



QUIET MOMENT IN PRAIRIE DOG HOLE — Elroy Swindle (Hand McGlothlin) passes his time pleasantly while waiting for the train, accompanied by, at left, Julep (Ruth Moore) and at his right, Ruby (Barbara Lupe), two of the dancehall girls in the melodrama "The Cinderella of Prairie Dog Hole."

Melodrama scheduled

Melodrama time has hit Randsburg once more, with this year's presentation being "The Cinderella of Prairie Dog Hole." The melodrama will have its first showing on Sept. 19 and 20 at the White House Saloon in Randsburg.

Enthusiastic audiences who cheered the hero and booed the villain (and villainess) at last year's production will be able to see a whole new cast of characters, this time portraying how the Randsburg Railway Company attempts to make its way to town.

Evil Lucretia Crumwater and sneaky Elroy Swindle claim ownership of the railroad line, while Lucy Mae Sutton holds

on for dear life trying to save the train station her daddy left her in his will. It's up to Clarence Porter, the railway detective to save the day — and Homer Slocum to find the tracks (these characters are portrayed by residents of both Randsburg and Ridgecrest, adding to the fun).

Since the melodrama is presented as a dinner theater, reservations are mandatory. A western style barbecue starts the evening with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., followed by melodrama. Cost for both dinner and show is \$18.95 per person.

For reservations and further information, phone (619) 374-2464.

Reunion set for NOLC personnel

Former Naval Ordnance Laboratory Corona personnel are invited to the NOLC celebration and 35th anniversary to be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 at The Club at Lake Norconian.

Former Coronans and their spouses are invited to attend, meet old friends and enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner. A social hour begins the evening at 4 p.m. with the buffet served at 6 o'clock and a continental breakfast from 11:30 p.m. to midnight. A short program will be offered at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$13.50 per person. Check should be made payable to and mailed to Helen M. Stuart, NOLC Reunion, P.O. Box 3172, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Reservations are required to be admitted through the guard gate; all reservations must be made by September 25.



	Max	Min	Peak Gust
Fri.	108	66	17 knots
Sat.	105	69	21 knots
Sun.	101	66	23 knots
Mon.	96	70	24 knots
Tues.	90	70	34 knots
Wed.	74	59	15 knots
Thurs.	72	50	16 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

Hispanic Heritage Week Sept. 14-20

This year September 14 to 20 has been designated as National Hispanic Heritage Week with the theme of "Hispanics: An Economic and Electoral Influence."

Hispanics are citizens and residents of the United States who trace their ancestry to Latin America and Spain. Often labeled as one people, Hispanics are distinct ethnic groups with their own heritage, despite common points. The Federal Government uses the term Hispanic to describe a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Hispanic Americans continue to play a vital role in the development of our rich cultural heritage and make outstanding contributions to our nation.

The Hispanic Employment Program Committee (HEP) invites everyone in the community to celebrate this week. The following events will take place:

— 16 de Septiembre (Mexican Independence Day) will be celebrated by a get-together at El Charro Avita's Restaurant located at 1337 N. China Lake Blvd. The get-together will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16. Everyone is welcome.

— A training course titled, "Hispanics in Management and Administration" will be offered on Thursday, September 18. This course is a brief overview that explores how organizational culture has changed or is changing because of this new presence as it pertains to Hispanic workers and other cultural groups. For further information regarding the training, contact Ophelia Davis at NWC ext. 2686.

For further information on National Hispanic Heritage Week contact Julia LeBlanc, Hispanic Program Manager at NWC ext. 3129.

IEEE to meet Wednesday

Next Wednesday James Annos will talk to the China Lake Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) about the Hardware-in-the-Loop Missile Simulation. The lunch meeting, open to all interested persons, will be in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

The large cost associated with actual flight testing of missile or aircraft hardware has made realistic simulation of flight scenarios, with real hardware as part of the simulation, a necessity. State of the art simulation techniques and equipment will be discussed in the context of a HWIL simulation currently being developed at NWC.

Although individual orders are possible they are not recommended; menu choices of preference are either a buffet lunch or the hot special of the day. Reservations are not required but are suggested. They may be made by calling any of the following: Clark Hay, NWC ext. 5607; Horace Joseph, 375-9397; Bo Arnold, NWC ext. 3493; Ramesh Ajmera, NWC ext. 3531; Wei Kuo, NWC ext. 3531; Dave Koelsch, NWC ext. 2844; Harvey Nelson, NWC ext. 3254; Ken Atwood, NWC ext. 2971; Gene Schneider, NWC ext. 5969; or Sarah Polak, NWC ext. 5465.

Street sweeping schedule given

Residents of Center housing are reminded not to park their vehicles on the streets on scheduled street-sweeping days.

The Hill and Site A Capehart housing areas are swept Tuesdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and the Site B Capehart

housing is swept Thursdays during the same hours.

For the convenience of those who forget, the street-sweeping schedule is posted throughout all three housing areas.

Movies

FRIDAY, SATURDAY	"WISE GUYS" Starring Danny Devito and Joe Piscopo (Comedy, rated R, 92 min.)	SEPT. 12, 13
SUNDAY	"VIOLETS ARE BLUE" Starring Sissy Spacek and Kevin Kline (Romantic-Drama, rated PG-13, 86 min.)	SEPT. 14
MONDAY	"HIGHLANDER" Starring Sean Connery and Roxanne Hart (Fantasy, rated R, 111 min.)	SEPT. 15
WEDNESDAY	"OFF BEAT" Starring Judge Reinhold and Meg Tilly (Romantic-Comedy, rated PG, 93 min.)	SEPT. 17
FRIDAY	"SHORT CIRCUIT" Starring Steven Guttenberg and Ally Sheedy (Comedy/Adventure, rated PG, 99 min.)	SEPT. 19

Starting Times: Matinee / 2 pm Evening / 7 pm

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Geothermal power plant under construction

Power from alternative energy source expected on line by June 30

Construction of the first geothermal energy power plant on Naval Weapons Center land is well underway according to Bob Wunderlich, supervisor of construction from Guy F. Atkinson Co., prime contractor for this 25-megawatt power plant.

This first of an anticipated series of plants is scheduled to be on line by June 30, 1987 according to Wunderlich. China Lake Joint Venture, prime contractor with the Navy for development of the resource, is looking at a total of 250 megawatts of geothermal power production from Navy land in the Coso Known Geothermal Resource Area.

At the ground-breaking ceremonies in March, the \$51 million plant was seen as a historic event and the first step toward making the Coso area the second largest geothermal power production field in the United States.

Atkinson currently has about 35 people working on the site. Wunderlich said he expects this work force to nearly triple by early next year when the most labor intensive portion on the project, the piping for steam and water, reaches a peak.

Under a unique arrangement, the Navy has no financial risk in the project. China Lake Joint Venture and Atkinson are providing all the funds used in exploration and development of the resource as well as construction of the power plant and the power lines feeding electricity produced into Southern California Edison's power grid. The Navy, in short, provides the resource but the private sector provides money for development. Atkinson, in addition to building the power plant, is providing the design and financing for the facility and will operate the completed geothermal plant.

The 25-megawatt turbine generators for the plant should be delivered next year by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, America, Inc. to begin the final phase of construction. Four or five of ten existing geothermal wells, drilled by California Energy, one of the China Lake Joint Venture partners, are expected to be used to power this initial plant. While forecasts have been made of

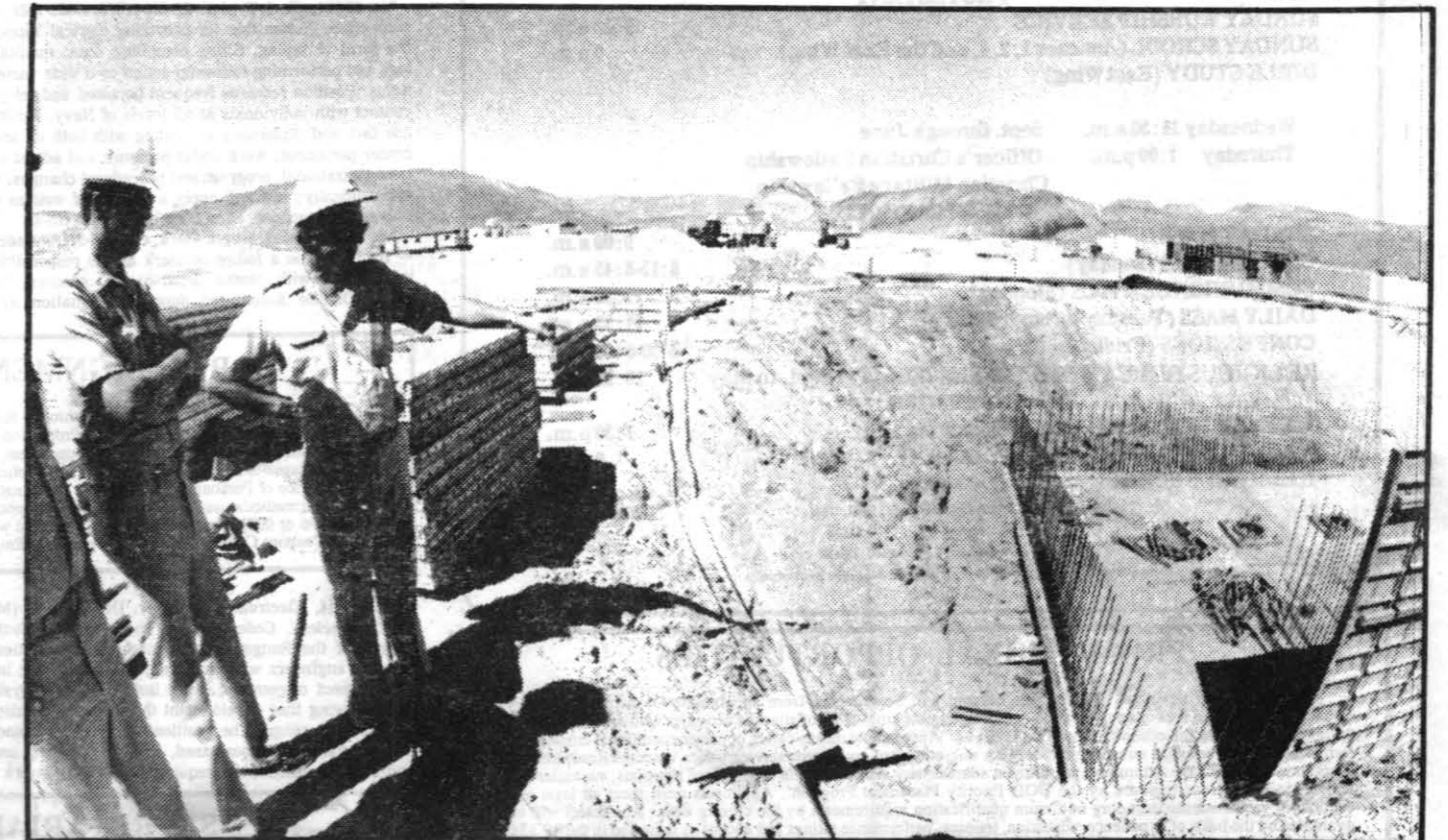
250 megawatts of power production, the total resource potential has been estimated as high as 1,000 megawatts of electric power for the Coso field.

Dr. Carl Austin, head of NWC's Geothermal Program Office in the Public Works Department, has been involved with efforts to develop the resource for about 25 years. He said last week the contractor is

making good progress on site development.

Despite the remote location of the plant, about 10 miles east of the Coso Junction Rest Area of Highway 395, Wunderlich says they have had little trouble getting needed equipment and supplies to the site. A remote concrete batch plant was erected near the highway to provide quick supplies

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GEOTHERMAL SITE — BUCS B.J. Harger from NWC's Geothermal Program Office and Bob Wunderlich of Guy F. Atkinson Co. look over construction progress at the Coso Geothermal Site. The 25 megawatt power plant now under construction is expected to be on line by June 30, 1987. — Photo by Steve Boster

J. Suhr's Sparrow program work brings award

James A. Suhr's superb performance as Production Manager for the AIM/RIM-7M Sparrow Program from 1982 through 1985 brought him the Technical Director's Award last Friday morning.

Gerry Schiefer, Center Technical Director, commented that Suhr's production

management expertise is recognized throughout the country on the basis of his accomplishments in helping to bring the AIM/RIM-7M to volume production and getting the second source on-line.

Schiefer added that the Center's role in production management is to make the

contractor successful in producing quality missiles. He noted that Suhr had served with a group working on a problem with AMRAAM and with the Phoenix program and now was using his expertise as Production Manager for RAM.

The letter for nomination for Suhr, writ-

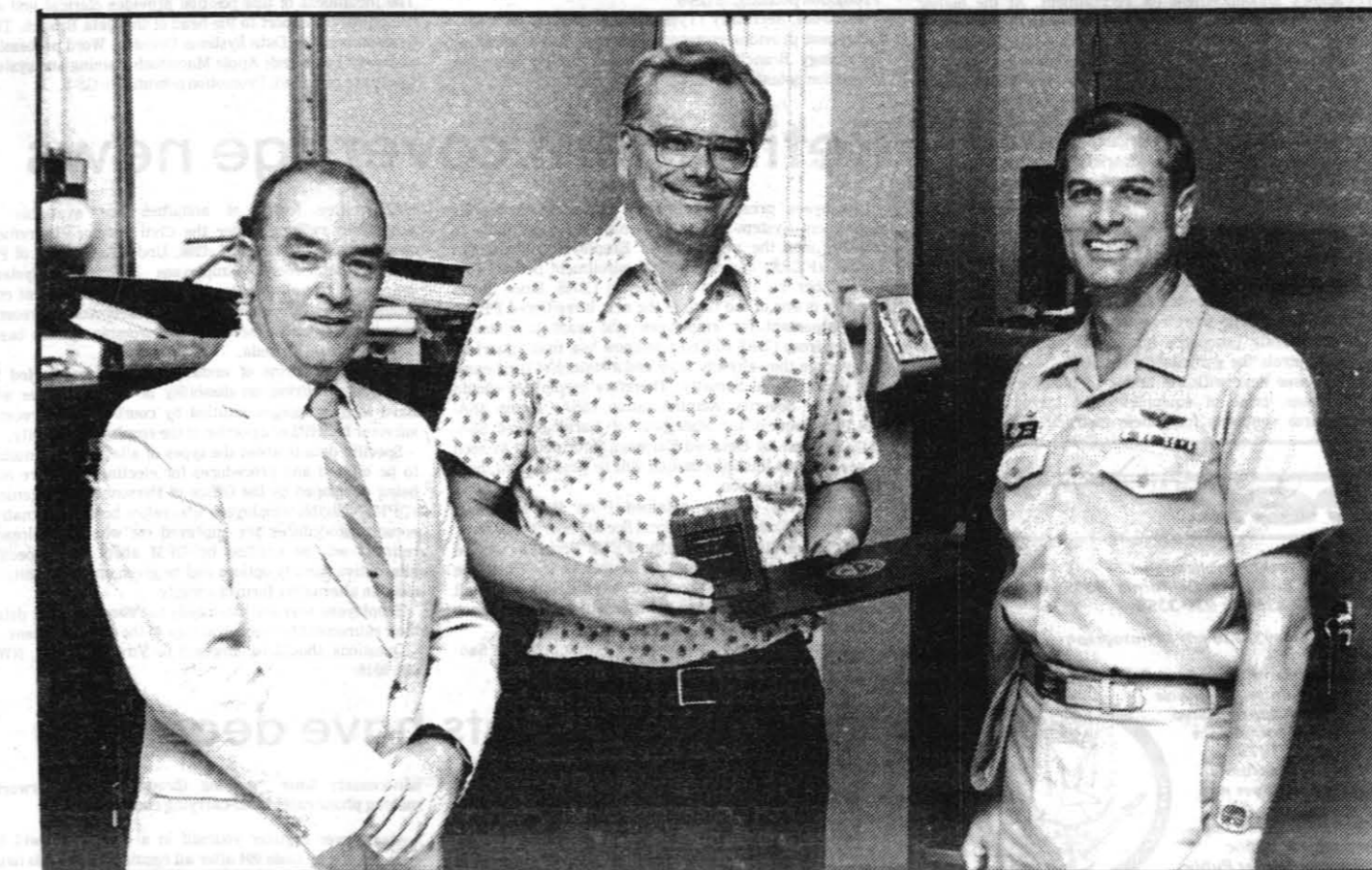
ten by Dillard Bullard, head of the Weapons Department, said that the objective of production support on Sparrow is to maintain control of the government baseline for the design of the missile and ensure that production problems are appropriately resolved to maintain both production rate and quality. Since the missile is in competitive production between Raytheon and General Dynamics, resolution of problems in an equitable manner is of highest importance.

Since the missile is highly complex, the technical and product assurance team was made up of performing codes at NWC, other Navy activities and contractors. Suhr's role required defining tasks for all technical and product assurance codes, day-to-day coordination with a wide spectrum of technical groups, on-the-spot problem resolution, determination of appropriate NWC positions on problems and negotiation with contractors on implementation of changes.

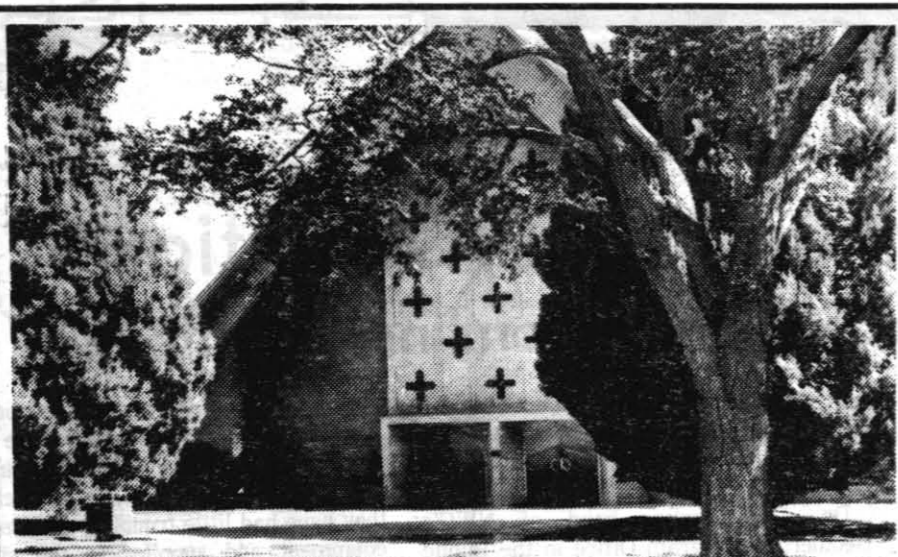
This over-all team had an in-house level of effort of approximately \$8 million annually for Sparrow, funded by the Naval Air Systems Command.

Suhr expressed his shock and surprise at receiving the award. He commented to all the members of his team present in the Sparrow work area that he felt that everybody in the group was part of the effort that was being rewarded.

An electronics engineer with a degree from Northrop as well as a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California, Suhr has been employed by NWC since late 1967.



PERFORMANCE REWARDED — Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director, and Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, join Jim Suhr who holds the Technical Director's Award he has just been presented.



Divine Services

PROTESTANT

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Annexes 1, 2, 4, and the East Wing) 9 a.m.
BIBLE STUDY (East Wing)

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Sept. through June
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Officer's Christian Fellowship
 Christian Military Fellowship
ROMAN CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASS 9:00 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (Sunday) 8:15-8:45 a.m.
COMMUNION SERVICE (Monday) 11:35 a.m.
DAILY MASS (Tuesday through Friday) 11:35 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (Friday) 4:30-5:00 p.m.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (Sunday) Sept. to May 10:30 a.m.

JEWISH

WEEKLY SERVICES (Friday, East Wing) 7:30 p.m.
ADULT EDUCATION (Saturday, Annex 4) 9 a.m.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (Sunday, Annex 4) 1 p.m.

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PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from appointable Department of Navy employees within the area of consideration and from eligible employees of attached activities who are permanently assigned to NWC unless otherwise specified in the ad. Appointable means career or career conditional employees, temporary employees with reinstatement or VRA eligibility and employees serving under Veterans Readjustment Appointments (VRAs). Alternative recruitment sources may also be used in filling these positions; vacancies are subject to restrictions imposed by the DOD Priority Placement Program. Applicants must meet all legal and regulatory requirements including minimum qualification requirements by the closing date. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of experience, education, training, performance ratings and awards as indicated in the SF-171 along with any tests, medical examinations, performance evaluations, supplemental qualification statements and/or interview that may be necessary. Career ladder promotions are subject to satisfactory performance and cannot be guaranteed. **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Candidates must submit a current SF-171, along with a supplemental qualifications statement (if required), and should submit a copy of their latest Annual Performance Evaluation if relevant to the vacancy. If a supplemental statement is not required, candidates are encouraged to submit additional information which then addresses the specific Knowledge/Skills/Abilities (KSAs) cited in the ad. Write the position title/series/level and announcement number on the SF-171 and all attachments. Be sure that your forms are complete and accurate since you cannot be rated on missing data nor will you be contacted for additional information. Be certain the SF-171 and supplement are dated and have original signatures in ink. All applications will be retained in the vacancy announcement file; they will not be returned or filed in official personnel folders. Applications and supplements are accepted at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy. Ads close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, one week after the announcement, unless otherwise specified. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

No. 88-048, Computer Operator, GS-322-4/5, Code 888 - First Shift (0730-1630). Position is located in the Computer Operations Branch, Computing Systems Division. Serves as a junior level computer operator trainee in the operation of major ADP systems (SPERRY 1100/83) with full operational responsibilities over on-line peripheral equipment and associated devices. Knowledge: of data processing concepts and techniques; experience in the use of alphanumeric devices preferred. Abilities: to make sound decision; to work under pressure; to interact in a professional manner with co-workers and user community. Promotion potential to GS-8, but not guaranteed.

No. 89-080, Staffing Clerk (Typing), GS-202-5, Code 82201 - Incumbent performs the following in support of the Center's Professional Recruitment Program: serves as the primary contact with colleges and universities for the purpose of scheduling recruiting trips; works closely with the LA Office of OPM to clear the scientific and engineering registers; serves as primary point of contact on routine matters dealing with the Cooperative Education Program; coordinates the Center's open recruiting efforts through paid advertising; provides information to scientific, engineering and professional administrative persons seeking employment at the Naval Weapons Center. Elements: Ability: to deal effectively and tactfully with people of diverse backgrounds and interests; to work under stress and pressure; to plan, organize and accomplish work independently; to perform a variety of clerical functions; to type accurately and efficiently; to comprehend and apply regulatory information. Promotion potential to GS-4.

No. 89-081, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, or Personnel Clerk, GS-202-4/5/6, Code 896/897 - Incumbent performs the following duties for a major department(s): processes all actions affecting appointments, pay setting, separations, conversions of appointment, etc.; performs competitive and noncompetitive qualification ratings; performs ranking and may conduct ranking/selection panels; and drafts vacancy announcement for recruitment. At the higher levels, incumbent advises and recommends to supervisors and managers recruitment options for certain occupations (e.g., clerical); participates in various phases of crediting plan development which may include, but is not limited to, job analysis and establishing KSAs. Elements: Knowledge: of personnel policies and procedures related to staffing. Ability: to plan, organize and accomplish work independently; to perform a variety of clerical/technical functions; to research, comprehend and apply complex regulatory information. Promotion potential to GS-7.

No. 22-8636, Operations Clerk, AS-201-5, \$5.32 per hour, Regular, Full-Time, Code 2225 - Incumbent is responsible for the collection of all information pertaining to the Sports Branch for monthly, quarterly and yearly reports. Responsible for the accounts receivable and monthly billing of patrons when required. Prepares and submits the bi-weekly timecards for branch employees. Orders and controls the gymnasium retail items. Assists at the gear issue desk with the taking of phone calls, patrons questions, issue of equipment and taking of money. Prepares contracts for fitness instructions and assigns

facilities for class use. **Qualification Requirements:** Knowledge: of proper filing and typing procedures; of proper cash handling procedures. Ability: to maintain the monthly billing records; to operate a cash register and calculator; to deal with the public in a friendly, efficient and professional manner.

No. 24-017, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, Code 24322 - This position is located in the Information Security Branch of the Security Division Safety and Security Department. Manufactures badges/passes for access to NAVWPNCEN by civilians, military members, contractors and dependents. Maintains all records and files and prepares input for computerized badge listing. Must be able to assist with training of new employees. Incumbent required to greet customers in tactful, diplomatic and courteous manner. Elements: Knowledge of NAVWPNCEN badge/pass and appropriate regulations instructions and directives relating to their control and issue. Knowledge of OPNAV, SECNAV and NAVWPNCEN instructions relating to persons security. Promotion potential to GS-4. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 24-019, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, Code 2432 - This position is located in the Information Security Branch of the Safety and Security Department. Incumbent performs clerical duties which include typing official correspondence from rough drafts, typing forms, maintaining files, answering telephones, opening and sorting mail, creating visitors frequent supplies. KSA: Ability to use IBM PC and Wordstar is desirable. Promotion potential to GS-4. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 25-024, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-2/3/4, Code 2522 - Incumbent is responsible for providing clerical support in the form of typing, filing, compiling data, maintaining logs and performing follow-up action on a wide variety of items. Position requires frequent personal and telephone contact with individuals at all levels of Navy. Ability to use tact and diplomacy in dealing with both on and off center personnel; work under pressure and adjust easily to organizational, program and procedural changes; work independently; use and apply a variety of written manuals and instructions. Promotion potential to GS-4.

No. 25-025, Procurement Clerk, GS-1106-3/4/5, Code 2522 - Incumbent is a follow-up clerk and is responsible for interfacing with center departments, vendors, to expedite On-line Automated Supply Information System

(OASIS) to initiate tracer actions and update delivery status. Incumbent is responsible for maintaining proper contract file documents and initiating contract administration contracts required as a result of follow-up actions. Knowledge of procurement regulations. Ability to work with diplomacy in relationships with customers and vendors. Promotion potential to GS-5.

No. 25-225, Mail/File Clerk, GS-305-4, Code 22024 - Incumbent provides a variety of office services in the area of employee benefits and services, awards administration, maintains mail distribution for Code 32 personnel and other codes as well. As assistant department CCP, duties include: filing, reproduction and accountability of classified material, safeguarding of classified documents. Elements: Knowledge of the organizational structures and functions of the Center; knowledge of mail/file and records, security and the incentive awards program; ability to exercise diplomacy and discretion in dealing with sensitive information; ability to interface with employees at all levels, both internally and externally to the department. Promotion potential to GS-4.

No. 25-226, Supervisory General Engineer, DP-801-3, Code 2524 - Incumbent serves as supervisor of the branch and has responsibility for contract monitoring and facilities engineering. Elements: Ability to supervise; knowledge of and willingness to support NWC's EEO program; knowledge of the hazards, as well as the safety precautions which must be followed in an explosive and propellant processing area. Knowledge of the department's type physical plant, systems, equipment and processes. Promotion potential to DP-3.

No. 34-015, Technical Information Specialist, DA-1412-2, Code 3433 - This position is located in the Technical Services Branch of the Library Division. Incumbent provides professional support for the cataloging of books and reports. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; to perform manual and online research; to work effectively with various levels of personnel. Knowledge of the Technical Library's processes and procedures; of the Library of Congress cataloging rules; of MARC formats and RLIN cataloging procedures; authority control practices; of the library's online cataloging system, CLIP; of the Defense Technical Information Center's (DTIC) SBIN program.

REASSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

No. 62-014, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-1/2/3 (Multiple Vacancies), Code 6255 - The advanced Systems Branch of the Range Department has opportunities for talented engineers who would enjoy participating in the development of complex range instrumentation systems and following that development through to early deployment on the range. The positions require experience in digital, microprocessor-based, control system, analog and/or video design. Also required is a desire to work with

people, to work in a hands-on environment and to occasionally leave the lab for field work. The programs are relatively small and the probability of fielding systems is high. Openings are available to work on Laser Tracking, Advanced Video and Video Tracking systems. For more information, contact Bob Harriman at NWC ext. 6337 or send your SF-171 to Code 6255. Promotion potential to DP-3. Previous applicants need not reapply.

SECRETARIAL OPPORTUNITIES

This column is used to announce secretary positions for which the duties and job relevant criteria are generally similar. Secretaries serve as the primary clerical and administrative support in the designated organization by coordinating and carrying out such activities. Secretaries perform numerous tasks which may be dissimilar. Positions at lower grades consist primarily of clerical and procedural duties and, as positions increase in grades, administrative functions become predominant. At the higher levels, secretaries apply a considerable knowledge of the organization, its objectives and lines of communication. Depending on grade level, typical secretary duties are implied by the job relevant criteria indicated below.

Applicants will be rated against 4 or more of the following job relevant criteria: (1) ability to perform receptionist and telephone duties; (2) ability to review, track, screen and distribute incoming mail; (3) ability to review outgoing correspondence; (4) ability to compose correspondence and/or prepare non-technical reports; (5) knowledge of filing systems and files management; (6) ability to meet the administrative needs of the office; (7) ability to train clerical personnel and organize workload of clerical staff processes; (8) ability to plan and coordinate travel arrangements; (9) ability to maintain and coordinate supervisor's calendar and to arrange conferences.

Unless otherwise indicated, applicants for Branch Secretary will be rated on elements 1/2/3/5/6; Division Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/7/8/9; Program Office Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/5/8/9; and Department Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 4/7/8/9. A SUPPLEMENTAL FORM IS REQUIRED AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 100 OF THE PERSONNEL BUILDING.

No. 00-025 - Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, Code 02A2 - This position provides secretarial support to the Planning Manager's Office including typing and administrative support for the Model Installation Program. Promotion potential is GS-5.

No. 35-058, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, Code 3522 - Incumbent provides secretarial support to the Advanced Technology Branch. Knowledge of Xerox 860 desirable. Promotion potential to GS-5.

No. 36-175, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, Code 3661 - Provides secretarial support to the Fleet Readiness Branch.

No. 62-117, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, Code 6252 - The incumbent of this position provides clerical and administrative support to the head of the Data Branch. This position is in the Data Systems Division. Word processing skills are preferred; Apple Macintosh training and system usage are preferred. Promotion potential to GS-5.

IWV Concert Association observes 40th year

Subscriptions for the 40th season of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association are now available for the 1986-87 season of six concerts.

Programs to be presented this year include the Max Morath Quintet in "Pop!! Goes the Music!!" on Oct. 27; Brice Martin on piano on Dec. 4; the American Chamber Symphony on Jan. 27, 1987; Ann Akiko Meyers, violinist, Feb. 23; Toccatas and Flourishes (an organ and trumpet duo), March 25; and the Roger Wagner Chorale, presenting "A Night in Old Vienna," Apr. 23.

Of special interest locally will be the concert featuring Anne Akiko Meyers, who began her violin studies in Ridgecrest while her father was dean and then president of Cerro Coso Community Orchestra. Anne Meyers has performed as soloist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the New York Philharmonic. She is currently a student at Juilliard School in New York City.

Season subscriptions to the concerts save 40 percent or more for the series of six concerts, as well as conferring voting membership in the Concert Association. Season ticket holders are also given first preference for seat selection for the next season.

General admission tickets are \$20, \$25 or \$30 for the entire season, depending on seat location. A 40 percent discount on this applies for persons under 21, over 65 or full-time enlisted military personnel.

Orders can be placed by telephoning 375-5600 to place the order and select seats. A check can be mailed afterwards, or the tickets can be charged to either Visa or MasterCard over the phone. If no one is at the telephone, an answering machine will record the call; should that be the case, please leave both daytime and evening telephone numbers so that a call back can be made.

Single admissions are offered for each concert on a space-available basis. Unreserved seats are \$7 for each concert.



with the exception of the flute and piano duo and for the violinist, which are \$6 each. Reduced rates of \$2 off on each ticket apply to those under 21, over 65 or enlisted full-time military.

Tax deductible contributions can also be made by any one person or business wishing to further support the performing arts. These can be directed to either the Student Education Fund or for local presentation costs.

The student education fund supports school programs and workshops open to students, offered in conjunction with the concerts when feasible. A donation of \$10 will result in a program listing as contributor and \$50 to be listed as a supporter.

Local presentation enables a greater portion of membership and ticket proceeds to be applied directly to bringing in outstanding artists. A donation of \$25 or more brings a program listing as donor and \$100 minimum for listing as benefactor.

Checks should be mailed to IWV Concert Association, P.O. Box 1802, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Retirement coverage news

Employees presently covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) will have an opportunity to transfer into the new Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) during an open enrollment period, July 1-December 31, 1987, or continue in CSRS. Since Social Security is one of the tiers in the new three-tiered FERS, it is important for employees who want to consider transfer from CSRS to FERS to know many quarters of coverage they already have and a history of their earnings under Social Security. Therefore employees should file Social Security Administration (SSA) forms SSA-7004-PC, Request for Statement of Earnings and SSA-1137, Request for Detailed Earnings Information as soon as possible, so this information will be available to them before the open season.

Alternative forms of annuities are available to employees retiring under the Civil Service Retirement System on or after June 8, 1986. Under Section 204 of PL-99-335, the Federal Employees Retirement System, employees are allowed to withdraw their retirement contributions in a lump sum at time of retirement and receive a reduced annuity (including survivorship option) based on an actuarial formula.

These forms can be obtained from the Personnel Department, Code 091, or the local Social Security office. FERS booklets describing the FERS Program will be available for all employees later this year. When the booklets are received they will be distributed to all employees the same way as open season Health Insurance information is distributed.

Questions should be directed to Virginia Spille or Sandra Tolson, NWC, ext. 2018 or 2592.

Training requests have deadlines

All off-center training requests (DD Form 1556) must be received by the Human Resource Development Division (Code 894) at least 30 days before the beginning of the off-center course. Please allow for several additional days to obtain approvals required from the initiating department and to allow for delivery to Code 094. Allowing sufficient time will increase the likelihood of obtaining space in the course and will minimize the need to spend

unnecessary time "walking through" the paperwork, making phone calls, hand-carrying checks, etc.

Also, never register yourself in a class. This will be done for you by Code 094 after all required approvals have been received. Students registering themselves in classes may be liable for the tuition charge if the training is not approved.

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CONCERT SERIES - Featured in the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association's shows for the 1986-87 season will be the Max Morath Quintet (left) in "Pop Goes the Music;" the violin of Anne Akiko Meyers (right) and an organ and trumpet duo "Toccatas and Flourishes" (top). There are six concerts planned for the season.

Three Scorp squad unbeaten in opening week

The Scorpions Soccer Club began the fall season of play in the Golden Empire Soccer League with two wins and a tie last Saturday in Bakersfield. The Scorpions have moved into the GESL because it offers more powerful competition to the three local teams.

In the openers, the Under-19 group won 3-1 over the Bakersfield Inferno I, the Under-16 team trounced Bakersfield's Roughnecks 4-0 and the Under-14 group tied with Oildale's Warriors 2-2 in a hard-fought battle.

In the Under-19 game, the Scorpions clearly dominated the game with their fitness and fight despite the humid 105-degree weather. Scott Piri shot home a goal in the last minute of the first half and Bill Hugo came off the bench to notch two addi-

tional goals. One of these was made with the assistance of Scott Hannon with six minutes left in the game and the other with the assistance of Piri with only one minute remaining. The loan Inferno goal resulted from an incompetent decision by the referee, which gave the Inferno's a penalty kick.

Scorpion Under-16 players maintained both a solid defense and an aggressive attack. First score was made by Ted Armstrong, with an assist from Matt Ziegler. Ziegler also assisted with the second score, made by Matt Mechtenberg and Ziegler himself made the third score from a penalty kick. The final tally came from Danny

Hobson, following a pass from Armstrong. During the Under-14 game, the Warriors jumped off to a 1-0 lead early, with a tying shot made by Ted Mechtenberg for the Scorpions. The Warriors scored again before the end of the half, but in the second half Dan Moldenhauer, assisted by Mechtenberg made another goal. Scorpion defense improved as the game went on and was dominant by the end of the game.

All three teams will play on their home turf tomorrow, with the Under-19 team hosting Bakersfield Inferno II at 11 a.m. at Murray Junior High School's soccer field and the Under-16 team kicking off at the same place against the Bakersfield Sting at 1 p.m. The Under-14 Scorpions will host the Bakersfield Sting at Davidove Field at 1 p.m.



Sports

OTHTC run celebrates 1986 fair

Members of the Over-The-Hill Track Club will celebrate the Desert Empire Fair with a four-mile run scheduled for an 8 a.m. start on Saturday, Sept. 20. Signups for the race begin at 7 a.m. at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

The double loop course is flat, except for the half mile dirt road portion, and fast.

There is a \$3 entry fee for OTHTC members and \$4 fee for non-members who plan to enter the race. There will be merchandise awards presented to top finishers in various age groups in mens and womens divisions.

For additional information on this annual race call Scotty Broyles at 446-2941 after 5 p.m.

Doldrums hit Isabella this month

Fishing at Lake Isabella last week was still in the late summer doldrums.

A few crappie are being caught under the trees and off the banks in both north and south forks. Some of those caught are good-sized — but, overall, the crappie fishing can only be rated as poor.

Bluegill are also being caught in the same areas as crappie, as well as off the steep and rocky banks. These fish like both mealworms and red worms.

Catfish, weighing up to four pounds, are being caught on anchovies, mackerel, clams and nightcrawlers. Fishing for cats isn't red-hot either.

No trout are being caught in the lake now. Trout are still being planted in the Kern River, both above and below Isabella. Anglers fishing the river below the dam are still advised to be careful of the river; it's cost 15 lives so far this year.

Ref's clinic for soccer on Sept. 20

A referees' clinic for all youth activities fall soccer referees will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. on; there will be a lunch break. The clinic will be held at the NWC gymnasium annex, located next to the gym. Werner Hueber will conduct the clinic.

The clinic is for beginning referees to learn soccer rules and regulations and for current referees to be able to refresh their knowledge.

For further information, contact Hueber at NWC ext. 5680.



SOCCKER TIME — Youngsters who plan to take part in the NWC Youth Soccer League this fall took part in a skills assessment earlier this week. The registration deadline for the 1986 fall league is close of business today (Friday) at the Information, Ticket and Tour Office of Recreational Services Department.

Experience counts in Sierra fishing

Fishing in the Owens Valley, Long Valley and up to Bridgeport is excellent, especially for experienced anglers.

At Independence Creek, for instance, rainbow trout of 13 inches or better are being caught. Brown trout are also biting well at all lower elevations in the creeks feeding into the Owens River (the river itself is running high, so fishing in it is not very good). Try crickets and worms in the streams to bring home a limit.

At Lake Marie Louise, brookies up to 12 inches are catchable with flies. Sabrina is full of trout that are biting on all types of lures and bait, but South Lake trout prefer

worms and Rock Creek Lake trout like small flies.

Convict Lake trolling is very good with lead core line and Dave Davis lures. Pleasant Valley Reservoir, now that the ground has stopped shaking so much, is producing limits especially with Kastmaster lures or with crickets. Lake Crowley fishing is especially good with olive matuka flies and olive woolly worms.

In the Mammoth area, Twin Lakes is great with lures, such as Phoebe. Try flies on the other lakes in that area or the fly and bubble combination.

Further north, the best overall fishing

Clinic set

All youth activities fall soccer coaches are invited to attend a coaches' clinic next Friday (Sept. 19) from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Knox Road soccer field.

More information can be obtained from Karl Kauffman at NWC ext. 1305.



The Skipper Sez...

QUESTION

Retired military — I have been using the facilities here on base for some time. I am quite happy with having that privilege. However, I would like to point something out. In the Commissary, the new scanning system at the cash registers does not seem to be complete. The visual part of the register to allow the customer to follow the transaction seems to be missing. I have talked to several people about this and have gotten several answers — that it is on its way in, that it was decided the part wasn't necessary by someone at Long Beach, etc. Unless that visual display is there, the customer has no way of knowing the price of a particular item. It is not recorded on the item itself and it is not shown on the register, so unless you can find it on the cash register receipt when you get home, you have no idea what the price is; nor does the clerk, because she is busy picking up the items and running them by the scanner. It just seems to me that there is something missing in the system. If you go to Albertsons or Safeway, you can follow the transaction. Thank you.

ANSWER

We appreciate your question concerning the side displays of the registers in the Commissary Store. The Commissary Division of the Field Support Office San Diego is in the process of buying the visual part of the registers and hope to have them installed within three months. Thank you for your continued support.

QUESTION

Military — Is it possible to get a car service area at the BEQ, a couple of vacuum cleaners and an air and water hose? I feel this small feature would really enhance the living conditions. Thank you very much.

ANSWER

I don't feel this would be a good idea as it would give the impression that we (NWC) condone working on cars, trucks, etc., in the BEQ parking lot. Eventually, we could have a junkyard in the parking lot. BEQ regulations forbid this as there are facilities available both at the auto hobby shop and NEX garage. The auto hobby shop has a car wash and vacuum cleaner available, and the NEX garage has air and water hoses available. Both of these facilities are within two blocks of the BEQ. It would also not be cost effective because the facilities are already available.

QUESTION

Military enlisted — Why doesn't the Special Services (camping gear issue area) rent ski boats? I see that there is one over in the Recreational Vehicle Compound on base. I looked into this; and further investigation at the gym revealed that it is not operable and no provisions are available for insurance. It has been over there for over six months collecting dust and taking up space. Are there any funds to repair this one boat we have here?

ANSWER

The ski boat was obtained from property disposal. Consideration has been given as to whether or not to expand into the ski boat area of recreation. At this point it is being repaired to the extent that the Recreation Department can draw time and resources from other higher priority services. The hull has been repaired and the boat has been painted. New controls, safety equipment, ski equipment and some engine work remain to be done at considerable expense.

At this point the Recreational Services Department is planning on having the boat operable and ready for the 1987 season. However, during this period of major funding cut backs, expansion to a full scale ski boat rental operation is unlikely.

All China Laker, 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. John Burt. 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 not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.



CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER — Capt. John Burt, Center Commander, looks on as Beth Perrine receives congratulations from Gerry Schiefer, Center Technical Director, for having received the Commander's Award for Mission Support. Mrs. Perrine is the first recipient of this award from Capt. Burt. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore

EEO work earns award

Receiving the first Commander's Award for Mission Support presented by Capt. John Burt was Beth Perrine, who served as the Center's Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer until last month.

"I see a lot of agreement throughout the Center in your receiving this award," Capt. Burt told Mrs. Perrine as he presented the award at an all hands meeting of the Personnel Department last Friday morning. "Everyone who had to help in preparing the engraved paperweight, the certificate and the stipend that goes with this award was very enthusiastic about your diligent performance being rewarded."

He noted during the time Mrs. Perrine served as DEEO a significant increase occurred of women in non-traditional roles in the work force at NWC and the Center is currently the leading employer of handicapped employees throughout the Navy Laboratories.

Especially noteworthy, he added, was Mrs. Perrine's role in establishing Ameri-

can Heritage Week at NWC to honor all cultures represented in the work force here.

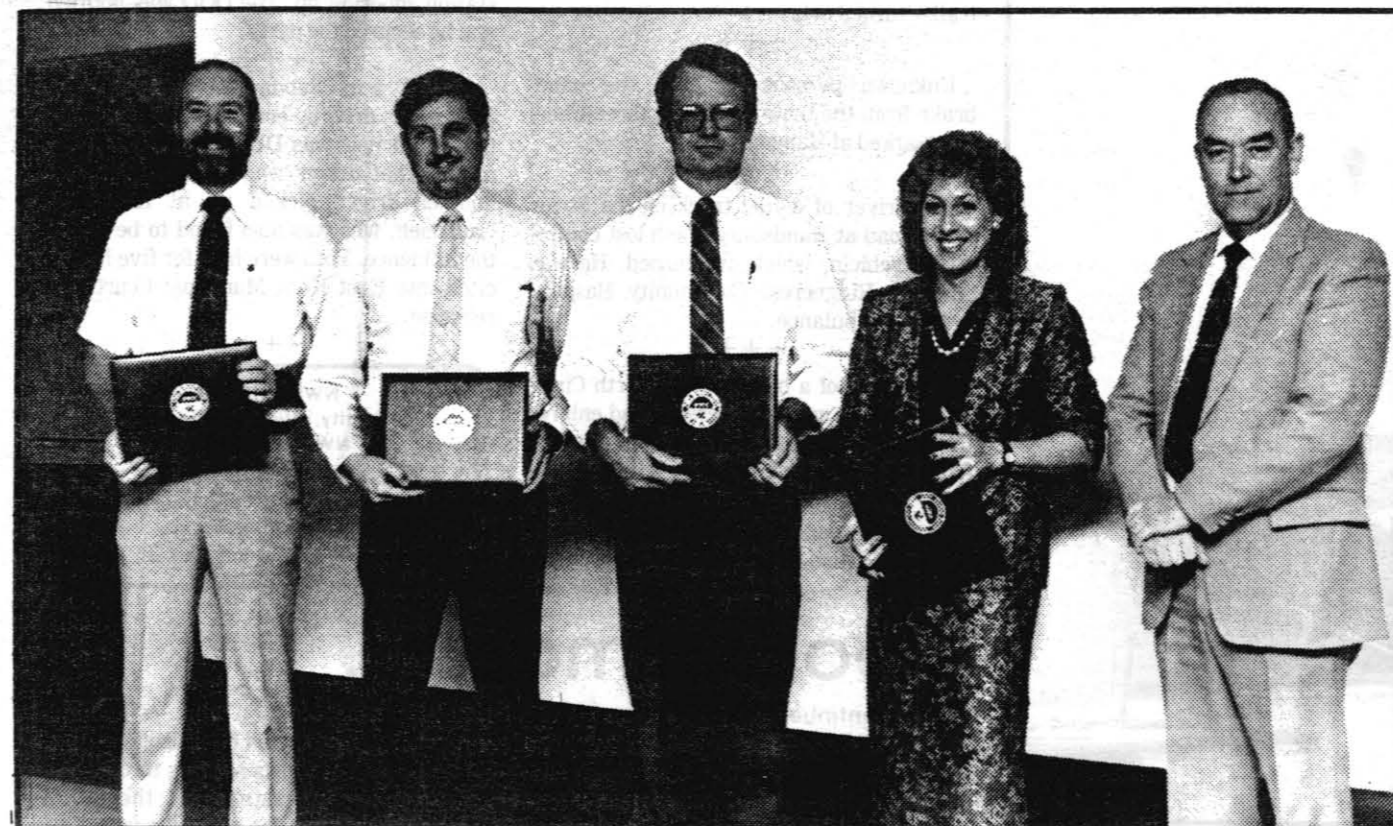
"I'm happy to have this opportunity to express my appreciation for a job well done," Capt. Burt concluded.

Mrs. Perrine told her fellow members of the Personnel Department that she appreciated the role all of them had played not only in EEO but especially for the first American Heritage Week celebration.

"The EEO staff has done the most," she said, "but many of you have also contributed significantly to improving the minority work profile on board. This award honors all of you, too."

Gerry Schiefer, Center Technical Director, who also attended the ceremony, told the members of the Personnel Department that, "Although you don't produce hardware, you are also a vital part of the team that serves the fleet. Without you we couldn't accomplish our mission — that is, to put weapons in the fleet."

Technical Management certificates presented



TRAINING COMPLETED — Holding their Technical Management Certification Program certificates are the latest group of graduates of that program. These include, l. to r., Michael W. Benton, Jan D. Janiec, Charles Combs and Kathy Finch. Joining them is Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director.

At Monday morning's Commander's meeting, another group of graduates of the Technical Management Certificate Program were presented their certificates to certify that they had completed the more than 330 hours classroom instruction and the final examination comprising the program.

The latest graduates are Michael W. Benton, a computer systems analyst on the Aviation Training Support System, Code 3109; Charles C. Combs, a mechanical engineer who manages the Air Frame MODS Program, Code 3604; Kathy K. Finch, head of the Electronic Systems Branch of the Weapons Department, Code 3924; and Jan D. Janiec, HARM Deputy Technical Manager for Systems, Code 3506B.

Also completing the program but unable to attend the meeting because he is in Washington on assignment was Ron Cohn, Code 3507.

The program, which takes between two and a half and three years to complete, at a minimum, is the most extensive of any offered by the Navy. It covers Department of Defense, Navy and NWC management policies and practices in general and their application to the management of system acquisition programs at NWC in particular.

The course work is taught locally by Center personnel and contractors.

Armitage Field vital to China Lake operations

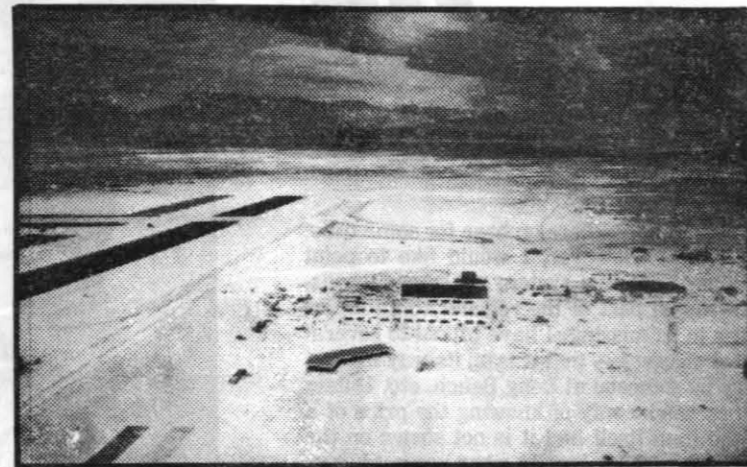
Construction of what became Armitage Airfield began as soon as other permanent construction did at China Lake because experimental air operations underlay the primary mission of the Naval Ordnance Test Station.

Pilots who would be using the airfield worked with designers and contractors to plan appropriate facilities for storing and loading fuel, maintenance and administration facilities and safe ammunition loading areas. The field itself was named after Lt. John Armitage, who had lost his life testing a Tiny Tim rocket.

Who was in charge of the air facility was, for a period of time, a complex problem — Commander Naval Air Bases, Eleventh Naval District, or the Commander of NOTS? NOTS was under the Bureau of Ordnance, while the Naval air bases fell under the Bureau of Aeronautics.

The situation was finally resolved by a Secretary of the Navy directive of April 28, 1947 that clearly spelled out that the Naval Air Facility, Naval Ordnance Test Station "is under the military command and coordination control of the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, California and under the management of the Bureau of Ordnance. It is exempted from the Naval Air Bases Command, Eleventh Naval District..."

With the jurisdictional problem resolved, NOTS and its Naval Air Facility worked together in the very special relationship required to carry out the unique research, development and weapon testing mission of the Station.



China Lake Police Reports

Jewelry was reported as having been removed from a residence on Young Circle.

When a vehicle leaked fuel on Intrepid, the Fire Division responded and washed down the area.

Early on the morning of Sept. 4, a driver driving erratically on Nimitz was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was

arrested, held for five hours, then cited into East Kern Municipal and released.

The victim filed a battery report in which she stated that while she was walking to work at Nimitz and Halsey, the suspect rode up to her on his bike, tried to talk her into going with him, then grabbed her. When she objected, he pedaled off.

A military resident of a Hubbard Circle residence reported that unknown persons had entered his premises and removed money.

Vandals damaged the irrigation timing system controls at McBride Park.

Last December a resident of Lane Haven trailer park reported an engine hoist stolen from his yard; it reappeared in his yard this week.

Police were called to stand by to keep the peace while the reporting party removed her things from a house on Hussey.

Several noninjury traffic accidents were reported to police during the week. One occurred at Post 13 at the detour when a bus struck the guard shack while turning. A second was a hit-and-run at the Trident facility parking lot when one vehicle received minor damages and no message was left by the driver of the other vehicle. At the intersection of Little Petroglyph and Junction Ranch Roads, a driver towed a trailer; the trailer and vehicle jackknifed and the trailer turned over.

Unknown persons removed the hand-bar from the metal rack of a three-wheel bike parked at Hangar 3.

The driver of a fuel truck on the Straw Peak Road at Randsburg Wash lost control of the vehicle, which overturned. He was taken to Ridgecrest Community Hospital by NWC ambulance.

A resident of a house on Ashworth Circle reported that unknown persons had entered the unlocked garage and removed gasoline from the car parked inside.

Unknown persons ran on the top of a vehicle parked at Murray Junior High

School, damaging the hood, according to a vandalism report filed.

An unsecured and unattended bike was found at the east side of the Electronic Warfare building. It has been placed in the police compound for safekeeping.

Saturday afternoon a man riding a 10-speed bike on Lauritsen ran off the road, lost control of the bike and fell, receiving minor injuries.

When the saddle shifted on the horse that a young woman was riding at the NWC stables, she fell. She was transported to Ridgecrest Community Hospital by NWC ambulance.

Police received a complaint about a noisy party on Young Circle at 11 p.m. Saturday night; they warned and advised the resident to keep the noise down. Shortly after midnight they received another complaint about the same party. On arriving at the scene, they found an intoxicated woman in the front yard who was unable to care for herself; she was taken into custody and spent the next several hours at the police station sobering up. The OOD was notified and he secured the party.

At 2:15 a.m. Sunday, police stopped a driver for driving erratically, discovered that the driver was DUI, so an arrest was made. That driver was joined at 2:45 by another driver picked up at King and Lauritsen, who was also found to be under the influence. Both were held for five hours, cited into East Kern Municipal Court and released.

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Geothermal . . .

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of concrete when building foundations and walls are poured.

By the end of the month Wunderlich says they should have finished much of the work on the foundations for the huge cooling towers necessary and the foundation for the massive turbines to generate the power,

each in a separate pit.
The Navy is expected to realize about \$20 million in energy costs savings through the successful harnessing of the Coso geothermal field in the next 10 years. This is being accomplished without disruption of NWC's mission or test schedule on Center ranges near the Coso site.



COOLING TOWERS — Cooling tower foundations and the base of the power plant building are under construction at the Coso Geothermal Site, with energy production scheduled to start by June 30 next year.

Three Vampires ready to join Blue Angels team

For three sailors assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 5 (VX-5), the highlight of their military careers was their recent selection to join the elite maintenance crew of the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron — the Blue Angels.

Aviation Structural Mechanic Third Class Tom Viviano, Aviation Electronics Technician Second Class Grady Cox and Maintenance Administrationman Second Class Rusty Jones will all be heading for N.A.S. Pensacola, Florida — home of the Blues — for their orientation this fall with the flight team. Their tours will be for three years.

The three local sailors will become part of a highly professional, tight-knit maintenance unit. Each prospective Blue Angel crew member undergoes extensive screening and a personal interview before the final members are selected. Not only the individual's professional record, but also his or her appearance, speaking ability and military bearing, are taken into account.

For AZ2 Jones, being selected to the team is the realization of a three-year old goal.

"In 1983 I worked for a chief who had just finished a tour with the Blues," the six-year Navy veteran said. "He told me that they stood for what their mission was all about.

For the last three years I have strived to become Blue Angel material and I am honored to have been selected."

Currently assigned to VX-5's Quality Assurance Shop, Petty Officer Jones hopes his tour with the Blue Angels will help him achieve one more goal.

"Being a Blue Angel means you are one of the best in your field," he said. "It has brightened the future for my career as I plan to apply for the limited duty officer (LDO) program after leaving the Blues."

A native of Mechanicsville, Virginia, Petty Officer Jones will be accompanied by his wife, La'ree and their two-year-old daughter, Brandi.

The traveling opportunity and the chance to work with such a top-notch group appealed very highly to AME3 Viviano.

"I decided to meet with the Blues' representative when he visited China Lake to explore the possibility of joining the team since they are transitioning from the A-4F Skyhawk to the F/A-18 Hornet next season," he said.

Assigned to VX-5's AME Shop since November 1983, Petty Officer Viviano maintains ejection seats and air conditioning systems in all squadron aircraft.

"I have really enjoyed working with such a variety of aircraft during my tour here at VX-5," the 3½-year veteran said.

What does being a Blue Angel mean to Petty Officer Viviano?

"I feel proud to be able to look forward to working with the best flight demonstration squadron in the world," he said.

During high school visits throughout the show season, a Blue Angel member may discuss the many opportunities the Navy's officer and enlisted ranks can offer.

AME3 Viviano plans to stress the educational benefits that sea service has available.

"My advice would be take advantage of the many professional jobs the Navy has to offer," he said. "Once you find one you like, strive to do your best and get all the schooling available to you."

A native of Collinsville, Illinois, Petty Officer Viviano and his wife, Delores, have two children, Carrie Lynn, 9 and Thomas Nicholas, 3.

AT2 Cox believes the working atmosphere the Blue Angels create can be used to succeed in any situation.

"If you believe in teamwork and doing the job right," he commented, "the Navy and the professional training available will take you far in today's world."

Petty Officer Cox is presently the daycheck shift supervisor in VX-5's AT Shop, supervising all phases of aircraft repair and troubleshooting any aircraft problems.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Navy's top performers," he said of his new duty. "This is definitely the high point in my eight years in the Navy!"

A native of Buffalo, Tennessee, AT2 Cox is married to Sheila and they have two children, Donnie, 6 and Amanda, 1½.

As these three sailors embark on an exciting tour of duty, they have not failed to reflect on the theme of their new squadron.

"It is an honor to be part of a team that will travel many miles across America and abroad, to small towns and large cities, to show people what the United States Navy is all about," stated AZ2 Jones.

—By PH3 Greg Hogan



Military News



NEW BLUES — Three sailors from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) will join the Blue Angels for their next tour of duty. The three, part of VX-5's maintenance crew, will take part in the transitioning from the A-4F to the F/A-18 by the Blues for the 1987 show season. AME3 Tom Viviano (left), AZ2 Rusty Jones and AT2 Grady Cox (right) look over a replica of the A-4F Skyhawk that will soon be a collector's item for fans of the Navy's Flight Demonstration Team. — Photo by PH3 Greg Hogan

NRS class registration still welcome

Registrations are still welcome for the Navy Relief Society class to be offered from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. September 29 through October 3. The class will be held in the Navy Relief building, 1811 Lauritsen Road.

The course covers information about Navy pay and allowances, military benefits and financial management. This information is of great personal benefit to any military member or dependent; it is of great value also to retired personnel or civilians who might wish to serve as Navy Relief Society volunteers. Those who complete the class will be given the opportunity to volunteer to work as interviewers or receptionists if they choose.

NRS is especially interested in inviting former volunteers who might wish to again become involved to take their class as a refresher.

Free child care will be provided for those taking the class.

For more information about the course or to volunteer assistance, contact Renee Phillips or Carolyn Hunsicker at the NRS Office, 446-4746, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NEX News

Christmas shoppers are taking advantage of the NEX Toyland being open and are making their selections now. Toys can be put on layaway Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming is the home fashion sale, which begins Monday and will run all next week.

Something to look forward to: next week a TV extravaganza starts with a demonstration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19. The special promotion will last until Oct. 4.

And it's a good idea to save some of next Monday's paycheck to take advantage of the Super Sunday Sale that will be held Sept. 21.

For the convenience of shoppers, the NEX is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Family picnic includes FRA meeting

China Lake Branch 95 of the Fleet Reserve Association will hold a combination meeting and family picnic at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Chief Petty Officers' Mess picnic area. All FRA members, active duty and retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel and their families are invited to attend.

The branch will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, eating utensils and liquid refreshment for a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under the age of 12. The swimming pool will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. for those attending the picnic.

On the agenda for a brief meeting will be information about the beginning of the Americanism essay contest.

Further information about FRA or the meeting can be obtained by telephoning Tina Evans at 375-6496.

Clinic set

The Branch Medical Clinic announces monthly pediatric clinics will be held, starting September 18. This month's clinics will be held Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sept. 19 from 8 to 11 a.m.

Dr. Austin talks to SAME

Dr. Carl Austin, a registered professional geologist, will speak on "Groundwater Questions and Problems of the Indian Wells Valley" at Wednesday's meeting of the China Lake Post of the Society of American Military Engineers.

The meeting will be held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations are required and may be made by telephoning Joyce Churchill, 3411, ext. 504, no later than close of business Monday.