Volunteering at camp

Operation Safe Haven Reception Center volunteer Betsy Dunn listens as a Cuban describes his life in his homeland. Volunteers like Dunn are an integral part of the reception center's staff. For more information on the center and its staff, see story and photos on Page 3.

**Fight against drugs continues**

**Military spearheads interagency counterdrug efforts**

by Capt. Jim Knotts
SOUTHCOM Public Affairs Office


McCaffrey also emphasized that while there can be no short-term victory in the war on drugs, the cost to all countries is so devastating that the United States and its allies must remain engaged to fight this problem for the next generation.

Although there are no "silver bullets" that can quickly end the problem of drug trafficking, the Clinton administration's interagency counterdrug teams reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to remain engaged in the fight against narco-trafficking.

"Illegal drug trafficking is a threat to the security of the United States and our counterdrug efforts will always be a high national priority," said Dr. Lee Brown, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, at a press conference Oct. 27.

The remarks came at the end of two interagency conferences that focused on U.S. international drug control policies to intercept and reduce the supply of illegal drugs entering the United States.

One conference was sponsored by the U.S. Interdiction Coordinator, Adm. Robert E. Kramek, U.S. Coast Guard commandant. The other was co-sponsored by Brown and McCaffrey.

During the conferences, the interagency group re-evaluated the counterdrug threat, assessed past actions and examined how best to implement their portion of the national drug control strategy as directed by President Clinton.

"Last year, the President signed Presidential Directive 14, which lays out our International Supply Reduction policy. An important part of that policy is shifting the focus of our efforts to the cocaine source countries," Brown said.

The area refers to the Andean Ridge countries of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia where 90 percent of the world's coca is grown and refined into cocaine.

President Clinton's shift in the international supply reduction effort is known as the source nation strategy. The intent is to concentrate efforts in a relatively confined area to catch the drugs before they become dispersed in the transit pipeline.

The strategy concentrates on the following areas:

- Assisting "source countries" in addressing the root causes of narcotics production and trafficking through assistance for sustainable development, strengthening democratic institutions, and cooperative programs to counter narcotics traffickers, money laundering and supply of chemical precursors.

- Combating international narco-trafficking organizations.

- Emphasizing more selective and flexible interdiction programs near the U.S. border, in the transit zone, and in the source countries.

The interagency representatives from the Department of State, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Customs Service, and Department of Defense reaffirmed the drug threat and agreed that a gradual, premeditated shift in resources from the transit area to the source area was the most prudent course of action for the future. However, with so many U.S. and international agencies involved, close coordination is crucial.

"We recognize that we need to work together, especially as resources become tighter," said Brown.

"We will have to pool our resources and prioritize our missions. We all recognize that this is not a short-term problem, and there are no short term solutions. We intend to fight this problem on every front, from the jungles of Peru to the streets of the United States," Brown said.

McCaffrey, who co-sponsored the conference to discuss how the Southern Command can better support the lead agencies, reiterated that this is not a military problem but a military solution, but the DoD remains committed to the effort.

Since becoming involved in the counterdrug effort in 1989, the U.S. military has been under strict policy guidance not to become involved in actual counterdrug field operations. This means the military provides training, intelligence, equipment and planning assistance, but the U.S. military does not arrest anyone or conduct raids.

According to Brown, the successes in the counterdrug effort are not widely known or accepted in the U.S. Congress.

Brown suggested that the interagency must develop measures of effectiveness, by which they can better articulate how resources match the strategy, better measure the results, and better hold agencies and individuals accountable for their performance.
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Tropic Times

Tropic Times changes deadline for holiday
The next issue of the Tropic Times will be
dated Nov. 10. The Tropic Times office
will be closed Nov. 11, Veterans Days. All
organizations that pick up the Tropic Times
from the print plant, Building 405, Corozal,
can pick up the newspaper beginning at 6:30 a.m.
Thursday. Deadlines for clas-
sified ads and news articles will be
Nov. 10, Thursday for the Primer Grito Los Santos.

Power outage at Fort Davis Saturday
Fort Davis will experience a power out-
age 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday for substa-
ion switches hook-up.

Future Community Bank
closing announced
The Community Bank will be closed
Thursday for the Primer Grito Los Santos.

Servicemembers offered
pre-separation briefing
A career information team from
Charleston, S.C., will give a pre-separation
briefing for anyone retiring or separating
from the military within the next six
months. The briefing will be held 8 a.m.
-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Family Service
Center, Building 46, Rodman NS. For
more information, call 283-5749.

Adopt-An-Airman
program underway
The 24th Wing is sponsoring a pro-
gram which members of the Howard and Al-
brook community may invite unacomp-
anyed children from Puerto Rico to their
homes for the holiday meals. People may
sponsor airmen any day (or days) from
Nov. 23-27 for the Thanksgiving meal, and
from Dec. 23-27 for the Christmas meal.
To sign up or for more information, call
Lizca Fearon at 284-5650/3135.

CGOC holds
moonlight pool party at Albrook
The Company Grade Officers Council
invites all CGOCs and their families or
friends to a moonlight pool party 6-10 p.m.
Nov. 11 at the Albrook pool. Food and
beverages will be “potluck,” and CGOC
sponsoring are asking for small donations
to cover additional expenses—$2 for singles,$4 for couples, and $5 for entire families.
For more information, call 2nd Lt. MIlo Paul Ries at
287-4260/4268.

Special Olympics
needs volunteers for 1995
The planning committee for the 1995
Special Olympics-Panama Canal Region
is looking for volunteers to chair support
committees. A meeting will be held 2:30
p.m. Tuesday on the 3rd floor of Building
156, Fort Clayton.

Team building program
to meet in November
The Army Family Team Building
training program will hold classes Nov.
28-Dec. 2. The training is for volunteers
and family members. It develops leader-
ship abilities and prepares families to take
advantage of available services. The train-
ing also enhances family life and overall
Army readiness.

New group helps parents
of disabled youth
The 24th Medical Group’s family ad-
vocacy program is sponsoring a support
group for parents of children with attention
deficit disorder and attention deficit hyper-
activity disorder, as well as other learning
disabilities. The next meeting will be 6:30-
7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Howard Family Support
Center, Building 707. For more infor-
mation, call 284-6140/6457.

Communications skills
workshop available
The family advocacy program has ar-
ranged a workshop for people who would
like to improve their interpersonal commu-
nication skills. The workshop will be 6-
7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Howard Family
Support Center, Building 707, and free
beverages will be served at the workshop.
For more information, call 284-6140/6457.

New drop-off point
for Safe Haven donations
Donations for Safe Haven will now be
received at Building 4 on Rodman NS, in-
stead of Building 5. All donations will be
coordinated at this site. For information, call
283-4014/4016.

Dengue fever briefings
available upon request
Upon request, the Entomology section,
Preventive Medicine Services at Gorgas
Army Community Hospital can present
20-45 minute briefings, in Spanish and
English on Dengue Fever.

The briefing covers the signs and
symptoms, the mode of transportation of
the disease, the biology of the mosquito
vector and the actions to take to control
Dengue. Units or activities wanting a
Spanish briefing, 282-5618/5212. For
an English briefing, call Maj. Nelson Powers
or Manuel Corea at 283-8529.

142nd Medical Bn.
inactivates Thursday
An inactivation ceremony for the 142nd
Medical Battalion will be held on Soldiers
Field 10:30 a.m. Thursday. As part of the
ceremony, the 245th Support Battalion
(Provisional) will be activated. For
more information, call 287-6604.

New drop-off point
for Engineer Club
The American Society of Panama is
holding a pre-separation briefing for maids
Field 18 at Valent announced
A new drop-off point for maids will be
held 7:30 a.m. Nov. 14 at Building 745, Corozal. A
large variety of items will be up for sale. The
inspections and sale will be held on the same
day. For information, call Ada Tweed at
284-4754.

A Spot Bid sale will be held 9 a.m.
Nov. 19 at Building 310, Corozal. Used
U.S. government cars, 4x4s, and trucks
will be up for bid. Inspections will be
held 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 17-18. For
information, call 285-5417.

Single soldiers
meetings at Valent announced
A Peace (Better Opportunities for Sin-
gle Soldiers) meeting will be held 2 p.m.
Nov. 17 and Dec. 7 at the Valent Recre-
ation Center, with open time to those
who would like to attend. For information,
call 287-6500.

First aid, safety courses
set for Clayton, Sherman
A community first aid and safety course
will be held 6-10 p.m Nov. 15-17 at Building
519, Fort Clayton. The course teaches
first aid and safety. There will also be a first aid
class for maids 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 19. The
class is taught entirely in Spanish. For in-
formation, call Abbe Lester at 287-5509.

The Atlantic Community will hold a first aid class for maids 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov.
12 at The Ocean Breeze Recreation Center, Fort Sherman. The class is taught
entirely in Spanish. For information, call
289-6120/6699.

Clayton estate planning
set for Monday
There will be an estate planning semi-
nar 9 a.m. Monday in the Simon Bolivar
Conference Room, Building 95, Fort Clayton.
This will be a dynamic informat-
ive briefing that demystifies aspects
aspects of estate planning and financial plan-
ning. The seminar leader is Col. (retired)
Arnie Krapf, Army and Air Force Mutual
Aid Association. Seating will be limited.
For more information, call 287-6410.

American Society hosts
evening at Smithsonian
The American Society of Panama is
sponsoring an evening at the Smithsonian
Tuesday. The event will be held Thursday.
Three scientists will give pre-
sentations on current projects. Dress is ca-
mane. Wine and cheese will be served at
6 p.m. and the presentations will begin at 7 p.m.
The cost is $5 for members and $10
for others. For tickets, call 252-5739; 228-
2331; 252-2267; or 229-4409.
Wing workers greet, process arriving Cubans

by Staff Sgt. Rian Clawson
24th Wing Public Affairs Office

HOWERD AFB - Since the start of Operation Safe Haven Aug. 28, 29, men and women from various 24th Wing agencies—airmen, non-commissioned officers and officers—have worked relentlessly to process nearly 8,500 Cuban migrants for their temporary stay in Panama. The Joint Task Force Safe Haven Reception Center has tapped agencies throughout the base for its stuff, although it has drawn the most heavily from the 24th Support Group.

“We have nearly 60 men and women working full-time in the reception center, and almost all of them are the same people who started with us almost two months ago,” said the commander of the reception center, Lt. Col. Luis Ramos. “These people are performing a very important function out here, and they’re doing it in an outstanding manner.”

“Our methods and processes have changed over the course of Safe Haven,” said reception center superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Don Hensley, “but the primary functions—helping people disembark, getting the Cubans from the airplanes to the Safe Haven camps. In the process, they do everything from operating multi-million-dollar computer equipment, to dispensing food and drinks and helping them fill out personal information forms, to greeting and calming the migrants’ fears, to translating and photographing, courtesy of the positive identification staff and in its 5.1 million Deployable Mass Population Identification System. Later, the air transportable hospital staff—temporary duty personnel from Minot, Barksdale and Nellis Air Force Bases—do medical screenings and create medical histories for the Cubans, most of which have absolutely no documentation of this type. Diagnoses or treatment of any minor ailments that are found are generally done at the camps.

“For the most part, these are good, warm-hearted, caring people who have left behind friends, family, possessions, everything in this world that is precious to them,” Ramos said. “They are performing a very important function out here.”

“We’ve even had active duty people that are TDY (temporary duty) here from the states and they are volunteering their off-duty time to help us out with the Cubans,” said Tech. Sgt. Annette Henry, the Howard Family Support Center volunteer coordinator. “I think that’s great!”

Actually, an incredibly varied group of people comprise the reception center’s bank of nearly 300 volunteers, said Lizca Pyles, an active duty medical technician at the reception center. "We have active duty military and civilian members, family members, contractors, even students from local colleges," she said. This large group of people also have varied and individual reasons for helping out with the Cuban migrants.

“I came in here about three months ago and this is my first time out to the center, but I really want to do what I can to help,” said one civilian volunteer. With two small children, Betsy Dunn says child care is a constant concern which limits the amount of time she can volunteer. Still, she tries to get out as often as she can.

“When I was back in the United States I worked in the medical field and so I knew what to think when I first got here,” said Marine Landing Officer Estela Alvarez. “We have been able to take in those things back in Mississippi, but here in Panama, it really feels good because I can actually do something to help."

This good Samaritan drive runs in the Dunn fam- ily. Betsy’s husband, Maj. William Dunn, is a dentist at the Howard Clinic and he also helps the Cubans, providing medical care on a rotating basis at the Safe Haven camps.

“I like people and when I heard that the Cubans were coming—and found out that they were going through things that people here--I got in here—I really wanted to help,” said Maya Urrea, another civilian volunteer. She and her aunt, Estela Shaffer, along with Estela Alvarez and Marcia Irwins, collect, size, separate and distribute the clothing community members donate for the Cubans’ benefit.
MTMC says POVs ready for pick-up

BALBOA (MTMC) - The following customers have privately owned vehicles ready for pick up at the POV Processing Center, Building 1501, Balboa, adjacent to the PX.


MTMC will have the following documents for pick up of their POVs:

- ID card (current military, dependent, or civilian)
- Driver's license (must have Panama license for second POV)
- POV shipping document (DD Form 788)
- Vehicle registration title
- Vehicle keys
- Power of Attorney and photo copies of the sponsor's bilingual ID card and driver's license (when the sponsor on orders cannot be present for pick up)

MTMC will be closed today and unable to release imported POVs to customers, however the office will be open today to receive POVs for turn-in. The list is current as of Tuesday. For updates, call customer service at 282-4642/883 or the POV arrival tape recording at 282-4641. Customer service hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Wednesday hours are 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Violation of this testing can result in a fine only to give non-Spanish speaking people a

Customer service office at 519 moves

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - The Adjutant General Customer Service Office has been re-located to the lobby of the ground floor, Building 519, Fort Clayton.

The move comes because of the installation of the Real Time Automated Personnel Identification System. The Automated ID Card system, said Warrant Officer Mona Ellington, chief of the Personnel Services Branch.

The ID Customer Services and the Civilian Pass/ ID Card Section, also in the lobby provides civilian ID cards, civilian bilingual ID cards, privilege cards, certificates of Naturalization, statement of services, AG certifications, family member deployment screening sheets, evaluations of learning status, active duty military service, housing and analyzing applications and tax exemptions for departure from Tocumen and purchase of airline tickets.

Military and Federal ID Sections provide active duty, Reserve, retired and dependent ID cards, military and dependent bilingual ID cards, outsourcing for ID cards, DA photo processing and defense enrollment eligibility reporting system updates. For more information, call Richard Harbut at 287-6406.

Air Force housing changes policies

HOWARD AFB (24th Wing PAO) - To reduce waiting time for its customers, the Howard/Albrook housing office will implement some new policies.

An appointment system will even out the work flow and allow counselors to dedicate their time to servicing customers. People won't need appointments to take care of simple items (temporary lodging authorizations, housing applications, and simple questions that can be answered by the receptionist) but more complex matters will be handled by appointment.

Supplementing these changes will be weekly group briefings, which will replace the former individual briefings. Housing officials encourage sponsors of inbound individuals to work with their families in advance of their arrival. For more information, call 284-34175814.

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (MEDDAC PAO) - The Panama Ministry of Health has reported more than 24 confirmed cases of dengue fever in Panama City as of October 1994. The mosquito-transmitted disease is caused by a virus, and presently, there is no protection by immunization.

"Because the mosquito (Aedes aegypti) responsible for transmitting this disease breeds primarily in artificial containers, the best way to control this disease is by removal of such containers," said Maj. Nelson Powers, chief of Entomology, Preventive Medicine Service at Gorgas Army Community Hospital. He adds that such actions has to be taken before an epidemic occurs.

The symptoms of dengue fever are like a severe flu: sudden onset of high fever, severe headache, backache, pain in the back of the eyes and in the joints, muscles, and bones, and occasionally a rash.

"The pain is so intense that dengue is sometimes called 'break bone fever'" said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Wilfred Southour, chief of Preventive Medicine Service at Gorgas Army Community Hospital. "After the illness is over, people may feel very weak, tired and not be able to do their usual work for some time."

About a week after an Aedes aegypti mosquito bites someone who is ill with dengue, it is able to transmit the virus each time it bites a susceptible person during its three- to four-week lifetime.

In a recent housing area survey conducted by the Entomology Section, several potential and active breeding sites were found. Among these were flowerpots and lidded col-lecting water, barbecue grills and bird baths. In addition, a few natural containers were found to be potential breeding containers filled with water and found to contain Aedes aegypti larvae, the immature stage of the mosquito.

Residents should also be aware that this mosquito also breeds in hollow fence posts and roof drain gutters that fill with water. Residents in installations that are part of the Directorate of Engineering and Housing Self Help Program may get sand or gravel to fill in hollow fence posts and ladders to gain access to roof drain gutters to inspect and clean them. Residents on installations are reminded that they are responsible for cleaning the roof gut- ters that are 12 feet or lower from the ground. For roof gutters that are higher than 12 feet, residents must submit a work order to have them cleaned.

Atlantic residents for National Consumer Week

MARGARITA COMPLEX (USARSO PAO) - National Consumer Week brought some informative classes and prize giveaways to the Atlantic community. The classes and workshops offered were: Checkbook Management, Money Management and "Know Your Rights," a consumer workshop.

In the consumer workshop—offered in Spanish and English—representatives from such agencies as the Finance and Accounting Office, Adjutant General's office, Passport and Visa, the Commissary and Army and Air Force Exchange Service addressed consumers' rights and answered questions. The workshop attracted 55 people.

"The workshop lets people know what rights they have as consumers and the rights they have at certain agencies in the Atlantic community," said Lut M. Ballestero, Commissary Affairs and Financial Program coordinator.

Additionally, representatives from Contraband Control—Atlantic spoke to Cristobal High School students about contraband items and shoplifting. Ballestero added.

The close of the week was marked by Commissary and Post Exchange giveaways.

The Commissary gave out 26 prizes including: a camera, a $50 shopping spree and free bags of groceries. The 16 Post Exchange prizes included: a camera, a free oil change, a basket of AAFES products, a free boat rental and a coupon for free brunch for two at the Fort Davis Community Club.

The community got more than just prizes out of Na-tional Consumer Week, however.

"I think National Consumer Week was successful in informing individuals of their rights as consumers," Ballestero said. "They were more aware of what to expect and of what to ask as consumers."

Atlantic residents for National Consumer Week

New commander

U.S. Army Garrison commander, Col. Silas Smalls passes the battalion colors to incoming U.S. Army Garrison-Pac-ific commander Lt. Col. Charles Hunsaker during a change of command ceremony, Oct. 27. Maj. Stephen Duckworth, who has been the interim commander since Sept. 30, relin- quished command to Hunsaker. Hunsaker has been assigned to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Fort Knox, Ky., West Point and has been previously stationed in Panama.

Panama news summary

Oct. 31 El Siglo: Paper reports Colon jail inmates offered to cut down gras in the areas of the Colon Corridor. A company recently donated 50 machetes to be used for cleaning public areas. The inmates are complying with minor sentences and not considered dangerous.

Nov. 1 El Panama America: Paper reports that Panama's FDI intelligence division says some 25 people have been mur- dered in the last 18 months by foreign and native hood- lums. An official said the contracts for the killing vary between $500 and $15,000.

El Panama America: Paper reports the draft bill that privatizes the phone company INTEL has the support of some legislators, but the Republic of Panama Workers Confederation says the bill would create an insecure phone rate and cause many INTEL employees to lose their jobs.
Pesty stray cats trouble base resident

Mayors’ Corner

Dear Mayors’ Corner,

I live in tropical housing on Howard AFB and have a problem no one else can solve... stray cats. I have asked around to find out who owns them, but only two neighbors have cats.

One pet owner says she’s afraid to let her cat outside because of the possibility of impregnation by one of the strays. Meanwhile, the other neighbor has a male cat and lets it stay outside. This person obviously doesn’t care because I have seen the cat copulate with packs of strays. All of my other neighbors with these cats would go away, but they don’t.

These cats use my garden as a litter box, bushes as a mating area and back stairs as a safe haven. I thought that by getting a dog this would solve the problem, but she is just a puppy and these cats terrify her. I have called the housing office and was told, “We can do nothing but tell new housing members to keep their cats under control.” What good does this do, since most of these cats do not have owners? I have also called the security police. They have taken my complaint, but have not tried to catch these pests.

As a dog owner, I feel discriminated against because I am not allowed to let my pet run free. She must always be on a leash, rather than under voice control. Yet, cat owners can let their cats roam the streets without fear of repercussion.

I am almost to the point of chasing these cats with a softball bat or setting traps for them. But this is too cruel—Their yard looks great, but give credit where credit is due.

Does the housing office give him? The people who live in this will resolve your problem.

Dear Cat,

Stray animals are a challenge. You are correct in saying that the security police have a responsibility to pick up stray animals, and in my experience, they try to do this. However, the animals frequently disappear before some one can be dispatched to the site of a complaint.

Meanwhile, we have come up with a possible self-help solution. You can now check out an animal trap from the post management shop. When you have trapped the cat, call the security police to pick up the animal. We hope this will resolve your problem.

Dear Mayors’ Corner,

When I drive past my neighbor’s house everyday, I see a “Yard of the Quarter” sign up and wonder what they did to deserve it. I’m not saying they don’t deserve it, but I think they go beyond the expected, the housing office likes to see a “Yard of the Quarter” sign up and wonder what they did to deserve it. They have a gardener who does all of their yard work, gardening and planting. He even gets plants from other houses when the people move. He puts everything in order, and I have to admit the yard does look nice. But what does the housing office give him? The people who live there get new appliances, dinner for two, free bowling, and free swimming for a month. Meanwhile, all they did was pay their gardener $15-$20 per month—and maybe a little extra for winning.

I’m not saying they don’t deserve it, because they do. Their yard looks great, but give credit where credit is due.

The housing office should give the gardener something for his hard work. Maybe they could hold a competition between the housing area gardeners to see who can earn the most “Yard of the Months and Quarters” during the year. Then run the winner’s photo in the Tropic Times and give him a cash prize or free dinner. The gardeners work very hard and deserve some recognition for their accomplishments.

I do my own yard and take great pride in my work. The housing office does not recognize me and it’s the same for the others who work on their own yards. For those who win with hired gardeners, it’s like getting validation when someone else did your homework.

A Little Green

Dear Green,

The “Yard of the Quarter” program is for the occupants of military family housing not their gardener. Gardeners work for the occupant, not the government. Occupants are responsible for basic yard care. However, when they go beyond the expected, the housing office likes to recognize them.

It is the occupant who decides how they want to maintain their yard, not their gardener. Granted, they may not physically do the work, but they are the ones who are paying for it and decide how they want their yard to look.

Editor’s note: To submit questions to the Mayoral Congress, send letters to: Mayors’ Corner, publicity chairperson, APO AA 34004 (MPS). Anonymity will be granted upon request. The Tropic Times reserves the right to edit letters and responses for brevity.

Stolen travelers’ checks

A U.S. servicemember had $500 in travelers’ checks stolen from him last week. The alleged thief cashed the checks at the post office.

Keeping this type of item under lock and key, or with you at all times. It is also recommended that people keep receipts with the serial numbers on them.

Fingerprinting hours

The Provost Marshal Office will provide fingerprinting to those who need prints taken. Normal fingerprinting hours are 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Thursdays at Building 131, Fort Clayton. Identification cards are required.

POV insurance required

The military police remind everyone that, in accordance with Southern Command Regulation 190-5, anyone operating a privately-owned vehicle must show proof of insurance upon demand.

For more information, refer to the regulation or call the Military Police Traffic Section at 287-3203.

DARE program

For more information, contact the DARE coordinator at 287-6762 or 287-3261.

Panama Jack anonymous hotline

Anyone with information about drug smuggling should immediately call the Panama Jack anonymous hotline at 285-4185.

Housing area crimes

The following criminal activities occurred at on and off post housing areas: Oct. 15-21.

Pacific

Fort Clayton

200 area (Herrick Heights) - one larceny of secured private property

400 area - one larceny unsecured private property

800 area - one larceny of secured private property

Fort Amanda

400 area - one larceny unsecured private property

Off post

Panama City - one larceny of secured private property

Balboa - one larceny unsecured private property

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When they deployed, they had no idea when they would return. It took nearly two months of building and preparing before they could return to their families. The soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines that made up the force deployed in support of Operation Distant Haven returned Oct. 25 to Panama. Other soldiers stationed in the United States, who traveled through Panama on their way home, were greeted as well before departing to their home stations. When migrant camps in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were becoming overcrowded with the increasing number of Haitians fleeing their country, a new camp was needed.

The U.S. State Department, in cooperation with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees and the government of Suriname, asked the U.S. Southern Command to build a camp to temporarily house up to 2,500 people. An aerial view of the Operation Distant Haven camp.

While we’re there, why not an interchange between nations?

by Spec. Brian Thomas
USARSO Public Affairs Office

PARAMARIBO, SURINAME - In an exchange of ideas between two militaries, Col. Louis D. Huddleston gave a course on officer professional development to a group of Surinamese senior officers Oct. 28.

Huddleston, the Joint Task Force-Suriname commander, was in Suriname to oversee the conversion of Operation Distant Haven as it becomes a care-taker operation. Most of the troops returned earlier in the week, but about 65 will remain behind.

“This is very important to me,” Huddleston said to the Surinamese officers as he began his lecture on military decision making.

“Of the benefits I have as a senior officer is I get the opportunity to travel to foreign countries and meet with foreign officers,” Huddleston said.

“This is very important to the U.S. military,” Huddleston said his course had two purposes. The first was to offer Surinamese senior officers background on U.S. Army military decision-making and planning, and the second was to provide an opportunity to exchange views.

Huddleston’s course is one that is taught at the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Surinamese Army Chief of Staff, Col. Glenn Sedney, attended and was pleased with Huddleston’s lecture. “It was a very interesting subject,” Sedney said. “Since our officers have to deal with these kinds of subjects it was good to refresh their minds.”

Sedney said the class was not anticipated when Operation Distant Haven began in August.

“It was not planned to do this but he found the space to have this discussion,” Sedney said. “We thank the colonel very much.”
Joint Task Force-Suriname was quickly formed and the deployment of troops, equipment and supplies from Panama and the United States began in late August.

In record time, engineers, military police and all manner of military specialists from all the services were flown to Suriname to construct the migrant and base camps. The camps were quickly built. About 1,500 cubic meters of concrete were used to construct 300 tent and utility pads. Some 190 general purpose medium tents, 10 general purpose large tents, 2,500 cots and more than 2,000 meters of fence were quickly put up.

Then the waiting began, but would come to an end when Haiti’s ruling military dictatorship volunteered to leave Oct. 15.

Small numbers of troops started returning from Suriname soon after the dictatorship’s departure, but the main body of about 200 servicemembers did not return until ten days later.

A small detachment of approximately 65 maintenance and security personnel are still in Suriname in case the camps are needed in the future. The time of return for those personnel is not known.

Joint Task Force-Suriname members return to Panama enroute to their home stations. For many, that was Panama, but several units from the United States also participated in the project.

Work continues at the camp as engineers from Fort Stewart, Ga., upgrade electrical wiring.

Staff Sgt. Richard Cannon, 534th Military Police Co., gets a big hug from his wife Vickie.
A
other Halloween has passed through the
isthmus. The American community celebrated
the ghoulish holiday in a variety of ways.
More than 1,500 children and adults celebrated their
Halloween at Rodman NS going through the haunted
house at the old Anchorage Club Oct. 28 and 29.
About 60 participants served as guides, ghouls and
makeup artists during the eight hours of frightening fun.
Naval Command Master Chief John Myers has been
involved with the Navy’s haunted house the last two
years.
"It was quite a bit better this year than last. This year
we had more space, more rooms, air conditioning and
more participants," he said.
"Not one person complained and lots thanked us. We
got great compliments," Myers said.
Among the participants were: sections from Rodman
NS, Naval Special Warfare Unit 8, U.S. Southern
Command, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the
Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training
School.
The funds raised at the haunted house will be used for
a picnic for all Navy commands, Myers said.
Meanwhile, frightful things were also happening
across the canal at Fort Clayton. Halloween adventurers
of all ages were busy either tricking or treating.
An army of Power Rangers descended to do battle
with the ghosts and ghouls and spooks of all shapes
and sizes that were out and about Monday evening.
Haunted houses sprouted like mushrooms around
post, putting the willies into pint-sized wanna-be
monsters.
Little goblins who chose the "safe" Halloween
activities made the rounds in the housing areas, collect-
ing their ill-gotten goodies from those who were home.
Judging from the amount of candy collected, it
should be safe to say, the folks over at U.S. Army Dental
Activity-Panama will not have to worry about losing
their jobs anytime soon.

In fairy tales the princess kisses the frog, but at Valent Recreation Center’s haunted house the
young bride Erin Radtke gives Pimento the snake a smooch.
Bulldogs win basketball title

The Bulldogs' Noni Robinson dives out of bounds trying to save the ball. Robinson scored six baskets and hit two of four foul shots to contribute eight points to the Bulldogs' victory.

by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times sports editor

BALBOA - The Bulldogs came back from a 12-2 first quarter deficit to route the Green Devils 32-26 in the women's basketball championship game Oct. 28. Leading the Bulldogs to victory was guard Janelle Hauser. Hauser remained scoreless in the first half, but she was on fire in the second half, capping off the Bulldog's run on the scoreboard.

The Bulldogs didn't look like a winning team in the first quarter. Its sole score from the floor came from Kriston Nolte. Three free throws boosted their score to five points.

The Devils owned the court between forwards Michelle Womble and Audrey Ernest. Their "too-tall" attack plan served the Devils well, feeding the ball inside where Ernest scored six points and Womble added four. Maria Rodriguez added a basket to put the Devils up 12-5.

The Bulldogs bounced back in the second quarter, blocking Womble and holding Ernest to one basket. The Devil's other score came from Daniela Garcia.

The Bulldogs’ offense took over in the second quarter. Noni Robinson, Cheryl Stanford and Yarissa Peart each scored four points, and Nolte added another basket. The Bulldogs took the lead, 19-16.

The third quarter turned into a tug-of-war. The Devils edged the Bulldogs by one point, narrowing the gap to 25-23.

The last quarter of the game and the season was all Bulldogs. Its tough defense blocked the Devils again and again. Ernest was the only Devil to sink a shot, and the only player of the game, on either team, to score in every quarter.

But it was Hauser who stood out, driving to the top of the key, then pulling up short to shoot for three points. As the ball sunk so did the Devils. Hauser spun and went up the court, doing a victory dance on the way.

"Both of these teams have talented athletes who deserve a lot of credit," Bulldog coach Cleve Oliver said.
Cougars shred Machine, 28-9

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BALBOA - The Cougars got back on track this week, pounding the Machine 28-9.

The Cougars needed no time getting the lead courtesy of Lance VonHollen. VonHollen added to his mushrooming rushing and scoring records by chugging four yards into the end zone for a Cougar touchdown early in the first quarter.

The Cougars went to VonHollen for the score again in the first quarter. Fredrik Adams made good on the extra point run to put the Cougars out to a 14-0 lead. The Machine found it's way to the scoreboard with a field goal by Donny Husted in the second quarter, but the three points didn't amount to much as the Cougars' Buddy Martens dove into the end zone on a quarterback sneak to put the Cougars ahead 20-3.

VonHollen defied the Machine defense again in the third quarter, running for 46 yards and following up with a one-yard touchdown plunge. The two-point conversion by Jelani Jordan capped the Cougars scoring to put it ahead 28-3.

The Machine rallied in the third quarter, running for 46 yards and following up with a one-yard touchdown pass. For a team that is 0-7, pulling off the big plays is cause for celebration.

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Martens threw all over the field, tossing three-yard screens to Adams and Jordan for extra points, and airing the ball out for a 35-yard pass to Jordan during a drive. Martens completed 11 of 26 passes for the night for 126 yards.

The Machine checked in at minus seven yards. The Cougars beat the Devils 32-23 for first place tonight at Balboa.

The passing game fared no better as Jared Holzworth hit only three of 21 passes for 85 yards. The relentless Cougar defense did more than interrupt the Machine's passing game, it also knocked him for a 15-yard loss early in the game.

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The Cougar ground game kept up with the team's best rushing play with a six-yard gain. After adding up lost yardage, VonHollen said he lost track of how many touchdowns he scored in a post-game interview with the Southern Command Network.

The Cougars and Devils settle the tie for first place 5:30 p.m. today at Balboa.

The Cougars beat the Devils 32-23 the first time these teams faced each other.

League Leaders

Team standings

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Last weeks game

Devils 14, Tigers 9

Bulldogs 21, Kolts 7

Tonight's games

Bulldogs vs. Tigers, 6 p.m. (CHS)

Devils vs. Cougars, 6:30 p.m. (BHS)

Quarterbacks

PA PCyds TD Int

Martens, Cg. 155 65 42 105 36 10
Beach, BD 72 25 35 679 4 8
Lampas, Dev. 64 33 51 473 3 2

Interceptions

Beach, Bulldogs 6

Scoring

TD XP Total

Reese, Devils 14 4 92
VonHollen, Cg. 8 6 56
Guerra, Tigers 9 54

Rushing


Reese, Devils 163 1050 6.4
VonHollen, Cg. 140 705 5.0
Guerra, Tigers 134 947 7.0

Kick offs

Kicks Yds. Avg.

Reese, Devils 31 1456 46.8
VonHollen, Cg. 28 1287 45.9
Bulldogs 22 991 45.0

Punts

Kicks Yds. Avg.

Reese, Devils 16 529 33.0
VonHollen, Cg. 27 820 30.6
Guerra, Tigers 22 629 28.5
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by John Hall

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Mandatory flu vaccines arrive

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (MEDDAC PAO) - With the arrival of the newly-formulated Influenza Vaccine supply, active duty military and dependents are required to receive their annual flu shots, while others may do so on a voluntary basis.

"Now is the time for certain segments of the population to take advantage of the seasonal influenza vaccination campaign," said Lt. Col. Catherine Bonnefil, chief of Army Community Health Nursing, Preventive Medicine Services at Gorgas Army Community Hospital. "The vaccine will be available for the general public in mid-November."

While flu season usually arrives in late fall or early winter in the states, Panama is considered to be a year-round threat.

The flu vaccine must be given in advance for immunity to develop.

"It is generally recommended that individuals who need flu shots get them in October, November and December," Bonnefil said.

The flu is a viral infection which comes on suddenly, affecting the nose, throat and lungs. It can be confused with the common cold but normally includes a high fever and muscle aches, whereas a cold is characterized primarily by nasal congestion.

Though the flu is usually a mild disease in healthy children, young adults and middle-aged people, it can be life-threatening for older adults and others with chronic medical conditions. It is generally killed because it lowers the body's resistance, making a person more susceptible to secondary infections such as pneumonia.

In the last 20 years, influenza has killed one-half million Americans. It also causes the loss of more than 7 million workdays annually for production industries.

"It is extremely important that the influenza vaccine be administered to people at high risk for developing complications from the flu," Bonnefil said. "Those in the high-risk group include those with diabetes, cardiopulmonary, renal and metabolic insufficiencies, and are immunocompromised, older adults, older children and adolescents receiving long-term aspirin therapy, because the combination of aspirin use and the flu increases the risk for Reye's Syndrome."

In addition, physicians, nurses and others, including family members, to contact with high-risk persons in health care settings or at home should also take the shot.

Because the flu viruses usually vary each year and the immunity provided by the flu shot declines over time, re-vaccination is needed annually.

While the flu shot is safe and contains only dead viruses that cannot cause influenza, there are sometimes mild side effects such as soreness around the injection site or low-grade fever.

"These side effects last for only one to two days and occur in less than one-third of the vaccine recipients," Bonnefil said. "Also, the side effects are far less severe than the flu itself."

The only people who should not receive the vaccinat are those who cannot eat eggs because of an allergic reaction such as hives, swelling of the lips or tongue, or a sudden respiratory problem.

Most healthy people can fight off the flu with a few additional days of rest, acetaminophen (Tylenol), and plenty of liquids to drink. If you or members of your family exhibit flu-like symptoms, talk to your physician or health care provider for information on treatment.

The flu vaccine will be available on a walk-in basis to everyone except children who must have a doctor's prescription in order to be vaccinated. Come in during regular Immunization Clinic hours at the Gorgas Immunization Clinic (for adults, 282-5188; Pediatric Clinic (for children, 282-5171); Fort Clayton's Building 319 Health Clinic, 287-3900; Fort Sherman Health Clinic, 283-6655; Howard Health Clinic, 284-6157; or at any of the outgoing troop medical clinics.

Special unit-level immunization programs must be arranged directly with the unit's servicing immunization clinic. For instance, most Army units will receive their shots at the Immunization Clinic, Building 319.

For more information, call the Army Community Health Nursing at Gorgas, 282-5418/5419.
White water adventure

Rafters plunge down the raging waters of the Chagres River, during a day-long jungle safari that included four-wheel driving, horseback riding and white water rafting through Chagres National Park. For story and photos, see Page B3.

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The Officers and Civilians Wives’ Club-Pacific raises funds for community organizations in need.

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OCWC-Pacific changes from social activities to caring, charitable organization

by Sgt. Eric HORTIN
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAC) - Gone are the days when the members of the Officers Wives' Club wore their husband's rank on their shoulders. When the club hierarchy matched that of the chain of command, the woman who was best qualified for the different positions. These days, the Officers and Civilians Wives' Club-Pacific looks less like a social club than it does a charitable organization.

Part of what the OCWC does is help support the military community and humanitarian organizations through donations supported by the club's various fund-raising activities. The OCWC makes a lot of its money from activities such as the Spring Bazaar and the recent Christmas Pamork swamp Bazaar, which netted the OCWC nearly $8,500. Auctions and bingo nights also make up a large portion of the donated funds.

Part of the money distributed, roughly $9,000 worth, is earmarked for scholarships. Both students and adults continuing their education have been recipients of OCWC scholarships.

Organizations as well-known as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Salvation Army benefit from the OCWC contributions, said Terry Baker, OCWC welfare committee director. Other organizations, such as the Panama Christian Medical Mission, Army Community Services and even U.S. Army Dental Activity-Panama have had programs partially supported by OCWC funds.

"There are even more organizations requesting money than hasn't been taken at this time," Baker said. "We're spread pretty thin with contributions being dis-

tributed throughout the whole community."

With so many organizations applying for donations, the biggest problem that the group has now is that they run out of funds before they run out of organizations.

"Each year, we have two different times when we ac-
cept welfare requests," said Deana Sawdey, OCWC-Pa-

ternary committee president. "A committee evaluates each of them for need and validity."

"Last year we had a lot of requests from DoD (Depart-
ment of Defense) schools. Many people say that it's not fair and that the schools get funding. But we try to help provide things not normally provided by the school sys-

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Atlantic

A Welcome to Panama orientation will be held 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Fort Davis Community Club. The orientation will include an information fair, free lunch and child care and a tour of the Atlantic community. For reservations, call Alma Shoy at 289-4955.

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Office helps in the search for housing, employment and educational opportunities for serv-

icemembers and their family members. Call 289-

4021/4836 for more information.

Miscellaneous

The Enlisted Spouses Club-Panaka takes pride in serving the community. The club will meet 7 p.m. Monday at the Fort Clayton NCO Club. For information, call Barb Johnson at 284-

4523 or Ann Goss at 284-3701.

The Isthmian Club will meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Club Amador. The program will be on Tagua Carvings as an art form. The lecture will be presented by Ellie Gale. For information, call Anona Kirkland at 286-1585 or Carolyn Harvey at 286-3352.

Atlantic

Culinary Youth Center 289-4605:

Shotokan Karate 4-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, $20 per person.

Arts and crafts 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Saturday sports noon to 6 p.m.

Piano classes 3:30 p.m. for 30-minute lessons Monday-Wednesday. There is a fee of $20 per person per month.

Girl Scouts of USA-Panama are seeking Atl-

tantic side member participation. To sign up or for more information, call the Girl Scout Service Cen-

ter at (285-1940). The center is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays, noon-6 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Youth activities
For most of us, the “concrete jungle” of Panama City is an adventure in itself—dodging speeding taxis and negotiating the numerous potholes. However, some people are constantly seeking new challenges.

For these individuals, an exhilarating day-long jungle safari through some of Panama’s most remote and pristine wilderness may be just the cure for the metropolitan blues.

River rafting has become a popular sport in Panama since people have “discovered” the Chiriquí and Chagres rivers. Fort Clayton’s Outdoor Adventures sponsors river rafting on the Chiriquí, and just recently, Aventuras Panama has opened up the Chagres to exploration.

River trips and jungle safaris can be arranged through your favorite military travel office, various local travel agencies, or Aventuras Panama at 260-0044.

Since the age of 16, outdoor guide Javier Romero, of Aventuras Panama, S.A., has dedicated his life to exploring the gin-clear rivers and virgin, tropical rainforests of Chagres National Park.

Relying upon his vast knowledge of the area, Romero has organized a unique jungle encounter that transports people by four-wheel drive, horseback and rubber raft deep into an area completely void of civilization.

The jungle trip began at 5:30 a.m. when Romero picked up his clients at a downtown hotel. From here, the group climbed high into the rugged Cerro Azul mountain range along a primitive dirt road in a four-wheel drive vehicle. Upon reaching the summit of Cerro Jefe at an elevation of 1,007 meters, the sightseers enjoyed a view of Madden Lake far below. After two hours, they arrived in the tiny village of Alto Pacora for a final stop before descending toward the Chagres River basin.

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The rafters floated through a series of pools and rapids, Romero listed an assorted list of wildlife commonly spotted along the stream’s edge. He often observes monkeys, otters, iguanas, hawks, and various kinds of exotic birds and fish while rafting. Occasionally, he has captured a glimpse of an unsuspecting jaguar or tapir.

After several hours, the rafters reached the confluence of the Piedras and Chagres rivers.

A heavy downpour the night before left the normally clear Chagres River clouded with sediment and swirling at its banks. The river was much wider, deeper and stronger than its feeder stream. In addition, the dangers and obstacles increased at this point, as well.

As they floated farther downstream, the guide of the river will get steeper and that means big rapids,” Romero said.

The first was a steep drop. The second was even more tricky, consisting of a chute running between a rock wall and large boulder. Each time a person was hurled from the raft by the pounding water, before quickly being pulled back to the safety of the raft.

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The rafters floated through a series of pools and rapids, Romero listed an assorted list of wildlife commonly spotted along the stream’s edge. He often observes monkeys, otters, iguanas, hawks, and various kinds of exotic birds and fish while rafting. Occasionally, he has captured a glimpse of an unsuspecting jaguar or tapir.

After several hours, the rafters reached the confluence of the Piedras and Chagres rivers.

A heavy downpour the night before left the normally clear Chagres River clouded with sediment and swirling at its banks. The river was much wider, deeper and stronger than its feeder stream. In addition, the dangers and obstacles increased at this point, as well.

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Romero suddenly plunged backwards into the cool water. The delighted paddlers immediately followed. After climbing to the side of the raft while floating in the water for some distance, Romero told the crew to get back in and prepare for the most difficult aspect of the trip.

“Next two falls are the most dangerous white water,” Romero said.

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The worst of the rapids were behind them so the group relaxed until rounding a bend in the river, where a dugout canoe with motor was waiting. The raft would be towed the remaining distance to a take-out site at Madden Lake.

However, there was a final stop on the excursion. The raft was pulled to an Indian village located along the edge of the river. When the natives spied the approaching raft, they congregated along the trail leading up from the water to greet each rafter with a smile and a handshake. The women’s faces and arms were stained with a brightly colored dye, produced from a local root and applied like make-up. The men brought out wood carvings and other crafts that they hoped would interest the tired rafters.

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Panama, part 2: Independence

A history of a nation that helped shape the world

(Editors note: Panama celebrates its independence from Colombia Thursday. This is the second part of a five-part series on the history of Panama: Part 1: The Early Days; Part 2: Independence; Part 3: Canal Building; Part 4: The Canal Zone; and Part 5: A Future. The story was adapted from an unpublished manuscript by Dr. Miguel A. Bernal and Thomas J. Hafer, Florida State University and David McCullough's Path Between the Seas.)

In 1901, the United States signed the Hay-Paunette Treaty with Great Britain, effectively nullifying the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty of 1850 (see last week's story). Its provisions gave the United States a free hand in building a canal anywhere in Central America with guarantees of neutrality. To the British, it was quid pro quo. They needed a free hand with the Suez Canal and the North Americans gave it to them. Despite British insistence on leaving a Central American canal unmilitarized, the United States refused to give any promises, citing the need to build fortifications. During the Spanish-American War, one of the few points of high drama was reached when the battleship Oregon raced around the tip of South America to reinforce the Squadron of the Spur (as William Howard Taft would later describe it). In the aftermath, President Roosevelt was convinced that America needed a canal and could no longer afford to wait. The Spur Act in June 1903 and the Hay-Herran Treaty in January 1903 both authorized the ambitious venture.

The Spur Act authorized the President of the United States to specifically negotiate with Colombia on the purchase of land necessary to build a canal in Panama. Failing negotiations with Colombia, the President was empowered to enter into arrangements with Costa Rica, Nicaragua, or a canal that would extend from Gwatemala on the Atlantic side, following Lake Nicaragua to Brito on the Pacific Ocean. A sum of up to $40 million was permitted to secure a concession in either location. A battle over ratification ensued in the U.S. Senate, where it required a two-thirds majority. The treaty was rejected. The Senate then passed the treaty as originally written. Upon receipt of the treaty, the Colombian congress rejected it and rescinded the 1821 indemnity of $50,000 francs from the defunct French company. Secure in the knowledge that the French concession would expire in 1906 and Colombia would regain the title to her land, proposals were made to the United States to agree to modifications of the treaty. Finally, the Colombian Legislative Assembly adjourned for the summer without ratifying the treaty. When they returned on Nov. 2, 1903, the treaty was offered to the President of Colombia to renegotiate changes. The next day, Panama declared its independence.

Seeds of discontent

The United States played a pivotal role in this drama, but in answer to the question, "Is the United States responsible for the independence and creation of the Panamanian state?" the unequivocal answer must be no. Although United States participation and the actions of French engineer Phillipe Bunau-Varilla were on their way, a single car and a locomotive, which had been arranged for their convenience. The troops could not be transported immediately because of a temporary shortage of equipment, he explained, but they would follow shortly. Tobar hesitated; Shaler was insistent, saying that the time fixed for departure had already passed and that there was no reason in the world why the officers should have to stand about in the killing heat a moment longer. A young officer was picked to remain in command of the battalion, a Col. Elineo Torres. But just as Tobar and Amaya were on their way, he went to Amador's house and told Amador that he, Tobar, Gen. Ramon Amaya, had grown suddenly uneasy about the


A move toward independence

The answer came when the U.S.-Nashville sailed into the Bay of Panama Nov. 2.

The ship's arrival at Colon was not any particular cause for alarm by Colombian or local officials who knew nothing of the schemes afoot. To Amador's fellow conspirators, however, it was the long-awaited decisive moment, the irrefutable sign that the United States stood prepared to guarantee their success.

Then, on the night of Nov. 2, the Colombian warship Gama steamed into the Bay of Panama, her lights aglow. At daybreak, Nov. 3, Commander Hubbard of the Nashville took a launch to the Colombian ship, went aboard, and was informed by Gen. Juan Tobar that it was carrying nearly 500 troops and that he, Tobar, intended to put them ashore at once.

Hobart made no protest despite what he knew. He had no orders to prevent such a landing and as yet there was not a sign of disturbance of any kind by which he might have justified his own intervention.

News of the landing was immediately telegraphed to Panama City, and to those conspirators who had been kept in the dark this whole time, it was a crushing revelation. Word of a Colombian treaty that had been made no move to prevent the Colombian troops and assuredly a Colombian firing squad—from coming ashore. All the bravado engendered by the arrival of the Nashville the evening before was undone in an instant. The conspirators saw themselves as the victims of a diabolic Yankee betrayal. Even Amador, who was having his own bleak second thoughts, might have called the whole thing off right then, early on the morning of the 3rd, had it not been for the stately Arango, who declared himself ready to stand by his old friend, and for Senora Amador, a woman of "coolness and snap" (as William Howard Taft would later describe her) who was considerably younger than her husband and who declared that it was time to get on with the fight, soldiers or no soldiers.

A plan was hurriedly improvised, an extremely neat stratagem that appears also to have been the inspiration of Senora Amador. Tobar and the Tiradores Battalion landed at the old Panama Railroad wharf near Colon. They were received with customary deference by various local officials when Col. James Shaler, superintendent of the Panama Railroad, introduced himself, bid the officers welcome, and calmly recommended that they depart at once for Panama City on a special train, a single car and a locomotive, which had been arranged for their convenience.

Meanwhile, a plan was being formed in the event that the soldiers demanded a train at gunpoint. The plan, as Shaler later explained, was to put all their rifles and ammunition in the rear car. When the train reached Lion Hill, someone would pull the rear coupling pin and leave the arms staked in theJulia. The engineer would then take the train back east to Colón, where he would abandon his engine and let the stranded, unarmed soldiers walk out whichever direction they chose.

The trap for Tobar and Amaya, on their way to Panama City, was being set in the meantime. As soon as Herbert Prescott, assistant superintendent of the Panama Railroad, received Shaler's message that the generals were on their way, he went to Amador's house and told...
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him it would have to be "now or never." Some very fast thinking was called for, as they had about two hours to get things ready. Amador was also convinced, from what he had learned during his trip to New York, that excessive bloodshed would intensely jeopardize American sympathy for their cause.

The revolution, it was decided, would take place at once. Amador once ordered his carriage and drove to the Cuartel de Chiriqui, the barracks of the Colombian garrison, a large pale building near the seawall, facing onto the Plaza Chiriqui. In command of the garrison was Gen. Estaban Huertas, small, smooth-faced, impeccably dressed, and very ambitious, as Amador well knew.

According to the recollection of one of Huertas' own men, who was standing nearby when Huertas received the white-haired doctor, Amador said that he himself was old and tired but that Panama and the general had a great future ahead.

"If you, sir, we shall reach immortality in the history of the new republic." An American ship had arrived, more were coming, Amador added. "You and your battalion can accomplish nothing against the superior force of the cruisers, which have their orders. Choose here, glory and riches; in Bogota, misery and ingratitude."

Huertas is said to have remained "impassive" for a moment, then put out his hand. "I accept." But since this appears to have been the only time the two met more or less privately that morning, an agreement must also have been reached regarding the names Huertas and his men were to receive for their part, unless, of course, the bargain had already been worked out in secret in the days preceding, which is perfectly possible.

In any event, payment to the soldiers was to be $50 per man, while Huertas was to be compensated for his revolutionary fervor with $65,000, an absolute fortune in Panama in the year 1903.

No warning

At 10:30 a.m., in full uniform, Huertas marched to the head of his regiment down the Avenue Central to receive the general at the railroad station. At 11:30 a.m. the train pulled in and Tobar, Amaya, and their aides stopped down to an amazing welcome. Governor Obaldia was there, accompanied by all his official family; Gen. Francisco Castro, military commander of Panama, with his aides; U.S. Vice-Consul Ehrman, who was also head of the important Ehrman and Company bank in Panama City; and Huertas with his troops, drawn up on the dusty little plaza across from the station. There was much saluting, much cheering, Obaldia was full of words of welcome, and a line of sleek carriages stood waiting.

At about lunchtime followed the Government House. But as the afternoon wore on, with still no sign of his troops, Gen. Tobar grew increasingly suspicious and finally demanded to be taken to military headquarters at the Cuartel, where he promptly assumed command. An officer confided to him that rumors of an uprising were sweeping the city. Meanwhile, a cryptic message from a prominent local citizen warned Tobar to be on his guard. At Panama City it was decided that a personal appeal by Amador (E2 Presidente, as the crowds now called him) might do the trick. The day at Panama City had been a very different one from that at Colon. The junta was riding high; the whole city was celebrating; the new flag had been raised at the Government House and at the Cathedra Plaza.

In Panama City the next morning, Senor Don Eduardo Yaxa, who had been appointed paymaster by the junta, began writing checks drawn on the Brandon bank—$30,000 to Huertas, who was to get another $50,000 later on (why he wound up with $80,000 all told, rather than the $60,000 originally promised, has never been explained); $15,000 for General Varon of the Padilla, $10,000 each for Captain Salazar, who had handled the actual arrest of the generals, and several other officers of Huertas' officers whose loyalty was deemed important.

Tobar and his generals, who had been returned to police headquarters, were again released and transported by train to Colon to await passage on the new ship to Cartagena.

Cables to Secretary of State Hay were composed and sent in the meantime, one from Arango, Arias, and Boyd, the other from Vice Consul Ehrman. The authority of the new republic, the cables said, had been established and enthusiastically received throughout the entire Isthmus and Philippe Baroja-Varilla had been appointed "confidential agent" in Washington.

The reply came the next afternoon. It was dated Nov. 6, 1903 at 12:31 p.m. The United States government had formally recognized the new Republic of Panama.
No more Nonsense II
The Little Sisters of Hoboken cast members perform the opening number in Nonsense II. The final performances of the musical comedy will be tonight and Saturday at the Ascan Theatre Guild. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets cost $8. Call 252-6786 for reservations.

Rodman
Information, Tour and Travel:
Free Zone shopping trip 7 a.m.
Wednesday, $12.
Downtown shopping 9 a.m. Thurs-
day. Nov. 16 and 18 $8. Shop Panama's Central Avenue and Via Espana.
Moonlight cruise 6:30 p.m. Nov. 12, $21. Cruise out to Taboga Island for cock-
tails and hors d'oeuvres by moonlight, while viewing Panama City's dramatic skyline at night.
Two-day deep sea fishing trip Sat-
urday and Sunday. Fish the fertile waters of Isla del Rey, San Jose and Galera aboard the 42' Vargaz. $22 fee includes captain, gear and bait.
San Blas Islands scuba safari Nov.
20, $40/person includes roundtrip ground transportation, guide, lunch, and scuba gear.
Portobelo Saturday. $70/person in-
cludes transportation, tours by boat, trip to island beaches, lunch and guide.
Chiriqui River rafting Saturday and
Sunday, $150 includes roundtrip transpor-
tation, meals, lodging, rafting and river
guides.
Panama City tour 9 a.m. Nov. 19, $8.
San Andres Island, Colombia Nov.
11-14, $236/person includes roundtrip airfare, three nights lodging at the Caribe
Hotel, tours and most meals.
Rainforest adventure Nov. 12 and
26, $65, 6 a.m. departure. Explore Barro Colorado Island.
Trolling on the Vargaz 6 a.m. Nov.
12 and 26, $49/person. Fish for marlin, sailfish, dorado, yellow fin tuna, bonita, Spanish mackerel and more. Fee includes cap-
tain, gear, lures and ice fishers.
El Valle 7 a.m. Nov. 13 and 27, $12. Shop for local handicrafts, plants, fruits and vegetables and visit nature preserve.
Bird Watching and nature trip Nov.
17, $42/person, includes transportation, meals, guide and binoculars. Bring a swim-
suit and take a dip in the waterfall.
Contadora Nov. 25-27, $179/person double occupancy, $210/person single occupancy, $135/kids, 2-11, includes transportation, 2 nights lodging, all meals and drinks, and use of all resort facilities.
Albrook/Howard
Zodiac Community Activities Cen-
ter:
Free Zone 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fri-
days, $13.
Colombia Panama and Locks 9 a.m.
5 p.m. Nov. 30, $10/person, $25/family.
El Valle shopping 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, $13.
Dining at Tambal 7-10 p.m. Wednes-
day, $6 per person, $15/family.
Shop Panama City 8:30 a.m.-
3:30 p.m. Nov. 12, $6.
Pulvera dancing and dining 7-11 p.m.
Nov. 16, $6/person, $15/family.
Vegetable and fruit market shop-
ing 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 18, $5.
Horse racing at the Hippodrome noon-4:30 p.m. Nov. 20, $5.
Thanksgiving in Chiriqui Nov. 23-
27, $37 single, $45 double, $139 third
person.
Christmas shopping on Central
Avenue 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 28, $4.
Outdoor adventure: Gold Panning in Buguena 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday and Nov. 22, $12.
Peak cock fishing in Lake Gatun 5 a.m.-
6 p.m. Nov. 12, 15, 20, and 26, $25. Bring fishing gear and bags.
El Valle horseback riding 7-4 p.m.
Sunday and Nov. 25, $24.
Bouca Del Toro weekend tour Nov.
11-13, $280/divers, $260/non-divers, $142 children under 12 based on double occu-
pancy. Fee covers transportation to air-
port, lodging, meals, five dives, entertainment, airtime and weights. Per-
sonal equipment and gratuities not in-
cluded. Sign-up in advance.
Drake Island - Snorkeling and Scu-
a 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 13 and 27, $22
snorkelers, $47 divers.
Barro Colorado Island tour 6 a.m.-
3 p.m. Nov. 17, $65.
Clayton
Valen Recreation Center: Panama City Shopping 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday.
El Valle 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.
Albrook/Howard
*Zodiac Community Activities Cen-
ter:
Tae Kwon Do 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays.
Beginner and advanced dog obedi-
ence Saturday 9-10:15 a.m. $32 for 4
weeks.
Beginner and advanced English and
Spanish is offered monthly.
*Howard and Albrook Youth Cen-
ter:
Guitar 1-6 p.m. Saturdays at Albrook.
Spanish 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thurs-
days.
*Albrook:
Martial arts at Howard and Albrook
284-4700.
*Howard and Albrook pools
Intro to scuba free, call for appoint-
ment.
Open water scuba Monday at Al-
brook, Nov. 21 at Howard, $145.
Advanced scuba Nov. 16 at Albrook,
$105.
Rescue scuba Nov. 29 at Howard,
$125.
Water aerobics for advanced adults
swimmers at Howard and Albrook.
*Albrook Auto Skills Center:
Air conditioning service and repair
12:30-5 p.m. daily except Tuesday and
Wednesday.
Wheel alignment diagnostic and ser-
vice classes are held 3-9 a.m.
Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays.
Brake Pad class 1-3 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays, $5.
*Pro Shop:
Pneumatic air machine workshop,
1-4 p.m. Nov. 12 and 13, $5.
*Pro Shop:
Oil change special for women 1-4 p.m.
Nov. 19 and 20, $5. Bring supplies.
*Pro Shop:
Battery maintenance workshop 1-4 p.m.
Nov. 26 and 27.
Amador
*Amador Pool:
Water aerobics 5-6 p.m. Wednes-
days, 9-10 a.m. Saturdays, $16 for eight
sessions.
Swim classes are cancelled until De-
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Clayton
*Fort Clayton Pool:
All swimming classes will be discon-
tinued until December because of in-
clement weather.
*Fort Clayton Boat/Scuba Shop:
Open water scuba class meets the first and third Monday of each month, $125. The class includes five pool ses-
sions, five theory sessions and four open water dives and one skin diving.
Long set equipment rental $19 per day.
*Valent Recreation Center:
Private piano and guitar lessons avail-
able weekday evenings.
Korean Karate 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and
Thursdays.
Curundu
*Twin Oceans Pro Shop:
The Pro Shop will soon be moved next to the boat and scuba rental shop on Fort Clayton. There will be a great open-
ing sale.
*Pacific Theatre Arts Centre:
Reservations for Christmas Village tables is under way 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Centre.
Volunteers and performers are need-
ed for the upcoming Christmas Village. People interested in serving as master of ceremonies, or groups, live music shows and dancers can call 286-3814 to register. The following classes are ongoing:
Saxophone 3-8 p.m. Mondays and
Thursdays.
Photography classes 10 a.m., 1 p.m.,
2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednes-
days, Saturdays, and Fridays.
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Atlantic City is located in the southern part of New Jersey, on the Atlantic Ocean. It's known for its famous Boardwalk, which stretches for eight miles along the shoreline. The Boardwalk is home to many shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues, making it a popular destination for visitors.

In addition to the Boardwalk, Atlantic City is famous for its casinos. The city has more than 30 casinos, offering a variety of entertainment options such as gaming, dining, and nightlife.

Atlantic City also has beautiful beaches that attract visitors year-round. The beaches are clean and well-maintained, making them a popular spot for swimming, sunbathing, and other water activities.

The surrounding area offers many opportunities for outdoor activities, such as hiking, biking, and camping in the nearby forests. The beaches and parks in the area are popular for picnics, frisbee, and other beach activities.

Atlantic City is a vibrant city with a rich history and culture. Visitors can explore the city's famous landmarks, such as the Absecon Lighthouse and the Ocean City Municipal Pier.

The city is also known for its annual events, such as the Atlantic City Marathon, Beach Adventure Challenge, and the Atlantic City Half-Marathon.

In conclusion, Atlantic City is a popular vacation destination that offers a wide range of activities and attractions. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful beaches, casinos, and outdoor activities, as well as explore the city's rich history and culture.
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Now showing:

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Damon Wayans, David Alan Grier
It's got no superpowers, no money and no name. He's BLANKMAN, a self-appointed super hero who's so broke he fights crime in his long johns. PG-13 (off-color humor) 1 hr, 32 min.

**Camp Nowhere**
John Putch, Peter Scolari
Instead of going off to computer, military, diet and theatrical camps, kids scheme to create their own dream summer camp with no counselors or rules. PG (some mild adolescent language, sensuality) 1 hr, 36 min.

**Clear & Present Danger**
Harrison Ford, Willemen Dafoe
In this movie adaptation of the Tom Clancy novel, Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford) finds himself once again drawn into global intrigue. This time he's up against a Colombian drug cartel. Also features Ani Archer and James Earl Jones. PG-13 (action, violence, language) 2 hrs, 22 min.

**Color of Night**
Bruce Willis, June March
Haunted by the bizarre suicide of a patient, New York psychologist Dr. Bill Capa (Bruce Willis) abandons his successful practice and relocates to Los Angeles. His encounters there prove as shocking as the chilling event he has run away from. He immediately finds himself entangled in an explosive sexual relationship with a beautiful and enigmatic woman named Rose, and the investigation into the brutal murder of a friend and colleague. R (sexuality, violence, language) 2 hrs.

**Corrina, Corrina**
Whoopi Goldberg, Ray Liotta
Ray Liotta is a widowed dray with a growing daughter who's withdrawn into silence. Whoopi's the housekeeper who brings sunshine into their lives and falls in love with her employer. PG (sexual and language content) 1 hr, 55 min.

**The Litttle Rascals**
Travis Tedford, Bug Hall
Steven Spielberg produces an appealing up-dated version of the hit Roach comic series from the '20s, '30s and '40s. The gang has established a boy's only club, but things change when Alfalfa falls for Darla. PG (language and sexuality) 1 hr, 30 min.

**The Mask**
Jim Carrey, Richard Jeni
Nobody does super powers like Jim Carrey. An ordinary, mild-mannered bank clerk is transformed into the weirdest super hero of all time when he dons his mask. PG-13 (some stylized violence) 1 hr, 40 min.

**Wagons East**
John Candy, Richard Lewis
Phil Taylor (Richard Lewis) is a frontiersman who sells illegal documents to wealthy westerners. In the process, he falls for a self-appointed seeing a living, breathing, naked woman. He's got no super powers, no money and no rescues three young boys. The boys drifted into the city from rural locales in hopes of earning living, breathing, naked woman. PG-13 (sexual themes) 1 hr, 42 min.

**Natural Born Killers**
Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis
This is the saga of Mickey and Mallory Knox, two thrillers-killers who truly enjoy their work. They live in an interesting nont现实 pillowtalk and ultra-violence; insanity and self-appointed seeing a living, breathing, naked woman. They scheme to leave the West and return East. PG-13 (off-color humor) 1 hr, 47 min.
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Sofa, love seat, dinette set and nice items. $240-345.
Super single-width, ortho, Honda-

nure mattress, 6 pc BR set. 234-

700/36.
Queen size metal frame, one year old,

$230-250. Lbp
10 pc BR set, $4,000.00, on floor, free-

(732) 681-7712.
3 pc. love seat, white, very comfort-

ble, $310-350.
Queen size metal frame, one year old,

$240-250. Lbp
Leather desk, chairs and lamp. $900-

950. Lbp
5 pc BR set, $6,000.00, on floor, free-

(732) 681-7712.
Queen size platform bed and mattress,

$375. Lbp
Broyhill leather sofa, love seat, 2

chair, desk, coffee table and lamp.

$2,000. Lbp
Heavy duty Hot Point dryer/Maytag,

$8. Lbp
White table chairs, $380; Carpet, brown color,

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**Employment**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Submit a SF-171, DD 214 if claiming veteran preference, a copy of college transcript (if applicable) and a copy of POST notice of rating if applicable. Submit a copy of 'latest SF-50 if you are a Federal employee. For more information regarding Army vacancy announcements (forms required, job related criteria, etc.), visit the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, Building 500, Room 102, Corozal, or call 285-250.

*Note:* One-on-one employment counseling should be the first step in the job search.

Vacancy announcements are also available at the Sunda Recreation Center.

Directorate of Civilian Personnel is accepting applications on a continuous basis for the following positions. Register established from these announcements will be filled to permanent and temporary positions.

V0B 001 * General Clerical, NM-3 (Used to fill most clerical position).

V0B 001A * General Clerical, NM-4 (Used to fill most clerical position).

V0B 002 * Stores Clerk Checker, NM-3 (Intermittent wk schl)

*CASP Examination (CEO, notice of rating) is required.

V0B 003 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (Lifeguard) Requires Cert + 6 mos recreation exp in the field.

V0B 004 Recreation Assistant, NM-4 (Requires 6 mos recreation exp in the field).

V0B 005 Secretary (Stenography), NM-5

V0B 005A Secretary (Stenography), NM-6

V0B 006 Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-5

V0B 006A Secretary (Typing/Office Automation), NM-6

V0B 016 ** FKU Administrative Services Assistant, NM-5. Limited to permanent status employees only.

V0B 017A Administrative Services Assistant, NM-6. Limited to permanent status employees only.

The following positions are Perm/temp, Full-time, Part-time, Intermittent.

V0B 007 ** MEDICAL OFFICER, NE 12/13/14

V0B 008 ** CLINICAL NURSE, (RN license required), NM-9/10/11

V0B 009 ** PRACTICAL NURSE, (LPN license required), NM-5.

V0B 019 ** EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, NM-640-43/6.

** Selectees for nurse, medical officer and EMT positions will undergo a background check.

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**Club buffet**

Casa Maria buffet Wednesdays featuring barbecue pork ribs, fried chicken, pork knuckles, collards greens, sweet potato, rice, black-eyed peas and corn bread. Thursday night includes pizza, antipasta, chicken parmesan, bragoi, garlic linguini, tortellini soup and Italian ice cream. at the Rodman Bohio. Weekday lunch includes choice beef. Try the ribs, brisket, chopped beef or spicy hot wings.

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