

Children's musical to be staged by college dramatists

"Chomp, Chomp, Crunch, Crunch," a musical production for children, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, by the Theatre 27 drama group at Cerro Coso Community College.

Performances are scheduled in the college lecture hall at 7:30 p.m. on May 18 and at 2, 4 and 7:30 p.m. on May 19. In addition, there will be an outdoor presentation at 2 p.m. on May 20 at the Kern Regional Park in Ridgecrest.

Director Florence Green will also be taking "Chomp, Chomp..." on tour to elementary schools throughout Indian Wells Valley. "Since the play shows proper nutrition through song and dance, it is a fun way for children to learn about good eating habits," Ms. Green said.

Each actor will wear a costume that resembles the fruit or vegetable they will be portraying.

Steve Carter will be Arty the Artichoke, the intellectual leader of the fruits and vegetables, while Jean Lehmann is cast as the sexy tomato, Rosie. Pat White will play the part of squash, who thinks the answer every problem is to "sit on it." Other actors are Kathy Schimpf, Cathy de Rosa, Brian Weathersbee, Diane Whiting, and John Clark.

Rounding out the cast are Reno Venturi as Angelo, the produce man, and Karen Phillips, a newcomer to the college theater group, who plays the part of the Junk Food Bug. Venturi was recently selected for the "Up With People" musical group and has appeared in many local stage productions.

The colorful sets depicting a fruit and vegetable stand are being built under the direction of Ed Liszka of the Ridgecrest Police Department. He is being assisted by Jackson Whitney. Steve Green will handle lights while Ms. Green will direct the sound.

Tickets priced at \$1.25 per person can be purchased in advance from members of the cast, at the Cerro Coso College business office, and in Ridgecrest at the Gift Mart and Sports Etc.



Commissioned Officers' Mess

Tonight the Commissioned Officers' Mess will offer a seafood menu from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday the COM will be closed for private party.

Tuesday, May 15, the special at the COM will be an "Islands Dinner" featuring a menu of charcoal broiled Samoan chicken or Hawaiian charcoal broiled trout. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Enlisted Mess

Go-go dancers performing to recorded disco music and a Bosses' Night dinner are on tap this evening, starting at 5 o'clock, at the Enlisted Mess.

Also on stage for the entertainment of the audience will be Louis Carry, a regular performer on the TV Gong Show, who will be playing his trumpet and doing impressions. The music and entertainment will continue until 1:30 a.m.

A seafood platter will be served in the dining room from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

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Zabel. Bill McEwan's skill as a wood sculptor holds the interest of a trio of youths, while Tarah Burge was equally fascinated by one of the old-fashioned telephones in the museum itself. At the Community Center, Merle Rivette and Darcy Halpin volunteered their assistance to help with the sale of midget masterpieces and other types of art work (photo center row at right). Flanked by two flower show photos — home grown varieties at left and wildflowers on right — Margaret Bradburn displays her painting which won a first place ribbon in the adult amateur division of the Festival of Art. —Photos by Ron Allen



HIGH DESERT ESCAPE — Activities on the Naval Weapons Center during last weekend's High Desert Escapade, an event sponsored by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, included the erecting of a simulated Old West boom town (Maturango Junction) on the museum parking lot, an art show in the Community Center, and a flower show at the Enlisted Mess. This camera's-eye view of the two-day fete shows a glimpse of the main street of Maturango Junction (top left) and Sheriff Denny Kline threatening to jail a pair of the town's inhabitants — Elaine Adams, proprietor of the general store, and dance hall girl Sharon

Many attend Festival of Art, Standard Flower Show

Large crowds were attracted over the past weekend to the Festival of Art at the Community Center and the Standard Flower Show and wildflower exhibit at the Enlisted Mess. Both events were a part of the community-wide High Desert Escapade.

Marianne Kistler of China Lake and Kathy Pratt of Inyokern won the sweepstakes awards at the "Blooming Adventure" Standard Flower Show, which was co-sponsored by the Oasis Garden Club and

the Desert Planters of Ridgecrest.

The sweepstakes awards were presented to the individuals who garnered the greatest number of first place ribbons in the various divisions of the flower show. Mrs. Pratt's award was for her entries in the Artistic Division, while Mrs. Kistler was tops in the Horticulture Division.

Blue ribbon winners in Festival of Art, sponsored by the Desert Art League, were: Elementary Schools Division — Chad

Walker, Lynn Allen, Clare Burmeister, and Jimmy Harwood.

High School Division — Brian Swanson, Janet McGuire, Mark Pohl, and John Musgraves.

Adult Amateur Division — Aila Wood, Colleen Lee, James Fussner, David Wirtz, Margaret Bradburn, Mary Adler and Tosca Courbron.

Adult Professional Division — Betty Ann Andrews, Clifford Johnson, Merle Rivette, J. J. Tibbetts, and Martina Camphausen who won blue ribbons on both paintings she entered.

Demonstrations, a sale of miniature paintings by Art League members, and a snack bar added to the enjoyment of the show.

Human Relations Workshop planned

A Human Relations Workshop will be presented by the Naval Weapons Center Equal Employment Opportunity staff at the Community Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12-13, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Purpose of the course is to provide an opportunity for group discussion on the topics of racism, sexism, age, religious preference, and different ethnic backgrounds.

The workshop will feature films and small group interactions to encourage discussion. The course is limited to 20 participants.

Employees interested in attending this course must submit training request and authorization forms via proper department channels in order to reach Code 094 no later than June 1.



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Armed Forces Day to be observed tomorrow at NWC

Live, inert ordnance drops to be part of air operational training demonstration

A full schedule of varied events awaits visitors to the Naval Weapons Center who will be welcomed aboard tomorrow from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. to join in the annual observance of Armed Forces Day at China Lake.

Highlight of the morning's activities will be an air operational training demonstration during which both live and inert ordnance will be dropped or fired in view of observers along the flight line at Armitage Airfield, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Roads to the airfield will open officially at 9 a.m. and, prior to the demonstration, those making their way out to the airfield are invited to watch from a safe distance as members of the Valley Vultures put several types of radio-controlled model aircraft through their paces.

This demonstration, which is scheduled at 10 a.m., will include free-style aerobatics by a scale model biplane, the flights of a ducted fan aircraft, and the operation of a model of one of the Navy's miniature remotely piloted vehicles.

Other Model Aircraft To Be Flown

Also planned as a part of the hour-long model aircraft flight demonstration will be the operation of a radio-controlled helicopter, a miniature parachute drop, and the release of a smoke bomb from a radio-controlled model aircraft.

At Armitage Airfield, visitors will be able to get a close-up look at a number of Navy and Air Force aircraft — each of which will be identified by a placard which lists not only their name but some of their performance capabilities and tactical use as well.

Included among the Navy aircraft that will be on display are the A-6 Intruder, A-7 Corsair II, A-4 Skyhawk, F-36 Sabrejet, U-9

Aerocommander, S-3 Viking, T-38 Talon, and the C-131 Samaritan, a cargo and personnel carrier. In addition, the F-15 Eagle, the F-104 and the A-10 are three of the aircraft that will be flown here from Edwards Air Force Base for display on Armed Forces Day.

Equipment and rescue techniques used by both the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group and the Indian Wells Valley Mine Search and Rescue Team will be demonstrated inside Hangar 3 at Armitage Airfield, while the new Parachute Systems Department will display some of the equipment used in its test work.

In addition to putting on a miniature air show, highly sophisticated radio-controlled aircraft built by members of the Valley Vultures will be among the static displays set up in Hangar 3.

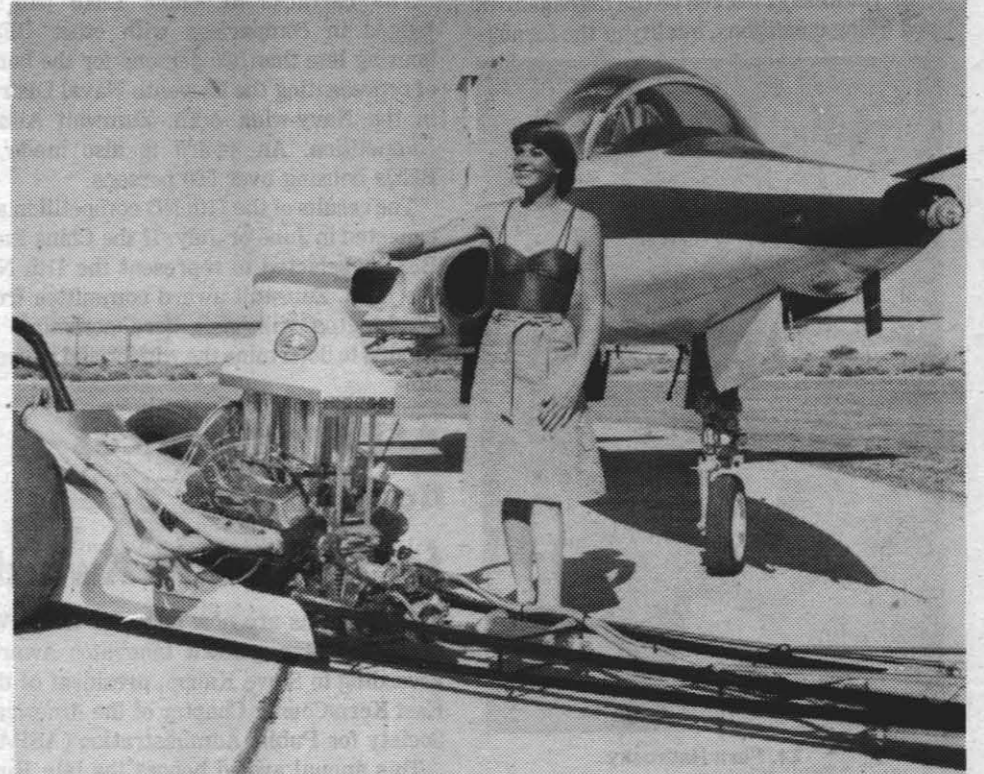
Bomb Drop Opens Demonstration

The air operational training demonstration will begin with a pass by an A-6 aircraft that will drop 18 500-lb. Mk 82 general purpose fragmentation bombs. A minute later an A-7 aircraft will fire four 5-in. Zuni aircraft rockets, and will complete its pass by firing 200 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

Two live Mk 82 bombs will then be dropped, and the ordnance demonstration will conclude with an air drop of the massive BLU-95 weapon.

The final event of the air operational training demonstration will be a rescue demonstration by a UH-1 search and rescue helicopter whirling in to pick up a "downed" air crew member.

For those who work up an appetite or thirst by all of their walking around to view the displays and exhibits at Armitage (Continued on Page 3)



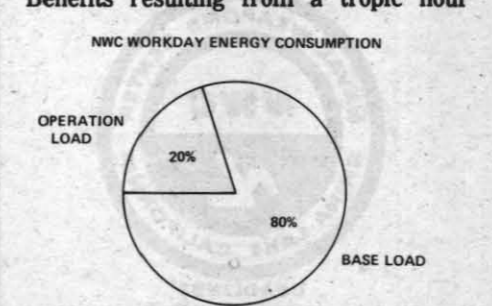
READY FOR ARMED FORCES DAY — Among the displays planned tomorrow during the local observance of Armed Forces Day will be static exhibits of aircraft at Armitage Airfield and a car show featuring special purpose vehicles which will be set up on the parking lot adjacent to the NWC Administration Building. Calling attention to these two varied types of events is 20-year-old Sharon Burklund, a sophomore at Cal-State Long Beach. In the foreground is a Class B gas dragster owned and built by Centerites Bob and Dave Leighton. This dragster is not only a frequent winner on the basis of speed (it has been clocked at 157mph with an elapsed time of 8.65 in a quarter-mile drag strip run), but also has been a show car winner because of its outstanding appearance. Behind Miss Burklund is a North American T-38 Talon that has been converted into a drone aircraft for use by the Targets Division of the Aircraft Department. — Photo by Ron Allen

Study shows insufficient savings to justify change to tropical hrs.

The amount of energy that could be saved by NWC adopting tropical hours of 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. does not appear at this time to justify the amount of stress and inconvenience that these hours would create for Center employees. The potential energy savings to be realized from the proposed hours would be relatively small (less than 0.5 percent).

This conclusion was reached by the Energy Conservation Steering Committee following a quick feasibility study conducted during the past two weeks with the assistance of department heads of staff and energy representatives. In this study, the effect of tropic hours on Center mission, morale, energy consumption, and operating costs were evaluated.

Benefits resulting from a tropic hour



WHERE CUTS ARE NEEDED — The baseline load (about 80 percent of the over 300,000 kilowatt hours consumed on the Center daily) is needed to keep the physical plant operational and to support the 24-hour a day functions such as the Central Computing facility. Twenty percent of the energy load of the Center is used for a normal working day. To achieve major savings, cuts need to be made in the baseline load.

schedule include: more time to conduct business with people on the East Coast; more time available after the close of the business day for recreation, shopping, chores, and family; and more athletic events held during daylight hours and fewer after dark.

Many of the problems with tropic hours center on the half-hour lunch time which was proposed. Open messes on the Center and the food service businesses in Ridgecrest could be adversely affected. Organizations ordinarily meeting at lunch would need to reschedule meeting times. Those who swim, jog, or exercise in other ways during the lunch hours would not have enough time to do so.

Other concerns keyed on the earlier starting time necessitated by tropic hours. A serious problem would be created for parents with young children due to the difficulty of arranging babysitting at such an early hour. Day care centers and nurseries have indicated that they would be able to extend their work day, but that it would create a sizable burden.

Finally, the question was asked by several individuals if desert hours for the Center might not just be transferring the energy consumption from the Center to the rest of the Valley.

While the feasibility study concluded some monetary savings could be realized tropic hours would not result in major energy savings. Therefore other possibilities are being considered and tried. The bulk of the Center's energy consumption is that energy needed to keep the plant operational around the clock and on weekends. This includes air conditioning,

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MOVIES

Starring Richard Todd (Spoof-Action, rated PG, 87 min.)

MONDAY MAY 14

"WATERSHIP DOWN" Starring Zero Mostel and Harry Andrew (Animated-Drama, rated PG, 100 min.)

WEDNESDAY MAY 16

"GRATEFUL DEAD" Starring The Grateful Dead Rock Group (Rock concert, rated PG, 133 min.)

FRIDAY MAY 18

"CHARLESTON" Starring Bud Spencer and Herbert Lom (Musical-Comedy, rated PG, 86 min.)

SATURDAY MAY 19

"CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND" Starring Richard Dreyfus (Science Fiction, rated PG, 135 min.)

1:30 Matinee — regular adm.

"DOLL SQUAD" Starring Michael Ansara (Adventure Drama, rated PG, 98 min.)

FRIDAY MAY 11

"SUMMERDOG" Starring James Congdon and Elizabeth Eisman (Adventure-Drama, rated G, 96 min.)

SATURDAY MAY 12

"ONCE UPON A SCOUNDREL" Starring Zero Mostel and Katy Jurado (Comedy, rated G, 88 min.)

1:30 Matinee — regular adm.

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