Security forces catch Cubans fleeing camp

EMPIRE RANGE (TFP Safe Haven JIB) - Two Cuban men who crawled under a fence from an Operation Safe Haven Community Camp early Monday were found by military security police and are in a confinement facility. The two fled from Camp No. 3 through a drainage ditch at about 9 a.m., according to Safe Haven officials. "They had to dig through some rock and soil to get out," said spokesperson Liliana Levy-Dutram.

They were found on a roadway about three miles from their camp just after 5 p.m., Levy-Dutram said. Camp residents alerted the military staff of the incident after witnessing the two men leave the area.

Safe Haven security forces were mobilized even before the departure, officials said. "Coincidentally, we had a security response exercise this morning," Levy-Dutram said.

"Most importantly, we've relieved to have them back in our camps, especially before nighttime," she said. "This way, we're sure they are safe."

U.S. forces spend millions in Panama

QUARRY HEIGHTS (SOUTHCOM PAO) - The U.S. Southern Command spent $147.4 million procuring products, supplies, services and construction contracts from Panamanian vendors during fiscal year 1994, which ended Sept. 30, SOUTHCOM officials said.

"The command exceeded the program's goal of $107 million this past year by about 39 percent over the previous year's performance," said Marine Col. Richard F. Holihan, director of SOUTHCOM's Logistics (J4) Directorate.

The $147.4 million includes $5 million for initial start up and operations costs through September of the Operation Safe Haven camps established for Cubans temporarily resident in the United States. The Buy Panama program was established in 1990 following a presidential directive that directed the U.S. military in Panama to assist in the Panamanian economic recovery by resuming preferential purchase of Panamanian goods and services. The program complements provisions of the Panama Canal Treaty that states U.S. forces shall give preference to the procurement of Panamanian goods and services, as long as they are comparable in quality, price and availability as desired.

Since 1982, Department of Defense agencies and activities in Panama have spent more than $1 billion in purchases of local goods and services, according to Holihan, who also noted the fiscal year 1995 goal has been set at $110 million.

"Next year's goal will be a greater challenge to commanders and all Department of Defense agencies here to seek innovative ideas to continue implementation of the program now that the drawdown of the U.S. military from Panama has begun," Holihan said. Nevertheless, he noted, with a 40 percent reduction of U.S. forces in Panama projected by the year 1995, spending will be reduced.

In order to encourage the Buy Panama Program policy goals are met, performance is monitored closely. SOUTHCOM's Logistics Directorate sponsors Buy Panama forums quarterly with the local business community and representatives of the command's components and supporting activities to help both sides to better understand each others' needs and proper business procedures.

In addition, the command has been working with the Panamanian and American Chamber of Commerce to hold conferences in Panama for buyers from the headquarters of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in Texas.

DoD switches to wallet-sized military ID cards

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

HOWARD AFB - It provides access to clubs, restaurants, theaters, and fitness facilities at places like Frankfurt, Tokyo, Honolulu and Washington, D.C. About the only place it wouldn't go was into your wallet.

Military identification cards are recognized the world over, but they are roughly a quarter of an inch larger on all sides than the government-Issue American Express card. Because of this, military members haven't been able to slip them into one of the slots in their wallets designed for credit cards... until now.

A new, smaller ID card is being issued and thanks to the use of technology, it's easier to obtain, more obtainable, and harder to counterfeit.

When the Customer Service Element of the Military Personnel Flight here re-opened last week, the newly renovated office also issued into circulation the "credit card" ID being used by the U.S. military. The new ID card is available both at Howard AFB and Fort Clayton's pass and ID section in Building 519.

The new cards more readily fit into wallets, but applicants should be even more pleased to find that the waiting time to get one will be reduced, according to Tech. Sgt.

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Open season brings financial opportunities for Department of Defense civilians

US Army switches to wallet-sized military ID cards

The card is printed on a thin sheet of plastic and then is sealed within a clear protective coating. This laminating is decorated with holograms of the Air Force seal and the letters USA which make it difficult to forge.

During the laminating process, the plastic card melts, bonding with the clear coating. If someone tries to pull the card apart, the inside will be destroyed, according to Rembert.

The Department of Defense is working to provide all military installations with the same capability, according to the sergeant.

The next step will be to install scanners in hospitals, exchanges, commissaries, and other locations that will be able to read the bar code on the back of each ID card. This will give quick access to information such as confirmation of privileges or personnel records.

Scanner installation is still a ways down the road, Rembert said. Because of this, there's no hurry to scrap the old IDs for newer ones. Cards will be replaced as usual for promotion, reenlistment or expiration.

Damaged ID cards will be re laminated whenever possible. Meanwhile, servicemembers who lose their ID will be required to get a letter from their commander stating the circumstances and attesting that the theft was reported to the security police.
No shuttle bus service

For Veterans Day Because of the Veterans Day holiday, there will be no shuttle bus service today. The shuttle bus will run on schedule today.

Photos with Santa offered at Sundial Rec Center
Company C, 3rd and the 7th Special Forces Group's family support group offer "Photos with Santa" every Saturday in November at the Sundial Recreation Center. The framed polaroids will be available on the counter the day they are shot. Call 289-2277 / 4460 for more information.

Adopt-An-Airman program under way
The 24th Wing is sponsoring a program in which members of the Howard and Al- brook community may invite unaccompanied airmen stationed in Panama into 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 Lizza Feront at 284-5658/3133.

CGOC holds moonlight pool party at Albrook
The Company Grade Officers Council invites all CGOs and their families or friends to a moonlight pool party 6-10 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Albrook pool. Food and beverages will be "potluck," and CGOC sponsoring is asking for small donations to cover additional expenses $.25 for singles, $4 for couples, and $5 for entire families. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Milo Queisniberry at 284-4168/3114.

CID recruiting briefings set for Fridays
The Criminal Investigations Division holds recruiting briefings 10 a.m. Fridays at Building 705, Corozal. For information, call Special Agent Erin Milanes at 285-4314/7475.

Health clinics announce upcoming closing
The medical clinics at Gorgas Army Community Hospital and Gorgas Army Health Clinic will close Friday and Nov. 24 in celebration of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. No appointments will be made, but the Emergency Room at Gorgas and Fort Sherman will be open.

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 action to take to control Dengue. Units or activities wanting a

Weekend weather

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Send questions to 24th Weather Squadron ATTN: Weather Wisc, Howard AFB, Panama (MPS)


New drop-off point for Safe Haven donations
The drop-off point for Safe Haven will now be received at Building 4 on Rodman, instead of Building 5. All donations will be coordinated at this site. For information, call 283-6014/4016.

24th Medical Group announces closings
The 24th Medical Group on Howard AFB will close at noon Nov. 18 for the group's annual Thanksgiving celebration and quarterly hail and farewell.

Communications skills workshop available
The family advocacy program has arranged a workshop for people who would like to improve their interpersonal communication skills. The workshop will be 6-7:30 p.m. today at the Howard Family Support Center, Building 707, and free child care is available. For more information, or to make a reservation, call family advocacy at 284-4106/6457.

Youth 2000 mentors looking for students
The Youth 2000 Program currently has 22 professional mentors available to local students. Mentors can assist students with assignments, provide opportunities to observe a work area and motivate them to think about their future. Parents who wish to have a mentor assigned to their child can call Laila Yeager at 284-5650.

Local spot bid sales scheduled at Corozal
A spot bid sale will be held 7:30 a.m. Monday at Building 745, Corozal. A large variety of items will be up for sale. The inspection and sale will be held on the same day. For information, call Ada Twemd at 284-4754.

A Spot Bid sale will be held 9 a.m. Nov. 19 at Building 308, Corozal. Used U.S. government cars, 4x4s, diesel and trucks will be up for bid. Inspections will be held 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Nov 17-18. For information, call 284-5517.

Single soldier support group meets Nov. 17
A BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) meeting will be held 2 p.m. Nov. 17 and Dec. 7 at the Veteran Recreation Center. The meeting is open to all 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. Tuesday-Nov. 17 at Building 519, Fort Clayton. The course teaches adult, infant and child CPR, 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 information, call Abbe Lester at 287-5509.

The Atlantic Community will hold a first aid class for maids 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at The Ocean Breeze Recreation Center, Fort Sherman. The class is taught entirely in Spanish. For information, call 289-6026/6699.

Volunteers needed for Women's History Month
Volunteers are needed to plan, set up, and organize activities for the 1995 Howard AFB Women's History Month observance in March. Also, a volunteer is needed to chair the observance committee. If you are interested in volunteering or chairing the committee, call Tech. Sgt. Jim Johnson at 284-5554.

Howard Self Help Store sets new operating hours
Officials from the Howard AFB Self Help Store announce that, effective immediately, the store will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. For more information, stop by the Self-Help Store, located in Building 141, or call 284-6465.

FSC sponsors military transition seminar
The Family Support Center is sponsoring a transition seminar 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Nov. 18 at the FSC. The seminar is intended for military personnel within 180 days of separation or retirement, spouses of these members and Department of Defense civilians. Key subject areas that will be covered include job search and interview techniques, resume preparation, negotiation skills and more.

Attendees should wear civilian attire and plan to attend all three sessions, as each builds on previous modules. For reservations or more information, call 284-3865.

People who cannot attend the seminar may make an appointment for personal counseling by calling 284-3865.

Local Engineer Club needs guest speakers
Guest speakers are needed for Balboa High School bimonthly Engineer Club meeting. Engineer professionals or people in engineering fields are preferred. To sign up, call 285-5707.

Quartermasters group meets for breakfast
The Association of Quartermasters will hold a breakfast meeting 6:15-7:45 a.m. Nov. 17 at the 193rd Support Battalion dining facility, Building 201, on Fort Clayton. All logistics officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted and civilian personnel, and allied service members are invited to attend. Various topics concerning the association will be discussed. RSVPs are required by Tuesday.

For more information or to RSVP, call Maj. Charles Shaw at 287-3454, or Dorothyan McNeil at 285-5950.

Command sponsorship training workshop set
Army Community Services will be holding a command sponsorship training workshop 10 a.m. Nov. 17-18 at the Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton. People who attend will be given information regarding relocation assistance, transportation, housing, medical and various other programs. The course is designed to train people to train others, making it easier for personnel’s transitions and arrivals easier. Units should call 287-5073/6561 to reserve a space for their unit representatives. Space is limited.

CCAF fall '94 graduation ceremony set for Nov. 30
The Howard Education Services Office will hold the Fall 1994 Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony at 3 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Howard Enlisted Members’ Club ballroom. Friends, family and supervisors are welcome to attend. The CCAF graduates will receive an associate’s degree in applied science.

Atlantic community holds annual fun fair Nov. 19
The Atlantic Fun Fair will be 1-5 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Davis Community Center. Displays, demonstrations, music, handouts, games and door prizes are some of the many activities available throughout the day.

Community members are encouraged to take this opportunity to find out what is available in the community.
**AAFES, commissaries announce holiday hours**

**COROZAL (Tropic Times) -** The hours of operation for the Army and Air Force Exchange System - Panama Friday in observance of Veterans Day are as follows:

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

**Fort Clayton**

- **Shopette** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Frank’s Franks** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Anthony’s Pizza** - 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
- **Burger King** - 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- **Popeyes** - 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Frank’s Franks** - closed
- **Clayton Plaza Shopette** - 7 a.m.-midnight
- **Shopette** - 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Snack bar** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Auto parts store** - 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Car Care Center** - closed
- **Military Clothing Sales** - closed

**Amador**

- **Shopette** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Albrook**
  - **Shopette** - 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
  - **Snack bar** - 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Anthony’s Pizza** - 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Frank’s Franks** - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Video rental** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Furniture store** - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Shoe store** - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Toyland/Outdoor living** - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Class Six** - 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Howard**

- **Main PX** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Shopette** - open 24 hours

**Class Six**

- **10 a.m.-6 p.m.**
- **Cafeteria** - 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Shoppette** - 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Military Clothing Sales** - closed
- **Service station** - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fort Kohbe**

- **Shopette/video rental** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Burger King** - 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Miscellaneous**

- **Quarry Heights shelter** - closed
- **Gorgas Hospital shopette** - closed
- **Curanda School cafeteria** - closed
- **Balboa school cafeteria** - closed
- **Curanda Service Station** - 6 a.m.-midnight

**Fort Espinar**

- **Shopette** - closed

**Fort Davis**

- **Main PX** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Auto parts store** - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Gas station** - 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Cafeteria** - 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Anthony’s Pizza** - 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Burger King** - 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Military Clothing Sales** - closed
- **Shopette** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Mini-shopette** - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fort Sherman**

- **Shopette** - noon-6 p.m.
- **Gas station** - closed
- **Anthony’s Pizza** - noon-4 p.m.

**CONCESSIONAIRES**

The AAFES Pacific Community concessions will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Beauty and Barber Shops will be open 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The Atlantic Convenience Concessionaires will be closed.

**COMMISSARIES**

- All commissaries will be closed Friday in honor of Veterans Day.

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**Open season creates opportunities for civilians**

**COROZAL (USARSO PAO) -** The Directorate of Civilian Personnel will hold two different civilian benefit program open seasons for eligible employees beginning this month.

The first open season, Monday through Dec. 12, is for the Health Benefits Program. During this open season, eligible employees can make changes such as enrollment, switching from one insurance plan or option to another, and from self only coverage to family coverage, said Jared Garman, chief of Technical Services Division.

Employees that are eligible for these programs include all permanent U.S. citizens, and all permanent non-U.S. citizens who have been continuously employed since Sept. 30, 1979, and who did not elect coverage under the Panama Social Security System.

Temporary U.S. citizen employees who have completed one year of current continuous employment without a break in service of more than five days are also eligible for the health benefits program; however, temporary employees who enroll in the program will have the full premium deducted from their pay. No portion is paid by the government, Garman said.

Employees who want to make an Open Season election for health benefits must complete a Standard Form 1555, Health Benefits Registration Form, which are available at the DCB, Benefits Branch, Room 101, Building 560, Corozal. The form must be completed and received by Dec. 12. Enrollment elections will be effective on Jan. 8 and premium changes will be reflected in paychecks received Feb. 2, Garman said. Informational material will be given to each organization’s administrative offices.

The second open season is for the Thrift Savings Plan program that will run Tuesday through Jan. 31.

During the Open Season, employees may begin contributing to the TSP, change the amount of their contributions or re-allocate TSP contributions to their account among the three Investment Funds which are the Government Securities (G) Fund, the Common Stock Index (C) Fund and the Fixed Income Index (F) Fund.

Money invested in these funds earned interest over the 12-month period that ended in August. The Government Securities Fund earned 6.49 percent, the Common Stock Index earned 5.54 percent and the Fixed Income Index showed a loss of 1.56 percent.

"Employees are reminded that past fund performance is no guarantee of future performance," Garman said.

Employees who want to make a TSP open season election must complete TSP-1, Thrift Savings Plan Election Form, available at the DCB, Benefits Branch, Room 101, Building 560, Corozal. It must be completed and returned by Jan. 31.

The TSP open season elections and changes in paycheck deductions will become effective based upon when the form is returned. If the form is returned by Jan. 6, the effective date will be Jan. 8 and the change in the paycheck will occur Feb. 2. If the form is returned Jan. 9-20, the effective date will be Feb. 5 and the change in the paycheck will occur Feb. 16. If the form is returned Jan. 21-31, the effective date will be Feb. 5 and the change in the paycheck will occur Feb. 21.

The pamphlet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees" describes the TSP in detail and the flyer "Open Season Update" provides additional information about this TSP Open Season.

The open season flyer will be given to employees through their organization’s administrative offices, Garman said.

For further information about the Open Seasons, call Benefits Branch at 285-5941 or 285-5745.

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**Benefit fairs augment open season**

**PANAMA (USARSO PAO) -** In conjunction with the benefit programs open season, the Directorate of Civilian Personnel is sponsoring two Benefit Fairs.

The first will be held for the Pacific Community, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Fort Clayton Youth Center, Building 155.

The second will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Fort Davis Sandial Recreation Center.

The fairs will provide employees with information about civilian benefit programs.

"Individual areas will be set up to provide personal counseling and answers questions regarding retirement, health insurance, life insurance, Thrift Savings Plan, the Panama Social Security," Garman said.

Employees will be given pamphlets and can request personalized retirement annuity estimates for future planning. They can also complete open season elections forms for health benefits and Thrift Savings Plan at the fairs.

The Occupational Health Clinic will provide free health-screening, and representatives from the Panama Canal Area Benefit Plan and the Panama Social Security System will also be present.

Healthy refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded throughout both days, Garman said.

"Last year’s initial fair was a big success," said Garman. "This year we have expanded to two fairs to include the Atlantic Community. We know this year’s fairs will be even better than last year. We look forward to seeing our valued civilian employees again.

For further information about the open season and the fairs, call Benefits Branch at 285-5941 or 285-5745.
Traffic command 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 Pier 18:


Customers must have the following documents for pick up of their POVs:
- ID card (current military, dependent, or civilian)
- Driver license (must have Panamanian license for sec-
- ID shipping document (ID Form 788)
- Vehicle registration or title
- 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 Friday in observance of Veteran’s Day.

The list is current as of Tuesday. For updates, call customer service at 282-4642/3853 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.

People expecting POVs are reminded to call customer service to leave a contact phone number.

New company, new commander

Lt. Col. Maynard Austin, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, passes the guidon to Maj. Rafael Sanchez-Carrasquillo, new commander of Company C, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion. Co. C was activated in a brief ceremony Monday at Fort Koble. Sanchez has been with the 308th MI Bn. since January 1994 as executive officer and director of operations for the Consolidated Mission Operations Center. Co. C was formed to streamline command and administrative procedures, which would improve signal intelligence quality, Sanchez said.

Former boxing champ performs for Cubans

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Smokers to quit for a day

GORGAS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (MEDDAC PAO) - Winners never quit and quitters never win. Right? Well, sometimes not.

"Normal," learned we don't like quitters around U.S. Army South, but there is one time of the year that we encourage quitting, and that is the day of the Great American Smokeout," said Lt. Col. Catherine Bonnell, chief of Army Community Health Nursing. "It's a Gorgas Army Community Hospital.

The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, held each year on the third Thursday in November, encourages smokers to take a day off from smoking just to prove to themselves that they can.

This year's celebration takes place Nov. 17, and Gorgas officials have planned a variety of activities to keep smokers' minds off cigarettes for 24 hours. This year marks the smokeout's 18th anniversary. Last year's smokeout proved to be fortunate for 9.5 million people, or 20 percent of the nation's smokers, who gave up or cut down on cigarettes.

"Rates of smoking in the Army have declined significantly," said Bonnell. "The current rate of 37 percent is unacceptable.

They are asked to give up dipping or chewing for the entire 24 hours. "Smokeless tobacco is definitely not a safe alternative to cigarettes," said Bonnell. "We want the people who use these products to be quitters, too.

Nonsmokers, especially former smokers, can take part in the event by adopting smokers or smokeless tobacco users and lending support.

"We want everyone to make this a winning campaign," Bonnell said.

For more information, contact Army Community Health Nursing at 282-5418/5419.

EXPLOSIVE

Army, Marines share bomb threat tactics by John Hall

Rodman NS Public Affairs Office

PANAMA CITY - The 36th Ordnance Detachment, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, recently shared information on threat and search methods.

The Marines, assigned to the Marine Security Guard Detachment, were found as the building was being evacuated. Kitchen Equipment

Staff Sgt. Scott Remalia, the Marine Security Guard Detachment commander, was pleased with his Marines' effort.

"They did exactly what they were supposed to do, and it was one of the better bomb drills since I've been here," Remalia said. "The scenario and the information EOD expressed to us was appreciated.

The Marines' effort also impressed EOD Team Leader, Staff Sgt. Richard Gonzalez.

"They are a well-trained, motivated group of Marines," Gonzalez said. "We look forward to doing more and more of this kind of training, not only here in Panama, but possibly in other embassies in this region as well.

Gonzalez said. The 36th EOD is responsible for EOD support throughout U.S. Southern Command and all U.S. government assets with in SOUTHCOM's area of responsibility.

One of the reasons for the training is because of starting facts like this: According to EOD, two-thirds of all attacks against U.S. citizens abroad in 1990 happened in Latin America. These attacks were primarily bombings.

DEH provides self help classes

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Voices

Barroom brawl injures servicemembers

Immediate hangover

A U.S. servicemember was enjoying himself at the El Rancho Bar in Cherrillo last week, when a fight broke out suddenly. The servicemember jumped on top of it, was struck in the head by a beer bottle thrown by an unknown person. He was admitted to Gorgas Army Medical Center for observation.

When you are in a club, always be aware of the people around you. When alcohol takes over, people become unpredictable. Always use the buddy system and remain alert.

Smash and grab

The military police advise motorists to exercise caution when driving through the Francisco/National Avenue area, grid F-8 on the servicemembers' grid map of Panama City. This area often floods during heavy rains, and high water levels may cause vehicles to become stuck. These situations make drivers easy targets for thefts and assaults.

Several "smash and grab" incidents have occurred in the area. The term is used to describe a situation in which a criminal leans through a car window, then removes valuable items that may be in the car. It is important to be aware of high crime areas and not leave valuable items in the open where they can be seen.

Taxi fare dispute

A sailor and a Panamanian civilian were involved in a taxi fare dispute that was settled with help from a security patrolman and a Panamanian National Police officer. To prevent a taxi fare is difficult to pay that a just debt. Security officials reminded people to ask how much a fare will be before getting into a taxi.

Unauthorized escort

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People without purchasing privileges are not authorized to enter Department of Defense shopping areas, such as AAFES exchanges, shopettes or commissaries. A person without privileges will be charged with trespassing and the escort will be charged with unauthorized escort.

For more information, reach STF for observation.

Crime Scene

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Crimes, were documented during the week of Oct. 22-28 for servicemembers living both on and off post.

Fort Clayton

- 400 area - two larcenies unsecured private property
- 800 area - one larceny of secured private property and one larceny unsecured private property

Fort Amador

- 27 area - one larceny of secured private property
- 1900 area - one larceny unsecured private property

Off Post

Panama City - one larceny of secured private property

Atlantic

Fort Davis

39 area - one larceny of secured private property

Chaplain's corner

Chaplain Mark A. Getaller

U.S. Naval Station-Panama

God keeps us secure on the battlefields of life. He provides true victory to the victorious. He removed the sting of death and bestowed upon His faithful servants new life to the full. Joy and peace are His to bestow always with faith and life.

Look at all He has provided. Us at times we may have felt alone, God is always with us. His angels surround us. Without rifle or pistol, his ministries accompany us and minister to us with His mighty power. Our fellow sailors, Marines, soldiers and airmen can be a source of strength as are our families. When God asked Cain where his brother Able was, Cain's re- sponse was "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer to that question is "yes." Marines say it in a big way, "Marines take care of each other," and that includes their "dads and padres."

How often have you been an active part in providing motivation and determination to a friend to help him hang tough on a march run? How often have you shared a canteen—even if you were low on water—with a person who had none? That's the true spirit of love and integrity that sets us apart. It's what keeps our nation strong.

Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered. How many of you asked God for strength, that I might achieve; I was made weak, that I might learn to humbly obey. I asked for health, that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked God for power, that I might enjoy all things; I got nothing asked for. But everything answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed. I got nothing asked for, but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed. Amen.

How true this is of our Lord's rich care.
Events set for Native American observance

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) - In observance of Native American Heritage Month, several activities are planned at Fort Clayton and the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

The month will kick off with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. today at the Fort Clayton Noncommissioned Officers' Club. A museum display will be open at Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton, 5-10 p.m. Monday through Nov. 18 and 1-10 p.m. Nov. 19-20. The display will include Native American artifacts, art, jewelry and more.

There will also be vendors specializing in Native American art available for purchase Nov. 19. A lacrosse demonstration is set for 4 p.m. Nov. 19 behind Valent Recreation Center. Lacrosse originated with Native Americans from the northeastern United States.

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A display of Native American items has also been scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Howard AFB post office. For information about activities on Fort Clayton, call Staff Sgt. Jane Usero at 287-3058. For information about activities on Howard AFB, call Tech. Sgt. James Johnson at 284-5358.

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Lady Harley rider leads HOG pack

by Maj. Debbie Haston-Hilger
Theater Support Element

COROZAL - Most women wouldn't approach a HOG, but 1st Class Sharon C. Joyce of the 106th Signal Brigade takes it as a compliment. Joyce is one of the founding members and former director of the Harley Owners Group - Panama Chapter, known fondly as "HOG." Joyce describes HOG as a place where people can have conversations with others, to bond, to "say joyce. "Harley has been a HOG forever."

"People usually get us confused with the HOGs, but you can only ride a Harley Davidson motorcycle. According to Joyce, what other 'real' bike is there? Most women wouldn't from theirs and they're afraid of the unknown - too, but not to me," said Joyce. "I feel like this; we've developed a tight friendship and got rewarding feelings back." Joyce said it's not easy being a woman riding a Harley. "Many will give you the strange looks. But she won't be doing it alone. Her husband, John Meredith, a civilian worker with the club being what it is today is a 'tomboy,' but what else Sutherland said. "Anything that has to do with the military, I'm real proud of her for 20 years in the military and her other accomplishments," he said. Joyce recently received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Nova University and is an accomplished horror movie exhibitor. Although riding Harleys is not considered feminine, Joyce doesn't mind. However, just because she rides a Harley doesn't make her any less of a woman, she said. "I've always been a 'tomboy,' but I still have feminine side," Joyce said. "I like to get dressed up and do the feminine thing every once in awhile, but riding Harleys is a way of life. It's an exciting adventure that you have to experience to understand."

Joyce and Meredith own a 15-acre farm in Lancaster County, Penn. They plan on moving there after Joyce's retirement on Jan. 31. With all those animals and bikes, she "just need a lot of big open space. But according to Joyce, retirement means only more time to devote to riding and experiencing more adventures on their Harleys.
Women duke it out in hoop championship

by Sgt. James Rush
24th Wing Public Affairs Office

HOWARD AFB - Fans upset by this season's professional hockey strike would have been entertained by the women's basketball championship games Tuesday night at the gym here.

Survive a scare that forced the if-game of the double elimination finals, Sassy clawed, bullied and jeered the 24th Security Police Squadron's Lady Law into losing its composure and the game 34-29.

Both teams kept the referees whistles busy throughout the game, but the key play came with less than a minute to go in the game and Sassy up by two points.

Sassy's Shawn Gray drove to the basket and was taken down by a hard fouling Lady Law defender. A foul was called, but as she got up she kicked and stepped on her opponent.

While many of the Lady Law players and fans saw it as a deliberate retaliation, the referees didn't see a thing. The striped-shirts earn were working however. Load complaints from the SPS players and coach earned Sassy four additional technical shots.

Gray rattled the rim with her free throw, but Jacque Snyder calmly sank three of four of the technicals and put the game out of reach.

Sassy had to rebound from a 39-31 loss in the first game of the night. In the first half of the opener, Lady Law held them to only 11 points and doubted that on their side of the scoreboard. Holly Hill led the law with 10 points in the opening 20 minutes.

The sassy ones weren't about to be embarrassed by a blowout however. They opened the second half with a ferocious full-court press that completely unnerved Lady Law.

Multiple turnovers brought the score within four. Donna White rose to the challenge, however, and saved the game for Lady Law. After a quiet first half, White poured in 11 of her game high 13 points to keep the SPS team on top.

Talkin' Turkey Bowl

Air Force coach builds $6 million team

by Sgt. James Rush
24th Wing Public Affairs Office

Future AFB - "New, stronger, bigger, better." How does this year's coach describe the Air Force's 1994 Turkey Bowl team?

Otis Smith is correct in his assessment of his team's abilities, the Navy, Marine Corps and Army could be up against a fearsome foe. There appears to be no doubt in his mind. The coach is predicting a 21-0 romp in the final game.

"I know I'm going out on a limb with this, but I've got confidence in my players and I want everyone to know that," Smith said.

Smith feels he has the answers. "Starting job; Francis Calar, Bob Lenson and authoritarian style," the coach said. "Some- times they might get a bit keyed up."

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Even when reminded of the miserable weather conditions last year's players faced, Smith feels he has the answers.

"We will dominate with our air attack. Rain won't matter," he explained. "I predict it will rain and we're going to practice for rain."

Defensive coordinators expecting a one-sided opponent will be disappointed, however. The Air Force will have other ways to move the ball and put up points.

"A lot of our offensive techniques are new," Smith said. "Our running attack is different and we've got a lot better kicking game that we will use."

Size may be the most obvious difference. Last year's running backs had to rely on outrunning the Gulflsh Army defense. This year, the offensive line expects to give what it gets.

At 5-10, center John Harley is the shortest board in the Air Force's offensive fence, but he does carry 190 pounds with him. To his left and right, guards and tackles will average 6-2 or 6-3 and weigh between 200 and 250 pounds.

They (other services) will see a lot more size than they're used to," Smith said. "We've got some C-5s that can carry us from one end of the field to the other."

The prime beneficiary of a beefier line is the team's quarterback who last year was frequently harassed by Army blitzes. Just who will be this year's field commander? This is Smith's biggest problem so far.

Three players are in the running for the starting job; Francis Calar, Bob Henson and Vincanti Wilder. All three possess outstanding ability, according to Smith. The coach is now looking for one of them to step forward and demonstrate a better grasp of the game's intangibles.

"I'll look for the one who keeps his head and can control the offensive players. The one who can lead them," Smith said. "He also has to be able to change up plays when necessary based on what the defense does and prevent turnovers and negative yard-ages."

All the changes in offensive theory, the other services might be happy to see the Air Force employ a familiar strategy on the other side of the ball. Then again the Air Force defense allowed only seven points last November.

"This entire defense will give them trouble," Smith said. "But watch out for the Cookie Monster."

Reggie Cook is expected to be an anchor and big playmaker. Smith sees the line- backer and his three linemen harnessing opposing running backs and pressuring quarterbacks relentlessly.

"You can expect to see a hard rush up the middle," the coach said. "These guys are tough and mean."

To prepare for Nov. 19 and 23, Smith is driving his players hard.

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The Devils' Wilbert Reese tries to break away from the Cougars' Mike Morales (#25) and another defender. Limiting Reese to one touchdown was a big part of the Cougars' defensive strategy, said defensive coach Terry McIntyre.

The muddy Cougar defense rests during a break in the game. McIntyre.

Devil of a time
Cougars take first in 'mud bowl'

by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times sports editor

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It ain't over till the fat lady sings

by John Hail
Rodman US Public Affairs Office

RODMAN NS - The Bengals did it. After eight straight losses, the Bengals spoiled the Seahawks’ return to the Kingdom with a 20-17 overtime win. That wasn’t the only nailbiter. The Fish and Vikes had to eke out late one-point wins at home. The Falcons also pulled out a one-pointer, spoiling Bulls’ 10-9.

Week 11 has quite a few scrummy matchups, but also has the game of the year — Dallas at San Francisco.

Super Bowl XXVIII 12-12 — It’s a probable NFC Championship preview, the Cowboys travel to Candlestick. The Niners want revenge for the last conference title losses, and they’re going to get it. Dallas has Dallas’ demands in opposition this year. Its only loss was to up-and-down Detroit, and it edged weak sisters Cincy and Houston opponents this year. Its only loss was to up-and-down In other action:

Bumbling Bolts — After rolling off seven straight victories, the Bolts dropped two of the three next. Make it three of five if you don’t follow the Chargers here’s a history lesson. In 1987, San Diego started 8-0, then lost the rest of its games and missed the playoffs. This week, the Bolts travel to Kansas City, which is looking forward to replicating them for an early-season loss. Joe Montana has cooled off since a great start, but can still outduel Gale Sayers. Chiefs’ 23, Bolts 16.

No place like dome — The Vikings survived a scare and a half against the Aints, now they travel to the Fox. Minnesota does not have history on its side because it has never won at Foxboro. The only time the Vikings have beaten

USAG spikes MI

by Sgt. Rick Emer
USANSC-PAO-Atlantic

FORT DAVIS - Friday’s company level volleyball played included a cancellation, a forfeit and a company, U.S. Army Garrison-Atlantic won their 549th Military Police Battalion, 15-8 and 15-12. The evening’s 6 p.m. game between 549th Military Police Company and the Forward Area Support Battalion/142nd Medical Battalion was called an MI.

A forfeit by Company A, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry put another notch in the win column for 1076th Transportation (Composite Boat) Company. In the only match played Fri.

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Local sports guide

Schedule

Unit-level volleyball

Reder Physical Fitness Center

Monday 6 p.m.: Panamera MP Co. vs. 92nd PSC 7 p.m.: MEDDAC vs. Co. A, 310th MI

Wednesday 6 p.m.: 92nd PSC vs. Co. A, 310th MI 7 p.m.: Panamera USARSO, MEDDAC

Unit-level soccer

Mothers Field

Today 6 p.m.: 470th MI vs. Panama MP Co. 7 p.m.: Co. C, 1-228th Av. vs. 142nd Med. Br.

Tuesday 7 p.m.: 128th Av. vs. HHC, 36th Eng.

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Standings

Navy Intramural Volleyball

Day GB

Nov. 17 6 p.m.: 128th Av. vs. 142nd Med. Br.

SCN AM Radio

790/1420

Friday 8 p.m.: NBA: Orlando Magic at New York Knicks 10 p.m.: NBA: Phoenix Suns at Seattle SuperSonics

Sports briefs

Special events

The 1994 Shrine Bowl youth football games will be at Balboa Stadium 5 and 8 p.m. Nov. 18. Tickets go to the Abood Sales eight-kilometer-race in Panama City Sunday with 23:27 time. The running allows for two

3rd Special Operations Support Command (Airborne) is sponsoring a softball tournament Nov. 25-27 at Fort Clayton Cloverleaf field. The entry fee is $150 per team. The limit is 16 teams. Trophy and cash prizes will be given to the top teams. For information, call 287-6554 before 5 p.m., or 282-3930 after 5 p.m.

Gorgas Army Community Hospital and USA Medical Department Activity are sponsoring the 4th Annual 10K Bridge of the Americas Road Race starting 6:30 a.m. Dec. 10. People can register at the Corozal Post Exchange or by contacting Julie Bright at 287-510/3065. Registration is open through Dec. 10. Early registration is $7, registration the day of the race is $8. The fees include a T-shirt, refreshments, transportation to and from Farfan Beach and Gorgas, trophies in each running category and door prizes. Runners may register as individuals or as five-member teams. Call Milton Gillespie at 282-5206/5178 for more information.

Amador

The Amador Golf Course is sponsoring a two-person, best ball Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot 7:30 a.m.-Saturday, 8 a.m. Call 282-4511 to register by Wednesday.

Albreck/Howard

The Howard and Albreck Sports and Fitness Centers will have special holiday hours Friday and Nov. 24. Howard will operate 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Albreck will operate noon-8 p.m.

The Air Force needs Turkey Bowl cheerleaders ages 19 and older. Call Ramona Spencer at 847-3451.

Save energy when using the Weekly football and softball fields on Howard AFB, please turn off the lights after use.

Registration for youth baseball players ages 5-18 years will run through Dec. 3 at the Howard and Albreck youth centers. A physical exam is required before a child can be registered. There is a $25 fee for all family members of active duty service members and a $30 fee for other people.

The Army needs Turkey Bowl cheerleaders. If interested, call the Sports Division at 287-4050/5618.

Registration for women’s softball is under way at the Sports Office, Building 154. Call 287-4050 for more information.

An instructor is needed to teach the 9:15-10:30 a.m. aerobics class at Reeders Physical Fitness Center, Call Eva Foster at 287-3861 for information.

The Clayton Bowling Center is sponsoring a Turkey Bowl tournament Thursday, Nov. 19. There is an $8 fee.

Curundu

The Curundu Bowling Center is offering a Veteran’s Day discount 1-9 p.m. Friday.

Horoko

The Horoko Golf Course is sponsoring the Canon Latin America Tournament Nov. 26. The event is four-person Mexican best ball format, $20 members entry fee. Pick your team or enter on a draw. All entry fees will be given back as prizes. Sign up at the Horoko Pro Shop 283-6322.

Rodman

An intramural swim meet will be held 6:30 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Rodman Pool. The meet is open to all Navy and Marine Corps Department civilians and family members 18 years and older. There is a maximum of 12 swimmers per team and a limit of one team per entrant. Events are: a 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter breaststroke and a 200-meter relay. The registration deadline is Thursday for more information. Call 283-4222/4061.
Educated at camp
Cuban children attend tent school
by Spc. Brian Thomas
USARSO Public Affairs Office

November 11, 1994

To all SOUTHCOM military personnel:

It is an honor to join all the citizens on this Veterans Day in giving special recognition and thanks to the men and women who have served and also those who continue to serve today in the Armed Forces of the United States. Our veterans have dedicated their lives as guardians of freedom and protectors of democracy.

In this century alone, more than 36 million American women and men served in uniform during times of war. Nearly a half-million sacrificed their lives. It is important that we pause to remember their loss and to reflect on their service.

Each day in SOUTHCOM, all of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines also make significant contributions to our nation. You do so with the utmost professionalism, under often difficult conditions, and frequently at a great personal and family sacrifice.

America is proud of each and every one of you for what you do. Thank you for your continued defense of America on Veterans Day 1994.

Barry R. McCaffrey
General, United States Army
Commander in Chief

International commanders discuss strategic refinement
by Spc. Tom Findtner
Tropic Times Staff

QUARRY HEIGHTS - Department of Defense representatives from the U.S. Southern Command's 19-country area of responsibility arrived here Friday for the annual Military Group Commanders' Conference.

Military groups are U.S. security assistance organizations assigned to each country within the SOUTHCOM theater of operations. They work with the U.S. embassies in Central and South America to coordinate all military activities within a particular country.

During the six-day conference, the MILGP commanders met with Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, SOUTHCOM commander-in-chief, and his staff to discuss the refinement of the SOUTHCOM strategic mission, given the post-Cold War realities that now face Latin America.

"The purpose of this conference is to do some team building at the direction of the CINC, which all of us are excited about," said Air Force Col. Mack McMahan, chief of the U.S. military mission in Brazil. "The second portion of these talks will deal with security assistance and foreign military sales."

As a result of the tremendous expanse of the SOUTHCOM region, the commanders feel personal visits of this nature are essential to maintaining efficient lines of communication between the CINC and MILGP's.

"It's an opportunity for those of us posted in the countries within the SOUTHCOM theater to come in and get refreshed up with the CINC's vision of our strategic programs," said Col. Glen Weidner, U.S. military group commander in Honduras. "It also gives us the opportunity to provide input to the CINC and his staff on the conditions in our respective countries."

Although the MILGP commanders operate under separate agendas, each hoped to come away from these talks with some useful information that could be applied to the situation in his country.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how my counterparts in other countries make use of the toolbox of programs that can be used to promote military-to-military contacts," Weidner said. "Every military group commander here has a different country to deal with under different dynamics. I'm hoping to learn some lessons from my counterparts in how they've had success getting the most out of these programs."

The MILGP commanders agreed that the open exchange of ideas, sharing of information and feedback was a worthwhile endeavor.

"I think one of the biggest benefits is being able to talk to our peers to find out what's on his mind, what he wants us to do, and to receive his guidance," McMahan said. "Equally as valuable is having the opportunity to talk to the other MILGP commanders to find out what we have in common, and how we can help each other, based on our common experiences."

"By finding out how the other commanders do their business and if they have any ideas that are better than ours, we can discuss common problems that have come up in other countries," McMahan said. "Then, if they have created solutions that we can use, we don't have to reinvent the wheel."
Cruising after dark

Lights from a passing ship twinkle off the port bow as the Black Stallion’s captain Stan Konopacki mans the helm. Military travel offices regularly schedule moonlight cruises of Panama Bay. For story and photos, see page B3.

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Local youths meet for the Teen Symposium, a forum for discussing problems and solutions.

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Look to the future
Teen leaders discuss problems

by Sgt. Robin A. Shawinski
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT AMADOR - Teens from Balboa and Cristobal high schools spent the day looking toward their future by discussing problems and coming up with solutions for their lives in Panama.

One hundred 9th-12th graders were randomly selected to participate in this year's Teen Leadership Symposium Oct. 25 at Club Amador.

The students were divided into groups of 10 and asked to discuss topics ranging from jobs and leisure time to substance abuse and social issues, said John Scramblers, director of Youth Services.

"The students come up with those things important to them—it's quality of life here in Panama," he said. "This is their forum to get these issues out and to provide the commanders and community leaders with an awareness of teen issues."

The students discussed problems with the adult group coordinators. The students not only discussed problems, they also came up with solutions, Scramblers said.

Each group had to come up with the three most important problems and presented them to the commanders and community leaders present at the end of the symposium, Mirta De La Guarda, one of the group coordinators, said. The students were happy with the students' participation.

"They've been very enthusiastic and seem very concerned," she said.

De La Guarda also said she thought the students had a positive attitude about this year's teen symposium.

"I think this was a good idea," said Denise Perez, a 10th grader at Balboa High School. "It lets us get our feelings out."

Lavance Randle, a 9th grader at Cristobal High School also thought the symposium was a good idea.

"It's important to know what's wrong and make changes," he said.

Youth Services will form a committee of teens and community leaders to help in implementing the solutions to the problems later this year, Scramblers said.

Japanese students visit Curundu JHS

ALBROOK (DoDDS PAO) - Japanese students and teachers made their annual visit to Curundu Junior High School recently.

Members of the National Junior Honor Society escorted the Japanese students through the day. The Japanese students were welcomed by teachers and students and were encouraged to participate in class.

The Japanese and Curundu JHS students made mixed teams and enjoyed participating in a game of volleyball at the conclusion of the school day. Refreshments were supplied by the Honor Society.

The annual visit was a very positive experience for both Japanese and Curundu students. This unique cultural exchange allows the Japanese students to gain a better understanding of the functions of the American school.

Curundu students look forward to visiting their Japanese friend's school in the near future.

Angel tree to deliver Christmas cheer

by Sgt. Robin A. Shawinski
USARSO Public Affairs Office

FORT CLAYTON - Local military children could have a better Christmas this year through the efforts of the U.S. Army South Enlisted Spouses' Club, Department of Defense Dependents School children and the community.

For the second year, the USARSO Enlisted Spouses' Club is sponsoring the Angel Tree program that will kick off 10 a.m. Saturday at the Corozal Post Exchange.

The Angel Trees are Christmas trees decorated with paper angels. Each angel has the gender and age of a child. The trees will be set up at the Corozal, Howard and Fort Davis Community Clubs.

Customers can take an angel from the tree and buy a gift. "They can buy clothes, shoes, school supplies," said Vickie Irtenkauf, USARSO Enlisted Spouses' Club advisor.

Irtenkauf said the club decided to sponsor the Angel Tree this year again to continue to help fellow military families.

"We wanted to take care of our own," she said. "It seems the military is always helping someone else and we didn't want to forget our own." Irtenkauf said the club realizes how difficult it is for some military families overseas and wanted to help.

"Being overseas for some younger families has an immense impact on their income," she said. "It also makes us feel good that we're helping."

The club members are not the only ones helping out. DoDDS students helped in decorating nearly 2,000 angels.

"We wanted to get the community involved and let them know the true meaning of Christmas—giving and sharing," Irtenkauf said. "The children also enjoy going to the PX seeing their angel hanging on the tree."

Customers can drop their presents off at the Army Community Services building on Fort Clayton and Fort Davis, and at the Youth Center on Howard Air Force Base.

For more information, call Vickie Irtenkauf at 287-4687 or Barb Johnson at 284-4523.

Youth activities

Albrook/Howard

Competitive swim team tryouts, 10 a.m. Nov. 12 at Howard and Albrook Pools for youths 8-18 years old. Call Lisa Nofoli, 284-3569, or Rose Coyle, 236-2055, for more information.

Youth centers 286-3195/284-4770:
Tropic Dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday and Nov. 18 at Howard.
Drug awareness training for teens 4-5 p.m. Nov. 16 at Albrook. For more information, call Lala Vager at 284-5010.
Cheerleading lessons, Fridays at Albrook, Sat- turs at Howard.
Teen KwonDu classes weekday evenings.
Art classes for ages 6-16. Cost is $25 for mem- bers and $35 for non-members.
Guitar lessons Saturdays at Albrook.
Spanish lessons 4 and 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Albrook.
Gymnastics classes four days a week at Howard. Special preschool class Saturdays.
Basketball, tap and jazz dance lessons available for ages four to adult.
Pre-ballet and tap special classes for ages 3-5, $25 per month. Ongoing registration.
Yuletide festival 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 26 at Howard. Arts and crafts for the whole family.

Top Twenty Teen Dance 7:30-11:30 p.m. Nov. 19. Party with your friends at the Howard Enlisted Members Club Ballroom.
Teen Turkey Splash Pool Party 6-9 p.m. Nov. 25. Teens can have a private party with friends.

Clayton

Youth Center 287-6451:
Junior jazzercise for ages 6-14, 4-5 p.m. Tues- days and Thursdays Building 155.
Video day Wednesdays.
Arts and crafts Mondays.
Cooking experiences Tuesdays.
Outdoor games and cooking class Thursdays.
Senior Teen Center 287-3644/9480:
Gift wrapping workshop II 9 a.m.-noon Sat- urdays at the Victory Recreation Center.
Movie marathon in dolby surround sound 1-8 p.m. Sunday.
Family trishaw Wednesday.
Thanksgiving decoration delivery to Safe Ha- ven Nov. 11.
Family splatmaster cookout Nov. 19.
Father and son basketball Nov. 20.
The Volunteer Recreation Center has Medieval University Nov. 26, a middle ages festival.

Atlantic

Evangel Youth Center 289-4605:
Shimmy Beach barbecue Saturday, permis- sion slips required.
Arbor turkey shoot 3 p.m. Nov. 17.
Open recreation 3-6 p.m. Nov. 18.
Turkey trot 9 a.m.-noon, Atlantic Fun Fair 1-6 p.m. at the Fort Davis Community Club Nov. 19.
Shotokan karate 4-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, $20 per person.
Arts and crafts 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays.
Saturday sports noon to 6 p.m.
Piano classes 4-6 p.m. for 30-minute lessons Mondays and Wednesdays. There is a fee of $20 per person per month.

Youth sports

Registration for the youth winter T-ball, soft- ball, and baseball programs is open thru Dec. 3.
Registration fee is $25 for members of the Howard Youth Center and $30 for non-members, and may be paid at Howard Youth Center or Rod- man Fitness Center. For more information, call Morise Comerly at 283-4222 or 4061.
The Pacific Little League sponsored by the Panama Canal Commission has registration.
Registration is open to family members of PCC employees, U.S. servicemen and Department of Defense civilians. Forms are available through Department of Defense Dependents Schools, the PCC Employee Fitness Branch Office in Diable, through League officials and at the tryouts. Tryouts will be 4 p.m. Nov. 14-18 at the baseball field complex by Pier Street, Balboa. For more information call John Carlson at 252-2622 or Luis Ferreira at 252-3289.

Youth news

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Passengers take their seats aboard the Black Stallion for a moonlight cruise of the Bay of Panama. The cruise features a visit to Taboga Island and a dramatic view of the city skyline by night.

**Moonlight romance**

Couples cruise Panama Bay under the stars

gentle waves lap against the hull as the Black Stallion navigates the dark waters of Panama Bay. The air is still with the occasional exception of a cool breeze drifting in from the Pacific Ocean or the low rumbling of a ship’s engine as it passes in the night.

Stan Konopacki, the captain of the 61-foot ship from the Rodman NS Marina, guides his passengers on a romantic cruise by moonlight. Under the twinkling stars he points out the rising shadow ahead with a few traces of light along the waterline. Taboga Island is the first stop of this nautical journey.

The captain shuts down the motor and allows the ship to slowly float near the island. Ship’s mate, Luis Neto, comes aft from the cabin to tell the guests the hors d’oeuvres are ready.

Their plates piled high with chicken wings and spicy meatballs, the next stop for the passengers is a drink from the bar. Emileeno Dixon faithfully tends the cooler of chilled drinks.

Before the ship gets underway the captain comes out on deck. After dividing the passengers into port and starboard teams, the sound-off begins as each side tries to out-do the other in an “oohing and aahing contest” over the sparkling skyline.

But Taboga is only the first stop as Konopacki steers his ship toward the city. Konopacki cuts the motor once again as he pulls alongside Panama City. Majestic and beautiful from a distance, the city glows against the pitch black horizon.

As couples remark among themselves how beautiful the bay is by night and how lovely it is to be on the water, Konopacki points out there are many ways to enjoy cruising the evening waters of Panama.

He takes the helm twice each month for the moonlight cruise, but he also pilots the craft for private parties. People celebrating retirement and promotions rent the ship and sometimes make arrangements with the Rodman Club for catering, said Pam O’Connor, Navy Morale Welfare and Recreation marketing director.

Several trips are planned over the holidays, she said. The Black Stallion sets sail for Contadora Island for Thanksgiving. Passengers cruise to the island Nov. 25 and stay for two nights, returning to the marina Nov. 27.

The Black Stallion will also weigh anchor New Year’s Eve, afloat from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. for a champagne cruise, and Feb. 14 for a Valentine’s Day cruise.

Other moonlight cruises are scheduled for Jan. 13 and 27 and Feb. 24. People interested in taking to the sea can call their local military travel office or the Rodman NS Marina at 283-3147/3150.

Seafaring adventures are not just for fishermen and sailors at the Rodman NS Marina.

story by Sgt. Lori Davis
Tropic Times sports editor
Panama, part 3: Canal building
A history of a nation that helped shape the world

(Engineer's note: This is the third 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 new future. The history was adapted from an unpublished manuscript by Dr. Miguel A. Bernal and Thomas J. Hofer, Florida State University and David McCullough's Path Between the Seas.)

In 1879, a French survey and subsequent negotiations with Colombia, of which Panama was still a province at the time, resulted in a concession of exclusive rights. The preliminary survey reports indicated that there were mountains along the best route and swamps that needed to be drained. In the mind of Ferdinand De Lesseps, the French entrepreneur who had built the Suez Canal despite having no formal training as an engineer, this was nothing.

In reality, De Lesseps was an entrepreneur and a visionary. In the agreement signed with Colombia, completion of the canal was expected in 12 years with the possibility of an extension of six years. The lease was for 90 years and was transferable, but not to any foreign government.

The French company also was required to purchase a controlling interest in the Panama Railroad Company. In order to promote the idea of a canal in Panama, De Lesseps, along with U.S. senator John Sherman, organized an international congress to be held in Paris in 1879 to study the canal project. Among the alternatives to the sea-level canal, which was the plan finally adopted, was one submitted suggesting the creation of an artificial lake 80 feet above sea level by damming the Chagres River and the Rio Grande. De Lesseps rejected this idea and continued with his blind obsession to construct a sea-level canal along the existing line of the railroad.

The French begin
The French company began digging in January 1882, but serious work did not begin for two years as equipment was stockpiled for use. As work progressed, engineers decided that a sea-level canal was simply not practical. The amount of soil to be removed was underestimated repeatedly. Nothing comparable to this undertaking had ever been attempted. It became apparent that the canal simply could not be built in the time that the company had remaining to exercise its concession. However, De Lesseps was not convinced. As a result, work continued for six years, despite many cases of illness and numerous deaths among the workers and engineers.

When De Lesseps finally faced the reality of failure, the company was already in serious financial trouble. Ultimately, the company experienced difficulties because of the demand for bribes from French officials for stock issues to raise more money to complete the canal project. These latter public subscriptions were difficult to sell to private investors, already wary of placing any more of their money into the venture.

There was a waning interest in the canal project. Desperate for funds, the company was paralyzed. Finally, when no further financial support was forthcoming, the company had to allow the appointment of a receiver to liquidate the company. All work then ceased.

Lack of money was not the only problem that impeded continued progress on the canal. In addition to the large inefficiencies that impoverished the success of the project, disease and non-existent sanitation standards made it impossible. Yellow fever exempted the immune Jamaican workers but killed the French engineers. Malaria afflicted all.

By the time the main French effort ran out of money, about 40 percent of the actual excavation was completed. Many buildings needed to support the project, such as hospitals, warehouses and barracks for workers, were built. The railroad was still usable, but had cost a small fortune to acquire as demanded by the terms of the concession. De Lesseps' innate belief in his own capabilities had driven him to complete the Suez Canal, but more than visionary faith was needed in Panama. Engineering skill and medical knowledge were more important than a visionary's promise of a completed canal, based on faith and a belief in the rightness of the project.

In 1930, having concluded a treaty with Panama and his task of setting up the infrastructure to dig the canal. From here on, it was an excavation project, tailor-made for the U.S. Army. The introduction of the Army into the canal project explains its immediate militarization and the subsequent creation of an automatic canal zone.

It befits the status of Panama as a protectorate that the United States claimed sovereignty within the Canal Zone and governs as if it were a United States territory, albeit with few of the protections of individual liberties accorded the individual states.

But the canal was built. It took 10 years, the labor of more than 75,000 men and women, and almost $400 million to complete the job. The builders of the canal faced unprecedented problems: tropical disease; the unusual geology of the isthmus that made land slides a constant hazard; the enormous size of the locks and volume of the excavation needed; and the need to establish whole new communities, to import every last nail and board, and to organize work on a scale never before seen.

Most of the names of the men and women who worked on the canal are forgotten today, but their legacy lives on. One of the most well-remembered is Col. William C. Gorgas and his medical team who are credited with eradicating yellow fever from Panama and bringing malaria under control. Stevens and other railroad men set up towns and the supply system and organized the all-important training system to haul dirt—which in essence is what the Panama Canal over the prohibition of gambling in the form of lottery tickets, the Commission broke with its own rules and fell back on United States law, continuing the ban on gambling within the Canal Zone.

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The aftermath of a mudslide in the Culebra Cut
Hampered construction of the canal.

Assisting in securing its independence, the United States now faced the daunting task of succeeding where Europeans had failed. President Roosevelt's interpretation of the treaty arrangements signified that the United States did not simply operate and manage an isthmian canal, but also occupied and governed a zone which the United States ruled as if it were sovereign.

This point was one of the most contentious in relations between Panama and the United States for decades to come. It was certain to cause many problems and misunderstandings in the future. In many respects, the United States replicated its dual society of whites and blacks in the Canal Zone, where even the appearance of United States constitutional guarantees were not provided.

Likewise, the concept of Canal Zone government only emerged slowly as the United States sought unilaterally to define its interests in the isthmus and a modus operandi for the management of a giant water-utility—which in essence is what the Panama Canal is. The tragedy for both nations is that the United States at that time neither consulted nor solicited Panamanian advice as to the future of the canal and the zone.

By 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt was disappointed over the lack of progress in the construction of the canal by civilian engineers and, especially, his chief engineer John W. Stevens. It was politically unacceptable to allow the construction of the canal to be delayed or for the way of the French effort. As Roosevelt himself said afterward, his appointment of U.S. Army engineer Col. George Goethals to supervise the project and to use the Army to operate and manage the canal was based on the idea that the Army would do what it was told to do without the constant griping and complaining. In any event, the railroad man John Stevens had accomplished his job.

The Miraflores locks under construction in 1912.

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Actresses perform a "hot" number in the U.S. Army South's production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

Class act
Army-wide competition honors local performers

FORT CLAYTON (Tropic Times) - U.S. Army South was honored with the Four Star Award for Musical Excellence in the Parade of American Music Competition. The competition, sponsored by the Department of the Army in coordination with the National Federation of Music Clubs, represents a nationwide movement in the promotion of American music as well as updating of music program planning.

The Pacific Theatre Arts Centre garnered top honors in the competition for their musical production of the Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

The entry honors the contributions of composer Carol Hall who wrote both the music and lyrics for the musical. The annual Parade of American Music Competition is held each February and is open to participation from any Army installation worldwide. Participants are rated in three divisions: Army band, Army composer and Army entertainment program.

USARSO's entry was judged on a number of production and technical areas.

USA Girl Scouts-Panama sell first local cookies in eight years

COROZAL (Tropic Times) - USA Girl Scouts-Panama will be selling Girl Scout cookies 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 19. Tables will be set up at the Corozal Main Exchange, the Fort Davis Main Exchange, the Howard Theater and the Girl Scout Service Center, Building 806, Albrook AFS.

All sales will be cash only; no checks will be accepted. There is no limit on the number of boxes sold to a person. It is strictly first come first serve until supplies run out.

This is the first time in eight years Girl Scout cookies have been sold in Panama.

Atlantic community introduces 1994-1995 community mayors

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO-Atlantic) - The 1994-1995 Atlantic community Mayoral election is complete. The mayors for each of the housing areas are as follows:

- **500 Area**, Fort Davis - Sgt. David Neten, 747th Military Intelligence
- **208 Area**, Fort Davis - Spc. Michael W. Noble, Company D, U.S. Army Garrison
- **16, 27, 29, 31, 34 and 36**, Fort Davis - Sgt. 1st Class Walter A. Rodriguez, 3rd of the 7th Special Forces Group
- **1-12, 30, 40 and 100 Area**, Fort Davis - Leilicia Roman, 1097th Transportation Company
- **Ist Class Christopher Carl, 5th Battalion**, 87th Infantry
- **Turner Heights**, Fort Sherman - Capt. David L. Wilk, Jungle Operations Training Battalion

Ocean View, Fort Sherman - Gail Willoughby and vice mayor Rhonda Lindsey both from Jungle Operations Training Battalion

Howard/Albrook

The Family Support Center financial manager is offering a checkbook maintenance workshop 8-10 a.m. Nov. 18 at the FSC, Building 707. This workshop is intended for anyone who is frustrated in their efforts to make their checking accounts balance. To register or for more information, call 284-5660.

The Family Support Relocation Assistance Center is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is operated entirely by volunteers and there is always a need for people to help out with the loan closet, bus brochure library and the coupon cabinet. Limited free child care and flexible hours are available for all volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering, visit Building 707 or call 284-5860.

The Howard Child Development Center is looking for potential Family Day Care Providers for the Albrook Area. Call Jill Winter at 284-3711/6135 for more information.

Miscellaneous

The Howard/Albrook Elated Spouses Club will hold a special dinner meeting 7 p.m. Monday at the Albrook Club which will be serving Mongolian BBQ. In addition to sponsoring activities to raise money for charitable support, the club offers members the chance to meet other people, go on trips and voice their concerns in the community. For more information, call 286-3591.

Super Suds now has drop off laundry service 7-11 a.m. Monday-Friday. Clothes will be ready the same day. Pay by the pound. Clothes will be dry and folded. Call 287-3755 for more information.

Atlantic

The Saint Barbara Day Ball for artillery soldiers will be held 6 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Fort Sherman Community Club 1 Lodge. For more information, call 289-3980/5242.
Rodman
- Information, Tour and Travel:
  Downtown shopping 9 a.m. Wednesday and Nov. 18, $8. Shop Panama's Central Avenue and Via Espana.
  Moonlight cruise 6:30 p.m. Saturday, $21. Cruise out to Taboga Island for cocktails and an hour of dances by moonlight, while viewing Panama City’s dramatic skyline at night.
  Bottom-fishing on the Vargas Sundays and Nov. 27, $35 adults, $20 children under 14. Fee includes captain, gear, live bait and ice coolers.
  Bird-watching and nature trip Thursdays, $42/person, includes transportation, meal, guide and binoculars. Bring a swim suit and take a dip in the waterfall.
  Panama City tour 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 19, $32. Rainforest adventure 6 a.m. Saturday and Nov. 26, $65. Explore Barro Colorado Island.
  Free Zone shopping trip 7 a.m. Nov. 25, $12.
  Trolling on the Vargas 6 a.m. Saturday and Nov. 26, $40/person. Fish for marlin, sailfish, dolphin (fish), bonito, Spanish mackerel and more. Fee includes captain, gear, lunch and ice coolers.
  El Valle 7 a.m. Sunday and Nov. 27, $12. Shop for local handicrafts, plans, fruits and vegetables and visit nature preserve.
  Contadora Nov. 25-27, $170/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 Center:
  Free Zone 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays.
  Shopping in Panama City 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday.
  Pollera dancing and dining 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, $6/person, $15/family.
  Vegetable and fruit market shopping 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 19, $5.
  Horse racing at the Hippodrome noon-4:30 p.m. Nov. 20, $5.
  Thanksgiving in Chiriqui Nov. 23-27, $371 single, $245 double, $139 third person.
  Christmas shopping on Central Avenue 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 28, $5.
  Colonial Panama and locks tour 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Nov. 30, $10/person, $25/family.
  Zodiac activities:
  Peacock bass fishing in Lake Gatun 5 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday, Nov. 20 and 26, $25. Bring fishing gear and bags.
  Gold Panning in Bique 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 22, $12.
  El Valle horseback riding 7-4 p.m. Sunday and Nov. 25, $24. Enjoy the cool mountain air and grand scenery.
  Drake Island-Snorkeling and Snuba 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday and Nov. 27, $47 divers.
  Barro Colorado Island tour 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 17, $65. Visit the Smithsonian Island for an onec in a lifetime adventure. Catch glimpses of Tucans, sloths and other rare wildlife.

Clayton
- Valen Recreation Center:
  Museums and art galleries 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, $3; Colon Free Zone 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday.
  Balboa Colorado Island Nov. 17, $24. Enjoy the cool mountain air and grand scenery.
  Ocean-to-Ocean Canal transit Nov. 27, $351 for a once in a lifetime adventure. Catch glimpses of Tucans, sloths and other rare wildlife.

Albrook/Howard
- Zodiac Community Activities Center:
  Tax Kwon Do 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
  Beginner and advanced dog obedience Saturday 9-10:15 a.m. $32 for 4 weeks.
  Beginner and advanced English and Spanish is offered monthly.
  Howard and Albrook Youth Centers:
  Guitar 1-6 p.m. Saturdays at Albrook.
  Spanish 8-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Albrook.
  Martial arts at Howard and Albrook 284-4700.
  Howard and Albrook pool lessons Intro to scuba free, call for appointment.
  Open water scuba Monday at Albrook, Nov. 21 at Howard, $145.
  Advanced scuba Wednesday at Albrook, $105.
  Rescue scuba Nov. 29 at Howard, $125.

Clayton
- Fort Clayton Pool:
  All swimming classes will be discontinued until December because of inclement weather.

Balboa
- Balboa Dive Club:
  The club is now accepting new members. Divers must show a certification card. Annual fee is $12. Members receive a newsletter, use of the club tanks, library and videos for loan, information and classes and dive trips. Call 263-8077 or write Unit 0967, APO AA 34022.
Phone guide

24th Services Squadron Sports
284-6107
Albrook Auto Craft Shop
286-3613
Albrook Club
284-6128
Albrook Riding Stables
287-4413/3333
Albrook Thrift Shop
285-5989
Amador Pool
282-4247
Balboa Dive Club
287-6770/0507-075
Canal Crafters
286-4500
Clayton Arts and Crafts Center
287-5657
Clayton Boat Shop
287-6453
Clayton Ceramic Center
287-4360
Clayton NCO Club
287-3586
Clayton Outdoor Recreation Center
287-3283
Clayton Scuba Shop
287-3355
Club Amador
282-3534
Cocoli Recreation Center
287-3010
Corazon Thrift Shop
285-5898
Howard Auto Craft Shop
284-3370
Howard Enlisted Members' Club
284-4107
Howard Officers' Club
284-4680
Howard Riding Stables
284-3770
Howard Skills Development Center
284-0661
Howard Teen Center
284-4700
Howard Wood Craft Shop
284-4510
The Loop
287-2035
Pacific Theatre Arts Centre
289-3042
Quarry Heights Officers' Club
282-4260
Rodman Annex
283-6475
Rodman Club
283-4498
Rodman Marina
283-3147/3150
Rodman Naval Station Information
283-5207/4454
Tour and Travel Office
283-5207/4454
Tropical Times
284-3899/0300

Atlantic tours

Ocean Breeze Recreation Center
284-6402
Outdoor Recreation
284-4077
Sherman Arts and Crafts Center
284-3135
Sherman Scuba Shop
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Sundial Recreation Center
284-3899/0300

Gymnastics and ballet, 5:30-6 p.m. Thursdays.

City of Fort Sherman
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Ocean Breeze Recreation Center
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Sherman Scuba Shop
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Sundial Recreation Center
284-3899/0300

Atlantic community shark fishing will be offered Dec. 3; registration deadline is Nov. 23. Tackle, bait and ice is provided; bring food and drinks.

Forest Sherman goes bowling

Atlantic City Activities Center
284-6161

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Atlantic City Activities Center
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Dog show

Atlantic Convention Center
The Club Canino de Panama is having its 58th and 59th International and 21st National Dog Show Nov. 19-22 at the Atlantic Convention Center. Register your purchased dogs: 5:30-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Curundu Trailer Park area near Fort Clayton Riding Club off Via Jean Pablo. Entry fee is $55 prior to Wednesday and $58 on the days of the show. Call Bridge at 286-4906, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wine tasting/art show

Rodman Club
The Rodman Club will host a wine tasting and art show 7-10 p.m. Nov. 22. Admission fee will be $2.

The Mighty Sparrow

Club of Montana
The Club of Montana will present a Caribbean Night with the King of the Calypso "The Mighty Sparrow" and the fabulous Beaches 8:30 p.m. Nov. 19. Club will advance purchase and $20 same day. Special invited artist will be Lord Cobra. Bocas and Caribbean food will be for sale.

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Pacific City
Duty-free merchandise
FORT CLAYTON (Contraband Control Office) — As a reminder with the Panama Canal Treaty and U.S. Southern Command regulations, duty-free merchandise, whether new or used, cannot be sold or generally sold to non-privileged persons. Violations to these dispositions may subject violators to prosecution under both, military and Panamanian laws. It is sometimes possible to purchase such items for off-duty use.

Before such a sale, it is strongly recommended that the seller contact the Contraband Control Section for advice at 286-3117.

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Animals

A family of 3 dogs, foodstuffs, will be sold for $157. 24:08-016 for details.

Two bear-muzzled canes, designed for pets, is $270.25.

Oreas moustachii, pure, 10, slight, no mark, not very good, 300.24. 123-324.

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Automobiles

1983 Jeep Wagoneer, 6 cyl, 4 wd, good tires, recent motor, 3,300.123-345.

1994 Toyota Camry, 4 cyl, 6 ft, runs, 6,400.123-456.


1999 Nissan 300 Z, 3 cyl, ph, recent tires, 6,400.286-435.

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Boats & Campers

Two two-motor boats, LCR-2, 20 ft, FIBerglass, $4,000.286-435.

25' fiberglass trailable, $1,500.286-435.

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Electronics

Macintosh-laserprinter, very small, $500.286-435.

Color printer, new, $350.286-435.

Word-processing program w/Commodore computer keyboard, dial-in, dot-matrix printer, used, $950.286-435.

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Lose

Lot of keys, w/weighted & nonweighted, kept on Howard. 286-435.

Sadlare and heavy duty cabinetry in closing 90-20% of America, etc. 253.257-345.

King-size waterbed, whirlpool bed

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Household

Small windshield wiper and Novusol lockets on Howard. 286-435.

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King-size waterbed, whirlpool bed

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Classified Ads
MISCELLANEOUS

One oil year old piano, 3 reed, ped-plate, books, pick, $280-350.

Harley Davidson Vacuum, $200, 110 cubic inch, 2100 miles, like new, $150.

Dixie Flite airplane, battery op-erated, 12 volt, runs well. 4 tires, no bow-
yard, in box, $125-150.

1993 Yamaha, low miles, $280.

Arcelor 70, $250.

9.5 ft. aluminum boat, 4 stroke Galaxie engine, runs well, $450.

1979 Honda Goldwing, $150.

1995 Harley Davidson motorcycle, runs well, $1200.

1997 Honda Goldwing motorcycle, runs well, $1400.


1993 Honda Goldwing motorcycle, runs well, $1500.

1997 Yamaha, low miles, $280.


1999 Honda Goldwing motorcycle, runs well, $2500.

1978 Honda motorcycle, $250.

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