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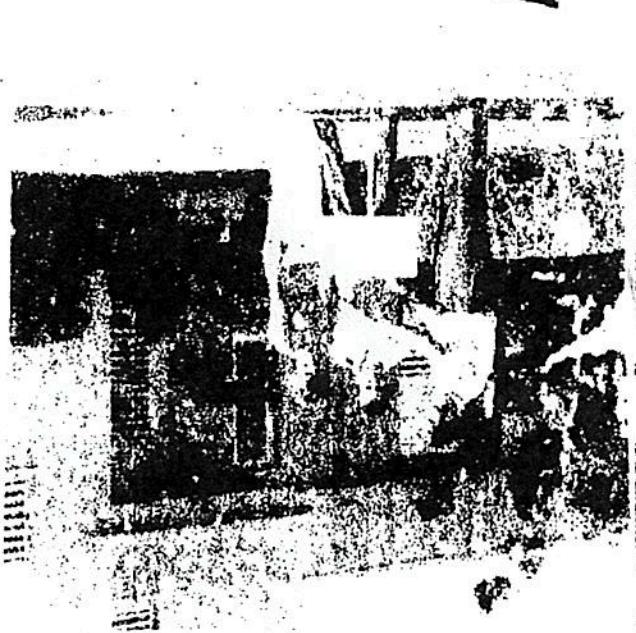
*Girl Scouts of
Borinquen*



Several suggestions/questions have been received as a result of letters to the CO". Each of the senders has been contacted by me and their questions answered. Of interest is that Cherie Terrell concerning the painting of residences. Specifically, Mrs. Terrell asked, "Would it be possible to advise of a particular color not desired?" For an individual to choose from the colors available? Would it be possible to submit by Cherie Terrell concerning the painting of residences. Specifically, Mrs. Terrell asked, "Would it be possible to advise that there is an overall painting plan for the housing area whose need exists on three basic causes. First, less preparation man-hours and less paint (hence less cost) are necessary to complete the job. Second, pairs of four bedroom dwellings are painted the same color so that the interlocked garages can also be painted one color. The same logic applies to using a single color for duplexes. Finally, giving each individual a choice could create a situation where adjacent houses would be painted in clashing colors. In summary, this color a given house will be painted is pre-determined by a well thought out and justified painting plan.

Thanks for the letters - keep those ideas/questions coming.

CDR T. T. Matteson
Commanding Officer
USCG Air Station Borinquen
CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Angel M. Acaba of 53 Hock Road for winning the Yard of the Month Award for September. Their carfully groomed yard is a fine example for everyone in our housing area. Besides receiving our complimentary dinners at the Coast Guard Club as guests of the Command.



C O , S C O M M E N T

Continued from last week.

BORINQUEEN

BATTLE OF

On Pearl Harbor day, Borinquen Field was an emergency Army Air Force base. Units stationed there were equipped with anti-sub bombers which fortunately never saw combat beyond the missation of sub patrols. Declared an emergency field by enemies on opposite sides of the world, thrust Borinquen into a role of strategic importance as a line of defense east of the Panama Canal. The threat to the Canal, which was so vital to the flexibility of the United States war potential, seemed very real. We occupied a key defensive outpost and suffered from a general unsatisfactory time.

The senior officer on Borinquen Field was Col. Caleb V. Hayes, one of the most respected officers in the Army, and a pioneer of heavy bombardment aviation. He later became a General Officer and commanded the First Artillery. On the night of 10 December, just three days after Pearl Harbor, he was packing the little outside his quarters when he heard the Caribbean. It was near midnight and he was disturbed by the outline of a large ship, barely visible several hundred yards off shore. The outline of a ship approached to be seen. It was a light sailing vessel, the Carrion. It was near midnight and he was disturbed by the light signals to shore. The signals were obviously interrupted by an urgent call from the coast. He left no particular concern but decided that he would

summon his second in command, Col. A. L. Harvey, an old friend and a highly decorated alumnus, who had been the pilot selected by Marshalls to fly W. Averell Harriman on his trip to represent President Roosevelt to Fiji. W. Averell Harriman on his return from his trip to Fiji to a high school at Mariana, who had been the pilot selected by Marshalls to summon him. He came to the south, was under attack from the sea, that an American was in the command post with a report that the city of Mayaguez was heavily engaged duty officer. He said that Puerto Rican militia had

At this point, the calm was interrupted by an urgent call from in the Elast Mosque conference.

Some miles to the south, was under attack from the sea, that an American had overrun the port, and that the city authorities were placed under arrest and called for help. His friend Al Harvey to "strap on your gun and come with me. We've got trouble".

Colonel Hayes had been observing took on new meaning. He ordered an assault force. With this information, the unusual proceedings which for assaultance, namely had overran the port, and that the city authorities were placed under arrest and called for help. His friend Al Harvey to "strap on your gun and come with me. We've got trouble".

Several hours later and that our security was in grave jeopardy. Someone issued an immediate order to open fire and lob tracer rounds over the base perimeter to repel the machine guns strafed around the field was under attack and that the extra fuel tanks that had been scattered about the base were the enemy landing was reported to be in progress.

Due to an error in elevation, much of the fire fell in the base living area. This, more than any other occurrence in the unforseeable living area, led to a state of mind which rejected rational thinking. The charade, I led for an hour or so, and if there were men on the base who did not think the attack real or who presssed for restraint, I did not see them. This was the explosive situation we created. While bursts of machine-guns filled the base, members of the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment, armed with rifles, were cautiously probing the dense palm groves off the beach in search of the landing party. Several hundred Air Force men, with weapons cocked and ready, lined up all too believable at the time. Here, as best I can reconstruct it is the sequence of events which fate timed with such precision as to lead to this strange and dangerous situation. The large ship was a freighter, the American Press, bound for San Juan. On deck later on war, all ports were closed during hours of darkness and the ship's captain had reduced speed so as to arrive in port after daylight. The small boats were those of fishermen out of the nearby village of Agudilla, and they were using lights to signal information about their arrival and the extent of their catch. The final event that triggered this bizarre affair occurred when a boat tried to enter the closed port of Mayaguez. Apparently the crew had been on a smaller island since the outbreak of war and did not know that the port was closed. They persisted in landing, and in the confusion there was gunfire.

The results of much frenzied activity can be related with more detail to the nearest military installation, Borinquen Field, a call Harbor days, concluded that they were under attack and placed a frantic West Coast and much of war and did not know that the port was closed. City authorities, affected by the same jittery nerves that engulfed the coast,效果地发布了命令，禁止所有船只进入该港。由于对敌军的恐惧，他们甚至在白天也使用了信号灯。一艘渔船试图在黎明时分进入港口，但被守卫在附近的士兵发现并开火。士兵们在黑暗中匆忙地向渔船开火，导致了一场混乱的交火。在交火过程中，渔船撞上了岸边的一艘更大的渔船，造成了严重的伤亡。

在交火过程中，一些士兵从船上跳入水中，试图逃离。另一些士兵则在岸上射击。交火持续了一段时间后，双方停止了交火。士兵们开始检查水中的尸体，并将他们拖回岸上。一些士兵受伤较重，需要立即治疗。其他人则继续在岸上警戒，以防敌军再次发动攻击。整个事件在清晨结束，没有造成任何大的损失。士兵们随后返回了他们的岗位，继续执行任务。

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Fate, which so capriciously sequenced the events of that night,

was forgetful in the end. The art crews avoided a fatal crash of bombs laden planes by inches and the bombs aimed at the American Press, which could have easily sent her to the bottom, missed by a few feet. Miraculously, no one was seriously injured by the hundreds of rounds of machine-gun fire that ricochetted through the living area, though several people received superficial wounds. A horse beloning to the son of Colonel Hayes made an untimely move when challenged and was ridden with bullets. Tragically, a Puerto Rican maid, who could speak little English and did not understand an order to halt, was shot as she ran to seek shelter during the peak of activity. But the toll of dead and injured could have been high.

Stationed at Borinquen Field that night were experienced and capable personnel, people who were to lead many World War II combat units. Some our most decorated combat leaders were participants. No fewer than 10 of the officers were to reach General Officer rank during their careers. The events of that night have become known as the Battle of Borinquen and the tale is told and retold by the people who were there. As we contemplated those hours of anxiety with a mixture of humor, embarrassment, and gratitude that a tragedy was narrowly averted it can only be concluded that we were afforded a lesson in mass psychology that should last a lifetime.

Written by Lt. Gen. Harry E. Goldsworthy
USAF (Ret.)
Submitted by Maj. Raef F. Ramos
USAF.

INFORMATION:

It is license time again. It is called to your attention that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Law requires that all persons, after having been in Puerto Rico for a period of 120 days acquire a Puerto Rican driving license. Persons not complying run the risk of being cited and fined. The Security Office has made arrangements to have the required tests taken here at base Borinquen.

a. All persons not having a valid Puerto Rican driving license will report to the Security Office and obtain the needed forms for application for the driving license.

b. All persons, upon receiving the application forms will fill in the blanks as appropriate and will make arrangements with the dispensary to have the required physical examination taken.

c. The persons involved will also make arrangements with the Office of Personnel to have three two by two photos taken for the license. They so desire, or will procure them by two pictures locally. After gathering all required in b and c above, the persons need only go to the office to have their two by two pictures taken for the license, if they so desire, or will procure them by two pictures locally. They will keep the papers and the pictures until the day of the exam and will bring them with them to the exam room.

e. The exam room is located on the second floor at OBRAS PUBLICAS which is the large building across from our hangar and across from the Police Station on Ramey.

f. The written exam has been scheduled for the morning of the last of September at 0830 hours. Be sure to bring \$10 in cash with you!

g. The practical exam has been scheduled for the 22nd of September at Cliffe Road by the Coast Guard Club. The time will be set and published as soon as possible.

h. Interested persons will be taken on a tour of the practical exam site on the 20th of September. All persons interested will contact my office and give the person answering the phone their names.

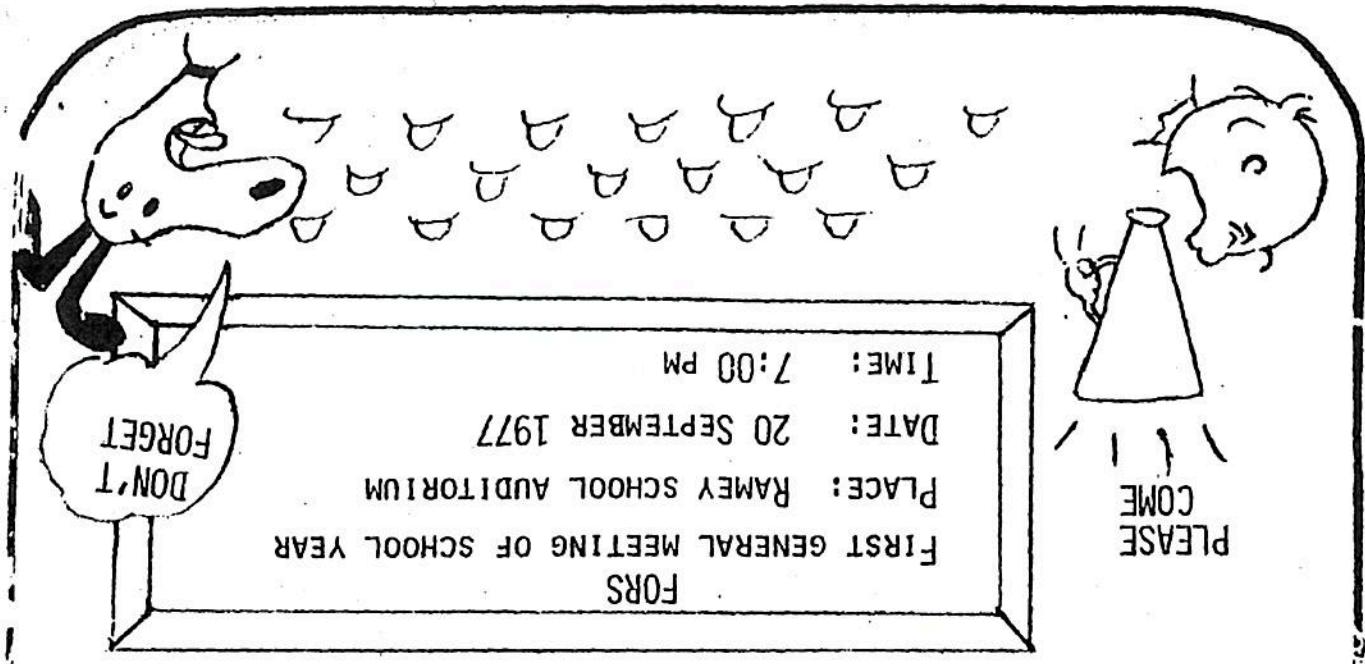
j. If you have any questions, please address them to my office during normal working hours.

k. All of those having foreign licenses will be required to bring them with them and turn them in prior to examination. The licenses will in turn be given to me and I will place them at my office so that if you have to go back to the states you will give me your Puerto Rican license and I will give you the state-side license. The reverse will occur upon your return to Puerto Rico.

l. The 19th of September is the deadline for the issuance of applications. All persons that come after the 19th will have to take their examinations. All persons that come after the 19th will have to take their examinations.

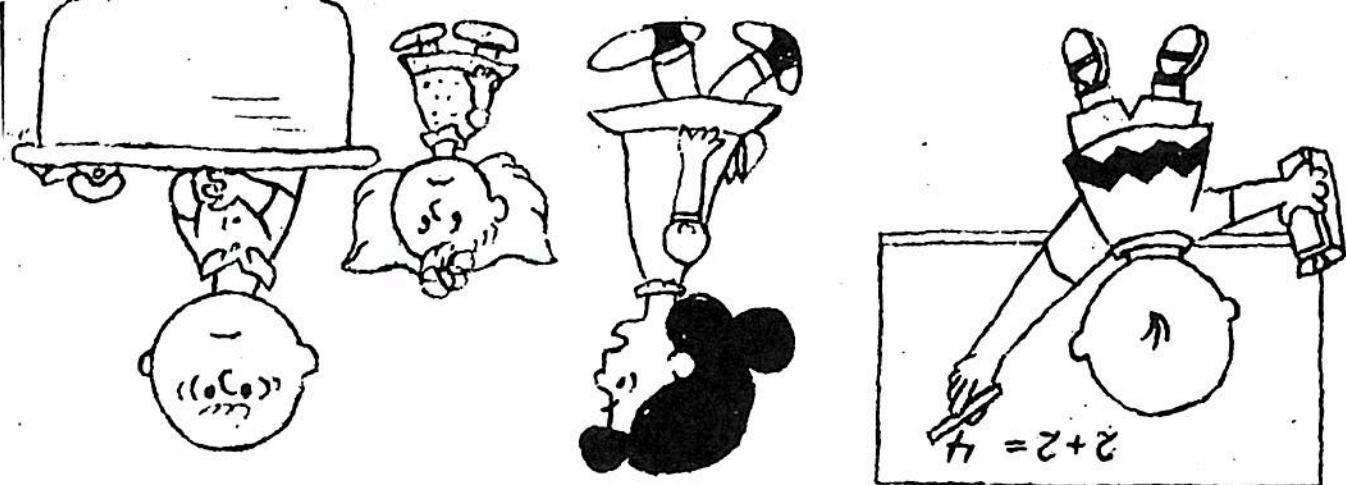
By HMCs M. V. Crespo

Need a P.R. Drivers License????



Awareness and understanding is essential to anyone interested in what our education system is doing. All of us can contribute to improving the total education of our children at Ramy School by assisting in whatever possible. Therefore, the Friends of Ramy School was formed to provide an avenue to get involved. To use the talents of all interested persons to assist the school in enriching the total education of our children. To solve real or perceived problems together.

The Friends of Ramy School was formed for parents, school staff, teachers, students and other interested members of the community; in other words for anyone interested in the education of our children. Participation by everyone is needed to make it an effective organization.



GENERAL MEETING

FRIENDS OF RAMY SCHOOL

NAPA has received a limited
ed number of th 77 - 78 AAFFS
catalogs. One copy has been
distributed to each of the
Art Station Sections, Library
and other Governmental resids in
ies whose personnel active in
the Borinquen Housing Area.

AAFFS CATALOGS:

We anticipate receiving
catalogs. When additional cat-
weeks. Monday - Friday, 1300 - 1600
Mon, Tue, & Thu evenings
1900 - 2100
Saturday:
Mondays - Friday, 1300 - 1600
Family Services:
Mondays, 0900 - 1100
Library:
Monday - Friday, 1300 - 1600
Mon, Tue, & Thu evenings
1900 - 2100
Saturday, 1300 - 1500
Rec Gear Locker:
Daily, 1100 - 1200 & 1500 -
1600
Swimming Pool:
Closed Tuesdays for Cleaning
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
1000 - 1700 Wed. - Mon.
Kartate:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
1830 - 2000, Ages 6 - 15
1700 - 1830, Ages 6 - 15
1830 - 2000, Ages 16 & up
Physical Fitness:
Week-days 0830 - 0930
Slimastics:
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Week-days 1800 - 1900
Auto Hobby Shop:
Key is kept at main gate.
Wednesday & Thursday
1800 - 2100
Tuesday, 1800 - 2100
Saturday, 0900 - 1700
Sundays, 1000 - 1700
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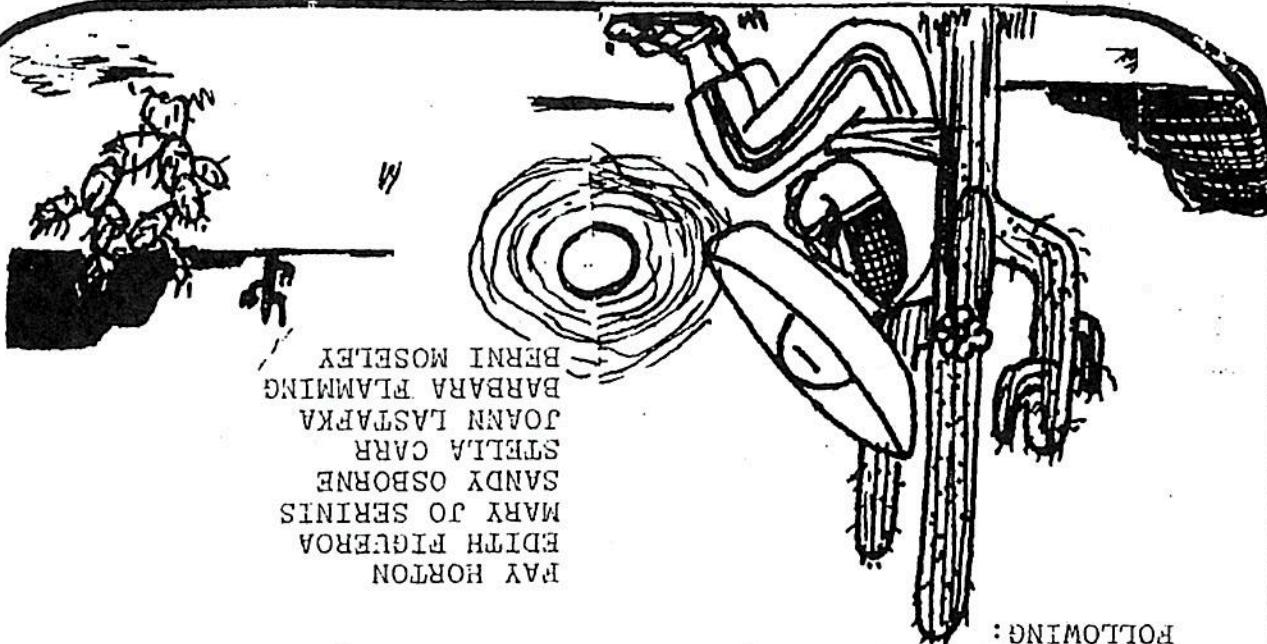
For further information
call the SPECIAL SERVICES
OFFICE at ext. 6236.

SPECIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES

will be published in the
Beacon.

enough catalogs for each
family in approximately 2
weeks. When additional cat-
logs are received a notice
will be posted in the
news, Tue, & Thu evenings
1900 - 2100
Saturday:
Mondays - Friday, 1300 - 1600
Mon, Tue, & Thu evenings
1900 - 2100
Sunday, 1100 - 1200 & 1500 -
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Hours of operation:
Located at LA PLAZA, 38
PACKAGE STORE

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PACKAGE STORE
- * NURSEY PHONE: 3123
advantage.
- * Contact the Nursey Sperriisor
for special openings 48 hrs in
Nursey Classroom is in session.
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- * NURSEY
- * Located at LA PLAZA, 34, 35, 36
NURSEY
- * Come out and enjoy a cool drink
on the patio before dinner.
- * Reservation & Parties-----
Afternoons 2581 or NAPA office.
- * COAST GUARD CLUB PHONE: 2581
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- * COAST GUARD CLUB
- * Come out and enjoy a cool drink
Carte.
- * Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM A La
Burgundy.
- * Friday Happy Hour 5 - 6 PM
night be the lucky one.
- * Take a chance - who knows - You
set of an 8 track AM-FM car radio.
- * Choose of either a CB 9-40 channel
If you win you can have your
numbers, or less, this week.
- * Mini-Jackpot can be won with 52
this week is \$525 in 60 numbers.
- * Wednesday BINGO at 6:30, Jackpot
hours.
- * Bar open 7 days a week at 4:30
Sandwiches available during bar
hours.
- * Bar open 7 days a week at 4:30
tact the NAPA Office, ext. 6227
For reservations Please con-
- * GUEST HOUSING:
- * PACKAGE STORE HOURS
- * Tobacco products.
- * Liquor, Domestic & Imported
Wines, Beer, Soft drinks &
Wine Room:
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tact the NAPA Office, ext. 6227
For reservations Please con-



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th. TO GET YOUR TICKETS, CONTACT ONE OF THE
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FROM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 THRU

THE SUPPER WILL BE HELD AT 76 HOOK ROAD. WE THANK THE CARS FOR ALLOWING US THE USE OF THEIR LAWN FOR THE EVENING.

DRINK BOOTS WILL BE SET UP SERVING LEMONADE FOR 10¢ AND TEQUILLA PUNCH FOR 25¢.

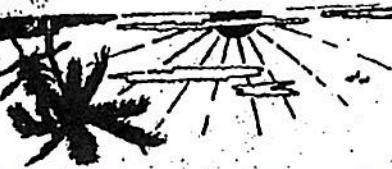
PRICE ----- A MERE \$2.50 per plate.

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| 1 Taco | 2 Enchiladas | Spanish Rice | Beans |
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WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING MENU TO TEMPT YOUR TUDS:
ID CARD HOLDERS AND THEIR GUESTS TO A MEXICAN SUPPER ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19. WE WILL BEGIN SERVING OUR DELICIOUS FOOD AT 4:30 PM
AND END AT 7:30PM.

THE E.W.C. WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL ON BASE RESIDENTS, VALID

ONLY 2 dollars adult & 80¢
MEXICAN SHOW



 Commendable Officer CDR. T.T. Matteson
 Editor Mary Finley
 Circulation Director Rosemary Johnston
 Art Director Bruce Gorczyca
 Photography Director Roy Wilson

***** AS YOU'VE PRIVATELY REQUESTED
 SO WE CAN REACH YOU. THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR CALL IS GUARANTEED
 GIVE THE PERSON ANSWERING THE PHONE YOUR FIRST NAME AND PHONE NUMBER
 IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ALCOHOL, CALL EXT. 2671 OR EXT. 2691 AND
 DEPENDENT SICK CALL, 0900 - 1100, 1400 - 1500, BY APPPOINTMENT ONLY
 MILITARY SICK CALL, 0800 - 0900, 1300 - 1400

 17 HM3 Segui 6205
 16 HM2 Szekely 3244 20 HM3 W. Jones 5267
 15 HM2 Ichenhower 5223 19 HM3 L. Mercado 5267
 14 HM3 W. Jones 5267 18 HM2 Mercado date name home phone
 DUTY CORPSMEN SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 14 - 20, 1977

ALTAR BOYS: MEET ON THURSDAYS AT 3:30 PM

CCD CLASSES: Mondays at 3:15 PM

Note: Confessions heard 15 minutes before Mass starts.

Chapel

CATHOLIC MASS 1700 Sunday
PROTESTANT SERVICE 0800 Sunday

\$5: Soccer shoes with cleats, size 5, size 8,
\$2.50 each, worn once; kitten, 8 weeks old, orange
& white female, mother cat approximately 1 yr.
old, calico grey, white & orange. WILL PAY HALF
SPAYING FEE ON BOTH CATS. CALL 7278

WANTED: Part-time housekeeper for on base guest
houses for information see Mrs. Mercado, LA
PLAZA, MPA Office - Ext. 6227.

WANTED: Good used Baby Play Pen, call 3242.

FOR SALE: Two blue parakeets and cage, \$10;
inflatable canoe, 6ft. long, \$50, call 6294.



Mrs. Ruth Barlow

CALL VINCE PARTON 3256
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Music Directors - George Shuheder

Mrs. Diana Goward

Sunday School - Mrs. Judy Young

Lay Leader - Vince Parton

New Chapel Lay Committee:

the gate)

area (first right turn inside
of the Coast Guard housing

in the "LA PLAZA" section

both held at 8:00 A.M.

Services and Sunday School

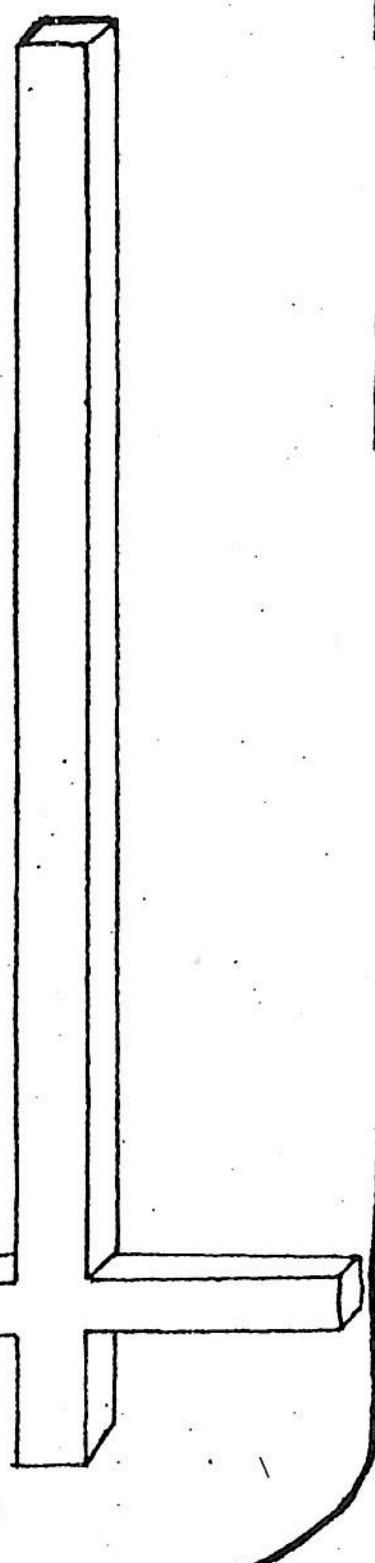
Sunday School for 5 to 10 year olds

Nursery Available
- in air-conditioned chapel

ENGLISH SERVICES

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PROTESTANT CHAPEL
Come to



MOVIES

WED 14 SEP -- CLOSED THU 15 SEP 1900 GUNSELOR AT CRIME - RNA - Drama, 102 minutes

Franisco Rabol & William Anderson COOL MILLION - TV - Drama, 97 minutes

James Farrentino & John Vernon SINK OR SWIM - RNA - Drama, 98 minutes

Jean Paul Belmondo & Marlene Jobert GOOD MILLION - TV - Drama, 97 minutes

MATTINEE: James Farrentino & John Vernon IT'S ALIVE - PG - Horror Drama, 91 minutes

John Ryan & Sharon Farrell TOO HOT TO HANDLE - R - Action Drama

SUN 18 SEP 1900 WHERE THE LILIES BLOOM - G - Drama, 97 minutes

Cheri Caffaro & Artron Tipple JILLIE Cholson & Jan Smuthers

NOTE: Any movie which 25 or PG - Parental Guidance R - Under 17 not admitted without Parent. more people wish to have re- theater manager or leave a message at the NAFB Office, and we'll try to show the movie again if possible.

G - All ages RNA - Rating not available. more people wish to have re-theater manager or leave a message at the NAFB Office, and we'll try to show the movie again if possible.

October fest!!!

1 OCTOBER 1977 at the COAST GUARD CLUB

GERMAN BEER
REAL HOMEMADE GERMAN SAUSAGES
(for Buffet menu see next week
Beacon)

AND LAST - BUT NOT LEAST
REAL GERMAN OOMPAH-PAH
MUSIC (hopefully)



NAFB THEATER - LA PLAZA
USG AIR STATION BORINQUE

LET'S MAKE A DATE FOR THAT NIGHT