



TO OPEN CONCERT SEASON — The U.S. Marine Band, from Washington, D.C., known as "The President's Own," will be at the Center theater on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 21, to open the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association's 1982-83 season.

Marine Band to open concert season in grand fashion Oct. 21

The 36th season of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association will open in grand fashion next Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Center theater when the famous United States Marine Band from Washington, D.C., returns after an absence of two years.

Directed by Lt. Col. John Bourgeois, the outstanding musicians who make up the band that is known as "The President's Own" (because of their participation in various White House and diplomatic affairs) will present a range of selections that will include something for all musical tastes.

The program for Oct. 21 will include classics by Mendelssohn, Berlioz, Paganini, Leoncavallo and Stravinsky (his "Firebird Suite"), as well as traditional songs and, of course, marches by John Phillips Sousa and others.

A fanfare will announce the arrival on-stage of the director, Lt. Col. Bourgeois, and the concert will be closed by a stirring rendition of "The Marine Hymn."

Tickets for this concert are on sale at the Maturango Museum from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and also can be purchased in Ridgecrest at the Music Man and at the Medical Arts Pharmacy. The price is \$7 for general admission, or \$5 for those under 21 or over 65 years of age, as well as for fulltime enlisted military personnel.

The early purchase of tickets by those who wish to attend the concert by the U.S. Marine Band is strongly recommended by Concert Association officials. Nearly 90 percent of the seats in the theater have already been reserved by season ticket holders, and the supply of single-admission tickets is very limited.

How time flies . . .

If you haven't recognized the battle-weary Marine whose picture is featured in this week's "Remember When..." column of the Rocketeer as Bill Beasley, it's not too surprising. Beasley worked for 18 months for an independent film producer engaged in making television commercials before joining the workforce at China Lake in December 1969.

Beasley, a photographer (scientific and technical) in the Range Instrumentation Support Division, is now an instrumentation equipment specialist. His job includes evaluating photographic equipment and television gear, and doing market surveys to determine what is available in the way of new equipment that can be used, or adapted for use, on the ranges at NWC.

Western days fun planned tomorrow in Bennington Plaza

Tomorrow will be a time for fun for everyone as the Navy Exchange sponsors "Back to the Days of the Old West" in the Bennington Plaza snack bar parking lot.

"Eat, drink, and be merry" is the theme for the day. The food part of the affair will be a barbeque with chicken, spare ribs and baked beans or potato salad, at \$3.75 for an adult portion and \$1.50 for a child's plate.

To go with this, soda pop and beer also will be on sale.

Music for dancing by the Renegades, a local country western group, will begin at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m., the Jim Dandies will present an exhibition of square dancing for everyone's enjoyment.

Small fry also have a special treat: pony rides at 75 cents per ride.

In addition to food, drink and music, a raft of prizes will be given away to those who take part in "Back to the Days of the Old West."

Powell Family Band Show set Saturday night at fairgrounds

Folks who like country-western music can have a fun evening tomorrow and help a good cause while they are enjoying themselves as the Powell Family Band Show puts on a benefit for the American Cancer Society at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. so that everyone will have a chance to get settled before the show begins at 8 o'clock. At 9:30 those who have been in the audience will get a chance to participate when the music starts for dancing.

To add to the festivities, the Exchange Breakfast Club will man the bar all evening, and, for anyone who develops a hunger while dancing, the American Legion Auxiliary will serve soft drinks, hot dogs and beef sandwiches.

General admission for the evening of music and fun is \$3, with children under 12 years of age admitted free.

Lecture-recital series at college set by pianist Gary Davenport

Music lovers as well as musicians have a rare opportunity to obtain an insight into the world of the piano with a lecture-recital series being offered at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture hall by Gary Davenport.

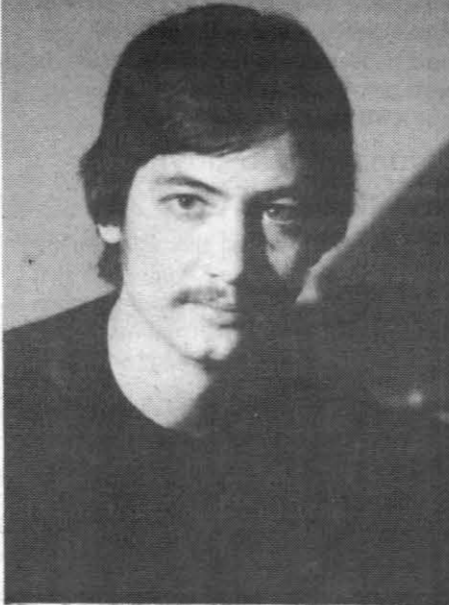
"Exploring the World of Piano Music" consists of six lectures on various composers and forms of piano music that include Davenport's performance of a broad selection of piano compositions. All subscribers also may attend a master class that concludes the series.

The series will be given on Fridays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 22, Dec. 3, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 22, and May 13. A fee of \$30 covers general admission, while children under 18, students with a valid I.D. card and senior citizens over the age of 65 will be admitted for \$22.50 for the series.

Davenport, who is a member of the piano faculty at the University of California at Riverside, performed at China Lake last Jan. 29 as part of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association's 1981-82 series.

He is a graduate of the Juilliard School, holding both bachelor's and master's degrees from that institution. He has also won numerous competitions.

Each of the lecture-recitals will be devoted to a different composer, or topic, and will include a number of scheduled compositions. Davenport will discuss the historical background, compositional techniques and musical forms before



Gary Davenport telephoning Beaujorn Shull at 446-5128 this evening or Carl or Shirley Helmick at 375-2929 at any time.

MOVIES section listing films like 'Fort Apache: The Bronx', 'Angel of H.E.A.T.', and 'The Pilot' with showtimes and ratings.

Curtain will go up tonight on CLOTA version of 'Tribute'

Tonight is the opening night for the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association's production of the Bernard Slade comedy, "Tribute."

Starring as Scottie Templeton ("the Jack Lemon part") is John Clark. Richard Olson has been cast as Jud Templeton, and his girlfriend, Sally Haines, will be played by Mary Lambert.

Others, and the roles they portray, include: Natalie Stone playing Maggie Stratton; Rebecca Von Elm plays Dr. Gladys Petrelli; Elena Vitale, Hillary; and Rud Stone serves as narrator in the role of Lou Daniels.

The play is directed by Elaine Mikkelsen, with Terrie Daley Owens serving as assistant director, and Art Owens as technical director.

Ticket prices are \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for students, senior citizens and enlisted military personnel.

Tickets are available in Ridgecrest at the Medical Arts Pharmacy, the Gift Mart, and the Booklet, and being sold by cast and crew members. They also will be on sale at the box office prior to each performance.

Sign up now for NEX sponsored Halloween costume event Oct. 30

The Navy Exchange is sponsoring a Halloween costume contest for its patrons who are 12 years of age or under. All those who wish to participate can register at Toyland today and tomorrow, as well as on Thursday through Saturday of next week or on Thursday, Oct. 28.

Costumes will be judged at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Toyland. Winners will get a shopping spree at Toyland, with the first place winner being able to pick \$25 worth of merchandise; second place, \$15; and third place, \$10.

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Bluejacket of Month honor goes to Risley

Aviation Structural Mechanic Third Class Susan E. Risley has been chosen as Naval Weapons Center Bluejacket of the Month for September.

For the past several months Petty Officer Risley has been serving as Airframes Administrative Petty Officer. Single-handedly she has revamped the Airframes' training syllabus, undertaking tasks not within her billet.

The letter of nomination written by Lt. Byron W. Crow, her division officer, says that she "expeditiously completes all tasks given her in remarkable time and accuracy."

The letter also commends her willingness to accept responsibility and the cheerful attitude she displays as she carries out her tasks.

"Due to the recent establishment of the Phase-Corrosion Control Work Center, Petty Officer Risley voluntarily took it upon herself to implement the entire administrative system within the work center, a task requiring many hours to complete," the letter continues.

Petty Officer Risley calls Fairfield, Calif., her home. Her father was a career serviceman — spending 10 years in the Navy and 10 in the Air Force. Her older sister joined the Air Force, but the Navy offered her the opportunity to work on aircraft, so

Center active in Employ Handicapped Program

The Naval Weapons Center's commitment to hire handicapped employees is not altogether altruistic, Capt. Lahr told the more than 100 people gathered at a luncheon honoring National Employ the Handicapped Week. "These people have proven to be extraordinary employees," he said.

He pointed out that 350 people on board have some sort of physical handicap, and that 29 handicapped individuals were hired last year. The Center also has two contracts with Sunshine House, a local activity center for retarded or handicapped young adults. One of these contracts is for preparing color coded sheets for the interactive graphics facilities, and the other is with the Public Works Department for working on various cleanup projects.

"We're not just being good Samaritans," Capt. Lahr concluded. "Hiring the handicapped is good business."

Dr. Talmadge O. Bartley, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer/Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator at the Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego, agreed with Capt. Lahr.

He pointed out that a good handicapped employment program is relevant to everyone because "We are all in an inescapable collision course with some form of disability if we live long enough."

While some people are afraid or reluctant to let handicapped persons prove their worth, Dr. Bartley said they must not misunderstand the abilities of anyone who is handicapped.

Also, he noted, "We must ask ourselves if



LANDMARK DISAPPEARS — Heavy equipment operated by workmen of the BEMAC Co. of North Hollywood ripped into and demolished the Housing Building — a structure that some old timers at China Lake may remember as their first quarters when it was used to house single men (barrack style). The wood-frame structure was "here today — gone tomorrow" as a powerful bulldozer ripped it apart, and then loaded the debris onto a truck so that it could be hauled away.

Sizable increase in construction work reported at NWC during fiscal year '82

Substantial increases during fiscal year 1982 compared to FY 1981 in new construction, maintenance service work, and architectural/engineering services were reported this week by the NWC Public Works Department.

New construction at China Lake during FY 82 totalled \$16,453,800, compared to \$10,317,500 during FY 81, while in the maintenance service line the figures are \$5,782,000 for FY 82 and \$2,689,000 for FY 81.

The amount spent for architectural/engineering work in FY 82 climbed to \$1,182,000 — an increase of \$296,000 over the total outlay for this purpose in FY 81.

The last three months of FY 82 were especially busy for personnel of the Public Works Department's Construction Division. A total of 33 new contracts worth over \$6 million were awarded during this final quarter of the fiscal year.

The administration and inspection of this work, as well as that of on-going large contracts, will be accomplished by the Western Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Bruno, Calif., through its field office at China Lake.

The field office is headed by Capt. J. L. Horacek, CEC, USN, who, as the Center's Public Works Officer and Officer-in-Charge of Construction, administers all contract construction and maintenance/facilities service work at China Lake.

We are equally concerned about all people. We are in the hands of each other."

Dan Banks, who is the Center's Handicapped Program Coordinator, served as master of ceremonies. He agreed with Dr. Bartley's remarks by saying that hiring a handicapped person means looking at that person's abilities, not disabilities.

The federal government has been a leader in hiring of handicapped individuals, Banks

said, since President Truman's administration.

Banks announced that for the first time in 10 years, the Center is nominating two of its employees for the Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employee of the Year honors.

June Rooks, a physicist in the A-6E Project Branch of the Aircraft Weapons



VISITOR HONORED — Burrell Hays, NWC Technical Director, presents an NWC paperweight to Dr. T. O. Bartley (at right), guest speaker for the National Employ the Handicapped Week luncheon, with the comment that "I'm proud that somebody with your empathy is working for the Navy." Interpreting his remarks in sign language is Catherine Anderson from the Bakersfield Center for Independent Living.

According to LCDr. D. G. Roach, head of the Construction Division in Code 26, the list of on-going large contracts includes the Weapons System Support Facility that has been erected adjacent to Hangar 3 at Armitage Field. This building, which will cost \$4,931,343, is scheduled for completion on Dec. 20, 1982, and the contractor is Roebelen Construction Co., Inc., of Sacramento.

This same firm is at work on the Electronic Warfare Operations Center that is being built in the Randsburg Wash area at a cost of \$2,059,016. Its completion date is Feb. 2, 1983.

Of the recently-awarded contracts, the largest in terms of cost is for the paving of numerous streets located in the main site area of the Naval Weapons Center. This work, a portion of which is in evidence on Blandy Avenue and East Inyokern Road, will cost \$1,394,300, and is being handled by the Desert Construction Co. of Victorville, Calif.

Another miscellaneous paving contract for work totalling \$367,789 was awarded to the Asphalt Construction Co. of Lancaster, Calif. Work on it also is underway and due to be completed in mid-January. E&G Contractors, Inc., a joint venture of Huntington Beach, Calif., has its crew busily engaged in the demolition of 500 old housing units (some duplexes and some single-family residences) in the area south of Murray Junior High School and south of McBride Park. Work on this project, which will cost \$884,400, has a completion date of March 7, 1983.

