

Cooking expert to be speaker at next WACOM luncheon

Margaree Klein, "The Happy Cooker," will be guest speaker at the March luncheon of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Mrs. Klein will give a demonstration of how to cook Chinese food American style; her message is that "The Chow's the Main Thing."

Reservations are required to attend the WACOM luncheon. They may be made by telephoning either Dayle Huckins, 375-7655, or Ann Meyer, 375-2004, by Monday.

Student pottery work to be displayed at college

The Cerro Coso Community College Art Gallery will host an exhibit of work by students of Paul Meyers' fall semester "Pioneer Pottery" class from March 9 through April 2.

The pottery was made from local materials that were processed into usable clay and glazes. On display also will be handmade tools and machinery (made from recycled materials) that are essential parts of the total process of pottery making.

The Art Gallery will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., and on Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

AFGE to meet Monday

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

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



COOKING EXPERT — Margaree Klein, author of "The Happy Cooker," will demonstrate how to cook Chinese food American style at a WACOM luncheon meeting to be held Tuesday at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Party, camp rally are highlights of Girl Scout Week observance

The local observance of Girl Scout Week (March 8 through 14) will be highlighted by a birthday party and camp rally next Wednesday, March 11, starting at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Building on South Warner Street in Ridgecrest.

Representatives from the Joshua Tree Council, Girl Scouts of America, will be here to present information and show pictures of the summer camp program to members of the Roadrunner (Ridgecrest-China Lake) Neighborhood and all other interested persons.

Seven employees of NWC win awards in national competition

Seven Naval Weapons Center employees won awards in the annual competition sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. The awards were presented during a banquet held last week in San Diego.

An Award of Merit was presented to Bill Erwin and Olivia Frances for their art work in the current Naval Weapons Center recruiting brochure. Erwin heads the Illustration Branch, Code 3441, in the Technical Information Department, and Ms. Frances is a branch member.

Winners of a Certificate of Achievement were Thom Boggs, Bruce McIntosh, and Elizabeth Babcock for their writing of the Performance Evaluation Handbook for the Civil Service Reform Act Demonstration Project. Boggs heads the Fundamental Combustion Research Branch in the Research Department, McIntosh heads the Employee Management Relations Division of the Personnel Department, and Ms. Babcock heads the Writing Branch in the Technical Information Department.

A Certificate of Honorable Mention was received by Lyn Brandt and Walter Koerschner for a brochure entitled "Optical Components Technology - Center." Ms. Brandt is in the Editing Branch of the Technical Information Department, and Koerschner is in the Illustration Branch of the same department.

Cultural needs public forum slated March 13

Friday, March 13, will be a lucky day for those who are interested in both visual and performing arts activities.

That's when the Kern County Arts Plan Public Forum will hold a cultural needs assessment meeting at the Ridgecrest Branch Library, 131 E. Las Flores, Ridgecrest, from noon until 2 p.m. Brown bag lunches are suggested.

Anyone seeking more information may telephone the Arts Council of Kern, (805) 324-9000.



Commissioned Officers' Mess Italian and oriental food will be served in the Commissioned Officers' Mess dining room next Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

On Tuesday, all the spaghetti and meat sauce one can eat will be offered for a price of \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

Japanese night on Thursday, March 12, will feature a choice of beef yakitori or shrimp tempura.

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

Next Saturday, March 14, members and guests will be treated to another gala Membership Night event.

For the price of \$4 for members and their spouses and \$5 for guests, the COM will offer an evening of dining and dancing.

Baron of beef with all the trimmings will be served from 6:30 to 9 p.m., to be followed by "The Marauders," a 5-piece combo from the Los Angeles area, whose forte is oldies and goodies. They will play from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Now is the time to make reservations for the Dinner/Theater Night at the COM coming up on Thursday, March 19.

The Alpha-Omega Players, one of the touring companies organized by the Repertory Theater of America, will be presenting "Angel on My Shoulder," a light-hearted comedy, starting at 8 o'clock.

Preceding the show, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a buffet dinner featuring chicken a la Kiev will be served. The price is \$8 per person for this fun-filled evening.

Reservations for both Membership Night and the Dinner/Theater Night are a must, and can be made by telephoning the COM office at 446-2549.

Enlisted Mess March will be country-western month at the Enlisted Mess.

Starting tonight at 9 o'clock the EM will feature "Cat-A-Berry," a 5-piece country-western combo from the Los Angeles area, who will play for the musical enjoyment of all those in attendance.

Preceding "Cat-A-Berry," steak and shrimp dinners will be served in the EM dining room from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Makeup artist to give demonstration at NEX retail store

A makeup artist from the Max Factor cosmetic company will be on hand at the Navy Exchange retail store on Friday, March 13, to show women how to enhance their beauty.

Not only will this artist provide complete makeups between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., but free samples of Max Factor cosmetics will be given away, and all Max Factor products will be on sale.

Friday the 13th will also be a lucky day for other shoppers at the NEX because it marks the start of a five-day sale commemorating the 35th birthday of the NEX.

Green tagged items throughout the main store will show reductions in prices on clothing, stereos, hardware and sports equipment.

The sale also extends to products at the service station, personalized services store, and the NEX snack bars.

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Bluejacket of Year banquet set Saturday

Highlight of the twelfth annual Bluejacket of the Year banquet, which is to be held tomorrow night at the Enlisted Mess, will be the announcement of the winner out of the eight Bluejackets of the Quarter who were nominated for the honor.

Four of these Bluejackets are from the Naval Weapons Center and four from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five.

The candidates for this special honor to be bestowed by Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League on the outstanding enlisted sailor of the year and their current duty assignments are, from the Naval Weapons Center:

Aviation Fire Control Technician First Class Larry M. Woeller, assigned to the Aircraft Maintenance Division, Organizational Avionics Branch, Aircraft Department; Aviation Electronics Technician First Class Richard A. Oubre, who is presently assigned to the Targets Division as Night Check Maintenance Control Chief; Aviation Administrationman Third Class Billi A. Taylor, who is assigned to Maintenance Control as the early shift maintenance control representative; and Aviation Electronics Technician Second Class Robert C. Ross, who is assigned to the Aircraft Support Division, Avionics, Armament Branch, Integrated Weapons Team.

Nominated from VX-5 are: Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class Armand Rosenthal, a plane captain in the Line Division; Aviation Structural Mechanic Second Class Donald Boyle, Jr., who is in the Aircraft Maintenance, Airframes Work Center; Yeoman Second Class Kimberly A. Ryder, assigned to the Administration Division; and Aviation

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Weekend storm drops in. of rain at China Lake

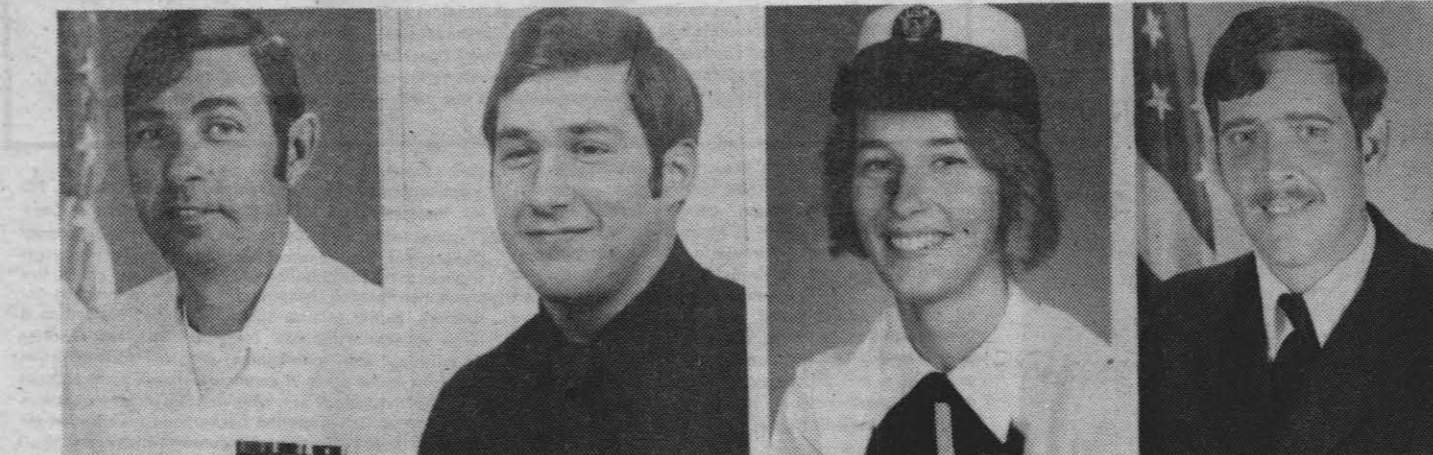
Last weekend's rainstorm, which started out as gentle showers on Saturday and gained in intensity on Sunday before fading away on Monday, dropped exactly an inch of rain here.

According to John Gibson, a weather forecaster with the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment at Armitage Airfield, this increased the calendar year total for 1981 to 1.62 in., compared to a normal of .98 in. of rain for January and February.

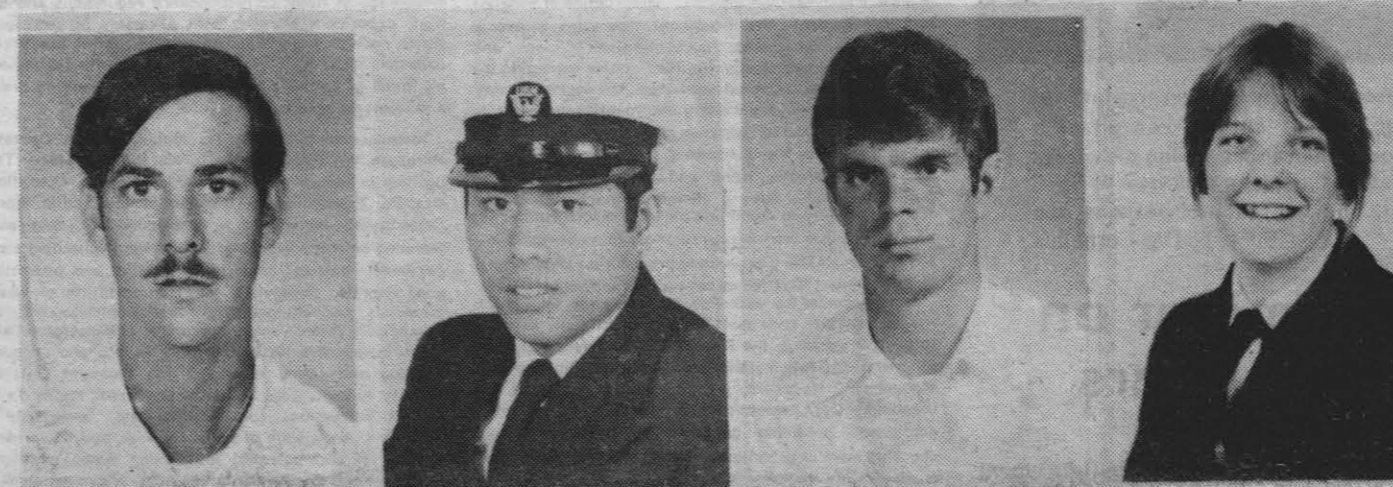
The 3-day storm was spawned by a wet cold front that had stalled over the Pacific Ocean and came ashore on Saturday. A trough slid down and formed a low pressure area off the southern California coast, and it slipped westward through California toward Nevada and the Rocky Mountains.

This, Gibson said, resulted in a southeast flow that brought moisture to the desert side of the mountains.

Another storm arrived at midweek, dropping .86 inch of rain on Wednesday and Thursday. As of 7 a.m. today, rainfall for the year totaled 2.54 in.



AT1 Richard Oubre AT2 Robert C. Ross AZ3 Billi A. Taylor AQ1 Larry Woeller



AMH2 Donald A. Boyle AMH2 Mario Mercado AD3 Armand Rosenthal YN2 Kimberly A. Ryder

Future outlook for hospital heliport discussed

At the request of the Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee (IGCC) of Indian Wells Valley, officials of the Naval Weapons Center participated last week in a discussion of the future outlook for the heliport that serves the Ridgecrest Community Hospital.

While it is not a matter of immediate concern, the fact that the heliport is located on land that has been declared excess to the Navy's needs stimulated the IGCC to bring this subject up for consideration at its regular monthly meeting held on Feb. 26.

The IGCC was established on an informal basis in 1977 as a means for the various governmental agencies within the Indian Wells Valley to meet and exchange information and ideas for the benefit of all citizens in the valley.

Represented at the meeting during which information pertinent to the future of the Ridgecrest Community Hospital heliport was presented by Capt. Jon R. Ives, NWC Public Works Officer, were representatives of NWC, the City of Ridgecrest, the Indian Wells Valley Water District, the Sierra Sands Unified School District, Cerro Coso Community College, the Ridgecrest Hospital board of directors, and the Ridgecrest office of the Bureau of Land Management.

In addition, a representative of State Assemblyman Phil Wyman was also in attendance.

At this time, Capt. Ives told those who attended the IGCC meeting, the heliport is operated under a license issued to the hospital. This license is to remain in effect until July 1982, or until the excess government land on which it is located is disposed of by exchange or sale.

Currently, the 540 acres that includes the small segment occupied by the heliport, is in the hands of the Western Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Bruno, Calif., and is earmarked for possible exchange for privately-owned

property underlying the low level aircraft approach corridors to the NWC test ranges.

"Land exchanges of this sort are difficult to put together," Capt. Ives observed, "since it is hard to find the coincidence of interest that will make them fly." If no opportunities for land exchange arise, the Navy-owned land that borders the east side of North China Lake Blvd. and other land that adjoins East Ridgecrest Blvd. (adjacent to the Cottonwood housing tract) will go to the General Services Administration for disposal.

Ives also mentioned that NWC officials have been in contact with WEST-DIVNAVFAC on this subject, but the Real Estate Division at San Bruno, after having made fair market value appraisals of land below the low level aircraft approach corridors to NWC test ranges, doesn't yet know what the possibilities are for working out land exchange agreements.

The existing license to operate the heliport covers just the ground surface area of the heliport itself, Capt. Ives replied in answer to a question raised on that point. There is a larger area than that to be considered, however, since a distance of 700 ft. north and south from the heliport must be

Contractor employee is fatally injured

William O. Brooks, 46, of 933 Forrest Knoll, Ridgecrest, was fatally injured on Tuesday at about 1:30 p.m. when he was apparently pulled into the jet intake of a QF-86F aircraft during a high-power engine turnover while the aircraft was undergoing routine maintenance at Armitage Airfield.

Brooks, an electrician, was running the electrical start cart at the time.

He was an employee of Kentron International, Inc., of Dallas, Tex., and had been in the local area less than a year. Four other Kentron employees were also working on the aircraft at the time.

As of press time, no information on funeral or memorial services was available.

