

Maturango Museum to sponsor talk on Mayan archaeology

David Whitley, who is research associate at the Maturango Museum and a graduate student at UCLA, will discuss "Recent Discoveries in Maya Archaeology" at a museum-sponsored lecture on Wednesday March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the museum's Sylvia Winslow exhibit gallery.

In this free lecture, Whitley will talk about the many discoveries of the past ten years that have revolutionized archaeologists' knowledge of ancient Mayan civilizations.

He will discuss some of the new information on the origin of civilization and the growth of the first cities in mesoamerica, as well as some recent interpretations of Maya hieroglyphic writing that shed light on the history of this vanished civilization.

Ice cream parlor to open tomorrow in Bennington Plaza

An ice cream parlor, operated by the Navy Exchange, will open its doors for business for the first time tomorrow morning in the Bennington Plaza area.

This latest expansion of the NEX food services program is located next to the Consolidated Package Store and near the Barber shop.

Ice cream cones, sundaes, and other frozen confections will be offered for sale at the NEX ice cream parlor, which will be managed by Mary Draper, as food services supervisor.

Hours of operation at the ice cream parlor are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Tuesday through Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Additional services are now available at NEX retail store

The Navy Exchange retail store is emphasizing one-stop shopping for its customers' convenience.

Services that either have already moved into the main store in Bennington Plaza, or will shortly be moving, include the photo finishing service; cobbler repair; laundry and dry cleaning; key duplicating; teleflora services; rental services on steam cleaning equipment, television, and microwaves; and engraving.

Additional services and an expanded inventory are also planned.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! — Madeline Dienhart, current president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, and Vera Appleton (at right), who was vice president of the group in 1950, shared the honors in cutting a birthday cake for WACOM's 37th birthday at the March meeting. Some of the more than 120 past and present members attending the celebration drove here from as far away as San Diego, and five of those present became members when WACOM was formed in 1945. — Photo by Don Cornelius

CLOTA production of 'Handful of Rainbows' opens March 26

Fun for all the family is what the Community Light Opera and Theater production of Jonathan Troy's "A Handful of Rainbows" promises.

This comedy drama, directed by Vonnie Goss, will open on Friday, March 26, at 8:15 p.m. at the Burroughs High School lecture center. Additional performances are scheduled, at the same time and place, on

Saturday, March 27, and on the following Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3.

The play is set in a theatrical boarding house in Hollywood in the 1940s. Starring as the sisters, Marion and Meg Bradford are, respectively, Marlene Altieri and Rebecca Conner.

Other cast members and the roles they play are Ken Hedden as Tommy Grant; Nancy Nowak, Rebecca Starr; Bill Altieri, Howard Wexler; Gerry Miller, Carla Ferguson; Dalene Howard, Honey Houston; Ed Romero, Steffan Barcola; Patrick Plugge, Jeff Donovan; and Maureen Williamson, Laura Williams.

Those handling the essential chores behind the scenes include Al Cleland as technical director; Nancy Cleland and Mary Grimsley, props; and Tina Dillard and Patricia Siegel, costumes. Serving as associate director of the play is Patrick Plugge.

General admission tickets are \$3.50, with students, senior citizens, and enlisted military being admitted for \$2.50.

No-host reception planned Tues. for Navy Comptrollers

A no-host reception for a group of Navy Comptrollers will be held in the Plaque Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. All Center personnel are invited to attend.

Navy Comptrollers, chaired by Ted Huang, who is head of the Laboratory Resources Division of the Naval Material Command, will meet here next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Those who plan to attend the no-host reception are asked to telephone Linda Brantner at NWC ext. 3605. A prime rib of beef dinner will follow the reception. Dinner tickets are \$8.75 and must be purchased in advance from Mrs. Brantner in Room 204 of the Administration Building.

MOVIES

(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences
(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested
(R) RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 24
"THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN"
Starring
Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons
(Romantic-drama, rated R, 124 min.)

SATURDAY MARCH 20
The Santa Barbara Ballet
presents
"COPPELIA"
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MARCH 21
"ONLY WHEN I LAUGH"
Starring
Marsha Mason and Kristy McNichol
(Comedy, rated R, 120 min.)

MONDAY MARCH 22
"AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON"
Starring
David Naughton and Jenny Agutter
(Drama, rated R, 89 min.)

FRIDAY MARCH 26
"DEAD AND BURIED"
Starring
James Farenino and Melody Anderson
(Horror-drama, rated R, 94 min.)

Reserved seats still available for ballet program Saturday

Some reserved seats are still left for the performance tomorrow night of "Coppelia" by the Santa Barbara Ballet at the Center theater. The evening's performance begins at 7:30 p.m., and is designed to delight both children and adult ballet-lovers.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Daily Independent newspaper office, 739 N. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest. Reserved seat prices are \$6.50, \$5.50 and \$4.50. For senior citizens, students, and enlisted military there is a \$1 reduction off each of these prices.

"Coppelia" is the story of the lovely Swanhilda, who plays a trick on her betrothed, Franz, by pretending to be the beautiful doll Coppelia. Leading roles are danced by Tishia Hicks, Thom Lake, and Edward Rumberger.

Beautiful costumes, fine dancing, and colorful music will add to the entertainment of those who enjoy ballet.



TOP FLIGHT PERFORMANCE — Thom Lake dances the role of Franz in tomorrow night's performance of "Coppelia" by the Santa Barbara Ballet at the Center theater, starting at 7:30 p.m.

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Health benefit program 'open season' slated May 3-28

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) — The Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Donald J. Devine, has announced that an open enrollment period for Federal workers and retirees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will be held from May 3 through May 28, 1982. Enrollment changes will be effective on July 1 for annuitants, and on July 11 for most active employees.

The decision to hold an open season in the FEHB Program was made following administrative hearings held by OPM on Feb. 22 and 23.

"Testimony gathered at these hearings

demonstrated that conditions today are substantially different from those of Nov. 6, 1981, when OPM announced postponement of the open season originally scheduled for November/December 1981," Devine said.

"Legal challenges to benefit and premium packages negotiated by OPM have now been settled in the agency's favor. The new contract year is well under way, and enrollees have had a chance to adjust to new premium and benefit levels.

"Brochures are now available on all plans for employees and annuitants, and we are satisfied that the carriers who provide coverage in the FEHB Program will be able

to handle a mid-year open season without facing a serious threat to their financial

As of this past Tuesday, brochures outlining the benefits and charges for all Federal Employees Health Benefits Programs plans had not been received at the Naval Weapons Center. Only Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Aetna booklets are available, according to Nancy Cleland, an employee relations specialist in the Personnel Department's Employee Management Relations Division.

stability," Devine added. OPM had postponed the open season

originally set for Nov. 9-Dec. 11, 1981, citing pending litigation which made final benefit and premium levels uncertain; the unavailability of informational literature on benefits and premiums, which could not be printed until the court suits were settled; and serious questions regarding the financial stability of some carriers in the event of an open season under such circumstances.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld OPM's actions regarding rate and benefit negotiations on Dec. 21, 1981, and upheld the decision to postpone open season in a decision issued on Feb. 19,

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Center to have significant support role in military exercise Gallant Eagle-82

The Naval Weapons Center will be the base of operations for some 600 Air National Guard unit personnel who will be taking part in Gallant Eagle, a major Joint Chiefs of Staff military exercise that is designed to provide training for various elements of the U.S. Rapid Development Force.

Operation Gallant Eagle, which involves extensive air-to-ground and ground operations at Fort Irwin, the Army National Training Center, as well as at the Marine Corps Base at Twentynine Palms, will begin on April 1 and extend through April 6.

The build up here for this major military training exercise starts tomorrow with the arrival at Armitage Airfield of the first of nearly 30 C-130 and C-141 aircraft. They will bring here more than 300 members of the 103rd Tactical Control Squadron, an Air National Guard unit from Orange, Conn., along with their support gear and specialized equipment.

The 103rd will set up a tent city at the base of Straw Peak in the Randsburg Wash area. The group will be self-supporting with its own field kitchen, showers and latrines.

Its mission will be to operate radar equipment from a Command and Reporting Center (analogous to a Federal Aviation Administration control center) in order to control all air traffic around the clock while Exercise Gallant Eagle is in progress.

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP DUE
Also due to arrive at the airfield within a few days are 60 members of the 162nd Combat Communications Group that is homebased in Compton, Calif. This unit will set up its equipment at the old NAF swimming pool (Minvielle Park), and will maintain voice and teletype communication between there and the command post for Gallant Eagle.

Other units of the Air National Guard coming to NWC to take part in this military exercise are from the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Albuquerque, N.M., and from Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio.

Scheduled to arrive on March 28 are ten A-7 Corsair II aircraft (five from each unit) along with approximately 200 personnel, who will set up operations in the gun butts area of Armitage Airfield.

According to Lt. Col. J. R. Gibbons, USAF liaison officer at NWC who has been assigned to coordinate all NWC support for Gallant Eagle, the scenario for this training exercise calls for ground operations by major Army and Marine Corps units, as

well as an airborne operation that involves the transportation of a sizable contingent of paratroopers who will parachute into action after being transported to the desert area from their home base in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Preparation for NWC support of Gallant Eagle has involved the Supply Department in obtaining supplies and fuel, as well as extra preparations at the Enlisted Dining Facility.

The EDF not only ordered food for the field kitchen that is to be located at Echo Range, but also extra food for the more than 200 Air National Guard members who will be housed in old Barracks 880 and in the BOQ before and during the time this

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CNM Productivity Excellence Award to be presented

A ceremony during which the Chief of Naval Material's Productivity Excellence Award for 1981 will be presented to the Naval Weapons Center will take place at 2 p.m. today in the Michelson Laboratory auditorium (Rm. 1000-D).

This prestigious new award will be presented by Vice Admiral Ernest R. Seymour, Commander of the Naval Air Systems Command, and accepted on behalf of NWC by Capt. Lahr.

This award recognizes field activities that demonstrate the highest levels of productivity and productivity growth during the fiscal year. NWC was one of six Navy Commands singled out for this honor.

The award includes a plaque and a citation, as well as a specially designed flag that is to be flown by CNM Productivity Award winners during 1982.

Due to the limited seating capacity of the Michelson Laboratory auditorium, each department may send only a few employees to attend the award presentation ceremony.

Among those present will be ten winners of CNM Productivity Fellowship awards. These individuals (eight civilian employees and two military personnel) will be honored for their outstanding contributions to productivity excellence.

A list of 29 names was submitted for consideration by the NWC Awards Review Committee. Members of this committee narrowed it down to the final ten, whose selection for this honor was approved by the NWC Commander.

Weekend Roundup

"Clockwork," a Los Angeles based rock-music group consisting of four guys and a gal, will perform for the musical enjoyment of Enlisted Mess patrons this evening from 9 o'clock to 1:30 a.m.

Prior to the evening's entertainment, the EM chef will prepare a special surf n' turf dinner from 6 to 9 o'clock for those who wish to dine out.

The China Lake Desert Dancers are hosting their seventh annual folk dance festival tomorrow from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and from 8 o'clock to midnight, at the Burroughs High School multi-use room in Ridgecrest.

The afternoon session is free for both dancers and spectators. A fee of \$3 will be charged for the evening session, which features live music and colorful dance exhibitions. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 446-4904 or 446-2782.

Parents Without Partners has scheduled a St. Patrick's Day party and dance tomorrow evening at Ken's home at 1229 W. Porter St., Ridgecrest. For more information call Sherry at 446-6157.

The NWC Catholic Chapel and St. Ann's Church in Ridgecrest will co-sponsor a St. Patrick's Day celebration Sunday at the Enlisted Mess from 4 to 7 p.m.

A price of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 will include a dinner (Irish stew), movies for the children, and door prizes. Tickets are available after weekend masses at both the NWC Chapel and St. Ann's Catholic Church in Ridgecrest.

The Desert Ceramic Club will hold its annual ceramic show and sale tomorrow from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Senior Citizens Center on South Warner Street in Ridgecrest.

Tickets will be available at the door for several ceramic prizes that will be given away on Sunday evening, and some of the ceramic work on display will be offered for sale. The public is invited to attend.

Protect youngsters from injury by using crash-tested car seats

Crash-tested car seats with a harness system fastened over the child are an essential to protect a youngster from serious injury in case not just of an accident, but also in case of a sudden stop.

Points that need to be checked when buying a car seat include: (1) Will the child be comfortable? (2) Is the harness system easy to buckle and unbuckle so it will be used every time? (3) Does the car seat fit well and buckle easily with the seat belt in the car?...

The safety straps that come with some car seats must be used to make these seats safe so that the seat will not pitch forward during an abrupt stop or a collision.

If a car seat is always used by a youngster, that child will come to expect that being in the car automatically means being in the car seat. Special toys to be played with only while in a car seat also help keep a small child happy about being buckled in.



READY TO GO — John Edward Burns, son of Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Burns, gets settled in his car seat.

Bonus recipients may benefit from income averaging

Navy men and women who received selective reenlistment bonuses or other types of bonuses or incentive pay during 1981 may benefit from income averaging when filing their 1981 tax returns.

Military personnel who receive bonuses or incentive pay frequently see a significant increase in the amount of taxable income for the year in which they receive the bonus, and generally will pay a lower tax if they income average.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Centers throughout the country can provide required forms and informational booklets on income averaging.

Local Legal Services Branch Offices can provide Navy personnel with the address of the nearest IRS Center.

Energy conservation tip

Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows. It's easy to do yourself. Caulking and weatherstripping materials cost about \$25 for the average house (12 windows, 2 doors). Savings in annual energy costs could amount to 10 percent or more.

Utility rates can be trimmed by ensuring that heating, cooling equipment works well

Homeowners and renters who are faced with rising utility rates can trim their bills by being sure that both heating and cooling equipment is functioning at peak efficiency.

Highly shorts and loose connections are highly dangerous. Not only do shorts and loose connections prevent proper functioning of equipment, they also present a fire hazard.

Corrosion or rust on either electric or gas elements degrades their performance. A little elbow grease is often all that is needed to remove the corrosion.

And, finally, controls do get out of adjustment. If thermostats or other temperature controls are not functioning properly, utility bills are bound to show the result.

Spring and fall are ideal times to check both heating and cooling equipment as the switch is made primarily from the use of one to the use of the other.

Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box located at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Department, Bldg. 34. Unless otherwise specified in an ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current permanent NWC employees only.

Announcement No. 3244, Quality Assurance Specialist, GS-1916-11, PD No. 2340191E, Code 3481 — This position is located in the Soldering Technology Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department.

Announcement No. 3415, Quality Assurance Specialist, GS-1916-11, PD 7924152E, Code 3482 — This position is located in the Quality Assurance Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department.

Announcement No. 36292, Support Services Supervisor, GS-3424, PD No. 8224019, Code 2402A — This position is located on the staff of the Public Works Department.

Announcement No. 26-292, Communications Specialist, GS-3939, PD No. 8224018, Code 2403 — This position is located in the Telephone Administration Office, Public Works Department.

Announcement No. 31-051, A4 Deputy Program Manager: Interdisciplinary, Supervisory General Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Aerospace Engineer, Physicist, DP-3, PAC 8031617, Code 3104 — The Deputy Program Manager, A4 Program Office is responsible for the program manager's technical activities of the A4/WSSA project.

Announcement No. 25-008, Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-5/7, PD No. 7822014 and 8222015, Code 252 — This position is located in the Contracts Division Office of the Contracts Division, Supply Department.

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League lead held by Sports of All Sorts cut slightly

A slight crimp was put in the first place lead held by Sports of All Sorts during Monday night's Premier League action at Hall Memorial Lanes.

The second place Hideaway team outscored the league leaders 12 points to 8, thereby reducing to 33 points the lead that has been piled up by Sports of All Sorts.

The third place Raytheon Sidewinders and the Buggy Bath keglers tied for high team game honors with identical scores of 1,028, while the Sidewinders posted the evening's high team series of 2,937.

Kim Duckett, who had a 3-game series of 668, was the top individual bowler. Not far behind was Jim Kincheloe, who had a triple 200 series of 653 built on individual game totals of 204, 235, and 214.

Two other Premier League bowlers also came through with their own triple 200 series for the night. They are Ron Williams, whose 644 series included single game scores of 202, 210, and 232, and Aaron Kane, who had a 627 series with scores of 201, 207, and 219.

In addition to those already mentioned, Premier League bowlers who topped the 600 series mark were Ed Davis (636), Denny Hoelze (635), John Ball (623), Jeff Mattick and Ken Dalpiaz (620), Ron Jackson (617), Hub Zimmerman (610), Thad Brightwell (607), Roger Rivest (606), and Barney Brush (601).

Bowlers with single game scores in excess of 220 were Zimmerman (254), Davis (247), Duckett (246 and 226), Brush (236), Champ Pearson and Ball (230), Mattick (227), Dalpiaz (225), Brightwell (224), and Scott Robbins (222).

Current standings in the Premier League are:

Table with 3 columns: Team, Won, Lost. Lists top bowlers and their scores.

Hoop season ends for BHS

Dale Killilea canned a shot to open the second half for Burroughs. This briefly cut the Banning lead to 3 points (38-35), but on a fast break by Alvin Walton the Broncos opened up an 8-point advantage (47-39) midway through the third quarter.

The Burros then were forced to battle to stay within 5 points of Banning, but fell behind by 7 (57-50) when Elvin Walton (Alvin's cousin) popped in a field goal in the closing moments of the third period.

Two quick baskets — one each by David Wooten and Means — enabled the Burros to cut their deficit to 3 points (57-54) before a minute had been played in the fourth and final quarter and, thanks to back-to-back field goals by Scott Fulton and Paul VanderWerf, it was still a 3-point margin in favor of Banning (61-58) midway through the final period of play.

After four freebies by Alvin Walton, the Burros once again trailed by 7 points (65-58), but this was cut to five on a field goal by Heyward. Closing in on 1 min. of playing time until the game-ending buzzer, Wooten drilled two shots from the corner and it was a 66-64 ballgame with Banning hanging on to a one-basket lead.

The Broncos had the advantage of possession of the ball, however, and protected it well, forcing the Burros to foul and take a chance that the free throw shooter would miss. Joubert and Alvin Walton each hit a free throw for Banning, and Joubert nabbed a rebound after the second charity toss to drop in a basket in the final 10 sec. of play. This put the game on ice for the Broncos by giving them a 70-64 lead.

The game's final point was tallied on a free throw for Burroughs by Heyward to make the score 70-65 in favor of Banning.



KEEPIN' FIT — The Navy's physical fitness program is taken seriously at the Naval Weapons Center, as demonstrated by three of China Lake's senior military officers. The three, (l.-r.) Capt. Lahr, Capt. John Patterson and Capt. J. D. Burns, took time out from their busy schedules last Friday to have a crack at determining how well they stack up when it comes to meeting the required physical fitness standards.

Pony-Colt League baseball signs up to end Saturday

Registration of boys and girls for the 1982 season of the Indian Wells Valley Pony-Colt League baseball program will continue tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pony League diamond located just south of the tennis courts.

This will be the final registration session before the player draft takes place on Monday, Rick Booth, league president, stated.

Participation in Pony League competition is open to young people 13 and 14 years of age, while those 15 and 16 years old can play on Colt League teams. Copies of birth certificates must be provided at the time of registration as proof of age.

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Spring season of youth soccer gets underway tomorrow

The spring season of play in the Youth Soccer League will get underway tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock with games at Davidove, Kelly and Richmond School athletic fields.

More than 520 young people in the first through ninth grades are involved in Youth Soccer, in addition to some 70 adults who are serving as coaches and assistant coaches of the 38 teams in the league.

Six teams each are lined up to play in Divisions 1 through 4 (for youngsters in the first through fourth grades), while Division 5 is composed of ten teams made up of fifth and sixth graders.

Rounding out of the Youth Soccer League, which is sponsored by the Recreational Services Division, are four teams of seventh through ninth grade players who compete in Division 6.

The six teams that will open the 1982 spring season of Youth Soccer at 8 a.m. tomorrow are the White Caps and Rogues, of Div. 5, at Davidove Field; the Strikers and Drillers, of Div. 4, at Kelly Field; and the Chiefs and Rowdies, of Div. 2, at Richmond Field.

Promotional opportunities

(Continued from Page 2) monitors performance of the division management information system; and reviews for approval reports required by higher headquarters. Promotion potential to DA-3.

Announcement No. 32-023, Planner and Estimator (General), WD-4701-8, JD No. 716, Code 3254 — (This is a temporary promotion not to exceed one year. May become permanent at a later date.) Previous applicants need not reapply.

Announcement No. 32-034, Electrical Engineering Technician, DT-802-2, PAC No. 8222525, Code 3254 — (This is a temporary position not to exceed one year and may be filled permanently at a later date by reassignment or promotion without further competition.)

Announcement No. 31-053, Interdisciplinary, General Engineer, Mathematician, Computer Scientist, Physicist, Electronics Engineer, PAC 8221497, DP-3, Code 3101 — This position is in the Tactical Software Engineering Division of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department.

Announcement No. 35044, Interdisciplinary (Electronics Engineer, Computer Scientist, Physicist, Mathematician), PAC No. 8135694, DP-855, 1550, 1310, 1520-1/2/3, Code 3511 — Position is located in the Computer and Software Systems Branch, Systems Sciences Division, Electronic Warfare Department.

Announcement No. 00-009, Public Information Specialist, DA-1001-3, PAC No. 8200511, Code 0031 — Position is head, Program Coordinator's Office, reporting to the Public Affairs Officer. The incumbent will supervise and perform work involved in establishing and maintaining mutual communication between senior level employees within Department of Defense, senior level Center employees, high level visitors, foreign nationals, and other publics.

Announcement No. 33-006, Electronic Engineer, DP-855-2/3, PAC 8033580E, Code 3337 — This position is located in the Short Range Missile Fuze Branch, Fuze Systems Division.



REALISTIC PRACTICE — Firefighters from the Center's Fire Division are joined by those from the Kern County Fire Department's Ridgecrest station in regular drills such as this one when a

shack at Sanquist Spa was deliberately torched by Fire Division personnel. The two organizations work together closely to fight local fires.

NWC firefighters always on guard over lives, property

On duty 24 hours of each day of the year to protect the lives and property of Naval Weapons Center employees and residents are the personnel of the Fire Division of the Safety and Security Department.

The mission of the Fire Division is to provide fire protection (fire prevention and fire fighting) and emergency ambulance rescue services for NWC including the airfield, Randsburg Wash and tenant activities.

Assistance is provided on request to technical projects contemplating hazardous operations or requiring special fire control services as a part of the project.

The Fire Division is operationally set up in two platoons that alternate each 24 hours to provide full-service support. Full service support includes much more than extinguishing fires, which really only occupies a small part of a fire fighter's time. In an emergency, the Fire Division's priorities are always to protect life and property.

All fire fighters are required to be physically fit and able to understand the vast scope of technological development in the science of fire engineering, a science that is continually becoming more complex. With every new development at NWC, the modern fire fighter must be ready to meet the fire problems by developing new tactics, procedures and methods of fire prevention and fire fighting.

The Fire Division functions are unlike other "civilian" municipal fire departments, in that it is located on a naval shore installation whose mission is to be the principal Navy research development, test and evaluation center for air warfare and missile weapon systems. Although the Fire Division operates in a highly unique situation, due to the Center's mission, its organization is comparable to municipal fire departments of similar size.

Fire Station No. 1 is located in the headquarters area at the intersection of N. Lauritsen Road and East Inyokern Road. It has 12 fire fighters on duty and houses two pumpers, a rescue truck, ambulance crew and a back-up apparatus (pumper and ambulances). Also located there are the central communication center, alarm console and training facilities.

The primary duties of the fire fighters are controlling and extinguishing fires and saving lives in all types of fire situations involving structures and related areas; significant secondary duties include performing fire prevention inspections. Drills and classroom discussions designed to prepare the fire fighter for the performance of primary and secondary duties are an integral and extremely important portion of on-duty time.

Fire Station No. 3 located at the airfield houses one structural company (with a

back-up pumper), one ambulance, one P4A crash truck, one MB-1, three MB-5s and two MB-5A crash trucks for aircraft crash rescue firefighting services. This station services the buildings and runway facilities of the airfield and provide support for range area structures.

Fire Station No. 4 located at Randsburg Wash houses a four-man structural engine company to service the area. Additional duties include cross-manning an ambulance to provide medical coverage to the area.

Fire prevention involves the regular building inspections each month, often conducted by two or more of the fire fighters, because these inspections involve getting fire division officers and fire fighters acquainted with personnel who work in the buildings and special building

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Don Cornelius

hazards. In an emergency, knowing what rooms are regularly occupied can save lives. These inspections always involve prefire planning.

Eleven of the Center's public areas are inspected daily. All places in which alcoholic beverages are served, such as the clubs and messes are checked by a fire inspector each night as they close to be sure no hazard exists. The Youth Center and Community Center, as well as the theater, also are inspected nightly because a fire in any of these locations would affect large numbers of people.

In fiscal year 1981, the Fire Division responded to 753 emergencies, excluding those dealing with aircraft operations. Of these, 259 were for emergency medical assistance, and one involved extrication.

During the year only six fires had to be reported to higher authority, and four of these were vehicle fires. Two of the vehicle fires were in privately owned vehicles on the Center, and two were Navy vehicles.

The Fire Division also responded to one rescue call off-Center as well.

NWC fire fighters receive a firm training foundation upon which to build their career, and they take advantage of the Cerro Coso Community College Fire Science curriculum. In-house promotions are handled by Fire Division Chief Officers under the Center's Merit Promotion Plan.

Fire Chief Lee O'Laughlin noted that

NWC fire fighters are true professionals in every sense of the word. "Their day to day performance year in and year out is exemplary of an organization we are proud to be a part of," he said.

W. E. Davis, Director of Safety and Security, seconded the Fire Chief's comments about the professionalism of the fire fighters and pointed out that in the recent inspection by the area fire marshal, the division's operational capability was rated "outstanding."

Despite the lack of large fires — for which fire fighters are grateful — their lives are definitely not dull. The stress and pressure under which fire fighters must live, by the nature of their work, is such that the federal fire fighters are required to retire at age 55 if they have 20 years of continuous federal fire service.

Even though fire fighters retire mandatorially, many of them still are willing to lend their knowledge to the fire fighters who seek their expertise informally.



Non-account holders must pay fee for cashing pay checks

Beginning next Friday, March 26, a charge of \$1 will be assessed at the China Lake facility of the Bank of America for cashing U.S. Treasury checks, if the holder of such a check does not have an account with the BofA.

The fee for this same Treasury check-cashing service is \$3 for non-depositors at the Ridgecrest branch of the Bank of America.

To avoid this fee, individuals must present evidence verifying their deposit relationship with the bank.

This action has the approval of the Department of Defense.

Black Interest Gp. formed, plans open meeting March 25

A new Black Interest Group, mandated by Command, has been created, has established its purpose, and is now formulating goals.

All persons who would like to present comments or ideas, or who would like to help formulate the goals for the group are invited to attend an open meeting that will be held on Thursday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Personnel Building, 505 Blandly Ave.

The purpose of the Black Interest Group is to support the EEO program; provide liaison between the Naval Weapons Center and the Black community; and ensure community awareness of job opportunities, recruitment efforts, promotional opportunities, and available training.

A study of the Center's EEO Program indicated that a Black Interest Group was needed to ensure that all groups in the community were better represented. In addition to dealing with personnel of the Center, the group will be in touch with the NAACP, churches, the Black Original Social Society, and other community elements.

Members of the Black Interest Group are Larry Byrd, chairman, who is in Code 6213; Catherine Beckett, who will be in Code 0908; William Nelson, Code 26423; Bill Collier, Code 3383; Ron Gilchrist, Code 26411; Brenda Taylor, Code 265; and Greg Ottinger, Code 3922. Naomi Mulhern, the Center's Deputy EEO Officer, serves as advisor to the group.

Anyone who is unable to attend the open meeting but would like to submit ideas may telephone either Larry Byrd at NWC ext. 7404, or Cathy Beckett at NWC ext. 2592, prior to Thursday.

Retirees, transfers to Fleet Reserve can direct deposit pay

A system of direct deposit of retired/retainer pay into the checking or savings accounts of Navy retirees or Fleet Reservists is currently in operation.

Under this program, called Electronic Funds Transfer, the monthly pay of those participating is deposited into an individual's account at a financial institution of his or her choice.

Retirees and those transferring into the Fleet Reserve are encouraged to sign up for this program, which operates through the Federal Reserve System, and is administered by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Forms for use in authorizing Electronic Funds Transfer are available locally at the Personnel Support Detachment's Disbursing Office and may be submitted up to three months prior to retirement or transfer to the Fleet Reserve.

Participating retirees and Fleet Reservists will benefit from the timely crediting of pay to their checking and savings accounts. With such direct deposits, the possibility of loss or theft is virtually eliminated.

In addition, all taxpayers benefit from significant government cost savings.

STC to show winners in audiovisual competition

The public is invited to an evening of award-winning audiovisual shows, presented next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Las Flores School auditorium.

The program will feature seven award-winning slide and filmstrip productions from the Society for Technical Communication's STC fifth annual Audiovisual Competition. The best of marketing, instruction, and information products from all over the country will be shown in an approximately 2-hour program.

The program is sponsored by the Sierra-Panamint Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. Refreshments will be served.



PREFLIGHT CHECK — Dave Rosenthal takes a final look at the rotor of the UH-1B National Guard helicopter as AO1 Skip Colson stands by ready to board for their flight to the Big Geysers area of California. —Photo by Don Cornelius

Geothermal emission study . . .

(Continued from Page 1) not only qualified to fly that helicopter, but also is a reservist who also holds a commercial license and could meet any requirements that might be imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

On Wednesday morning, the helo took off on its way north. Besides Rosenthal, the pilot, the crew consisted of AD1 Skip Colson, a Navy man assigned to the Aircraft Department's SAR helicopter crew, and Tom Blose, who is in the Fuze and Sensors Department's Survivability and Lethality Division.

The trip north took 4½ hours of flying

Military training exercise . . .

(Continued from Page 1) military training exercise is in progress.

Setting up a temporary air traffic control center at Randsburg Wash will require the cooperation of the NWC Electronic Warfare Department. Responsibilities in this area have been delegated to Al Cleland, of Code 35, who is the deputy coordinator of NWC support activities for Gallant Eagle.

Cleland is being assisted by Ed Ratto and Fred Pooler of Code 35, and all three are joined by John Cleveland, who is overseeing the support provided by the Public Works Department. The latter has included speeding up work on a new road to Straw Peak, where the temporary air traffic control center is to be located, and preparing the Command and Reporting Center and cantonment sites.

Air National Guardsmen from the 103rd Tactical Control Squadron will be operating not only their own radar equipment, but also some Code 35 radar emitters, Cleland said.

A vital element in the Center's support of Gallant Eagle involves the Aircraft Department, and is being coordinated by LCDr. Ken Peters and Lt. John Kelley. During the deployment and redeployment of units participating in this massive training exercise, more than 60 sorties of C-130 and C-141 aircraft will be flown here, and upward of 1½ million pounds of cargo will be unloaded and then reloaded at Armitage

time, and refueling stops at Fresno, Stockton, and Santa Rosa. The helicopter arrived safely at the Big Geysers area, gently settled to the ground, and is now located beside a radar van already emplaced.

Once a month Rosenthal will return to the Big Geysers area to turn on the flight systems of the UH-1B to see if they are degraded by the atmosphere at the geothermal field. The length of the study will be determined by whether any corrosion or adverse deteriorations show up as the test continues.

Airfield.

In addition, the Aircraft and Range Departments will be dovetailing their operations with those of the participants in Gallant Eagle, while the task of keeping track of NWC's financial outlays is being handled by Cynthia Schoenhals, an employee of the Test and Evaluation Directorate.

The renting of extra vans and pickup trucks for transporting personnel and equipment has brought the Public Works Department into the picture, and other assistance in the form of providing badges for visitors has involved the Safety and Security Department.

This year nearly double the number of participants in Gallant Eagle will be on board the Naval Weapons Center, and their mode of transportation getting here will be by air instead of by truck, as was the case for most participants who were at NWC in 1981.

Other military installations involved in Gallant Eagle, in addition to those already mentioned, include Edwards, George, March, and Nellis Air Force Bases.

OFFICIAL SOURCE FOR TIME

The Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C., is the official source for standard time.

Hiker airlifted off Death Valley ledge by Navy SAR team

A hiker from Portland, Ore., is in a position to have a lot of respect for both the flying skills of Navy personnel and for the rugged terrain that can be found in Death Valley after last Saturday.

He had gone hiking by himself with no adequate climbing gear in the mountains beside Death Valley, and had gotten stranded on a ledge where Death Valley National Monument rangers spotted him. They called for help from the NWC's Search and Rescue helicopter to pluck him from his precarious perch.

Lt. Denny Wilcox and the standby SAR crew (consisting of AO3 Tim Hill, AMH3 Mike Granato, AMS 3 Mike Clenney, and HM3 Mike Bucklew) flew to the site. While the SAR helicopter was en route, one of the three park rangers had descended to the ledge where the climber was trapped and had secured him with a rope to await rescue.

When the helicopter arrived at the scene, Petty Officer Clenney went down on the hoist to help the ranger secure the climber to the hoist so he could be lifted safely into the SAR craft. The ranger was then lifted into the helicopter, and Petty Officer Clenney was last off the ledge.

The helicopter also lowered the hoist to the two rangers who were above the ledge so that they, too, could come aboard the craft before it headed back to the headquarters area. High winds in the rocky terrain made such a lift more sensible than trying to land the helicopter so the men could climb aboard.

The climber sustained minor cuts and abrasions and a major scare. No one else was injured.

Police reports . . .

A girl's 5-speed bicycle disappeared last week after its owner left it unlocked overnight at the China Lake Tennis courts.

The missing two-wheeler, which was valued at \$100, was found later where someone had left it parked in the vicinity of the Center gym.

ELECTRIC DRILL VANISHES

A battery-powered electric drill was reported missing last week by the Public Works Department.

The drill, valued at \$110, was taken from a work area in the PW Pipe Shop.

AIR COMPRESSOR STOLEN

An air compressor with an attached air brush has turned up missing from a display counter at the Hobby Shop operated by the Recreational Services Division.

The theft was discovered and reported last Tuesday to China Lake police. Value of the missing items was set at \$125.

Congressional staff man to speak at FMA meeting

Wayne Schley, who is staff director for Senator Ted Stevens' Senate Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services, will speak at a luncheon meeting of the Federal Managers Association on Tuesday, April 6, at the Enlisted Mess. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Schley will discuss Senator Stevens' Civil Service retirement proposal, as well as talk about health benefits. He will also answer questions from the floor.

Reservations are required. They may be made by telephoning the Enlisted Mess at 446-6929 or NWC ext. 2581.

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WHERE'S THE FIRE? — Two NWC firefighters peer into the smoke-filled shack used for firefighting practice to determine the main source of the smoke so they can douse the flames. —Photo by Don Cornelius