

CLOTA hobby show slated this weekend at local fairgrounds

With its second annual hobby show tomorrow and Sunday, the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association plans to provide an array of alternatives to answer the perennial question, "What is there to do around Ridgecrest?"

The show will be open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

A donation of \$1 per adult and 50¢ per child above the age of 5 will gain entry to nearly three dozen booths featuring individuals and organizations exhibiting and demonstrating hobbies and crafts. Many items will be for sale (which will give early Christmas shoppers a chance to get a lot of their holiday shopping done now).

On both days a continuous round of entertainment will begin at 11:50 a.m. and continue until closing time. The entertainment ranges from dance demonstrations to a Sew-Your-Own fashion show to dog obedience trials to Ray Van Aken's magic show—which means something for everyone.

Deanna's Tea Room will feature sandwiches, cake, coffee and other refreshments.

Booth at Hobby Show to be manned by TV Booster gp.

Members of the TV Booster group will be present in a booth at the CLOTA Hobby Show to help local viewers and listeners with reception problems that they may be experiencing.

The Hobby Show will run the weekend of Aug. 21 and 22 at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

The Boosters will explain what's needed for best reception of both television and FM radio in the Indian Wells Valley, compatibility with cable systems, and sources of local interference.

Also available for the first time will be a pamphlet on FM radio reception that will show how to get the best reception from translators as well as local and distant stations.

Booster group members will also be happy to accept memberships. The \$10 for an annual membership, they feel, is one of the best entertainment bargains available.

Bennetts will present program about their travel in Australia

Hal and Jean Bennett will present a program on "The Many Faces of Australia," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Burroughs High School lecture center.

This program is open to Maturango Museum members and their guests.

The Bennetts, with Bill and Naomi Morris, who are spending a year and a half in Australia, spent a month together sampling different parts of the Continent Down Under.

Starting in the Modern cities of Sydney and Brisbane on Australia's east coast, they visited the famous Sydney Opera House and toured the harbor and shops, then the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and Lamington National Parks near Brisbane.

Further up the coast, they stopped at Cairns and visited the Great Barrier Reef, then drove 100 miles into the outback to see the Chillago caves where museum members Bob and Pat Brown-Berry studied the habits of bats.

A flight to tropical Darwin on Australia's northern coast was the next stop for the China Lakers. Here they canoed for 6 days on the nearby Daly River, full of tropical fish and crocodiles.

On the final leg of their trip, the party went into the heart of Outback Australia, visiting Alice Springs, the Macdonald Range, a camel farm, a meteor crater, the unique Olga mountains, and the famous



FEATURED ARTIST — Hamil Ma's show, "Wilderness Watercolors," will be on display at the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum from Aug. 28 through Sept. 30. A reception at the Museum honors the artist on Aug. 29 from 3 to 5 p.m.; the public is invited to attend.

Interest increases in study now underway on cancer prevention

Many members of clubs, churches and hospitals in the Indian Wells Valley are dedicating their time to the American Cancer Society by becoming volunteer researchers for the Cancer Prevention Study II.

Cancer Prevention Study II is a six-year follow-up to the first study which took place between 1959 and 1972. Significant changes in the foods people eat, the products people use, and in home and workplace environments make a second study the most effective way to determine which environmental factors increase cancer risk and need most control.

Growing concern over the health effects of high cholesterol diets, artificial sweeteners, smoking, coffee, and certain drugs like birth control pills should make people more willing than ever to participate in the survey.

Participants in the survey will fill out three questionnaires over a period of six years, one every two years. Each family answering the questionnaires must include one member who is 45 years of age or older; persons under 30 years of age cannot answer the questionnaire.

Those who wish to volunteer have the opportunity to attend the last training session, which will be held on Wednesday

from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kern County Library, 131 E. Las Flores, in Ridgecrest.

The brief training sessions will give directions on whom to contact for the survey. Since this is not a door-to-door campaign, researchers will contact mainly their own family, friends and neighbors.

For more information on the Cancer Prevention Study II or to reserve a seat in the training session, contact Rose Varga, chairman of the IWV Branch of the American Cancer Society, by calling 446-3939.

Entry forms, fees for Desert Empire Fair due Sept. 10

Sept. 10 is the deadline to submit entry forms and fees for this year's 32nd annual Desert Empire Fair, which will be held from Sept. 22 through 26.

Competition is scheduled in horticulture, baking and confections, food preservation, clothing and textiles, and arts and crafts. A directors' trophy will be given for the best overall exhibit, and a trophy will also be given in the pie baking contest.

The various divisions and classes, rules for entering and details on awards can be found in the Premium Lists, which may be picked up at the Center library, Credit Union, and in the Community Center, as well as at many locations around town.

Volunteers who wish to help with the construction and painting of display stands or with setting up displays before fairtime are invited to call either the fair office, 375-8000, during the day, or Rose Gonzales, 375-5778, after 6 p.m.

Tickets available at reduced prices for two auto races

Reduced priced general admission tickets are still available for the Air Cal 500 and Warner Hodgdon 200 race that will take place Aug. 28 and 29 at the Riverside International Raceway.

Starting times for the race are 9 a.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Ticket prices are \$4.25 for Saturday (regular price \$5) and \$8.25 for Sunday (regular price \$10). They can be purchased Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center.

How time flies . . .

That former Army sergeant pictured is, of course, Don R. Yockey, Rocketeer editor, who will be astonished to discover that his picture is in the paper. The Rocketeer Staff has been saving it to use while he is on annual leave, fishing the streams and lakes at Mammoth.

Hail, farewell party for military officers, JPs planned Tuesday

Incoming and departing military officers as well as junior professional employees new to the Naval Weapons Center will be honored at a hail and farewell party to be held Tuesday at the Commissioned Officer's Mess.

Following a social hour at 5:30 p.m., presentations will be made to three officers who will be leaving China Lake soon.

Those to be honored are Capt. John Patterson, Lcdr. Tom Daniels and Lt. Jerrold Heidrich.

Military officers to be welcomed are Cdr. David Rein, Lcdr. Michael Lindsay, CWO Dale Day and USAF Major Steven Czostka.

Junior professionals to whom a welcome will be extended are Russell Bland, Arnold Danielson, Brad Eucker, Shelly Eucker, Linda Finco, Wayne Geyer, Peter Gillis, Robert Sison and Dean Vandiver.

Persons wishing to stay for dinner following the hail and farewell party are asked to make reservations by calling 446-2549.

Half-price sale planned next week at Thrift Shop

Now is the time to get clothes set for school — and the Thrift Shop will hold its annual half-price back-to-school sale for families whose youngsters have outgrown their clothes this summer.

The sale starts next Tuesday evening from 7 to 9, and continues during regular Thursday hours of 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Thrift Shop is located in the same building as the Navy Relief Society and Red Cross offices, across the street from Schoeffel Field on Lauritsen.

MOVIES advertisement listing showtimes and titles for August 20-27, including 'PORKY'S', 'CHARLIE CHAN: CURSE OF THE DRAGON QUEEN', 'NIGHT CROSSING', 'THE APPLE DUMPLING GANG RIDES AGAIN', and 'THE LAST CHANCE'.

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NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER CHINA LAKE CALIFORNIA



HOUSING INSPECTION — Wind, weather, and old age have caused this miner's cabin on the Center's north range area to deteriorate. Theresa Whitely, an archaeologist in the Environmental Branch of the Public Works Department, records its condition.

Effort to protect, preserve heritage of local desert area being made by Navy

The Navy is not only reaching to the future with its operations at China Lake in developing sophisticated weapons, but also into the past to protect and preserve a part of the nation's heritage.

Under the guidance of the Public Works Environmental Branch, a major program to compile all existing data on the cultural resources found within the Center's 1,712 square mile area has begun, and survey teams began mapping locations of previously unknown cultural resources in June.

These cultural resources are remains such as artifacts and living sites from early Indian days (since the region is known to have been occupied at least 10,000 years ago and possibly considerably longer, Indian artifacts are plentiful), cabins and mines left by miners in the 1860s and later, and cabins and other materials left by Depression-era settlers who tried to find new lives on the desert.

Only about 10 percent of the prehistoric and historic resources apt to be found here have been located so far, according to Carolyn Shepherd, Cultural Resources Specialist in the Public Works Department, because much of the Center's land has not been heavily explored or used. Navy policy of closing the land to all except those who have a legitimate reason for entering has also kept out the amateur "treasure hunters" that have stripped most of California's desert of the remains of prior occupation.

The responsible stewardship that has existed at China Lake since its earliest days

also resulted in a long term effort to protect and preserve the cultural resources found here years before the signing of Executive Order 11593 by President Richard Nixon in 1971. Under this order, all Federal agencies are required to locate, inventory, and evaluate all cultural resources on their lands, and protect and preserve them as part of the heritage of the American people.

For years engineers and scientists who have sought places on the ranges for tests have had to mitigate the effects of these tests on any cultural remains found. This piecemeal approach has been time-consuming and costly.

By making a series of "sensitivity maps," cultural resources personnel can better assist decision-makers in selecting sites for projects, thereby saving both time and money because military construction sites or test sites can be chosen that will have the least effect on cultural resources.

A contract was let to Greenwood and Associates of Pacific Palisades to gather all the information that has been published about just what has been found on board by previous researchers. From this overview, data gaps are being identified and a plan is being formulated to systematically inventory the remainder of the Center.

Beginning last June, the first areas called out in the plan were carefully mapped, and after that, other areas will also be examined.

The results of the research that is being done at China Lake will become part of the database on the early peoples of North America by being made a part of the State Historical Preservation Office Clearinghouse System.

This system ensures the highest degree of confidentiality. Professional archaeologists and historians and anthropologists will be able to get at the data, but it will be protected from others to reduce the possibility of vandalism. (For instance, the petroglyphs on the Center are in pristine condition, while many of those found elsewhere in the area have been defaced with everything from spray paint to chisels.)

By the conclusion of the estimated five-year mapping, inventory and evaluation program, the Center will have met its

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Search, rescue training drill productive

Members of the Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue team and the NWC Search and Rescue helicopter crew spent a windy, dusty, but thoroughly productive evening engaged in a mutual training exercise on Thursday, Aug. 12.

The practice was called late in the afternoon, and a 5:30 p.m. takeoff time was scheduled. Conditions for an actual rescue were closely simulated.

The mission was called to "rescue" a "missing person" who had presumably wandered or fallen into one of the numerous mine shafts in the Wilson Canyon area on the Center. The team was to "track" the individual to the appropriate shaft, and deploy the needed equipment to the spot for effecting a "rescue".

The SAR helicopter, piloted by Lt. Brent

Norman (with Lcdr. Chip Lancaster as copilot, and AMS3 Mike Clenny and AN Mark Harrington as crew), made three round trips between Armitage Airfield and Wilson Canyon to transport 13 members of the IWV SAR team and supplies to the site of the base camp.

All equipment was carried inside the helicopter, with the exception of the large hoist which rode at the end of a cable suspended beneath the helo. The hoist is used to lower team members into vertical shafts and then raise them and the victim to safety.

Each team member also carried his personal equipment: gloves, hard hat, canteen, etc., as well as mine lamps, first aid items and ropes.

When all of the personnel and equipment had been deployed on the shoulder of a ridge at Wilson Canyon, the helicopter returned to refuel while members of the SAR teams scouted the area, and planned how a "rescue" would be undertaken.

Increasing wind, dust, and darkness cut short the actual exploration of the mine shafts; however, a horizontal haulage route was explored underground by members of both teams before personnel returned to the ridge to await pickup by the helicopter.

Again, three trips were necessary to return the teams and all equipment to the runway at Armitage Airfield.

Serving as mission observer was Lcdr. Byron Dieckman.

Members of the Indian Wells Valley SAR team who took part in the operation included Captain Ron Smith, Surface Lieutenant Gordon Irvin, Underground

Lieutenant Bob Wilhelm, Jim Baldwin, Bob Padgett, Lou Allen Jr., and Terry Mangrum. Also taking part were Dan Smith, Hulén Frageman, Ken Paisano, Gary Hobson, Bill Moen, and Charles Rodgers.

The IWV SAR team, whose members are all deputized by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, is the only qualified mine search and rescue team in this part of the state. All members of the team are trained in mine search and rescue techniques and first aid. Seven team members are also certified as mine rescue instructors through the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.



UNLOADING — Members of the IWV Search and Rescue team bring equipment needed for a practice mission out onto the airfield runway for easy loading into the SAR helo. Both equipment and personnel were flown to the Wilson Canyon area for a simulated search and rescue effort.

—Photo by Mickey Strang



SOLUTION BRIGADE — Members of the Quality Circle in the Supply Operations Division of the Supply Department are (front, 1. to r.) Barbara Thurman, the division head; Maxine Etheredge; Charlean Lumbley; and Larry Reese. In the back are (1. to r.) Bill Pettey, Sam Camacho, and Eddie Chapman. Two other members, Mike Dille and Steve Watson, were unable to be present for the photo. — Photo by Don Cornelius

Quality Circles aid Supply Dept. with work environment problems

The first two Quality Circles in the Supply Department have completed their study and made recommendations about the solution of the initial problems they selected to study. Their recommendations have been approved by the chain of command and are being implemented.

Five more civilian and two all military Quality Circles have been formed since the onset of the program.

The philosophy behind the Quality Circle is that people doing the work in an organization are the ones who can be identified, analyze, and solve problems within their work environment.

Quality Circles are composed of from 3 to 15 personnel from one group or organization; the ideal size for a working group is from 8 to 10 people.

Initially, the Supply Department Quality Circle undergoes eight training sessions conducted by the leader, assisted by Vicki Boltz, a systems analyst who is in charge of the Supply Department Quality Circle Program.

These sessions cover the philosophy of the Quality Circle, brainstorming, data gathering, analysis of data to identify critical problems, cause and effect analysis, and presentation techniques.

The Quality Circle meets for an hour each week at the same time on the same day of the week. Membership is strictly voluntary and all members of the circle, both supervisors and employees, participate equally.

Each Quality Circle selects a problem in its area of expertise, and follows the problem through until a recommendation can then be made.

The first Quality Circle formed ("Small Purchase Attack Team") chose to study inadequate air circulation in its working area. After examining the problem and possible solutions, members recommended that four "Smokeeaters," be installed that would not only remove smoke, dust and pollen from the air, but would also circulate air through two inadequately ventilated rooms in which group members worked.

"Smokeeaters" were installed on a trial basis after a thorough market analysis proved them to be less costly and more efficient than non-effective "gimmick" items available.

Poor air circulation degrades working conditions and cuts the productivity of the workers, as well as having a negative affect on health. (Sick leave and productivity will be monitored for a year to determine if group members have a lower rate of sick leave usage and a higher productivity rate since air quality in the work areas has improved.)

This group is now examining other problems that might lend themselves to the Quality Circle approach.

The second group — "The Solution Brigade" — addressed the problem of warehouse-caused rejects. Their study resulted in modification of a computer program, elimination of unnecessary IBM cards, and an estimated saving to the Center of \$7,600 a year.

Other Quality Circles now in operation call themselves "Positive Action Circle," "The Bull Shippers," "The Tec Specs," "The Quality in Contracting Team," and "Solutions With a Thought (SWAT)." Two military teams are now undergoing training in the Quality Circle techniques and will select their names and problems.

The Supply Department is piloting the Quality Circle Program for the Center. The two new all-military circles are the first completely enlisted circles in the Navy Supply Community and the local department will be keeping the Navy Supply Systems Command aware of their progress.

Anyone who is interested in more information about Quality Circles programs is encouraged to telephone Terry Mitchell at NWC ext. 3162.

AKAN Siegfried Mueller picked as NWC Bluejacket for July

AKAN Siegfried H. Mueller has been selected as the Naval Weapons Center Bluejacket of the Month for July.

The letter of nomination written by the Leading Chief in the Aviation Supply Division, AKCM James R. Beeson, describes Airman Mueller as "a quiet, polite, and reserved individual who dedicates himself completely to whatever tasks are assigned."

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putech and is teaching computer programming to other employees of Computech.

In his spare time, Airman Mueller likes to go fishing and has tried his luck at Lake Isabella.

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The letter also comments on his ability to learn quickly, retain his composure under stress, be innovative, and produce exceptionally fine results.

AKCM Beeson continues, "In recognition of Mueller's sustained performance, he was recently singled out as the Supply Department Sailor-of-the-Quarter for the period April-June 1982." In addition, Chief Beeson states, "AKAN Mueller exceeds the military and professional levels expected of an Airman and is highly sought after by each supervisor in Code 258."

Airman Mueller was a third year student at the Far Eastern Aeronautical Institute in the Philippines majoring in Aeronautical Engineering when he came to the United States with his parents about 2 years ago. He now calls Milford, N.J. his home.

He joined the Navy about 15 months ago and chose his present rate as being the closest thing to his main interest of aeronautical engineering. He feels he is gaining experience and that the Navy is a great adventure.

Airman Mueller's wife Evelyn and son Jeffrey, age 4 years, are still in the Philippines. Mrs. Mueller is with Commander.

Contract renewed by Center barber set for another 5 years

David Patin, manager of the ESB barbershop on the Center, has recently renewed his contract with the Employee Services Board for another five years.

Patin started work at the ESB barbershop in July, 1977 after barbering for 12 years in Santa Monica.

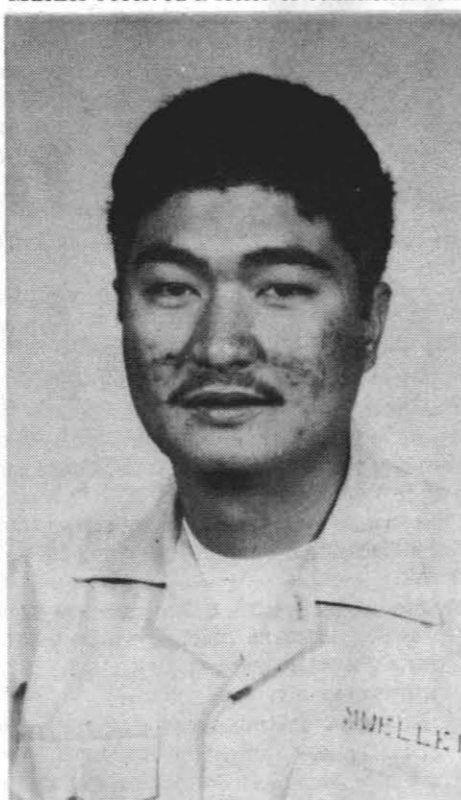
The veteran barber now employs two other barbers besides himself, Rich Anderson and Ray Hampson, and has expanded the shop's hours. The new hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Appointments can be made for weekdays.

The ESB barbershop serves both military and civilian personnel at a charge of \$4 per haircut.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 446-9805.

Energy tip of week

Use pressure cookers and microwave ovens if you have them. They can save energy by reducing cooking time. When you have a choice, use the range-top rather than the oven.



AKAN Siegfried H. Mueller signed by the Commander, an NWC plaque, a 96-hour special liberty, and 30 days of no-duty status. He also has a reserved parking place at the Enlisted mess, and the use of a car from Desert Motors to put into it for a month.

Tech Library closes to allow complete inventory

The Technical Library will be closed for all but emergency service on Monday and Tuesday because the entire staff will be involved in taking an inventory of circulating materials.

If anyone has need of emergency library service, that individual should telephone Margaret O'Drobinak, head of Information Services, at NWC ext. 3389.

The library will resume its normal hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Police reports . . .

An envelope containing \$265 in cash that was in the console between the seats of a locked car parked in the parking lot north of BEQ 1 was reported stolen on Tuesday evening. The money was taken between 6:45 and 6:55 p.m.

COMPUTER VANDALIZED

The attendant at the Armitage Airfield gas station reported that the computer operating the gas pumps was vandalized sometime between 2 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. one day the last week. Damage was estimated at \$765. The vandalism is under investigation.

MONEY STOLEN

A resident of BEQ 2 reported last week that \$75 dollars in cash was removed from a desk in the victim's room.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

China Lake Police officers assisted Ridgecrest police in making an arrest of an individual suspected of committing sex offenses in Ridgecrest. The suspect was arrested on the Center.

EDGER SWIPED

A gas-powered edger, valued at \$250, was stolen from the northwest corner of BEQ 1 on the night of Aug. 12. The edger belongs to Pan American Ground Maintenance Co.



SPAT — Members of the "Small Purchase Attack Team" are (kneeling, 1. to r.), Barbara Lasher, Sandy Latham, Wanda Williams, Jean Piazza, and Vicki Boltz, coordinator for the Quality Circles. Standing (1. to r.) are Jeff Meriam, associate head of the Contracts Division; Cassie Trent, Ernie Martin; Helen Armstrong; Monica Nuffer; and Bill Neider. — Photo by Don Cornelius

Everyone invited to take part in Federal Women's Day program

Men and women throughout the Center, both civilian and military, are encouraged to attend any or all of the special presentations scheduled for the annual Federal Women's Day program next Wednesday, August 25.

The deadline for luncheon reservations is 4:30 p.m. today. Call NWC ext. 2634 to give the names and menu selections of each person planning to attend. Menu choices are broasted chicken or chef's salad at \$4.00 each. Cancellations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 23. After that the luncheon must be paid for regardless of attendance.

Jerry Zaharias, a Computer Systems Security Officer at NWC, will be the featured speaker at the luncheon set for 11:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Mess. Zaharias will tell the secrets of "Self-Image as a Multiplying Factor of Dynamic Living." His talk will begin at 11:45 a.m.

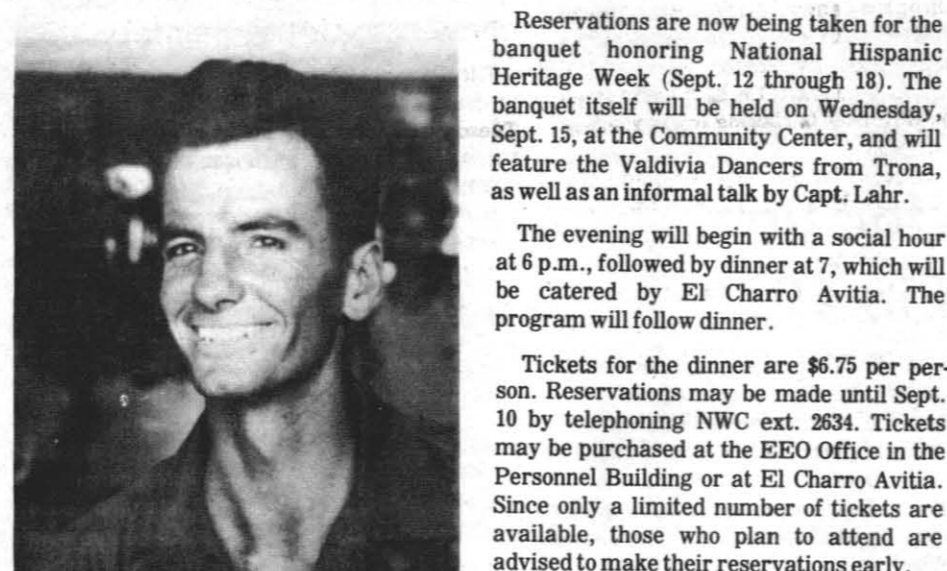
All other events will be held at the Michelson Laboratory Auditorium.

Federal Women's Day will begin officially at 8 a.m. with a panel discussion entitled "Career Couples Speak Out," presented by Karen Altieri and Jim Bryant, Rud and Natalie Stone, and Kelly and James Clark. The discussion covers the effects a two-career family has on their lives, how to set priorities, how to manage money, and child care arrangements that can be made.

A showing of the popular film entitled "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter" will follow at 9:10 a.m. This film shows how women were portrayed in the newsreels during and after World War II.

Women were welcomed in the factories and a glowing picture was painted of their patriotism, dedication, and intelligence —

Remember when . . .



This trim young Army sergeant carried a rifle through many of the South Pacific and Philippine Island campaigns in World War II. At the end of the war, he returned to college in his native Los Angeles, but he switched to USC, while his identical twin brother headed back to UCLA which both had attended before they entered the service.

He moved to China Lake (into the same job that he now holds) in 1950. In 1955, he left that job, but came back to it in 1971 and has held it continuously since that time. Anyone who hasn't yet guessed his identity can find it on Page 8.

Editors note: Readers' contributions of old photos for the "Remember When . . ." column can be made by delivering them to the Public Affairs Office, Code 003, NWC ext. 3511, attention: Mark Hueck. Please include a telephone number at work so that information can be obtained to accompany the photo.



STAY ON THE TEAM — AZ1 James Barnes is congratulated by Capt. Lahr on reenlisting in the Navy for six years. Petty Officer Barnes, who has been in the Navy since 1973, will continue to be assigned to Aviation Logs and Records until August of next year. — Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter

Mowing lawn can send careless gardeners to emergency room

More than 60,000 persons using lawn mowers each year end up in the emergency room of their local hospital for treatment, with most of the injuries caused by power mowers.

Since the blades of power mowers whirl at speeds of 200 miles per hour, they can easily cut off toes or fingers, can hurl rocks, cans, or other objects lying on the lawn up to 50 feet away.

To avoid injury, the Kern County Health Department suggests that whoever mows should wear sturdy shoes, and that the machine is always turned off with either the spark plug disconnected or the cord unplugged for an electric mower before the mower is unclogged or adjusted, and that anyone wait for at least a half minute after doing this to be sure that the blades have stopped before reaching into the machine. The safety shield or other safety devices on a mower should not be removed.

Animal Control Officer warns local bat found to have rabies

Animal Control Officer Bert Heuker suggests that when folks on the Center (or in the surrounding area) find a bat that they not touch the flying mammal, but call him instead to pick it up.

What prompted his concern is that a young bat was found on board recently that had apparently been killed by a kitten. State law requires that any bat that has had contact with an animal must be examined for rabies; on examination, Kern County Health Department officials determined that the bat had been rabid, the first case of a rabid bat found in the Indian Wells Valley for a number of years.

State law also requires that any dog or cat that has had contact with a bat (or with a possibly rabid animal) must be quarantined for a minimum of 30 days if the animal itself has been vaccinated against rabies, or for a minimum of six months if the animal has not had its rabies shots.

Area military bases join to meet needs

The request for such a vehicle would be honored only if the same or another disaster did not affect Edwards in such a way that Edwards would need it. (Each base has first call on its own resources always.)

The request for resources from another base has to be made by the Commander, Chief Staff Officer, Command Duty Officer, or the Disaster Preparedness Officer.

Expertise and training capabilities are also inventoried to maximize the ability of the group to handle emergencies. Disaster planning, after all, is only part of overall emergency planning since emergencies can arise that have no connection with a disaster.

The meetings of the Disaster Preparedness Functional Study Group ensure that the members can share knowledge of new resources and new expertise.

And, while they are conscientiously preparing for any kind of emergency, they all hope that no such problem will arise but that if it does, they'll be able to function smoothly and swiftly to meet whatever need exists.

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Good neighbors always have been willing to bother the others as well); petroleum, oils, lubricants; and disaster preparedness.

The disaster preparedness functional study group meets to discuss its preparations to handle emergencies that might affect any one of the bases or the region as a whole.

Each member of the study group prepared a listing of resources available at his own establishment in case of any sort of disaster, either man-made (a chemical spill, for instance, or a war), or natural (an earthquake or flood).

These lists have been exchanged, and one individual has been appointed at each military establishment to serve as a contact point to determine the availability of resources so that these could be shared if needed.

The Naval Weapons Center, for instance, has just signed a memorandum of understanding with Edwards Air Force Base for the use of a mobile communications command vehicle with operators that might be available to NWC in case of a disaster of major magnitude here requiring communications capabilities beyond those that

In the JIRSG to which NWC belongs, three functional study groups have been designated: entomology (bugs that occur on