



**RESPECT FOR LAW STRESSED** — Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, signs a proclamation declaring the period of May 1 through 7 as Respect for the Law Week. Watching are Lt. Cdr. Mike Kelly, Staff Judge Advocate, and John Reynolds, president-elect of the Ridgecrest/China Lake Optimist Club. The Optimists annually designate the first week of May for this purpose by talking to school children and providing handout materials to them on the subject of the need to respect the law. The Optimists also endeavor to set an example to school children by observing the law themselves.

### Police Division offers film slide programs on drinking, drugs

The training office of the China Lake Police Division now has available several new slide programs designed for showing to different groups in the community. Each of the programs is from 10 to 20 minutes long. Any group or organization in the community that wishes to see one of the programs can schedule its showing by telephoning Lt. E. J. Roy, who heads the China Lake Police Division's Training Office. He can be reached at NWC ext. 2947 or 2593.

Programs available include: "Drugs of Abuse," designed for parents, clubs or other groups who feel that they need drug awareness training. It also is effective when presented to youth groups of high school age.

"Marijuana in the Classroom" is primarily aimed at teachers, administrators or parents who need to know what the symptoms of abuse are and what to look for.

"Steering Straight" is designed for the teenager driver and shows the effects of mixing alcohol and drugs and driving.

"Tuned Out" is for the young person who may just be starting into drugs or is using them and seeks help to get rid of drug dependency.

"Marijuana — The Inside Story" is designed for school children between 8 and 12 years old. Through cartoons this program shows the hazards of drugs and how they effect the human body.

### Open house planned tomorrow at China Lake Activities Ctr.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend an open house from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the newly refurbished China Lake Activities Center located at the corner of Blandy Avenue and Lauritsen Road.

The building, which began life as the Station Restaurant, now houses the China Lake Players, Oasis Garden Club, Desert Flowers Chapter No. 125 of the Navy Wives Club of America, China Lake Photographic Society, Desert Ceramics Club, Indian Wells Valley Gem and Mineral Society, and the local chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS).

Representatives of each of the organizations will be on hand to explain what their organization does as well as to show visitors the refurbished facilities.

Refreshments also will be available.

### Prescription renewal by phone no longer possible

In order to better serve patients and to save time, the NRCM branch medical clinic will no longer renew prescriptions for medication on the basis of a telephone request.

All renewals on prescriptions will only be given to a patient after that patient has been reevaluated by a medical officer.



**INTRIGUE AFOOT** — John Clark (as Sidney Bruhl) comforts his wife, Myra, a role portrayed by Monica Moore, as he plots her "accidental" death in the CLOTA production of "Deathtrap." The play opens tonight at 7:30 at the Burroughs High School lecture center.

### CLOTA production of 'Deathtrap' opens tonight at lecture center

"Deathtrap," the Community Light Opera and Theater Association's (CLOTA's) first production of the 1984 season will open a four-performance run tonight at 7:30 at the Burroughs High School lecture center.

Repeat performances of the play written by Ira Levin are scheduled at the same time and place tomorrow evening, and also on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5.

"Deathtrap," directed by Terrie Daley Owens, is a gripping suspense thriller that will keep theatre-goers on the edge of their seats throughout the entire performance.

Recommended for mature audiences, the story revolves around a washed-up playwright, Sidney Bruhl (portrayed by John Clark), who is determined to become a success at all costs. His methods are carefully calculated and fall nothing short of being brilliant — involving trickery, meticulous planning and, ultimately, murder.

His accomplice in crime is Clifford Anderson (Kent Birch), a former student. Their objective is to kill Sidney's wife, Myra (Monica Moore). However, things don't work as well as planned. A Dutch psychic, Helga ten Dorp (Tricia Siegel), uses her powers to reveal the intricate events before they unfold.

The fifth member of the cast, Porter Milgrim (Norm Ponder), is a lawyer who advises Sidney on money matters.

### WACOM to install new slate of officers at luncheon on May 8

Installation of officers for the next year and presentation of service awards for volunteers serving in the Thrift Shop will highlight the next luncheon meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) on Tuesday, May 8.

Officers being installed are Jo Miller, president; Gunilla Giegerich, vice president; Linda Smith, secretary; and Fayelene Thelen, treasurer.

Also included in the business meeting will be allocation of Thrift Shop funds for local charities, and voting on the WACOM budget for the upcoming year.

The meeting will begin with a social hour at 11 a.m., where a complimentary punch bowl will be available. This will be followed by a luncheon of shrimp Louis served with hot rolls and dessert. Cost of the meal is \$5.75 per person.

Reservations are required, and are limited to WACOM members and their guests. Reservations may be made by telephoning Bette Jacks at 446-4748.



Tonight the Chief Petty Officers' Mess will be having a local band, "Western Connection," playing country-western music from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. According to the CPOM's management, renovation of the dining room facility should be completed soon. The dining room is scheduled to re-open on May 15.

The dinner special tonight at the Enlisted Mess is porterhouse steak, which will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock. Tomorrow evening, the EM will be serving its surf and turf special in the dining room from 6 to 8:30.

This is the last weekend to see the China Lake Players' production of "The Rainmaker," with performances scheduled tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock at The Playhouse, corner of Lauritsen Road and Blandy Avenue.

Reservations can be made by telephoning The Music Man, 375-4001. General admission is \$3.50, and the price for students, senior citizens and enlisted military is \$2.50. Tickets must be picked up at The Playhouse no later than 8 o'clock on the evening of the performance.

**MOVIES**

(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences  
(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested  
(R) RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MONDAY APRIL 27, 30  
"NIGHT CROSSING"  
Starring  
John Hurt and Jane Alexander  
(Suspense, rated PG, 107 min.)

SATURDAY APRIL 28  
"DANIEL"  
Starring  
Ed Absner and Timothy Hutton  
(Drama, rated R, 130 min.)

SUNDAY APRIL 29  
"STAR TREK II — THE WRATH OF KAHN"  
Starring  
William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy

WEDNESDAY MAY 2  
"THUNDER COUNTY"  
Starring  
Ted Cassidy and Mickey Rooney  
(Drama, Rated PG, 92 min.)

FRIDAY MAY 4  
"DIRTY HARRY"  
Starring  
Clint Eastwood and Harry Guardino  
(Drama, rated R, 94 min.)

### Hypnotist to present program this evening at Cerro Coso College

A program by hypnotist Lew March will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture center.

March will begin his program by presenting a sampling of hypnosis and self-hypnosis as used in such fields as psychology, education, dentistry and medicine. The foregoing will be based on his own experiences as a counselor accustomed to using hypnotic suggestion on his subjects.

Tickets to tonight's program can be purchased in advance at the Entertainer, Loewen's or the Music Man, all in Ridgecrest, and also will be on sale at the lecture center door prior to the start of the program.

General admission is \$4, while those who are 18 years of age and under or senior citizens will be admitted for \$3 each. ASCC cardholders can purchase their tickets for \$2 each.

### Program slated here by Jewish Cantor from Orange County

Cantor Harry Newman and his wife, Fay Sattou Newman, both from Temple Beth David in Orange County, will present a special program in the east wing of the All Faith Chapel at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4. All interested persons are invited to share this evening of faith and fellowship with members of the NWC Hebrew Congregation.

Cantor Newman, who also holds a degree in social work from George Williams College, studied at the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago and at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles to become a Cantor. His wife, Fay, sang professionally before a throat condition stopped her concert and stage career and she began conducting and directing choirs and musical shows.

Both Cantor Newman and his wife have been working with Rabbi Henri S. Front at Temple Beth David in Orange County for the past two decades.

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### Sailors of Year dinner set Saturday

A gala salute to all Navy enlisted personnel at China Lake in general, and to those singled out as tops by both the Naval Weapons Center and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) in particular, is planned tomorrow night at the Enlisted Mess, which will be the setting for the 15th annual Sailors of the Year awards dinner.

For this event, which is sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League of the United States, the spotlight will be focused on the NWC and VX-5 Sailors of the Year, who are Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Tommy J. Davis and Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Barry W. Robinette, respectively.

Others who will share in the reflected glory of the evening for having been singled out as Bluejackets or Sailors of the Quarter during 1983 are AD1 Russell Godbey and AE2 Brian Kudrna, also of NWC; and AQ2 Henry D. Lemons, YN3 Belinda Waddell, AMS3 Robert Snook, Jr., and AQ3 James E. Horner, all of VX-5.

Although he won't be present, because he has been transferred since his selection as NWC's Bluejacket of the Quarter for the period of January through March 1983, AC1 Russell Mark Young will share in monetary and/or merchandise awards that the program sponsors, local businessmen, and contractors have contributed for this special occasion.

Each of the Bluejackets or Sailors of the Quarter in attendance and either their spouse or date will be the guests at the dinner of individual sponsors, who are members of the Navy League.

The evening's festivities will begin with a social hour at 6:30, and buffet dinner featuring turkey and roast beef as the entrees will be served at 7:30.

The program for the evening will begin with parading of the colors by a color guard composed of members of the NWC Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps; the pledge of allegiance, led by Richard Surprenant, executive vice-president of the Navy League, and the invocation by Lt. Jerry Compton, a Protestant chaplain at the All

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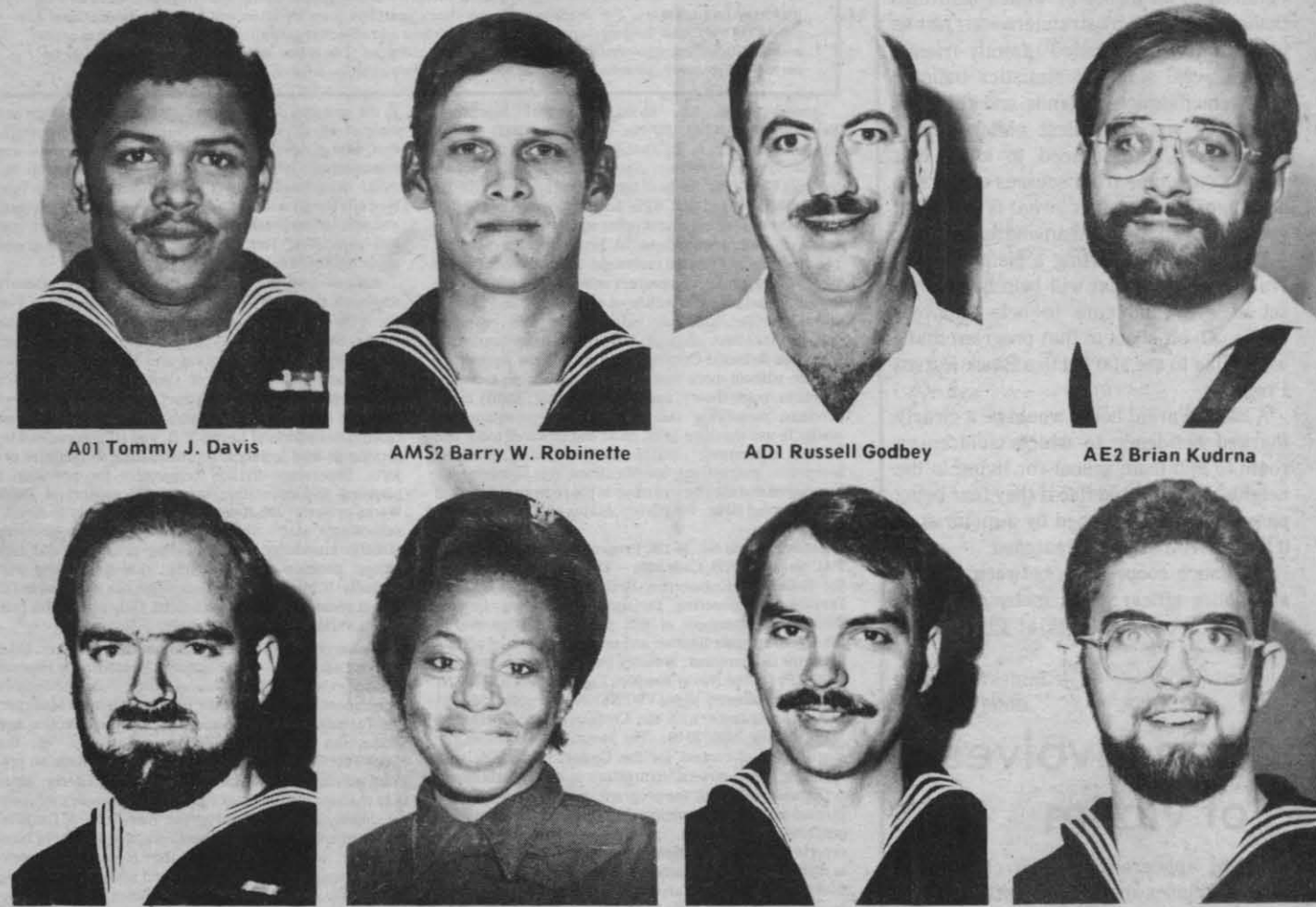
### Help available to those bothered by cheeping baby birds

Spring is baby bird season, and cheeps are being heard from trees, rafters, and other nesting places throughout the Center.

The Natural Resources Specialists in the Environmental Branch of the Public Works Department ask that anyone who is bothered by the loud cheeping of nestlings phone the specialists at 3411, ext. 383, and they'll try to help.

They are also willing to serve as advisors to anyone finding a fledgling that has fallen out of its nest. Anyone finding such a fledgling evenings or weekends can also contact Ray Benson, the Department of Fish and Game warden in this area, by calling 377-4081, and leaving a message.

Both the DFG warden and the Natural Resources Specialists remind everyone that the area around Robber's Roost is closed to all climbers, picnickers, or boondockers until the end of June to allow the raptors that use the rocks there as nesting places to raise their young families of birds in peace. Anyone found trespassing will be cited.



### Meritorious Civilian Service Award

### Dr. Thelen cited for work in field of guided missile propulsion exploratory development

In a recent ceremony held in Washington, D.C., Vice Admiral J. B. Busey, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, presented the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Dr. Charles Thelen for his work as Deputy Manager for the Guided Missile Propulsion Exploratory Development Program and as head of the Air Technology Office at China Lake.

This presentation of the Navy's third highest award was witnessed by more than 40 senior personnel from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Air Force and the Army, as well as the Navy, because Dr. Thelen's work has had such wide impact.

Vice Admiral Busey's letter to Dr. Thelen accompanying the award noted that "Through your technical competence and exceptional dedication, you have made major contributions to the technology block program management and propulsion technology exchange and coordination on both the national and international levels."

The letter continues, "Your untiring efforts have provided many benefits to this Command. You have set an outstanding example of personal loyalty, integrity and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy."

On his return to NWC, Dr. Thelen was also honored at a reception by his co-workers, spearheaded by Lee Gilbert, head of the Technology Programs Management Office. At that time, Dr. Thelen said that he felt the award should properly be considered an award to the whole group because "any accomplishments can only be achieved through the efforts of everyone."

His government service has been long and distinguished, beginning with service as a captain in the Army Air Corps in the China-Burma-India theater of operations during World War II.

Following the war, he received his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Iowa and conducted postdoctoral studies in

that field at the University of California at Los Angeles. While there, he heard about work at what was then the Naval Ordnance Test Station (now NWC), was offered a job at China Lake, and moved to the local area in 1950.

Dr. Thelen's career as both a scientist and a manager over the past 34 years has been outstanding enough for him to have been the recipient of the Center's two highest awards: the Michelson Award as a Fellow in Management in 1972, and the L. T. E. Thompson Award in 1980.

The Michelson Award was presented to

him for his outstanding accomplishments in managing the Missile Propulsion Exploratory Development Program that was transferred from the Naval Air Systems Command in 1969. Both the Naval Air Systems Command and the Naval Material Command considered the program exemplary in the management of selected technical areas.

Dr. Thelen received the Thompson Award in 1980 for "the outstanding contributions he has made to the development of propulsion technology for tactical missiles and to the

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**HONOR BESTOWED** — Dr. Charles Thelen receives congratulations and the certificate and medal accompanying the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award from Vice Admiral J. B. Busey, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, as Fayelene Thelen, the recipient's wife, watches. More than 50 senior personnel from all three military services and NASA attended the award ceremony held recently in Washington, D.C.









## VX-5 Vampires win Commander's Cup track, field meet

Athletes representing Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) trampled the opposition (NWC Blue and NWC Gold) in the Commander's Cup track and field meet held last Friday afternoon at Kelly Field on the Murray Junior High School campus.

The VX-5 Vampires amassed a grand total of 108 points, compared to 9 for NWC Gold and 6 for NWC Blue. This victory moved VX-5 into a first place tie with NWC Gold in the overall Commander's Cup standings, since both teams have 26 points, while NWC Blue is trailing in third place with 20 points.

The results of the various events in the track and field meet were as follows:

**Men's 10-kilometer run** — Ruben Reyes, of VX-5, 1st, 34 min., 44 sec.; Allan Smith, of VX-5, 2nd, 38:04; and Brice Hammerstein, of NWC Gold, 3rd, 38:54.

**Women's 10-kilometer run** — Kathy Dabrowski, of VX-5, 1st, 1:06:29.

**Men's 1-mile run** — Allan Smith, of VX-5, 1st, 5:47; Hammerstein, of NWC Gold, 2nd, 5:51; and Dave Feldman, NWC Gold, 3rd, 7:10.

**Women's 1-mile run** — Cindy Langford, of VX-5, 1st, 9:53.

**Men's 440 yd. run** — Jerome Penden, of VX-5, 1st, 1:41; Ken Harris, of VX-5, 2nd, 1:62; and Kevin Sylve, of NWC Blue, 3rd.

**Women's 440 yd. run** — Cindy Langford, 1st, 1:44.

**Men's 100 yd. dash** — Sylve, of NWC Blue, 12.9 sec.; Penden, of VX-5, 2nd, 13 sec.; and Feldman, of NWC Gold, 3rd, 13.5 sec.

**Women's 100 yd. dash** — Cindy Langford, of VX-5, 1st, 15.9 sec.

**Men's softball throw** — Harris, of VX-5, 1st, 86 ft.; Frank Lambert, of VX-5, 2nd, 81 ft., 7 in.; Feldman, of NWC Gold, 3rd, 69 ft., 9 in.

**Women's softball throw** — Cindy Langford, of VX-5, 1st, 33 ft.

**Men's football throw** — Lambert, of VX-5, 1st, 60 yds.; Harris, of VX-5, 2nd, 56 yds., 9 in.; Feldman, of NWC Gold, 3rd, 35 yds., 2 ft.

**Women's football throw** — Cindy Langford, of VX-5, 1st, 18 yds., 8 in.

**Men's football punt** — Lambert, of VX-5, 1st, 60 yds.; Harris, of VX-5, 2nd, 55 yds.; Feldman, of NWC Gold, 3rd, 50 yds.

## Hotspurs tie one, win one in youth soccer play

In back-to-back Youth Soccer League contests last Saturday morning at Kelly Field on the Murray Junior High School campus, the Hotspurs were forced to settle for a 1-1 tie with the Lasers in game No. 1, but then rolled over the Bandits 6-1 in their second outing of the morning.

In the only other game between 7th, 8th and 9th grade players who compete in Div. IV of the Youth Soccer League, the Lasers shut out the Bandits 2-0.

Victory by the narrow margin of 1-0 eluded the Hotspurs when Mike Sauko, assisted by Jason Bumgardner, scored a goal for the Lasers in the final 5 min. of play to tie the score at 1-1 in the game between the Lasers and Hotspurs.

The lone goal scored in this contest for the Hotspurs, who pretty much dominated the game until the last 5 min. of action, was tallied by Cary Cooper.

Roman Soto scored a goal that enabled the Bandits to avert a shutout in their 6-1 loss to the Hotspurs. Cooper and Marty Wyatt tallied two goals each, while Greg Burns and Jason Black scored one apiece for the victors.

In a close, well-played game, the Lasers

## Burros lose close one, 6-5, to Quartz Hill Rebels

In another close game with the Quartz Hill Rebels, the Burroughs High School varsity baseball team came out on the short end of a 6-5 final score on Tuesday afternoon at Quartz Hill.

The Ridgecrest team will be on the road this afternoon in Lancaster for another Golden League tilt that will mark the start of the third and final round of league play. Starting time is 3 p.m. for the Burroughs vs. Antelope Valley tilt.

The Burros started off strong by scoring three runs in their first time at bat. A lead-off single by Ray Haleman was followed by an error that put Mark Kaupp on first base. A single by Kevin Blecha then loaded the bases with one out.

Chris Craft, the Rebels' starting pitcher, walked Tim Lewis to force in Haleman with the game's first run before a single off the bat of David Hawkins drove in both Kaupp and Blecha.

The BHS lead was short-lived, however, as the Rebels also tallied three runs in their initial appearance at the plate to tie the score at 3-3.

A combination of two doubles and a single, along with three fielding errors by the Burros, resulted in the three first-inning tallies by the Rebels.

A bunt by Scott Johnson, lead off batter, back to Steve Vie, pitcher for Burroughs, was fielded, but then thrown wildly to first. Johnson then moved to second on an error and scored on a double by Jeff Angelo.

Before the dust had settled at the bottom of the first inning on a cold and windy afternoon at Quartz Hill, Vie had been tagged for a double by John Scripser that scored

Angelo, and a single by Mark Nunnelee that enabled Scripser to score.

The score remained tied at 3-3 until the Quartz Hill squad came to bat in the bottom of the fourth. The damage erupted after there were two outs in the fourth. Art Varela, who singled and stole second base, was followed to the plate by Scott Johnson, who drew a walk.

A single to right field by Angelo drove in not only Varela but also Johnson, who beat a throw from the outfield. At home plate, Dan Allen, the BHS catcher, fired the ball back to second in an attempt to throw out Angelo, but the wind-carried toss was high and soared into center field — an error that allowed Angelo to tally what turned out to be the game-winning run.

The Burros got two of these three runs back in the top of the fifth to cut the Quartz Hill lead to 6-5.

Kaupp, who led off with a single, was thrown out trying to steal second base, but a walk issued to Blecha was followed by a triple off the bat of Hawkins that drove in Blecha. Allen then singled to score Hawkins.

The Burros came close to winning the game, or forcing it into an extra inning, only to have their efforts nullified by a questionable call by the home plate official in the seventh inning.

Blecha got things rolling for the Ridgecrest team with a lead-off single in the top of the seventh. Lewis walked, and Hawkins was out on a sacrifice that enabled Lewis and Blecha to move to second and third base.

With Jon Truitt at bat as a pinch hitter for

Burroughs, Venegas, the Rebels' pitcher, fired a ball that got away from the Quartz Hill catcher. Blecha sprinted home from third base only to be called out, even though Venegas made the tag but then dropped the ball that had been recovered and thrown to him by the catcher.

The Burros still had a chance, with runners on second and third and two outs, but a ground ball out ended the contest with Quartz Hill clinging to a 6-5 lead.

Steve Vie went the distance on the mound for the Burroughs. He gave up 6 runs on 6 hits, struck out 2 and walked 1. Costly to the Burros' hopes for their third win of the season were the 5 fielding errors that were committed by the Ridgecrest team.

The Burros outthrew the Rebels 9 to 6, including a triple and a single by Hawkins in three times at bat, a double and a single by Kaupp in four times at bat, and two singles by Blecha in two trips to the plate.

Craft and Venegas, the two Quartz Hill pitchers, issued eight walks and struck out four opposing batters.

## Ridgecrest recreation softball league teams to begin play Monday

The Ridgecrest Recreation Department's summer softball season will get underway next week on playing fields at the Naval Weapons Center.

There are 46 teams lined up to play, including men's fast and slow pitch squads, as well as women's slow pitch teams that will be competing at Schoeffel Field, Reardon Field, and at two Knox Road playing fields.

Competition begins Monday in the Men's Fast Pitch (Competitive) Division at Reardon Field with a game at 6 p.m. between the Yankers and the Ridgecrest Merchants, followed at 8 o'clock by the Entertainers vs. the Hombres. The fifth team in this division is the Cards, from Trona.

Action will get underway at 8:30 p.m. Monday in the 12-team Men's Slow Pitch (Competitive) Division with a game between the NWC Varsity and The Place.

Also on Monday night, it will be the Gearheads vs. the Bamboo Club at 6 o'clock, and the Deb's vs. Warriors at 8 in the 10-team Men's Fast Pitch (Recreation) Division at Knox Field.

The Men's Slow Pitch (Recreation) Division also includes a group of seven teams that will vie at the Knox Road playing field. For the season opens on Monday night, it will be the Psychic Impulses vs. Rockettes at 6 o'clock and Ford Aerospace vs. The Pitts at 8.

Women's Slow Pitch Division play begins on Tuesday night with three games at Reardon Field. Half of the Women's Division's 12 teams will see action on the opening night, as follows: Babco vs. Ladies of the 80s at 5:30, CSC vs. Smith Construction at 7, and NWC vs. Village Cardinals at 8:30.

## Seven military teams to vie in slow pitch softball league here

The Military (slow pitch) Softball League, sponsored by the Sports Division of the Recreation Services Department, will get underway on Monday evening at Schoeffel Field.

There are seven teams entered in this league, and games are scheduled at 5:30 and 7 o'clock on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Teams lined up to play in the Military Softball League, and their managers or coaches, are NWC Os, Delbert Oakes; The Beef, Charles Kess; Intruders, Terry Maidment; Bad News Bears, Stu Caldwell; Hornets, Mark Rainho; VX-5, Jim Clark; and The Who, Craig Tullio.

The schedule for the first week of play is as follows: on Monday, Bad News Bears vs. The Who at 5:30 p.m., and Hornets vs. The Beef at 7 p.m.; on Wednesday, May 2, Intruders vs. NWC Os at 5:30 p.m., and The Who vs. VX-5 at 7 p.m.

## 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.

**Civilian Employee** — It is commonly understood that civilian employees run our place. Why is this not prevented?  
ANSWER

I am going to provide a fairly long answer to your short question because the question gives me an opportunity to recap the concept of the military/civilian team that has been so important to the long time success of the Naval Weapons Center.

First of all, let there be no mistake about the fact that I am the person who is in command at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake. This is a military installation; the Commander must have, and does have, all of the responsibility and authority that accrue to command. Now, having hopefully made that point clear, I want to make it equally clear that the way in which command is exercised must be a way that supports and facilitates mission accomplishment.

The Center's mission is to perform RDT&E work — scientific and engineering work — for the Navy. In large part, such work requires many years of specialized scientific and professional training, and for us, it results in a work force that is about 80 percent civilian. Management of technical work and the management decisions that affect technical work need to be effected by people who have a high degree of subject-matter skill. Thus, these activities are most suitably carried on by civilian managers who are trained in scientific and engineering disciplines.

With reference to general management at the Center, as contrasted to scientific leadership, I think it is safe to say that most of our civilians, while they are every bit as dedicated to the Navy as are the uniformed military personnel, are culturally not very well adapted to the procedures and regulations that govern life aboard ship or at more purely military installations ashore. The people who manage the Center have to recognize this. Procedures that would be effective at another Command could very well result in damage to the successful mission accomplishment at this Center.

A very important factor is one that I touched upon briefly above. That is, one of the fundamental reasons for the exceptional record of achievement by the Naval Weapons Center is the military/civilian partnership that has prevailed throughout much of the history of the Center. The operational inputs from the military people have been a vital ingredient in orienting R&D work toward the real requirements of the Navy. Thus, the issue is not one of whether the military or civilian sector dominates at the Center; rather the issue is that of maintaining this essential teamwork approach with recognition that we all work for the same Navy with the same level of dedication.

### QUESTION

**Civilian Employee** — Regarding the dust problem in Owens Lake. Putting up fences to stop the dust from blowing is like treating a cough when the cause is pneumonia. The big problem is really draining the water out of the lake. Why doesn't someone stand up to the L.A. Department of Water and Power and make them reduce the amount of water being taken from the Owens River, and develop other sources of water, such as desalination. I think it would be a better use of money.

### ANSWER

The question you have raised is more complex than it seems at first glance and is often subject to simplistic answers. Let me make it clear that the Center has no direct authority to influence Los Angeles' ownership of water rights or water supply management efforts. The State regulatory agencies and courts are responsible for carrying out this task.

Owens Dry Lake was in the process of drying up when the Department of Water and Power began exporting water from Owens Valley. Although it is clear that this export increased the rate of Owens Lake evolution from a lake to a dry lake bed, it is not as obvious that the lake would have survived in any case or could survive at present even if water export was terminated. The real issue that you raise is whether the methods proposed for controlling dust from the dry lake bed are cosmetic or real.

We know the problem is real and, therefore, I am committing a small amount of discretionary funds to develop a method of controlling the dust generated from the lake bed. The Center is supporting the pilot scale fence study to determine how effectively it can control the dust. This method has been identified as having the highest potential for successful control of the dust.

Using your analogy, we are attempting to find a cure for the pneumonia through experimentation and this next phase will determine whether the best of the alternatives identified thus far can be effective when applied on a lakewide basis. The funds being spent in this matter are an appropriate next step in seeking to realistically control dust from the lakebed.

## Vendors' Day program set May 10 during Small Business Week

Small Business Week, which has been proclaimed May 6-12 by President Ronald Reagan, will be observed locally by a High Desert Vendors' Day that is to be held on Thursday, May 10, at the Naval Weapons Center.

Invitations to attend the Vendors' Day program, along with registration forms, have been sent to representatives of vendors and firms interested in doing business with military bases in the high desert. This event is to be held at the Enlisted Mess from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and there is no charge, except for the lunch that will be served at a cost of \$6.50 per person.

Pre-registration is necessary for the Vendors' Day program. Completed registration forms and checks made payable to High Desert Vendors' Day are due no later than May 4.

Among the honored guests who will be speakers at this special event will be Wayne Mills, Deputy Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization from the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, and Peter Bergan, Director of the Fresno (Calif.) District of the Small Business Administration.

Lois Herrington, who heads the NWC Small Business Program Office, is in charge of arrangements for the Vendors' Day program.

Joining with NWC for this event will be representatives of the Air Force Flight Test Center and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Dryden Research

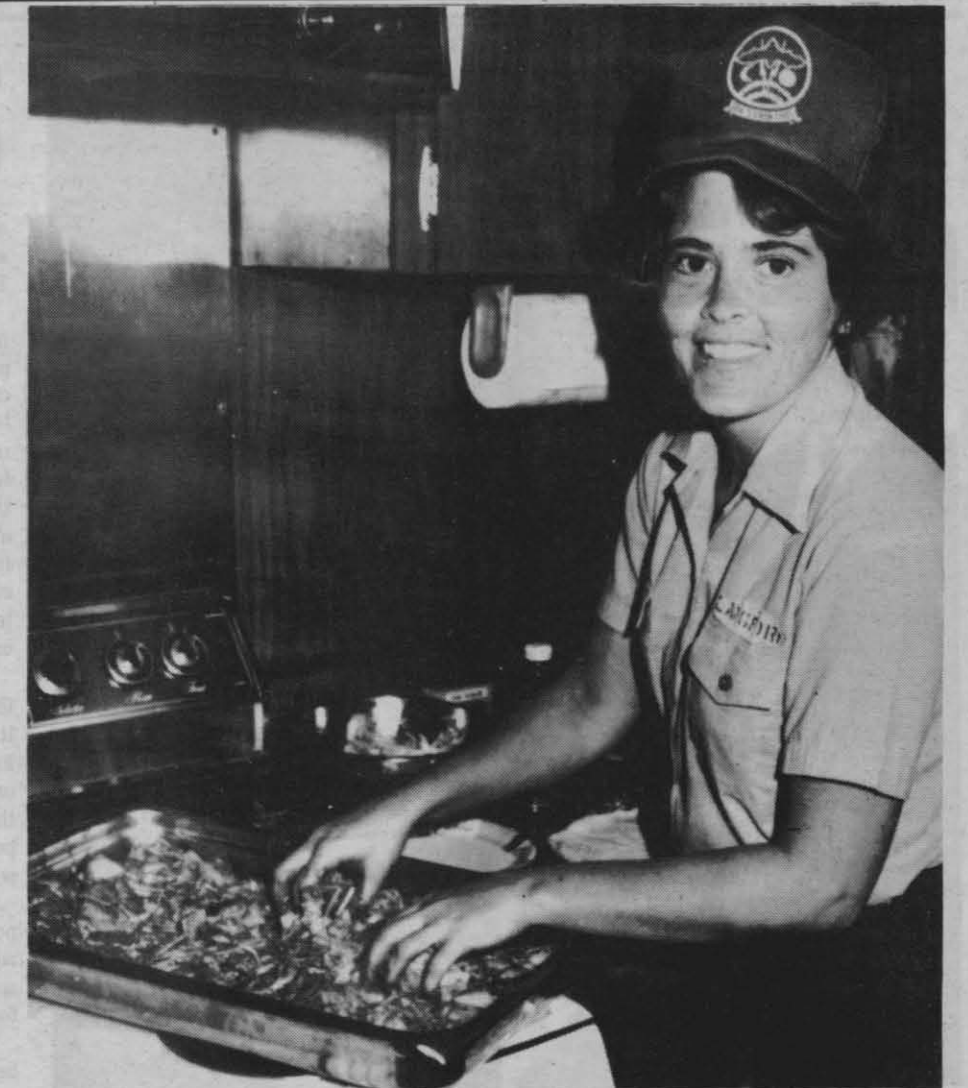
Facility, both at Edwards Air Force Base; the Tactical Air Command at George Air Force Base; the Marine Corps Logistics Support Base at Barstow; and the Army National Training Center at Fort Irwin.

## Thelen honored...

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development and implementation of technology management practices."

A reemployed annuitant, Dr. Thelen says that he plans to "keep working as long as they have something for me to do." He is currently the manager of the NWC Ordnance Systems Department's Ordnance Fuel Fire Cookoff Program.

In his spare time, he says that he enjoys making house repairs and modifications.



**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** — Airman Cynthia K. Langford has been singled out for special recognition as Sailor of the Quarter for the first three months of 1984 by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5). During her tour of duty with VX-5, which began in January 1983, AN Langford has spent time working in Maintenance Administration at Hangar One, in the Aviation Safety Equipment Work Center, and the Officers' Wardroom, where she is currently assigned.  
— Photo by PH2 Dennis Mugglin

## 2 ambulance crewmen help save life of woman hurt in car wreck

Few victims of highway accidents get as prompt care as did a woman injured in a wreck on Interstate 15 recently—the vehicle that her pickup truck nearly hit as it spun and rolled was a Navy ambulance.

The Naval Weapons Center ambulance, manned by Randall S. Barr, an Emergency Medical Technician-firefighter with the NWC Fire Division, and HM3 Deane Bennett, from the NRCM branch clinic at China Lake, was transporting a Navy dependent to the Loma Linda Hospital at the time.

The ambulance had just entered I-15 from the on-ramp at the intersection of I-15 and Highway 395 at about 7 p.m. when Barr spotted a tire from an 18-wheel truck lying in the lane next to the slow lane in which he was endeavoring to attain highway speed. He says that as he watched, the driver of a Mazda pickup truck was unable to take evasive action and struck the tire.

The force of the impact caused her truck to spin, confront the ambulance head-on, continue to spin and then finally come to rest at the side of the road after rolling several times.

"I don't think she missed us by the width of a hand," says Barr, and Petty Officer Bennett feels that is an understatement if anything.

The two men stopped their ambulance as quickly as possible. Petty Officer Bennett went to the aid of the victim, while Barr

radioed the Antelope Valley Hospital to summon another ambulance. (Although they were only about nine miles from Victorville, the medical radio that the ambulance carried was plugged in to the Antelope Valley Hospital frequency, so the call had to be relayed by that facility to Victorville.)

Also stopping to render aid was an off-duty paramedic from Los Angeles, who was about four car-lengths behind the ambulance. "He was a really big help," says Petty Officer Bennett.

The driver of the pickup truck was unconscious and bleeding profusely from a head laceration when the men began their first aid treatment. She had begun to go into shock, requiring oxygen (which the ambulance carried).

By the time that the police arrived (nearly 45 minutes later), along with paramedics from Victorville and fire trucks, the victim was stabilized and had regained consciousness.

(The large number of emergency vehicles that responded to the call for help was due to garbled reports to the California Highway Patrol that the Navy ambulance had been hit by a truck.)

Once the paramedics arrived with another ambulance and the victim was readied for transport, the Navy ambulance proceeded on its way.

Barr says that he feels everyone at the site was lucky. A truck had already hit the tire, which tore out part of the truck's fuel system — but no fuel spill resulted. The truck driver had pulled off to the side of the road and was far enough down the road so that the pickup truck did not hit this vehicle as it spun and rolled.

The pickup truck driver, of course, was extremely fortunate in that she had the medical help she needed to survive immediately available.

And the ambulance personnel also considered themselves lucky. First, because they were not hit by the pickup truck, and second, because the patient they had in the ambulance, a 12-year-old heart patient, was in sufficiently stable condition that they were able to stay as long as needed to aid the highway accident victim.





**CHANGE OF COMMAND** — Capt. Leon Ammerman (l.), former Commanding Officer of the China Lake Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, salutes the new Commanding Officer of the squadron, 1st Lt. Edmond Johnson, during a change of command ceremony held recently. The squadron received its charter within the past two years, and now has a total of 33 members, including cadets. The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Anyone interested in further information about the CAP and requirements for membership is asked to telephone Lt. Col. RLee Peters evenings at 375-3171.

— Photo by Clare Grounds

## Sailors of Year dinner...

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Faith Chapel.

Among highlights of the evening will be brief remarks by Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, and Capt. Roger Flower, Commanding Officer of VX-5, as they present plaques to the Sailors of the Year representing their commands.

A welcome to the more than 200 persons in attendance will be extended by John DiPol, a Navy Leaguer, who is a retired former department head at NWC, while to Vivian Boultinghouse, Navy League president, will fall the honor of presenting the monetary awards to the Sailors of the Year and the Bluejackets and Sailors of the Quarter whose selection marks them as the most outstanding petty officers serving at China Lake.

DiPol also will introduce the military officials and civilian dignitaries, including the following:

Capt. Dickerson, NWC Commander, and Mrs. Dickerson; Capt. Flower, Com-

## Film series 'Blessings Out of Brokenness' begins Sun. at chapel

A four-part film series entitled "Blessings Out of Brokenness" will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday at the All Faith Chapel.

This series of films features Joni Earekson Tada, who is completely paralyzed from injuries suffered in a diving accident at the age of 17.

Despite her physical handicap, she is now married and has demonstrated how faith helped her to overcome her adversities. As an example of this, she has learned to paint pictures using her teeth to hold the brush.

The starting time is 7 p.m. for each of the four films. The first one will deal with the question "Why the Brokenness?" The second on May 6 is entitled "Where Are the Blessings?" while the third film, to be shown on May 13, focuses on "Mending Things."

On the final evening of this film series, which is sponsored by the Protestant Congregation of the All Faith Chapel and is open to the public free of charge, the subject will be "Healing and Heaven."

manding Officer of VX-5, and Mrs. Flower; Capt. J. T. Phaneuf, Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel, and Mrs. Phaneuf; Capt. C. S. (Scotty) Vaught, NWC Chief Staff Officer, and Mrs. Vaught; Marine Col. John T. Tyler, Deputy Laboratory Director and Marine Corps Liaison Officer, and Mrs. Tyler; TCMC J. W. McAllester, NWC's Master Chief Petty Officer of the Command, and Mrs. McAllester; and RCMC (SS) R. A. Jacobsen, Command Master Chief of VX-5, and Mrs. Jacobsen.

Among the many civilian dignitaries present will be B. W. Hays, NWC Technical Director.

The evening will be concluded by the benediction by Chaplain Compton and retiring of the colors by the Sea Cadets of the NWC Division, a unit sponsored by the local Navy League.

The awards for the Sailors of the Year program are made possible by the donations received from Navy League members and other interested persons, including businessmen in the local area and contractors and corporations that do business with the Naval Weapons Center.

## Special service set in observance of Nat'l Prayer Day

National Day of Prayer, which this year falls on Thursday, May 3, will be observed locally by a non-sectarian service that is being arranged by the Indian Wells Valley Chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, International.

The service, which is open to the public, will be held at the Calvary Assembly of God Church, 800 W. Upjohn Rd., Ridgecrest. The church doors will open at 11:30 a.m., and the program will start promptly at 11:45 and end 30 minutes later.

The service will begin with a prayer, recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and the singing of "God Bless America." Also included will be a patriotic reading about the American flag, and a short Scripture reading.

The remainder of the time, before a closing hymn and prayer, is to be spent in silent prayer and meditation.

## Managers given suggestions on picking best applicants for jobs

Selecting the best applicant for a job is one of a manager's greatest challenges, according to C. Karen Altieri, the Center's Professional Recruitment Coordinator.

When a vacancy occurs in an organization, the manager has the opportunity to give some direction to any changes that he feels the group either is taking or should take. For instance, the manager should consider whether new technology is needed, whether new functions are needed, whether changes in job assignments could make the organization more cost-effective, and whether the requirements for that position are still legitimate in that they still fit the organization.

Once the function of the position is clearly identified, the manager must then set priorities and identify applicable skills and knowledge, consider whether the organization has any special needs, and use this information to establish a profile of a potential employee. Qualifications should be weighted.

Ms. Altieri adds that it is equally important, however, to be somewhat flexible with regard to such a profile because persons with unusual qualifications may apply for the job opening.

This analysis of the job is vital, she says, because "If you don't know what you want, you may end up with someone you don't want."

The main responsibility of the official who selects the person to fill a job is to the organization. This responsibility includes picking the candidate who can best enhance the organization.

The manager must not exclude quality candidates either by oversight or because the individual fits a stereotype of some sort. Equally, it is important that the manager not take the easy road and hire a "nice guy" who doesn't have the needed skills.

The manager has a responsibility to the applicants also. All applicants must be considered with an open mind, and only job relevant data should be considered.

The applicant should be given the opportunity to present himself or herself well — should be made comfortable and given the opportunity to sell himself or herself. The applicant also must be given adequate information about the job, especially with regard to facts that might affect whether that individual might want the job (such as

frequency of travel or other job conditions).

If the unsuccessful applicant requests feedback about why he or she was not chosen, constructive feedback — given with discretion — is essential.

The manager also has some personal responsibilities to select someone who will make the manager's job easier. These considerations become especially important if the individual selected will work closely with the manager on a daily basis or will be required to act or speak for the manager at any time.

Most important of all is gathering as much data as possible about candidates being considered so that the best choice can be made.

Checking references is essential, says Ms. Altieri, because she feels strongly that any supervisor who hires an employee without checking references has no business being a supervisor. She suggests telephoning those references as well as telephoning prior supervisors of the individual if that person has ever worked on board the Center.

Prior supervisors are apt to be somewhat more open in an informal telephone conversation about desirable or undesirable characteristics of the applicant than they might be in writing — and it is possible to ask pertinent questions and get direct answers regarding the individual's work habits and other work characteristics.

Care in making a selection of applicants pays off, she notes, because a good employee may help the organization for a long time — and a poor one may be there forever.

## Nominations sought for Bjorklund Award honoring managers

Nominations are now being sought by members of the East Kern County Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) for the R. W. Bjorklund Management Innovation Awards. Anyone in the local area is invited to submit such a nomination.

The award, named for the late R. W. Bjorklund, who was head of what was then the Naval Ordnance Test Station's Central Staff (now NWC's Office of Finance and Management), honors persons in two categories: governmental innovators, or persons who are prime movers in developing methods to meet community needs.

Eligible are line and staff public employees of local, state and federal government, local school districts and public service organizations in the Indian Wells Valley who have made a significant innovation in management processes and/or community related management functions. These personnel may either be paid employees or unpaid volunteers.

The award consists of a desk set or a plaque and a certificate, presented at an open meeting of ASPA.

Anyone wishing a nomination form should telephone Bill Arnold, NWC ext. 2604; Marco Monsalve, NWC ext. 3658; or Mickey Strang, NWC ext. 3354. Nominations must be mailed to ASPA, 609 W. Wildrose, Ridgecrest, CA 93555 by May 18.

## Metal Trades Council

The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, at 520 E. Inyokern Road.

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

## Police reports...

A total of \$60.63 left in an envelope in the Hall Memorial Lanes bowling alley last Monday at 11 p.m. was missing at 7 a.m. the next day when the person who left the money returned to claim the envelope. All that was left was the empty envelope.

## Bighorn sheep released at Eagle Crags last December doing well

The bighorn sheep reintroduced to NWC lands last December are doing well, and their number is increasing. At least one lamb was born in January, possibly two others were, and more are expected to arrive along with the spring wildflower blossoms between now and June. Ten ewes were thought to be pregnant.

A total of 8 rams and 17 ewes were gathered from the Old Dad and Marble Mountain areas (near Baker, Calif.) by Department of Fish and Game personnel and volunteers during the first week of December, and were moved to the Eagle Crags region of the Center's Mojave B range by Navy helicopter.

The reintroduction of sheep into their traditional range was made possible by the removal of burros from Navy lands.

When the bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*) were captured to be moved, their general health was checked, blood tests were made for blood parasites and for selenium levels (to see whether they were adequate for lambing and lamb survival), and they were checked for internal parasites.

The DFG laboratories that checked the blood drawn report that no blood parasites were found in any of the animals, and selenium levels were adequate. A few animals had internal parasites, but that was expected.

Seventeen of the animals had radio collars put around their necks before they were released so that they could be tracked. (All animals also were eartagged.) No collars were put on the other animals because they were not fully grown and biologists feared that if these were given collars large enough to allow for growth, they could get a hoof tangled in it.

Each of the collared animals was assigned its own radio frequency so it is possible to keep track of each animal separately. Tom Campbell, a wildlife biologist in the Environmental Branch of the Public Works Department, spends approximately two days each week checking on the bighorns.

He says that he drives to high points where he can then use a radio and direction finding equipment to locate the collared

animals. Notations are made on each animal's record regarding where it was located by this means, and then Campbell tries to find the animals visually as well to see their general condition and behavior and to check for new lambs.

Life expectancy of the batteries in the collars is about 22 months, by which time the animals should be well settled in their new homes.

The majority of the sheep, both collared and uncollared, are within 8 miles of the release site in the Eagle Crags area. This particular site was chosen because the last known sheep on Center lands lived in that area, and several year-round springs exist to ensure adequate water.

However, three sheep have moved into the Slate or Panamint Ranges to considerably higher elevations than the 5,000 feet or so at the Eagle Crags. These are more than 20 miles from the release site, with one adult ram actually heading clear up to the Butte Valley in Death Valley National Monument.

That sheep has wandered more than 30 air miles from the release site and has probably traversed more than 50 miles on the ground to get that far off. Even though the animal has wandered so far, it may well return to the release site since sheep show unusual fidelity to their home areas.

Two sheep have not been located, but their radio collars beep just enough to let Campbell know that they are still alive. One sheep is a confirmed mortality — probably due to coyotes, Campbell says. Its body was found in the Ship Rock area where the coyotes apparently kept it from water until it was sufficiently weakened for them to attack it successfully.

That only one so far is a confirmed mortality indicates the success of the project, he notes, since losses were anticipated. In fact, had losses been higher than expected, the Center's natural resources specialists might have needed to supplement the initial release with some additional sheep to provide the best sex ratios and age distributions to establish a viable herd. So far, this action does not appear to be necessary.

## Daylight Saving Time begins again on Sunday

The annual changeover to Daylight Saving Time will take place at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

The easiest way to keep abreast of the correct time is to remember to set all clocks ahead one hour before retiring for the evening on Saturday.

The idea of using daylight hours advantageously is not new. Benjamin Franklin, while ambassador to France, woke up with the sun streaming through the window one spring morning and realized that the rest of Paris was still sleeping.

This wasted daylight annoyed him and he

came up with the idea of adjusting time according to the seasons to make the most of the extra daylight available in spring and summer.

But it was one of Old Ben's few ideas that did not catch on when he suggested it back home. At the time there were no established time zones in the United States.

By 1883, however, the U.S. railroads, concerned that trains were not running on time, created four time zones to eliminate the confusion caused by the more than 100 local sun times in use across the nation. From 1883 to 1918, the idea caught on



**MONITORED FREEDOM** — All adult bighorn sheep released on the Center's ranges wear radio collars so that they can be tracked readily. Animals that were not yet fully grown were not collared because they could become tangled in any collar loose enough to allow room for growth.

## Gov't travelers must return any airline discount coupons, gifts

NWC personnel who travel on government business have questioned how they are affected by the "frequent flyer" programs that many airlines instituted in the past several years.

The "frequent flyer" programs provide free travel discount fares, upgraded seating, or bonuses such as gifts. Rental car companies also provide bonus points or gifts.

The Comptroller General, in NAVCOMPT Inst. 4600.1B, says that as a general principle, government travelers are obligated to account for gifts, gratuities, or benefits received from private sources incidental to performance of official duty.

These tangible or intangible items may not be retained by the government traveler, but must be turned in to the appropriate federal agency for disposition. At NWC, these items must be turned in to the

Disbursing Officer, Code 08605.

The Comptroller General has held that a bonus ticket received by an employee as a result of official travel (or official travel combined with personal travel) is the property of the government and must be turned in. This includes discounts for future travel that are non-transferable or have an expiration date such that it appears unlikely that the government will be able to make use of the discount.

An employee who enters a promotional program that includes free upgrade of service to first class, membership in clubs, and check-cashing privileges does not have to return such benefits to the government.

If an employee had to spend money to enter a promotional program, the government should reimburse the employee's out-of-pocket expenses if these expenses are less than the discount received by the employee from the airlines.

Employees on official travel who receive promotional gifts such as pens, pencils, note pads, calendars or similar items of nominal value may keep them.

## Consultation, talks about screw thread scheduled May 8-11

Stanley Johnson and Robert S. Chamera of the Johnson Gage Co., will conduct a 3-hour presentation entitled "The Screw Thread," starting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, in the Michelson Laboratory auditorium (Rm. 1000D).

During this presentation they will discuss terminology, design application, drawing specification options, verification methods, and new developments of applicable screw thread standards (Federal Standard H-28 and ANSI B1.3).

NWC personnel wishing to consult with Johnson and Chamera about screw thread problems on Center programs will be able to do so on May 9, 10, and 11, but must contact George Pruitt or Charlene Peterson, by calling NWC ext. 2589, to set up an appointment.

## Payment by check at NEX snack bars ends May 7

Beginning on Monday, May 7, a number of Navy Exchange facilities will no longer accept payment for services by a personal check. They are the beer hut (located at Schoeffel Field), the snack bars located at Armitage Field, Bennington Plaza, in the CLPP area, and at the bowling alley.

Also, included in this restriction of check cashing privileges are the Desert Freeze ice cream parlor and the Michelson Laboratory cafeteria.

