

SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOOSTED — Len and Barbara Haugen, parents of Gary Haugen, a young local tennis player who died of leukemia, receive a \$1,000 check from Bob Forrester...

Recreation Services Department offers wide variety of classes

A variety of classes for the months of April and May are being offered by the Recreation Services department. The classes range from swimming instruction for tiny tots to karate lessons...

Drama group announces tryout dates for 'MASH'

Tryouts for the China Lake Players production of "MASH" will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 13, 14, and 15, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Playhouse...

Anyone who has any questions about the production may telephone the director, Petty Officer Brian Prince, at 2911, ext. 249.

How time flies . . .

This week's "Remember when ..." column personality is Richard D. (Dick) Stokes, an administrative officer in the department staff office of the Public Works Department.

Stokes, who was associated with the Supply Department for 17 years, including two years on active duty in the Navy, transferred to Code 26 during the latter part of 1970 as a facilities inventory assistant...

Stokes' after hours activities are centered around the Knights of Columbus and his church. For two different terms, he has held the office of Grand Knight of the local KofC Council...

For three years, Stokes took on the multiple responsibilities involved in serving as chairman of the Spring Festival, an annual event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Stokes and his wife, Margaret, have raised a family that includes a married daughter, Karen, who works at Cerro Coso College; and two sons. They are Rick, who is a manager of the Ridgcrest Credit Bureau, and Jim, a dispatcher for the China Lake police.

Enrollment open in Pre-retirement Planning Seminar

Enrollment is still being accepted for a Pre-retirement Planning Seminar that will begin on April 14 and continue on Thursdays through May 19.

Most of the segments (except the one on "Planning for a Successful Retirement") will be 1 1/2 to 2 hours in duration and will be held once a week. The "Planning for a Successful Retirement" session will be an all-day workshop.

The course is designed to provide a wide range of information on such subjects as tax regulations, the Civil Service Retirement System, Social Security and Medicare, legal matters, and health maintenance.

Employees interested in attending this seminar should submit a training request and authorization form via appropriate department channels.

Those interested in the Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar also are asked to indicate the approximate date of retirement on their training sheets.

Hail, farewell party for military officers, JPs planned April 14

A hail and farewell party honoring one departing and seven incoming military officers and their spouses, as well as junior professional employees new to the Center, will be held next Thursday, April 14, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Following a social hour starting at 6 p.m., presentations will be made to LCDr. Chip Lancaster, who will be leaving China Lake shortly.

Military officers who will be welcomed aboard are Cdr. Chris Anderson, LCDr. David Thomson, LCDr. John Auld, LCDr. Ann Kunkel, Lt. Eric Neidinger, Ltjg. Jerry Compton, and Ens. Bob Gilmore.

The group of junior professionals to whom a welcome also will be extended includes Don Bell, James Narem, Manley Butler, Elsa Johnson, Luke Borel, Charles Williams, Gary Pritchard, Carl Warden, Travis Smith, Linda Stepro, Greg Stepro, Tommy Oswald, Linda Johnson, William Long, Myrna Martin, Robert McDonald, George McManis, Glenda Holgersen and Roydan Tomlinson.

Anyone wishing to stay for dinner after the hail and farewell party is asked to make a reservation by telephoning 446-2549.

NEX gas station hours of operation increased

Those increased hours at the Navy Exchange gas pumps are even longer than had initially been reported.

Authorized patrons may now get gas from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

MOVIES advertisement listing showtimes for 'JUNKMAN', 'FORCED VENGEANCE', 'FIRE FOX', and 'THE MISSIONARY'.

Fashion show set next Tuesday at meeting of WACOM

"Fashions in Our Backyard" is the theme of this year's fashion show sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess to be held next Tuesday at the COM.

The annual event begins with a social hour at 11 a.m., followed by a lunch of chef's salad, muffins, and dessert at 11:30.

"Sew Your Own" fashions will be highlighted as well as the clothing displayed by 17 Ridgcrest clothing establishments.

NWCA reorganization meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 19

All members of the Navy Wives Club of America (NWCA) and wives of all enlisted active duty and retired Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps personnel are invited to attend a reorganization meeting...

Past members still living in the area or who have returned here are encouraged to attend, offer ideas, or just visit if they do not choose to rejoin.

Anyone seeking more information about the meeting, or about the organization should phone Diane Wadelin at 377-4594 evenings.

3rd film in series at All Faith Chapel set Sunday

The third film in the series "Strengthening Your Grip" will be shown Sunday at 7 p.m. in the All Faith Chapel.

The subject of the film "On Leisure" is breaking loose from the grinding details that tend to overwhelm people's lives.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the film.

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NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER CHINA LAKE CALIFORNIA

Michelson Lab machinists now being trained in use of computerized equipment

When the current training program is complete, the Michelson Laboratory machine shop will have the first Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) technologists in the country.

Skilled machinists who up to now have either programmed or operated the numerically controlled (NC) machines that have been used for the last 20 years in the laboratory are now learning to do both...

The Metal Trades Council is aware of the training program and has expressed its encouragement and support.

THREE YEAR MINIMUM PROGRAM

The training program requires a minimum of three years (in addition to the time taken to achieve the shop rating of Model Maker) to reach to the top level of Master Technologist.

They are learning advanced mathematics (including calculus and numerical methods), DoD drafting, interactive graphics, programming, and other computer-related skills.

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to the top step of the new activity.

CAM technologists will work at four different skill levels: entry level, intern, journeyman, and master. They can stop at any level of training that they choose while they are enrolled in the program...

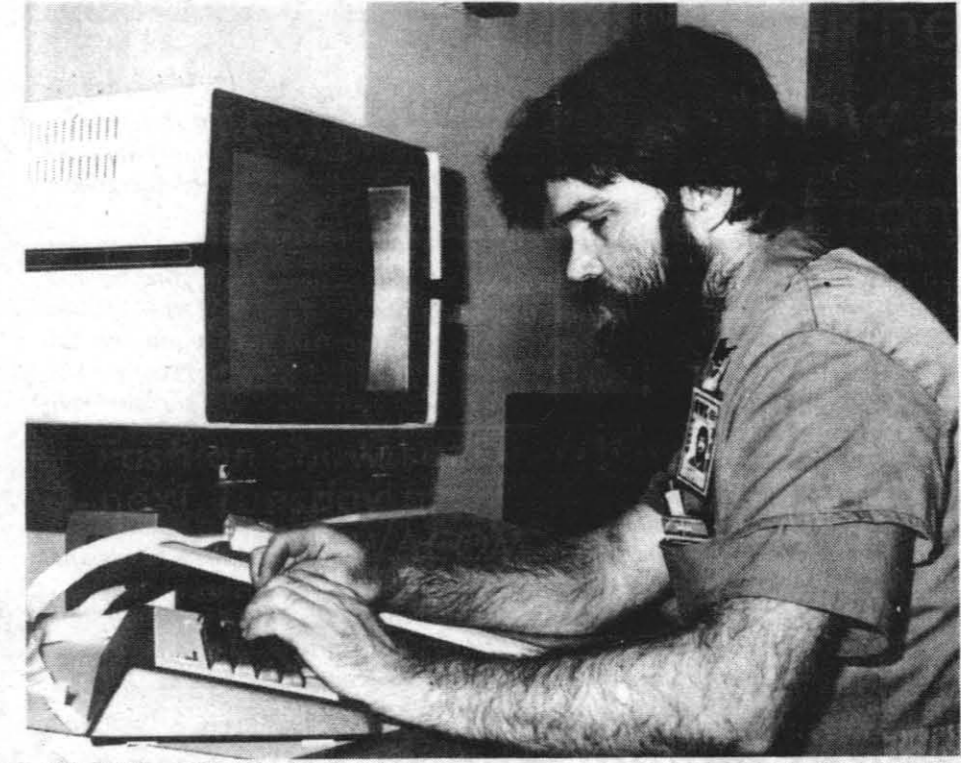
PRIMARY ADVANTAGES CITED

The primary advantages in using NC machines to produce parts are product consistency and a higher percentage of the machine run time spent actually cutting chips — and the machine doesn't often make mistakes or get tired.

Even though NC machinery is most cost effective for large production runs, it has a definite place in research and development work, according to Gordon Lowham, head of the CAM Branch in the Engineering Prototype Division of the Engineering Department.

About 2 1/2 years ago, the Engineering Prototype Division decided to look at the possibility of expanding the use of the computer in the shop including using interactive graphics and management data bases with on-going machine shop operations.

The CAM Branch was formed in fiscal year 1982, with the innovative goals of not



WORKING OUT DESIGN — Bill Marcus programs a part to be made in the machine shop on the Computervision Designer V interactive graphics workstation.

Capital Investment Program to buy six more machine tools and a computer for the NC section, and division management felt that a planned approach was needed to move into the broader world of CAM.

For instance, an interactive graphics workstation would be of great value as an input device for making the NC tapes in an effort to speed programming time and make NC more compatible with the quick turnaround needed in R&D work.

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only using interactive graphics for programming and configuration control, but training programmer-operators and having them accept cradle-to-grave responsibility for shop projects through the use of a management data base.

Lowham says that this has been possible because of the high quality of personnel in the machine shop and the progressive training support provided by shop management. As the CAM technologists become trained, Lowham says that the branch will expand its services to provide

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China Lake has candidate for Military Person of Year award

The weighty honor of representing Navy enlisted personnel at China Lake as a candidate for the Military Person of the Year award will rest tomorrow night on the slender shoulders of Yeoman 3rd Class Lynda C. West.

Petty Officer West, who is the secretary to Capt. Paul F. Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), is one of five nominees for this special recognition — one each from the military bases in the high desert area.

Announcement of the winner of this singular honor will be the highlight of a banquet, sponsored by the High Desert Civilian Military Affairs Council (CMAC), which will be held at the Holiday Inn in Victorville.

Guest speaker at this gala affair will be Dr. Lawrence J. Korb, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Personnel, and Logistics), and invitations to attend have been extended to outstanding personalities from the entertainment world, including Bob Hope, Roy Rogers, and Dale Evans.

PERSONAL CHEERING SECTION

A personal cheering section that will include YN3 West's husband, Alvin, who is a senior draftsman for Comarco Engineering in Ridgcrest, and a group of senior officers and enlisted personnel from China Lake, will attend the banquet to provide support for China Lake's nominee for the Military Person of the Year award.

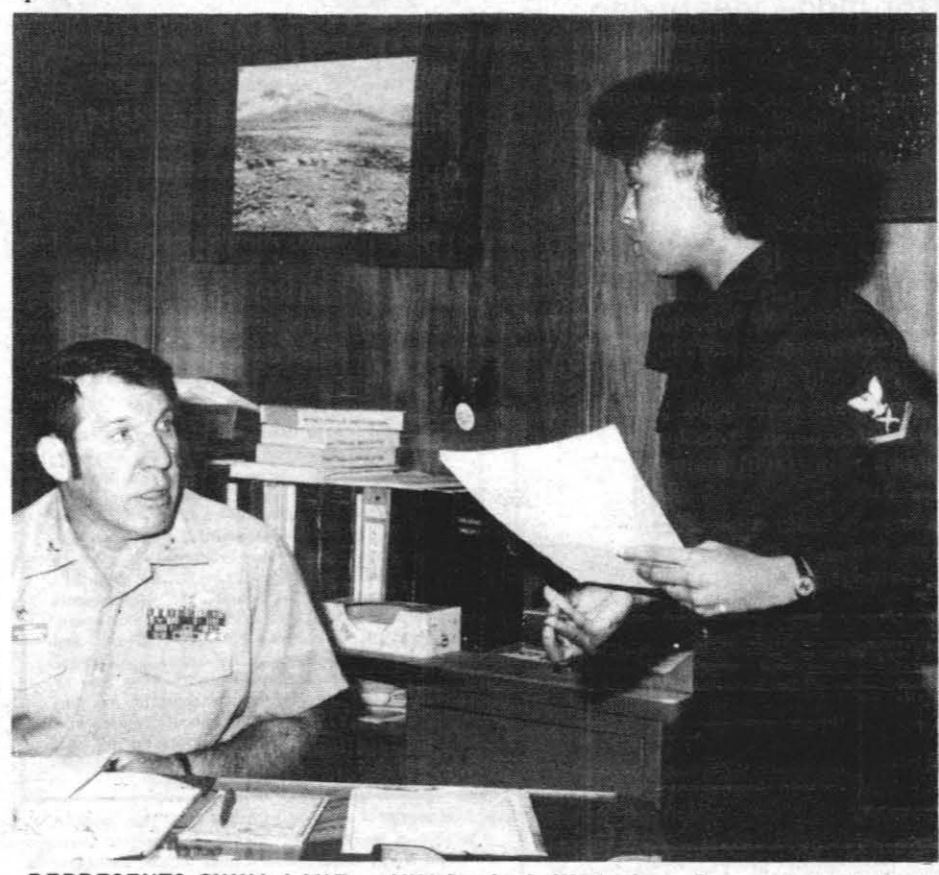
Capt. Hollandsworth, Capt. Virgil F. Jackson, Jr., Executive Officer of VX-5, and RMCMR R. A. Jacobsen, Command Master Chief of VX-5, were responsible for nominating Petty Officer West for this special honor.

and amazement. "I couldn't believe this was happening. Why me?" she asked.

According to Capt. Hollandsworth, Petty Officer West was chosen because she is always cheerful, knows her job extremely well, and has respect for everyone in the squadron.

He added, "She has to deal with all sorts of people ranging from four-star admirals to seamen, and her capabilities in handling them all, face to face, or on the phone, are professional."

He went on to say, "She is very loyal to me and this command — she takes good care of



REPRESENTS CHINA LAKE — YN3 Lynda C. West, shown here with Capt. Paul Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of VX-5, will represent China Lake as a nominee for the Military Person of the Year Award during a banquet tomorrow night at the Holiday Inn in Victorville.

Capt. Jackson and me." The positive response from Petty Officer West's colleagues has added to the feelings of excitement about tomorrow night that she is experiencing. She says, "Everybody has been really nice. People who competed against me, even though I don't know the majority of them, came to me and said, 'I'm glad you got it.'"

She added that some people she does not even know have stopped and congratulated her on being selected to represent China Lake at the banquet, and that the recognition and the honor "is something I'll never forget."

Receiving a military award is not something new to Petty Officer West, who

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April ushered in by strong winds gusting to 55 mph

Strong winds that local area residents have come to associate with the arrival of spring in the Indian Wells Valley ushered in the month of April.

Last Saturday, April 2, started off nice enough, weatherwise, but gusty winds grew stronger as the day progressed. Peak blasts of nearly 55 miles per hour were recorded at around 3:15 p.m. at Armitage Airfield.

According to AGC R. L. Braddock, assistant officer-in-charge of the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment at China Lake, a widespread surface low pressure area that extends inland as far as the southern part of Texas, combined with a high pressure area over the Pacific Ocean, brought on the strong, windy conditions here.





