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Panamanian policeman shoots U.S. soldier

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - A U.S. Army soldier assigned to Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry at Fort Davis, was wounded outside Colon when he allegedly failed to stop for members of the Panamanian National Police (PNP).

Shortly after 2 a.m. Thursday, the PNP allegedly attempted to stop Staff Sgt. Maurice Neal's vehicle because the headlights were off. The PNP reported that Neal fled in the vehicle toward the Four Corners intersection, failed to stop at a PNP check point, and continued down the Transisthmian Highway to the town of Sabanitas approximately 10 miles south of Colon where, according to the PNP, he failed to stop at another road block. The PNP then fired on the vehicle, wounding Neal in his left shoulder.

Neal was taken by ambulance to Amador Guerrero Hospital in Colon where his condition is reported as stable. The incident is currently under investigation by U.S. and Panamanian authorities.

Rear admiral selected new deputy commander

QUARRY HEIGHTS (Tropic Times) - Rear Adm. James Blenn Perkins III has been selected as the deputy commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command. The effective date has not been announced.

He was born Aug. 28, 1942 in Long Beach, N.J., and began his career as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy July 5, 1960.

His first assignment was from June 1964 to Oct. 1966 aboard the *USS Saratoga*. He's also served on the *USS Henderson*, *USS John Willis*, *USS Downes* and commanded the *USS Schofield*.

In 1982, Perkins was the Chief of Naval Personnel. After that assignment he was the commander of Destroyer Squadron Nine; the deputy and chief of staff of the Naval Surface Force Pacific; commander of U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas/USCINCPAC, Republic of Guam and U.S. Trust Territory. His most recent assignment was commander of Amphibious Group Three.

Rehearsal, ceremony to close Clayton roads

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The following areas will be closed off from 6 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m., Thursday and June 3, for rehearsal and the farewell ceremony for the 193rd Infantry Brigade (Light):

- ◆ Hawkins Avenue, from the intersection by the Bowling Center to Child Development Services
- ◆ The parking lot adjacent to the Chapel
- ◆ The parking lot across the street from Building 95.

DEH announces water flushing schedule

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing will be flushing water mains 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on the following dates: June 15, Fort Amador; June 17, Cocoli; June 20, Fort Kobbe; June 22-23, Corozal; July 2-3, Fort Clayton; July 6, Curundu; July 10, Quarry Heights. Water pressure will be lower for about one hour during this time.



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Chairman visits Panama

Special Operations Command South Commander Brig. Gen. Kenneth Bowra, 24th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer and U.S. Army South Commanding General Maj. Gen. George A. Crocker meet with Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. John M. Shalikashvili for a working lunch at the Quarry Heights Officers' Club Saturday. During his visit, Shalikashvili received a briefing on quality of life from Command Sgt. Major Franklin D. Thomas, and briefings on counterdrug operations and the future of the roles and missions of the U.S. Southern Command after the year 2000. For a full report, see next week's *Tropic Times*.

Locals select D.C. conference issues

FORT AMADOR (USARSO PAO) - Representatives from the Atlantic and Pacific communities selected three quality of life issues that will be presented at the Army Family Action Program Conference in Washington, D.C. later this year.

The representatives were presented with the top issues selected during the Atlantic and Pacific AFAP conferences held March 17 and April 12.

During the conference, the representatives discussed the issues that ranged from family services and community/consumer services to medical/dental services and relocation and housing.

The representatives selected the top three issues and came up with recommendations.

The top three issues were:

- ◆ Kindergarten is too short. For example, on the Atlantic side it lasts only two hours including nap and lunch time.
- ◆ Army hospitals require family members of

servicemembers E-5 and above to pay a surcharge for meals consumed in hospital dining facilities. Frequently there are no other acceptable sources of nutritional food at the hospital.

The cost for meals, including surcharge, creates an unnecessary expense to the family that already must contend with the emotional stress of caring for a sick child or spouse.

The study group recommended changing AR 40-330 and exempt the immediate family members of in-patients from paying the surcharge.

- ◆ Single soldiers option for length of tour. Married soldiers can choose short tours (hardship) or complete tour (with family members).

The group also recommended career soldiers whether single or married should do three-year tours. Single soldiers should be given an option of a two- or three-year tour OCONUS.

Army program to curtail domestic violence

WASHINGTON (AP) - Spouse and child abuse is on the rise among military families, and the Army will assign civilian counselors to hundreds of military units next month in an effort to curb it, a Pentagon spokesman said Monday.

Confirmed cases of spousal abuse in the military rose from 12 per 1,000 spouses in 1988 to 18.1 per 1,000 in 1993, according to Lt. Col. Doug Hart.

Child abuse cases rose from six per 1,000 to 6.6 per 1,000 during the same period, he said.

On average, one child or spouse dies each week at the hands of a relative in military families, statistics indicate.

The increase has Pentagon and congressional officials worried, though the rate of child abuse is still about half that in the general population, according to a report Monday in *The New York Times*.

Part of the increase might be attributed to better reporting of incidents, the *Times* said. But military experts also believe cutbacks in the military and the impact they have on people's careers are playing a role.

"There's no question that the downsizing has had a real impact on the active-duty military and their families," said Peter J. McNeilis, a former Army colonel who heads the Military Family Institute at Marywood College in Scranton, Pa. "You can't talk to anyone without getting the sense they're tense and feel that the system is letting them down."

Some members of Congress are concerned. At a recent meeting to discuss the status of women in the military, female senators and senior military leaders talked about domestic violence, the *Times* said.

"Part of the problem is that there is a let's-sweep-it-under-the-rug attitude about all this," contended Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. "The military needs to be realistic and admit there is a problem."

The Pentagon has established a panel to review child deaths at three major military hospitals and the Defense Department has commissioned a study of 7,000 children of service members at 25 bases, Pentagon spokesman Hart said.

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24th Wing Public Affairs makes story corrections

HOWARD AFB (24th Wing/PA) - The *Tropic Times* published two articles May 20 with errors.

The promotions story on page one had mistakes regarding the promotion rates of majors and senior master sergeants throughout the Air Force.

During the March majors board, 2,326 officers were selected for in-the-zone-promotion out of 3,146 eligible for a rate of 74 percent. Fourteen percent, or 109 captains, were selected out of 786 for above-the-zone-promotion. Of the 7,523 eligible for below-the-zone-promotion, 106 or 1.4 percent were chosen.

Master sergeants eligible for promotion to E-8 were selected at a rate of 4.62 percent. This resulted in 1,101 NCOs being selected out of 23,827.

An error was also made in the noncommissioned officer retraining article on page two. Phase II of the program will run July 16-Aug. 16 this year. If enough volunteer retrainees are not found during the first two phases, the third phase will be implemented with involuntary retraining. For more information, call 284-3817/4808.

Commissaries close because of Memorial Day

The Corozal and Fort Espinar commissaries will be closed Thursday in observance of Memorial Day. The Howard commissary will be closed Tuesday.

Ethnic extravaganza held today at Howard

The 24th Wing and the 24th Mission Support Squadron invite all members of Panama's American military community to participate in the Asian Pacific American Heritage activities planned for today at the Howard Parade Field.

Activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and include many cultural presentations, including song, dance and martial arts

AAFES sets holiday hours

COROZAL (USARSO PAO) - The hours of operation for the Army and Air Force Exchange System - Panama for Monday in observance of Memorial Day are as follows:

Pacific

Corozal
Main PX - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sweets Reflections - 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Frank's Franks - 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wok Works - closed
Casa de Amigos - closed
Bakery - closed
Commissary Frank's Franks - closed

Fort Clayton

Shoppette (95) - closed
Frank's Franks (95) - closed
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Burger King - 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Popeye's - 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Frank's Franks (by Burger King) - closed
Clayton Plaza Shoppette - 7 a.m.-mid night
Shoppette (519) - 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Snack bar (519) - closed
Auto parts store - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Car Care Center - closed
Clothing Sales - closed

Fort Amador

Shoppette - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Albrook

Shoppette - 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Snack bar - 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Frank's Franks - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Video rental - 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Furniture store - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Shoe store - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Toyland/Outdoor - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Class Six - 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

AMC flight schedule

5:40 am	Saturday C130 Howard AFB Louisville, Ky. (Active duty)	Atlanta IAP Charleston IAP, S.C.	June 3 C130 Howard AFB Managua, Nicaragua (CC) Soto Cano AB, Honduras Howard AFB
1:45 pm	C5A Howard AFB Charleston AFB, SC (O) Kelly AFB, Texas	Wednesday C130 Howard AFB San Salvador, El Salvador Soto Cano AB, Honduras Howard AFB	US-U.S. passport O-Overnight C-Commercial Contract V-Visa M-Medevac CC-Country Clearance
	Sunday No scheduled departures	5:40 am C141 Howard AFB Kelly AFB, Texas Charleston AFB, SC	◆Effectively immediately, all passengers are allowed to wear civilian clothing, AMC officials said.
3:45 pm	B727 Howard AFB Soto Cano AB, Honduras (O,C)	Thursday C-5A Howard AFB Soto Cano AB, Honduras Charleston AFB, SC (O) Dover AFB, Del.	
8:40 a.m.	B727 Howard AFB		

demonstrations. People may also buy lunch from the wide variety of ethnic cuisine, and beverages will also be available. For more information about the day's activities, call 284-3410.

Civilian personnel office closes Tuesday

The Directorate of Civilian Personnel, buildings 560 and 6523, Corozal will be closed 7:15 - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

1-508th holds all-ranks dinner Wednesday

The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry will be holding its all-ranks dinner 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Club Amador. The event is open to present and former members of the battalion and their spouses or guests. The uniform is dress blues, dress mess or mess whites and will cost \$20 per person. For reservations, call 2nd Lt. Scott Schoner at 284-3862.

Association sponsors June 21 luncheon

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. June 21 at Club Amador.

Beauty and Barber shops - 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Howard AFB

Main BX - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Shoppette - open 24 hours
Class Six - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Cafeteria - 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Clothing Sales - closed
Service station - 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Beauty and barber shops - 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fort Kobbe

Shoppette/video rental - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Burger King - 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Quarry Heights shoppette - closed
Gorgas Hospital shoppette - closed
Curundu School cafeteria - closed
Coclico shoppette - closed
Balboa school cafeteria - closed
Curundu Service Station - 6 a.m.-mid night

Atlantic

Fort Espinar

Shoppette - closed

Fort Davis

Main PX - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Auto parts store - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Gas station - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Cafeteria - 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza - 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Burger King - 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Clothing Sales - closed
Shoppette - 10 a.m. -6 p.m.
Mini-shoppette - 8 a.m. -6 p.m.

Fort Sherman

Shoppette - noon-6 p.m.
Gas station - closed
Anthony's Pizza - noon-4 p.m.

Vendor's exposition will be held displaying the latest in communication and automation equipment. For information, call 287-6819.

Medical squadron offers anger control course

The 24th Medical Squadron's Behavioral Science Clinic is sponsoring an anger management group for people who have difficulty controlling their temper.

Officials need to determine the number of people in the community who would like to attend and also the best time slot for holding group meetings.

Group members will learn anger management techniques to help them gain control over their lives and themselves. People interested in participating should call 284-6410/6457.

Public affairs specialist position available soon

The Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Nonappropriated Funds Civilian Personnel Office announces the future opening of a public affairs specialist position in the Navy Services/Marketing Division. MWR is seeking people with a background in journalism, advertising, writing and graphic design.

For more information, call Joanna Duran at 283-5341.

Fuel handlers' course registration under way

There will be a fuel handlers' course June 6-10 at the Company A, 193rd Support Battalion Motor Pool. Space and study materials are limited so units must register by Thursday. For information, call 287-5366/5463.

World War II mementos needed for birthday ball

World War II memorabilia is needed for the Army Birthday Ball. Memorabilia will be displayed in secure areas of Club Amador. For information, call the U.S. Army South Public Affairs Office at 287-3007.

Atlantic clerical exam set for 10 a.m. June 8

There will be a clerical examination for family members in the Atlantic community 10 a.m. June 8 at the Fort Davis Education Center, Building 235. To register, call 285-4218.

Boy Scout camp needs volunteer support staff

The Panama Canal District of the Boy Scouts of America needs volunteers to act as program and support staff during its upcoming summer camp.

The program staff includes archery range and waterfront directors, and the support staff includes kitchen cooks and medical personnel.

Scouts and staff will live in the jungle operations training area at Fort Sherman. The staff will arrive at Fort Sherman on

June 18, and leave when the camp ends June 29. People interested in participating should begin their permissive temporary duty, temporary active duty requests soon. For more information, call Johnathan Hilton at 284-5567/3516 or Kathy MacPhail at 285-6547.

Spot bid sale slated for June 8 at Corozal

A spot bid sale will be held 9 a.m. June 8 at Building 308, Corozal. The inspection time is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 7. Used U.S. government cars, buses and trucks will be sold. For more information, call 285-5417.

Zodiac sponsors Swap and Shop sale June 4

The Zodiac Community Activities Center is sponsoring a Swap and Shop sale 7 a.m.-2 p.m. June 4 at the Howard AFB Big Tree Bohio. For more information, call 284-6161.

Nova Southeastern needs instructors

Nova Southeastern needs qualified instructors with U.S. degree. There are immediate openings to teach English as a second or foreign language.

Medium- to long-range opening are available in computer science; management theory and applications; managerial economics; art and society; Latin American literature; English communication and writing; macroeconomics; and government and society.

For more information, visit the Diablo Clubhouse, Building 5051, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. or call 252-2071/2494.

World War II veterans needed for celebration

World War II veterans are needed to participate in Fourth of July activities. Interested veterans should call the U.S. Army South Public Affairs Office at 287-3007 today.

Balboa class of 1964 holds 30-year reunion

The Balboa High School class of 1964 will hold its 30-year reunion July 28-31 at the Holiday Inn in Clearwater, Fla. Graduates who know of any classmates' address changes should contact Saloni Barber at 404 Marble Cove Way, Seal Beach, Calif., 90740, telephone (310) 430-5880; Sherry Sabo Hozack at 2286 Amethyst Drive, Santa Clara, Calif., 95051, telephone (408) 984-5226; or Jane Holgerson Thompson at 476 East Yale Loop, Irvine, Calif., 92714, telephone (714) 733-2789.

'Carribean Affair' set for June 4 at Clayton pool

A Memorial Day party, "A Caribbean Affair," will be held 9 p.m. June 4 at the Fort Clayton pool.

Call 287-3042 or 238-8462 for information.



Live fire

Realism prepares troops for battle

PENA RANGE COMPLEX (USARSO PAO Atlantic) - No matter how realistic the scenarios are, many training exercises lack one bit of realism that could prove costly on the battlefield — firing with live ammunition.

About 60 soldiers from Company A, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry (Light) had that realism in a May 17 live fire here.

"I think they got a lot out of it," said Capt. Gary Garay Company A commander. "When they work with live rounds, it's more realistic and it forces them to be more aware of what they're doing."

Firing with live ammunition also makes the soldiers aware of safety considerations, Garay said.

"It makes them more alert, more careful," he said. "They realize that if they make a mistake, they could kill someone."

The safety aspect came into play in the planning stage and was a key consideration throughout the exercise, Garay said.

"Before the exercise started, we had to submit our range plan to range control," he said, "and the soldiers were given a safety briefing before they got any ammunition."

Additionally, the soldiers ran through the scenario with blanks before they were issued live ammunition.

"We issued them blanks, and they did everything exactly as they would in the live fire," Garay said. "If someone made a mistake, we could correct it before the live fire started."

The safety measures paid off as the exercise ended with no injuries, Garay said.



5th Battalion, 87th Infantry (Light) soldiers cut through concertina wire.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rick Emerit

The overall success of the exercise can be attributed to a lot of practice, he said.

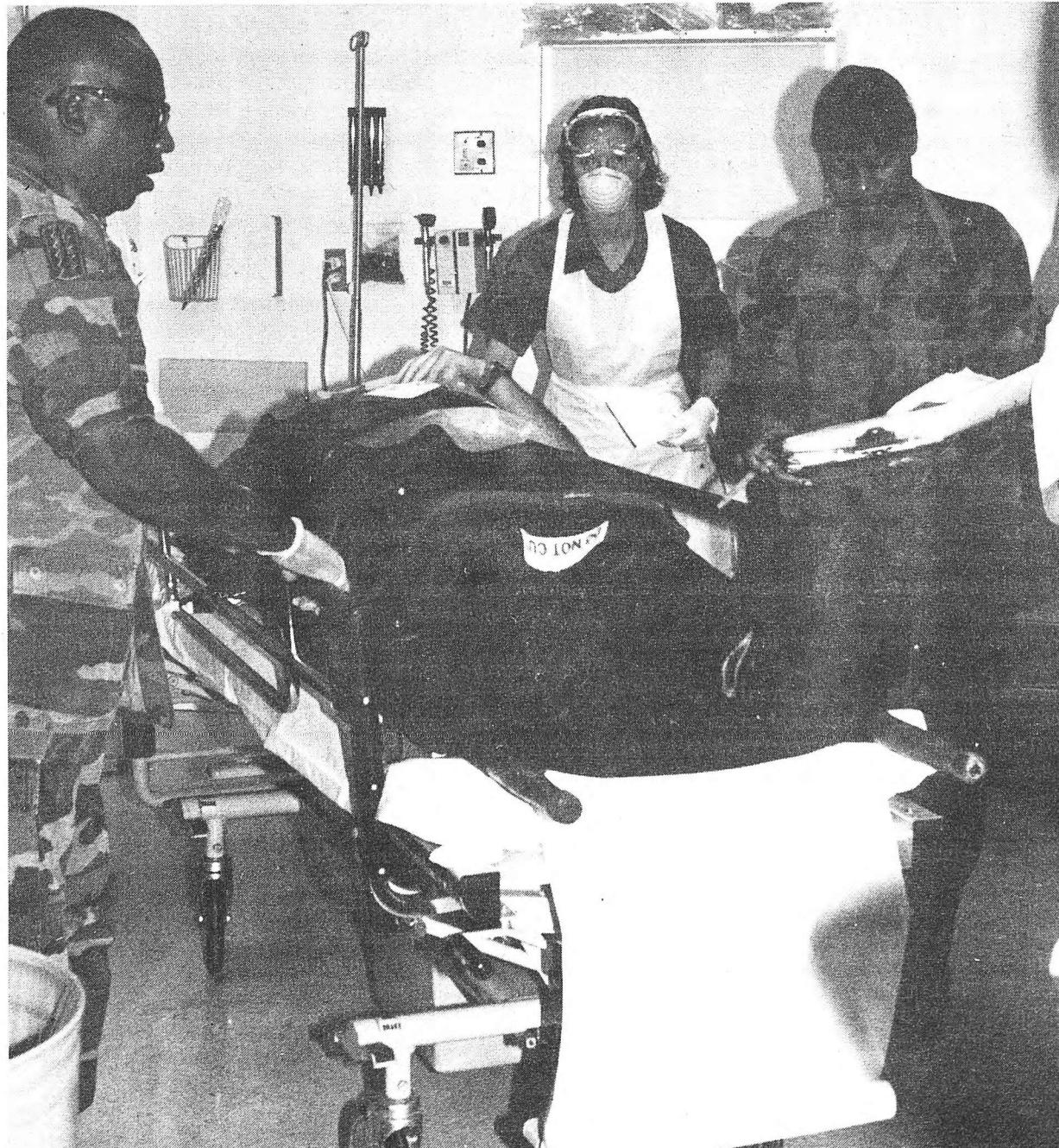
"We do live fire exercises monthly," he said. "We try to vary the locations and scenarios from month to month so that the soldiers don't fall into a routine."

The Company A soldiers have marksmanship and other weapons training throughout the month, but the live fire exercises seem to be the most effective training tool, Garay said.

"When you know your magazine is

loaded with live rounds, your adrenaline rushes and you pay more attention to what you're doing," he said. "When it's all over, it heightens your confidence. You feel confident that you could do well in a real world mission."

Exercise tests Gorgas Hospital's readiness, mettle



Capt. Nancy Bard (center) rolls a "casualty" as Cpl. Triease Mack finishes paperwork.

by Sgt. Robin A. Mantikoski
USARSO Public Affairs Office

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL - Medical personnel from Gorgas Army Community Hospital put their emergency response skills to the test during a mass casualty exercise May 17.

The exercise tasked the Medical Department Activity soldiers' ability to work as a team, test their alert rosters, and to react according to their Emergency Preparedness Plan, said Capt. Deborah Wesloh, operations officer.

"Mass casualty accidents happen all the time which overtasks the staff on duty requiring everyone to respond," she said. "That's why we practice where people go and how they do it."

Sgt. 1st Class Earnest Armstrong, evaluator for the exercise said that these types of exercises are important to all involved.

"Because we are the only hospital for DoD personnel in Panama, it's important that we get this down pact," he said. "It's my job to ensure that they are geared in the right direction."

The scenario involved the crash of a CH-47 Chinook that injured 15 people.

The exercise was a total team effort that included military and civilian personnel, and administrative and medical soldiers, Wesloh said.

Medical personnel from the 24th Medical Group, Howard AFB, prepared the injured people for the flight, while soldiers from the 214th Medical Detachment loaded the patients onto Blackhawks and flew them to Gorgas.

Once at the helo-pad, the Gorgas staff went to work.

The patients' first stop was the triage area where they were placed in categories according to their injuries, said Dr. Guillermo Arana, triage officer-in-charge. The patients were placed into four categories: immediate, delayed, minimal and expectant.

"The idea of triage is to send the patients to the proper place to be taken care of," he said.

From triage, the patients were taken to the appropriate areas, where personnel were standing by ready to treat the patients.

Wesloh said the bi-annual event is important for everyone at the hospital.



U.S. Air Force photo

Master Sgt. Johnny Wilford prepares to administer in-water cardiopulmonary resuscitation to Milton Collazos. Water safety was one of themes focused on during safety day.

Safety

AF focuses on 101 critical days

by **Sgt. James A. Rush**
24th Wing Public Affairs

HOWARD AFB - The 24th Wing caught the "safety fever" that spread through the Department of Defense May 19 kicking off the 101 critical days of summer with a "FOD Walk" on the flightline and commander's call at the base theater.

Air Force flightline workers fanned out across the runway and parking areas to collect foreign objects that could cause damage to aircraft. They formed up at the north end of the flightline and proceeded toward the fire department.

Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer, 24th Wing commander, hosted a safety day commander's call soon after. At the gathering, Sawyer announced the latest finder of the "Golden Bolt," a plastic card planted on the flightline to keep workers on the lookout for FOD. Staff Sgt. Paul Bonanno, and later Army Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Barlow, spotted the bolt and received a book of coupons good for discounts at Army and Air Force Exchange facilities in Panama.

The commander's call featured Maj. Gen. Walter Worthington, U.S. Southern Command deputy commander in chief, as a guest speaker. The general recited several safety stories and statistics. Worthington's briefing focused on challenging listeners to remember two things from his speech and recall them when they come to work 101 days later.

Wing safety chief, Lt. Col. Mark Fry, added his comments as well. When the formation was dismissed, military members returned to their duty sections to take part in unit safety orientations.

Several displays and briefings focusing on the day's theme were held throughout the day. This included water safety at the base pool; ground and weapons safety meetings; and flight safety briefings for crews, maintenance personnel and spouses.

Joint Task Force stands down for safety

by **Sgt. Eric Hortin**
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON - Joint Task Force - Panama took a day to promote safety within its ranks May 19.

"We decided to schedule it for May 19 because it was convenient to all commanders," said Staff Sgt. Ronnie Byrd, U.S. Army South Safety Office. "That was when the least training was going on."

Units conducted training and classes on subjects of individual safety such as AIDS awareness, water safety, driving safety, vehicle inspections, stress and suicide prevention.

"The stand down is so people can stop and look at what they're doing," Byrd said. "Then you can say, 'Here's what we're

doing right. Here's what we're doing wrong. Here's where we need to improve.'"

Although the military work environment was the largest emphasized area, home safety was also stressed.

The 36th Explosive Ordnance Detachment Set up a collection point for materials that could have proposed safety problems to those who had them in their homes.

"Usually what we receive is small arms ammunition," said 1st Sgt. Beverly Marchica, 36th EOD. "Sometimes we do get hand grenades and smoke grenades. This time we took in about 5,000 rounds of small arms ammunition."

The rounds themselves may not seem to pose much of a hazard for those who have them in their homes, but unforeseen

circumstances could make them very unsafe.

"There could be problems when small children play with them — that's not a good practice," Marchica said. "If a home catches fire, then we have rounds 'cooking-off'."

Grenades, whether smoke, fragmentation or 40mm, can pose life-threatening dangers, Marchica said. If dropped, fragmentation and 40mm could explode, and may kill someone. Smoke grenades pose a burn hazard should they ignite.

Although most soldiers are careful about what they do, both at work and at home, Byrd said safety can't be stressed too much.

"It keeps you alive," Byrd said. "It gives the commanders the chance to ac-

complish the mission. It gives the individual a chance to look at what he's doing and keep himself and his family safe."

Safety doesn't remain the sole responsibility of military members, though. Civilians took part in promoting the day's safety theme as well.

The Directorate of Community Activities and their employees were a part of an all-out effort to inspect the DCA fleet of 128 vehicles. Vehicles turned up at inspection points on both the Atlantic and Pacific side throughout the day to judge their road-worthiness.

Although Safety Standdown Day happens only semiannually to emphasize work and home safety, keeping safety at the forefront should be an every day occurrence.

Rainy season poses challenge for safety conscious

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - Rainy season, which runs until late December, can cause hazardous conditions for drivers and pedestrians.

Drivers must be aware of the problems that may occur, said Jeannie Hickman, U.S. Army South command safety officer.

"This time of year poses a challenge to the driver unfamiliar to driving in the Republic of Panama, and extreme caution and concentration must be used whenever you're behind the wheel," she said.

Panama's annual rainfall is about 67 inches, with the heaviest rains coming in November. But it doesn't take a downpour to cause serious problems for drivers, she said.

The rain causes roads to become slippery. During dry season, a film of oil builds up and, as the rain mixes with the oil and grease residue, produces a slippery film.

Drivers also need to be aware that center lines and lane markings may be more slippery than the roads themselves.

"Even a little rain poses a considerable hazard," Hickman said. "So slow down as it starts to rain."

Puddles, flooded roads and intersections can also be dangerous.

"Be cautious going through puddles. Potholes can become filled with water," she said. "Flooded intersections are also a favorite place for unscrupulous characters to rob you."

Another problem is poor visibility. Visibility is often limited because of rain and humidity. Drivers should slow down or pull off to the side until the rain stops, Hickman said.

Making sure vehicles are in top condition is another way to make driving safer, she said. Poor road and weather

conditions won't be as hazardous if drivers check wiper blades, brakes, tire wear and air pressure before the need arises.

Driving isn't the only rainy season hazard. Drainage ditches can fill to the brim and become raging rivers.

"Parents must educate children never to play in or near a drainage ditch," she said. "Children have been caught in the torrent and drowned."

Adults also need to be careful when mowing their lawns during the rainy season.

"Several people have lost their toes when they attempted to use power mowers to cut their lawn without adequate foot protection," she said.

"The best advise for people at any time, whether it be rainy or dry season, is to use common sense in all activities."



El Salvador begins new era

by 1st Lt. Jim Knotts
U.S. Southern Command Public Affairs Office

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR - A new era began here April 24 when the Salvadoran people voted in a runoff election to choose their first democratic government since the end of a 12-year civil war. As the Salvadoran people move forward to rebuild peace, another era of sorts has come to a close.

The U.S. military advisory program to the Salvadoran Air Force that lasted 32 years ended when Maj. Dale M. Abernathy, a U.S. Army helicopter pilot, closed the advisor's office, coincidentally just two days before the runoff election.

The move toward peace and the downsizing of the Salvadoran military has decreased the need for the U.S. advisor, Abernathy said. As he completed his one-year assignment, Abernathy was not replaced in El Salvador.

The advisory program was manned with a U.S. Air Force officer beginning in 1962. In 1982, a U.S. Army advisor for helicopter operations was added to the program. Last year, the U.S. Air Force advisor was not replaced, leaving Abernathy as the lone advisor.

"My primary job was to look for systemic problems and ways to improve maintenance procedures to bring the Salvadoran aircraft to the highest level of readiness possible," Abernathy said. The Salvadorans are now running this program on their own.

Stationed at the Salvadoran Ilopango Air Base, the headquarters for the Salvadoran Air Force, Abernathy routinely coordinated with the many U.S. aviation support agencies to arrange for Salvadorans to attend maintenance training, pilot training, and test pilot training in the United States.

As El Salvador transitioned to peace and reduced its military size, Abernathy arranged for a team from the United States to help the Salvadorans identify which aircraft were in the best shape to retain in service. He also coordinated for a U.S. Army maintenance mobile training teams to help the Salvadorans improve their maintenance systems.

Although he feels he made many positive contributions to the Salvadoran Air Force during his tour, Abernathy said he believes he benefited most from the experience.

"I learned a lot about El Salvador," he said. "When I came here, I didn't know anything. I think lots of people

back home have a stereotype of Latin America that simply isn't true. The Salvadorans are very professional. They know what they're doing, and they appreciate our help."

As a foreign area officer, this was Abernathy's second assignment in Latin America. Before going to El Salvador, he attended the Argentine equivalent of Command and General Staff College and foreign area officer orientation in Argentina. He said he felt his assignment to El Salvador greatly enhanced his knowledge and understanding of Latin America that will be helpful in future assignments.

Another career-broadening experience for Abernathy was the opportunity to fly the Hughes 500E helicopter, which is flown by the Salvadoran Air Force. Abernathy received his Salvadoran flight wings during a special ceremony on the Salvadoran Air Force Day, which was attended by President Alfredo Cristiani and Minister of Defense Brig. Gen. Humberto Corado. Air Force Day is the only day of the year Salvadoran pilots receive their flight wings.

This achievement adds to his resume of flight experience in U.S. Army CH-47D, UH-1H, and OH-58A and C model helicopters.

Abernathy is quick to give credit to the U.S. Military Group in El Salvador, which gave him great latitude to work with the Salvadorans on projects they mutually agreed would be most beneficial. But the best thing about the assignment for Abernathy was the opportunities to represent the United States to our allies.

"When I came here, I just wanted to be an ambassador of my country. That opportunity was the best part of the job, and I think I was pretty successful at it," Abernathy said.

His sentiments were echoed by Col. Juan A. Martinez Varela, commander of the Salvadoran Air Force, at a special going-away ceremony held in Abernathy's honor. Varela expressed his profound thanks for Abernathy's positive contributions to the Salvadoran Air Force.

Although the new era of peace is still getting underway in El Salvador, the era of advisors to the Salvadoran Air Force has ended.

Abernathy returns to a flying assignment at Fort Rucker, Ala., after a reunion with his wife, Vickie, who has lived with her parents in Nashville, Tenn., during the major's unaccompanied tour.

Medical troops give Honduran orphans check-ups, clothes, toys

SOTO CANO AB, Palmerola (Joint Task Force Bravo) - Members from the Medical Element here provided health checkups, clothing, toys and supplies to the Nazareth Orphanage in Comayagua, Honduras May 19.

Health checkups are a monthly activity at the orphanage said Lt. Karen Perry, MEDEL nurse. Two doctors and a nurse provide care for the children.

"Providing these children medical attention is a bona fide mission for us," Perry said. "We do basic checkups and provide necessary medicine along with instructions about how to use it."

Each child has his or her own medical record where the results of each checkup are recorded. A translator accompanies the medical staff to help eliminate language barrier problems.

Soldiers and airmen were also able to help the orphanage get uniforms for the children.

They raised money through T-shirts sales to buy the material. The material was given to Sister Carmen Beteta, director of the orphanage, who made the uniforms — light blue shirts with dark pants for the boys and skirts for the girls.

The clothing, toys, and supplies brought by members of the 163rd Air

Refueling Group medical unit from March AFB, Ca. included clothing, shoes, infant formula and personal hygiene supplies such as toothpaste and soap.

"The people in our unit put the word out to the community and the donations poured in," said Staff Sgt. Marc Draper, unit patient administrator. "And we're not done yet — more is coming on another plane."

Draper said helping the Honduran people has been a fulfilling experience.

"It's been a great experience to help the people and work with the U.S. Army. We're all one big team — here to help."

AAFES reassures military popcorn lovers

DALLAS (Army News Service) - Military popcorn lovers everywhere can relax. Despite recent reports of movie popcorn rivalling a "Big Mac" in fat content, Army and Air Force Exchange Service popcorn is actually low in saturated fat. The difference is in the popping oil.

Many off-base establishments pop with coconut oil, which is high in saturated fat. But AAFES doesn't.

"The popping oil AAFES uses is a special oil made from either partially hydrogenated soybean or corn oil,

both low in saturated fat," said Lt. Col. Karen Hobson, AAFES staff dietitian. She added that AAFES also flavors its popcorn with seasoning salt.

AAFES tested many brands of popcorn oil before choosing the soybean and corn oils, Hobson said. And AAFES uses a popping recipe that calls for a 4-1 ratio of corn to oil. This is less than the 3-1 ration the industry recommends. This alone lowers the fat content of AAFES popcorn, Hobson said.

Three cups of AAFES popcorn has 130 calories. While 45 percent of the calories come from fat, only one gram comes from saturated fat.

Hobson said the only way to have oil- and fat-free popcorn is to use an air popper and add nothing. Adding butter or other toppings and seasonings to the AAFES popcorn eliminates the low-fat benefit.

AAFES pops corn for military theaters, Sweet Reflections snack shops, snack bars, shoppettes and cafeterias worldwide.

'Soldiers' magazine wants photos for December issue

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - If you can "point and shoot" a camera, you can help "Soldiers" magazine celebrate the Army's 219th birthday.

Photographers of all types — amateur and professional, military and civilian — are needed to record what's happening on your Army installation, June 14. These pictures will support "This is Our Army," a 32-page photo feature to appear in the December 1994 issue of "Soldiers."

The magazine needs photos that tell a story and capture the faces of soldiers, families and Army civilians. Shoot what is unique to your installation, something you may see every day, but which others may never get the chance to see.

The "Soldiers" staff is looking for imagination and creativity; posed shots will be screened out. The staff is looking for the best photos from the field, for a worldwide representation of what makes the Army what it is.

Here are some basic rules to keep in mind:

◆Photos must be shot in the 24-hour period of June 14.

◆Submit processed color slides, or 5"x7" or 8"x10" black-and-white prints.

◆Photos should be printed for magazine quality. Newspaper photojournalists often print photos lighter and with less contrast.

◆Include the full name, rank and service, as applicable, of the photographer; names of identifiable people in the photo; details on what's happening in the photo; and the location of the photo. Cutlines must be attached individually to the photo or slide. Submissions will not be used without complete photo credits and cutlines.

◆Photos must be processed and received by "Soldiers" by Aug. 31. Photos and accompanying information will not be returned.

Send your photos of June 14 activities to: SOLDIERS, 9325 Gunston Rd., Suite S108, Fort Belvoir, Va., 22060-5581. If you have questions, call Staff Sgts. Larry Lane or Doug Ide at (703) 806-4504 or Defense Switching Network 656-4504.

Guide helps AF officers understand evaluations

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (Air Force News Service) - As part of the continuing officer evaluation system re-education effort, officials at the Air Force Military Personnel Center here have released a new orientation guide entitled "Officer Evaluation System New Senior Rater Guide."

This orientation guide provides an OES introduction to all newly appointed senior raters and has been sent to all Air Force and joint management level directors of personnel for distribution. Highlights of the guide include important points when dealing with key OES aspects of performance feedback, performance reports, promotion recommendations, and management-level evaluation boards.

It has been five years since the OES was implemented and many of the senior raters who were targeted during initial Air Force-wide training have moved on. Lt. Gen. Billy J. Boles, the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for personnel, focused on this fact in a recent memorandum to all senior raters.

"The new guide is aimed at education senior raters who have not had the benefit of formal training," Boles said. "Information contained in the guide will get new senior raters started on the right foot."

Boles has also emphasized the need for officers to periodically remind themselves of OES principles.

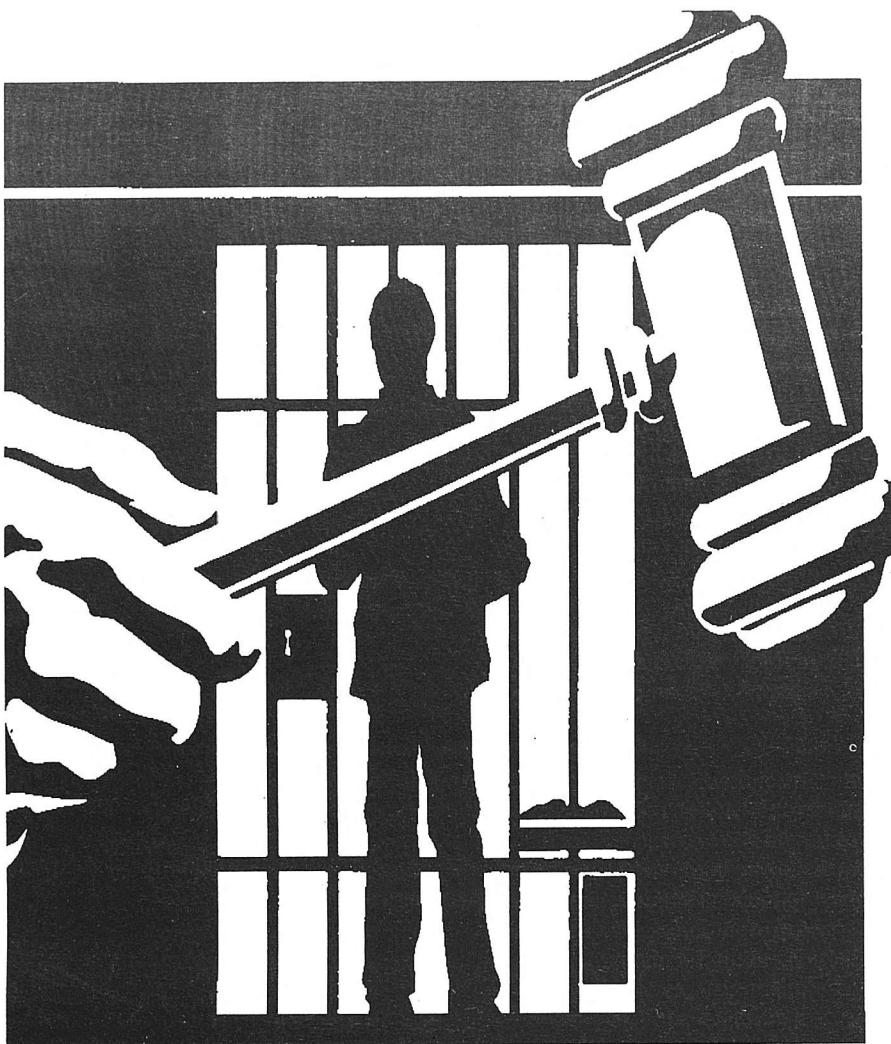
"All officers must understand that we will not tolerate less than full compliance with the OES policies and procedures," Boles said.

"We need to make certain everyone knows and understands the specific restrictions outlined in the governing directive (Air Force Regulation 36-10, Officer Evaluation System)," said Maj. Gen. Burt Davitte, AFMPC commander. "Credibility of the OES among the officer corps relies on all senior raters knowing and adhering to the same rules."

The guide for new senior rates is one of a series of initiatives designed to reeducate the officer corps, and key people in managing the system, about the philosophy, principles, roles and responsibilities of the OES.

Kobbe soldier charged with disorderly conduct

Provost Marshal's Corner



Asian-Pacific Heritage Month

Infantry soldier looks back on Vietnamese roots

FORT KOBBE (USARSO PAO) - Hiep Pham doesn't remember much about his life in the small village of Phuoc-Tinh in Vietnam — he was only 4 years old when his family fled the country in 1975.

Pham's father, who was a soldier in the South Vietnam Army, decided to leave his homeland for the sake of his family's safety. He set sail in a small boat to search for anywhere he could find the safety to raise his family.

"Because my father was a soldier with the South Vietnam Army, his life was in jeopardy once Saigon fell," said Pham, now a specialist with the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry. "After the fall, other South Vietnamese soldiers were being taken prisoners by the communists."

Pham said he doesn't really remember much of what happened in Vietnam because he was so young, but his father has told him of the experience.

"My father has told me about leaving Vietnam in a boat with the rest of our family, and about being picked up by a U.S. Navy ship and brought to the United States," he said.

Pham said he's glad his family moved to the states because life in Vietnam would not have afforded him the opportunities he now has.

"I know if we had stayed, our lives wouldn't have been as good," he said. "Vietnam is not only a poor country, but my family may not have survived at all."

Since arriving in the states, his father worked and then retired from AT&T.

Pham now has had the chance to follow his goals, one

of which was to become a high school math teacher.

"I was going to college and majoring in math education," he said. "Then I joined the Army because I needed help to pay for and finish my education."

Though Pham's father was a soldier, he doesn't consider his joining the Army as following in his father's footsteps.

"My father was a soldier, but he was a farmer first," he said. "He didn't even know I was joining the Army until I had already joined."

Though his father was surprised, he was very supportive. His mother, however, was like any other mother — worried.

Since joining, Pham's goals have changed a bit. Though he may still become a math teacher, he hasn't ruled out other routes.

"The military is a good experience for me, but I don't see myself making a career out of it," he said.

Even with the Army not being a career move for him, Pham said his time in the Army has been good. He said he does miss his family and his mother's cooking, but has enjoyed his time here.

Being a U.S. soldier and U.S. citizen hasn't made Pham forget his roots or ignore his heritage, however.

"It's where I came from and I carry it with me," he said. "It's part of who I am, it's my heritage."

Reflecting on his heritage isn't a one-time-a-year thing Pham does only during Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. It is something he thinks about every day.



Spc. Hiep Pham

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101 critical days of summer

Memorial-Day-to-Labor-Day safety stressed

by Bill Speed
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For most of the year we live normal, orderly lives. Up in the morning, breakfast with the family, and off to work. We're confident that junior and "sis" will be on the 7:05 bus to school, the maid will arrive sometime around 8:30 and will stay until you or the spouse return home.

Everyone knows the routine, it's what we do. It is safe, non-stressful and non-threatening. Then, all of a sudden, school lets out, permanent change of station

moves start taking place, schedules get revised to support the mission, and a critical period begins.

The time between Memorial Day weekend in May and Labor Day weekend in September is designated the "101 Critical Days of Summer."

Although it is always "summer" in Panama, three major holidays, vacationing school children, and generally increased activities combine to present a greater potential for accidents during this period than any other time of the year.

When planning our vacation trips, do we schedule regular rest stops and pre-book lodging along the route? Do we

allow time to enjoy the sights, or do we just whiz past them? More importantly, are we relaxed and rested before we start the trip, or are we stressed out right up to the last minute?

I'm sure you can see that it does make a difference.

The "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign in Panama is unique because it coincides with the beginning of the "rainy season." When driving, the rain can hide immense potholes in the road, as well as cause cars to hydroplane and skid. At the beach, rain makes the water murky, causing poor visibility. On the water, sudden weather changes can create

tremendously high winds and deadly lightning strikes — treacherous phenomena for people fishing from boats.

Whether we like it or not, we are creatures of habit. Our daily routines seldom vary. We are comfortable in familiar surroundings with people we know. When events upset this routine, we become stressed and react in extraordinary ways. We don't have a set routine to follow, so we improvise — and often make mistakes.

Remember, advance planning and preparation can help make your "101 Critical Days of Summer" safe and happy days.

'Death is never fair,' remember people who served

by Chaplain Leon Kircher
USARSO Family Life Chaplain

It was the middle of August 1990. The 3rd Battalion (PATRIOT), 43rd Air Defense Artillery, of which I was chaplain, was preparing to deploy to Saudi Arabia. Foxtrot Battery would deploy first, followed by Delta Battery. It was a tense time for all of us.

Preparing vehicles and PATRIOT Missile equipment for the flight was an around-the-clock operation, but our soldiers performed admirably. Within seven days of our deployment notice there were two PATRIOT Missile Batteries on the ground in Riyadh and King Khalid International Airport.

The wait in the desert, for what we thought would be an imminent attack, was mind-numbing. As the battalion "Morale Officer," I did all I could to ease the tension and give the soldiers something to do in the meantime. We were actually happy to hear of the Jan. 15 deadline. At least something would happen.

On January 21, it did happen, at least for us. We were listening to the American Football Conference Championship Game on short-wave radio when the sirens started blaring. We grabbed our TA-50 and chemical suits, and started for our bunkers.

But before we were able to put our gear on, a series of explosions sounded. Tripping over each other in the

confusion, I looked in the sky to see what I thought were falling stars. They weren't falling stars, though. They were SCUDs and they were heading right toward us. The sergeant major yelled for us to get up and into the bunkers. That evening, now referred to by those in Air Defense Artillery as the "Battle of Riyadh," 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery shot down six SCUD Rockets — four by Foxtrot Battery and two by Delta.

During the confusion, the two batteries had expended all of their missiles. A number of soldiers ran downrange to reload the missile launchers; a dangerous thing to do.

One soldier in particular, Spc. Anthony Riggs, was one of the first at the launchers. While the Air Force cleared debris off the runways, our soldiers were able to reload the launchers in record time in preparation for another SCUD attack. Fortunately, that was it for the night.

It was not the last attack however. The 3rd Bn, 43rd ADA went on to record the greatest number of SCUDs shot down in the war — 20 in all. Riggs was later commended for his heroism.

Anthony Riggs came from the inner city looking to the Army to make something of himself. He was a good soldier and a regular attendee at my field services. Because of his efforts in Saudi Arabia, he was one of the first to return home in early March 1991.

Although there is still much speculation concerning

the circumstances, there is no question of what happened.

Within one week of his return, he was gunned down in the streets of Detroit.

At first we didn't believe it was him. He was too nice of a guy. But within 24 hours the Red Cross confirmed our fear. While newsmen gathered from all over the world, I preached a memorial sermon entitled: "Death is Never Fair."

Anthony Riggs was our unit's only casualty in Desert Storm. Yet his death came not as the result of a SCUD attack, but in the streets of our country.

For me, Anthony Riggs represents the best and brightest the United States has to offer.

His picture now hangs in Delta Battery, 3-43 ADA's barracks at Fort Bliss, Texas. New soldiers would come by and ask who he was. "Just a good Delta soldier," the men would reply. "Death is Never Fair," would be my thought.

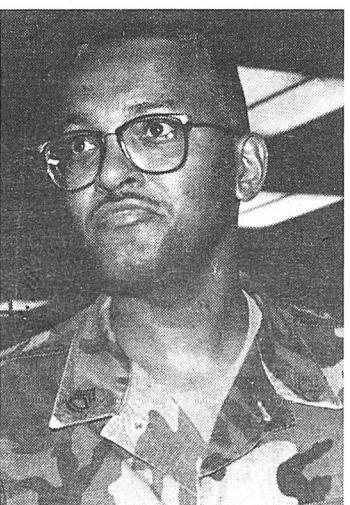
This Memorial Day we will gather to remember those who have fallen while serving their country. Yet now we have a new and younger class of military who fell in our most recent war.

These young people bring to light the fact that there is still a great desire to serve our land and the great freedoms it represents.

This Memorial Day, keep him, and all of our fallen comrades, in your prayers.

Direct Quotes

What person or group will you think of this Memorial Day?



"My father. He fought in World War II in the Battle of the Bulge."

"My brother. He passed away three years ago."

"Veterans of World War II like my grandfather."

"All soldiers who have died, my daughter, and people who are sad because they have lost loved ones."

"Military people who have died in wars."

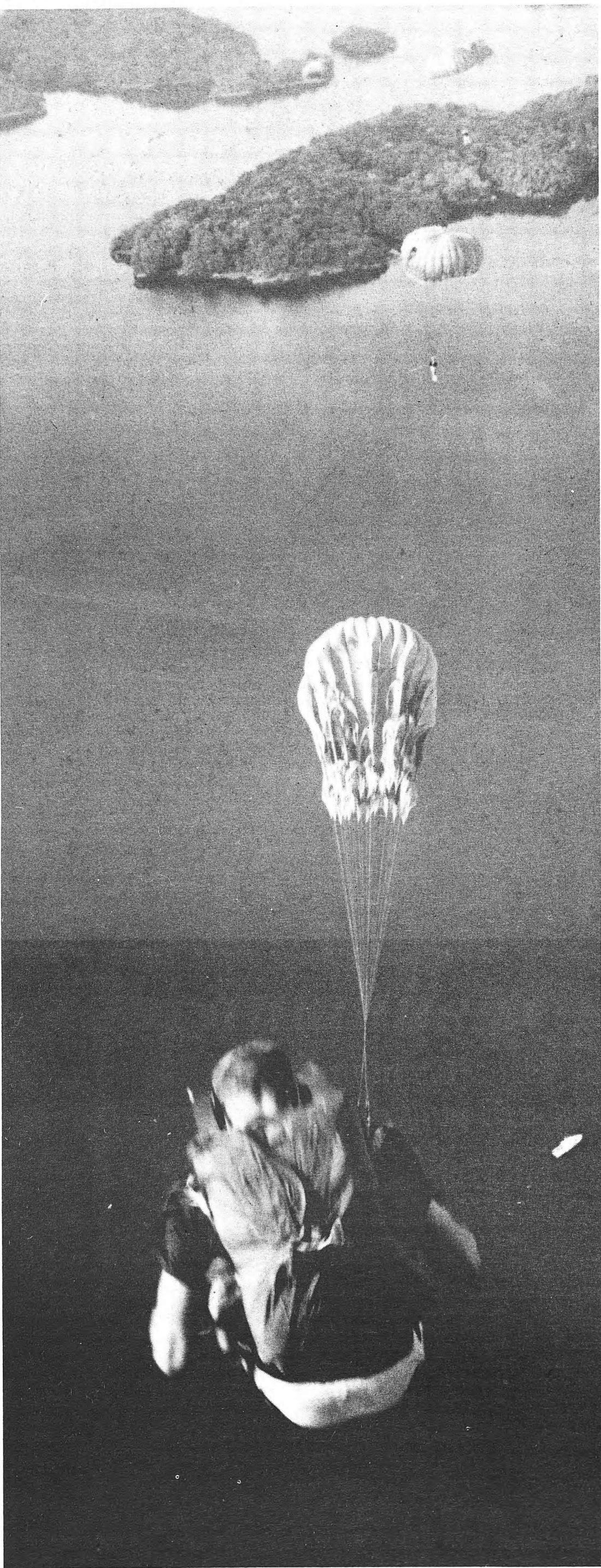
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Another soldier's knees hit the breeze.



The Company C, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry "Commandos"



Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Sherman checks Spc. William Sherman's static line.



os" load up.

Taking the plunge

1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) Commandos leap from CH-47 Chinook

BLUE DROP ZONE, Gatun Lake - "Take a flying leap." "Go jump in a lake."

Well, Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry, did both — and loved it.

Nearly 100 "Commandos" leaped out the back of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter into Gatun Lake Wednesday as part of the battalion training being conducted through the month of May.

"We're doing this training to keep proficient in case of water landing or water insertions," said 1st Lt. Thomas Bertrand, battalion intelligence. "We do it because there is a different method of landing in the water than on land."

A 3:15 a.m. manifest call started what turned out to be a fun day for the paratroopers. A quick bus ride to Fort Davis, an even quicker breakfast, distribution of parachutes and flotation devices

and the airborne soldiers were ready to take the plunge.

When the helicopters arrived, the anxious troops loaded up and buckled up. When the jumpmaster gave the signal to hook up, they prepared to take that first big step. At 1,600 feet, the moment the soldiers had waited for arrived.

Pass after pass, olive mushrooms sprouted in the sky behind the Chinook and fell to the water. Small pontoon boats patrolling the waters buzzed around, plucking the soaked soldiers and their parachutes from the Panama Canal.

"It's a lot softer than landing on the ground," Bertrand said. "It's not a 'fun-jump,' but it's so different that it makes it more enjoyable than a regular jump. Other units, because of their geographic locations, don't get to do this like we do."

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U.S. Army photo

1st Battalion (Airborne) 508th Infantry paratroopers fill the sky.

1-508th Infantry looks back on its 50 years

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The skies over Panama will soon no longer be dotted with parachutes as the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry, closes its doors in October and completes the final step in its historical lineage that spans more than 50 years.

The 508th will be honored in a farewell ceremony June 3 as it and other 193rd Infantry Brigade (Light) units deactivate as part of the Treaty Implementation Plan.

Many of the more than 600 soldiers assigned to the 508th have already begun to move on to other assignments, both in and out of Panama. Soldiers will be leaving on a weekly basis until the inactivation is complete. The unit has also redistributed or turned in more than 40 percent of its operational equipment.

The 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf., began its trek through history when it was activated as the 508th Parachute Infantry Oct. 20, 1942, at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Soon after, the unit entered World War II as a part of the D-Day invasion into Normandy, France. During the airborne assault, the battalion suffered more than 50 percent casualties. Even with this amount of casualties, the unit still seized all of its objectives and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the French Fourragere.

The Red Devils remained an active part of the war by participating in such missions as the Battle of the Bulge and Operation Market Garden, one of the largest airborne assaults in history.

Not only did the battalion stand out as a unit, individuals distinguished themselves as heroes. One such hero was 1st Sgt. Leonard Funk.

Funk was awarded the Medal of Honor for saving a 508th guard detail which had been taken prisoner. Of the 90 German soldiers involved, Funk killed nearly half and wounded the rest.

As a result of superior actions during the war, the 508th was chosen by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower as his guard of honor. The unit was then inactivated in November 1946.

After nearly 20 years, the 508th was once again

brought into action in 1964 under the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, to take part in Operation Power Pack in the Dominican Republic to restore peace and security.

With the American involvement in Vietnam and the outbreak of the Tet Counteroffensive, the paratroopers of the 508th were called on again. The Red Devils played major roles in various phases of the Tet Counteroffensive and served with distinction for 22 months.

The Vietnam conflict was a costly one for the 508th with 212 paratroopers making the ultimate sacrifice.

In 1983, the unit also played a part in Operation Urgent Fury on the island of Grenada and, within days, helped to defeat the People's Republican Army and rescue the Americans who were there. The 508th then remained in the tiny country for one month as a peacekeeping force.

Brought to Panama under the 193rd Inf. Bde. in 1987, the 508th took part in Operation Just Cause as the command and control element of Task Force Red Devil.

The unit successfully secured Fort Amador and played a major role seizing the Commandancia in Panama City. During this conflict, two Red Devils gave their fullest. The Vanado Drop Zone near Vera Cruz beach, now the Deblois-Coats Drop Zone, carries their names with honor.

Many of the soldiers in the unit today served during the actions of Operation Just Cause and before. As one long-time 508th soldier said, "The Red Devils always seem to bring people back."

"I arrived in the battalion when it was still the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 187th Infantry, and was with it when it was redesignated the 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf., in 1987," said Staff Sgt. David Goodwin, Company C.

After serving with the 508th during Just Cause, Goodwin spent a couple years in the states but couldn't wait to get back to the 508th.

"I came back in 1992 to find my old command sergeant major had become the brigade command sergeant major," he said. Along with this change, Goodwin also found many other fellow Red Devils had moved up the chain but had remained Red Devils.

They had remained Red Devils whose mission today involves many aspects to include training, support, airborne and air assault operations and providing the

Interior Installation Guard for the protection of U.S. defense sites in the Pacific community.

The unit participates in such exercises as brigade field training exercises, live fire exercises, platoon evaluations, close-quarters combat training as well as many airborne assaults into Deblois-Coats and the Gatun drop zones.

In addition to the soldier-type activities, the unit also supports the command with such things as static equipment displays for various distinguished visitors and for other activities such as the Armed Forces Week kickoff.

Another of the many aspects of the 508th mission is participating in platoon exchanges with Honduras to help foster good relations and share professional ideas and methods. Through this program, a platoon of 508th soldiers travels to Honduras while a platoon of Honduran soldiers travels here to participate in joint training.

The 508th also supplies a company-sized unit to the Jungle Operations Training Battalion at Fort Sherman. This unit augments the opposing force company with soldiers from the Battalion Scout Platoon, a squad of engineers and a company forward infantry support team.

Throughout recent years, the 508th mission has seen changes, but many of the soldiers have remained the same.

"This was the first infantry brigade I was assigned to," said 1st Sgt. Christopher Lowe, Company A. "Little did I know as a private, that this would be the unit I would spend most of my career with."

Lowe, who has been a Red Devil for more than 13 years, shares a pride in the unit, as well as the sadness of seeing the unit inactivated, with fellow Red Devils.

"I understand why the unit is going away, but if anyone asks me how I feel about it, I would say, 'not happy at all,'" Lowe said.

"I am saddened that the 508th is leaving," Goodwin said. "I am just glad I got to be part of it and saw it from the beginning in Panama to the end."

Almost 52 years to the date, the 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf., will be stricken from the active rolls of the U.S. Army Oct. 15 as the soldiers of the unit pack up, say farewells, encase the battalion colors and move on to other units.



May, 1944

Peru's inspector general visits here as guest of Brett

FORT CLAYTON - The following are significant World War II events that took place during May 1944:

May 2

Capt. Donovan E. Smith, Director, Panama Coast Artillery Command Training Center, announces the graduation of 10 soldiers from an anti-aircraft gun battalion in the height finder course at the Enlisted Division of the Training Center. Following the graduation ceremony, 12 enlisted men are promoted from Monroe's infantry unit of the Mobile Force.

Capt. Marvin S. Bennett, on duty with an Assistant Chief of Staff of the Caribbean Defense Command is promoted to major.

May 3

U.S. officials announce the arrival of Gen. Eloy G. Ureta Montehermoso, Inspector General of the Army of Peru and commander-in-chief of the armed forces of that country in event of war. Ureta arrived the previous evening and remained as an overnight guest of Gen. George H. Brett, commanding general of the Caribbean Defense Command and of the Panama Canal Department, before resuming his journey to the United States.

May 4

The promotion of 29 enlisted men, members of Maj. L.B. Anderson's Sixth Air Force Headquarters Squadron at Albrook Field, is announced by Air Force Headquarters.

May 8

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower sets D Day for Normandy invasion as June 5. This is postponed to June 6.

May 9

Col. B. B. Millenthal, Panama Canal Department Special Service Officer, departs for the United States to attend conferences at the Special Service School, Washington D.C., Lee University, Virginia, and at Headquarters, Special Service Division in New York.

Panama Mobile Force headquarters announce the promotion of 25 enlisted men.

May 10

James V. Forrestal is appointed Secretary of the Navy.

May 11

Allied Armies in Italy open drive on Rome at 11 p.m. with tremendous bombardment of Gustav Line by weapons of U.S. Fifth and British Eighth Armies.

May 12

The first unit of the Brazilian Air Force to be trained within the Sixth Air Force of the United States is activated when Lt. Col. Nero Moura formally receives the command during a review in the presence of Lt. Gen. George H. Brett. Brett presents the new unit with the colors of the United States and Brazil.

Col. Raimundo V. Aboim, Brazilian Air Attaché to Panama, presents the command. Lt. Jose Carlos de Miranda Corea, acting adjutant to the Brazilian commanding officer, read the address for Moura which stressed the signifi-

cance of the ceremony that joined the flags of the United States and Brazil as a pledge of continued unity.

May 13

Maj. Gen. W. E. Shedd, commanding general of the Antilles Department and former Deputy Commander of the Panama Canal Department, arrives at Albrook Field for a short visit. Shedd is accompanied by Rear Adm. Theodore Chandler, commander of the United States forces in the Curacao-Aruba sector.

May 17

Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey takes the oath of office as the ninth Governor of the Panama Canal, succeeding Governor Glen E. Edgerton. The oath is administered, in the Governor's office, by A. T. Schmidt, Chief Clerk of the then Supply Department and a notary public.

Succeeding governor Mehaffey as Engineer of Maintenance, is Col. Francis K. Newcomer. Another top appointment was that of Col. Jame G. Sleese as Assistant to the governor, having served as Executive Assistant to the Engineer of Maintenance since February 1941.

May 18

The 36th Division begins movement to Anzio beachhead. Cassino, the key point in the German's Gustav line in Italy, is evacuated by Germans after two months of bitter resistance.

May 19

The promotion of 21 enlisted men assigned to Capt. Glenn H. Moffit's headquarters battery, is announced by the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

May 20

After mopping up the northeast tip of Insoemoar Island, New Guinea, Task Force Tornado assault force returns to mainland, turning over control of island to Army Air Forces.

May 23

The U.S. Army opens general offense and breaks out at Anzio beachhead.

May 24

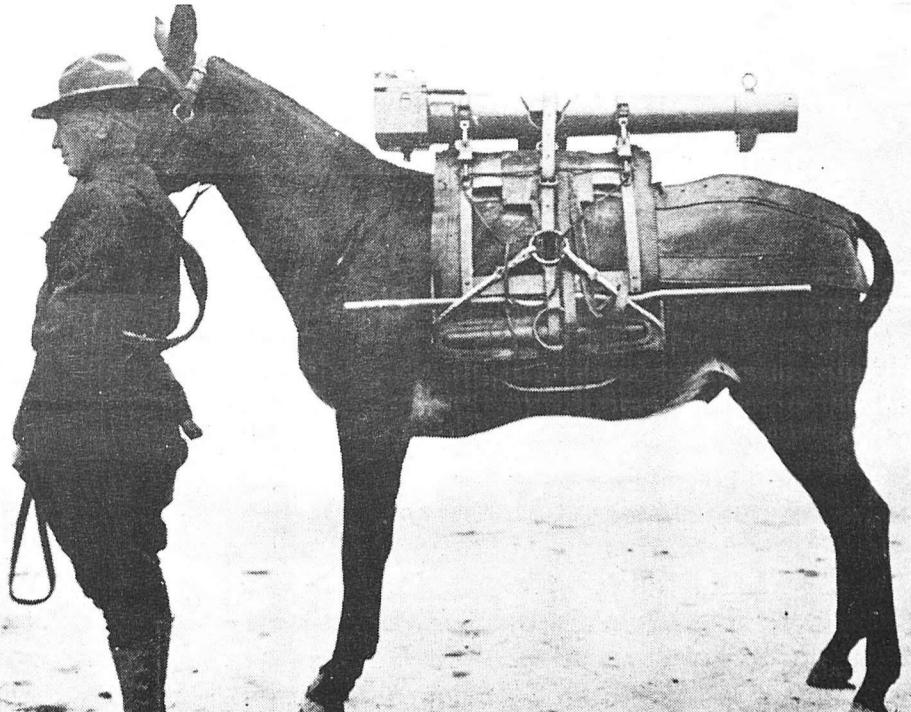
Carrier aircraft of the Fifth Fleet attack Wake Island in the South Pacific.

May 27

Lt. Gen. George Brett, and Rear Adm. Harold C. Train, commander of the Panama Sea Frontier, head a group of more than 200 military and civic leaders at a reception for Col. Joseph R. Koch, Panama Canal Department Chaplain, who had completed nearly four years of service on the isthmus. The reception is held at the Tivoli Hotel.

Forty-four new blue stars are added to the service flag at Balboa High School. Each star represents a former student or teacher serving in the armed forces. By the end of May 1944, the BHS flag proudly displayed 207 blue stars.

Editor's note: This timeline was compiled by Dolores De Mena, USARSO historian, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of WWII.



The 75mm Pack Howitzer M1920.

Photo courtesy of the USARSO Historian

Pack artillery helped in Panama canal defense

by Dolores DeMena
USARSO Historian

FORT CLAYTON - The 75-mm. pack howitzer belonged to a specialized group of weapons assigned for use in mountainous country where motorized or horse-drawn artillery could not go. Easy disassembly for packing on mule-back was essential.

Pack Artillery played an important part in many operations connected with the defense of the Panama Canal, as much of the terrain in the vicinity of the canal could only be crossed by artillery of that type.

A first post-WWI model, the M1920 was soon found unsatisfactory, chiefly because recuperator, piston rod, and trail were inadequate. The next six years saw intensive work on models designed to correct these weaknesses and to furnish a mountain gun at least as powerful as new foreign types.

"It is a remarkable weapon with a great future," said the chief of field artillery, "In its adaptability under pack, it has exceeded any expectations which could reasonably have been held considering the power of the weapon."

Some modifications, chiefly of the recoil mechanism, and a new carriage were completed during the 30s. Despite the usefulness, only 32 pack howitzers had been manufactured by July 1, 1940.

Carrying out the missions of the various units of the Panama Mobile Force brought to the front divergent views on the relative importance of animal and motor transport. In 1940, the commanding officer of the 33rd Infantry urged elimination of horses. He said, however, that pack mules were essential."

"We must use machines wherever possible in order to save man power. But first of all, we must use the proper technical team to achieve tactical success. Man hasn't yet made the machine that will replace the foot or mounted soldier or their ally, the pack mule," he said.

"Nature has conspired to render difficult the development of extensive road nets through the jungles of Panama. Our pack soldiers are a specially chosen lot because the work is hard, the marches long and fast," he said. They must be at least 5 feet 10 inches in height and be able to march between 3.5 and 4 miles in 50 minutes of every marching hour. Minimum

weight for these soldiers at enlistment is 150 pounds with a view to building up to condition weight with arduous work and the army ration. Efficiency of this program is exemplified by the execution by the 2nd Field Artillery Battalion's 26-mile march into Fort Clayton, on the termination of the last Panama Mobile Force maneuver, in seven hours.

He praised the howitzer-mule pack team.

"We have the world's best pack mules and our 75-mm howitzer is strictly an American product. It will stop a tank dead in its track. The gun breaks down into six loads for pack transportation, or in other words, six mules carry one howitzer. It is a quick-firing piece with curved fire range of five miles. All ammunition and supplies are carried on pack mules. Each battery has its own maintenance section. Thus equipped, it is the most independent of all arms."

The answer to "Why Pack Artillery in Panama" was summed up as follows: The gun is invincible, the mule invulnerable, the packers, drivers, and gunners, a hardy race of toughened, straight shooting, hard walking artillerymen whose equals are not to be found in any army.

The commanding general of the Mobile Force insisted that horses were necessary for units deployed off the roads and under conditions requiring that commanding officers be mounted as the only means of giving them a speed greater than that of their dismounted troops.

The situation in Panama was rapidly changing while this controversy was going on. Considerable road construction was going forward and tremendous advances were being made in mechanized transport. The use of weapons, and handling of troops in difficult terrain was under study. These advances, more than the arguments of the proponents of motorized equipment, eventually culminated in the elimination of the use of animals.



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The Loop wins championship

The Loop beats F-Troop 2-0 to take women's volleyball title

by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times Sports Editor

FORT CLAYTON - The "oops" in the May 20 game between The Loop and F-Troop stood for more than the team's names, it marked F-Troop's defeat as three straight serves by The Loop's Wendy McDermotto passed unanswered.

"When I was serving I was thinking, 'We have them,'" McDermotto said. "I saw them switching their setters positions and I took advantage of it."

Those serves catching nothing but gym floor was a sad way for F-Troop to go down. They put up a good fight, but The Loop pounded them 15-7, 15-12 with great serving, killer spikes and solid defense.

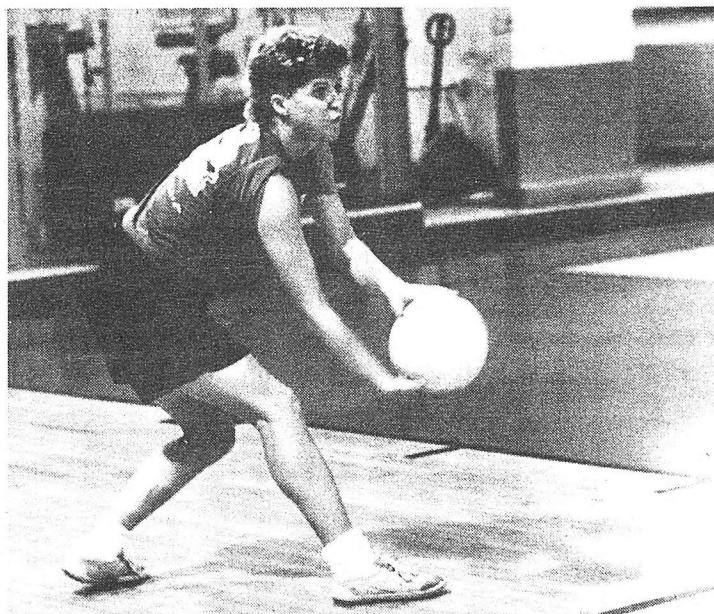
While F-Troop struggled to stay alive, The Loop played a roller-coaster game. Crucial plays sparked a series of scoring drives, but mistakes shut the team down until it could get its game back on track.

"When you make a mistake you're thinking about what you have to do to get points back. Then boom, you get it and your all back in the game," said The Loop's Michelle Cranford.

Boom was right. One of those come-back plays in the first game was her spike that pounded into F-Troop's mid-court like a jack hammer. That shot made the crowd go wild and set The Loop on fire.

"Things were really flowing. I felt it, it was there in my hand, and it made me more intense," Cranford said.

Intensity was the word as The Loop's Karen Powell came to the service line. Her solid serves carried The Loop to a four-point scoring drive before McDermotto served the closing shot, ending the first game 15-7.



Department of Defense photo by Sgt. Lori Davis
The Loop's Karen Powell powers up for a serve.

Two seconds ahead of Ballaro was Bob Ramsey, who at 21:00.58 won the 19-29 year-old division. Gary Spencer was second in this group with a time of 22:41.55.

Karen Thomas outran all other women and won the age 19-29 group, clocking in at 23:14.64. Jackie White was a distant second at 27:24.56.

Jessie Carrera, entered in the 30-39 age group, kept pace with the leader, but fell off by just more than a minute to 24:26.54. The time was fastest among her division, however. Second place finisher Linda Henson crossed at 36:46.06.

Priscilla Veliz was the fastest female in the 40 and over category. Her time of 40:02.45 beat out Lottie Silas' 43:18.12.

Cory Barret, at 39:38.91, and Morgan Doyle, at 37:05.31, finished first in their respective youth divisions. Rinthea Henson

followed Doyle at 35:16.65.

Fuplio Marciano had the fastest finish in the 10K race at 38:30.26. Coming in second to him in the 30-39 age group was Jesus Carrera at 41:11.12.

Tim Olinger won the 40 and over division with a time of 40:31.23 two minutes ahead of Pablo Cercenia who finished at 42:28.71.

Scott Hancock turned in a 54:02.38 to take the 19-29 category.

Wilfred Drego would have had the fastest time for both races had he not chosen to withdraw just before crossing the finish line. The runner sprinted from the fitness center to Howard Elementary School and back in slightly more than 18 minutes to complete half of his 10K. He neared the end of the 10K however, and quit because he has "a house full of trophies already and

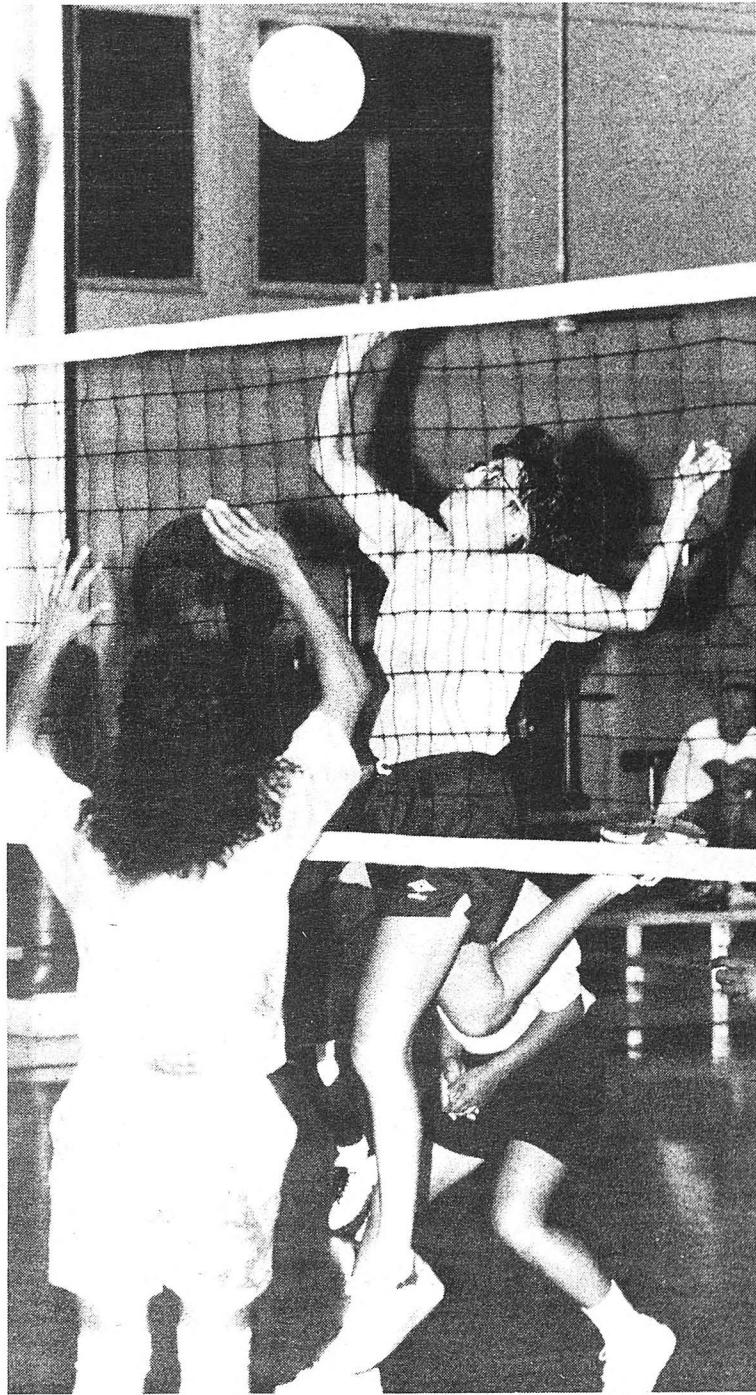
didn't want another," according to race official Senior Airman Mike West.

Nancy Thompson was the fastest woman entered in the 10K. Her time of 45:08.45 placed ahead of Carol Baines' 51:15.63 in the 19-29 age group.

Carol Barrett won the age 30-39 division finishing at 54:31.68. Judy Heslop took second turning in a time of 1:03:16.00.

Every competitor received a medal and the first 50 got a T-shirt. The top two runners in each category received a trophy as well.

Alan Jones, president of the Isthmian Road Runners, was on-hand to keep a log of club members who ran. Road Runners are awarded points for each club-sanctioned race in which they compete. A champion is chosen based on total points at the end of the year.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. James A. Rush
The Loop's Wendy McDermotto goes up for a spike against F-Troop's Patty Schuttle.

Air Force shows fitness with 5/10K run

by Sgt. James A. Rush
24th Wing Public Affairs

HOWARD AFB - Fifty-three runners crawled out of bed Saturday for the 6:30 a.m. start of the ninth annual U.S. Air Force Fitness Month 5K and 10K Run hosted Saturday by the 24th Services Squadron here.

Bill Young, racing in the 40 and over category, posted the best time for the short race. His time of 20:31.05 easily won his age group and made him 11 seconds better than Brett Campbell who finished second at 20:42.32. Ben Knight took second in the 40 and over category with a time of 21:38.10.

Campbell finished first among the age 30-39 entrants. His closest age group competition came from Don Ballaro who turned in a time of 21:02.67 time

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Department of Defense photo by Sgt. Lori Davis

Southern Command Network's coach James Nuells and official Felipe Diaz settle a dispute from an earlier game as SCN quarterback John Jackson looks on.

SCN 'executes' HHC, 193rd, 19-0

by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times Sports Editor

FORT CLAYTON - Talk of play execution came from both sidelines during Tuesday's game between the Southern Command Network and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 193rd Infantry (Light), but SCN killed 193rd's offensive game and advanced to 6-1.

Before the game started it looked like SCN would have to win against the officials as well as the infantry. Referee Felipe Diaz spoke with SCN's James Nuells before the kick-off about disputes from a previous game.

The officials concerns about a clean game were taken care of after speaking with Nuells and assuring themselves SCN was not the team involved in the dispute, Diaz said.

With the controversy behind it, SCN took the field and kicked off to the 193rd. Its defense started hot, shutting down 193rd's offense.

The 193rd returned the favor on SCN's opening possession, forcing quarterback John Jackson to scramble and overthrow receivers, getting the ball after four plays.

The 193rd started a long drive after the turnover on downs, picking up yardage on pitches to the outside and going to the air. A 15 yard holding penalty against SCN brought 193rd within scoring distance, but SCN made up for their mistake when Jackson snagged an interception on the next play.

SCN started a drive of its own with a pass to Jerome Caple for a first down, but the 193rd came back with an interception of its own courtesy of Quin Burrows.

The 193rd tried to rally after the turnover, but were forced to punt after the SCN defense pressured quarterback Mike Wallace to pass into heavy coverage.

SCN took over once again and started its last drive of the half. Its chance for a score almost died when a 193rd defender tipped Jackson's pass and nearly came up with an interception.

Facing a fired-up defense, SCN called its trademark play — three receivers heavy on the right, Jackson tried to rattle 193rd, but a delay by the officials gave the defense time to set up and block the pass.

SCN followed up with the same play and pick up a first down when Jackson connected with Reco Calhoun. Two plays later Jackson found Leopold Medina for a touchdown. SCN failed to score on the extra point, making the score 6-0.

With only 28 seconds on the clock 193rd tried to go long to Burrows, but once again the SCN defense pressured Wallace and forced the pass.

Still anyone's game at the half, both teams talked the same strategy during the break.

"Execution," said 193rd's Rodney Watson. "Our plays are working and we're moving the ball, there are just isolated plays ruining our drives."

"More pressure and execution," echoed Nuells from the SCN bench.

Defensive pressure from both teams

stopped the offense in its tracks on their opening possessions, but SCN bounced back on their second drive.

Caple proved to be the man to go to as he caught a pass to bring SCN within 10 yards of the end zone, then caught touchdown pass on fourth down. Jackson overthrew Jay Rourk for the extra point to leave the score 12-0.

Two scores from a comeback, 193rd tried to pick up the pace with fast passes and pitches to the outside to give their running backs room to move. The SCN defense dogged 193rd receivers and came after Wallace.

Once again forced by defensive pressure, Wallace was picked off by Jackson who ran back for a touchdown. Mark Lewis caught the pass for the extra point for the final score of the game.

The key to SCN's string of victories is the team effort. Every team member plays hard and executes, Nuells said.

"We can't wait to whip on 56th Signal (top team in the Red League)," he added.

Services compete in bowling championship

by Sgt. 1st Class Steve Barrett
American Forces Information Service

WASHINGTON - The Army's Lance Lonsdale and the Navy's Lana Mink captured combined titles at the Armed Forces Bowling championships, held last month at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Bowlers competed in team bowling, doubles, mixed doubles and singles. Each competitor rolled six games per event, with individual scores from all combined to decide the overall champions.

Lonsdale, assigned with the Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va., averaged 199.41 during the four-event competition. He finished second in individual singles competition and teamed with Dan Heinzelman of Fort Hood, Texas, for a third place finish in the men's doubles competition.

Army's William Anthony of Fort Eustis, Va., finished

second, Marine Corps Randall Biesman of Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base, Ga., took third.

Mink, stationed at Randolph AFB, Texas, averaged 195.75 during the competition. That was 10 pins per game better than Air Force's Deb Wolfe of MacDill AFB, Fla. Third place went to Army's Debra Riefflin of Fort Meade, Md.

Besides winning the overall title, Mink combined with Norm Palomares of the San Francisco Naval Recruiting District to win the mixed doubles competition.

She also finished fourth in singles and teamed with Deanne Foust of the USS *Shenandoah* for second place in women's doubles.

In singles competition, Army's Esther Navarro of Fort Hood rolled a six-game average 198.5 to win the women's event. Wolfe finished second and Air Force's Enna Vaughan of Tinker AFB, Okla., took third.

Air Force's Paul Aldridge, also of Tinker, won the

men's individual event, averaging 203 in beating Lonsdale. Heinzelman took third.

Biesman and Marine Corps' Charles Beatty of Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, S.C., won the men's doubles competition.

Riefflin and Army's Celethia Abner of Fort Lewis, Wash., captured the women's doubles.

The Army won both the men's and women's team competition held the first day. Lonsdale, Heinzelman, Anthony, David Newell (Fort McClellan, Ala.), Svet Vukomanovich (Oklahoma City) and James Ramg'e (Fort Meade) bowled to a 323-pin victory over the Marine Corps. The Air Force finished third.

The Army women's team, comprised of Riefflin, Navarro, Abner, Suzanne Nieguem (Fort Lewis, Wash.), Elaine Stevens (Columbus, Ohio) and Debra Smith (Goodfellow AFB, Texas) defeated the Marine Corps by 182 pins in winning its title. The Navy finished third.

Cougars take first

Curundu women's volleyball team finish season with victory

by Jennifer Penkoske
Tropic Times contributor

CURUNDU - The Curundu Cougars women's varsity volleyball team wrapped up its season with a 2-1 win over the Panama Canal Green Devils.

The Cougars triumphed after a long match of three games against the Green Devils.

The Cougars started hot with a 15-12 win in game one, but faltered against the Green Devils with a 15-7 loss in game two.

The Cougars regrouped for the last game and came back to beat the Green Devils 15-8.

Jessica Penkoske led the Cougars in

scoring with 14 points from the line, followed by Marcia Tunon with eight and Bonnie Kemp and Shawna Sears each with five points. Audrey Ernest chalked up three points and Tyara Juarez scored two.

The Cougars win over the Green Devils capped off a 6-2 season that enabled the Cougars to capture the regular season league championship.

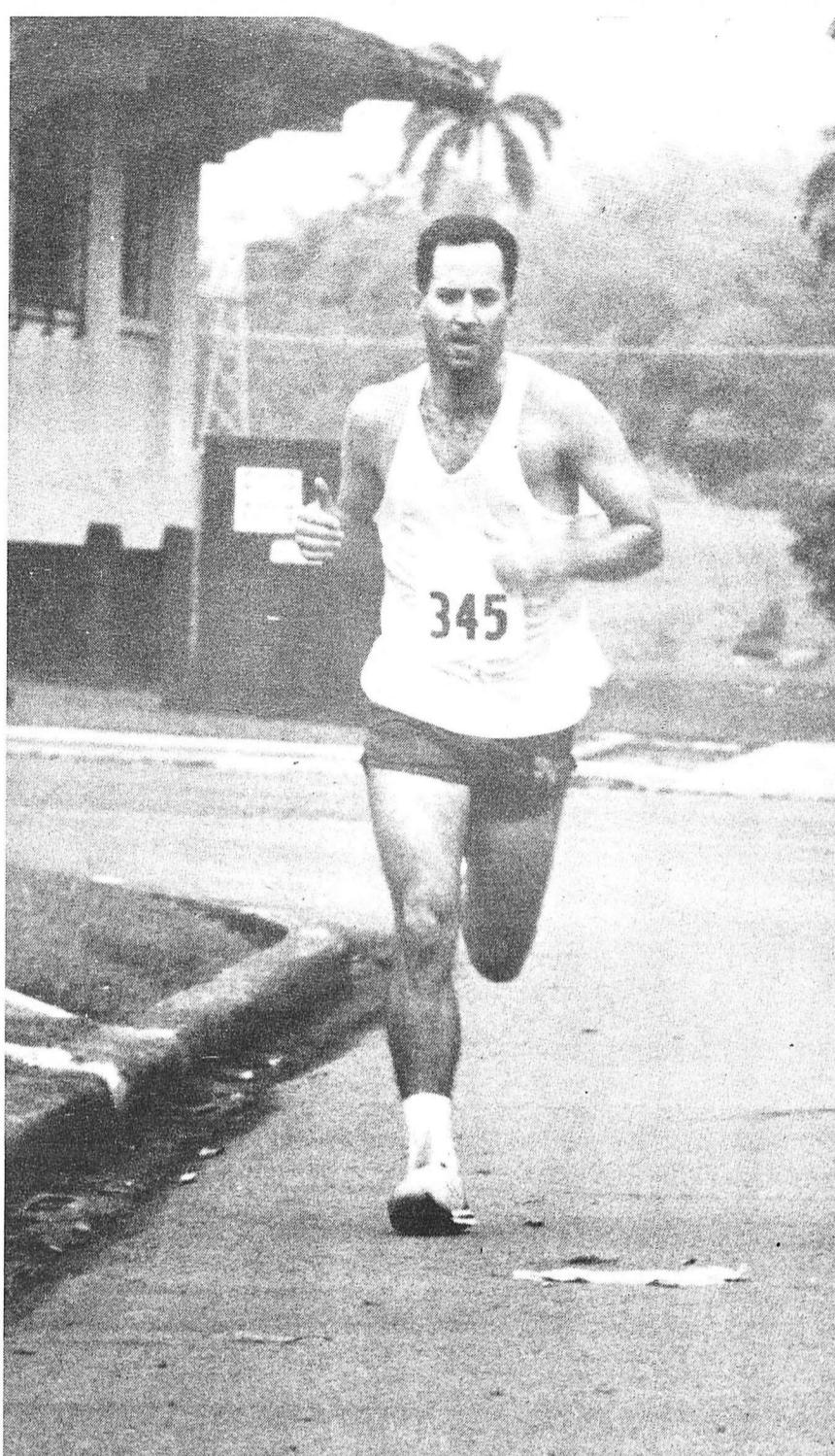
The Cougars first-place showing comes on the heels of last year's winless, last-place effort.

The Cougars put their regular season victory behind them to concentrate on the post-season tournament. The team has spent the last week fine-tuning their game to win next week's championship.

Standings

U.S. Air Force				U.S. Army			
Unit-level Flag Football				Unit-level Flag Football			
American League				Red League			
W	L	GB		U.S. Army	U.S. Army	U.S. Army	U.S. Army
24th SPS	7	0	-	Le Jit	8	3	.5
617th ALSS	5	2	2	747th MI	7	3	1
Co. B, 536th	4	1	2	The Diggers	5	4	2.5
24th CS	3	3	3.5	Delta Dames	4	6	4
1-228th	2	4	4.5	Al's Angels	4	8	5
24th Trans.	1	6	6	Light Fighters	0	11	8.5
HHC, 536th	0	6	6.5				
National League				White League			
24th Supply	7	0	-	56th Sig.	6	0	-
24th OSS/AINS	5	2	2	SCN	6	1	.5
24th CES	3	3	3.5	534th MP Co.	4	2	2
Co. A, 536th	3	4	4	Co. E, 1-228th	5	3	2
24th Misfits	3	4	4	HHC, LEA	2	3	3.5
Navy	2	5	5	214th Med.	Not reported		
24th Med.	1	6	6	MEDDAC	Not reported		
Air Force Womens Softball				Blue League			
Sassy	5	0	-	41st ASG	7	1	-
Comedy Crew	4	1	1	142nd Med.	4	2	2.5
Navy	1	4	4	470th MI	Not reported		
536th	0	5	5	59th Eng.	Not reported		
Atlantic womens volleyball				HHC, 193rd	Not reported		
Hustlers	8	2	-2	HHC, 1-508th	2	3	-

*as of Thursday



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rick Emerit

Running home

Alan F. Dodson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Atlantic, is the first to finish for his team in the Armed Forces Day Fun Run at Fort Davis May 13. Three-mile run results (team competition): 1st place - 549th Military Police Company, 71:32; Donald Troxler, James V. Redmon, Eric D. Brunkin and David Bice.

Army wrestlers win at Armed Forces championship

by Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
Armed Forces Information Service

FLORIDA - Army wrestlers captured 12 of 20 titles in winning the 1994 armed forces championships held recently at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.

Soldiers grappled to six freestyle and six Greco-Roman titles in claiming their fifth straight armed forces championship.

They also captured four second-place finishes while scoring 77 team points.

The Marine Corps scored 58 points to take second place followed by Navy (5-1) and Air Force (32). Winners advanced to the U.S. National Amateur Wrestling Championships at the Las Vegas Convention Center April 20-23.

Four Army wrestlers nabbed two title each, winning both freestyle and Greco-Roman titles. Shon Lewis captured the 136.5- pound title, Derrick Waldroup won both crowns at 198, Jerry Jackson took top honors at 220, and Jeffrey Green earned two victories in unlimited competition.

In freestyle wrestling, Army's Keith Sieracki and James Gressley captured their respective weight classes.

Sieracki recorded the only championship pinfall, defeating Marine Corps Rikk Walters in 2:03 for the 163-pound title.

Gressley, the 180.5 pound champion, defeated Marine Anthony Esposito, 5-0.

Army Greco-Roman winners were Jason Tolbert, a 5-1 victor over the Navy's Steven Mays, and Kenneth

Owens, who defeated Navy's Raymond Borja, 3-2.

The Marine Corps captured five individual titles. Four came in freestyle wrestling, where they dominated the lighter weight classes.

Keith Wilson, seeing his first armed forces competition in three years following knee surgery, won both freestyle and Greco-Roman titles at 149.5 pounds. A senior member of the Marine Corps team, Wilson has high hopes of stopping the Army's five-year reign.

"They've (Army) got many experienced wrestlers and they train really well," Wilson said.

"We've got a lot of new guys who haven't wrestled Greco and are learning," he said. "They stayed good and we got better, so next year we'll give them a challenge."

In other Marine Corps victories, Jeremy Walker won the 105.5 title, beating Army's Rafael Mejia, 12-1. George Williams beat Army's Trevor Humphrey, 13-4 for the 114.5 title, while Duaine Martin captured the 125.5 crown with a 7-3 victory over Air Force's Tom Tingley.

Navy wrestlers captured the remaining three titles, all in Greco-Roman competition. Dustin Waugh edged Walker, 9-8 at 105.5; Robert DeMerritt beat Williams, 5-4 at 114.5; and Nathaniel Jackson took the 180.5 title, beating Air Force's Jeremy Edwards, 4-3.

Results are as follows:

Freestyle

105.5 pounds - Jeremy Walker (USMC) def. Rafael Mejia (A), 12-1.

114.5 - George Williams (USMC) def. Trevor Humphrey (A), 13-4.

125.5 - Duaine Martin (USMC) def. Tom Tingley (AF), 7-3.

136.5 - Shon Lewis (A) def. John Antonelli (USMC), 12-11.

149.5 - Keith Wilson (USMC) def. Jeffrey Flynn (A), 13-2.

163 - Keith Sieracki (A) pinned Rikk Walters (USMC), 2:03.

180.5 - James Gressley (A) def. Anthony Esposito (USMC), 5-0.

198 - Derrick Waldroup (A) def. Tom Storey (N), 5-4.

220 - Jerry Jackson (A) def. Stevie Brown (N), 13-3.

UNL - Jeffrey Green (A) def. Russell Putney (AF), 11-0.

Greco-Roman

105.5 pounds - Dustin Waugh (N) def. Jeremy Walker (USMC), 9-8.

114.5 - Robert DeMerritt (N) def. George Williams (USMC), 5-4.

125.5 - Jason Tolbert (A) def. Steven Mays (N), 5-1.

136.5 - Shon Lewis (A) def. John Antonelli (USMC), 9-0.

149.5 - Keith Wilson (USMC) def. Rodney Smith (A), 4-1.

163 - Kenneth Owens (A) def. Raymond Borja (N), 3-2.

180.5 - Nathaniel Jackson (N) def. Jeremy Edwards (AF), 4-3.

198 - Derrick Waldroup (A) def. Marvin Vike (USMC), 3-0.

220 - Jerry Jackson (A) def. Michael Johnson (USMC), 4-0.

UNL - Jeffrey Green (A) def. Matthew Lamb (N), 3-1.


Tropic Times file photo

Air time

Jungle Operations Training Battalion Knight's Lonnie Pearson takes to the air as a defender tries to block his shot during the 1991 U.S. Army South Company Level Basketball Championship. Several basketball competitions will be held this Memorial Day weekend.

◆ There will be a Memorial Day basketball tournament Saturday-Monday at the Fronius Fitness Center. Registration is closed. Call 289-3108 for more information.

◆ The Reeder Physical Fitness Center will sponsor a three-point shot Memorial Day basketball tournament. Registration for the event is open through Monday. For more information call 287-3861.

SCN AM Radio 790/1420 airs Indy 500, basketball

Tonight

8 p.m.: Basketball: Houston at Utah (Game #3)

Saturday

2:30 p.m.: Basketball: New York at Indiana (Game #3)

6 p.m.: Baseball: Houston at Philadelphia

Sunday

10 a.m.: Indianapolis 500 Race

7 p.m.: Baseball: Detroit at Minnesota

Monday

2:30 p.m.: Basketball: New York at Indiana (Game #4)

7 p.m.: Baseball: St. Louis at Los Angeles

Tuesday

6 p.m.: Baseball: Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees

or

8 p.m.: Basketball: Utah at Houston (Game #5)

Football, softball action in local sports schedule

◆ Army unit-level flag football

Tuesday

6 p.m.: 534th Military Police Company vs. 470th Military Intelligence, Mothers Field

7 p.m.: HHC, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) vs. 59th Engineer Detachment, Mothers Field

Wednesday

6 p.m.: 56th Signal Battalion vs. HHC, 193rd Infantry (Light), Mothers Field

7 p.m.: Medical Activity vs. 214th Medical Detachment, Mothers Field

8 p.m.: 41st Area Support Group vs. HHC, 1-508th, Mothers Field

◆ Air Force unit-level flag football

Tuesday

6:05 p.m.: 617th Airlift Support Squadron vs. 24th Transportation Squadron

7:05 p.m.: 24th Security Police Squadron vs. 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment

8:05 p.m.: Company B, 536th Engineer Battalion vs. 24th Communication Squadron

Wednesday

6:05 p.m.: Company A, 536th Engineer Battalion vs. 24th Medical Group

7:05 p.m.: 24th Civil Engineer Squadron vs. 24th Operations Support Squadron

8:05 p.m.: 24th Supply vs. 24th Services Squadron

Thursday

6:05 p.m.: 24th SPS vs. 24th CS

7:05 p.m.: 1-228th vs. 24th Trans.

8:05 p.m.: 617th ALSS vs. Co. B, 536th

◆ Air Force women's softball

Playoffs, Tuesday-June 3

◆ Women's volleyball, Atlantic

Fronius Fitness Center hosts all games

Wednesday

6 p.m.: Hustlers vs. 747th MI

7 p.m.: Al's Angels vs. 2 Le Jit

8 p.m.: Delta Dames vs. The Diggers

Davis center sponsors mini marathon Saturday

The third annual Mini Marathon of the Americas begins 6:30 a.m. Saturday at the Fronius Fitness Center. The categories will be U.S. military, open, female and over 40. Entry fee is \$8. For more information, call 289-3294.

Valent Recreation Center offers martial arts course

The Korean martial art, Tang Soo Do, is taught 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the Valent Recreation Center. The class is taught by Arles Fernandez. Classes are open to adults and children ages 4 and over. For information, call Miguel Briceno at 287-6500.

Registration for women's triathlon ends June 8

The Albrook and Howard sports and fitness centers are sponsoring a women's triathlon June 11. The triathlon begins 6:30 a.m. at the Albrook Swimming Pool.

The race includes a 500-meter swim, 20-kilometer bicycle race and a 5-kilometer run. Trophies will be awarded to the top three competitors in the following age categories: 19-29, 30-39 and 40 and over.

There is no entry fee for this event. Registration deadline is June 8. For more information call the Albrook SFC at 286-3364, or call the Howard SFC at 284-3451.

Heavy competition for male, female powerlifters

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center is sponsoring a powerlifting competition June 25. There will be a weigh-in 6:30 a.m. and a 7 a.m. rules briefing the day of the contest. Competition begins 7:30 a.m.

The registration deadline is June 11. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place in each male and female class (light, medium and heavy).

Trophies will also be awarded in both the men's and women's category to the lifter who has the highest body-weight-to-weight-lifted ratio. For more information call the Howard SFC at 284-3451.

Rodman Marina offers shark fishing June 18, 26

A shark fishing trip is available through the Rodman Marina 6-8 p.m. June 18 and 26 aboard *The Vargas*. The trip costs \$30 per person. All fishing equipment is included in the fee. Call Rodman Marina at 283-3147 for more information.

Basketball registration opens for Atlantic youth

Registration for youth basketball for the Atlantic community continues until Tuesday. There will be a clinic June 15. The season opens June 16. Call 289-4605/4289.

USARSO holds 10-miler tryouts for men, women

Practice sessions and three open try-outs will be held beginning in June for those runners interested in making the U.S. Army South Ten-Miler team.

Practice sessions will be 6-8 p.m. beginning June 1 at Reeder Gym. The three trial days will be held at 6 a.m. July 23, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27 at Reeder Gym.

The six top male and female runners selected will then go on to the 1994 Army 10-Miler Championships Oct. 16 in Washington, D.C.

The coach encourages commanders to identify and support potential 10-mile run-

ners.

For information, call Willie Moye at 287-6441, Sue Bozgoz at 287-6448 or the Directorate of Community Activities Sports Office at 287-4050.

Basketball registration open at Rodman NS

Registration for the Rodman NS basketball program is under way. The league is open to servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians and family members. There is no entry fee.

A letter of intent is due to the Rodman Sports Office by June 10. Organizational meeting/coaches clinic is 5 p.m. June 21 at the Rodman Fitness Center. For more information call 283-4222/4061.

Fitness month ends with tennis, horse shoes

The Howard and Albrook sports and fitness centers are sponsoring a singles tennis tournament and a horse shoe tournament Saturday in celebration of U.S. Air Force Month of Fitness.

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center is taking appointments for body fat analysis during May. Call 284-3451 for more information.

Rodman hosts Fitness Month 1, 2, 3K fun runs

The Rodman Fitness Center will host a National Fitness Month 1K, 2K and 3K Fun Run/Walk for family members 7 a.m. Monday. Check in time is 6:15 a.m. Registration is free.

The run is open to Navy Family member teams or children ages 6-17. A family team includes a 2K run/walk with two or more members of the same family.

One team member must be a youth 6-17 years old. Family members 5 years old or under may be carried or pushed in a stroller to finish. Call 283-4222 for more information.

Albrook needs bowlers for new mixed league

The Albrook Bowling Center needs more men and women bowlers to play in a new mixed league. Registration is \$10 and weekly play costs \$6. The league starts 6:30 p.m. Monday and runs 16 weeks. For more information call 286-4260.

Atlantic fishing tourney open until June 30

Entry to the Panama Canal Tarpon Club's annual Roy Rinehart fishing tournament is open until June 30. Entries must be caught in Atlantic waters, including the Chagres River, and may include tarpon, marlin, sailfish, wahoo, red snapper, grouper, shark, barracuda, dolphin fish, tuna, jack or kingfish.

For information about the tournament rules and registration fee, call 243-5316.

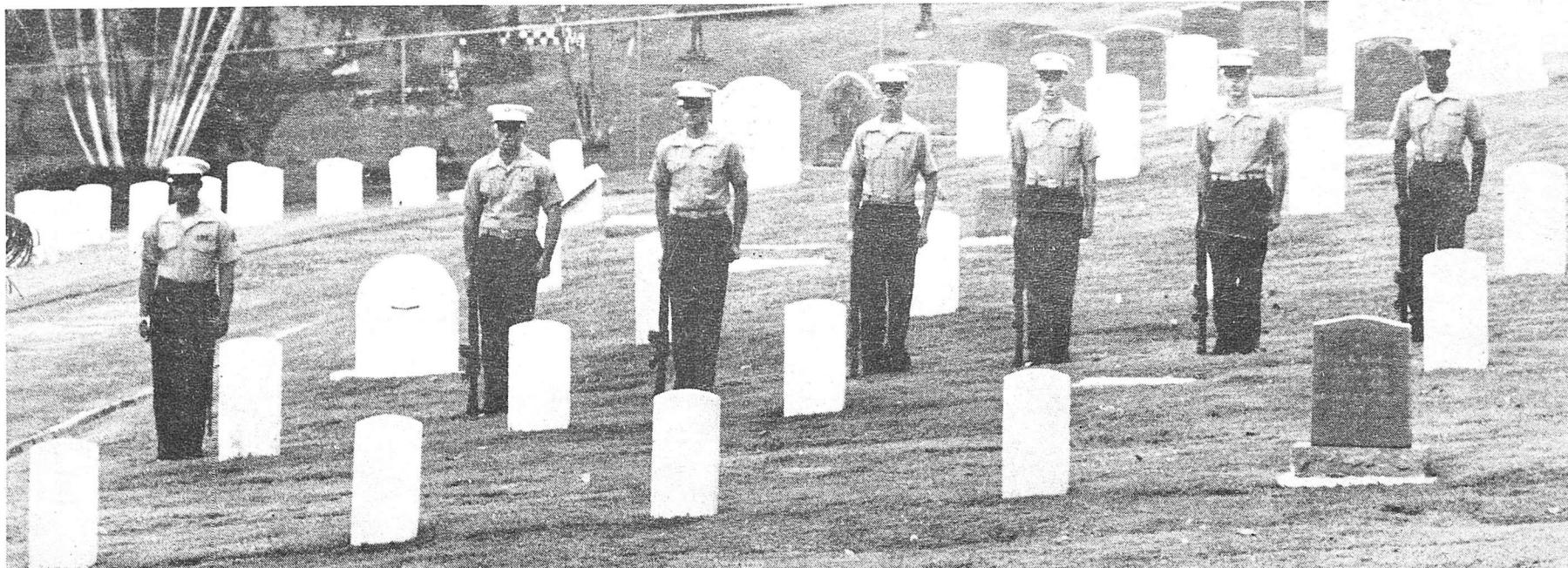
Amador Golf Course hosts Fathers Day event

The deadline to sign up for the Father's Day Tournament is June 15. The event is scheduled for June 18. The format will be two-person select shot. The entry fee of \$10 includes lunch.

An Independence Day Tournament is scheduled for July 2. The format will be three-person best ball. The \$12 entry fee includes lunch. The sign up deadline is June 29.

The course will host a medal play tournament Aug. 20. Prizes will be determined by sign ups. Prizes will be awarded to net and gross winners. The \$15 entry fee includes lunch. The sign up deadline is Aug. 17.

Call 282-4511/4838 for information about course programs.

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Remembering those who served

Marines prepare to perform a 21-gun salute at the Corozal American Cemetery. The local Canal Area Veterans organization will sponsor a Memorial Day service 9 a.m. Monday at the cemetery. The service will feature a color guard and music from the 79th Army Band. A memorial service at sea will be held 7-9 a.m. Monday near the last buoy at the mouth of the Pacific channel. Participants will be transported via landing craft leaving the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Marina at 7 a.m.



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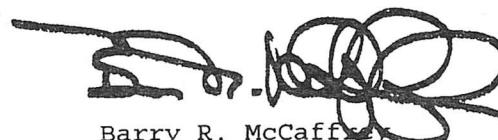
Memorial Day Proclamation

To all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines

As Americans, we are truly fortunate. We're strong and capable – morally, economically, and militarily. Through nearly 218 years of courage, hard work, and respect for the law, the United States has become an example to the free nations of the world. This special position and the blessings of liberty have been secured through the great sacrifices of our Armed Forces. For those sacrifices, we are thankful and reflective this Memorial Day.

Americans remember many of the battles vividly – the Marne, Midway, the Coral Sea, Normandy, Inchon, Khe Sanh, Tet 68, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, and Mogadishu. These battles cost the United States a million dead young Americans to preserve more than 200 years of freedom.

Our families and veterans will always remember their loved ones and comrades who died for our country. On Monday, 30 May 1994 – Memorial Day – all of us in SOUTHCOM who are privileged to now stand guard for America should pause and take strength from their example.



Barry R. McCaffrey
General, U.S. Army
Commander in Chief

Thrift plan boosts civilian retirement

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - Civilian employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement Systems or the Federal Employees Retirement System who are interested in saving some money for retirement can now do so during the Thrift Savings Plan open season that ends July 31.

This savings program offers a tax-deferred retirement fund with several investment options for civilian employees.

It can be used against loans, but the main purpose is for retirement, said Jared Garman, chief of Technical Services Division at the Directorate of Civilian Personnel.

Garman said the Thrift Savings Plan is actually better than most Individual Retirement Accounts offered to the public. While the IRAs are also tax-deferred, the ceiling on how much money can go into an IRA is less than the Thrift Savings Plan.

During open season, investors can begin contributing to the program, change the amount deducted from their pay, or re-allocate contributions to accounts among three investment funds by taking payroll deductions which are deposited into an account with the U.S. government.

During this period, eligible employees may also make a Thrift Savings Plan election if their latest appointment to a position covered by the FERS or CSRS was made before Jan. 1, or the latest appointment to a position covered by FERS or CSRS was made before July 1 and the member had been eligible to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan during a prior open season.

If the employee stopped contributing to the Thrift Savings Plan before Jan. 1, contributions can be resumed this open season. If an employee stopped contributing after Dec. 31, they may not begin contributing again until the next Thrift Savings Plan open season, Nov. 15.

To enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan or change your enrollment election, you must complete TSP-1, Thrift Savings Plan Election Form, which is available at the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, Benefits Branch, Room 101, Building 560, Corozal. It must be completed and submitted no later than July 29.

The pamphlet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees," describes the Thrift Savings Plan in detail and the flyer "Open Season Update, 15 May to 31 July 1994" contains basic information about this Thrift Savings Plan open season. For information, call 285-5745/5941/5284.

Community efforts control dengue fever mosquitos

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (U.S. ARMY MEDDAC PAO) - This past dry season, the mosquito that causes dengue fever, Aedes aegypti, has been at low levels in the city of Panama, said Panama Ministry of Health officials.

This mosquito is sporadically found or absent in a few locations throughout the military installations in Panama, said Maj. Nelson Powers, chief of Entomology, Preventive Medicine Service at Gorgas Army Community Hospital.

Because this mosquito breeds only in artificial containers, Powers attributes the low mosquito population to the sanitation efforts being done in yards and at work sites.

"Preventive Medicine wishes to thank the village mayors and members of the military community who have

been conscientious about keeping their quarters, yards and work areas free of containers that could collect water and serve as breeding sites," Powers said.

"Without their help and dedication we would no doubt have a problem of actual Aedes aegypti breeding on our installations."

During the last wet and dry seasons, there were 14 cases involving Panamanian nationals and no reported cases involving U.S. military or family members, officials said.

It is only through the community's help and the support of Preventive Medicine's community educational program that this mosquito-transmitted disease was avoided, he said.

With the start of the wet season, Preventive Medicine is continuing the programs of education and monitoring as

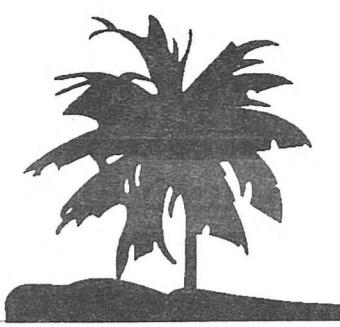
well as checking for potential breeding sites of this mosquito on military installations.

This monitoring program will consist of placing black, one-pint jars filled with water and containing a strip of red paper at various areas on the installations. The jars will be checked every week for the presence of mosquito eggs.

If any are found, the Directorate of Engineering and Housing Pest Control section will take measures to eliminate the breeding sites and treat with insecticides.

"If you find one of these jars, which is marked 'Preventive Medicine,' please leave it alone," Powers said.

"Preventive Medicine again wishes to thank (the community) for the diligence and is requesting continued support for the oncoming wet season in fighting this mosquito," he said.



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U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jane Usero

Ghost from the past

Chris Harkins, a member of Outriders Charities, gets ghouled up for the mini haunted house at Valent Recreation Center's presentation, Encore: A Valent Retrospective. See story and photos, Page B3.

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Youth activities

Albrook/Howard

♦Youth Centers 286-3195/284-4700:

Howard and Albrook youth centers will be closed Monday for Memorial Day.

Pre-Teen Dance today at Howard Youth Center for ages 8-13. DJ music, snack bar will be open.

Registration for Youth Services summer day Camp program June 2-4 Howard Camp: Register at the Howard Youth center, Bldg. 696, from noon-6 p.m.. June 2-4 Ft. Clayton Camp: Register at the Ft. Clayton Youth center, Bldg 155, from noon-6 p.m..

Saturday Gymnastics classes now available at Howard Youth center, for ages 3 and up. Cost \$13.00 per month.

Bicycle challenge 3 p.m. Tuesday at Howard for all ages in honor of American Bike Month.

Gymnastics classes Saturdays. Ages 3-5 meet noon-1 p.m.; ages 6-12 meet 1-2 p.m.; intermediate classes meet 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$13 per month.

♦Hideout Teen Center 284-5487:

The teen center at Farfan has been closed temporarily. Activities have been rescheduled to the Howard or Albrook youth centers. Call 284-4700 for more information.

♦Child Development Center 284-6135:

Openings available in part-time program for children ages 6 months - 5 years. Openings are for 25-hour enrollment — five hours per day, five days a week.

Clayton

♦Youth Center 287-6451:

Cooking Experiences every Tuesday

Second Annual Wacky Olympics 9 a.m. Saturday. Outdoor parent/child competitive games will be held at Building 155, Fort Clayton.

American Stars Gymnastics meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ages 3-5 meet 2-3 p.m.; ages 6-8 meet 3-4 p.m.; ages 9 and up and advanced meet 4-5 p.m. Lessons cost \$20.

Outdoor Games every Thursday.

Performing children's troupe seeks youths who like to sing, dance and perform. They meet 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tae Kwon Do 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays for ages 5-18, \$25.

Piano lessons 1-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The fee is \$30 for four half-hour lessons per month.

Gymnastics for ages 5 and older 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

Arts & Crafts every Monday. Cooking experience every Tuesday.

Youth Services is hosting a talent show for youths up to 18 years old at 6 p.m., today.

♦Senior Teen Center 287-3464/4680:

Senior teen dance tonight for ages 15-18. The \$1.50 fee includes sodas.

Senior Teen Employment Program is a year-round program to develop job skills and earn some money, for teen between 15 - 18 years old. Applications available at the center.

Talent Show at 6 p.m., today.

Carwash benefit for teen employment, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Triathlon tournament 4 p.m. Fridays. Compete in pool, foosball and ping pong.

Traveling neighborhood soccer game 1-5 p.m., Sunday.

Popcorn and movies every Sunday.

Volleyball 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sundays.

Softball practice 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sundays.

♦Child Development Center 287-3301:

Child Development Center provides high quality, developmental child care for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. Full day care and hourly care available call 287-5657.

Cocoli

♦Cocoli Community Center 287-4119:

Arts and crafts, 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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♦Espinar Youth Center 289-4605:

Pool party 6 - 9 p.m., today. Transportation and snacks provided

Teddy bear bingo 3-4:30 p.m. today, \$.25 per card.

Saturday sports noon-6 p.m. Saturday.

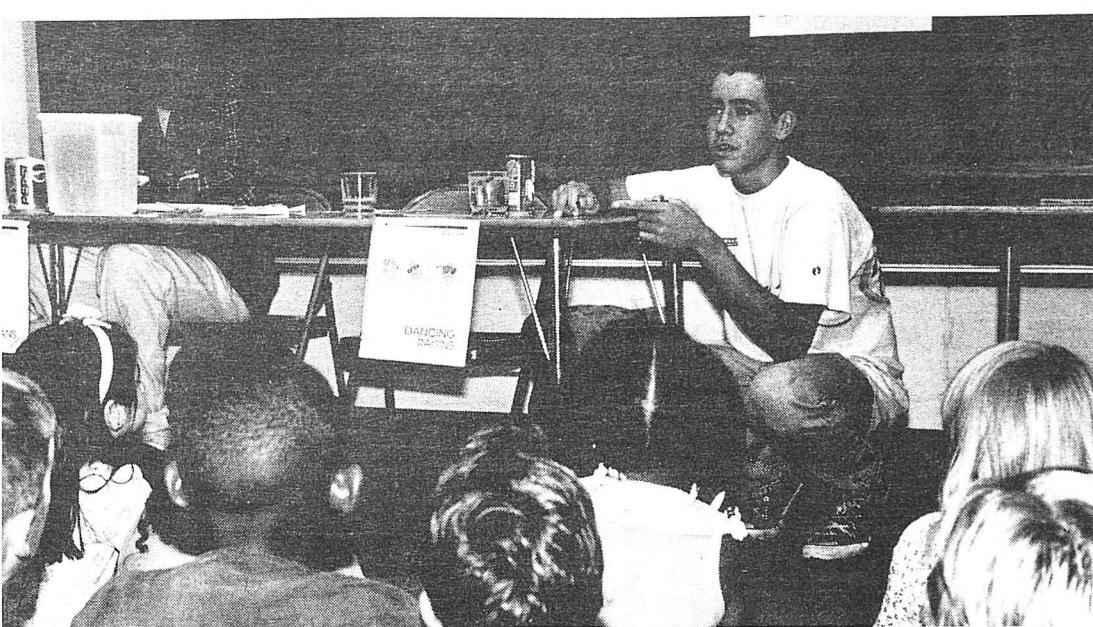
Teen sports 4-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Cooking class 4-6 p.m. Mondays, \$1.

Study with a buddy and tutoring 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pre-teen Monthly Pool Party 6-9 p.m., noon - 6 p.m. today. Transportation and snacks provided.

Youth Services and Cristobal High School Prom, Saturday, at the Special Effect Teen Center.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rick Emeret

Chemistry student Horace Hogan demonstrates a density lab to a kindergarten class.

Cristobal hosts fair

FORT ESPINAR (USARSO PAO Atlantic) - Atomic weights, formulas and understanding the periodic chart may contribute to the perceived difficulty of learning chemistry.

When Cristobal Junior/Senior High School chemistry students stepped into the shoes of their teacher, however, they showed the students of Gulick Elementary School that chemistry can also be fun.

"It was good to have the high

school students doing the chemistry labs, because I think the younger students look up to them," said Roz Baitel, Cristobal Junior/Senior High School chemistry teacher. "Seeing other students working with chemistry showed them it isn't that difficult, and it heightened their interest in science."

The high school students benefited from the science demonstrations as well, Baitel said.

"They worked on their individual

labs for a month off and on," she said. "They had to do the labs so many times that it reinforced the concepts in their minds."

The high school students also came away from the day with a better understanding of the effort it takes to teach.

"After an entire day of teaching these chemistry concepts to the elementary students, my students figured out how tiring teaching can be," Baitel said.

Curundu Junior High School honors 17 students of month

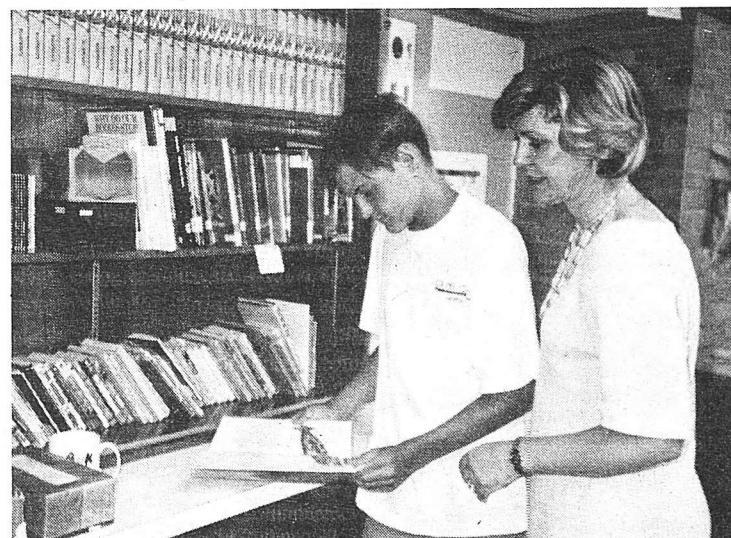
CURUNDU (Department of Defense Dependents School PAO) - Seventeen students were chosen for April's Student of the Month program at Curundu Junior High School.

Each month, part of the faculty select students who perform academically and socially in their classes. These students serve as positive role models for their classmates and friends.

Students must show leadership qualities, volunteer to assist other students, exhibit proper classroom behavior and have a positive attitude toward school, teachers, classmates, and faculty members.

Special recognition was given to Jackie McCormick, who helps prepare the programs. Niki Nakamura played two musical selections on the piano.

April "Students of the



Courtesy photo

Aaron Bedwell and Denise Rodaniche select a book.

Month" were: Eduardo Busquets, Dwayne McFarlane, Brooke Farnsworth, Jenna Webeck, Eric Hellzen, Gary Beal, Zamira Jimenez, Daniel Beech, Christo-

pher Nickell, Deris Medina, Frank Pigeon, Corey Ellis, Eloy Benedetti, Evelyn Cunmdngs, Megann Kostelnky, Aaron Bedwell and Stacy Medina.

Honor society initiates members

CURUNDU (Department of Defense Dependents School - PAO) - The Curundu Junior High School's Crossroads Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 24 new members.

The new members are: Charmaine Archer, Laquita Armstrong, Sara Chao, Lucia Chong, Ching Chou, Elizabeth Coomer, Brian Faye, Kristan Gibson, Megan Higgins, Joanna Korolyshyn, Mary Leigh, Ashly Lester, Frank Linton, Fred Maduro, Deris Medina, Miriam Rodriguez, Ariadne Samaniego, Matt Smiley, Elizabeth Smith,

Kristy Springer, Ronald Staha, Earl Hemplle, and Lhoris Wilson.

Stephanie Sutherland, Master of Ceremonies, opened the induction ceremony.

Brett Sueger led the Pledge of Allegiance, Nick Roberts spoke on scholarship, Kathy Bottin spoke on citizenship, Cheryl Eckerle explained services, Katie Shaha extolled leadership, and Melanie Rojas talked about character.

The presentation of Membership cards and pins was handled by Sasha Dhaene and Dr. Charles Reno. Tammy Shaffer led the ini-

tiates in the Honor Society pledge.

The congratulatory remarks were given by Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer, Commander, 24th Wing at Howard AFB.

Sawyer's inspirational message encouraged the students to set their goals higher and work hard to attain them.

Refreshments were served in a reception for all the members, parents, and guests following the ceremony.

Jane Loudat, sponsor of the Honor Society, gave the new members their certificates.



Stephanie Schroer pets one of the animals at the livestock exhibit during Encore: A Valent Retrospective.

Encore: Valent Recreation Center rejuvenates past events, exhibits for competition

The staff of the Valent Recreation Center put its best foot forward in an all-out effort during the judging of an Army-wide recreation center competition May 14 and 15.

The presentation, Encore: A Valent Retrospective, was representative of dozens of programs the center has offered the community throughout the year, said Maria Rios, program coordinator.

The judges from the Forces Command competition travel throughout the United States and overseas to determine which center presents the best effort in programming, she said.

Winning this competition seven times in the past, the Valent staff and an entourage of volunteers worked almost around the clock to get the program together.

"This year we chose to bring back segments of the community's favorite past programs in this presentation," Rios said.

In this way, not only do the judges have a better idea of the programming, but the community benefits as well with another opportunity to see some of their favorite programs again.

Visitors to the center had the chance to revisit the haunted house and have an early — or late — visit with Santa. They were also able to take part in coffee tasting and browse through many vendors selling things ranging from pet care products to coins and stamps.

An abundance of entertainment was on hand throughout the program with dancers from throughout Central and South America, fashion shows, dog



Representatives from the Society for Creative Anachronism Chris "Cole of the Hill" Cole and Michael "Ivan" Manchester match blows.

obedience demonstrations and a step back in time with the Society for Creative Anachronism with armor-clad men locked in combat.

Automobiles, motorcycles, boats, tanks, aircraft and ships of war were also available for visitors to look at. Though the tanks, aircraft and ships of war were of the tabletop version, the works of model builders was a big draw.

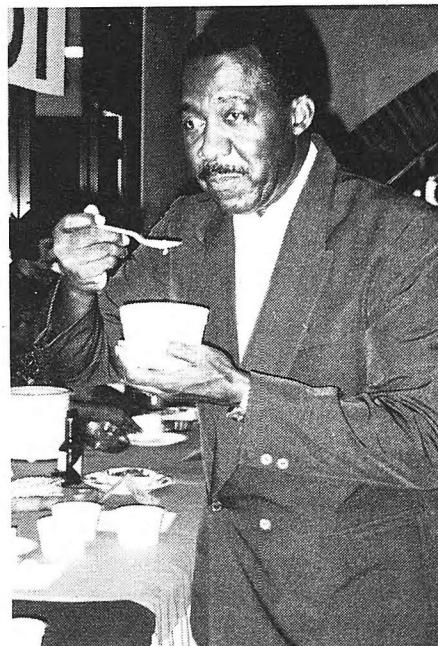
Other exhibits on hand were livestock,

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USARSO Public Affairs Office

poisonous plants and animals of Panama, coins and stamps, molas, ceramic and pottery, art and a Native American Heritage display.

As well as tasting coffee and dining on various foods sold in the food court, visitors had the rare opportunity to feast on a variety of styles of gumbo at the gumbo cooking contest.

Several cooks brought their creations in to be judged by gumbo expert, Boston



Boston Patterson, judge, tastes one of the entries of the gumbo cooking contest.

Patterson. A gumbo cook for nearly 30 years, this Department of Defense civilian and retired master sergeant learned his craft through his marriage to a "Creole girl" when he was only 19 years old.

"Even though I've been divorced for years, my best memories of the marriage are of my children and gumbo," he said.

Taking first place in the gumbo contest was Miriam Washington. Coming in second was Lydia Moore and in third was Elizabeth Saxon.

The final announcement of the winning recreation center in this Army-wide competition will be made this summer. But, win or lose, the Valent Recreation Center will continue to provide quality programming for the military community, Rios said.



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Javier Martinez carves one of his bateas at Steven Circle in Balboa.

Bateas are part of our culture

Jaime Martinez is a slim young man with an intense look on his face. He is shy, but he gets his message across.

Martinez has been carving and painting bateas and totumas (wooden plates and pumpkin shell recipients) for the past four years.

Martinez was a farmer in Penonome, Coclé province before engaging in the batea business.

He worked in his garden planting vegetables.

"In those days a farmer used to earn enough money to support his family," Martinez said.

He left his town and moved to the city looking for better days in his future. The economic situation became hard and the fact that he attended school up to sixth grade made it difficult to find a job.

Once in the city he was able to work with the Cuna Indians at Steven Circle in Balboa. He worked with them for about one year and then decided to go on his own and started his business.

Martinez began his experiment with bateas and totumas, hand carved wooden plates and pumpkin shells recipients. These wooden plates are used for everything in the interior of Panama from carrying the laundry to and from the river and cleaning rice to serving plates.

In addition to being used as decorative items, bateas can be used as wall hangings or serving trays and as souvenir gifts.

Martinez makes his bateas from cedro espino (a type of mahogany). Bateas are made in different shapes and sizes.

He sands the wood until it feels smooth and applies a sanding sealer to cover the pores. Then using a carving tool, he carves out his own creativities that can be any kind of animals such as birds, frogs, macaws, picturesque

scenery, flags, maps and others.

Using nature's colors, he paints his drawings. When it is completely dry, he applies a coat of varnish as the final process in the batea-making.

The bateas are very popular among the tourists visiting the isthmus.

Martinez also carves picture frames for the molas.

The totumas or pumpkin shell recipients are used to store water, in the kitchen, to drink water and also as dinner plates.

He gets them from Penonome. He cuts them in half, cleans the inside and dips them in a bleach solution. The drying process takes two days. Later he sands them and with a lead pencil sketches the drawings and select the different painting colors.

Martinez said, "I try not to repeat the drawings unless otherwise ordered." He uses acrylic paint and it takes him one week to paint 15 totumas.

Martinez also makes Christmas ornaments. He carves and paints small bateas and bells figures as well as small pumpkin shells to decorate the tree.

Martinez works eight hours a day and makes enough money to support his wife and two children.

"At least, this is an honest and decent job. I work hard," Martinez said.

While carving on a picture frame, he talked about his plans for the future.

"My big dream is to be able to buy more carpentry tools and have my shop to do more woodcrafts. I would like to work on jewelry chests, trays, statues and others," he said.

Martinez smiles and looked up toward the horizon and with a sad voice said, "I miss my days back in the interior; life is so different and quite. We have a better environment."

Martinez's bateas and totumas are available at Steven Circle in Balboa.



These colorful bateas and totumas are some of Martinez's creations.

story by
Rosemary Chong
Tropic Times staff



Department of Defense photos by Sgt. Lori Davis

Capt. Russell Wiessinger scans a patient for a microchip that will be inserted under the animal's skin for identification purposes.

Microchip helps pet owners permanently protect animals

COROZAL (Veterinary Treatment Facility) - Each day pets are lost or stolen, and many never make it back home.

Animals are often destroyed because owners cannot be located for identification of the pet. Even owners who put collars with ID tags on their pet can lose the animal if the collar is removed. However, a new way to permanently protect your pet is available at the Veterinary Treatment Facility-Corozal.

The microchip identification method is a system featuring a small computer chip encoded with an identification number, said Capt. Russell Wiessinger, commander VTF-Corozal. The chip is encased in a biocompatible tube so it will be accepted by the animal's body, and is small enough to fit into a hypodermic needle. The device is injected under the animal's skin and remains there throughout the animal's life, unable to be lost or altered.

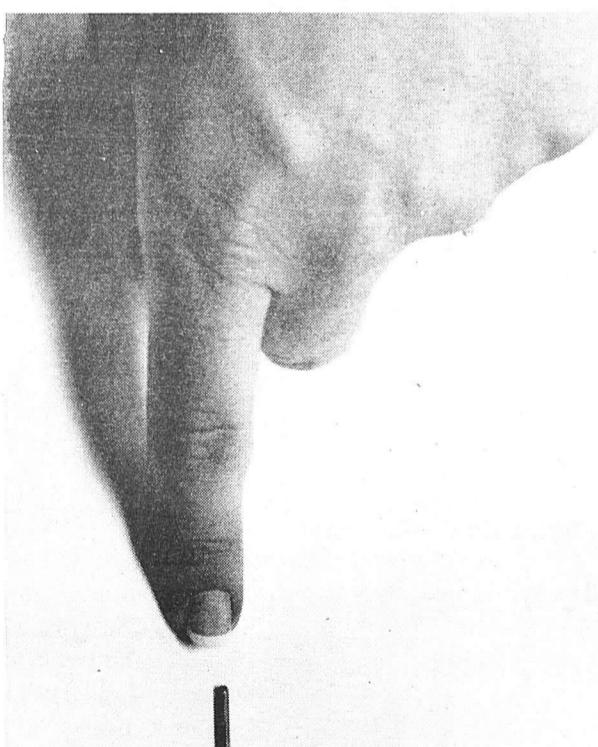
The process is as simple as routine vaccinations, he said.

The microchip ID method is permanent, inexpensive and is not painful for the animal, he said.

The microchip is a passive transponder activated by a radio signal. A hand-held scanner is passed over the pet to read the encoded ID number. The number appears on the scanner's screen, providing positive ID of the animal.

Owners can register the pet's number with a national registry to ensure rapid ID.

A registry of animals implanted here will be kept on file at Corozal and be included in the pet's records to ensure lost or stolen pets returned to the clinic will be returned to their families as soon as possible. Call 285-5866/5867 for more information between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



The microchip is small enough to fit inside a hypodermic needle.

Time key in replacing knocked out teeth

HOWARD AFB (24th Wing/PA) - Americans knock out an estimated five million teeth each year in accidents and rough play according to the Academy of General Dentistry. Knocked out teeth can be reinserted, however, if patients follow some simple instructions and head straight for a dentist.

When a tooth is knocked out, time is of the essence. The ligament that holds it in place can regrow and secure it as firmly as before, according to Capt. Mark D. Nill, general dental officer at the clinic here.

"After 30 minutes, the chance that a tooth can be replanted drops sharply," he said. "Once the tooth leaves your mouth, cells in its outer layer begin to die. To keep these cells alive, the tooth must be transported to the dentist in conditions similar to the environment of your mouth."

Ideally, the tooth should first be rinsed and gently

inserted in its socket while waiting to see the dentist, Nill said.

"If this isn't possible, hold the tooth in your mouth or immerse it in cold water or milk which contains many of the same minerals as saliva," Nill said. "Successfully reattaching a tooth depends upon the conditions it was kept in after it left the mouth."

Children's permanent teeth are more likely to replant solidly because children have great healing abilities, he said. Baby teeth have little chance of successful reimplantation.

Dentists will adjust the tooth in the socket and fasten it with wire or bonding materials. It may take up to eight weeks to see whether the tooth reattaches itself and a root canal may be required within a month since the nerve usually dies, Nill said.

Community activities

Quarry Heights

Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command, will host a reception for distinguished SOUTHCOM volunteers at Quarters 1, Quarry Heights, 2 p.m. June 3.

Gorgas

People who need to be screened for command sponsorship and out-processing to the United States or overseas for the Exceptional Family Member Program must now schedule appointments. Family members will no longer be seen on a walk-in basis. For appointments, call 282-5339/5607.

Clayton

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1995 Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award program. Nominations should be sent to Aichel Tam at the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, Building 560, Corozal, by April 22, 1995. Call 285-5611/4111.

The Enlisted Spouses Club - Panama holds meetings 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers' Club. For information, call 287-3587.

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a community first aid and safety course on the third floor in Building 519, 6-10 p.m. June 21-23. The class will feature instruction on adult and infant CPR, safety procedures and first aid. For information, call Abbe Lester at 287-5509.

Regular Islamic prayer services are held 12:30-1:30 p.m. each Friday at the Fort Clayton Chapel hall. For more information, call 287-5859.

The Welcome to Panama Newcomer's Orientation Tour will be held 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday and June 8. Participants will meet at the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers' Club. The tour includes an information fair, a tour of historical sites and Miraflores Locks, shopping, an authentic Panamanian lunch and a dance exhibition. The cost for lunch is \$5.50.

Child care is provided at the Fort Clayton Child Development Center by reservation only at 287-5657. To make reservations for the orientation, call 287-5073.

For people transferring to new duty stations, the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Office helps in the search for housing, employment and educational possibilities. For more information, call 289-4021/4636.

Atlantic

Free coupons are available 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Relocation Assistance Office in Building 8348, Margarita Complex.

Howard/Albrook

Volunteers are needed in family services to help with the loan closet, base brochure library, and layette program. Family services is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Volunteers get free child care and can visit the facility or call 284-5860.

Miscellaneous

Applications for the student summer hire program are available the Directorate of Civilian Personnel and at the schools. The program runs June 20-Aug. 31 and is limited to full-time students attending U.S. schools. Students must be 16-23 years old. They will earn \$3 per hour and work 20 hours per week with some working up to 40 hours per week. For more information, call 285-5201/4155.

Toastmasters International - Panama will hold meetings Thursday and June 16 at the Panama Canal Training Center. For information, call 287-5689.

Anthony's Pizza offers free home delivery to Quarry Heights, Curundu, Albrook AFS, Corozal, Fort Clayton and Amador by calling 287-5745/4718. Delivery is available to Howard AFB, Fort Kobbe, Farfan, Rodman Naval Station and Cocoli by calling 284-6744/6252/6254.

Things to do

Rodman

◆Information, Tour and Travel:

The Navy ITT office new hours of operation are 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Barro Colorado Island 6 a.m. June 11 and 25, \$65, a minimum of two people is needed. Visit the tropical research island in the canal's Gatun Lake.

Panama City Tour 9 a.m. June 9 and 25, \$8, minimum of 10 people is needed. Visit the Church of the Golden Altar, French Plaza and more.

Moonlight Cruise 6:30 p.m. June 3 and 24, \$21. Cruise Panama and Taboga Bay on the 61-foot Black Stallion.

Free Zone Shopping 7 a.m. Monday and June 15, \$12, minimum of 12 people needed. Shop for gold, watches, small electronics and fine linens.

Dinner & jazz at Las Bovedas Restaurant, 7 p.m. June 3, \$6 transportation fee. A minimum of 10 people is needed.

El Valle Shopping Trip, 7 a.m. June 5 and 26, \$12. Twelve people are needed. Shop for local handicrafts, plants, fruits and vegetables and visit the nature preserve.

San Blas Island June 17-18, \$149. A minimum of two people is needed. Visit the San Blas Archipelago and shop for

molas handicrafts and snorkel in the crystal clear waters.

Albrook/Howard

◆Zodiac Community Activities:

El Valle market shopping 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. June 5, \$13. Bring extra money for lunch.

Dining out at Plaza Paitilla 6-10 p.m. Thursday, \$4 for transportation. Enjoy a night on the town with fine dining and entertainment.

Free Zone shopping 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 3, \$13 for transportation. Enjoy duty free shopping in the city of Colon.

◆Outdoor adventures:

Peacock bass fishing on Gatun Lake 5 a.m.-2 p.m., \$25 per person. Cost includes transportation, boat with guide, bait, ice and coolers for fish. Bring your own fishing gear.

Canoeing and barbecue on the Chagres River 8 a.m.-2 p.m., \$20 per person. Cost includes transportation, canoes, safety equipment, guide and barbecue lunch. Bring drinks, snacks, sunscreen and a hat.

Snorkeling or scuba near Drake's Island 7 a.m.-5 p.m. June 5, \$22 snorkel/\$47 scuba. Package includes transportation to launching point near Portobello and

snorkel or scuba equipment. This is the legendary burial spot of Sir Francis Drake.

Gold panning in Las Cumbres 8 a.m.-3 p.m., \$65 per person. Pan for gold the old fashioned way in a proven gold producing river. Bring a sack lunch, cooler with beverages, hat and suntan lotion.

Deep Sea fishing 6 a.m.-noon Saturday, \$50. Fish for marlin and sailfish on the 65-foot *Catyani*.

Gold panning 8 a.m.-3 p.m. today, \$12. Pan for gold on the Chagres River. Bring a sack lunch and drinks.

Clayton

◆Valent Recreation Center:

Shimmey Beach 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 4. **Taboga guided tour** 7 a.m.-7 p.m. June 5.

Churches and architecture tour 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 11.

Free Zone shopping 7 a.m.-3 p.m. June 17.

Costa Rica tour July 1-4. Register by June 20. Trip includes three nights/four days at Hotel Gran Costa Rica, round-trip ticket and city tour.

◆Outdoor Recreation Center:

Partial transits of the Panama Canal 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, \$40. A minimum of 20 people is needed for partial

transit any day of the week.

Playa Blanca snorkel and dive trip June 4.

Horse back riding in El Valle June 11.

Gatun Lake train wreck dive June 18.

Customized trips are available for groups with a minimum of four or 10 people.

Balboa

◆Balboa Dive Club:

The Club is now accepting entries to the 1994 Scuba Olympics to be held June 11 at the Albrook Pool. There will be separate events for scuba and snorkel. Prizes include two trips to Honduras from Copa Airlines, dive light, tank trays, computer software, subscriptions and various dive packages from Scuba Panama and Buzo. Entry fees are \$5 for the first two events and \$3 for each additional event. Pick up an application at the Albrook or Howard pool, the Zodiac Recreation Center or write Unit 0967 APO AA 34002 or call 263-8077.

Dive trip to Aquatic Park in Portobelo June 25-26. The cost is \$25 per person and includes accommodations, four boat dives and a barbecue. Sign up by June 8. Write Unit 0967 APO AA 34002 or call 263-8077.

Shops/classes

Albrook/Howard

◆Zodiac Community Activities Center:

Intro to scuba, a free one-night class is available.

Open-water scuba June 6 at Howard Pool and June 11 at the Albrook Pool.

Call the center to arrange scuba classes if these don't fit in your schedule.

Classes in ladies water exercise, beginning and advanced swimming for adults and children, diving board and lap swimming are available at Howard or Albrook pools. Call the center for details.

Martial Arts classes are offered through the recreation center and both youth centers.

Beginner and advanced English and Spanish classes begin monthly and run four weeks.

Beginner and advanced dog obedience classes are held at the Howard Parade Field. Four-week class costs \$32. A minimum of five people is needed.

◆Albrook Auto shop:

Air conditioning service and repair 12:30-5 p.m. every day except Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wheel alignment diagnostic and service 3-9 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Clayton

◆Fort Clayton Boat Shop:

Bass fishing at Gatun Lake, \$20 fee includes guide, boat, bait and rods.

Deep sea fishing, \$200 fee includes captain, gear, lures and fuel.

◆Valent Recreation Center:

Korean karate class 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Admission to the first class is free.

Indian Guyami sewing lessons are

offered twice a week. Basic, 1-3 p.m. intermediate, 5-7 p.m.

Basic and intermediate sewing lessons are offered twice a week. Basic classes are 3-5 p.m., intermediate classes are 5-7 p.m.

Basic/intermediate cake decorating meets 6-8 p.m. twice a week.

Dog obedience class 7-9:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, \$60.

Basic/intermediate English classes are held Monday-Thursday.

Private piano and guitar lessons are available weekday evenings. The instructor meets privately with the students for 30 minutes.

Swimming three days a week.

◆Fort Clayton Scuba Shop:

The phone is temporarily out of order because of renovations. Call 287-6453/5807 for information.

Basic open-water scuba class, \$115.

Advanced open-water scuba, \$140.

Rescue scuba, \$119.

Underwater photography, \$99.

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◆Twin Oceans Pro Shop:

Equipment available for scuba, snorkel, tennis, camping and other outdoor recreation.

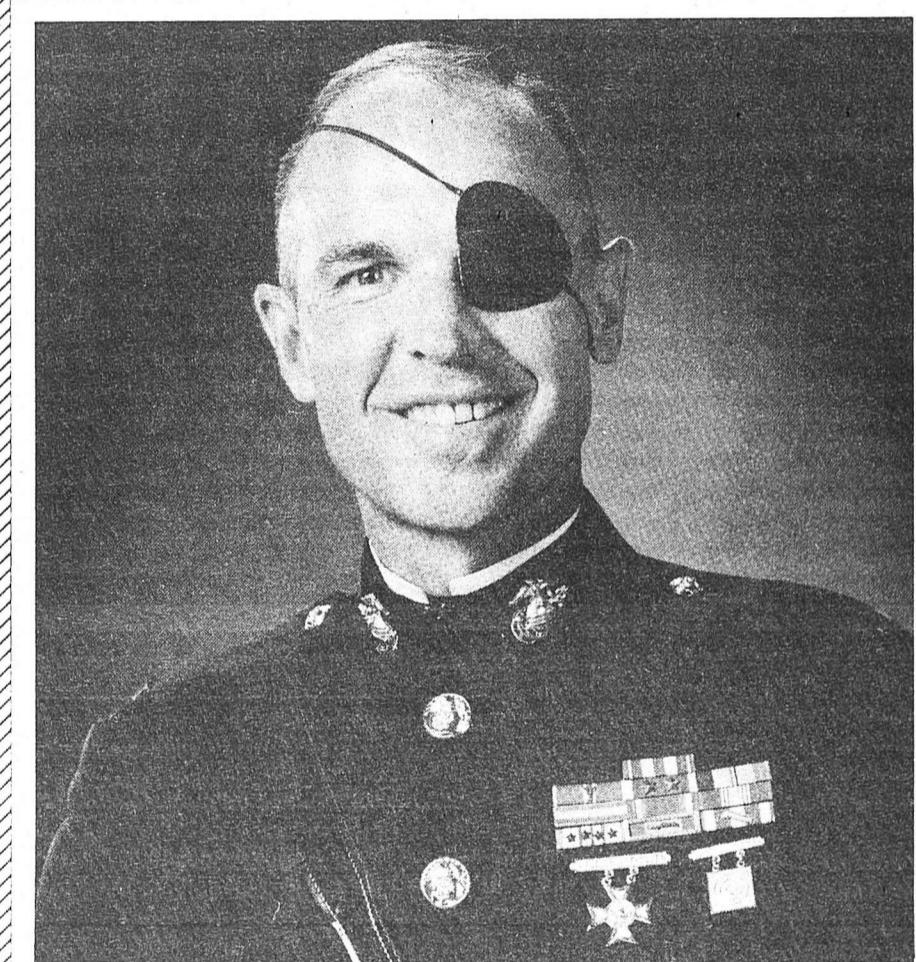
◆Pacific Theatre Arts Centre:

Monthly classes available ranging from various dance lessons, voice, guitar and piano and martial arts. Call 286-3814.

Rodman

◆Rodman Marina:

A boating safety class will be held 6-9 p.m. June 13 and 15 and July 11 and 13 at Building 24 (next to Pizza Hut) on Rodman. Cost is \$35 and includes all materials and qualification test drive. Call the Rodman Marina at 283-3147.



Courtesy photo

Veteran speaker

Vietnam veteran 1st Lt. (Ret.) Clebe McClary, United States Marine Corps will visit the military installations in Panama to share his story June 5-9. Throughout the week, McClary will speak to the military communities during Moral Courage Seminars and God and Country Seminars. McClary is the author of the book "Living Proof." He has spoken at Billy Graham Crusades and is the recipient of the George Washington Medal of Freedom and the Gen. Omar Bradley Spirit of Independence Award. He now travels around the country speaking at churches, veteran organizations and military installations. The schedule for his visit includes:

June 5 - 8:45 a.m. Clayton Protestant Service

11 a.m. Albrook Protestant Service

June 6 - 10 a.m. - Howard Theater - Moral Courage Seminar

7 p.m. - Howard/Kobbe Chapel - God and Country Rally

June 7 - 10 a.m. - Davis Theater - Moral Courage Seminar

7 p.m. Davis Theater - God and Country Rally

June 8 - 3 p.m. - Clayton Theater - Moral Courage Seminar

For information, call 287-5568.

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Aristocratic comedy

Melanie Bales and Ted Turnipseed perform a scene from "Opera Comique," an adult farce that will be entered in the 1994 Forces Command Festival of Performing Arts. The comedy will be performed 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Tickets are \$8. Call 286-3814 for reservations.

Arts and crafts

♦Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center:

Fabric painting classes 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday and Thursday of each month, \$7.50. Some supplies are available.

Stone stroke classes 11 a.m. Sundays, \$10. Paint ceramic figurines to look like stoneware.

Custom frames to order and do-it-yourself frame classes are available.

The Ceramic Center, Building 198, is located near the Crafts Shop.

♦Canal Crafters:

Handmade arts and crafts are available. Consignment and volunteers are welcome. The shop fea-

tures seasonal displays and is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Building 804, Albrook. Call 286-4500. Sign up for classes at the shop:

Special project quilting Santa wall hanging is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and runs 6-8 weeks.

Quilting classes run the first, second and fourth Tuesday of the month; intermediate 10:15 a.m.-noon; beginner 12:15-2 p.m.

Free crochet demo will be held 10:15 a.m. June 6.

Tole painting class will be held 10:15 a.m. Thursday. The cost is \$11.

Free paper mold demonstra-

tion 10:15 a.m. June 9.

♦Howard Skills Development Center:

Free Mother of Pearl application demo 3-3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Free ceramic pouring class 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

Free ceramic pouring class in Spanish 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday.

The 1994 photo contest is coming in August. Call for details.

Ongoing classes include stained glass, cross-stitch, framing, clay flower, pottery wheel throwing, macrame, air brush techniques, and lamp assembly. Several "how-to" videos are available for free viewing.

is open to all barracks residents.

♦Cocoli Community Center:

Arts and crafts for children 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Celebrate the birthdays of the month 6 p.m. today. Cake, ice cream and kool-aid will be served.

Karaoke coming soon.

♦Zodiac Community Center:

Subs on Top has take-out, eat-in or delivery service to Kobbe, Farfan, Howard and Gateway housing. Fax in orders at 284-6109 or call 284-5848.

Rec center news

♦Valent Recreation Center:

The screening room offers free movies. Calling the 24-hour movie line at 287-4367.

Star Trek 27-hour movie marathon 8 p.m. tonight through 11 p.m. Saturday.

Dart players may win a \$1,000 first prize and large merchandise prizes during this year's dart tournament at the Valent Recreation Center. Qualify for the June tournament by playing at Valent. Contact Anne Kelly at 287-4500 for more

information.

Refreshments and cookies 2 p.m. Saturday.

Fresh water pearls will be on sale 1-7 p.m. Thursday through June 5.

Army art historical print exhibition June 9-17 in honor of flag day.

Glass and crystal display June 6-12.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers forum meets the first Thursday of every month and

is open to all barracks residents.

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Atlantic news

Atlantic tours

♦Sundial Recreation Center:

Barro Colorado 6 a.m. June 4.

Post exchange shopping 8 a.m. June 4.

El Valle 5:30 a.m. June 19.

♦Ocean Breeze Recreation Center:

Free Zone 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday and June 11.

Taboga Island 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. June 4.

El Valle 5:30 a.m.-5 p.m. June 5.

Colon historical tour 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 8.

Shopping June 11.

Rec center news

♦Ocean Breeze Recreation Center:

The center offers a variety of classes such as karate, cake decorating, piano, Spanish, English, country line dancing and jazz. Call 289-6402 for details.

Aquarium exhibit June 11.

Pool tournament June 19.

♦Sundial Recreation Center:

Mini triathlon 7 a.m. June 18.

Aerobics 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Family exercise 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Piano 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesday.

Karate 6-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Gymnastics/ballet 5:30-6 p.m. Thursday.

Spanish 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Friday.

Painting 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.



Phone guide

Pacific

24th Services Squadron Sports and Recreational Rental Center, 284-6107

Albrook Auto Craft Shop, 286-3613

Albrook Club, 286-4128

Albrook Riding Stables 287-4411/3333

Anchorage Club, 283-4332

Canal Crafters 286-4500

Chief Petty Officers' Club, 283-5475

Clayton Arts and Crafts Center, 287-5957

Clayton Boat Shop 287-6453

Clayton Ceramic Center, 287-4360

Clayton NCO Club, 287-3586

Clayton Outdoor Recreation Center, 287-3363

Clayton Scuba Shop 287-3355

Club Amador, 282-3534

Cocoli Recreation Center, 287-4119

Howard Auto Craft Shop, 284-3370

Howard Enlisted Members' Club, 284-4107

Howard Officers' Club, 284-4680

Howard Riding Stables 284-3770

Howard Skills Development Center, 284-6361

Howard Teen Center, 284-4700

Howard Wood Craft Shop 284-4510

The Loop, 287-3035

Pacific Theatre Arts Centre 286-3814

Quarry Heights Officers' Club, 282-4380

Rodman Marina, 283-3147/3150

Rodman Naval Station Information Tour and Travel Office, 283-5307/4454

Twin Oceans Pro Shop 286-6514

Valent Recreation Center, 287-6500

Zodiac Community Activities Center, 284-6161

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Aquativity Center, 289-4009

Davis Arts and Crafts Center, 289-5201

Davis Community Club, 289-5160

Ocean Breeze Recreation Center, 289-6404

Outdoor Recreation, 289-4077

Sherman Arts and Crafts Center, 289-6313

Sherman Scuba Shop, 289-6104

Sundial Recreation Center, 289-3889/3300


Movies

Location	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Howard AFB 284-3583	7pm: Monkey Trouble (PG) Thora Birch, Mimi Rogers 9pm: 8 Seconds (PG-13) Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin	2pm: Monkey Trouble (PG) Thora Birch, Mimi Rogers 7pm: Naked Gun 33 1/3 (PG-13) C. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley 9pm: Naked Gun 33 1/3 (PG-13) C. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley	2pm: Monkey Trouble (PG) Thora Birch, Mimi Rogers 7pm: Naked Gun 33 1/3 (PG-13) C. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley 9pm: Naked Gun 33 1/3 (PG-13) C. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley	7pm: Monkey Trouble (PG) Thora Birch, Mimi Rogers 9pm: Naked Gun 33 1/3 (PG-13) C. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley	7pm: 8 Seconds (PG-13) Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin 9pm: Jimmy Hollywood (R) Joe Pesci, Christian Slater	7pm: Major League II (PG) Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger 9pm: The Paper (R) Michael Keaton, Glenn Close	7pm: The Paper (R) Michael Keaton, Glenn Close 9pm: Jimmy Hollywood (R) Joe Pesci, Christian Slater
Fort Clayton 287-3279	7pm: Guarding Tess (PG-13) Shirley MacLaine, Nicholas Cage 9pm: What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13) Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis	2pm: Ernest ride Again (PG) Jim Varney 7pm: Guarding Tess (PG-13) Shirley MacLaine, Nicholas Cage 9pm: The Chase (R) Charlie Sheen, Kristie Swanson	2pm: Mr. Doubtfire (PG-13) Robin Williams, Sally Field 7pm: What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13) Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis 9pm: Guarding Tess (PG-13) Shirley MacLaine, Nicholas Cage	7pm: The Chase (R) Charlie Sheen, Kristie Swanson 9pm: What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13) Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis	7pm: Guarding Tess (PG-13) Shirley MacLaine, Nicholas Cage 9pm: The Chase (R) Charlie Sheen, Kristie Swanson	7pm: Monkey Trouble (PG) Thora Birch, Mimi Rogers 9pm: 8 Seconds (PG-13) Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin	7pm: 8 Seconds (PG-13) Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin 9pm: Naked Gun 33 1/3 (PG-13) C. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley
Fort Davis 289-5173	7pm: Lightning Jack (PG-13) Paul Hogan, Cuba Gooding Jr. 9pm: Angie (R) Geena Davis, Stephen Rea	7pm: Lightning Jack (PG-13) Paul Hogan, Cuba Gooding Jr. 9pm: Sugar Hill (R) Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright	7pm: The Ref (R) Denis Leary, Judy Davis	7pm: Sugar Hill (R) Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright	7pm: Angie (R) Geena Davis, Stephen Rea	7pm: The Ref (R) Denis Leary, Judy Davis	7pm: Guarding Tess (PG-13) Shirley MacLaine, Nicholas Cage
Fort Sherman 289-5173	7:30pm: Sugar Hill (R) Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright	7:30pm: Angie (R) Geena Davis, Stephen Rea	7:30pm: Lightning Jack (PG-13) Paul Hogan, Cuba Gooding Jr.	No show	No show	No show	7:30pm: What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13) Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis
Fort Amador 284-3583	7pm: Naked Gun 33 1/3 (PG-13) C. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley	7pm: Major League II (PG) Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger	7pm: The Paper (R) Michael Keaton, Glenn Close	No show	No show	No show	7pm: Jimmy Hollywood (R) Joe Pesci, Christian Slater

Coming soon**June 3****Howard AFB**

- 7pm** Major League II (PG-13)
Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger
9pm The Paper (R) Michael Keaton, Glenn Close

Fort Clayton

- 7pm** Monkey Trouble (PG) Thora Birch, Mimi Rogers
9pm 8 Seconds (PG-13) Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin

Fort Davis

- 7pm** Guarding Tess (PG-13)
Shirley MacLaine, Nicholas Cage
9pm What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13) Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis

Fort Sherman

- 7:30pm** The Ref (R) Denis Leary, Judy Davis

Fort Amador

- 7pm** Jimmy Hollywood (R) Joe Pesci, Christian Slater

Now showing**Major League II**

Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger
After having won their championship, the Cleveland Indians have slumped back into their old losing ways. It seems the players have been distracted by expensive cars, doing endorsements and other nonbaseball activities. When the manager suffers a heart attack the team catcher takes over and tries to get everyone back into the winning streak. PG (some rude language), 100 min.

Jimmy Hollywood

Joe Pesci, Christian Slater
Hoping to get attention and to achieve fame for himself, an out-of-work actor becomes a vigilante superhero on the streets of Hollywood. R (language), 110 min.

The Paper

Michael Keaton, Glenn Close
Trying to beat the deadline for a story in the *New York Sun* newspaper, an editor rushes to expose a major scandal which could possibly lead to the release of two innocent young men charged with murder. R (strong language), 112 min.

The Chase

Charlie Sheen, Kristie Swanson
Falsely accused of a bank robbery, Jack Hammond escapes; steals a BMW with a young heiress in it; and makes a high speed run for the Mexican border. PG-13 (violence, a scene of sensuality and some language), 88 min.

What's Eating Gilbert Grape

Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis
A small town young man living in a dysfunctional family for whom he's the sole backbone and support discovers life can be fun when a new girl moves to town. PG-13 (elements of mature subject matter), 117 min.

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PG-13

**Now showing at Clayton and Davis theaters.****Angie**

Geena Davis, Stephen Rea
A vulnerable, single woman has to deal with complicated relationships and criticism from her family and friends while learning responsibility for herself and her new baby. R (language), 108 min.

Guarding Tess

Shirley MacLaine, Nicholas Cage

Nicholas Cage is the special agent in charge of the secret service detail assigned to guard the widow of a former U.S. president at her home in a small Ohio town. His purpose in life is to get another assignment and her's is to make his life miserable. PG-13 (for some language), 123 min.

Lightning Jack

Paul Hogan, Cuba Gooding Jr.

A bungling outlaw teams up with a very perceptive mute partner to enjoy a life of crime while eluding the law in the Old West. PG-13 (sexual content), 98 min.

Sugar Hill

Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright

The godfather of a New York City crime-empire fights desperately to break free of the world he created before it destroys him and his family. R (intense drug related violence, graphic heroin use, strong language), 123 min.

The Ref

Denis Leary, Judy Davis
Comedian Denis Leary is cast as a hapless jewel thief who kidnaps a bickering married couple on Christmas Eve and ends up being a hostage in the couple's home. R (language), 97 min.

China Moon

Ed Harris, Madeleine Stowe

A small town detective falls for a rich married woman and remains blindly in love until he has to investigate a murder he'd rather not solve. R (sensuality, language, violence), 99 min.



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Channels 8 & 10

* Mature Theme ** Series Begins ***Series Ends + Program time change because of live event ****Program moved to new day and time

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5:30am NBC News at Sunrise	6:30am Headline News	6:00am CCMTV	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise	5:30am NBC News at Sunrise
6:00 Good Morning America	7:00 Navy/Marines Corps News	6:30 Hour of Power	6:00 Good Morning America	6:00 Good Morning America	6:00 Good Morning America	6:00 Good Morning America
8:00 Basic Training Workout	7:30 Real News For Kids	7:00 Voices Of Faith	8:00 Basic Training Workout	8:00 Bodyshaping	8:00 Basic Training Workout	8:00 Bodyshaping
8:30 Sesame Street	8:0130 Name Your Adventure ***	7:25 Catch The Spirit	8:30 Sesame Street	8:30 Sesame Street	8:30 Sesame Street	8:30 Sesame Street
9:30 Highway To Heaven ***	9:30 Face The Nation	8:00 CBS Sunday Morning	9:30 Murder, She Wrote **	9:30 Murder, She Wrote	9:30 Murder, She Wrote	9:30 Murder, She Wrote
10:25 Guiding Light	8:30 Just for Kids!	9:30 Face The Nation	10:25 Guiding Light	10:25 Guiding Light	10:25 Guiding Light	10:25 Guiding Light
11:10 General Hospital	10:00 Special: Indy 500	10:10 General Hospital	11:10 General Hospital	11:10 General Hospital	11:10 General Hospital	11:10 General Hospital
Noon Headline News	2:30pm Movies: "Left Hand Of God"	10:00 Headline News	Noon Headline News	Noon Headline News Break	Noon Headline News Break	Noon Headline News Break
12:30 Sportscenter	4:00 "Walk Don't Run"	12:30 Sports Machine	12:15 SCN Midday	12:15 SCN Midday	12:15 SCN Midday Report	12:15 SCN Midday Report
1:00 Another World	6:00 Austin City Limits	2:00 Oprah Winfrey	12:30 Sportscenter	12:30 Sportscenter	12:30 Sportscenter	12:30 Sportscenter
2:00 Oprah Winfrey	6:55 ABC News "20/20"	3:00 Price is Right	1:00 Another World	1:00 Another World	1:00 Another World	1:00 Another World
3:00 Price is Right	7:45 Evening Movie: "Broadcast News"	4:00 Channel One	2:00 Sally Jesse Raphael	2:00 Sally Jesse Raphael	2:00 Oprah Winfrey	2:00 Donahue
4:00 Channel One	10:30 Nature	4:15 Newsroom	3:00 Price is Right	3:00 Price is Right	3:00 Price is Right	3:00 Price is Right
4:15 Newsroom	11:30 Clive James' Fa me In The 20th Century	4:30 Guts **	4:15 Newsroom	4:15 Newsroom	4:15 Newsroom	4:15 Newsroom
4:30 Legend of The Hidden Temple	11:00 Poirot V	5:00 Wheel Of Fortune	4:30 Ghostwriter	4:30 Lamb Chop's Play-A-Long	4:30 Club Connect	4:30 Club Connect
5:00 Wheel of Fortune	12:30pm Headline News	5:30 Showbiz Today	5:00 Wheel of Fortune	5:00 Wheel of Fortune	5:00 Wheel of Fortune	5:00 Wheel of Fortune
5:30 Showbiz Today	1:00 Young Adult Theatre: "Sneakers"	6:00 Headline News	5:30 Showbiz Today	5:30 Showbiz Today	5:30 Showbiz Today	5:30 Showbiz Today
6:00 Headline News	2:00 Movie: "Forever Amber"	6:30 Meet The Press	6:00 World News Tonight	6:00 SCN Evening Report	6:00 SCN Evening Report	6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 World News Tonight	2:30 Motorweek	7:00 Sports Late Night	7:00 Jeopardy!	6:15 Headline News Break	6:15 Headline News Break	6:15 Headline News Break
7:00 Jeopardy!	3:00 Showtime At The Home Videos	7:30 Headline News	7:30 Roc	6:30 World News Tonight	6:30 World News Tonight	6:30 World News Tonight
7:30 America's Funniest Home Videos	4:00 Apollo	8:00 COPS	7:00 Jeopardy!	6:30 World News Tonight	7:00 Jeopardy!	7:00 Jeopardy!
8:00 Dave's World	4:00 ABC World News Now	8:30 60 Minutes	7:30 Beauty And The Beast	7:00 Jeopardy!	7:25 Murphy Brown	7:25 Murphy Brown
8:30 Baywatch	5:00 Headline News	9:30 CBS Evening News	8:30 48 Hours	7:25 Fresh Prince Of Bel Air	7:50 Movie: "Murder: By Reason Of Insanity"	7:50 Movie: "Murder: By Reason Of Insanity"
9:30 CBS Evening News	6:30 Rescue 911 **	10:00 Entertainment Tonight	9:30 CBS Evening News	7:50 Movie: "Those She Left Behind"	9:30 CBS Evening News	9:30 CBS Evening News
10:05 Entertainment Tonight	7:30 China Beach	10:30 Holiday Movie Special: "Silver Streak"	10:00 SCN Late Edition	10:00 SCN Late Edition	10:00 SCN Late Edition	10:00 SCN Late Edition
10:35 Tonight Show	8:25 Movie: "Police Academy"	12:30pm Headline News	10:35 David Letterman ****	10:05 Entertainment Tonight	10:05 Entertainment Tonight	10:05 Entertainment Tonight
11:35 David Letterman	10:00 Headline News	1:00 Nightline	11:35 Tonight Show ****	10:35 David Letterman	10:35 David Letterman	10:35 David Letterman
12:35am Headline News Break	10:30 Saturday Night Live	1:30 Sports Late Night	12:30am Headline News	11:35 Tonight Show	11:35 Tonight Show	11:35 Tonight Show
1:00 Nightline	11:30 Midnight World Wrestling Federation	2:00 Arsenio Hall	1:00 Nightline	12:30am Headline News	1:00 Nightline	1:00 Nightline
1:30 Movies: "Little Man Tate"	1:00 Movie: "Police Academy"	3:00 Headline News	1:30 Sports Late Night	1:30 Sports Late Night	1:30 Sports Late Night	1:30 Sports Late Night
3:10 "Original Intent"	2:00 Friday Night Videos	3:30 Tong ht Show	2:00 Arsenio Hall	2:00 Arsenio Hall	2:00 Arsenio Hall	2:00 Arsenio Hall
4:50 Videolinks	2:00 Movies: "Dial M For Murder"	4:30 Headline News	3:00 Headline News	3:00 Headline News	3:00 Headline News	3:00 Headline News
5:30 Headline News	3:35 "Phantom Of The Rue Morgue"	5:00 Headline News Break	3:30 Tonight Show	3:30 Tonight Show	3:30 Tonight Show	3:30 Tonight Show
6:00 Headline News Break	5:00 Videolinks		4:30 Headline News	4:30 Headline News	4:30 Headline News	4:30 Headline News
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Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5:30am Simulcast with Channels 8 & 10	6:30am Simulcast with Channels 8 & 10	6:00am Lamb Chop's Play-A-Long	5:30am Simulcast with Channels 8 & 10	5:30am Simulcast with Channels 8 & 10	5:30am Simulcast with Channels 8 & 10	5:30am Simulcast with Channels 8 & 10
8:00 Oprah Winfrey	10:30 Faerie Tale Theater	6:30 McGee And Me	8:00 Oprah Winfrey	8:00 Oprah Winfrey	8:00 Oprah Winfrey	8:00 Sally Jesse Raphael
9:00 Today	11:30 Real News For Kids	6:50 Sonic The Hedgehog	9:00 Today	9:00 Today	9:00 Today	9:00 Today
11:00 Star Trek	12:30 Headline News	7:15 Disney's Little Mermaid	11:00 All My Children +	11:00 Star Trek	11:00 Star Trek	11:00 Star Trek
Noon Headline News	12:30 Sports Closeup	7:35 CRO	11:00 One Life To Live +	11:00 Headline News Break	11:00 Headline News Break	11:00 Headline News Break
12:30 All My Children	1:00 Bradshaw On Homecoming	8:00 Tiny Toons Adventures	1:00 Young and Restless +	12:15 SCN Midday	12:15 SCN Midday	12:15 SCN Midday
1:30 One Life to Live	2:00 NBA Basketball: Knicks vs. Pacers	8:20 Classic Cartoons **	2:00 NBA Basketball: Knicks vs. Pacers	12:30 All My Children	12:30 All My Children	12:30 All My Children
2:30 Young and Restless	2:00 NBA Basketball: Knicks vs. Pacers	9:05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	3:00 Headline News	1:30 One Life to Live	1:30 One Life to Live	1:30 One Life to Live
3:30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	4:30 Headline News	9:30 Science & Technology Week	4:30 The Cosby Show	2:30 Young and Restless	2:30 Young and Restless	2:30 Young and Restless
4:00 Fraggle Rock	5:00 Science & Technology Week	10:00 Motor Week	5:00 Headline News	3:30 EEEK! The Cat	3:30 EEEK! The Cat	3:30 Disney's Little Mermaid
4:30 Ghost Writer	5:30 American Gladiators +	10:30 Sports Closeup	6:00 Headline News	4:00 Fraggle Rock	4:00 Fraggle Rock	4:00 Fraggle Rock
5:00 Silver Spoons	6:30 The Simpsons	11:00 This Week In Baseball	6:30 NBC Nightly News	4:30 Legend Of The Hidden Temple	4:30 Guts **	4:00 Get The Picture
5:30 The Cosby Show	7:00 Lois & Clark: The Adventures of Superman	11:30 Wall Street Journal +	7:00 MacGyver	5:00 Mickey & Donald	5:00 Nick News: W5	5:00 The Wonder Years
6:00 Headline News	8:00 Star Trek: "Deep Space Nine"	Noon Headline News	8:00 Melrose Place	5:30 The Cosby Show	5:30 The Cosby Show	5:30 The Cosby Show
6:30 NBC Nightly News	9:00 Herman's Head	12:30 Frugal Gourmet +	9:00 Movie: "Back To The Future II"	6:00 SCN Evening Report	6:00 SCN Evening Report	6:00 SCN Evening Report
7:00 Primetime Live	9:30 In Living Color ***	1:00 Spencer For Hire +	9:30 NBC Nightly News	6:15 Headline News Break	6:15 Headline News Break	6:15 Headline News Break
8:00 21 Jump Street	10:00 Headline News	2:00 Headline News	11:00 Headline News	6:30 NBC Nightly News	6:30 NBC Nightly News	6:30 NBC Nightly News
9:00 Movie: "An Innocent Man"	10:30 Saturday Night Live	2:30 Sports Closeup	11:30 Arsenio Hall	7:00 Baby Talk	7:00 Baby Talk	7:00 Full House
11:00 Headline News	11:30 Midnight WWF Superstars	5:00 NBA Basketball: Rockets vs. Jazz	12:30 Simulcast with 8 & 10	7:30 Wings ***	7:30 Seinfeld	7:30 Step By Step
11:30 Arsenio Hall	1:00 Friday Night Videos	5:30 Headline News	8:00 Picket Fences	8:00 Tour Of Duty	8:00 Living Single *	8:00 Living Single *
12:30am Headline News	2:00 Entertainment This Week	5:30 Quantum Leap +	9:00 Martin	9:00 NYPD Blue	8:30 Coach	8:30 Coach
1:00 Nightline	2:00 Entertainment This Week	6:30 Wonderful World Of Disney	9:30 Movie: "Blaze"	10:00 Murder, She Wrote	9:00 Dateline NBC	9:00 Dateline NBC
1:30 Sports Late Night	3:00 Headline News	7:30 Golden Girls	11:30 SCN Late Edition	11:00 Headline News	10:00 Miami Vice	10:00 Miami Vice
2:00 Arsenio Hall	3:30 Saturday Night Live	8:00 Grace Under Fire	11:35 Arsenio Hall	11:30 SCN Late Edition	11:00 Headline News	11:00 Headline News
3:00 Headline News	5:00 Videolinks	8:30 Movie: "Back To The Future"	12:35am Simulcast with 8 & 10	12:35am Simulcast with 8 & 10	11:35 Arsenio Hall	11:35 Arsenio Hall
3:30 Tonight Show	5:30 Headline News Break	10:30 Headline News			12:35am Simulcast with 8 & 10	12:35am Simulcast with 8 & 10
4:30 David Letterman		11:00 L.A. Law				
5:30 Simulcast with Channels 8 & 10		Midnight Simulcast 8 & 10				

Sports and specials

Channels 8 & 10

Sports

"Indianapolis 500," 10 a.m. Sunday

Series starts

"Rescue 911," 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Real-life footage and dramatic recreations trace rescue and emergency response situations around America. Hosted by William Shatner.

"Murder, She Wrote," 9:30 a.m. Monday. (Replaces "Highway To Heaven") A celebrated mystery writer with a penchant for solving crimes finds herself involved in bizarre and colorful adventures. Stars Angela Lansbury and Tom Bosley.

"Guts," 4:30 p.m. Monday. (Replaces "Name Your Adventure") Sweat, agility, and strain will get contestants over the outrageous obstacles and into the finals for totally awesome prizes. Hosted by Mike O'Malley.

Primetime movies

"Police Academy," 8:25 p.m. Saturday. When the police academy doors are opened to anybody, the swarm is a colorful assortment of sizes, shapes, and eccentricities. Stars Steve Guttenberg, Kim Cattrall and Bubba Smith.

"Broadcast News," 7:45 p.m. Sunday. An up-and-coming news producer must choose between an old friend with talent and integrity, or a young, not too bright hunk. Stars Holly Hunter, William Hurt and Jack Nicholson.

"Those She Left Behind," 7:50 p.m. Wednesday. A successful businessman takes on the tough personal challenges of solo parenting when his wife dies during child-birth. Stars Gary Cole, Joana Kerns and Mary Page Keller.

"Murder: By Reason Of Insanity," 7:50 p.m. Thursday. The true story of an immigrant couple who can't make good on the American dream, a dream that for them turns into a nightmare. Stars Candice Bergen and Eli Wallach.

Cable Channel 14

Sports

NBA basketball



Duty-free merchandise

FORT CLAYTON (Contraband Control Office)—As a reminder, in accordance with the Panama Canal Treaty and U.S. Southern Command regulations, duty free merchandise, whether new or used, cannot be given, transferred or generally sold to non-privilege holders. Violations to these dispositions may subject violators to prosecution under both, military and Panamanian laws. It is sometimes permissible to sell an item, but only if Panamanian taxes are paid. Before such a sale, it is strongly recommended that the seller contact the Contraband Control Section for advice at 286-3117.

Animals

French toy poodle, male puppy, dewormed, tail docked, \$100. 236-0991.

German shepherd pups, CCP reg, exc pedigree. 228-2643.

Hamster, male, female w/lg cage, many tubes, \$100. 252-2319.

CCP reg rottweiler puppies, show quality Dam, champion sire, \$650. 287-6195.

Doberman pincher puppies, 5 wks, males, females, \$175. 260-1522.

Miniature poodle puppies, \$150; mare, \$125; German shepherd for stud. 252-2889.

Miniature donkey for stud service, \$100. 225-4749.

Weimaraner, 2 yrs old male for stud service. 285-6374.

TB mare, 9 yrs old, 16.1 hands trained Eng. 223-7980 ask for Angela.

Weimaraner puppies, 5 wks old, \$300 ea. 233-2021.

Twolg Oscar fish, \$40 both. 282-3490.

German shepherd pups, 7 wks old, exc pedigree, CCP reg, male, female, \$350. 252-2291.

Purebred golden retriever puppies, avail now. 289-4044.

French mini toy poodle puppy, 6 wks old, tail docked, dewormed, \$200. 226-5395.

TB gelding, 4 yrs, lunges, trained Eng, good jumper prospect, \$1,000. 284-6683.

Shar-pei puppy, 6 wks old, shots, female, \$250. 284-4376.

Amazon red head parrot w/papers, \$95. 286-4775.

Free, male kitten tabby desperately needs a home. 268-2973.

Free, female kitten, 5 mos old. 284-5176.

Free, med size puppy, 5 mos old, good w/children, food & kennel incl. 284-4928.

Free to good home, two kittens found abanoned. 226-0194.

Free to good home kittens, 2 solid blk, other 3 striped. 287-3875.

Automobiles

1991 Geo Metro LSI, needs outside work, \$3,500/obo. 284-6776.

1988 Dodge Daytona, at, 4 cyl, ac, am-fm stereo cass, tinted glass, \$4,500. 287-5842.

1988 Nissan Sunny, std, 4 cyl, tinted glass, am-fm stereo cass, \$3,200. 287-5842.

1993 Dodge Grand Caravan, ps, pb, tw, cc, pm, hitch, running bds, 8,000 mi, \$18,000. 284-6883.

1986 Mitsubishi Galant SS, very good cond, not dty pd, \$5,000/obo. 269-5700.

1986 S-15 Jimmy 4x4, ac, pw, pb, 2dr, V6, at OD, grt shape, \$6,500. 224-2876.

1986 Toyota Minivan, at, ps, ac, pb, sr, radio cass, good cond, dty pd, \$6,500. 224-4190.

1986 Toyota Stanza van/wgn, ac, am-fm cass, at, exc cond, \$6,500. 260-0284.

1978 Chevy Caprice Classic wgn, ps, pb, ac, new parts, runs grt. 286-4393 ask for Joe.

1980 Ford Granada, new tires,

tinted glass, radio, \$2,000. 287-4481.

1983 GMC Custom van, new tires, ac, at, grt shape, \$5,000. 287-5976.

1989 Honda Accord LX, full extras, exc cond, not dty pd, \$8,000. 263-4495.

1986 Mitsubishi Montero, 4WD, ac, ps, pw, radio fm cass, 5 sp, new tires, exc cond, \$7,000. 252-5397.

1987 Hyundai Excel GL, one owner, 4dr, 5 sp, ac, tinted glass, am-fm cass, exc cond, dty pd, \$3,900. 284-5699.

1991 Chevy Camaro RS, t-tops, V8, ac, pl, custom wheels, am-fm cass, \$13,500. 236-0597.

1979 Pontiac Bonneville, 4dr, V8, good cond, runs good, \$2,000. 284-5397.

1991 Nissan Pathfinder, low mi, US specs, \$20,285. 260-1946.

1988 Toyota Camry LE sedan, at, ac, all pwr, tilt, cruise, \$6,700/obo. 223-7050.

1988 VW, GOL-GI, ac, tinted glass, 4 sp, hitch, 23,000 mi, am-fm cass, exc cond, dty pd, \$4,500. 252-5393.

1978 Ford F150 Ranger, rebuilt 351 eng, chrome, dty pd, \$3,700/obo. 252-2181.

1985 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4, ac, 2.8L, V6, loaded, dty pd, \$6,100/obo. 252-2181.

1990 Ford Tempo, 4 cyl, ac, ps, pb, pw/d, pl, stereo cass, at, exc cond, not dty pd, \$8,500. 226-8626.

1991 Ford Ranger p/u, ac, ps, pb, at, match bed cap, \$7,600. 282-3985.

1991 Jeep Wrangler Sahara Ed, 6 cyl, ac, soft top, fully loaded, exc cond, \$12,500/obo. 289-5960.

1992 Toyota Corona, 4dr sedan, at, ac, radio cass, new tires, avail June 15, \$9,600/obo. 269-1374.

1989 Jeep Cherokee, 4.0L, V6, 4dr, ac, pb, not dty pd, \$10,500. 284-5921.

1991 Geo Metro, at, good cond, needs little work outside, \$3,500/obo. 284-6776.

1988 full size Ford Bronco, V8, 4x4, at, radio cass, exc cond, dty pd, \$8,000. 243-5686 after 5pm.

1988 VW Vanagan van, new int, ac, tinted glass, 8 pass, exc cond, \$9,500. 284-6698.

1981 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, ps, pb, many new parts, good cond, not dty pd, \$1,800/obo. 230-1139.

1973 VW Fastbk, needs work, \$550; Ford 5 sp trans, \$350. 287-5088.

1992 Mercury Sable, at, ps, pw/locks, ac, radio cass, 14,000 mi, \$17,000. 223-7675.

1982 Volvo 240 DL, 5 sp, ac, ps, pb, runs grt, needs minor body work, \$2,200. 286-4799.

1987 Dodge Caravan, V6, ac, ps, \$6,000. 286-3875.

1983 Chevy Celebrity, 2dr, dty pd, 4 cyl, at, ps, ac, am-fm, \$2,700; 1987 Dodge Caravan, 2.6L, 7 pass, at, ps, ac, am-fm avail July 1, \$7,900. 287-4743.

1986 Nissan Stanza van/wgn, ac, am-fm cass, at, exc cond, \$6,500. 260-0284.

1978 Chevy Caprice Classic wgn, ps, pb, ac, new parts, runs grt. 286-4393 ask for Joe.

1980 Ford Granada, new tires,

1989 Ford F-150 4x4, ac, V8 302, 3 spare tires, low mi, exc cond, \$17,000/neg. 264-0328.

1985 Plymouth Reliant, dty pd, good cond, \$3,000. 287-6424.

1991 Ford Explorer sport, ac, pwr, 2dr, 2 w/o clean, \$14,000/obo. 287-6486.

1985 Jeep Grand Wagoneer 4x4, ac, at, leather, pw/d, ps, low mi, dty not pd, exc cond, \$7,200/obo. 287-4393.

1987 Honda CRX, Sony am-fm cass, runs good, \$2,200. 282-3826.

1987 Ford Ranger XLT Supercab, pb, ps, 5 sp, new tires/shocks, not dty pd, \$5,500. 284-6838.

1992 Nissan Bluebird, at, 4dr, all pwr, avail end June, not dty pd, \$9,000. 283-6895.

1988 VW Gold, 4 cyl, at, ac, ps, am-fm cass, new paint, parts, 43,000 mi, dty pd, \$4,600. 260-4564.

1985 Honda Civic, 4dr, 5 sp, ac, am-fm cass, runs grt, dty pd, \$3,800. 260-9842.

1984 Jeep Cherokee, at, ac, very lo mi, runs grt, \$5,500. 260-9842.

1985 Ford Escort, 5 sp, 1.9L, ac, am-fm cass, good cond, \$2,500. 284-5287.

1986 Jeep Cherokee, 5 sp, ac, ps, pb, clean, 4dr, low mi, \$6,250/obo. 286-6133.

1978 Ford Granada, runs good, new batt, '94 reg, \$800/obo. 269-9227.

1991 Honda Prelude Si, cd, cass, alarm, pw, ps, alloy rims, sr, new tires, ac, 2dr, tinted, \$14,500. 284-4355.

1979 Oldsmobile 88, good cond \$1,850; 1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass, \$1,750, not dty pd, 284-3593.

1986 Suzuki Samurai 4x4, 4 cyl, ac, radio cass, running bds, parts, tire, dty pd, good cond, avail June 20, \$4,950. 268-3261.

1977 Mercury, 2dr, good mi, runs grt, make offer. 287-3944.

1983 Chevy Suburban, at, ac, 4dr, 52,000 mi, \$3,995. 282-3188.

1985 Nissan Sentra, 2dr, 5 sp, ac, cass, 50,000 mi, US specs, \$2,499. 282-3188.

1991 Z28 Camaro, ac, am-fm cass, pb, ps, under Bluebook, \$11,465. 256-6830.

1978 Ford T-bird, runs/lks grt, ac, ps, pb, \$2,100/obo. 287-3675.

1988 Chrysler LeBaron convert, 53,000 mi, exc cond, not dty pd, \$9,000. 264-5805.

1983 Datsun 280ZX, 5 sp, t-tops, ac, \$4,900. 286-4004.

1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera, runs good, \$2,100/obo. 287-4935.

Eng-spk maid, Amador only, exc w/kids, highly recommended, Tues. 282-3497.

Span-spk mature housekeeper, M-T-F, good refs., 231-2585 ask for Chela.

Exp mature maid, 3-5 days a wk, clean, irons, refs. 286-6295.

Bilingual honest maid, 5 days a week. 221-9538.

Span-spk live-in maid, honest, hard working, grt w/kids. 282-3694 ask for Mari.

Typist, Atlantic side, \$2 a page. 289-4619.

Babysit in your home, Clayton only. 287-4577 ask for Amy.

Span-spk live-in/out maid, honest, good w/kids, clean, cook, exp mature. 231-5489 ask for Otilia.

Span-spk maid, part time, clean, babysit, exc refs. 286-4290.

Bilingual live-out maid, clean, laundry, iron, babysit, prefer Howard/Albrook. 284-3184.

Span-spk housekeeper, good w/

children, M-F, some wknds, avail Tuesday. 287-3521.

Eng-spk day maid, M-W-F, prefer mil family. 263-3627.

Span-spk live-out maid, refs, cooks, exc w/kids. 221-2801.

Bilingual maid, babysitting for Sat-Sun, carpet cleaning. 252-6815.

Honest maid, 2-3 days, wknds, babysits w-exp, refs. 282-4727 ask for Alexia.

Bilingual mature maid, grt w/kids. 263-9264 M-F, 8am-6pm.

Babysitter w/exp, 17-yr-old, dependable, nights, wknds. 230-1927.

Exp honest hard working maid, Tues, refs. 287-5928.

Bilingual live-in maid, reliable, grt w/children. 264-8865.

Live-in housekeeper, trustworthy, dependable. 286-4489.

Honest housekeeper, bilingual, T-Th-F. 285-4434.



Classified Ads

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Cd for auto, new, Sony detachable face for security, \$325. 284-6244.

GE dual cass radio, 5 band equal, \$75; Vivitar 35mm camera w/case, \$30. 287-5392.

SC word processor, 8000lt, 256k. Ram, modem, 3.5 dd, needs printer, \$250. 287-5392.

Household

Two carpets, brn, beige, approx 12x15, \$75 ea, both \$125. 287-3231.

Two navy floral loveseats, \$300 ea; full sz futon/couch, solid pine, new matt, \$400; dog crate x-lg, neg. 284-5685.

Modular sofa, 6 chrs, 2 tpls, \$450. 233-2021.

Blue sofa, overstuffed style, like new, \$600; dbl matt, box springs, metal frame, \$150. 269-5700.

New RCA 20" TV, remote control, \$300; oak ent center, glass doors, \$180, brn strato lounger, adjust, \$100. 264-4976.

Q-sz sofabed, leather sofa, \$650. 260-1946.

DR tbl, 6 chrs, \$400; computer desk, \$60; asst bookshelves. 236-2618.

K-sz waveless waterbed w/12 drawers, \$350, 13" TV, \$100, TV cabinet, \$50. 236-2618.

Sears 20" pwr lawn mower w/rear grass catcher, \$100. 286-3129.

Daybed, \$100; golf clubs w/bag, \$200; side-by-side refrig/frzer, \$600. 282-3832.

Whirlpool elec dryer, wht, exc cond, \$275. 282-3985.

Kolcraft dbl stroller, \$40, ent center for TV-VCR, \$40. 284-4725.

Trestletbl, 2 chrs w/arms, 2 benches, seats 8, \$350; 6-drawer dresser w/o mirror & night stand, \$90. 284-6682.

Mini blinds to fit window in 3BR trop, \$250. 284-3194.

Carpets, 10x12, 12x14, \$75 ea; 12x22, \$100, all tan. 284-3194.

Hot Point 600w microwave w/temp probe, all features, exc cond, \$100. 287-3231.

German high chr, \$50, tbl, \$100; vacuum, \$50; baby carrier, \$10. 287-5190.

Side-by-side refrig, frost free, \$625/obo. 223-3639.

12x15 mauve carpet, \$75. 284-3529.

Speed queen hvy dty washer/dryer, good cond, lg cap, like new, \$750/obo. 284-4238.

Bentwood rocker, \$35; dishwasher, \$35; glass coffee/endtbls, \$30; Commodore 128d complete, \$150/obo. 287-3628.

8pc LR set, gt cond, \$800. 284-4282.

K-sz matt, box spring, frame, \$600. 289-6564.

Amana 22 cuft refrig; Tappan gas dbl oven, selfclean; patio furn, lounge mirror. 263-8579.

Lg Q-sz sofabed, loveseat, chr w/pillows, exc cond, \$850/obo. 230-1972.

Youth bed, \$100. 252-2717 5-8pm.

GE side-by-side refrig, \$650; DP adjust weight bench w/leg ext, steel wts, \$75. 284-5372.

Whirlpool side-by-side 25 cuft refrig/frzer, ice/water dispenser, 4700. 252-2760.

Loveseat, curtains for trop, 10 sp bike, 400w Pioneer speakers. 230-1927.

JVC 26" color TV, wks grt, \$300; 12x15 dusty grm carpet, \$100. 287-5976.

Whirlpool 18 cuft refrig/frzer, \$600; GE 24 cuft side-by-side, \$900, both exc cond; DR set,

chrome/glass, \$700/neg. 264-9676.

Dinette set, 4 chrs, 42" round tbl, \$300; kitchenaid, washer/dryer, grt shape, \$600. 284-5479.

Four carpets, 9x12, exc cond, \$50-\$90; Sears dehumidifier, used once, \$175. 260-0284.

Outdr roundtbl, 6 high chrs, wht, good cond, \$275; bbq grill w/tank, plastic cover, \$180. 236-0984.

Whirlpool dishwasher, like new, \$250. 284-4283.

L-shaped wood bunk bed w/3 drawer dresser, not matt, new cond, \$200/obo. 260-9345.

DR, tbl, 6 chrs, china cab, \$950 set; sell separate \$450-\$700. 287-5277.

Sofa, loveseat, exc cond, cream, \$500; 18,000 btu ac, exc cond, \$325. 260-6533.

Sofa, loveseat, chr, 2 end/coffee tpls, good cond, \$1,200/obo. 286-3834.

30" gas stove; washer/dryer; GE side-by-side refrig; chest frzer; 3acs. 264-4253.

Rocker/recliner, Q-sz sofa sleeper, lamps & shades, bamboo DR set, dishwasher, suitcases, best offer. 243-5617.

Broyhill sofa, 1 1/2 yr old, grn/coral shell design, \$400. 287-5928.

6,000 btu ac, 110v, \$175. 284-3731.

Q-sofa sleeper, \$300/obo; sofa, loveseat, overstuffed chr w/pillows, \$800/obo; 12x15, 3x6 cream carpets. 283-5391.

JVC stereo w/cd, speakers, \$500/obo; floor lamp, \$65/obo. 283-5391.

GE 23.5 cuft side-by-side refrig/frzer, ice/water dispenser, hvy dty washer, 15.6 cuft GE frzer, no frost. 252-1257.

Like new butcher block top, port dishwasher, \$250. 286-8674 after 5pm.

Computer desk, \$75; carpet, 9x12 beige, \$45; 9x12 dk brn, \$20. 286-4626.

Rugs, 8x10 turquoise, 11x12 mint grn, 6x9 rust, \$50-under. 282-5281.

Full size futon w/floral cover, \$250/obo. 284-5083 after 5pm.

Beige-mauve floral design sofa, \$250; microwave, \$100/obo. 284-5726.

Q-sz Somma pillowtop waveless waterbed w/hdbs, all linens, \$700/obo; sofa, loveseat, \$500/obo. 286-4693 after 5pm.

GE 23.5 cuft refrig/frzer; Magic Chev 4-burner stove; GE hvy dty washer; Admiral 16.7 cuft, upright frzer. 264-5160.

Hot Point washer/dryer, exc cond, \$400 set; lawn mower, new, \$100. 286-3333.

Two microwave cabinets; microwave oven; curio shelves; metal garage shelves. 286-3345.

Maytag washer, Wards, dryer, lg cap, sold as set, \$600/obo. 286-4294.

GE refrig, \$700; still new BR furn, \$1,250. 286-4824.

Food processor, \$25; Nintendo, \$90; VCR, \$130; child's carbed, \$250/obo. rocking horse, \$20. 284-3733.

Upright frzer, 20.7 cuft, almost new, \$600. 287-5925.

Upright vacuum w/detachable hand held vacuum, \$80. 252-2319.

Wall-to-wall carpeting fits 3BR housing in 500/600 areas, avail June 15, neg. 287-3171.

Sears wet/dry vacuum & steam carpet cleaner, hvy dty, high cap, avail June 17, neg. 287-3171.

Loveseat, \$100; dryer, \$200; woodtbl, \$10; 9x12 carpet, \$60. 287-6199.

Baby bed converts to Jr bed, oak wood, linen avail, \$200. 287-5225.

Quality carpets, 12x15 blue, \$175; cream, \$150; oak finish ent center, \$175; delux vacuum, \$150. 269-2095.

Couch, loveseat by Bassett, exc cond, \$375/obo. 287-3321.

BR set, dresser w/mirror, chest of drawers, 2 night stands, Q or full sz bed, \$1,180. 269-0356.

Full sz matt, box springs, \$165; men's dress blues 39R, men's clothes, plants, men's watch, curtains, misc. 269-0356.

RCA 20" color TV, radio flyer wgn w/rails. 286-3587.

Sofa, loveseat, chaise lounge, computer desk, dishwasher, sm dresser, 12" girl's bike, adult bikes. 286-4489.

GE washer/dryer, hvy dty, \$650; chil'd BR set, chest, nighttbl, \$325; child's gym set, \$95. 260-4393.

Sofa, coffee/endtbls, \$550; LR curtains, \$50 set; wine rack, \$10; 2 bikes, \$65-\$85; plants, \$3-\$15, more. 269-5224.

Acs, 14,000 btu, 10,000 ac parts, desk, patio furn, sm refrig. 252-2730.

Whirlpool 18,000 btu ac, \$350; GE 6,000, \$150. 252-2287.

4pc BR set, \$495. 268-3261.

Refrig, like new. 256-6830.

Whirlpool 8ft upright frzer, cht, like new, \$225. 282-3188.

Miscellaneous

1974 Ford J302 cyl heads, exc cond, comes w/2 barrel intake w/all bolts, \$325/obo. 287-6484.

Comic books, D.C. & Marvel, most popular series, priced by sales guide. 286-4797.

Sm wall unit/bookcase, 2dr, \$40. 224-6113.

Ford 302 eng, new gaskets, \$200/obo. 287-6175.

Ceramic faces. See Qtrs 259A Albrook.

1/4ct diamond solitaire engage ring, marquis cut, 14kt gold, \$350/obo. 285-5901.

Replica WWI fighter plane ultra It SE5, needs minor repairs. broken propeller, will trade for motorcycle or \$2,000 w/hanger. 230-1312.

Lg & sm house plants. 287-5271.

Rock polisher, saw, tumblers w/many extras, \$1,200/neg. 252-6610.

Exer bike, \$50; HF receiver, \$65; 8x10 camping tent, \$80; ground school instructions video, \$100. 286-4278.

Pontiac Fiero parts. 287-3192.

10 sp girl's race bike, \$50. 260-1078.

Westone guitar, G15 amp, \$300; 20" boy's Mongoose, \$50. 289-6383 ask for West.

K-sz sheet set, blk/wht striped, never used, \$18. 283-5425 after 6pm.

Carver stereo pre-amp, \$150; Sony cd player w/remote, \$75; outdoor bar w/2 stools, \$150; recliner, \$75; DJ lts, \$150. 284-6698.

Metal bunk beds full/twin. 284-4634.

Spear guns Voit, exc cond. 252-5100.

Hoover quick vac, \$20; changingtbl \$15. 230-1972.

2 shirts & 1 pr shorts for Jr Girl Scout uniform plus 2 Jr G.S. books. \$20. 252-2080 eves.

Girl's roller skates, \$30; Huffy boy's bike, \$50; yard swing set, \$20. 252-6817.

Lg dog airline carrier, \$30. 261-6602.

American Airline/Eagle credit note for airfare woth \$140, will sell for \$90. 252-2889.

High chr, \$20. 252-2717 5-7pm.

Baby chr/bouncer, \$20; battery oper swing, \$40; snugli carrier, \$20; dbl stroller, \$125. 286-3637.

Lg baby stroller, fair cond, \$25; elec typewriter, good cond, \$50. 287-3319.

Lawn mower, \$100; lg Panasonic microwave/convect oven, \$300; brass noodle cart, \$40. 287-5976.

Crib, \$45; walker, boy's bike, tricycle. 261-1292.

Male class A uniform 40L, good cond, \$75. 287-4299.

Exercise wts; med sz bird cage. 252-2676.

Darkrm equip to make blk/wht photos, \$100. 284-5586.

Infant bassinet, \$35; bike, \$40; aquarium, \$45; x-lg rods, \$20 ea

Employment

HOW TO APPLY: Submit a SF-171, DD 214 if claiming veteran preference, a copy of college transcripts if claiming education and a copy of CASP notice of rating if applicable. Submit a copy of latest SF-50 if you are a Federal employee.

For more information regarding Army vacancy announcements (forms required, job related criteria, etc.), visit the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, Building 560, Room 102, Corozal, or call 285-5201.

*Note: One-on-one employment counseling should be the first step in the job search.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: Positions at NM-5 level and above require specialized experience. Specialized experience is either education above the high school level or work experience directly related to the position being filled. Example: Budget positions at or above the NM-5 level required Budget experience or equivalent education.

Vacancy announcements are also available at the Sundial Recreation Center.

The Army civilian personnel office accepts applications on a continuous basis for the following positions. These announcements are used to establish registers for permanent and temporary future vacancies.

Army

VB# 001 * General Clerical, NM-3 (Used to fill most clerical position).

VB# 001A * General Clerical, NM-4 (Used to fill most clerical position).

VB# 00* Sales Store Checker, NM-3 (Intermittent wk sch)

* CASP Examination (CEO, notice of rating) is required.

VB# 003 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (Lifeguard) Requires Cert + 6 mo recreation exp in the field.

VB# 004 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (Req 6 mos recreation exp in the field).

VB# 005 Secretary (Stenography), NM-5

VB# 005A Secretary (Stenography), NM-6

VB# 006 Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-5

VB# 006A Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-6

VB# 017 Administrative Services Assistant, NM-5

VB# 017A Administrative Services Assistant, NM-6

VB# 018 Supply Technician, NM-5

VB# 018A Supply Technician, NM-6

The following positions are Perm/Temp Full-time, Part-time, Intermittent.

VB# 007 ** MEDICAL OFFICER, NE 12/13/14.

VB# 008 ** CLINICAL NURSE, (RN license required), NM-9/10/11.

VB# 009 ** PRACTICAL NURSE, (LPN licence required), NM-5

** Selectees for nurse and medical officer position will be required to undergo a background check.

The following are limited to veteran preference eligibles and permanent employees only.

VB# 010 Manual Positions, MG-2

VB# 011 Manual Positions, MG-3

VB# 012 Manual Positions, MG-4

VB# 013 Manual Positions, MG-5

VB# 014 Motor Vehicle Operator, MG-6

VB# 015 Motor Vehicle Operator, MG-7

VB# 016 Motor Vehicle Operator, MG-8

VB# VACANCIES TITLE AND LOCATION OPEN: 05-27-94 CLOSE: 06-07-94

Pacific

310-94-VL Teller, NM-530-5.
311-94-EL Secretary (Steno/Office Automation), NM-318-8. Sensitive.


Potpourri
Club news**Quarry Heights****◆Officers' Club:**

Breakfast buffet is served 6:30-8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday and 8-10 a.m. Saturdays.

Old fashioned steak night 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Choose cut of beef to be charbroiled.

Social hour 5-8 p.m. Fridays.

Club Amador

Typical Panamanian buffet 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays in La Concha.

Grupo Samba Tres Friday nights in the Bridge Lounge.

Clayton**◆The Loop:**

CJ's Sports Bar offers daily lunch specials 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Pool tournaments are held 3:30 p.m. Sundays.

Prizmz Night Club features a variety of music Wednesday-Saturday to include jazz 5 p.m. Sundays.

◆NCO Club:

The ballroom will be closed through Monday for renovations.

Country and western dance lessons are held 7-9 p.m. Sundays and Mondays in the Corral Lounge.

Rock 'n' roll music is offered 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesdays and 7-11 p.m. Thursdays at the Underground Lounge.

Salsa dance lessons 7 p.m. Thursdays with Vibraciones Latinas at the Underground Lounge, free.

Casa Maria special today through Tuesday, Sonoran: two chimichangas, a taco salad, Spanish rice, sour cream and melted cheese.

Albrook/Howard

Free ride program is offered to all Air Force club patrons who have had too much to drink. Check with the night/duty manager or bartender.

◆Albrook Club:

Enjoy blues and jazz 7-10 p.m. today by recording artist Lowell Hopper in the lounge.

Karaoke in the lounge today.

Steak night Friday. Choose from rib eye, K.C. strip, filet or prime rib. Dinner comes with vegetable, baked potato, French fries or rice.

Fiesta de mariscos Saturday nights. The seafood feast features different platters and clam chowder, shrimp cocktail or ceviche. The combination platter includes broiled corvina, stuffed crab, calamari rings, peel-and-eat shrimp, a choice of potato or rice, cole slaw and vegetables du jour. A la carte menu available.

Mongolian barbecue 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Prepare your plate, choose the meat, vegetables, seasonings, oils and have chefs do the job outside on the open grills.

Sunday champagne brunch 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the dining room offers breakfast from cooked-to-order omelets, French toast, hot lunches, salad and fruits, peel-and-eat shrimp, desserts and ice cream bar.

The club will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. The club also closes after lunch the first Tuesday of each month for maintenance.

For events or catering call 286-3557/3582.

◆Howard Enlisted Members' Club:

Memorial Weekend All Nighters Sunday in the Casual Cove.

The June 4 grand reopening of the upstairs lounge and ballroom includes a Panamanian night. Menu features sancocho, arroz con pollo, platano en tentacion, arroz con pina and typical Panamanian beverages. After dinner entertainment follows. Tickets are on sale at the cashier cage window for \$8.95.

The dining room will be closed for breakfast and lunch

Monday.

The Breezeway will operate normal hours Monday and the Casual Cove opens 4 p.m. with check cashing at the bar. The cashier cage will be closed.

Karaoke 7 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday in the Casual Cove.

Weekend breakfast is served 7-10:30 a.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sundays. Begin the day with a stay slim plate or French toast, Belgium waffles with a choice of toppings, the crew chief deluxe, or a hearty breakfast burrito.

Breakfast is served 6-9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Country and western dance lessons Wednesday nights in the Casual Cove. Learn the latest in line dancing, the stomp, waltz and others. A dance follows.

Italian nights 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday with Alfredo or seafood fettuccini, lasagna, pasta mixta or pasta and shrimp in a white wine sauce. A la carte menu available.

Steak lovers 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday nights in the dining room. Select a cut and order a New York strip, rib eye or filet. To eat lighter, meals of chicken marinata, pasta, shrimp vin blanc or shrimp Taboga are also available.

Disco nights 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Bang up barbecue in the Breezeway, dine-in or take-out. Enjoy the ribs, brisket, chopped beef or hot wings.

For events or catering, call 284-4189.

◆Top Three Club

Jazz guitarist Lowell Hopper 7-10 p.m. Saturdays with live entertainment of jazz and blues. This performance is open to all ranks.

Taco bar 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

Smoke free every first and third Saturday of the month.

◆Howard Officers' Club:

Enjoy a prime special 6-9 Fridays and Saturdays.

Social hours 5-7 p.m. Mondays; 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays and 4-6 p.m. Fridays with Club Card drawings. Music is 8 p.m.-midnight.

Super Thursday night buffet. Adults \$7.95 all-you-can-eat, children from 6 to 12, \$2.95, and children under 6 eat free.

For events or catering, call 284-3718.

Rodman

The Rodman Club, Rodman Annex, the Laguna Lounge and Rodman Bohio is open to all ranks. The Anchorage Club will be converted into a fitness center and is scheduled to open by June.

◆Rodman Club:

Lunch is served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffet and grill menu 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Dinner is served Monday-Sunday.

Soup and sub night 3:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Grill menu is also available.

All-you-can-eat chicken 3:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Grill menu is also available.

Cook-your-own steak night 3:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Rodman Bohio.

Fine dining 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Upstairs Bar 3:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 6-9 Friday-Saturday.

Social hours and hors d'oeuvres, 3:30-11 p.m. Fridays at the Laguna Lounge and Rodman Bohio.

◆Rodman Annex:

Breakfast is served 6:30-8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffet and grill menu 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The club is closed for evening and weekend service.

Davis**◆Davis Community Club:**

Savory Sunday brunch 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Mongolian barbecue 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mexican dinner special 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Country and rock nights 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m. today. There will be a cover charge.

SCN AM radio schedule

The Southern Command Network's AM Radio features America's most-listened to radio programs. Live coverage of breaking news stories and special events is provided.

SCN AM Radio is the news, sports and information station AM 790 Pacific and AM 1420 Atlantic.

Monday-Friday

5am National Public Radio Morning Edition
9:54am Paul Harvey News
11am The Rush Limbaugh Show
12:05pm Paul Harvey News and Commentary (Repeat 1:17 p.m.)
2:05pm Paul Harvey Rest of the Story (Repeats 10:05pm)
4pm NPR's All Thing Considered
6:05pm American Public Radio's Marketplace

11:35pm KSFO Sports Byline USA

Monday

1:05am NPR's Cartalk
3:30am NPR's Living On Earth
7:30am What's the Story
8:05am On Computers
1:30am Robert/James Exchange

1:35am KSFO Sports Byline USA

7:35am AP Portfolio

8:35am The Environment Show

1:30pm Robert/James Exchange

1:35am KSFO Sports Byline USA

7:35am AP Special Assignment

8:35pm KSFO Sports Byline USA

1:30pm Robert/James Exchange

1:35am KSFO Sports Byline USA

7:35am The Best of Our Knowledge

8:35am The Health Show

1:30