 9 pass, duty pd, ac, pw, pb, at, AM-FM cass, elec win, fair cond \$1800. 261-7496.

1986 Ford T-bird, V6, at, ps, pb, 62k miles, exc cond, no duty pd \$4200/obo. 225-1053.

1988 Mustang hatchbk, 2.3 liter, 5-spd, ac, at/win, dr, mirrors, exc cond \$6500. 252-7827.

1988 Buick Electra, leather int, all extras, V6, exc cond \$12,000. 261-7398 after 7pm.

1991 Mustang, 5.0LX hatchbk, showrm cond, low miles, complete loaded \$15,900. 221-8249.

1976 Plymouth Volare sta/wgn, runs grt, body needs work \$1000. 283-5373.

1991 Charade Daihatsu, 4dr, 5-spd, ac, AM-FM cass, exc cond, duty pd, low miles \$7500. 261-3537 after 6pm.

1978 Chevy 3/4 ton p/u, 350 V8, at, ps, pb, ac, 78k miles, exc cond \$4500/obo. 264-6942 after 7pm.

1985 Nissan 300Z, fuel injec, 2x2, new cond, fully loaded, duty pd \$9000/neg. 253-1243.

1987 Chevy S-10 p/u, V6, at, ac, tint glass, chrome wheels, exc cond 47800. 264-6926.

1989 Mercury Tracer, 2dr hatchbk, AM-FM cass, alarm, new tires, brakes, 5-spd \$4500. 226-3079.

1989 Ford Aerostar, ps, pb, tilt, ac, AM-FM cass, cruise \$11,000. 287-4075.

1987 Montero 4x4, 5dr, 5-spd, ac, stereo, low miles, dty pd, exc cond. \$9950. 286-6378 after 6 p.m.

1986 Mercedes-Benz, 4 dr, sedan, 280S, dty pd, all extras, exc cond \$20,000. 264-6025.

1979 Chevy Impala, eng rebuilt, grt cond, needs carb, \$1950/obo. 283-4227.

1988 Pontiac Grand Am, 2dr, 2.5 liter, pwr win, tilt wheel, ac, \$6200. 284-4389.

1992 Lada, 4dr, 4 cyl, 5 moused, AM-FM cass, tint win \$4000/neg. 287-3073.

1988 VW Fox, 4dr, 25,000 miles, ac, 4-spd, AM-FM cass, exc cond \$6000. 261-7845.

1987 Chrysler Voyage, 4 cyl, at, ac, ps, pb, AM-FM cass, gd cond \$7400 obo, 261-6037.

1982 Mazda 626 Coupe, gd con,d \$2200/obo. 252-1225 call after 6 p.m.

1984 Chevy Cavalier, ac, std, gd cond, \$2000/ obo. 252-2913.

1986 Isuzu Trooper, 4x4, 2dr, ac, ps, AM-FM cass, not duty pd, \$6900/obo. 283-3721.

1979 Cadillac Seville, sedan, mnt con, loaded, duty pd, one owner, \$5500/obo. 223-4090.

1991 Chevy Camaro, RS coupe, 5-spd, ac, ps, pb, AM-FM cass, 7,200 miles, exc con, \$12,000. 260-7621.

1977 Buick Electra, runs decent, lks OK, \$850. 236-0923.

1988 BMW 518, 4dr sedan, at, ac, lw mile, dty pd, \$12,500/obo. 260-8264.

1987 Nissan, 2WD p/u, chrm whls, tint win, ac, stereo, Uniroyal tires, runs grt, \$5500. 252-6130.

1987 Mercury Lynx, ac, 4dr, 5-spd, cc, AM-FM cass, \$4000/obo. 287-5139.

1990 Ford Bronco II, 4WD, 5-spd, loaded, low miles, new shocks, \$13,500/neg. 284-3779.

1985 Nissan 200SX, not duty pd, runs well, \$4000/obo. 223-8415.

1987 Nissan Sentra, U.S. specs, at, ps, pb, ac, alm, chrm rims, stereo, 61,000 miles, \$5700. 286-4731.

1979 Ford F-100, pu 1/2 ton, ac, AM-FM cass, st, runs grt, \$3000 282-4129.

1989 Dodge Dakota, 4x4 pu, can, carpet, ac, exc con, 18,000 miles, not dty pd, \$14,000. 287-3441.

1987 Nissan Sunny, ac, tint win, stereo, not dty pd, \$3800/obo. 283-3940 lv message.

1962 VW Beetle, sr, new paint, 1600cc, \$2000. 282-4135.

1987 Toyota Corona, 4dr, 5-spd, ac, grt cond \$5950. 264-8147.

1983 Ford Laser, new shocks, rear whl bear, runs exc, \$1700/neg. 284-5096.

1977 XLCH, 14,000 mi, all orig, needs some help, \$2000. 287-3480.

1989 Chevy S10, 2.5 litre, 5-spd, camper, stereo, new con, \$7500. 287-4522.

1986 Chevy Celebrity Eurosport, AM-FM cass, ac, gd cond, \$3900. 287-4384, ask for Garcia.

1977 Honda Accord, 2dr, hb, rms gd, trlr htc, nw bat, struts, \$1700. 287-3446 lv msg.

1991 Chevy Silverado Z-71, 4WD p/u, 5.7l, tbi, AM-FM, equal \$17,750/obo. 223-3976.

1971 Pontiac LeMans, inline 6, at, nw brk, must sell, \$800. 289-4545.

1984 Dodge 600 coupe, 4 cyl, 5-spd, gd con, best offer. 287-5188.

1991 Hyundai coupe LS, 2dr, at, ac, AM-FM cass, ala, tint, exc con, \$9000. 284-6443.

1978 Ford LTD, dty pd, \$1500. 282-5494.

1989 Volvo loaded, like new, U.S. specs, \$26,000 dty pd. 282-5494.

1981 Eagle, 4x4, 2dr, 82,000 miles, trade for mtrcyl, or \$2500. 284-6132.

1986 Jaguar XJ6, exc cond, lw mile, no dty pd, \$18,000/neg. 264-0118.

1991 Toyota Corona, fully loaded, pwr, sr, ala, AM-FM cass, exc cond, \$13,000/neg. 269-1651.

1986 Dodge Lancer, 4dr, ac, pc, ph, exc cond, duty

not pd, \$5000/obo. 283-5325.

1982 Buick Skylark, at, ps, pb, not dty pd, \$3000/ obo. 285-4385.

1985 Ford Escort, 5dr, ps, pb, ac, stereo, good con, \$2300/obo. 287-3247.

1982 Subaru, at, pb, ps, dty not pd, no ac, tow bar, \$2000. 287-5586.

1986 Volvo, low mile, exc cond, all extras, 5-spd, not dty pd, \$9000. 260-9314.

1985 Nissan 200SX, runs well, new tires, shocks, not dty pd, \$4000/obo. 223-8415.

1987 Toyota Corolla, sw, ac, radio, at, dty pd, \$5000. 252-2476.

1977 Chevy Nova, AM-FM cass, runs good, needs work, dty pd, \$1000/obo. 284-5066.

1985 Ford Mustang, 2.3l, 2dr, ac, AM-FM cass, exc con, one owner, cruise, not dty pd. 286-4685.

1986 Chrysler LeBaron GTS, sr, tint win, 2.3 liter, turbo, runs, looks grt, \$4300/obo. 286-4336.

Available

Honest, reliable, bi-lingual maid. avail. immed. 284-5977.

Honest, dependable, Span-spk, live-in maid, good w/ kids. 231-3489.

Span-spk, live-out maid avail. T-Thu, Howard/Kobbe/Rodman, 284-3980.

Span-spk, honest, good w/kids, responsible, refs. 267-7158.

Dependant spouses avail. to paint, landscape, build, odd jobs. 286-3890.

Eng-spk. maid, wkends, babysit, irons. 284-6171.

Eng-spk. maid, honest, reliable, live-in, good w/kids. 284-3691.

Daytime maid, M-W-Thu-wkends, babysit. 284-5398.

Hard working day maid, great w/kids. 284-4933.

Domestic help, maid, exper, good w/kids. 228-4564.

Exc. day maid, Atlantic side, mature, reliable, refs. 287-3589.

Bilingual, mature, live-out, day maid, M-T-Th. 284-3934.

Bilingual daymaid, mature, honest, reliable, refs, M-F, good w/kids. 287-4685 after 5 p.m.

Live-out maid, dependable, good w/kids. 287-3579.

Honest, dependable, bilingual, live-out housekeeper. 232-4517.

Span-spk, honest, reliable maid. 228-6061.

Exper, hard-working, dependable maid. 287-6191.

American military dependant, clean homes, refs. 283-5436.

Eng-spk, mature maid, M-W-F, good w/kids, refs. 224-7521.

Honest, reliable, live-in maid, good w/kids, M-F. 287-6589.

Eng-spk, nanny, honest, dependable, exper, good w/ kids. 221-7796.

Bilingual maid, refs, good w/kids. 221-2612.

Boats and Campers

Windsurfer MasterClass 360 12' carbon board w/3 mylar sails, ex cond, \$500. 284-3108.

25 hp Johnson OB motor, tiller arm, \$850. 289-4748.

16' Orlando Clipper w/60 hp Yamaha fish finder, extras, ex cond, \$4,500. 261-5231.

6'3" Spectrum surfboard, tri-fin, w/board bag, leash, \$325. 252-6971.

Water skis, pro combo, \$100. Taperflex slalom, \$85. Obrien kneeboard, \$85. 252-2630.

16' Glaston tri-hull w/85 hp Johnson motor, duty pd. 287-5785.

Kawasaki Jet Ski, 300 cc, ex cond, \$2,500. 252-2561.

16' Alden single rowboat, ocean shell, complete unit, 40 lbs, \$1,400. 289-6155 after 6 p.m.

12' Achilles, 1992, 25hp mercury, w/accessories, trailer, \$7,950. 264-4817.

18' Stratos bass boat, 150 hp suzuki, elec troll, depth finder, xtras, \$10,000/obo. 284-4596.

Electronics

Okimate printer, \$150. Sony 19" tv, \$275. Microwave, \$170. 286-6378 after 6 p.m.

27" Zenith, adv sys 3, stereo tv/monitor w/stereo plugs/ hookups, \$500. 289-4748.

Packard Bell Legend 386SX, 43MB HD, 3.5/5.24 disk drv, VGA color, mouse, printer, \$1,800. 230-1409.

Miranda 35mm camera, wide angle lens, soligar tele-photo, coffee maker, capuchino machine. 252-2581.

Magnavox tele/clock/radio, hold feature, speaker phone, tone/pulse, power backup, \$40. 289-4424.

JBL Pro 3 monitor speakers, black, water resistant, \$200. 289-4424.

Apple Mac Plus w/20MB HD, image writer 2, printer, \$1,500/obo. 287-5120.

Citizen MSP-10 matrix dot printer, alphacom alphapro 101, letter quality priter, ex cond, \$75. 287-4322.

Word processor, typewriter, Smith Corona, ex cond, \$275/obo. 252-6845.

Smith Corona PWP word processor/typewriter, \$300. 286-3431.

SEA motormarine VW 35mm camera w/strobe, wide angle lens, macro lens, \$450. 261-5231.

Apple IIe monitor, dd, keyboard, instruction manual, books, games, \$800. 286-4883.

Kenwood speakers, LS-P9200, 4-way, 7-spk sys, 4', 400 wt, \$325. 284-6698.

Integrated software, lotusworks, microsoft works, spinnaker 8-in-1, managing your money. 286-3444.

35mm Minolta Camera, Maxumm 5000, auto focus, infrared flash, carrying case, \$350/obo. 286-3396.

Tandy TL2 Comp w/40 MB HD, 640k RAM, color moitor, and much more. 286-3174.

Minolta 3000i camera, \$300. VHS VCR, \$110. CD player, \$100. CDs, \$7. Wilson sting, \$40. slow cooker, \$10. 286-6226.

Minolta 606-C mini camcorder w/accessories, incl tripod, hard case, \$600. 252-2582.

Atari 130 XE, 800 computer, 810/1050 disk drive, 410 recorder, 850 interface software, books, etc, \$250. 284-4287.

25" console color tv, good cond, \$160. 269-2590.

286 AT clone, 1MB Ram, 40 MBHD, 5.25/3.5 disk drve, amber monitor, MS-DOS 5.0, \$1,000. 252-5019.

Tandy 1400 Laptop Computer, 40 MB HD, w/drds 6.0, case, pwr adapt, books, \$625 and more electronic 230-0668.

Zenith VHS VCR w/o remote, \$150. Sony Betamax w/ tapes, remote, \$200. 286-4783.

Rhodes Janus I spkrs, spec for electronic piano or other instrument, 12", \$1,150. 261-9397.

VHS camera Hitachi w/case, tripod, lens, fisheye lens, filters, batteries, power adapt, \$650. 284-3197.

Canon E-SI Camcorder, video 8, remote control, light, carry case, xtras, \$900/obo. 260-6280 evenings.

Sony boom box w/cd/tape/am-fm, \$100. 13" color tv, \$125. 283-5436.

AMSTRAD word processor, like new, manuals, ribbon, disks, \$225. 284-6629.

Tandy 1400LT, IBM compat, 768k, 2 3.5 disk drives, supports printer, more \$600. 285-4532.

Car stereo equip, mix terminator kicker box, 2 kenwood amps, 1 equalizer, \$500. 285-5221.

Mac Plus, 4MB HD, 800 k drive, software, \$800. 284-5375.

Portable computer, NEC 286-10 Mhz, 20 MB HD, EGA mon., modem, and more \$3,000/obo. 223-8415.

Household

Stroller, \$25. Swing, \$25. Car seat, \$25. Carrier, \$10. 284-3197.

Whirlpool washer, almond, fair cond, \$1,500. 252-2034.

Dining table w/smoked glass top, rattan base, six rattan chairs, ex cond, \$750. 225-2197.

King sz waterbed, mirror/bookcase, headboard, 8-dr pedestal, light oak color, \$500/obo. 286-4336.

Soldi pine bunkbeds w/3-dr under. Twin mattress, \$450. School desk, \$25. 252-2243.

Kenmore washer, exc cond, \$175. 260-2941 after 5 p.m.

California King Waterbed, classic large headboard w/ mirror, 2 lamps, access \$650. 284-6698.

Marble-bronze tbl lamps, silk Chinese shades, \$150/ obo. 263-8579 after 5 p.m.

Dbl box spring/matt, frame, ex cond, \$200. 284-4673.

16 cu ft Gibson freezer, good cond, 2 yrs old, \$900/obo. 286-3373.



Brown tweed couch, \$50/obo. 283-6785.

Portable dishwasher w/butcher black top, ex cond, almost new, \$270. 284-4275.

Whirlpool washer/dryer, ex cond, \$550/obo. 229-1706.

Box springs, mattress, twin, sorta perfect sleeper, good cond, \$60/obo. 287-6832.

LR set, 3-pc wall unit, q-sz BR set, Kenmore washer/dryer, gas grill. 284-4998.

Contemporary dining room set, glass top, seats four, \$400. 252-6841.

Singer sewing machine, new, \$200. 286-6135.

Furniture, TVs, VCRs, waterbeds, bunkbeds. 287-4771.

Large sofa curtains for tropicals, Atari games w/accessory, \$85. Magnavox stereo console. 230-1927.

Baby crib/bed, extras, \$450. 286-4932.

Snapper lawnmower, 21" cut, rear bagging, super cond, 3.5 hp motor, \$185. 261-7845.

Leather loveseat w/chair, footstool, rust color, exc cond, \$400/obo. 252-5790.

Recliner \$150. Oriental rug, 8.5' x 12.5', ex cond, \$225. 260-7621.

New washer/dryer, one unit, almond, Kenmore, medium capacity, \$550. 284-3739.

Kenmore washer/dryer, great cond, \$500. 233-5028.

Whirlpool LR a/c, good cond, \$175. 252-2387.

Triple dresser w/mirror, \$200. Kids oak rockers, \$25. 85 corralle dishes/assorted glasses \$60. 287-4420.

DR set, four chairs, wood w/cloth, like new, \$1,050. 229-2916.

6-pc LR set, great cond, \$750. 287-4395.

Armchair/ottoman, \$150. Tall chest of drawers, \$150. Vacuum cleaner, \$50. Solid wood toybox w/lid, \$25.

Whirlpool frost free fridge, 19 cu ft, \$500. Carpet 12'x14' blk/bm/gld, good cond, \$60. 256-6410.

K-sz waterbed, dresser w/hutch mirror, chest, nightstand, roll top desk, Nintendo, games. 287-4685 after 5 p.m.

Triple dresser w/mirror, \$350. Monochrome monitor, \$20. Baby walker, \$10. 287-4189.

BR set, \$1,200. Table set, 4-pc, \$350. Dryer, like new, \$360. 284-3720.

WW House dryer, like new, \$360. Clothes size 8-10. 284-3720.

Whirlpool washer, almond, \$100. 286-6524 after 5 p.m.

Two twin bed w/ mattresses, 2 drawers under beds, oak wood, \$105 ea. 287-4284.

Large wood one piece lighted china cabinet w/glass shelves and silverware drawer, \$350. 284-5538.

Baby crib w/mattress, good cond, \$75. 283-4473.

Table, chairs, cabinet, \$450. End tables, \$25 ea. Lamp, \$25. Polaroid instant camera, \$50. 260-6280 evenings.

Micro-convecoven, \$150. LR, DR, sm BR dusty rose custome made curtains for 3BR trop \$300, more. 284-3573.

Sofa sleeper, good cond, \$400. 5-pc dinette set, \$400. Micro-convecoven, \$150. microstand, \$75. 284-3573.

Dishwasher, used for 6-mos. GE, potscrubber 940 w/temp sense, \$350. 233-0465.

Lg floor cushions, national vacuum cleaner. 223-7443.

LR chair, ottoman, couch, loveset, coffee table, end table, ex cond, \$1,000. 287-4244.

Small 3-pc LR set. 226-1763 after 5 p.m.

Sears Kenmore 15 cu ft fridge/frzr, 2dr, \$350/obo. 233-5750.

2 12,000 BTU Hotpoint AC, exc cond, \$350 ea. 269-1651.

Baby high chair \$25, walker \$10, exer bike \$60, AM-FM radio cass w/2 spkrs, exsc con \$90. 284-5030.

Topper for mid-zise long bed pickup, good con, \$125, 269-2590.

Metal toolbox for full size pickup, \$90 ob, 260-8948.

Piano \$900 obo, sewing machine encas w/ht formica, \$300 obo, yamaha clarinet, \$100 obo, 252-1291.

Living room set \$700 obo, weight bench/weights \$150, crdlss phon w/ans mach, 283-3092.

Ceramic mold, diff prices, cermaic kiln, 110 volt \$200 obo, 287-4771.

IROC-Z 1986 tires/wheels, 245/50R 16", \$850 obo, 269-6948.

12 speed ladies murray bike, \$75, Sanyo Betmx VCR \$150, Betamax movies \$2, 287-3197.

Gameboy w/6 games, clean kit, gme lgt, \$135; set run bds VW Bug nw \$35, 287-3738.

Kirby vac cleaner, atach, shampooer, sander, extra bags/belts, \$250, 283-3183.

Ladies 3-speed bike, lk new, \$75 284-4673.

Artf. Xmas tree, \$45, ballet shoes, sz 3/4 \$5 pr, roller blds sz 8 \$65, 286-4320.

50 function mlti-gym set \$200, mag chef micro \$75, best offer takes all, 264-7315.

Double stroller, good con, \$35, 286-3245.

Whirlpool 6,000 btu ac, good con, new cap, term, \$175, 236-1623.

Metal swing set, good con, w/bb rim, \$65; ladies wedding rings sz 5 \$200 obo, 284-6431.

Two btry-optd Barbie cars, \$150 each; clpstik wdeater, \$35, 287-3738.

Formal wedding dress w/slip, veil, sz 5, \$300, 21" Nashbar mt bike, 18 speed, good con, \$300, 252-2080.

Girl's first comun dress, sz 10-12, del/excl design, incl hndbg, \$75, 233-1229.

DP Power XL Gym, comp/100 lb wghts, \$100 obo, 233-1229.

Fedders 18,000 btu ac 200, Hoover vac cleaner, curtains, 252-1667.

B/crib, 3 sheets, skirt, c/toy, \$120, 286-3394.

Bowling ball, Columbia 300, 16 lbs; Northwestern golf clubs, 1,3,5 woods, 3-Pw, putter, 286-3173.

Bike tires for Hybrid bike, sz 38c x 700, \$20 for pair, 252-2239.

Chest freezer \$375, 12x15 blue carpet \$75, new win shades \$3 each, gas grill \$50, 287-4420.

Water pump fits Jeep 258 eng w/serpentine belt drive sys, \$25, 286-3871.

Plants .25 to \$2, stereo cabin, 44"H 22"W 19"D glass dr rec/cass stor, \$50, 286-3871.

Exercise equip, row mach \$75, stat bike \$90, stepper \$125, 252-2630.

Corafram jumpbts w/zipper, sz 9 1/2, grt con, \$45, 286-3397.

Complete set Wilson golf clubs, alum flex shft, \$400; 6hp Johnson mtr w/tank, \$400, 252-1096.

48" utility trlr w/box, spr tire, \$200, 252-5023.

10-speed bike \$75; hrdrcvr Disney bks \$3 each; spo/ fdlght \$20; educ cmpr prgms \$10 each. 252-5031.

Stroller \$30; dbl stroller \$50; mens/ladies peugeot 10-spd \$60 each; child bike seat \$12 (new), 287-4880.

New 16" Craftsman scroll saw \$160; 9" table saw Rockwell Intl \$250, 252-1096.

Hasselblad 1000F w/80mm lens, wst lvl fndr, fish adpt, cbl release, \$550, 284-3097 after 4 p.m.

Three door bottle cooler, best offer, 252-2660.

Sony Betamax; BMX girl's bike; exhaust fan; lg fan; lg bbq, meat slicer, 252-2581.

Vaccum clean, shampooer/upholstery cleaner, \$125 / obo; 14-vol hdbk microwave ckbk set, \$50 obo, 286-4222.

Two pair's boy's rollerskates, sz 3,4, new, nvr worn, \$30 each, 287-3827.

Apine Tracker Exercise Mach, new, pd \$200 will sell for \$150, 282-3677.

Oak finish crib/bed w/drawers, mattress, like new, \$450, 287-4290.

Three piece blue sect sleeper sofa, \$200; 6 leg Sears swg set w/slide, etc, \$100, 284-6625.

House items, dining room, facial equip, extra atach, 284-4995.

Wood file cabinet \$10, Koss stereo hdpns, \$10, Panasonic mini-cassette rec, \$10, 284-4877.

Grass cutter, high whl 22" blade, 5hp hvy dty, \$180, 252-5872.

German made lg China closet, 35yrs old, exc con, \$800 obo, 260-8264.

Sony Handycam pro 8mm video camera, \$600; Cranberry bedroom lamp set \$50; med sz travel kennel \$10, 286-4674.

Lg office-type, fire-proof, safe w/remov shelves, \$250 obo, 252-2387.

Ency set "New Standard", medical books, Harvard classics, chld set, new bksc inc, \$800 obo 287-3382.

Impex Easy Air Exc Bike; works up/lwr body, \$125, 287-6634.

Ice chest 41-gal, nw con \$225; VW Beetle eng, \$340; 252-2180.

Audivox A9005 alarm \$35; men's golf clubs irons 2-sw, \$165, irons 2-sw miss 8 iron \$120; 252-5530.

40,000 btu centralize ac, 2 mos old, \$3,500, old toys best offer; 224-0656.

Radio control airplane, engine and radio, rdy to fly, gd trainer aircraft, \$400 obo, 286-6326.

Jeep soft top for CJ-7 w/drs, blk, \$200, 289-4748.

Maternity clothes sz 7/8, 9/10; 4 lg tbls \$350; wh dryer \$360 like new; 284-3720.

Ladies clothes sz 7-10; BR set 8 pc \$1,200; 284-3720.

Kawasaki brk pads; brk shoes; Plymouth Reliant/K car; Army dress pants sz 33h; prom dress sz 3-4; 5' stuffed bear; baby items/cloth; 287-5126.

Home Fitness Training Center w/stairstepper, \$200 neg, 287-3915.

Evenflo car seat like new up to 43 lbs, \$50, 284-6433.

Gray graco stroller \$35; gcar seat \$35, jogging trampoline \$15; 2 Nintendo games \$25 each; 287-4249 after 5 pm.

Umbrella stroller w/reclining seat, exc con, \$45, 284-3482.

Antique Mohogany hutch \$400, 283-5325.

Suzuki Power Wheels Century Stroller \$35, 284-4330.

American Airline tkt from Panama City to Miami or New Orleans Dec. 13, \$150 obo, 289-3476.

55 gal fish tank w/hood, lght htr, whspr pwr fltr, \$250, 282-3398.

Crib w/mattress, \$100; new car seat still in box \$35, 263-5111 after 5:30pm.

Men's 12-speed bike \$90; girl's bike \$25; lg parrot cage \$30.

Yamaha elec keyboard \$45; knee board \$85; Polaroid sun 600 camera \$15; mtrcyl hlmt new \$50; sktbrd \$20; 287-6399.

Kid's clothes, shoes, twin stroller, more, 286-3327.

Sega Genesis video games, \$20-\$35. 287-4733.

Toyota Corolla, trans, 5-spd, std, FWD, 2 front seats. 228-4061.

Crib, stroller, Nintendo w/2 games, clothes, tupperware. 284-5422.

Computer tbl w/side storage, shelves \$90, swing set w/slide \$100, plants. 284-6881.

Motorcycles

1991 CBR 1000F sport, mint cond \$6000 firm. 282-3429.

1984 BMW R100RS, runs grt, extra parts, trade for car \$2500/obo. 284-3655.

1984 Honda Nighthawk, 700cc, exc con, 9,000 miles, 2 hlmts, \$2500. 284-3685.

1982 Honda GoldWing, 1100cc, exc cond, best offer. 287-5188.

1981 Montesa 349; 1990 Honda GB-500, 1988 Honda TLR 250, all like new, many extras. 261-3486.

1971 Classic H-D sportster \$5000. 284-6694.

Patio Sales

Qtrs 150B, Amador, Sat 6-11am.

Qtrs 1216, Amador, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 313B, Clayton, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 350A, Clayton, Sat 9am-noon.

Qtrs 403A, Clayton, Sat 8am.

Qtrs 649C, Clayton, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 939B, Clayton, Sat

Qtrs 1000B, Clayton, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 203B, Albrook, Sat-Sun 8am-5pm.

Qtrs 286A, Albrook, Sat 8am-?

Qtrs 316A, Albrook, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 533A, Albrook, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 69A, Howard, Sat 9am-1pm.

Qtrs 104A, Howard, Sat 8am-?

Qtrs 136B, Howard, Sat 7-11am.

Qtrs 591B, Howard, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 1528A, Howard, Sat 7am-noon.

Qtrs 1531E, Howard, Sat 8am.

Qtrs 1539F, Howard, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 1557B, Howard, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 367A, Kobbe, Sat 7:30am-1pm.

Qtrs 373B, Kobbe, Sat 8am-noon.

Qtrs 404A, Kobbe, Sat 8am-1:30pm.

Qtrs 825A Farfan, Howard, Sat 7am-noon.

Qtrs 2418A, Cocoli, Sat 7am-2pm.

Qtrs 2476B, Cocoli, Sat.

Qtrs 2614, Cocoli, Sat 7am-noon.

Qtrs 1980B, Curundu, Sat.

Qtrs 6336B, Los Rios, Sat.

Qtrs 6539A, Los Rios, Sat 7am.

Qtrs 7274A, Cardenas, Sat 7-9am.

Qtrs 7303A, Cardenas, Sat 7-9am.

Qtrs 2247, Balboa, Sat 7am-noon.

Qtrs 2300A, Balboa, Sat 7-10am.

Wanted

Part time house/babysitter maid, spk some Eng, w/refs. 260-6116 after 6pm.

Piano in gooe cond. 243-5269.

Sofa and/or loveseat, blue/gm shade, no prints. 252-2243.

Part time housekeeping maid, hours/pay negotiable. 264-9973 eves.

4 holes 15" wheel rim for 2 ton trlr, complete front grill for 1980 Chevy Luv p/u. 225-4745.

Super single waterbed, good cond, reasonable. 284-6836.

Small generator, reasonable price. 286-4971.

Used clothes and shoes, all sizes. 289-5159.

Baby crib w/mattress. 225-2197.

Nikon FG-20 camera body, reasonably priced, good working cond. 287-3197.

Purebred chihuahua, male or female, puppy preferred but adult OK, \$500 or less. 260-9421.

Curio cabinet, reasonably priced. 224-3632 after 7pm.

Tutor for 3rd grade student, high school OK. 287-3737 after 6pm.

Mercury, rock tumbling equipment. 252-2394.

Female daschund to mate with proven male. 287-4733.

Eng-spkr maid, to clean, iron, one day a week, refs req, El Dorado area. 260-5926.

Small and large pet carrier. 287-3238.

Camper shell for full-size Ford p/u. 235-4783 Oct. 30-31.

Shawn or Alice, call back about my ad you answered. 284-6836.

Top quality male cocker spaniel to breed w/female cocker spaniel. 284-5224.

Heavy metal guitar teacher. 287-4733.

Lost

Large male dalmation puppy in Gatun, reward offered. 243-5269.

Miscellaneous

Kamei spoiler kit, for 1979-86 Mustang or Capri, \$450, 284-5224.

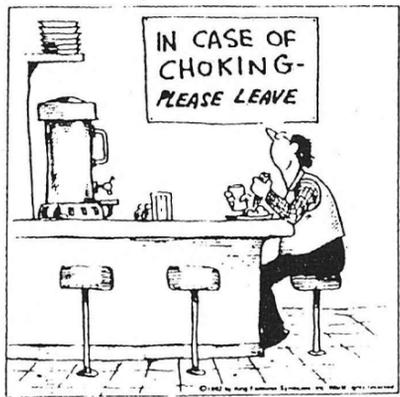
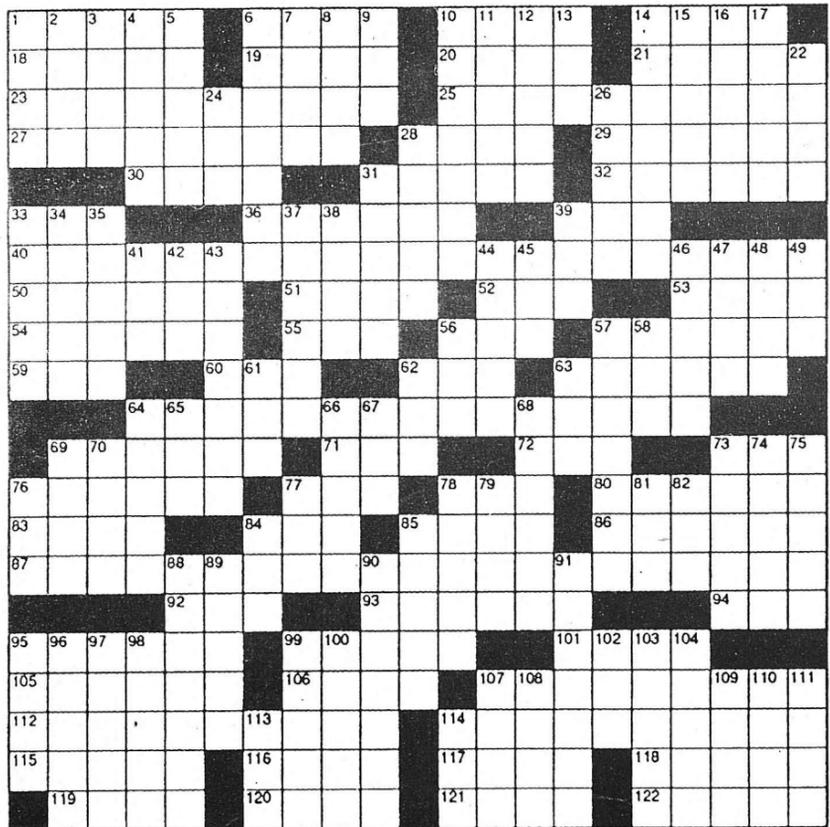
Female heavy duty battery, new, \$40, 284-5096.

1987 Honda Accord parts, water pump, radiator, thermo, master cyl, more, 287-4420.

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"THAT'S JUST A PIECE OF CHEESE I BROUGHT FOR THAT POOR CHURCH MOUSE."

"I hate it when it's your turn to make the coffee..."

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HAGAR the Horrible By Dik Browne



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell



RATZ by BEN SMITH



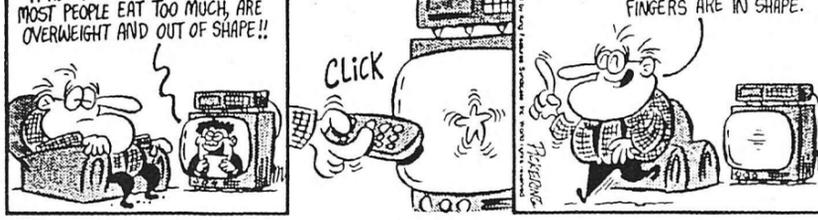
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