



Santa Barbara ballet to present 'Nutcracker' Dec. 7-8

As a special treat for young people, the young in heart and lovers of the ballet, the Daily Independent newspaper and the High Desert Council for the Arts are sponsoring three performances of the Santa Barbara Ballet's full-length "Nutcracker" ballet at the Center theater on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 7 and 8.

On Dec. 7, two performances will be given: a matinee, beginning at 3:30 p.m., and an evening performance beginning at 8 o'clock. At 9 a.m. on Dec. 8, a special performance will be given for school children.

Tickets for all performances are now on sale at the Daily Independent office, 739 N. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest. Tickets for the evening performance are \$7.50, \$6.50, and \$5.50 for the three reserved seat areas, with a \$1 discount for children, senior citizens and enlisted military personnel.

Matinee tickets are \$4.50 for general admission, \$3.50 for ages 13 to 18, and \$1.50 for children 12 years of age and under. There will be no reserved seating for the matinee except for some group seating.

Children who attend with school groups at the 9 a.m. Wednesday performance will be charged \$1.50 per person.

"Sugar Plums" who donate \$50 or more toward the cost of the presentations will be rewarded with two choice seats for the evening performance.

Starting in the ballet will be Susan Magno, formerly of the Joffrey Ballet, as Clara. Other lead dancers are Tishia Hicks as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Thom Lake as the Prince, and John Gaydos as Herr Drosselmayer, who casts the magic spell bringing the toys to life.

Auditions for Peter Pinto Concert slated Dec. 13 at Cerro Coso

Auditions for the third annual Peter Pinto Memorial Ensemble Concert, sponsored by the Desert Community Orchestra Association, will be held on Monday, Dec. 13, in the Cerro Coso Community College lecture hall.

Groups that wish to try out for the Jan. 23 concert must consist of at least two persons playing parts of equal weight; soloists with an accompaniment will not be considered.

Ensembles will be judged on the basis of musicianship, preparation, appropriateness in the choice of music, and interpretation. Length of the selection will be a consideration; excerpts from longer works may be played.

Applications may be obtained by calling Carol McKenzie at 375-8791 or Lorraine McClung, phone 375-7987. Deadline for returning the applications is next Wednesday, Dec. 1.



Pianist James Bonn to present concert Tues. at Center theater

James Bonn, one of America's most versatile and outstanding keyboard virtuosos, will present his unusual and appealing program entitled "Keyboard Kaleidoscope" on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Center theater.

For this, the second program in the 1982-83 series of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association, three keyboard instruments —



the harpsichord, the fortepiano, and the modern piano — will be featured.

Bonn will play music appropriate for each instrument in a wide-ranging program that will offer something for nearly every musical taste.

The concert artist will play sonatas by Scarlatti on the harpsichord, and works by Mozart on the Viennese fortepiano — the instrument that the composer used when writing his musical compositions. While presenting selections by Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Liszt, Bonn will play the modern piano.



SUCCESSFUL EVENT — Both the customers who found many bargains and the 19 organizations that received their share of gross receipts totalling nearly \$15,000 from last weekend's Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess were delighted with the success of this annual event. The Holiday Bazaar was opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony during which Santa was joined by Capt. Lahr and Mrs. Vivian Wright, president of WACOM. Santa was kept busy throughout the two-day fete by youngsters like Michael De Angelis, who were glad to fill him in on their Christmas wish list.

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(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26
"HOSTAGES"
Stuart Whitman and Marisa Mell
(Action/drama, rated R, 94 min.)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27
"THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE"
Jack Nicholson and Jessica Lange
(Drama, rated R, 122 min.)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28
"DEAD MEN DON'T WEAR PLAID"
Steve Martin and Rachel Ward
(Comedy, rated PG, 89 min.)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29
"FRIDAY THE 13th II"
Amy Steel and John Furey
(Horror/drama, rated PG, 105 min.)

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1
"SWAMP THING"
Louis Jourdan and Adrienne Barbeau
(Adventure, drama, rated PG, 91 min.)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3
"THE SWORD AND THE SORCERER"
Lee Horsley and Kathleen Beller
(Fantasy, rated R, 100 min.)

Attention disco dancers

Dance enthusiasts who need to exercise to recover from their Thanksgiving dinner will have the opportunity to do so at the Enlisted Mess tomorrow from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. at a disco record night program. The dining room will be closed; the evening program is for dancers only.

How time flies . . .

The skyline of high-rise buildings along Waikiki beach was nothing like it is today when the photo of Larry Mason that appears elsewhere in this issue of the Rocketeer was taken in 1942.

Three years after his transfer to China Lake, Mason, who is now employed in the Receiving Branch of the Supply Department's Supply Operations Division, was promoted to the post of inspector (general equipment) and has served in the capacity until the present time.

His duties involve checking incoming materials against shipping invoices to make sure that the correct quantity, quality, and type of product that was ordered has been received. This may range from such mundane items as office supplies, lumber, or plumbing materials to highly classified equipment.

Mason, who has been active as an elder and deacon of the 7th Day Adventist Church, considers visiting friends and neighbors in the hospital as his favorite missionary work.

He also is well known for his involvement since 1969 as secretary-treasurer of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society.

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

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Woman of Yr. award goes to Rocketeer associate editor during FWP banquet

Presentation of the Federal Women's Program (FWP) Woman of the Year award to Mickey Strang, associate editor of the Rocketeer who is well known for her vital participation for many years in community activities at China Lake, highlighted the seventh annual FWP awards banquet held on Nov. 17 at the Enlisted Mess.

A throng of more than 250 persons packed the EM for the well-planned program that included recognition as well to Gerald Austin, of Code 2649, as the Supervisor of the Year, and to the Safety and Security Department for its continuous outstanding support of the Federal Women's Program.

W. E. Davis, head of Code 24, accepted the perpetual trophy on behalf of the Safety and Security Department.

All of the nominees for the three groups of awards were introduced by Belle Hervey, Federal Women's Program manager at

NWC, and each of them received certificates of appreciation that were presented by Capt. Lahr.

At the conclusion of the program, the suspense was broken by calling back to the stage the winners of the Woman of the Year and Supervisor of the Year awards and announcing the selection committee's choice of the outstanding department in the FWP support category.

Excerpts from the letters of nomination for the award winners were read by Ms. Hervey, who noted that the candidates for this year's FWP Woman of the Year were chosen from employees in the support codes at NWC.

Mrs. Strang, the nomination read (in part), "is in daily contact with the widest possible range of management and employee grade levels, from laborers to the NWC Commander, yet she treats each with the same courtesy and interest."

The Rocketeer associate editor was commended as well for her total dedication to "putting the Center's best foot forward" and routinely handling long, difficult assignments that involve extra work after hours to complete in a thorough manner that has become the trademark of her everyday effort.

Mrs. Strang also rates exceptionally high on initiative — requiring no firm guiding hand to direct her efforts — and the quality of her work (which is exceptional) is enhanced by her storehouse of knowledge about on-going projects (and the technical staffers involved in them), as well as current and long-range goals of the Center.

Austin was nominated for the Supervisor of the Year Award by the crew of the

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HIGHLY HONORED — Mickey Strang, associate editor of the Rocketeer, topped a prestigious group of 20 nominees for the Federal Women's Program Woman of the Year Award, which was presented to her by Capt. Lahr. An FWP selection committee also singled out Gerald Austin for the Supervisor of the Year Award, and the Safety and Security Department, headed by W. E. Davis (at left), as the department most supportive of FWP aims and objectives during the past year.

Natural resource management

Horses caught on NWC ranges up for adoption

A milestone in natural resource management was reached this month with the initial roundup of feral horses from the Center's ranges. Representatives from all groups involved met at the newly constructed holding facility at Highway 178 and the Randsburg Wash Road to celebrate the event last Friday afternoon.

Capt. Lahr and Capt. Jerry Horacek, Public Works Officer, represented the Navy; Connie Kingston, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Program specialist, represented that agency; Jerry Owen, executive director of the Fund for Animals, represented the FFA; Ron Zaidlicz, D.V.M., represented the National Organization for Wild American Horses (NOWAH); and about 48 horses in the facility represented the four-footed contingent.

The horses are being rounded up from the Center's upper ranges by BLM wranglers using a helicopter. They are then trucked to the holding facility that has been specially constructed by the Navy, by the Death Valley National Monument and BLM for both horses and burros gathered from federal lands. As soon as they reach the facility, the animals become the property of FFA and NOWAH; these animal protection agencies then assume their care until the horses can be adopted. A total of 221 horses and three burros were brought in during the initial roundup.

Owen commented that the program could not be going any better — that the

Federal health benefit plan materials haven't arrived

As of Monday, Nov. 22, materials about Federal Employees Health Benefit plans had not yet been shipped from Washington; they are not expected to arrive on board until some time next week.

Naval Weapons Center employees who are contemplating changing from one plan to another, however, do not need to be concerned because open season for shifting plans or for starting health insurance has been extended until Dec. 23.

cooperation between federal organizations such as the Navy and the BLM and the private animal protection groups is setting a precedent for the future.

He also noted that the condition of some of the animals showed the need for good range management, although most of the animals rounded up so far are in good condition. Owen also expressed his pleasure and appreciation for the holding facility because it will make care of the animals easier and will assist in adopting the horses out.

Dr. Zaidlicz said that in the process of checking the horses for their general health,

age and sex, he would also be conducting a research study for Eastern Montana College. When possible, he said, the animals would be halter broken to make their training by their adoptive owners easier.

"Most of the horses will adapt well," he said, "provided that the people who adopt them don't try to push them too fast but let the horse take its time getting domesticated."

Both of the animal protection groups are hoping that the horses taken from Navy lands will be adopted by Californians to cut down the time that the animals have to

there the animals are trucked to a holding facility to await adoption by the public under a program administered by the Fund for Animals and the National Organization for Wild American Horses. During the initial roundup, 221 out of a proposed total of 680 horses that are to be captured were brought in. This will leave an estimated 375 feral horses in the range area.



20TH CENTURY ROUNDUP — Everything's up-to-date in the horse-wrangling business these days. The lyrics of a song popular some years ago mentioned "riding the range in a Ford V-8," but wranglers for the Bureau of Land Management use a helicopter to herd the descendants of domestic horses found roaming the northern range area of NWC into a temporary corral set up for their capture. From



Photo by Randy Eady



"MESSIAH" TO BE PRESENTED—A choral group 120 members strong from churches throughout the Indian Wells Valley is preparing for two performances of the Christmas portions of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah." The musical will be presented at the All Faith Chapel at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5, and also at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6.

Recruiting, career development of minority employees to be discussed by Dr. Aveilhe

Dr. Clyde Aveilhe will be on board the Center on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 29 and 30, to discuss recruiting and career development of minority employees with managers, supervisors, and recruiters. He will also meet with the newly formed Black Interest Group.

minorities now stand in terms of education and the occupational scene in this country. On Tuesday he will conduct a six-hour seminar for supervisors on EEO issues and concerns from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel.

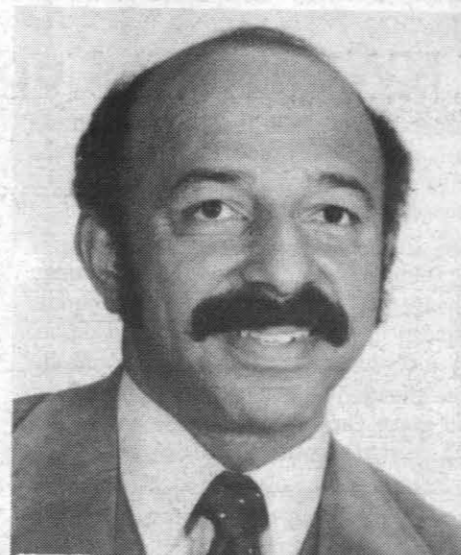
Large choral group to present 'Messiah' at All Faith Chapel

One of the largest — and most accomplished — choirs ever assembled locally will give a Christmas present to the community when 120 of the valley's best-trained voices join together to present two performances of the Christmas portions of George Frederick Handel's beloved oratorio, "The Messiah."

Civilians transferred overseas can now get salary advance

Navy civilians transferred overseas can get a salary advance of up to six pay periods net base pay to help defray moving and travel expenses. The single, lump-sum payment can be approved from a month before an employee's departure to three months after arrival at the new overseas duty station.

The organist for both performances is Joan Fowler, and the pianist is Doris Bullock. Because the organizers of this program expect full houses for both performances, tickets will be distributed in advance, even though no attendance fee will be charged.



Ronald Nelson

Ex-police chief here heads police force in City of Berkeley

Word was received on the Center last week that Ronald Nelson, who headed China Lake's Police Division as Chief of Police from March 1979 through September 1980, has been appointed Chief of Police of the City of Berkeley.

Nelson, a native of South Pasadena, retired from the Los Angeles Police Department after 20 years of service in a variety of fields. He then headed the Police Department in the City of Compton until accepting the position at China Lake.

When he left the Center, he returned to Compton as assistant city manager and has acted as city manager for that city during the past two years.

After three years of service in the United States Army, Nelson enrolled at Drake University, where he received a degree in sociology and criminology. He also holds a master's degree in public communications earned through graduate courses from California State University in Los Angeles and Pepperdine University.

number of local merchants. Dates and places where the tickets can be obtained hasn't yet been settled.

This presentation of "The Messiah" is the brainchild of John Anderson and Dale Christiansen, who convinced Blume, a fellow employee of the NWC Fuze and Sensors Department, to direct this cooperative endeavor.

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Employees reporting to an overseas duty station who want to supplement their regular travel and moving expenses may submit a "Request and Voucher for Advance Civilian Pay," DD Form 2274, through their usual personnel or payroll channels.

Until the new form is available, advance pay can also be requested by submitting a Standard Form 50 and a letter. A copy of official orders must accompany all requests.

Employees repay the advance by payroll deduction over a maximum 13 pay periods beginning with the first pay period after the advance is paid. They also must guarantee in writing to repay in full any outstanding advance balance if they leave Civil Service.

Navy military people have received similar salary advances for about 35 years, and salary advances were authorized for Civil Service employees in the Foreign Service Act of 1980.

Medicare coverage to be extended to federal employees

Congress has approved and President Ronald Reagan has signed a tax revenue bill that places federal employees and postal workers under Medicare coverage and imposes a 1.3 percent salary tax on them starting in January.

Those already retired do not come under Medicare if they have not qualified as a result of outside employment (other than Civil Service or Post Office jobs).

The 1.3 percent tax applies to the first \$35,100 in annual salary. To get acquainted with the benefits of Medicare, federal government employees and postal workers are advised to obtain a copy of a leaflet entitled "A Brief Explanation of Medicare" from the nearest Social Security Office.

Locally there is a Social Security Office at 377 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., in Ridgecrest.

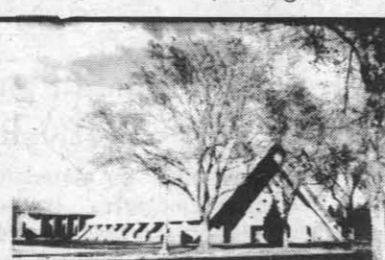


Table with 2 columns: Service Type and Time. Includes Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Unitarian services.

Energy conservation tip Don't throw the door wide open just to let your pets in or out — give them just enough room to slip through. You'll reduce the amount of heat lost from the house, and save energy and fuel costs.

Soccer results . . .

(Continued from Page 6) top player on defense.

The usually high-scoring Earthquakes were unable to match the offense of the Strikers and lost their only game of the season 2-0 last Saturday. Derek Lindsey tallied both goals for the Strikers, with assists from Jay Frederick and Toby Fischer.

A goal by Alan Stevens in the closing moments of the contest won the game for the Blizzards over the Lancers by a score of 1-0. Both teams played well in this final outing of the season.

The Sockers threatened often in the second half, but couldn't score in their game with the Timbers, which ended in a scoreless tie.

Wrapping up the Youth Soccer League season for teams composed of 1st and 2nd graders, the Cobras and Chiefs defeated the Express and Owls, respectively, by scores of 2-1; the Rowdies outscored the Eagles 2-0, and Fury edged the Apollos 1-0.

Matt Bullock scored twice, with assists from Kenny Wilson, to lead the Cobras to a 2-1 win over the Express, whose lone goal was tallied by David Gartner early in the second half. A late surge by the Cobras resulted in the game-winning goal.

A good game on offense was turned in by the Chiefs in their 2-1 win over the Owls. Benjamin Lee booted home both goals for the Chiefs, with assists from Spencer Stevens and Jennifer Bowling.

The previously undefeated Eagles lost their only game of the season last Saturday — coming out on the short end of a 2-0 score in a game played against the Rowdies. The Rowdies were led in the scoring department by Steven Sticht, who scored both goals — one on an assist from Sean Matthews.

A penalty kick by Scott Ross was the only score of the game in the 1-0 win posted by the Fury over the Apollos.

Increasing number of ducks seen, hunting is still slow, however

Local area hunters are finding that increasing numbers of ducks are now moving through the area, especially ruddy ducks. Hunting is still slow, however.

Department of Fish and Game wardens suggest that frustrated hunters pick off some coot and try eating these. They suggest cutting off the breast, rolling it in seasoned flour and deep frying it. Also, they note that coot have very big gizzards and hearts, for those who like the various ways of cooking gizzards and hearts.

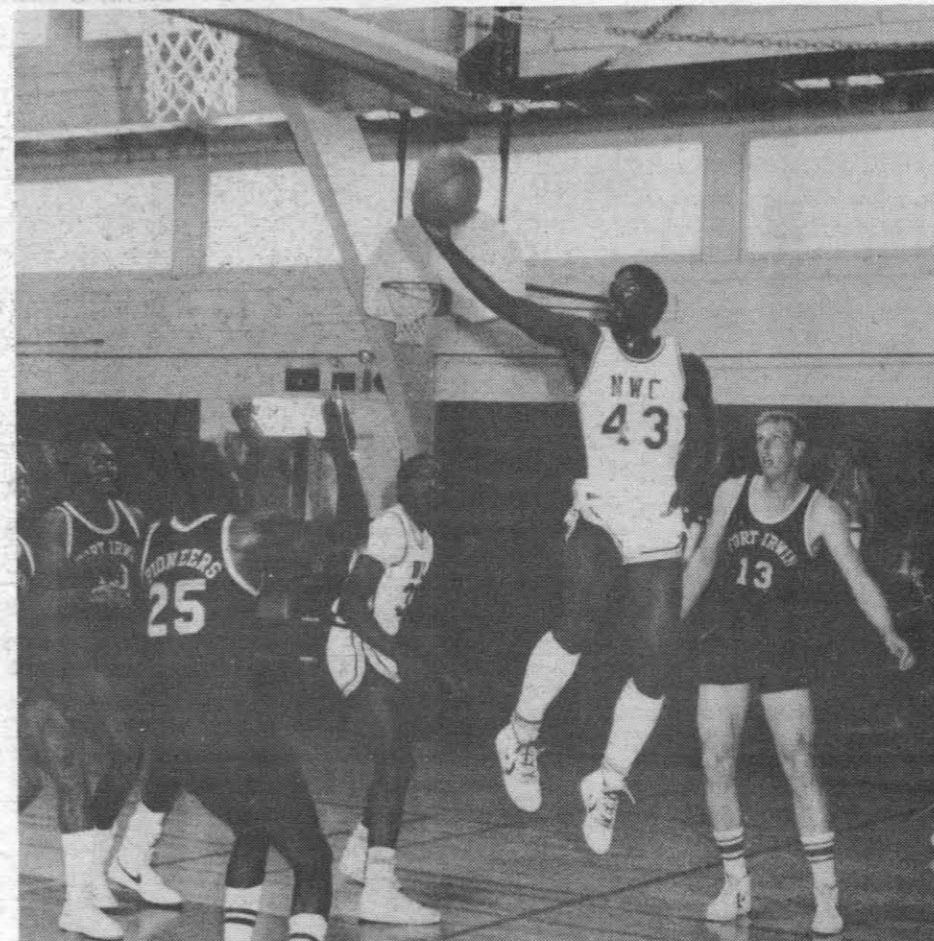
Very few chukar can be found this year, but quail are scattered throughout the area.

Gray squirrel season is now open. Hunters who like to go after these creatures will have the best chance of potting some in the Greenhorn Mountains above Wofford Heights.

Bear hunting season also is in full swing. A lot of hunters with dogs have been heading above Johnsondale and several bear have been shot up there. DFG personnel suggest that hunters who don't have dogs might give the Rockhouse Basin a try, and also look around the Woodpecker area.

Prospects look good for pigeon hunters in the Greenhorns because the large amounts of acorns are already attracting these birds. Pigeons season opens Dec. 11 and lasts until Jan. 9.

TINY PARTICLES OF DUST Meteors, commonly called shooting or falling stars are actually tiny particles of dust whose molecules shine when they enter the earth's atmosphere.



GOING FOR TWO — Jeffrey Jenkins (No. 43) of NWC puts up a shot at the basket during this bit of action in the NWC varsity vs. Fort Irwin military basketball game. The nearest opposing players are Paul Stoekel (No. 13), at right, and Leroy Townsend (No. 25). The Pioneers from Ft. Irwin won this game 92-90, but lost to the China Lakers 93-91 on Sunday afternoon.

—Photo by PH1 Benita Tetreault

Navy hoop season open . . .

(Continued from Page 6) Lakers nearly 10 min. of the second half to battle back from a 46-36 halftime deficit. Millard Bell and Skip McIntosh shared the bulk of the scoring load for the NWC varsity, but it was bucket by Albert Hughes of NWC that knotted the count at 64-64 with 9:44 left to play in the game.

McIntosh broke the tie with a 3-point play — 2 on a field goal and 1 on a charity toss that he was awarded due to a foul called against a Fort Irwin player, and the frantic scramble for the lead that continued until the final buzzer was on.

Anderson and Dixon picked up the scoring cadence for the Army cagers, who knotted the count at 75-75 with 5:25 remaining to play, and the score was tied two more times (the final time at 81-81) before Bell and McIntosh once again spearheaded a Navy surge that enabled the China Lakers to build up a 7-point lead of 91-84 with less than a minute left to play in the game.

Leroy Townsend, Dixon and Paul Penner collected one field goal apiece for Fort Irwin and Dixon hit a free throw that was awarded on a technical to the Pioneers. A pair of free throws by McIntosh, however, provided the China Lakers with their final 2 points of the game that ended with NWC ahead by the slim margin of 93-91.

McIntosh was the game's high point man on Sunday with 32, while Bell had 23. Other NWC cagers in the double-figure scoring column were Connie Reeder (13) and Isaac Walters (12).

Dixon, who had been scoring 30 or more points in every game he has played this season, was held to 19 in the Sunday tilt at the NWC gym. His teammates who helped

China Lake Men's Golf Club to elect officers

A meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year will be held tomorrow by the China Lake Men's Golf Club.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m. at the golf course clubhouse. Tee-off times will be delayed until the club business session has been concluded.

Club members will cast ballots to fill the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, as well as two members of the board of directors.

The office of president of the China Lake Men's Golf Club has been held for the past year by Jim Kincheloe.

Buggy Bath keglers capture first place in Premier League

The Buggy Bath keglers took over sole possession of first place in the Premier (scratch) League, during Monday night's action at Hall Memorial Lanes.

The league leaders pounded out a 16-4 win over the cellar-dwellers who bowl for The Place, while the National Car Rental squad slipped back into second place as a result of its 13-7 win over the ERI Hustlers.

High team game for the night was the 1,021 rolled by the Killeen & Hutchison CPA bowlers, and the high team series was posted by the Elks Lodge keglers, whose score was 2,884.

Two Premier League bowlers, Aaron Kane and Jeff Mattick, topped the 600 series mark with identical scores of 622.

Those with single game totals of more than 220 were Glen Collins (245), Dick Furstenberg (227) Chuck Cutsinger (226) Steve Zissos (225), Mattick (224), and Tracy Brandt (221).

Current standings in the Premier League are:

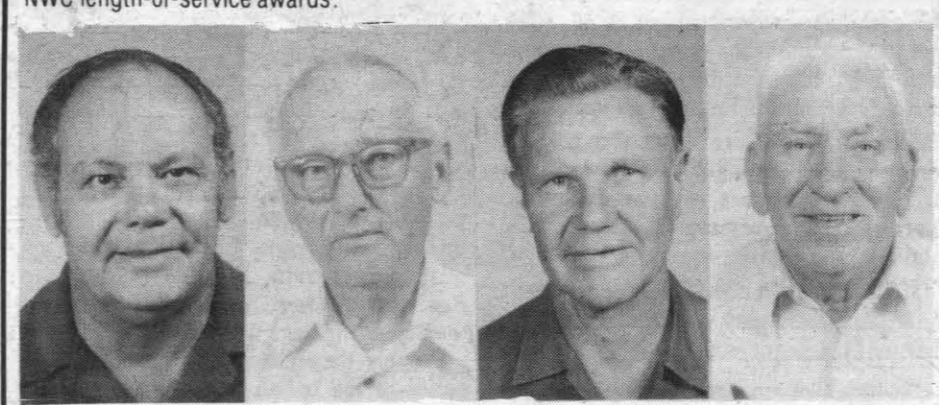
Table with 3 columns: Team, Won, Lost. Lists various bowling teams and their records.

NO SUCH THING AS AIR POCKET

There really isn't any such thing as an air pocket, although airplane passengers have used the term for years. Actually, the sudden drop in an aircraft's altitude is the result of a downdraft — a wind or draft blowing the plane downward.

Employee service awards

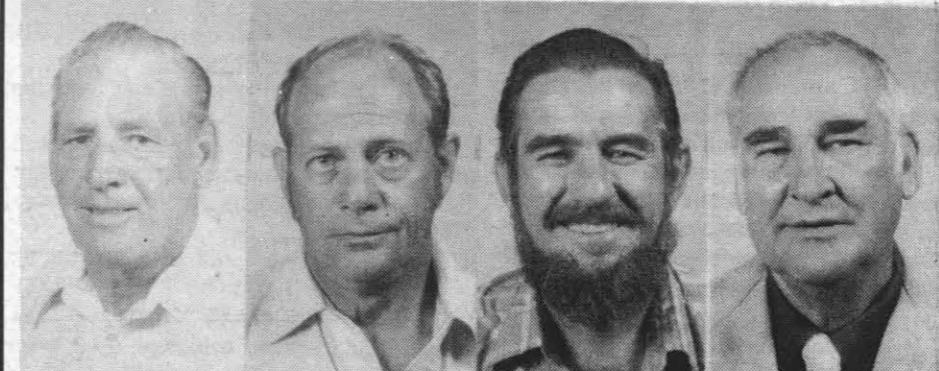
The following Naval Weapons Center employees have received Federal service or NWC length-of-service awards:



Louis E. Jeanjaquet 30 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3645, Robert W. Clouser 30 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3333, Carl A. Heller 30 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3851, Charles R. Marvin 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3683



Charles F. Dean 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3354, Willis (Bill) D. Benson 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3606, Jack R. Neffow 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 2661, Jack F. Davis 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 26781



James F. Elliott 20 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 2613, Edward H. Larosche 20 yrs. Fed'l & NWC Service Code 2612, Loren H. Chadwick 20 yrs. NWC Service Code 2641, Earl E. Morris 20 yrs. NWC Service Code 3335

Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box at the Reception Desk of the Personnel 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.

Announcement No. 33-857, Physical Science Technician, DT-1311-2, Code 3365 — This position is located in the Ordnance Systems Department, Conventional Weapons Division, Explosives Branch.

The Rocketeer Official Weekly Publication Naval Weapons Center China Lake, California. Includes contact info for Captain J.J. Lahr, B.W. Hays, Dennis Kline, Don R. Yockey, Mickey Strang, and PH1 Benita Tetreault.



76 runners compete in Over-Hill Track Club half-marathon

Ideal weather (40 degrees and no wind) greeted a field of 76 distance runners who competed recently in a half-marathon race sponsored by the Over-the-Hill Track Club (OHTC).

All except four of those who started finished the 13.1-mile run. The fastest time for this event was turned in by a Los Angeles runner, Eric Faiz, who was clocked at 74 min., 7 sec.

Others in the top five, and their times for the half-marathon, were: Bill Wilson, 75:36; Bill McNabb, a young Navy man, 76:24; Bob McDiarmid, 77:28; and Robert Barela, from Barstow, 78:28.

Runners made two loops around a course that was laid out along streets leading out the NWC main gate, through a part of Ridgecrest, and then returned to the starting point by way of the Center's back gate on Richmond Rd.

Winners and top runners-up in the various age group divisions of the race were:

Men's Division

Up to 20 yrs. of age — Bryan McChesney (84:31), and 14-year-old Ron Ryan (90:56); 20 to 30 yrs. of age — Jose Gomez, from Fullerton (92:37), and Steve Selmer (102:32); 30 to 34 yrs. of age — Larry Meyer (78:56), Fred Toensing from Lancaster (86:30), and Mike Mumford (87:36).

35 to 39 yrs. of age — Robert Smith (85:59), Tom Sakai (86:29) and Larry Gleason (88:02); 40 to 49 yrs. of age — Joe Oliver (80:37), Frank Freyne (83:41), and Jim Munson from Lancaster (85:51); 50 yrs. of age and over — Gil Hinz from Bakersfield (82:30), Scotty Broyles (88:31), and Marvin Powers from Lancaster (88:41).

Byron Richardson race-walked the course. At 20 kilometers, his time was 114 minutes, which was a personal best effort for him.

Women's Division

20 to 29 yrs. of age — Susan Burah from Crowley Lake (88:37), and Barbara Banasynski (114:44); 30 to 39 yrs. of age — Diane Lucas (89:28), Mary Kilpatrick (92:43), and Jerry Mumford (106:45); over 40 yrs. of age — Karen Nestande from Santa Monica (119:37), and Jo Burdick (125:24).

Signups begin Monday for coming season of youth basketball

Registration will begin on Monday, Nov. 29, and continue through Friday, Dec. 10, for the coming season of Youth Basketball League play.

The signups are being handled at the Community Center on weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Boys and girls 7 through 12 years of age who already possess a sports registration card are eligible to take part in this program by paying an additional fee of \$7 for basketball. This amount covers the cost of equipment and referees' fees, plus the use of a team shirt.

For those who wish to play basketball, but don't yet have a sports registration card, the following fees apply in addition to the \$7 charge for basketball: military dependents — \$6 for 1 child, \$8 for 2 (from the same family), and \$12 for 3 or more children; dependents of DoD employees — \$10 for 1 child, \$15 for 2, and \$20 for 3 or more; other local residents — \$12 for 1 child, \$18 for 2, and \$22 for 3 or more children from the same family.

The Youth Basketball League season will begin on Jan. 7 and continue through March 5.

Basketball season opens with 2 exciting games

Hey sports fans, the roundball season has appeared suddenly on the scene. No further evidence is needed than the two exciting games played here last weekend between the NWC varsity hoopssters and their counterparts from the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin.

The Army cagers won Saturday afternoon's game by a final score of 92-90, while the China Lakers overcame a 10-point halftime deficit on Sunday afternoon to pull out a 93-91 victory.

Four games have now been played between these two teams and the results are even with two wins apiece. Tomorrow and Sunday, the NWC varsity was scheduled to be back in action against a military team representing the Naval Air Missile Test Center at Point Mugu.

Last Wednesday afternoon, however, the

games were canceled by the coach of the Point Mugu team, who said his squad couldn't make it here due to illness. The NWC varsity opened its 1982-83 season at Point Mugu with a pair of wins by scores of 95-70 and 79-70.

Saturday's game between the NWC varsity and the Pioneers from Fort Irwin was a nip-and-tuck contest from the opening tip-off. The score was tied six times in the first half, and a 6-point lead was the most either team could muster in the first 20 minutes of action.

Making up for any lack of finesse by playing with reckless abandon, the China Lakers kept hustling and battling their taller opponents for the ball as they stayed within striking range and then ran off a quick string of baskets that enabled the Navy team to leave the court at halftime with a lead of 51-45.

The Navy team's spurt, which came with just under 2 min. left to play in the half and the score tied at 44-44, was led by Skip McIntosh, who hit two field goals, while Jeffrey Jenkins tapped in a rebound for 2 more points and Ken Daniels picked up a point on a free throw.

The play was just as intense in the second half as it was in the first 20 minutes of the game. The visitors from Fort Irwin kept chipping away at the China Lakers' lead — getting most of their scoring from Lorenzo (Magic) Dixon and Paul (Mountain Man) Stoekel — and with 10 min. left to play in the contest the Pioneers held a lead of 66-65.

NWC SCORING SPURT
With 5½ min. left in the game, a half-court drive for a basket by McIntosh ignited another spurt by the China Lakers. Jeffrey Jenkins tipped in a rebound and hit another basket from close in while Isaac Walters worked his way in close for a basket to go along with another bucket by McIntosh to give the NWC varsity a 6-point lead of 83-77 at the 3½ min. mark.

Two quick field goals for the Pioneers — one each by William Anderson and Leroy Townsend — and the Fort Irwin squad had cut the NWC varsity lead to 85-83. The earlier momentum of the China Lakers suffered moments later when a charging foul was called on McIntosh and he was out of the game. Dixon's two charity tosses tied the game at 85-85 and the Army team was in the driver's seat.

In the final 2 min. of play, Dixon tallied two field goals and another free throw, and charity tosses also were canted by Anderson and Paul Penneger for the visitors.

Despite an effort by the Pioneers to slow the game down and control the ball, Connie Reeder hit 1 of 2 free throws for NWC; Stanley Patterson pumped in a long shot, and Isaac Walters broke inside to hit a field goal to cut Fort Irwin's lead to 91-90.

On an inbound play under the Navy basket, an over-eager NWC cager slapped the ball out of the hands of a Fort Irwin player before he could pass the ball and a technical foul was called. The charity toss that followed was hit by Dixon to give the Pioneers their final 92-90 margin of victory.

ARMY CAGER TALLIES 30

Dixon was the game's high point man with 30. Other leading scorers for the Army team were Anderson and Stoekel with 14 points each. Isaac Walters was tops in the scoring department for the NWC varsity with 24 points, and McIntosh had 21. Millard Bell, who did a good job of rebounding against the taller Army team, chalked up 8 points.

The last 10 min. of play in Sunday's game was nearly a carbon copy of the Saturday afternoon tilt between the NWC varsity and the Pioneers from Fort Irwin.

Setting the stage for the frantic closing minutes of the contest, it took the China

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DRIVING THE LANE — Millard Bell (No. 41), of the NWC varsity basketball game, gets off a shot at the hoop during last Saturday afternoon's tilt between the China Lakers and the cagers from the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin. Other players in position to grab a possible rebound are Ken Daniels (33) of the NWC team, and William Anderson (No. 40) of the visiting Army squad.

— Photo by Phil Benita Tetreault

Youth soccer tilts settled by 1-goal difference

On the final day of play in the NWC Recreation Department-sponsored Youth Soccer League, a single goal made the difference between the winner and loser in four of the five games played between teams vying in the 5th-6th grade division.

The Hurricanes fell behind 3-1 in their tilt with the Tornadoses, but rallied to win the game 4-3 by scoring the winning goal in the final minutes of play.

Geoff Dinger led the Hurricanes with 2 goals, while two of his teammates, Michael Rindt and Jeff Hutmacher, had 1 goal each for the winners. Scoring for the Tornadoses was handled by Jason Hall, who had 2 goals, and David Mann, with 1. Both teams were shorthanded. The Tornadoses had 9 players and the Hurricanes fielded 10.

Scores of other games played last Saturday by 5th-6th grade division teams were: Rogues 3, Diplomats 2; the Surf and Sounders defeated the Roughnecks and Sting, respectively, by identical scores of 2-1; and the Kicks shut out the Whitecaps 5-0.

In what was their toughest defensive struggle of the season, the Surf slipped past the Roughnecks on the strength of 2 goals by

Armondo Valdivia, who assisted by Ivan Chirinos. The single goal scored by the Roughnecks was tallied by Don Dunphin.

In another evenly-played game between two, well-matched teams, the Sounders edged the Sting 2-1 on goals tallied by Robert Troclair and Ralph Jorgenson. Richard Flories was credited with assists on the Sounders' scoring plays. Phillip Serpanos tallied the single goal in a losing cause for the Sting, with credit for an assist going to Kevin Sizemore.

A penalty kick that was good for a goal was the final difference in the 3-2 win posted by the Rogues over the Diplomats. Goal scorers for the Rogues were Curtis Brune, Larry Bradburn and Joe Lloyd. The Diplomats countered with 1 goal each by Chris Williams (assisted by Will Freeman) and David Shumway.

The Kicks polished off the Whitecaps 5-0 in the season finale. Marc Frisbee and Matt Mechtenberg scored 2 goals each for the Kicks, and John Bass tallied 1. Players credited with assists on the Kicks' scoring plays were Chad Bays, Scott Arts and Todd Henderson.

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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-of-command channels.

QUESTION

Military dependent — For the second time Public Works has come into my house when I wasn't at home and left the front door unlocked.

The first time they came in to fix something after I told them they did not have permission to come in. This last time they came in for the duplex inspection. This time they also left the garage door open and the tool room door unlocked. The tool room contains over \$600 worth of tools.

My questions are these. Is Public Works responsible for any theft that may result from leaving my house unlocked? Can we put our own locks on our doors to keep this from happening for the third time?

ANSWER

As a resident of on base housing, you may submit a claim against the government for any theft that occurs to you.

No, you cannot put on your own locks. Public Works needs to have constant access to all units. All locks are keyed to fit the set of master keys retained by the Public Works Department.

On the other item about unauthorized entrance, let me say this. When you call a routine call in to the Housing Trouble Desk you are asked whether or not it is "OK to enter." If you reply "No" then the chit is so marked. If your call is of an emergency nature, then permission to enter is automatic. This is done to protect life and government property.

I wish you had a chit number of the times Public Works came in when you did not give permission. If you do, please contact Mr. Hatfield, 939-3411 ext. 318, so he can investigate why this happened. I have directed Mr. Hatfield to stress to the workers in the field to ensure homes are secure.

Prepare applications now if interested in study program

Military personnel desiring to participate in the Enlisted Education Advancement Program (EEAP) should start preparing application letters now.

These letters must be received by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (N-024A) no later than Feb. 1, 1983, to be considered for the FY-1983 program.

EEAP provides a program of study leading to an associate degree for highly motivated career Navy enlisted personnel. Education under the program offers selectees the chance to improve qualifications in their technical field and increase supervisory and management skills.

Although military personnel pay for all tuition, books and fees required to complete their degree, they continue to receive full pay and allowances (less proficiency pay)

Eligibility requirements changed for 'twilight tours' in Navy

Recent changes to the Transfer Manual have modified eligibility requirements for "twilight tours." Under the program, military personnel completing 30 years service are assigned to an area of their choice for their last tour.

Twilight tours are available to all Regular Navy enlisted members who are eligible for voluntary, non-disability retirement. Fleet Reservists on active duty who do not desire to re-enlist in the Regular Navy are ineligible, even though they may have been

Technical lecture on software productivity scheduled on Dec. 3

A technical lecture on the subject of "Software Productivity, Work Smarter, Not Harder" will be presented next Friday, Dec. 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the Michelson Laboratory auditorium (Rm. 1000-D).

The speaker will be Donald Riefer, who has been involved in software management as an independent consultant, and with TRW and the Aerospace Corporation. Riefer also has published several books on software management and more than 50 technical articles and papers.

During his presentation here on Dec. 3, Riefer will discuss what he considers to be key factors in determining software productivity.

during their enrollment.

In 1980, 90 military personnel were selected to participate in the program, with courses of study ranging from culinary arts to electronics. One hundred persons were selected in 1981, 125 in 1982 and 150 are scheduled to be chosen in 1983.

Information concerning the FY-1983 program, including eligibility requirements and sample application letters, is contained in OPNAV Notice 1510 of Sept. 10, 1982.



on active duty for their entire period of service.

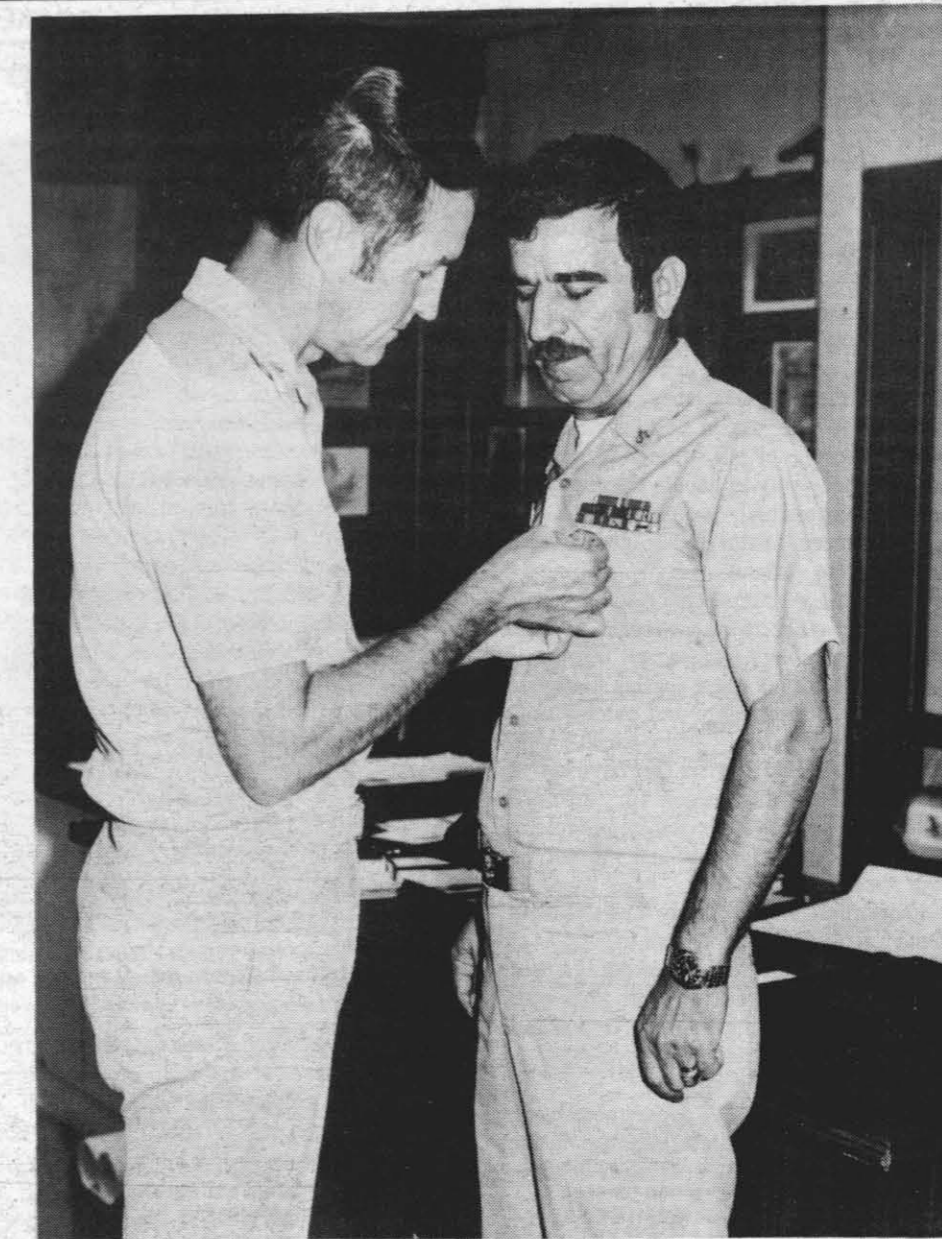
For their last two years of active duty before retirement, eligible members may request shore duty in a continental U.S. location of their choice. Assignment to any overseas area may also be requested, and members will be required to serve the tour length for "accompanied" or "all others" personnel, as applicable.

Those desiring an overseas tour must be able to complete the full-tour length by the end of 30 years active service if their rating is not approved for retention beyond that point.

Eligible Navy people may expect reassignment to an activity within the geographic area of their choice, assuming that a billet exists in their rate. Detailers are allowed a difference of two paygrades between the applicant's paygrade and the billet requirement in making such an assignment.

Request for CONUS twilight tours should be submitted at least 28 months but no more than 32 months in advance of the effective retirement date. Overseas assignment requests should be submitted at least 40 months but no more than 44 months ahead of the retirement date.

Detailed information on twilight tours is available in chapter 13 of the Transfer Manual or from local personnel offices.



HIGHLY COMMENDED — Capt. Lahr pins a Navy Achievement Medal on the uniform shirt of MSCS Roberto Patete, who reported to the Skipper's office to receive this honor on his final day of duty here. Chief Patete was commended for his outstanding effort as head of the Food Service Division.

— Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter

On eve of departure, Chief Patete gets Navy Achievement Medal

Senior Chief Mess Specialist Roberto Patete, head of the Food Service Division in the NWC Supply Department, was the recipient of a Navy Achievement Medal on his final day of duty at the Naval Weapons Center.

The honoree has subsequently been transferred to the crew of the USS Thomsom, an LSD homeported in San Francisco.

The medal, presented to MSCS Patete by Capt. Lahr on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, was in recognition of his superior performance of duties during nearly 18 months of service at China Lake.

MSCS Patete was commended for creating and maintaining the highest standards of food preparation and service at the Enlisted Dining Facility (EDF), thereby substantially contributing to the improved morale of enlisted personnel of the Naval Weapons Center and tenant activities.

Plans announced for Michelson Lab awards luncheon

The Michelson Laboratories Awards will be presented on Friday, Dec. 10, during a luncheon in honor of the recipients. The luncheon will be held in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess starting at 11:30 a.m.

This award recognizes technical excellence based on outstanding performance of individual duties. The award, which was established in 1966, is complementary to the Center's highest local award — the L. T. E. Thompson Award.

Reservations for the awards luncheon can be made by calling NWC ext. 2634 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6. Luncheon choices are either teriyaki beef (\$4.60) or chef salad (\$4.25).

Those who make a reservation only to learn later that they cannot attend must cancel by noon on Dec. 8 or they will be billed by the COM.

Chief Patete was recommended for the Navy Achievement Medal by Capt. G. L. Lee, NWC Director of Supply, who noted that each aspect of the food service operation received meticulous care and attention under MSCS Patete's direct supervision.

"His ability to effectively plan, execute, and monitor necessary facility improvements and equipment maintenance programs is evidenced by the outstanding material condition and serviceability of the 40-year-old EDF," Capt. Lee wrote. Attention also was called to the fact that Chief Patete played a major role in the development of a Centerwide Mess Management Specialist training and rotation program that improved the proficiency and morale of mess specialists.

Daily evaluation reports from regular patrons, as well as Center visitors and guests, consistently reflected high customer satisfaction with the quality and quantity of food, variety of meals, and the cleanliness of work spaces and equipment, Capt. Lee continued in nominating MSCS Patete for the Navy Achievement Medal.

In addition, under Chief Patete's supervision, the EDF was always prepared to support various military detachments visiting NWC for training exercises. One example of this was the feeding of an additional 225 Air Force personnel for two weeks (tripling the number of meals normally served) during the Gallant Eagle '82 Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise in April 1982.

An extremely innovative manager, as well as a stickler on details related to menu planning and food preparation, Chief Patete introduced a 5-cycle menu and established a special meal night each month, both of which were well received by EDF patrons.

As a direct result of Chief Patete's professional expertise in the food service field and his military leadership, the EDF at China Lake was selected as a semi-finalist in the 1982 Ney Award competition for small messes ashore.

Awards presented at annual FWP banquet . . .

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Michelson Lab Service Shop — a group that includes mechanics from five different trades.

He was commended for his practice of holding short meetings each morning to discuss any problems that may have developed, and to assist in resolving them. His subordinates feel, they wrote, that Austin's job title should be "Service Shop Guide" because of his willingness to help them in every way to handle their work as smoothly as possible.

Furthermore, Austin encourages his crew members to attend schools and take correspondence courses (job-related or not) in order to further their knowledge.

When a problem comes up, Austin is appreciated by his crew for his ability to investigate it thoroughly and quickly, and then resolve it fairly. "Jerry backs us 100 percent. We would much rather have him in our corner than Muhammed Ali," the crew of the Michelson Lab Service Shop wrote in nominating Austin for the Supervisor of the Year Award.

Recognition of the Safety and Security Department for its leading role in support of the FWP was based on the encouragement given to all employees of Code 24 to participate in programs related to various aspects of the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program.

In addition, Davis, the department head, is the Support Directorate member on the Center's EEO Committee; Don Cortichiatto,

WOMAN OF YEAR NOMINEES

Eva Bien, Code 09; Mariam Cartwright, Code 127; Eleanor Cohen, Code 0821; Polly Ferraro, Code 225; Nancy Fuller, Code 2522; Vonnie Goss, Code 0031; Jane Grant, Code 0903; Alice Harball, Code 081; Eleanor Johnson, Code 08; Loretta King, Code 003A; Carrol Lambton, Code 25243.

Linda Minshew, Code 26442; Terry Mitchell, Code 094; Vicki Munro, Code 094; Estela Paine, Code 247; Mavis Royer, Code 02A2; Minchen (Mickey) Strang, Code 0033; Rebecca Von Elm, Code 2511; Barbara Von Nordheim, Code 02; Brandi Williams, Code 26303.

SUPERVISOR OF YEAR NOMINEES

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; Sybil Stockdale, Code 38702.

DEPT. FWP AWARD NOMINEES

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; Engineering Department, Code 36.

the department's head of staff, serves as an EEO counselor; and various other department employees have served on several other EEO committees.

In recent years, the Safety and Security Department has actively sought to hire women police officers and guards.

Capt. Lahr's part in the evening's program also included informal remarks on the subject of women employees on the Center. "Support of the Federal Women's Program is important to me personally, and to the entire Command," the Skipper emphasized.

During a brief talk that followed a "good" news and "bad" news format, Capt. Lahr noted that women employees make up 25 percent of the workforce at China Lake. This is lower than the national Civil Service average of 36 percent and was attributed to the fact that NWC is a "technically-oriented establishment."

He also observed that NWC has difficulty attracting women into its Junior Professional program, largely because a woman who is trained to fit into the JP role at China Lake is a very much sought-after individual.

On the plus side, Capt. Lahr was pleased to go on record with the statement that "we have the best Upward Mobility Program



CONGRATULATIONS OFFERED — Belle Hervey (at right), Federal Women's Program manager at NWC, congratulates Mickey Strang after announcing her selection as FWP's 1982 winner of the woman employee of the year award.

anywhere in the United States." During the last seven years, 74 of the 87 employees involved in this program have been women, he added.

The evening was a festive one not only for the 20 Women of the Year nominees, the 11 candidates for supervisor of the year, and the six departments in the running for recognition of their role in supporting the Federal Women's Program, but also for the friends and co-workers of those being honored.

Applauded enthusiastically for their talent as singers and entertainers was a group, headed by Rebecca Von Elm, whose renditions of songs and skits relating to the theme "A Woman's Work Is Never Done" were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Von Elm, mistress of ceremonies for the evening and head of the FWP Subcommittee, was joined by vocalists Bill

5 elected to serve on bd. of directors of IWV TV Booster

The recent election of a slate of five candidates to serve as directors of the Indian Wells Valley TV Booster, Inc., has paved the way for the group's annual election of officers.

Those chosen to fill the expired terms of five board members are Ed Middlemiss, Van A. Hodgkin, David A. Rosenthal, Jack McMillan and James E. Goss.

These five will join holdover board members to select a president at the next board meeting, which will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, in the conference room of the Kern County Library in Ridgecrest. This meeting is open to all TV Booster members.

The TV Booster, an all-volunteer organization, handles the maintenance and operation of the TV and FM radio booster station at Laurel Mountain and B Mountain, utilizing funds that are contributed by local residents and businesses.

Principal source of funds is the donation of \$10 or more per year for family memberships in the TV Booster, Inc.

Representatives of the TV Booster will man a booth at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds during the staging of Santa's Art Shop on Dec. 4 and 5. Anyone having questions about the operation of the TV Booster is invited to stop by the booth and pick up free copies of pamphlets containing information about the booster and suggestions on the most suitable types of antennas to install.

Contributions of \$10 or more per family for 1983 memberships in the TV Booster, Inc., will be accepted at the Santa's Art Shop booth on Dec. 4 and 5.



JOINT AWARD — Sharing Yard of the Month honors for old duplex area are (l.-r.) Memory Walters and Katie and Gus Gumz; they live on the two sides of a Bard St. duplex and jointly care for their yards. Bill Hatfield (far left) presented these awards and also presented awards to Paul B. Homer for the most attractive Capehart B housing area yard and to Lt. Thomas B. Wright for his yard in the Capehart A area. The December hon. 's will go to the most attractive holiday decorations on Center housing.

Police reports . . .

A motorcycle stolen and taken for a joyride by the guilty party was found by China Lake police on Monday afternoon where it had been abandoned in the desert area southwest of Knox Road on the Center.

A teletype containing the description and license number of the motorcycle, a 1977 Suzuki, was sent out by China Lake police, who were notified that it had been reported missing in Ridgecrest.

Ridgecrest police were notified and the owner was contacted in order that he could claim his missing 'cycle.

SIGN STOLEN FROM YARD

The Yard of the Month sign posted at 900 Blueridge vanished from the yard in which it was posted last Friday between 9 and 9:15 p.m. Value of the sign is unknown.

BURGLARY SUSPECTS CAUGHT

Police responded to a burglar alarm at the Navy Exchange gas station at 11:23 p.m. Saturday and arrested three suspects. The trio was transported to the Kern County jail in Bakersfield.

TRUCK THEFT TRY FAILS

A determined thief tried to steal a welding truck from the locked compound at Murray Junior High School over the weekend, but was unsuccessful.

The truck was driven into the gate to the compound; the gate did not give, and the thief finally abandoned the attempt after doing approximately \$500 damage to the gate and \$50 to the vehicle.

Annual holiday safety program will be Dec. 3

Next Friday the annual holiday safety program will be presented at the Center theater for all NWC personnel and dependents. The program, which lasts about an hour, will be presented at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m.

Capt. Lahr will introduce the panel of speakers. A film, "The Social Drinker and the Anti-Social Drinker," also will be shown.

Personnel from the NWC Fire and Police Divisions and the California Highway Patrol will discuss a variety of safety problems.

Happenings around NWC

Because of the interest generated by the Yard of the Month program, it will continue through the winter months even though lawns go dormant in the cold weather.

Bill Hatfield, head of the Housing Division, has asked Carol Andrew and Lois Mellor to check yards in the tenant housing area for neatness, absence of leaves, and general condition. The trimmest yards will be in contention for the monthly awards.

In December, holiday decorations will also be judged. Outside lights are not permitted because of the need to conserve energy, but window decorations, lawn displays and other holiday decorations will be considered. (Judging for these will be conducted about Dec. 20.)

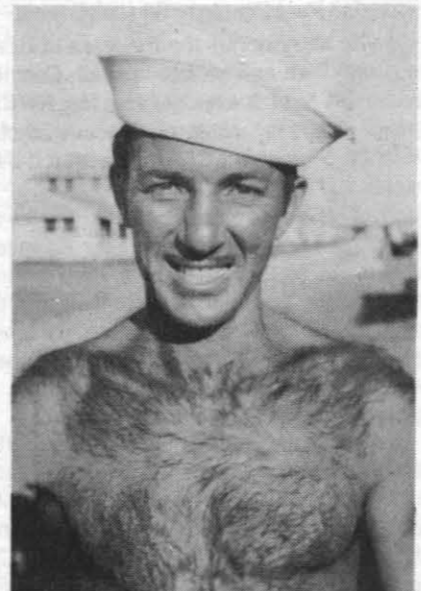
FUND-RAISING LUNCHEON

On Thursday, Dec. 2, hungry China Lake Laker's will have the opportunity to get a delicious lunch at an affordable price and contribute to a worthy cause at the same time.

The NAACP Freedom Fund Committee is sponsoring a soul food luncheon at the Community Center between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Donations are 25 cents a dip.

The proceeds from the luncheon will go into the fund being gathered to bronze-plate the bust of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that has been sculpted by Frank Varg.

Remember when . . .



When the above photo was taken 40 years ago, this week's "Remember When..." personality was a civilian employee for a Navy contractor at Pearl Harbor.

His introduction to World War II took place on the night of Dec. 7, 1941, at Midway Island, where he was employed as a truck driver by a firm busy with the task of making improvements to the island's fortifications and living quarters.

Japanese bombs hit Midway that night and between early December 1941 and the following April, civilians were evacuated to the Hawaiian Islands. This long-time China Laker was among the last non-military personnel to leave Midway when it was still the most distant U.S. outpost in the Pacific.

He remained on Oahu for 14 years, working first as a lumber yard foreman at Pearl Harbor and later as a Shops Stores branch supervisor at Barber's Point. Civilian contractor employees were taken into the Federal Civil Service in 1944, a move that paved the way for his transfer to China Lake in January 1956.

Not one to make frequent moves, he joined the Supply Department as head of Shop Stores in Michelson Lab, and has remained an employee of what is now Code 25 for nearly 27 years.

If you haven't recognized this week's "Remember When . . ." column personality, turn to Page 8.

Horses caught . . .

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spend being shipped. (They can even be adopted by persons in the local area.) Those that are not adopted by Californians will either be shipped to the Black Beauty Ranch in Texas (owned by FFA), or to NOWAH's facility at Daily, Colo.

So far, no price has yet been set for adoption, but both groups say that they hope to keep the price for adopting a horse competitive with the \$200 charged by the BLM.

Persons who are interested in adopting a horse will be able to pick up the one that they wish at the holding facility. So far roans, bays, sorrels, and some horses that look part Arabian have been rounded up.

Anyone interested in adopting a horse is urged to telephone either Donna Gregory at the FFA Los Angeles office, (213) 985-5986, or to write to NOWAH at Box 1719, Daily, Colo., or telephone NOWAH at (303)674-8020.



VARIETY — Horses gathered from the Center's ranges include animals of all ages, sizes, and colors. These, part of the ones gathered in the initial roundup, will shortly be available for adoption.

Enrollment open in proof reading class at Training Center

Enrollment is open in a 2-day course in proof reading that will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 11 and 12 at the Training Center.

This class will be taught by employees from the Office of Personnel Management who will present information on various techniques that can be used in effective proof reading.

This class also will provide help to students in the use of correct punctuation, capitalization, abbreviations, and numbers. In addition, those attending will gain an awareness of the importance of proof reading and increase their ability to find errors that, if not caught, may require extra time and cost when important documents have to be redone.

Employees interested in attending this class must submit a training request and authorization form via department channels in time for it to reach Code 094 by Dec. 28.

Practice session held by Search, Rescue teams

Members of nine Kern County Search and Rescue teams, the Navy's Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopter team, and the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Rescue Team spent a recent weekend in the El Paso Mountains engaged in a seminar and tracking practice. The gathering was hosted by the Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue Team.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office sponsors two SAR seminars per year. Each one has a specialized theme for intensive training that fits with the specialty of the host team and is appropriate to the climate and terrain of the area where the seminar is held.

The aim of these seminars is not only to improve the search techniques of the various groups represented, but also to improve communications between them and to familiarize Sheriff's Office personnel with the skills of their volunteer SAR teams.

Lt. Carl Sparks, the Kern County Sheriff's

SAR coordinator, brought a mobile kitchen and communication van from Bakersfield to the camp site. About 50 personnel camped at the site from Friday night through Sunday morning; they were joined by China Lake Mountain Rescue Group members who took part in a night tracking exercise on Saturday from 7:30 p.m. until nearly 4 a.m. Sunday.

The exercise included instruction in day and night tracking given by Capt. Larry Latock and Gary Young of the U.S. Border Patrol. SAR personnel were taught how to track and recognize signs, as well as sign cutting and how to begin and conduct a tracking operation. The rescue teams then split into three groups for the night tracking exercise to practice what they had learned.

The Navy SAR helicopter joined the group on Saturday afternoon to demonstrate the equipment carried on the helo and the



TRACKING SKILLS LEARNED — Members of volunteer search and rescue teams from throughout the county learned tracking from U. S. Border Patrol agents at a recent seminar held in the El Paso Mountains. The IWV Search and Rescue Team hosted the gathering.

Meeting planned Dec. 2 by Metal Trades Council

The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 4:30 p.m. at 520 E. Inyokern Road, China Lake.

The Council is the representative of a unit composed of the Center's non-supervisory, upgraded civilian employees who are located at China Lake, Calif.

— Photo by Gary Worden