

'Cactus Flower' now playing at COM; also slated Oct. 2-3

A swinging bachelor with no intention of getting married tells his girlfriend that he's already married in order to avoid the subject of marriage with her.

The he suddenly decides he really wants to marry her after all, only to learn she won't consider it unless she can talk with the supposedly estranged wife.

Around this situation is built the deliciously tangled plot of "Cactus Flower," the Abe Burrows comedy that opened to an appreciative audience last night at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

"This play has some great lines in it and we've really enjoyed rehearsing its funny situations," said Ken Austerman, director. "Although the China Lake Players are producing the play, it is only through the cooperation of the COM that we are able to present it in such an informal, relaxed setting," he added.

Austerman suggested that playgoers might want to make an evening of it and have dinner at the club before the 8:30 curtain time tonight, tomorrow, or on Oct. 2 and 3. Reservations at the club will be required for dinner and also for the show itself. Since tickets are only \$2 and seating is limited, the China Lake Players anticipate selling out most performances. Reservations may be made by calling Jan Austerman, 446-6714, or the COM, 446-2549.

Navy Exchange Toyland to open next Tuesday

The Navy Exchange Toyland shop will open next Tuesday at 10 a.m. and remain open daily except Sunday in a section of Ward 1 at the NWC Dispensary.

A parking area for Toyland patrons will be indicated by a sign placed just off Nimitz Rd., south of the Dispensary, and there will be another sign marking the entrance to this special Navy Exchange facility, which is being set up in a portion of Ward 1 that previously was used for bedridden patients.

Following its opening next Tuesday, the hours of operation at Toyland will be Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. On all military pay days, Toyland will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

According to Charlotte Murray, manager, the Navy Exchange Toyland will offer a selection of toys and games that will range from those suitable for tiny tots in cribs up to and including those calculated to attract the interest of teenagers and adults.

Patronage at Toyland is open only to active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents.



"POPS" CONCERT SET SUNDAY — Members of the Desert Community Orchestra have been rehearsing for the past few weeks for the annual "Pops" Concert, which will be held Sunday evening on the lanai of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Above, the orchestra members are shown waiting for the cue to start from Gordon Trousdale, conductor.

—Photo by Stan Reynolds



GOOD OFFICE RELATIONSHIP — She's made his appointments, his excuses and his chicken-and-egg-salad sandwiches for years, but suddenly Dr. Julian Winston (Diderot Ausseresses) realizes he's never really known Stephanie Dickinson (Suzanne Koerschner), his dental assistant. The development of this relationship is but one strand in the tangled skein of "Cactus Flower," the laugh-filled Abe Burrows comedy that opened last night at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

COM lanai setting for annual 'Pops' concert Sunday at 8 p.m.

The Desert Community Orchestra will present its annual "Pops" Concert on Sunday evening in the lanai area of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 8 o'clock.

There will be no admission charge for this concert, which is the only free program of the season. Its cost will be underwritten by the Music Trust Fund, Inc., of New York City.

However, tickets will be on sale for the remainder of the DCO's 1975-76 musical season—five more concerts in all. The entire family can enjoy all of the orchestra's concerts for a total price of only \$10. Single adult season memberships are \$5, while the Desert Community Orchestra Association is selling contributing memberships to patrons of the musical arts for \$25. Corporate or business memberships are priced at \$50.

Getting the best break of all are students and enlisted military personnel, who may obtain memberships for \$1 each.

The concert Sunday evening, which will be played under the baton of conductor Gordon Trousdale, will feature the "Tales From the Vienna Woods," written by Johann Strauss, which will be followed by "Procession of the Sardar," written by Ippolitov-Ivanov.

Also on the program are the "Washington Post March," by Phillips Sousa, and the "English Folk Suite," written by Ralph Vaughan-Williams.

A feature attraction of the "Pops" concert each year is an appearance by the Dixieland Band. This popular group will render a number of jazz selections for the audience's enjoyment.

Tryouts for 'Forum' set by CLOTA next Tues., Wed., Thurs.

Auditions for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," the final production of the current season by the Community Light Opera and Theater Association, will be held at 7 p.m. next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at the CLOTA rehearsal facility on Upjohn Rd.

Alan Kubik will be the director of this hilarious musical comedy.

Everyone auditioning for a part is requested to bring a prepared vocal solo. An accompanist will be available at the tryouts. Scripts of the show are on reserve in the Ridgcrest Branch of the Kern County Library and at the Naval Weapons Center Library.

The story concerns the connivings of a certain slave—Pseudolus—to achieve his freedom.

Director Kubik stated that helping him with the production is what he calls "... the finest staff ever assembled for a local theater production." Its members are Suzanne Koerschner, assistant director; Michael Garrett, musical director; Dori Morriane, choreographer; Paul Riley, pianist; Walter Koerschner, set designer; Pete Leet, technical director; Vernon Green, lighting director; Vivian Childers, costumier, and Elizabeth Babcock, CLOTA board liaison officer.

SHOWBOAT

MOVIE RATINGS

The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

(G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences

(PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested

(R) - RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time — 7:30 p.m.

FRI. 26 SEPT.

"W" (95 Min.)

Twigg, Michael Wilney
(Suspense Drama) Concerns the deadly secret shared by three people—a beautiful girl with a mysterious past, a prisoner who isn't in prison, and a private detective who knows more than he should. (PG)

SAT. 27 SEPT.

"THE GETAWAY" (123 Min.)

Steve McQueen, Ali MacGraw
(Action Drama) An ex-convict, his wife and two other professionals plan and execute a particularly bloody robbery, and net a half-million dollars. They then undertake a cross-country getaway to escape the police and a gang of double-crossing thieves. (PG)

SUN. 28 SEPT.

"TNT JACKSON" (72 Min.)

Jeanne Bell, Stan Shaw
(Action Drama) Jeanne Bell (TNT Jackson) arrives in Hong Kong to learn that her brother has been murdered. The murderer is a member of a drug combine. "TNT" Jackson, using her Kung Fu skill, helps break up the drug ring and at the same time avenges the death of her brother. (R)

MON. 29 SEPT.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS" (107 Min.)

Michael York, Raquel Welch
(Adventure Comedy) The classic story of the famed King's musketeers and their new-found friend, D'Artagnan, in quest of saving the queen from an embarrassing situation brought about by the evil Cardinal Richelieu. (PG)

TUE. 30 SEPT.

"HERBIE RIDES AGAIN" (96 Min.)

Helen Hayes, Ken Berry
(Comedy) Number 53 designates a 1963 Volkswagen named Herbie, a car with a mind of its own, which stars in this sequel to the "Love Bug." Builder Keenan Wynn is destroying San Francisco's landmarks with his skyscrapers. Wynn encounters many mishaps and is confronted with Herbie, a car with magical powers. (G)

WED. 1 OCT.

"DIRTY MARY, CRAZY LARRY" (93 Min.)

Peter Fonda, Susan George
(Action Drama) Two stock car-racing enthusiasts extort \$150,000 from a supermarket so they can buy a first-class racing car. Lawmen in helicopters pursue the pair through a series of escapades. (PG)

THURS. 2 OCT.

"IT CAN BE DONE AMIGO" (103 Min.)

Jack Palance, Bud Spencer
(Comedy) Jack Palance is gunning for Bud Spencer, whose amorous attentions to Sunny's sister has led to an unexpected pregnancy. When their forces are joined together a reconciliation comes about, and, in the process of their misadventures, oil is discovered. As the gusher comes in, everyone is rich and happy, except for Spencer, who winds up with a wife, a child and a suspicious brother-in-law. (PG)

FRI. 3 OCT.

"GRAVY TRAIN" (96 Min.)

Stacy Keach, Fred Forrest
(Action Comedy) The story of an armored car robbery and the consequences that follow. (PG)

Square dance scheduled

Local square dancers are invited to attend a dance tomorrow night at the Community Center.

Nelson Watkins, a popular square dance caller from Escondido, will be here for this occasion—thanks to arrangements made by the Jim Dandies Square Dance Club.

After a half hour warm-up of round dancing, the square dancing will begin at 8 p.m. Donations are \$1.75 per person.

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Annual Combined Federal Campaign to begin on Oct. 1

Behind-the-scenes preparations for the 1976 Combined Federal Campaign, which have been under way for the past few weeks, will be building up a full head of steam between now and the opening of the annual fund drive on Oct. 1.

According to Ralph Schwarzbach, CFC chairman for the Naval Weapons Center, each of the departments and major organizations at NWC have appointed coordinators who are now in the process of lining up CFC representatives to assist them in making individual contacts with their co-workers on the job.

The goal of the campaign is \$120,000, and contributions in the form of payroll deduction pledges and donations by cash or check are destined for support of member agencies of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley, National Health and International Service Agencies.

Theme of Drive

"People Helping People" is the theme of the 1976 fund drive, and meetings have been held with representatives of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley, National Health and International Service Agencies to discuss the goals of the campaign and decide upon the formula for distribution of undesignated funds.

Supporters of the CFC have the option of designating to a single or multiple group of agencies, or contributing to the CFC as a whole. In the latter case, such funds will be divided as follows: 75 per cent for the United Way, 15 per cent for National Health, and 10 per cent for International Service Agencies.

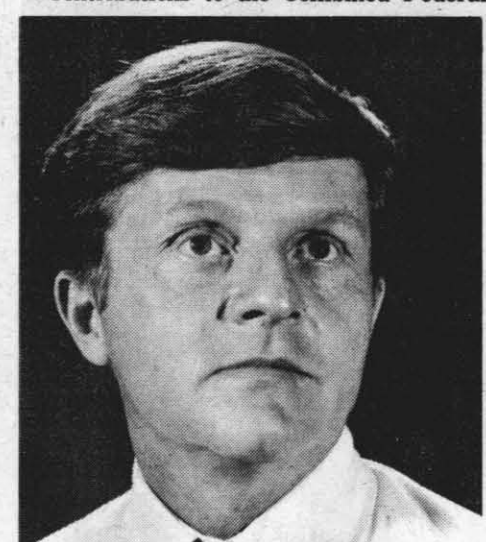
Member Agencies Listed

There are 17 member agencies of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley. They are: American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire Girls, Children's Home Society, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, Desert Counseling Center, Girl Scouts of America, Help Line, Homemaker Service of Indian Wells Valley, IWV Association for the Retarded, IWV Campership Fund, Legal Aid of Indian Wells Valley, One-to-One Program, Salvation Army, Travelers' Aid, and the United Service Organization (USO).

Included under the umbrella of the National Health Agencies are: Birth Defects (March of Dimes); Crippled Children and Adults (Easter Seals), the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, American Cancer Society, the

American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, the National Association for Mental Health, and the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation.

Contributions to the Combined Federal



Ralph Schwarzbach

Campaign also will be shared by six International Service Agencies. They are: Planned Parenthood, Care, Project Hope, International Rescue Committee, the American Kor-Asian Foundation, and the Save the Children Foundation.

"To achieve the goal of the 1976 Combined Federal Campaign, the support of every department, military command and support activity on the Center is vital," Schwarzbach emphasized.

Backbone of Campaign

"The coordinators," he added, "are the backbone of the campaign and are the individuals who will make the CFC goal attainable." The department coordinators are:

Code 08, Charles Mata; Code 12, Charles Anderson; Code 18, Cdr. J. W. Ehl; Code 22, Alice Parker; Code 25, Lyl Viers; Code 28, SHC Fernando Guda; Code 29, Phyllis Lilly; Code 31, Nils Wagenhals; Code 33, Joan Chartier; Code 35, Frank St. George; Code 37, Gary Davis; Code 40, Al Cleland.

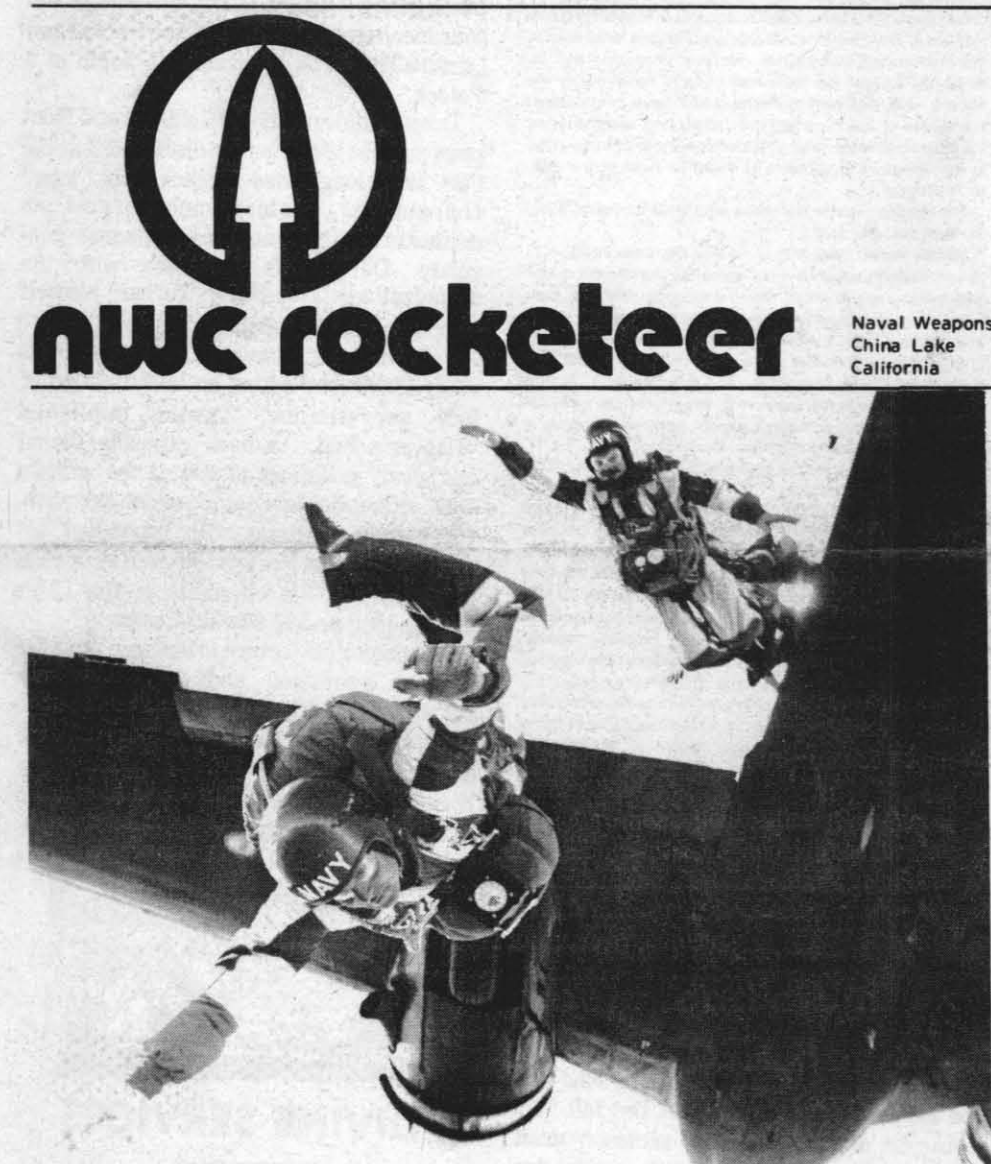
Code 45, Hulen Frageman; Code 51, Dr. E. E. Benton; Code 53, Harry Devereaux; Code 55, Larry Manning; Code 60, Jerry Ennis; Code 65, Dallin Childs; Code 70, E.

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TO APPEAR AT BICENTENNIAL AIR SHOW — Two members of the famed Navy Parachute Team leap into space from a "jump" aircraft during a recent air show. The entire team will be at China Lake on Oct. 13 to participate in the air show that will begin at 1:30 p.m. on that day at the Naval Air Facility. This will be one of the highlights of NWC's observance of the 200th birthday of the U.S. Navy.

3 members of NMC's Manpower Action Council to visit China Lake

Three members of the Naval Material Command's Manpower Action Council—at the request of Admiral F. H. Michaelis, Chief of Naval Material—will visit the Naval Weapons Center Monday through Thursday of next week.

The three men—Al Bartolomei, Carter Ryals and Thomas E. Surowicz—will meet with 300 NWC employees selected randomly by computer and with RADM. R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander. In addition, they are scheduled to talk with union representatives, officers of the National Association of Supervisors and members of the Equal Employment Opportunities committee. They also will talk to Alice Pastorius, Federal Women's Program Coordinator, and Eva Bien, acting head of the Personnel Department.

During their visit, the three men will discuss problems affecting civilian employees as a whole (not individual grievances) in order to gain a better understanding of problems that affect employee morale and motivation.

The Manpower Action Council was established in 1972 to serve as an ombudsman for Naval Material Command civilian employees, and to advise the CNM on programs to improve motivation. Last year, council members visited eight major activities and met with approximately 2,000 civilian employees.

As a result of such field visits, the council became involved in the development of an effective performance appraisal system for blue collar workers and clarification of how

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Many, varied events planned to celebrate Navy's 200th birthday

The Naval Weapons Center will host thousands of visitors over the long Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 10-13) during a huge celebration in observance of the 200th anniversary of the United States Navy.

Demonstrations of aerial precision, displays of the Navy's newest and most useful planes, bands and choral music, uniforms and solemn ceremonies, even a huge birthday cake, will be in store for those who enter the NWC gates during the four-day celebration.

The Navy's welcome mat will be extended, along with maps, programs and a special issue of The ROCKETEER newspaper to help guide visitors to where the action is.

Opening Ceremony

The celebration will begin on Friday, Oct. 10, with an official opening ceremony featuring remarks by RADM. R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander. As a part of the ceremony, a national salute will be fired and an American Revolution Bicentennial flag will be hoisted in front of the Administration Building, a reminder of the birth of this nation.

The Navy's impact on the high desert communities of Ridgcrest and China Lake will be abundantly in evidence, as all active duty, reservists, and retired Navy and Marine Corps personnel will don uniforms to observe what will officially be known as Navy Uniform Day (Oct. 10).

Scheduled activities on Saturday, Oct. 11, will include a traditional Navy meal at the galley. The meal, which will cost civilian adults \$1.20 and their children under 12 years of age only 65 cents, will consist of hickory smoked chicken, Navy bean soup, buttered corn-on-the-cob, hot corn bread, and all the trimmings. Military enlisted personnel can purchase tickets for 95 cents, while officers must pay \$1.20.

Tickets Now on Sale

Tickets can be obtained now at the Food Service Office located next to Navy Barracks 880. Telephone orders for tickets also can be made by calling NWC ext. 3830.

Other events set for Oct. 11 include ham radio talks to the world that will originate

from the China Lake Community Center (sponsored by the China Lake Community Council), guided tours of the NWC Fire Station, matinee and evening performances by the Grandland Singers from Cerritos College, an oldtimers' softball game, and public access to both the Commissioned Officers' Mess and the Chief Petty Officers' Club for lunch and dinner (reservations required).

Birthday Cake To Be Cut

Saturday's events will be climaxed by a ceremonial cutting of a huge birthday cake, appropriately decorated in blue and gold, following the evening performance by the Grandland Singers at the NWC Theater.

Sunday, Oct. 12, has been designated Navy Chapel Day. Again, all Naval personnel—active, former and retired—will be asked to wear their uniform to religious services.

Sunday afternoon will be devoted to an old-fashioned family picnic and ice cream social on the Administration Building lawn. During this event, bands from local schools will provide musical entertainment.

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Navy ships to fly the 1776 Navy Jack during Bicentennial

Secretary of the Navy J. William Middendorf II, has directed the flying of the 1776 Navy Jack on all Navy ships during the Bicentennial.

The Navy Jack will be substituted for the Union Jack from the Navy's 200th Birthday, Oct. 13, 1975, until December 1976.

The Navy Jack consists of 13 horizontal alternating red and white stripes, a rattlesnake and the motto "Don't Tread on Me." Substitution of this Jack aboard modern Navy ships and craft will serve as a reminder of the Navy's origin and its will to survive and triumph.

Units will receive an issue of the Navy Jacks in a special distribution prior to Oct. 13.



GIRLS' FATHER HONORED — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, holds a safety award that was prepared posthumously to honor James DeSanto, long-time NWC employee who died on July 23. The award, which was initiated by Command in recognition of DeSanto's many years of dedication to safety, was accepted by his daughters Sally (l.) and Mary. DeSanto's contributions to safety were many and varied. He was the Center's representative to the Inter-Range Missile Flight Safety Group and served as chairman of the Ammunition Safety Committee. In addition, he was a member of the General Safety Policy Committee. —Photo by Ray Hocker

Mobile unit of Houchin Blood Bank to be at Elks' Club Tues.

The Ridgecrest Elks Lodge, 200 E. Church St., will be the setting next Tuesday (from 2 to 6 p.m.) for another visit to this area by the Houchin Community Blood Bank's mobile unit from Bakersfield.

While no prospective donors will be turned away, it is requested that individuals whose last names begin with the letters A through M make up the bulk of those who will be donating blood on Sept. 30, Kay Thoms, the chairman, noted.

Anyone between 18 and 65 years of age who is in good health is eligible to donate blood. Individuals may designate to whom their blood is to be given or contribute a pint of blood to the Indian Wells Valley's Advance Blood Fund for whoever may need it.

The Advance Blood Fund is maintained for the use of anyone in the local area who needs blood as the result of an illness, accident or emergency. According to Mrs. Thoms, requests for blood have been received on behalf of Gary Haugen, an 18-year-old leukemia victim, and Phillis Holman.

Donors also may request that their blood be earmarked as their contribution to a blood plan insurance policy which, at no cost, will cover any blood needed by a husband and wife and all of their children for one year.

In addition to meeting the age requirements stated above, prospective blood donors must not have a cold, and must not have had major surgery or have been pregnant during the past six months.

Anyone who has ever had hepatitis, cancer, tuberculosis, heart disease, diabetes or syphilis is banned from giving blood.

In addition to personnel from the Houchin Community Blood Bank who will be here next Tuesday, assistance also will be provided by members of the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge and Emblem Club, by local



doctors and the Indian Wells Valley Nurses Club, and by members of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and employees of the Community National Bank.

Prospective blood donors will be checked by a doctor or nurse at the blood bank, and are asked not to eat any dairy products or fatty foods within three hours prior to the time they donate blood.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 452, Ext. 3049. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 or 172 in their personnel jacket. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor (Code 454 or 457). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Librarian (Physical Science and Engineering), GS-1410-11, PD No. 7275005E, Code 531 — This is an intermittent position located in the Reference and Circulation Branch, Technical Library Division, Technical Information Department. The incumbent provides answers to a wide range of selective or comprehensive reference questions involving information that is not included in catalogs, indexes or the usual bibliographic controls; prepares comprehensive or selective bibliographies in subject fields relating to NWC mission; selects descriptions to be used in the mechanized information retrieval program; and indexes by subject the technical reports received in the library. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have professional knowledge of the theories, principles, and techniques of librarianship. Must have considerable depth of knowledge in the literature of subjects of direct interest to the Center's programs.

File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.

Welder Helper, WG-3703-5, JD No. 356, Code 70422 — (1 vacancy) Assists journeyman welder in making all major and minor repairs that require welding, brazing, burning or metal structures, machine parts, steam, water, and propane lines, trucks, tractors, etc. Repairs all types of broken or worn metal parts on all types of metals. Job Relevant Criteria: Reliability and dependability. Ability to learn and advance along with an interest in welding. Ability to follow directions in a shop. Ability to work as a member of a team. Safety and dexterity.

File applications for the above with Terry Rowell, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2032.

Medical Record Technician, GS-475-4, S, PD No. 748006 — This position is located in the Medical Records Office of the Dispensary, NWC, China Lake. The employing office is the Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach, Ca. The incumbent is responsible for the preparation, filing, coding, and disposition of all inpatient records. Compiles and prepares summaries of medical records, reports, messages and letter replies. In addition does timekeeping and is collection agent for the Dispensary, collecting money for hospitalization charges, maintains accounting ledgers and accounts receivable. Schedules patients being referred for consultation to other facilities. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be familiar with medical terminology and the work demands a basic understanding of medical-surgical procedures and conditions in order to ascertain records and probable diagnosis. Be familiar with data processing procedures. Knowledge of NAVCOMP Manual, Volume IV, Chapter 4. Ability to deal with persons in all levels of management.

File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2393.

Prospective grads due for interviews

All Cerro Coso College students who will be graduating at the end of the fall 1975 semester or the spring 1976 semester must make an appointment for a graduation interview during the months of October and November.

This interview will aid the student in determining graduation needs and will accelerate the speed with which deficiencies can be corrected.

All transcripts from colleges previously attended should be at Cerro Coso at the time the appointment is made. Registration for these interviews are now being taken in the Admissions and Records office.

Home heating systems to be turned on soon

Public Works craftsmen will soon begin turning on the heating systems in Center housing in preparation for winter.

It will be necessary to obtain permission in advance from tenants for the craftsmen to enter the residences. Tenants who do not want workmen to enter their homes unless someone is present are asked to call the Housing Office, NWC ext. 3122 or 2082, to make other arrangements.

Unless a tenant raises an objection, permission to enter will be assumed.



William W. Turner

Former FBI agent to present lecture at college Saturday

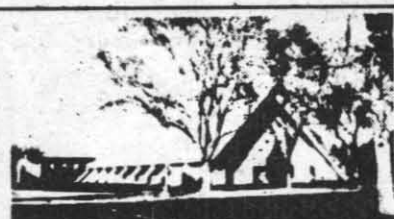
William W. Turner, author and former FBI agent, will delve into some of the more controversial issues involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) during an appearance tomorrow night at the Cerro Coso Lecture Hall. The program will begin at 8 o'clock.

Turner made national television and front page news in 1973 when he disclosed that the FBI had long used "black bag jobs" (burglaries) against such targets as domestic radicals and the Japanese consulate. During his 10 years with the organization (1951-1961), Turner himself carried out some of these assignments.

Following his dismissal in 1961 after he wrote Congress seeking an investigation of FBI surveillance, Turner published "Hoover's FBI," a book exposing illegal and shady practices of one of the world's most influential law enforcement agencies.

The author of many other books has just published "Cuba Project: From Bay of Pigs to Watergate," a chronicle of the CIA's decade-long secret war on Castro.

Tickets for his lecture are priced at \$2 for general admission and \$1 for college students with ASB cards. The ducats can be purchased at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, or at the Station Pharmacy. They also will be on sale at the lecture hall door prior to tomorrow night's program.



DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT
Sunday Worship Service 1015
Sunday School — All Ages 0900
Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant. Communion Service first Sunday of the Month.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
MASS 1700 fulfills Sunday obligation
Saturday 0700 0830 1130
Sunday

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
MASS 1135
Daily except Saturday

CONFESSIONS 1615 to 1645
Sunday 0800 to 0825

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Sunday Kindergarten thru 6th grades 1015
Pre-school 1130
Wednesday First thru sixth 1530
seventh & eighth 1900
(Junior High)

Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant. As announced Ninth thru 12th grades "In Home" Discussion Groups Monthly Youth Rallies Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

JEWISH SERVICES
EAST WING — ALL FAITH CHAPEL
Sabbath Services every Friday 2000

UNITARIANS
CHAPEL ANNEX 95
Services — (Sept.-May) 1930
Sunday

Commemorative medallions will be distributed Oct. 4 at Exhibit Center

The first distribution of previously ordered commemorative medallions jointly honoring the nation's Bicentennial and 200th birthday of the U.S. Navy will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Weapons Exhibit Center (next door to the Maturango Museum).

All those who paid in advance for their copies of the silver medallions (the limited edition of 300 has been completely subscribed) can pick them up at the above mentioned time and place, or from Oct. 11

through 13 at the Maturango Museum.

In addition, individuals who ordered the bronze copies of the medallion also can obtain them by stopping off and paying for them (\$2 each) at the Weapons Exhibit Center on Oct. 4.

While there will be no further opportunity to obtain one of the silver medallions, the bronze copies will be sold at the Maturango Museum and at other locations around the Naval Weapons Center during the Navy's 200th anniversary celebration from Oct. 11 through 13.

The obverse (front) side of the medallion bears a likeness of the famous "Spirit of '76" painting by Archibald M. Willard (1837-1918), who drew it originally as a humorous sketch for a 4th of July celebration in 1874 or 1875.

Later, Willard changed the sketch to a painting with a serious theme for the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition of 1876.

The design concept for the medallion's reverse side, which features NWC's salute to the U.S. Navy's 200th anniversary, was a product of the Technical Information Department's Graphic Arts Division. In addition, personnel of Code 534 handled the necessary liaison work with the J. A. Meyer Co. of Los Angeles, the firm which produced the medallions.

According to K. H. Robinson, director of the Maturango Museum, this is only the fourth special medallion to be struck since the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station (forerunner to NWC) came into existence in 1943.

Other special medals were designed and cast to commemorate the dedication of Michelson Laboratory in 1948, the visit to China Lake by ex-President John F. Kennedy in 1963, and to mark the celebration of NWC's 25th anniversary in 1968.

Exhibit Center to close

Because of work in preparation for the Navy's birthday celebration, the Weapons Exhibit Center will be closed from Sept. 27 through Oct. 3.



Cdr. Dixon reports to NAF for duties as project officer

Cdr. M. W. Dixon has reported aboard the Naval Weapons Center to assume the duties of project officer at the Naval Air Facility. The 20 year Navy veteran comes to China



Cdr. M. W. Dixon

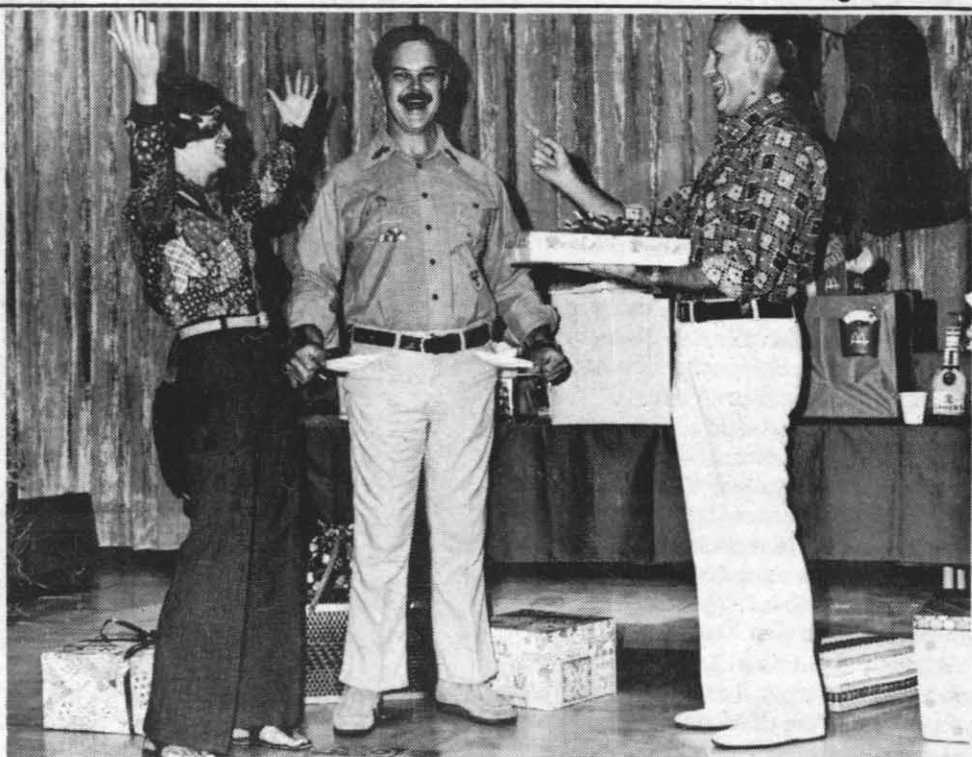
Lake from the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea, homeported at NAS Alameda. While on board the USS Coral Sea, Cdr. Dixon was the weapons officer.

He first entered the Navy in June 1955 through the Reserve Officer Training program, and was sent to Pensacola, Fla., where he underwent flight training prior to receiving his wings at Kingsville, Tex.

Before reporting to the USS Coral Sea, Cdr. Dixon was enrolled at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. While there, he earned a master's degree in systems acquisition management.

Cdr. Dixon and his wife, Elaine, have five children. They are Cathy, 16, who is a junior at Burroughs High School; Susan, 15, a freshman at BHS; and Amy, 12, Sharon, 12, and Steven, 9, who are in the eighth, seventh and fourth grades, respectively.

Cdr. Dixon lists his hobbies as bicycling and tennis.



VX-5 WIVES CLUB HOLDS FUND-RAISER — Donna Miller, chairman of a box social and square dance held as a fund-raiser by the VX-5 officers' wives, throws up her hands in mock despair when she learned that Lt. Bob Ryan, doing his best to run up the price on the boxes of delicious food that were prepared, came up short after emptying his pockets. Capt. Robert Livingston (on right), Commanding Officer of VX-5, laughingly agreed to take an IOU. The event, held at the Community Center, was attended by more than 70 persons and resulted in contributions of \$181 to the VX-5 officers' wives treasury. The evening was topped off by a square dance during which George Thornburg served as the caller. —Photo by Ron Allen

NWC Dispensary joins Long Beach NRMCC: services available to patients expanded

The NWC Dispensary became a part of the Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach, on July 1, 1975, following regionalization.

Along with many other changes, the Dispensary underwent a name change. It now is known as the NRMCC Branch Clinic, China Lake. This will be one of the most obvious changes since all other services will remain the same or be increased.

Consultations with the various specialties available at Long Beach now can be

arranged locally if the number of patients justifies the service.

In addition, future visits to China Lake by medical specialists will be amply publicized prior to their arrival. At the present time, there are regularly scheduled visits by an orthopedic surgeon and a dermatologist.

Another obvious change, but one that bears repeating, is the new telephone number, due to the installation of a PABX telephone system. The new number for the NRMCC Branch Clinic (formerly the NWC Dispensary) is NWC ext. 2911.

Employee in the spotlight

Desert rats come in all shapes and sizes. The name generally conjures up the image of a bearded man, wearing a dog-eared hat and worn-down boots, leading a pack mule n search of a "lost mine" of some kind.

Well, Alice M. Parker, the NWC Safety Department's safety specialist and administrative assistant, is a "desert rat," but she doesn't fit that picture at all.

Alice was born in Santa Fe, N. Mex., but her dad — Bill Johnson — got the gold mining fever and moved his family to Randsburg in 1937 when Alice was only 11 years old.

"My father had been a cattle buyer and loan officer for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, and he'd traveled all over Arizona, Texas and California earning a living. One day, he thought he'd become a gold miner and get rich," Alice laughed.

Operated Dry Placer Machine
A friend of her father's had a wild placer mining scheme and the two men operated a weird looking dry placer machine on the desert in a fruitless search for gold. "It was really strange looking, with pipes and things coming out of it in every direction," Alice recalled. Her father abandoned placer mining after two years and leased the old King Solomon gold mine in Johannesburg from the Gunn family and went into hard-rock mining.

"He wasn't too successful. Our biggest milling bought the family a waffle iron and an electric coffee pot," Alice said. "Everybody made a big hullabaloo over it. We were even written up in the late Paul Hubbard's Randsburg newspaper," she added.

That taught her father a lesson. World War II had begun and Bill Johnson took a job in Trona. When the Naval Ordnance Test Station opened up in 1943 he began work here and never returned to gold

mining at Randsburg.
"It was a great place to grow up, though," Alice said. "We led a quiet life but the friendships one formed in those days were lasting ones," she added.

Alice spent her girlhood days making candy, having weenie bakes at Cuddyback (dry) Lake east of Atolia (now located on a gunnery range), and attending the dances at the American Legion Hall in Randsburg.

She was graduated from Randsburg High School in 1943 and left the area for a year to attend the Sawyer School of Business in Los Angeles. "That was when I found out I was a desert rat," she noted. Alice got so homesick after one year, that she actually became ill. She returned to Randsburg and took a job with the California Electric Power Co. as a receptionist.

While in Los Angeles, Alice had met Frank Parker, a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. The couple was married in September 1945 and Frank was mustered

out of the Army in October. By January 1946, Alice had convinced him to move to the desert.

He also went to work for the power company, but after 15 years became an employee in the Public Works electric shop at the Naval Ordnance Test Station. That was in 1960. He's now an electronics technician with the Fuze Department.

Alice had three children and started them on their way before she rejoined the work force. The Parker children are Steven, 23, who works as a printer for COMARCO; Jeffrey, 27, who is attending Cerro Coso Community College and Michael, 29, a professor of behavioral sciences at Cal State, Fullerton.

In 1959, Alice went back to work and joined Command Administration's Safety Division as a clerk-typist. In 1962, when the division formed the nucleus for the Safety Department, Alice became Kit Skaar's administrative assistant.

Always Learning New Things

"This job changes continuously. That's probably the reason why I've stayed with it. I'm always learning new things, broadening my knowledge of the field. Like the desert, love it," Alice said.

Alice enjoys housekeeping and cooking. She also looks after a very elderly dog that has been her pet for 17 years. "I do a lot of reading and I also spend a lot of time with my mother, who now lives in Ridgecrest," Alice added.

Frank is an avid amateur photographer. He has his own darkroom and enjoys taking photographs of anything that will sit still long enough. He also is attending some electronics courses at Cerro Coso College and likes to get away fishing when he has the time.

At home, Frank does all his own yard work and possesses a very "green" thumb



Alice M. Parker

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Reservations for racketball court growing problem

By Wilt Wyman
NWC Athletic Director

Racketball is rapidly growing into one of the most popular participant sports in the United States. Locally, this growth presents a problem.

As so many China Lakers play racketball and handball, Special Services is experiencing problems with reservations of the handball court.

A new court is currently being constructed. Until it is completed, which will be several months from now, the schedule of use will be jammed.

At the present time, reservations are taken by telephone and in person at the gymnasium. A question has been raised as to the fairness of this procedure, so a ballot has been prepared for persons using the court.

All persons interested in playing handball and racketball are asked to pick up a ballot at the gym office and vote for one of the following: (1) phone reservations; (2) in-person reservations, or (3) a combination of both.

Ballots will be available until Oct. 24. The results of the voting will be announced in The ROCKETEER on Oct. 31.

Fall Sports Update

All of the fall sports programs are now under way. Fast pitch softball is being played at Reardon Field, while slow pitch games are being conducted at Schoeffel Field. Seven-man flag football is also under way at Schoeffel.

Soccer instruction is being offered at Davidove Field and games are scheduled to be played at Schoeffel Field. Volleyball is being conducted in the gymnasium, as is basketball.

If you feel you might fit anywhere in these programs, give me a call at NWC ext. 2334.

Morning Yoga Classes

A six-week Yoga course will be taught by Joan Leipnik, beginning on Oct. 15. The class sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Gym.

All ages are encouraged to participate in this beneficial instruction where the techniques of proper breathing, stretching and relaxation will be taught.

To register, contact the gymnasium office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. A fee of \$10 will be charged.

Winners announced in 4-mi. road race

The Over-the-Hill Track Club's annual 4-mile road race was run last Sunday as one of the many activities of the Desert Empire Fair.

Competing in lung-scorching 93 deg. heat, 47 runners lined up at the Desert Empire Fairground's west gate for the starter's gun.

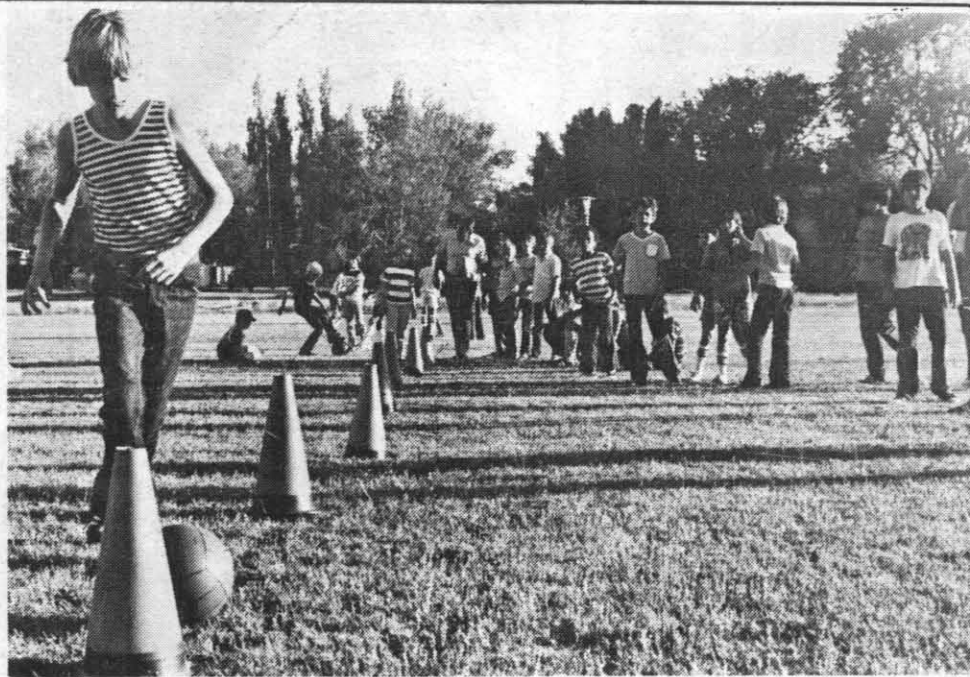
Last year's winner—Kevin Gerace—was victorious again this year, but not without a lot of pressing from Dick Hughes and Byron Richardson in the early going.

At the crack of the gun, the three runners, along with Stan Hughes and Ed Larosche, went straight into the lead and passed the 1-mi. mark in 5 min., 05 sec.

Gradually, the leaders pulled away from the rest of the field and Gerace was able to gain an undisputed lead in the final half mile to finish in first position with an exceptionally fast time of 21 min., 04 sec. Hughes finished strongly to come in second (21:48), while Byron Richardson posted a time of 22 min., 37 sec. for the third place spot.

Three Burroughs High School runners — Larosche, Stan Hughes and John Condos — were fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively. Valerie Shanteler was the first girl to cross the finishing line in a respectable time of 28 min., 04 sec. She was followed one second later by her sister, Theresa.

The incredible 7-year-old Leslie Wilson finished third with a time of 28 min., 48 sec.



SOCCER INSTRUCTION — For the past few weeks, approximately 50 youngsters have been gathering at Davidove Field on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to learn the European sport of soccer. This activity has been in preparation for league play that will begin in early October. Above, a young player learns the fine art of kicking a ball along an obstacle slalom course. —Photo by Ray Hocker

Burros drop opener; face powerful Bakersfield High gridders tonight

The Burroughs High School varsity football team opens its home season tonight against a powerful Bakersfield High School squad at 8 o'clock at Burroughs stadium.

The Drillers' offense will be sparked by Doug Lomans, a 5 ft. 10 in., tailback who scored twice last week as the Bakersfield team whitewashed Garces High School, 32-0.

This non-league encounter tonight will polish the Burros' shaky offense, which failed to fire for more than two TDs last Friday night against Burroughs High School of Burbank. The local team was the victim of poor execution, sloppy tackling and broken plays as the Indians of Burroughs High School in Burbank shot holes through the Burros' defense and won the game, 26-13.

"We did a lot of things wrong that we shouldn't have done," was the comment of Bruce Bernhardt, head coach of the Burros. "We have a lot of green kids up front—both on offense and defense—but it was the mistakes of the experienced, returning lettermen that hurt us the most," he added. "We have taken steps to correct the mistakes and we'll try to do a lot better tonight," the head coach promised.

One bright note emerged from the game last Friday. That was the play of the Burros new fullback—Kenny Charlton. Young Charlton rushed for 54 yds. in nine carries during the evening, scoring on an 11 yd. power play up the middle in the third quarter to put the Burros on the scoreboard for the first time.

"He's going to be an asset to us this year," said Bernhardt, noting that Charlton frequently carried tacklers a few more yards before being brought down. "He's strong and quick and we'll be using him a lot," Bernhardt added.

Mark McDowell, running out of the slot back position, broke through a mob of Indian tacklers early in the fourth quarter on a play over the right tackle, spotted

Play to conclude today in MDISL golf tournament

Play will conclude today in the 1975 Mojave Desert Inter-Service League golf tournament, being held on the China Lake golf course.

The local team has an excellent chance of winning, according to Dick Clay, team captain. Clay, a former CLGC champion (1973) selected Curt Bryan, Max Smith, Bob Hooper, Gary Castor, Phil Sprinkle, Gary Wydra, Luke Thomas, Ed Judge and Cdr. John Faron to join him on the NWC squad.

Complete results of the two-day tournament will be published in the Oct. 3 issue of The ROCKETEER.



By Jack Lindsey

The local Women's Golf Club hosted a Western American Golf Association tournament on Sept. 17. Approximately 35 golfers, of which 23 were from out of town, showed up to test the China Lake links.

Low gross winner of the field was our own Nancy Webster, who recorded a round of 83. Dorothy Miedicke, of Kern City, was the low net winner.

Competing in the hostess flight (composed of China Lake golfers), Helen Eyre captured the first low net trophy with a score of 79. Second low net went to Mary Ann Castor.

In team scores, the China Lake women won the day. Competing on the local team were Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Eyre, Mrs. Castor, and Nona Turner.

The highlight of the tournament was the awarding of WAGA's "most improved golfer in 1974" trophy to Mrs. Castor. In competition with 1,260 other women golfers representing 46 different golf clubs in the Southland, Mrs. Castor lowered her handicap from a 17 at the beginning of 1974, to a 12 by December of that year. Her handicap now is a 10, which proves that the trophy is well-deserved.

Twilight Golf Results

During the past few weeks, a pair of twilight tournaments were sponsored by the Women's Club. Helen and Ed Brooks hosted the first, which was won by Mike and Charlene Stephens. Second low net was garnered by Bob and Kay Bracken.

The second twilight affair, staged two weeks ago, saw Joanne and Dick Rusciorelli and Bobby Kochman and Lee Lee tie for low gross honors. Winner of an award for the fewest putts taken during the nine-hole tourney was the team of Paul and Kay Someson.

Following the tournament, Frank and Billie Robinson hosted a barbecue in the back yard at their home.

For all those who laughed when I sat down to predict the football winners last week, I won the first competition, missing only three ball games and tying one. However, the tie was the most rewarding. I chose Stanford to upset powerful Michigan and the Cardinals came through with a surprising 19-19 tie score.

If I never win another one, I've won this one.

Gieger wins state singles bowling title; Pollocks leads Premier League standings

China Lake is the home of a state bowling champion!

Jan Gieger's 803 score (including handicap) held up and he was the winner in the singles competition of the California State Bowling Tournament, held this year in Fresno.

Congratulations, Jan.

After three weeks of competition, Pollock Construction holds a slim, one-game lead in the standings of the Premier scratch bowling league. Loewen's TV, Western Columbia and the Federal Credit Union teams are tied for second place with identical 5 and 4 records, while the leaders

Fed'l Women's Program Week to be observed Oct. 6-10 at China Lake

In an effort to make federal employees aware of the great strides that have been made and that are yet to be made in careers for women in the government, women's program coordinators at governmental institutions all over the country have scheduled Federal Women's Program Weeks.

Dates for these weeks vary but they have the same aims. "With equal rights now protected by law, new opportunities are at last opening up for women," said Alice Pastorius, NWC Federal Women's Program Coordinator. "These opportunities need to be publicized—and supervisors need to be

Center to provide information on responsibilities, goals, and opportunities of the Federal Women's Program.

Her visit, set for Oct. 6-8, will include meetings with Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman, III, NWC Commander, and Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, Technical Director. She will also address the Oct. 8 Brown Bag Seminar on attitudes that promote true job equality.

A "no hostess" social hour, scheduled at the Commissioned Officers' Mess at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 and open to members and non-members of the COM, will give Center employees and guests an opportunity to meet Mrs. Taylor informally. Reservations for the dinner to follow and nametags for the reception may be obtained by calling 2634.

Also scheduled during this week is a film festival, running all morning Oct. 9 in the Training Center and featuring short information and inspirational films on women's place in the working world. At 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, a panel of high achievers among NWC's women employees will speak. Participants on this panel will be Peggy Rogers, head of the Aircraft Systems Department; Eva Bien, acting head of the Personnel Department; Willodine Randolph, the Technical Information Department's head of staff; and Lee Oldfield, secretary to the Technical Director. The panel moderator will be Harry Parode, NWC Public Information Officer.

Following the panel discussion a representative from the Personnel Department will discuss internal career opportunities for women.



Janie B. Taylor

made aware of their responsibility to uphold the Equal Employment Opportunity regulations." With these aims in mind, Miss Pastorius has scheduled Federal Womens Program Week at NWC during the period of Oct. 6 through 10.

Supervisors will be given EEO training credit for attending any of the activities scheduled throughout this special week. Highlight of the week will be a three-day visit to NWC by Mrs. Janie B. Taylor, Federal Women's Program Coordinator for the Naval Material Command. While she is here, Mrs. Taylor will meet with supervisors and employees from all departments on

Navy Recruiting Office to move to Ridgecrest

The Navy Recruiting Office, which has been located for the past year at the China Lake Community Center, will be moving to a new location next Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Chief Dick Belcher, the local Navy recruiter, will be moving into an office at 130-C S. China Lake Blvd. (the Coso Shopping Center) in Ridgecrest.

At his new location, Chief Belcher will share office space with Sgt. 1st Class Herbie Herrarah, a recruiter for the U.S. Army.

Office hours at the Army and Navy Recruiting Office will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The recruiting officers also will be available by appointments only on Saturdays.

Study of Fed'l pay-setting policies under way

A comprehensive review of federal pay-setting policies and practices is being undertaken by the recently appointed President's Panel on Federal Compensation.

Vice Pres. Nelson Rockefeller serves as chairman of the panel, and Civil Service Commission Chairman Robert Hampton serves as vice chairman.

The primary purpose of the review is to ascertain any needed changes in federal compensation policies and practices, keeping in mind the goal of a system that is fair and equitable to both Federal employees and the public.

Among the major issues being considered by the panel are the following:

- Is comparability with private enterprise the best method for adjusting Federal pay? Is there a better method?
- Should comparability be broadened to include fringe benefits as well as basic pay? Should basic pay and fringe benefits be compared as a total package or separately? Should fringe benefit packages be different for different groups of employees?
- With what segment of non-Federal employers should the Federal government be comparable? Should private non-profit organizations be included? State and local governments?
- Does a single General Schedule with nationwide rates provide

appropriate pay relationships among various groups of Federal employees and between Federal and non-Federal employees? Should some occupations be paid on local pay schedules or special occupational schedules?

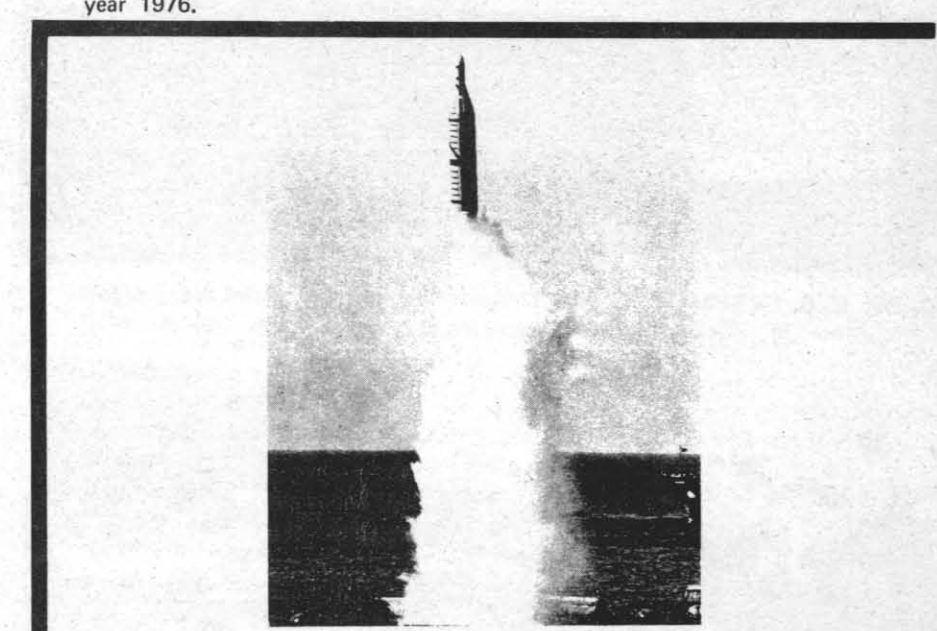
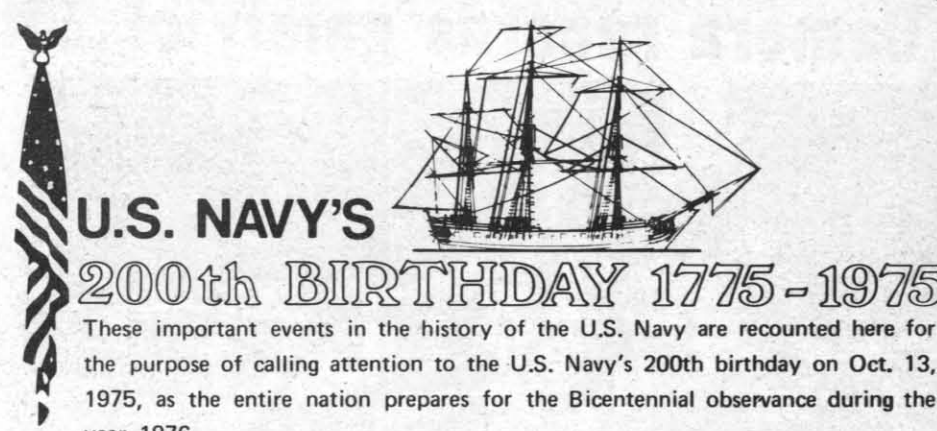
—Should within-grade increases be based primarily on merit or on longevity? Should this vary for different categories of employees?

—What roles should be played in the setting of Federal pay by the executive branch? By Congress? By Federal employee unions?

—To what extent should the periodic adjustments of Federal pay and benefits be affected by the economic and fiscal concerns of the Federal Government?

The panel's report is to go to the President by Nov. 1. Its work is being conducted independently of, and has no bearing on, the October 1975 General Schedule pay adjustment.

In addition to the vice president and the chairman of the Civil Service Commission, the panel includes the secretary of labor, the director of the Office of Management and the Budget, the director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.



In addition to its role as a primary developer of advanced weapons for the Fleet, NOTS (now NWC) has also been significantly involved in major strategic weapons programs. For instance, Polaris, the undersea launched ballistic missile, could be considered in part a product of NOTS—at China Lake, the old Pasadena Annex of NOTS, and the San Clemente Island sea range.

Manpower Action Council men due here . . .

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qualifications of blue collar employees are evaluated for promotion to General Schedule positions.

The council also recommended that the Executive Development Program be expanded to include a significant portion of middle and upper level management

Annual fund drive . . .

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A. Walker; Code 84, Claudet Meyers; Codes 87 and 88, HMI Fred Davis; and Code 90, Lt. Bruce Miller.

The Combined Federal Campaign staff, in addition to Schwarzbach, the chairman, includes Harry Parode, last year's chairman as chief coordinator and treasurer; Dr. James Stanford, chairman of the board of directors of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley; Don Fritz, in charge of payroll deduction pledges; Hazel Coleman, who is handling the preparation of a brochure and pledge cards that will be distributed to all NWC civilian employees and military personnel; and Dr. Jack Eisel, chairman of the local United Way Budget Committee.

personnel, including blue collar employees, and participated in the selection of Navy civilian personnel to attend the 5-month Defense Systems Management course at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The council is continuing to explore the 4-day work week in accordance with the desires of many surveyed employees, and the concept of flexible working hours. In addition, the council keeps Admiral Michaelis informed on a variety of issues—such as scheduling work on holidays, activity shutdowns during extended holiday periods, and the civilian alcoholism program.

Employees who have been selected to meet with the MAC representatives will be notified by letter prior to the appointment time.

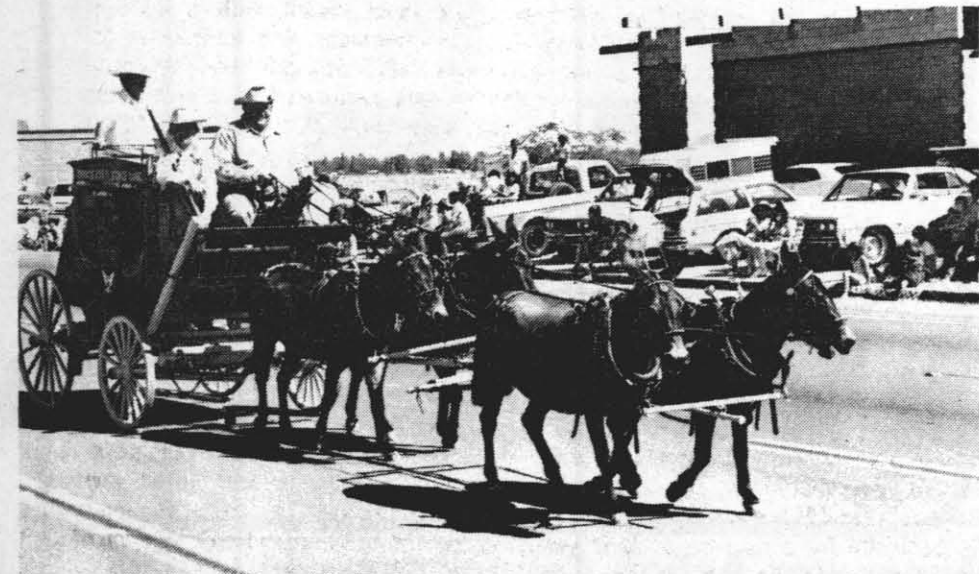


GARNERS PATENT AWARD — W. B. Porter (at right), head of the Surface Missiles Department, extends his congratulations to Jon H. Bumgardner after presenting the latter with a patent award. Bumgardner, an electronics engineer in Code 31's Lasers and Electro Optics Branch, received a patent for the development of a High-Speed Sampler with Variable Sample Rate. It is used for digitizing high speed video and radar wave forms. Along with the patent award certificate, Bumgardner also received a check for \$100. —Photo by Ron Allen

Camera records gaiety of 25th annual Desert Empire Fair



ADM. R. G. FREEMAN III, NWC Commander, waves to crowd along parade route. Others in vehicle were Mrs. Freeman and Mayor and Mrs. Rex Shacklett.



A MINIATURE stage coach, drawn by 4 miniature mules, was a crowd-pleaser.



NAVY RECRUITER Dick Belcher (in center) sizes up prospective recruits.



THE U.S. NAVY was well represented in the parade by the 11th Naval District Band from San Diego.



JUST CLOWNING around at DEF parade.



RONALD McDONALD's appearance was a first for Desert Empire Fair parade.



CARNIVAL RIDES provided fun aplenty for fairgoers of all ages.

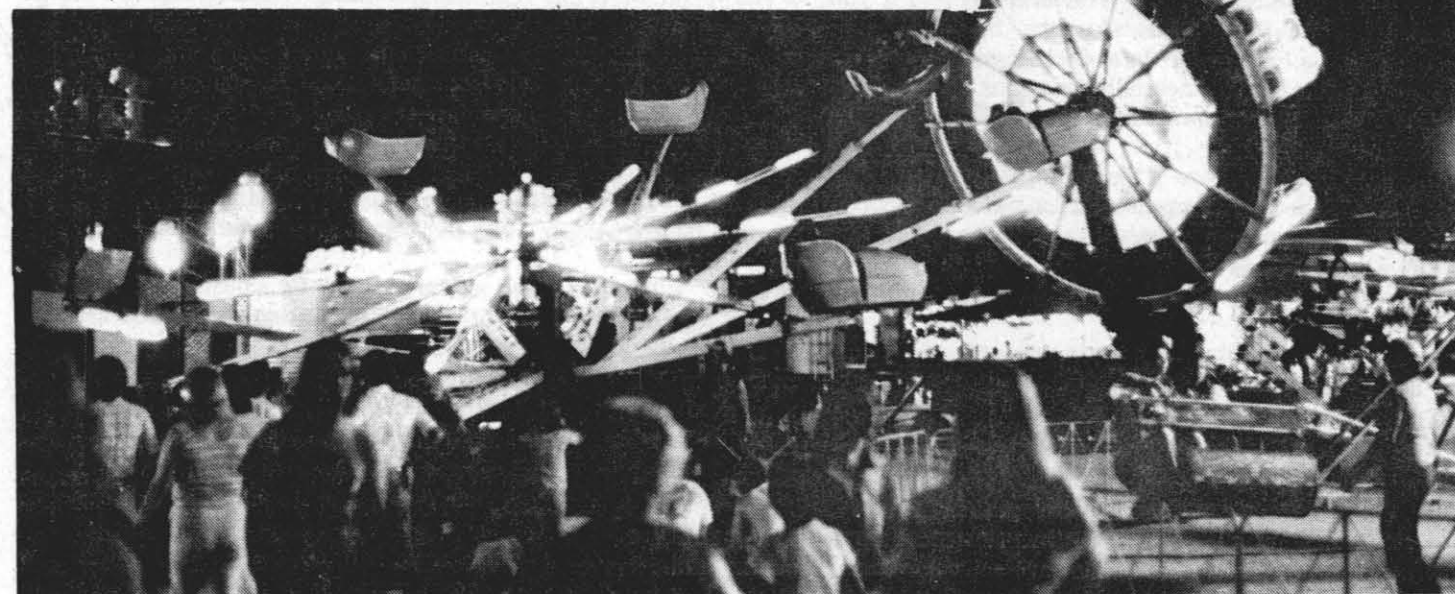


THE VX-5 SEA CADET color guard steps along smartly.



SNAKES CAPTURED in local area were on display in Joshua Hall.

—Photos by Ron Allen



THE FAIRGROUNDS' midway at night was a colorful sight enjoyed by throngs of thrill seekers.

Proposed legislation puts limit on payment for unused accrued leave

A Department of Defense legislative proposal that would limit payments for unused accrued leave, but would raise the enlisted basic allowance for quarters/basic allowance for subsistence (BAQ/BAS) rates paid in the settlement for unused leave has been presented to Congress.

The measure would limit the entitlement to payment for accrued leave to no more

Parents are invited to visit Richmond School Mon. night

A "back-to-school" night will be held on Monday at Richmond School.

Parents are asked to go directly to their child's classroom where they will meet with teachers and faculty members. Following the get-together, parents and visitors are invited to the cafeteria for refreshments and to meet Helen Crossley, a sixth grade teacher, who will be acting principal during the absence of Stanley Kus.

Kus, Richmond School's new principal, has been called away due to a death in his family.

Meetings with teachers will begin at 6:30 for the kindergarten classes of Florence Condos, Gladys Gardner and Jean McCommon, and for grades one through three. Parents of children in grades four through six will meet their youngster's teacher at 7:15 p.m. In addition, Kay Gilenson, a kindergarten instructor, also will meet the parents of her students at that time.

The Special Education teachers will meet and talk with parents at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of Diana Smith. She will open her classroom at 7:15.

Basic Personnel Policy course slated Oct. 8-12

Enrollment applications will be taken Monday for a six-session training course in Basic Personnel Policies and Procedures that will be held on Wednesday mornings from Oct. 8 through Nov. 12.

Topics to be covered will include civilian recruitment, employee training, performance standards and ratings and appeals.

Employees interested in attending should submit a completed NWC enrollment form via proper department channels in order for it to reach Code 654 no later than Monday.

Dogs running loose create problem here

A steady increase has been reported in the number of dogs whose owners are permitting them to roam day and night within the China Lake housing area.

Pet owners are reminded that it not only isn't fair to their neighbors to make it necessary for them to clean up after dogs which others permit to run loose, but there is an NWC Instruction that is very specific regarding animal and pet control.

The instruction states, in part, that owners of animals and pets are responsible for their custody and control. Any dog not within an enclosed yard, on a chain, on a leash, or under the direct supervision of a responsible person will be considered to be not under positive control.

Therefore, any dog roaming unfettered will be considered neither in the custody nor under the control of its owner and will be subject to pickup by the Animal Control Officer.

The purpose of this news item in The ROCKETEER is to alert China Lake residents that a substantial and concerted effort will be made by Animal Control personnel to reduce the growing problem of dogs being permitted to run loose, and to act accordingly to insure that their pet is not one of those likely to be picked up and impounded in the animal shelter.

than 60 days for an entire military career.

Current regulations permit enlisted personnel to be paid for up to 60 days leave at the end of each enlistment, or to carry over accrued leave into the new enlistment. A combination of payment and carry-over is not authorized.

Under the proposal, an individual would be able to combine payment and carry-over as long as the total number of days leave for which payment is received during an entire career does not exceed 60. Any leave payments received prior to the measure going into effect would not be counted.

The measure also would change BAQ/BAS rates. Under existing law, eligible enlisted members are reimbursed for leave based on their base pay at the time of discharge plus BAS of 70 cents per day and BAQ of \$1.25. To receive the BAQ, an individual has to be an E-5 or above and have one or more dependents. These rates and conditions have been in effect since the Armed Forces Leave Act was passed in 1946.

Under the current proposal, enlisted BAQ/BAS rates would be increased to those in effect at the time of discharge, and all enlisted personnel (regardless of pay grade) would receive BAQ at the time of settlement.

Before taking effect, this proposal must be approved by Congress and then signed by the President.

Metal Trades Council

The next monthly meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2, starting at 7:30 p.m. at 65-B Halsey Ave.

The council is the representative of a unit composed of non-supervisory, ungraded, civilian employees of the Naval Weapons Center who are located at China Lake.

Meeting scheduled on Oct. 1 to discuss Maturango Museum building fund drive

Why the Indian Wells Valley needs a new Maturango Museum building, and how this can be accomplished, will be the key points of discussion at a triple-feature program next Wednesday, Oct. 1, in the Richmond School auditorium. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Other highlights of the evening will be a color film slide presentation about the unique features of the local desert region, and a short history of the Maturango Museum.

All local residents and representatives of organizations interested in a new museum building are urged to attend. Al Christman, chairman of the Museum Building Committee, will present the results of a study to determine the need for a new building,



OLE! — Colorful Mexican folk dances took center stage at the NWC Library last Saturday when the Children's Folklore-Mexico Group, from Trona, capped the local observance of Hispanic Heritage Week (Sept. 14-20) with a special presentation. The group, which is taught by Sarah Camacho, was transported to NWC by Navy bus for the program. Joe Lopez, NWC's Spanish Speaking coordinator, made the arrangements. Four dances were performed for a small but appreciative audience. They were "Juan Colorado," "El Jarabe," "Los Machetes," and "Chili Piquin." —Photo by Ron Allen

Cong. Ketchum seeking applications for nomination to U.S. military academies

Bill Ketchum, 18th Congressional District representative, is now accepting applications for nomination to the United States Army, Naval, Air Force, and Merchant Marine Academies, for entrance in 1976. All interested young people between the ages of 17 and 21 are invited to apply.

Prerequisite for consideration is a personally handwritten letter by the applicant to Congressman Ketchum, House of

Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515. The letter should request nomination, and state reasons for seeking appointment.

Because of the complexity of the admission process, Ketchum suggests that prospective candidates apply as early as possible. The applicant will then receive all necessary information for completion of the admissions process, and publications directly from the related academies, enabling the applicant to properly prepare for achieving the goal of appointment.

Ketchum's nominations will be based on the recommendations of the 18th Congressional District Academy Selection Committee, chaired by Ken Vetter of Bakersfield. Members of the committee are professional and businessmen representing Kern and Inyo Counties, as well as the portions of Los Angeles and Tulare Counties included in Congressman Ketchum's District.

Overall attributes of the applicant will be evaluated. These include high school transcript, academic test results, physical aptitude and medical qualifications, leadership potential as demonstrated by extracurricular activities or work, and motivation. The prospective candidate will be notified of time and place for interview with the selection committee.

The nomination period will close Nov. 15.

Next pre-retirement planning seminar to get started Oct. 15

NWC employees who are planning to retire within the next five years are urged to consider attending a pre-retirement planning seminar which will start on Wednesday, Oct. 15, and will extend through Nov. 19. A series of 1½-hour-long lectures will be presented once a week, in addition to one 4-hour class, during this time.

The subjects that will be covered include Civil Service retirement facts, psychological aspects of retirement, legal concerns, Social Security and Medicare, Federal income tax, and health.

Due to classroom space that is available, enrollment for the seminar will be limited to 35 participants. Interested employees should submit an NWC enrollment form (through department channels) in order to reach Code 654 no later than Monday, Oct. 6. The approximate date of retirement should be indicated on the enrollment form.

Additional information about this seminar can be obtained by calling Nancy Cleland at NWC ext. 2018 or 2592.



NEW MUSEUM BUILDING BEING PLANNED — Carol Panlaqui, Ken Robinson and Al Christman are shown looking over plans for a new Maturango Museum building, which is scheduled to be built sometime in 1976 or 1977. A drive to raise funds for the new building will commence in January 1976. —Photo by Ron Allen