

Important Days

Page 3: Today is Spouse Day and Saturday is Armed Forces Day. Check out Page 3 to learn the historical significance and founding of Armed Forces Day, and read the address of Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., U.S. Army South commanding general, and get his thoughts on the importance of military spouses.

DoDDS celebration

All DoDDS schools will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, for a DoDDS Panama Organizational Closing Celebration. Parents should arrange to obtain student records before or after the celebration. School offices will open for regular hours beginning May 24. From May 24, all schools will focus on closing operations.

BHS Graduation

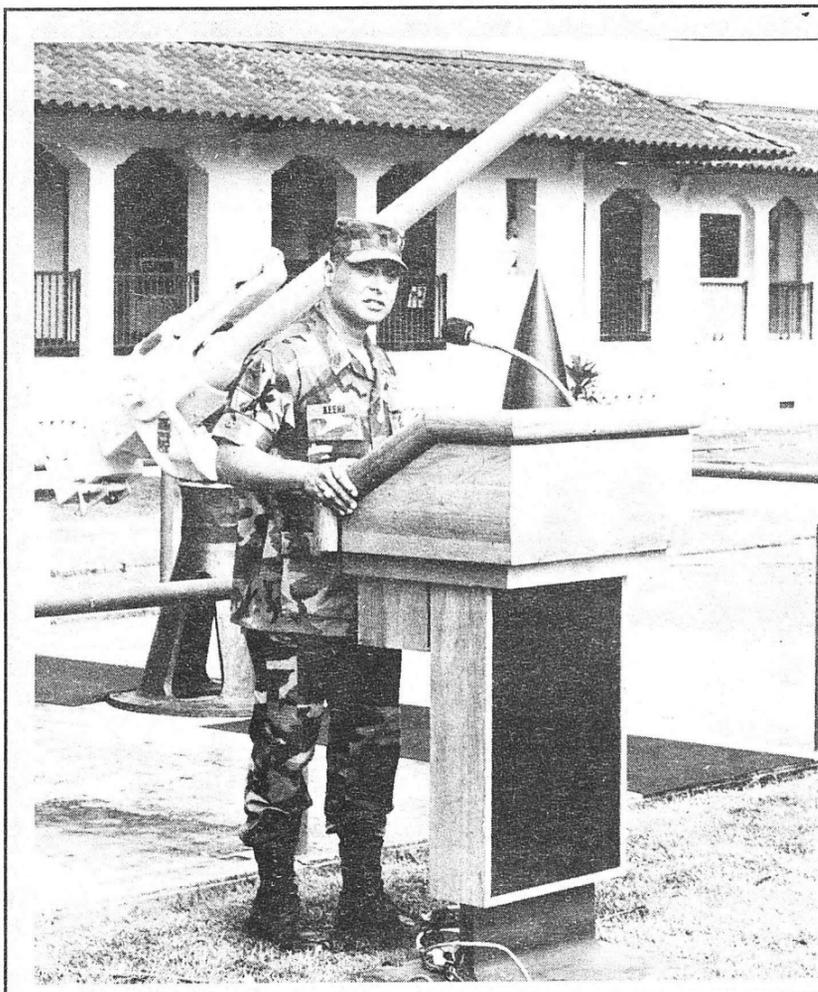
The BHS Graduation will be held 7:30 a.m. Saturday on the front lawn of the high school. Each family of a senior will be given eight tickets for their guests. All registered alumni and guests must pick up their reserved tickets by 4 p.m. today in the main office of BHS. For information, see Page B11.

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Assumption of Responsibility

(Top) Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., U.S. Army South commanding general, passes the Colors to the new USARSO command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert P. Keehu, in an Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony held Thursday at Soldiers' Field. In the background is the Theater Support Brigade command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Major John Humphries. (Left) Keehu, a 26-year Army veteran, addresses soldiers and guests to the ceremony.

USARSO holds Town Hall Meeting

story and photo by
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FORT CLAYTON — "We are still here till the very end to make sure you have a safe and successful move out of Panama," said Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger, Jr., U.S. Army South commanding general, in his welcome comments to attendees of the monthly Town

Hall Meeting, held Thursday at the Valent Recreation Center. Members of the military community as well as civilian employees and leaders from several agencies, units, directorates and organizations were in attendance.

The meeting was hosted by Col. Richard B. Thomas, Theater Support Brigade commander, and several forthcoming events were highlighted: The commencement exercise of Balboa High School Saturday; the 79th Army Band Armed Forces Day Concert Saturday at the Fort Clayton Theater; the last graduation of Panama Canal College on Thursday; the "Hasta Luego" Reception on Thursday; the Military/Civilian Award Ceremony on May 21; Life in Motion Workshop on May 25;

and the Summer Youth Program, among others.

Parents were encouraged to register their children today and Saturday at Building 155, Fort Clayton, for the Summer Youth Program, which is all in keeping with the goal of maintaining quality of life until the very end.

Members of the community were encouraged to continue planning ahead to allow for a smooth transition of the draw-down, and they were asked to direct their questions to the source that could offer bonafide solutions to their concerns.

Col. Thomas thoroughly discussed the following topics accompanied by a slide presentation:

- ◆ Various forthcoming ceremonies, including that of the USARSO Departure Ceremony which is scheduled for July 30 on Soldiers' Field;

- ◆ The closing of DODD schools on Thursday;

- ◆ The shipment of household goods and privately-owned vehicles and the importance of scheduling them on a timely manner;

- ◆ The availability of set-aside quarters for those who are PCSing;

- ◆ The extended hours of the Hous-

ing Office (7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday);

- ◆ The opening of the West Bank Vet Clinic;

- ◆ The new Fort Clayton-Tocumen Airport shuttle bus schedule;

- ◆ The orderly scheduling of transportation of pets.

On this point, Thomas emphasized that serious action would be taken on pet abandonment.

Other topics included the announcement of new installation passes effective Aug. 1 for gardeners and domestic employees; the new 24 hour ambulance service offered by ALERTA; and new hours to be in effect on June 1 at the Corozal Commissary (Mon. closed, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday);

Also present at the meeting to answer questions were Greta Kensinger, wife of the USARSO commanding general; Lt. Col. Dale A. Hess, deputy commander, 24th Support Group; USARSO Command Sgt. Maj. Robert P. Keehu, and TSB Command Sgt. Maj. John Humphries.

Special guests included representatives from Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico.



Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., U.S. Army South commanding general, gave the opening remarks to the USARSO Town Hall Meeting.



Griselda Sterling (*Tropic Times*)

American Red Cross volunteer ceremony

The American Red Cross Volunteer Office hosted the last volunteer recognition ceremony at the Fort Clayton Community Club, April 28. The event came to an end with the recognition of more than 75 volunteers. Greta Kensinger, wife of the U.S. Army South commanding general (right), Candy Trebon, wife of the 24th Wing Commander (left), and Susan O'Neil, wife of the 24th Medical Group Commander (not shown) are honorary advisors and were recognized with certificates, volunteer cups and pens. A buffet was followed by the ceremony.

Volunteer of the Week

FORT CLAYTON (Installation Volunteer Coordinator's Office) — Daniel LaPlaca has been chosen as the U.S. Army South Volunteer of the Week for his outstanding support to the community.

LaPlaca does volunteer work for the post office on Fort Clayton.

He said what he likes most about volunteering at the post office is seeing how happy people are when he gives them their packages.

His most rewarding experience is receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer work.

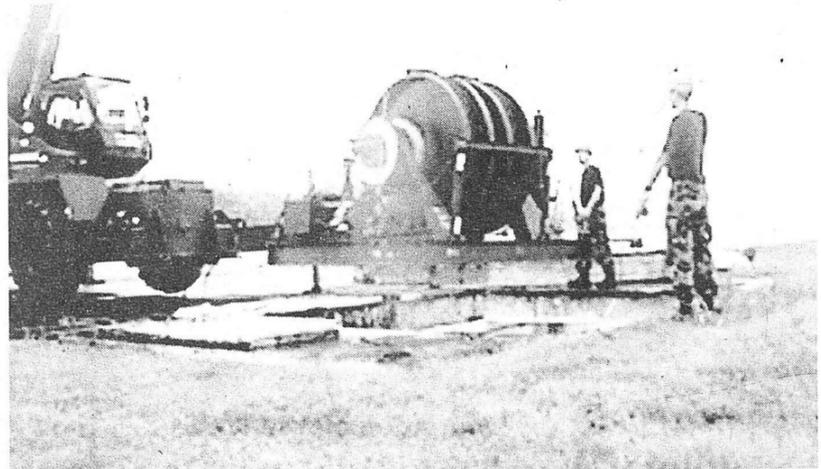
In his spare time, LaPlaca enjoys collecting NFL caps and playing sports.



Sgt. Tywana Gordon (*Tropic Times*)

Daniel LaPlaca is the U.S. Army South Volunteer of the Week.

LaPlaca was born in California and has lived in Panama his entire life.



Tech. Sgt. Miconna Boaldin (U.S. Air Force)

And they're out of here

Italo Morales, 24th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment operator, Tech Sgt. Kevin Cramer, airfield manager, and Tech. Sgt. Jeff McCoy, 24th CES heavy equipment operator, remove the aircraft arresting systems from the Howard Air Force Base airfield May 6 and 7 as part of the United States pullout from Panama. The system was an emergency feature on Tailhook-equipped aircraft such as the F-15 and F-16.

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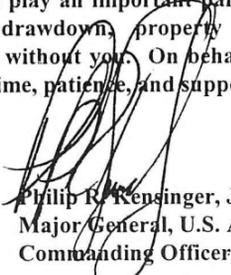
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To All Joint Task Force Panama Military Spouses:

I join the Army Chief of Staff in expressing sincere appreciation to all the military spouses of the Joint Task Force Panama for the unwavering support you have given to your husbands and wives who serve our Nation.

Your spirit of volunteerism defines the excellence of our military communities, and your selfless commitment makes the vital difference in Joint Task Force Panama's ability to accomplish our challenging mission.

Your dedication and support are what make Joint Task Force Panama a family. Your efforts play an important part in moving us through the challenges of drawdown, property transfer and relocation. We could not do it without you. On behalf of the entire command, thank you for your time, patience, and support.


Philip R. Rensinger, Jr.
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding Officer

Celebrate Armed Forces Day

A salute to our men, women in uniform

story by Carmela Lowe Gubern
Tropic Times Staff

Each year the third Saturday in the month of May is Armed Forces Day, an annual celebration under the sponsorship of the Department of Defense.

This special recognition to the officers and enlisted personnel of the military, was created on Aug. 31, 1949, during the administration of Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, in commemoration of the unification of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard under one department, the Department of Defense.

Although this date is not a legal or public holiday, Americans everywhere join together to honor the contributions, sacrifices, professionalism, dedication, courage, spirit, tenacity, patriotism, and commitment by our men and women in the service of their country all over the world.

Former Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett (1951-1953), once stated that the celebration of Armed Forces Day not only serves to remind us of the continued unification of our Armed

Forces, but also of the special unity among all of our citizens in the interests of security and peace.

In his 1999 Armed Forces Day Message, Secretary of Defense William Cohen salutes our men and women in uniform for their achievements and selfless service, and reminds them that Armed Forces Day is a celebration of their willingness to serve, in an effort to spread the blessings of freedom and democracy to people around the world.

Parades, open houses, special ceremonies, receptions, concerts, and air shows are some of the events held in commemoration of Armed Forces Day.

This special day also serves to increase awareness among civilians of the role of the Armed Forces.

There are exhibits and demonstrations of new weapons and equipment, jets fly overhead, vessels and ships in ports along with bases and military establishments are all open to the public. Private citizens display the "Stars and Stripes" to show their recognition of the devotion to duty of our military personnel.

As part of our local celebration, the 79th Army Band will feature a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Fort Clayton Theater.



Airman explains how to ship your second car

story by Maj. Eric M. Paulson
24th Operations Support Squadron

Many of you out there have a second car and you're trying to figure out what to do with it. You've had it listed in the *Tropic Times* and maybe even one of the papers downtown, but you don't have any solid bites and your portcall is coming up fast. You know that you've got a decent car and would keep it if it wasn't impossible to take it with you to your next duty station. Forget about abandoning your car on base; as a professional you know that's not an option.

Although it does take some planning, shipping your second car yourself is not as daunting as it may initially seem. In 26 days I shipped my second car from Colon to Miami, then on a truck across the United States to Long Beach, Calif., and then on a ship bound for Hawaii—sounds impossible but it wasn't. Now I've got the peace of mind knowing I don't have to pay cab fares or rent a car because my second car is waiting for me in Honolulu when I step off the plane. I'll see my government shipped car in about two months.

I started out by doing some key word combination searches on the internet. I also looked in the Panama yellow pages under "Transportes Maritimos." You'll find lots of options. I compared prices, timeliness, and destinations to make my decision. At first you would think that to get my car to Hawaii I would ship it up the U.S. West Coast or direct to Hawaii from Panama. But surprisingly, I found most shipping goes to the U.S. East Coast and very little to the West Coast. Therefore shipping to the West Coast direct was more expensive and took longer.

My total cost was \$2,350 and I charged it all on to my credit card, except for the Panama to Miami segment. At first that sounds like a lot of money, and it is. But my sponsor told me that the Hawaiian government charges a \$3,000 - 4,000 "paradise" tax on car purchases, so I really saved money. And the time I spent coordinating the shipping is less than I would have spent looking to buy another car. By the way, I also found that you could ship from Colon to Europe in less than 10 days for under \$1,000.

◆Documents

I shipped my second car down here from the states and kept all the shipping documents. That made it easier. For example, I didn't have to worry about my car

meeting U.S. specifications. I also had my tax exemption letter already, but you can get one from the exoneration office at Fort Clayton. Don't forget next year when you do your taxes that shipping your car counts as a moving expense and comes right off the top. I estimated that the government will reimburse me 20 percent of my shipping cost for my tax bracket.

◆Shop around

I picked Seaboard Marine. They also ship to Houston. I went downtown to their office with my shipping documents, my PCS orders, my exoneration letter and cash. They were all very easy to work with and all spoke English—the international shipping language.

If you don't have shipping documents already, they'll help you get them. I had them ship my car "roll on/roll off," which is considerably cheaper than having



it containerized. If you're shipping your Ferrari, you may want to containerize it, but I decided to let them drive my Neon on and off the ship.

The day after I got my paperwork done my wife drove the van and I drove the Neon to Colon. At their Colon office they stamped the documents and I drove the car to the secure warehouse. They loaded it on the ship the next morning and it was in Miami five days later.

◆Insurance

I was able to use my Panama car insurance for coverage during shipment to Miami so I canceled my policy for the day after it arrived in Miami. The ship insures by weight for a maximum of only a few thousand dollars—not enough to replace my car if it sinks in the Caribbean.

I decided not to insure it while it was on board the truck across the states because the drivers are fully insured for any dings they put on my car. Then I reestablished insurance with my previous stateside insurer for the Hawaiian leg of the journey.

◆Customs

If you can pick up your car at the port and process it through customs you're golden. But I didn't have that luxury and had to hire a broker. The broker faxed me a power of attorney. I filled it out at the Legal Office and faxed it back with a copy of the title for him to pick up my car from customs and deliver it to the trucking company. For \$150 the broker took his cut and paid the port fees. You'll have to process your car through customs even though it is duty free.

◆Transport

Overland Transportation Trucking firms will transport your car to any U.S. address you want and there are lots of firms out there. You can ask the company that shipped your car to the states what trucking firm they're happy with. I searched again on the Internet and selected A to Z Auto.

I can't tell you their fee or phone number, but I tell you these ladies took such great care of me that I sent them a thank you card. They called and e-mailed me, told me what I had to do, told me where my car was, etc. That gave me some real peace of mind. The trucker they hired got my car from Miami to Los Angeles in eight days and took it directly to the shipping company that sent it to Hawaii.

◆Final leg to Honolulu

Picking a company from Los Angeles to Hawaii was easy. I found only one company with a home page when I did my Internet search for "Long Beach," "Honolulu," "auto," and "shipping." So I used them. Though they have a lot of business, they promised that my car would not wait in Long Beach longer than a week. I didn't get my car on the first ship, but it did get on the second and will be waiting for me when I arrive. I was able to track its movement on the Internet.

They told me that they would hold my car in their parking lot free for seven days while they wait for my arrival. My sponsor offered to pick it up for me if I faxed him a power of attorney, but since I'll be there in time I don't need his assistance.

Is it work? Yes, there is a lot to do, but since I had a mechanically sound car that was almost paid off it was the right choice. Good luck and hope your car-shipping story will be as successful.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above story is an account of how one person at Howard Air Force Base was able to ship his second car. The information is not necessarily endorsed by the Traffic Management Office but is an alternative that individuals can pursue.)

Lightning: the truth behind its beautiful light

HOWARD AFB – The base policy for safe operations of personnel and for protection of base assets is that the Weather Station issues a weather advisory for any thunderstorm observed within 25 nautical miles of the airfield.

The Weather Station is then required to issue a weather watch for the potential of lightning within five nautical miles of the airfield.

The desired lead time, or the time between the time of issue to time of actual occurrence, is 30 minutes. The weather station then issues a weather warning for lightning observed within 5 nautical miles.

In a perfect world, a thunderstorm is observed as it moves inside of 25 miles, and an advisory is issued. It is monitored with the use of RADAR, satellite imagery and a cloud to ground lightning detection system as it approaches the station as to its speed, direction, stage of development, and frequency and location of lightning strikes.

With this information the forecaster issues a watch 30 minutes before lightning is observed or detected within five nautical miles.

There are all sorts of variations in the real world. One example is a thunderstorm with lightning forming directly overhead of the airfield. In this case an advisory and warning would be issued simultaneously.

Another example is a thunderstorm moving over the airfield and only emitting cloud-to-cloud lightning, or cloud-to-ground lightning outside of 5 nautical miles. In this case the threat of lightning striking someone or something was there although the watch would not be verified.

The unpredictability of where and when lightning will strike cannot be overestimated, but knowledge of where it can and cannot strike and dispelling myths and misconceptions greatly enhances personnel safety.

The following are myths, truths and some answers to frequently asked questions concerning lightning: (For further information on lightning check out: <http://wvlightning.com/>)

MYTH: Lightning only strikes very tall objects, or lightning always strikes the tallest object.

TRUTH: Lightning doesn't always strike the tallest and most conductive object.

Lightning strikes the tallest objects in a particular area. For instance, if there is a lone small tree in a large field and the field is surrounded by very tall trees, the small tree is just as likely to get hit by lightning as the tall ones. It is also possible for the lightning to strike the ground in the field and completely miss the trees.

If you are out in the open and are surrounded by tall objects, do not assume you are safe from lightning.

MYTH: Rubber shoes or boots insulate and therefore protect against a lightning strike.

TRUTH: Air is also insulating. A lightning bolt has pushed its way through miles of air, so it won't be stopped by a half-inch of rubber. People who have been struck by lightning often get their shoes (and/or clothes) blown off or blown apart from the powerful shock wave produced by the lightning stroke.

MYTH: Lightning only strikes good

conductors like metal.

TRUTH: This can be a deadly assumption. Lightning can strike any material that is in its path. True, the lightning current is more likely to flow through good conductors, but like the first myth, lightning will strike the best conductor in a particular area.

MYTH: 'Heat Lightning' is caused by hot weather.

TRUTH: Although hot weather is generally ideal for thunderstorm formation, heat lightning has nothing to do with hot weather. Heat lightning is the name given to the faint flashes of light on the horizon at night caused by lightning from distant thunderstorms.

Heat lightning got its name because it is often seen on hot summer nights, a time when thunderstorms are common.

MYTH: Lightning rods discharge a cloud and prevent a lightning strike.

TRUTH: Lightning rods, along with a good lightning protection system of grounded cable, only serve to divert lightning current safely to ground, should lightning strike.

There is no way to discharge or drain the charge from a storm with lightning rods, or with anything, for that matter.

Most storms are 10 - 20 miles wide and many miles high. A lightning rod is a tiny speck in comparison to the mighty electrical charge generation inside these mammoth clouds. Although there can be slight corona discharge off of pointy rods (sometimes called St. Elmo's Fire), this current 'leak' is simply too small to have any hindering effect on the huge rate of charge buildup inside the storm cloud.

MYTH: A surge protector will protect against a lightning strike.

TRUTH: Unfortunately not. A common surge protector will only stop voltage spikes and surges, but not the huge, violent burst of current from a close lightning strike. Lightning current is simply too big to protect with a little electronic device inside a power strip. The only way to protect your stereo, television, computer, or any electronic appliance is to unplug all power, telephone (modem), and antenna connections during a thunderstorm.

Does lightning ever hit water?

Yes. Lightning can hit water just as easily as it can hit dry land. Since water is a good electrical conductor, current from a strike can travel far from the strike point.

For this reason, swimming during a storm or while storms are nearby is dangerous. Another reason swimming during a storm isn't safe is because the swimmer is protruding from the surface of the water, somewhat increasing the probability of a direct hit from a nearby strike.

If you are caught outside during a thunderstorm, you should stay away from large bodies of water such as rivers, lakes, and oceans.

Why does lightning/static electricity damage electronics? Can other appliances be damaged by lightning?

Electronic chips have very delicate, microscopic circuitry that is easily damaged by even small sparks from static electricity.

Most other appliances, like washers, refrigerators, lamps, etc., usually don't



Lightning made this four-inch hole at Howard AFB last year. (Courtesy)

have a lot of electronic components, so static electricity usually won't harm them.

However, a direct or very close lightning strike can destroy any electric appliance, electronic or non-electronic, if the large lightning current flows through them. Lightning current can burn up wires inside appliances, motors, and household electrical circuits.

Due to the highly sensitive nature of electronics, a surge from a power line malfunction or a far-away lightning strike to a power line could be enough to cause permanent damage to electronic appliances, which is why using a surge protection device is recommended.

What color is lightning?

Lightning is white, sometimes with a blue tint. In the same way that sunsets have many colors, faraway lightning can appear yellow, purple, red, orange, even green.

Lightning strike victims:

Victims of lightning strikes are not always initially in a fatal situation. Typically, a lightning strike will cause 'only' a cardiac arrest that can be corrected by proper resuscitation. Many lightning-related deaths occur when the victim does not receive the proper medical attention, so make it a priority to know cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

What is thunder?

Thunder is the name given to the loud sound waves created by lightning. The lightning channel heats and expands quickly and explosively, causing a violent disturbance in the air surrounding the strike that radiates outward for a short distance as a supersonic shock wave, and then as a sound wave. All lightning and sparks creates thunder. That little crack when a spark jumps from your finger to the doorknob is a miniature version of thunder.

You can use thunder to calculate how far away a lightning strike is.

When you see the flash, count the seconds until you hear the thunder. Divide the seconds by five, and that will be the distance in miles to the strike. For instance, thunder heard 10 seconds

after the lightning means the lightning struck two miles away.

The safest place to be in a lightning storm is indoors. Automobiles are also very effective in protecting you from a big shock because the current flows through the metal frame of the car. If you are in a car, do not touch any exposed metal that is connected to the car. Indoors means indoors — structures like bus shelters, outhouses, lean-to shelters, or any small nonmetal structures do not give sufficient lightning protection. If you are in a house or building, do not use the telephone or any electrical appliance that is connected to the building's electrical wiring.

Do not use showers, sinks, or anything where you are in contact with water that is in turn in contact with the building's plumbing system. If lightning strikes the building you are in, it is likely the current will flow either through the electrical wiring or the water pipes, and you may receive a possibly fatal shock if you are in contact with the wiring or water system.

If you are caught outside:

Stay away from tall, isolated objects like trees, flagpoles, or posts, and avoid large open areas like fields or parking lots where you are the relatively highest object.

Stay away from lakes, ponds, railroad tracks, and fences which could bring current from a 'far-away' lightning strike to you. Dense woods are relatively safe due to the large number of trees that decrease the chance of lightning striking a tree next to you, but do not stand close to any of the trees.

If there is no shelter, crouch down, grab your ankles, and bend forward, in a position where your head is not the highest part of your body and where your head does not touch the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground.

If lightning is about to strike you or something extremely close, you may experience a tingling feeling on your skin and/or your hair may stand on end. If this occurs, quickly get into the position described above. It is unlikely that you will not be able find sufficient shelter, though.

ADVANCE PAY



HOWARD AFB — Advance Pay provides members with funds to meet extraordinary expenses during a government-ordered move. It is intended to assist with expenses that exceed reimbursements incurred with a permanent change of station move and are expenses not typical of day-to-day military living.

Advance pay will not be authorized for out-of-pocket expenses covered by advances of other pay and entitlements if they are payable due to the move, such as per diem, transportation, housing and dislocation allowances.

Member's squadron commanders have oversight responsibility to ensure that the advance of pay is only used to help with the financial burden of a permanent change of station move. Authorization for Advance Pay must not be delegated past the Squadron Commander.

Members are limited to three months base pay in advance. All deductions including federal taxes, social security taxes, state income taxes, DELTA Dental plans, SGLI, and monthly repayment of prior advances or unpaid military debts will be made from the payment.

Advance Pay is normally repaid in equal installments over 12 months; Squadron commanders may authorize repayments of up to 24 months in special circumstances. Members in grades E-5 and above may receive up to one month advance pay without commander's approval. Grades E-4 and below must obtain commanders approval for all advance pay requests.

Advance Pay can be requested up to 30 days prior to a member's departure and up to 60 days after arrival at the new duty station. Members may request advance pay multiple times, if the three-month maximum is not exceeded.

For details, contact the Accounting and Finance Office at 284-5046/5101/4454/4902 or visit our customer service area between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Our web site is also available at wwwmil.howard.af.mil/Squadrons/CPTS_page/cpts.htm.

Financial Stability and Moving

USARSO PAO — There are some people who are under the impression that the military pays for ALL expenses, incurred during a PCS move. The military does pay all major moving expenses but there are many costs associated with a move that you and your family will be responsible for paying. One of the largest costs a family can encounter when relocating is housing. With the services that are offered on the installation in the Relocation Assistance Program and Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance from ACS, and some sound financial planning on your part, you should be able to make a move that won't force you to arrive at your new assignment broke and in debt. Financial stability is an important aspect of life in general but it is even more important when you may be getting into financial trouble during a move that can color your entire tour at the new duty station. The trick is to avoid problems that can set you behind permanently by becoming aware of some of the "hidden costs" as well as the obvious costs of moving and planning ahead for them.

Pre-Departure Costs

Before you actually leave your present location, there may be several costs for which you need to budget. Some of the typical pre-move costs are listed below, but your own personal circumstances may create other additional costs:

Any repairs, replacement or cleaning costs to clear a rental property or the quarters on base;

Travel and lodging for permissive TDY house-hunting trips; New clothing for the family if you are moving to an area that has an unusual or different climate than your present one.

Temporary lodging (after you've moved out and until you're in your new home). If temporary lodging on base is NOT available, then be sure to obtain a non-availability statement.

Food expenses after you move out and before you depart.

New or additional luggage. A pet cage. Selling or storage of POVs.

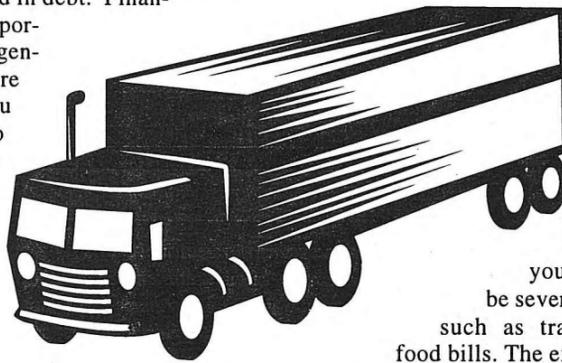
In-Transit Costs

The military will pay a certain amount of the travel and lodging expenses incurred enroute from one duty station to the other. If you decide to take leave enroute however, that will of course be at your own expense. There may be several additional costs involved such as transportation, lodging and food bills. The expenses should be budgeted in your financial plan, prior to departure so that you will not face financial difficulties enroute.

There are several regulations regarding enroute costs. For instance, family travel is not authorized at government expense to a TDY training assignment.

If your family wishes to join you under such circumstance it MUST be at your personal expense.

For more information on moving costs or any PCS questions, please stop by the Relocation Center, Building 200, Fort Clayton or call 288-9235/34.



Southern Command Network drawdown

USARSO PAO — Southern Command Network has a 'natural drawdown' plan on the number of cable channels available to military members.

SCN is responsible for the government cable contract and will oversee the operations as military installations drawdown for closure. As the number of people decrease so will the number of channels available.

Cable Onda is a profit-making downtown cable company that runs a wireless cable system. Cable Onda has only a limited number of frequencies, with 16 channels being the maximum they can have. As the American audience drops off rapidly they are going to lose money because they will be broadcasting to a smaller market. That means the company needs to free up channels to meet the needs of their new Panamanian audience.

Due to the cable contract with Cable Onda, SCN was scheduled to lose one channel in April. That is when Channel 23 WGN-Chicago was dropped.

SCN decided to close this channel for two reasons: 1) In a recent SCN audience survey that channel was rated the "least watched." 2) During the summer months, WGN-Chicago shows a lot more baseball than entertainment programming. (SCN has other channels to cover sports.)

This is only the beginning of fewer cable channels. On July 31 all base cable services will be reduced to eight channels. Those channels will be ESPN, TNT, TBS, CNN, MTV, SCN 14, 15 and 16.

On Sept. 30, cable television completely goes away. However, SCN will continue to broadcast on air, Channel 8, until Dec 31.

DISLOCATION ALLOWANCE

HOWARD PAO — The purpose of DLA is to partially reimburse a member for the expenses incurred when relocating the member's household. This allowance is in addition to all other Permanent Change of Station entitlements.

DLA is paid based on the member's pay grade and dependency status. The current DLA totals are based on two-and-half months of the standard Basic Allowance for Housing rates.

Members are entitled to one DLA during a fiscal year unless the Secretary of the Air Force approves exception. For those members who have processed Early Return of Dependent orders during the current fiscal year, they will not be entitled to an additional DLA if they PCS during the same fiscal year of the ERD (Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 1999).

When a member is married to another military member only one will receive DLA. If married members move independently of each other both members may be entitled to DLA in their own right. Contact Accounting and Finance for more guidance and details.

DLA is considered a travel entitlement and is paid upon completion of a member/dependent travel voucher at the new Permanent Duty Station. DLA is not paid in advance but if funds are needed prior to completion of the travel voucher, cash advances using the government VISA card are authorized.

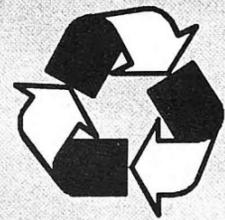
For additional information please contact Accounting and Finance at 5046/5101/4454/4902 or visit our customer service from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our web page also offers helpful information. Visit at wwwmil.howard.af.mil/Squadrons/CPTS_page/cpts.htm.



Theater Support Brigade, Hazardous Material/Waste Turn-In Days May 26 - 27

No paperwork, no hassles, no questions



What should you take to the pick-up point?

Batteries, solvents, antifreeze, paints, STB, DS-2, pesticides, waste oil, waste fuel, waste antifreeze, waste solvents, chemicals, compressed gas cylinders and household cleaning items.

Where are the pick-up points?

Hazardous Waste Accumulation Point, Building 540, Corozal, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 26 - 27, or call 285-6576. No paperwork required, no questions asked.

Who to call for information and assistance?

Ymelda Padilla, DEH Environmental Branch at 285-3690/3685 or fax 285-5541. Follow transportation rules and call if you need help with containers.

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Graduation Time

FSU, Univ. of Okla., hold c

story and photos by Sgt. Paul Bouchard
Tropic Times Editor

(BALBOA/FORT CLAYTON) – Two universities with rich traditions in Panama – Florida State University and the University of Oklahoma – held graduation ceremonies Saturday, bestowing advanced degrees to 80 students in fields such as computer science, international affairs, Latin American studies, political science, educational psychology and public administration.

FSU Graduation

The FSU Panama Canal Branch graduation was held in the Panama Canal College Auditorium in La Boca in Balboa.

After the invocation by Professor Dennis King, the director of Religious Education for U.S. Army South, Dr. Frederick L. Jenks, the director of the FSU Panama Canal Branch, welcomed the graduates, their guests and the dignitaries to the graduation ceremony. Jenks' remarks, in part, focused on the diversity of the graduating class of 50 students.

"Today, we have graduates from seven countries and four continents," he said. "Some graduates are in their teens, some are grandparents, some of you are retirees and some of you have yet to start your first job. You are truly a diverse crowd. ... You are all an international bridge."

The next speaker to address the crowd was Dr. Lawrence G. Abele, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at FSU. Abele said it is "a great symbol to have the graduation here," referring to the fact that the branch will continue in Panama after the U.S. military withdrawal of Panama. *Earlier this year an arrangement was worked out whereby FSU will become the steward of the college's campus at La Boca.*

Abele reiterated that FSU was committed to the Americas and to Panama. He then introduced the guest speaker for the graduation.

Special envoy is guest speaker

The guest speaker of the FSU graduation was the Honorable Kenneth H. MacKay Jr., President Clinton's Special Envoy to Latin America. MacKay has had a distinguished career in politics. He is the former governor of Florida. He served in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. He also served in the U.S. House of Representatives where he served on the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Drug Oversight Sub-Committee.

MacKay, in his remarks, thanked Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., the U.S. Army South commanding general, and the military members in attendance for their service to the United States. MacKay said the graduating class was graduating in the midst of a revolution, a revolution that "Panama is at the center of."

"This revolution is one of diversity," he said. MacKay

spoke about the diversity of the U.S. population and how the United States benefits from the contribution of immigrants. He also said that even if the United States is the most diverse, most multiethnic country, it also has the most enduring common values.

"Freedom unlocks human potential," he said. "Because of this, we have a democracy in Latin American in 34 of 35 countries."

MacKay also spoke about how freedom and free trade will help create a Free Trade Area in the Americas by the year 2005, a market with 800 million consumers. "This will be the most dynamic trade area in the world," he said.

MacKay also said that the U.S. must help its neighbors, and help them respect the rule of law and human rights.

"FSU is part of that process," he emphasized. "1999 is the beginning of a more mature relationship between our two countries."

MacKay ended by saying that people should not be measured by "what they acquire, but by what they give back. ... History will respect the United States more for giving the Canal back," he said.

MacKay gave the graduates best wishes and told them how their education will help them enrich their lives and help them make the right decisions as they head into the 21st century.

The University of Oklahoma graduation

The Oklahoma State University graduation was held Saturday afternoon at Fort Clayton's Community Club. After the invocation by Col. (Chaplain) Neil A. Dennington, Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., the U.S. Army South commanding general and the guest speaker for the event, addressed the graduates and their guests.

Kensinger congratulated the graduates for their hard work and sacrifices needed to obtain their advanced degrees. Kensinger also spoke about the diversity of the students, some of whom are military members, military dependents and civilian employees of the military that Kensinger knew personally.

Kensinger said the student body reflected the scope of the community and "what makes it a community of excellence."

Kensinger said that it is "the competence that makes us a great community," and that this competence comes from practicing values such as integrity, country, selfless service and sacrifice. He said the essence of education are these values.

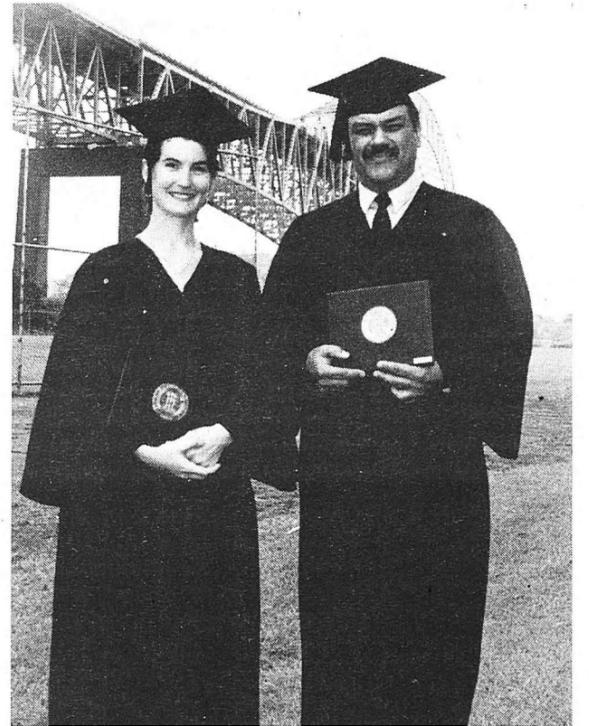
In his remarks, Kensinger also mentioned how the University of Oklahoma was the only U.S. university in the hemisphere that offered an advanced degree. "This graduation will be part of a legacy; truly an end of an era," he said.

Kensinger then spoke about how the U.S. military presence in Panama has helped not only Panama but the entire

hemisphere. He mentioned how the recent Panamanian election is the first time in 25 years that Panama has consecutive-democratically elected governments. "The military feels good about its contribution to Panama and the hemisphere," he said.

Kensinger ended by saying that the graduates should bring their education "to the world of doing." He ended by reverting back to the beginning of his address where he compared the education process to that of jumping out of an airplane with a parachute.

"Today does not represent the end – it represents a beginning. ... I wish you continued success. ... I know you'll hit that dropzone."



Elizabeth Luff, wife of Air Force Capt. Mark Luff, and Felipe Deida, chief of Evaluations for USARSO, were two of the 50 FSU graduates Saturday.



Laura Roberts, the CONUS contract director at the University of Oklahoma, presents Dr. Avraham Scherman, a professor of counseling at OU, with a gift for his many years of teaching at the university during the graduation ceremony Saturday. In the background is Col. (chaplain) Neil A. Dennington who gave the invocation for the ceremony.

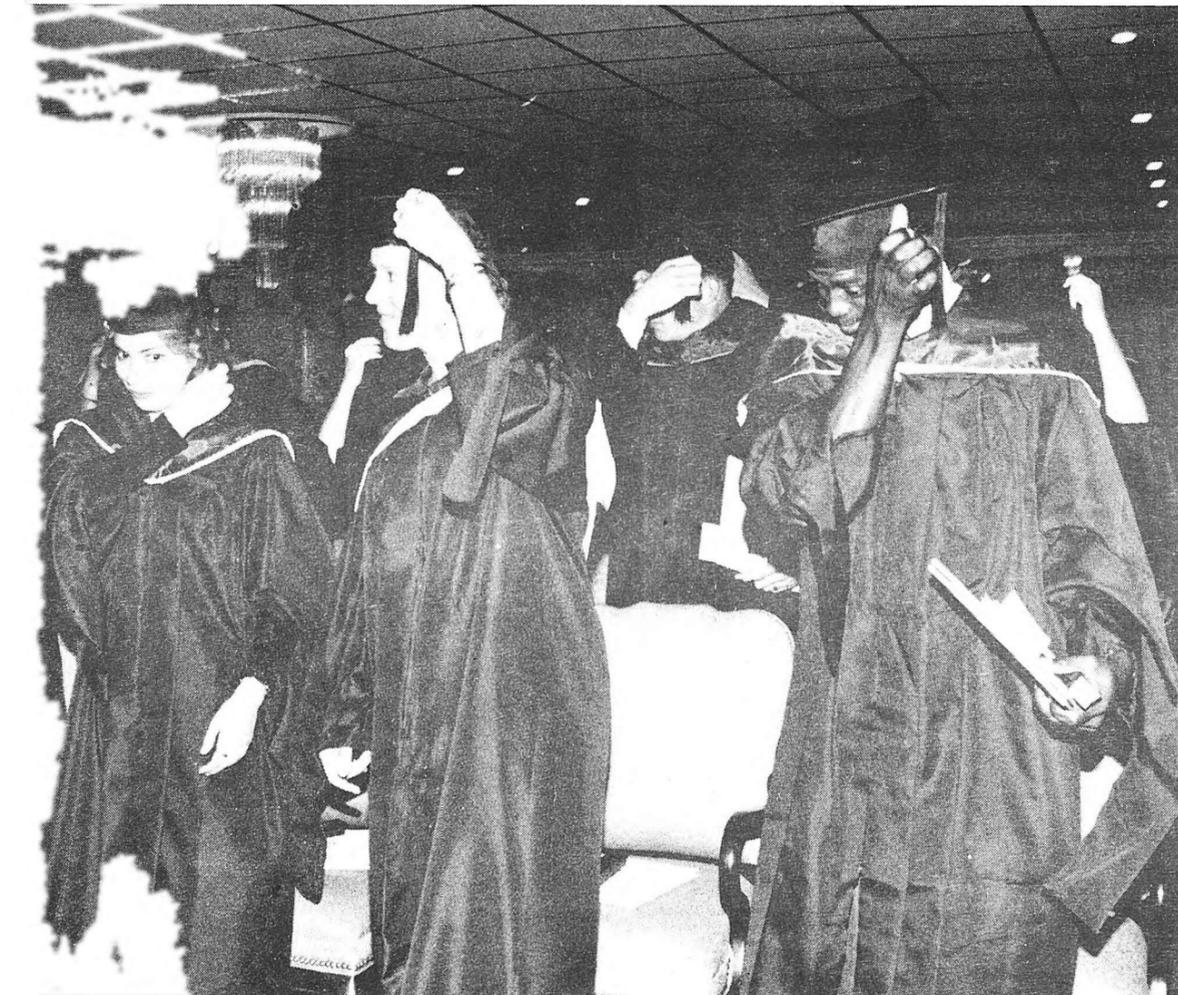


The Honorable Kenneth H. MacKay Jr., President Clinton's Special Envoy to Latin America, was the guest speaker at the FSU graduation. MacKay, the former governor of Florida, spoke about many themes in his speech such as diversity, freedom, democracy and how education can enrich lives.

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Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., U.S. Army South commanding general, was the guest speaker for the University of Oklahoma graduation held Saturday at the Fort Clayton Community Club. In his speech, Kensinger said that higher education was one factor as to why the USARSO community is a community of excellence. He also advised the graduates to bring their education "to the world of doing." Kensinger also said that the University of Oklahoma was the only U.S. university in the hemisphere that offered an advanced degree. "This graduation will be part of a legacy, truly an end of an era," he said. All 30 students received master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma Saturday. (background) To the right of Maj. Gen. Kensinger is Marelisa Samuels, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the Advanced Programs field coordinator for the university.



Graduates of the University of Oklahoma perform the traditional reversal of the tassel, symbolizing they are full-fledged graduates of the educational program. Three types of master's degrees were awarded Saturday – a masters of arts in political science with a major in international relations, a master of education with a major in educational psychology and a master of public administration degree.

Florida State University Panama Canal Branch 1999 Graduates

Magnum Cum Laude

Sharon Vaknin Bitton BS/International Affairs
Pushpa Mirchandani BS/LACS-Business

Jeronimo Adan BS/LACS-Business
Alda Elin Purcell Alexander BS/LACS-Business
Olga Barrio BS/Social Science
Daniel Ramon Guardia Bright BS/LACS-Business
Victor Brown BS/Computer Science
Lisa Michelle Burkett BS/International Affairs
Elvia Cruz BS/International Affairs
Teresita Rodríguez Chavez BS/International Affairs
Lidia Lee Chong BA/LACS-Business
Michelle R. Dillard BS/Social Science
Maria Eleta BS/LACS-Business
Jennifer Espino BS/LACS-Business
Derick Facey BS/International Affairs
Natalia Fritzsche BS/International Affairs
Joel Gibbs BS/International Affairs
Lex P. Gibson BS/Social Science
Ricardo Fung Gonzalez BS/Computer Science
Ana Victoria Guizado BS/International Affairs and
LACS-Business
Virgilio Paul Blood Gurdian BS/International Affairs
Blanca Van Beverhoudt Hauke BS/Computer Science
Kristin Haycocks BS/Social Science
Pamela Hemm BS/International Affairs
Sonja Renee Hubbard BS/Social Science
Felicity Jones BS/International Affairs
Patricio Ku BS/Computer Science
Martha C. Lady BS/International Affairs
Arthur J. Littesy BS/Social Science
Tomas E. Guardia Lombardo BS/International Affairs
Alejandro J. Lombardo BS/LACS-Business
Elizabeth Luff BA/International Affairs
Ava M. McConaughey BS/Social Science
Ponell Millar BS/LACS-Business
Luis Carlos Montenegro BS/International Affairs
Shirley Nobles BS/Social Science
Darlene Pierce BS/Social Science
Maria Pinzon BA/LACS-Business
Ricardo Roman BS/LACS-Business
Robert W. Runyon BS/Social Science
Luz Andrea Schindeler BS/LACS-Business
Alberto Sudarsky BS/International Affairs
Elvira Valdes BA/International Affairs
Ramon Vallarino BS/LACS-Business
Hugo E. Villalobos BA/International Affairs
Maria Watson BS/International Affairs
Kendra V. Wilt BA/LACS-Business
Otto Zapata BS/Computer Science
Rachel Zelcer BS/International Affairs

Graduates of the University of Oklahoma

Master of Arts in Political Science with a major in International Relations

Sergio Barrio Ana Segismund
Leon Wilson Analioska Cooksey

Master of Education with a major in Educational Psychology

Luis Branch Vivian Miller
Patricia Ramirez Eugene Rooker
Carol Scott Bonnie Seeley
Maria Vasquez Lori Washington
George Williams Cynthia Buckley
Webster Fisher John Gray
Donna Lopez Gelsomina Martin
Rene Martinez Daniel Medina

Master of Public Administration

Bryan Adams Ahorona Bitton
Rattan Dhaliwal Gary Johnson
Reynold Mateo Silvana Montero
Linda Perdiue Lisa Simmons
Satvinder Singh Jackie Smalls



Coming up...

Driver's Education Center relocated

The Driver's Education Center is closed today for re-location. On May 17 operation will begin at Building 721, Corozal, 2nd floor.

Ocean View Alumni Party

There will be an Ocean View Alumni Party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, at the Diablo Spinning Club (Point Area) for all Balboa High School alumni and friends. There will be DJ music, live Reggae music, free beer (until it runs out), MURGA (Panama "típico" music) and door prizes. Feel free to bring your own drinks and lawnchair. There will be some seating available. The cost of the party is \$10 and is being organized by Willy Palm, Reyna Royo, Jason and Lisa Post, and Zenia and Tommy Morris. Payment will be at the entrance of the Diablo Spinning Club (Point Area). If you have any questions you can contact Zenia or Tommy Morris at tzmorris@pan.gbm.net. Tickets are also available locally from any of these organizers.

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.

HAZMAT amnesty days

May 25 and 26 have been designated HAZMAT amnesty days for the base. Rid your workplace of old paints, thinners, oils, adhesives and other hazardous materials.

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 Thursday at the Fort Clayton Community Club. For more information, call 288-9268/9235.

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.

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: Thursday, and June 3 and 17. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Diana Miller at 284-3508.

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.

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.

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

Fire victims

A terrible fire earlier this week in Santa Ana, Panama City, left 400 families homeless. If you would like to donate clothing or any other items, you can take them to the Panamanian Red Cross building in Albrook--after going in the main gate, continue straight; it's approximately the third building on your left.

MAPS

Due to the relocation to Puerto Rico, the Map Support Office-Panama currently located in Building 217, Fort Clayton, terminated all over-the-counter distribution of maps effective Thursday, in order to prepare for relocation. MAPS will accept requisitions by fax at 288-6873 up until complete closure. Crisis/Emergency Operations Support will be available. Units can contact the USARSO EOC in order to reach the staff duty officer/personnel on call.

No more surface mail after Aug. 31

Effective Aug. 31, the surface mail service to the Panama APOs will be terminated. The containerized mail that normally takes about two to four weeks to get to Panama will stop. This form of mail brings items in at a cheap rate that is identical to the SAM rate. It's normally called Parcel Post or fourth class mail. Fourth-class mail is the mail category that includes domestic parcel post, bound printed matter, special fourth-class rate items such as books, sound recordings, manuscripts, and library rate materials. Airmen have traditionally processed two containers of this mail per week. Each container brings roughly 300 pieces of mail at about 9,000 pounds apiece. The average transit time is two to four weeks.

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.

Suicide Awareness Briefing

The annual Suicide Awareness Briefing (required by AFI 44-154) is now ONLINE. The online briefing ensures that this valuable information is seen by all personnel, regardless of work schedule or location in the National Capital Region, and results in significant time savings for each organization. Please ensure you view this briefing NO LATER THAN June 10 to receive credit for the 1999 briefing. Units will receive a list of all personnel who have met this requirement.

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.

Only two postal-free codes left in Panama

Postage-free intertheater Military Postal Service is only available to and from the 34001 (Howard) and 34004 (Clayton) codes. These are the last Air Post Office codes left in Panama. All other locations require postage. For details call Staff Sgt. Mark Stagra or Manuel Gonzalez at 284-7219 or 284-7220.

New lightning warning procedures

Howard AFB has adopted new lightning warning notification procedures to alert the base community of the obser-

vance 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 SOUTHCOM Form 4, Certificate of Exemption from the Passenger Service Fee. In addition, if there are any changes to the original port call date, SOUTHCOM 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.

Family support and redeployment

Air Force staff sergeants and below qualify for free childcare 30 days prior to moving, up to 20 hours per child. For details call 284-3153.

Build your own PC

You can now Build To Order (BTO) your own PC on the AAFES web site. Pionex Technologies and AAFES have formed a partnership to allow customers to either design their first time PC or create their dream machine and have it shipped directly to their door. For more information call 285-5776 or see the internet for details.

DOIM needs your help

The DOIM Mail and Distribution Center needs your help. Customers are reminded that 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. Do not mail office equipment, furniture, supplies, noncurrent working files, computers and other IT equipment. These items should be shipped through the Packing and Crating Section at Building 727, Corozal. You can call 285-5137 to obtain packing materials and 285-5610 to arrange shipping. Also due to a manpower shortage and space limitation, unit mail clerks must make an appointment when mailing more than five parcels.

DGA 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.

Clayton Physical Exams prepare for closure

The Fort Clayton Physical Examinations and Standards Element is projected to scale down services effective May 17, in preparation for a May 27 closure. Starting Monday, services will be limited to customers already scheduled, or for walk-in services, such as clearances, etc. The Physical Examinations and Standards Element at Howard AFB will continue to provide examination services until June 30, and other administrative services until July 31. For more information, please call MSgt Justo at 284-6343/6155.



Sports

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.



Register now for the **4th annual ACC Family Golf Tournament "Two-Person Scramble"** which starts at 7:30 a.m. May 23 at the Horoko Golf Course. The tourney is open to husband and wife teams or two-member family teams. One lucky couple from each ACC Base will win round-trip tickets to anywhere in the Continental USA. Great prizes and giveaways. Tournament fee is \$20. Open to ID Card holders and family members. For more information call the Pro Shop at 283-6323/6346.

The Howard Bowling Center is looking for bowlers in the upcoming **"Fun Mixed 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.

24th Wing wins Intramural Soccer

24th Wing finishes with perfect 6-0 record to win regular season and get number one playoff seed.

Story and photos by
Sgt. Paul Bouchard
Tropic Times Editor

FORT CLAYTON (Jarman Field) — This week marked the end of the regular season for intramural soccer, with the 24th Wing finishing with an unblemished 6-0 record.

All of the seven intramural teams will make the playoffs which start next week and will essentially be a double-elimination tournament. The 24th Wing will receive a first-round bye.



Monday night's second game at Jarman Field pitted the Red Devils versus the SCN team. The Red Devils won 5-0.

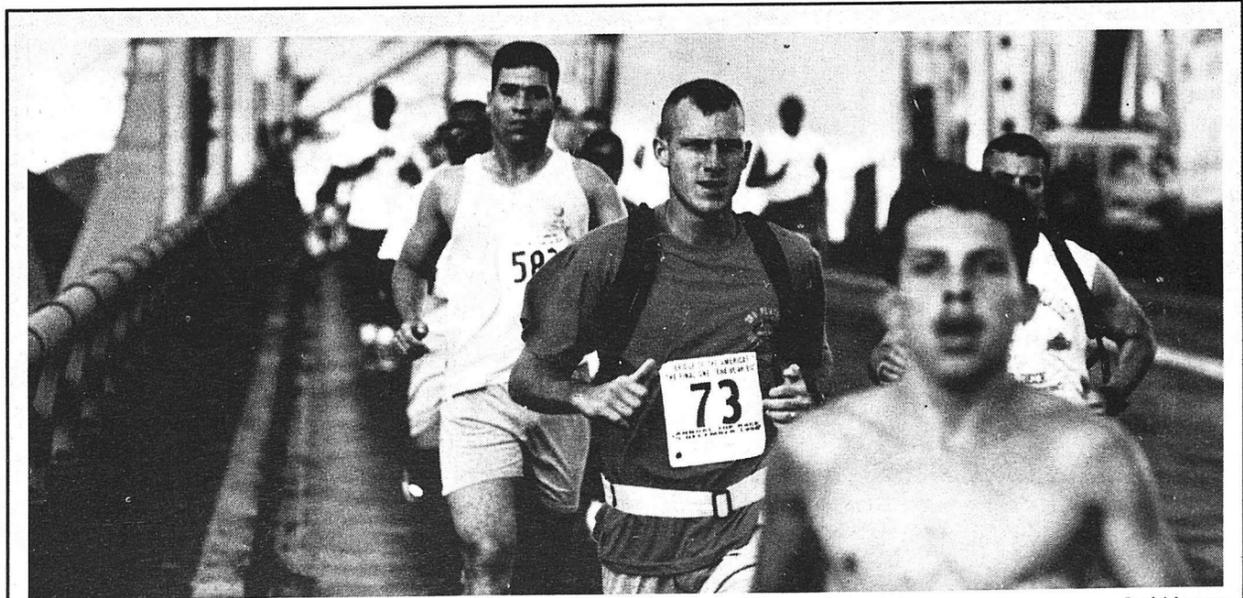


24th Wing forward Dino Buchanan got a hat trick Monday night at Fort Clayton's Jarman Field, scoring all his team's goals in a 3-0 defeat over the 245th. The 24th Wing finished the intramural season with a perfect 6-0 record.



A Red Devil player tries to outmaneuver an SCN defender in Monday night's game at Jarman Field. The Red Devils are the number four seed for the upcoming playoffs.

- | Final Regular Season Records | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | 24th Wing 6-0 |
| 2. | Tigers of Clayton 4-1-1 |
| 3. | 245th 3-2-1 |
| 4. | Red Devils 3-3 |
| 5. | Canal Zone 1-2-3 |
| 6. | 5/87th 0-5-1 |
| 7. | SCN 0-6 |



Daniel Amores

Upcoming runs

A **10K run** organized by the Isthmus Road Runners is scheduled for 7 a.m. May 30 at Cerro Azul. The Panama Armed Forces Running Association is sponsoring **2, 3 and 5-mile runs** 7 a.m. Saturday 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.

U.S. military opens new antidrug bases

This article recently appeared in the Miami Herald newspaper.

Ecuador and the Dutch Caribbean islands of Curacao and Aruba are the new front lines in the U.S. military's war on drugs, the result of the American troop withdrawal from Panama under the 1977 Panama Canal treaties.

"We started counterdrug air operations effective May 1 from all three sites," Raul Duany, spokesman for the Miami-based U.S. Southern Command, said May 5.

That was the day that airfield operations ended at Howard Air Force Base in Panama, the previous base for counterdrug surveillance flights. Howard is to be turned over to Panama on Nov. 1.

A six-year effort to negotiate an agreement to set up a Multinational Counter-Narcotics Center at Howard beyond the Dec. 31, 1999, canal turnover date collapsed last September, forcing Southcom to look elsewhere.

Unlike Howard, which is a U.S. military base, the Curacao, Aruba and

Ecuador sites and one other eventual site, possibly in Costa Rica, will operate under access agreements with the local governments using existing civilian airfields.

U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Customs surveillance and tracking aircraft will operate from the locations to monitor drug traffic from the Andean region through the Caribbean to the United States.

Personnel assignments

Duany said only about a dozen permanent personnel will be assigned to each of the sites, with up to 200 additional temporary personnel at any given time, depending on aircraft rotation. The permanent personnel would be assigned for air traffic control, communications and maintenance.

He said an Air Force task force is "currently surveying all three sites-known as forward operating locations (FOL)-and contracting for necessary improvements to conduct sustained expeditionary operations."

Duany said the improvements

would begin in October and include "significant upgrades, such as additional ramp space."

U.S. officials have said the Ecuador site, at Manta, a military base on the Pacific coast, would require the most work.

All the sites, including one being looked at in Costa Rica, have the 8,000-foot runways needed to accommodate AWAC radar planes for monitoring illegal drug flights and C-141 aircraft, in addition to the smaller planes needed for the counterdrug operations.

The three locations are "in the heart of the transit zone," Duany said. "Before, it was concentrated in one location (Panama), and even though (it was) strategically located, we will now have wider coverage because of the diverse locations."

The forward operating locations will be augmented from U.S. military bases at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Soto Cano, Honduras.

The Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South, based at Howard, which

coordinates antidrug operations, was being shut down this week and merged with the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force East with headquarters in Key West, Duany said.

Less coverage

Ana Maria Salazar, the Pentagon's deputy assistant secretary for drug enforcement policy, acknowledged Tuesday in testimony before a House committee in Washington that there will be an initial "degradation" of antidrug operations because of the shutdown of Howard.

She estimated that current coverage of the Caribbean region is only half of what it was two years ago. Salazar said the United States has been flying 2,000 counterdrug missions a year out of Howard.

Salazar said operations should be up to 85 percent of that next year as a result of the Curacao, Aruba and Ecuador locations.

If another location is established in Central America, she said it would boost surveillance to 110 percent of the 1997 level by 2001.



Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Calkins (USARSO PAO)

Pets – don't leave home without them!

FORT CLAYTON – Pets are precious, so why leave them behind on the street for themselves just because it is time to make your PCS move. If you are unable to take them with you, there are many alternatives to leaving them tied up or on their own. Instead, why not consider selling your pet or pets or giving them away to someone you trust?

Remember, leaving a pet behind to fend for itself is a punishable crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Why jeopardize your career or your pet's life.

Temporary food facilities need permits to serve

HOWARD AFB – As the drawdown continues, it is important that we all continue to practice excellence in our daily operations.

For Public Health, this means continuing to ensure the good health of all personnel living and working in our military community.

One way we do this is ensuring all eating establishments are approved and sanitary. This includes temporary facilities and unit fundraisers.

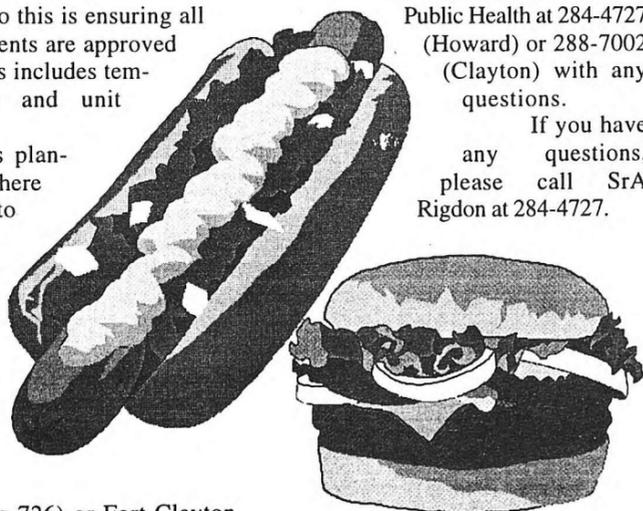
If your unit is planning an activity where food will be sold to the public, you must get a temporary food service permit from Public Health.

The process is simple. A facility representative should stop by Public Health on Howard (Building 726) or Fort Clayton

(Building 519 1st floor) for a basic food handler briefing. We will need to know the time, date and location of the event, as well as what type of food will be served and where purchased.

The process takes about 20 minutes and will prepare the host for a responsible and safe event. Call Public Health at 284-4727 (Howard) or 288-7002 (Clayton) with any questions.

If you have any questions, please call SrA Rigdon at 284-4727.



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 Monday 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 Borrás, 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 the 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 cannot 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.

Meet Carol of Carol's Cuisine



"Hello, I am Carol. And welcome to Carol's Cuisine."

*story and photos by
Sgt. Tywana Gordon
Tropic Times Assistant Editor*

Where could you go on Fort Clayton to taste Panamanian cuisine, music and view a folkloric artist show from all provinces of Panama? Ask anyone who knows Carol Husband and they will simply say, "go to Carol's Cuisine."

Many of you may know Husband as host of Carol's Cuisine, but what you may not know is what went into the making of this event.

Carol's Cuisine began February 1998, but Husband has charmed friends and coworkers with good Panamanian food long before then.

"I've known Carol ever since she worked at the Red Cross many years ago," said James Hill, chief of the Family Support Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel.

"When she moved to ACS (Army Community Services), she would always cook great food and bring it to the office for us to sample."

At the time, Husband was involved in the Welcome to Panama program where newcomers are oriented to Fort Clayton and Panamanian culture.

"The newcomers briefing was in two phases — food and culture of Panama. I did demonstrations on how to prepare foods and I developed a cookbook with recipes including local herbs, fruits and vegetables," Husband said.

The cookbook became a hit and the community demanded more. McDonald Kemp, director of the

Directorate of Community Activities, decided to do something more with this, Husband explained. He thought it would be a great idea to begin Carol's Cuisine.

Husband's involvement in Carol's Cuisine has all been voluntary, Hill said. "She coordinated everything."

Not only does she coordinate and host the event, she prepares the menu and some of the dishes, and she supervises the staff that prepares the food.

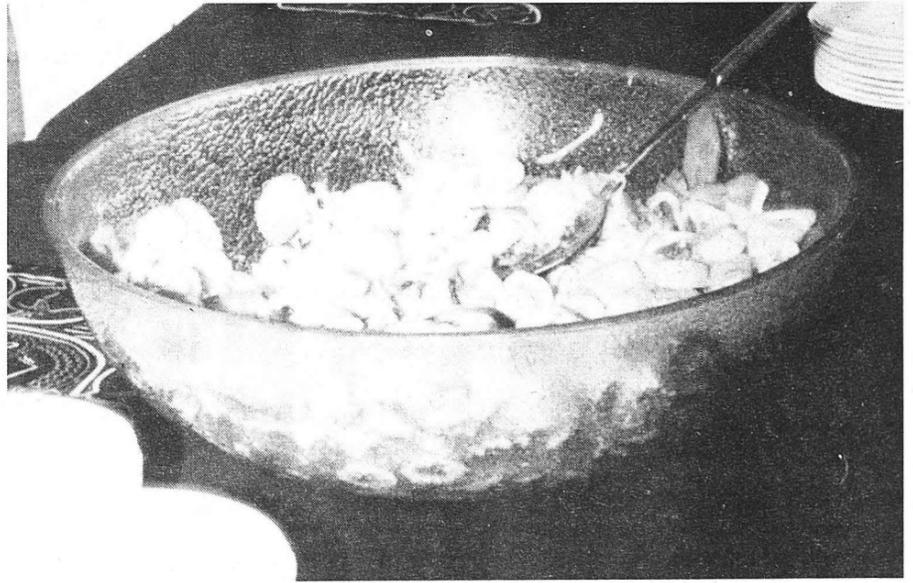
It has been a real success, she explained.

"Our evenings are filled with food, culture and entertainment. We have folkloric artists from various provinces to dance, fashion shows and food from every province. We had two carnivals and Sammy and Sandra Sandoval performed at one of the dinners. We also gave out cookbooks, brochures, posters and T-shirts."

Sadly, the last dinner was held April 29 at Fort Clayton's Valent Recreation Center. But the impact Husband has made on the community will not be forgotten, Hill explained.

"Carol has been a positive influence in this community. Every time we had a major event, she has been behind it every step of the way. Every time we had a major command event, she has been behind it. She is just a great woman and the community will never know Carol as they should."

Husband would like to thank the following people and organizations for making Carol's Cuisine a success: the entire community for their support, McDonald Kemp, the Fort Clayton Community Club staff and Chef Rangel.



(Top left and right) Several dishes made with local fruits, vegetables and herbs are served at Carol's Cuisine. Shredded beef, chicken and rice, yuca and deserts made with fresh season fruit are among the many dishes that are served at the event. (Left and above) The audience applauds while local dancers perform. The event also includes giveaways such as T-shirts, cookbooks and live music from a local tipico group.

Isthmian Chapter of AUSA hosts luncheon

story and photos by
Carmela Lowe Gobern
Tropic Times Staff

FORT CLAYTON – The Isthmian Chapter of the Association of the United States Army hosted its farewell luncheon Tuesday at the Fort Clayton Community Club.

With an attendance of over 200 guests from the military and civilian communities, the outstanding work of this organization was applauded.

Distinguished guests included Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger, Jr., U.S. Army South commanding general and his wife Greta, the Honorable Simon Ferro, U.S. Ambassador to Panama, and the Honorable Joseph Cornelison, deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission. The guest speaker was Kensinger. Isthmian Chapter AUSA Vice-President Joseph Suszynski served as master of ceremonies.

Immediately following the buffet luncheon, special recognition was made to the NCO of the 3rd Quarter, Sgt. Bruce W. Valk, 534th Military Police Company, and the Soldier of the 3rd Quarter, Spc. Jacqueline Telesford, Veterinary Services Command. Balboa High School recipients of the AUSA Scholarships were Alejandro J. Bonilla, son of Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Bonilla from Special Operations Command South and Steven W. Bowman, son of Col. (Ret.) John Bowman, U.S. Army Reserve.

Kensinger presented commander's coins and Certificates of Appreciation to AUSA corporate members on behalf of USARSO, in recognition of their outstanding support to the Isthmian Chapter and U.S. Army South soldiers and their families in Panama. Special Certificates of Appreciation from the AUSA were also presented to these members.

As guest speaker, Kensinger emphasized the distinguished service of the Isthmian Chapter of the AUSA in its mission to protect the strength of the Army, and he congratulated the organization for its distinguished performance for over 30 years. He concluded with a presentation of an emotional video-recording displaying the efforts, sacrifices and selfless support of USARSO personnel.

Ambassador Ferro congratulated Kensinger for the important role and the notable contributions made by USARSO to the Isthmian community.

Special plaques were presented to Kensinger by the



U.S. Ambassador Simon Ferro presented Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., U.S. Army South commanding general, with a plaque for USARSO's exceptional support to Panama, the Americas and Caribbean nations.

following organizations for the exceptional support provided by USARSO: Department of State (U.S. Embassy), the Panama Canal Commission, the United States-Panama Business Council and the Panama National Chamber of Shipping.

Although the role of the Isthmian Chapter will disappear locally, the work of the AUSA will continue through their 130 chapters located around the world. Its national headquarters is located in Arlington, Va., where a professional staff of 60 serve the membership.



(Top) Maj. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., USARSO commanding general, presents an AUSA Certificate of Appreciation to the NCO of the 3rd Quarter Sgt. Bruce W. Valk of the 534th Military Police Company and to (top left) the Soldier of the 3rd Quarter Spc. Jacqueline Telesford of Veterinary Services Command.



(Left) Kensinger presents Steven W. Bowman, son of Col. (ret.) John Bowman, U.S. Army Reserve, with an AUSA Certificate of Appreciation. Bowman and Alejandro J. Bonilla, son of Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Bonilla of the Special Operations Command South, are both Balboa High School students who received scholarships from the Association of the United States Army. The Isthmian Chapter of the Association of the United States Army luncheon was held Tuesday at the Fort Clayton Community Club with more than 200 guests from the military and civilian communities in attendance.

First SOCOM general dies at 66

This article recently appeared in the Fayetteville Observer Times.

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Lutz, who played a key role in getting increased recognition for Special Operations in the U.S. military, died Sunday in Florida. He was 66.

In 1982, he signed the orders that brought the Army's 1st Special Operations Command into existence at Fort Bragg. He was the first commanding general of 1st SOCOM, which was the forerunner of the present-day U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

In 1987, Gen. James J. Lindsay selected Lutz to serve as chief of staff of the newly created U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa, Fla. The command oversees all special operations forces in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

"The success that U.S. SOCOM and the Special Operations community enjoy today would not have been as great without the inspirational leadership and foresight of Joe Lutz," said a statement from U.S. Special Operations Command.

Lutz was born on April 17, 1933, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a distinguished military graduate of the ROTC program at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., and joined the Army in 1955.

He was instrumental in the creation of a separate Special Forces career branch within the Army in the mid-1980s. The enhanced status put Special Forces on a level with the infantry, armor and artillery among Army career fields. He also was influential in the design of its branch insignia for Special Forces.

He was deputy commanding general of 7th Corps, U.S. Army Europe, and chief of the Joint U.S. Military Aid Group in Greece.

Since his retirement in 1990, Lutz had remained active in military and community affairs. He was a consultant with Sverdrup Inc. and was chairman of the Special Operations Memorial Foundation.

He was a member of the Special Forces Association along with many other groups and organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and three daughters, Karla, Krista and Joan.

Keane named vice chief of staff

(ARMY Times) – A lieutenant general with extensive experience in airborne and light infantry units has been nominated for a fourth star and appointment as the Army's 29th vice chief of staff.

If confirmed by the Senate, Lt. Gen. Jack Keane, deputy commander of Atlantic Command, will replace Gen. Eric K. Shinseki as vice chief.

Shinseki's recent nomination to replace Gen. Dennis Reimer as Army chief of staff also needs Senate confirmation. If cleared by lawmakers, Shinseki and Keane would assume their new jobs June 21.

"General Keane is absolutely the right choice for the job of vice chief of staff," said Reimer. "His depth and breadth of experience throughout the military and around the world make him an invaluable addition to the Army's leadership."

Army Secretary Louis Caldera said that as vice chief, Keane will supervise the Army Staff, and serve as the Army's representative on the joint council that sets defense budget requirements. He also will chair the Army Space Council, and two other councils that coordinate active component and Reserve-component programs.

Throughout his 32-year career, Keane has had only one tour at the Pentagon, in 1977-79, as military assistant to the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. However, sources said Keane is a fast learner, with astute insights into complex issues and programs.

"He should do real well," said one senior officer who has frequent dealings with the vice chief's office.

Before being assigned to Atlantic Command in March 1998, Keane served two years as commander of one of the Army's premier units – XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Prior to that, he had several command assignments with airborne and light infantry units, including company command with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and the 172nd Infantry Brigade in Alaska.

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. 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.



NAF sale

There will be a sale of NAF items at the Howard Air Force Base Officer's Club Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon. Items included are tables, chairs, bar stools, linens and dishware, to name a few. The NAF sale is open to ID card holders only. For more information, call 284-5363.



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Hike into Chiriqui, back into nature

story by Spc. Deborah Long

Originally, last weekend had been planned out to just relax and hang out on post. How exciting!

With little persuasion, my friends swept me up in the idea of driving up into the mountains to a place called Chiriqui.

After an eight-hour drive, thanks to everyone either getting lost, forgetting things or simply getting pulled over by the local Panama National Police, we made it to the base of the mountains.

Stepping out of the car to stretch, the chill of our altitude caught me by surprise. It was actually chilly - in Panama. Those two words just didn't seem to go together. It was great though, despite the everlasting drizzle that fell on us.

Mountains are a beautiful thing, but it seemed like here, the sky was such a brilliant cascade of blue high above that they appeared almost magical.

We trekked up a mountain in our five-car caravan, dodging the craters that enveloped the road, passing small markets, and finally making it to Bambito. We didn't stay in their luxurious Hotel Bambito with water fountains and a discotheque; however, we stayed just up the road in the Cabanas Kucikas. Our cabin came fully equipped, 11 beds, kitchen, living room, and one bathroom - for all 12 of us to share.

Hot water was available when someone wasn't mistaking the water switch for the light switch, and there was no television, but who needed it when you were up in the breezy mountains with a bunch of amigos.

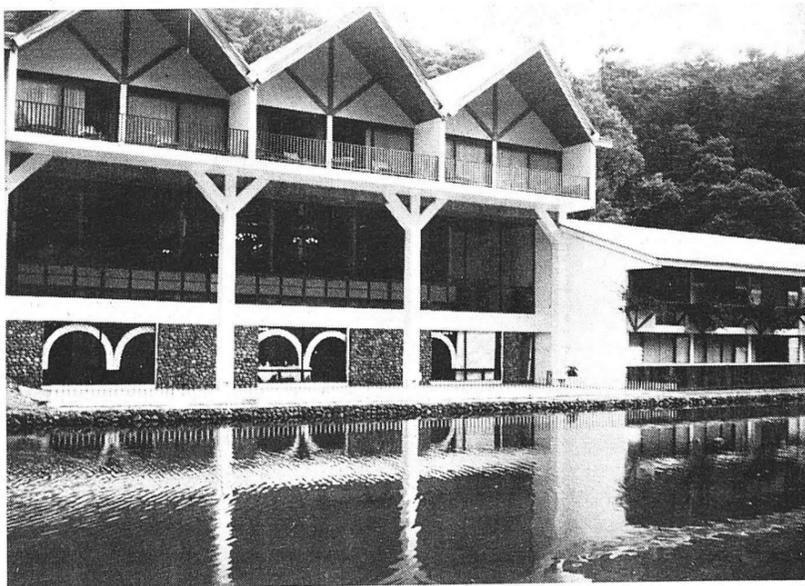
Outside, a river flowed by against the mountains and there was nothing but peace and quiet. Lush vegetation surrounded us and cows, pigs and horses roamed the old dirt roads.

We were all set for a weekend of fun, hiking, fishing and barbecuing. Though it rained the majority of the weekend, and no one seemed to understand us when we tried to buy charcoal, everyone had a good time.

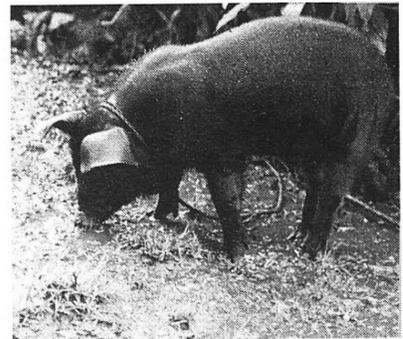


(File)

Beautiful views like this can be seen throughout the province of Chiriqui.



Griselda Sterling (Tropic Times)



Spc. Deborah Long (USARSO PAO)

(Left and bottom) Hotel Bambito offers its guest a luxurious weekend getaway in Chiriqui. The bridge located at the entrance of the hotel displays beautifully manicured gardens which Chiriqui is popular for. (Above) Many animals can be seen throughout the province.



Griselda Sterling (Tropic Times)



Trips and tours

Air Force

◆**Outdoor Recreation: 284-6107**
Tours depart from Howard Theater.
Old Panama and Miraflores Locks
tour 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, \$10.

Peacock Bass fishing 5 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, \$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. Sunday - May 22, \$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.

Ecological Canal tour 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday, \$60. Don't miss this unique tour of the Las Americas Inter-oceanic National Park. Includes a boat ride along the Panama Canal and Gatun Lake, a visit to a Chocoe Indian village, barbecue meal, drink and a tour guide. Don't forget your camera.

Tocumen Shopping Mall trip 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 21. Forget about the traffic as you relax in an air-conditioned

bus on your way to a day of shopping at Panama's newest mall.

El Valle horseback riding trip 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 22, \$24. Ride a horse and explore the countryside in El Valle, the beautiful mountain valley located in the interior of Panama. El Valle's lush vegetation, colorful flowers, waterfalls, ancient Indian petroglyphs and cooler temperatures make it one of Panama's popular tourist attractions. Cost includes transportation, horses and guide. Bring your own lunch or dine in a local restaurant.

Parara Puru Indian village tour 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 23, \$22. Take a cayuco ride along the Chagres River to visit the unique Parara Puru Indian community and experience their social lifestyle and witness their primitive customs dating back 500 years. Bring a sack lunch and don't forget the camera.

Peacock bass fishing trip 5 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 23, \$25. Join us for a super day of fishing near Arenosa Village on Gatun Lake. Bring your own fishing gear, lunch and refreshments. We provide transportation, boat with guide, bait, ice and coolers for fish. Fish cleaning is available.

Army

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

Reservations for outings are under way at Building 178, Fort Clayton.

Horseback riding in El Valle Saturday. Ride a horse and explore the countryside in *El Valle*, the beautiful mountain valley located in the interior of Panama. El Valle's lush vegetation, colorful flowers, waterfalls, ancient Indian petroglyphs and cooler temperatures make it one of Panama's popular tourist attractions. Cost includes transportation, horses and guide.

El Valle day trip Sunday. Join us once a week, the otherwise quiet and relaxed El Valle becomes a picturesque country shopping center celebrating its most popular tradition, the Sunday Market.

Ocean Kayaking May 22.

El Valle Canopy May 29. This adventure features a canopy tour of El Macho. You will traverse from tree to tree and platform to platform using pulleys.

The Mamoni overnight trip is available. Includes a two-hour drive into Chepo and a three-hour horseback ride. Enjoy typical food, rustic sleeping accommodations and activities. Not meant for the mild at heart. For more information, call the center.

◆**Valent Recreation Center: 288-6500**

Make early reservations for tours:
Visit historic Panama City founded

in 1506 and destroyed and sacked by pirate Henry Morgan. Tour the *Casco Viejo* founded in 1676 and reminiscent of its Spanish and French heritage. Stop at **San Jose Church** to see their **Golden Altar**, the National Theater, **Las Bovedas** enjoy live music Fridays and Saturdays and the French restaurant 7 p.m. Mondays - Fridays, and the new **Canal Museum**.

Isla Grande 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Stop at **Portobelo** to see the Black Christ.

El Valle 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Enjoy shopping in the native market which is only open on Sundays. You'll be able to purchase handicrafts such as soapstone carvings, bateas, and pottery. *El Valle's* lush vegetation, colorful flowers and waterfalls make it one of the most popular tourist attractions in Panama. Enjoy lunch at **Hotel Campestre**.

Shopping tour 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday. Visit Central Avenue, **El Dorado** and **Los Pueblos** shopping malls, the most popular shopping area in town.

Carlson Wagonlit offers the lowest military air fares, hotel, car rental discounts and more. Service also includes: Special weekday rates at Gorgona beachfront cabins; *Chiva Parrandera* on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and partial **Canal Transits**. Call 288-7077 for details.

El Macho Waterfall
Visit

The El Macho Waterfall in El Valle and make sure to bring your camera. *El Valle* is also a land of history and legend. Inhabited for hundreds of years by several Native American tribes, the area is famous for some rare petroglyphs. Contact your Outdoor Recreation Center and set up your trip or tour now. Call 284-6107 or 288-7355.



Griselda Sterling (Tropic Times)

Rec Center news

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◆**Howard Community Center: 284-6161**

The center is located on the Ground Floor of Building 707. New hours: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mondays - Fridays, noon - 6 p.m. Saturdays, closed Sundays and holidays and noon - 6 p.m. down days.

Jewelry show and sale 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. today. You don't have to go off base to shop for fine jewelry.

Souvenir vendors bazaar 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays.

◆**Howard Skills Development Center: 284-6361**

The **Balloon Shop** is located in the Skills Development Center, Building 711. Check our daily specials and make someone smile. The Skills Development Center now has the **Balloon Shop** and **Pack-N-Wrap** with gifts, balloons and wrappings for shipping for all occasions.

◆**Outdoor Adventures: 284-6107**

Rent Howard bohios and pools for private parties or squadron functions. If you wish to serve alcohol, you must submit a letter of request

to the 24th Support Group deputy commander at least four working days before the event.

◆**Howard AFB Sports and Recreation Rental Center: 284-6107/3539**

Check out the wide variety of equipment for rent, camping, fishing and boating, home entertainment, home improvement, outdoor, picnic and party, sports and cooking equipment for a minimal fee daily, weekend and weekly rental. PCSing? If so, get \$5 off weekly and monthly rentals on TVs, VCRs and TV/VCR combos. Must be accompanied by orders. Rent a mountain bike for a month or week and receive a free water bottle.

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◆**Valent Recreation Center: 288-6500**

Private tours for 10 - 15 people can be arranged. Advance reservations and payment required for any tours listed or other local tours. The center also provides music rooms, movies on weekends, slot machine, pool tables, ping pong tables and rental service.

Arts and crafts

Air Force

◆**Howard Skills Development Center: 284-6361**

New hours of operation 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays - Saturdays.

The center accepts commercial credit cards.

Registration and payment are required before attending classes. Classes will be cancelled 24 hours prior if minimum participation is not met.

Artificial flower arranging 10 a.m. - noon Saturday, \$10 plus supplies. One lesson.

Stained glass workshop 10 a.m. - 1

p.m. Saturday, \$12.50 plus supplies. Three lessons.

Clay flowers 1 - 3 p.m. Tuesday, \$25. Includes three lessons. Students need to purchase the supplies.

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◆**Fort Clayton Arts and Crafts Center: 288-5957/7360**

Center is schedule for closure **June 30**. Patrons are requested to clear their wood and multicraft projects by May 31.

Drawing and acrylic painting 2 - 4 p.m. Sundays and 7 - 9 p.m. Wednesdays. **Watercolor and oil painting techniques** 7 - 9 p.m. Thursday. Painting supplies are not included in the fee. Regis-

ter in advance. Call for details.

Crafts classes available:

Pottery class 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

Woodworking qualification class 9:30 a.m. - noon Saturdays.

Framing instruction 6:30 - 9 p.m. Thursday. Call for details.

Guitar construction 7 - 9 p.m. Thursday.

◆**Fort Clayton Ceramics Shop: 288-4360** Ceramics shop close May 31.

Ceramic instruction available: Learn the fine art of ceramics. Classes are offered at all levels.

Beginner's ceramic painting 6 - 8 p.m. Thursdays. Fee is \$20.

Ceramic qualification 10 a.m. - 12:30

p.m. Saturdays.

Ceramic orientation for pouring 2 - 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Pastel chalk technique 4 - 5 p.m. Wednesdays, \$10 plus supplies.

Eye painting 7 p.m. Wednesday, \$5.

Dry brush technique 2 - 3 p.m. Thursdays.

Airbrush classes, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fridays, \$5.

Advance registration required for the following courses:

Clay Flower making 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sundays, \$15. Four sessions. Join us at the center and don't miss the wonderful class.

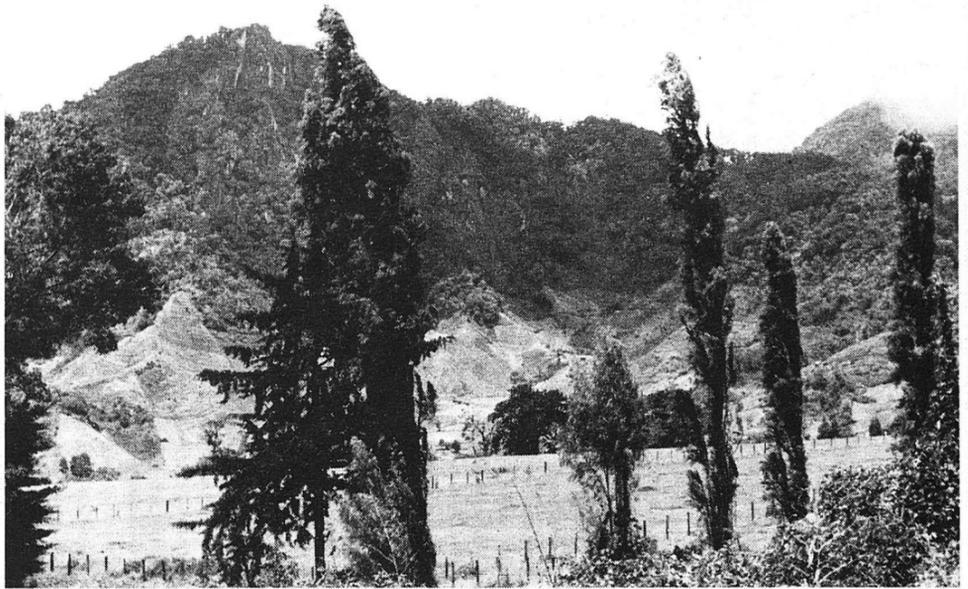


Child and Youth Services
SUMMER PROGRAM
Registration
14 - 15 MAY
building 155, Ft. Clayton

Program includes:
* Toddler/Preschool Camp
1-5 years, 0900-1200
* School Age Camp
5-12 years, 0900-1500
Youth Sports
Soccer, volleyball, basketball and racquetball clinics
Instructional Classes
Karate, piano, and gymnastics
Teen Program
Tutoring and other activities, center-based lecture activities and the arts workshop

Activities for children 2 - 5 yrs. are based on 'Weekly Themes' such as: Crazy Summer Fun; Red, White and Blue; Puppet Fun; Wet and Wonderful, etc.
* School Age children 5-12 yrs. weekly themes include: Tunnel Through Time, Traveling Through the Seven Seas, Olympic Spirit, Final Voyage and others. Daily activities planned include field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, games, cookouts and hikes, and many more.

INFO.: 288-6816/6810/7506



R. E. Samuels

Cerro Punta

Visit Cerro Punta and the cultivation of coffee orchids and strawberries that enriches the surrounding towns. Contact your Outdoor Recreation Center and set up your trip or tour now. Call 284-6107 or 288-7355.

Special events

Recycling Marathon

◆ Fort Clayton

The Directorate of Community Activities is hosting a Recycling Marathon today. Collect bond paper, color paper and cardboard, nonferrous 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.

Pre-Teen Jam

◆ Howard Youth Center

Michael J. Productions and DJ Coach Enterprises presents Skoolz Out Blow-Out Spectacular Pre-Teen Jam 7 p.m. to midnight May 21 at the Howard youth Center. Admission is free. Ages are 8 - 12. For more information, call the Youth Center at 284-4700/5615.

Table Manners

◆ Granada Hotel

You are invited to participate in a Seminar-Workshop and Luncheon 1 p.m. May 30 and to a Seminar Dinner 5:30 p.m. May 31 at the Granada Hotel. Guest speaker is Carmela Lowe Govern, Certified Image Consultant for the U.S. Image Improvement Institute. Cost is \$18 per person. For more information or tickets, call 272-2262.

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

VB# VACANCIES, TITLE AND LOCATION
OPEN: 05-14-99 CLOSE: 05-25-99

238-99-SC LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, NM-346-12. HQ USSOUTHCOM Center for Treaty Implementation, Fort Clayton, Panama. Spec. Exp.: 1 yr equiv to NM-11. NOTE: Temporary NTE: 12/31/99.

264-99-SS (2) TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, NM-391-12, (2). 9th ASC, 56th Signal Battalion, S3 Operations Division, Corozal, Panama. Spec. Exp.: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-11. NOTE: Must be able to obtain security clearance at the TOP SECRET level. Competitive temporary promotion NTE 09/14/99.

265-99-LB BUDGET ASSISTANT (0A), NM-561-06. HQ, USARSO DCSRM, PBD, Fort Clayton, Panama. Spec. Exp.: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-05. NOTE: Temporary NTE 09/30/99.

266-99-SC SUPPLY CLERK (0A), NM-2005-05. DCA, Sports & Leisure Division, Fort Clayton, Panama. Spec. Exp.: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-04. NOTE: TEMPORARY PROMOTION NTE: 10/31/99. Limited to permanent career/career conditional Federal employees in the DCA activity only. Must be a qualified typist (40 wpm). Driver's license is required.

267-99-SC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, NM-101-09. DCA, Child & Youth Services, Ft. Clayton, Panama. Spec. Exp.: 1 yr. equiv. to NM-07. TIG: 1 yr. at NM-07. NOTE: TEMPORARY PROMOTION NTE: 8/15/99. Limited to permanent career/career conditional Federal employees in the DCA activity only.

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**

Schedule to close May 31.

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 moved 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.

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

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

Karaoke plus Late Night Disco 11 a.m. - midnight Monday and more **Karaoke** until 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/live entertainment 9 p.m. Saturday **Los Almirantes** and May 30 **Castalia y los Salchichas**. Open to enlisted members and their guests.

◆**Top 3 Enlisted Lounge: 284-4189**

Open 4 - 9 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and 5:30 - 6:30 Fridays.

Super social hour 7 p.m. Sunday, with **Jazz effect** and **Barbara Wilson**. 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.



Live Jazz

The Top 3 Enlisted Lounge is hosting a Jazz Effect night with the presentation of National singer Barbara Wilson 7 p.m. Sunday. Come join us and enjoy with your family and friends the Live Jazz variety. Free admission. For more information, call 284-4189.



Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Howard AFB 284-3583	6:30 pm: <i>October Sky</i> 8:30 pm: <i>The Matrix</i>	4:30 pm: <i>Blast from the Past</i> 6:30 pm: <i>Wing Commander</i> 8:30 pm: <i>The Life*</i>	4 pm: <i>The Other Sister</i> 6:30 pm: <i>October Sky</i> 8:30 pm: <i>Rushmore</i>	7 pm: <i>The Life*</i>	7 pm: <i>Shakespeare in Love</i>	7 pm: <i>The Life*</i>	7 pm: <i>8 MM</i>
Fort Clayton 288-7279	6:30 pm: <i>Simply Irresistible</i> 8:30 pm: <i>The Life*</i>	No movie The 79th Army Band Concert	4:30 pm: <i>Blast from the Past</i> 6:30 pm: <i>Wing Commander</i> 8:30 pm: <i>The Life*</i>	7 pm: <i>Rushmore</i>	7 pm: <i>The Life*</i>	7 pm: <i>8 MM</i>	7 pm: <i>The Corruptor</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

8 MM

Nicolas Cage, Joaquin Phoenix

Director Joel Schumacher casts Nicolas Cage as a seedy private eye in this psychological thriller. A widow discovers an 8 millimeter "snuff" film in her husband's safe ("snuff" being the type of porno movie where one of the performers is killed on screen). Cage, aided by co-star Joaquin Phoenix, investigates the underground industry to determine its origins. **R, 2 hr, 6 min.**

The Corruptor

Chow Yun-Fat, Mark Wahlberg

Chow Yun-Fat stars as a gold shield detective who keeps the peace in Chinatown. When a turf war erupts between two rival gangs, the NYPD beefs up the Asian gang unit with an idealistic cop, played by Mark Wahlberg. Yun-Fat teams up with Wahlberg in a tale of violence, betrayal, and deception. **R, 1 hr, 51 min.**

The Life

Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence

Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence are two-bit criminals wrongly accused of murder by a very white sheriff. From the gravesite of the two aged buddies, the movie flashes back over the 50 years they spent in prison, the important times and events they missed, along with a never-ending supply of prison pranks. **R, 2 hr, 15 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.**

October Sky

Jake Gyllenhaal, 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.**

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.**

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.**

The Other Sister

Juliette Lewis, Diane Keaton

Garry Marshall directs Juliette Lewis and Diane Keaton as daughter and mother who butt heads over the girl's goals and choices. **PG, 2 hr, 11 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.**

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.**

Wing Commander

Freddie Prinze Jr., Matthew Lillard

The year is 2654. An alien race, the Kiltathi, are on a mission to destroy planet Earth. Freddie Prinze Jr. stars as a fighter pilot fresh out of the academy. Prinze and his buddies are thrust into an interstellar war and must face a seemingly invincible enemy to save the human race. Also stars Matthew Lillard and Saffron Burrows. **PG, 1 hr, 40 min.**



Howard AFB

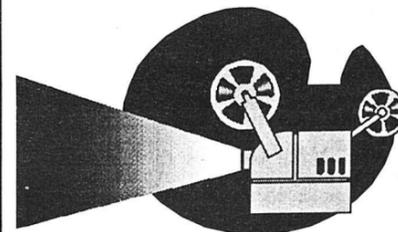
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8:30 pm: *The Corruptor* (R) Chow Yun-Fat, Mark Wahlberg

Fort Clayton

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8:30 pm: *8 MM* (R) Nicolas Cage, Joaquin Phoenix



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

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	12:00 Headline News	9:30 Are You Afraid of the Dark?	10:00 Promised Land	12:00 Headline News	12:00 Headline News	12:00 Headline News	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
	12:30 Wheel Of Fortune	10:00 America's Family Kitchen	11:00 Headline News	12:30 Wheel Of Fortune	12:30 Wheel Of Fortune	12:30 Wheel Of Fortune	12:00 Headline News
	1:00 Port Charles	10:30 California's Gold	11:30 Army Newswatch	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles	1:00 Port Charles	12:30 Wheel Of Fortune
	1:25 Guiding Light	11:00 Headline News	12:00 NBA Playoffs: (Teams and Games To Be Announced)	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light	1:25 Guiding Light	1:00 Port Charles
	2:15 General Hospital	11:30 Navy/Marine Corps News	See Prime Time table	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital	2:15 General Hospital	1:25 Guiding Light
	3:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	12:00 Soul Train	12:30 America's Black Forum	3:00 Bonkers	3:00 Mighty Ducks	3:00 Goof Troop	2:15 General Hospital
	3:30 Kratt's Creatures	1:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys	1:00 Friday Night	3:30 Superman	3:30 Newton's Apple	3:30 Gargoyles	3:00 Animaniacs
	4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess	2:00 WWF Superstars	2:00 Videolink	4:00 California Dreams	4:00 Nick News	4:00 Saved By Bell: New Class***	3:30 Waynehead
	5:00 Jeopardy!	3:00 Sports	3:00 Strapped (TV-PG)	4:30 All That	4:30 Scholastic Sports America	4:30 Legends of the Hidden Temple	4:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys
	5:30 NBC Nightly News	See Prime Time table	5:00 Headline News	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!	5:00 Jeopardy!
	See Prime Time table	See Prime Time table	5:30 News at Sunrise	5:30 Nightly News	5:30 Nightly News	5:30 Nightly News	5:30 Nightly News
12:35 ESPNews	12:00 Baywatch		See Prime Time table	See Prime Time table	See Prime Time table	See Prime Time table	
1:05 The Longest Day (TV-G)	1:00 Fifteen and Pregnant (TV-PG)		12:35 ESPNews	12:35 ESPNews	12:35 ESPNews	12:35 ESPNews	
4:30 Cope Thunder: Running w/ the Wolf Pack	3:00 Days Of Wine And Roses (TV-PG)		1:05 National Lampoon's European Vacation (TV-PG)	1:05 Airplane! (TV-PG)	1:05 Downhill Racer (TV-PG)	1:05 Bite The Bullet (TV-PG)	
5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News		3:00 Mister Roberts (TV-PG)	3:00 Rain Man (TV-PG)	3:00 Used Cars (TV-PG)	3:00 Throw Momma From The Train (TV-PG)	
5:30 ESPNews	5:30 Hour of Power		5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News	5:00 Headline News	
			5:30 News at Sunrise	5:30 News at Sunrise	5:30 News at Sunrise	5:30 News at Sunrise	

	Friday, May 14	Saturday, May 15	Sunday, May 16	Monday, May 17	Tuesday, May 18	Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20
Cable 16 & 65	6:00 Biography: Colin Powell	6:00 "Beverly Hills, 90210"	6:00 Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman	6:00 New Detectives	6:00 Ancient Mysteries	6:00 Biography: Malcolm X	6:00 Biography: Amelia Earhart
	7:00 Homicide: Life on Streets	8:00 Son-In-Law (TV-PG)	7:00 Touched By An Angel	7:00 ER	7:00 Law & Order	7:00 Melrose Place	7:00 X-Files
	8:00 Tin Soldier (TV-PG)	10:00 The View	8:00 Caroline? (TV-PG)	8:00 Hocus Pocus (TV-PG)	8:00 For Love Or Money (TV-PG)	8:00 Secret Admirer (TV-PG)	8:00 The Philadelphia Story (TV-PG)
	10:00 Doug	11:00 Better Homes & Gardens	10:00 Worship for Kids	10:00 Doug	10:00 Doug	10:00 Doug	10:00 Doug
	10:30 Rugrats	11:30 Home Matters	10:30 On Main Street	10:30 Ren & Stimpy	10:30 Ren & Stimpy	10:30 Ren & Stimpy	10:30 Ren & Stimpy
	11:00 Simpsons	12:00 Grace Under Fire	11:00 700 Club	11:00 Simpsons	11:00 Simpsons	11:00 Home Improvement	11:00 Simpsons
	11:30 Home Improvement	12:30 Ellen	11:30 Real Videos	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	11:30 Home Improvement
	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	1:00 Murphy Brown	12:00 7th Heaven	1:00 Mike Wallace Remembers	1:00 "Supertwins: Triplets, Quads"	1:00 The Aviators	12:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9
	1:00 American Experience: Heroes	2:00 "Beverly Hills, 90210"	1:00 Road to Avonlea	2:00 New Detectives	2:00 Ancient Mysteries	2:00 Secret Admirer (TV-PG)	1:00 Understanding
	2:00 Biography: Colin Powell	4:00 Son-In-Law (TV-PG)	2:00 Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman	3:00 ER	3:00 Law & Order	4:00 Secret Admirer (TV-PG)	2:00 Biography: Amelia Earhart
	3:00 Homicide: Life on Streets	See Prime Time table	4:00 Touched By An Angel	4:00 Hocus Pocus (TV-PG)	4:00 For Love Or Money (TV-PG)	See Prime Time table	3:00 X-Files
	4:00 Tin Soldier (TV-PG)	12:00 Caroline? (TV-PG)	See Prime Time table	12:00 Hocus Pocus (TV-PG)	See Prime Time table	2:00 Doug	4:00 The Philadelphia Story (TV-PG)
	See Prime Time table	2:00 Worship for Kids	12:00 Hocus Pocus (TV-PG)	2:00 Doug	12:00 Secret Admirer (TV-PG)	2:30 Ren & Stimpy	See Prime Time table
	12:00 Son In Law (TV-PG)	2:30 On Main Street	2:00 Doug	2:30 Ren & Stimpy	2:00 Doug	3:00 Simpsons	12:00 King Of The Hill (TV-PG)
	2:00 The View	3:00 700 Club	3:00 Simpsons	3:00 Simpsons	3:00 Home Improvement	3:30 Home Improvement	2:00 Doug
	3:00 Better Homes & Gardens	3:30 Real Videos	3:30 Home Improvement	3:30 Home Improvement	4:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	4:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	2:30 Ren & Stimpy
	3:30 Home Matters	4:00 7th Heaven	4:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	4:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	5:00 Understanding	5:00 Understanding	3:00 Simpsons
	4:00 Grace Under Fire	5:00 Road to Avonlea	5:00 Mike Wallace Remembers	5:00 "Supertwins: Triplets, Quads"			3:30 Home Improvement
4:30 Ellen						4:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9	
5:00 Murphy Brown						5:00 Nat'l Geographic Explorer	



Key: + Program time change due to live programming event; * Mature theme; ** Series starts; ***Series ends; **** Program moved to new day and/or time, (AIP) Already in progress

Table with columns for time slots (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) and rows for dates (Fri. May 14, Sat. May 15, Sun. May 16, Mon. May 17, Tues. May 18, Wed. May 19, Thur. May 20). Each row contains program titles and times.

SCN Prime Time Movies & Specials

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FIVE DESPERATE HOURS. Joseph Grange, an unstable black fugitive from the law, bursts into the home of white suburban housewife Claire Ballard, and an intense hostage drama begins. Desperate to save her life, Claire initiates a dialogue with Grange as a trigger-happy SWAT team waits outside. Sharon Lawrence, Giancarlo Esposito, and Daniel Hugh Kelly. (Drama, 1997, TV-PG) 8 p.m. Sunday.

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY. Sparks fly and emotions run deep when photographer Robert Kincaid wanders into the life of housewife Francesca Johnson, for four days in the 1960s. Starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. (Romance Drama, 1995, TV-PG) 8 p.m. Tuesday.

SCN's VCR Alert — Recommended for videotaping

THE LONGEST DAY. A stellar international cast is mustered to recreate the 1944 invasion of France. Before Saving Private Ryan, this was the definitive D-Day movie - it's still the most historically accurate. Starring John Wayne, George Segal, Richard Burton, Roddy McDowell, Sean Connery, Robert Mitchum, Henry Fonda, Eddie Albert, Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Hans Christian Blech, and many more. (Historical Drama, 1962, TV-PG) 1:05 a.m. today.

SCN Weekend Sports

Table listing sports events: NBA Basketball Playoffs (3 p.m. Saturday, noon Sunday), Major League Baseball (Noon Saturday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday), Triple Crown Horse Racing (5 p.m. Sunday), NFL Europe (11 a.m. Sunday), PGA Golf (3 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday).



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Animals

Toy poodle, brn, fem, 4 mos \$125, 284-4236
Kitten, 3 mos, male, free, 284-5987
German shepherd, wht, 14 mos w/x lg kennel \$200, 288-4622
Pit Bull, pup w/shots & papers, 1 mos, 230-0663 after 6 pm
Cat, well kept, trained, all shots, free, 284-6482

Available

Baby-sitter, anytime, wkdays, wknight & wkends, 288-7394 Sandra
Awesome cakes, giant cinnamon rolls, banana bread, jumbo muffins, 284-3798 Erica
Computer consulting, installation, upgrades, trouble shooting, 224-5754
Doughnuts, jelly filled & regular, 284-3798 Erica
Maid, housekeeper, child care w/ref, 284-4791
Baby-sitter, Eng spking, housekeeper, responsible, 250-0025
Maid, Eng spking, housekeeper, live-out, Mon-Fri, gd w/kids, dependable, responsible, 288-6145
Maid, honest, reliable, f/p time w/ref, 221-2649
Maid, live-out, 3 days, Mon-Fri, 220-4804
Maid, live-out, reliable, honest, responsible w/ref, 284-6676
Maid, Eng spking, live-in/out, grt w/kids, dependable, 228-2836
Maid, Eng spking, live-in/out, exc w/kids, dependable w/ref, 284-3133
Maid, live-out, Mon-Fri, hardworking, gd w/kids, dependable, honest, 288-7840
Maid, nanny, grt w/kids w/ref, 221-0022
Maid, biling, exc w/babies, honest, dependable, 288-4622 Gloria
Nanny, Eng spking, live-in, gd w/kids, honest, available w/ref, 288-6728
Maid, Eng spking, housekeeper, live-in, grt w/kids, cook, honest, dependable, 232-6498
Power window door lock repair, 222-4972
Never shave again! Body sugaring the natural method of hair removal, 284-3729

Boats & campers

15 1/2' Orlando Clipper, 55 HP Evinrude, galvanized trailer, radio, fish finder, rod & reels, spear guns \$4000, 276-6323
16' Runabout, 75 HP Johnson w/spare parts for engine \$2500, 272-6553
16' fiberglass boat, 145 HP

Volvo Penta, gd cond, 232-7027
16' Tri-hull, 60 HP mariner, center console \$5000/obo, 272-5642
17' tracker bass boat, deep V, 75 HP Mercury O/B, exc cond \$6500, 285-4381
17' Aquasport, 115 HP Evinrude, center console, fish finder, trim tabs \$6000/obo, 232-7132
18' Bay Liner, 125 HP O/B, trailer \$6000, 617-7034
19' Glastron, 351 Ford V Penta O/D, 232-7027
21' Wellcraft, 200 HP Mariner, kicker, many extras, exc cond, dty pd \$19,000/obo, 272-5642
96 21.5' Chris Craft cuddy cabin, 200 HP Johnson, 25 HP kicker, stereo, radio, fish finder, 2 tops, many extras \$18,000/obo, 272-6900
23' boat 10 Thunderbird Formula Twin, 120 HP Mercruiser, radio, fighting chair, outriggers \$10,500, 272-2078
24' Fibra, I/O Volvo, sleeps 4, built in frzr & more, exc cond \$8900/obo, 272-2227 lv msg
6' HP Johnson kicker, new cond \$600, 272-6553
Lg utility trailer, gd cond \$400, 226-8209
Military type utility trailer w/ mounted spare, new tires, paint & bearings \$550, 272-2656

Jet ski Kawasaki 550cc, stand up w/trailer, new motor \$995, 288-7972

Cars

31 Ford Model A, antique, runs, many extra parts \$5000/obo, 272-2227 lv msg
54 Chevy pick up, all original \$9000, 284-6942
65 Ford Mustang, 4 spd, 2 dr Coupe, am/fm cass \$4500, 284-6297
74 Jaguar XJ6, gd cond, dty pd, 232-7027
78 Mercury Zephyr, runs grt \$1200, 272-1130 Mike
79 Chevy Caprice 350, V-8, AT, new suspension, runs grt, dty pd \$700, 288-7131
79 Chevy Malibu, 267, V-8, new tires & parts, runs exc \$1800, 288-4643
80 Oldsmobile Cutlass, AC, PS \$1700, 272-1265
81 Plymouth Reliant wagon, 230-2384
82 Volvo Wagon, runs gd, needs some work \$700, 288-7695
82 CJ7 jeep \$4500, 284-6942
83 Datsun 280-ZX, 2 dr Coupe w/t-top, AT, AC, am/fm, CD player \$2500, 284-6297
84 Toyota Corona, AC, PS, needs body work, runs great \$1200/obo, 270-1018
84 Nissan Maxima, needs batt, gd cond \$1500/neg, 288-7114

85 Pontiac Pariceanne, AC, PS, loaded \$2000, 285-4093
85 VW Golf, 5 spd, 2 dr, AC, Pioneer stereo \$2000/obo, 288-4182
85 Toyota Supra, PW, PD, sunroof, sporty \$3500/obo, 263-5022
85 Nissan Patrol, 4 dr, 272-6277
86 Mazda 323 LX, 4 dr Coupe, 5 spd, AT, AC, sunroof \$2500/obo, 284-6297
87 Jaguar XJS, V-6, 5 spd, 2 dr Coupe, AC, CD player, leather interior, dty pd \$8500/obo, 284-7551
87 Honda Civic, AT, gd car, dty pd \$2450, 264-8050
87 Nissan Laurel, loaded, dty pd \$3500, 272-2621
88 Mitsubishi Lancer Station Wagon, AC, am/fm, dty pd \$3500/obo, 232-7028
88 Volvo 240 DL Wagon, new tires, gd cond \$4100, 272-2618
88 Toyota Corolla FX, AT, AC, gd cond, dty pd \$3500/obo, 259-9809
88 Dodge Daytona, PB, PS, AC, 4 cyl, 5 spd, 2.5L, am/fm cass, dty pd, exc cond, \$3500, 284-3920
89 VW Jetta, R-15, AC, 4 dr, sunroof, 224-4447
89 Ford Tempo, standard shift, AC, stereo cass \$1200/obo, 227-8005
90 Jeep Wagoneer, A/C, AT, grt cond \$7500, 260-7113
90 Camaro I-ROC, Z-28, LM, gd cond \$6000, 272-2106
90 Cadillac De Ville \$6800, 272-2947 Michael
90 Plymouth Acclaim LX, V-6, wht, loaded, exc cond \$2200, 288-5924
90 Volvo 740 GL, red, AC, PW, LM, exc cond \$5500, 284-6950
90 Volkswagen Fox, 5 spd, AC, CD, runs grt \$2000/obo, 284-6692
90 Hyundai Excell, 2 dr, AT, LM, f/extras, dty pd \$3200/obo, 259-9809
91 Mustang 5.0 GT, VLM, AT, AC \$4000, 263-3789
91 Chevrolet Suburban, 3/4 ton, AC, tow package \$12,500, 272-6829
91 Hyundai Scoupe, dty pd \$2000, 236-0857
91 Mazda 626, 5 spd, 4 dr, PW, PL, AC, am/fm cass, exc cond, dty pd \$4500, 284-4771
91 Geo Storm GSI, AC, LM, 5 spd, new tires, gd cond, 260-4094
91 Subaru Legacy Wagon, AT, AC, PL, PW, grt cond, 284-6226 Justin
91 Oldsmobile Cutlass Calais, 4 dr, LM, AT, AC, PS, PB, grt car, dty pd \$4000/obo, 284-6264
92 Hyundai Excell, 5 spd, AC, am/fm cass, dty pd \$3000/obo, 232-7132
92 Pontiac Sunbird, SE Coupe,

V-6, AC, am/fm cass, 284-4596
92 Toyota Corona, 4 dr, AT, AC, alarm, Kenwood stereo, dty pd \$4900, 260-8252
92 Dodge Shadow, V-6, 5 spd, 2dr, AC, PS, PB, PM, PL, LM, runs grt \$3700, 260-7704
92 Honda Accord, 2 dr EX, LM, loaded, exc cond \$9900, 272-5185
92 Nissan Bluebird, STD, AC, wht, f/extras \$4800/obo, 229-3257
93 Chrysler town & country mini van, CD, AC, PS, PB, LM \$10,000, 272-2241
93 Chevy Astro van, exe cond \$10,000, 232-7051
93 Chevy Lumina APV minivan, 7 pass, AC, PW, PD, PS, PB, LM, luggagerack, stereo cass, dty pd \$7500, 260-4411
93 325 BMW, AC, am/fm, CD, on board computer \$15,000, 288-5393
93 BMW 318i, LM, sunroof, f/extras, exc cond \$15,000, 226-7450
94 Isuzu Rodeo, 5 spd, dty pd \$11,700, 264-8050
94 Mercedes Benz C280, 4 dr Sedan, exc cond \$25,000, 272-2080
94 Toyota Cressida, dty pd \$5500, 276-6336
94 jeep wrangler, 4 x 4, 5 spd, 4 cyl, hard & bikini top, hitch \$8500, 213-0414
94 Ford Taurus, AT, AC, stereo, grt car \$7800, 263-2390
94 Terrano, 4 x 4, gd con \$10,000, 226-8209
95 Buick Century, LM, loaded, dty pd \$8500, 226-8209
95 BMW 318i, LM, alarm \$18,900, 288-6826
95 Chrysler Neon Sport, 5 spd, LM, grn hunter, loaded \$8800, 232-6589
95 Nissan Sentra, LM \$5500, 272-1175
95 Chevy S-10, red, PW, AC, am/fm cass, new tires, exc cond \$7000, 284-3280
95 Nissan Altima GXE, 4 cyl, PS, AT, AC, PL, PW, LM \$9000/obo, 284-4287
96 Ford Explorer, XLT, 4 dr, LM, loaded \$20,000/obo, 260-3536
96 Ford Taurus, dty pd \$9500, 276-6336
96 Alfa Romeo, leather seats, all extras, exc cond \$10,000, 226-3924
97 Chrysler town & country mini van, wht, CD, AC, PS, PB \$20,000, 272-2241
97 Nissan Sentra, Kenwood stereo, 10 CD changer, exc cond, dty pd \$8000/obo, 260-6179
Toyota Tercel, new parts & repair, 272-1216

Computers

Complete computer setup, 386 SX, 40 MB HD, 4 MB Ram, CD-ROM, sound blaster w/Citizen printer & key board \$100, 288-6103
286 w/mon, printer & more, 236-0857
486 Packard Bell computer w/mon and spkrs, 263-9074
Toshiba laptop w/printer \$1500, mon \$300, 232-7294
AST Pentium 200, 64 MB Ram, 4 GIG HD, 17" mon, modem, HP color printer, win 95, office 97, loaded w/software \$1195, 232-7053
IBM computer & printer \$100, 272-2947
Scantron computerized test grading system w/card reader, computer, printer & software \$1800, 265-6394

Scantron & software \$1100, 265-6394
New AMDKG II, 300 MHz, 32 Ram, 56K modem, 40X 3.2 GB, AGP 8 MB, 3D sound, spkrs \$750, 231-1915
Apple II computer, color mon, Image writer II printer, 220-0523
Computer armoire w/drop desk area, light wood, \$350, 260-0799 evenings
Fax machine \$150, copy machine \$150, printer \$250, 232-7294
Computer 6.4 GB & extras \$800, 270-1116
15" Relisys CLR mon, like new, ex cond \$130, 285-4093
Printer Panasonic, Quiet, 24 pin KX-P2124, exc \$80, 285-4093
14" mon for Macintosh \$75, Style writer II printer \$40, 265-5691
Computer Programs Win 95, works, quicken deluxe 98, money 97, 284-6975
2X CD-ROM drive \$10, hand held scanner \$50, cordless TV/HI FI headset \$25, 272-2753
Panasonic LQ 1070 printer \$185, 269-6728

Electronics

Pioneer receiver & surround sound amp w/cabinet, manuals, remotes, 288-5498
Brother word processor w/mon \$100, 288-6595
Technics SA-EX 300 receiver, dolby pro logic 3 x 80w & 2 x 40w \$150, 272-5054 Carlos
Nintendo 64 w/4 games, 3 controllers, 2 rumble & 2 memory packs \$250, 288-7527
VCR, needs work \$20, 276-6250
Sony stereo AV920, tuner receiver, dolby surround \$200, 269-9984
Bose spkrs 601 \$250, 272-5642
Fax machine \$75, 272-5642
Tektronix spectrum analyzer 492 \$3000/obo, 272-2227 lv msg
Sony 8mm Handy Cam, CCD-F500 w/hard side case \$350/obo, 288-5924
Pioneer 6 CD changer & sherwood cass deck for home audio, dolby B & C \$75, 272-5054
27" Zenith TV console, blk, work gd \$100, 288-5757
21" TV color RCA \$480, 288-7194
Tektronix, oscilloscope w/digital storage, model 486 \$1000/obo, 272-2227 lv msg
AC/DC multi-meter, fluke 27, exc cond \$80, 272-2227
Yamaha bass amp w/4 spkrs 16" unit \$650, 269-5700 lv msg
Sony STR-D665 home entertainment A/V receiver w/5 spkrs, like new \$200, 285-6142
Video camera w/case & extra lenses, all access, grt cond \$150, 288-6103
VCR-VHS \$135, 288-6103
Nintendo w/games, 284-6692
Video camera w/case, needs cleaning \$100, 288-6103 after 4 p.m.
Digital camera \$700, 232-7294
19" TV Sony, Sega genesis, 232-5997
25" TV \$200, 236-0857
CD player, 5 pack or single, 272-5678
Magnavox stereo console,

150w Pioneer spkrs, Casio tone CT310, f/sz keyboard, stereo system, 230-2384

Household

Sharp micro, 1.47 cub, runs grt \$30, 288-6595
Sofa sectional multi color \$800, desk computer, roll top \$500, 288-7194
Tbl w/6 chairs \$250, Q/sz BR set, new \$1000, 18,000 BTU AC \$500, 288-5083
6' Whirlpool refrig, gd cond \$450/obo, 268-2854
Refrig, side by side, gd cond \$350, 259-9475
Carpet, grn, wall to wall, exc cond \$150, 272-6653
14,000 BTU Whirlpool AC, new \$300, 272-6653
Carpet, brn, new \$100, 272-6653
Blk entertainment center, holds CD's & videos \$100, 288-6595
Glass top, gold base, 1 coffee & 2 end tpls \$200, 288-6595
LR tbl, 2 end & 1 coffee \$50, crib & changing tbl \$150, 284-3632
LR set, 5 pc, BR set, wood bkshelves, teak desk, 7' x 3' fornica tbl, 3 ceiling fans w/5 lights ea & more, 236-8872
15' GE chest frzr \$400, rugs, lt blue w/pad \$225, 272-6817
2 sets, f/sz matt & box spring, \$100/set, 272-2621
Q/sz bed, matt, box spring, head board \$200, 226-0856
Rosewood BR furniture, curio cab & more, 270-1018
17' GE refrig \$240, 19' GE frzr \$290, 10,000 AC \$275, 272-6210
Sofa, lvseat, chair & foot stool \$350, rug Persian \$35, 221-4711
Dryer, new \$250, 221-4711
Q/sz sofa bed \$300, sofa & lvseat \$350, 226-0856
15.1' Whirlpool frzr \$185, dryer \$75, 260-8252
Rug 12 x 15, sea grn \$120, 260-8252
Redwood patio rocking chairs \$25/ea, 272-5678
Twin sz bed w/matt & box spring conforter set, clothes, 288-6228
Glass DR tbl w/4 chairs \$80, 288-5743
Sofa & lvseat, k/sz bed, entertainment center, desk, wall to wall carpets, 232-5997
Micro, Ex-Ig Panasonic, gd cond \$75, dishwasher portable w/extra long hose, butcher block top \$75, 288-6103
DR tbl w/chairs tile top \$150, 284-3524
Sofa, lvseat & chair \$500, 284-3524
2 entertainment centers, DR set w/4 chairs, 288-5591
Couch & matching chair, brn \$150, 288-5339
GE washer \$300, dryer \$200, 17" refrig \$300, LR set \$200, 220-2442
Sm computer tbl \$20, sofa & lvseat, vinyl print, wicker & rattan \$350, 226-4090
Wooden TV stereo entertainment shelf \$350, 272-2656
5 pc BR set, headboard, dressers night stands \$1400, 272-2656
Entertainment center \$145, coffee & end tbl \$285, vertical blind, 78 x 84 \$70, 232-6589
GE refrig, side by side, Whirlpool frzr, 2 AC, 272-2078
Whirlpool refrig/frzr, 2 dr, gd cond \$550, 233-1080
2 12,000 BTU AC \$150/ea, 2



Classified Ads

18,000 BTU AC \$225/ea, 272-2311 after 6:30 pm

Mahogany DR tbl w/8 chairs & 3 extension leaves, gd cond \$850, 272-2860

Sofa & lvseat, carpets 12 x 15 & 9 x 12 grey, 9 x 12 cream, 6 x 9 rose, 288-4572

Wooden bkcase, 4 shelves, glass dr, exc cond \$75, oak tbl w/4 chairs \$350, 284-6539

Sofa & lvseat, very gd \$950, extra lg chair & ottoman, grt cond \$250, 284-6539

Micro oven sharp \$100, 272-5642

18,500 BTU AC \$300, 23.7' cuin, side by side \$650, gas stove \$250, 226-7175

Cabinet wood, 60" high \$50, 272-5642

Dresser w/mirror \$150, 272-5642

4 AC \$100, 272-5642

Teak hope chest \$200, teak entertainment center, 3 pc \$500, 272-5642

Wall units, belgiam oak, entertainment center, bar, bkcase & triple china w/end units \$2200, 265-8113

Rattan sofa \$250, dinette tbl w/4 chairs \$150, rugs \$50, tbl \$50, 213-8825

Refrig, washer, dryer, dishwasher, beds, dressers, tbl, micro, chairs, bkcases, 272-2072

Marble coffee tbl w/2 end tbl, blk sofa, dishwasher, DR tbl w/6 chairs, patio furniture, 5 pc, rugs & more, 260-9902
DR tbl w/6 chairs, china cab, cherry \$3500, 272-2671

American oak triple dresser w/2 mirrors & armoire \$550, 285-6142

Girls BR set, wht \$300, wht bunk beds \$300, roll top desk \$600, presidents chair \$150, 272-6829

Sofa bed w/wood trim \$300, Q/sz bed \$200, sofa & lvseat \$350, 226-4090

25' refrig, LR furniture, DR chairs, computer desks, night tbl, bed, 265-5691

Set of kitchen cabinets, marina wood \$475, dbl bed \$60, BBQ grill \$30, 272-1189

22' Whirlpool refrig, dishwasher, Early American DR & LR, lined curtains, 276-6814

Dbl bed w/frame, headboard & matt \$350, 265-8113

Carpet, pink \$40, 236-0857

DR set, blk w/glass tbl, gd cond \$175, 284-4711

AC, frzr, mini blinds, 272-5678

DR & LR sets, 272-6239

Refrig, side by side \$650, 288-5376

22' Whirlpool refrig w/ice maker, side by side \$900/obo, 232-7028

Wood DR set w/6 chairs & china cab \$975, dresser, mirror, 5 drawerches & night tbl \$325, 272-6276

Patio tbl set w/grn umbrella & 6 chairs \$250, 265-8113

GE refrig, gd cond \$395, GE washer, gd cond \$325, 272-6276

Daybed, like new \$400, 272-6276

Canopy bed, f/sz, entertainment center, 272-2697

18,000 BTU AC \$100, 12,000 BTU AC \$75, 232-7016

Sumbearm gas grill w/propane tank \$150, 265-8113

Hot Point dryer \$125, computer tbl \$60, 232-7016

Sofa, 3 pc sectional, off-wht \$600, 232-6490

LR, DR, bkshelves & more, 284-6482

Iron daybed w/trundle \$300, 265-8113

Wood bar \$500, 269-6728

Household goods, furniture & more, 226-8209

Q/sz BR set Broyhill, 5 pc \$1500, DR set, 8 pc, oak/roble \$2000, 272-2723

BR set, secretaries desk, curio cab, entertainment center w/TV & VCR, 272-1175

DR tbl, oval, 80 x 40 w/2 leaves, 15"/ea, cherry, 2 arm & 4 str chairs \$650, 265-8113

3 pc LR set \$800, recliner, Laz boy \$150, 272-2723

23.7' GE refrig, dbl dr, 18,000 BTU AC, 272-6277

Queen Anne sofa tbl \$100, semi circular sofa \$500, twin bed \$100, 225-1375

K/sz bed \$200, bassett couch \$150, 284-6692

GE refrig \$250, Whirlpool dryer \$125, GE frzr \$300, AC, 272-6839

21.8' GE refrig, side by side, 13,000 BTU AC, curtains, 272-2870

Lg micro \$50, dishwasher \$75, 288-6103 after 4 pm

AC, all sz, 272-6653

Air matt, dbl \$40 & queen \$50, carpeting, brn, blue & rose \$35, 232-7053

18,000 BTU AC \$300, 6000 BTU AC \$150, washer \$300, 272-2947

Bamboo LR \$300, 272-6045

Bed, refrig, AC, fans, elec equip, 236-0005

Magic Chef stove, 4 burner \$250, 270-1116

Miscellaneous

Computer tbl \$100, 232-7294

Child bike seat w/helmet \$15, 284-3632

Dooney and bourke zippered agenda, new, 272-2262

6" artificial x-mas tree \$25/neg, 220-2442

Tropicalized piano \$1200, 288-5376

Barbie play house, 272-2697

Fish tanks & supplies, 272-2947 Michael

Lg little tikes, hinge gyn w/2 slides & new hardware \$275/obo, 284-5197

Antique sewing mach, desk chair & others antiques, 272-1216

Audio technician VHF, wireless, head worn, mic system, new \$295/neg, 268-4732

Elec sewing mach \$100, 284-4771

Piano \$1200, 288-5339

Piano, exc cond \$1300, 232-7181

Century deluxe car seat \$40/obo, quik step car booster \$25, 288-6693

Plants \$1, 288-4437

Hanging & potted plants, 232-7053

Sears compound sliding miter saw w/stand \$750, dehumidifier \$50, 2 rugs \$40/60, 284-3477

Baby stroller, baby carrier, baby boys winter clothes, 284-3825

A/50 portable cass player, misc videos tapes, 263-9074

Dresses, sz 14, \$10/15/20, 232-7110 evenings 6 - 8 pm

Rubbermaid patio storage, shed, coffee tbl, 12' x 15' oriental rug, ceiling fans & more, 232-5997

Animal cage, heavy wire, 2' x 2' x 3' \$25, 272-2671

Singer sewing mach \$150, wht sewing mach \$200, 225-1375

Vertical blinds, rose color, various plants, 272-5162

100' cyclone fence w/posts \$85, 272-5162

Dishwasher \$100, blue carpet, 272-5162

Bath & hand towels, wash cloths, shower curtain, bath mat, rugs all blue, 284-6975

Satellite Dish 24' w/receiver & decoder, 272-5678

Sheet metal bender bench mountable \$125, atlas lawn mower, exc cond \$50, eng hoist leveler, new \$40, 272-6553

Plants & garden marmol stone, 230-2384

CZ/BHS commemorative pen & ink drawings, 11 x 17 \$10, set of 10, 6 x 8, note cards \$15, 288-7195

42 cup party pearls coffee maker \$18, 270-1116

Lawn mower \$90, gas weed eater \$100, elec weed eater \$25, 232-7016

25 gal external gas tank \$25, 272-6900

Ceramics air brush, new \$70, ceramics molds, assorted, mixer \$30, 272-6045

Crafts man complete mechanic tool set w/2 tool chests \$1000, 269-6728

Lg Fisher Price pirate ship \$75, child poot \$10, 288-6103 after 4 pm

Silver coins, Walking Liberty Halt Dollars w/whitman folder 1916 - 1936, 25 coins \$95, 226-7450

Laser disc movies \$7/ea, 226-5135

Brig & strottan gas generator, 4500 HP \$550, bug killer \$30, lawn mower \$110, 270-1116

Round trip airline ticket to Guatemala, open date \$300, 260-4094

84 Honda Civic for parts, \$400, 225-2345

Motorcycles

84 Honda Goldwing \$1500, 288-7071

91 Kawasaki Ninja ZZR-11, 1100cc, blk \$7900/obo, 263-5022

91 Nichthawk 750, runs grt \$1600/obo, 284-6940

97 Kawasaki KX-250, exc cond \$2800, 276-6323

Suzuki AG50, dty pd \$900, 225-2345

Honda Scouter \$500, 284-6482

Patio sales

Balboa 2265 A, 7 am - 1 pm

Balboa 2351 A, Owen St

Cardenas 7304 A

Clayton 827 B, 7 - 11 am

Clayton 428 A, 7 - 9 am

Clayton 1153 A, 6 - 10 am

Clayton 16 A, 7 am - noon

Clayton 417 B, 7 - 10 am

Curundu 2164

Diablo, Hangar 66

Gamboa HSE 157, 7 am - noon

Howard 671 B, 6 am

Howard 597, 6 am - noon

Howard, Qtrs 184, Norton St

Kobbe 312 B, 7 am

Kobbe 447 C, 7 - 11 am

Kobbe, Qtrs 366 A, 7:30 - 11 am

Kobbe 302, 7 am - 1 pm

La Boca 977 B, 6 - 10 am

Los Rios 6338 B

Marbella, Torres del Pacifico, Torre B, Apto 16-B

D St, Altos del Chase

St J, Villa de Las Fuentes #1, HSE #D12-B

Tumba Muerto, Altos de La Montana 42 A, 11 am

Sporting goods

Nordic ryder, 288-5591

Weight lifting equip, 272-6277

Roller blades, sz 11 w/protection gear \$50, 284-4771

Basketball set \$100, 260-0156

Bike Rack, removable, adjustable, new \$40, 272-2621

Mountain bike, 232-5997

Male blk bike, 10 spd \$100/obo, 272-6900

Aerobic instructor equip, various items, 268-4732

Aguashot II underwater camera, housing for disposal cameras w/strobe & macro kit \$150, 272-5642

Golf glubs Taurus, dbl driver, 46" \$50, outburst aggressive, 4 fareway driver \$50, 3 wood metal \$30, 265-8113

Nikonos III underwater camera w/2 35mm lenses & o ring kit, new cond \$375, 272-2656

Skurfboard waterski surfboard \$100, scuba tanks \$80/ea, dugout canoe \$80, 276-6250

Multi system home GXM \$275, 272-2860

86 Kawasaki jet ski, 550cc, runs grt \$1000, 288-7315

2 boys bike \$45/ea, 272-2671

Exer stepper, wht, like new \$80, 288-5757

Roller blades, unisex, sz 3/4, new \$20, 284-6975

Surf board 7" 6 w/leash \$300, 284-6423

Scuba regulator by scuba pro, MK-20UL/D-400, ultra light \$500, 236-6302

Scuba regulator by US divers SE-2 w/conshelf octopus \$280, 236-6302

Several fishing poles w/reels, 272-6553

Trucks & Vans

79 Ford E150 panel van, V-6, standard transmission \$1295, 232-7053

80 Jeep Wagoneer dty pd, gd con \$2500/obo, 232-6348

84 Dodge, 4 x 4, pick up, PS, PB, stereo, camper top, tires, exc cond \$4000/obo, 284-4457

85 Mitsubishi Montero, 4 x 4, dty pd \$3800, 315-0801

85 Mitsubishi delivery van, dsl, runs well \$2500, 269-5700 lv msg

87 Dodge Dakota LE, V-6, PS, PB, AC, am/fm cass \$3200, 226-5973

87 Jeep Grand Wagoneer, 8 cyl \$3000/obo, 284-4287

89 GMC conversion van, loaded, runs exc \$4750/obo, 284-6050

89 Bronco RLT, dty pd, 236-0005

90 Trooper, 4 x 4, 6 cyl, 5 spd, AT, gas engine, 260-4417

90 Isuzu Trooper, exc cond, 284-3825

90 Ford Bronco II, 6 cyl, AC, PS, AT, PB, tan color, new paint, gd cond, dty pd \$4200, 222-0579

90 Chevy Suburban, fwd, dty towing pkg, 6.2 liter dsl, not dty pd \$12000, 272-6839

90 Kia busito, 12 pass \$4500, 272-2028

92 GMC Jimmy, 4 x 4, aspen blue, loaded, exc cond \$8000/firm, 265-3685

92 Ford Explorer XLT, new tires, exc cond \$10,500, 272-2618

92 Isuzu Rodeo, 4 x 4, V-6, AC, CD player, 4 dr, new tires, exc cond \$9000/neg, 284-6636

93 Toyota 4Runner, 4 x 2, AT, AC, PS, PB, Kenwood stereo, exc cond \$15,000/obo, 288-4182

93 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 4 x 4 \$14,000, 272-2620

93 Grand Cherokee Limited, 4 x 4, leather, loaded \$13,000, 288-6826

94 Chevrolet Cheyenne, C 1500, wht, 6 cyl, gas, AT, PS, PB, AC, RA, exc cond, 232-5997

94 Jeep Wrangler Sahara, 5 spd, 6 cyl, LM, soft & bikini top, class III hitch \$10,500, 285-4381

95 Ford Explorer, 2 x 4, XLT, lumbar seats, exc cond \$16,000/obo, 230-0143

96 Ford Explorer XL, 4 x 4, 4 dr, 5 spd, LM, exc cond \$18,000, 232-6498

96 Ford Explorer XLT, 4 dr, LM, loaded, exc cond \$22,000, 260-3536

97 Isuzu Trooper LS, 4 x 4, AT, PW, PL, PM, LM, exc cond \$21,000, 264-8768

Wanted

Nintendo 64 cass, gd cond, 237-9194

Fem roommates, close to USMA on Tumba Muerto, nice accommodations, 230-2384

Gd family for grt maid, Eng spking, honest, dependable, hard worker, 264-4667

Lg dog kennel, 280-3429 after 5:30 pm

Bed liner & storage trunk for pick up, 232-5997

Someone to repair rattan furnisher at my home, 288-4437



Tropic Times Ad Form

Note: Advertising in the *Tropic Times* is offered on a space available basis to military members, civilian DoD employees, and employees of other government agencies. Ads will be accepted only for NON-COMMERCIAL services or goods offered by the advertiser or an immediate family member. Suspected abuse of the ad services will result in non-publication of the ad(s) in question. For more information, call 285-4666/6612.

- ◆ **Deadline for submitting ads is 9 a.m. Monday. If Monday is a holiday, the deadline is 1 p.m. the Friday before.**
- ◆ **Read instructions below, then completely fill out the ad form. Incomplete ads will not be published.**

Animals
 Available
 Boats & campers
 Cars
 Computers
 Electronics
 Found
 Household
 Lost
 Miscellaneous
 Motorcycles
 Patio sales
 Sporting Goods
 Trucks & Vans
 Wanted

Price _____ HomePhone _____
 ◆ Check one category per ad form
 ◆ Two ads per person each week. Include home and duty phone.
 ◆ 15-word limit (the staff may edit to conserve space).
 ◆ Ads must be re-submitted each week.
 ◆ We will **NOT** take ads by phone or fax (Atlantic residents may fax ads).
 ◆ Ads offering exotic animals, weapons or real estate will Not be run.
 ◆ Ads offering, foods, hair care or translation will Not be run without a copy of licenses to operate on post/base.
 ◆ Mail ads to: *Tropic Times*, Unit 7145, APO AA 34004 or deposit them in the drop box at the Clayton Post Office.
 ◆ Information below is not included in the ad, but is required for publication.

Sponsor's Name _____ Rank/Grade _____
 Organization _____ DutyPhone _____

Community briefs

Summer registration

Howard's Summer Program registration for 3 - 5 year-olds begins Monday 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.

HAFB Teen Center

The West Bank Teen Center has relocated to the Howard Youth Center, Building 696. For more information, call 284-4700.

Summer program

The Howard Youth Center is offering a free Summer Program beginning May 24 - July 30. Your child must be registered in order to participate in the program. For more information, call the Youth Center at 284-4700.

Free postal service

Free military postal service is only available to the two remaining APOs in Panama: 34001 and 34004. All other locations require postage.

79th Army Band

The 79th Army Band's Armed Forces Day Concert is 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Fort Clayton Theater.

School orientation

For parents of command sponsored students remaining in Panama after August, there will be a school orientation on Monday at 1 p.m. at the Howard Elementary School or 5 p.m. at the Valent Recreation Center on Fort Clayton. Topics covered include enrollment application, schools available, reimbursable costs and nonreimbursable costs.

HAFB NAF sale

There will be a sale of NAF items at the Howard Officer's Club Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon. Items included are tables, chairs, bar stools, linens and dishware, to name a few. Open to privileged ID card holders only. For more information, call 284-5363.

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 today which will be free of charge. For more information, call 284-4700/5615.

Summer Program

Registration for the summer program is today and Saturday 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, and various youth activities. For more information, call 288-6810.

CCAF degree

The Education Office will be relocating to Building 707 Saturday and is scheduled to close July 31. 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 as soon as possible to have your records updated to reflect your current CCAF standing. For more information, call Lisa Poland at 284-3263/4863/3264.

Veterinary facility

An element of the Corozal Veterinary Treatment Facility will begin operation on Howard Monday. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Building 202, near the Commissary. For more information, call 285-5966/5967.

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross is offering the following courses for the month of May. Tuesday - Thursday Community First Aid and Safety in English and May 22 in 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.

Volunteer register

Volunteers and volunteer coord-

inators 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 Lizca Fearon at 284-5650.

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

Miscellaneous

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



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 you gained. For more information, call 284-5650.

Typing course

The Howard Family Support

Center's Computer Resource Center offers computerized, multimedia typing tutorial software. Beginners can learn how to type at their own pace. To sign up for an appointment, call Dave Krier at 284-5650.

Charitable donations

The Chapel, Building 500, collects clothing, small household appliances, toys, and nonperishable food for distribution to Panama's needy. Stop by anytime Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 284-3948

Fax service

The Corozal PX offers fax services at the customer service counter. The cost is \$1 per page, plus telephone charges.

Layaways

All layaways have ceased. By Aug. 30 all layaways must be picked up or cancelled. For details, call 285-4121.

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.

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.

Laundry service

Super Suds Laundromat offers a drop-off, same-day pickup 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.

HAFB club relocates

On Aug. 1, the Tropic Breeze Club will close and relocate to Building 707 (Cafe 707 and Top 3 Lounge). All club membership dues will be discontinued on this date and the existing Top 3/ Officer's Lounge will become a base lounge, open to all ID card holders ages 18 and older.

New Additions

Congratulations to ...

Marina Hullen and Philip Kelley on the birth of their baby girl, **Alexandra Taylor**. Alexandra was born April 17 at San Fernando Hospital and weighed 7lbs. 6ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Toby and Dania Farmer on the birth of their baby boy, **Toby Jr.** Toby Jr. was born April 19 at San Fernando Hospital and weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs.

Craig and Nancy Bernat on the birth of their baby boy, **Steven**. Steven was born April 21 at San Fernando Hospital and weighed 9 lbs. 4ozs. and was 21.6 inches long.

Michael and Nicole Stump on the birth of their baby girl, **Beau Tyler Date**. Beau was born April 23 at Patilla Hospital and weighed 8bs. 6ozs. and was 20.5 inches long.

Ruben and Deborah Pineiro on the birth of their baby boy, **Joshua**. Joshua was born April 25 at San Fernando Hospital and weighed 8lbs. 3 ozs and was 20 inches long.

Stephan and Elizabeth Eising on the birth of their baby girl, **Rebecca Lynn**. Rebecca was born April 25 at San Fernando Hospital and weighed 6lbs. 12ozs. and was 19.25 inches long.

Jeff and Jessica Milos on the birth of their baby girl, **Jasmine Christine**. Jasmine was born April 24 at San Fernando Hospital and weighed 7bs. 6ozs and was 19.6 inches long.

Kevin and Carmen Huggins on the birth of their baby girl, **Gabriela Angelica**. Gabriela was born April 29 at San Fernando Hospital and weighed 6lbs. 14ozs. and was 19.6 inches long.





Death Takes A Holiday

The Theater Guild is hosting the presentation of the International School Drama Club with the play *Death Takes A Holiday* 8 p.m. Thursday, May 21 and 22. For reservations call 266-9532/7862. This play is a drama based on the poetic conception of death suspending activities for three days in order to discover why humans fear him as they do. In the process, he learns much about the complex nature of love and life. Director Gwedolyn Turnbull, assistant director Lisa Miffitt and the producer is Gale Cellucci.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS TO TOCUMEN

Starting Saturday a shuttle bus service between Fort Clayton and Tocumen Airport will be provided for all military, civilians, and family members who have PCS orders. The Fort Clayton Guest House will serve as the POC for making reservations. There will be three runs per day as required. This service will be provided at no charge to authorized personnel. The following steps will be used when making reservations:

- Reservations are made at the reception desk at the Fort Clayton Guest House located at Building 518 or by telephone to the reception desk at 288-4202/4206 from 7:30 a.m. hours to 5 p.m. hours only.
- Reservations must be made at least three days in advance.
- Information required for reservations include total number in party, amount of luggage, number of pets, time of flight and flight number.
- The shuttle will make up to three runs per day to Tocumen Airport if required with two pickup points at Fort Clayton before departure. Travelers must advise the reservations clerk of their desired pick-up point at Fort Clayton. The early morning shuttle run will have travelers at Tocumen Airport by 5 a.m. The morning run will arrive at Tocumen at 7 a.m. and the midday shuttle run will arrive at Tocumen at noon. Pick-up points at Fort Clayton for the three runs will be as follows:

Valent Rec Center Parking lot 3:30 a.m., 5:15 a.m and 9:45 a.m.

Clayton Guesst House 4 a.m., 5:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. The shuttle bus will leave pick-up points on times listed above. Under no circumstances will the driver be able to wait for late comers.

Consolidated Exchange Memorial Day Holiday Hours

Corozal Building 654 Main Store/1002 Video Rental/1402 La Casa de Amigos/2255 Burger King/2305 Baskin Robins/2257 Anthony's Pizza/2236	Holiday hours 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Closed 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Shoppette/1301 Howard Building 709 Video Rental/MCSS Howard Building 300 Anthony's Pizza/2262 Baskin Robins/2801 Burger King/2304	8 a.m. - 10 p.m. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. 11 a.m. - p.m. 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Corozal Commissary Frank's Franks/2246 Curundu Building 2497 Shoppette & Gas/1313	Closed 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Howard Building 700 Shoppette/Class Six/Gas/1312 Kobbe Shoppette/1408	Open 24 hours Closed
Fort Clayton Building 151 Burger King/2301 Fort Clayton Building 519 Shoppette/1404	Closed Closed	NOTE: All AAFES Pacific Community Concessions Corozal, Clayton and Howard will work 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. except for the following: Corozal, Fort Clayton and Howard Hours	
Fort Clayton Popeye's Chicken/2306 Fort Clayton Building 135 Car Care Center/1301	7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Closed	Barber Shops Beauty Shops	9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Theaters will work regular hours Memorial Day Holiday.

Graduation News

BHS graduation

The Balboa High School Graduation will be Saturday 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 the graduation. Any additional guest will be placed in the general seating area. Gate A, which is for ticketed guests, 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 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. by May 14 in the main office of the high school.

The Alumni Brunch

The Balboa High School Graduation Alumni brunch is Saturday 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 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 Saturday at the Plaza Paitilla Inn for the seniors and their guests.

In order to provide momentous and gifts, many in the interested community have donated various items for door prizes. If you wish to donate to this last celebration activity, call Sherry Barnish at 284-4023.

Moving with your children

by Kelly Walters

Manager, Relocation Assistance Program

Small Children and Elementary Schools

Coping with your children's concerns:

- ◆ Tell your children about the move as soon as the decision is made.
- ◆ Share your thoughts with them and answer questions honestly.
- ◆ Enlist their help and ideas.
- ◆ Give the children recognition and approval.
- ◆ Take pictures of the new area and residence, both inside and outside, including the front door, child's room, yard or play area, and other places of particular interest in the community, parks and amusement areas.
- ◆ Involve the children in planning the decor of their new bedrooms or play areas.

Let your Youngster help with moving preparations:

- ◆ Clean out basements, garages or yard prior to the move.
- ◆ Assist in planning care of plants and/or pets during the move.
- ◆ Organize their belongings for the movers to pack.
- ◆ Collect addresses of their friends and neighbors.
- ◆ Assist with tag sale or the charity donations of unwanted toys, clothing and books.

Schools

When you have selected the school your child will attend:

- ◆ Walk through while it is in session.
- ◆ Notice the kinds of clothing the students wear, the kinds of shoes, the kinds of bags in which they carry their books and the kind of hair-styles.
- ◆ Once you arrive in town, tour the school:

◆ Meet with school administrators, teachers, crossing guards and bus drivers.

◆ Familiarize the children with the routes they will take.

◆ Make sure that education and health records are transferred in sufficient time. Try to obtain required reading or booklets that may be helpful to older school children.

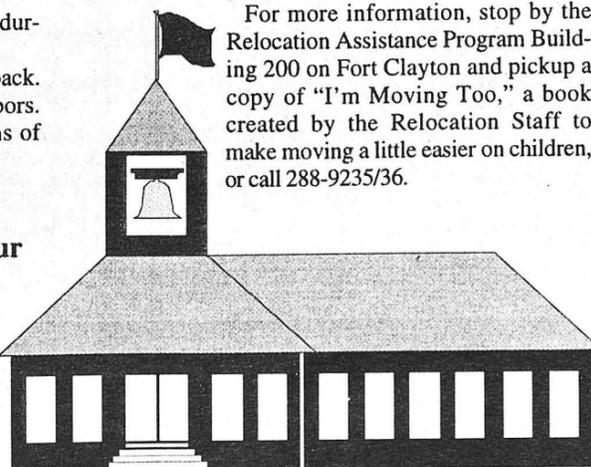
Moving day suggestions:

- ◆ Let them pack their own bags of items important to them.
- ◆ Be sure favorite toys, dolls, etc are taken in the car or put into a "first to unpack" box.
- ◆ Make certain that enough fun games, books, songs and tapes are taken for the trip to the new location. Invent a guessing game about the new location for the family to play in the car.

When you arrive:

- ◆ Make it easy for children to meet others their own ages and encourage them to invite friends home.
- ◆ Help them plan and throw a get-acquainted party.

For more information, stop by the Relocation Assistance Program Building 200 on Fort Clayton and pickup a copy of "I'm Moving Too," a book created by the Relocation Staff to make moving a little easier on children, or call 288-9235/36.





Karla Justo

Camping night

The Daisy Troop #5 and the Brownie Troop #10 had a super fun camping night at the Haward Youth Center recently.



Pet of the week

This is Nolan Bautista and his number one friend, Sammy. They both enjoy playing and spending time together. Sammy is now 109 lbs and will be 2-years-old on Aug. 28.

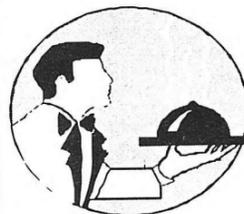
Kids: If you'd like to see a picture of yourself and your pet in the *Tropic Times*, send it through MPS to *Tropic Times*, Unit 7145, APO AA 34004 or drop it in our box at the Fort Clayton Post Office. Be sure to include your name, as well as your pet's name. (You can also send us a little information 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 17 - 21 Curundu Middle and Balboa High Schools

Monday — Popeyes chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruits, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Tuesday — Turkey sandwich, lettuce and tomato, pears, chocolate cookie, milk.

Wednesday — Beef-aroni, carrots, peaches, milk.



Thursday — Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic toast, green beans, pineapple, oatmeal and raisin cookie, milk.

Friday — Manager's Day. Enjoy your lunch.

Lunch Program May 17 - 21 Howard and Fort Kobbe Elementary Schools

Monday — Salami and cheese sandwich, cucumber slices, banana, cookie, milk.

Tuesday — Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, pear, cookie, milk.

Wednesday — Tuna salad sandwich, tomato wedge, orange, cookie, milk.

Thursday — Ham sandwich, carrot stick, apple, cookie, milk.

Friday — School is out.

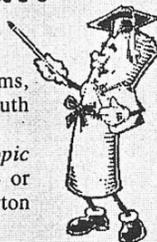


We want your stuff

Let us print your stories, poems, drawings or funny photos on the Youth Scene Page.

Send them through MPS to: *Tropic Times*, Unit 7145, APO AA 34004 or drop them in our box at the Fort Clayton Post Office by 9 a.m. Monday.

Make sure you put a return address on your photos and artwork so we can return them. If you have any questions, call Griselda Sterling at 285-4666/6612.



Fort Clayton Summer Program

Summer Program Registration will take place today - Saturday at Building 155, Fort Clayton, (CYS Registry). Program will run from June 3 to July 30. There will be no cost for the program, however children must be registered.

Program includes: Toddler/Pre-school camp ages 2 - 5, 9 a.m. - noon.

School age camp ages 5 - 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Youth soccer, volleyball, basketball and raquetball clinics.

Instructional classes: karate, piano and guitar.

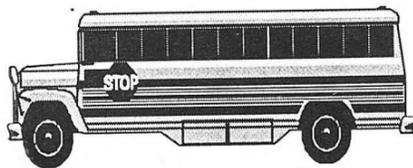
Teen Program with tips and tours, outdoor activities, center-based leisure activities and life skills workshops.

Activities will include field trip, swimming, arts and crafts, games, cookouts, hikes for school age children, and much more.

Activities for children ages 2 to 12 are based on weekly themes such as: Crazy Summer Fun, Tunnel Through Time, Traveling through the Seven Seas, Olympic Spirit, Final Voyage and others. For more information, call 288-6810.

Golden Bus Awards

Winners of the Curundu Elementary School Golden Bus Award Program for April 27 were: the Banama (101), the Motorcycle (705) and the Umbrella (707). We want you to work harder next week so we can have more win-



ning buses. You can do it! Community members are encouraged to call the school to report good behavior. Each bus has a number and picture to assist observers in reporting which bus had the best-behaved students. For more information, call the school at 288-6565/6566.

HAPPY B-day



Corrina Todd, 12
May 5



Alexandra Johnson, 12
May 5



Jeffrey Todd, 6
May 8



Christopher Wilson, 7
May 11



Isabel Piñeiro, 5
May 11



Javier Duarte, 4
May 12