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PREPARING FOR FASHION SHOW - Betty Blackmon (at left) and Jan Lahr model Thrift Shop clothing that will be featured during a fashion show. This event will be a highlight of a luncheon meeting of WACOM that will be held on Tuesday at the COM. Seated are Liz Marquez (at left), who will display her talent as a pianist during the show, and Sharon Zabel, director of the program, who also will be one of the models.

Gem, mineral show slated this weekend at Community Center

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allowed on the trip to the Lava Mountains.

The schedule of events for the two days

demonstrations of faceting techniques by

chipping arrowheads and other objects from

The lecturer at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow will

be Ralph Dietz, who will talk about opals,

Berlinite quartz and other synthetic gems,

Geodes will be on sale during the gem and

mineral show and a rock saw, operated by

Roy Briscoe, will be available to cut the

geodes open to see what Mother Nature has

hidden inside. Other sale items will include

cutting materials and samples of a variety

of rocks and minerals that can be purchased

by those who haven't the time or energy to

An additional feature of this year's gem

and mineral show will be a silent auction

during which gemstones and minerals will

of a half hour or so, the bids will be opened

and the sale item will go to the person who

For those who may get hungry or thirsty

while visiting the gem and mineral show, a

The cooler weather has brought with it a

decrease in the number of hours of operation

of the Desert Freeze ice cream parlor

located on Richmond Road in the Ben-

Starting Monday, it will be open from 1 to

5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from

snack bar will be in operation.

Ice cream parlor hours

of operation reduced

nington Plaza area.

look for such items for themselves.

will be heard at 3 p.m. Sunday.

while Bill McBride, whose subject will be

The Community Center will be the setting agate, and also to the Lava Mountains in tomorrow and Sunday for the annual gem search of agate and petrified wood. Only and mineral show sponsored by the Indian those with 4-wheel drive vehicles will be Wells Gem and Mineral Society.

Among the principal attractions at this year's show, which will be open to the public includes a lecture each afternoon, as well as free of charge on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ed Albright, and by Ed Wagner, who will be will be an array of nearly 50 cases of gems, minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts, and specialized lapidary work.

Field trips that always are a popular part of the annual gem and mineral show are scheduled again this year, and will get underway at 10:30 a.m. each day from the Community Center parking lot.

The destination on Saturday will be Honey Hill, where travertine onyx may be found, and on Sunday there will be a visit to Rainbow Ledge to look for colorful jasp

Navy League plans birthday dinner in honor of Marines

The Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League will honor the birthday of the be up for sale. Prospective buyers write Marine Corps with a dinner on Wednesday, their bids down on a piece of paper and leave Nov. 17, to which all interested persons are them with the auctioneer. After an interval invited. The dinner will be held at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

The evening will begin with a social hour submitted the highest bid. at 6:30, to be followed by a roast beef dinner at 7:30 o'clock.

Honored guest speaker for the evening will be Col. John Tyler, the U. S. Marine Corps Liaison Officer at the Center.

The cost of the dinner is \$5.50 per person. Reservations must be made by Sunday, Nov. 14. They may be made by telephoning 446-7244, 446-5488, or 375-4272.

How time flies . . .

This week's "Remember When. . ." personality is Win Johnson, who is now the branch head at the Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT).

Since returning to China Lake in 1961, he has often said he can't imagine working or living anywhere else. (The desert has claimed another victim!)

Win is the father of three children, Lori Wilson and Lisa Johnson, both of Concord, Calif., and Stuart, a junior at Cal-State University in Fullerton. Lori is the first of his children to present him with a grandchild, Daniel Frank, 9 months old.

Win and his wife, Joan, the Sparrow Program office secretary, share many interests, including raising thoroughbred horses and bowling, as well as Win's special love, flying.

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Clothing from Thrift Shop to be featured

at fashion show Tues. A fashion show featuring clothing from the Thrift Shop that is operated by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) will be held at noon Tuesday at the COM.

A social hour starting at 11 a.m. will precede lunch, and the program will follow. A luncheon of beef tips with noodles, broccoli with cheese sauce, tossed salad and dessert will be served at a price of \$4 per person.

The fashion show is a "take-off" on the new season of television programs. This show is directed by Sharon Zabel, and the commentators (Ivy Meyer and Eleanor Lotee) will be following script prepared by Tina Knemever.

Piano accompaniment will be provided by Liz Marquez, and there will be vocal solos by Madeline Dienhart.

WACOM members who have volunteered their time to model the clothing from the Thrift Shop are Betty Blackmon, Pat Bonner, Charlotte Carroll, Wilma Gartrell, Terri Jacks, Tess Jackson, Jan Lahr, LaNeta Peters, Maureen Toftner, Chris Young, Mrs. Dienhart and Mrs. Zabel.

Those who attend this WACOM luncheon meeting will be eligible to win door prizes that will consist of items donated to the Thrift Shop.

Talk on earthquakes, volcanoes slated at next AAUW meeting

"Volcanoes and Earthquakes" will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Glenn Roquemore of the Detonation Physics Division in the Center's Research Department at a dinner meeting for members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and their guests on Tuesday at Bar-B-Q Bill's Restaurant in Ridgecrest.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.; it will be followed by a brief meeting before the program begins.

Dr. Roquemore will show film slides as he discusses volcanic activity from the Mount St. Helens eruption southward to the Long Valley area. He will provide some of the latest information on recent happenings.

Women interested in joining the AAUW who would like to attend the meeting are asked to contact Mary LeBlanc, membership chairman, by calling 375-9452.

Be on lookout for signs

of tampering with drugs

With recent instances of cyanide being found in bottles of Tylenol and hydrochloric acid being found in Visine A. C. eyedrops, the Food and Drug Administration is advising caution on the part of consumers.

The FDA advises all consumers to be alert to signs of tampering with any drug products such as broken seals, different colors, smells, tastes or textures.

Consumers should show suspected tamperings to the pharmacist, physician, or retailer. Until tamper-resistant packaging barriers are commonplace, being alert and noon until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. observant is the best self-protection.

Rec. facilities open on Nov. 11

The following hours of operation will be observed by business and recreational facilities at the Naval Weapons Center during the Veterans Day holiday next Thursday, Nov. 11.

Hours
By appointment only
n to 1 p.m. (lap swim) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
day Thursday.

MOVIES G) ALL AGES ADMITTED General Audiences PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED rental Guidance Suggeste (R) RESTRICTED Regular starting time 7:00 p.m. FRL, MON. NOVEMBER 5,8 "VICTOR/VICTORIA" Starring Julie Andrews and James Garner (Musical/comedy, rated PG, 134 min.) NOVEMBER 6 SATURDAY "ENDLESS LOVE" Starring Brooke Shields and Martin Hewitt (Romantic/drama, rated R, 116 min.) SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 "OLIVER" Starring Ron Moody and Oliver Reed (Musical, rated G, 146 min.) WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10 "PARADISE" Starring Willie Aames and Phoebe Cates (Romantic/adventure, rated R, 196 min.) NOVEMBER 12 FRIDAY "I'M DANCING AS FAST AS I CAN" Starring Jill Clayburgh and Nicol Williamson (Drama, rated R, 115 min.)

Entries welcome for art work exhibit at Maturango Museum

All local painters are invited to exhibit in a non-juried exhibition to be sponsored by the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum from Dec. 1 through Jan. 3.

Paintings in all mediums will be accepted, but each artist may enter only one framed work. The deadline for submitting entry blanks to the museum is Nov. 20, and paintings must be hand-delivered to the museum office by 5 p.m. Nov. 30.

Entries will be accepted on a firstapplication-received basis, with a total of 70 being accepted.

Entries may be offered for sale with the proceeds going to the artist or may be for exhibit only. The frame size may be no less than 9 by 12 inches and no larger than 24 by 24 inches. An entry fee of \$3.50 will be collected when the painting is delivered to the museum.

Entry forms are available at the Maturango Museum, Desert Art League, Home Decorating Center in Ridgecrest, and at Cerro Coso Community College painting classes.

A reception honoring the artists will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the museum gallery. The public is invited to attend.

Western band will play

at CPO Club this evening The Powell Family Band will perform country-western music this evening at the Chief Petty Officer's Club starting at 8:30.

CPO Club members and their guests are invited to dine out tonight - selecting their choice of entree from a menu that will include prime rib of beef or Icelandic cod as specials of the evening. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 p.m.

NEX seeks bids on car

The Navy Exchange is accepting closed bids for a 1971 Chevrolet station wagon. Anyone who would like to bid or who needs additional information should contact Ltjg. L.J. Goettl promptly by calling 446-2586. U.S. Government Printing Office:

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Tests conducted to add to knowledge about fighting aircraft carrier fires

Knowledge gained from more than 50 fires set and extinguished at the Mini-Deck area of the Naval Weapons Center during October will protect the lives of naval aviators and flight deck personnel throughout the Fleet.

Aim of the test series is to fill some gaps in knowledge about fighting aircraft carrier deck conflagrations. Specifically, one of the most important questions to be answered is the best method of keeping missiles and weapons from "cooking off" and creating additional havoc. Cook-offs have been major sources of casualties in fires such as those on the USS Forrestal and the USS Nimitz. The current fire tests simulate the fire on the flight deck of the USS Nimitz on the night of May 26, 1981. This fire raised some questions about the capability and performance of current flight deck conflagration control systems.

The tests were mandated by the CV Fire Fighting Flag Level Steering Committee, headed by RAdm, James H. Webber, Vice Commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command. This committee meets monthly fighting capability on aircraft carriers.

The Naval Weapons Center was chosen as Deck. the site for tests because of the fire-fighting



TORCHING OFF - Two NWC firefighters light the Mini-Deck for a simulated aircraft carrier flight deck fire test. Fuel for the fire comes from the nozzles spraying it across the Mini-Deck surface.

expertise on board and because of its Mini-Deck facility. Fire Chief Lee O'Laughlin is to provide top level management and the project coordinator for the Center, and direction to on-going efforts to improve fire Deputy Fire Chief Darryl Johnson coordinated the fire fighting efforts at the Mini-

Added expertise was brought to the test

series by personnel of the Naval Material Command, Naval Air Command, Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Research Laboratory, Stanford Research Institute. and Hughes Associates.

Test director was Edwin (Jake) Jablonski of the Naval Research Laboratory. He was joined by Robert Darwin of the Naval Material Command, who is Coordinator and Director of Fire Protection Programs for the Navy.

Over the past dozen years many of the Navy's tests of new fire equipment and methods have taken place at NWC's Mini-Deck. This facility simulates the deck of an aircraft carrier to the extent of even having the same sprinkler systems built in to carry AFFF (aqueous film forming foam) and water to extinguish fires set using JP-5 or aviation gasoline. The sprinklers can be controlled for any type of test conditions.

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Homer heads Electronic Warfare Dept.

At the Commander's meeting on Monday morning, Capt. Lahr announced that Paul Homer has been selected as head of the Electronic Warfare Department.

The Skipper commented that it had been a difficult decision because of the excellence of the candidates for the position, but added that "It's a good day for the Center. You," he said to Homer, "have the confidence of the people who run this place that you can do a bangup job."

Homer, who has been head of the Weapons Synthesis Division in the Weapons Department for the past five years, will take over his duties as head of Code 35 before the end of this month.

Commenting on his selection, Homer notes that he is pleased because "They are all good people over there (in Code 35)." He says that he has worked with many of the personnel in that department at one time or another during the 20 years since he came aboard the Center as a Junior Professional employee. His first job after completing his JP tour was even with the old Shrike Division.

Much of his time on the Center was spent in what was then Code 40 under Frank Knemeyer and Dr. Peggy Rogers working on the major programs which developed into what is now a large part of the Center's technical organization.

"Without a doubt," Homer says, "for the type of work that is done, NWC is the best (Continued on Page 3)



CONCENTRATED EFFORT — Three NWC firefighters use a handline in fighting a fire set during tests on the Mini-Deck.

Retirement ceremony ends 29-yr. career for USAF Liaison Officer

R. Gibbons who, for the last eight years has Florida. served as the Air Force Liaison Officer at The Meritorious Service Medal was in the Naval Weapons Center.

officers and enlisted personnel of the Naval Liaison Officer at NWC. Weapons Center were turned out for an On behalf of the Air Force, Col. John Medal.

The medal and commendation that ac- retirement. companied it were presented by Col. John Ostrominski, Assistant Deputy Commander

A 29-year career as an officer in the U.S. for Development and Acquisition in the Air Force came to a close at a retirement Armament Division of the Air Force ceremony held on Oct. 28 for Lt. Col. James Systems Command at Eglin Air Force Base,

recognition of Lt. Col. Gibbons outstanding During this finale of nearly three decades effort during the period from May 1974 to of service to the nation and the Air Force, September 1982 that he served as the USAF

inspection in honor of Lt. Col. Gibbons; Ostrominski thanked Lt. Col. Gibbons and highlights of his extensive career were his family for their dedicated service to this summarized by Capt. Lahr, and the honoree nation, and expressed the wish that the was the recipient of the Meritorious Service retiring officer would enjoy good health, success and happiness during his years in

> Lt. Col. Gibbons' wife Thirza, was in-(Continued on Page 3)



FAREWELL SALUTE -- Framed by sideboys and a Navy chief blowing a boatswain's pipe, Lt. Col. James R. Gibbons, USAF, renders a final salute as he is "piped over the side" at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony.

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Veterans Day program planned Thurs. at VFW Hall in Ridgecrest

A patriotic program in observance of Veterans Day will be held next Thursday, Nov. 11, starting at 11 a.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 117 Alvord St., Ridgecrest

A color guard from Boy Scout Troop 291, sponsored by Lloyd E. Frost Ship 4084 of the VFW, will open the program by raising the American flag from its position at half-mast (where it is flown on this patriotic holiday in honor of veterans who have died) to the top of the flagpole in the courtyard outside the entrance to the local VFW Hall.

The opening ceremony also will include posting of the colors by Scout Troop 291; the invocation by LCdr. Doug Heitschmidt, Protestant chaplain at the NWC All Faith Chapel; and the introductory remarks by Harold Platzek, captain of VFW Ship 4084.

Guest speaker at the Veterans Day observance will be Col. John Tyler, USMC, a veteran of 27 years of military service, who has been the Marine Corps Liaison Officer at NWC for the past year.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1955, Col. Tyler's more than buglers Lt. Dave Feldman and ADAN Steve quarter-century of active duty with the Young, a Navy officer and enlisted man Marine Corps includes flying F-4 Phantom from China I 'e. aircraft on more than 20 close support mis- A potluck acheon will be held in the sions during the period of time (March 1966 VFW Hall following the Veterans Day obthrough April 1967) that he was a member of servance that is being arranged by the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 based Indian Wells Valley Veterans Coordinating at Da Nang and Chu Lai in South Vietnam. Council.

He came to China Lake from Washington, D.C., where he served in the Office of Naval Operations as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer in OPNAV's Aviation Plans and Requirements Office.

Platzek, an NWC employee in the Ordnance Systems Department, who is serving as master of ceremonies for the Veterans Dav program, invites all veterans' groups, fraternal and service organizations in the local area to participate by sending color guards with their organizational banner and an American flag.

Vocal music selections during this patriotic program will include renditions of the national theme, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "This Is My Country" sung by the male barbershop harmony chorus, under the direction of Clay Panlaqui.

The Veterans Day observance will be concluded by the benediction by Chaplain Heitschmidt; a volley of rifle fire, and the playing of "Taps.'

A firing squad composed of men from local veterans' groups will be led by Tom Flynn, while "Taps" will be played by

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Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box at the Reception Desk of the Personne Dept., 505 Blandy. Unless otherwise specified in an ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current permanent NWC employees only. All others desiring employment at NWC may contact the Employment-Wage & Classification Division, Code 092, Ext. 2069. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternative recruiting sources in filling these positions. The filling of these positions through Merit Promotion is subject to the requirements of the DoD Program for the Stability of Civilian Employment. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions and positions subject to the Demonstration Project are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118; those for all wage system positions are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118C. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of experience, training, education, and awards as indicated in a written record consisting of a SF-171, at least one supervisory appraisal if it can be obtained, and any tests, medical examinations, interviews, and supplemental qualifications requirements that may be necessary. For managerial/supervisory positions, consideration will be given to applicant's support of the Equal Employment Opportunity programs and objectives. Applicants must meet time in grade and qualifications requirements by the closing date of the ad. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonme

Announcement No. 3659, Interdisciplinary, Supervisory, Mechanical/General/Electronics/Aerospace Engineer, DP-830/801/855/861-3, Engineering/Electronics Techician, DP-802/856-3, Logistics/Equipment Specialist DA-346/1670-3, PAC 83365050E52, Code 3661 - This position is head of the Fleet Readiness Branch, Fleet Engineering Division, Engineering Department. Incumbent supervise approximately 15 equipment/logistics specialists and echnicians. The primary functions of the office are to provide direct support to the Fleet on: missile systems. logistics problems, foreign military sales or systems, and training in all areas of said systems. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to supervise and manage diverse technical working groups; knowledge of Center organization, requirements, and operations; knowledge of Fleet suport processes and Fleet training processes; ability to effectively communicate ideas in oral and in written form; ability to establish liaison with all levels of Commands/offices; knowledge of and willingness to support the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity policies and goals

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Announcement No. 33-035, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-2/3, Physicist, DP-1310-2/3 PAC No. 8033530E, Code 3311 (Interdisciplinary) - This position is located in the Exploratory Development Branch, Sensors System Division of the Fuze and Sensors Department. The incumbent will participate in the branch's Fuze and Airborne Radar programs and be responsible for the design, development and evaluation of RF components and systems. The effort involves hands on hardware work relating to both fuze and airborne radar along with the associated signal processing technology. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of RF Component and system design. Knowledge of signal processsing technology. Announcement No. 39-018, Electronic Technician, DP-

856-2, Code 3924 — This position is located in the flight integration section of the Laser Guidance Branch, Electro-Optics Division, Weapons Department located at the Naval Air Facility. The incumbent's responsibilities will include testing and checkout of aircraft and/or weapons guidance systems, maintaining a current file of schematics an documentation on the systems, and reporting the results to the supervisor and program office. The incumbent must be able to interface with a program office and with contractor personnel. Job Relevant Criteria: General knowledge of the operation of electronic test and measurement equi ment; ability to troubleshoot and maintain electronic equipment; ability to coordinate and monitor the work of contractor personnel and junior technicians; ability to municate effectively orally and in writing.

Announcement No. 08-045, Budget Assistant, GS-561-5, PD No. 8008010N, Code 0804 — This position is located in the Office of Finance and Mangement, Corporate Budget Staff. The incumbent administers the customer order and expense account and allocation process. The requests are received from the RMA and are checked by the incumben to insure they would not violate NAVCOMPT regulations that duplicate customer order numbers are not being assigned, to insure funds have not been previous allocated, etc. Aids the RMAs by correcting their allocations and providing them data on their unallocated funds. Assists other analysts in the preparation of financial analyses as required. Incumbent provides information to and corresponds directly with all levels of Center personne as to inquiries concerning fund documents or custome orders. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of Navy and NWC budgeting and accounting procedures; ability to exercise tact and good judgement; and ability to work under pressure.

Announcement No. 31-080, Interdisciplinary, Electronics Engineer/Physicist, DP-855/1310-3, PAC 8231643, Code 3155 - This position is located in the Airborne RF Targeting Branch, Targeting Division, Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The incumbent will have major responsibility for detailed review of existing airborne radar systems and proposed changes, and generating recomme improve the targeting performance of these systems. The effort will include acquiring and using detailed knowledge of multimode airborne radars and applying this knowledge to the evaluation and improvement of future radars from the standpoint of the Navy targeting problem. The intargeting radar programs and will be responsible for the design, development and evaluation of airborne radar systems and critical subsystems for air-to-air and air-tosurface targeting. This effort involves hands-on hardware work in technology base programs. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of airborne radar systems; understanding of state of the art radar technology in areas such as system entation, waveform design, coherent sign

processing; ability to analyze and evaluate total radar systems; ability to coordinate, monitor and review work of associates; ability to perform effectively in team setting. Announcement No. C-64-30, Aerospace Engineering Technician, DP-802-1/2, PAC No. 8364502N, Code 6412 -This position is located in the Fleet Support Branch, Recovery System Engineering Division, Aerosystem Department. The incumbent participates in the analysis of manufacturing and operational problems encountered with parachutes, restraint harnesses and related hardware. The incumbent assists in development and testing of improved systems. Work includes preparing drawing change requirements, modification instructions, aircrew indoctrination materials, manual change requirements, and supply data change requirements. Procurement and control of modification kits is conducted. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of parachute and personnel restraint

systems; knowledge of engineering drawings; knowledge of configuration management principles; and the ability to write effectively. Announcement No. 35-112, Interdisciplinary Position

Physicist, Electronics Engineer, Mathematician, DP-855/1310/1520-3, PAC No. 8235580E, Code 3512 — Position is located in the EW Analysis Branch, Systems Sciences Division of the Electronic Warfare Department. In cumbent analyzes and evaluates threat radars, electronic countermeasure systems, and electronic warfare combat encounters. To a large degree that incumbent will be working with hardware in laboratory and field applications. The work in this position is associated with the effort of others creating various levels of radar/ECM encounter simulation. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of tracking and fire control radars (especially threat systems); knowledge of servo-mechanical systems; knowledge of digital and analog simulations, and computer programming; knowledge of radar physics and electronic countermeasures; ability to use radar tracking hardware Note: Status eligibles may apply.

Enrollment open for class in effective tech communication

Enrollment is open in a course in Effective Technical Communication that will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 29 and 30 in Rm. 246 at Cerro Coso Community College.

This is a two-day workshop that will be taught by Roger Kirkham, president of the American Training Alliance. Its purpose is to give students tools, techniques, and practical ideas on how to get results from their writing.

Topics to be covered include translating technical language into plain English, effective technical illustration, proposals that get results, and effective presentations.

Employees interested in taking this course should submit a training request and. authorization form via department channels in time for it to reach Code 084 no later than Nov. 12.

Tenants to meet Monday

The tenants' Community Council meeting on Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel promises to be of unusual interest because the main topic of discussion will be the health and welfare inspections on the Center. Leading the discussion will be Dr. Richard Kistler. All residents of base housing are encouraged to attend and air their views.



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Burros lose . . .

Early in the third quarter, the Burros gambled and lost an attempt to pick up a vard needed for a first down at their own 37, and the Antelopes moved in from there to tally again. The final 6 yds. to paydirt was picked up by Dwight Lewis; Dewberry's PAT was good and the Antelopes led 45-0. One of the few bright spots in the game for Burroughs came a short time later when Means completed a short pass to Baer, who covered the remaining distance to the goal line on a play that gained 65 yds. The try for 2 extra points on a pass failed, however, making the final score 45-6 in favor of Antelope Valley. Neither team was able to score in the final 12 min. of playing time, although the Burros' defense was called on and responded successfully in stopping the Antelopes on fourth down inside the Ridgecrest team's 1-yd.

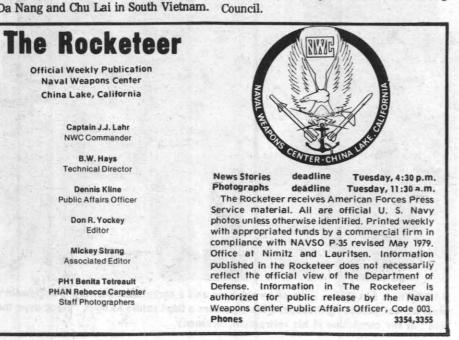
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of 161 yds.

The Naval Weapons Center was represented in Mojave Desert Interservice League (MDISL) table tennis and billiards competition that was held last weekend at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino. In table tennis, Bill Chan, an NWC civilian employee, placed second in the singles event, and teamed up with a local Navy man, Virgilio Palisoc, to garner the rumerup spot in the doubles play as well. Table tennis players from Norton AFB won both the singles and doubles events.

billiards tourney.

the Over-the-Hill Track Club (OTHTC) for Albacore season ends; local distance runners is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 13. bottom fishing only now Coming up is a half-marathon race that will begin and end at Center gym. The end of October brought the end of the Runners who complete the race will make albacore season for the central coast port of two loops around a course that will be laid Morro Bay - but the last trip was a good one out along streets leading out the NWC main because not only were 38 albacore caught, gate, through a part of Ridgecrest and but also a 125-pound opah. return to the starting point by way of the Only the bottom fishing boats will go out Center's back gate on Richmond Road. from Morro Bay for the winter season, but Registration for the race will begin at 7:30 they'll be out daily whenever the weather a.m. on Nov. 13. The late sign-up fee of \$9 permits. Last week the biggest fish caught per person covers age group awards for men was a 15-pound red snapper. Anglers and women, a custom-designed T-shirt, and averaged 15 fish each, so everyone came refreshments after the race. home with fish for the freezer. Some halibut are still being caught in During the race, runners will be given their times after completing 1 mile and Morro Bay. Surf fishermen are catching a again at the 5-mile mark. Water stops will lot of barred perch by using clams, mussels, be set up 21/2 to 3 miles apart. and anchovies for bait.



Vehicle passes now available for next space shuttle landing Indian Wells Valley residents will have an

opportunity to view the fifth landing of the Space Shuttle Columbia, which is scheduled to make its return to earth on Nov. 16. The Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

office, 301-A S. China Lake Blvd., is distributing vehicle passes provided by NASA's Dryden Flight Research Facility at Edwards Air Force Base.

The vehicle passes are available on a first come-first served basis. Those holding such passes will be permitted to drive their vehicle and its occupants to the Space Shuttle viewing site at Edwards AFB.

cumbent will participate in newly formulated aircraft

(Continued from Page 6) recovering an AV fumble and were knocking at the door as the final seconds ticked off the clock in the first half. A pass from Means to Adrian Baer, which followed a pass interference call against AV, was good for a gain of 22 yds. and a first down at the 12, but that was as close as the Burros could get to a touchdown in the first half.

Unofficially, Johnson, who scored three touchdowns for AV and rested the entire second half, gained 176 yds. in 14 carries, while Gary Zito, a reserve halfback, gained 100 yds. in 15 times with the ball.

To the 410 yds. gained running the ball, the AV team also picked up 46 yds. on three pass completions, while the Burros gained 57 vds. running and 119 on passes for a total offense

NWC represented in MDISL table tennis, billiards competition

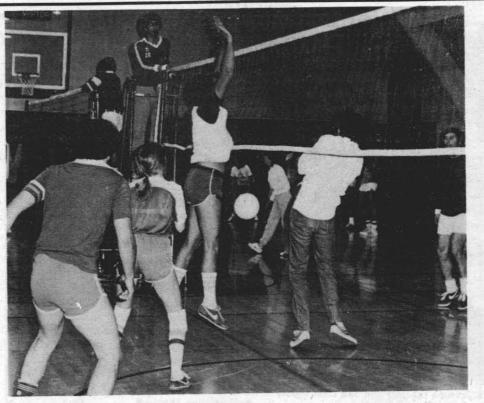
Local entries in the billiards tournament, none of whom placed among the top contenders, were Richard West and David Skerritt, of VX-5, and Michael Kreshel, an NWC sailor. Kreshel and Skerritt teamed up in the doubles event, and both Kreshel and West competed in the singles of the MDISL

In addition to NWC and Norton AFB, the MDISL includes Edwards, George, March and Nellis Air Force Bases, the Marine Corps Logistics Center at Barstow, and the Los Angeles Air Force Station.

Over-Hill Track Club announces plans for half-marathon race

The longest event of the year sponsored by

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VOLLEYBALL NIGHT AT GYM - Monday nights are co-ed volleyball night at the Center gym. More than 40 players turned out this past Monday from 7 to 9 o'clock to form 6-member teams that competed against one another. Steve Felix, who was officiating in background as this photo was snapped, notes that there will be a meeting on Monday night, Nov. 8, at the gym to discuss whether or not co-ed volleyball players wish to form teams and compete in a league, or continue with informal pickup games. Persons interested in playing volleyball can obtain additional information by calling Felix at NWC - Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter ext. 3721.

Youth Soccer League results . . .

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Jason Wilking were enough to produce a 4-1 victory by the Drillers over the Lancers, whose lone score was tallied by Amy Shumway.

Shawn Hamilton (3 goals) and Mike Bowen (2 goals) took care of the scoring for the Earthquakes in their 5-1 win over the Sockers.

All four contests were close or even in games played between teams of 1st and 2nd grade soccer players. The Eagles edged the Owls 2-1 and the Cobras nipped the Chiefs 1while the games between Rowdies and Fury and Express and Apollos ended in tie scores of 1-1 and 0-0, respectively.

Jarold Gonzales of the Eagles scored twice as his team slipped past the Owls 2-1. Important roles on offense for the Eagles also were filled by forwards Jason Silberberg and Andy Lopez. The only goal for the Owls was scored unassisted by Mike Mat-

The Cobras struck fast to get an early lead on a goal by Matthew Bullock and then successfully fought to retain the lead in their 1-0 win over the Chiefs.

Determined play by both teams resulted in a 1-1 tie in the game between the Rowdies and Fury. Patrick Rindt scored for the Rowdies, while Scott Ross countered for the Fury

The junior high soccer teams from Murray defeated their Division One counterparts from Monroe School in a pair of Junior High Soccer League contests last Saturday. The Murray Pegasus upset the Monroe Tigers 2-0 and the Murray Mustangs shut down the Monroe Bengals 2-0. In the only other Junior High Division contest played last Saturday, the Division Two Cougars from Monroe School clawed

the Murray Colts 7-1.

The game's first score in the Pegasus vs. Tigers' tilt came following a fumbled ball by the Tigers' goalie. Alertly, Billy Hugo gained control of the ball and fired it into the net to give Pegasus a 1-0 lead with 21 min. played in the first half.

The insurance score for Pegasus was tallied by Eric Romo, who outscrambled opposing players for the ball near the goal and booted it into the net.

Pegasus defenders who helped to nail down the shutout win over the Tigers were Mike DeLaFuente, Kelly Vie, Kelly Burns, Chris Johnson and goalie Kenny Sandberg.

The Murray Mustangs did a similar job on the league-leading Monroe Bengals. Jon Bainbridge scored for the Mustangs in the first half on an assist from Kevin Duignan.

Thanks to stellar defense on the part of Mustangs' Mike Mills, Joe Pakulak, Vince Caffee and Clint Caffee, the Bengals were unable to score, while the Mustangs added to their slim lead with a second goal late in the game by Kim Moistner, who launched a volley out of midair into the upper right corner of the Bengals' net.

Craig Rindt scored 5 goals and teammates Brian Lindsay and Tony Haaland tallied one each for the Cougars in their 5-1 win over the Colts. The single score for the Colts came on a penalty kick by Ted Ingle.

Buggy Bath bowling team clings to lead in Premier League

The Buggy Bath team edged the cellardwelling Elks Lodge keglers by the scant margin of 2 points (11-9) to hang onto first place during Monday night's Premier (scratch) League action at Hall Memorial Lanes.

In second place, trailing the Buggy Bath squad by just 31/2 points, are the ERI Hustlers, while the National Car Rental team has moved into third place.

High team game for the night was the 1,022 rolled by the Elks Lodge, and it was the Buggy Bath bowlers who posted the high team series score of 2,828.

Best individual effort on Monday night was the 631 series rolled by Lynn Potter. Other Premier League bowlers who topped the 600 series mark were Ray Freashcher (626), Allen Smith (623), Jack Brown and Dick Schweitzer (622), and Pat Nalley (608).

Those with single game totals of more than 220 were Mark Barkmeyer (246), Chris Peterson (244), Brown (236 and 221), Steve Zissos and Freascher (234), Bob Banks (226), Ed Ranck (224), Watson, Nalley and Smith (223), and Potter (222).

Current standings in the Premier League

Team	Won	Lost
Buggy Bath	94	. 66
ERI Hustlers	00.0	. 69.5
National Car Rental	89	71
Turner's Real Estate		74
Sports of All Sorts	0.4 5	78.5
Killeen Hutchison CPA	-	81
Hideaway	-	94
Raytheon Sidewinders	70.5	89.5
The Place		90
Elks Lodge		96.5

Rockhouse Basin area open one more weekend for fishing

Anglers who like to fish in Rockhouse Basin have just this weekend and next before the season ends. The drainage of the South Fork of the Kern has a slightly longer season than the rest of the Sierra high country

Lake Isabella will be open all year, however, for those who enjoy angling even when the weather is cold.

A few of the trout that were planted about a month ago are now being taken in all parts of the lake. These are being caught from the banks, still fishing - and those who troll also got some nice ones last weekend.

Some anglers are catching nice catfish at night by wading out by the warning light in back of Rabbit Island. Considering the dangers that the lake poses, however, waders are advised to fish with a buddy or to have someone on shore that could be of help in case the angler steps into a deep hole in the dark.

TOUGH DECISION - A local youngster, Jesse Lambton, examines the judges' final choice in the pumpkin-carving contest held last week at the Community Center. The winning entries in the various age groups of this competition for youngsters 6 through 11 years of age are (1.-r.) in the 6- to 7-year-old division (Timmy Sandberg), in the 10- and 11-year-old group (Frank Hulk), and 8- and 9-year-olds (Tara Sandberg). Each of the top three winners received certificates, and there were other awards for those judges ruled had come up with the most humorous, scariest, happiest, most creative, most outrageous, and most elaborately-carved pumpkins.

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Commander's Cup rifle-pistol matches won by NWC Blue

Commander's Cup pistol and rifle marksmanship competition ended last week, with top honors overall going to the team representing NWC Blue.

NWC Blue marksmen compiled a total score of 2,885 that included 930 points in the pistol match and 1,955 in the rifle competition. That compares with 2,697 for VX-5 (910 in pistol and 1,787 in rifle), and 2,489 for NWC Gold (609 in pistol and 1,880 in rifle).

The win by NWC Blue in the pistol and rifle marksmanship event moved the Aircraft Department team into second place in the Commander's Cup athletic standings with a total of 12 points. VX-5 continues to retain the lead with 14 points, and NWC Gold is trailing with 10 points.

During the pistol match fired on Oct. 20, the NWC Blue team was led by Bruce Large, who racked up a 258 total out of a possible 300. Other members of the Blue pistol team and their scores, were James Houston (239), Daniel Busse (230), and Daniel Kubiak (203).

Leading scores for the other two pistol teams were Tim Rieb (234) and Bob Matney (232), of VX-5; and Edward Torrence (212) and Bernard Steward (209), of NWC Gold.

Military M-14 rifles were employed in the rifle match. Entrants fired from the 200 yd. line in prone, sitting and standing positions. Since this was a modified Class B rifle

course, individuals whose scores topped the 300 mark received marksmanship ribbons, and sharpshooter ribbons were awarded to those with scores above 330. Two of the entrants received expert ribbons for their scores of more than 350 out of a possible 400.

The NWC Blue rifle team's top scorer was James Houston, who fired a 373. Others on the 6-man NWC rifle team, and their scores, were Bruce Large (353), Robert Cummins-(343), Donald Kopnicy (337), Raymond Lakoske (310), and Daniel Kubiak (239).

Scores of 310 and 308 by Bob Matney and Philip Trujillo, respectively, were the best VX-5 riflemen could do, while the NWC Gold rifle team was led by John Tipton (342) and Jim Hamilton (316).

ROCKETEER After losing to AV, Burros face Canyon tonight

for the Burroughs High School varsity football team, the Burros will tangle tonight on their home field with their counterparts from Canyon High School. Kick-off time is 8 p.m. for the varsity tilt, which will be preceded by a sophomore game at 5 o'clock. With the added incentive of performing before what will be a Homecoming crowd, the Burros hope to make it rough on the visiting Cowboys from Canyon Country.

In order to do so, however, the Burros will have come up with their best-yet effort of the season, since the Cowboys have to their credit a 17-7 win over the same Antelope Valley team that made the efforts of the Ridgecrest squad look so futile last Friday night in Lancaster.

The final tally of this contest was 45-6 in favor of the defending Golden League champions from AV High School. Con-

higher, but the AV coach rested most of zone by Johnson, who carried the ball on 4 his starters in the second half and gave the out of 5 running plays in this series that reserves a chance to get in some playing included one gain of 14 yds. by the all CIF time

The 'lopes let the Burros know early they would be in for a long night last Friday by their next possession of the ball, and an AV scoring on the game's first play from scrimmage. With the ball on their own 31 yd. line after receiving game-opening kickoff, the Antelopes broke their stellar running back, Marco Johnson, loose on a 69-yd. gallop for a touchdown.

Jim Dewberry, placement kicker for AV, added the first of seven successful PATs. and the Lancaster team had a 7-0 jump on the Burros with less than a minute gone in the first quarter of play.

A BHS fumble set up the next tally by AV, which came at around the 8 min. mark in the first period. It took the 'lopes just five plays

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WEATHER KO'S YOUTH FOOTBALL -- Part way through the third quarter of this Tri-Valley Youth Football League game between the Indian Wells Valley Dolphins and their Sophomore Division counterparts in Kern Valley, a downpour of rain washed out this contest, and the Junior and Senior Division tilts that were scheduled to follow. At this point in the Dolphins vs. Kern Valley tilt, the Dolphins held a commanding lead of 20-0. The 4-game series at Kern Valley opened with a Freshman Division game during which the IWV Chargers came out on the short end of an 18-0 final score. The games that were canceled due to rain will be rescheduled. - Photo by PH1 Benita Tetreault

Lopsided wins mark Youth Soccer League play

games that has prevailed so far this season, tack. there was just one hotly-contested tilt last The windy weather was a factor in the defense by Ronnie Meyer, Dale Cook, Eric Saturday in the 5th-6th grade division of the Roughnecks' 4-0 win over the Whitecaps. Dinger and Kristin McCrary, this turned out Youth Soccer League.

over the Surf, final results of other games wind. Players who shared in the scoring was a shot into the net by Derek Lindsey. had a tendency to be lopsided, as follows: were Don Duniphin (2), Matt Duncan and Sounders 5, Hurricane 2; Sting and Roughnecks 4-0 over the Rogues and Whitecaps, respectively, and Diplomats 7, they built up a 6-0 halftime lead over the Tornadoes 0.

to an exciting, well-played game between the Kicks and Surf. Matt Mechtenberg's 2 In what was the best game played this goals, on assists by Marc Frisbee and Dean Waldron, combined with a solo tally by Dean Waldron enabled the Kicks to edge the Surf.

Armando Valdivia scored both goals for the Surf, including one that was tallied on a penalty kick.

The Hurricanes, who played a good first half in the rain, couldn't keep up the pace in The first weekend of chukar hunting on the later stages of the game and succumbed the Center's upper ranges brought out 384 5-2 to the Sounders. Dan Flores tallied 3 hunters who braved the chilly and stormy goals for the victors to go along with 1 each weather on Saturday (and benefited from by Richard Flores and Tony Garboni. the sunshine Sunday). Hurricane scoring included 1 goal apiece by The bag for the weekend indicated that

Two goals by Tim Matson, who assisted on a and one cottontail.

Breaking the pattern of close-scoring goal by Jim Karroll, paced the Stings' at- balls inside the penalty area to score twice

The victors tallied 3 goals with the wind at to be enough scoring for the Aztecs to win With the exception of the Kicks' 3-2 win their back, and 1 while going against the the game. The one tally for the Strikers Steve Savage (1 each).

Tornadoes, whom they defeated by a final The cold, windy weather was no detriment score of 7-0. Matt Ziegler led the Diplomats on offense with 3 goals.

> season by either team, the Aztecs defeated the Strikers 2-1 to highlight last Saturday's Youth Soccer League action between teams of 3rd and 4th grade players.

Brad Bays gained control of two loose

NWC range area bird hunt results reported

Kevin Collie and Gregory Janson. some of the nimrods went home with The Stings combined a good offense with a blisters - and not much else. A' total of 370 stingy defense to shut out the Rouges 4-0. birds were shot, along with two jackrabbits

for the Aztecs and, thanks to the effort on

In another low-scoring game, the Cosmos defeated the Timbers 1-0 on a goal by The Diplomats scored early and often as Jeremy Johnson. Scores of other games played in the 3rd-4th grade division were: Blizzard 3, Atoms 0; Drillers 4, Lancers 1; and Earthquakes 5, Sockers 1.

> Good work by Steve Mills as goalie helped preserve a 3-0 win for the Blizzard over the Atoms. Goal scoring in this contest was handled by Prian Bonbright, Chad Baass and Lance Kilpatrick for the Blizzard. Two goals each by Brendan Ledden and

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Of the birds, 155 were chukar, 215 were mountain quail, and 13 were valley quail that had strayed higher than it was wise for them to have been.

Birdhunters will have tomorrow and Sunday to bag what chukar and quail they can find in that part of the range area open to hunting, provided that they have gotten permits to join in the second hunt. A total of 500 hunters is expected.

In a wrap-up of the 1982 home grid season ceivably, the score could have gone even to hit paydirt again on a dive into the end running back.

> Fumbleitis struck the BHS team again on player popped up with the turnover at the Burros' 25. When three passing plays by quarter Sean Baron failed to move the ball, the Antelopes called on Dewberry for a field goal try from the 34-yd. line that was good making the score 17-0 in favor of AV with 51/2 min. still left to play in the first quarter. BHS PASS PICKED OFF

Returning the ensuing kickoff to their own 20, the Burros tried to advance the ball on passes by quarterback Dan Means, but a pass interception by AV on a third play once again gave the Antelopes possession in good field position.

A penalty for holding stymied a run to the 5-yd. line by Johnson, but a few plays later Baron passed for a first down at the BHS 9. From there it took the AV team two plays to score as fullback Rick Scott powered to the 3 and Baron then passed to Joe Monarrez, tight end, for a touchdown. This tally boosted the AV lead to 24-0 in the first quarter.

Johnson scored his third and final touchdown of the game in the second period of play on a 11-yd. run that capped off a 54-yd. drive by the 'lopes. Key plays were a slant through the right side of the line for 13 by Johnson and a 22-yd. gain on a draw play by Johnson that moved the ball to the BHS 21. This gain came right after the Burrros had dropped quarterback Baron for a loss that momentarily stalled the AV attack. PASS INTERFERENCE CALL HURTS

A pass interference call against a BHS defender set the stage for the final dash to paydirt by Johnson, and Dewberry then added to the PAT that gave the Lancaster team a 31-0 lead

The damage wasn't over yet, for another pass interception by the 'lopes turned the ball over to the Lancaster team inside the Burroughs' 30 yd. line and, a few plays later, fullback Rick Scott ripped through the middle of the line for 11 yds. to score. PAT No. 5 by Dewberry boosted his team's lead to 38-0 with nearly 31/2 min. remaining to play in the first half.

The Burros soon had their best field position of the game as a result of (Continued on Page 7)



READY TO GO -- Joe Schneeweiss, a 160-lb. middleweight, is one of two Navy boxers from China Lake who will be boxing for the **Ridgecrest Athletic Association during** tomorrow night's fights at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Billy McNabb is the other Navy boxer who will ioin local fighters in taking on opponents from Bakersfield, Porterville, and the Naval Air Station at Lemoore. The doors open at 6 p.m., and a total of 15 matches have been scheduled starting at 7 o'clock. Ringside seats are \$10 and general admission is \$5.

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The Skipper sez



All China Lakers, including military personnel, civilian employees, and their dependents are invited to submit questions to this column. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. Answers to these questions are directly from Capt. Lahr. Please call NWC ext. 2727 with your question and state whether you are a military member, civilian employee or dependent. No other identification is necessary. Since only three or four questions can be answered in the Rocketeer each week, anyone who would like to ensure getting an answer to a question may leave name and address for a direct contact, but this is not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-ofcommand channels.

QUESTION

Civilian employee-My question borders on the waste, fraud and abuse issue. I was just instructed to fill out my timecard. This is Tuesday morning, and it seems to me that NWC is giving the impression that it's in favor of a rather mild waste, fraud and abuse by instructing its employees to fill out their timecards 3½ work days before the weekend.

In a certain sense, we're claiming that we're charging against a J.O. before we've done the work. Of course as you know, some of us have our plans changed very quickly. I was just wondering what you say about this. Thank you. ANSWER

Observance of holidays which occur within the payroll processing schedule result in the necessity for early submission of timecards. Without the early submission, it would be impossible to generate and process a payroll and related reports within the established timeframe. Even though timecards are requested early from time to time, thereby requiring the projection of labor, departments can amend projections if they are found to be incorrect by submitting corrections to the Payroll Office. By following timecard correction procedures, the possibility of any "waste, fraud and abuse" is precluded.

QUESTION

Military dependent - I wonder why the base theater has so many "R" rated movies on this month. There are a total of 15 "R" movies out of 20 movies scheduled. I also wonder if it would be possible to have at least one movie that's rated "G" or "PG" on the weekends for the younger kids. Thank you. ANSWER

I really do share your concern but I'm afraid that the majority of movies offered to us by the Navy Motion Picture Service are "R" rated. I'm sure that reflects the production of the motion picture industry in general. I only stepped in and forbade the showing of a movie on base once, that being one of the drug culture Cheech and Chong series. We do schedule "G" movies regularly with matinees during school vacation.

I hope it doesn't sound like a cop out, but the moral responsibility for the community issue is one I don't want to get too involved in. In this area I believe we must let our individual consciences be our guides.

QUESTION

Civilian - I've worked here for 27 years. The base looks bad enough without having equipment stored behind the pass office. If it's contractor equipment, let's get the contractors to do something like moving it and putting it down behind Public Works in one of the vacant areas there.

When you enter the base, it looks sloppy. Let's try to keep the base as neat as possible. Die in Press Transis freise

ANSWER

First of all, I should thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. It was indeed street repair contractor's equipment, and while we haven't staged it as you suggested, I believe it's more tolerable now.

As to the rest of your comments which are very negative, I can only say that they disturb me. We are really working on improving the appearance of the base. I think we are making great strides. Don't you agree?

QUESTION

Civilian - Tuesday, Sept. 14, 8:55 a.m. How come there is low flying airplane traffic over the housing area? This has markedly increased since you've come to China Lake. What's wrong with the flight path to the east or to the west? ANSWER

Flying in general has markedly increased since I arrived and that's by design. I insist on well qualified flight crews.

As to it affecting housing, I really don't see the problem and, remember, I live here, too.

Both VX-5 and NWC flight crews are sensitive to holding down overflights, but, after all, this is a Naval air installation and we really do have a lot of imperative test and evaluation flying to accomplish That's or

Homer gets Code 35 post . . .

(Continued from Page 1) place in at least the Western world if not the beaten."

He hopes to continue what he considers is the "good old China Lake philosophy of management" that encourages the creativity of its personnel by giving them the opportunity to exercise their own skills in working on projects that have the potential to provide increased capability for the Fleet.

Management allows this to happen by directing resources to encourage and fertilize creativity, he believes.

Three factors brought him to China Lake when he completed his basic degree in physics from the New Mexico Institute of He and Pat are the proud parents of two educational opportunities presented on the old son of her own.

job, and the location.

Homer took advantage of the educational whole world. Overall, NWC can't be opportunities by completing a master's degree in engineering through the University of California at Los Angeles external degree program, earning his degree in 1969 while he was a branch head in the Weapons Systems Analysis Division in Code 40.

> The location also looked good to him and his wife, Pat, because it was much like the terrain around Lovington, New Mexico, where they were high school sweethearts. Much of his youth, however, was spent in Texas where his father was employed in the oil fields. His original aim had been to become a petroleum engineer.

Mining and Technology at Socorro. These sons, John and Karl, who are both now included the variety of work with a high seniors at San Diego State University, and a freedom of choice for the individual to married daughter, Zindi Bazemore, who decide what he wanted to work on, the lives in Bakersfield and has an eight-month-



LOOKING GOOD - NWC military personnel assembled for an inspection get a quick once-over from Lt. Col Gibbons, USAF, during the retirement ceremony that ended his 29-year career in the Air Force.

USAF Liaison Officer retires...

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cluded in her husband's retirement recognition of her valuable, supportive role military service.

In touching on the highlights of Col. Gibbons' career in the Air Force, Capt. Lahr noted that the long-time USAF Liaison Officer at NWC was both a command pilot and a senior navigator.

Lt. Col. Gibbons entered the Air Force as an aviation cadet in 1953 and received his navigator wings the following year. He subsequently flew with the Military Airlift Command and made more than 100 crossings of the North Atlantic before beginning his pilot training.

served for five years with the Strategic Air Command as the pilot of B-47 Stratojet bombers. During a year (1968) spent in Southeast Asia, he flew Thunderbirds on fighter-bomber raids against the North Vietnamese - compiling a record of 156 combat missions.

Rocketeer deadline set Monday due to Vets Day holiday

Because of the Veterans Day holiday next Thursday, Nov. 11, the deadline for next Friday's issue of the Rocketeer is being moved up a day.

Those with news items they wish published in the Nov. 12 Rocketeer must turn them in no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8. Anything that is available earlier and can be brought in or phoned to the newspaper office prior to the deadline will assist the staff in getting next week's newspaper out on time in spite of the abbreviated work schedule.

Returned to the U.S., he became involved in work for the Air Force on laser and ceremony by the presentation to her of a electro-optical guided bombs at Wrightcertificate of appreciation from the Navy in Patterson AFB in Ohio, where he was assigned to the PAVEWAY Office of the throughout her husband's long period of Airforce Systems Command's Aeronautical Systems Division.

> Before being "piped over the side" in traditional manner that is followed for those concluding their service in the Navy, Lt. Col. Gibbons spoke briefly.

During his farewell remarks, he expressed the wish that everyone present would, at some time in their life, experience an occasion similar to this.

"I'm reminded that the nation is in good hands as I look at you (the ranks of military personnel assembled for the retirement ceremony), and I feel highly honored this In 1958, he received his pilot's wings and morning," the retiring Air Force officer stated.

> "Despite different uniforms, we are members of the same team and share common goals." He referred to those in the military service and their civilian counterparts on the Center as "men and women who labor in the service of their country the greatest nation and people in the history of mankind."

> Speaking to the Navy officers and enlisted personnel present, he urged them to "wear your uniform proudly, and never forget that yours is the noblest of professions.

> "Thank you for this morning, this moment. It's a real honor to be counted among you," Lt. Col. Gibbons concluded. The retirement ceremony closed with the benediction by Cdr. Richard Beck, Catholic



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Military advised to make holiday travel reservations early

Christmas and the holidays are just around the corner. With the holiday season comes the accompanying rush and congestion at air, bus and rail terminals.

Therefore, military personnel are encouraged to carefully plan their trips and make reservations as early as possible for leave travel over the Christmas holiday.

The main reason for doing this is, of course, to take advantage of the discount fares that are available to military personnel traveling at their own expense.

All airlines offer reserved-seat discounts to military personnel. Discounts range from 25 percent to more than 50 percent off. All active duty Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel are eligible for the discounts.

Additionally, service academy cadets and personnel traveling within seven days after date of discharge are eligible. All personnel must be traveling at their own expense on authorized leave, pass or liberty or must be a dischargee. Military personnel are not required to travel in uniform, but must be prepared to show an identification card or separation papers to buy tickets.

As of this writing, carriers have not imposed any blackout periods on discount leave fares. Travelers should check with their local Scheduled Air Line Traffic Office (SATO), travel agent, or airline to make sure they are getting the best price available

Since many promotional fares are offered to the general public, they may be even lower than a military discount. Shopping around is the key to saving travel dollars.

The trial bus discount leave program expires on Nov. 15. However, leave fare discounts to selected points in the eastern states are available. Fares apply to both one-way and round trip travel with no restrictions as to the time travel can be location taken

For rail travel, 25 percent discounts are coach tickets and apply year round.

MANY SERVICES AVAILABLE

personnel transiting airports around the Chapel. country. The United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO) has 18 centers in the United States, as well as five overseas lounges. Most airlines also have lounges at major airports and military personnel should contact airline agents at terminals for specific information.

Military personnel who run into problems on scheduling local transportation, shortage of funds, or expiration of leave time can get help at the Military Information Desks located in major U.S. air terminals. They also can obtain assistance from the nearest military installation, regardless of branch of service.

The American Red Cross, Traveler's Aid, and the various USO centers, listed in telephone directories, also are available to assist military travelers.

Military personnel are urged to report excellent service or any travel deficiencies to the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), Washington, D.C., 20313, on DD Form 1341 (Report of Commercial Passenger Service).

MTMC uses these reports to insure that military personnel continue to receive free of charge, as is the open house in the nothing less than high quality service. The East Wing of the Chapel where there will be report forms can be obtained at military a display of memorabilia covering the past installation transportation offices, and military personnel are encouraged to use groups that are a part of the All Faith them

WACOM plans bazaar

Planning is in high gear for the annual a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, and hymns, will be a part of this service.

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open to all the elementary school students of the Sierra Sands Unified School District were (front row, left to rigit) Kelly Greedy, 3rd grade, Alecksander Kutchma, 4th grade; Jerry Green, 2nd grade; and Wendy Davis, 1st grade. In the back row with Capt. Lahr and Peggy Murphy from the Center's Energy Program Office are Julie Seitel, 5th grade, and Andrea Braddy, 6th grade. -Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter

Rememberfest celebration set by All Faith Chapel congregations

This weekend, attention will be focussed on significant events and the people involved in them during the past 25 years in the history of the four congregations that make up the NWC All Faith Chapel.

Catholics, Protestants, Hebrews and members of the Unitarian Fellowship will join forces for a Rememberfest celebration calling attention to the quarter-century that has passed since the All Faith Chapel was established in its present, permanent

A half dozen or more former Protestant and Catholic Chaplains will be here for this available on both one-way and round trip special anniversary. They will be joined by a number of early timers at China Lake, whose lives (like those involved today) were enriched by their participation in religious Many services are available to military services and programs at the All Faith

> Protestant chaplains scheduled to return are Ted Herrmann, Wayne Harper, and Gordon Reed. Catholic priests who will join them are Fr. Joseph Johnson and Fr. John Eves.

ORGAN CONCERT SCHEDULED

Activities begin Saturday afternoon with an organ concert in the main sanctuary of the chapel and an open house in the East Wing of the Chapel. Both events are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m.

The organist will be David Christensen, a faculty member at Crafton Hills College who plays the organ for the First United Methodist Church in Riverside.

Christensen, who is a former dean of the Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will play selections ranging from Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" to "Londonberry Air," arranged by Richard Ellasser, as well as three Sousa marches, concluding with "Stars and Stripes Forever.

The organ concert is open to the public 25 years in the history of the four religious Chapel.

An ecumencial service is planned at 5 p.m. during which the All Faith Chapel's four religious groups will share their beliefs Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Women's and appreciation of the scriptures. Readings Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' and prayers by Cdr. Richard Beck, Catholic Mess (WACOM). The Holiday Bazaar will chaplain, and LCdr. Douglas Heitschmidt, be held in the Community Center from 10 Protestant chaplain, plus the singing of

from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. The Rememberfest celebration is to be topped off by a dinner, starting at 6 p.m., at

the Enlisted Mess. The EM sits on property that was the location of the All Faith Chapel during the 1950s.

A crowd of 200 persons is expected for the dinner at which Marvin Backman, moderator of the Protestant Council of the All Faith Chapel's Protestant Congregation, will be the master of ceremonies.

A commemorative booklet outlining the history of the All Faith Chapel's four congregations will be offered to the public as a memento of this 25th anniversary oc- have turned in \$90,452, representing the casion.

The Rememberfest celebration will be continued on Sunday during the regular worship services of the religious groups that are a part of the All Faith Chapel.

AFGE to meet Mon. night

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1781, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday at 520 E. Inyokern Road, China Lake, beginning 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 deduction, starting in January, and are taxlocated at China Lake.



MAKING IT OFFICAL - Capt. Lahr (standing, at right) recently presented letters of appointment to members of a newly-organized Black Interest Group that was organized to support the EEC Program, provide liaison between NWC and the Black community, and ensure community awareness of job opportunities, recruitment efforts, promotional opportunities, and available training. Recipients of the letters of appointment, and their work codes, are (standing, I.-r.) William Nelson (Code 26423), Will Carey (Code 3264), Ron Gilchrist (Code 26411) William Marvin Rowe (Code 25532), and Bill Collier, chairman of the group (Code 3383). Seated are (from left) Naomi Mulhern, Deputy EEO Officer at NWC; and two other Black Interest Group members - Brenda Taylor (Code 265), and Catherine Rogers, an EEO assistant in Code 0908, who is the recorder for the group. Larry Byrd (Code 6213), the vice chairman, was unable to be present for the photo.

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Winners announced in Energy Awareness Week poster contest

The six young winners of this year's Energy Awareness Week poster contest received their awards this week from Capt. Lahr at a ceremony held in the conference room of the Administration Building.

Children from throughout the Sierra Sands Unified School District entered posters after they had heard a presentation on energy and the need for conservation made by Peggy Murphy from the Center's Energy Program Office.

More than 1,000 posters were submitted, and a massive and very difficult judging of the posters was then begun.

"So many of the posters were outstanding that picking the winners was very difficult," said Ms. Murphy.

The initial judging was done by the Center's Department Energy Council representatives, and final selections were made by the personnel of the Energy Program Office.

When the judging was complete, the winners chosen were Wendy Davis, 1st grade; Jerry Green, 2nd grade; Kelly Greedy, 3rd grade; Alecksander Kutchma, 4th grade; Julie Seitel, 5th grade, and Andrea Braddy, 6th grade.

Each winner received a ribbon and a first place certificate as well as an NWC plaque. They and their parents also were given a tour of the Center's airfield where they saw the aircraft and the weather office, and each also had the opportunity to get into the "cockpits" and "fly" the A-6 and A-7 aircraft flight simulators.

Contributions to CFC hit \$90,452; drive

extended to Nov. 12 As of last Friday, department key personnel for the Combined Federal Campaign contributions of 21.1 percent of the Center's military and civilian personnel.

"With the number of worthy causes represented by this year's CFC," Capt. Lahr said at Monday morning's Commander's meeting, "it's essential that every person be given the opportunity to take part. Everyone who has not yet been contacted one-on-one by his or her department representatiave will be.'

To permit such individual contacts, the drive was extended two weeks. Individuals can designate which of 129 agencies or groups of agencies will receive money donated. Donations may be made by payroll

to cope with it.)

In agreement were Cecilia Trieu, a social worker for Kern County's Child Protective Services agency, and Sgt. Thomas Mc-Dermott, juvenile officer with the China Lake Police Division, when the three of them met recently to discuss the problems of child abuse, spouse abuse, and other family violence.

They have discovered that in many of the cases encountered here, the parents themselves were victims of child abuse.

More work needs to be done in coping with this problem, but with the cooperative ef- January 1980. forts of all the local agencies help can be provided. Mrs. Trieu stated.

Mrs. Trieu, CWO3 Day, and Sgt. Mc-Dermott all approached the problem from a different perspective - Mrs. Trieu's was male children were 8, 9, and 10, while abuse of child abuse. A Political Action Commore of a counseling approach, CWO3 Day of the females started as young as 6 months. stating it is initially approached as a legal problem in the Navy with protection of the abused being the primary concern, while Sgt. McDermott said that he generally looks from the home, Mrs. Trieu pointed out. at the abuser as a suspect, but will deal with the family if he can.

Measurements of the amount of radiation at varying distances from the fires were made by Dr. Raymond Algers of Stanford Research Institute. Determining the actual heat of a fire and distance to which such heat extends can have a direct bearing on cook-off of weapons.

Both a Shrike motor and a Sidewinder motor, which had been rendered inert and instrumented inside and outside to relate effectiveness of fire equipment versus cookoff time, were used in the tests. This operation was supervised by Jack M. Pakulak, who is a supervisory chemist in the Thermal Research Section of NWC's Ordnance Systems Department.

No new equipment or chemical fire suppressants were tried during this current test series. Aim of the tests was to determine what the best use of equipment already in the Fleet would have been in

fighting the fire on the USS Nimitz. Data gathered during the tests, both measurements made and films taken, will be analyzed extensively to see if procedural changes in methods of fighting carrier deck conflagrations would improve the Navy's capabilities to deal with such catastrophic occurrences

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Wind across a carrier deck is simulated by using engines of a stationary, overage Air Force C-97 transport; one to four of its engines can be turned on to create the exact amount of wind desired for any test. The current series, for instance, required some tests to be conducted in a 15-knot wind, which used one engine, and some in a 30knot wind, for which two engines were turned on. Support for operation of the C-97 aircraft was provided by Dennis Sorge and Al Warner of the Weapons Survivability Laboratory, Fuze and Sensors Department.

SAFETY MEASURES TAKEN

Despite the carefully controlled conditions of any test at the Mini-Deck, the NWC Fire Division teams stand by to ensure the safety of other NWC firefighters involved in the tests. The firefighting teams were led by Assistant Fire Chief Richard Rivers and Captain Larry Rizzardini.

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Registration open for GED test to be given at college next week

Non high school graduates can take the General Education Development Test (GED) on Nov. 9 and 10 at Cerro Coso Community College. Participants must be 18 years of age or older to take the test, which covers English, social studies, natural sciences, literature and mathematics.

Examinees must pay an advance fee of \$10 when they register. The College Counseling Center, 375-5001, ext. 219, will provide additional information about the tests at the time of registration.

The test battery takes two days to complete, with testing scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. both days.

Police reports ...

A burglary at the Community Center that resulted in the theft of \$95 worth of Disneyland tickets was reported Tuesday to China Lake police.

The tickets were taken from an unlocked file cabinet at a time when the Community Center was open for business.

9 DUI ARRESTS MADE

During the month of October, China Lake police made nine arrests of motorists who were charged with driving under the influence (DUI) on the Naval Weapons Center.

Remember when . Barbara Von Nordheim, Code 02; and Supervisor of the Year nominations were received for Gerald Austin, Code 2649; Jo Cherry, Code 0801: Steven Fowler, Code 3353; Jane Grant, Code 0903; Carl Halsey, Code 2663; Earl LaFon, Code 343; Jack

Latimer, Code 121; Capt. Gerald Lee, Code 25; Elaine Mikkelsen, Code 224; John Morrow, Code 338; and Sybil Stockdale, Departments nominated include the Office of Finance and Management, Code 08; Personnel Department, Code 09; Safety and Security Department, Code 24; Supply Department, Code 25; Aircraft Weapons Integration Department, Code 31; and

Spouse, child abuse problem increasing

(Editor's note: Child and spouse abuse is a problem of increasing concern in society today. Recognizing this, the following article was prepared for the Rocketeer to outline resources that are available locally and what cooperative efforts currently exist

"We are basically talking about stopping a pattern," stated CWO3 Dale Day, physician's assistant and new head of the fact that we don't hit people.

Demonstrating how cooperation between agencies can be accomplished, Mrs. Trieu and Sgt. McDermott stated they will get together to discuss the situation and then determine what action can be taken, but only when they can agree on what form it will take.

While police intervention is sometimes needed in cases of child or spouse abuse, all three agreed that counseling is essential. can contact CWO3 Day by calling NWC ext. 2911; Mrs. Trieu at 375-1306, or call a counselor at the Desert Counseling Clinic, phone 375-9781. After hours collect calls can also be made to Bakersfield. The number is (805) 322-6731.

Very often low economic status, lack of self-esteem, isolation, and geographic separation from family have contributed to cases of child and spouse abuse. CWO3 Day theorized that society's relegation of women reflected in the number of cases that have been encountered at China Lake since

Of the 16 cases of spouse abuse, 15 victims were females and 1 was male, and of the 9

is involved, the child will not be removed Moreover, if a child is removed a relative or abuse and juvenile problems. friend is usually called upon to take the child

on a temporary basis. Even if the child is put into a foster home, the case is reviewed annually to determine if it is feasible to return the child to the parents, or parent.

Engineering Department, Code 36.

0903; Alice Harball, Code 081; Eleanor

Johnsen, Code 08; Loretta King, Code 003A,

Also nominated are Linda Minshew, Code

26442; Terry Mitchell, Code 094; Vicki

Munro, Code 094; Estela Paine, Code 247;

Mavis Royer, Code 02A2; Mickey Strang,

Code 0033: Rebecca Von Elm, Code 2511;

and Carroll Lambton, Code 25243.

Brandi Williams, Code 26303.

Code 38702

Unfortunately, in their different roles, Mrs. Trieu, CWO3 Day, and Sgt. McDermott do not get involved in the problem until it has reached the explosive stage, but, stated Mrs. Trieu, preventive measures are being taken by the High Desert Child Abuse the Navy's Family Advocacy Program Anyone who wishes a counseling referral or Prevention Council. Several committees locally, "and about reorienting the parent to who wants to talk to someone anonymously have been and are being formed to deal with the problems

> The Public Information and Education Committee has as its goal the development of public awareness that the problem can be alleviated. A parenting group or class is being initiated to help adults develop parenting skills and to provide a mutual support network for members.

A Teacher Training Committee has held two training sessions with day care workers and school personnel in special education, to the status of second class citizens was and is working with the Sierra Sands Unified School District to develop training programs for teachers on how to detect child abuse. The feedback reportedly has been very good in this area.

In addition, a Resource and Evaluation cases of child abuse 6 were females and 3 Committee has been set up to collect inwere males. Significantly, the ages of the formation, literature and films on the topic mittee has also been established and its Counseling is stressed in cases of spouse members are attemping to develop conand child abuse. Unless child endangerment nections with lawmakers, making them aware of people's concerns and eventually influencing legislation toward prevention of

-By Emily Boguchwal

This week's "Remember When. . ." personality arrived at China Lake with the Marines in 1955. Like so many of the servicemen who were assigned here over the years, he couldn't wait to leave this "godforsaken land" and get

back to "God's country." So, in 1957, he left China Lake for Missouri and Oklahoma, only to return in four years - and he's been here ever since.

He went to work at Skytop when the heavy. Although there were periods of 60-hour work weeks, he continued his education by attending night school working toward an engineering degree.

When Agile looked like a going program, he joined the team only to watch it slowly fade. At this point, NWC awarded him a Fellowship to continue his studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Shortly after returning to NWC with a brand new bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, he went back out to Skytop to work on the Trident program.

If you haven't recognized this 21-year NWC employee, turn to page 9.

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



use a hand line to help extinguish a blaze on the Mini-Deck. The simulated aircraft on the replica of an aircraft carrier flight deck provide a realistic environment for fire and fire fighting equipment and agent research and tests.

Nominees announced for Woman. Supervisor, Dept. of Year honor

A total of 20 individuals have been nominated as Woman of the Year, 11 received nominations for Supervisor of the Year, and six departments have been nominated as Department of the Year.

The highlight of the Federal Women's Program banquet to be held on Nov. 17 at the Enlisted Mess will be the announcement of winners of each of these awards.

The evening will begin with a social hour, followed by dinner and a program of musical selections on the theme "...but a woman's work is never done."

Tickets for the evening including dinner are \$8.25 per person and may be purchased from members of the Federal Women's Program Committee. Reservations may be made by telephoning Eloise Burklund at NWC ext. 2634, and she will have a member of the FWP committee arrange to sell the ticket to the person making the reservation.

Those who have been nominated as a Woman of the Year and their codes are Eva Bien, Code 09; Miriam Cartwright, Code 127; Eleanor Cohen, Code 0821; Polly Ferraro, Code 225; Nancy Fuller, Code 2522; Vonnie Goss, Code 003; Jane Grant, Code