

Panel discussion about wilderness area use planned

A panel discussion on the U.S. Forest Services' wilderness study and proposals that will affect the future use of land in the southern Sierras and adjoining desert areas will be held next Thursday, May 29, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Las Flores School auditorium in Ridgecrest.

Participants in this program, which has been arranged by the China Lake-Ridgecrest Branch of the American Association of University Women, will not be here to debate one another, but to present information based on their varying points of view and to answer questions from the audience.

The panelists will be Jerry Magee, representing the Bureau of Land Management; Bob Rice, supervisor of the Inyo National Forest; Mike Henstra, president of the Kern Plateau Association; David Wise, a spokesman for the Louisiana-Pacific Corp.; John Nicholson, a representative of the Four-Wheel Drive Club; Joe Fontaine, from the Sierra Club; and Dr. Carl Austin, a geologist.

Wise, Nicholson, Fontaine and Dr. Austin will outline the wilderness area interests of the timber industry, recreation seekers, conservationists, and miners, respectively.

Transportation for mid-week trip to Las Vegas offered

Centerites who would like to have a night out in Las Vegas on a week night rather than a crowded weekend have the opportunity to sign up for the Recreation Services Las Vegas Red Eye Special trip planned for Wednesday, June 11.

The Recreation Services van will leave from the parking lot at Bennington Plaza at 8 a.m. Wednesday, and will return the weary travelers to the same place Thursday at about 3 a.m.

The cost for the round trip is \$14 for military personnel and \$20 for civilians. Payment is due at the time the reservation is made; only partial refunds will be given on any cancellations made after Friday, June 6. Military personnel may sign up immediately; civilian reservations will be accepted starting Monday, June 2.

Anyone seeking further information may telephone NWC ext. 2010.

Talk scheduled on conditions in China

A look into China today will be given members of the American Society for Public Administration and guests on Saturday, May 31, by Robin and Betty Ting, who recently emigrated to the United States from Beijing.

The meeting will be held at the Patio Room of Clancey's Claim Co. in Ridgecrest, with a no-host social hour at 6 p.m. preceding dinner at 7 o'clock.

Robin Ting will talk about policy and administration in China under the rule of "The Gang of Four," as well as under the Deng regime. Betty Ting will be available to talk about the role of women in modern China.

Reservations are required; they may be made by telephoning either Fred Nathan, 446-2157, or Linda Roush at NWC ext. 2875 or 375-5937.

Film to be shown at FEW lunch on May 29

A film entitled "You Pack Your Own Chute" will be shown at a brown bag lunch meeting of Federally Employed Women (FEW) to be held next Thursday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m. in Rm. 205 of the Training Center.

This film graphically depicts how, by overcoming obstacles despite unrealistic fears, it is possible to take charge of one's own life. A discussion will follow the film.

All residents of the local area are invited to attend.



TAKING OVER — Sharon Zabel (l.), who has served as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess during this year, passes the gavel on to Kathy McKinney, newly installed president of the group. Observing in the background are (l. to r.), Madeline Dienhart, vice president of WACOM, and Vivian Wright, secretary. Not pictured is Jean Fish, who is assuming the duties of treasurer.

Through Project Handclasp, help given by Navy to needy people

The past calendar year brought an upswing in the U.S. Navy's Project Handclasp activities that come under the cognizance of the West Coast director of this Navywide program.

Major recipients of the more than 2 million tons of goods sent abroad during 1979 were the people of the Philippine Islands, but there were other beneficiaries of this people-to-people program extending from Korea and Okinawa through islands of the South Pacific to Southeast Asia and back to Mexico.

The U.S. Navy's Project Handclasp is a way in which Americans extend the hand of friendship overseas. Its mission is to provide commands, Fleet units, and Navy ships with the humanitarian materials essential to carry out a wide variety of humanitarian programs.

Distribution of this material is accomplished directly by U.S. servicemen, acting as ambassadors of goodwill overseas



— Photo by Charles Creusere

"GOODBYE..." — Brett Battles, transformed into a fiery young ballplayer in a scene from "Damn Yankees" gets ready to lead his team to victory (courtesy of assistance from the Devil). The Burroughs High School production will be seen tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15 at the high school lecture center. Tickets are \$2.50 for general admission, and \$1.50 for students, enlisted military, and senior citizens. They may be purchased at the box office prior to each performance.

whose goal is to build better understanding between people of other countries and the people of the United States.

Typical of Project Handclasp (PH) activities, naval personnel in Chinhae, Korea, donated 12,000 lb. of PH materials to needy schools, hospitals, and a home for the elderly.

The Officer-in-Charge, Detachment Chinhae, in a report detailing the distribution, included the following comments: "That Americans would take such an interest in elderly people of another nation has been somewhat of a surprise to the Korean people and has won respect for the Navy among many people... The value of this Handclasp material has been estimated at \$18,000. The real value, however, has been the Americans' personal interest which it represents."

Another example of PH assistance included in the annual report mentioned transportation by the amphibious cargo ship USS Saint Louis and the ammunition ship USS Shasta of 73 pallets of textbooks, school desks, food, medical supplies, vegetable seeds, clothing and a sewing machine workshop to the U.S. Naval Communications Station at San Miguel in the Philippine Islands. This material was distributed to orphanages, hospitals, and schools throughout the municipality of San Antonio on the Island of Luzon.

Regarding this contribution, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Communications Station stated: "... it is very evident that this is a tremendously useful people-helping-people program, enhancing the historically warm relationship between the Filipino community... the Navy in general and the entire United States."

Calendar year 1979 was a highly successful one for the Project Handclasp program, resulting as it did in the distribution of materials valued conservatively at \$3 million.

In December of last year, PH material worth \$1 million was loaded aboard 11 Navy ships in San Diego. These supplies eventually will be delivered to seven specific locations in the Pacific and then distributed in various ports as part of ship sponsored people-to-people programs.

The items collected included material for Navy ships that might be involved in refugee rescue operations at sea, and approximately 250,000 lb. for delivery to ports of refugee concentration, such as those on Okinawa, in the Philippines, and Thailand.

Project Handclasp personnel worked many extra hours sorting, packing, marking, staging, documenting, and transporting this enormous amount of material dockside for loading aboard the ships.



Commissioned Officers' Mess Entertainment by the Marauders, a contemporary-music group from the Los Angeles area, will be the highlight of this evening's Membership Night fete at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A buffet dinner will be served from 6:30 to 9 p.m.; and music for the listening and dancing pleasure of members and guests will be provided from 8 o'clock until midnight.

The COM will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

On Tuesday night, the COM is proud to present another dinner theatre performance by the Alpha-Omega Players.

On tap for ticket holders to this event will be the presentation of Mark Twain's "The Diary of Adam and Eve," a Broadway comedy with music that has been presented for more than 2,000 performances.

The main entree at Tuesday night's dinner will be Grand Marnier Cornish hen, rice pilaf, potato, and vegetables, served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Showtime is 8 o'clock, and dinner and show are priced at \$7 per person. Reservations, which are a must, can be made by calling the COM office at 446-2549 no later than this evening.

Enlisted Mess The Millennium, a 4-piece rock music group from the Los Angeles area, will be back for a return engagement tonight at the Enlisted Mess.

The musicians, led by George Barr Williams, Jr., will be playing for the listening and dancing pleasure of EM patrons from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Main entree on the menu at the EM dining room this evening will be surf 'n turf served from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

nwc rocketeer



COMPUTER READOUT CHECKED — Harry Hamerding, latest recipient of the NWC Technical Director Award for his contributions to the Versatile Training System (VTS), checks data received on the PDP 11/70 NWC central computer in Lauritsen Laboratory. This computer provides service to CNO, NAVAIR and to some 20 VTS sites located at naval air stations, submarine schools and training facilities, and on board two surface ships — the USS Gridley, a missile frigate, and the aircraft carrier USS Kennedy.

Danger lurks

Navy helicopter used to rescue Kern River recreation seekers

On Saturday one civilian and on Sunday three others got unexpected rides in the Naval Weapons Center's UH-1N utility helicopter when they were rescued from the raging Kern River.

All had ignored signs warning that the river was too dangerous for boating, rafting, or swimming and had ventured forth to discover that the signs were accurate.

At about 5 p.m. Saturday the Center's duty officer received a call from the Kern County sheriff's office that a man was trapped in a kayak in the river a short distance north of Kernville.

Lt. Col. Ben Adams, USMC, who was on standby for search and rescue, took off shortly thereafter; LCDr. Chip Lancaster, AT1 Richard Holmes and AOAN Chip Reynolds served as crew for the SAR helicopter.

KAYAKER IN TROUBLE They found Louis Andrew Nicklas trapped in his kayak, wedged between rocks in the Kern River just north of Kernville. Nicklas was being kept above water by Douglas Wallace, one of six men from a whitewater tour group who were trying to rescue Nicklas but were unable to because of the fury of the water.

The rescue was made by lowering a horsecollar device from the helicopter, attaching Nicklas to the device, and lifting him and his kayak from the river to the shore where sheriff's deputies freed him from the kayak.

Lt. Col. Adams and his crew landed the helicopter to see if any further assistance was needed; they then took the battered Nicklas to the Mountain Mesa Hospital in Kernville, where he was kept overnight.

On Sunday another call came in, again from the sheriff's office, again requesting the aid of the Center's helicopter to make another rescue from the Kern River.

This time it was three innertubers who were stranded on a rock at the mouth of the Kern River where Cottonwood Creek flows into the river. (Two weeks ago another rafter was rescued from the same rock by an NWC helicopter piloted by Lt. Denny Wilcox. LCDr. Lancaster was on board that flight also, and was able to point out to

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AT1 Oubre honored as NWC Bluejacket of Month

Aviation Electronics Technician First Class Richard A. Oubre has been selected as the Naval Weapons Center Bluejacket of the Month for April.

He is supervisor of the NWC Cold Line, a position that he has held since reporting aboard in July 1979. In the letter nominating him for the award, Lt. M. D. Backes says that through AT1 Oubre's "resourcefulness and positive can-do attitude, he has proven to be a top-notch performer in all respects."

The letter continues, "his likeable, easy going personality combined with his ability to ensure all personnel are treated fairly and equally have earned him the utmost respect from both his juniors and seniors alike."

Lt. Backes also says that "Petty Officer Oubre's resourcefulness and superb leadership qualities have enabled him to mold his assigned personnel into a smooth, effective work force." In addition, it was noted that he has been able to instill his subordinates with the importance of self-improvement.

Commended as well is AT1 Oubre's positive military image that sets a fine example for all to follow.

AT1 Oubre entered the Navy 18 years ago from his home town of Loreauville, La., after having completed one year of college. He is planning to start taking classes at Cerro Coso Community College this fall,

Technical Director Award presented for work on Versatile Training System

Harry E. Hamerding, a computer specialist who heads the Instructional Systems Branch (Code 3154) in the Systems Development Department's Aircraft Sensor and Laser Systems Division, received the Technical Director's Award during the Commander's meeting held last week in the Management Center of Michelson Laboratory.

The award, which is given in recognition of outstanding technical accomplishment, was presented by Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, who congratulated Hamerding for his contributions to the Versatile Training System (VTS).

BASIS FOR AWARD

In the letter of commendation that accompanied the award, the Technical Director noted that VTS is not only the most efficient training method in the Navy, but also the least costly and most effective. The system assists the Fleet Readiness Squadrons by providing fully trained personnel to Operational Squadrons in the shortest possible time.

"Please accept my sincere appreciation and congratulations for a job well done," Hillyer wrote in the letter of commendation to Hamerding. The letter was accompanied by an engraved paperweight and a \$300 stipend which is granted with this special form of a Superior Achievement Award.

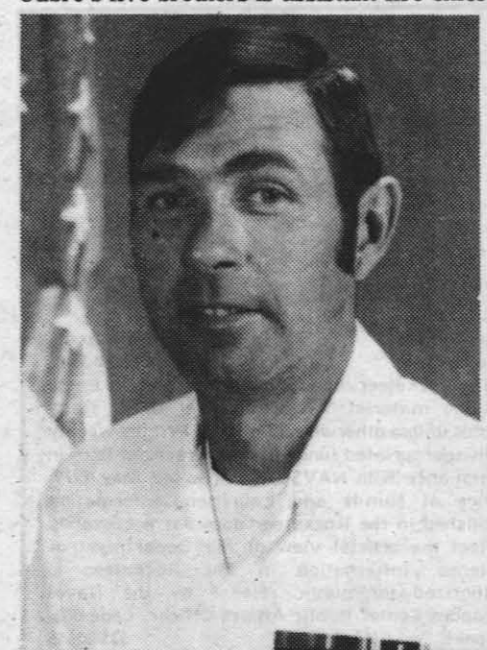
Hamerding was nominated for the Technical Director Award by Leroy D. Marquardt, acting head of the Systems Development Department. The latter pointed out that the concept of Versatile Training is an important step toward achieving an efficient training management tool that is capable of providing individualized instructions to the trainee.

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and will use his G.I. schooling entitlements to complete college when he retires from the Navy.

That date, he says, is still indeterminate, depending on how finances work out when his 20 years are up in two years.

He, his wife Shirley, and children Jeff, 14, and Lisa, 11, knew what to expect when they arrived at China Lake because one of AT1 Oubre's five brothers is assistant fire chief



AT1 Richard A. Oubre

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Pacific Fleet Commander pays tribute to nation's war dead

'The act of paying tribute to fallen military heroes dates back at least to ancient Greece and Rome. In America, this tribute is paid each year on Memorial Day. Perhaps it is best represented by the tradition begun during the Civil War of decorating the graves of Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.'

Training classes

To enroll in the following classes students should submit NWC Training Request and Authorization Form 12410 73, via department channels, to reach Code 094 before the deadline listed.

Assertion Training; June 2, 3:30 to 6 p.m., June 4 through 6, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

EE360 Electrical Engr. Fundamentals from Cal State Northridge; June 13 to July 25, Friday-Saturday schedule. Deadline: June 9.

Economics 500, Survey of Economic Theory; June 13 through 28, Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Deadline: June 9.

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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 092, Ext. 2069. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column.

Fiscal Accounting Clerk, GS-501-4, PD No. 778002N, Code 0885 — (2 vacancies). The incumbent of this position serves as a fiscal accounting clerk in the Disbursing Office, Accounting and Disbursing Division, Office of Finance and Management.

Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-4/5/6, PD No. 802501N, Code 2522 — This position is located in the Purchase Branch, Contracts Division, Supply Department. The incumbent will purchase a wide variety of commodities, standard commercial items, as well as technical items.

Reassignment opportunities

This column will be used to fill only engineering and scientific positions through reassignment and through promotion to positions with equal promotion potential. For this reason, the Reassignment Opportunity Announcements are separate from the Promotional Opportunities column in the Rocketeer.

Mechanical Engineer/Aerospace Engineer, GS-830/861-11 or 12, PD No. 8031080, Code 2145 (2 vacancies) — These positions serve as design, test and evaluation engineers in the newly formed Suspension and Release Equipment (S&RE) Development Branch, Avionics Division, Systems Development Department.

Interdisciplinary Position (GS-11 or GS-12); Mathematician (GS-1520), Computer Scientist (GS-1530), Electronics Engineer (GS-835), Physicist (GS-1070), etc. — This position is located in the Tactical Software Branch of the Tactical Software Engineering Division, Systems Development Department.

Change will be going into effect on June 13 regarding the mechanics of applying for jobs advertised in the Rocketeer. Beginning in mid-June, employees wishing to be considered for merit promotions to fill vacancies listed in the Promotional Opportunities column or the Reassignment Opportunities column must submit a Standard Form 171 (Qualifications Statement) for each job being applied for.

Any questions regarding the new procedure or requests for assistance in filling out SF 171 should be referred by employees to the Personnel Management Advisor for their code.

Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of small purchase procedures; ability to work without close supervision; ability to deal effectively with others; ability to work under pressure.

Motor Vehicle Operator, WG-5703-7, JD No. 165, Code 25921 — This is a temporary position, not to exceed one year. This position is located in the Receiving Section, Receiving Operations Branch, Material Division, Supply Department.

File applications for the above with Linda Bego, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2736.

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Division, Systems Development Department. Incumbent assists in laboratory and airborne tests related to prototype suspension and release equipment; adjusts and maintains electronic and mechanical test equipment.

Engineering Technician, GS-802-9/10/11, PD No. 7962034N, Code 62122 — This position is located in the Environmental Engineering and Evaluation Branch, Ordnance Test and Evaluation Division, Range Department.

File applications for the above with Bonnie Owens, Bldg. 34, Rm. 214, Ph. 2577.

Supervisory Security Clerk, GS-301-7, PD No. 7824018N, Code 2422 — This is a temporary position/promotion not to exceed 1 year which may lead to a permanent promotion/position.

File applications for the above with Janet Thomas, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118.

Cook, NA-7405-4, \$4.34 plus benefits, permanent, part-time, Chief Petty Officers' Club (Open) — This is not a Civil Service position.

Apply for the above with Bettye Cheatum, Special Services, Bldg. 21, Ph. 3387.

Youth soccer season ends . . .

aided by assists from Brian Fitzgerald and Mike Rindt, respectively, provided the scoring punch for the Sting.

The lone goal for the Hurricane came off the toe of David Mann, after the ball was moved into scoring position following an interception by Mike Jeffris, who got the ball to Robbie Green and the latter passed it to Mann.

With an assist from Jason Fontenot, Shaw Carter tallied a goal in the final period of play that ended a scoreless tie and gave the Blizzard a 1-0 win over the Cosmos.

In another close contest, the Rogues and Lancers were locked in a 1-1 tie late in the game as the result of penalty kicks for goals by Donald Ashton, of the Rogues, and Matt Mechtensberg, of the Lancers.

Defense also was the name of the game in the season finale between the Strikers and



Photo by PH2 Tony Garcia. BATTLE FOR BALL — Joe Lloyd, right forward for the Timbers, and Patricia Hudson, a defender for the Drillers, battle for the ball in this bit of action during last Saturday's game at Davidove Field.

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The contest ended in a 1-0 victory for the Strikers as the result of a goal tallied by Chris Johnson. The Strikers were led on offense by Andy Corzine, while Josh Young was the outstanding player on defense.

In the National Division (for 5th and 6th grade players) the Sounders displayed their all-around team strength by blasting the Kicks 9-0, while the Tornadoes and Surf fought to a 1-1 tie, and the Roughnecks edged the Whitecaps 3-2.

The Sounders' scoring spree was led by Reed Stephensen and Scott Oliver, who scored 3 and 2 goals, respectively. Single goals by Mike Garrett, Corey Travinger, Sam Greenum and Tom Dabbs added to the rout.

Both scores in the 1-1 tie between the Tornado and Surf were tallied in the first half. Peter Hueber got the Tornadoes out in front with the first goal of the game, but Scott Parmenter countered with a tally for

Rec. Roundup . . .

diving class that will be held on Wednesdays from 6 to 9:45 p.m. starting on May 28.

This class, which is to be taught by Robert Fox, a member of the Association of Diving Instructors, will include six lectures and classes at the indoor swimming pool, and five open water dives.

Each student participating in this Special Services Division-sponsored class will be required to furnish his or her own swim fins, face mask, snorkel, boots and gloves. Oxygen tanks will be furnished by the instructor during classes held at the indoor swimming pool only.

At midway point in season, Yankees clinch first place tie in Little League Major Div.

With an assist from the Red Sox, who knocked off the Dodgers by a score of 6-5, the Yankees moved into first place last week (May 12-17) in the Major Division of the China Lake Little League.

The Red Sox pummeled the Tigers 13-4 in posting their second win of the week, while the Yankees coasted to a pair of lopsided wins by scores of 16-0 over the Tigers, and by a final tally of 16-1 over the Wildcats.

Highlight of the Yankees' shutout win over the Tigers was the 1-hit pitching performance of Kenny Fite for the Yanks. In his team's lopsided victory over the Wildcats, Fite led the Yankees at the plate with three hits — a triple, a double and a pair of singles.

This past Tuesday night, the Yankees assured themselves of at least a tie for first place at the halfway point in the season by once again defeating the Wildcats — this time by a score of 10-1.

A home run that cleared the fence (only the second one this season for any player in the Major Division of the China Lake Little

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