



COLORING CONTEST WINNERS — Entries by these five children were among the winners in the Turkey Day Coloring Contest sponsored by the NWC Recreational Services Department.

Children's Christmas Parade slated Saturday in Ridgecrest

Keeping a wary eye on the weather, officials in charge of arrangements for the 15th annual Children's Christmas Parade in Ridgecrest are in the final stages of preparations for this gala event, which will be staged tomorrow.

popcorn balls, while the Laurels, an LDS Church youth group, will give away balloons to parade viewers.

After the parade, food booths will be set up at the Kern Desert Regional Park, where there will be additional entertainment and trophies will be distributed to winners in the various categories of the parade competition.

Santa Claus will make an appearance at the park, and the opportunity will be provided for the children to have photos snapped with Santa.

Donations of toys or food to help brighten the holiday season for those in need will be accepted at boxes set up in the park during the post-parade festivities there.

Tomorrow's activities, with their emphasis on youth, will be concluded by a dance for young people from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at the old Kern County Building on W. Ridgecrest Blvd. This event, sponsored by New Youth, will feature recorded music played by a local disc jockey.

Capt. K. A. Dickerson to air his views on readiness of U.S. Navy

A rebuttal to recently-published remarks down-grading the readiness of the Navy to handle its mission in wartime will be the main theme of a talk to be presented at the next meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13, at El Charro Avitia restaurant in Ridgecrest, and the speaker will be Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander.

A social hour starting at 6:30 p.m. will precede the group's 7:30 dinner, and the program, featuring the talk by Capt. Dickerson, will follow.

The price of the dinner is \$6.50 per person. Menu selections include the choice of chimichanga, taco salad, or a combination

All hands at NWC invited to Christmas party Dec. 14 at EM

Everyone at China Lake is invited to attend the NWC all hands Christmas party that will be held at the Enlisted Mess on Friday, Dec. 14. The evening's activities will include a buffet dinner, door prizes, and dancing and listening to the music of Port and Starboard, a Navy band from San Francisco.

The evening will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 o'clock, after which a three-meat buffet dinner will be served. To suit all tastes, the three meats are turkey, ham and steamboat round of beef.

Following dinner, the band will play for the dancing and listening pleasure of partygoers. The door prizes will be given away throughout the evening.

Tickets for the evening, including dinner, are \$5 for enlisted personnel and their guests, and \$8.50 per person for officers, civilian employees, and their guests. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Ens. Martha Vanderkamp, phone NWC ext. 2601 or 2291; Lt. Jack Ceckler, NWC ext. 5144; or Lcdr. Steven Enewold, NWC ext. 5687.

Appropriate dress for the all hands Christmas party is informal civilian attire, with the exception that blue jeans and cords are banned.

Hobby Shop offers class in making porcelain dolls

A class in making porcelain dolls will begin tomorrow morning at the Recreational Services Department's Craft and Hobby Shop.

Class sessions are scheduled tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; on Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 11 and 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.; and the course will be completed on the evening of Dec. 18.

Mary Burchett is the instructor of this class, which is open to anyone 18 years of age and over.

The registration fee is \$10 for military personnel or their dependents; \$12 for DoD civilians and their dependents; and \$16 for others. Signups are being handled at the Hobby Shop. Those interested can still enroll as late as 8 o'clock tonight.

Additional information can be obtained by calling NWC ext. 3252.

Santa's arrival by helo will highlight kids' party at VX-5

A Christmas party for the children of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) personnel will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, starting at 2 p.m. in Hangar One at Armitage Airfield.

Highlight of this event, which is being arranged by the VX-5 Wives Club, will be the arrival of Santa Claus in a helicopter. Plans call for games, refreshments, and singing Christmas carols.

Reservations that are required to attend this party can be made by calling Pam Stolle, phone 446-3732, no later than Monday, Dec. 10.

MOVIES listing for Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday with showtimes and descriptions.

Navy Exchange plans varied sales events for holiday season

The Navy Exchange is gearing up for the holiday season with several sales. From now until Dec. 15 there will be a big savings to purchasers of retail merchandise such as telephones, radio cassettes, and clocks.

On next Thursday, Dec. 13, the NEX has scheduled a Customer Appreciation Day offering price reductions of ten percent on all retail merchandise. As an added attraction, door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be available.

As a benefit to NEX patrons, a giftwrapping booth will be manned during the Christmas season in a wooden building located in front of the NEX. The hours of operation for the giftwrapping service will be Monday through Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

United Parcel Service will be operating a personalized service center at the NEX during the same hours that the giftwrapping service is in operation.

The NEX garden shop now has fresh cut Christmas trees that were delivered today, and an automotive sale will begin next Thursday, Dec. 13, and continue through Dec. 15.

Disneyland offers holiday rate for active duty military

Active duty military personnel, their families, and friends will have the opportunity to enjoy the unlimited use of the many and varied attractions at Disneyland while "Military Days" are in force at the Magic Kingdom from now until Dec. 24.

Admission to the park costs \$10 for a "Military Days" ticket purchased in advance from the Recreational Services Department's Information, Tour and Ticket Office at the Community Center.

Park operating hours in December will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (Dec. 8 and 9); 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 15 and 16); and 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 22 and 23).

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NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER CHINA LAKE CALIFORNIA

In aftermath of Aug. 15 flood, major task of restoring water-soaked documents in lab basement undertaken

When the floodwaters were pumped out of the Michelson Laboratory basement last August, the library storage area belonging to the Technical Information Department fit any definition of a disaster area. Soggy documents drooped on shelves, hung over the tops of ceiling pipes and fixtures, and swam in the remaining few inches of water on the floor.

Today, thanks to the dedicated efforts of a hardworking crew and to technology developed when other libraries were flooded, the majority of these documents are well on their way to once more being usable.

At the time of the flood, about 90,000 documents were located in the basement facility.

Salvage efforts began as soon as the water had been pumped to about 6 or 8 inches deep, with volunteers from throughout the Center sloshing through the muck to carry the sodden papers and books out, box them, and move them into freezer units.

Since between 25 and 30 percent of the documents were classified, a 24-hour guard was posted over the materials and the same vigil will be kept until the restoration work is completed.

Document Reprocessors of San Francisco, the successful bidder for the restoration contract, moved in two portable vacuum chambers to the secured area where the refrigerated units full of wet (Continued on Page 5)

Results of CFC fund drive best ever at NWC; total \$196,030

At the conclusion of this year's Combined Federal Campaign fund drive, a total of \$196,030.96 has been collected in payroll deduction pledges and cash.

This far exceeds any prior drive, according to Loretta King and Natalie Harrison, this year's CFC fund drive coordinators. The most ever collected before for the wide range of agencies that are CFC members was \$180,147 during the 1982 fund drive.

Although the amount collected was the largest ever, the percentage of participation dropped to a mere one-third of the Naval Weapons Center's military and civilian personnel. Those who contributed did so generously.

All donations designated to specific agencies or groups of agencies will be sent to these designees; the remaining donations will be divided among the four participating groups of organizations: the United Way of Indian Wells Valley, National Health Agencies, National Service Agencies and International Service Agencies.



CONDITION OF DOCUMENTS CHECKED — Bob Keyser and Sigrid Bethke check the condition of newly dried documents to determine whether they are salvageable.

CNM commends all Centerites involved in lab cleanup job

Admiral S. A. White, Chief of Naval Material, had glowing words of praise recently for all hands who were involved in the cleanup of Michelson Laboratory following the damaging flood that hit the Indian Wells Valley in mid-August.

In a letter addressed to Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, the CNM wrote: "I have not heard of a better example of superb teamwork and performance in the face of adversity than the case of the severe flooding at China Lake."

"The speed and thoroughness of your people's actions during the flooding and the painstaking clean-up which followed are terrific examples for all to see."

"Burrell Hays and yourself provide the superb leadership which kept the Center going and enabled resumption of full operation quickly. Obviously, your people did all that you asked. Please extend my admiration and appreciation to all those who deserve it."

"Well done!" Expressing his own thoughts on the matter, Capt. Dickerson added: "Each of you did all and more than I asked in the recovery effort. You are truly professionals in your own field, and I am proud to be your Commander."

Information Systems Gp. formed; has vital role in future of NWC

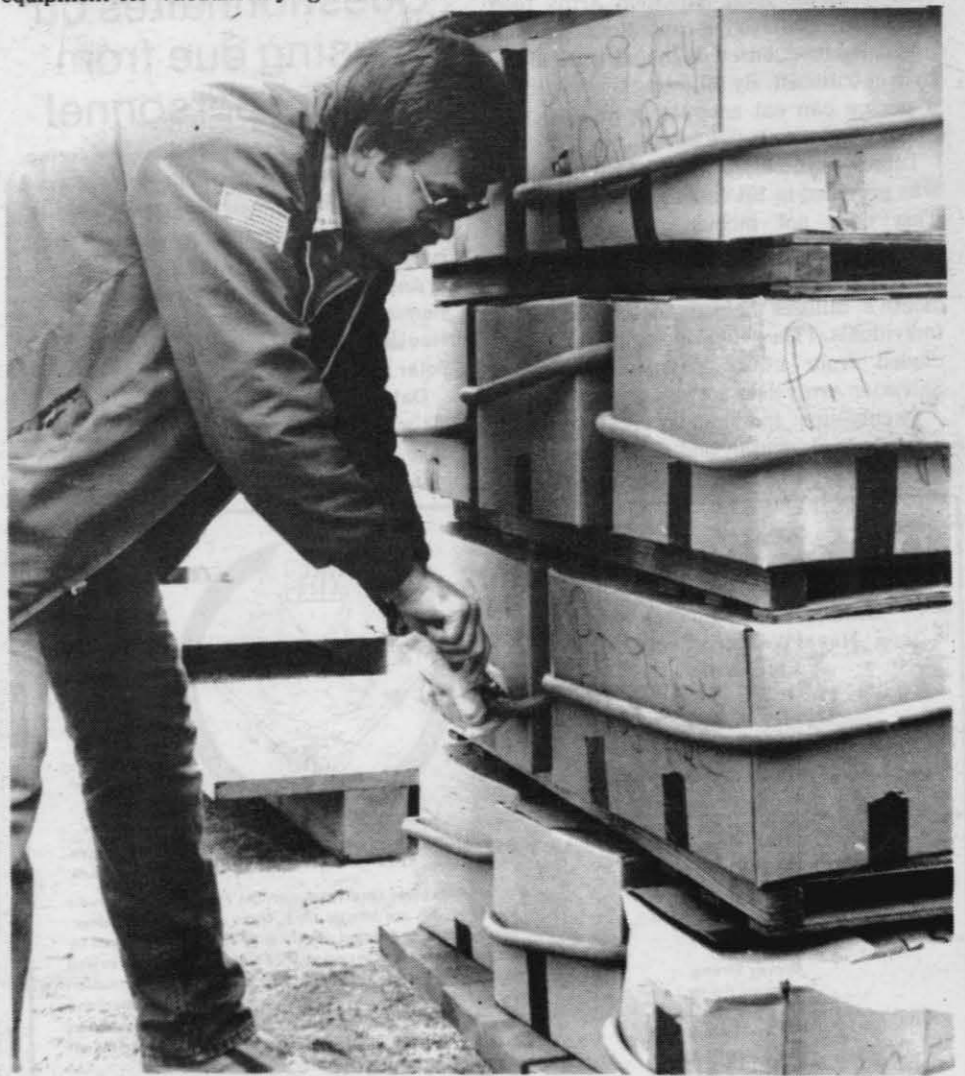
The Information Systems Group, Code 14, has been formed at NWC to help effectively and efficiently bring the Naval Weapons Center to the forefront of information technology and its ever-expanding applications.

The organization, headed by Bill Ball, is the fourth staff department; others are the Office of Finance and Management, the Personnel Department, and the Weapons Planning Group. The role of each staff department is so broad that it encompasses work in all three directorates.

The Center has been increasingly involved with computers and information systems for the past three decades. As technology has evolved and continues to do so, and as information systems have proliferated, Center Command saw the need to coordinate all aspects of corporate information systems and computing services in one organization.

The mission of Code 14, according to Ball, is to take NWC into the Information Age both gracefully and intelligently. It is Code 14's role to help the Center excel in its mission by providing high quality solutions to computing and information system needs.

The Information Systems Group has three divisions and a staff office at this time. The staff office is the Information Resources Management Office (which was formerly the ADP Resources Management Office), with Bruce Wertenberger in (Continued on Page 3)



HOSE CHECKED — Bob Hunter tests the tightness of the hose through which hot water will flow once the document boxes are loaded into the vacuum tank. The heat will cause the water in the documents to be driven off in the form of steam.

