



**YARDKEEPING EFFORT REWARDED** — MAC Jerry J. Entjer, his wife, Karen, and daughter Kimberly, of 2014 Coral Sea circle, receive the award for the Yard of the Month for the "hill" area from Skip Bennett, assistant head of the Housing Division. Other winners for the month of August are AT2 Rodney C. Poole, of 309 Vieweg Circle, of the Capehart B area, and Shawn R. Hertz of 613 Bowen Ave., and William F. Durbin of 615 Bowen Ave., for the Old Duplex area. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

## Desert roads present dangers during rain, wind, blowing sand

While desert roads may appear very safe in comparison to congested freeways, they do have hazards that drivers new to the area may not realize.

A prime one is rain. Desert rain storms tend to be heavy and concentrated on small areas. While drivers readily note the danger when the rain is pouring down on them, they often don't exercise sufficient caution in crossing gullies and washes. Even though there may not be any rainfall in the immediate area, these gullies can be full of water that fell on nearby mountains.

At night, the situation becomes more hazardous. Car headlights will pick up the sheen of water on a road, but the driver has no way of knowing how deep that water may be.

Equally dangerous is the practice of some drivers who will stop their car at the edge of the water in a gully or wash, and will then try to wade across to see how deep the water is. While the top of the water may appear to be placid, the undercurrent is often strong and treacherous.

### DEBRIS LEFT

The debris remaining on a road after the water recedes can also be a hazard. Mud can conceal that the roadbed has vanished — or that rocks lie under the mud. (Rocks rolling onto a road from earthslides — or following earth tremors — can also be a major hazard.)

Many desert roads that are asphalted (like some of those on the Center's range areas) can be undercut by desert rains, leaving the asphalt unsupported. The weight of a car may cause such unsupported asphalt to crumble and break, tumbling the car and driver into the gully.

If a road is barricaded, drivers should heed the barricades rather than feeling that they are familiar with the road and know that they can "get through" anyway. Rainfall patterns differ; the heavy storm in

the local area recently saw some areas flooded that have not been under water for more than two decades.

If rain falls when the weather is cold (or if the air is very moist), black ice can form on roads, especially in shaded areas or at corners or ridges. If a driver has any reason to believe that ice may be forming, the best way to handle such a potential hazard is to slow the car down to speeds well below the legal limits for that road. A car traveling slowly is under more positive control of a driver.

### WIND A PROBLEM

Wind can also be a major hazard to drivers — especially those who are traveling too fast. Gusts zipping down gullies or passes in mountains beside roads can actually push a vehicle into another lane (or off the road). Gusty winds are especially threatening to cars pulling another vehicle, such as a trailer, boat, or mobile home.

When the winds carry dust, visibility drops and problems increase. In a really heavy dust storm, drivers may be wise to pull completely off the road, leaving their headlights on so that they will be visible to other motorists. (If possible, drivers might prefer to turn their vehicles in the direction of the wind, facing away from the wind to protect the windshield.)

Any driver pulling off a desert road because of poor visibility also needs to be very careful that there is a shoulder to the road. Many desert roads do not have anything but soft sand (or drop-offs).

### Mini Mart hrs. cut Sun.

The Navy Exchange Mini Mart will close at noon this Sunday. Normal weekend hours will resume next Saturday.

## Tel-Med provides answers for health-related queries on tapes

Many times people have general questions about medical subjects that can be answered in a minute or two and do not necessitate a visit to the doctor.

Tel-Med, a tape library of health-related information messages that has been in use in the Indian Wells Valley for almost three years, is averaging 2,000 to 2,500 calls a month from people interested in this type of medical information.

The service was made available through the cooperation of the Naval Weapons Center, the NRMCC branch medical clinic at China Lake, Ridgecrest Community Hospital, and the Drummond Medical Group.

It is a collection of carefully selected tape-recorded health messages designed to assist people in remaining healthy by helping recognize early signs of illness, and by aiding people in adjusting to serious illness.

Residents may call the special Tel-Med number, 466-3541, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for recorded medical information.

Brochures listing the tapes by number are available free of charge in the waiting rooms of the NRMCC branch medical clinic at China Lake, Ridgecrest Community Hospital, and the Drummond Medical Group offices.

Tel-Med opened its lines for calls in October 1980 with a supply of 230 tapes. The Guinness World Rec. challenges highlight Solar Park Festival

The Solar Park, next to the Enlisted Mess, is the site of the Recreation Services Department's first Solar Park Fun Festival next Wednesday afternoon.

Children between the ages of 4 and 17 are welcome to join in the fun that will begin at 11:30 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. Registration for this fun-filled afternoon is \$1, and is payable at the park.

Activities will include parachute games, a water balloon toss, three-legged races, a watermelon-eating contest, and much more. The highlight of the day will be the opportunity to challenge two Guinness World Records — the Frisbee toss and the bubble gum blowing event. The records to be beaten are: having the Frisbee stay in the air longer than 15 seconds, and blowing a bubble with a diameter larger than 19 inches.

If any questions arise, feel free to call Community Services at 939-2010.

library now consists of 230 of information on health subjects ranging from preventive medicine to serious illness.

According to Betty Wells, patient business manager at Ridgecrest Community Hospital and Tel-Med supervisor, the most frequently requested tapes are those dealing with sex-related topics. These include sexually transmitted diseases, birth control, and pregnancy.

Some Tel-Med tapes are regularly requested during specific times of the year. During the flu season, numerous calls are received for information about colds and respiratory problems. When the weather is nice and people are involved in outdoor activities, tapes on fitness and animal and snake bites are quite popular.

Tel-Med is being increasingly applied to the local health problems of the Indian Wells Valley. Since poisonous snakes are a problem in this area, the Altrusa Club, a local businesswomen's organization, sponsored the completion of a new tape on snake bites from snakes indigenous to the area.

The tapes range from three to seven minutes in length, and are straightforward and easy to understand. Each tape has been carefully screened by a panel of local physicians.

While information on the tapes is valuable and accurate, listening to those should not replace visits to the doctor.

When the operator answers the phone, request the specific tape that is desired by its identification number. No names or conversation are exchanged, so the entire process is confidential.



The Enlisted Mess will present a "heavy metal spectacular" this evening beginning at 9 p.m. The concert band, "Red Moon," will rotate sets with a rock dance band from Los Angeles. In addition, Fred Sweet will play a variety of recorded music for listening and dancing in the Flight Deck, beginning at 9:30 p.m. The dining room will feature "surf 'n turf" on Friday, and lobster on Saturday, from 6 to 9 p.m.

An authentic Polynesian luau will begin at the Chief Petty Officers' Club with a no-host cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., tomorrow evening. Entertainment will include a traditional floor show, followed by dancing to live music from a band. Tickets for the evening are \$15 per person, and are available at the CPO Club, call NWC ext. 3633.

## MOVIES

Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 26**  
**"CAR CRASH"**  
 Starring  
 Joey Travolta and Vittorio Mezzogiorno  
 (Action Adventure, rated R, 100 min.)

**SATURDAY, MONDAY AUGUST 27, 29**  
**"A STRANGER IS WATCHING"**  
 Starring  
 Kate Mulgrew and Rip Torn  
 (Suspense Thriller, rated R, 92 min.)

**SUNDAY AUGUST 28**  
**"STAR TREK II, THE WRATH OF KAHN"**  
 Starring  
 William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy  
 (Action, rated PG, 113 min.)

**TUESDAY AUGUST 30**  
 Matinee, 2 p.m.  
**"LADY AND THE TRAMP"**  
 (Animation, rated G, 76 min.)

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31**  
**"GOLD RUNNER"**  
 Starring  
 Richard Losee and Kristin Kelly  
 (Action Drama, rated PG, 92 min.)

**THURSDAY SEPT. 1**  
 Matinee, 2 p.m.  
**"LAST FLIGHT OF NOAH'S ARK"**  
 Starring  
 Elliot Gould and Genevieve Build  
 (Adventure, 98 min.)

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### Meritorious Civilian Service Award

## Dr. Heller commended for contributions to chemistry, many community services

Both his outstanding contributions in the field of chemistry and his contributions to humanitarian organizations in the community were cited last Friday when Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, presented the Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Dr. Carl Heller.

The Meritorious Civilian Service award is the Navy's third highest civilian award, and is the highest that can be presented by a local commander.

The award was presented in Dr. Heller's home, where he is now on sick leave due to a serious illness.

Present at the ceremonies, besides Dr. Heller and Capt. Dickerson, were Gerry Schiefer, Deputy Technical Director; Dr. Ed Royce, head of the Research Department; Dr. Dolph Amster, head of the Chemistry Division of the Research Department; Arold Green, also a research chemist and member of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group; and Dr. Heller's mother, Mrs. Gretchen Heller.

Capt. Dickerson noted that Dr. Heller had been nominated for the award for his outstanding record of continual contributions to the field of chemistry, including work with free radical and combustion chemistry, then his seminal work with chemiluminescence, and, last of all, his work with highly specialized chemical analysis that has particular application to ordnance and atmospheric pollution abatement. He holds numerous patents and has published extensively in professional journals.

His work with chemiluminescence, which led directly to the development of the "light sticks" that have saved innumerable lives, was indicative of his humanitarian efforts in another direction also, Capt. Dickerson pointed out, in that he built outstanding bridges between the Navy and the civilian community throughout his professional career on the Center.

In response to a request from the Kern County Sheriff's Office in 1958, he was instrumental in establishing the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group to assist the Sheriff's Office in search and rescue operations.

This group developed a very close relationship with military SAR activities, and the combined efforts of the two organizations have literally led to the rescue of hundreds of military and civilian personnel in the last quarter century.

Through China Lake sponsorship and with Dr. Heller's encouragement, SAR teams were developed that cover the entire Eastern Sierra; these, in conjunction with the Southern California SAR teams, combined to form the California Region Mountain Rescue Association, which works closely with the State Office of Emergency Services.

Through his work with the SAR groups, Dr. Heller became active in teaching of health and safety classes such as the American Red Cross first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes, and also with teaching mountaineering classes to those in the community who wished to trek into the mountains so that they might do so safely.

He has a national reputation with the

American Red Cross for his serving as an instructor-trainer for first aid classes; his work with the Red Cross includes having been First Aid Chairman for the local group for many years, and serving as chairman of the local organization at the time that he went on sick leave.

Dr. Heller's work with youth has also been outstanding. Although a life-long bachelor, he has been deeply concerned with young people, and was instrumental in the formation of an Explorer Scouting Post that trained young people to become volunteer ski patrol members of the Shirley Meadows Ski area.

Dr. Heller's service to his country began well before his joining the Naval Weapons Center (then the Naval Ordnance Test Station) 31 years ago.

He was a Marine Corps combat veteran of World War II, taking part in the battle of Iwo Jima, among others. After his separation from the service in 1946, he received both a bachelor's degree and his doctorate in chemistry from New York University, and had accepted employment at China Lake when he was recalled to active duty for the Korean conflict in 1951. He had attained the rank of captain when he was separated from the service in 1952 and came to work

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## Capt. Joe Phaneuf to head Aircraft Department

Capt. Joe Phaneuf, who will become Deputy Test and Evaluation Director and Head of the Aircraft Department, has reported on board and is becoming acquainted with the many activities and programs on the Center.

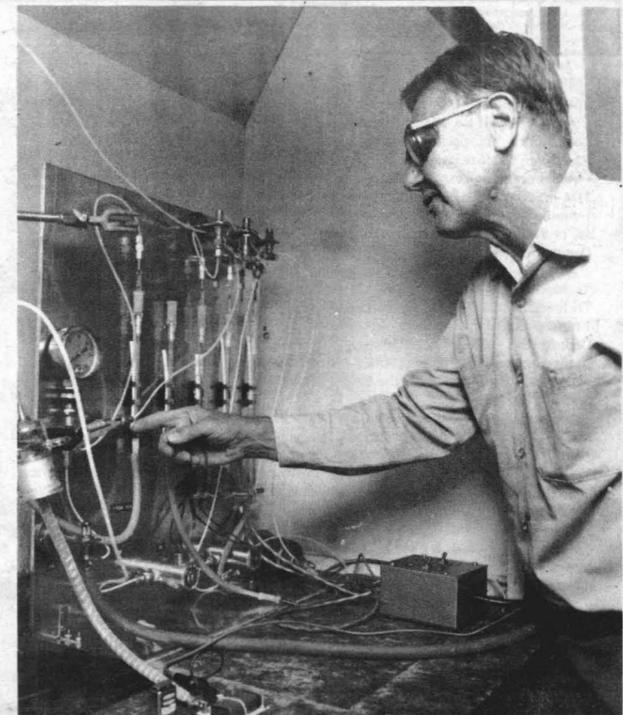
He will assume his new position when Capt. W. H. Greene, Jr., retires next month. This is not the first time that Capt.

Phaneuf has been on board at China Lake, but it is the first time that he has been stationed here. Prior contact has been mainly as a fighter pilot using the Echo Range facility for predeployment training for some of his six deployments.

Included in these were three trips to WestPac and the Gulf of Tonkin, during which he flew 235 missions in the Vietnam



**LEARNING THE OPERATION** — Capt. Joe Phaneuf, who will become Deputy Test and Evaluation Director and head of the Aircraft Department next month, is getting acquainted with the Center's projects and programs. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan



**CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED** — Dr. Carl Heller, shown adjusting some of the equipment in his laboratory, received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award last Friday for his many achievements as a Navy chemist for the past 31 years and for his lifesaving work with the community in the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group and related activities.

conflict. As a fighter pilot, he says, he flew a lot of combat air patrol missions, but he adds that he found the flights over the beach much more interesting than the CAP flights.

His tours with fighter squadrons include two additional deployments to the Mediterranean and another tour to WestPac and the Indian Ocean.

His chief prior contact with test and evaluation dates from an assignment at the Naval Air Engineering Center at Lakehurst, New Jersey, where he was a test pilot. NAEC at that time, according to Capt. Phaneuf, was involved in testing such essential equipment as catapults and arresting gear.

Capt. Phaneuf came to NWC from the Bremerton, Washington, Naval Shipyard, where he had been aboard the USS Constellation since last December.

A native of Brockton, Mass., he attended Northeastern University at Boston, where he was studying mechanical engineering prior to joining the Navy.

While in the Navy, he completed his bachelor's degree and master's degree in aeronautical engineering at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey.

He and his family, consisting of his wife, Pegge; Joe III, 19; Tim, 16; Teresa, 14; and Patricia, 11, took a month last year to visit family members in Massachusetts, the longest leave that he has had in the 21½ years that he has been in uniform, according to Capt. Phaneuf.

Since his family is still down at Poway (north of San Diego), he says that his biggest hobby right now is driving back and forth from there. By winter, however, he hopes they'll be able to spend a lot of time up at the ski slopes within such close reach of China Lake.

## 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. All others desiring employment at NWC may contact the Employment Wage & Classification Division, Code 092, Ext. 2284. 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 nonmerit reason.

Anyone interested in applying for any of the following Promotional Opportunities can see the complete announcement in Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy Avenue.

**Announcement No. 35-300, Electronics Technician, DT-856-2/3, PAC No. 8335516, Code 35066** — This position is located in the HARM Technical Management Office, Electronic Warfare Department.

**Announcement No. 31-135, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, PD No. 8331028, Code 3114** — This position is secretary to the head of the F-18 Facility Branch.

**Announcement No. 00-024, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, PD No. 810014N, Code 00, (2 vacancies) (Intermittent)** — This position is located in the Office of the Commander, Naval Weapons Center.

**Announcement No. 31-142, Engineering Technician, Mechanical Engineering Technician, DT-802-2/3, PAC No. 8331666, Code 3114** — This position is as a Senior Technician in the Facility Operations Section, which is located in the F-18 Facility Branch, Avionic Facilities Division of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department.

**Announcement No. 24-078, Police Officer, GS-083-3/4/5, PD No. 7824034N, Code 2413** — Position is located in the Patrol Branch of the Police Division, Safety and Security Department.

**Announcement No. 38-008, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4, PD No. 8131025N, Code 385** — This position is that of branch secretary in the Chemistry Division, Research Department.

**Announcement No. 32-081, Munitions Destroyer Foreman, WS-6505-5, JD No. 545022E, Code 3252** — This position is located in the Ordnance Logistics Branch, Process Systems Division, Ordnance Systems Department.

**Announcement No. C-62-20, Supervisory Electronics Engineer, Electronics Technician, DP-855-3, DT-856-3, Code 6211** — This position is that of head of the Instrumentation Support Section (Code 62118) of the Ballistics Test Branch, Ordnance Test and Evaluation Division, Range Department.

**Announcement No. 12-005, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-5, PD No. 8312005N, Code 123** — This position is located in the Weapons Planning Group and reports to the Program Director for Weapons and Tactics Analysis Center (WEPTAC).

**Announcement No. 08-033, Budget Clerk-Assistant, GS-561-4/5, PD No. 8008010N, Code 087** — This position is located in the Office of Finance and Management, Corporate Budget Staff.

**Announcement No. 39-034, Interdisciplinary (Physicist/Electronics Engineer/General Engineer/Electronics Technician), DP-3, PAC No. 8339596E, Code 3926** — This position is in the newly formed Inertial Development Branch within the Weapons Development Division of the Weapons Department.

**Announcement No. 39-032, Interdisciplinary (Physicist/Electronics Engineer/Computer Scientist), DP-3, PAC No. 8339595E, Code 3926** — This position is located in the newly-formed Inertial Development Branch within the Weapons Development Division of the Weapons Department.

**Announcement No. 08-032, Management Assistant, GS-344-5, PD No. 8308025N, Code 0821** — This position is in the Records Management Branch, Management Division, Office of Finance and Management.

**Announcement No. 39-033, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-05, PD No. 8039085N, Code 394** — This position is located in the Electro-Optics Division of the Weapons Department.

**Announcement No. 34-007, Supervisory Library Technician, GS-1411-6/7, PD No. 8334016, Code 3431** — This position is located in the Information Services Branch, Library Division, Technical Information Department.

**Announcement No. 34-008, Mail Clerk, GS-301-3/4, PD No. 8334017, Code 3433** — This position is located in the Technical Services Branch, Library Division, Technical Information Department.

**Announcement No. 34-009, Editorial Assistant, GS-1087-5, PD No. 8334018, Code 3464** — This position is located in Field Branch 4, Field Service Division, Technical Information Department, at Armitage Field.

**Announcement No. 35-203; Secretary (Typing), GS-318-3/4, Code 3556** — This position is located in the Range Services Branch, EWTES Division, Code 3556, Electronic Warfare Department.

**Announcement No. 25-025, Supply Systems Analyst, DA-2003-1/2/3, PAC No. 8325525E, Code 2501** — This position is in the staff office, Supply Department.

**Announcement No. 25-024, Procurement Clerk, GS-1105-4/5, PD No. 8325023N, 8325024N, (Multiple Vacancies), Code 2522** — These positions are located in the Small Purchase Branch of the Contracts Division, Supply Department.

**Announcement No. 25-023, Clerk (Typing), GS-303-4/5, PD No. 8250333N, Code 2502** — This position is located in the Supply Department Staff Office under the supervision of the Head of Staff.

**Announcement No. 3661 Quality Assurance Specialist, DS-1910-3, PAC No. 833668E02, Code 3681** — This position is located in the Soldering Technology Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department.

**Announcement No. 3666, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-3/4, PD No. 7936318N, Code 3687** — Incumbent provides clerical support to the System Safety Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department.

**Announcement No. 3665, Editorial Clerk/Assistant, GS-1087-5/6, PD Nos. 7936033N-7936034N, Code 3656** — This position is located in the Specification Branch, Technical Data Division, Engineering Department.

## Reassignment opportunities

This column is used to fill positions through reassignment only. For this reason, the Reassignment Opportunity Announcements are separate from the Promotion Opportunities column in the Rocketeer. Applications will be accepted until the date stated in the announcement. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date are encouraged to file an SF-171 or 172. All applicants must meet minimum qualification requirements established by the Office of Personnel Management. Information concerning the recruitment and placement program and the evaluation methods used in these reassignment opportunities may be obtained from Personnel Management Advisors (Code 096 or 097). Applications should be filed with the person whose name is listed in the announcement. NWC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Anyone interested in applying for any of the following Reassignment Opportunities can see the complete announcement in Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy Avenue.

**Announcement No. 35-201, Multidisciplinary (Physicist, Mathematician, Electronics Engineer, Computer Scientist) DP-1310, 1520, 855, 1550-3, PAC No. 8335687, Code 35511** — This position is for a software engineer to head a Software Test Facility Section for the Highspeed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) Software Support Activity (SSA). To apply, send an updated 171 to Richard Fryer, Code 3511 (phone NWC ext. 2951).

**Announcement No. 3663, Supervisory Electronics Engineer, DP-855-3, PAC No. 8336713E51, Code 36221** — This section head position is located in the Systems Electronics Branch, Systems Engineering Division, Engineering Department. Send applications to Code 362 (Cheryl Preul).

**Announcement No. 3664, Electronics Technician, DT-856-2/3, PAC No. 823698E28, Code 3623** — The position is located in the Missile Support and Test Branch, Systems Engineering Division, Engineering Department. Send applications to Code 362 (Cheryl Preul).

**Announcement No. 3662, Interdisciplinary General Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Aeronautical Engineer, DP-3, PAC No. 8336712E, Code 36602 (Two vacancies)** — These positions are located in the Engineering Department, Fleet Engineering Division, Systems Management Office. Send applications to Code 366 (Louise Meredith).

**Announcement No. 35-202, Supervisory Multidisciplinary Electronics Engineer/Physicist/Operations Research Analyst/Mathematician/Computer Scientist, DP-855/1310/1515/1520/1550-3, PAC No. 8335647, Code 3554** — This position is that of head of the Instrumentation Engineering Branch in the EWTES Division, Electronic Warfare Department. To be considered, submit a complete and current SF-171 to Joy Harrelson, Code 35502, NWC ext. 3571.

**Announcement No. C-64-17, Computer Clerk, GS-335-3, PD No. 8164021N, Code 6411** — This position is located in the Systems Development Branch, Recovery Systems Engineering Division, Aerosystems Department. Contact or submit application to Bob Hastings or Tom Bozack, Code 6411, NWC ext. 2943.

## Registration opens for late fall Pre-retirement Planning Seminar

Enrollments are now being accepted for a Pre-retirement Planning Seminar that will begin on Thursday, Oct. 6, and continue through Nov. 10.

Most of the segments (except the one on "Planning for a Successful Retirement") will be 1½ to 2 hours long and will be held once a week. The "Planning for a Successful Retirement" session will be an all-day workshop. The total amount of time required for the seven-week seminar is 16 hours.

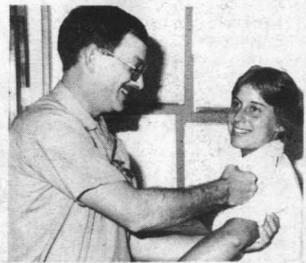
The seminar is intended for Naval Weapons Center civilian employees who are planning to retire within the next five years. Spouses of enrollees are also encouraged to attend.

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, health maintenance, and a special workshop designed around enrollee participation in planning for various aspects of retirement.

Employees interested in attending this seminar should submit a training request and authorization form via appropriate department channels in time for it to reach Code 094 by Sept. 21. The seminar will be limited to 50 employees.

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

Further information can be obtained by calling Eileen Baird at NWC ext. 2018 or 2592.



**TACKLING IT ON** — ACG R. L. Braddock of the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment (NOCD) China Lake frocks Moira Motil as an Aerographer's Mate Third Class. Petty Officer Motil transferred to NOCD in April of this year from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. She was a nondesignated striker who worked her way up to her present rating.



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## Wyman returns to Rec Services after 6 years on Guam

Many of those who know Wilt Wyman have been pleasantly surprised to find he has recently returned to NWC's Recreation Services Department as Associate Department Head, after spending the years since 1977 working on the Island of Guam.

As Consolidated Recreation Coordinator for five major military installations on Guam, Wyman was in charge of the third-largest recreational program run by the Navy outside the United States. With a budget of \$2.7 million and a staff of 250, he managed seven swimming pools, five theaters, a full recreational sports program, DoD-sponsored tours to the Far East, and a schedule of stage performances by visiting entertainers.

Much of Wyman's free time has been devoted to amateur athletics. From 1981 until his return to China Lake, he was vice



Wilt Wyman

president of the Guam Amateur Sports Federation, serving an island population of over 110,000 persons.

Tennis activities on the island have especially benefited from the former physical education teacher's expertise: from 1978 through July 1983, he officiated at every island-wide tennis match, in addition to umpiring Davis Cup matches between Thailand and Taiwan, and he coached competitors from Guam in the South Pacific Games.

Commenting on his years away, the former island resident said he considers Guam to be "the undiscovered paradise of the Western Pacific," but is enjoying seeing more of his friends here and is glad to be back.

Before coming to work for Recreational Services at NWC in 1974, Wyman's home base was Fresno, California, where he obtained a bachelor's and a master's degree in physical education from California State University, Fresno.

## Army-Navy football game tickets on sale at Community Center

Tickets for the annual Army-Navy football classic are available through the Ticketron outlet located in the NWC Community Center. They cost \$25 each.

For the first time in the history of this traditional rivalry, the game will be played on the West Coast; it will be held in the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena on Friday, Nov. 25.

The move west, which is not at the taxpayer's expense, will bring with it over 9,000 cadets and midshipmen and all the color and pageantry associated with the contest, including a game day parade by the corps of cadets and the brigade of midshipmen. The parade will move down Pasadena's Colorado Blvd., and will conclude on the field of the 105,000-seat Rose Bowl Stadium.

Last year, Navy beat Army 24-7, winning every game since 1977. The won-loss series record between the two academies is Navy 39, Army 37. Seven games ended in a tie.

## Essential information: What you should know about the Privacy Act

Second in a Series  
By Nancy Cleland

In my last article on the Privacy Act, I stated that this Act now provides you with certain rights regarding personal data maintained by the government. These rights include:

- The right to find out what types of records containing personal data are being maintained by the Federal government;
- The right to have access to most of your records;
- The right to request amendment of your records if it is felt that they are inaccurate; and
- The right to be informed as to why personal data is being recorded and how the data will be used.

Among the major goals of the Privacy Act are the reduction of personal information collected by Federal agencies and to ensure that secret records systems are not being kept. One step toward accomplishment of these goals is requiring each agency and activity to identify and publish a description in the Federal Register of every system of records that is maintained on individuals that contains personal information.

Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5211.5C defines a system of records as: "A group of records from which information 'is,' as opposed to 'can be,' retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifier assigned to the individual. The capability to retrieve information by personal identifiers alone does not subject a system of records that contain personal data that are kept by the government."

The Federal Register listing is updated annually. It provides information on records that contain personal data that are kept by the government.

Each year, SecNav Notice 5211 is updated with a new listing of all Navy and Marine Corps records systems as it appears in the Federal Register.

Under the SecNav listing, I have identified most of the local NWC record systems that are covered by the listing in the Federal Register and their cognizant department. Some of the records that are kept in various departments include files on applicants for family housing, records of employees enrolled in the Savings Bond Program, individual pay records and Beneficial Suggestions records.

A copy of this listing is available in Eileen Baird's office. There are criminal penalties for those who maintain a records system that has not been published in the Federal Register. I will cover this area more fully in the next article on Employee Responsibilities.

If you want to find out whether or not a particular system of records contains information on you, contact the person responsible for the record. If the system does contain such a record, you then may request access to it.

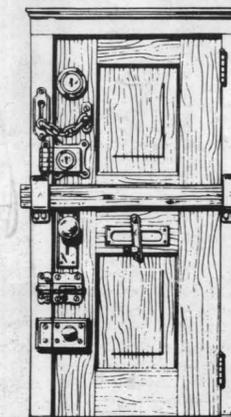
If NWC has reason to believe that the record should not be made available to you, then we have to forward your request to Naval Material Command headquarters.

No local authority exists that can deny anyone access to his records. Some records are exempt from the access or amendment procedures. These are certain types of investigatory records, law enforcement records, test and examination material, and classified information.

If, however, it is determined that an amendment is warranted, the record will be amended accordingly.

Upon denial of an amendment, you may request further administrative review of the denial. If the denial is upheld, you may file a statement of dispute and state your reason for disagreement.

This statement of dispute must be provided to anyone who sees that record in the future. The manager of the disputed



record may also include a brief summary of the reasons for not making an amendment. This summary cannot be further amended.

If the Department of the Navy denies your request for access to or amendment of your record, and when all administrative reviews have been exhausted, you may take your case to court.

You may also bring civil action against the Navy if your records are not accurate, timely and complete, thereby resulting in an adverse effect on you; or if the Navy fails to comply with any provisions of the Privacy Act, which results in an adverse effect on you.

In deciding such cases, the courts: may award damages of not less than \$1,000 for willful or intentional actions; may order the Navy to correct its records; and may award attorney fees and costs to you if the case is decided overwhelmingly in your favor.

If you request and receive a copy of your record, you may be charged a copying fee. However, search fees are not charged under the Privacy Act, although they may be charged under the Freedom of Information Act.

Another provision of the Privacy Act is that most personal information will be collected directly from you rather than third parties, especially when that information may adversely affect your rights, benefits and privileges under Federal programs.

When you are requested to provide personal information about yourself for a system of records, you must be given the following information:

- The authority that authorizes the solicitation;
- All major purposes for which the information will be used (i.e., pay entitlement, retirement eligibility, security clearance, etc.);
- A brief summary of the routine uses of the information, as published in the Federal Register; and
- Whether or not the information is given voluntarily, and what will happen if you don't provide the information.

This information will usually be in the form of a "Privacy Act Statement" attached to or printed on the form on which the information is requested.

The main reasons that the Privacy Act has established these rights for you is to make sure that you can find out what types of records containing personal data are being kept by the government; can view these records (unless exempt by law) and can obtain a copy of them; can amend the records if appropriate; and can know how personal information requested from you will be used.

In the next article, I will cover your responsibilities under the Privacy Act as an employee, including to whom you may disclose personal data; how personal data must be safeguarded and disposed of; and how to establish a new system of records and alter an old one.

Remember to send any questions to Eileen Baird in Code 091, or to call her on NWC ext. 2018 or 2592.

## Heavy rains adversely affect weekend fishing

Last week's stormy weather affected the fishing more in the Owens Valley than at the higher elevations farther north. The creeks in the Owens Valley were turbid, high, and roily, and fish were not biting until late on the weekend. The few anglers who tried fishing during the rains should not have bothered.

Anglers who headed for the Owens River down in the valley had magnificent success in catching bullheads (yellow catfish), and lots of small bass. Trout fishing in the lower Owens is still not good.

At Lake Sabrina above Bishop, lots of hungry trout (especially at the inlets and the dam) got themselves caught on hooks baited with salmon eggs and worms, and so did the trout at South Lake.

Temperatures at these high country lakes are running in the 40s during evening hours and only in the 60 degree range during the days, so campers and anglers should go prepared for cooler weather.

Both those who fish from the bank and those who like to get out on the water in a

boat have been bringing in limits from Rock Creek Lake and from Convict Lake. Marshmallows, salmon eggs, and worms are good. Convict Lake brown trout also like nightcrawlers.

At Crowley Lake, the perch are once more biting. Best catch of the week was a 3½-pound whopper.

Fly fishing has been excellent at all the Mammoth Lakes. Since the most productive flies are proving to be black ants, gnats, and mosquitos, anglers and hikers should remember to take along repellent for the live critters.

At Benton Crossing on the Owens River, bait of any kind is resulting in limits of trout.

All the lakes in the June Lake Loop are a delight to fishermen at this time. Fishing from shore or still fishing is best with white marshmallows during daylight hours. Evenings are best for fly fishing. Those who like to troll should try Needlefish to ensure a good catch.

Lots of limits are being reported from Upper Twin Lake at Bridgeport. Night-

crawlers or spinners seem to be what the troll there like. Those who troll at Lower Twin Lake are finding that Needlefish or Dave Davis flashers with a worm are best. (There are lots of people at Lower Twin because the fishing is good for rainbows and kokanee.)

## Be prepared for storms in mts. over Labor Day

Those who are planning to hike, backpack, camp or go fishing in the higher elevations of the mountains during the next few weeks (or over the Labor Day weekend) should go prepared for sudden storms and cold weather.

Hypothermia can be a major threat to anyone caught unprepared, even though the temperature reading may be above the freezing level. And, even though valley floor temperatures may be in the 70s or 80s, storms at the higher elevations have been known to drop a load of snow in midsummer as well as early fall.

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### Aftermath of rains causes problems for backcountry anglers

Last weekend's weather resulted in some anglers and hunters discovering (the hard way) that roads were full of goey mud and water — or were washed away completely. At least two cars had to be towed out of the various dirt roads of Rockhouse Basin.

If these cars belonged to anglers, they may have missed some fairly good fishing in the small streams. All of these are planted regularly, and provide some nice trout. The main Kern River was too muddy from the storms to be very productive of fish. It's still running a bit too high and fast for really good fishing, anyhow.

At Lake Isabella a lot of little bullheads (yellow catfish) and small channel catfish are being caught. Most of these appear to be about the same age because they are all about the same size — roughly 10 inches long. They do provide very good eating, however.

Bluegill can also be caught almost everywhere around the lake. These are mostly small fish, but some nice ones have been pulled out from the Camp Nine area and from near the cemetery.

### Central Coast ocean fishing exceptional due to warm waters

The strange effects of the warmer waters off the California Coast extend to the central coast area — a swordfish was spotted in a school of bonita.

Fishing is exceptionally good. The albacore fishermen are averaging a catch of more than two of these fighting fish each, with the biggest albacore weighing in at 32 pounds.

The biggest fish of the week caught by sport boats operating out of Morro Bay and San Simeon was a 35-pound lingcod.

Most of the fish brought back were assorted bass, rock cod, and red snapper.

Anglers who'd like to take advantage of the good summer weather by heading off to sea for a day's fishing are advised to make reservations in advance.

Since the majority of trips are for half a day, the fishing makes for a fine family outing. Tackle for family members who don't own salt water gear can be rented at the time that reservations are made.



CRUCIAL MOMENT — Will it or will it not drop in? Frank Lambert, who plays for the VX-5 Commander's Cup golf squad, holds his breath as the ball teeters on the edge before coming to a rest in the bottom of the cup. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

### NWC Gold golfers take over lead in Commander's Cup standings

Military golfers took advantage of a break in the weather on Wednesday, Aug. 17, to compete in the latest Commander's Cup athletic event.

Thanks to this competition, the NWC Gold team now finds itself in the lead in the year-long competition with a total of 10 points, followed by NWC Blue with six points, and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five with two.

Although NWC Gold took the lead position with a total of 614, and the other two teams, respectively, had 625 and 644 strokes for their six-player teams, the best score of the day was posted by Bob Keen from VX-5 with a sizzling 86.

Next low score for the 18 holes of play was Al Garza's 89; Garza played for the NWC Gold.

Other Gold team members besides Garza were Jim Hamilton, Dave Kelley, Dennis Anderson, Joe Forrester, and John Auld.

The NWC Blue team consisted of Mark Worney, Chuck Waugh, Dave Reimers, Mike Cropper, Mike Fedak and Vince Huett.

Hitting the ball for VX-5, besides Keen, were Frank Lambert, Tom Meadows, Dan Walker, Mike Murry, and Lonnie Swinford.

The next Commander's Cup event will be flag football, with the tourney scheduled to take place Sept. 20 through 22.

### Slow pitch softball season-end tourney won by JB's team

The JB's team had to put in a long four games to do so, but came out triumphant in the Men's Slow Pitch Softball League tournament held to celebrate the end of the season.

In the play on Monday, Aug. 15, they split a pair of games, losing to the La Fiesta Sandwiches and Things squad by a 6 to 2 score, and then squeaking past the NWC team 8 to 6, with pitcher Sam Chizee getting credit for both the loss and the win.

The next evening's play put the same team up against the La Fiesta team twice more — but both these wins were scored by the JB's team. The first game (which determined that the second was necessary) found the JB's team ahead by a score of 10 to 7, and the crucial game ended with a decisive 9 to 3 win for JB's.

Monday night's other game was won by the NWC varsity over the Outlaws by a 10 to 8 score.

### One weekend to go to determine who's men's golf champion

The first weekend of play in the China Lake Men's Golf Club championship tournament found the number of players cut from the entering field of 66 to 20 — four in each of the various flights.

Play will resume tomorrow morning at 7:30, with 18 holes slated for Saturday's play, and the final 18 on Sunday morning. At stake will be the overall top spot and the winner for each of five flights.

Leaders at the end of the first 36 holes, and their totals are, in the Championship flight, Mike Pangle, 149; President's Flight, Jim Rollow, 140; Vice President's Flight, Paul King, 141; Secretary's Flight, Larry Gire, 135; and Treasurer's Flight, Jim McKinney, 137.

### Young tennis players test skills learned in summer lessons

A total of 20 young people participated in a Youth Tennis Tournament sponsored by the Recreation Services Department the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 17. The tourney was designed to give those who had taken the tennis lessons the opportunity to exercise the skills that they learned this summer.

Winner in the 8- to 11-year-old division was Hy Lee, with Lamont Dawson as runner-up. In the 12- to 17-year-old category, the winner was Hinh Lee, with Tim Wee getting the runner-up slot.

The consolation matches, for the younger group, were won by Matt Mann, with Kevin Loftus placing second. The 12- to 17-year-old consolation round was won by John Duncan, followed by Andrea Duncan as runner-up.

### Falkenberg wins open singles in National Public Parks tourney

Gail Falkenberg, head of the Presentations Development Branch of the Technical Information Department, has another tennis title to add to her long string of wins: the Women's Open Singles event of the 57th Annual Public Parks Tennis National Championship.

That it was the "Open" singles she won — meaning that players of all age groups can enter — and that she'd be expected to compete in the 35-and-over bracket makes the win doubly sweet to her.

The tournament was held recently in Springfield, Mo. Ms. Falkenberg, who was unseeded, knocked off her seeded opponents with ease, with the only match that she rated as "tough" being against Valerie Block, a highly ranked player from the Missouri Valley, in the second round of play. She beat Ms. Block 6-2, 6-4, however.

Next to lose to her were Julie Ross of Los Angeles and Kim Ursich, both by identical scores of 6-0, 6-0. In the final round Ms. Falkenberg took on the tourney's No. 1 seed, Lisa Jones from Ohio State University, and

defeated her 6-0, 6-1. She says that she feels being older than the players against whom she was competing may actually have proven to be an advantage in that she believes she can think better than they can regard to tennis match strategy.

Ms. Falkenberg's victory is all the more to her credit since she only began playing competitively about three years ago when she was 33. Since that time, she has won a number of regional tournaments such as the Oscar Johnson Michelob Light Tennis Classic at the University of Southern California and the annual tourney held at Mammoth Lakes.

Currently, Ms. Falkenberg is ranked third in Southern California in the women's 35-and-over category.

She is considering making a try at professional, rather than amateur, tennis in about a year if all goes as she hopes. And, if she continues to win in such prestigious competitive play, her chances of cracking the professional ranks look good.



SKILL REWARDED — Gail Falkenberg holds the silver plate that she received for winning the women's open singles event of the 57th annual National Public Parks tournament. — Photo by PHAN Rebecca Gill

## 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. K. A. Dickerson. 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

**Civilian** — For several years, I have noticed Center employees, both military and civilian, wearing their badges backwards — that is, so you can't see their names.

This practice can have a decidedly negative impact, especially when these employees are involved in dealing with visitors and the public. Is purposely wearing your badge so that you are not identifiable authorized according to DoD regulations? Thanks very much.

### ANSWER

If a person is in an area where the wearing of a security badge is required by regulations, it goes without saying that the badge must be worn so it can be read. Regulations do not authorize wearing a badge backward. I think people who are wearing their badges backward either mistakenly put it on backward and just haven't noticed, or the badge twisted around because of the way it was put on. The small metal and plastic clips do not always do their job of keeping the badge facing in the proper direction. Persons whose badges are turned backward should have that pointed out to them. Persons intentionally wearing their badge backward need to be brought to the attention of their supervisors or the Security Department. I don't think persons wearing a badge backward would get through our security guards — if they do, then I really become concerned.

### QUESTION

**Civilian** — In regard to safety, when making a lefthand turn from Inyokern Road onto Sanquist road: Many times I've almost been forced off the road by a car on my left. Probably this is unintentional since the turn lanes are not clearly defined. I would like to know if the lines could be clearly defined so that a person in the front left-hand lane will know just where his lane is. Thank you.

### ANSWER

The present paving contract, which has included the resurfacing of the main gate area, also included the restriping of the main gate area, and Sandquist Road to just south of Blandy Avenue. We agree that the old striping plan did not clearly define which of the two lanes on Sandquist Road was for one of the two left turn lanes from East Inyokern Road. The new striping plan is more definite in establishing which lane on Sandquist Road is for which left-turn lane from East Inyokern Road. The new striping of the main gate area was completed this week.

## Hispanic Heritage Week to bring outstanding engineer as speaker

Richard Jimenez, former national president of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, will be the featured guest speaker at the Naval Weapons Center's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Week, Sept. 12 through 16.

He will speak at a luncheon to be held at the Enlisted Mess at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, and will present a seminar entitled "Recruiting Hispanic Engineering Students" that same afternoon.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the luncheon. Tickets may be obtained from the EEO office on the Center (NWC ext. 2738) or may be purchased from members of the Hispanic Employment Committee. Menu choices are either a taco salad or an enchilada plate, at a cost of \$4 per person.

Those who wish to enroll in the seminar must submit a training and authorization form through department channels so that it will reach Code 094 by the close of business on Sept. 1. The workshop, which emphasizes how those involved with recruiting can use the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, is aimed at supervisors and managers, professional recruiters, and Personnel Department employees.

Jimenez, who holds a degree in mechanical engineering from California State University at Los Angeles, is Manager of Technology Planning in the Space Technology Directorate of the Aero Space

### Heller honored . . .

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locally.

On presentation of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service award, Dr. Heller expressed his gratitude that people thought he had made this kind of contribution to the Navy and the community.

"If circumstances permit," he told those gathered for the presentation, "I can think of nothing that I would like better than to return to the Center and to continue working here."

Corporation, a major consultant to the Air Force Space Division Directorate.

He is currently at the Albuquerque office of the corporation, and will fly in from New Mexico for the special occasion sponsored by the Center's Hispanic Employment Program in the EEO Office.

The Center's Hispanic Employment Program Committee sponsors two major events each year, both honoring those of Hispanic heritage by celebrating the two days most precious to freedom in Mexico: El Cinco de Mayo (May 5), and Sept. 16. They also strive to ensure that those of Hispanic heritage are appropriately represented throughout the Center's workforce.

Committee members include Ron Shargots, president; Lucy Lambert, vice president; Marvin Backman; Richard Chew; Nick Curran; Gloria Dominguez; Antonio N. Garcia; Mary Gilbert; Kate Gunz; Jack Johantgen; Louis M. Orozco; and Richard Dominguez.

The Center's Hispanic Employment Program Manager is Pete A. Medina.



PLANS PRESENTED — Pete Medina, Hispanic Employment Program Manager, tells Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, about the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Week planned for the Center by the Hispanic Employment Program Committee.



PONTOONS NEEDED — A lot of China Lakers wondered if the dry lake had sprung a leak last Friday morning when they tried to drive through the main gate. (Note the single entering lane of traffic; the other two lanes were covered by water too deep to negotiate with a standard automobile.) Friday morning's rain storm resulted in lagoons and rivers at intersections throughout the community as well as on the Center.

## Efforts to cut procurement costs for new weapon systems detailed

Adm. Ronald J. Hays, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, outlined ongoing efforts by the Navy to cut costs in procuring new weapons systems and platforms during remarks at the Change of Command ceremony, in which Adm. Steven A. White relieved Adm. John G. Williams, Jr., as Chief of Naval Material.

The VCNO acknowledged national concern with cost overruns and overpricing of defense material but pointed out that the majority of the problems unearthed were discovered by internal audits. He quoted Secretary of Defense Weinberger on this issue, who said, "It has been a little disappointing that having discovered the bank robbery, we stand accused of making it."

Adm. Hays referred to a number of steps being undertaken throughout the Department of Defense to improve the procurement process. First among these is the program announced by the Secretary of Defense that "outlines the necessary steps to end — once and for all — the price abuses that have plagued our spare parts

procurement."

The VCNO also listed specific cost-cutting strategies undertaken by the Navy and the Naval Material Command that have already resulted in major savings.

Gold-plating has been eliminated — an improvement, alteration or system which does not add substantially to the Navy's overall fighting capability is not procured or added.

The Navy is taking steps to establish greater production stability to enable American industry to plan ahead and give the Navy the best buy for its money.

Contracting competition will be used wherever possible to reduce costs. Over 90 percent of the Navy's five-year new construction and conversion program will be bid competitively.

The Navy is making every effort to use proven and familiar commercial standards and specifications wherever possible in its manufacturing programs.

Finally, the Navy is encouraging industry to use improved manufacturing techniques and technology to improve productivity.

## Red Cross emergency fund drive nets \$4,241 for disaster services

The coordinated effort of everyone involved resulted in a short-term drive for American Red Cross emergency services funds being successfully conducted, according to Cdr. G. F. Herbster and Lt. Dave Feldman, who chaired the drive.

Although no one was able to allot moneys, cash and checks collected totaled in excess of \$4,241 in the two-week drive to help the Red Cross fill its depleted coffers.

The special fundraising drive was authorized by the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Defense because an unprecedented series of disasters involving aid to more than one

million Americans this year already has cost the Red Cross more than \$34 million.

With the new storm beginning — as typified by Hurricane Alicia — the need for funds to help the victims of such disasters, on both a short and long term effort, is desperate.

Should anyone still have money for the Red Cross, Cdr. Herbster and Lt. Feldman urge that it be turned in to them at the Military Administration Department promptly so that the final books can be closed on the two-week fundraising effort.

A total of 31 different codes contributed to the drive. Biggest contributor was the Fuze and Sensors Department, followed by the Office of Finance and Management and then the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department.

## Cerro Coso College classes still open for late registration

Cerro Coso is extending the registration date for the fall semester, which began Aug. 22.

Students may register, on a first come first serve basis, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 2 for classes not yet filled to capacity.

All residents of the Kern Community College District are eligible to enroll if they are a high school graduate, non-graduate 18 years of age or older, or a high school junior or senior with the written approval of his or her school principle.

Program beneficial to both Center, students

# Summer employees bring diversified talents to NWC

Once again, a wide range of talent, in the form of 183 summer hires, is present at the Naval Weapons Center. These temporary employees can be found in clerical, technical, trades, and labor positions in just about every department at China Lake.

Most DoD activities sponsor a summer employment program, and NWC is one of the largest employers of summer hires who carry out work here on a temporary basis.

The summer employees range from young people of high school age to post-graduate level college and university students.

Of these temporary employees, 10 are summer professionals hired at the GS-5 level or higher. Summer professionals are either faculty members or applicants who possess a degree of relevant experience.

The largest group of summer employees (73 in all) are those working as clerks and clerk-typists.

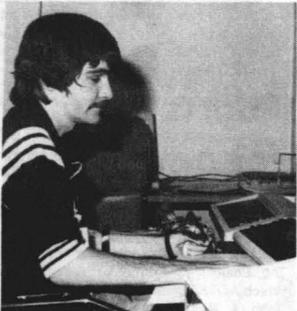
There are more than 62 technical aides among the current total of summer employees. There is no examination necessary to qualify as a technical aide — applicants are rated and ranked according to their grade point average in college- or univer-

sity-level studies, or upon their prior experience, since work as a technical aide is not limited to college students.

The variety of jobs filled this summer by technical aids include computer, math, engineering, physical science, and biology technicians.

The Center also employed 38 summer aids whose salary is set at the minimum wage. Some of the summer aids work in clerical positions and others are trained in various trades that they will be able to use later in life. These include plumbing, painting, carpentry, and auto mechanics.

The summer aid program is only for



**UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENT** — As a physical science technician in the Geothermal Division of the Public Works Department, Margaret Knox is involved in the surveying, mapping, and reduction of graphical data pertaining to the field of geology.

applying for the first time if they are "name requested."

An employer may want a particular summer hire for several reasons. He or she may already be familiar with a particular job, and he or she may have job-related experience. Also, first-time summer employees are not eligible for secret security clearance, and the job may require this.

However, a summer hire applicant must be "within reach" on the summer employment register that the Center's Equal

Opportunity Office, which handles the summer program, has in order for any of this to occur.

The summer employment program benefits both the Center and the summer employees. One of the objectives is to provide an opportunity for young people to work with the people, projects, and facilities at NWC.

Students in the various technical fields may consider working at NWC after their experience in the summer employment program. Thus, summer employment can

serve as a recruiting function. It also provides an opportunity for students to gain meaningful work experience.

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—by Patty Vick

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**HELP FOR OASIS** — Tim Riley, a computer clerk working in the Supply Department, spends his days at CSC in Ridgecrest. Although he is confined to his wheelchair, he has no problem making screens that will be replacing stubs. Riley is not planning to return to school; he is seeking permanent employment here at NWC.

economically disadvantaged youths. Applicants for this program must be between 16 and 21 years of age and cannot be the dependent of a Navy employee (civilian or military).

Those eligible for the clerical, non-clerical, and summer professional programs must be at least 18 years old or a high school graduate, and a citizen of the United States.

If summer employees are currently working at the Center, or have in the last few years, and are interested in working here again next summer, they are considered reinstatement eligibles and must apply for rehire.

Every year, a summer employee must file a SF-171 (application for employment) by the given deadline to be considered for rehire. Previously employed summer hires have a slight advantage over those who are



**SEEKS MASTER'S DEGREE** — Motion Picture Production Specialist Iverson White is a graduate of UCLA. He is working on his master's degree, and is finishing his second summer as a summer professional in the Film Projects Branch of the Technical Information Department.

## Happenings around NWC

CMX-1000, 12-cup, 4-button digital clock models of the Mr. Coffee coffee makers manufactured between Sept. 21, 1981, and April 1982 are being recalled.

The units subject to modification are stamped on the bottom metal plate with three-digit code numbers starting at 38-1 and ending 21.2. The first two digits represent the week of the year, and the third digit represents the year.

If the unit is subject to recall, consumers should take it, minus the decanter and coffee basket, to the nearest authorized Mr. Coffee service center for free modification, or contact North America Systems, toll free, at (800) 321-0370.

These units are not to be used on Center until such time that modification is made.

### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Wildlife photography is the theme of the exhibit opening at the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum today. A reception for Dennis Sheridan, the photographer whose work is on display, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the gallery and the public is invited.

Wildlife in natural surroundings is shown

in each of Sheridan's photographs. Most of the pictures are color reversal prints from 35mm color transparencies.

His interest in wildlife is evidenced by his holding a bachelor's degree in biology from California Polytechnic University at Pomona, where his special interest was in birds of prey.

### FISHING DISCOUNT

Active duty or retired military personnel who like to drop a line into the briny deep can get a discount coupon from the NWC Recreation Services office in the Community Center that will entitle them to a \$10 discount for all-day Coronado Island (Mexico) fishing trips.

These discount coupons can be picked up weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Anyone who has any questions about the discount rate can telephone NWC ext. 2010 for further information.

### METAL TRADES COUNCIL

The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 520 E. Inyokern Road.

## All vehicles imported by military must meet govt. safety standards

Every year, hundreds of U.S. military personnel try to import motor vehicles that do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

Few individuals realize that this can be a very costly and time consuming procedure that doesn't always have a happy ending.

All motor vehicles imported into the U.S. Customs Territory must comply with FMVSS if manufactured on or after Jan. 1, 1968. Importers of vehicles not certified to be in compliance by the manufacturer must post a bond equal to the value of the vehicle plus duty.

Within 120 days of entry, the owner must modify the vehicle to comply with FMVSS and provide full proof of compliance. Some requirements such as crash survivability are difficult, if not impossible, to certify.

Failure to modify the vehicle or prove compliance makes the importer liable for a fine of \$1,000 and forfeiture of the posted bond. Vehicles that cannot be brought into compliance must be scrapped or exported back to the country of origin at the owner's expense.

The National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration (NHTSA) can only furnish the standards that all vehicles manufactured during a certain year must meet and cannot provide information on specific makes and models.

The NHTSA has a booklet, entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Procedures for Customs Declaration and Certification of Motor Vehicles," which can be obtained free of charge from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or by calling toll free (800) 424-9393. Ask for publication number "DOT HS 805674."

Similar federal regulations concerning emission control devices can be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.



## Engineers in Range Dept. receive patent for 'Video Multiplexor'

Two employees in the Range Department were recently awarded a joint patent for an invention that is designed to cut back on NWC's need for extra equipment and transmission channels that their department would otherwise need for bomb-scoring tests and surveillance of certain areas during these tests.

Patrick Keller and Clinton Seal, a supervisory electronics engineer and mechanical engineer, respectively, in the Range Instrumentation Support Division, received a patent award for their "Video Multiplexor" from R. V. Boyd, head of the Range Department.

The Video Multiplexor combines segments of pictures from up to eight video cameras to form one composite picture. Camera multiplexing is used in a variety of test range impact scoring systems. It reduces the number of communication links and the number of video recorders needed.

Instead of tying up between three and eight channels to transmit video information back to the Range Control Center, the multiplexor makes it possible for those operating it to utilize just one channel.

The advantages of this digital unit over commercially available equipment include its temperature and line voltage stability, and its precise programming ability.

In addition, it provides a simple and reliable way of ensuring time correlation of the picture segments taken from cameras that show various perspectives of the im-

port or event.

The multiplexor provides standard synchronization pulses to all slave cameras, ensuring that complete images are projected onto a screen.

Commercial video multiplexors, often called image splitters, have been available for years. However, no commercially available product filled the requirements of the test range.

Serious deficiencies exist in the sectioning capability, camera number capacity, and stability of available commercial products under range conditions. The unit developed locally employs improved techniques to overcome these shortcomings, and also provides a number of convenient features.

### Qualifications given for those interested in duty as counselor

Opportunities currently exist for Center employees to volunteer to serve as Equal Employment Opportunity counselors as collateral duty.

Normally, EEO counselors spend about 5 to 10 percent of their working hours in this role; the duty can, however, take up to 25 percent of the counselor's work hours.

EEO counselors are responsible for fact finding, to see what actually did occur that led to an EEO complaint; then to try to resolve the complaint informally and at the lowest level possible.

Personal characteristics shared by those who have proven to be excellent EEO counselors include that they are objective, good listeners, empathetic, assertive, and professional. EEO counselors also need to have good communication skills, both oral and written, and to have analytic ability.

The appointment as a counselor is for three years. When counselors are appointed, they attend a one-week basic counselor course that is taught off-Center. Other courses are also open to counselors as they become available.

Employees at all grade levels and from work areas throughout the Center are encouraged to apply. Anyone seeking to apply (or seeking further information) should telephone the EEO office at NWC ext. 2738.

In order to meet the Aug. 31 deadline, it will be necessary for departments to project or estimate what will occur on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and submit the timecard by 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

On Wednesday afternoon, if it is discovered that the timecard projections are in error as submitted, the errors can be corrected by submitting corrected timecards to the Payroll Office between 2 and 4:30 p.m.

Errors discovered after Aug. 31, should be corrected by sending a memorandum to the Payroll Office, Code 08641, the following week.

## Timecards due early because of holiday weekend upcoming

All personnel who are responsible for the submission of timecards are reminded that because of the Labor Day holiday, Monday, Sept. 5, timecards for the regular workweek ending on Sept. 3 must be turned in by 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

This is necessary in order to meet the normal payday schedule of Sept. 9. No timecards are to be held out, since failure to provide the Payroll Office with an accurate timecard by the Aug. 31 deadline may result in a delay in pay for employees.

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## Police reports...

A 13-year-old driver of a moped was stopped by the China Lake police on Friday afternoon because his vehicle did not have a license plate. Officers then issued a citation because the vehicle was not registered and there was also no valid driver's license in possession of the driver.

### CHILDREN ENDANGERED

An anonymous telephone call alerted officers to a case of child endangerment in the site B Capehart housing. Parents had left a 7-year-old boy and a 2-month-old in the care of a 10-year-old sibling. When the older youngster wandered off, the other two were left to fend for themselves. The case is being investigated further.

### SCHOOLS VANDALIZED

The schools on the Center were hit by vandals recently. Unknown persons threw objects through glass windows at Vieweg School, causing \$50 damage. In addition, over the weekend, windows at Groves School were the target of rock-throwers who did more than \$120 damage.



**PATENT AWARDED** — Patrick Keller (at left) and Clinton Seal, employees in the Range Department, recently were awarded a patent for their development of a "Video Multiplexor." This device, which is used in impact systems on the test ranges, reduces the number of communication links and video recorders needed to collect and transmit test data.

—Photo by PHAN Rebecca Gill

## Young engineer dies in accident caused by flood waters on road

The ferocious weather on Wednesday, Aug. 17, claimed the life of Corinna Peterson, 26, an outstanding young engineer at the Naval Weapons Center.

Flood waters washed her 1973 Ford Pinto car off Highway 14 between the Walker Pass Road and Inyokern Road. Her car was found the next day about 1½ miles east of Highway 14, and her body was located by Kern County Sheriff's Deputies another half mile further. She had been returning from official travel to the Hughes Aircraft Co., Canoga Park, when she was trapped by the sudden surge of water, mud and rocks.

Services were held for her at the All Faith Chapel on Monday afternoon.

A native of Los Angeles, she came to NWC in 1980 as a Junior Professional employee after receiving a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of California at San Diego.

Her supervisor, John M. Smith, head of the Advanced Technology Projects Branch of the Fuze and Sensors Department, says that she quickly established herself as an exceptional young engineer.

After completing her Junior Professional tours, she assumed responsibility as a design engineer on the AMRAAM and Sparrow AIM-7M proximity fuzes.

"During the past two years," Smith says,

"her contributions to these projects resulted in a special act award and early promotion." She was also a member of the Center's School Visitation Program during that time; here she joined with other Center personnel in visiting schools and colleges to tell young people about the opportunities in science and engineering offered by the Navy.

As well as membership in the China Lake Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and in Toastmasters, Ms. Peterson was extremely active with the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group.

Although she began climbing only recently, she became a strong and skilled climber and taught sessions of the CLMRG mountaineering and rock climbing classes.

Ms. Peterson had worked her way up the CLMRG roster to a position of No. 2 in the rescue group and had taken part in 30 rescues with that group. The most recent rescue in which she participated occurred Aug. 8, when she joined group members and members of the Center's Search and Rescue helicopter crew in bringing an injured climber and her companion from above the 13,000-foot level of Mount Sill.

She also represented the CLMRG on the Indian Wells Valley Emergency Services Council and helped coordinate a major disaster exercise in Death Valley earlier this year.

Ms. Peterson was deeply religious; she belonged to the Calvary Chapel of Ridgecrest.

She is survived by her parents, Robert L. Peterson of San Diego and Traute Peterson of Reseda, and two sisters, Linda, 24, of Ridgecrest, and Monica, 25, of Eureka.

## Timely reports aid in prompt payment of Navy personnel

Getting the correct pay to more than 568,000 people in the Navy on time, twice a month is a difficult assignment. Meeting that goal is impossible when Navy people and their commands don't report changes in status to the appropriate offices promptly.

Individual members and their commands share responsibility to keep pay accounts current by reporting changes to the appropriate Personnel, Disbursing or Personnel Support Detachment Offices who, in turn, must rapidly and accurately transmit that data to the Naval Military Personnel Command and Navy Finance Center.



**RETIREES ON 20** — AME1 William Willis receives congratulations and a farewell handshake from Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, during a retirement ceremony for Petty Officer Willis. The latter served here since January 1982 as quality assurance supervisor in the Quality Assurance Branch of the Aircraft Department's Aircraft Support Division. A veteran of 20 years of active duty in Navy, AME1 Willis transferred to NWC from Attack Squadron 94 based at NAS Lemore. He was accepted a job with Kentron, a local contractor, and will continue working here in the field of aircraft maintenance.

—Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan