



READY TO BOARD — Board members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess welcome prospective WACOM members for a cruise on the good ship U.S.S. WACOM — actually the annual membership coffee to be held on Tuesday, September 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The welcoming committee is comprised of (seated, l. to r.) Sherry Biggs, WACOM treasurer; Sharon Zabel, president; Darlene Killoran, co-chairman of the membership coffee; Sonia Carlberg, decorations chairman; and (standing, l. to r.) Janet West, publicity chairman; and Pat Bonner, co-chairman of the coffee. WACOM membership is open to all employed women and wives of civilian employees who hold a grade of GS-9 or above or who are junior professionals, women officers, and wives of military officers stationed at the Center. — Photo by Ron Allen

Tryouts to begin Sept. 12 for China Lake Players' production of 'Born Yesterday'

Tryouts for "Born Yesterday," the next production of The China Lake Players, will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 12, 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Players' Hut, 405 McIntire St., China Lake.

"Born Yesterday," a comedy by Garson Kanin, has been acclaimed by audiences since it first opened in the mid-40s. The play deals with corruption in Washington, D.C., and the citizen's responsibility to police his own government.

The play has a cast of three women and six men. The principal roles are Billie Dawn, a young lady who has never taken time to think before and finds a new world in books and art; Harry Brock, a loud-mouthed junk dealer who thinks that money can buy anything; Paul Verrall, a reporter who

unintentionally gets involved with Billie and Harry; and Ed Devery, the cynical one brilliant lawyer who has sold out for \$100,000 a year.

Other roles are those of Senator and Mrs. Hedges, Eddie Brock, and several smaller parts.

Pat Schwarzbach will direct "Born Yesterday," with Natalie Stone serving as assistant director. Completing the staff will be Merna LaBow as property mistress and Ralph Schwarzbach as technical director.

Anyone interested in trying out for this stage play is asked to contact Ms. Schwarzbach by calling 375-9056.

Jr. Professionals to be honored at reception Sept. 13

Preparations have been made and reservations are now being accepted for the annual no-host reception to welcome the Naval Weapons Center's new junior professional employees.

According to Karen Altieri, the Center's newly appointed Professional Recruitment Coordinator, this event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Tickets are \$2 per person for everyone except the Center's current junior professional employees, who will be hosted by NWC managers. Hors d'oeuvres that will include chicken drumsticks, egg rolls, Swedish meatballs, deviled eggs and stuffed celery will be offered buffet-style, along with champagne punch.

Reservations that are due before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday can be made by calling Eloise Burklund at NWC Ext. 2634 or 3379. All junior professionals, their supervisors and other managers and interested employees are encouraged to attend, Ms. Altieri said.

Jim Dandies to sponsor square dancing lessons

The Jim Dandies Square Dance Club will sponsor a free beginners' square dance class this fall, starting on Tuesday, Sept. 11, and running for three consecutive Tuesdays.

The class will be held at Pierce School from 7:30 to 10 p.m. each of the three evenings.

Anyone wishing further information may telephone Bev Porter during the daytime at 446-5443.

Preparations for annual Desert Empire Fair nearing final stage

Preparations are nearing their final stages for the 29th annual Desert Empire Fair, which is to be held Sept. 26 through 30 at the fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

Those persons wishing to enter good examples of their culinary skill, sewing ability, arts and crafts work, or compete for trophies and ribbons in other divisions of the fair, must fill out and return completed entry forms no later than Saturday, Sept. 15, to: Competitions, P.O. Box 1176, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Booklets containing information on the Desert Empire Fair premium list and rules governing this competition can be obtained at the China Lake Community Center, at various business places in Ridgecrest, and at the office on the fairgrounds.

Also ongoing at the present time is the sale of books of advance discount tickets for the carnival rides on the midway. All rides this year, except for three spectaculars, will be one ticket. The spectaculars will be two tickets.

Since the regular price of tickets for the rides on the midway will be 50 cents for tiny tots and either 60 or 80 cents each for adult rides, the advance sale discount tickets, which are priced at \$5 for a book of 17 tickets, are a real savings. It was pointed out by Tony Martin, secretary-manager of the fair.

Members of local non-profit clubs and organizations are selling the books of discount tickets and, in return for this service, will be entitled to receive 10 percent of the cash volume of their ticket sales, Martin added.

Eligible groups and organizations not already involved in this fund-raising activity can make arrangements to help both themselves and the Desert Empire Fair by contacting Martin at the DEF office by telephoning 375-8000.

Ticket books may be picked up at the fair office Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.



Commissioned Officers' Mess Commissioned Officers' Mess members and guests are invited to dance to recorded disco music tonight from 8 o'clock until midnight at the COM.

Two special dining events have been scheduled next week.

Tuesday will be Italian night, featuring all the spaghetti patrons can eat; and Thursday is barbecue night. Featured will be a country platter of pork spareribs and chicken, country potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, hot biscuits and honey.

Dinner on both evenings will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Coming up on Sept. 21 is another festive Membership Night.

Directly from Las Vegas and appearing on stage from 8 p.m. until midnight will be the "Sounds of Country," a versatile group which plays everything from rock to country-style music.

Featured on the menu for this special event will be prime rib of beef served from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The price for this evening of dining and dancing is \$4 for members and their spouses, and \$5 for guests.

Reservations are a must for this affair and can be made by calling the COM office at 446-2549.

Enlisted Mess Tonight the Enlisted Mess is proud to present a return engagement of "Hanley Page," a rock music group from the Los Angeles area.

The musicians will be performing from 9 to 1:30 a.m. after a dinner of surf n' turf served in the dining room from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Fairgoers, especially those with children, should enjoy the professional entertainment being offered this year, which will include juggling and magic acts.

The program of professional entertainment will star Ravel, known as "Mr. Pickpocket," on the brightly painted outdoor stage near Joshua Hall. Ravel began his career as a magician and later work with police departments in thwarting criminal pickpockets.

Joining Ravel will be the Piet Paulo Show that has appeared in the DeWayne Brothers



Piet Paulo

Circus and Hollywood's famed Magic Castle. The illusionist and his assistants have given more than 1,700 performances at top hotels and nightclubs.

Children will enjoy the juggling acts of M.C. Harden, while senior citizens will like the songs and music of Nick Lucas as well as the organ music of George Goulding.

Admission to the two-hour stage show on Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening will be included in the entrance fee to the fair.

Although professional entertainers will be the highlight of the five day fair, local talent including dancing groups, sport exhibitions, and vocal groups, will perform each day. Anyone interested in performing should contact Martin as soon as possible by calling 375-8000.

Among the various contests at this year's fair are turtle and lizard races, pie and watermelon eating, western dress competition, hat decorating, pet contest, freckle and bubble gum contests.

Joshua Hall will be filled to capacity with many art displays, jewelry, candy and bakery booths, as well as a number of commercial exhibits. There will be a total of 62 exhibitors in all.

Registration being taken for disco lessons at COM

Registration for a six week series of Monday night disco dance lessons will be held this evening from 5 to 6:30, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Signups for the dance lessons also will be held at the COM Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., as well as next Friday, Sept. 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The disco dance lessons, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, at the COM, will be taught by local residents Lyle Gregory and Maureen Toftner.

There will be a charge of \$12 per person for the dance lessons that are being offered to COM members.

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Questions on CSRA Demonstration Project at NWC answered

The following article is the first in a series designed to acquaint Naval Weapons Center employees with the details of the Civil Service Reform Act (CSRA) Demonstration Project proposed to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) by NWC and the Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego. Designed to improve the performance of participating employees, the project will involve scientists, engineers, and other GS-13 through -15 managers and supervisors in its first phase. It is anticipated that, by the end of the project's 5-year period, most NWC em-

ployees will be included. In order to encourage the greatest amount of employee participation, future editions of The ROCKETEER will feature answers to questions submitted to the Personnel Department by NWC employees. Employees are encouraged to discuss their concerns with their respective Personnel Management Advisors (PMAs) and to submit questions to their PMAs for inclusion in future articles to be published in the Center newspaper.

altering the basic concepts of the proposal. Hillyer is concerned that the proposal not be made too specific at this time, so the Center can solicit employee contributions for the purpose of refining and defining operational procedures after acceptance by OPM. The following questions appeared to reflect the greatest employee concern and

On July 30, Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, briefed Center scientists and engineers and GS-13 through -15 supervisors and managers on the details of the Demonstration Project.

The briefing was well attended and, at the conclusion of the prepared program, a lengthy question and answer session took place. During this session, many of the scientists and engineers affected voiced questions, opinions, and suggestions on the proposal.

As a result of this meeting, Hillyer asked that further study be done to see if issues and concerns raised by employees could be addressed in the demonstration without

were therefore chosen as immediate action items.

Will employees have an opportunity under this system to rate their supervisors?

This question has been raised on several occasions and appears to be one of special concern to many employees. As a result of (Continued on Page 5)



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Navy man receives medal for heroic action during search, rescue mission

AMS3 Frederick R. Schloesser, Jr., of the Naval Weapons Center's Aircraft Department, has been presented the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism while serving as a rescue aircrewman aboard a China Lake search and rescue (SAR) helicopter.

AMS3 Schloesser was the second aircrewman on a SAR mission on May 15, 1979, involving a two seater F-105 U.S. Air Force jet aircraft that crashed approximately 45 miles north of China Lake.

The pilot of the SAR helicopter, LCdr. L. E. Crume, reported that after locating one of the survivors, it was quite apparent that the downed airman was in a tight spot.

Difficult Situation "The terrain was steep, with loose shale and rock, and the only thing keeping the victim from falling down a 75 to 80 degree slope another 100 to 150 yards, was his parachute, which had snagged in a few rocks. Talking to the victim on his survival radio, I learned he was slowly slipping, and that both his legs and one arm were immobile," LCdr. Crume said.

Close observation of the terrain showed it was loose shale and rock, and even the down wash of the helicopter's rotor caused rocks to slide and tumble. In order to avoid causing the parachute to blow free, which would have sent the injured airman tumbling down the steep mountain slope, it was decided to lower a crewman from the helicopter at a point approximately 50 yards below the accident victim so the rotor wash would not affect the injured man's precarious position.

LCdr. Crume stated that AMS3 Schloesser volunteered to climb up the steep incline to the victim.

Citation Accompanied Medal The citation accompanying the medal from the President of the United States stated:

"AMS3 Schloesser was directly responsible for the rescuing of an injured pilot suspended by his parachute over a steep mountain slope. AMS3 Schloesser volunteered to be lowered (by hoist) 50 yards below the victim and climb the hazardous incline to provide the much needed assistance.

"While ascending the treacherous terrain, AMS3 Schloesser was constantly being bombarded by falling rocks which knocked off his helmet and inflicted a severe laceration on his head impeding the vision of one eye. AMS3 Schloesser with complete disregard

for his own safety and fully aware of the dangers involved, continued up the slope. After reaching the injured airman, he directed the helicopter overhead and with considerable difficulty and personal risk, secured the victim in the rescue sling.

"AMS3 Schloesser's courageous and prompt actions, in the face of great personal risk and which prevented the victim from a possibly fatal fall, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The award was presented to AMS3 Schloesser by Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander, during a ceremony held in his honor on Thursday, Aug. 30.

LCdr. Crume further related that he was unaware that AMS3 Schloesser had been injured until he was brought back aboard the helicopter.

"Considering the terrain and distance AMS3 Schloesser had to cover after the loss of his head protection, it was unbelievable that he was not knocked unconscious or

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7% pay increase proposed for gov't employees, military

President Jimmy Carter last week proposed to Congress that 3.5 million military personnel and civilian employees of the federal government receive seven percent pay raises.

For military personnel, this means a seven percent increase in basic pay as well as subsistence and quarters allowances. The President has decided there will be no reallocation of the increase from basic pay into the allowances.

Credit for support leading to the decision results from the efforts of Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, former Secretary of the Navy, Graham Claytor, Jr., and all members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The seven percent pay increase will go into effect on Oct. 1 unless either the House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate disapproves of this action before the deadline date.

White House aides said President Carter recognized that living costs are going up faster than expected last January when he announced in his budget that last year's 5.5 percent pay ceiling would be applied again this year.

MOVIES advertisement listing various films like 'COMA', 'NORMA RAE', 'THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN', 'QUINTET', and 'MURDER BY DECREE' with showtimes and ratings.









Recreation Roundup '79 Winter League softball season to start tomorrow

The 1979 Winter League softball season will start tomorrow with games scheduled on both Reardon and the Pony League fields, it was announced by the NWC Special Services Division.

The league has been divided into two divisions of seven teams each. Teams placed in the Cactus Division are the Rowdies, Fuller Masonry, Raiders, Angels, Sports Etc., Vinyl Disc, and the Gamecocks.

Desert Division teams are the Knights, Brewers, Big Red, Trap Club, The BBs, CSC, and the Grunts.

Swimming Classes Slated

A placement session for a series of six beginning, advanced beginning, and competitive swimming lessons will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the COM swimming pool.

Adrienne Swinford will be the instructor of these classes which, after the placement session, will be held at the indoor pool in the Center gym.

A fee of \$8 will be charged for the six lessons, which will be held each Saturday morning through Oct. 27.

Registration is being handled at the Center gym. Those interested in attending any of these classes are advised to sign up early since the total number of students in each class will be limited.

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Indoor swim pool now closed for maintenance work

The indoor-swimming pool at the Center gym was closed last Tuesday and will remain closed through Sunday, Sept. 16, for annual maintenance.

During this time, persons who would usually swim at the indoor pool may use either the swimming pool at the Commissioned Officer's Mess or the Chief Petty Officers' Club swimming pool. Athletic Association cards will be honored at both the COM and CPO Club swimming pools.

From now through Sept. 16, hours of operation at the COM pool will be as follows: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., adult lap swimming only, followed by open swimming from 4 to 7 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the COM pool will be open for adult lap swimming from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and there will be open swimming from noon to 6 p.m.

Exceptions to the foregoing will be Monday, Sept. 10, when the COM swimming pool will be closed at 6 instead of at 7 p.m. Additionally, because of the WACOM membership coffee, the COM swimming pool will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the CPO Club pool there will be open swimming Monday through Friday from 4 to 7 p.m., and on weekends from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The swimming pool at the Minvielle Park recreation area was closed for the summer season on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Enlisted military personnel are welcome to use the COM and CPO Club swimming pools from now through Sunday Sept. 16.

The indoor pool at the Center gym will re-open on Monday, Sept. 17.



BURROS VS. BURROS—Richi Drake, the Burroughs High School varsity football team's starting quarterback, looks downfield for a potential pass receiver on this pass-run option play run during Monday night's intra-squad scrimmage. Protecting the passer (quarterback) will be one of the keys to the success of the BHS varsity gridders during the 1979 season.

BHS varsity gridders prepare for season opener at Barstow

An intra-squad scrimmage last Monday night gave John Higdon, new head coach of the Burroughs High School varsity football team, and his assistants, the best opportunity to date to size up the Burros' prospects for the 1979 gridiron season.

A squad of just under 50 players, including 22 returning lettermen, held two-day workouts during the last 1½ weeks in August to prepare for this past Monday night's action.

Since the start of the new school year on Tuesday, the Burros have been continuing to practice in preparation for their first game of the season at Barstow, (a non-league foe) next Friday, Sept. 14. A sophomore game at 5 p.m. will precede the varsity clash at 7:30.

"Basically, this is a rebuilding year for the BHS varsity gridders, but we have a pretty good nucleus from which to choose," Coach Higdon commented.

Starting Quarterback

The BHS varsity will be led on offense by Richi Drake, the team's starting quarterback in 1978, who was sidelined for most of the season by an injury prior to the start of the league season. Drake returned to play later during a game in which the Burros nearly upset a highly touted West High School team from Bakersfield.

Expected to join Drake in the starting backfield for the Burros is Lee McDowell, a speedy halfback. Other returnees on offense are Robert Kinne at center and Kurt Rockwell, tackle.

In addition, David Hunnicutt, a senior, will see action on offense at the quick guard position, and Tom Tunget, who played on defense in 1978, may be used either as a tackle on offense or at an end position on defense.

Two of the veteran players for Burroughs on defense are Roger Pack, free safety, and Chuck Kinne, who has been moved to a linebacker position this year.

Main Areas of Concern

Finding offensive linemen and defensive linebackers to fill the gaps caused by graduation are two of the most formidable tasks facing Coach Higdon and his co-coaches this season. The varsity grid staff has been trying to size up players who have moved up from the 1978 junior varsity and sophomore squads.

Burros varsity football coaching duties are being handled by David Bens, who is in charge of the offensive line; Gene Vejtas, defensive coach who is responsible for the linebackers and also the pass receivers on offense; and Robert Roseth, who is giving Higdon a hand with the backfield on offense and also concentrating on the defensive secondary players.

On offense, the Burroughs High varsity grid team will be running out of what Coach Higdon calls the "diamond T" formation.

Basically, this is a backfield composed of two halfbacks, the fullback, quarterback and two ends who are in position on the line.

Coach Higdon will stay with the pro front defense he has integrated into the football system at Burroughs in the past few years. It features four down linemen, two linebackers, and five defensive secondary players including a free safety.

The head coach of the Burros varsity grid team expects the toughest Golden League competition to come from Hart High School, but anticipates that the remainder of the league squads will be pretty well balanced. The factor that tips the scales in favor of Hart is the sizable number of returning players on the Indians' roster.

Burroughs High will be playing a 10-game varsity football schedule — five contests at home and five on the road. A new addition to the schedule is Pacifica High in Garden Grove — a three-year high school in the Garden Grove League with an enrollment of approximately 2,100 students.

Following the opener at Barstow on Sept. 14, the BHS varsity gridders will host the Bakersfield High Drillers in the season's first home game on Sept. 21, and there will be another non-league clash on Sept. 28 at home against Victor Valley before the start of Golden League competition at Palmdale on Oct. 5.

The remainder of the varsity football schedule is as follows: Saugus High at Burroughs, Oct. 12; Burroughs at Canyon High, Oct. 19; Quartz Hill at Burroughs, Oct. 26 (Homecoming); Burroughs at Pacifica High in Garden Grove, Nov. 3; Burroughs at Hart, Nov. 9; and Antelope Valley at Burroughs, Nov. 16.



NEW HEAD COACH — John Higdon, new head coach of the BHS varsity football team, talks over the choice of plays to be called during an intra-squad drill held Monday night. Both Richi Drake (to left of Higdon) and Billy Brown, quarterback on the Burros' sophomore team in 1978, alternated at running the offense. The Burros are preparing for their season opener next Friday, Sept. 14, at Barstow.

Results announced of OTHTC's annual Rattlesnake Run

The Over-the-Hill Track Club (OTHTC) inaugurated its fall season of competition on Thursday, Aug. 30, by staging the fourth annual Ridgecrest Rattlesnake Festival relay run.

This event, a 10-mile relay for teams composed of three members each, drew a total of 51 runners (17 teams). The race began and ended at the Kern County Regional Park in Ridgecrest, and the serpentine course covered a portion of the rejuvenated former Wherry Housing area as well.

Principal surprise of the evening was the ease with which the Barglowski family (competing as the Polish Racing Team) successfully defended its family team title.

Family Team Title Defended

Led by little Jan Barglowski, who turned in one of the fastest 3-mile legs of the relay race (18 min., 1 sec.), the Polish Racing Team completed the 10-mile course in a net time of 56:04 — a lead of more than 9 min. over the Banisters (the Rainbow Runners), who placed second in the family competition.

Mrs. Florence Barglowski, captain of the Polish Racing Team, made her presence known (even though she didn't run) by cheering on her husband (Leo) and another son (Mark).

The team captain's influence was evident when the father (Leo) set an example for his sons by running the first leg of the relay race in 20:54 — one of his best times ever for a three-mile race.

Other Highlights of Race

Among other highlights of the Ridgecrest Rattlesnake Festival relay race was the effort of the "open" division team of Peter Yu, Alex Shlanta and Scotty Broyles (known as the "Musical Masters"), who led the competition from start to finish and completed the 10-mile event in the net time of 50:19 — the best mark of the night.

An individual medal was awarded to Shlanta for turning in the fastest single leg of the relay race (17:51), while Jerry Mumford was similarly honored for her time of 19:36, which was the fastest time for the women entrants in this race. Ms. Mumford received one of the rubber rattlesnakes for her efforts.

Of the 17 teams entered, 8 of them completed the 10-mile course in a net time of less than 60 min., while only one team reported that one of its members couldn't find the "snake pole" in the park and lost its way.

According to Frank Freyne, race director, the OTHTC run went off smoothly. "Our only surprise," he said, "was that no all-women teams showed up to participate and claim the set of engraved medals that awaited such a group."

"There are lots of women runners and joggers in evidence around the valley every

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Capt. Doolittle assumes duties of head of Aircraft Department

Duties and responsibilities of head of the Naval Weapons Center's Aircraft Department have been taken over by Capt. James E. Doolittle, who has relieved Capt. S. I. (Sig) Stocking.

The latter departed from China Lake last week for a new assignment on the staff of the Fields Command, Defense Nuclear Agency, located at Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.

Capt. Doolittle reports to NWC from an assignment as Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Air Facility at Atsugi, Japan.

The Montour Falls, New York, native, was commissioned an ensign in the Navy in June 1953 after graduation from the New York State Maritime College. His first assignment in the Navy after completing Mine Warfare School was that of gunnery officer aboard the minesweeper USS Mainstay (AM-261).

In October 1954, Capt. Doolittle was transferred to the Naval Ammunition Depot, Yorktown, Va., as personnel officer. After this assignment, he reported to flight training and was designated a naval aviator in August 1956.

Capt. Doolittle's first assignment as a Navy pilot was as maintenance officer with Attack Squadron 163. During his more than three year tour with this A-4A/B "Skyhawk" squadron, he participated in two Western Pacific (WestPac) cruises on

board the aircraft carrier USS Hancock (CVA-19). In February 1960, Capt. Doolittle began a two-year tour as an instructor for the A-4 Replacement Pilot Training Squadron, Attack Squadron 125.

After graduating from the Navy Postgraduate School at Monterey, Calif., in March 1963, Capt. Doolittle reported to the Fleet Intelligence Center, Pacific, for a two-year tour in Mission Planning. From there, he returned to Attack Squadron 125 for another two-year assignment as an instructor. In April 1967, he assumed the duties of strike operations officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany (CVA-34).

In February 1969, after a six-month period as a student with Attack Squadron 122, Capt. Doolittle became executive officer and then commanding officer of the A-7 "Corsair" Attack Squadron 97. This



Capt. James E. Doolittle

command tour was followed by his assignment as strike warfare officer on the staff of Commander Carrier Group Five / Commander Task Force 77.

In July 1972, following a five-month assignment as training officer on the staff of Commander Fleet Air at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif., Capt. Doolittle reported to Commander Naval Air Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, where he served as weapons officer.

Capt. Doolittle then assumed duties as Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group One, where he served until his most recent assignment as Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility at Atsugi.

He and his wife, Louise, will live in quarters at China Lake.

Seminar slated on fundamental features of ATLAS

A one-day seminar on the fundamental features of ATLAS (Abbreviated Test Language for All Systems) will be held at the Training Center next Friday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The seminar will provide program managers, engineers and others information on the fundamentals of ATLAS, its applications, and its technical characteristics.

ATLAS language can be utilized for manual test equipment, as well as for automatic equipment. It is a shorthand method for the test engineer to write down the test requirements for the unit he or she wants tested.

Damon Hart, who has served as the associate chairman of the ATLAS Specification Committee, will conduct the seminar. He is the president of Lexico Enterprises and is currently designing and developing large software systems for ATLAS-based automatic testing and equipment.

For further information on the seminar, NWC employees are asked to contact Don Winter, Code 3631, at NWC Ext. 3361.



INVITED TO LUNCHEON — Nancy Loundagin, Community Relations Chairperson for the Hispanic Employment Program, presents Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander, with a formal invitation to the National Hispanic Heritage Week luncheon to be held at the Enlisted Mess, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. Other activities during Hispanic Heritage Week include a training class on Tuesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center, and a dinner-dance at the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge on Saturday, Sept. 15, sponsored by Los Amigos Hispanos. NWC employees desiring to attend the luncheon at the Enlisted Mess must make reservations with the EEO office no later than Monday by calling NWC Ext. 2738.

Hispanic Heritage Week begins Monday, special events planned

President Jimmy Carter has proclaimed the week beginning on Monday, September 10, as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

In his proclamation, he points out that "from the earliest days of our nation's history, Hispanics have played a central role in our country's development. First as explorers, then as settlers, and today as leaders in all segments of society, men and women of Hispanic ancestry have contributed greatly to our national heritage."

"As a nation, we have not always properly appreciated these contributions. Too often, Hispanics endure a disproportionately high unemployment rate. As a nation, we must reaffirm our commitment to eliminate these residues of prejudice and bigotry."

"Our Hispanic American communities continue to grow with our nation. They share with our nation a deep pride in their language and culture, and a sense of justice and compassion which nurtures our democratic system and keeps it progressing. It is important that we

recognize these singular benefits and encourage their perpetuation."

The Secretary of the Navy has urged all commands to take this opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of U.S. citizens of Hispanic origin.

The Hispanic Employment Program Committee at the Naval Weapons Center has planned observances of the week including a training class to be held on Tuesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center conducted by Dr. Domingo Nick Reyes.

This will be followed by a luncheon on Thursday, September 13, at the Enlisted Mess. Speaker for the luncheon will be David Rosales, head of the Chicano Cultural Center at Bakersfield College. Reservations for the luncheon may be made by telephoning the EEO Office by Monday at NWC Ext. 2738.

The final event of the week will be a dinner-dance to be held Saturday, September 15, at the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge.

EEO meetings to be held this month

Four Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) meetings have been scheduled during September. All of these committee meetings are open and interested employees may attend.

The first meeting to be held was that of the Federal Women's Program Committee last Wednesday, Sept. 5, in the Joshua Room of the Community Center. This will be followed by the EEO Committee meeting on Monday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. at the same location.

A meeting will be held by the Handicapped Employment Advisory Committee at the Community Center's Joshua Room on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 3 p.m. Then the Hispanic Employment Program Committee will wind up the month's EEO meetings when it meets on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m., in the Yucca Room of the Committee Center.



National Hispanic Heritage Week will be observed at NWC Sept. 10 through 16; the theme for the week will be "Hispanics — A Part of Our American Heritage." In honor of the event, the ROCKETEER will publish a short biography of a noted historical personality weekly until the celebration.

Jose de San Martin (1778-1850)

San Martin, the national hero of Argentina, is considered to be the architect of South American independence from Spanish rule.

After a promising career in the Spanish Army, San Martin joined the Argentinian uprising against Spain that began in 1812. His expertise as a military and political leader were influential in removing Spanish influence from Argentina.

He then joined the revolutionary forces of Bernardo O'Higgins in Chile and aided in the capture of Santiago, the Chilean capital, before proceeding toward the stronghold of Spanish strength in Lima, Peru. Following an incredible land crossing over the Andes mountains, often 12,000 feet above sea level, he combined a naval attack with the land attack and defeated the Spaniards in 1821.

His brilliant military successes were largely responsible for the present-day independence of the nations of Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

A replica of his monument in Buenos Aires is situated adjacent to the Civil Service Commission building in Washington, D.C.

National Hispanic Heritage Week



Widely varied program scheduled

Concert Ass'n launches season ticket sales campaign

A series of six concerts will be offered in the 1979-80 season by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association at the Naval Weapons Center theater this fall.

Music lovers who are not already members of the association can join by purchasing tickets for the season, Carl Helmick, association president, announced.

Those who join now will have the advantage of a wider selection of reserved seats than if they wait until the October rush to purchase tickets for the association's 33rd series of performances, Helmick said.

Arrangements to purchase tickets for the events of the new season can be made by telephoning 375-5600 at any time. An an-

swering machine will take the caller's name and message if no one is in when the call is placed. Visa and Master Charge orders may be handled entirely by phone, if desired.

Tickets for the outstanding lineup of six programs are priced at \$22, \$19 or \$16. This represents a saving of 40 percent when compared with the cost of single admission ducats for the entire concert series.

In addition, members receive reserved seats for the entire season. Holders of single concert tickets will have unreserved selection of the seats remaining.

Reduced season tickets, which are one-half the cost of regular admission, can also be reserved now. Young people under 21

years of age, enlisted military personnel and senior citizens 65 years of age and over are eligible for reduced rates.

The season is scheduled for a lively opening on Wednesday, Oct. 24, with the Johann Strauss Ensemble of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. Under the direction of Peter Guth, this small orchestra of 12 strings and winds—similar to the orchestra used by Johann Strauss, Jr.—has won acclaim around the world for its interpretation of light classical dances, as well as the immortal music of the Strauss family.

Traditionally, the first violinist of the ensemble is also the director, and Peter Guth, the current director, combines perfect violin technique with an innate love of old Viennese music.

Since its United States debut tour during the 1970-71 season, the Johann Strauss Ensemble has been delighting audiences and critics from coast-to-coast on its return visits. The group has also toured throughout Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, and South Africa.

Treat for Opera Lovers

Lovers of opera will delight in the second concert of the series to be presented on Monday, Nov. 26. On that evening, the Opera A La Carte will present "Pirates of Penzance," a fully staged Gilbert and Sullivan production with two-piano accompaniment.

This group, directed by Richard Sheldon (noted Gilbert and Sullivan specialist from England), delighted an IWV Concert Association capacity audience in 1978 with "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Opera A La Carte is the only professional organization of its kind in the Western United States. It was founded in the spring of 1970 by Richard Sheldon and the company has received outstanding praise for its authentic presentations and high artistic standards.

Noted Pianist To Play

On Thursday, Jan. 17, pianist Santiago Rodriguez will appear. He is a prizewinner or finalist in numerous competitions including the 1976 Leventritt. He has also won acclaim in international competitions, among them the Van Cliburn Competition, the Tchaikovsky Competition, and the first prize in the Maryland International Competition.

Rodriguez has already made numerous orchestral and recital appearances in the U.S. He has been heard in recital at New York City's Town Hall, the Phillips Collection in Washington, and at the University of Chicago. As soloist with an orchestra, he has performed in Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall in New York, at the Lyric Theatre with the Baltimore symphony.

Brass Quintet To Return

America's only full-time performing brass ensemble, the Annapolis Brass Quintet, will be in concert here on Tuesday, Feb. 19. This group maintains a rare virtuosity, together with a fusion of talent and taste that encompasses many musical styles and periods.

The Annapolis Brass Quintet dazzled an IWV Concert Association audience in 1976, then continued to please audiences in many other places throughout the United States.

Since its inception in 1971, the Quintet has been the only full-time performing brass ensemble in the U.S. The Quintet performs each year in the major cities of Europe, throughout the United States, and at leading festivals at home and abroad.

On Wednesday, March 19, the IWV Concert Association will bring back the Odessa Balalaikas, musicians rated as "America's finest Russian folk group." This ever-popular ensemble of five musicians returns to China Lake with a new and expanded program of Russian instrumental and vocal music, featuring authentic folk instruments and costumes.

In the sixth and last concert of this series, George Zukerman, bassoonist, will appear on Thursday, April 24. As bassoon soloist (and raconteur) par excellence, this in-

ternationally-renowned, British-born virtuoso has enchanted audiences around the world with his instrument and his ready wit.

He will present an unusual and exciting program he calls "Zukermania," in which he intersperses superlative musical performances with witty and enlightening commentary, in his delightful entertaining style.

The first bassoonist from any nation to be invited to the Soviet Union to play with major symphony orchestras there, Zukerman has appeared as soloist on four continents and has been heard in concert in Great Britain, Switzerland, Italy, Scandinavia, Spain, Portugal, the Azores, the USSR, Czechoslovakia, France, Israel, India, Afghanistan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.

His virtuosity on the bassoon which he fondly refers to as "my symphonic piece of plumbing" has inspired rave reviews in a dozen languages.

All concerts in the series begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Naval Weapons Center theater.



Johann Strauss Ensemble — Oct. 24



Annapolis Brass Quintet — Feb. 19



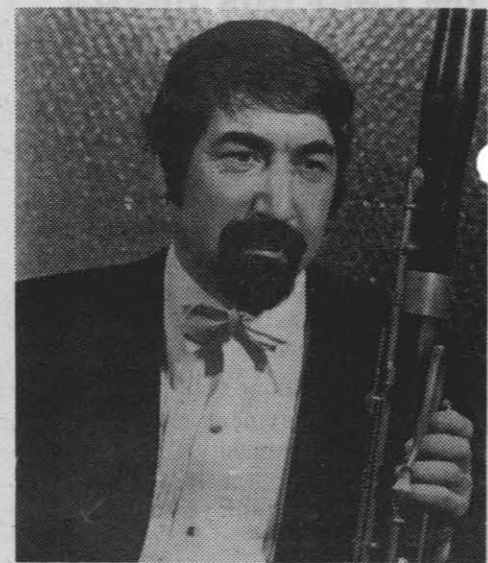
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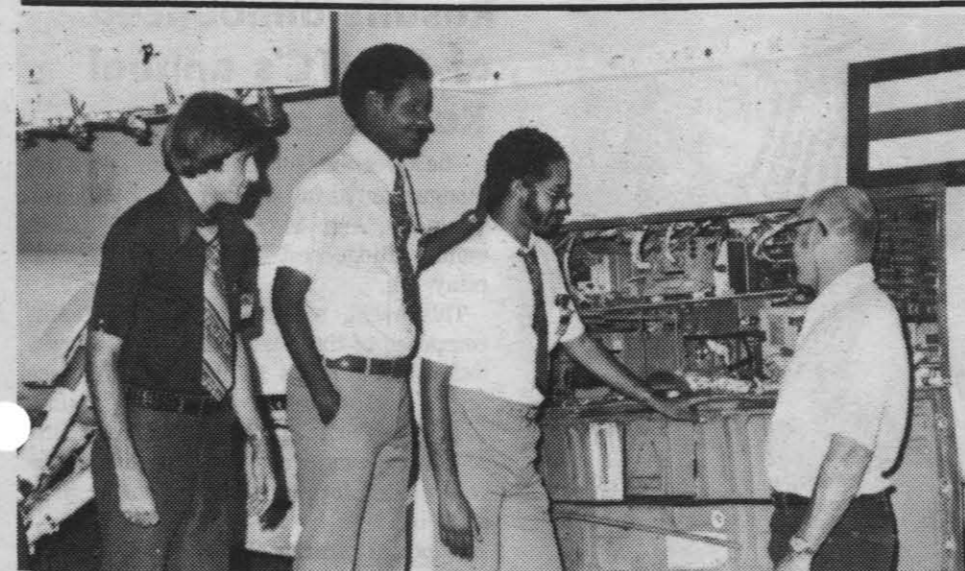
Opera A La Carte Nov. 26



Santiago Rodriguez Jan. 17



George Zukerman April 24



EYEING THE HARDWARE — Recently several junior professional engineers and scientists from AIR-533 (Avionics Division) of NAVAIR spent several days on the Center as part of an orientation program about activities at field stations. Shown examining one of the Center's aircraft are (l. to r.) Art Nakas, Vince West, and Jackie Gill, while Woody Chartier explains the functioning of a system.

Q. & A. on CSRA Demonstration Project . . .

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the interest shown in a system of this kind, it has been decided to develop an evaluation process that will allow employees to have a positive input into the performance rating of supervisors.

What's the possibility of adding to the amount available for monetary increases—outside the current constraints of a zero-sum game?

In addition to the funding resources already identified, i.e., comparability increases, within-grade step increases, promotions within proposed levels, and

most performance awards, other fund sources are being sought. The latest revision of the demonstration project proposal includes a provision for pursuing the allocation of additional funds to reward measured improvement in organizational effectiveness. Center representatives are in the process of negotiating with the responsible outside agencies to insure that the provision is accepted as part of the project.

Isn't a performance review every six months excessive?

One complaint frequently voiced by employees during performance review time

is that they were unaware a problem area existed in their performance until it was too late to do anything about it. One advantage to the semi-annual review is that it allows the supervisor and employee the opportunity to discuss what is expected of the employee and, if necessary, adjust performance in order to meet objectives. Another advantage, is that the employee and supervisor are both afforded the opportunity to provide and receive feedback that can impact on both individual and group performance prior to the time pay adjustments are made. It is expected that this process will provide an avenue for improved supervisor/employee goal-setting, morale, and efficiency that will compensate for the time spent on performance reviews.

How can I learn more about the demonstration project?

As mentioned above, employees are encouraged to discuss and submit questions and concerns to their PMAs for inclusion in future articles.

Employees and supervisors interested in learning more or being brought up to date on the project are also encouraged to set up informal briefings with their PMA.

Happenings around NWC

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1781, will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Monday, starting at 7 p.m., at 65-B Halsey Ave., China Lake.

Local 1781 is the exclusive representative of a unit composed of those non-supervisory civilian employees of the Police and Security Operations Division, Safety and Security Department, who are located at China Lake.

Hobby Shop Hours Changed

The Special Services Office has announced a change of hours for its hobby and craft complex.

New operational hours for the wood shop, ceramics shop, camping issue, and hobby store are 11:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 on Saturdays, and 7:30 until 4 on Mondays. Their operations are closed on Sundays and holidays.

The auto hobby shop (which is open to military personnel only) will be open Thursdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. until 9 at night, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and will be closed on Mondays and holidays.

Navy Wives' Yard Sale

A yard sale will be held as a fund-raiser for Desert Flowers Chapter No. 125, Navy Wives Club of America, on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14 and 15.

In preparation for this event, which will be held at 51-A Stroop Ave., China Lake, donations are being sought of household items and used clothing in good condition.

For further information, or to make arrangements to have items donated for the yard sale picked up, all interested persons should contact Norma Boswell by calling 446-2388.

Presentations Div. Moves

The Presentations Division (Code 342) and the Presentations Development Branch (Code 3422) of the Technical Information Department have moved from Building 1043, Strand Steel No. 1, to the upper floor of 73 Bard on the Naval Weapons Center.

The telephone number for Codes 342 and 3422 will still be NWC Ext. 3391.

Byron W. Butler, Jr., head of the division, now has his office in Room 229 in 73 Bard. Other members of the group will occupy Rooms 201 through 207 and 227 and 228.

The Film Projects Branch of the Presentations Division (Code 3423) will remain in Michelson Laboratory for the present time.

Vehicle fuel consumption at NWC reduced . . .

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being trailerized rather than being transported on trucks. These can be more economically moved when and where needed rather than being hauled each time the trucks are moved.

Equally, the emphasis will increasingly be on the use of tractor-trailer units rather than integral trucking. The fewer the engines on hand, the more efficiently can the Transportation Division be run. A trailer can be left and loaded, with the tractor unit then being called by radio when the trailer is ready to be moved. One tractor can be used effectively with several trailers.

Reducing the inventory of vehicles is also an economy measure, not only from the standpoint of use, but also fewer units means that less parts have to be carried on hand, and less facilities and personnel are needed to provide the mandatory servicing. An allowance reduction of 30 vehicles was made in 1978, and 38 vehicles less appear on the 1979 fiscal year inventory. An \$18 million inventory has been reduced \$3.1 million.

One way of reducing the quantity of equipment is to make each piece more versatile, especially the construction and engineer items, by increasing the quantity and capability of attachments. A bulldozer with an angle-blade attachment will do the same work as a grader, so only one vehicle need be sent on a remote area job rather than two.

The Center has already brought aboard 13 small Cushman mini flat bed haulers with an additional 7 programmed for the future. These operate on gasoline and get approximately 45 miles to the gallon. They have been found to be very useful at Armitage

NWC to host Naval Electronic Warfare Advisory Gp. meeting

The fall meeting of the Naval Electronic Warfare Advisory Group (NEWAG) will be held in the Management Center of Michelson Laboratory starting on Tuesday and continuing through Thursday.

Hosts for the meeting, which is to be attended by some 25 representatives of various military facilities, laboratories, Centers and bases, will be the Naval Weapons Center and the Electronic Warfare Department at NWC.

NEWAG represents the corporate knowledge of electronic warfare matters within the Navy and is chartered by the Director of Navy Laboratories and the Chief of Naval Material (CNM).

NEWAG is tasked by CNM, as an advisory group, to work on various problems associated with the broad spectrum of

electronic warfare. Meetings are held every two or three months.

During the past several years, the group has studied and made recommendations on such matters as the five year Electronic Warfare Development Plan for funding within the Navy, and the overall problem of threat simulation and validation.

At the present time, a study is underway regarding the current capacity to handle quick reaction capability within the Navy for procurement of electronic warfare equipment in case of an emergency conflict.

NEWAG is a dynamic group of dedicated people who are concerned not only with the current Fleet capability, but also the long range problems of research, development, threat intelligence and the direction that the Navy is going in electronic warfare.

Strong technical leadership for the group is provided by Lynn Cosby, superintendent of the Tactical Electronic Warfare Division at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., and a major participant is Rear Admiral Albert A. Gallotta in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

The agenda for next week's meeting is being prepared by Frank St. George, head of Code 35's Microwave Development Division, and by Fred Ashbrook, special assistant for intelligence in Code 35's Systems Science Division, who are NWC's representatives to the Advisory Group.

Cited for heroism . . .

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killed by the falling shale and rock. He displayed true heroism during his efforts to assist the downed pilot," LCDr. Crume added.

Reflecting on the rescue, AMS3 Schloesser said that after being injured he disregarded his condition because he was the person doing the rescue and not the one being rescued.

AMS3 Schloesser joined the Navy in October 1976 at Brentwood, Long Island, New York. He reported to China Lake in May 1977 after training at the Naval Air Technical Training Command, Memphis, Tenn.

Airfield, in the Public Works complex and in other locations where short distances are traversed.

In addition the Public Works Transportation Division is determining possible uses for a fleet of small electric power Cushman vehicles. These would be recharged during off-peak hours and are much more economical than using gasoline-power trucks for intra-area short haul trips.

Laser Electric Vehicles

The Center is also scheduled to receive a total of 15 laser electric vehicles from the Department of Energy's Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Program. Ten of these vehicles will be mini vans built on a Subaru chassis and five will be delivery vehicles using the AMC Pacer Wagon. These vehicles have passed the DoE requirements for minimum top speeds of 55 miles per hour and "between-charge" ranges of 50 miles and thus more nearly meet standard road requirements.

The Center's Energy Program Office is coordinating the Navy wide program in this area. The Center has also been approached on the possibility of testing and evaluating new and more advanced electric and hybrid vehicles for the Federal government.

Consolidation of trips results in more efficient gasoline usage. This is the rationale behind reinstituting the Center taxi service, and also providing a radio-freight delivery service. Despite rumors, the taxi service will continue and is growing.

Inventory control and accountability of gasoline is also a major consideration. The Center vehicles use about 2,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel each working day. (Roughly 15 percent of the vehicles use diesel, and conversion to diesel is being

made where possible.)

To consider accounting for all the gasoline, the configuration of the storage tanks must be considered, the specific gravity of the fuel, temperature, and altitude of the Center as well as identifying each gallon pumped to a vehicle. Despite this complexity, the objective is to account for all but one-half of one percent of the gasoline and one-quarter of one percent of diesel.

Key cards for users are being planned that will register to the nearest tenth of a gallon how much gas is pumped into each government vehicle; this will improve control even more.

Tires To Be Recapped Here

A major energy-saving (as well as money-saving) effort will begin on Oct. 1 when the Center will begin to recap its tires. Commercial recapping companies state that a new tire takes 26 gallons of fuel to produce, while only 6 to 8 gallons are needed to recap a tire. Last year, a typical year, the Center's vehicles used 2,990 tires.

In the first year of a recapping program, roughly 80 percent of tires needed could be recapped rather than being replaced with new tires. The difference in fuel needed to produce 2,390 recaps rather than 2,990 new tires is mammoth; so is the cost.

Recaps can be used on all vehicles except emergency vehicles and on the front wheels of buses or multipassenger vehicles such as vans. Regulations require new tires for these uses.

Efforts continue to identify other ways in which the transportation needs of the Center can be met with a trimmer, smaller flexible fleet of vehicles appropriately mixed in size to meet actual regular demands.