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ROCKETEER

Friday, March 13, 1970

'David and Lisa **Tryouts Planned** For Next Week

Nearly seven years have passed since "David and Lisa" first appeared in American movie theaters. Yet in that short time, their story has almost become a classic of human tenderness and understanding.

The Community Light Opera and Theater Assoc. will bring "David and Lisa" to the stage May 22-23 and 29-30 in the first CLOTA production of the year. Tryouts for "David and Lisa"

are scheduled for March 16, 17, and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the CLOTA hangar in Ridgecrest.

"We're hoping to have a large turnout for tryouts," said director E. Romero. "This is a fine, fast-paced play with a number of challenging parts."

In all there are 20 parts in the play: 10 for adults and 10 for teenagers. The lead roles are those of David, a tall, thin boy of 16 with a keen intellect and a mortal fear of being touched; Lisa, a pretty girl of 15 with long, dark hair who is beset with schizophrenia, now speaking only in childish rhymes, now dreamy and remote; and Dr. Alan Swinford, the patient psychiartrist who helps bring David and Lisa to each other and toward reality.

Most of the other major roles are students at Berkeley School for mentally-disturbed adolescents: Carlos, a tough, crude Puerto Rican; Josette, attractive, but melancholy and hostile; Sandra, the chubby daughter of show business parents; Simon, the sulking intellectual; Kate, the teenage temptress, seductive and flirtatious; and Robert, a nice boy with prob-

Also included in the play are Maureen and John, two adult therapists who are dedicated to helping these children find meaning in their lives, and nine minor roles, two for teenagers and seven for adults.

"We also need people who are interested in the technical aspects of theater." Romero said. "The sets themselves are not complex, but this play requires excellent backstage coordination to be done effectively," he added.

To retain as much of the sensitive impact of the movie as possible, playwright James Reach has told the story in 50 "cinematic" scenes, each sepa- go toward paying the salaries rate but all related. The play is an adaptation of the book by Theodore Isaac Rubin and the screenplay by Eleanor is the Professional Scouter as-Perry.

Parts for the play will be assigned March 20 and rehearsals will begin April 6.

The Roadrunners At Jolly Roger Friday, March 13

Acording to Jim Moore, Assitant Manager of the EM Club, "The Roadrunners" will play a one-night engagement Friday, March 13 for club members and their guests.

Tom Moser, Manager of the Jolly Roger, invites all enlisted men on the Center to swing to the western sounds of The Roadrunners between 9 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. tonight.



WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE-Ladies who will head up the Wildflower Festival committees for the 1970 show met this week at the home of Capt. and Mrs. M. R. Etheridge. Committee members outlined categories of displays and reviewed baskets and other containers that have been purchased an donated. Chairwomen attending

Scouts Launch

Supplemental

Capt. John K. McConeghy,

Jr., NWC Executive Officer,

and Kenneth Smith, Mayor of

Ridgecrest, purchased the first

Sustaining Memberships in the

1970 Sustaining Membership

Drive of the Southern Sierra

Council of the Boy Scouts of

America. The drive officially

begins on March 14 with a

Kick-Off Breakfast at Las Flo-

Drive is the primary device

used to make up the difference

between the funds obtained

from such sources as the Uni-

ted Fund and AID and the ac-

tual operating expenses of the

Southern Sierra Council. The

Southern Sierra Council, with

main offices in Bakersfield,

serves approximately 10.000

boys, with close to 1400 being

located in the Desert District.

A major portion of the funds

and expenses of the nine coun-

cil Professional Scouters and

their assistants. Howard Allen

signed to this area and serves

the communities of China Lake.

Ridgecrest, Trona, Boron, Mo-

jave, Kernville, Lake Isabella,

and all communities northward

Fred Weals is chairman of

this year's drive and will be

for the entire effort to be com-

with the primary solicitation

for Sustaining Memberships,

even though other forms of

membership are available. A

noted by a contribution of

from 12 to 25 dollars.

to Bridgeport.

The Sustaining Membership

res School

Fund Drive

the meeting are: standing (I-r)Mmes. Melvin Etheridge, chairman; Leonard Licwinko, publicity; seated (I-r) Mmes. Bert Creighton, flower receiver; Dell Zilmer, bouquets; Fred Chenault, registration; Rod McClung, business manager. The WACOM-sponsored annual Wildflower Festival wil be held April 25 and 6 at the Center.



'The Proud Birds' At Chaparral

According to Mike Weinassisted by Bill Werback, Kickberg, manager of the Club Off chairman, and Bob McCar- Chaparral, a new group from ten, publicity. Planning calls Los Angeles called "The Proud Birds" will make their local depleted on March 14 and will be but at the Club on Friday, climaxed by an evening Report March 13. The group wil play Meeting. Parents of Scouts dance music from 9 p.m. until and friends of Scouting will be 1:30 a.m. for members and contacted by drive members, their guests.

35-A month

On Saturday, March 14, "The Gents" will return to the club for another engagement. This Sustaining Membership is de- popular group will also play dance music from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. All members and



FOR P	ARENTS AND
parents	e of the ratings is to inform about the suitability of for viewing by their children.
G ALL Ger	AGES ADMITTED heral Audiences
GP	ALL AGES ADMITTED Parental Guidance Suggested
R Un	RESTRICTED der 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian
X **	O ONE UNDER 17 ADMITTED (Age limit may vary in certain areas)
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FRIDAY MARCH 13 THREE BITES OF THE APPLE" (100 Min.) David McCallum, Sylvia Koscina, Tammy Grimes 7:00 P.M.

(Comedy-Adventure) European tour guide accidentally wins a huge sum at a casino and Sylvia decides to part him from his fortune. And Tammy wants just him, alone! Femme fatales and trickery plus contin ental scenery. (GP) Short: "Chaser on the Rocks" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY MATINEE "DRUMS OF AFRICA" (92 Min.)

Frankie Avalon 1:00 P.M. Shorts: "Catnap Pluto" (7 Min.) 'Frank & Jesse James" (No. 3, 13 Min.

---EVENING---BONNIE & CLYDE" (110 Min.) Warren Beatty, Faye Dunaway 7:30 P.M. (Crime/Drama) The wildest crime spree

n history! The infamous couple rob and hoot their way through the depression of the 30's and become the most wanted criminals of their day. A wild, way out crime des not pay) mod film! (GP) Short: "To Beep or Not to Beep" (Roadrunner, 7 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY MARCH 15-16 "THE COMIC" (94 Min.) Dick Van Dyke, Michele Lee 7:00 P.M.

(Comedy/Drama) An old-time silent comedian portrayed by Dick Van Dyke is reduced to doing pratfalls in television commercials at what appears to be the age of 310? An odd mixture of comedy and melodrama. (GP) "Symposium for Popular

(18 Min.) TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY MARCH 17-18

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE" (142 Min.)

George Lazanby, Diana Rigg 7:00 P.M.

(Action/Drama) James Bond, after years, has returned as secret agent 007 n a new action-packed adventure. Locales n Switzerland and Portugal enhance the film which includes bobsleds, stock skiing and cable cars, providing breath-

Fred MacMurray, Tommy Steele, Geraldine Page

MARCH 19-20

PLACE

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(Musical/Comedy) Walt Disney tells o the eccentric tycoon with a penchant for boxing, pet alligators, faith in the Bible and our flag. The new Irish butler daugh-

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ment.

Tentative model plans call

for two different three-bedin the low \$20,000 range. The dent council of Murray Elehomes will be designed to in- mentary School. clude such modern living con- In other action, the trustees

yard landscaping.

The Los Angeles engineering than had been expected.

firm of Voorhies, Trandle and Nelson has been awarded the

proposed community. George Lusich of Harrison- China Lake District. They were kersfield.



ACTING TECHNICAL DI-RECTOR-Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, announced the reassignment of Dr. T. S. Amlie, NWC Technical Director, to the position of Consultant to the Commander at a meeting held March 6. In the same announcement, Capt. Etheridge designated Deputy Technical Director H. G. Wilson as Acting Technical Di-rector of NWC. This action was effective as of March 5,

Center Residents Hear Briefing On New Homes

Representatives of the Apollo Development Corporation held a presentation Wednesday, March 11, in the NWC Community Center for local residents on the proposed 450unit home development project planned by the firm on 114 acres of land recently purchased from the Federal govern-

According to Ralph Jensen, executive vice-president of the Santa Ana, California-based development firm, the first increment of the development is now being planned to commence in April. In addition, three models will be built on a commercial site at the corner of China Lake Blvd. and Trona Road at that time.

The first series of 100 homes in the development is sched-

in mid-summer 1970. **Model Plans**



Underwater Divers Given Unique Aid From Propulsion Department



EXPLAINS OPERATION-Don Miller, a Mechanical Engineering Technician currently assigned to Code 45801, explains the operation of one of the earlier prototype MGG

systems to interested SEALAB 3 Project Divers. Miller, who is the inventor of the system has recently applied for a patent on the buoyancy system.

'45' Technician **Develops New Buoyancy Device**

The ability of divers to hand-ily move small objects weighing up to a nominal 200 pounds on the ocean bottom is essential in most underwater salvage or construction operations.

In the past, this work was usually accomplished by the divers using their SCUBA gear to inflate fabric bags attached to the objects or by lines from the surface.

Because of the depth at which divers have to work, neither of these applications are particularly desirable and even at shallower depths, such methods can be difficult and dangerous.

A unique aid to underwater diving operations was recently developed by Don Miller of the Center's Propulsion Development Department. Developed for SeaLab 3, the device is known as the Diver-Controlled Monopropellant Gas Generator (MGG) Buoyancy System.

With this new system, divers are able to transport about the

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New Appointments, Superintendent **Highlight School Board Business**

The China Lake School District Board of Trustees met on March 2 to discuss after-school sports and new appointments to the staff of the schools.

Members of the faculty, stuuled to be ready for occupancy dent council and administration were instructed to gather information about a co-educational, extracurricular sports program for this spring. The room plans and one four-bed- program had been suggested

veniences as patio kitchens; approved the appointment of deluxe kitchen built-in appli- two full-time custodians to ances; carpeting; draperies; work at the five campuses in rear yard fencing, and front the district. Mr. Andrew Petach was employed as assistant The site plan itself will en- director of the district's 1970 compass a series of curvilinear summer program, and the cul-de-sacs, which will lead into Board announced that the sea paseo that runs the length lection of a new superintendof the community. The paseo ent would be made by March 9. will widen into two large recre- Mr. Pinney, President of the tion areas at each end of the Board, reported that the disdevelopment. Two entrances trict will probably receive only with landscaped dividers will 70 to 75 percent of its entitleprovide entry to the homesite. ment under PL 874, much less

Safety Awards Nine maintenance and cuscontract to master plan the todial personnel received National Safety Council awards Project engineer for the for having no accidents during China Lake development is their employment with the Lusich and Associates of Ba- Earl Leonard, employed by the district for 19 years; Joe Thorn-

berry, 17 years; Cecil Baker. 15 years; Billy Moore, 13 years; Ray Kapka, 13 years; Cecil Moore, 12 years; Melvin Waldron, eight years; Al Telles, three years, and Sam Williams, one year

New Superintendent

Dr. Paul Smith was unanimously selected by the China Lake Elementary School Board to be the new superintendent room plan that will be priced by the administration and stu- at an adjourned meeting on March 9. Dr. Smith will replace Harold Pierce who is retiring on June 30.

Dr. Smith is planning to attend the Murray School Open House on March 16 and the regular meeting of the School Board that evening at 8:15 in the Murray Library.

The new superintendent has been serving the Wasco elementary schools as Assistant Superintendent since 1966. His duties have included the development of curriculum and the recruiting and training of new teachers.

He was Superintendent of the Keppel Union Elementary School District, Littlerock, from 1961 to 1966. Prior to that he served as Superintendent-Principal of the Jasper-Alamitos Union School District at Heber. He has been an Assistant Professor at Long Beach State College and taught (Continued on Page 4)



MEAL-TIME TREAT-Military wives of the Naval Weapons Center were afforded the opportunity to eat the same foods served their husbands in Ship's Galleys and Mess Halls throughout the world on Monday, March 9, when the 11ND Food Management Team, from Long Beach, served "ration dense" foods to the ladies at the NWC Main Galley. In the above photo, CSC F. Graybeal, a member of the elite food service team, shows samples of the modern Navy food to a couple of wives. The Food Management Team completed an 11-day visit to the Center Friday, March 13. During their visit, they explained up-to-date methods of food handling to the NWC Galley crews. For more pictures of their visit, see Page 5 of this issue. Photo by PH3 L. H.Detweiler

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"Our World And Welcome To It!"

By NAF Chaplain G. A. READ

During the next few weeks attention will be focused upon the religious observances of two of the world's great religions, Judaism and Christianity. Both religions will be commerating significant historical events which lie at the heart of their respective religious faith.

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For Judaism the occasion is the celebration of Passover, at which time Jewish families remember the deliverance of the faithful out of a hostile country. Passover this year will begin at sunset Monday, April 20 continuing through sunset Tuesday, April 28.

For Christians of the East and West, the observance of Easter Week beginning March 22 includes the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of Christ on Easter morning, March 29.

It is interesting to note the current interest in enviromental studies and ecology and the intensified interest in man and what he has done to his world. Alarms are being sounded about oil spills, dying lakes and "dune-buggy-tracked" deserts. Something ought to be done about man's destroying his enviroment! But there is good news! We can stop the pollution of the streams, stop the littering of the highwaysif we care enough. And even beyond the preservation of our physical enviroments-we can learn from the faith lessons of Passover and Easter how to live with our fellow man in this world which God created and called a "good world."

Emergency Telephone Numbers

New fire and medical emergency telephone numbers that became effective when the Center telephone extension numbers were changed are listed for your information.

If an emergency occurs while you are in one of the following areas, to obtain help use the telephone extension number shown for that location: From FH Area Dial 3333 (Michelson Laboratory, TID, Administration Bldg., etc.)

The emergency reporting number from Center housing remains the same 446-3333

From NAF; CLPL; SNORT; Randsburg Wash; Ranges, G-1, G-2, B-1, B-4, LB, and M; CT; Skytop; etc., Dial 8-3333 Fire Division business phones are: 23095 and 2402.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

A complete list of new books is available in the library. Fiction Brand-Savage Sleep Breslin-The Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight Lamb—The Mighty Manslaver Llewellyn-But We didn't get the Fox. Newhafer-On the wings of the Storm. O'Hara-Lovely Childs Peters-Camelot Caper

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Protestant (All-Faith Chapel)-Morning Worship-10:00 a.m.

- Sunday School—8:30 a.m., Chapel An nexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant. Thursday-Service at 5:00 p.m. (Organ Prelude at 4:45 p.m.)
- Roman Catholic (All-Falth Chapel)-Holy Mass-7, 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
- Daily Mass-11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
- Confessions-7 to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 8 to 8:25 p.m. Sunday.
- NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All-Faith Chapel)-8 p.m. every first and third

Sabbath School-10 a.m. to noon, every first and third Saturday.

Unitarian Fellowship-(Chapel Annex 95, 95 King Ave.)-Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

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PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Current applications (SF-171) of Standard For 58 bringing your work history up-to date should be forwarded as described below. The fact that positions are ad vertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these positions Part of the ranking process of those rated as basically qualified will be a supervisory appraisal form that will be sent to the employees present and mas recent previous supervisor. Selection shall be made without discrimination for any non-merit reason and without favoritism based on personal relation ships or patronage.

The vacancies listed below are effective from 13 to 20 March 1970.

Personnel Clerk (Typing), GS-203-3, 4 er 5, Code 65 (2 vacancies)-Performs followduties for a major department: Processes all actions affecting appointments, promotion, change to lower grade, transfers, within-grade and quality step increases, pay adjustments, separations and conversion of appointments. Performs noncompetitive qualifications ratings, processes classification actions and maintains associated files and records. Processe claims for retirement, etc. Minimum Qualification Requirements: GS-3: one year of clerical experience. GS-4: one year of general clerical experience plus one year specialized experience. GS-5: one year general experience and two years of specialized; 6 months of which is directly related. Job Relevant Criteria and/or Selective Placement Criteria: 1) Qualified typist, 2) Must have a firm regulatory background of current FPM, CMM1, SecNav Instructions, OCMM Instructions, and NWC Instructions to process personnel actions of all types, 3) Must have experience in non-competitive qualifications rating in terms of X118 and J-Elements. 4) Must be able to provide precedural information concerning Federal health and life insurance retirement and other areas related to personned. Advancement Potential: May advance to GS-6.

File application for the above with Sue Prasalowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Ext. 2577. Supervisory Planner & Estimator, JD No. 570010, Code 7081 - Announcement No NWC-3(70), issued 16 March 1970. The area of competition is for Career or Career-Conditional employees of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake and Corona; the Voluntary Application File and the Centralized Referral System. See the Announcement for the Description of Duties. Qualifying Trades and the Basis of Rating and Qualification Requirements. File Standard Form 58 (Supplemental Experience or Qualification Statement) and Supplemental Wage Grade Supervisory Information Sheet with the Special Examiner, Code 652, China Lake, California, to be received or postmarked not later than 30 Marc h1970.

Foreman, Power Plant Controlman, JD No. 370027, Code 70451-Annou No. NWC-4(70), issued 16 March 1970. The area of competition is for Career or Career-Conditional employees of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake and Corona; the Voluntary Application File and the Centralized Referral System. See the Announcement for the Description of Duties, Qualifying Trades and the Basis of Rating and Qualification Requirements. File Card Form NAVEXOS-4155AB and Standard Form 172 or Standard Form 58 (Supplemental Experience or Qualification Statement) with the Special Examiner, Code 652, China Lake, California, to be received or postmarked not later than 30 March 1970. ...

Tree Trimmer, JD No. 100-1, Code 70415, WG-06-Cuts, prunes, and trims trees to remove excess wood and foliage, eliminate interference with power and/or communication lines, and protert nearby buildings and equipment. Qualifica ments: Rating will be on the basis of the appropriate J-Element Standard in accordance with the CSC Handbook, X-118C. File applications and Supplemental Rating Forms with Dora Childers, Code 657,

Bldg. 34, Rm. 32, phone 71393. Supervisory Policeman, GS-083-07, PD No. 284013, 2 Vacancies, Code 843-The paramount responsibilities of the position are to ensure the maintenance or order and enforcement of laws to control the actions of persons in their relationships to one another through supervision and management of a Police Watch. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Five years of experience which gives the candidate of broad knowledge of police operations and techniques. Job Relevant Criteria: Job relevant elements, supervisory appraisals, awards related to this position, training and self-development.

Detective, GS-083-07, PD No. 284010AmII Vacancy, Code 843-The primary functions of this position are to supervise and conduct investigations, to collect, preserve and present evidence and prepare official reports. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Five years of experience which gives the candidate a broad knowledge of police operations and techniques. Job Relevant Criteria: Job relevant elements, supervisory appraisals, awards related (Continued on Page 3)

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EDITOR TO EDITOR-Erma Pierson, former Editor of the NWC ROCKETEER, stopped into present Editor Bill Valenteen's office this week to autograph his personal copy of her new book, "The Mojave River and its Valley." Currently on sale at the Book Corral, the new book consists of a detailed chronicling of the picturesque and historic Mojave river area of California's vast desert country, and the early travel and exploration by early emigrants to the surrounding area.

Junior Class Holds Bottle Drive

a.m

The Burroughs High School junior class will hold a bottle drive Saturday, March 14, in an attempt to raise funds needed for the Junior-Senior Prom to be held sometime in May.

It would be appreciated if people not expecting to be home would leave bottles for

collection in the front of their homes

Beginning Sunday, March 15, Protestant chapel services will start at 10 a.m. instead of 9:50 a.m., and Catholic chapel services will start at 11:15 instead of 11



DESERT CERAMIC SHOW-Two observers reflect their interest in objects displayed during last year's ceramic show on the Center. This year the Desert Ceramic Club's annual show will be held Monday, March 16, from 11 a. m. until 7:30 p.m. at the China Lake Community Center. Admission is free, but tickets will be available at fifty cents per ticket for five door prizes-a set of fork 'n spoon wall plaques, horsehead book ends, a three-tiered hors d'oeuvre plate, a Christmas tree with music box and lights and a 19 piece nativity set. Warren Kirk, vice president, is in charge of the show, assisted by Helen Thayer, ways and means chairman.

phases.

The first phase contains the procedural aspects of the Reduction in Force. The group responsible for this phase will determine who is affected by the RIF and how they are affected. They will issue the notices to the afected employees by Departments and through the Department Personnel Representatives and Supervisors. They a position held by an employee will continue to operate after the issuance of the notices to provide specific information to employees concerned and to reconstruct the reduction procedures since resignation, declination, retirements, etc. change and (2) Management is not rethe initial situation.

to them.

fied

positions

appointment. Within each tenure group Smil is therefore separated. there are two sub-groups: Aveterans; B-non-veterans.



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RIF Procedures Explained For General Use The Personnel Department 30-day notice period. The no- the Mechanical Engineer, and starts immediately after or total amount authorized to

is conducting the minor Reduction in Force announced two weeks ago in three general

The second phase of the reduction in force wil be to provide detailed counseling to those employees who are (1) separated or (2) reassigned or changed to lower grade and

The third phase of the reduction will be the outplacement service. The primary purpose of this service wil be to find jobs for the employees who are separated.

Area Affected

For purposes of reduction in force, NWC China Lake and NWC Corona will have their own separate competitive areas and will not compete with one China Lake (including Educational Fellowships) will compete with the China Lake em- bumping.

Identifying Affected Employees: Center management is responsible for idetiifying the positions to be abolished. This in-(mentioned earlier) and from the position information the individuals affected are identi-

Competitive Levels

A position or number of positions that are so similar in all important respects that an employee can readily move from one to another without significant training and without unduly interrupting the work. Such things as similarity of duties, responsibilities, pay schedule, term of appointments, requirements for experience, skills and aptitudes are characteristics shared by all

Retention Standing

There are three major ten

the highest person in each subgroup having the longest per-

for each competitive level. Notice to Employees

tice should be read thorough- GS-11 position (who is also the ly since it has a wide range of lowest person in that competiinformation about rights and benefits concerning the reduction in force. Additionally, each notice will advise the employee that he is being reassigned, changed to lower grade, or separated.

Right of Assignment to Another Position; In general, the right of a released employee to another position depends on two things: (1) the existance of with lower retention standing and, (2) the employee's qualifications for that position. Two significant points to remember: (1) The employee has no right to choose his assignment, quired to fill vacant positions in a reduction in force.

"Bumping" Rights: This is the right to displace an employee who is in a lower subgroup. (i.e. an employee in subgroup I-A can displace a I-B who wish information on the or anyone in Group II or III; a various alternatives available II-B can displace a group III employee). Retreating and Administra-

tive Assignment Rights: By definition, it is known as the right of an employee to a position he formerly held (or one essentially identical thereto) when the representative rate (step 4 in the GS; step 2 in the WG) is the same or lower than the position currently held; the position is occupied by an employee in the same retention another. China Lake employees sub-group but with lower with duty stations other than standing; and the position represents a better offer than would be possible through

Example

Let's assume that we have identified two GS-11 Electronic Engineer positions to be abolished. The competitive level formation goes into phase one for people affected looks like this:

and white a state of	RETENTION	SERVICE
NAME	GROUP	DATE
Joe Smith	I-A	06-30-50
Sam Doaks	I-B	05-25-55
Arlie Brown	I-B	07-25-60
Harry Knool	II-A	11-14-56
Norman Jones	II-A	06-10-58
Robert Smith	II-A	05-15-68
Sally Smil		03-19-69

Knool are the two people af- tention period an employee is fected. Since we cannot nor- entitled to within-grade increamally retain a lower standing ses only in the grade which he Brown and Harry Knool elimi- next increase. nate the two lowest standing employees- Robert Smith and Sally Smil.

Since Arlie's and Harry's ure groups: Group I-career em- sitions were abolished, they plovees not serving on proba- take over Robert and Sally's tion; Group II-career-condition- positions. Assuming no group al employees and career em- III employees exist at the acployees serving probation; tivity that Sally Smill qualifies Group III-employees serving for, she has no one to under any of the following "Bump". Also, since this is the types of appointments: Indefi- only position that she has held nite. Taper, term or any other in the Federal Government she non-status, non time limited has no "retreat or administrative assignment rights." Sally

For Robert Smith we discover that he held a GS-9 position Within the subgroups each as an Electronic Engineer. On employee is ranked according that competitive level there is to his service computation date a "II-B" employee. Since this (Item No. 7 on the SF-50, No- is an individual in a lower subtification of Personnel Action); group, Robert may "Bump" into the position.

Another possibility for Roiod of time and lowest having bert Smith is that he held a the least amout of time. Reten- Mechanical Engineer, GS-11 potion standings are established sition prior to the time of his current position. Perhaps he could be administratively as-NWC will utilize a maximum signed. The person who filled

tive level) is a group II-A employee with a service date of 02-09-65. Robert Smith could NOT retreat since the emploee he would affect has more total 'make to Robert Smith, the "bumping" action is taken.

issued a reduction in force notice. Arlie Brown's and Harry of the employee's separation. Knool's actions would indicate Separated employees who obreassignment to Robert Smith's tain employment with private and Sally Smil's positions. Ro- industry are not entitled to bert Smith's notice would in- movement of household goods dicate a change to lower grade at Government expense. and Sally Smil's would indicate separation. The fifth person

separation. **Travel Allowances**

Subject to eligibility conditions of the DOD Joint Travel Regulations, employees being separated under RIF may be entitled to certain travel allowservice. Therefore, since the ances (Household goods move-GS-9 is the best offer we can ment, per diem, etc.) if they obtain employment in other Federal agencies. Such entitle-All five employees would be ment expires at the end of one year from the effective date Life Insurance

The employee's group life in-

be carried over under the "Grandfather" clause. Any excess leave should be used (or it will be lost).

Sick Leave

Accumulated sick leave will normally be recredited if the separated person is rehired or reinstated within three years. Reemployment

NWC has established two reemployment priority lists, one at China Lake and one at Corona. Each Group I and Group II employee who has not declined assignment to a fulltime, non-temporary position essentially equal to that held when separated will be listed for reemployment at his respective activity for all posi-

The information contained on this page is provided to answer a number of questions that have been asked regarding Reduction In Force. It is general information and should be read only with that in mind. Department Personnel Representatives can provide specific information on reductions in force.

Force Notice based on his rights for retention.

Leave Without Pay Employees on LWOP will compete along with employees on a pay status. Salary Retention

In general, a Career or Career Conditional employee is

entitled to have his salary retained for two years at the hasic pay rate which he was paid immediately prior to his uemotion due to a reduction in force. To qualify he must have served for two continuous years in grades higher than the grade to which he is demoted.

Subsequently demotions or reassignments for personal cause or at the employee's request terminate salary retention. The employee is entitled to subsequent general pay or wage increases only if they cause the maximum step or rate for the position occupied to equal or exceed the retain-Arlie Brown and Harry ed rate. During the salary reemployee in a competitive is currently serving. Time in level while releasing higher his previous grade and step standing employees, Arlie will usually count toward his

Severance Pay

In general, non-temporary full and part-time employees of the twelve preceding months or more of employment are entitled to severance pay if involved in a reduction in force.

However, if: (1) An employee is offered a position at the same grade or high enough step in a lower grade to preclude his salary diminishing, within the commuting area, or (2) An employee qualifies for any kind of an immediate retirement annuity, he loses this entitlement.

The amount will be one (1) week of basic salary for each year of civilian service up to and including ten (10) years and two (2) weeks of salary for every year over ten years. An employee will get an additional 10 percent of this basic severance allowance for each year he is over age 40.

The maximum allowed cannot exceed a year's salary. Severance pay is paid bi-weekly

would receive a Reduction in surance stops 31 days after separation from the Federal Service. Employee's will receive a notice of conversion privilege to an individual policy. No medical evidence of insurability is required for conversion to private policy under separation circumstances. Application for conversion and payment of first premium must be made within 31 days after separa-

Health Insurance

tion

When an employee is separated as a result of RIF, he has a right to convert to a nongroup health benefit contract offered by the carrier of his plan. Application for conversion to non-group plan must be made, and the first premium paid to the carrier, within 31 days after termination of the employee

Housing (China Lake)

Changing the Head of Household

1. Must be eligible for the housing catagory. 2. During the employment period, while in the catagory, the employee must have been reached for that type of housing. Categories wil be reconstructed to determine if the individual would have been within reach. B. Reassignment or Change to

Lower Grade. 1. Has no affect on current housing. 2. Future housing would depend on the persons housing eligibility and NWC date at that time.

C. Separated. 1. By request to the Housing Office you may stay up to 60 days past your separation date. 2. Rent must be paid in ad-

1. Housing will be provided based on catagory for the position at that time (must meet all other conditions for housing as well), 2. Individual retains total NWC service (for housing purposes) if: (1) accepts first 'qualified" offer of employment on Center (qualified means official offer). No time limit. However, availability for employment at NWC must be continuous.

Annual Leave

A person being separated will be paid a lump sum for his annual leave up to 30 days

tions for which he is qualified and available.

Referral System

All employees separated as a result of the RIF will be eligible to register in this system for placement assistance in other government agencies. Questioning and counseling is done at the time employee registers into the system at the Personnel Department.

Displaced Employee Program

This is a Civil Service Commission program to assist career and career-conditional employees who are being separated from their agencies due to a reduction in force to be placed in other Federal positions. The employing agency receives applications from employees to be separated and routes them to the appropriate Commission examining office. The Commission then gives these employees priority over others in filling vacancies in the geographical area specified

Job Placement Service

In addition to the above programs, the Center will provide job placement service to separated employees. Specific information wil be available at the time of counseling service.

Appeal Rights

Employees have the right to appeal the procedural aspects of the reduction in force as defined in Appendix D of FPM 351. The appeal rights will appear on the reduction in force notice. Specific information can be provided by contacting vour Department Personnel Management Advisor or the Employment Division (Code 652).

Unemployment Insurance

Eligibility for unemployment compensation is gained as a result of Federal employment. However, the determination as to whether or not the compensation is payable is the responsibility of the State Department of Employment.

Any additional questions regarding reductions in force should be directed to your Personnel Department Representative.

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Registration For Volleyball Open Until March 17

Only a few more days remain before the intramural volleyball registration dead-

Entries for the league must be turned in to Special Services no later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

The league is open to all military and civilian employees of the Naval Weapons Center. A team roster must accompany the entry. Team size must not exceed 12 players, including the coach and manager.

After all entries have been received, a meeting of players, managers, and coaches will be scheduled for 4:30 p.m., March 17 at the Gym to discuss league rules and schedules.

A practice schedule will be available to coaches as soon as entries are completed. League play is slated to begin March 24.

Get Acquainted **Tourney Slated** By Golf Club

The next big event on the CLGC calendar is a Get Ac-quainted Tournament March

In this tournament all entries will be ordered by handicap and divided into four equal groups. The lowest handicapper in group one will be teamed by the tournament committee with the lowest handicapper in group three. The same will be done with groups two and four. The committee will continue down the line until each entrant has a partner.

Scoring will be based on the partners' combined medal score, minus their combined handicap, and then divided by two. Both net and low gross prizes will be given.

Entries close at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 19 and will be be open to all CLGC members with SCGA handicaps. New SCGA members with no handicaps should consult Joe Dorgan for a provisional handicap.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$2. Starting times and partner assignments will be available Friday, March 20.

Softball Entries Being Accepted At Special Services

Entries are now being accepted for the upcoming fast and slow pitch softball leagues. Deadline for entries is 4:30 p.m., May 1. Entries are to be turned into the Special Services Ofice, 76 Bard Street.

As always, both military and civilian employees of NWC are eligible to play in the league. Teams are limited to 17, including managers and coaches. League play is scheduled to begin May 18.

Recreation director Ray Gier said practice fields will be assigned by the recreation office only. He also said softball teams will not be permitted to use fields reserved for Little League or Colt/Pony League baseball.



OOOOF!-Two members of a karate class, which is taught by AK2 H. Naumu on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Little League baseball diamond, demonstrate one of the martial art's techniques. Naumu, who is a 5th degree black belt, invites all residents of the Center to -Photo by PH2 M. F. Krause participate in the class.

NAF, Loewen's and Ace-TV Tied **As Season Enters Final Week**

Basketball League is still undecided

With two nights of play left, NAF, Loewen's and Ace TV are all tied with identical recof the teams will mean elimination from the race.

must go, since those two teams to account for all the Bullets' meet in the season finale Tues- points in their 38-35 victory. day at 8:30 p.m. Ace was scheduled to meet LDS last night to put the lid on the leagueleaders for the last three weeks.

The Loewen's Lions kept in the race by winning twice this week, bombing Genge, 96-46, and then defeating the Hustlers, 60-52.

Bruce Fagley and Jeff Blanch led the Lion attack against Genge, each scoring 18 points, while Darrell Johnson chipped in 17. The next night Ted Lane scored 25 and Carl Ames 15 to put Loewen's in a tie for the lead

NAF Strong

NAF, too, proved strong in the clutch. Last Thursday the Hawks outran the Hustlers, 70-62, on the hot shooting of Jim Latta and Terry Lee who both scored 18 points. Gary Anderson was the game's leading scorer with 20.

Tuesday night the Hawks set the stage for next week's showdown by topping VX-5, 72-55. Marvin Carson scored 18 and Nelson Walt 17 to pace the attack. Rusty Draper hit 19 for the Vampires, who have wrapped up fourth place in the league

Youth Basketball

One race was a runaway, but the other three were squeakers as the Youth Basketball League ended its regular season last week.

The Stars, leaders in the Midget Division all the way, put the finishing touches on

After three months and 105 a spotless 7-0 record by defeatgames, the championship of ing the Sonics, 24-16. Mitchell the China Lake Intramural Strommen hit 8 and seasonlong star Kevin Silberberg 193. scored 6 to pace the victors.

The Bullets needed a playoff game, but they beat the high-scoring Royals for the ords of 17.2. A loss for any championship of the East Division of the Junior League. Billy Campbell scored 17, Bob Either NAF or Loewen's Jarrett 15, and Mike Faris 6



Allen Smith Rolls 613 To Head Premier Scoring

Allen Smith shot a 613 series, including games of 224 and 200, to lead the scoring Monday night in the Premier League. Jack Herbstreit had a 228 single game enroute to a 612 series to take runner-up honors.

Other fine scores for the evening: Jim Ball, 213-600; Tom Short, 247 (high for the night) and a 607 series.

Single game laurels went to Ken Dalpiaz, 222; George Bowles, 220; Leo Montano, 217; Jerry Steele, 213; Joe Kokosenski, 210-204; John Ito, 202-200; John Dowd, 210; Ed Albright, 206; Del Gillespie, and Gordy Zurn, 205.

AV Trophy shot the high team series with a 2801 and Starlite Room had a 965 for high team game.

Standings follow at the end of the page.

Midway League

John Ito of the league-leading Chillers (70-34) rolled lines of 198-190-222 for the night's high series, a 610 effort. He was followed closely by Darryl Crimmins, who put together games of 201-194-211 for a 606 series. Fred Akins had a 604 total, with games of 210-201-

Other games of note: Bill Osborne, 246; Dick Tolkmitt, 227; Fred Dalpiaz, 224; Phil Harry, 224; Clint Green, 223; Andy Burkhurst, 218; J. Hall, 216; A. C. Winslow, 215, and Jim Poore, 215.

Desert League

The Kern Trophy team took all the marbles on March 5, shooting a series high of 3030 including a single game of 1094. John Ito made news again with a 601 series, including games of 207-192-202. Dean Ray had high single game of 244, followed closely by Pat Keegan's 242.

Friday Mixed 4-Some

Scores for the male bowlers have been relatively low the past two weeks, according to secretary Jeanne Crom. Some of the better single games are listed below:

Chuck Cutsinger, 234; Mike Crom, 214; Dan Branson, 206; Ray Freascher, 203 and 205; Bill Tamaras, 205; John Padgett, 204; Darryl Crimmins, 203, and John Dowd, 202.

On the ladies side of the scoring ledgers, Doris Boyack had a 202 game and a 533 series; Shirley Hartman hit 210 and 524; Maggie Branson, 509; Neola Crimmins, 505; Jeanne Crom and Wilma Johnson, 504; Carolyn Smith, 219 and 502; and Sandy Smith and Erma Erickson, 502.

Mrs. Crom also reported that the children's city tournament will be held April 4 and 5. Anyone desiring further information about this tournament is asked to contact her at 375-

PREMIER LEAGUE STAN	DINGS	ANTON .	
	Won	Lost	
Boyd's Auto	292.5	207.5	
Ace TV	284	216	
R. C. Lanes	275.5	224.5	
C. L. Navy	272	228	
AV Trophy	270.5	229.5	
Starlite	247.5	252.5	
Tom's Place	246	254	
Mercury	228	272	
Kirkpatrick's	212.5	287.5	
Team No. 10	171.5	328.5	



INVOLVED IN THREE-WAY TIE FOR FIRST-The Loewen's Lions, who won two games this past week, are currently involved in a three-way tie for first place in the China Lake Intramural Basketball League, with NAF and Ace-TV. The Lions will meet NAF Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30 p.m. The

team members are: left to right, standing, Remington, D. Johnson, Graham, T. Lane, J. Blanche. Kneeling, Carter, Fagaly, J. Ayers and Dennis Henden. Ace-TV will play the winner of Tuesday's game for the championship.

-Photo by PR3 L. H. Detweiler

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atomic spectroscopy there. Dr. H. W. Hunter, Head of the Research Department of the Naval Weapons Center, was present in Corona to witness the ceremony. Dr. Humphreys currently carries the title of Research Associate in the Research Department. **Humphreys Series**

Head.

Dr. Curtis J. Humphreys' long and brilliant research career with the U.S. Government was recognized at a small intimate ceremony at the Center's Corona Laboratories this week. On that occasion, he was presented a 40-year length of service pin by Cdr. C. D. Brown, Officer in Charge, and was presented with a "Plank Owner's" certificate, and mounted bronze plaque of the laboratory seal. Mrs. Humphreys and 20 long-time laboratory associates were present for the observ-

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Dr. C. Humphreys **Ends Government Service Career**

The event was also marked as the start of a new phase in the long career of the internationally renowned scientist. Later this Spring, he and Mrs. Humphreys will move to Lafayette, Indiana, where Dr. Humphreys will join the staff of Purdue University. His full duties have not been announ-



Dr. C. J. Humphreys

ced, but it is known he will continue his research work in

The Sixth Series in Hydrogen is referred to in all physics text books as "the Humphreys series" in recognition of his discovery of it in 1953. His research during World War II with the element uranium, led to its correct placement in the Periodic Table.

This work was significant in the early days of atomic research, both for military and peaceful uses and earned for him a recognition certificate

from the Manhattan Project. Dr. Humphreys is a member of the committee on wavelength standards of the Interand he has attended a number of its international conferences . . he was presented the Navy Award for Distinguished Achievement in Science in 1963, and many additional honors have come to him during his lifetime.

He had retired officially from government service in November of 1967 upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. However, he was immediately re-hired as a temporary employee, to serve as a consultant to the Department

Dr. Humphreys was born in Columbia County, Ohio, and received his BS degree from Ohio Wesleyan in 1918. His Masters is from Kentucky University in 1921, and his Doctorate was granted from Michigan University in 1928.



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TAKING THE "OATH"-Den Mothers of Cub Pack No. 3 take the Cub Scout Oath during a Blue and Gold dinner at the Elks Hall February 27. The women are, I to r, Mrs. Gilliland; Mrs. M. Willard; Mrs. L. Peltz; Mrs. A. Lamson; and Mrs. J. Adair. Cub-masters Dick Mahan, Mike Muffley and Bob

Pruell officiate. A potluck dinner was served and Webelos and Cub Scouts performed skits. Following dinner, the adult leaders of the pack council, were honored. Highlight of the evening was the installation of a new pack cubmaster and the honoring of an old pack cubmaster.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

(Continued from Page 2) this position, training and self-develop

Detective, GS-083-08, PD No. 6984004, 2 Vacancies, Code 843-The primary functions of this position are to supervise and conduct investigations, to collect, preserve and present evidence and prepare official reports. During the absence of the Police Captain, he will assume those duties as well as his own. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Five years of experience which gives the candidate a broad knowledge of police operations, practices and techniques. Job Relevant Criteria: Job relevant elements, supervisory appraisals, awards related to this position, training and self-development.

Supervisory Policeman, GS-083-09, PD No. 6984003, 2 Vacancies, Code 843-The primary functions of this position are to su pervise the routine management of one of the three eight-hour watches (including weekends and holidays), direct and conduct investigations, to collect, preserve and present evidence for prosecuting authorities, to prepare official reports and edit reports of subordinates on all cases handled and to serve as acting Chief of Police in his absence. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Five years of experience which gives the candidate a broad knowledge of police operations, practices and echniques. Job Relevant Criteria: Job relevant elements, supervisory appraislas, awards related to this position, training and self-development.

Safety Assistant, GS-018-05 or 7, PD No. 185001, 1 Vacancy, Code 225-Duties include examining and licensing of government vehicle operators, classroom instructing of enlisted personnel in the driver improvement course, vehicle accident vestigation and traffic engineering. Mininational Astronomical Union mum Qualification Requirements: Three years of general experience whic hrequired the ability to deal effectively with individuals and groups and included responsibility for assuring observance by others of safety rules and measures as specified in an organized safety program. Applicants will have had to pass the FSEE before being qualified to fill this vacancy. Advancement Potential: Possibly to the GS-7 level, if qualified.

> Safety Officer, GS-018-09, PD No. 145063, Vacancy, Code 224-Duties consist of working with all departments in establishing a safety program and to provide technical assistance to departments in the area of safety. This includes accident prevention and control, safety education, accident investigation, occupational health functions. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Three years of general experience which required the ability to deal effec-tively with individuals and groups and included responsibility for assuring observance by others of safety rules and measures as specified in an organized safety program. Two years of specialized experience in one or more phases of an organized safety program, such as safety inspection, safety promotion, or safety program management, demonstrating:

1. Technical knowledge and understand ing of safety principles, methods, codes standards, and techniques; 2. Knowledge and understanding of en-

gineering, chemical, psychological, physiological, and other scientific and techno ogical factors affecting safety; 3. Ability to understand, appreciate, and

isualize accident hazards in relation to varied functions, work situations, and 4. Ability to deal effectively with indi-

viduals and groups in the promotion of safety programs; 5. Ability to use effectively the tools.

echniques, and practices employed in developing, establishing, and directing a safety program.

File applications for the above with Carole Cadle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, X-2925/



The subject of the March 19th meeting of the China Lake Elementary PTA wil be "Your Child's Report Card." The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Vieweg School Cafetorium, reports Margaret Freeman, publicity chairman.

Eleanor Winnemore and Don Raef, representing the elementary school teachers, and William Hattabaugh and Virginia Johnson, representing the parents, will make up a panel for beginning a discussion of the subject. Stanley Kus, principal of Vieweg School, will moderate the discussion centering around the questions-"Does reporting as we know it today do the job of helping the child? Is there a better way of helping the child through reporting?"

He stressed that the panel will be used merely to present ideas to generate the general informal discussion. All interested parents are urged to come to share in this interesting discussion.

Persons wishing to call the **ROCKETEER** office to order photographs, or in regard to inclusion of articles in The ROCKETEER, are advised that the numbers to call are now 3354 and 3355.



SO LONG BLUES - Navy dungarees, undress whites and undress blues will be replaced by January 1971 with the uniform shown above. The new look is now being tested by enlisted personnel of Submarine Flotilla Six.

Census Jobs

The Naval Weapons Center will hire 15 people to collect data for the Census Bureau. The work involves conducting door to door interviews of Center residents and a minimum of paperwork processing at the office. Employment will be for the period of April 2 to April 30, 1970. The salary to be paid those selected is approximately \$2.10 an hour.

All interested personnel should complete a Standard Form 171 and forward to Sue Prasolowicz, Code 656. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age, or 16 with a high school diploma.

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Buoyancy System Developed By Code 45's Miller (Continued from Page 1)

ocean floor, sent to the surface, vary the depth of, and hover with objects weighing as much as 200 pounds. Except for an infrequent fueling process, these operations are accomplished independent of surface equipment.

When originally conceived, the system consisted of a fiberglass housing and an expandable fabric gas container, which inflates when filled with the fuel-exaust products. However, additional funds from the Office of the Supervisor of Salvage to expand the program resulted in the development of a rigid fiberglass gas container which included a spring-loaded fuel expulsion unit.

Additional refinements led to the use of a diver-controlled vent in the shell in the form of a double-acting pressure-



MGG Present System

proof zipper. This latter refinement permits unique performance from an underwater buoyancy device.

In the system, sea water is displaced from the shell by the gaseous products produced by the gas generator and springloaded fuel expulsion unit, thereby providing the desired buoyancy or lift. The gases are a result of the monopropellant 'fuel (hydrazine), which was prepackaged in the spring-loaded fuel-expulsion unit while being passed through a Shell 405 catalyst bed contained in the monopropellant gas generator.

Because hydrazine is a toxic and corrosive fuel, the prepacked fuel-expulsion unit was developed to reduce the hazard associated with shipboard handling of the fuel during the fueling process.

The system is presently awaiting use by SeaLab 3.

Archies To Play For Youth Dance

Yes, it's true! The nationaly famous Archies will be at the Community Center Friday night for a one hour concert as part of the Youth Center Dance.

The Archies, whose "Sugar Sugar" and "Jingle Jangle" were hits all across the country, will appear long with the Giant Crab in a special engagement.

There will be no increase in price for this show. Admission is still \$2 per person or \$1 for Teen Club members. Music startsat 8 p.m. and the dance is open to anyone of junior high, high school, or college age.

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China Lake To **Get New School Superintendent**

(Continued from Page 1) in elementary schools in San Luis Obispo and Utah.

Dr. Smith is a graduate of Brigham Young University and was granted the Doctor of Ed-ucation degree from the University of Southern California in 1960. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators; the California Association of School Administrators; Phi Delta Kappa; the National Education Association; and the California Teachers Association.

His interests include the Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts; he intends to lead his Scouts to the top of Mt. Whitney this August.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith and their nine children will move to China Lake in June when the present school semester ends. Program Chairman

Mrs. Gene White, dietician for the China Lake School District and president-elect of the California School Food Service Association, is the program chairman for the association's



Mrs. Gene White

17th annual conference on Easter week.

The conference will be held at the San Francisco Hilton hotel from March 22 to March 25. Over 1,500 members of the 5,000-member organization are expected to attend.

"The Possible Dream" is the eme of the co nterence, and the goals of its members are ten for clarinet by the famous to improve school food pro- Viennese composer. grams and feed more undermethods of food preparation of new products will be displayed. Members will also participate in cooking clinics.

man, director of the Office of Nutrition fo rthe U.S. Agency of International Development; Mr. Herbert Rorex, director of the Child Nutrition Division of the Food and Nutrition Service, zart's Concerto No. 1 in G Ma-U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Dr. Malcolm Smith, NASA's Chief of Food and Nutrition at the Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas. five years and is in her second Mrs. White will become pres-

ident of the CSFSA this March, at the end of the term of the tra. present president, Mrs. Carol Montes.



3, of China Lake, receive ice cream and cookies at the NWC Main Galley during a tour Monday, March 9. Mrs. Richard L. Mahan, Den Mother, (with dark cap), and an unidentified assistant, took the Cub Scouts through the main galley at the invitation of CWO M. Moore, Food Service Officer. The Pack is sponsored by Elks Lodge 1913.

Young People's Concert To Feature **Three Local Musicians In Solos**

People's Concert," under the of the Hours, by Ponchielli; baton of Charles H. Wood, con- and West Side Story Selections, ductor of the Desert Commun- by Leonard Bernstein. ity Orchestra, will take place Sunday, March 15, beginning lively and humorous modern at 3 p.m. in the Station Theatre. This will be the final concert of the 1969-70 season for the local orchestra.

Wood has selected a varied program of musical compositions which should appeal to the musical tastes of concertgoers in the Indian Wells Valley. The accent, of course, will be on youth and it is to this segment of our population that the entire program is dedicated.

Single movements of three different concertos will be performed by three young artists of the local area. They are: Lorraine Preston, flutist; Stephen Bergens, pianist, and Jeri Witcher, clarinetist. All three of these instrumentalists are also currently helping to im-prove the sound of the orchestra by performing as regular members in the string and woodwind sections.

Miss Witcher, the first soloist to perform on the program, attends Murray School and is studying clarinet with Mrs. Sherry Parker. She has chosen to perform the final movement of Mozart's Concerto in A ance are priced at \$1 for stu-Major the or certo writ-

priviledged children. Modern Burroughs High School, will follow with the first movement will be discussed and hundreds of the G Major Piano Concerto may also be purchased at the by Franz Joseph Haydn. Ber- door the day of performance. gens, a pupil of Mrs. Ellen Werback, also plays the violin Key speakers at the confer- in the Desert Community Orence will be Dr Martin For- chestra when not performing as a soloist.

The final local artist to perform on the program will be Miss Lori Preston, who will play the first movement of Mojor for Flute and Orchestra. Miss Preston is a sophomore at Burroughs High School. She has studied the flute for about years as principal flutist for the Desert Community Orches-

Three additional works will round out the program: Circus

The second annual "Young Overture by Ernst Toch; Dance

The Circus Overture is a piece which attempts to depict the sights and the sounds of a typical circus through the use of some interesting instrumental effects.

The ever-popular Dance of the Hours, from the opera "La Gioconda," has been a favorite of the concert-going public for many years. The latter portion of this work contains fast and lively music frequently as-sociated with galloping horses in a horse race.

The final number on the program is a well-integrated medley of selections from the Broadway hit musical, "West Side Story." Because of its widespread popularity and appeal, many of the tunes from this show have attained singular status, including: "Maria," "Tonight," and "I Feel Pretty."

As this will conclude the 1969-1970 concert season, the Desert Community Orchestra Association wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the local community for the support shown this past season.

Tickets for this performdents. \$2 for general admission, and may be obtained from any orchestra member, Stephen Bergens, a junior at or at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, and at the Naval Weapons Center Pharmacy. They

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday, March 15-Desert **Community Orchestra Youth** Concert (Theater)

Monday, March 16 - Ceramics Club Show (Community Center)

Wednesday, March 18 adies Golf Guest Day, Trona and Lone Pine (Golf Course)

Friday, March 20-Youth Center Dance(, Archies and Giant Crab (Community Cen-

Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22 - Men's City **Bowling Tournament (China** Lake Bowl)

TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA

Friday The 13th

By Lucille Edwards Rocketeer Staff

Don't bother to look that up in your standard desk dictionaries, because it will be found in only the latest unabridged editions. It is a term coined in recent years to designate a very ancient, and yet quite current, attitude

The phobia suffix, of course, means a "condition of fear." Tris-kai-deka is the Greek number 13: tris-three, kai-and, deka-10, and so we see that the term "triskaidekaphobia" means, the dread or fear of the number 13.

Today, being Friday the 13th, is seems appropriate to discuss some of the superstitions of the number 13, and particularly when the thirteenth day of the month falls on Friday. Dollar Bill

Are you superstitious about the number thirteen? Perhaps, just a little? Then look at the back of a dollar bill which has been minted since 1935. Notice: the incomplete pyramid has thirteen steps . . . the American bald eagle holds an olive branch with thirteen leaves and thirteen berries in one claw while in the other he has thirteen arrows-now think of what has happened to the dollar.

That 13 is an unlucky number is a superstition that antedates the Christian Era. An idea seems to have originated in Germanic mythology that when 13 gather for dinner, fearful consequences must ensue. The story is told of a banquet prepared for 12 guests at Valhalla when an intruder named Loki crashed the party, making 13. The subsequent death of a guest named Balder was superstitously attributed to the fact that 13 people ate together. Now, many people believe, if thirteen guests happen to be seated at a table, there's only one thing to do to prevent someone dying before the year is up-all must arise as one person, while joining hands. This is the counter-charm that undoes the bad luck of 13 eating together.

12 and the Unknown

The superstition about the number 13 can be traced back to the days when man first learned to count. After counting his ten fingers and then counting his feet as two units, he came up with the number twelve, and the unknown (thirten) lay beyond.

Before numbers, tallies were used to count man's possessions. He found that when he got to twelve, he could divide it in half, then quarters and thirds. But 13 could not thus be divided, so the number twelve became a noble symbol to early man. This accounts for the important use of "one dozen" throughout the world today.

Blue Moon

Early Orientals were impressed by the fact that there are 13 moons a year. When unusual uper atmospheric conditions cause the moon to look green or blue (a "blue moon"), there was great rejoicing-it was considered a good omen for the country. Hence, the saying, "once in a blue moon."

Though the taboo of the number 13 is undoubtedly of pagan origin, the superstition remains even in Christian countries. Why? Because 13 men sat down at the Last Supper-Jesus and His 12 disciples. Although the Bible does not entertain the idea that any number is unlucky, triskaidekaphobia persists even to our day.

Executions in some countries are customarily scheduled for the 13th day of the month-to make the victim's exit from earth seen more severe.

Managing authorities of high-rise buildings in America don't recognize a 13th floor-they number it 14 instead. Although the number thirteen was regarded as lucky by the ancient Chinese and Egyptians, and still is by psople in cer-tain sections of France—in Paris, France, no house bears the number 13.

Friday the Thirteenth

If you were a "thirteenth-of-the-month baby," then this is your best day-otherwise, Friday the thirteenth is considered the unluckiest of days.

Frigg (or Frigga), the Norse goddess of marriage, is credited with having the day Friday named after her. Later she was confused with the goddess of love, Freya, who in turn became identified with Friday.

When the Germanic tribes and Norsemen became Christians, Freya was supposed to have been banished to the mountains as a witch, and Friday came to be called "witches' Sabbath," for it was believed that on this day each week twelve witches and the devil met-thirteen evil spiritsup to no good! And this is one of the reasons for today's superstition about Friday the 13th.

Some of the best known origins of Friday the thirteenth superstitions stem from the belief that Eve tempted Adam with the fatal apple on Friday. Tradition also has it that the Flood, recounted in the Bible as survived by Noah's Ark; the confusion at the Tower of Babel; and the death of Jesus Christ all took place on Friday

Friday was also a day set aside by primitive peoples as a special time to worship their deities and to ask for good crops, happiness and health. If they worked on this day, they were told not to expect "good luck" from their gods. You probably know of someone who, even today, will not start a trip, move to another house, or begin anything important on Friday the thirteenth because of this antiquated fear.

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11ND Food Management Team Visits Center





ABOVE - Two members of the IIND Food Management Team, CSC F. Graybeal, 2nd from left, and CSCM R. Helson, right, instruct CS1 John-son, left, and CSCN B. Thompson, 2nd from right,

LEFT - SKC C. Arinduque, left, and Lt. J. B. Duran, OIC of the Team, right, conduct a training session on records with AK1 R. McGhee, of NWC.

in meat preparation.

BOTTOM LEFT-CSCM Helson, left, instructs an NWC messman on pre-servicing of desserts.

Modern Food Preparation Is Taught By Experienced Team

such teams in the U.S. Navy, leaves the Center today after an 11-day visit. During their brief stay at NWC, the team conducted food service training in the Enlisted Dining Hall, which covered all areas of food service preparation.

While at the Center, the team conducted training sessions in the preparation of meat, vegetables, salads, desserts and condiments for serving in the galleys. Included in the session was up-to-date information on the care and handling of food, the proper method of washing and cleaning utensils and cutlery, and operation of the various cooking devices found in the gal-

A highlight of the visit was the serving of "Ration Dense" foods to wives of military men stationed aboard the Center, giving the ladies "first-hand" knowledge of the food served their husbands when the latter are away from home.

The history of Food Management Teams dates back to 1958 when the elite corps of food service handlers was formulated to serve as a training arm of the Navy Subsistence Office, in Washington, D.C. For the past 12 years, the nine teams (serving all of the Naval Districts), have traveled to ships and shore installations instructing messmen in modern ways to serve food to the manpower of the U.S. Navy. According to Lt. J. B. Duran,

Officer in Charge of the 11ND

The 11th Naval District Food team, more than 395,000 meals Management Team, one of nine are served each day to men in the U.S. Navy at more than 1,200 food service operations. The galleys range in size from those serving 5-6,000 men per day, to those which serve approximately 20 men per day, such as the complement of a minesweeper.

The duties of the Food Management Teams are to teach messmen to serve meals which are not only wholesome, tasty and well-balanced, but how to serve them more efficiently.

During the course of a year, the 11ND team. will visit 58 ship and shore stations. The 11ND team consists of four enlisted men and one officer. The men on all the teams, according to Lt. Duran, are handpicked by the Navy Subsistence Office for their experience in food service, their ability to teach, and their service reputation. The members are all volunteers.

The average length of experience in food service handling of the enlisted personnel of the nine teams is 17 years. The average length of experience of the officers is 111/2 years.

Lt. Duran's team will now visit the USS Bainbridge, homeported in Long Beach, where they will conduct training sessions much like those completed on the Center.







MODERN NAVY VEGETABLE PREPARA-TION-CSCM Helson, left, and CSF F. Graybeal, right, members of the 11ND Food Management Team, instruct CS1 Johnson,

of NWC, in proper vegetable preparation in a steam-jacketed kettle. The Team spent 11 days at NWC, up-dating food preparation data at the NWC Galleys.