

Town Hall Meeting

The next U.S. Army South Town Hall Meeting will be held May 13 at Fort Clayton's Valent Recreation Center. Members of the community are invited to attend. These Town Hall Meetings are an excellent forum to learn about upcoming events. For more information call 288-9303.

"Heroes Welcome"

Throughout the month of May, SCN will air the "Heroes Welcome" videotape directly after its Friday evening broadcasts. The videotape segment, which showcases the achievements and legacy of U.S. Army South, can be recorded via a video cassette recorder for strictly personal, not business, reasons.

BHS Graduation

The BHS Graduation will be held 7:30 a.m. May 15 on the front lawn of the high school. Each family of a senior will be given eight tickets for their guests. All registered alumni and guests must pick up their reserved tickets between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. by May 14 in the main office of BHS. For information, see Page B11.



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JIATF-South – 'mission complete'

story by Tech. Sgt. Miconna J. Boaldin

NCOIC, 24th Wing Public Affairs Office

HOWARD AFB – A ceremony that officially marked the closure of Joint Interagency Task Force-South was held Wednesday at Howard Air Force Base. To highlight the event, JIATF-South was awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for the organization's outstanding contributions to the counterdrug operations in Panama and South America from June 11, 1997, through May 1.

The unscheduled announcement of the award bestowed an even greater sense of pride, and accomplishment, to the deactivation for those who served with JIATF-South.

Members of the ceremony official party were U.S. Ambassador Simon Ferro, presiding official; Col. Barry J. Chisholm, JIATF-South director; and Senior Master Sgt. Bertrand C. Blain, senior enlisted manager.

Blain was the opening speaker for the ceremony by saying the day was a showcase of the men and women of JIATF-South. "These men and women are the true lynch-pens to the JIATF-South operations." He talked of manpower shortages and difficult missions. "We muddled through it and we have emerged victorious," he said. "We are part of the USARSO and team Howard family."

"JIATF-South consists of all four branches of the service," he said. "We worked together and became all we wanted to be."

Chisholm then made his farewells to the unit; it's people and those they have worked with over the years. "JIATF-South has had a short but significant history," he said. "The joint, international,

interagency team at JIATF-South proved their exceptional worth over the past two years and left a trail of accomplishments.

"To my friends at JIATF-South whom I will terribly miss," he said, "We have been part of a very worthwhile effort. The fact that you could accomplish what you did in a relatively short period of time speaks extremely well for your ability to take advantage of your diversity and apply so many differing talents and background to achieve success."

JIATF-South supported international partners that led to substantial disruption of the illegal narco-industry in the region. "I'm proud to have had a leadership role in this international, communal effort," noted Chisholm. "As a direct result of JIATF-South support, participating nation Drug Law Enforcement and Security Forces have seized 145 metric tons of cocaine, hundreds of narcotraffickers have been arrested, and 38 drug planes have been destroyed, forced down, or seized on the ground."

"Many of the Guard and Reservists have spent up to or over a year of temporary duty here," he said. "That dedication has been an absolute necessity for mission accomplishment."

"My congratulations and thanks are to all of you," he said. "We take pride that our team at JIATF-South can say, as we close our unit – mission complete."

Ferro was that last to speak. He began with recognizing the hard work the men and women of JIATF-South have completed over the years. "You have served the U.S. with distinction in a way that has also helped our neighbors in Latin America and in the Caribbean. Your hard work has been crucial to this success story."



Staff Sgt. Norma Martinez-Galvan (USAF)

Senior Master Sgt. Bertrand Blain, the unit's last senior enlisted manager (left) and Col. Barry Chisholm, JIATF-S's outgoing director, loop the Joint Meritorious Unit Award on their organization's flag as part of departure ceremonies Wednesday at Howard Air Force Base.

"With the important contributions made by JIATF-South, we have been able to establish great working relationships with the Panamanian public forces, as well as with authorities from other countries in the region, in the fight against drugs," he said. "1999 is a crucial year for forging a new relationship between Panama and the United States. JIATF-South is furling their flag, but the mission goes on."

"As the President's representative to Panama, it is my honor to thank you for your valuable service to our country," he said. "I know those of you who will be moving to my home state of Florida to work with JIATF at Key West will be welcomed in the spirit of southern hospitality."

The closure is part of the U.S. Southern Command's implementation of the Panama Canal Treaties of 1977. The unit was the command's operational headquarters for counterdrug operations in Panama and South America.

The mission JIATF-South performed from Howard is now transferred to JIATF-East in Key West, Florida. This unit will be the headquarters element of a new U.S. Southern Command counterdrug architecture with Forward Operating Locations for counterdrug aircraft in the Netherlands Antilles and Ecuador.

Narrator for the ceremony was Capt. Roberto V. Richards.

Throughout the ceremony there was a flight of JIATF-South members led by Lt. Col. Bryan P. Newman with Spc. Justin Mullens as flag bearer.

The color guard represented the unit jointness with members from four services.

They were Air Force Staff Sgt. Kelly Winston, 24th Security Forces Squadron; Navy Seaman Heather Stevens, JIATF-South; Marine Cpl. Paul M. Reno, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines; and Army Sgt. Scott M. Detner, JIATF-South.



Col. Barry Chisholm, Joint Interagency Task Force-South outgoing director, speaks with U.S. Ambassador Simon Ferro after the ceremony inactivating the unit. To the left is Carmen Ferro, wife of the ambassador.



Spc. Deborah Long (USARSO PAO)

Congratulations, Sir!

Lt. Col. Daniel McCallum, the U.S. Army South Staff Judge Advocate, was promoted to colonel May 3 during a ceremony in the Simon Bolivar Conference Room in Building 95. Friends and family surrounded him as his wife Diane and Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., USARSO commanding general, pinned on his rank.



Griselda Sterling (Tropic Times)

Curundu gardener

Fred Costin, guidance counselor and volunteer gardener at Curundu Elementary School, was recently honored with a plaque due to the many hours he spent creating a beautiful tropical garden on the school grounds. His efforts have brought much pride to students, parents and faculty.

Volunteer of the Week

FORT CLAYTON (Installation Volunteer Coordinator's Office) —

Dissenia Ortega has been chosen as the U.S. Army South Volunteer of the Week for her outstanding support to the community.

Ortega has volunteered with the *Tropic Times* for the past year.

She states what she likes most about volunteering is having the opportunity to learn various computer skills, courses that are made available to her and the opportunity to improve her English skills.

Her most rewarding experience is seeing the outcome of her work in the *Tropic Times*.

In her spare time, Ortega enjoys



Sgt. Tywanna Gordon (Tropic Times)
Dissenia Ortega is the U.S. Army South Volunteer of the Week.

giving her dog and two parakeets a lot of attention.

Ortega is a native of Panama.



Sgt. Tywanna Gordon (Tropic Times)

Who's the Headhunter of the Month?

Sgt. David E. Shaffer is the Headhunter of the Month for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Theater Support Brigade. He is congratulated by 1st Sgt. Paul Kelly, first sergeant of HHC, TSB. Shaffer competed against three others for the Headhunter title Monday at the company headquarters. Congratulations Shaffer.

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Air Force Quarterly Awards Ceremony

story by Staff Sgt. John B. Dendy IV

24th Wing Public Affairs

Team Howard held its second quarter quarterly awards ceremony April 23 at the Howard Theater.

The second quarter award categories, selected names and duty titles are: Airman of the Quarter—Senior Airman Larry Knoll, 24th Security Forces Squadron; NCO of the Quarter—Staff Sgt. Tim Dimon, 24th Security Forces Squadron; Senior NCO of the Quarter—Master Sgt. Robert Spencer, 24th Medical Group; Company Grade Officer of the Quarter—1st Lt. Justin Anderson, 24th Weather Squadron; Civilian Manual Grade Employee of the Quarter—Kenneth Wampler, 24th Civil Engineer Squadron; Civilian Non-Manual Employee of the Quarter—Maria Eleta, 24th Comptroller Squadron; and Civilian Manager of the Quarter—Robert Harris, 24th Transportation Squadron.

Key player! Unit's Best! Model senior NCO! Received laudatory praise! True professional! Customer focused! Extremely versatile! These were some of the words used to describe job performance, self-improvement and other accomplishments of this quarter's finalists.

Knoll's performance on Howard's intrusion detection system contributed to a 30-percent decrease in thefts on Howard. Dimon not only got slots in the Army Air Assault School for his fellow airmen, but the personnel selection procedures he put together helped ensure 100 percent of those airmen graduated. Spencer's role as a Task Force-Redeployment member included responsibility for transferring medical airmen and equipment to gaining units as part of the 18-bed medical and surgical unit closure at Howard. Anderson became a player in weather closure actions at Howard by routing tactical weather and communication equipment to counterparts at 10 gaining bases.

Wampler is now a nationally-registered emergency medical technician, and he prevented buildings in Panama's capitol from possibly burning when he was among Air Force people helping out during a warehouse fire there. Eleta maintains a 3.7 grade point aver-



Staff Sgt. Mike Boquette (U.S. Air Force)

Col. Gregory L. Trebon, 24th Wing Commander (far left) and 24th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Brownhill (far right), flank Howard's 1999 second quarter quarterly awards finalists (from left of Trebon): 1st Lt. Justin Anderson, Master Sgt. Robert Spencer, Staff Sgt. Tim Dimon, Senior Airman Larry Knoll, Robert Harris, Maria Eleta, and Kenneth Wampler.

age at Florida State University, and she recouped a whopping \$150,000 for taxpayers through aggressive research on outstanding travel vouchers. Harris re-engineered local aircrew vehicle dispatch processes to ensure no transportation-related aircraft departure delays from Howard.

The award program results were acknowledged by Col. Gregory L. Trebon, 24th Wing commander, in an April 23 memo: "It is with great pleasure that I congratulate our Team Howard award winners for the

Jan.—March period. Though we publicly recognized both our nominees and our winners at our Team Howard Quarterly Awards ceremony last week, I'd appreciate your further acknowledgment of their strong performance throughout your respective units.

I am very proud to have all of these outstanding people working on our team. Without their valuable contributions, day-in and day-out, we could not get our job done. Many thanks, and again, my congratulations."

Household goods shipment update

story by Jim Winfrey
USARSO Director of Logistics

FORT CLAYTON — Now that we have entered the month of May, the peak of the drawdown, I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your patience during this turbulent evolution. A PCS is a stressful time that requires lots of planning, and I would like to share some information, as well as tips, with you.

During the month of April, the Transportation Office booked 652 household goods shipments. Our projections did not show this amount for April; and as a result, our surge capacity was used one month earlier than expected.

Additionally, as of April 29, there were over 680 shipments booked for the month of May, and the first week of June is also closed out. Therefore, in order to provide a better service to all our future customers, we will not be accepting changes to pack out dates for the month of May.

The Transportation Office is doing everything possible to assist you in the shipment of your household goods, but you must be aware of some important issues. If you have been in possession of PCS orders for more than three months and are just now coming to the Transportation Office, you will not get an appointment for the

month of May. You will get the earliest packing date available, which is currently June 7, or maybe even June 14 now.

Do not wait to make your appointment with the Transportation Office. There are only three agents that are packing household goods out. Even though these agents have increased their capacity to accommodate our exodus from Panama, and the Transportation Office has provided material to assist them in continuing to move personnel, there is a limitation to the number of shipments they can do every day.

Since, Jan. 1, there have been approximately 2835 families requiring household goods shipment. As of April 30, 1564 shipments have been picked up. With an estimated 680 shipments already scheduled for May, there is a remainder of almost 600 shipments. The shipping agents will be operating at surge capacity during May, with little feasibility to handle emergency situations. Your patience in this process is greatly appreciated. Overbooking the agents will not only increase your frustration, but will cause inconveniences to other members as well. Emergencies will be handled on a case by case basis.

I thank you again for your patience and understanding and wish you good luck in your next assignment.

Space available travel becomes more limited at Howard AFB

story by Master Sgt. Dennis Broughton
640th Air Mobility Support Squadron

The 640th Air Mobility Support Squadron leaves Howard Air Force Base on June 1. In keeping with our unit closure plans, the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal will close its doors on Monday, but this does not mean there will not be space available travel opportunities.

Space available travel will still be a possibility, but much more limited than in the past. Things will certainly not be the same but we will work hard to provide the same level of quality customer service you have grown to expect from Air Mobility Command's Passenger Service operation.

On Monday we will move from building 228 to building 231, the air freight terminal on Howard AFB. To enter this facility, you must approach the entrance between buildings 227 and 231.

Here you'll find a telephone with instructions on what number to call to contact our passenger service representatives. It's necessary to restrict entry into this facility due to force protection concerns.

They will escort you to the space available sign up area where you will be briefed on travel procedures and allowed to sign-up for space available travel. Although our location changes our hours remain the same - 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Due to our ongoing drawdown, space available sign up must now be done in person and we will no longer be able to accept space available sign up via E-mail or fax.

All flight information will be available on a recorded message by calling 284-3353. As in the past you will still be responsible for showing up for the space available roll call and you will need to have all the proper travel documentation.

AMC will not transport personnel to or from Tocumen International Airport. It will be the passenger's responsibility to meet an AMC contractor at Tocumen IAP. Information on when and where to meet the contractor will be provided to those members selected for a flight.

We will still be able to take all categories of space available passengers, and we can still ship pets out space available.

One new option available to unaccompanied personnel assigned in Panama is dependent travel. If you are assigned to a unit in Panama, your commander can now sign a letter stating that the sponsor is on an unaccompanied tour assigned to their unit.

The family member then can travel category five into and out of Panama without the sponsor, or they may travel with the sponsor in category three, ordinary leave.

For more information, call Customer Service Personnel at 284-3551.

DOIM Mail and Distribution Center Needs Your Help

FORT CLAYTON (DOIM) — Customers are reminder of the following:

1. Only unit mail clerks are authorized to post and pick up official mail from the MDC. Personal mail is not authorized with one exception — relocating personnel are allowed to mail out change-of-address cards, available from the post office, by presenting a copy of their official travel orders.
2. Do not mail office equipment, furniture, supplies, noncurrent working files, computers and other IT equipment.
3. Due to a manpower shortage and space limitation, unit mail clerks, in order to be attended, must make an appointment when mailing more than 5 parcels. Unit mail clerks without appointment will be required to return at an appointed time on another date.

MWR offers plenty at Roosevelt Roads NS

story and photo by Bob Appin
USARSO Public Affairs Office

U.S. NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT ROADS, Puerto Rico (USARSO PAO)—The Special Operations Command—South members have many Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities to enjoy here such as beaches, a marina and exercise facilities.

Many of the MWR activities are located on this naval base. One of the more popular areas is the "All Hands" beach. This beach is about a 10-minute drive from the furthest distance on post.

There is no fee to use the beach and if you forget to bring your beverages and food, don't worry because there is an MWR beach hut (kiosk) that sells these items on the beach front.

"We are open on weekends and holidays from noon to 4 p.m.," said William

Montañez Torres, MWR attendant of the "All Hands" beach hut.

For those who may be too busy to drive down to the beach, there is the Bundy Fitness Center.

"We have a weight room, Nautilus machines, a racquetball court and basketball court," said Luis M. Rodriguez, recreation aid at the Bundy Fitness Center.

In addition, the fitness center has saunas as well as a swimming pool that is currently being repaired, Rodriguez added.

"The marina offers many different services which include rental of boats, kayaks and swimming gear," said Sedith I. Ayala, cashier/clerk of the Pelican's Roost MWR Marina shop.

There are services such as slip fees for living-aboard or not, trailer space as well as launch ramp fees, added Ayala.



Bathers frolic in the waves at a beach in Puerto Rico.

There are several other MWR activities such as bowling lanes and the golf course that includes a driving range that the SOCSOUTH members will be able to use to re-create themselves.

Successful security sweeps key to national security

This story is courtesy of the U.S. Army South Security Manager Office.

FORT CLAYTON — The following procedures will provide security managers or accountable officers the foundation for a very successful counterintelligence security sweep.

Strict adherence is imperative in order to safeguard the national security of the United States.

Coordinate a security sweep fifteen days before vacating an office space, building or any

other structure housing a unit and/or organization.

The area to be inspected should be prepared in the following manner:

◆ The area will be neat and orderly.

◆ Remove all trash prior to any sweep.

◆ Remove all personal items from the offices prior to inspection.

◆ Remove all objects from desks and workstations and remove drawers. Place drawers upside down on top of the desk/workstation or on the

floor.

◆ Clean trashcans inside and out. Remove all plastic bags from the trashcans and place the trashcans upside down on the floor.

◆ Remove all objects from walls.

◆ If the ceiling is made up of ceiling tiles, remove at least three tiles from the ceiling in order to facilitate inspection. If a building has an attic, clean it and have it unlocked and accessible.

◆ Empty file cabinets and pull out drawers.

◆ Empty security containers and pull out drawers. Reset combinations to the standard 50-25-50.

◆ Unlock all inspectable areas. If any room requires a cipher lock code, this must be unlocked as well.

◆ Move all furniture approximately eight inches away from walls and doors.

This will help you as you clean your respective areas and facilitate the security inspection.

After a room is swept, do not allow personnel or equipment to re-enter the area.

The security manager or accountable officer will ensure the removal, transportation and/or destruction of classified and unclassified information and the proper disposition of automated information systems and/or media is conducted in accordance with established guidelines.

For more information or to schedule and appointment, please contact Evelyn White or Lucy Ortiz, U. S. Army South Security Manager at 288-3512/13.

Puerto Rico Congregations ready for incoming troops, looks at military impact in church history, development

This article is courtesy of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in San Juan Puerto Rico.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO — The English-speaking churches and congregations in the greater San Juan metropolitan area are preparing to welcome military members from Panama to their new home in Puerto Rico, "The Island of Enchantment."

The leaders of many of these churches are in contact with the local military chaplains—some of whom are themselves new to the island—to offer their assistance as the arriving personnel look to find a church home for themselves and their families.

On an interesting if not ironic note, one of these San Juan English-speaking churches, the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, likely owes its very existence to the arrival of U.S. military troops to Puerto Rico—those who arrived in 1898 during the United States' war with Spain.

At the time of the Spanish-American War, there were only two Anglican (Church of England) churches in Puerto Rico: one in Ponce on the southern coast, and one on the small island of Vieques to the east.

These churches had been founded under the auspices of the Anglican Bishop of the island of Antigua to serve a Dutch, English and immigrant West Indian population.

On July 25, 1898, more than 16,000 U.S. troops, under the command of General Nelson A. Miles, landed at Guánica, Puerto Rico on the southern coast of the island. The forces took that town, moved immediately to Ponce a few miles away and soon proceeded north toward San Juan.

Before engaging the main Spanish force there, however, hostilities between the United States and Spain ended on August 12 with the signing of a peace protocol.

The formal document of peace between the two nations, the Treaty of Paris, was signed on December 10, 1898.

The United States Army became the governing force in Puerto Rico and the capital of San Juan saw the presence of several thousand troops for the next year and a half.

As the only English-speaking, non-Roman Catholic denomination on the island at that time, the Anglican church swiftly moved to begin services in San Juan to meet the needs of the Protestant church-going military personnel.

The newly formed Anglican mission congregation of St. John the Baptist had its first service on March 12, 1899 in a hall on the plaza of what is now known as Old San Juan.

Approximately half of the parishioners were members of the U.S. military occupation force.

The year 1901 not only saw the transferal of the Anglican churches in Puerto Rico to the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church of the United States, but also the withdrawal of a large contingent of the U.S. military from San Juan. St. John's average attendance at services plummeted.

However, the church continued to grow and on Christmas Eve, 1901, St. John's became a full-fledged parish church with its own Rector. A year later, the cornerstone for St. John's first

building was laid in Old San Juan.

St. John's remained at the Old San Juan plaza location until 1930, when it moved to its current location in what has been called "New" San Juan, to reflect the growth and population shift in the greater metropolitan area.

In 1938, the parish of St. John became the Cathedral for the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico.

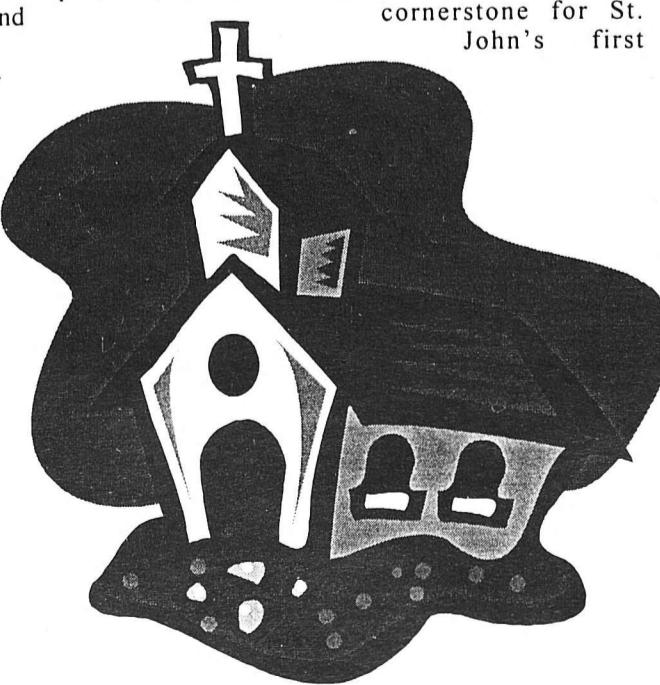
The Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Baptist continues to meet the needs of San Juan's English-speaking Episcopalians and Anglicans.

The makeup of St. John's English-speaking congregation is multiracial, multinational and multicultural and as such, is similar to that of the first St. John's congregation of 1901 Old San Juan: U.S. Continentals, West Indians, British, and Puerto Ricans, several of whom are active-duty or retired members of the U.S. military.

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. John is located at 1401 Ponce de Leon Avenue and the Rector is Fr. David Silva Howell. Regular Sunday services of the English-speaking congregation are held at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (St. John's is also home to a separate Spanish-speaking congregation that holds its Sunday service at 9:15 a.m.). The church telephone number is (787) 722-3254 and its website is www.hows.net/00907ECOSJ.

Other English-speaking churches and services in the Greater San Juan area include:

- Abundant Life Fellowship by the Sea - 727-2101
- Calvary Baptist Church (S.B.C.) - 782-8632
- Calvary Chapel of Puerto Rico - 744-1651
- Freedom Chapel Assembly of God - 721-4187
- Grace Lutheran Church - 722-5372
- Isla Verde Baptist Church - 761-4206
- Our Lady of Perpetual Sorrow Roman Catholic Church - 721-1015
- Palmas Community Church - 850-5902
- Park Gardens Church of Christ - 748-3025
- Revival and Restoration Fellowship - 722-2688
- Second Union Church - 720-4423
- Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church - 723-2240
- Union Church of San Juan - 726-0280
- Wesleyan Community Church - 720-2595



TEAMS to shut down operations

by Lt. Col. Don Potter

TEAMS Commander

FORT KOBBE - The Theater Equipment And Maintenance Site located at Fort Kobbe Panama shut down its operation April 30.

TEAMS came into being as a result of a concept Col. Clyde Vaughn had while serving on the staff of U.S. Army South and as a Task Force Commander in Panama during the 1980's.

The idea was to have a set of engineer equipment and base camp supplies, staged in Panama, which could be utilized by company size Oversea Deployments for Training rather than continuing to pay the expensive sea and air lift that would be required to transport this type equipment from the states. This idea became a reality in 1993 when USARSO and National Guard Bureau agreed to a plan.

The initial equipment and supplies TEAMS would be provided by USARSO. This was done using equipment that was excess to USARSO units. The manning and support of the equipment would be provided by NGB through the use of Active Guard Reserve, Active Duty for Special Work and rotational maintenance units on their annual training.

The first year saw the establishment of the organization and collection of about 20 pieces of equipment and some basic supplies needed for a base camp. As the concept and idea took root, TEAMS expanded to a 20 acre compound with buildings, a maintenance facility and headquarters building.

The amount of equipment and supplies continued to grow as USARSO drew down in size. During this time an agreement was made with the 167th Corps Support Command of Alabama Army National Guard to supply regular rotations of maintenance units to TEAMS

while other states would be recruited at the bi-annual Oversea Contingency Conferences which are sponsored by USARSO. By this time, TEAMS had also established a Supply Support Agency with Standard Army Retail Supply System-1 and a Property Book section using Standard Property Book System-Redesign. The maintenance activity used Unit Level Logistics Systems and Standard Army Maintenance System in its operation.

By 1995, TEAMS had grown to having over 450 major end items, and enough base camp supplies to support two 500 man base camps and a 100 man base camp simultaneously. There were 44 rotations of 40 service members each coming to TEAMS in overlapping weeks.

The rotations were locally billeted, fed and transported at USARSO expense. In fact, USARSO and NGB split the transportation cost from home station to Panama and return, which made going to TEAMS not only a good recruitment tool, real time sensitive MOS training, but also a financial benefit to the state and unit, as well as to USARSO.

The original mission of TEAMS was primary support to the ARNG ODT's and back-up support for the Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises that took place within the theater. In 1996, this mission changed when ODT's were dropped and TEAMS became the primary support for all JCS excercises.

That meant coordinating, preparing, loading and shipping all equipment and supplies for the two major New Horizon JCS excercises (one for the USAR and one for ARNG) and all other exercises for FY97 and FY98. Once the ODTs and JCS exercises were completed for FY96, TEAMS had only 100 days of maintenance time in which to reconstitute and bring this

equipment up to fully mission capable level for release to the next JCS task force. We coordinated, loaded and moved this equipment to the Port of Balboa, where TEAMS, with the support of MTMC, preformed the Port Support Activity. TEAMS also built, requisitioned and loaded the necessary Prescribed Load List for each exercise.

While the exercises were on going down range, TEAMS supported each exercise and anyone else in theater, for its CLIX repair parts. Additionally, TEAMS sent maintenance back-up support personnel to the ARNG exercises when requested.

TEAMS has supported exercises which have resulted in the following completed projects: The building of over 300 schools, over 50 clinics, nearly 400 KM of roads built, 50 wells dropped, over 200 water pups installed, 50 bridges erected, and many other projects completed within the theater.

TEAMS has had the support of over 6000 rotational guardsmen during its existance in accomplishing its many and varied mission. In fact, no USARSO exercise or add on missions are completed in theater without some form of TEAMS involvement.

As of April of this year, about 30 pieces of rolling stock and 19 milvans of equipment and supplies were sent to USARSO's new headquarters in Puerto Rico where a USAR operated "TEAMS" will be established, under different mission guidance and name.

As TEAMS closed operations, I would like to thank the thousands of rotational Guard men and women, the numerous ADSW supporters, the coordination and supervision provided by the AGR staff, the limitless support from USARSO DCSLOG, MTMC and DOL. Most importantly, I thank 1SG Mark Adkins, who has served as "TOP" for over 3 3/4 years.

Cold War Recognition Certificates approved

HOWARD AFB (Public Affairs Office) — In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel.

The time frame covered under the act is Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991.

The certificate is for those who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era including active-duty, National Guard and Reservists, and civilians.

Those who are currently active duty military or civilian employees of the U.S. government are also eligible.

To receive the certificate, applicants must certify or prove that their service was "faithful and honorable" and that they served for any period during that time.

Any official government or military document with recipient's name, social security number/military service number/foreign service number and date of service is acceptable.

Military service numbers were issued to members of the armed forces before social security numbers were used to identify personnel.

The changeover to social security numbers occurred in the late 1960s, so many retirees who are eligible for the certificate might have only a military service number on their supporting documentation.

The foreign service number is used to maintain records for foreign nationals who work for the U.S. government and who do not have social security numbers.

Make note that the number supplied on your initial request, be it SSN, MSN, or FSN, must match the number supplied on your supporting documentation.

Examples of acceptable documentation include a Leave and Earnings State-

ment for military or a SF51 for civilians. Applicants are asked to send a copy of your documentation not the original document since the documents cannot be returned.

The certificate may be awarded posthumously to those whose relatives apply on their behalf.

There is no charge for a Cold War Recognition Certificate. The program is scheduled to run for 10 years, so there is plenty of time to send in your request and supporting documentation. You have up to one year after requesting a certificate to supply the supporting documentation.

Orderly rooms may apply for the entire squadron or unit. They must supply the names and identification numbers for each of the recipients.

The certificates will be mailed in one package to the address provided. Military groups should be advised that Army MILPER Message 99-125 contains detailed procedures for applying as a unit.

While the message applies specifically to Army personnel, the other services have agreed to follow the same procedures.

The easiest way to request a certificate is by using the U.S. or international request forms which can be found on the coldwar.army.mil web page.

The site is secure, but if you are uncomfortable sending your social security number over the web, you may send in a letter to request a certificate.

Also note that any request must contain the words "I certify that my service was honorable and faithful" or it will be rejected.

You can either mail the package to Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, fax it to 1-800-723-9262 or 1-703-275-6749, or e-mail it to coldwar@fairfax-emh1.Army.mil.

The coldwar.army.mil webpage is linked to the official Army Home Page and can be accessed from that web page.

The U.S. Army is the executive agent for this effort for the entire federal government. Ceremonies are not required to present these certificates and the Army's goal is to respond to each appli-

cant within seven weeks. Note that no medal has been authorized or issued for Cold War Recognition and contractors and volunteers are not eligible.

On Mother's Day

by Carmela Lowe Gobern
Tropic Times Staff

Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. This celebration, which originated in the United States in 1907, was the idea of Anna M. Jarvis, a teacher from Grafton, W. Va., who never married nor had children, but was concerned because she felt many mothers were neglected and unappreciated.

Jarvis was extremely attached to her mother, Anna Maria Reese Jarvis, and took care of her for many years. Her mother, who was the founder of the Mother's Day Work Clubs, died on May 9, 1905, at the age of 73.

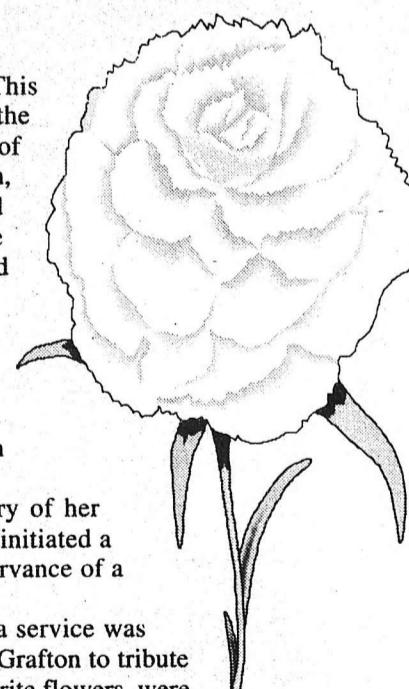
Two years later, on the anniversary of her mother's death, May 12, 1907, Jarvis initiated a campaign to gain support for the observance of a day devoted to mothers.

As a result of her efforts, in 1908, a service was held at Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton to tribute mothers. Carnations, her mother's favorite flowers, were furnished at the service by Jarvis and given to those in attendance to symbolize the purity, fidelity, prayers and enduring love of mothers.

Today, carnations continue to symbolize motherhood. The tradition includes the wearing of white carnations on Mother's Day as a symbol that one's mother has died, and red carnations as a symbol of a living mother.

In 1914 a resolution was passed by the U.S. Congress designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, a day of public expression of love and reverence for mothers.

Today, Mother's Day is celebrated worldwide with various activities: It is observed in schools; there are mother-daughter banquets; programs are sponsored by churches and clubs; mothers are guests of honor at programs, luncheons and dinners; and flowers, gifts, and greetings cards are sent not only to one's mother, but also to grandmothers, aunts, mothers-in-law, foster mothers, stepmothers and godmothers.





Sports

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Sports shorts

Air Force

The Howard Fitness Sports Center is sponsoring a Basketball Tournament May 21 - 23. Sign-up is underway. Tournament is open to the first eight teams to sign up. Maximum 12 person roster. Coaches meeting 3 p.m. May 19.



The HFSC invites you to shape up for the millennium by participating in the **14th Annual May Fitness Month**. Win T-Shirts, a \$150 sports apparel gift certificate, phone cards, wrist pouches, sports towels, neck pouches and even a trip for four to see the Brickyard 400 Car Race in Indianapolis, with airfare, hotel and rental car included. There is also a Armed Forces Day 5K Run/1.5 mile walk scheduled. For more information, call the HFSC.

The Howard Bowling Center is looking for bowlers in the upcoming "Fun Mix e d Leagues." There is also reduced price bowling on Monday and Tuesday. All games on these days are \$1 with free shoes. Bowl three games and get one free. For more information, call 284-4190.



Free aerobics classes are held at 5:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Also at 4:45 p.m. Mondays - Fridays. For more information, call the HFSC.

For more information on Air Force sports, call the Howard Fitness Sports Center at 284-3451.

Army

The hours of the **Clayton Bowling Center** are as follows: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fridays, noon - 9 p.m. Saturdays and 1 - 7 p.m. Sundays.

Is your child having a birthday and you're wondering what to do? Why not have a **Kiddie birthday party** at the Bowling Center. A special package is available. For more information, call 288-5460.

Aerobic classes are available at the Fort Kobbe Elementary School Gym. The cost is \$1 per person. Classes are 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 284-3399.

Step aerobics instruction is available at Reeder Fitness Center. For more information, call 288-5201.

For more information on Army sports call DCA Sports at 288-5610/3866 or the Reeder Gym at 288-4713/7861.

Panama beats Howard 91-70

Howard Youth Activities director coaches Olympic hopefuls

by Tech. Sgt. Miconna J. Boaldin
NCOIC, 24th Wing Public Affairs

HOWARD AFB — The Panamanian International Basketball team beat Howard Air Force Base 91-70 in a late April scrimmage designed to prepare both teams for future challenges.

The Panamanian team is now off to Cuba with their sights set on the Pan Am Games, the Americas Cup in Puerto Rico, and eventually the Olympics.

The team is made up of college players that have returned to Panama from colleges in various states throughout the U.S.

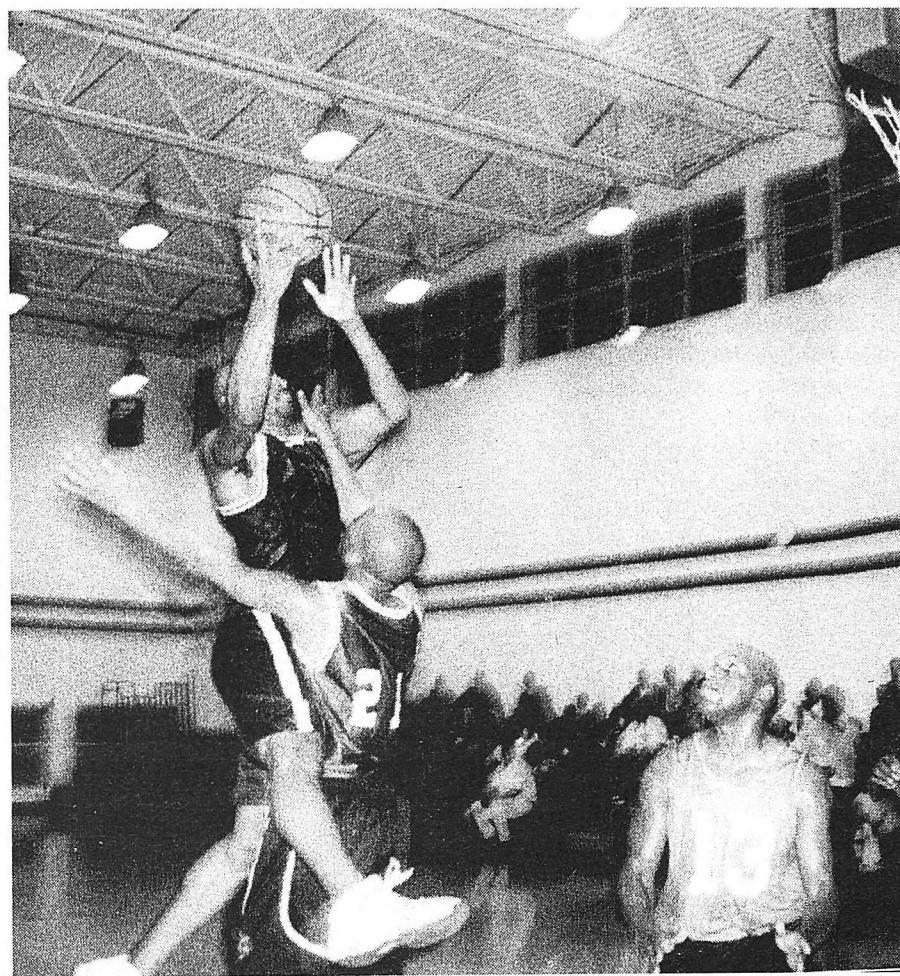
Their coach is none other than Vicente Duncan, director of Youth Activities at Howard. Duncan played on the team himself for eight years after lettering in the sport for four years in college.

The Howard squad is made up in part of Vincent Henderson of the 24th Services Squadron, along with Staff Sgt. Robert Briggs, 24th Security Forces Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Bernon Mills and Senior Airman Tharin Payne, both of the 24th Supply Squadron.

The group also makes up the Howard squad competing for Air Combat Command's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Offutt AFB, Neb. If they are one of the top-two teams there, they will go on to a regional tournament.

Henderson was very pleased with his team's score of 70 and keeping the Panamanians under 100. "These guys are Olympic contenders," he said. "Not to mention we are just a group of guys who like to play ball. Most of our players are older and they hadn't even had a practice together as a team before the scrimmage with the Panamanian team."

Duncan, meanwhile, is optimistic about his team's future. "I never made it to the Olympics as a player but maybe I can make it as a coach," Duncan said. "I am very confident in our team. They are



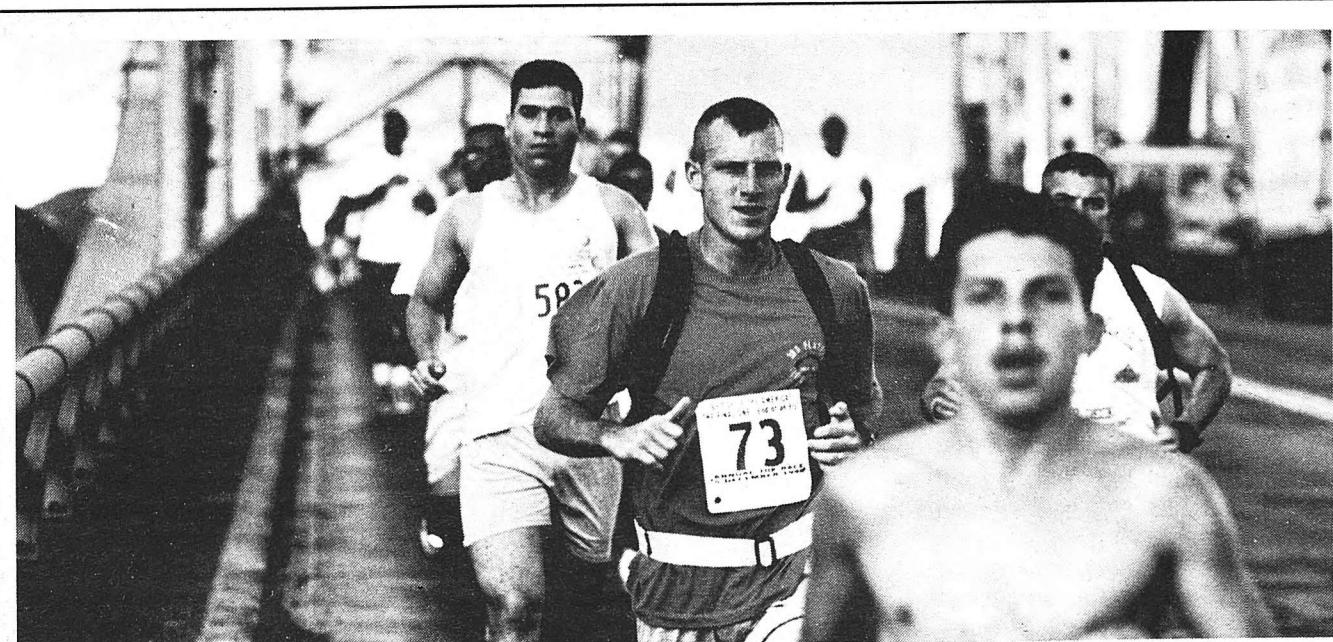
Staff Sgt. Norma Martinez-Galván (U.S. Air Force)

Jason Wallace jumps for the hoop while Staff Sgt. Robert Briggs takes the charge. Marine 1st Sgt. Sidney Thomas, #13; Tech. Sgt. Kevin McGee and Derick Simmons, far right, wait for a possible rebound. Wallace and Simmons are members of the Panamanian International Basketball team coached by Howard's own Vicente Duncan, director of Youth Activities. Briggs, 24th Security Forces Squadron; Thomas, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines; and McGee, 24th Medical Group; all volunteered to play for the Howard team against the Panamanians.

very young and very athletic.

"I am optimistic about our chances to reach the Olympics," he said. "We have a good nucleus of players with an

average age of 28 and all of them having college experience. We have a very good chance of making it to the Olympics and even winning."



Daniel Amores (Tropic Times)

Upcoming runs

A 9K run organized by the Isthmus Road Runners is scheduled for 7 a.m. Sunday, starting at Parque Omar in Via Porras. The Panama Armed Forces Running Association is sponsoring 2, 3 and 5-mile runs 7 a.m. May 15 starting at the Fort Clayton Pedestrian Gate. The Gold Coast Triathlon is set for 7 a.m. May 22 in Portobelo. This event is organized by John Collins — founder of the Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon. For more information on runs, call Allen Jones at 288-3310.

MLB Standings
National League
East

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	19	8	.704	—
New York	17	11	.607	2 1/2
Philadelphia	14	13	.519	5
Montreal	8	18	.308	10 1/2
Florida	6	22	.214	13 1/2

Central

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
Houston	17	10	.630	—
St. Louis	15	11	.577	1 1/2
Chicago	13	12	.520	3
Pittsburgh	13	13	.500	3 1/2
Milwaukee	13	14	.481	4
Cincinnati	11	15	.423	5 1/2

West

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	17	12	.586	—
Los Angeles	16	12	.57	1 1/2
Arizona	15	14	.517	2
Colorado	11	13	.458	3 1/2
San Diego	10	17	.370	6

American League
East

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
New York	17	9	.654	—
Tampa Bay	15	14	.517	3 1/2
Toronto	15	14	.517	3 1/2
Boston	12	14	.462	5
Baltimore	9	17	.346	8

Central

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	18	8	.692	—
Chicago	13	12	.520	4 1/2
Detroit	13	15	.464	6
Kansas City	11	14	.440	6 1/2
Minnesota	11	16	.407	7 1/2

West

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
Texas	15	12	.556	—
Oakland	14	15	.483	2
Seattle	13	14	.481	2
Anaheim	13	15	.464	2 1/2

NBA Basketball
Eastern Conference

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
z-Miami	33	16	.673	—
x-Orlando	32	17	.653	1
x-Philadelphia	27	22	.551	6
x-New York	26	23	.531	7
Boston	19	30	.388	14
Washington	18	31	.367	15
New Jersey	15	34	.306	18

Central Division

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
y-Indiana	33	17	.660	—
x-Atlanta	30	19	.612	2 1/2
x-Detroit	29	20	.592	3 1/2
x-Milwaukee	28	21	.571	4 1/2
Charlotte	25	24	.510	7 1/2
Cleveland	22	27	.449	10 1/2
Toronto	22	27	.449	10 1/2
Chicago	13	36	.265	19 1/2

Western Conference
Midwest Division

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
x-Utah	37	13	.740	—
x-San Antonio	36	13	.735	1/2
x-Houston	30	19	.612	6 1/2
x-Minnesota	25	24	.510	7 1/2
Dallas	19	31	.380	18
Denver	14	35	.286	22 1/2
Vancouver	8	41	.163	28 1/2

Pacific Division

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	GB
y-Portland	35	14	.714	—
x-L.A. Lakers	30	19	.612	5
x-Sacramento	26	23	.531	9
x-Phoenix	26	23	.531	9
Seattle	24	25	.490	11
Golden State	21	28	.429	14
L.A. Clippers	9	40	.184	26

x-clinched playoff berth

y-clinched division title

z-clinched conference title

Stateside news

Road to the NBA Championships

by Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

The road to the NBA championship will go through San Antonio as long as the Spurs can continue winning. As for Allen Iverson, the next time he walks on the court, he'll be known as the league's leading scorer.

The Spurs clinched the No. 1 seed in the West and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs with an 88-81 victory at Golden State. They'll begin their postseason Sunday against Minnesota.

It'll be a different postseason this year, with five playoff teams from last season, Seattle, Charlotte, Cleveland, New Jersey and — of course — the defending champion Chicago Bulls, sitting this one out.

The last night of the regular season was a wild one Wednesday night, with each of the 16 playoff teams having to wait until the games ended to learn their fates.

When the last game ended at 1:09 a.m. EST, the postseason picture for this lockout-abbreviated, hectic season finally became clear.

In the first round, it will be Miami-New York, Indiana-Milwaukee, Orlando-Philadelphia and Atlanta-Detroit in the Eastern Conference.

In the West, it will be San Antonio-Minnesota, Portland-Phoenix, Utah-Sacramento and L.A. Lakers-Houston.

"Now the fun starts," said Miami Heat coach Pat Riley, whose team will renew its rivalry with the Knicks. "You can never say that something crazy isn't going to happen."

In the statistical races, Iverson won the scoring title over Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Webber won the rebounding title, Jason Kidd led in assists, Kendall Gill led in steals and Alonzo Mourning led in blocked shots.

On the scoreboard, it was Philadelphia 105, Detroit 100 in overtime; the Los Angeles Lakers 119, Portland 91; New York 101, Miami 88; Orlando 103, Chicago 83; Houston 95, Denver 88; Atlanta 100, Washington 92; Sacramento 99, Vancouver 95; Phoenix 100, Minnesota 96; New Jersey 115, Milwaukee 107; Toronto 96, Cleveland 87; Charlotte 133, Boston 129 in double overtime and Seattle 107, the Los Angeles Clippers 105.

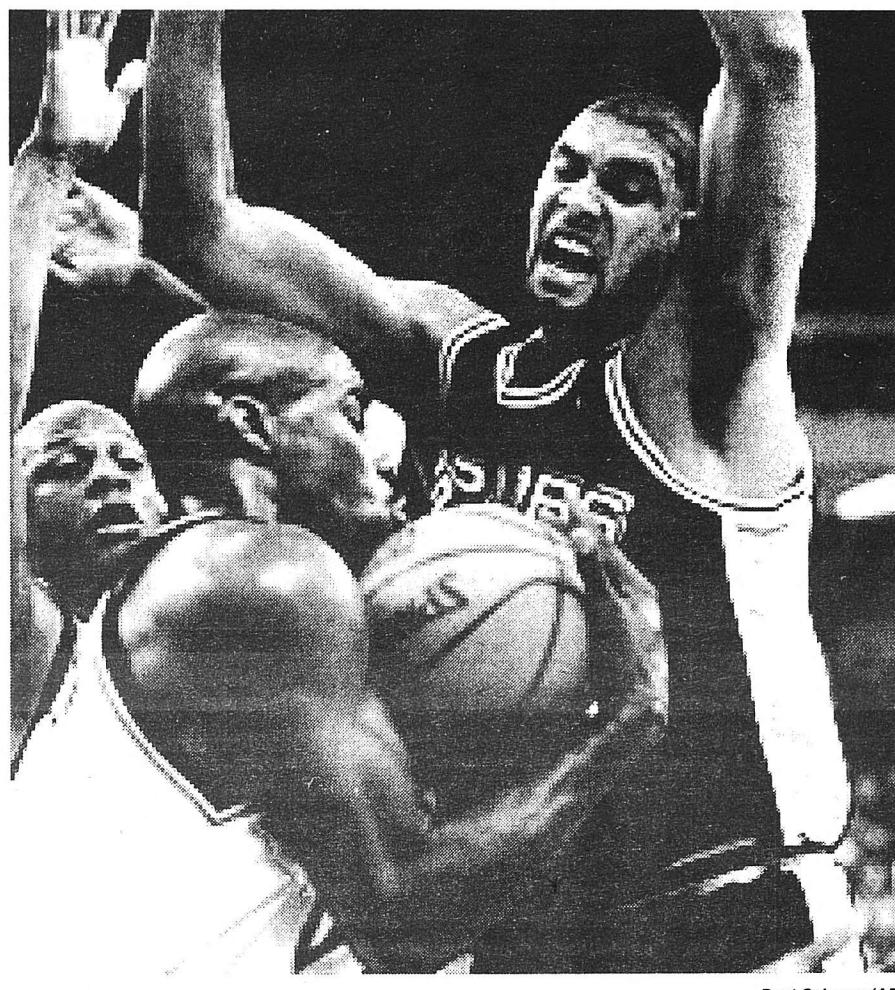
Spurs 88, Warriors 81
Golden State pulled within two points on a 3-pointer by John Starks with 4:36 left. They got no closer, however, as San Antonio went 8-of-10 from the foul line in the closing minutes.

Tim Duncan had 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and David Robinson, who played his best ball of the season down the stretch, had 23 points and a season-high 20 rebounds. The Spurs went 31-5 after starting the season 6-8 and finished the season with five straight wins.

"This is step one in what we want to accomplish. You build on it. You feel good about yourselves," Robinson said. "I still feel Utah is the team we have to get over (in the playoffs), because they're so experienced and so good."

76ers 105, Pistons 100, OT
At Philadelphia, Iverson won the scoring title over O'Neal with 33 points. Iverson hit a clutch jumper with 8 seconds left in regulation, then dribbled out the final seconds of overtime — laughing and high-stepping around former teammate Jerry Stackhouse.

"We got what we wanted," said



Paul Sakuma (AP)

San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan closely guards Golden State Warriors forward Antwan Jamison at the Oakland Arena on Wednesday night.



Crossing the Bridge

COROZAL — Most people cross the Bridge of the Americas in their cars. Some even cross on foot. A bunch of athletic types ran the length of the bridge (and a few more miles to boot) during the last Bridge of the Americas run in December.

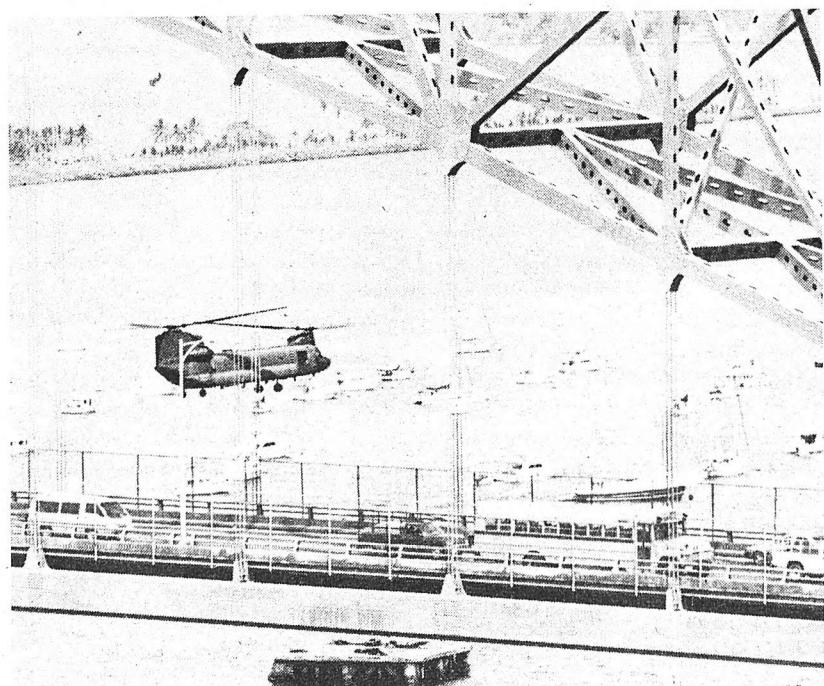
But very few fly over it. The exception would be 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, who have flown over the bridge, and just about everywhere else in Panama, many, many times.

But, like so many other U.S. Army South units in Panama, the old days are coming to an end. A proud chapter in history is closing and it's no different for the UH-60 Blackhawk and CH-40 Chinook Helicopters of 1/228th.

April 29 was most likely the last time these two helicopters will be seen over the Bridge of the Americas, or in the skies of Panama. As part of USARSO's move, the assets of 1/228th are headed to Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras in the coming months.

Seeing the helicopters hovering over the bridge, over the canal, and passing ships making the transit signalled, once more, the end of an era.

And much like the helicopters left ripples in the water from their powerful churning propellers, so do the men and women who flew them countless times in countless missions leave a lasting legacy.



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Tropic Times staff writer

Trebon: 'Operationally, we're done'

Airmen move two flying missions from Panama

story by Staff Sgt. John B. Dendy IV

24th Wing Public Affairs Office

HOWARD AFB – Ten airplanes and roughly 170 airmen representing two Air Force flying missions moved from Howard Air Force Base for good May 1 as part of the U.S. pullout from Panama.

The 10 final take-offs were by six C-130 and four F-16 aircraft assigned to the 24th Wing. The planes are flying their intratheater airlift and counterdrug support routes from airfields in San Juan, Puerto Rico and Curacao's international airport, respectively.

From contingency to disaster relief duty, U.S. airmen have flown missions from Panama to nearly all countries in the Western Hemisphere south of Mexico under the C-130 program codenamed Coronet Oak. The Puerto Rico-based C-130 unit was in Panama 37 years—the first 15 were fulfilled by active duty airmen and the closing 22 by a mix of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen.

"We're bringing an era to a close," Lt. Col. Peter Kehoe, the outgoing 24th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander, told a Southern Command Network reporter. "We'll do the same job from Puerto Rico."

Kehoe's C-130 crews began flying New Horizons airlift missions for SOUTHCOM from Puerto Rico on May 2. Ground support personnel include members from the Puerto Rico Air National Guard and employees from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. The C-130 staff includes roughly 120 temporary duty airmen.

The first payload of redeploying C-130 gear was flown into San Juan April 29 by a "rainbow crew with rainbow equipment" of airmen from various elements of the total force, said Col. Ron Mehan, mission commander, 166th Airlift Wing (Deployed), Delaware ANG.

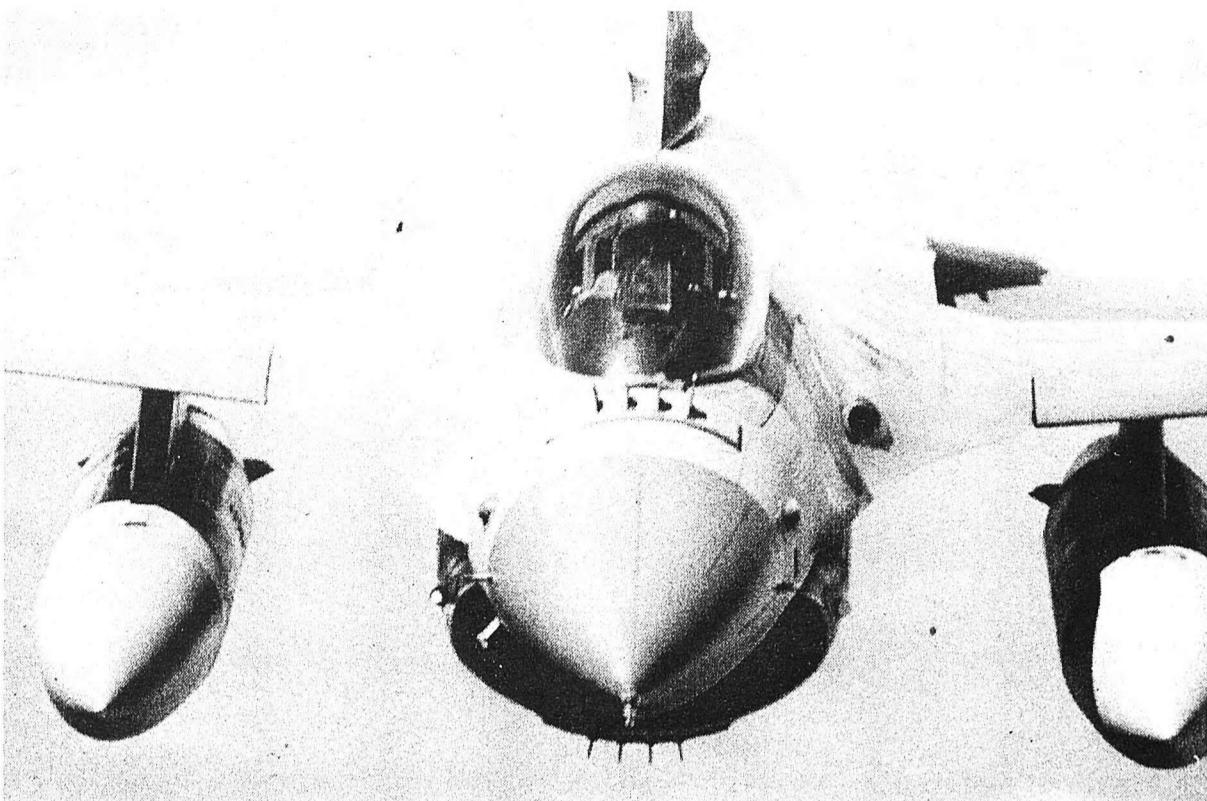
That aircrew included a pilot from the 24th Operations Group; a pilot and a navigator from the 166th; a pilot from the Texas ANG; a flight engineer from the Oklahoma ANG; and a loadmaster from the New York ANG. Extra crewmembers frequently travel on Coronet Oak aircraft as observers to enhance safety of flight. The airplane was from Nashville, Tenn.

In the mid-1990's a yearly deployment of 30-plus ANG and AFRES fighter units to Panama began to support a counterdrug tasking known as Coronet Nighthawk.

The Panama deployment order for Nighthawk ended as a four-ship formation of F-16s from North Dakota succeeded five F-15 Eagles from Oregon on April 9, before flying missions from Panama and zooming to the Dutch West Indies on May 1, with a staff of 50 airmen following them.

"The 24th Wing was outstanding integrating the Air National Guard into their total force," Chief Master Sgt. Dave Smale, the last 24th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron superintendent, summarized on behalf of his fellow airmen.

"Operationally, we're done. This is it," said Col. Gregory L. Trebon, 24th Wing commander, as he watched aircraft formerly under his leadership being



Staff Sgt. John B. Dendy IV (U.S. Air Force)

An F-16 soars on counterdrug patrol while deployed with the Coronet Nighthawk mission during the late 1990's.

slurped into the clouds overhead. "A couple of months ago you couldn't find a place to park an airplane here. Since then we've transferred counterdrug radar, AWACS, tanker, medical alert, U.S. Customs, Coast Guard, Army and Navy aircraft from this airfield."

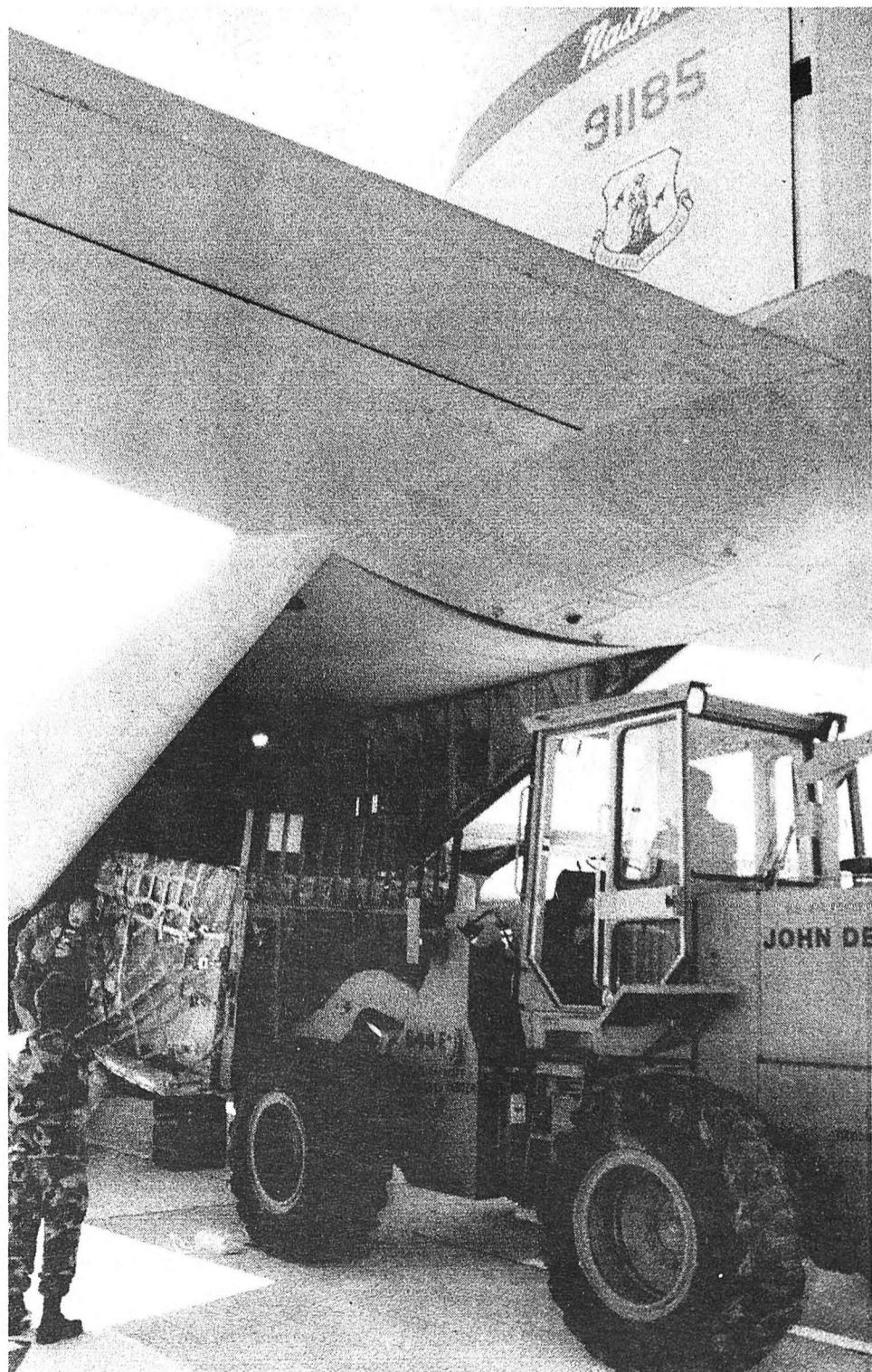
The departed jets and airlifters were not the only Air Force infrastructure in Panama, so more labor awaits airmen at Howard before the deployment order ends, Trebon said.

"We've been redeploying material in 23 sea-land vans a month, and we're ramping to 50 vans per month very soon," Trebon said of the tractor-trailer-sized shipping containers the base is packing.

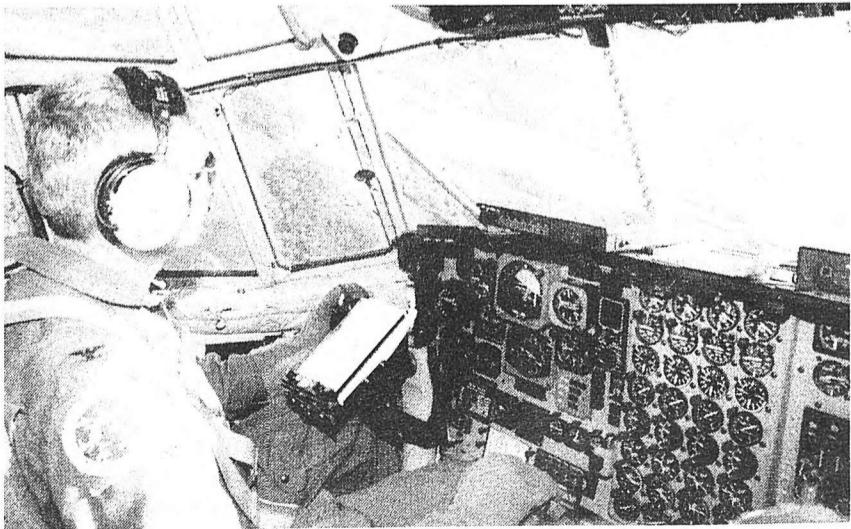
"We're taking care of our people and the base while ensuring that our property is turned in

and transferred for re-use."

To that end, said Maj. Fred Girbert, outgoing 310th Airlift Squadron commander, the hangar that once housed the C-130 airmen will be pickled immediately.



Senior Airman Jeremy Moore (U.S. Air Force)



Senior Airman Jeremy Moore (U.S. Air Force)

Col. Dave Scott, 24th Operations Group commander, pilots the first payload of C-130 gear to deploy from Panama to Puerto Rico April 29. (Right photo) Airmen in Puerto Rico April 29 remove the first pallette of Coronet Oak cargo to arrive on the island as part of the U.S. pullout from Panama.

Coming up...

Spot bid sale

The General Service Administration, Fleet Management Center is hosting another vehicle inspection and spot bid sale of U.S. government trucks, sport utility vehicles and sedans. Vehicle inspections are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. today and the vehicle sale begins 9 a.m. Saturday near the TMP and Cold Storage Facility on Corozal. For more information, call John B. Stobie at 285-4634.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Tropic Breeze will have a Mother's Day Brunch Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult cost is \$7.95, children 5-12 is \$3.95 and under 5 is free.

JAG closure

The Trial Defense Service Panama Field Office will not be seeing clients this week due to a court-martial. All appointments will be tentatively scheduled for May 14 starting at 9 a.m. For more information, call 288-3636/3638.

Hasta Luego T-shirt sale

The American Red Cross is having an Hasta Luego T-shirt sale. All prices have been drastically reduced. To purchase your T-shirt stop by the Red Cross Office 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. starting Monday in Room 344, Building 519.

Final AUSA luncheon

The final Association of U.S. Army Isthmian Chapter luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Fort Clayton Community Club. During the luncheon the NCO of the 3rd Quarter, the Soldier of the 3rd Quarter and the AUSA scholarship winners will be recognized. Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr. will be the guest speaker.

USARSO Town Hall Meeting

The USARSO Town Hall Meeting is 9 - 11 a.m. Thursday at the Valent Recreation Center. The agenda will feature an events update, drawdown information and shuttle bus to Tocumen. In addition Dr. Joel Goodman, psychologist and director of the Human Project, will offer a special presentation at 8 a.m. prior to the meeting.

Hasta Luego Panama

If you've got a PCS move coming up you should plan to attend an Hasta Luego reception. The Commanding General or his designated representative attends each event and presents each departing soldier with a USARSO coin. The next Hasta Luego for soldiers departing USARSO in July, August and September is May 20 at the Fort Clayton Community Club. For more information, call 288-9268/9235.

Housing Office hours extended

The Fort Clayton Housing Office will be open 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and 8 a.m. - noon Saturdays. Scheduled pre-final and final housing inspections and assignments to set-aside housing will be conducted until 2 p.m. on Saturdays. This schedule will stay in effect until further notice.

Seven digit dialing

Personnel in Panama will now have to dial all seven digits of a phone number when calling on or between military installations. This will not affect dialing 119 or 110 for emergencies, dialing "8" for access to DSN from an official line, or dialing 169 when making morale calls. For more information, contact the 24th Communications Squadron Telephone Liaison Office at 284-9211.

New Housing Office procedures

The 24th Civil Engineer Squadron's Housing Office will operate in Building 2, at the south end of the CES main building behind the Howard Commissary. All walk-in customers will be handled at the existing industrial customer service area in Building 2. In addition, Monday, the Housing Office operating hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays to Fridays for walk-in customers, and 1 to 4:30 p.m. by appointment only. To make an appointment, call 284-3301.

Right Start Briefing

The new Right Start Briefing is at the Mountain View Chapel on the first and third Thursdays with the following forecast dates: May 20, and June 3 and 17. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Diana Miller at 284-3508.

Services reduced at DOIM

The services offered by the 56th Signal Battalion DOIM Information Center will be reduced. Services available within the customer area of IC will be as follows; USARSO LAN access, Internet connectivity, office automation software, black and white laser printing and DCPS connectivity.

Optometry Clinic closes May 31

The Fort Clayton Optometry Clinic will provide services until May 31. The Howard Optometry Clinic will provide routine eye care until July 31. Flight Medicine referrals and emergency eyecare services only will be available during August. New military eyewear can be ordered until May 31.

Tocumen shuttle schedule

Due to commercial airline schedule changes, the Tocumen shuttle will only pickup passengers at Building 708 on Howard Air Force Base. In addition, times of departure have changed. Passengers should call Vehicle Dispatch at 284-5058/59 to RSVP to ensure vehicle capacity. Schedules are available at the post office, Billeting Office and the Howard Enlisted Club.

Outbound flights Arrive Building 708	Depart Howard	Arrive Tocumen	Depart Tocumen
4 a.m. 5:05 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	4:10 a.m. 5:15 a.m. 6:40 a.m. 10:40 a.m.	5 a.m. 6 a.m. 8 a.m. noon	5:10 a.m. 6:10 a.m. 8:10 a.m. 1:15 p.m.
Inbound flights Depart Howard	Arrive Tocumen	Depart Tocumen	Arrive Building 708
5 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	6:30 p.m. 9 p.m.	8 p.m. 10:15 p.m. 6:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	9:15 p.m. 11:30 p.m.

Travel tips

Pet tips — Pets may now be shipped space-available to CONUS. There is, however, a fee. For more information, call the Howard AFB Passenger Terminal at 284-5702.

Announcements

DCA Clearing

Clearing? Please note that all DCA clearing is now being processed 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Room 449, Building 519 at the Financial-Management Division. For more information, call Delia Johnson at 288-6169.

Physical Therapy reduces services

The 24th Medical Group Physical Therapy Clinic has reduced its services by 50 percent and will close July 1. In preparation for this reduction in services, clinic personnel are working closely with all providers in an effort to ensure the transition is as painless as possible for all customers.

Drug testing change

Drug testing/urine sampling is now being conducted in the 24th Medical Group hospital, Building 192, in Room 232 on the second floor. For more information, call Michelle Tello at 284-5314.

New lightning warning procedures

Howard AFB has adopted new lightning warning notification procedures to alert the base community of the observance of lightning within five nautical miles of the base. When this occurs, Command Post will sound the base siren. In response to this warning, the base populace is encouraged to take precautions as outlined in the April 1 article, "Howard Braces for Rainy Season, Lightning Storms." Lightning Warnings will remain in effect for at least 15 minutes after the last strike. To find out if the warning has been lifted, call the Safe Line at 284-SAFE.

Forms required to leave country

All members and their families who depart from Tocumen International Airport are required to have SOUTHCOPM Form 4, Certificate of Exemption from the Passenger Service Fee. In addition, if there are any changes to the original port call date, SOUTHCOPM Form 5, Travel Authorization, is required. After receiving orders, everyone should report to their orderly room with a copy of orders in hand to be issued the forms needed. Call unit orderly rooms for more information.

SFC Selection Board

A Department of the Army Selection Board will convene June 2 to consider soldiers for promotion to sergeant first class. All staff sergeants with a DOR of 970630 and earlier, and a BASD between 800630 and 930531 must physically update and review their personnel qualification records. Areas of special concern are DA Forms 2A and 2-1 PQR, NCO evaluation reports, official photographs and official military personnel files. The deadline to update PQRs is April 30. For information on PQRs call 288-6406; for information on photographs call 288-7403; for information on NCOERs call 288-6652.

Optometry Services Drawdown

Due to the drawdown of medical facilities and the reduced scope of care, Optometry Services will no longer be able to offer comprehensive eyecare to those patients not eligible for Tricare Prime. Optometry Services will continue to offer routine optometry services such as vision analysis and eye health assessment to non-eligible Tricare Prime patients on a space available basis until

closure of the Optometry Clinic. For more information, call the Optometry Clinic at 284-6149.

Classified burn

Due to a large demand by 24th Wing units to destroy classified material, the Howard Fire Department will conduct live fire burns in a dumpster next to Building 1010. The burns will be conducted from 9-11 a.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. Material brought for destruction should be limited to classified and sensitive material. For additional information, contact Tech. Sgt. Phillip Nixon or Tech. Sgt. Anthony Wells at 284-5305.

Veterinary Clinic

The Panama District Veterinary Command will have a Veterinary Clinic at Howard Air Force Base, Building 202, beginning May 17. Daily operation hours will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Rations inspections

The Ration Inspection Program is designed to ensure wholesomeness of operational rations and to keep units mission ready. Air Force units storing rations, such as Meals Ready-to-Eat or survival rations, should notify the Public Health Flight to ensure inspections are completed as required by regulations. For more information, call Senior Airman Jeffrey Rigdon at 284-4371/4539. If you are moving to Puerto Rico and your child will require a school physical prior to the start of the next school year, call the appointment desk at 284-3832/3834/3837.

Wing promotion/induction ceremony

The Team Howard Monthly Enlisted Promotion and Induction Ceremony for May is 3 p.m. May 27 in the Howard NCO Club. The ceremony recognizes enlisted promotees in a three-phase ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be served following the ceremony. For more information call 284-5363.

24th Services Squadron inactivation

The 24th Services Squadron inactivation will be at 3 p.m., May 26 in the Tropic Breeze Ballroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

Humanitarian Service Medal

The Humanitarian Service Medal will be awarded for those personnel assigned to the Ecuador El Niño Disaster Relief Effort. The award has been approved for those service members who provided humanitarian assistance and were assigned to the operation from May 9 - 24, 1998. For more information, call 1Lt. Gillespie or Mrs. Wilson-Carrasco at 288-6655/4155.

Exceptional Family Member Program

AR 608-75, chapter 2, para 2-1, b, 1, the following personnel must be screened prior to PCS: Family members PCSing from OCONUS to OCONUS. Family members PCSing from U.S. to overseas. Family members already enrolled in EFMP. NOTE: Family members PCSing to CONUS do not need to be screened. For more information, call 288-6365 Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 288-6695 Tuesday and Thursday. A list of no shows will be given to LTC Wilhelm and CSM Humphries. Questions and concerns can be addressed to SFC Agueda at 288-6268.

Americans from the Canal Zone recall an idyllic life that's just a memory

(This article recently appeared in the Los Angeles Times).

BALBOA, Panama—Their culture began disappearing 20 years ago, and by the end of this year it will be completely gone. No one even considered trying to save it.

Theirs was a tiny civilization of fewer than 100,000 people that existed on a narrow strip of land for a few generations, not quite spanning the 20th century. In fact, it was in many ways the ultimate expression of what has been called the American Century: a bit of Americana tucked into the tropics that, perhaps appropriately, will be erased with barely a trace on Dec. 31 when Panama takes over the canal from the United States. All that will remain will be the annual reunion party, a few Web sites and the rich memories of the people who call themselves Zonians, the inhabitants of the old Panama Canal Zone.

Extending five miles along each side of the waterway, the zone was the absolute company town, a U.S. territory that housed the people who ran and protected the canal. For Panamanians, it became a slash that divided their country, a visible reminder of U.S. domination. The zone was officially eliminated in 1979, two years after then-presidents Jimmy Carter and Omar Torrijos signed a treaty promising that Washington would turn over control of the canal to Panama gradually over two decades.

That's when the diaspora began: Retired electrician Robert Christenson moved to Texas, and Scott Foster, a fourth-generation Zonian, to Chula Vista. Dave Furlong joined the military and ended up in Guam. Some Zonians tried to re-create their community in Orlando, Fla., site of the annual reunion that draws 100 or more expatriates.

A few, like childhood friends Peggy Acker and Kay Hamilton, stayed in Panama to teach on the military bases that are all that is left of the zone. In May, when the last class graduates from Balboa High School, the teachers will be transferred to bases far from Panama.

"Even though we may no longer be here, the spirit is being kept alive," Acker said. "Even just the word 'Zonian.' All of us growing up down here were such a close-knit, extended family. That is the spirit."

Zonians themselves struggle to capture that spirit in words. "What is strange to me is everyone who doesn't have that," Christenson said. He acknowledged, with a catch in his voice, that he misses the zone "every waking minute."

Over the decades, Zonians developed their own culture, a mixture of Panama and Americana. George C. Zidbeck, grandson of a machinist who arrived in Panama in 1907 to help build the canal, recalls a childhood of saying the Pledge of Allegiance in the morning and playing "tree tag" in the jungle in the afternoon. The banyan trees in his neighborhood grew so thick that children could jump from branch to branch, not touching the ground for hours.

Roads literally melted in the Panama heat, and kids picked tar off the street to chew. In addition to cats and dogs, favored pets included sloths, parrots and monkeys. At twilight, children followed the trucks that drove through the neatly manicured streets of identical duplexes and quadruplexes, spraying DDT to keep down mosquitoes that spread malaria. Now that the risks of the insecticide are known, Zonians jokingly blame any memory lapses on those nightly chases.

Life here moved to a calypso beat, and even Zonians who barely speak Spanish take pride in their salsa dancing moves. Patricia Egger, whose grandparents moved to Panama when her parents were children, discovered subtle divisions when she went away to college in 1963. Everybody in Panama had pierced ears," common in Latin culture, she said in a telephone interview from her Virginia home.

But at the University of Arkansas, "I was told that nice girls didn't pierce their ears." She had to wear clip earrings to be accepted. Going barefoot and feeling safe are common threads in Zonian memory. There was a well-ordered society, like some Greek city-state where troublemakers were banished.

"We were raised [thinking], 'Don't get into trouble,

because your dad could lose his job and we would get shipped out,'" Egger said.

Luke Lambert, now in his 60s, knows that was no idle threat. When he was 16, he argued with a Canal Zone police officer. "He hit me with a stick, and I hit him back," he recalled. "They deported me from the Canal Zone," allowing his father to keep his job only on the condition that Lambert leave home. Assimilating into Panama proper was no easy task for the third-generation Zonian, who attended Canal Zone schools and spoke little Spanish. Even after he got accepted back into the Canal Zone family, Lambert made sure that his own eight sons learned Spanish.

Zonians are reluctant to discuss some aspects of their society. Particularly delicate is "the enormous discrepancy between black and white society along the same jungle corridor," as it was termed by David McCullough, author of "Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal."

What McCullough calls a "rigid caste society" began with the canal's construction. Unskilled West Indian laborers—recruited mainly from Barbados, Martinique and Guadeloupe—were paid in Panamanian silver balboas. Skilled Americans were paid in gold-backed U.S. dollars.

The "gold" and "silver" standards persisted throughout the zone's existence, largely because they were nominally based on citizenship, not race. Americans lived in gold towns, with their own schools and playgrounds, and were eligible for better-paying jobs. Heavy labor was for the West Indian workers' descendants, who

lived in silver towns.

The soldiers and sailors who protected the canal, passing through on two- or three-year tours of duty, fell somewhere in between. Young women from Canal Zone families did not usually date military men.

"It was an extremely segregated place," Egger said. When Zidbeck was 12, back in 1943, one of his neighbors here in Balboa invited children from the silver community of La Boca, about a mile away, to play softball. Just as the game was starting, a playground director appeared and told the children they could not play.

"We were so disappointed that we didn't think of an alternative," he said. "We knew there was a color line, and we didn't tempt it."

Lambert, who still lives in the quadruplex where he raised his family in the old silver town of Paraiso, said he feels no bitterness.

His great-grandfather came to Panama from Martinique to work on a failed French canal-building effort at the end of the 19th century. When the company went bankrupt, workers were stranded. They were relieved to sign on with the Americans, who arrived in 1904.

Lambert's father and grandfather also worked for the canal, and once his disagreement with the canal police blew over, Lambert got a job in the maintenance division. After 30 years of service, he retired in 1987 as a \$5-an-hour liaison for the security division, good wages for Panama.

"You were sure you would get a fair break, even though they had a double system," he said. "I don't have any resentment against the U.S. government because it made sure I had a job. That's why we were so loyal to the U.S. government."

For a place so regimented on issues such as race, the Canal Zone also had its progressive side. "The Canal Zone was America's experiment in socialism, and it was a very successful experiment," Zidbeck said. "It was not utopia, but it was close. You weren't rich, but you knew there was something to eat every day."

"We were the children of tradespeople who were making very good salaries," he said. Housing, grocer-

ies, schools and recreation—including swimming pools and tennis courts—were all subsidized by proceeds from canal fees. "We weren't raised from a capitalist viewpoint, so none of us ever had any push or drive," Egger said. "I grew up in a town that when the pipes broke, you called maintenance."

In fact, in the Zonian version of the old "how-many-does-it-take-to-change-a-light-bulb?" joke, the answer is: "Two, one to pour the drinks and another to call the Canal Zone electrician."

This lifestyle of orderly concrete houses, shaded lawns and wide streets contrasted increasingly with the chaotic, deforested growth of cities outside the zone. Panamanian resentment was manifested in riots, beginning in the 1960s, that finally resulted in the 1977 treaty to turn over control of the canal to Panama.

Panamanians were to be hired and trained to take over canal operations. In 1979, the zone became part of Panama, except for the bases that until 1997 housed the U.S. military's Southern Command. The last base will close when the canal is turned over to Panama.

Zonians like Egger, who had moved away but wanted to return, found they could not get hired. While those with seniority could stay on, there were no new jobs for Americans, just two-year contracts.

What hurt Lambert most was seeing what happened to his alma mater, Paraiso High School. The school was supposed to continue operating as part of the Panamanian school system, he said. "We had a welding shop and a plumbing shop, probably \$48,000 worth of equipment," he recalled. "By December, there was nothing there."

Panamanian employees took the lights from the ballpark, pried loose the air conditioners and replaced the cedar doors with plywood, he said. The school is now a government building, and students are bused to another location.

The last of the Zonians are now collecting mementos for a future museum in Florida. The Balboa High School plaque, a reproduction of the Canal Zone seal that numerous freshmen polished at the behest of seniors, was removed from the school in February along with several other class gifts.

Many landmarks will exist only in memories. The Balboa Yacht Club, the setting for many a first drink and first date in the zone, burned to the ground in February, provoking the suspicions of many Zonians.

And those memories are starting to fade. On Canal Zone Web sites with names like "lostparadise," amid recipes for the rice dishes that West Indian maids once prepared and inquiries about old classmates, someone will post a request for directions to, say, the riding stables that no longer exist. Remarkably, someone else will respond with precise instructions—and often a quip about inhaling too much DDT.

"My hometown is on the Internet," Egger said ruefully. Because the land has been returned gradually, its sale being administered by a special agency of the Panamanian government, Zonians who still live in Panama have become accustomed to the loss of their hometown. But it is still hard.

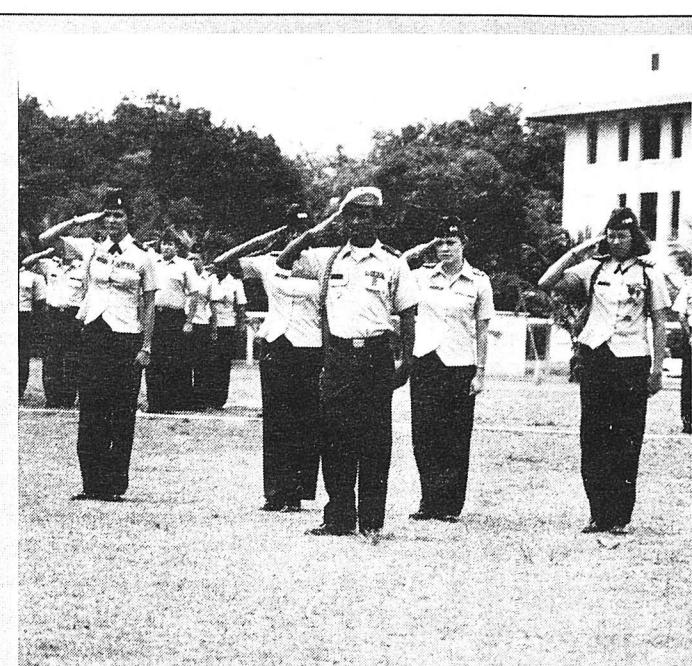
"I drive through and expect to see Americans there," Acker said of the old zone, in a soft voice cultivated through decades of comforting third-graders. "When they're not, it's a shock."

Acker moved to the Zone in 1940, at age 2. She left to complete her elementary teaching degree in Michigan and came home to the Zone to teach in 1960.

Over the years, she adopted three children, two of them Panamanian. Hamilton also adopted two children, and the longtime friends helped each other raise their families. When the Zone reverted to Panamanian control, Acker and Hamilton continued teaching but lost the more spacious housing that seniority had earned them. Now, the pair are waiting to hear where they will be assigned for the next school year. "We're hoping that when we transfer, we'll be together," Acker said. "When you are going away from the only home you have ever known, you want support."

"It's going to be very difficult to leave," she said. "But I am looking forward to the next chapter."

In fact, it (the Canal Zone) was in many ways the ultimate expression of what has been called the American Century: a bit of Americana tucked into the tropics that, perhaps appropriately, will be erased with barely a trace on Dec. 31 when Panama takes over the canal from the United States.



photos by Sgt. 1st Clas Christopher C. Calkins (USARSO PAO)

The Final March

After more than five decades of activity, the Balboa High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Course cased its colors during an impressive ceremony held April 30 at the BHS stadium. Prior to the casing, class officers (above) marched into formation to receive the colors. Later, cadets Gina Leonard - Zinno (left) and Maritzel LaPlaca were individually honored. Guest speaker for the event was BHS Principal Tom Price, who also participated in review of the troops. Music was provided by the 79th Army Band.

Howard AFB celebrates National Police Week

story by Master Sgt. Daniel Hogan
24th Security Forces Squadron

HOWARD AFB — In recognition of National Police Week, May 9-15, the Howard Security Forces have planned several activities for the base to participate in.

Monday is Abandoned Vehicle Amnesty Day. Security Forces investigators will dedicate an individual who will be available throughout the day to help you process your old vehicles to DRMO that you know you won't ship to your next location. By turning your vehicle in now, you will avoid a possible fine of \$400 - \$500 if the Security Forces finds it abandoned after you depart.

As a reminder, even if you separate, the Air Force may recoup money through the Internal Revenue Service if warranted.

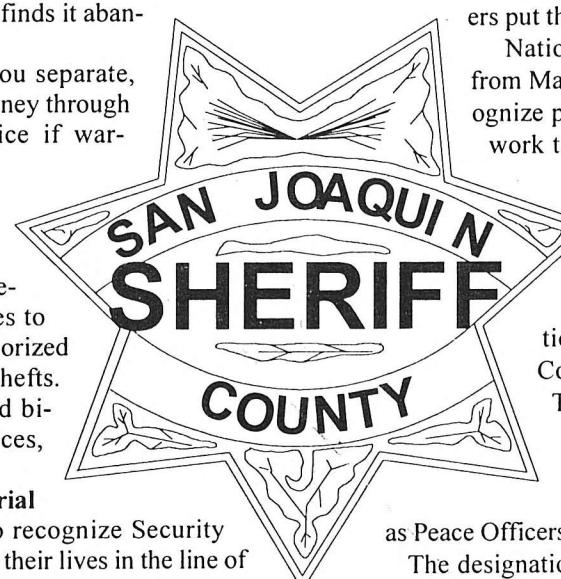
Tuesday is Gotcha Day. It is a day all SF members will post "Gotcha" tags on all insecure property. Hopefully this will open your eyes to some of the items that unauthorized personnel usually target for thefts. Shoes on porches, unsecured bicycles, and unattended offices, for example.

There will also be a **memorial service at noon Tuesday** to recognize Security Force members who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

On Thursday, McGruff will visit the Howard and Kobbe schools along with some on duty police. McGruff and his helpers will be available to answer questions and visit with the students about their duties and what types of things a student should look out for.

Later that day, SF will conduct retreat at the base flagpole and everyone is welcome to attend.

May 14th will top off the week's activities starting with a marathon relay lasting 24 hours. A SF member will be running around the parade field in 30-minute increments until relieved by another SF member. The relay begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 8 a.m., May 15. Pledge donations may be made by calling 284-3415.



as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

The designation of May 15th, to honor those law enforcement officers, federal, state and municipal, who have been killed or disabled in the line-of-duty, recognizes police officers around the world for their patriotic service, dedicated efforts and devotion to duty, regardless of the perils or hazards to themselves.

The 103rd Congress, as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, amended Public Law 87-726, signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-322 which directs that the flag of the United States on all government buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15, National Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

Just in case you were wondering

FORT CLAYTON (Law Enforcement Activity) — Just in case you wanted to know where are the MPs, we have an answer for you.

Look carefully! The Military Police vehicles have a new appearance! Recently, many of the traditional MP cars provided by General Service Administration have been replaced by locally leased smaller versions.

The new MP cars are Mitsubishi Lancers and come in a variety of colors. Although the new vehicles have no light bars and no sirens, they are equipped with a smaller blue flashing light on the dashboard and are marked with "Military Police" on the sides. If you should need MP assistance, look for the new vehicles and rest assured your MPs are continuing to look out for your safety.

If you are asked "may I see your authorization, please," then this may be the situation.

Does that computer in your car belong to you? If not, don't risk the embarrassment of being detained at the MP gate while a telephone call is made to your supervisor to verify your authorization to transport the equipment.

Soldiers and civilians are reminded to never transport Government-owned office equipment in a POV or GOV without written authorization from a supervisor in the respective chain of command.

The MPs have increased their random inspections, and all drivers of vehicles containing office equipment will be required to provide proper documentation for transport.



Command post redeploying

By Staff Sgt. John B. Dendy IV
24th Wing Public Affairs Office

HOWARD AFB — The command post operators at Howard are preparing to meet deadlines for the pullout from Panama.

Controllers assigned to the Howard Air Mobility Command Control Center close that operation May 31. The 24th Wing Command Post staff will relocate this summer from Building 703 to another facility on base, but their phone numbers and level of support will remain the same through Oct. 31.

The wing and AMC posts provide command and control for their respective local leaders while the respective controllers shed excess gear, and transfer responsibilities to gaining units.

"We've already turned in a lot of equipment associated with the JTF-Panama communications net-

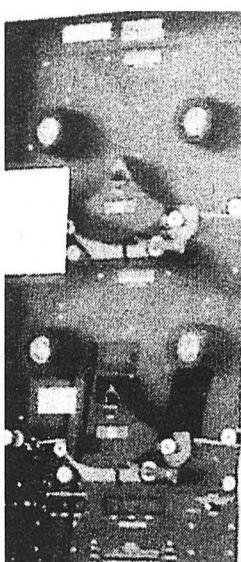
work," said Tech. Sgt. Tony Breeze, acting NCOIC of the Howard Command Post. "Our comm(unications) equipment goes to the 24th Communications Squadron. Some of our office equipment has gone to DRMO or the supply system. A lot of the material that the AMC Command Center owns has been tagged for other AMC bases."

"You'd be amazed at what this place looks like now... like a ghost town with tumbling tumbleweeds," Breeze said. "We're operating the files out of boxes... Until recently we were co-located with the (now redeployed) Flight Monitoring Facility and we're still co-located with the Howard AMC Control Center. The AMCC will draw down and will go away the end of May. We'll co-locate with the (24th) Security Forces

Squadron) Howard Control Center the first week of June, after the runway closes."

Breeze said the wing's controllers would run overall command and control for base functions when they move, and the exit will allow the base to pickle Building 703 on time.

"Our last day of operation is scheduled to be Sept. 15 and at that point the folks at Davis-Monthan (AFB, Ariz.) will be taking over. We will still be active supporting normal base functions. Notifying people for exercises is part of the command and control structure and the move will have no effect on that. The HANDS demonstration and weather advisories, the 284-SAFE number and weather notifications will continue for as long as the weather shop operates at Howard," Breeze said.



Tech. Sgt. Edna Johnson-Smith, NCOIC of training, 24th Wing command post, coordinates the redeployment-related removal of her outfit's tape recorder. After June 1, hers will be the only command and control agency left at Howard.

AF hosts final community college graduation

by Gail Fuller

24th Mission Support Squadron
The last Community College of the Air Force Graduation at Howard Air Force Base was held at the Howard NCO Club on April 29.

Col. Dave Scott, 24th Operations Group commander, gave the commencement address, and Maj. Connie Davis, 24th Mission Support Squadron commander, conferred the diplomas with assistance from Lisa Poland of the Howard Education Center.

Closing remarks were given by Col. Gregory L. Trebon, 24th Wing commander, and Bud Goode, Education Services chief was the Master of Ceremonies.

"This graduation is an historic event," said Goode. "We have 38 graduates, even though we are in a drawdown status. This is due to the outstanding professional staff. We could not have accomplished this without them."

The graduates were:

AFOSI Det. 214
Special Agent Robert Meekins—Criminal Justice Electronic Systems Technology
Special Agent Richard Ramsdale—Avionic Systems Technology Criminal Justice
24th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kimberly Bentley—Environmental Medicine Technology
24th Civil Engineering Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Gerald Adams—Fire Science
Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Williams—Fire Science
24th Communications Squadron
Senior Airman Jamie Guerra—Information Systems Technology



by Senior Airman Jeremy Moore (U.S. Air Force)

Senior Airman Douglas Hunter—
Electronic Systems Technology
Senior Airman Derek Nivens—Electronic Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Deborah Pollen—Information Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Michael Taylor—Avionic Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Young—Electronic Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Antonio Bates—Aerospace Ground Equip Technology
24th Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Roy Joyner III—Munitions Systems Technology
24th Medical Support Squadron
Senior Airman Leta Young—Logistics

24th Medical Operations Squadron
Senior Airman Darnell Newkirk—
Pharmacy Technology
24th Mission Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Roderick Campbell—Personnel Administration
Tech. Sgt. Gertrude Elbourne—Personnel Administration
24th Operations Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. David Johnson—Airport Resource Management
24th Security Forces Squadron
Staff Sgt. Neil Keifer—Avionic Systems Technology Education and Training Management
Tech. Sgt. Kevin McCaw—Criminal Justice
24th Services Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ramon Jimenez—Fitness Recreation and Services Management
24th Supply Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Scott—
Information Systems Technology
Logistics
Master Sgt. Malissa Thompkins—
Logistics

24th Transportation Squadron
Staff Sgt. Licci Barham—Logistics
Staff Sgt. Tammy Ulmer—Transportation
24th Weather Squadron

Staff Sgt. Johnnie Church—Weather Technology
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Zipprich—Weather Technology
24th Wing (Det. 1)

Staff Sgt. Michael Bardsley—Airway Science
Tech. Sgt. Kevin Bennett—Avionic Systems Technology

Master Sgt. Jose Pizano—Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Mark Romero—Information Management

Staff Sgt. Reid Woodard—Airway Science
310 Airlift Squadron

TSgt Anthony Hunter—Information Management

Senior Airman Jennifer Johnson—
Personnel Administration

Tech. Sgt. Alfred Jones—Electronic Systems Technology
640 Air Mobility Squadron

Master Sgt. Jimmy Jalil—Avionic Systems Technology

Master Sgt. Martin Taylor—Transportation
Tech. Sgt. Terri Taylor—Logistics

Howard Spouse Club awards eight scholarships

HOWARD AFB — Members of the Howard Officer and Enlisted Spouses' Clubs hosted their final scholarship tea April 30 in the 24th Wing Conference Room to honor seven graduating high school seniors and one university student continuing his education.

The funds for these scholarships come from a variety of sources, however the main funding came through the profits of the Howard Thrift Shop, said Janet Lowe, a spokesperson for the two clubs.

The recipients, scholarship values and the schools they plan to attend are: first prize selectee Jaclyn Barnash (\$2,500, University of Southern California); second prize selectee Sharmon Lebby (\$1,500, University of South Carolina); third prize selectee Annette O'Neil (\$1,000, University of Southern California).

The honorable mention selectees and the school they plan to attend were Carlos Bravo (\$600, Princeton University); Eduardo Diaz Salgado (\$600, Universidad de Puerto Rico); Neil Reaves (\$600, Tarleton State University); and Antonio Somoza (\$600, University of Richmond).

The spouses' clubs have also made contributions to Howard's Women's History Month annual award winners, Girl Scouts, Arraijan Orphanage, Air Force Ball, softball tournaments, Rodeo '98, Fire Prevention Month, childcare for town hall meetings and other organizations on- and off-base.

The continuing education award selectee was Col. Gus Mays III, (\$600, Virginia Commonwealth University). Selectees from left are: Mays, Bravo, Reaves, Lebby, Salgado, Somoza, Barnash, and, for Annette O'Neil, not pictured, Col. T.J. O'Neil.



USARSO Weather Team

Keeping an eye on the skies

story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Cathy Richards
USARSO WETM

HOWARD AFB — Everyone has seen weather reports on CNN, local television news and our very own SCN.

Weather reports seen on television are very general compared to those used in the military.

The military has several rules and regulations governing the weather data generated for military use.

A forecast developed by a U.S. Air Force weather forecaster must give very specific data such as what time a thunderstorm will begin or end, or what type and what amount of cloud coverage there will be at a given time.

It is a little known fact that the Air Force weather team is responsible, not only for providing Air Force units with weather support, but also for supporting all U.S. Army units with weather support.

In fact, there is a small office located in Building 95 on Fort Clayton called the Staff Weather Office that provides weather support for USARSO.

This office is the USARSO Weather Team (WETM) and it consists of three weather personnel. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DCSINT) is responsible for taking care of the needs and well-being of the weather team.

USARSO Weather Team Mission

The Staff Weather Officer (SWO) provides direct staff support to both USARSO and JTF-Panama.

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Allied Forces 98 in Guatemala and Blue Advance 98.

Providing for exercises

For these exercises, the weather team provided realistic scenarios of weather to bring some tropical reality to operations.

Weather support also includes logistical requirements for deploying

briefings to the JTF-Panama and USARSO Commander and staff. Staff support is also provided for all USARSO and JTF-Panama plans and exercises/contingency operations.

The SWO is the liaison between the Multinational Observer Mission Ecuador/Peru (MOMEP) and the Air Force weather community.

The USARSO SWO provides mobility training for eight 24th Weather Squadron personnel.

This training provides mission ready weather personnel the availability to deploy on a moments notice throughout Latin America. The 24th Weather Squadron at Howard AFB provides the personnel for USARSO support.

Who have they supported?

The USARSO SWO coordinated with all Army National Guard nation-building exercises throughout Latin America, including New Horizons 99 El Salvador, Jamaica, Haiti and Guatemala.

The SWO ensures weather support issues were included in all aspects of planning and execution. Other typical staff work includes weather support issues associated with

weather personnel as well. The SWO worked the logistical challenges of deploying weather personnel and resources from CONUS bases to multiple exercise locations sometimes in austere environments.

The weather team deployed to San Isidro AB, Dominican Republic in support of the 1/228th and Delta Company 160th Special Operations Aerial Regiment. The team provided weather forecasts for hurricane relief efforts.

In 1998, weather personnel deployed seven times in support of counter drug efforts. These TDY's involved redeploying and maintaining automated weather observation equipment at Ground Based Radar sites throughout Colombia in support of Joint Inter Agency Task Force South missions.

One team member installed one of these redeployed systems at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. These systems allow forecasters access to critical data needed when making forecasts for these data-sparse locations.

The SWO also served as the liaison between the Military Observer Mission Ecuador/Peru (MOMEP), the 24th Wing, 12th Air Force and Air Combat Command. In this capacity, the SWO assisted in troubleshooting the tactical weather radar and resolving weather-related problems that occurred.

In February 98, the 24th Weather Squadron provided the Brazilian operations center a high frequency ra-

dio allowing them communication capabilities to their aircraft while in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

In August 98, weather personnel installed a compact weather satellite system for deployed MOMEP weather personnel to use in daily mission briefings.

Hurricanes

With the Caribbean as an Area of Operations, the weather team provided six-hour updates on nine hurricanes to USARSO personnel.

The updates were focused on and highlighted the dangers of hurricanes striking Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The weather team also provided a detailed damage report of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Georges struck to the USARSO Chief of Staff and essential personnel.

The USARSO SWO has clearly defined responsibilities associated with any developing storms

that might impact these areas.

Move to Puerto Rico

The weather team is fully integrated in the USARSO move to Puerto Rico. They participated in all planning meetings and identified weather unique requirements.

Weather team support was provided for JTF-South Battle Training Command Seminar.

This was a training exercise covering the JTF-South AOR in which weather was a critical element for successful planning and execution.

The SWO provided daily briefings outlining mission impact on operations and drew accolades from command staff for relevance to the operations.

Weather support was also provided for the Tactical Exercise without Troops (TEWT). This exercise covered the JTF-Panama AOR and focused on the threat to military personnel, equipment and installations.

The weather team provided an initial briefing on the mission impacts for ground, air, sea and communications. Although the Air Force weather support to the Army may not be well known, the Staff Weather Office stays busy.

Though the people currently supporting USARSO will not relocate to Puerto Rico, there will be Air Force weather bodies going to Fort Buchanan as well as some Guard weather augmentees to provide weather support to USARSO.

The office will consist of two active duty U.S. Air Force weather personnel and one National Guardsman or Reservist.

Just remember they may be small in numbers, but they will be capable of providing any weather information you may need.



Watching the skies is important to the USARSO mission. Senior Airman Jame Durio, a weather observer, helps to keep folks informed of life in the skies.

Drawdown considerations

Mental health related services in Panama to open

by Col. Terrence Jay O'Neil
USAF, MC Commander

HOWARD AFB — Drawdown and closure are upon us. Most of our JTF-Panama team is departing for new adventures worldwide.

It is important to recognize that in this very stressful time, the personnel who provide our psychological support services must leave Panama in time to get to their next duty stations, as well.

Although a psychologist will be on-station at Fort Clayton until Sept. 1, 1999 to provide emergency evaluations, all persons requiring ongoing treatment will be referred to a Panama City provider after our psychiatrist departs on June 30.

The psychologist at Howard will depart June 18. Because it is not good medicine to start up what should be a long-term therapeutic relationship

with someone and then leave within a few days, only emergency psychological services will be provided on-station after June 1. Non-urgent referrals will be sent to TRICARE providers in Panama City.

Patients requiring detoxification will be admitted to a civilian facility in Panama City, detoxified, and air-evacuated to CONUS for inpatient treatment.

Once the patient is medically cleared, if commercial air travel is the fastest and safest mode of travel, the member's unit will provide a non-medical escort.

After Sept. 1, a flight surgeon with additional training in mental health procedures will be available to perform Commander-Directed Mental Health Evaluations through closure.

Routine prescription refills of some mental health-related medications for patients already under treatment by the

24th Medical Group may be handled through the Acute Care Clinic. Patients being seen by TRICARE-approved providers downtown who currently refill their medications at a 24MDG Pharmacy may continue to do so through Sept. 1.

However, once we are a Troop Clinic, only active duty personnel can have their prescriptions filled at Medical Group facilities. Any family members remaining in Panama after that date will have to use civilian pharmacies for refills.

Family Advocacy Program direct services will be limited to brief interventions and assuring victim safety only, and will be managed by an available military health provider only until expeditious return stateside can be arranged.

Family Advocacy Program services at Fort Clayton cease in mid-April and

will terminate July 16 at Howard AFB. Family Advocacy Prevention Programs terminate June 30. Substance Abuse counseling services for family members terminate July 16.

Educational and Development Intervention Services (EDIS: used to be called EIS/MRS) will end at Fort Clayton June 30.

Exceptional Family Member Program services after the end of May will be limited strictly to reassignment of Q-Code families and EFMP re-assignments.

We apologize for the inconvenience which termination of services may cause some individuals. All families needing the above services are urged to re-locate stateside or to their OCONUS follow-on locations early, to avoid discomfort or inconvenience resulting from necessary phased close-down of 24MDG operations in Panama.

West Bank vet clinic to begin operations May 17

by Monica D. Daes
TSB Marketing Specialist

HOWARD AFB — Starting on May 17, Howard AFB and Fort Kobbe residents will no longer have to travel to the Corozal Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) for their pet's appointment.

In another effort to assist pet owners during the drawdown, the Panama District Veterinary Command, U.S. Army South and the 24th Wing have coordinated the establishment of the West Bank Veterinary Clinic at the Old Howard Thrift Shop, Building 202, Howard AFB.

Among the many services available at the upcoming clinic, pet owners will be able to obtain health certificates and complete pet outprocessing, including a final medical exam for screwworms and ticks. Other services offered include vaccinations, heartworm tests, heartworm preventatives, as well as tick and flea control medications and information on PCSing with pets.

According to Lt. Col. Larry Carpenter, commander of the Veterinary Command, the clinic will result in great savings in time for pet owners.

"The day of the appointment, your pets' record will be transferred from the Corozal Clinic to the West Bank Clinic. At the end of the day the records will be transferred back to the Corozal VTF for outprocessing and transmittal of the export certificate. Records and export certificates will be given to the owner upon completion of the final exam for screwworms and ticks, which should be done within 48 hours of departure."

"There is no need for west bank pet owners to travel to the Corozal VTF," he said. This second appointment for screwworms and ticks will also be scheduled at the West Bank Clinic, if the owner so desires.

The West Bank clinic will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It will cease operations on Aug. 13, when most pets will have been shipped out of Panama. The Corozal VTF will continue operations until its scheduled closure on Aug. 31, in accordance with the TIP drawdown.

To schedule an appointment at the West Bank clinic, please contact 285-5866 or 285-5867.

Times are changing

by Richard K. Robinson
Ambulance Service

FORT CLAYTON — Yes, the times are changing, and so is the Ambulance Service at the Fort Clayton Clinic. Due to the treaty mandated drawdown, the last TDY ambulance crew will be departing Panama in early May. The 24th Medical Group has contracted with a civilian ambulance company to continue to provide high quality emergency response services to the East Bank, which began Saturday.

According to Capt. Christopher Alexander, Fort Clayton Clinic administrator, "All ambulances will be equipped with state-of-the art medical equipment and will be staffed by bilingual, U.S. certified National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians." This is the same registry that certifies all Department of Defense emergency medical technicians. Twenty-four-hour ambulance service will be located on Fort Clayton through July 31. After that date the ambulances will respond from off post.

The steps to request an ambulance remain the same. Simply call 281-HELP or 284-HELP and the response plan will be put into action. "This transition will be seamless," Alexander said, "The community can expect to see the same level of emergency response services as it had before."



photo by Senior Airman Jeremy Moore (USAF)

Best of the Best

Most of the 430 people who make up the 24th Medical Group — 250 military members, approximately 180 Department of Defense civilians, civilian contractors, TRICARE partner physicians and civilian overhires — gathered for a post-inspection celebration April 30 at Howard. The members emerged from a combined inspection by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Health Services Inspection Agency with a rating of 97, better than 95 percent of all ambulatory care institutions that have gone through the inspection. In addition, JCAHO inspectors found three "best practices" being employed by 24th MDG personnel which they'll take back and encourage healthcare organizations across the United States to adopt.

Rodman transfers to the Government of Panama



One last time

(Top photo) GMC (SW) Gelenn McFarlin, security officer, Rodman Naval Station (right) and MA2 (PJ) Bill Gallagher, assistant security officer, Rodman Naval Station, fold the U.S. flag one last time April 30 in front of the former headquarters building on Rodman. Rodman Naval Station officially transferred to the Government of Panama May 1.

(Right photo) Sailors at Rodman Naval Station lower the U.S. flag for the final time.

photos by Spc. Kenneth K. Rockett



Crash claims first U.S. deaths in Balkans

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service)—Two soldiers killed Tuesday in the crash of their Apache helicopter in Albania are the first U.S. troops to die in the NATO air offensive against Yugoslavia.

President Clinton, in Spangdahlem, Germany, Wednesday to visit airmen and soldiers involved in Operation Allied Force, said the jobs service members do are inherently dangerous.

"Just yesterday we lost two brave Americans in a helicopter training accident in Albania, and today we grieve with their families and pray for them," he said.

Officials will not comment further on the crash until the Army completes its investigation of the accident. To date, the United States has lost an F-117 and an F-16 over Yugoslavia. Combat search and rescue specialists rescued both pilots. Last week, a Marine AV-8B Harrier crashed during carrier qualifications and another Apache crashed during a training exercise in Albania; no one was injured in these incidents.

Clinton told the airmen, soldiers and their families that Yugoslav action in Kosovo is an affront to everything the United States and the other 18 countries of NATO stand for.

"Two months ago there were 1.8 million ethnic Albanians living [in Kosovo]," he said. "Now more than 1.5 million have been forced from their homes. Their villages burned, their men often separated from their families and killed — some of them bundled and set on fire."

This violence, he said, is the result of a deliberate, calculated 10-year campaign by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to exploit the religious and ethnic differences in the former Yugoslavia to preserve and enhance his dictatorial powers. Clinton pointed to earlier conflicts in Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia as proof of Milosevic's intent. He said Milosevic's so-called ethnic cleansing has included concentration camps, murder and rape. It has also entailed the destruction of priceless religious, cultural and historical sites and of the books and records of other ethnic groups. "It is evil," Clinton said.

Clinton said the ultimate goal of the air campaign

against Yugoslavia is to create "the kind of world where an innocent people are not singled out for repression, for expulsion, for destruction just because of their religious and ethnic heritage."

NATO stands for the freedom and unity of Europe, he said, yet the Yugoslav persecution of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo is "occurring in the heart of Europe, on NATO's doorstep. We must repudiate it. We must reverse it, and we intend to do that."

Clinton stressed NATO has no quarrel with the Serb people.

"Our quarrel is with ethnic cleansing and systematic killing and uprooting and bigotry," he said.

He reiterated NATO's goals: Milosevic must agree to withdraw all army, police and paramilitary units in Kosovo. NATO must be the core of any security force in the province, and the ethnic Albanians who lived there must be allowed to return.

"We will continue to pursue this campaign in which we are now engaged," he said. "We will intensify it in an unrelenting way until these objectives are met."

He said he understands the stresses on U.S. pilots flying missions in support of Allied Force. He also sympathized with families. "I know this is hard," he said. "I know too many of these pilots are flying long hours with too little rest. I know the stress and anxiety must be unbearable."

But, Clinton said, service members who wonder if it is worth it should look around when they meet other service members. The U.S. military is the best in the world and it includes all ethnic, religious and racial segments of the United States, he said.

"Together we make a stronger military," he said. "Thank God you live in a society that honors the differences [among people]. Think how terrible it would be to live in a society that didn't."

"A few years ago you helped end the cruel war in Bosnia, and I'm sorry you have to do it all over again, but I'm proud of the job you're doing today in Kosovo," Clinton said.

Orientation for Non-DoD schools

FORT CLAYTON — Command sponsored military personnel and civilian employees with school-age dependents remaining in Panama past August 1999 are urged to attend one of the non-DoD schools orientations to be held May 17, 1999 at 1 p.m. at the Howard Elementary School Auditorium and at 5 p.m. at the Valent Recreation Center on Fort Clayton.

The orientation will be conducted by Dr. Charles Renno, DoDDS Panama/Cuba Non-DoD School liaison and Miriam Borras, DoDDS Panama/Cuba Non-DoD specialist who have been administering the non-DoD school program for Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

At the orientation, parents will be provided with an Application for Enrollment in a Non-DoD School for each of their school-age children, and an explanation of the covered and non-covered educational expenses. Those schools in Panama which have an English or bilingual program are being invited to send representatives to the meetings to explain their programs, requirements, and answer questions from parents. Private schools in Panama have selective enrollment policies, which means they do not take all applicants. Some also have waiting lists. It is, therefore, imperative to complete enrollment early to be sure that children will be able to attend school this fall.

For those parents who can not find an acceptable school locally, the non-DoD school program can support home schooling for grades K-8 through the Calvert Home School Program and for grades 9-12 through the University of Nebraska Independent Study High School. Military members who brought their dependents to Panama at their own expense and civilians without a travel agreement do not qualify for educational benefits under the non-DoD school program.

Hasta Luego T-shirt

The American Red Cross is having an Hasta Luego T-shirt sale. All prices have been drastically reduced. To purchase your T-shirt, stop by the Red Cross Office 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. starting Monday in Room 344, Building 519 on Fort Clayton. For more information, contact the Red Cross at 288-5509.

School physicals

The Howard Air Force Base and Fort Clayton Pediatric Clinics are increasing the number of school physical appointments available. Physical appointments will be offered 1 - 3:30 p.m. daily. For more information, contact your local clinics.

FSU Commencement

The Florida State University Panama Canal Branch cordially invites you to its 1998 - 99 Commencement Ceremony 10 a.m. Saturday at the Panama Canal College Auditorium, La Boca, Balboa. For more information, call 285-6386/6388.

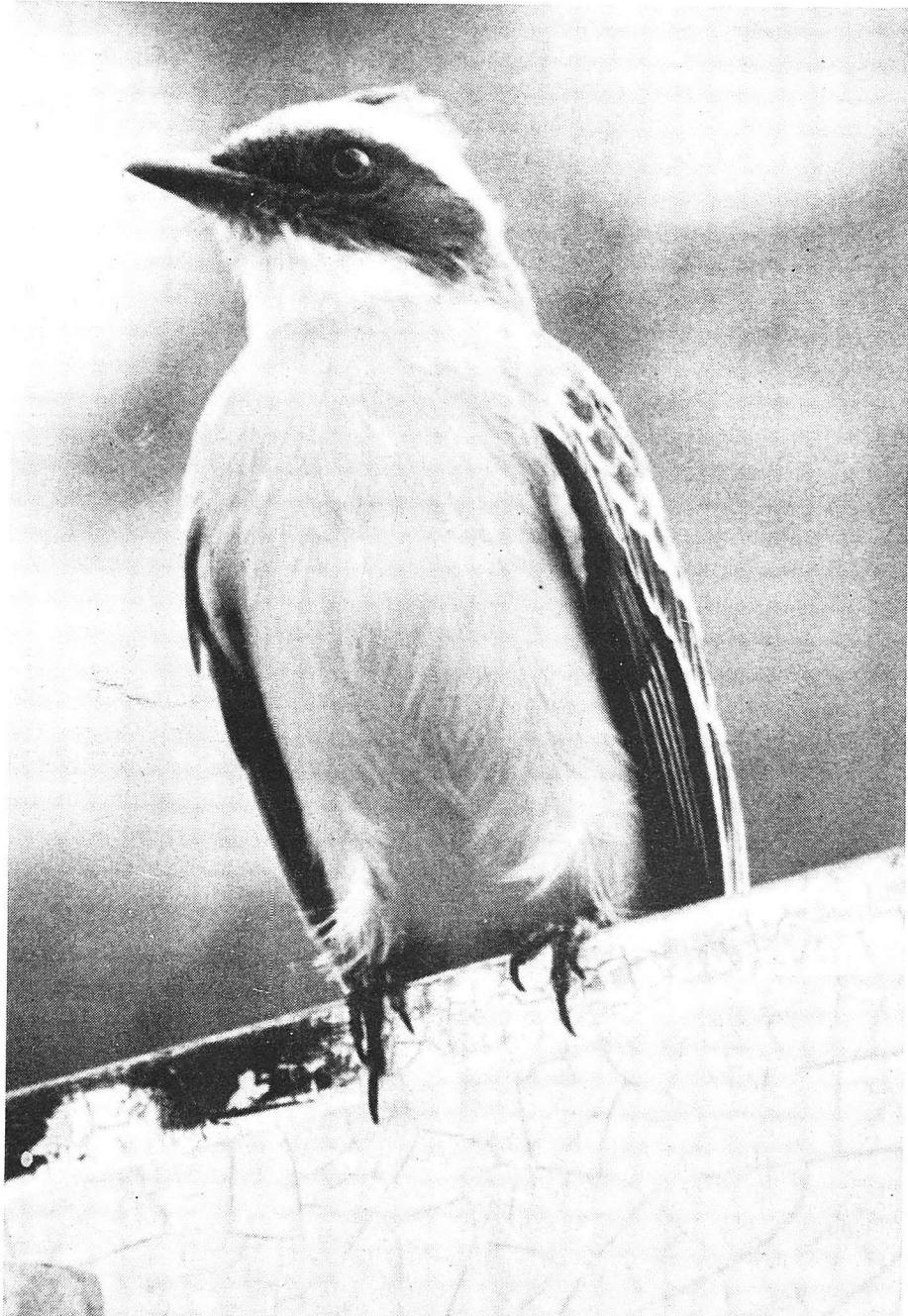


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The beauty of nature

story and photos by
Spc. Kenneth K. Rockett
Tropic Times Staff

Hard day at work, huh? Maybe a little bit of stress at home too? Or maybe that's not it at all.

Maybe you're just tired of the same old routine of going out to the club, or going to the movies or just sitting in front of the television wasting who-knows-how-many hours of your life.

Well, I have a suggestion. Go nature watching. Step out of the routine and enter a world where things operate on a much simpler level.

It's real easy, too. No crowds, no long lines for tickets, no commercials, just the world around you and the creatures that live in it.

You don't have to go far, either. There are many animals right outside your door just waiting to be discovered, observed and appreciated.

I remember when I was a kid growing up in western North Carolina and I used to sit on the porch at home and watch spiders meticulously weaving their webs or lizards basking in the midday sun. Squirrels ran around looking for nuts while robins carried worms back to the nest where the young waited for their lunch to arrive.

And it's no different here in Panama. In fact, there is a diversity of

animal life here not found hardly anywhere else in the world.

Do a little research and read about different types of birds or insects there are, then grab a pair of binoculars and try to find them.

Visit El Valle, or Chiriquí or the Barro Colorado Island Nature Preserve. If you don't feel comfortable traveling that far then you could visit the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute out on the causeway past what used to be Fort Amador. Or get close to a crocodile during a crocodile photo safari.

Many of these trips are just a phone call away through the Air Force and Army Outdoor Recreation Centers.

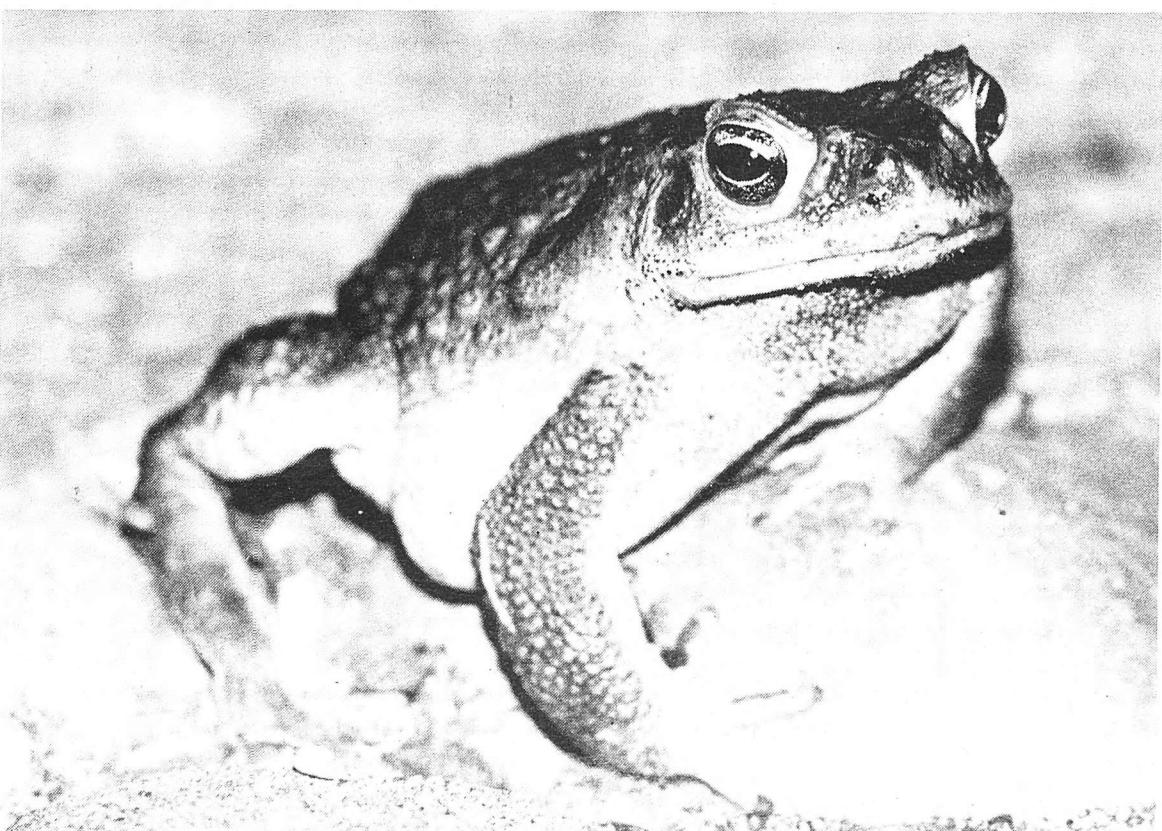
You could even turn nature watching into a hobby. Take pictures to document your experience or start an insect collection.

But more than anything, just relax and observe. Without trying to sound corny, become nature.

Just remember, nature watching is nature *watching*, not touching.

Some animals are dangerous, and it's a good idea to keep your distance. So, when you grab for that insect that you just have to have for your collection, make sure you know what you're touching.

So what are you waiting for? Open your eyes and take advantage of a precious natural resource.





Trips and tours

Air Force**◆Outdoor Recreation: 284-6107**

Tours depart from Howard Theater.

Visit Gatun Lake 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, \$20. Take a trip to the Atlantic Side and enjoy the scenery and visit Gatun Locks, Fort San Lorenzo and the Fort Sherman Zoo. Stop for lunch at the Tarpon Club Restaurant.

Horseback riding at Cermeño

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, \$24. Experience an exciting ride at Cermeño Ranch in the valley of Capira. The spirited horses will delight you as you explore the beautiful surrounding area, famous for its rolling hills and breathtaking vista. Cost includes transportation, horses, gear and guide. Bring your own lunch and a change of clothing if you desire.

Portobelo and Langosta Beach tour 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, \$14/person. The historic site of Portobelo is located on the Atlantic coast in a large and beautiful bay which once had the capacity for as many as 100 Spanish galleons. After Portobelo, we will stop at Langosta Beach where you can snorkel, go shelling or sun bathe. Be sure to bring coolers with drinks, beachwear and snorkeling gear.

Crocodile photo safari 8 - 11 p.m. Thursday, \$40. Trained guides will

capture the crocodiles, giving everyone the chance to take pictures. Don't forget insect repellent, your camera, flashlight and rain gear.

Panama Museums tour 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May 14, \$10. Visit the Natural Science, Reina Torres and the New Canal Museums in Casco Viejo. Discover the culture, art, history, flora and fauna of this wonderful country. Bring some extra money to pay for the small entrance fees and for lunch.

Old Panama and Miraflores Locks tour 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 15, \$10.

Peacock Bass fishing 5 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 15, \$25. Be prepared to catch a boat load of fish while peacock bass fishing near Arenosa Village on Gatun Lake. Bring your own fishing gear, lunch and refreshments. Transportation, boat with guide, bait, ice and coolers for fish and fish cleaning are provided.

Drake's Island snorkeling trip 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 16, \$22. *Isla Drake*, the historical burial site of Sir Francis Drake, located on the Atlantic side near Portobelo, offers a unique opportunity to the novice snorkeler to explore a reef, see exotic fish and enjoy the beautiful Atlantic Ocean.

Army**◆Outdoor Recreation Center: 288-7355/6453**

Revival May 5 - 9, 1999

Confused, scared, or worried about all the changes? When's the last time that you felt God move mightily in your life through the simple gospel of Jesus Christ?

Come and join us for the last revival service before the total reversion and experience a move of God in your life that will give you peace and comfort throughout the transitions and beyond.

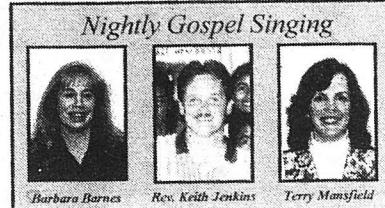
"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Rev. Ruth Mangiacapre



Chaplin Cindy Wagner



Nightly Gospel Singing

Service Times:

Wednesday - Saturday
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday morning
10:30 - 12:00

Childcare
provided for
children
0 - 6 years old
each night



Barbara Barnes

Rev. Keith Jenkins

Terry Mansfield

For more information and directions, please contact Abundant Life Christian Center at 272-2501/272-2220



Griselda Sterling (Tropic Times)

El Nispero Zoo

Visit El Nisoero Zoo in El Valle and say hello to Mr. crocodile. Contact your Outdoor Recreation Center and set up your trip or tour now. Call 284-6107 or 288-7355.

Special events

Philharmonie Der

◆ Atlapa Convention Center

The National Association of Concerts is hosting the exceptional presentation of *Philharmonie Der Nationen* directed by Justus Frantz 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Atlapa Convention Center. Tickets are available at the association or at the center the night of the event. Come join us and enjoy this cultural event. For more information, call 214-7236.

Town Hall Meeting

◆ Fort Clayton

The U. S. Army South is hosting a Town Hall Meeting 9 a.m. Thursday at the Fort Clayton Valentine Recreation Center. Family and members of the entire community are welcome to participate and get updated information and learn about upcoming events. For more information, call 288-9303.

Recycling Marathon

◆ Fort Clayton

The Directorate of Community Activities is hosting a Recycling Marathon May 14. Collect bond paper, color paper and cardboard, non ferrous and ferrous metals, glass and aluminum cans. The delivery place is at the Recycling Collection Center located in Building 163, Fort Clayton. For more information, call 288-4838.

Shops and classes

Air Force

◆ Howard Community Center: 284-6161

Beginner, intermediate and advanced English and Spanish classes. Call the center for more information.

◆ Howard Pool: 284-3569

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday and holidays. Closed Monday.

Water Aerobics 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$2/class, call for more information.

◆ Howard Auto Skills Center: 284-3370

Hours: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesdays - Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays and closed Mondays and holidays.

Vehicle resale lot: Planning to sell your car? Contact Auto Skills at Howard.

Services: Towing 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesdays - Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays (as long as a qualified driver is on duty). If a tow extends beyond 5:30 p.m., there is an additional hourly charge. Air conditioning repair, brakes, oil changes, tune-ups, front-end alignment and welding available.

Vehicle inspection services 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesdays - Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays self help and closed Mondays. Cost is \$10.25. Have your vehicle inspected at the center in Building 722. Vehicles cannot be left for inspections. Call the center for details.

◆ Howard Wood Skills Center: 284-4510

For wood shop needs, please contact the **Fort Clayton Wood Shop**.

Army

◆ Fort Clayton Boat & Scuba Shop: 288-7355/6453

Fishing enthusiasts are invited to participate in a **Bass Fishing Tournament** through May. There's a \$50 cash prize per month and a \$200 cash prize for the Grand Finale. Register now at Building 178, Fort Clayton.

Motorboat operator course offered 8 a.m. - noon monthly. Fee is \$10 for Jon boat certification, \$20 for Boston Whaler/ocean certification. Advance reservations required.

Gatun Lake fishing charters available, \$30/person, minimum of three people, includes Jon boat w/30hp. Includes boat, guide, cooler, fishing tackle, bait and safety equipment.

Open-water dive classes begin Mondays. Minimum of six people required. Includes pool sessions, theory sessions and open-water dives. Register in advance.

The **Scuba Shop** has equipment for rent, advanced instruction and services to include repairing spear guns, regulators and gauges.

Auto Craft Center: The center is located in Buildings 178-A, B, C and Building 135, Fort Clayton.

The **shop features** work-area bays, electric lifts, instructions and classes.

Electric engine analysis 4 - 9 p.m. Mondays.

Air-conditioning

maintenance 2 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Noon - 5 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays.

Wheel alignment 3 - 9 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Brake repair class 1 - 9:30 p.m. Fridays.

◆ Fort Sherman Auto Shop Building 153:

Hours of operation: noon - 4 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays and Tuesdays, 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturdays and holidays.

The **shop** has four bays with one engine lift, tire-changing equipment, engine hoist, a compressor to remove shocks and various other equipment.

◆ Valent Recreation Center: 288-6500

New hours of operation: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mondays - Fridays, noon - 9 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Register for ongoing classes.

Spanish headstart class, eight week course, meets twice a week. **Intermediate**



Spanish classes available.

Fee includes manual. For more information, call the center.

Piano classes Mondays - Thursdays, half-hour sessions.

Basic English classes 10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Intermediate English Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call the center at 288-6500.

Employment

The Directorate of Civilian Personnel is accepting applications on a continuous basis for the following announcements. All interested applicants need to re-submit an updated SF-171 every six months. Registers established from these announcements will be used to fill temporary positions.

VB# 51-OC General Clerical, NM-4 (Used to fill most clerical positions). *

VB# 52-OC Sales Store Checker, NM-3 (Intermittent wk sch). *

* Until further notice, the written test for all temporary appointments to clerical positions at grades NM-2, 3, and 4 is waived.

VB# 55-OC Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-5, specialized experience required.

56th Signal Battalion Open Continuous Announcements

OPEN: 10-17-97 CLOSE: Will remain open until further notice

NOTE: The announcements listed below will be used to fill recurring (temporary/permanent) vacancies within various divisions of the 56th Signal Battalion. Interested candidates should ensure that their application package is complete in order to receive proper consideration (i.e. SF171, OF-612, Resume, DD-214 if claiming veteran's preference, SF-50, current performance appraisal).

NON-MANUAL POSITIONS:

VB# 21SIG Telecommunication Specialist, NM-391-11

VB# 26SIG Telecommunication Specialist, NM-391-09

VB# 30SIG Telecommunication Specialist, NM-391-7/9

Directorate of Community Activities, Sports & Leisure - Open Continuous Announcements

OPEN: 04-30-99 CLOSE: Until further notice

VB# 235A-99-SC Recreation Specialist, NM-188-05/07

RECRUITMENT INFORMATION:

HOW TO APPLY: Submit an SF-171, OF-612 or Resume to the Job Information Center, JIC, Building 560, Room 102, Corozal, by 4:14 PM on the closing date of the announcement. YOUR application must include: (1) Member 4 copy of the DD-214, if claiming veterans preference, (2) copy of college transcripts or PBCE Form 540, if claiming education, (3) copy of CASP notice of rating, if applicable, (4) copy of latest SF-50 if you are a current or previous federal employee. (If you are a temporary federal employee and have not received an official performance rating, please submit a memo/letter from your current supervisor regarding your performance).

IMPORTANT NOTE: All U.S. citizens and third country nationals applying for positions announced by this agency must attach copy of one the following documents: U.S. citizen/third country national bilingual ID card, issued to civilian/military command sponsored family members; cedula; VI-2 card; VI-3 card, provisional permit of permanency card, permit in process.

VB# VACANCY, TITLE AND LOCATION
OPEN: 05-07-99 CLOSE: 05-18-99

259-99-SS CONTRACT SPECIALIST, NM-1102-09. 9th ASC, 56th Signal Battalion, Resource Management Div., Contract Management Branch, Fort Clayton, Panama. Spec. Exp.: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-07. NOTE: Must be bilingual (Spanish/English). Temporary NTE: 07/18/99.

Club news

Clayton

◆ **The Loop: 288-7035.**

Enjoy the sports games on the TVs available in CJ's Sports Bar and Grill. Delicious appetizers available. **Lunch** is 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mondays - Fridays, **dinner** 5 - 9 p.m. Mondays - Fridays and 4:30 - 9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Prizmz opens until 11 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Select your favorite tunes tonight at 5 p.m. Over 100 CDs to choose from the 1950s to the 1990s.

◆ **Clayton Community Club: 288-4716.**

The Forum features Chef Rangel's special buffets. **Country buffet** 5 - 9 p.m. Wednesday features from ham hocks and fried chicken to black-eyed peas. **Seafood** Fridays. For those who prefer beef, the Forum is offering steak choices a la carte. Each evening is a treat on its own.

Sunday brunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The best deal in town, best value and best entertainment. Enjoy the hot and cold entrees, salads, breakfast items, pastries and desserts. Great food and background music.

The club features a special buffet 4:30 - 8 p.m. Sundays in the ballroom. Members pay \$5.95, special rate for children 5 to 11-years-old and under 5 free. Non-member fee available.

The Corral is open 7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Join in for great country sounds.

Tecno Latin Sounds 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at The Underground.

◆ **Casa Maria: 288-5767**

Authentic Mexican cuisine served 5 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays - Saturdays. Delivery service available on Fort Clayton.

◆ **La Mola Café: 288-4202**

Breakfast 6:30 - 9:30 a.m. Mondays - Fridays, 7 - 11 a.m. Saturdays - Sundays; **lunch** 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mondays - Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays - Sundays; **dinner** 5 - 8 p.m. daily.

◆ **Cafe 519: 288-6007**

Breakfast 6 - 11 a.m. Mondays - Fridays. **Lunch** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. with hot specials, a salad bar and sandwiches. Enjoy a **special buffet** Thursdays.

Howard

◆ **Howard Club-Building 113: 284-4680.**

The Officers Lounge has relocated to a co-located Top 3 Enlisted and Officer's lounge at Building 707.

◆ **Tropic Breeze Club-Building 710: 284-4189**

Cashiers hours: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturdays - Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. - noon Fridays.

Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Costs are \$7.95 adults, \$3.95 children ages 5 - 12 and under 5-years-old eat free.

Closed for lunch 1:15 - 2 p.m. daily.

"**A la Carte**" **Sunday breakfast** 9 a.m. - noon. Eggs-to-order, pancakes, bacon, sausage,

omelets, fresh breads, croissants and more.

A la Carte breakfast 6 - 9 a.m. Mondays - Fridays.

International lunch buffet 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$4.95. **Fridays:** Southern buffet. **Mondays:** All American. **Tuesdays:** Italian. **Wednesdays:** Mexican. **Thursdays:** Oriental.

All ranks a la carte dining. 5:30 - 9 p.m. Wednesdays - Saturdays. A great menu with appetizers, salads, soups and entrees to please everyone.

Breezeway open 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Mondays - Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 11 p.m. Sundays.

Steak out 2:30 - 8 p.m. Sundays.

◆ **Tropic Breeze Club Ballroom**

Open for special functions only. R & B 8 p.m. - midnight Fridays.

◆ **Tropic Breeze Club Casual Cove: 284-4189.**

Open 11 a.m. - midnight Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 11 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. Fridays.

Members only Social hour 5:30 p.m. Fridays.

Pool tournaments 6:30 p.m. Fridays.

Alternative Rock and Tecno 4 - 8 p.m.

Variety music 8 p.m. - midnight Saturdays

Karaoke plus Late Night Disco 11 a.m. - midnight Monday and more **Karaoke** until 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Free juke box 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Service members appreciation day and draft beer special all day Wednesday.

Pool tournament 7 p.m. Wednesday

Social hour with snack 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday

Country and Western night 8 - 11 p.m. Thursdays.

Members night and club card drawing 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. **Social hour reduced prices** 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

All nighters 9 p.m. May 15 **Los Almirantes** and May 30 **Castalia y los Salchichas**. Open to enlisted members and their guest.

◆ **Top 3 Enlisted Lounge: 284-4189**

Open 4 - 9 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and 4 - 11 p.m. Fridays.

Super social hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Blue note 7 p.m. Sunday. All ranks welcome.

Boss and buddy night social hour snacks 5:30 p.m. Mondays.

◆ **Mulligan's on the Green at Horoko: 283-3295**

Breakfast menu 6 - 10 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Open for lunch and dinner.

Weekly lunch and dinner 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Fridays, 6 - 9:30 p.m. Saturdays and 6 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sundays and holidays.

Mongolian barbecue 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mondays, \$8.95 for the first 8-ounce and \$4.95 for the vegetarian version.

◆ **Cafe Seven-O-Seven-Building 707: 284-5848**

Open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mondays - Fridays. Noon - 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Try our deli sandwiches and pastries.



Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Howard AFB 284-3583	6:30 pm: <i>Simply Irresistible</i> 8:30 pm: <i>The Matrix*</i>	4:30 pm: <i>Forces of Nature**</i> 6:30 pm: <i>October Sky</i> 8:30 pm: <i>10 Things I Hate About You</i>	4:30 pm: <i>My Favorite Martian**</i> 6:30 pm: <i>Simply Irresistible</i> 8:30 pm: <i>The Matrix*</i>	7 pm: <i>October Sky</i>	7 pm: <i>The Matrix*</i>	7 pm: <i>10 Things I Hate About You</i>	7 pm: <i>Shakespeare in Love</i>
Fort Clayton 288-7279	6:30 pm: <i>October Sky</i> 8:30 pm: <i>200 Cigarettes</i>	4:30 pm: <i>My Favorite Martian**</i> 6:30 pm: <i>Simply Irresistible</i> 8:30 pm: <i>The Matrix*</i>	4:30 pm: <i>Forces of Nature**</i> 6:30 pm: <i>October Sky</i> 8:40 pm: <i>10 Things I Hate About You</i>	7 pm: <i>The Matrix*</i>	7 pm: <i>Shakespeare In Love</i>	7 pm: <i>The Matrix*</i>	7 pm: <i>Rushmore</i>

Theater News
Movie Guide Rating

All movies are subject to change depending on arrival in country

Tickets are available in five price categories: \$3.50, \$3, \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1. *First run movies \$3.50 **Special Price

AAFES Home Page: www.panama.phoenix.net/~aafespan.default.html

R Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.
PG-13 Parental guidance suggested for children under 13.
PG Parental guidance suggested.
G Suitable for general audience.

Now showing
Forces of Nature

Sandra Bullock, Ben Affleck

Ben has two days to get from New York to Savannah for his wedding. How hard can that be in this age of planes, trains and automobiles? Various circumstances hinder his trip to Savannah. Ben has to wonder if somebody up there is trying to tell him something. **R, 1 hr, 49 min.**

The Matrix

Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne

Keanu Reeves stars in a cyberpunk thriller where human life is discovered to be a virtual dream. Reeves is a computer hacker who uncovers an elaborate campaign of deceit. Computer overlords have created an extensive earthly facade with plans to dominate the "real" world. Rebels Laurence Fishburne and Carrie-Anne Moss team with Reeves to combat the Matrix. **R, 2 hr, 10 min.**

My Favorite Martian

Jeff Daniels, Christopher Lloyd

Based on the television series, "My Favorite Martian," ambitious television reporter Tim O'Hara stumbles upon a Martian whose spaceship has accidentally crash landed on earth. **PG, 1 hr, 28 min.**

Simply Irresistible

Sarah Michelle Gellar, Sean Patrick Flannery

Sean Patrick Flannery stars as a department store clerk who falls prey to restaurateur Sara Michelle Gellar. While he tries to resist the young chef's charms, Gellar struggles to keep her mother's business afloat. Her fortunes change when she discovers a magical crab that gives her the power to cook up anything—even love. **PG-13, 1 hr, 15 min.**

October Sky

Jake Gyllenhaall, Laura Dern

Jake Gyllenhaal stars as former NASA science engineer Homer Hickam. Growing up in a small town, Hickam is destined to follow in the footsteps of his coal mining father until the soviet satellite Sputnik flies over his town and inspires him and his friends to build and launch their own homemade rockets. **R, 1 hr, 48 min.**

Shakespeare In Love

Gwyneth Paltrow, Ralph Fiennes

Fiennes stars as a young William Shakespeare with writers block in this elizabethan comedy. Gwyneth Paltrow won the 1999 Oscar for Best Actress while Judi Dench won Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth. The movie won Best Picture. **R, 1 hr, 49 min.**

Rushmore

Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray

Jason Schwartzman stars as a student who loves attending the Rushmore Academy. He's the editor of the newspaper and yearbook; and involved in every club from the dodgeball society to the debate team. He's also one of the worst students. Amidst the threat of expulsion, Schwartzman falls for first grade teacher Olivia Williams, as does his tycoon mentor Bill Murray. **R, 1 hr, 49 min.**

10 Things I Hate About You

Larisa Oleynik, Julia Stiles

A high school version of "Taming of the Shrew." A rule in the Stratford household forbids Oleynik from dating until her ill-tempered sibling does so first. In desperation, wannabe boyfriend Joseph Gordon-Levitt tries to find one who can tame and woo the older sister's heart. **PG, 1 hr, 43 min.**


Howard AFB

6:30 pm: *October Sky*
(PG) Jake Gyllenhaal,
Laura Dern

8:30 pm: *The Matrix*
(R) Keanu Reeves,
Laurence Fishburne

Fort Clayton

6:30 pm: *Simply Irresistible* (PG-13) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Sean Patrick Flannery

8:30 pm: *Life* (R)
Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence

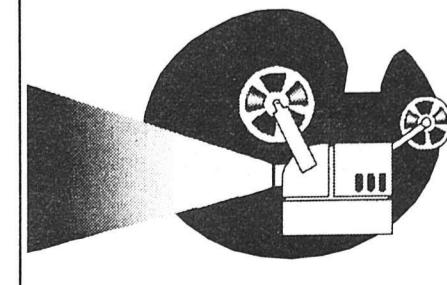
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Early morning & daytime TV programming

Key: + Program time change due to live programming event; * Mature theme; ** Series starts; ***Series ends; **** Program moved to new day and/or time

Channels 8 & 10	Friday, May 7	Saturday, May 8	Sunday, May 9	Monday, May 10	Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13
	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Headline News	6:00 The Coral Ridge Hour	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Today Show
	8:00 Headline News	6:30 Classic Cartoon	6:30 Outreach of Love	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News
	8:30 Showbiz Today	7:00 Sesame Street Specials	7:00 The Field Afar	8:30 Showbiz Today	8:30 Showbiz Today	8:30 Showbiz Today	8:30 Showbiz Today
	9:00 Sesame Street	7:30 Classic Cartoon	7:30 Day of Discovery	9:00 Sesame Street	9:00 Sesame Street	9:00 Sesame Street	9:00 Sesame Street
	10:00 Barney & Friends	9:00 Aaahh! Real Monsters	8:00 Sunday Today	10:00 Mister Rogers'	10:00 Blues Clues	10:00 Barney & Friends	10:00 Blues Clues
	10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal	9:30 Are You Afraid of the Dark?	9:00 Air Force TV News	10:30 Neighbrhd	10:30 Co-Ed Training	10:30 Bodyshaping	10:30 CoEd Training
	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	9:30 Adventures Book Of Virtues	9:30 Adventures Book Of Virtues	10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
	Great Moms	10:00 Navy/Marine Corps News	10:00 Promised Land	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	12:00 Headline News	12:00 Headline News	12:00 Headline News
	12:00 Headline News	10:30 Air Force TV News	11:00 MLS Soccer: NY/NJ Metrostars at D.C. United	12:00 Headline News	12:30 Wheel of Fortune	12:30 Wheel of Fortune	12:30 Wheel of Fortune
	12:30 Wheel Of Fortune	11:00 Nova	1:00 Friday Night	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles
	1:00 Port Charles	12:00 Dateline NBC	2:00 Videolink	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light
	1:25 Guiding Light	1:00 34th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards	3:00 The Field Afar	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital
	2:15 General Hospital	3:00 The Joy Luck Club (TV-PG)	3:30 Newton's Apple	3:00 Blues Clues	3:00 Sesame Street	3:00 Animaniacs	3:00 Animaniacs
	3:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	4:00 Soul Train	4:00 Nick News Class	4:00 Saved By Bell: New Class	4:30 LegendsOf/Hidden Temple	4:30 Blues Clues	4:30 Blues Clues
	3:30 Kraft's Creatures	4:00 NASCAR Craftsman Trucks: Memphis 200	See Primetime table	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!
	4:00 Sesame Street	5:00 NBC Nightly News	12:30 America's Black Forum	5:30 NBC Nightly News	See Primetime table	5:30 NBC Nightly News	See Primetime table
	5:00 Jeopardy!	See Primetime table	1:00 Friday Night	1:05 Magnum Force (TV-PG)	12:35 ESPNNews	12:35 ESPNNews	12:35 ESPNNews
	5:30 NBC Nightly News	2:00 Videolink	2:00 All That	1:05 The Untouchables (TV-PG)	1:05 In The Line Of Fire (TV-PG)	1:05 In The Line Of Fire (TV-PG)	1:05 Connection (TV-PG)
	See Primetime table	3:00 House Party I (TV-PG)	3:00 Superman	3:00 Cagney & Lacey: View Through Glass Ceiling (TV-PG)	3:00 Full Eclipse (TV-PG)	3:00 Full Eclipse (TV-PG)	3:00 Robocop 3 (TV-PG)
	12:35 ESPNNews	5:00 Madame Sousatzka (TV-PG)	4:00 California Dreams	4:00 Nick News	5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News
	1:00 ABC Nightline	5:30 NBC News at Sunrise	4:30 All That	4:30 Scholastic Sports	5:30 NBC News at Sunrise	5:30 NBC News at Sunrise	5:30 NBC News at Sunrise
	1:30 CNN Headline News		5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!			
	2:00 PGA Golf: Compaq Classic (2nd Round)	3:00 Teamster Boss: Jackie Presser (TV-PG)	5:30 NBC Nightly News	5:30 NBC Nightly News			
	4:00 Basketball: Harlem Globetrotter's vs College All-Stars	5:00 Headline News	5:30 NBC News at Sunrise	5:30 NBC News at Sunrise			
		5:30 Hour of Power					

Cable 14 & 63	Friday, May 7	Saturday, May 8	Sunday, May 9	Monday, May 10	Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13
	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Headline News	6:00 The Coral Ridge Hour	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Today Show	6:00 Today Show
	8:00 Headline News	6:30 Classic Cartoon	6:30 Outreach of Love	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News
	8:30 Showbiz Today	7:00 Sesame Street Specials	7:00 The Field Afar	8:30 Showbiz Today	8:30 Showbiz Today	8:30 Showbiz Today	8:30 Showbiz Today
	9:00 Sesame Street	7:30 Muppet Babies	7:30 Day of Discovery	9:00 Sesame Street	9:00 Sesame Street	9:00 Sesame Street	9:00 Sesame Street
	10:00 Barney & Friends	8:00 Disney's Pepper Ann	8:00 Sunday Today	10:00 Mister Rogers'	10:00 Blues Clues	10:00 Barney & Friends	10:00 Blues Clues
	10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal	8:30 Disney's Recess	9:00 Air Force TV News	10:30 Neighbrhd	10:30 Co-Ed Training	10:30 Bodyshaping	10:30 CoEd Training
	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	9:00 Aaahh! Real Monsters	9:30 Adventures Book Of Virtues**	10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
	Great Moms	9:30 Are You Afraid of the Dark?	10:00 Promised Land	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	12:00 Headline News	12:00 Headline News	12:00 Headline News
	12:00 Headline News	10:00 Navy/Marine Corps News	11:00 NBA Playoffs: Tripleheader: (First Round)	12:00 Headline News	12:30 Wheel of Fortune	12:30 Wheel of Fortune	12:30 Wheel of Fortune
	12:30 Wheel Of Fortune	10:30 Air Force TV News	12:30 America's Black Forum	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles
	1:00 Port Charles	11:00 NBA Playoffs	1:00 Friday Night	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light
	1:25 Guiding Light	11:00 NBA Playoffs	2:00 Videolink	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital
	2:15 General Hospital	12:00 Dateline NBC	3:00 Superman	3:00 Disney's Mighty Ducks	3:00 Goof Troop	3:00 Animaniacs	3:00 Animaniacs
	3:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	1:00 Madame Sousatzka (TV-PG)	4:00 California Dreams	4:00 Nick News	4:00 Gargoyles	4:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	4:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys
	3:30 Kraft's Creatures	12:00 Baywatch	4:30 All That	4:30 Scholastic Sports	4:30 Saved By Bell: New Class	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!
	4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess	1:00 Madame Sousatzka (TV-PG)	5:00 NBC News at Sunrise	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 NBC Nightly News	5:00 NBC Nightly News	5:00 NBC Nightly News
	5:00 Jeopardy!	3:00 Teamster Boss: Jackie Presser (TV-PG)		5:30 NBC Nightly News	See Primetime table	See Primetime table	See Primetime table
	5:30 NBC Nightly News			5:30 NBC Nightly News	12:35 ESPNNews	12:35 ESPNNews	12:35 ESPNNews
	See Primetime table			5:30 NBC Nightly News	1:05 The Untouchables (TV-PG)	1:05 In The Line Of Fire (TV-PG)	1:05 Connection (TV-PG)
	12:35 ESPNNews			5:30 NBC News at Sunrise	3:00 48 Hours (TV-PG)	3:00 Full Eclipse (TV-PG)	3:00 Robocop 3 (TV-PG)
	1:05 Ghost (TV-PG)	5:00 Headline News		5:30 NBC News at Sunrise	5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News
	3:30 Shipwrecked (TV-G)	5:30 Hour of Power			5:30 NBC News at Sunrise		5:30 NBC News at Sunrise
	5:00 Headline News						
	5:30 ESPNNews						

Cable 15 & 64	Friday, May 7	Saturday, May 8	Sunday, May 9	Monday, May 10	Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13
	6:00 CBS 48-Hours	6:00 Dateline NBC Fri	6:00 Motor Week	6:00 Dateline NBC Sun	6:00 Dateline NBC Mon	6:00 Dateline NBC Tuesday	6:00 Dateline NBC Wednesday
	7:00 ABC Crime & Justice	7:00 ABC 20/20 Fri	6:30 This Week In Motor Sports	7:00 Navy/Marine Corps News	7:00 Early Edition	7:00 Early Edition	7:00 ABC 20/20 Wed
	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Saturday Morning	7:00 Showbiz	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News	8:00 Headline News
	8:30 Morning Business Report	9:00 Style with Elsa Klensch	7:00 Sunday Morning	8:00 Air Force TV News	8:30 Morning Business Report	8:30 Morning Business Report	8:30 Morning Business Report
	9:00 ABC Good Morning America	10:00 Saturday	8:00 CBS Sunday Morning	8:00 Headline News	9:00 ABC Good Morning America	9:00 ABC Good Morning America	9:00 ABC Good Morning America
	11:00 NHL Playoffs: (T) Teams To Be Announced	11:00 Saturday	9:30 CBS Face the Nation	8:30 Morning Business Report	11:00 NBA Playoffs: (T) Teams To Be Announced	11:00 NHL Playoffs: (T) Teams To Be Announced	11:00 Major League Baseball: (T)
	2:00 MSNBC Time and Again	11:30 Headline News	10:00 International	9:00 ABC Good Morning America	1:30 ESPNNews	2:00 MSNBC Time and Again	2:00 MSNBC Time and Again
	3:00 Headline News	12:00 Major League Baseball: Burden Of Proof	10:30 Style with Elsa Klensch	9:00 ABC Good Morning America	2:00 ABC 20/20 Sun	3:00 Headline News	3:00 Headline News
	4:00 Inside Politics	3:00 PGA Golf: Compaq Classic (New Orleans)	11:00 MLS Soccer: NY/NJ Metrostars at D.C. United	10:30 Rugrats	3:00 Headline News	4:00 Inside Politics	4:00 Inside Politics
	5:00 Showbiz Today	Compaq Classic: New Orleans Energy	12:00 Major League Baseball: Angels at Red Sox	11:00 Simpsons	4:00 Burden Of Proof	5:00 Showbiz Today	5:00 Showbiz Today
	5:30 NBC Nightly News	5:00 NASCAR Craftsman Trucks	12:00 Dateline NBC	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	4:00 Showbiz Today	5:30 NBC Nightly News	5:30 NBC Nightly News
	See Primetime table	Memphis 200	1:00 ABC This Week	1:00 ER	5:30 NBC Nightly News	See Primetime table	See Primetime table
	12:30 ESPNNews	See Primetime table	2:00 ABC PGA Golf: (T) Compaq Classic: Energy (Final Round)	2:00 Rugrats	5:30 NBC Nightly News	12:30 ESPNNews	12:30 ESPNNews
	1:00 ABC Nightline	12:00 Headline News	1:00 ABC PGA Golf: (T) Compaq Classic: Energy (Final Round)	3:00 Simpsons	See Primetime table	1:00 ABC Nightline	1:00 ABC Nightline
	1:30 Headline News	12:30 ESPNNews	1:00 ABC PGA Golf: (T) Compaq Classic: Energy (Final Round)	11:30 Home Improvement	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	1:30 Headline News	1:30 Headline News
	2:00 PGA Golf: (T) Compaq Classic (2nd Round)	1:00 Washington Week In Review	1:00 ABC PGA Golf: (T) Compaq Classic: Energy (Final Round)	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	1:00 Amazing Machines	2:00 NBA Playoffs: (T) Teams To Be Announced	2:00 NBA Playoffs: (T) Teams To Be Announced
	4:00 Basketball: (T) Harlem Globetrotter's vs College All-Stars	1:30 Wall Street Journal Report	5:00 Sportscenter	1:00 CBS: We Were There			

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PRIMETIME		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30				
Fri. May 7	8 & 10	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	ABC World News Tonight	"Sister, Sister"	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	X Files	Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman							
	14 & 63	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	Boy Meets World	"Sister, Sister"	Star Trek: Deep Space 9***	X Files	Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman							
	15 & 64	ABC World Nightly News	NHL Playoffs: Teams to be Announced					CBS Evening News	PBS Newshour	Headline News	Nightly Business Report						
	16 & 65	The View	Better Homes & Gardens	Home Matters	Grace Under Fire	Ellen	34th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards										
Sat. May 8	8 & 10	Cont: NASCAR Craftsman Trucks: Memphis 200		Beverly Hills 90210		Melrose Place		20/20 Friday		Headline News	Saturday Night Live						
	14 & 63	NBA Playoffs Tripleheader: First Round		Beverly Hills 90210		Melrose Place		20/20 Friday		Headline News	Saturday Night Live						
	15 & 64	Cont: NASCAR Craftsman Trucks: Memphis 200		Headline News	Navy/Marine Corps News	NFL Europe: Berlin Thunder at Amsterdam Admirals					Headline News	McLaughlin Group					
	16 & 65	Worship for Kids	On Main Street	700 Club	Real Videos	7th Heaven		Road to Avonlea		National Geographic Specials	The Field A Far	The Joy Luck Club (TV-PG)					
Sun. May 9	8 & 10	Doug	Rugrats	Bugs Bunny Mother's Day Special	Rugrat's Mother's Day Special	Star Trek: Deep Space 9				Headline News	Nova						
	14 & 63	NBA Playoffs Tripleheader: First Round		Bugs Bunny Mother's Day Special	Rugrat's Mother's Day Special	SCN Mothers Day Special: Mother (TV-PG)				Headline News	Nova						
	15 & 64	Headline News	Air Force TV News	Major League Baseball: Rangers at Blue Jays					Sports Tonight	This Week In NBA Basketball	Perspectives						
	16 & 65	Doug	Rugrats	Simpsons	Home Improvement	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	CBS: We Were There		New Detectives		ER						
Mon. May 10	8 & 10	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	60 Minutes		Dateline NBC		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show with David Letterman					
	14 & 63	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	60 Minutes		Sports Night	Everybody Loves Raymond	The Practice		Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman					
	15 & 64	ABC World News Tonight	NHL Playoffs: Team's to be Announced					CBS Evening News	PBS Newshour		Headline News	Nightly Business Report					
	16 & 65	Doug	Rugrats	Simpsons	Home Improvement	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Amazing Machines		Ancient Mysteries		Gun						
Tue. May 11	8 & 10	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	SCN Special: More True Stories Touched By An Angel		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	The Aviators		Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman						
	14 & 63	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	SCN Special: More True Stories Touched By An Angel		Men In Black (TV-PG)				Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman					
	15 & 64	NBA Playoffs: Teams to be Announced				NBA Playoffs: Teams to be Announced					Headline News	Nightly Business Report					
	16 & 65	Doug	Rugrats	Simpsons	Home Improvement	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	The Aviators		"Vietnam: The 10,000 - Day War"		Melrose Place						
Wed. May 12	8 & 10	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	NHL Playoffs: Teams to be Announced					CBS Evening News	Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman						
	14 & 63	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	Moesha	Home Improvement	Dawson's Creek		Buffy The Vampire Slayer		Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman					
	15 & 64	ABC World News Tonight	NHL Playoffs: Teams to be Announced					CBS Evening News	PBS Newshour		Headline News	Nightly Business Report					
	16 & 65	Doug	Rugrats	Simpsons	Home Improvement	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Understanding		A & E Biography: Pancho Villa		X-Files						
Thur. May 13	8 & 10	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	Friends	Working	Frasier	Mad About You	ER	Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman						
	14 & 63	SCN News :05 Headline News (JIP)	Showbiz Today	Friends	Working	Frasier	Mad About You	ER	Headline News	SCN News :35 Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	:35 Late Show w/ David Letterman						
	15 & 64	ABC World News Tonight	CBS Evening News	NBA Playoffs: Teams to be Announced				NBA Playoffs: Teams to be Announced									
	16 & 65	Doug	Rugrats	Simpsons	Home Improvement	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	American Experience: Heros	Biography: Colin Powell		Homicide: Life on Streets							

SCN Prime Time Movies & Specials

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MOTHER. After two failed marriages, a science fiction writer decides coming to terms with his mom will improve his chances for a successful relationship, so he moves in with his mom. (Comedy, 1996, TV-PG) 8 p.m. Sunday.

MEN IN BLACK. Agent K is a member of an organization that has been keeping track of extra-terrestrial aliens on earth for over 40 years. When K finds himself in need of a new partner, a brash NYPD detective, James Edwards fills the position, becoming Agent J. Armed with space-age technology and their razor-sharp wits, J and K investigate a newcomer who is bad news for earth. (Action, Comedy, TV-PG 1997) 8 p.m. Tuesday.

SCN's VCR Alert — Recommended for videotaping

GHOST. Sam and Molly are a happy couple and deeply in love. Walking back to their new apartment after a night out at the theater they encounter a thief in a dark alley, and Sam is murdered. He finds himself trapped as a ghost and realizes that his death was no accident. He must warn Molly about the danger that she is in. But as a ghost he can not be seen or heard by the living, and so he tries to communicate with Molly through Oda Mae Brown, a psychic who didn't even realize that her powers were real. (Romance, Drama, 1990, TV-PG) 1:03 a.m. Saturday.

SCN Weekend Sports

NBA Basketball Playoffs:

11am. Saturday

11am. Sunday

Playoff Tripleheader

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Cable 14

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Major League Baseball:

Noon Saturday

3pm. Sunday

7pm. Sunday

Angels at Red Sox

Braves at Padres

Rangers at Blue Jays

Cable 15

Cable 15

Cable 15

Auto Racing:

5pm. Saturday

Craftsman Truck Series: Memphis 200

Cable 15

NHL Hockey Playoffs:

6:30pm. tonight

Conference Semis-Game 1, Teams TBA

Cable 15

NFL Europe:

8pm. Saturday

Berlin Thunder vs Amsterdam Admirals

Cable 15



Classified Ads

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 288-5814.

Access to installations is allowed for ID card holders & pass holders only. All guests must be signed on by ID card holders.

El acceso a las instalaciones militares solamente le está permitido a las personas con tarjetas de identidad personal del Gobierno de los EEUU y el personal con pases de acceso a las instalaciones. Todos los invitados deben ser firmados a la entrada de las instalaciones por una persona con tarjeta de identidad personal de los EEUU.

Animals

Cocker Spaniel, 1 pup, 2 adult w/kennels, 284-6124

Cocker-poo, wht & tan, fern, spayed, grt w/kids, free, 223-0441

Husky German shepherd, mix, 14 mos, free, 284-6050

Pekinese, 1 yr, shots \$150/obo, 261-0971

Pit Bull, puppies w/shots & papers, 1 mos, 230-0663 after 6 pm

Yellow cockatiel w/cage \$50, 272-2028

Available

All occasion cakes, prof cake decorator, 2 days notice, 284-6608 Mary

Awesome cakes, giant cinnamon rolls, banana bread, 284-3798 Erica

Baby-sitter, anytime, wkdays, wknight & wknds, 288-7394 Sandra

Baby-sitter, available, housekeeper \$150, 266-4348 call 5:30 pm Felicia

Baby-sitter, dependable, responsible, housework, wkdays & wknds, available w/ref, 290-0595 Carmon

Doughnuts, jelly filled & regular, 284-3798 Erica

Maid, biling, reliable, f/p time, exc w/children & pets, 284-3198

Maid, Eng spking, grt w/kids, honest, dependable, 284-4970

Maid, Eng spking, hard working, grt cook, exc w/kids & pets, honest, reliable, 284-3538

Maid, Eng spking, housekeeper, live-in/out, Mon-Wed-Fri, honest, dependable, gd w/kids, 266-5164

Maid, housekeeper & child care, live-in/out w/ref, 284-4791

Maid, live-in/out, Mon-Fri, dependable, gd w/kids, ref, 228-2836 Nedy

Nanny, live-in, Eng spking, honest, reliable, gd w/kids, 288-6728

Never shave again! Body sugaring the natural method of hair removal, 284-3729

Pick up to move misc items all posts, 261-6694

Power window dr lock repair, 222-4972

Translation authorized, Span/Eng or viceversa, 251-0158

Upholstery curtains & interior decoration, 261-6694

Usborne books, Educational, Award Winning, 288-7319

Boats & campers

14' FG boat, 14 HP O/B w/trailer \$1500, 612-2069

16' canoe w/paddles \$150, 284-4530

16' Tri-hull, center console, 60 HP Mariner \$5000/obo, 272-5642

17' tracker bass boat, deep V, 75 HP O/B Mercury, exc cond \$6500, 285-4381

18' fiberglass panga "Argos", rocket trailer, 40 HP Evinrude, loaded, new, dty pd \$7500, 236-6987

18½' Tri-hull, open bow, 115 HP, trailer, many extras \$4500, 288-5809

21' FG boat, 351 eng w/trailer \$4000, 612-2069

21' Wellcraft, 200 HP Mariner, kicker, many extras, exc cond, dty pd \$19,000/obo, 272-5642

24' fbra, I/O Volvo, sleeps 4, built in frzr & more \$8900/obo, 272-2227

8 HP motor \$800, 284-6127

9' inflatable boat w/wooden floor, 5 HP Nissan O/B motor, like new \$1600, 225-1375

97 16' Orlando Clipper, 70 HP Evinrude, power trim, tilt lake \$4500, 272-1170

Knee board, wave board \$50, 272-6829

Lg canoe w/trailer, 272-1096

Military type utility trailer w/mounted spare, new tires, paint & bearings \$600, 272-2656

Sailboat trailer, boats to 30', grt shipping cradle \$1250, 232-5996

Trailer for sm boat or jet skis, all galvanized, new wheels, exc cond \$450, 272-2121

Water skis \$40, 272-6829

Cars

31 Ford Model A, extra parts, runs \$5000/obo, 272-2227 lv msg

65 Ford Mustang, 3 spd, am/fm cass radio, exc cond \$4200/obo, 284-6297

79 Chevy Caprice, 350 V-8, AT, new suspension, dual exhaust, dty pd \$750/obo, 288-7131

80 Chevy Malibu Coupe, V-6, 2 dr, runs gd, dty pd \$1200, 232-7130

81 Cadillac, AC, 4 dr, brn, leather, dsl, exc cond \$500, 226-0856

81 Dodge Ram Van, V-6, new tires, dty pd \$1400, 232-7016

83 Datsun 280 ZX, 5 spd, AC, t-top, am/fm CD player \$2500/obo, 284-6297

83 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, gd cond \$1300/neg, 284-3693

84 Buick Century, 4 dr \$1500/obo, 284-5578 lv msg

84 Datsun Maxima, needs batt, all/pwr, gd cond \$1500/neg, 288-7114

84 Toyota Corona, AC, needs body work, runs gd \$1500, 270-1018

85 Mercedes Benz 280 SE, LM, gd cond \$7000, 272-5792

85 Nissan Sentra, motor rebuilt, gd cond \$2200, 288-4373

85 Pontiac, 4 dr, FL, AC, runs exc \$1800, 285-4093

85 Porsche 944, 5 spd, red, exc cond, dty pd \$6900, 288-6574

85 Subaru 1800, 5 spd, 2 dr, AC, RC, gd cond, dty pd \$1800, 262-5843

85 Toyota Camry, 4 dr, AT, AC, am/fm radio, new tires & batt, runs grt \$2900/obo, 223-3265

85 VW Golf, 5 spd, 2 dr, AC, Pioneer stereo \$2000, 288-7292

86 Chysler 5th Avenue \$4700/obo, 236-4756

86 Mazda 323 LX, AC, 5 spd, sunroof \$2200/obo, 284-6297

86 Toyota Cressida, AT, AC, alarm, sunroof, dty pd \$4500/obo, 614-0159

87 Honda, dty pd \$2550, 264-8050

87 Nissan Lancer, AT, AC, loaded, dty pd \$3800, 272-2621

87 Toyota Corona, AC, AT, 4 dr, dty pd \$3000/obo, 277-7585

87 Toyota, AC, right hand drive, exc cond \$1700/obo, 224-7284

88 Chysler sta/wag, 4 dr, 4 cyl, AT, AC, rebuilt \$1600, 615-2613

88 Ford Escort, 5 spd, exc cond \$1500, 285-4093

88 Mitsubishi Lancer, PW, AC, am/fm, dty pd \$3500/obo, 232-7028

88 Toyota Corolla FX, 2 dr, AT, AC, looks & runs gd, dty pd \$3500, 259-9809

88 Volvo 240 DL Wagon, 5 spd, AC, new tires, gd cond \$4200, 272-2618

89 Ford Escort, wht, 5 spd, gd cond \$1500, 260-1642

89 Ford Tempo, 4 dr \$2000/obo, 284-5578 lv msg

89 Ford Tempo, many extras, exc car \$2300/obo, 272-287290 Jeep Cherokee Chief, loaded, gd cond \$7000, 272-2121

91 Ford Tempo, standard shift, 4 dr, AC, am/fm cass \$1500/obo, 227-8005

90 Chevy Corsica, V-6, AT, AC, am/fm cass \$2500, 288-7177

90 Hyundai Excel, AT, LM, dty pd \$3200, 259-9809

90 Volvo GL, 4 dr, PW, AC, AT, red w/hitch, exc cond \$5500, 284-9236

91 Geo Storm GSI, AC, LM, 5 spd, stereo, new tires, gd cond, 260-4094

91 Mustang 5.0, AT, LM \$4000, 263-3789

92 Ford Tempo GL, PS, PB, AC, 5 spd, am/fm cass \$3500/neg, 232-7130

92 Mitsubishi Galant, dty pd \$5500, 272-2078

92 Nissan Altima, AT, AC, dty pd \$6800/obo, 614-0159

92 Nissan Altima, LM \$7000/obo, 236-6295 after 5 pm

92 Pontiac Sunbird SE Coupe, V-6, AC, am/fm cass, 284-4596

92 Toyota Corona, AT, AC, stereo, dty pd \$4900, 260-8252

93 Mazda 626, 4 dr, blue, LM, loaded, dty pd \$7000/obo, 284-6297

93 Mercury Topaz \$3000/obo, 226-6474 after 7 pm

93 Mitsubishi Diamante, loaded, exc cond, 264-9440

94 C280 Mercedes Benz, 4 dr Sedan, exc cond \$25,000, 272-2080

94 Chevy Lumina, V-6, AT, AC, gray, dty pd \$6000, 260-5675

94 Ford Escort wag, AC, exc cond \$6500/obo, 288-5196

94 Toyota Corolla S/W, AT, AC, LM, air bags \$8750, 260-2693

94 Toyota Cressida, dty pd \$5500, 276-6336

95 BMW 318i, LM, alarm \$18,900, 288-6826

95 Chevy Lumina, V-6, AT, AC, gray, dty pd \$6000, 260-5675

95 BMW 318i, LM, alarm \$18,900, 288-6826

95 Volvo 940, 4 dr, AT, LM, sunroof, silver leather int, loaded \$16,000, 210-1522

96 Ford Taurus, dty pd \$9500, 276-6336

96 Honda Accord, 4 dr, AT, AC, am/fm cass, exc cond \$13,800, 284-5039

96 Honda Civic LX, LM, CD changer, loaded \$11,500, 284-6619

97 Mazda 323F, dty pd \$8500, 233-0074

97 Nissan Sentra, Kenwood stereo, CD changer, exc cond, dty pd \$8000/obo, 260-6179

98 Mitsubishi Lancer, 5 spd, spoiler, tint, exc cond, dty pd \$9800, 236-5511

99 Volvo 940, 4 dr, AT, LM, sunroof, silver leather int, loaded \$16,000, 210-1522

99 Volvo 940, 4 dr, AT, LM, sun



Classified Ads

Tropic Times
May 7, 1999 **B9**

L-shaped sofa sectional w/recliner & hide away bed \$800, 288-7234

Magic Chef micro w/cab \$200, twin matt & box spring \$60, 262-1251

Micro cart w/3 shelves, 232-6085

Oriental k/sz headboard \$150, teak dbl dresser w/lg mirror \$200, end tbs, 272-2676

Orthopedic matt & box spring, twin & f/sz, recliner, bkshelves & more, 230-2384

Q/sz bed \$200, sleep sofa \$300, sofa, lvseat \$350, 226-4090

Q/sz bed frame, box springs, matt, exc cond \$250, 284-4620 after 6 pm

Rattan sofa, lvseat, chair & tbl, china cab, buffet \$600, bunk beds \$300, 272-6829

Reclining sofa & lvseat w/coffee & endtbl \$800, deep chest frzr \$350, 288-6498

Refrig, dishwasher, LR furniture, DR chairs, computer desks, twin bed, 265-5691

Roll top desk w/marble counter top \$600, 272-2379

Rustic log bunk beds \$350, 25.6' refrig \$600, 272-2979

Sectional sofa, multi-colored \$800, roll top desk \$550, 288-7194

Semi-circular sofa, like new \$600, Queen Anne sofa tbl \$100, twin bed \$100, 223-1375

Sofa & lvseat, blk \$130, 288-7332

Sofa & lvseat, exc cond \$1000, lg chair & ottoman, exc cond \$300, 284-6539

Sofa hide-a-bed, Q/sz \$250, fl length mirror \$5, 288-5474

Sofa rattan trim \$275, dinette set w/4 chairs \$150, rugs \$75, girl's desk \$150, tbs \$75, 213-8825

Split Panasonic AC, 48,000 BTU \$875, 265-8113

Tbl w/6 chairs \$250, 18,000 AC \$500, Q/sz BR set \$100, 288-5083

Tbls, chairs, lamps, sofas, bar w/stools, lg roll top desk, beds, dresser, 612-2069

Teak DR tbl w/8 chairs, glass top w/lazy susan w/hutch \$200, 260-6527

Teak entertainment center, 3 pc \$500, 272-5642

Teak hope chest \$200, 272-5642

Twin bed \$150, dresser \$150, night stand \$50, 9 x 12 rug, It blue \$50, 272-2314

Twin/sz matt & box springs, 263-2936

Wall to wall carpet, 272-1096

Washer & dryer \$350, wall to wall carpet \$150/obo, 14,000 Whirlpool AC \$250, 272-6553

Washer & dryer, gd cond \$300 & more, 233-0074

Waterbed w/headboard \$100, kitchen tbl w/4 chairs \$175, 15' frzr \$275, 272-5678

Whirlpool 2dr refrig, gd cond \$550, 233-1080

Whirlpool dehumidifier, 25 pt capacity w/drain hose \$50, 284-3893

Whirlpool refrig \$350, 272-5642

Wht 9 x 12 rug, new \$80, dinette w/4 swivel chairs \$200, 272-2028

Wood bar \$500, 269-6728

Wood bkcse, 4 shelves, glass dr \$75, oak tbl & 4 chairs \$400, 284-6539

Wooden kitchen tbl w/4 chairs, 232-6026

Miscellaneous

100 LPs classical records \$50, 272-5792

2 basket hampers \$5/ea, brass tone shelves \$8, 288-5474

2 wood video shelves, holds 60 VHS tapes, gd cond \$60, 284-4620 after 6 pm

25 gal fist tank w/gravel \$30, Toro lawnmower, auto propelled \$250, trailer hitch a/2" ball, 272-2947

4 - 205x15 tires w/rims, 5 holes, new \$300, 232-7028

4 - 13" steel rims from 95 Toyota Corolla \$50, 272-2314

4" suspension for 86 - 95 Toyota pickup, 4Runner, pro comp w/shocks, new \$800, 236-6987

6 x 6 x6 walk in cage \$50, 12' alum antenna mast \$15, 272-2947

Air Force jacket 40R, 288-4572

Animal cage 24"x24"x36" \$30, 272-2671

Baby crib, wooden w/matt \$150, 229-0400

BBQ gas grill \$50, 284-4773

Beach umbrella, ceiling fans, 272-2621

Beanie babies to gd home, lg selection \$8 - 10, 288-5029

Beer soda vending mach \$350/obo, 272-5083

BHS commemorative pen & ink drawings, 11 x 17 \$10, set of 10 6x8 notecards \$15, 288-7195

Books, Cuisinart food processor & more, 236-8872

Carport roof, Rubbermaid outside storage shelter, 232-5997

Carport, security iron bars, 272-1096

Century baby stroller \$50, 264-9676

Clothes, comforter set, 288-6228

Copper milk can, 272-6162

Craftsman mechanic tool set complete 2 tool chests \$1100, 269-6728

Day runner agenda w/binder & extra pages, new \$60, 284-6316

Dbl jogging stroller w/nylon sun canopy, like new, 288-5344 after 6 pm

De Walt hvy dty 1/2" hammer drill \$160, 272-2671

Drafting tbl \$50, Oriental lamps \$50/ea, fishing rods \$25/ea, 272-2676

Encyclopedia Britanica, complete w/all year books, children's books, 54 great books \$500, 269-6310

Gas tank for grill, treadmill, maids uniforms, 263-2936

Half dollar coins, walking liberty 25/ea, 1917 - 1936 in Whitman coin folder \$95, 226-7450

Hooked on Phonics educational program math & English, elementary to adult \$75, 288-5196

Jogging stroller \$100, 272-6860

Jogging stroller, girls clothes 2t, 3t, exc cond, shoes, 263-2936

Ladies Argentinian blk leather jacket, lined, peak lapels, waist length, sz/7 \$300, 288-6326

Ladies Argentinian waist length denim blue leather jacket, lined w/short skirt, sz/7 \$300/both, 288-6326

Lamps, stepping stones, wrought iron bench, plants, luggage, 232-5997

Lg dog kennel \$45, Little Tykes desk w/chair \$25, 288-6829

Maternity clothes, crib, changing tbl, bath tub, 4 in 1 stroller, 263-2936

Med pet carrier \$15, 260-8252

Minnie mouse dbl comforter, blanket, dust ruffle, sheets & more \$75/both, 288-6975

Neck traction \$25, hammock chair \$40, 264-9228 Iron & ironing board \$75/both, 288-5474

Patio enclosure for gateway housing \$60, lg pet cage \$60, sm pet cage \$10, 284-5077 Dave, after 7:30 pm

Patio plants, 232-6085

Plants, big & sm, 272-2028

Porch swing \$25, fish tanks, 272-2947

Potted plants, ficus trees \$5-40, 272-2621

Shelf for kids toys, TV \$125/obo, 288-6376

Showe curtain, 6 bath towels, 8 hand towels, 8 wash cloths, bath mat, rugs, blue \$25, 284-6975

Silver coin, American silver eagle one oz silver \$9, 226-7450

Singer sewing mach, dual voltage \$200/obo, 284-6252

Sm desk \$25, baby bike seat \$10, 284-5820

Step 2 swing set \$250/obo, Little Tykes sandbox \$35/obo, carseat \$35/obo, 232-7265

Storage shed \$300, plants, Bali blinds 70 x 90 \$100, carpeting, 232-7053

Vacuum cleaner, TV & more, 288-4275

Wagon \$25/obo, 284-5578

Wall locker \$60, 288-6376

Wedding dress, wht, long train, sz/6 \$300/obo, 288-6376

Wet-vac \$50, 288-7297

Winnie the Pooh mobile & comforter set, teddy bear decoration, toys & more, 263-2936

Wood desk, paddar bar w/4 stools \$200, 262-1251

Wrought iron baker's rack, lg, like new \$110, 284-4620 after 6 pm

Zinc roof 15 x 20 \$200/obo, 272-5593

Motorcycles

91 Honda Nighthawk 250, dty pd \$1600/obo, 284-4970

42A Altos De La Montana Tumba Muerto, 9 am

46A Howard

Balboa 2317A Las Cruces

Balboa 2422, 5:30 - 8:30 am

Cardenas 7250 B

Cardenas 7273A

Cardenas 7304A

Clayton 463B, 7 - 11 am

Clayton 472B, 7 am

Clayton 509B, 7 - 11 am

Clayton 689C, 7 - 9 am

Clayton 6B, 6 - 10 am

Clayton 83

Clayton 853A, 7 am - noon

Clayton 856B, 6 - 10 am

Clayton 1055 B

Clayton 1173A

Curundu 2148 7th St

Diablo 5064A, 7 - 10 am

Diablo 5277, 7 - 11 am

Diablo 5755 B, 7 - 11 am

Diablo 5775B

Howard 55 A, 7 am - noon

Howard 55A, 6 am - noon Saturday & Sunday

Howard 96A, 7 - 11 am

Howard 597, 6 am - noon

Howard 603A, 6 - 11 am

Marbella, Torres Del Pacifico, torre B, Apto 16B

Sporting goods

2 boy's bikes, new \$50/ea, 272-2671

Aerobic instructor equip, 268-4732

Community briefs

Pre-Teen Jam

The Howard Youth Center is holding a Pre-Teen Jam for children 9 - 12 years old 7 - 10:30 p.m. today. Cost is \$2.50 with activity card and \$3.50 without activity card. There will also be a School's Out Pre-Teen Jam 7:30 p.m. - midnight May 21 which will be free of charge. For more information, call 284-4700/5615.

NAF Sales

The Auto Skill Center is holding a NAF sale 9 a.m. - noon Saturday at the Auto Skills Center Building 722 on Howard. The Howard O' Club is also conducting a sale 8 a.m. - noon May 15 at Building 113. Items for sale include; tables, chairs, bar stools, table clothes and more.

Semi-formal dance

Join the West Bank Teen Center for "The Final Crossing" semi-formal dance 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday at the Tropic Breeze Club. Cost is \$5 per ticket and tickets will only be sold until today. Social hour is 6 - 7 p.m., dinner 7 - 8 p.m. and the dance is 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. This is for teens ages 13 - 18 and a photographer will be present. No jeans or T-shirts and dresses must be at least fingertip length. For more information, call 284-4700/5615.

FSU Commencement

The Florida State University Panama Canal Branch cordially invites you to its 1998-99 Commencement Ceremony 10 a.m. Saturday at the Panama Canal College Auditorium, La Boca, Balboa. For more information, call 285-6386/6388.

Miss Pam at the PX

Miss Pam will be at the Corozal Main Exchange 1 - 3 p.m. Sunday signing autographs, handing out flowers and candy to all mothers and playing her music. There will be CDs and cassettes for sale.

Revival

The Abundant Life Christian Center is holding a revival 7 - 8:30 today and Saturday and 10:30 - noon Sunday. Child care provided for toddlers - 6 year olds each night. For more information, call 272-2501/2220.

Summer Program

Registration for the summer program is May 14 and 15 at Building 155 on Fort Clayton. The free program begins in June and will include a Toddler/Preschool Camp for 2 - 5 year-olds, a school age camp for 5 - 12 year-olds, youth volleyball, basketball and racquetball clinics; instructional karate, piano, guitar and gymnastics classes and a teen program with trips and tours, outdoor activities, center based leisure activities and life skills workshops. For more information, call 288-6810.

79th Army Band

The 79th Army Band's Armed Forces Day concert is 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the Fort Clayton Theater.

CCAF degree

To all those in line for senior master sergeant, if you are completing or near completing your CCAF degree, please stop by the Education Office ASAP to have your records updated to reflect

your current CCAF standing. Just a reminder, the Education Office will be relocating to Building 707 May 15 and is scheduled to close July 31. For more information call Lisa Poland at 284-3263/4863/3264.

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross is offering the following courses for the month of May. May 18 - 20 Community First Aid and Safety (English) May 22 Spanish. May 29 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for Professional Rescuer. You can sign up and pay for classes in Room 344, Building 519, Fort Clayton. For more information, call 288-5509/5647.

Family Support hours

The Family Support Center has new hours of operation. They are now open Monday through Friday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. They will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch. For more information call the center at 284-5010.

Summer registration

Howard's Summer Program for 3 - 5 year-olds registration begins May 17 at the Child Development Center. To register, bring shot records and a Leave and Earnings Statement. Spaces are limited. For more information, call 284-3711/6235.

Volunteer register

Volunteers and volunteer coordinators should ensure that all volunteer hours are registered with the Howard Family Support Center's Volunteer Program. Also, any volunteers who are PCSing in the near future should come by the FSC to pick up a letter stating their volunteer hours. For more information, call Nelida Holnes at 288-6643.

Pet supplies

Since the Corozal Veterinary Treatment Facility approaches closure Aug. 31, the VTF is reminding pet owners to stock up on routinely used medications to last through their PCS move. The last order for pet supplies is June 1 and when supplies run out they will not be replenished. Also, the VTF is requesting that if your pet is no longer in Panama or has been adopted to another family, call them at 285-5866/5867 to help update their records.

USARSO volunteers

The Quality of Life/Installation Volunteer Center is currently preparing "Statement of Service" letters for all registered volunteers. To receive your letter, stop by the QOL/LVC Office 2nd Floor, Building 200 Fort Clayton. For more information, call Tina Hobson at 288-9303/9304.

Mailing packages

The Fort Clayton Post Office has implemented an appointment system for individuals who need to mail five parcels or more. Due to an increase in moves, we suggest that people call the number listed below and arrange an appointment between 9 - 9:20 a.m. and the staff will assist those individuals before opening for regular customer service. In return, this will decrease the lines and waiting time for other customers. All forms and documentation need to be ready prior to the appointment date. For more information, call 288-5522/4802.

Free child care

Air Force staff sergeants and below can receive up to 20 free hours of childcare when they are within 90 days of PCS departure from Howard Air Force Base. The Child Development Center will provide services. Members should bring orders to the Family Support Center to receive a certificate.

Parent support

The New Parent Support Program is located at ACS Building 155 on Fort Clayton. Monthly classes available include Breast Feeding (Spanish and English), Parenting and Infant Care. There are also support group meetings. For more information, call Nelida Holnes at 288-4921/5307.

Clayton Library

The Clayton Library has a home page on the World Wide Web listing hours, resources and services. Also included are guides to using the library. There are photo albums and an e-mail address for feedback, comments and even reference questions. The address is: <http://www.army.mil/usarso/libr/claytonm/>.

Foster Care

The Family Advocacy Program welcomes participants interested in becoming Certified Foster Care Parents. The program provides training that enables you to gain rewarding experiences. Earn some extra money while in your home and "open your heart to a child" in need of temporary placement due to an emergency situation. Applicants must reside on a military installation. For more information, call Nelida Holnes at 288-6643.

Relocation Center

The Relocation Assistance Center offers a variety of services. For those PCSing, there are computers with Internet access and a well-stocked lending closet to help you with all your basic household needs. For more information, stop by Building 200, Fort Clayton, or call 288-9234/9235.

Vehicle registration

Personnel moving to Puerto Rico can register their vehicle at the LEA Vehicle Registration in Building 519, 2nd Floor, Room 246, 8 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. You will need the vehicle title, proof of insurance and orders for Puerto Rico. Those who have already shipped their vehicle to Puerto Rico can also obtain their decals at this office. For more information, call 288-4916/4919.

Planning a party

SAS has inflatables for rent. The colorful balloons include the Happy Clown Typhoon, the Amazing Castle Maze and games galore. Rentals are run by the CYS staff. For more information, call 288-6451.

Teen Center

A computer lab is located on the 1st Floor of Building 155 and is open 6 - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Attention volunteers

If you are presently volunteering or have volunteered in the past at Howard AFB, sign up with the volunteer coordinator in the Family Support Center and receive credit for the experience gained. For

Miscellaneous

Tickling stress before it tackles you

The Directorate of Community Activities, ACS Family Advocacy Program invites you to participate in a two-hour workshop on Humor and Stress Management. Classes begin 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Valent Recreation Center and 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Clayton Theater. There will also be another class Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Howard Theater.

This program is designed to be fun, but not for fun. In a supportive, laughter filled, relaxing yet productive environment, you will experience and learn practical ways to use humor and other skills to manage stress in your life, family, work and organization.

Dr. Joel Goodman, psychologist and director of the Human Project is a popular speaker, consultant and workshop leader throughout the U.S. and aboard. His presentations, publications and media appearances on the positive power of humor and creativity have touched and tickled the lives of millions throughout the world.

Author of nine books, hundreds of articles and several columns, Joel is presently co-authoring Chicken Soup for the Laughing Soul with Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen.

He was featured three times on an ABC News prime-time special with John Stossel on the "Mystery of Happiness."

Family members are welcome to attend. For more information, call Majorie Arias at 288-5073.



Kennels for sale

The Corozal PX has airline approved kennels in all sizes to keep pets safe during flight. The approximate weights of the kennels are listed below as a convenience in figuring total weight for pets and kennels to meet airline restrictions:

Small	#21103	wt. 3 lbs.	21" L x 16" W x 15" H
Medium	#21104	9 lbs.	27" L x 20" W x 19" H
Large	#21106	20 lbs.	36" L x 24" W x 26" H
X-large	#21107	24 lbs.	40" L x 27" W x 30" H
Giant	#21108	43 lbs.	48" L x 32" W x 35" H
Int.	#21000	5 lbs.	24" L x 6 1/2" W x 14 1/4" H
Cabin	#21009	3 lbs.	19" L x 12 1/2" W x 10 3/4" H

Recycling Marathon

The Theater Support Brigade is conducting a Recycling Marathon to raise the awareness of the community regarding the Army's policy to prevent pollution, reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

This program focuses on identifying recyclable items within the community. The intention is to create an interesting, spirited and competitive process.

The competition features individual awards to recognize the efforts of persons leading collection and turn-ins, and an organizational award in each category.

Remember, the second stage began on April 8. Get ready and contribute to the recycling process. Collect paper, metals, aluminum, glass and plastic

more information, call 284-5650.

Layaways

All layaways will cease Saturday. By Aug. 30 all layaways must be picked up or cancelled. For details, call 285-4121.

Laundry service

Super Suds Laundromat offers a drop-off, same-day pick-up service Monday - Friday. The laundromat is located next to the Fort Clayton Burger King.

Shipping your pet

Shipping your pet? For information, call 284-3069 or 288-5946.

Free calls

All military ID holders can make up to two free five minute Military Affiliated Radio System calls to anywhere in the U.S. and Puerto Rico 3 - 5 p.m. Fridays and Sundays. For appointments, call 272-6968.

Fax service

The Corozal PX offers fax services at the customer service counter. The cost is \$1 per page, plus telephone charges.



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It's that time again — signing up for the Summer Program

story and photos

by Tina Summerton

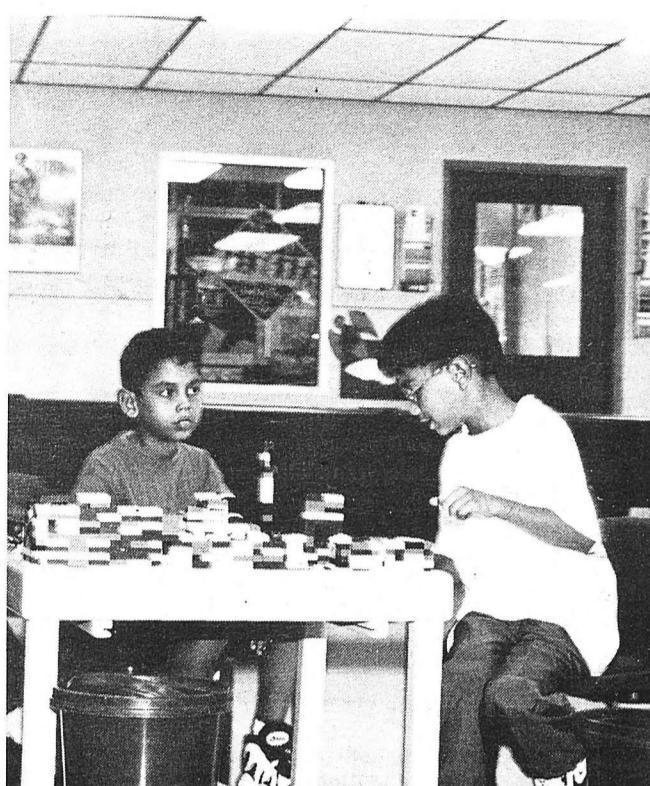
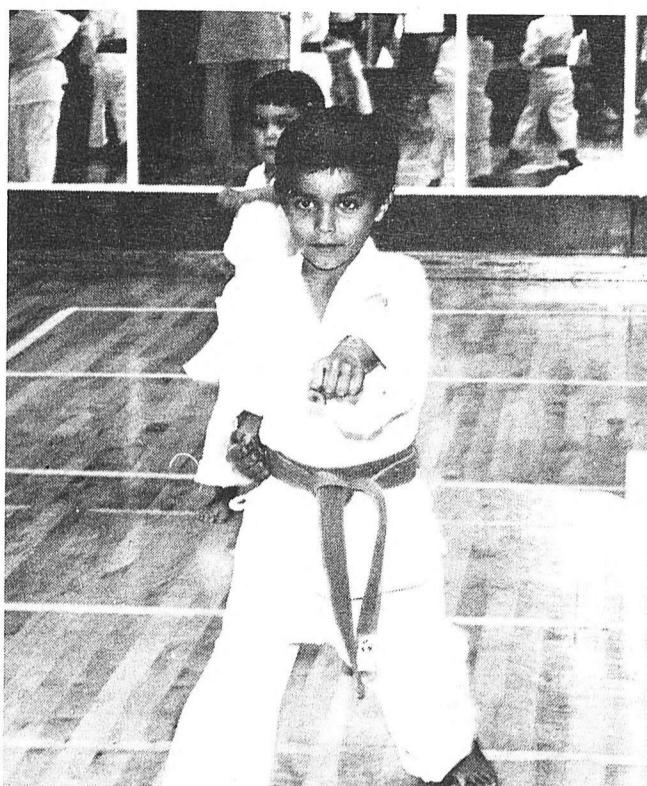
Tropic Times Staff

FORT CLAYTON — Even as the drawdown continues there is still plenty for children to do this summer. The Child and Youth Services is offering a Summer Program for children of all ages. The Summer Camp program is being offered at no cost to the customer and on a 'first-come first-served' basis. Spaces are limited so don't delay.

The Summer Program includes toddler/preschool and school age camps, sports clinics, instructional classes and a teen program.

The Toddler/Preschool Program is for children 2 - 5 years old and is from 9 a.m. - noon, Monday - Friday, June 7 through July 2. The camps weekly themes include. Wet and Wonderful, Dinosaurs, Puppet Fun and Adiós Panama.

The School Age Program is for children 5 - 12 years old and is from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Friday , June 7 through July 30. The camps weekly themes include. Tunnel through Time, Traveling through the Seven Seas, Olympic Spirit, Final Voyage and more. Daily planned activities include field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, games, cook-



outs, hikes and much more.

The Teen Program is May 25 through July 30 and offers a variety of center-based leisure activities, life skills workshops, outdoor activities and trips and tours. Some of the trips and tours include Shimmy

Beach, Sierra Club, El Valle, Portobelo and many more.

If the summer camp is not what you are looking for, DCA also offers sports clinics for racquetball, soccer, volleyball and junior and senior teens basketball. They also have ka-

rate, piano, gymnastics and guitar instructional classes.

The Summer Program sign-up is 1 - 5 p.m. May 14 and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 15 on the 1st Floor, Building 155 Fort Clayton. For more information, call 288-6816.

BHS students take part in Law Day

story and photos by Rita Sosa
Assistant principal, BHS

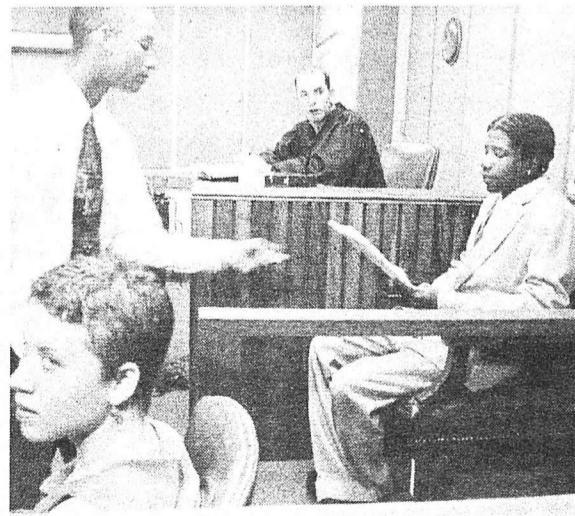
On March 18, students from Balboa High School staged a mock trial in the JAG Office courtroom on Fort Clayton. As part of the street law course requirement, students tested their knowledge of the legal system by participating in a simulated trial. Capt. Dean Lynch, Trial Counsel at the Staff Judge Advocate's Criminal Law Division served as judge.

Students assumed the roles of prosecuting and defending attorneys, defendant, witness, bailiff and jury members. Their case involved a young woman who charged her boyfriend with rape. Capt. Lynch guided the students through the trial procedures as they performed their roles. Undoubtedly all the effort and hard work paid off and the students were very pleased with the end result. All the terms and concepts came alive as each individual applied the knowledge from the course to a trial situation. Capt. Lynch visited Balboa High School after the trial and critiqued each performance. Students asked questions and he provided information which will help them in their next trial. Capt. Lynch congratulated the



students on a job well done.

On April 30, another trial was scheduled as part of the Law Day celebration. This was held in the Balboa High School library with Capt. Lynch presiding as judge. The case involved an alleged murder. The partnership between the school and the community has provided Balboa High School students with an excellent opportunity to witness the legal system in action.



Graduation News

BHS graduation

The Balboa High School Graduation will be May 15 on the front lawn of the high school. Due to the large number of visitors and alumni guests who will be in attendance, each family of a senior will receive eight tickets for reserved seating. These tickets guarantee a seat for graduation. Any additional guest will be placed in the general seating area. Gate A, which is for ticketed guest will open at 6:30 a.m. The general seating gate will open at 7 a.m. The only gates which will be open will be those located along Roosevelt Road. All gates will be marked either A or General Seating. All parking will be in the football field or surrounding areas.

All registered alumni must pick up their reserved tickets 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. by May 14 in the main office of the high school.

The Alumni Brunch

The Balboa High School Graduation Alumni Brunch will be held May 15 immediately following the graduation which begins at 7:30 a.m. This brunch will provide an opportunity for returning alumni to visit with their former classmates. The brunch will be held at the Fort Clayton Community Club. Selected vendors will sell memorabilia at the champagne brunch. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations can be made by contacting Ms. Zenia Morris at tzmorris@pangbm.net.

Payments must be made by check or money order, payable to the Clayton Community Club. Send your checks to

Ms. Zenia Morris
PSC 4 Box 1167
APO AA 34004.

Tickets can be picked up at the Balboa High School Main Office prior to graduation.

The celebration

The parents of the last graduating class of Balboa High School, the class of '99, will be sponsoring a celebration party on May 15 at the Plaza Paitilla Inn for the seniors and their guests.

In order to provide mementos and gifts, many interested community members donated various items for door prizes. If you wish to donate to this last celebration activity, call Sherry Barnish at 284-4023.


Youth Scene


Students from the Sunshine room at the Child Development Center show their happy faces after the delivery of the *Children are Special People* bags. Standing left to right are Martha Pullmalis, Director CDC; Marjorie M. Arias, Family Advocacy Program Manager; Dana Pohl, CDC teacher; Nivia Barroso, ACS staff and Diana McFarlane, CDC teacher.

Children are Special People



Marjorie M. Arias, Family Advocacy Program Manager, explains the importance of preventing child abuse.



Teacher Anick Buval and her students at Curundu Elementary School enjoy the visit of Marjorie M. Arias and Nelida Holmes of the Family Advocacy Program Office, April 28.

story and photos by Griselda Sterling
Tropic Times Staff

The U.S. Army South joined the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse in promoting April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Children are Special People is the slogan that identified the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program during this month.

"The blue ribbon is the identification of the event," said Marjorie M. Arias, ACS Family Advocacy Program manager.

ACS/Family Advocacy Program work in conjunction with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools to get the word out.

"This will be the last celebration of this event in Panama, and we want to be sure it contributes to building healthy and loving families. The program dedicated thousands of hours selecting the correct materials and toys for children and their parents. We enjoyed it," Arias said.

More than three million children are reported abused or neglected each year and three die each day because of maltreatment. Every single person in the community has a major role in prevention.

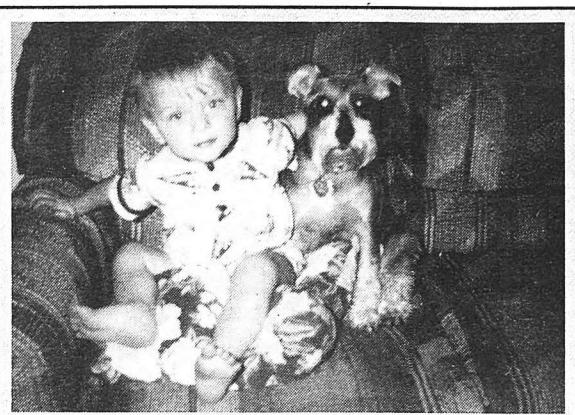
ACS Family Advocacy Program activities throughout April included:

- ◆ Articles, news releases and radio/TV scripts through local media in partnership with the USARSO Public Affairs Office.

- ◆ Educational materials, stickers, magnets, stress balls and other freebies at Building 519 and the PX the last week of April.

- ◆ Banners displayed throughout the month of April.

The event culminated with the distribution of *Children Are Special People* bags at Playmorning, Child Development Center, Part-Day Preschool Program and kindergarten through third graders at Fort Clayton, Curundu and Fort Kobbe Elementary Schools.



Pet of the week

This is Matthew Vest and his best friend Misty. Misty beat Matthes back to the states as she is already gone to Oklahoma, where she is anxiously awaiting for her partner Matthew.

Kids: If you'd like to see a picture of yourself and your pet in the *Tropic Times*, send it through MPS to *Tropic Times*, Unit 7145, APO AA 34004 or drop it in our box at the Fort Clayton Post Office. Be sure to include your name, as well as your pet's name. (You can also send us a little information about your pet.) Write your name and address on the back of the photo so we can send it back to you.

Lunch Menu

May 10 - 14

Curundu Middle and Balboa High Schools



Monday — Hamburger, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, fruit, gelatine, milk.

Tuesday — Chicken barbecue, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, carrots, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday — Frank's baked beans, carrots and celery sticks, fruit, milk.

Thursday — Sloppy Joe on a bun, potatoes wedges, green peas, vanilla pudding, milk.

Friday — Pizza, corn, pineapple, gelatine, milk.

Lunch Program

May 10 - 14

Howard and Fort Kobbe Elementary Schools



Monday — Ham and cheese sandwich, cucumber slices, apple, cookie, milk.

Tuesday — Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot stick, grapes, cookie, milk.

Wednesday — Ham sandwich, celery sticks, banana, cookie, milk.

Thursday — Cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, pear, cookie, milk.

Friday — Tuna salad sandwich, tomato wedges, oranges, cookie, milk.



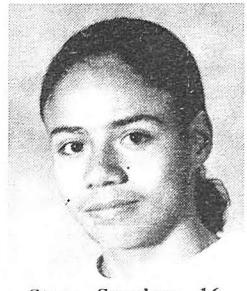
HAPPY B-DAY



Francesca Arzola, 1
April 26



Frederick Spertina, 7
May 2



Steve Sanchez, 16
May 5



Alyssa Purvis, 2
May 6



Marcelis Long, 1
May 8



Maria Cassort, 3
May 8



Annabella Hobson, 17
May 9