

Tickets for season on sale to attendees of latest CLOTA play

Season tickets for the Community Light Opera and Theatre's (CLOTA) 1985 season are still available through this weekend's performances of "On Golden Pond," directed by Elena Vitale. Performances Friday and Saturday evenings will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

Other productions scheduled for CLOTA's 21st season include "Once Upon A Mattress," directed by Sherry Parker in the summer, and the family musical, "Fiddler On The Roof," directed by Nancy Miller Novak in the fall time slot.

In addition to season tickets, the public can still purchase patronages, both individual and business, to help support CLOTA's 1985 efforts. Patrons are listed in each show program and are added to CLOTA's mailing list.

For further information on season tickets, memberships and/or patronages, contact Vivian Childers at 375-8745. For CLOTA to continue bringing theatrical productions to the valley, your help is needed. Please consider how you might help support CLOTA today.

Christian Women's Club slates humorous program on May 8

The Christian Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The Sheer Madness Players will present a skit on the roles of motherhood. In addition, Jack Hamilton, an educator from Hesperia, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$6. Free nursery care will also be provided. Reservations for the luncheon and for nursery care may be made by telephoning 375-1447 or 375-7435.

Ghost hunter to talk at Cerro Coso tonite

Richard L. Senate, noted expert on paranormal phenomena, will present a lecture and slide show in the college's lecture center tonight at 8 o'clock.

Senate, who has appeared on numerous television shows and radio talk shows, has been an active writer and lecturer about ghost hunting for the past five years.

Tickets, available at the college business office, are priced at \$3 for general admission and \$2 for ASCC cardholders and senior citizens.

Auto Hobby Shop

Effective May 1, the Auto Hobby Shop will be open seven days a week. Monday through Friday hours will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday hours will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Weekend Roundup

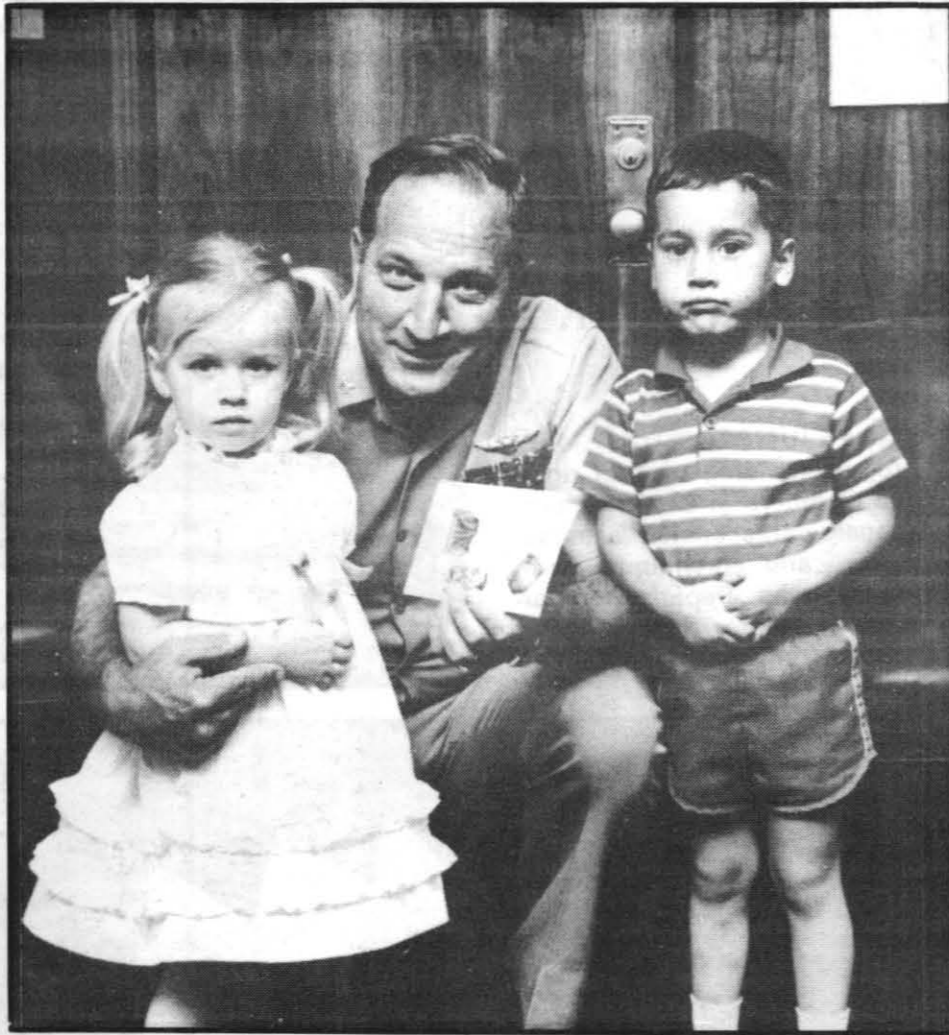
The big highlight of the weekend for members of the Commissioned Officers' Mess will be the regular Sunday brunch. Service is from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. each Sunday, with the cost for the luscious meal being \$4.95 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

The Enlisted Mess will resound to "The Sounds of Country" music for dancing and listening tonight, starting at 9 o'clock. The band will play until 1:30 tomorrow morning. Tonight's dinner special will be lobster, at a little under \$14 per person. (For those whose tastes are less exotic, a full menu of other entrees is also offered.)

All children are invited to attend the annual Children's Fair to be held tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Kern Regional Park in Ridgecrest.

The event is sponsored by the Desert Area Preschool Association. Free activities are scheduled for children of all ages, and hot dogs and drinks will be sold. A series of drawings will be held for Discovery Toys.

The Burroughs High School Concert Band and Jazz Band will present at free concert at Heritage Village Park in front of the Heritage Clubhouse in Ridgecrest on Sunday at 3 p.m. Music lovers are invited to bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy the concert in the park.



PERSONAL INVITATION — Starlet Dunnam (left) and Danny Oakes give Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, a personal invitation to attend an open house at the NWC Children's Center on Monday night. In celebration of the Month of the Military Child, the Children's Center will host an open house from 6:30 to 8 p.m. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore

Desert Counseling Clinic offers tutoring program for kids, adults

Local residents of all ages are helped by two Desert Counseling Clinic programs for which the United Way of Indian Wells Valley provides supplemental funding: a tutoring program and a rap group.

Carol Rainwater heads a tutoring service that helps prepare the very young for school; tutors youngsters who are encountering difficulty in class because of physical, emotional, or other problems; and aids in the rehabilitation of stroke victims.

She and the volunteers assisting her work mainly with children who are having learning problems due to any of a wide range of causes.

"We try to make learning fun," she says, "as well as to encourage the youngsters, help them gain self-control and achieve feelings of self-worth."

While many of the sessions are one-on-one between counselor and child so that communication with the child can be opened, some group sessions containing up to five children are scheduled.

Mrs. Rainwater emphasizes that the counselors also work closely with parents

of the children receiving tutoring in order to build support systems for the child through this parental involvement.

"I enjoy the challenge of encouraging people, of looking at each as a whole person," says Mrs. Rainwater. "It's fun working with these children that range in age from 2 1/2 years through the 9th grade."

Tutoring is also provided when needed to help stroke victims regain any of the learning skills that they may have lost because of their physical problems.

Jack Bradshaw-Stacy heads the other program, a rap group for senior citizens at the Senior Citizen Center in Ridgecrest.

"I enable them to talk about anything pertinent to them," he says. "This includes eliminating the myths about aging, the process of aging, and what's happening in their personal lives."

He also uses the rap group to pass on information about resources available to help with specific problems in their lives.

The group meets, Bradshaw-Stacy says, whenever he has time available.

Mazanar Pilgrimage honors US Japanese interned in WWII

The annual Mazanar Pilgrimage will take place tomorrow, with ceremonies beginning at noon at the site of the Mazanar relocation camp north of Lone Pine on Highway 395.

Theme of this year's ceremonies is "Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied."

The annual pilgrimage honors the West Coast Japanese — many of whom were second and third generation American born — who were moved to relocation camps during World War II.

Even though the sons and brothers of many of those interned served with distinction in the U.S. Armed Forces, war hysteria led to these persons of Japanese ancestry being removed from their homes and businesses and being forced to spend the war years in camps in California, Colorado and elsewhere.

NEX NEWS

Because of a change in gasoline contractors, the Center's Automotive Service Center will accept cash or checks only beginning May 1.

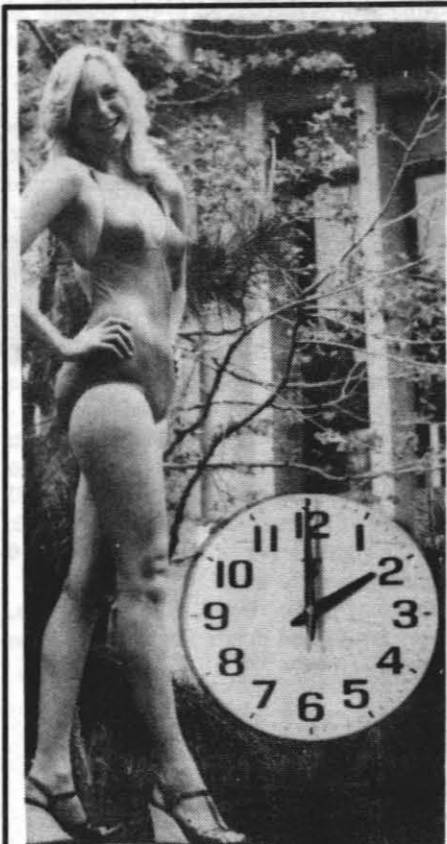
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Now is the time to get ready for Mother's Day (May 12). The NEX is offering a wide selection of cards at a 25 percent off sale price, with the same price reduction on wrapping paper, ribbons and bows.

Big savings are also offered on party supplies, novelty gifts and cards for all occasions.

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Lenox china and crystal (both superb as either wedding gifts or Mother's Day gifts) will be on sale at the NEX from April 26 through June 8.



SPRING FORWARD — Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday so be ready to turn the clocks forward before going to bed Saturday night. The extra hour of daylight in the evening will allow IWV residents to do more in the garden and to travel more before darkness falls.

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BLM smokejumpers assist AGES program here

Four smokejumpers from the Bureau of Land Management's Smokejumper Base in Ft. Wainwright recently spent two weeks at China Lake working with Aerosystems Department personnel on a new means of training jumpers with the ram-air parachute.

The Aerosystems Department's Aircrew Gliding Escape System (AGES) Program is developing a high-performance, ram-air inflated, gliding parachute wing for use in Navy ejection seat aircraft (readers may recall the successful use of the AGES parachute in an in-flight ejection seat test last fall). Because the AGES canopies are functionally different than the standard parachute now in use in Navy aircraft, one of the most important questions yet to be answered is how to train the aircrewmembers in the use of this type of parachute.

The most promising method of training appears to be that of parascension. Parascension (a term coined by jumpers in England) is the process of ascending from the ground by towing a gliding parachute using a truck or boat.

Parasailing, a similar technique, is often used as a carnival type ride at resorts such as Acapulco. Manley Butler, the AGES Project Engineer, learned of a particularly effective parascension training system developed by the Bureau of Land Management Smokejumpers at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and contacted them in 1983. At that time, the smokejumpers sent video tapes of their method of parascension training; two of their personnel also visited the Center during the summer of 1983 to brief Butler on their program. Since then Butler has kept in touch with the smokejumpers and this winter decided that the time had come for the AGES Program to evaluate this system.

During the first two weeks in April, four smokejumpers from Fort Wainwright visited the Center to train Aerosystems personnel in the BLM's methods of parascension training. Mark Kroger, Ken Coe, Craig Irvine and Bruce Nelson are each an expert in at least one phase of their parascension training program. In addition, Mark Kroger functions as the head of the parascension training program and as the air attack coordinator for the BLM Ft. Wainwright facilities.

The BLM began investigating the use of ram-air inflated, gliding parachutes for their smokejumpers about four years ago. The primary need for the BLM smokejumpers is a canopy that will allow them to operate safely in moderate winds (up to 20 kts.) that would be unsafe when using conventional parachutes. They, too, were faced with the problem of training their personnel in use of a new type of parachute. Due to budget constraints, it was very important for the smokejumpers to find an economical (and, of course, safe) method of training the new jumpers in this type of canopy.

The technique of parascension seemed to offer an inexpensive way to train the novice as well as the experienced smokejumpers in the use of the ram-air canopies. Although parascension is frequently done with foot launching (the jumper runs along at the end of the tow rope until the canopy develops enough lift to pick him up), the erratic winds at Fort Wainwright forced the jumpers to develop an alternative method of launching the parascension pilot.

After deciding that foot launching was impractical, they came up with the idea of using the cart to aid in the launches. As shown in the accompanying photograph, the jumper is fastened to the cart with a five-point harness and to the tow rope with a two-point bridle. The cart is also attached to the tow rope. Basically, the cart/jumper combination is towed to a speed fast enough to inflate the canopy and let it begin to lift the jumper off the cart (the jumper is still held to the cart by the tie-down harness). When the launch master is satisfied that everything is OK, the speed is increased and the jumper is released from the cart and begins an immediate climbout. At the same time the cart is released from the tow rope and is braked to a stop by the cart driver.

This method of parascension training using the cart is unique to the BLM and now, the Naval Weapons Center.

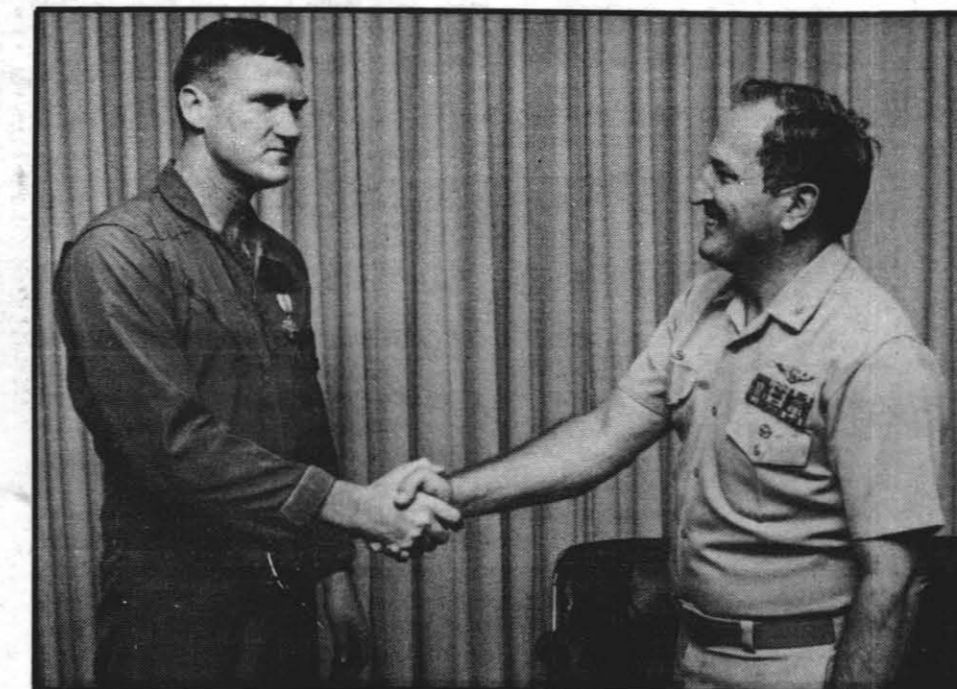
During their stay, the smokejumpers from the BLM trained a launch crew from the Aerosystems Test Parachutist Branch. The Aerosystems launch crew is now qualified to train other launch crews as well as to train personnel in the use of the ram-air inflated gliding parachute wings.

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LIFTING OFF — With a fully inflated canopy overhead, an Aerosystems Department parachutist prepares for a parascension trip with all eyes watching for safety. BLM smokejumpers trained Aerosystems Personnel for two weeks. — Photo by PH1 Brenda K. Scratchard

Innovative concept brings awards to NWC



PERFORMANCE RECOGNIZED — Capt. K.A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, congratulates Major Timothy Cronley, USMC, on receiving the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, which can be seen on Maj. Cronley's flight suit. Maj. Cronley received the medal during ceremonies honoring the team responsible for executing the Cheap Night program; a Navy Award for Group Achievement was presented to team members in addition to the medal awarded to Maj. Cronley. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore

"The outstanding achievement of this team in executing the Cheap Night Program has brought more recognition to the Center than any other China Lake accomplishment in the time that I've been here," Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, told task team members at last week's Commander's meeting. He then presented the team members with the Navy Award of Merit for Group Achievement.

"You put me in a cockpit of an A-7 aircraft with Cheap Night and made a believer out of me," he continued, adding that the program had been saluted by all who had flown the Cheap Night system, including Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, Jr.

Cheap Night demonstrates an innovative concept for night low level visual flight rules flight. The success of the program is attested to by the start of the AV-8B and F/A-18 Night Attack Programs in fiscal year 1985, which the direct spin-offs from the Cheap Night Program.

The letter of nomination for the award, written by Col. John T. Tyler, USMC, Deputy Laboratory Director, points out that in November 1983 the guidelines were established for the initiation of the program to install and test equipment on a TA-7C aircraft to demonstrate the night flying and navigation capability of a combination of

sensors and displays. The total effort had to be completed in less than one year.

Complicating the schedule was the need to establish contracts with both United States and foreign companies. During the year, contracts were initiated, aircraft design was accomplished, aircraft modification completed, and equipment installation and checkout completed.

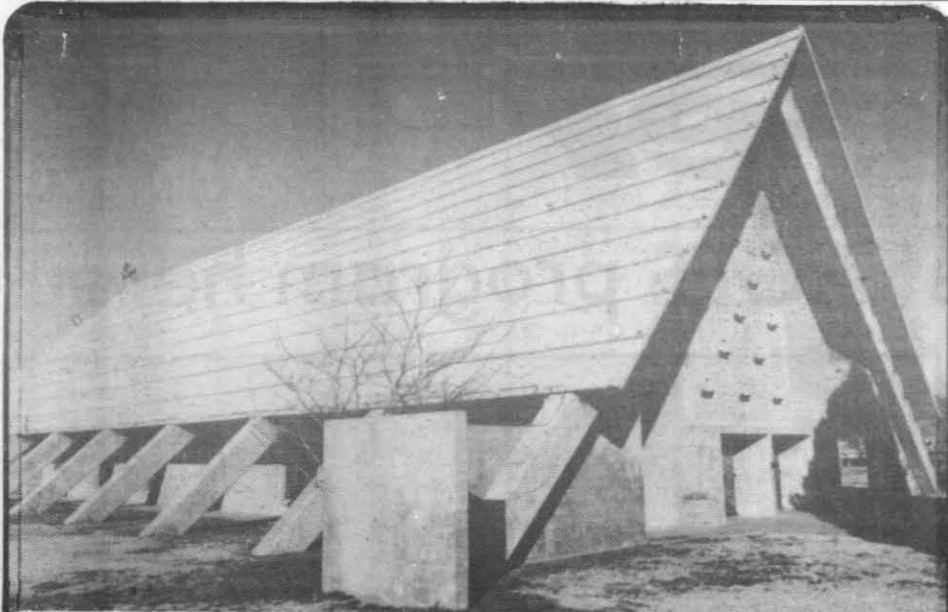
The first operational test flight occurred on April 15, 1984, and was followed by 85 additional evaluation and demonstration flights.

The rigorous tasks of establishing requirements, coordinating efforts, flight test and evaluation required many long hours, both day and night, by the task team leaders, the Marine Corps team leader, and the project pilots, who often had to accomplish these in addition to normal duties. The task team was supported by the Marine Corps Technology Manager.

The nominating letter concludes with the comment that "With the professionalism and 'can do' attitude demonstrated by this task team, we have definitely shown what the capabilities of our NWC team are."

The outstanding performance of Maj. Timothy Cronley, who served as Marine Team Leader, was recognized by his being

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Divine Services

PROTESTANT

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 a.m.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Annexes 1, 2 and 4) 8:30 a.m.
 BIBLE STUDY (East Wing)
 Tuesday 7:30 p.m. (Nursery provided)
 Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
 Thursday 7 p.m. Officer's Christian Fellowship
 Christian Military Fellowship

ROMAN CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASS 8:30 a.m.
 COMMUNION SERVICE (Monday) 11:35 a.m.
 DAILY MASS (Tuesday through Friday) 11:35 a.m.
 CONFESSIONS (Friday) 4:30-5 p.m.
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (Sunday) 10 a.m.

JEWISH

WEEKLY SERVICES (Friday, East Wing) 7:30 p.m.
 ADULT EDUCATION (Saturdays, Annex 4) 9 a.m.
 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (Sundays, Annex 95) 9 a.m.

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Low cost rabies vaccinations for dogs to be given locally in May

Since Kern County has been declared a rabies area by the State Department of Health, all local residents are encouraged to get their dogs vaccinated for rabies and to get them licensed.

A low cost rabies clinic will be held in various areas of the county; dogs can receive their rabies vaccinations for only \$3 each, and, if they are county residents, can

be licensed for \$10 each.

The rabies vaccinations will be given in the Girl Scout Hut, on Blandy Avenue just east of the traffic circle, on Friday, May 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. On Saturday, May 18, vaccinations will be given at the Kern County Fire Department, 308 Orchard Street, Inyokern, and in Ridgecrest on that same day from 3 to 5 p.m. at 120 S. Warner.

Employee in the Spotlight

Facilities and Resources Manager considers self people person

Richard D. Smith, Facilities and Resources Manager for NWC's Fuze and Sensors Department, calls himself a people person. It's the challenge of dealing with people and solving problems that he enjoys most about his current job.

An illustrator for more than 20 years, most of it with what is now the Research Department, Smith moved to a new challenge just over a year ago.

One of his primary functions is to coordinate the construction of a new Fuze and Sensors Building, MILCON P-369, building a data base of knowledge within the department about the project.

He also assists the department head of staff in dealing with day-to-day space problems.

Smith began his China Lake career in 1962 as a data reduction specialist with Associated Aero Science. In 1966 he moved

to a Civil Service post as a technical illustrator/visual information specialist.

After high school Smith went to work in construction. When winter shut down the project he decided to try a trip to California.

Just a few weeks after arriving in Ridgecrest to visit relatives, he met his wife, Bonnie, now a branch head with the Engineering Department.

Smith recalled that they met in the Greenhorn Mountains. He made many trips over the mountains in the next year or so before they got married.

Shortly after getting married Smith and his wife decided they could live quite well without television and are still doing it.

Good music and good books have proven a more than adequate substitute over the years.

Smith has been very active in community

April is Child Abuse

Prevention Month at NWC

What is a pedophile? We know that a pediatrician is a medical doctor that specializes in the treatment of children. A pedophile is a specialist too, only the specialization is the sexual conquest of children. When this deviate looks at your child he/she does not see the giggling, sweet, trusting gift that God gave you. To the pedophile your child represents another challenge to sexual gratification.

Is this maniac lurking behind a bush or a tree to grab your child when your back is turned? The answer is yes, but not always. The pedophile can be a best friend, relative or that nice man down the street. They look and act like a whole lot of other people so it is hard to spot them. They run the gamut on how they treat their young victims; some are tender in the treatment of children while others are sadistic, cruel and inhuman in the things they do to children.

Since this is a family publication I will not go into the lurid details of some recent incidents in the State of California. I won't attempt to shock you nor offend you with the unconscionable acts that are perpetrated on youngsters. Let it suffice to say that our children are vulnerable and

trusting of most grownups, so it is up to we parents to guide them and keep them from harm's way. Murder is not uncommon to cover up so that no one will find out the pedophile's secret.

One of the best things you could do for your children is to allow them to say "no" to touches on those parts of the body that no one other than Mommy should touch. Teach them not to go with anyone for a walk, a ride, or into a house unless Mommy and Daddy say it's OK, face to face. Teach them to confide in you. As the slogan says, tell them "it's OK to tell."

Lastly, if your child does confide a possible molestation to you, do not react in a panicked or angry manner and do not raise your voice. Don't say things like, "I'll kill that bum," or the like. This causes children to feel that they are bad or have done bad things. Above all, report the matter to proper authorities. The China Lake Police stand ready to help with the utmost discretion. Call us at NWC ext. 3323 if we can be of service.

— Jim Brown, Chief
China Lake Police

Examinations for college credit slated at Cerro Coso May 13-15

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests will be administered at Cerro Coso Community College the week of May 13 through 15.

Two types of examinations are administered: the general examinations which measure achievement in five basic areas of liberal arts, English, humanities, mathematics, natural science, and history; and the subject examinations which measure knowledge in specific introductory college courses in particular fields.

CLEP tests provide alternate channels for meeting general education requirements, recognize superior preparation and accomplishment of high school students at the point of college entrance, provide an

alternate means of satisfying specific course requirements, recognize the continued growth and development of adults not attending a formal education program and assist in evaluation and placement of foreign students.

Cost of the examination is \$30.00 for each test. The registration deadline is Monday, April 29 for subject examinations, and Wednesday, May 6 for general examinations. Reservations can be made at the Student Services Center, Cerro Coso Community College. Information and/or a Registration Admission form may be obtained by calling 375-5001, ext. 219, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Soccer...

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win. Jake Easley, assisted by Darcy Rindt, scored for the Sounders and David Bartels paced their defense.

Rogues 2, Diplomats 0

In a shutout win the Rogues blanked the Diplomats 2-0. Shawn Hamilton and Alan Stevens did the only scoring in the game. Defense by John Evans and Mike Strathdee preserved the shutout. Jeff Bradley was the top offensive player and Glen Iwamura keyed the Diplomat defense in the loss.

Division 4

Bandits 2, Lasers 0

The Bandits used goals by Patrick O'Donovan and Peter Martinez to stop the Lasers. Dean Waldren also had an outstanding game in the win and Bobby Eichenberg chalked up an assist.

Bandits 1, Hotspurs 0

Another shutout victory for the Bandits. Peter Martinez led the defensive effort. Dean Waldren, with an assist from Ivan Chirinos, accounted for all the scoring in this contest.

Hotspurs 4, Lasers 0

Todd Henderson was the top offensive player for the Lasers while coaches credited the entire squad with a solid defensive performance in the 4-0 game.

Scorps rock Yucaipa, 8-0

Snapping a three game losing streak, Ridgecrest's under-19 Scorpion Soccer Club smashed a visiting Yucaipa squad 8-0 Saturday afternoon.

Climbing into third place in Inland Empire Youth Soccer League standings, the Scorps are just three points out of first place after six games of a nine-game regular season.

Nine Scorps figured in the scoring as the easy win unfolded. Bill Ledden set up the first two goals as Bill Hugo and Sam Greenmum took advantage of his efforts.

Doug Dragovich passed to Joe Gregory who ripped a shot past Yucaipa's goalie for a third goal. Brian Collie's header into the ground bounced over the goalie for another score after Neil Johnson set up the attack.

Scott Piri ended first half scoring with a goal to make it a 5-0 lead.

Greenmum, battling a strong wind, floated the ball in front of goal and Hugo punched it into the net for a 6-0 edge.

Gregory's fine pass sent Joe Pakulak in for the seventh goal of the game. Hugo ended the scoring when he crossed the ball from the left corner to set up Collie's kick into the right corner of the goal for an 8-0 advantage and the win.

Johnson, Brian Hayes, J. P. Placencia, Roger Smith and Jason Cherry keyed the defensive effort.

Sievert grabs golfing title

Marina Sievert needed a tie breaker to grab the championship in the President's Tournament earlier this month at the China Lake Golf Club.

Nearly perfect conditions highlighted the two-day eclectic handicap tournament as Sievert took the title. She ended regulation play with a net 62, tied with Sonja Giuliana. The tie was broken by matching cards.

Third place honors were shared by Sue Bates and Rita Pirozek for the two-day event.

Little League opens tomorrow

China Lake Little League's 1985 season opens tomorrow, April 27, at Diamond 4 on Center. Opening ceremonies are set for 5 p.m. according to Mary Moore, league president.

After the ceremonies, including throwing out the first pitch, the first game will pit Inyokern's Red Sox against the Yankees in a Major Division clash.

Parascension...

SMOKEJUMPERS — Mark Kroger (standing on cart right) and members of BLM's smokejumpers parascension team talk safely and technique with Aerosystems Department personnel before launching a jumper from the new training system.



Photos by PH1 Brenda Scratchard

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Tests here at the center were conducted using a 650-foot tow rope although parascension has been done with as long as 2000 feet of tow rope. Kroger and the others had nothing but praise for the NWC personnel that they came in contact with during their stay; both commented that they were mostly observers after the first few days of training the NWC personnel.

The Alaskans praised the professional conduct and abilities of Aerosystems personnel and said they couldn't have asked for better cooperation and treatment at the Center. They were particularly pleased with the cart which was built in the Code 6421 metal shop from a couple of crude sketches and a few Polaroid snapshots of the original cart in Alaska. Kroger called the NWC cart a "real nice stable platform" and felt that it was actually superior to their cart in Alaska.

During the training sessions, each man from Alaska worked closely with a counterpart from NWC so that the Aerosystems Department could be assured of having at least one qualified person for all the key positions in the launch crew. Bruce Nelson was the tow truck driver; Ken Coe was the safety observer who rules in the bed of tow truck; Craig Irvine was the cart master who directs the launch operation up until the jumper is released

from the cart; and Mark Kroger served as the ground controller to talk the jumpers into a safe landing. Each of the members of the launch crew has a radio, as does the jumper (helmet mounted), and the launch operations do not proceed until all personnel are at their position and answer the cart master with a ready.

During five days of parascension training, 15 people made a total of over 60 launches with no incidents or injuries. It is particularly significant that five of the 15 had no prior experience with any type of parachute training and yet had no problems in flying the parachute safely. Butler said that training aircrewmembers should also be safe and effective.

The BLM has had a viable parascension training program at Fort Wainwright for over three years and at this point the transition to ram-air canopies is nearly complete. With over 100 jumpers at the base, and same turnover every year, Kroger says that they hope to 100 percent ram-air qualified within the next year. Kroger noted that there has been some interest by the US Forest Service in the use of the ram-air, but no inquiries about their training system.

A side benefit of their trip to NWC at this time of year was the great change in the weather. Soon after they departed, on April 13, the weather waiting in Fairbanks was -2 degrees with snow.



FLOATING AROUND — Still connected to the tow vehicle, a parascension pilot floats nearly 600-feet above the desert floor during tests of parascension equipment at NWC.

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FACILITIES MANAGER — Richard D. Smith, Facilities and Resources Manager for Fuze and Sensors Department, looks over some of the plans for MILCON P-369, the department's new facility. Smith's duties include coordination of construction. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore

