

# Community Events

Fair-goers can still enjoy the Kern County Fair in Bakersfield this weekend. Hours are from noon to 11 p.m., and admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children from 6-12, and children under 6 are free.

Along with the usual agricultural and livestock exhibits, there are commercial booths, floral and garden and home arts exhibits. Of course, there's also the midway with games and rides and there are a variety of edible goodies to be consumed to keep up the strength of the fair-goers.

"A Little Bit of Everything" is the theme of Martina Camphausen's exhibit at the Sylvia Winslow Exhibit Gallery of the Maturango Museum. Her exhibit will begin on Sunday, Oct. 4.

A reception will honor the artist on that day from 2:30 to 4 p.m.; the public is cordially invited to attend.

Admission to the museum is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children, while museum members are admitted free.

Motorcycle riders are wanted for the Toy Run scheduled for December 12. The run will begin at Kern Park at noon and end at the Indian Center in Lone Pine. The entry fee is a new toy, which will be given to the Lone Pine Indian Center for Christmas distribution. Interested parties should call Garry at 377-5597 or Tony at 375-0252.

## Admission variable

Beginning in October, certain films at the Center Theater will have variable admission prices allowing



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| Thurs. | 95  | 54  | 10 knots |       |
| Fri.   | 97  | 54  | 13 knots |       |
| Sat.   | 100 | 56  | 12 knots |       |
| Sun.   | 102 | 53  | 12 knots |       |
| Mon.   | 101 | 56  | 14 knots |       |
| Tues.  | 96  | 54  | 15 knots |       |
| Wed.   | 90  | 67  | 28 knots | .13   |

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

first-run movies to be shown in a more timely manner. The variable prices will range from \$1.35 to \$2 for adults and 50 cents to \$1 for children 6-11. Prices will be noted on the monthly calendar distributed at the Center Theater, the Information, Ticket and Tour Office and the Roadrunner (included in the Rocketeer at the end of each month). Movies with special prices will be marked with an asterisk. If an admission price is not annotated, the regular admission prices will be in effect (0-5 free; 6-11, 50 cents; and 12 and up, \$1.35). Advance theater tickets will only be accepted when regular admission prices are in effect.

For further information contact the ITT Office at NWC ext. 2010.

## Movies

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| FRI-SAT.  | OCT. 2-3 |
| "BEVERLY HILLS COP II"  |          |
| Starring Eddie Murphy and Judge Reinhold (Action, rated R, 103 min.)                  |          |
| SUNDAY  | OCT. 4   |
| "PROJECT X"   |          |
| Starring Matthew Broderick and Helen Hunt (Adventure/Drama, rated PG-13, 108 min.)    |          |
| WED.  | OCT. 7   |
| "CREEP SHOW II"   |          |
| Starring George Kennedy and Dorothy Lamour (Horror, rated R, 90 min.)                 |          |
| FRI.  | OCT. 9   |
| "PREDATOR"  |          |
| Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Carl Weathers (Science-Fiction, rated R, 107 min.) |          |

Starting Times: Matinee / 2 pm Evening / 7 pm

(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
(PG) PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED  
(R) RESTRICTED Under 17 Requires Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

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Youth soccer play underway at NWC—P-14

# NWC Rocketeer

Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California 93555-6001

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## Austin's geothermal work garners Navy recognition

### Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award

During a long and distinguished career at the Naval Weapons Center, Dr. Carl Austin has been a consistent advocate of harnessing the geothermal energy from the Coso Geothermal Resource Area. Last week it was a surprised Dr. Austin who received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, for his efforts in bringing this about.

This award, the highest any Center commander can authorize, came in recognition of the technical expertise and administrative leadership in directing the NWC geothermal development program. Capt. Burt told Dr. Austin, "We want to recognize your efforts over the past 27 years and 25 years in geothermal work."

In a letter accompanying the certificate, Capt. Burt said, "Under your guidance, the Naval Weapons Center has become the lead laboratory for geothermal research and development. You have been personally responsible for guiding the Coso geothermal program to a successful commencement, while never failing to ensure protection of NWC's prime mission. Due to your

influence, the Navy will continue to receive rewards through electrical savings and proceeds expected to be in the area of hundreds of millions of dollars over the 22 years remaining in the contract."

NWC's Public Works Officer, Capt. K.C. Kelley, wrote a recommendation letter for this prestigious award saying, "Primarily through his (Dr. Austin's) pioneering achievements in the field of geothermal research which have contributed to the basic understanding of geothermal resources and their energy potential, the Naval Weapons Center has been designated as the Navy's lead lab for research and development of geothermal energy resources."

Capt. Kelley also noted, "Geothermal resources on Navy lands represent a very real and viable opportunity for the Navy to not only conserve scarce fossil fuels and become independent of foreign fuels, but to also develop a secure and reliable energy source with a cost savings to the Navy."

On July 15 of this year, electric

energy from Navy Geothermal Plant One, Unit One was first delivered to the public utility power grid. Since then, contract modifications have been approved by the Navy and China Lake Joint Venture, the Coso Geothermal contractor, calling for two more units at Plant One and a three-unit Plant Two, all to be built by 1990. These new facilities will bring potential energy production at the Coso site to 160 megawatts compared to the current level of 25 megawatts from Plant One, Unit One.

The nomination letter also credits Dr. Austin with successfully coordinating the efforts of contractor with the activities of Navy test needs and test personnel, bringing off an "unprecedented cooperative venture between government and industry."

Dr. Austin told Capt. Burt and many of his co-workers who were on hand for the presentation that there were a lot more people involved than just him. He noted it had been a team effort with the work of a great many people going into development of this resource.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE—Dr. Carl Austin's work on developing the geothermal resource at the Naval Weapons Center brought him the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award last week. Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, made the presentation. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady



TD AWARD—Gary Gillen is all smiles after receiving the NWC Technical Director's Award from Gerry Schiefer, Center Technical Director. Joining in congratulating Gillen was Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

## HARM integration brings TD Award

Gary Gillen was able to get four live firings of the High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) from an EA-6B in four consecutive weeks as the Naval Weapons Center successfully integrated the HARM to the EA-6B; earning him the NWC Technical Director's Award.

"Gary did a superb job in putting HARM on the EA-6B," said Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director, as he made the surprise award presentation last week. "The Skipper and I are just delighted to present this to you," Schiefer added.

The Center's Technical Director noted he has a great deal of interest in HARM and wanted to thank all the people involved in the team effort that made the project work. Schiefer also commented on NWC's long involve-

ment with HARM and said it has proven to be an effective weapon in combat.

As project engineer in the HARM Technical Management Office of the Electronic Warfare Department, Gillen was responsible for system requirement definition, overall program schedule planning, review of applicable system documentation and directing all tests at the contractor's facilities as well as NWC.

The letter of nomination by Dr. E.K. Kutchna, head, Code 35, said Gillen was "singularly instrumental in managing all NWC development and test activities and coordinating the overall Navy and contractor effort for this very successful and highly compressed integration effort." (Continued on Page 16)

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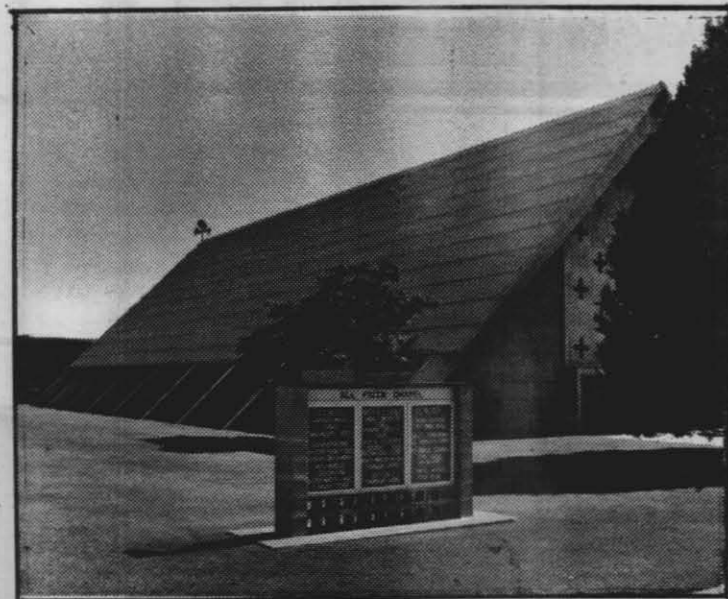
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## NWC's Wellness Corner

(This is the first of a two-part article.)

Have you ever felt that your life was out of balance? That things just aren't in sync? Is there too much stress?

As stress increases, strains also increase, unless it is moderated. Four moderators that help to balance the negative effects of stress, according to the One Minute Manager Gets Fit philosophy, are autonomy, connectedness, perspective and tone.

Autonomy is defined as the feeling of control people have over their own lives. People with a high sense of autonomy usually have a clear sense of their own identity, feel the freedom to make choices in their lives, have career or job options and sufficient skills and see their daily activities moving them toward their long- and short-range goals.

Connectedness relates to the quality of relationships in people's lives. People who report high connectedness often feel they have positive relationships with friends, family, self, co-workers and supervisors. Connectedness also relates to a feeling of contentment with the physical environment.

Perspective is defined as the "big picture" of life. People with good perspective know their purpose and direction in life, value their past experiences and have a keen sense of the present moment. Perspective may also be strongly related to spiritual values.

Tone is a person's physical well-

being. People with good tone exercise regularly, have high energy levels, proper weight, sound nutrition and feel generally good about their physical appearance.

To enhance your autonomy, both on a professional and personal level, learn the secrets of effective time management. Make appointments with yourself to work on goals, reflect, play. Keep these appointments with yourself as if they were with someone else. Write your goals and keep them handy for daily reference. Take advantage of opportunities to participate in decisions which may affect you. Skill building will give you more options and mastery. When you

are at your peak period of natural energy, do the most important things.

Delegate more and find a private time for yourself to work on key projects. Continue to search for a good match between your interests/ability and a job/career. Beware of feeling that everything has to be done perfectly and, therefore, by you.

These suggestions were taken from *The One Minute Manager Gets Fit* action plan book.

— By Betty Miller  
 Wellness Coordinator

(To be continued next week)

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**The Skipper Sez...**

**QUESTION**

Civilian employee — How does the Center expect their Safety Program to be taken seriously when they have an article in the *Rocketeer* (this specific is July 17 but there have been others) in which people are working with explosive propellants and not wearing safety glasses. It is hard enough to get people to wear safety glasses and when articles like this appear in the *Rocketeer*, it just makes the entire Safety Program look foolish. Thank you.

**ANSWER**

Thank you for your concern about the Safety Program at NWC. You are absolutely correct that safety must be taken seriously and that safety attire, including safety glasses, must be worn when handling propellants and explosives.

The picture in the *Rocketeer* was obviously posed. There was no propellant nor explosive in the area when the photo was taken. In fact, to have had propellant in the area when a photographer was present would have violated one of the fundamentals of a good safety program: minimum exposure of hazardous materials to the minimum personnel required to do the job. Obviously, the photographer was not required to perform the insensitive munitions function.

The groups featured in the article have a high regard for safety and an outstanding safety record: no lost time accidents in over twenty-five years of handling energetic materials. These people share your concern for safety.

**QUESTION**

Civilian employee — I have a question concerning the China Lake Bowling Association For Juniors. They had a tournament this weekend. Costs were \$7.50 this year; last year it was \$5. Last year they had trophies up to fourth place winners; this year they had two trophies, 1st and 2nd place for boys — third place had a ribbon. Now, I want to know why the extra cost and where the money went to because it doesn't cost that much more this year than it did last year for bowling. I would appreciate an answer. Thank you.

**ANSWER**

The Junior Bowling Tournament you addressed was conducted by the Youth Activities Branch of the Recreational Services Department. Activities of this nature are planned each year based on survey results from the participants and parents from the previous year. Last year's survey concluded that the parents and participants wanted new trophies and ribbons given out and were willing to pay more for them. (Last year, old trophies that were donated were used. This saved money and kept entry costs lower.) This year, trophies were given for first place only — one for the boys and one for the girls. Ribbons were given for second through tenth place. Also, every child who participated received an award.

Last year, fewer staff worked with the tournament. This year, one more staff member was added to help run the tournament since last year's after action report indicated that additional staff would make this event more successful.

**QUESTION**

Civilian employee — For both golfers and runners, the "water stations" at the golf course are lifesavers. The water on the one on the northeast side of the course, however, has water that looks milky, feels slimy and tastes soapy. Is it safe to drink?

**ANSWER**

The drinking fountain was checked by Recreational Services and Environmental Health (Dispensary) personnel in response to your question. The tests performed found that the water is safe to drink and is free of bacterial growth or other hazardous substances. When the water was checked, it did not have the milky, slimy appearance or bad taste that you mentioned. Should you find the water in this condition again, please contact the personnel in the Pro Shop immediately.

*All China Lakers, including military personnel, civilian employees and their dependents, are invited to submit questions to this column. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. Answers to these questions are directly from Capt. 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 is not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.*

**Presentations set**

Two presentations are scheduled for Handicap Awareness Week at NWC. The first, a presentation on epilepsy awareness, will be presented by Kathy Doan on Oct. 6 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Training Center. The second, a demonstration on state-of-the-art assistive devices for the disabled, will be given by Ronald G. Runge from Voice Connection and Alan Crafton from Telesensory Systems, Inc. It will be held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 until 3 p.m. For further information contact Judi Farmer at NWC ext. 3129.

**Fire Prevention Week set**

All area residents are invited by the Naval Weapons Center Fire Division to join in the observance of Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10.

Indian Wells Valley and Kern Valley elementary school children (grades kindergarten through sixth) have been busy since school started preparing their entries in the annual Poster and Essay Contest. Awards for the best essay and poster at each school will be given during the Fire Prevention Week shows at the Center Theater.

The High Desert Fire Prevention Association, a group made up of the firefighters from China Lake and Kern County as well as the firefighters from the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, has been busy making arrangements for the activities at China Lake and Kern Valley areas. Life-sized costumed replicas of Smokey the Bear, Woodsey the Owl and Sparky the Fire Dog will assist firefighter actors on stage in putting on three-act plays for the children. In addition, the children will see a short movie, sing songs and listen to presentations on how to "Learn

Not To Burn" from the firefighters.

The one-hour Fire Prevention show is scheduled for NWC beginning today, Oct. 2, through Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 9:30 a.m. each day. On Thursday, Oct. 8, the show will be seen at South Fork at 8:30 a.m. and at Kern Valley at 1 p.m. Friday's show, Oct. 9, will be held at Woodrow Wallace at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

At the conclusion of the skits, winners of the Poster and Essay Contest will be announced. Winners will be brought onto the stage for a group picture with Smokey, Sparky and Woodsey and given a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for their outstanding efforts. The savings bonds have been provided by the High Desert Junior Woman's Club, Ridgecrest BPO Elks Lodge 1913 and Knights of Columbus Council 3199.

Throughout Fire Prevention Week, the welcome mat will be out at NWC's Fire Station No. 1, located at the corner of Lauritsen and East Inyokern Road. Family groups are encouraged to visit between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. to see various

types of fire equipment on display which is used by the firefighters and emergency medical technicians. Fire Station No. 3 at Armitage Airfield can be visited by making special arrangements.

From Oct. 12 to Oct. 23, teams from China Lake and Kern County Fire Departments will visit all pre-schools, day care centers, nursery schools and kindergarten classes in the Indian Wells Valley to show an animated film and distribute materials keyed to the "Learn Not To Burn" theme of Fire Prevention Week. The youngsters will also be able to meet either Smokey, Woodsey or Sparky and see a fire engine close up.

The importance of reaching children during their formative years and teaching them about fire prevention is underscored by the latest estimates on fire-related deaths released by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Annually, 6,000 persons die from fire-related incidents. Although this figure has been drastically reduced from the 12,000-person average of 10 years ago, local fire officials will not be satisfied until their goal of zero fire deaths is reached.

**Sidewinder award presented**

Phil Bowen, systems engineer for the Sidewinder AIM-9R project since 1982, was recently presented the Sidewinder Development Award by the Sidewinder Technical Office.

An electrical engineer in the Weapons Department's Air-to-Air Guidance Branch, Bowen was honored for his work over the past five years in pulling various sub-systems together

to create a system capable of meeting operational requirements.

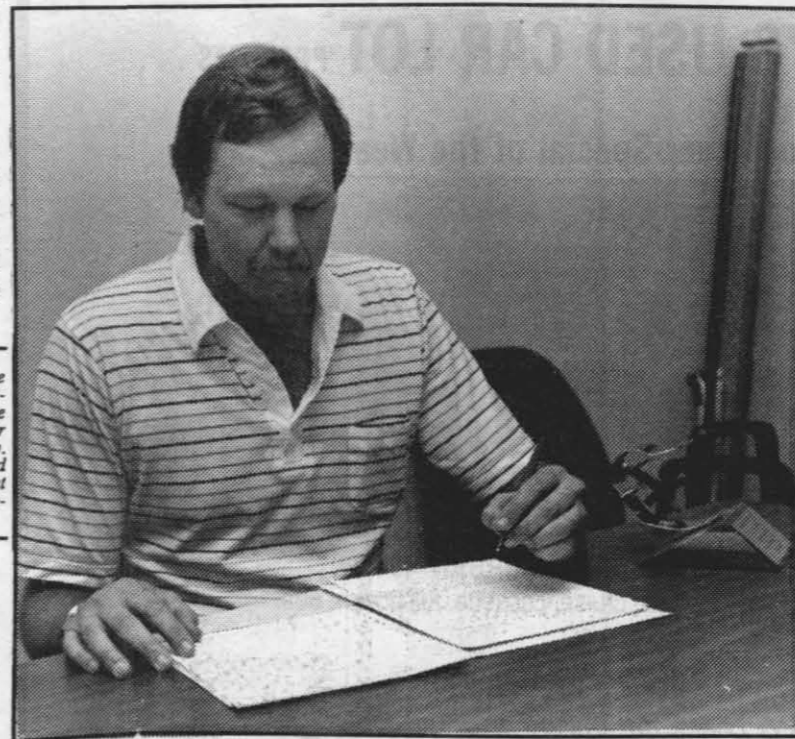
Bowen, a native of Chico, Calif., earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from California State University, Chico and a master's in the same field from the University of Southern California. He has now left the Naval Weapons Center to do post-graduate work at Stanford University

through an NWC Fellowship. He said he was honored to have received the award and noted it was, and continues to be, a lot of hard work by a lot of people to get this latest version of Sidewinder ready for release to the fleet.

The engraved plaque, with a miniature Sidewinder mounted on it, was presented at a meeting of everyone involved in Sidewinder work.

His career at China Lake began with a stint as a summer employee in 1972. In 1973, following graduation, he came to work full time in what has become the Weapons Department. He noted the summer employment helped interest him in an NWC career. In addition, one of his professors at Chico had been a summer employee at the Center and encouraged him to look into what the Navy had to offer.

Bowen, and his wife, Kim, are parents of a four-year old daughter, Adrienne.



**SIDEWINDER HONOR**—Phil Bowen reviews some last minute paper work before leaving for Stanford University on an NWC Fellowship. He was presented the Sidewinder Development Award (sitting on the desk) prior to wrapping up his work here last week. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

**Free plants**

Code 2605, the Housing Office, has purchased plants to be issued on a "first-come, first served" basis. Plants will be issued to Center residents tomorrow (Saturday) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. from the Pan Am Supply Warehouse (the old laundrymat), 1570 Card Street, Building 2016.

Because there are a limited number of plants, only two plants will be issued to each resident.



### China Lake Police Reports

An unknown vehicle struck a 1986 Mazda while it was parked in the VX-5 parking lot. Since neither driver nor car made a report on the accident, this is listed as a hit-and-run.

Three juveniles who were seen hanging around the Michelson Laboratory parking lot during school hours were escorted back to Murray Junior High School by China Lake police.

An unknown person scratched the trunk lid of a vehicle that was parked in the Michelson Laboratory parking lot.

In what is listed as a grand theft, a terminal box connector was taken from a telephone pole outside Building 30221.

An individual tried to use someone else's community pass to gain entry to the Center. The gate guard made the individual show the picture, which was clearly not that of the individual holding the pass, did not admit the person, but did confiscate the pass.

Following a husband-wife altercation in the Site B Capehart housing, the wife was treated at the Branch Medical Clinic and released, and the husband was turned over to his Command Duty Officer.

A 12-year-old suspect was apprehended in the NEX for shoplifting.

Police were alerted to a burglary in progress in a residence on Nimitz. They responded and caught the suspect inside the residence. He was arrested and jailed.

A set of golf clubs was found at the golf course unattended long after the course closed for the night. They can be reclaimed at the police station.

Both the husband and wife were treated at the Branch Medical Clinic after they had an altercation in their residence in the Site A Capehart housing.

Police responded at 12:09 a.m. when they got a call of a lot of noise from a residence on Hubbard Circle. At 1 a.m. when police got another call about noise, they took the OOD and the MAAs along. The party broke up rapidly.

up and discovered that there were outstanding warrants for his arrest on traffic violations. He was transported to the Ridgecrest jail and booked.

One car stopped for a stop sign at the intersection of King and Lauritsen. The other car didn't. Result: a traffic collision.

A little girl riding her skateboard on the sidewalk on Blue Ridge was bitten by a dog that ran from a yard.

A bicyclist was hit by a car at Inyokern Road and Hussey. The cyclist was taken to Ridgecrest Community Hospital to be treated for his injuries.

Property was taken from a residence on Ticonderoga Avenue, resulting in a burglary report.

A 15-year-old at Murray School was assaulted by another boy of the same age. Minor injuries were sustained by the victim.

### Skateboard regulations

According to LCdr. MacDonald, Staff Judge Advocate, a recent incident in the Navy Exchange/Commissary (NEX) business area necessitates the regulation of skate board use.

The use of skate boards in the congested NEX area creates the risk of injury to patrons, as well as to the skate board users.

The NEX business area is that area of parking lot and sidewalk located in front of the Gym (Dibb Road) and proceeding east past the Theatre, Exchange, Commissary and Center Library (Richmond Road), commonly referred to as Bennington Plaza.

Effective immediately, skate board use within the NEX business area, is prohibited. Anyone using a skate board within this area will be subject to administrative and/or criminal sanctions.

### NOTS/NWC Pages from the Past

Being a member of the 1932 U. S. Olympic Team while he was a student at the Naval Academy was only the first of many times that Tom Connolly received national fame. His distinguished career as a naval officer resulted in his eventually achieving the rank of Vice Admiral and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air).

as being one of the most interesting assignments of his long career.

He became a naval aviator in 1936, and followed that with graduate studies that led to his receiving a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1942. After combat time during World War II, he was Assistant Director of Flight Test at Patuxent River, Md., served again aboard a carrier and became Director of Flight Test.

Fleet service fell between that and his becoming, as a Captain, the Experimental Officer at NOTS in 1952.

After leaving China Lake in 1954, he alternated fleet service and Washington service, becoming Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet before moving to his final assignment as DCNO.

Interestingly, when VAdm. Connolly became ComNavAirPac, he relieved another former China Laker, VAdm. P. D. Stroop, his predecessor in that job.

### Fall colors

This weekend may be the best time for a fall color pilgrimage to the Owens Valley. The Bishop Chamber of Commerce notes, in its fall color festival handout, the dry summer and a cooling trend, have trees changing colors at an accelerating pace this year.

Stop at the Bishop Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street for a free map to areas in and around the city.

### MS group

Members of the area Multiple Sclerosis (MS) self-help group will meet Wednesday (Oct. 7) in the Kern County Library at 7:30 p.m. This is a group that includes people with MS, their family and friends. For more information on this self-help group call 446-3349 in the evenings.

## Handicapped employable

During the past decade, our Nation has seen increased awareness of the capabilities of workers with disabilities. We have demonstrated a greater commitment to the principal of equal employment opportunity for all Americans.

Medical and technological developments, coupled with new awareness of the capabilities of people with disabilities, can lead to greater and more fruitful participation of all Americans in our work force.

This awareness has led to actions by people with disabilities, by business, by organized labor, and by government at all levels to encourage the full integration of workers with disabilities into the American work force.

The first full week in October of each year is "National Employ the Handicapped Week." During these seven days, we emphasize our recognition of the changing roles of people with disabilities in America today. Their aspirations and demonstrated ability to meet challenges and make the most of opportunities have resulted in changing the way the Nation thinks about handicaps and disabilities.

This cooperative and unified action has enabled people with disabilities to forge ahead — as leaders, employers employees, team members and as vital mem-

bers of American society. Let us recognize through our actions, as well as our words, that people with disabilities are first of all our fellow citizens, who happen to be disabled.

The Congress, by joint Resolution approved August 11, 1945, as amended (36 U.S.C. 155), has called for the designation of the first full week in October of each year as "National Employ the Handicapped Week." This special week is a time for all Americans to join together to renew their dedication to meeting the goal of full opportunities for disabled citizens.

By Judi Farmer — Handicap Program Manager

## Blood bank slated

On Tuesday, October 13, the Mobile Unit of Houchin Blood Bank will be at the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge BPOE 1913, at 201 E. Church Street in Ridgecrest, from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Houchin Mobile Unit is here five times a year. By supporting this unit, individuals are helping to meet the blood needs of the Indian Wells Valley community.

Indian Wells Valley residents who use blood from the blood bank are entitled to a \$10 processing credit per unit. People needing blood replacement credit should contact Dorothy Jackson, the Indian Wells Valley Chairperson, at 375-2059.

Persons who have had yellow jaundice, hepatitis, heart disease, heart surgery, tuberculosis or cancer should never donate blood. Donators should be over colds, flu or infections for two weeks prior to donating. Potential donors will be asked to fill out a simple medical history questionnaire and take a blood test prior to giving blood.

People preparing themselves to

## Smokeout on Nov. 19

November 19th is the date for the 10th nationwide smokeout.

The day-long event represented more than 43 percent of the nation's 54.5 million smokers.

The first mass movement by smokers to give up smoking was led by Lynn R. Smith, editor of the *Monticello* (Minn.) *Times*, in 1974. In 1976, the first Great American Smokeout was observed in California. The following year it went nationwide. Now, smokeouts are held around the world, although the names and dates differ in various countries.

This year's theme is "Take a Breather," and that's just what the Department of Defense (DOD) hopes its smoking members will do. The goal of the 1987 Great American Smokeout is to get at least one in every five smokers to give up cigarettes from midnight Wednesday to midnight Thursday, Nov. 19. The idea is for smokers to prove to themselves they can abstain for 24 hours.

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# Military spouses eligible for Civil Service to get preference

The Assistant Secretary of Defense has issued Department of Defense (DOD) Instruction 1404.11 on the Employment of Spouses of Military Personnel. The Secretary of Navy has since issued Department of Navy (DON) guidance on this subject for Naval activities, which is contained in SECNAVINST 12310.

Effective July 20, 1987, any spouse (with status in Civil Service) of a military personnel will be afforded assistance in locating employment at the spouse's new duty station, as long as provisions outlined in the SECNAVINST are met. Briefly, preference to spouses of military personnel relocating under PCS orders will be provided as follows:

Military spouses must be selected ahead of other applicants for vacancies at GS-5 thru GS/GM-15 (or the equivalent under the Demonstration Project) and equivalent Wage

Grade (WG) positions when:

- (1) The vacancy is in the commuting area of the sponsor's new duty station; AND
- (2) Written application for employment preference is made to the Civilian Personnel Department (Code 092) by the spouse; AND
- (3) The military spouse is referred to the selecting officials as a Best Qualified candidate after competitive screening and evaluation; AND
- (4) The grade of the position is no higher (and offers no higher promotion potential) than a grade the spouse formerly held in a permanent position in the competitive service.

Application of this preference applies only (1) when recruitment for a vacancy is through Merit Promotion procedures or when a military spouse is identified on a Certificate of Eligibles (or the equivalent) from the Office of Person-

nel Management (OPM); (2) to spouses who previously (currently) held (hold) permanent Civil Service positions and, thus, are appointable; and (3) under the provisions outlined above.

Eligibility for the preference begins 30 days preceding thru six months following the sponsor's arrival at the new duty station, and is valid only until the spouse is placed into or declines any position for which registered for employment preference. Because of the delay in issuance of DON guidance, any spouse whose eligibility has lapsed will be afforded a one-time exception. The exception will be granted to spouses who have not secured Federal employment in the new location and will provide a full six month period of eligibility from July 20.

Spouses eligible for positions at grades GS-1 thru GS-4 (and Demo/WG equivalent) are not eligible for preference in the selection process, but will be provided assistance in locating employment, including referral for positions for which the military spouse has registered and is fully qualified.

Any military spouse who meets the provisions outlined should contact Doris Sorensen of the Civilian Personnel Department, NWC ext. 3317.

## Computer classes offered by NWC

Deadline for applying for ADVANCED LOTUS 1-2-3 and COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS (MIC) is Oct. 16.

ADVANCED LOTUS 1-2-3 is being offered from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Nov. 3-19 at Cerro Coso. C. Witherow will teach this class intended for experienced LOTUS 1-2-3 users. Development of MACRO (keyboard capture) techniques, advanced functions and file import/export from and to other systems will be taught. College credit is available.

COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS (MIC) is being offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 until 10 a.m., Nov. 2-Dec. 4 by D. Vaughn, Code 094. The course, intended for persons with no prior computer experience, consists of the Boeing Computer Services' video lecture series "Making It Count," supplemented by lectures and hand-on demo and laboratory exercises using the IBM-PC micro computer. Fundamental understanding of computer concepts, history, vocabulary, programming languages, hardware, procurement, program design, career opportunities in computing and computer capabilities in the office will be taught.

For more information about these classes, call D. Vaughn, NWC ext. 2359. To apply, submit NAVWPNCEN 12410/73 via dept. channels to Code 094.

## FERS information

Q. I am transferring to FERS during open season. I plan to retire next year at age 55 with 30 years of service. Will I get credit for my sick leave?

A. Yes. Credit for your sick leave will be added to the CSRS portion of your annuity. The amount of sick leave will be the LESSER of the amount of sick leave you have when you transfer and the amount of sick leave you have when you retire.

Q. I am 56 years old and I am transferring to FERS during the open season. I plan to retire next year. Will I get immediate cost-of-living increases after I retire?

A. Yes. The portion of your annuity that is computed under the CSRS rules will receive COLAs according to the FERS COLA rules. That portion of your annuity will get no COLAs until you are age 62. Then you will get COLAs that are one percent less than the cost-of-living increases as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), except that FERS matches the CPI up to two percent.

Q. If I transfer to FERS, can I still get the lump sum payment of the money I have paid into the retirement fund?

A. Yes, unless you retire on disability or a qualifying court order awards a portion of your annuity or a survivor annuity to a former spouse. When you retire, OPM will send you an election letter showing the amount of your contributions and your annuity rate with and without the alternate annuity. OPM will also send you tax information prepared by IRS.

Q. I understand that when I retire, CSRS computation rules will apply to the years and months of my CSRS service and FERS computation rules will apply to the years and months of my FERS service. What happens to left over days of service under each computation?

A. Both CSRS and FERS use only years and months in annuity computations. Left over days are dropped. This is true even if your left over days of CSRS service and left over days of FERS service total a full month.

Q. Is there any minimum period of service required under FERS before I can retire under FERS?

A. No, except that you need five years of total civilian service to retire. Your past CSRS service counts toward this five-year retirement.

Q. When do annuities begin under FERS?

A. Except for disability, discontinued service, and military reserve technician benefits, FERS benefits begin the first day of the month after separation from retirement. (The CSRS provisions allowing benefits to begin the next day if an employee separates for retirement on the first, second, or third of the month does not exist under FERS.)

Q. If I retire on one of the first three days of the month, will the CSRS portions of my annuity begin the next day?

A. No. You are retiring under FERS, not CSRS. The FERS law lets you keep the benefits you earned under CSRS by applying CSRS computation rules to your service under CSRS. However, for most other purposes, the FERS rules apply to your annuity.

# MIPI ideas assist travelers

Four Model Installation Program Initiatives (MIPIs) dealing with official travel regulations made by Naval Weapons Center personnel are expected to have a positive impact on military and civilian personnel at NWC who are required to travel on official business.

Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, approved the four MIPIs for consideration by higher authority in the Navy chain of command.

MIPI 053-86 requested an increase in meals and incidental expense allowance rates and a change in the method of reimbursement of travel expenses for departure and return travel days.

This MIPI was resolved when the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Committee issued new allowance rates matching the NWC request. Rather than receive a maximum of \$16.50 on departure and return days, travelers from China Lake can now receive up to \$33 for meals and incidental expenses depending on when they begin or end official travel.

Additional details were printed in the Aug. 3 special issue of Travel Tips at NWC. Questions can be answered by Code 0854.

MIPI 061-87 was approved by the Chief of Naval Operations following submission by NWC. This MIPI brought a waiver to a NAVCOMPT instruction and allows acceptance of BOQ-BEQ non-availability certificate numbers issued before the start of travel as the only certification needed for both military and civilian travelers that government quarters are not available at the intended TDY point. NWC did not request a change in the requirement to use government quarters if available.

The CNO said, "this waiver request will be implemented throughout the Navy in a forthcoming revision" of Navy instructions.

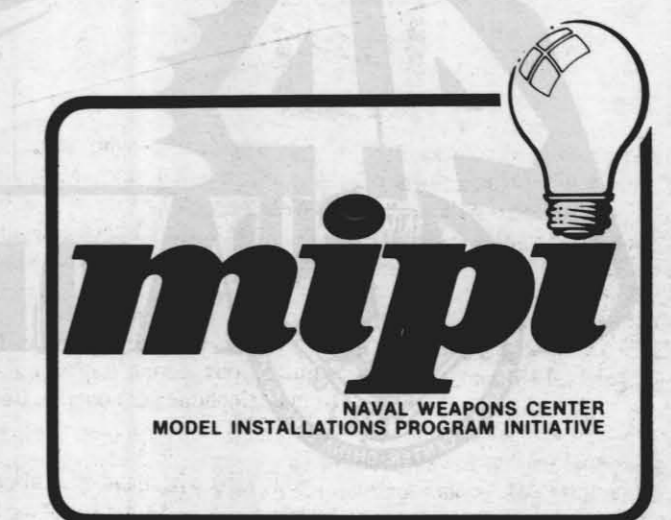
MIPI 075-87 requested a waiver to titles of the U.S. Code to increase the per diem allowance for military personnel to that currently provided for civilian government travelers. Military personnel suffer financial hardship when required to travel to high cost areas such as Washington, D.C. Military travelers now receive a maximum of \$75 per day per diem compared to a civilian maximum of \$113. This MIPI is still being reviewed by higher authority.

MIPI 092-87 requests authority to approve first-class travel accommodations be delegated to the installation commander rather than securing approval from the Under Secretary of the Navy.

The MIPI suggested that, in addition to restrictions identified in the Joint Travel Regulations, consideration be given to authorize first-class travel when urgent or emergency travel is warranted, necessitating travel on the Red-Eye flights.

Although the Naval Military Personnel Command and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command have recommended disapproval, the CNO's office is attempting to negotiate partial approval with NMPC and SPAWAR.

The CNO believes this issue goes to the heart of what the Model Installation Program is all about; delegating authority and responsibility to the lowest level possible, while retaining essential control.



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## Opportunities in Supply . . .

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Mandatory training is required of all 1102 and 1105 personnel. At NWC we provide additional training as well to ensure that all employees get as much training as is quickly and reasonably available, and to ensure that service to the customer is of as high a quality as possible.

In summary, promotion opportunities in the Center's R&D Procurement Office (Code 25A) are there for those who are interested in exerting the effort to develop and perform and who will commit to the demands of the Federal procurement profession. We recognize and accept that not everyone will be interested or can make that type of commitment. However, for those who are interested, the opportunities for self-improvement and for making a greater contribution to the Center are here.  
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Model Installation Program Initiatives can be submitted through the Naval Weapons Center's electronic mail (E-mail) network, through guard mail to Code 02A2, or brought in person to Room 2011 in the Headquarters Building. Additional information is available by calling the MIP Office at NWC ext. 2437 or 2711.

E-mail users should send requests for MIPI forms to:  
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**NWC BIRTHDAY**—This is the official logo of the NWC/NOTS and U.S. Navy birthday celebration planned for Oct. 17. The art work is by Robert Skilton, a Comarco illustrator.

## CPO Mess has boss

Joining the staff at NWC's Chief Petty Officer's Mess as manager is Don Turney who brings nine years of mess management experience, largely at U.S. Army posts. Turney is an Army veteran, with eight years experience as a helicopter flight engineer. He began his career in mess management at the NCO Mess at Fort Lewis, Wash. This was followed by the Army's management school and assignment as assistant manager for messes and catering at the Officer's Mess in Heidelberg, Germany. He then spent a year as golf course manager at Heidelberg, and a year as manager of the NCO Mess there.

## Birthday party set

*'Naval Ordnance Through Science'*  
Capt. John Burt, Naval Weapons Center Commander, and Gerald Schiefer, Technical Director, have extended invitations to residents of the Indian Wells Valley and surrounding area to help the Center celebrate its 44th birthday and the U.S. Navy's 212th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 17. China Lakers will be celebrating their role in "Naval Ordnance Through Science," the official theme for the day.

Returning to the U.S., Turney managed the Community Club at Sharpe Army Depot near Stockton, Calif., for a year before moving to Alaska. At Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska he was Officer's Mess manager for two years and for his final year was director of messes and the package store before retiring from the Army.

Prior to moving to China Lake, Turney was an accountant for the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City and had been assistant manager at the Officers' Mess at Tinker AFB.

Turney says routine account was just that, routine, and he was ready for a change. He says he is looking forward to getting back in mess management here. He notes his goal is to provide the kind of service and services patrons of the CPOM want.

An avid outdoorsman, Turney says he enjoys horseback riding, snow skiing and water skiing.

## Prom ops . . .

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probationary period may be required. The position has promotion potential to the DP-4, however it is not guaranteed. To apply, send an updated SF-171 to K. Higgins, Code 356, NWC ext. 3992.

**No. 36-077, Interdisciplinary (General / Mechanical / Aerospace / Industrial Engineer, Physicist), DP-801/830/861/896/1310-3, Code 3662** - This position is located in the Engineering Support Branch, Fleet Engineering Division, Engineering Department. Incumbent is responsible for providing technical support to project office, sponsor, contractor, weapon station and CAS organization personnel in production and field engineering of missile aft components. This support includes: surveillance and analysis of missile aft component production; proposal evaluation and consultation; participation in formal audits of manufacturer's production systems, processes and production planning; component failure investigation/analysis. Please submit current SF-171 to Louise Merideth, Code 36603, NWC ext. 3441.

**No. 39-048, Interdisciplinary, General, Electrical, Mechanical, Aerospace Engineer, Physicist, Mathematician, DP-801/855/830/861/1310/1520-3, Code 39B4** - This is a new position as the Second Source Manager in the Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) Project Office, Weapons Department. RAM is a cooperative development program with the Federal Republic of Germany. A joint agreement stipulates a prime U.S. contractor with a German producer as a second source. This position will be responsible for coordination of NWC production support being provided to the German second source supplier. To apply for this position, forward an updated SF-171 to Jim Suhr, Code 39B4, NWC ext 4687.

## CSUN advisor to be onboard

Professor Hriber of Cal-State University Northridge (CSUN) will be on-Center, October 27, to advise current and prospective students in the master's and bachelor's degree programs in electrical engineering offered by the school.

CSUN has external degree programs in electrical engineering, applied mechanics, and mechanical engineering at NWC which lead to a master's degree. Also, CSUN has an external degree program in electrical engineering that leads to a bachelor's degree.

Those who wish to see Professor Hriber are asked to make an appointment by telephoning Cyndi Jones at NWC ext. 2648.

## Opportunities abound!

NWC is an exciting place for an individual in the procurement profession to work. The number of programs and new technology development efforts, coupled with a management environment which encourages "tire-kicking" and customer relations, makes Naval Weapons Center procurement very challenging and rewarding. As a result, the Center is one of the best places for developing well-rounded procurement personnel.

Annually, contracting and purchasing personnel within the Supply Department, Code 25, spend about 50% of the Center's budget. In FY 86, personnel of the Center's Research and Development Procurement Office, Code 25A, obligated nearly \$300 million. Because of this, they have a great responsibility to serve the Center as effectively as possible, within the regulatory and legal constraints placed upon them by Congress and higher authority. They are involved in awarding approximately 800 new contracts and modifications, 3,000 delivery orders and modifications, and 31,000 purchase orders and modifications annually.

The Federal Procurement profession consists of three primary series at NWC: 1102 Contract Specialists/Procurement Analysts, 1105 Purchase Agents, and 1106 Procurement Assistants/Procurement Clerks. Most positions are located within the 25A organization, although some are located within Public Works. These are specialized positions requiring specialized experience in dealing with Federal procurement regulations and processes.

For your information, the following attributes or qualities are what we are looking for in potential employees.

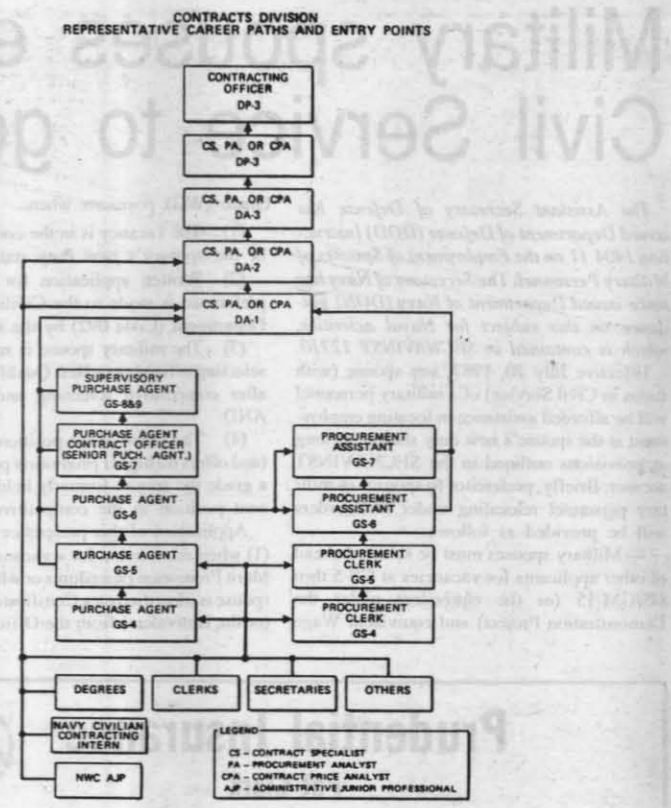
- Independently identifies problems/issues, researches alternatives, and presents recommended approach/solution.
- Is responsible and dependable; takes responsibility for own work, establishes priorities and meets deadlines.
- Assists in the training and development of junior personnel.
- Communicates clearly, concisely and effectively.
- Team player — energetic — self-starter — positive, can-do attitude.
- Flexible; versatile.
- Strong work ethic and ability to work under pressure.

These attributes are above and beyond the normal qualifications required by the Civil Service for entry into the various series. An individual possessing these qualities will be able to emphasize HOW work is accomplished over and above that it WAS accomplished. This is very important in employees of a service/support code at NWC.

The demographics of 25A consists of about eighty-five 1102 Contract Specialists/Procurement Analysts; thirty-five 1105 Purchase Agents; twenty 1106 Procurement Assistants; and thirty-five 1106 Procurement Clerks.

We fill many procurement vacancies from the clerical/assistant workforce of the Center. Our local hiring is at all levels. For the 1102 series, individuals are usually hired up to the DA 1102-1 level. This is done, in part, because the Federal procurement workforce has grown so dramatically in recent years that there is an extreme shortage of experienced personnel nationwide. Many of the individuals we hire already have degrees, are getting degrees, or have some college but have not chosen to complete their degrees at that time. Center employees new to the profession tend to be highly motivated, eager to learn and develop, and since they have experienced NWC's culture and work environment, become significant contributors toward the Center's mission very quickly. They also have proven themselves, by performing well at NWC, to be the kind of employees needed by the procurement organization. In 1986, we hired eight DA-1102-1 level personnel. In 1987, so far, we have hired seven. Of these 15 individuals, 13 were Center employees; secretaries, budget assistants, purchase agents, procurement assistants, etc. We find that individuals we hire from outside the 25A organization bring customer perspectives that enable us to understand and service our customers better. Of the 13 hired locally, six were not 25A employees at the time of their selection. By the same token, the seven 25A employees we hired came to us with a large number of specialized skills that make them very productive contract specialists and procurement analysts from the start. They were able to develop these specialized skills through the knowledge, experience and training acquired as 25A employees.

The enclosed chart is not all-inclusive of every possible entry point into the various Procurement career series, but most are represented. Since individual experience varies greatly from person to person and has a large impact on qualifications for entry, not every potential possibility can be shown. If you have questions regarding your eligibility, PMAs of the Personnel Department (Continued on Page 20)



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**Prom ops . . .**

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transmission techniques is necessary. Analyzing technology trends for network systems as it relates to existing and planned networks is required. Must be able to plan and implement a project, to coordinate task with users under pressure, and adjust program changes. The ability to communicate well, both orally and in writing is a must. Status eligibles may apply. To apply submit a current SF-171 to Tom Gerrard, Code 3202, ext. 7452.

No. 35-036, Interdisciplinary (Electronics Engineer/Physicist/Mathematician/Computer Scientist), DP-855/1310/1520/1550-2/3, Code 3516 - Two vacancies. These positions are located in the R.F. Countermeasures Analysis Branch, which is involved with Electronic Warfare Analysis in support of

NAVAIR and NAVWPNCEN. This branch has the responsibility to conduct detailed R.F. and system design analysis. The incumbents will perform duties as lead project engineers in support of branch programs and NAVAIR projects. Incumbent must have a good working knowledge of analytical techniques. Incumbent's ability to organize and prioritize tasks and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing is required. Promotion potential to DP-3, however, it is not guaranteed. Status eligibles may apply. Please forward current SF-171 to John Clark, Code 3516, NWC ext. 2758.

No. 35-035, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (Electronics Engineer/Computer Scientist/Mathematician/Physicist) DP-855/1550/

1520/1310-3/4, Code 3526 - Incumbent will serve as the Branch Head for the EW Simulation Software Branch in the Electronic Warfare Department. The incumbent is responsible for directing and managing all technical and administrative efforts of the branch, including management of the facilities and contractor efforts associated with software development. The branch is responsible for development of SEWS software and other embedded and test

software. Experience in the following areas (1) development from requirements definition through implementation and system testing, (2) structured software development in accordance with DOD standards using Yourdon or Ward and Mellor techniques, (3) EW simulations (radar or EW equipment), and (4) personnel management. Familiarity in the following areas is desired: (1) task and personnel management, (2) various programming languages (i.e. Pascal, Fortran, Assembly, and Ada), (3) software engineering, (4) software configuration management and quality assurance. The applicant will be required to communicate both orally and in writing; must interact, coordinate, and negotiate with Center, Navy, DOD, and contractor personnel; must be willing to support NWC EEO policies; and will be required to effectively motivate and manage personnel. A one year supervisory (Continued on Page 19)

**Secretarial opportunities**

This column is used to announce secretarial positions for which the duties and job relevant criteria are generally similar. Secretaries serve as the principal 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 secretarial duties are implied by the job relevant criteria indicated below.

Applicants will be rated against four 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 1/2/3/5/8; 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.

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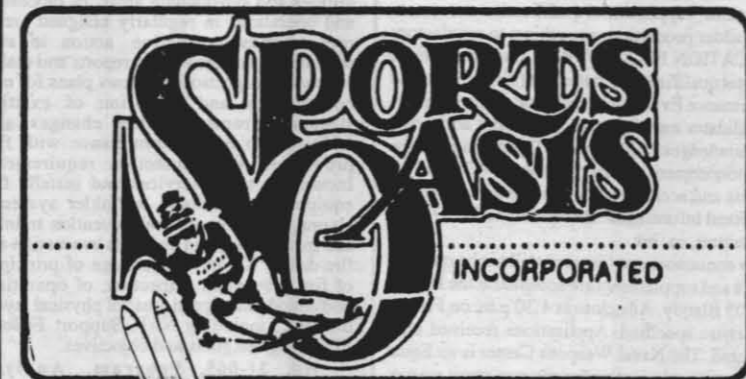
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The headstones and markers are furnished to national cemeteries, but can be requested for veterans interred in private cemeteries.

Send requests on VA Form #40-1330, to:

Direction, Monument Services (42)  
Department of Memorial Affairs  
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Most funeral directors have VA Form #40-1330, or contact the nearest regional VA office or nearest VA national cemetery office.

Last year, VA's Department of Memorial Affairs provided more than 246,600 monuments to the graves of veterans and eligible dependents. The department is also in charge of the National Cemetery System, which has 110 national cemeteries in 38 states and Puerto Rico.

**Pharmacist at NWC clinic takes leave**

NWC's Medical Clinic's pharmacist will be on leave from November 7 until December 4. Since current regulations require civilian prescriptions to be filled only by a licensed pharmacist, individuals holding prescriptions by civilian personnel will not be able to fill these prescriptions at the clinic. Military prescriptions will still be honored.

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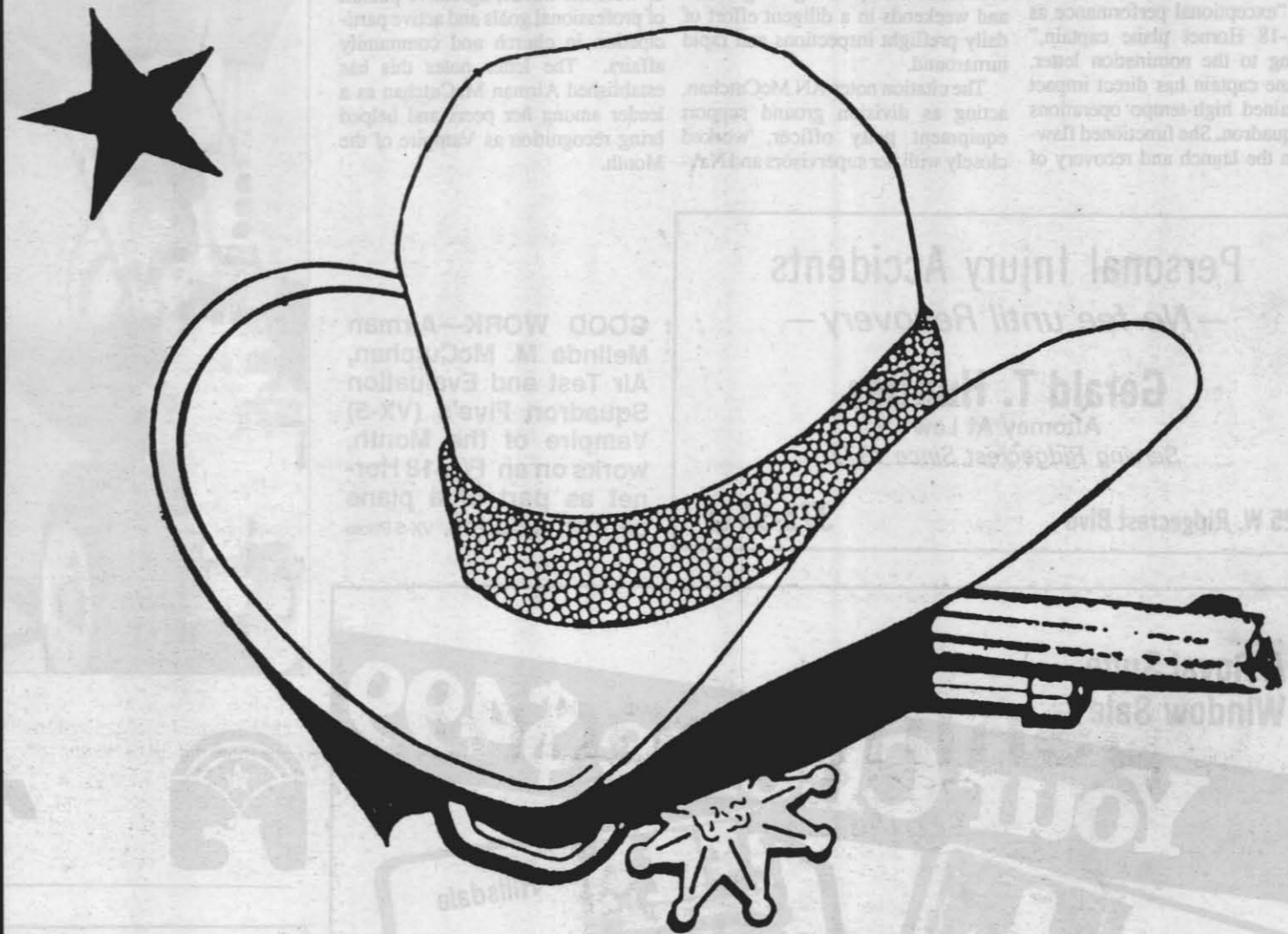
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# Plane captain captures top sailor honors for Vampires

Airman Melinda M. McCutchan has been named Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five's (VX-5) Vampire of the Month. The F/A-18 plane captain was among six candidates for the squadron's monthly honor.

AN McCutchan was recognized for her "exceptional performance as an F/A-18 Hornet plane captain," according to the nomination letter. The plane captain has direct impact on sustained high-tempo operations of the squadron. She functioned flawlessly in the launch and recovery of

28 aircraft in support of projects integrating the High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) and FMU-139/B fuzing system with the Hornet aircraft.

The Vampire of the Month was credited with spending long hours and weekends in a diligent effort of daily preflight inspections and rapid turnaround.

The citation notes AN McCutchan, acting as division ground support equipment petty officer, worked closely with her supervisors and Naval Weapons Center personnel to ensure the Vampires maintained sufficient ready-for-use support equipment.

Helping single her out for this honor were her hustle, aggressive pursuit of professional goals and active participation in church and community affairs. The letter notes this has established Airman McCutchan as a leader among her peers and helped bring recognition as Vampire of the Month.



**GOOD WORK—Airman Melinda M. McCutchan, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five's (VX-5) Vampire of the Month, works on an F/A-18 Hornet as part of a plane captain's duties. VX-5 Photo**

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## Promotional opportunities

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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 non-merit reason.

No. 08-058, Mail/File Clerk, GS-305-5, Code 0852 - This position is located in the Mail, Files and Records Branch. Incumbent will work in the central mail unit of the Naval Weapons Center and is concerned primarily with the processing of registered mail and assisting in maintaining records for all secret material on center. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to index and file; ability to work independently; ability to work effectively with others. Promotion potential to GS-5.

No. 08-059, Accounting Technician, GS-525-4/5/6, Code 08622 - This position is located in the Cost Accounting Branch of the Accounting Division of Central Staff. Incumbent will serve as an accounting technician in the control and maintenance of cost accounting records and subsidiary ledgers for the Major Contracts Section. Duties include the review of incoming contract and amendments for accuracy and completeness; reconciling subsidiary ledger accounts; extracting necessary information from source documents, collating the data and preparing forms to enter the data into the automated system; auditing computer outputs for accuracy; validating historical costs and transactions; and researching aged financial information to clear accounts. Incumbent has extensive contact with NWC project, budget and supply personnel and provides information on various vendor inquiries. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of integrated disbursing and accounting system; knowledge of Document Entry System; ability to work accurately with figures; ability to deal effectively with people. Promotion potential to GS-6.

No. 14-016, Computer Specialist, DS-334-2/3, Code 141B - The incumbent will be the Ingres Database Systems Manager who is responsible for the maintenance, upkeep, and support of the Ingres licenses for the SEF VAX Facility. These responsibilities include installing new versions, adding and deleting users, arranging Ingres courses, consulting with the vendor regarding users' problems, interfacing with the VAX system managers regarding hardware, and consulting with users requiring applications and system support. The incumbent will also do applications development work utilizing Ingres and other higher level languages. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of database management systems; knowledge of relational database technology; ability to communicate both orally and in writing with vendors, contractors, users, office peers, and management; knowledge of DEC VAXes including VMS and DCL. Previous experience with Ingres and higher level languages is desirable. Promotion potential to DP-3. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 24-036, Disaster Preparedness Officer, DA-301-2/3, Code 2406 - Position is located in the Safety and Security Department. Incumbent serves as the Center Disaster Preparedness (DDP) Officer. Responsible for managing

charges (loss damage); refunds associated with such collections, and maintenance of accounting records in support of such collections, refunds and other adjustment. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of accounting methods and techniques; ability to work independently; ability to work with computer generated reports. Promotion potential to GS-5. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 24-037, Fire Protection Inspector, GS-081-6/7, Code 24201 - Supplemental Qualifications Statement required. Incumbent makes continuous inspections of buildings, their contents, utilities and surrounding areas; of processes, operations in regularly assigned areas; recommends corrective action to area responsible, makes written reports and makes follow-up inspections; reviews plans for new construction and extension of existing structures recommending changes and additions to ensure compliance with fire prevention and protection requirement. Incumbent tests, services and installs fire equipment, fire doors, sprinkler systems, alarms, etc. Presents fire prevention training and instructions, and conducts evacuation and fire drills. KSAs: Knowledge of principles of fire prevention inspection; of operations performed in assigned area; of physical layout of NWC, including NAF. Support Federal EEO Program goals and objectives.

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No. 31-065, Program Analyst, DA-345-3, Code 31D - This position is located in the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department, Advanced Systems Project Office. The incumbent manages the analysis effort of the Advance Systems Project Office. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of MS-DOS and various PC analysis software systems; ability to organize and prioritize work load; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Promotion potential to DA-3. Status eligible may apply.

No. 32-001, Mechanical Engineering Technician, DT-802-2/3, Code 3261 - This position is located in the Warhead Development Branch, Conventional Weapons Division, of the Ordnance Systems Department. The incumbent has the responsibility for the design and procurement of hardware items for explosives development, testing and warhead development. Prepares sketches and drawings, writes purchase requests, acts as liaison with Center fabrication shops and commercial vendors. Disassembles and assembles hardware systems for testing, evaluation or modification of processing systems. Develops safe, unique cost effective solutions to mechanical problems associated with the development cycle. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of shop fabrication techniques for metals and plastics; knowledge of industrial safety practices; ability to produce drawings and sketches for shop fabrication; ability to design tooling and process equipment; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Promotion potential to DT-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 32-002, Electronics Technician, DT-856-2/3, Code 32404 - This position is that of Project Manager for network design and implementation in the Ordnance Systems Department. The prime function of this position will be to analyze user requirements, plan, design, specify and integrate computer networks with emphasis on networking with the fiber optics trunk system as part of the Centerwide Integrated Communications Systems Program. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of computer to computer networks, protocol standards, communication topologies, and maintenance techniques; ability to analyze; ability to plan; ability to communicate both orally and in writing. Promotion potential to DT-3 if selection made at the lower level. Status eligible may apply.

No. 35-032, Administrative Officer, DA-341-2/3, Code 356 - This position is the Administrative Officer for the Electronic Warfare Software Division, Electronics Warfare Department. The incumbent provides the full range of administrative support service for the Division Head and the various branches. Duties include overall responsibility for direct/overhead financial management, personnel management, facilities and procurement. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of NWC financial accounting systems, terminology, and procedures; knowledge of personnel management in the federal sector; Ability to communicate orally; Ability to communicate in writing; Ability

to collect and analyze data. Promotion potential, DA-3.

No. 35-033, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (Electronics Engineer/Physicist/General Engineer/Program Manager), DP-855/1310/801/340-3/4, Code 352. This position is the Head of the Weapons Systems Development Division. The division is responsible for the exploratory, advanced and engineering development of advanced guidance systems and avionics generally concerned with RF technology. The systems include passive, semi-active and active RF systems. Component research and development support the dydem efforts. Incumbent provides overall direction, coordination and management of division activities. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of RF technology; Ability to design and develop RF systems and components; Ability to manage complex programs and supporting efforts; Ability to support NWC EEO policies and goals. Promotion potential, DP-4.

No. 35-034, Interdisciplinary (General Engineer/Electronics Engineer/Mechanical Engineer/Aerospace Engineer/Mathematician/Physicist/Computer Scientist), DP-801/855/830/861/1520/1310/1550 - 4, Code 3501 - The incumbent will serve as the Associate Department Head for the Electronic Warfare Department, Code 35. Will function as the Department's DRC coordinator. Technical manager for Electronic Warfare and will participate in establishing and integrating resource allocation priorities for the Department. Will assume much of the daily management of the Department of the Department and assess the relevance of tasks assigned from outside sources. Responsible for support of EEO Programs. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of DOD structure with particular emphasis on SPAWAR and supporting systems commands; knowledge of the Center mission, product areas and product lines; Knowledge of major programs and projects in the electronic warfare and defense suppression areas; ability to plan, organize and direct the operation of a large complex R & D organization; ability to deal effectively with all levels of management, both on and off center; ability to communicate clearly and concisely orally; ability to communicate clearly and concisely in writing; must have knowledge of Affirmative Action principles including the willingness to implement EEO practices. Promotion potential DP-4.

No. 36-078, Engineering Technician, DT-802-1/2/3, Code 36811 - Incumbent participates in the early development and fabrication of missile guidance and control electronics and prototype of missile guidance and control electronics for the prototype production. Incumbent will perform the electroplating the electroplating functions for all center programs in the electronics prototype section, and will be exposed to mild acids and bases. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to work in a chemical environment (plating shop); ability to lift up to 50 pounds; ability to work as a member of a team; ability to communicate orally. Knowledge of chemical electroplating systems is preferred but is not required. Promotion potential to DT-3.

No. 64-194, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General/Electronics/Aerospace Engineer/Physicist/Computer Scientist/Mathematician), DP-801/855/861/1310/1550-3/4, Code 6441 - This position is that of Head, Test Support Branch, Electronic Warfare Threat Environment Simulation (EWTES) Division of the Aerodynamics Department. The branch develops, maintains and operates software for acquisition and evaluation of data from Electronic Warfare tests at EWTES. The branch is responsible for development of software for major new systems being added to EWTES, for major upgrades to existing computing capability, and for software simulations of weapons systems. Job Relevant Criteria: Management experience in planning and allocation of personnel and financial resources; knowledge of electronic warfare/electronic warfare testing, radar, computers, real-time software, digital interfaces, communications and range operations; experience in managing projects and the ability to coordinate the efforts of a multi-disciplinary staff of professionals and technicians; ability to communicate effectively with all levels, both orally and in writing; ability to interact, coordinate, negotiate with Center, Navy, DOD, and contractor personnel; knowledge of and

willingsness to support NWC's EEO policies and goals. A one-year supervisory probationary period may be required. If filled at DP-3 level, has promotion potential to DP-4; however, promotion is not guaranteed.

No. 32-268, Interdisciplinary (Mechanical/Aerospace/Chemical Engineer/Physicist/Chemist), DP-801/830/861/893/1310/1320 - 2/3, Code 3241 - This position is located in the Missile Performance Branch of the Advanced Technology Division, Ordnance Systems Department. The branch carries out analyses of rocket and airbreathing propulsion systems for missiles and drones, generates conceptual designs of aeropropulsion vehicles, and conducts to examine the performance of the vehicles in flight. The branch has an opening for a technical person who would be interested in doing this kind of work and has the following qualities: Knowledge of analytical techniques and computational systems; experience in 6-DOF simulations of weapon systems; ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally; some supervisory experience desirable; ability to interact directly with local or headquarters sponsors, contractors, and other government organizations for planning, reporting and exchanging technical information. Moderate travel is involved. To apply submit a current SF-171 to Hal Larsen, Code 3241, ext. 221.

No. 32-269, Interdisciplinary (General/Mechanical/Aerospace Engineer), DP-801/830/861-3, Code 3207 - This position is located in the LASER Guided Training Round (LTGR) Program Office, Ordnance Systems Department. The program office was designated as the developing agency and is responsible for the Full Scale Engineering Development of the LASER Guided Training Round. The incumbent will be responsible for all System Test and Evaluation of the LTGR Program. This testing includes laboratory and flight test at Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, and other Naval and Commercial test facilities. Working from the requirements and limitations of the AIRTASK TEMP and the program plan, the incumbent will be responsible for preparation of test plans, arranging for test facilities, test instrumentation and data receipt and reduction, conduct of testing, and test reporting. The position requires being responsible for system Functional Development and Qualification testing and support of OPTEVFOR Operational tests. To apply send a current SF-171 to Mike Siallard, Code 3207, ext. 7289.

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## 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.

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# IWV concert season open

Maestro Jon Robertson's baton leading the Redlands Symphony Orchestra will open the first concert of the 1987-88 season for the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Center theater.

Dr. Robertson is currently conductor/director for the Kristiansand Symphony Orchestra in Norway as well as for the Redlands Symphony. A native of Jamaica, he grew up in southern California before attending Juilliard School of Music to earn his B.S., M.S., and D.M.A. degree. He will debut with the Central Beijing Philharmonic in Beijing, China next April.

Tuesday's concert will include the *Pastorale d'ete* by Honegger and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 1 in D Major*

(the Classical Symphony). Completing the program will be Beethoven's *Concerto No. 4 in G Major*, with Dr. Robertson serving as piano soloist as well as conductor.

Single-event tickets for the Redlands Symphony Orchestra are \$7, with people under 21, over 65 and full-time enlisted military being charged \$5. Tickets can be purchased at The Music Man, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Maturango Museum and The Art Buffet. Some seating may also be available at the theater box office after 4:30 p.m. on the evening of the concert.

Season tickets for the concert series are still available at a savings over single-event tickets of approximately 40 percent for the six concerts. Season ticket holders also have the first opportunity to upgrade their seats for

future seasons. More information can be obtained by telephoning 375-5600.

Other concerts for this season include the Side Street Strutters, cellist Peter Rejto, the Amsterdam Guitar Trio, Theater Ballet of Canada, and duo-pianists Delphin and Romain.

Student concerts, free to local students, will be offered in conjunction with each event. These are financed by donations to the IWVCA Student Education Fund.

The student program on Friday, Oct. 9, will feature a string quartet from the Redlands Symphony, with Maestro Robertson narrating and commenting. Sierra Sands third and fourth graders as well as local orchestra students and other selected student groups have been invited to attend. The program starts at 10 a.m. in the Center theater. It is open to the general public on a standby basis.

# TD award made.

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"The EA-6B/HARM integration effort was directed by the Secretary of the Navy on an urgent need basis in order to provide a HARM capability to the "all-Grumman airwings" on the USS Kennedy and USS Ranger deploying in the summer of 1986. From the date of the official program

conception and turn-on in January, 1985 until the sail dates of the two ships, only 19 months were available to compete the design, integration and testing, an effort which normally takes two to three times as long," said the nomination for Gillen.

His department head said, "Gillen's personal efforts were the key which allowed this integration prog-

ram to be completed on time, providing the fleet with an operationally required HARM capability where there was none."

"This means a lot to me," Gillen told Schiefer, the Skipper and many of his fellow workers after the presentation. He added the HARM team was an integral part of making things happen, leading to this honor. The still surprised Gillen was also formally presented his NWC five-year pin by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, following the TD Award ceremony. On hand to watch the surprise were Gillen's wife, Sue, and their son, Andy.

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# Navy's advancement procedures explained

(This is the second article in a series of articles on the Navy's advancement procedures. The last article explained what to do before the Navywide exam and that the answer sheets must be filled out exactly as instructed.)

After the exam, the answer sheets are sent to the Naval Education and

Training Program Management Support Activity (NETPMSA), Pensacola, Florida, for scoring. The answer sheets are logged in and placed in batches. Each batch is assigned a code number so that it can be retrieved anywhere in the scoring process. Each batch is optically scanned and the answer sheet information is recorded

on magnetic tape. Answer sheets with mechanical errors are rejected by the computer and must be corrected manually before being reinserted and recorded. Of the 120,000 answer sheets per exam cycle received, 6,000 to 8,000 are rejected by the computer. These rejections cause delays in the scoring process.

The Navy Regional Data Center (NARDAC) receive the tapes and scores them by computer. After being scored, they are assigned a Navy standard score. Added to that standard score are performance and experience scores. These scores form the Final Multiple Score (FMS). Once this process is completed, the passing scores are sent to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV). OPNAV notifies NETPMSA to advance a specific number of people in each E-4 through E-6 rating (based on assigned quotas, which are based on vacancies and future needs of the Navy).

## NEX sales

Green tags on merchandise at the Navy Exchange mean extra green in a purchaser's pocket because these tags mean that the items have been reduced another 15 percent or more from the already low prices. In addition, there are also several sales planned or already underway to make those dollars go even further.

The big sale upcoming will be the Navy Birthday Sale from Oct. 12 through 18. This will start with an extra-special Columbus Day Sale on the 12th.

Currently on sale are Colgate-Palmolive products. Making a purchase of those products means that military families can enter the Colgate-Palmolive Super Sunday Sweepstakes, which is open only to military personnel and their dependents.

Now is also the time to consider buying that class ring. Some selected rings are being offered at \$20 off the regular price. It could be the one needed!

Car owners who are trying to get their vehicles ready for winter can save 10 percent on labor charges on tune-ups at the NEX auto service store. Make an appointment now for that service.

## Clinic set

Another Veterinary Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments are mandatory.

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### Youth Center plans adult skate

Adult Skate Night is the second Saturday of each month, at the NWC Youth Center. From 7 to 10 p.m.

adults can enjoy good music and good company, while getting a good workout.

Admission is only \$1.50 per person. Participants can bring their favorite tapes to listen to while skating.

### Kart Trax back

Kart Trax is returning to China Lake Oct. 5-19 for a limited two-week engagement. The track will be set up next to the Navy Exchange gas station on Richmond Road. The cost is only \$2.50 per person for a five-minute ride.

### Fleet Reserve Association prepares family picnic

China Lake Branch 95, Fleet Reserve Association will have their regular monthly business meeting tomorrow (Saturday). The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the Chief Petty Officers' Mess picnic area and will be combined with a family picnic. There will be a donation of \$3 per family. New members (recruited on or before Oct. 3) and their families will be guests of the branch.

All Active Duty and Retired U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps personnel and their families are invited and urged to attend the meeting/picnic. Further details may be obtained by calling President Schwaiger at 375-6839 or Vice President Fairchild at 375-4906.

Fairchild, membership chairman, reminds all members that recruiting and retaining members is an "all hands evolution" and help is required in the recruiting effort planned outside the Navy Exchange/Commissary tomorrow preceding the meeting/picnic. Volunteers are asked to call Fairchild at 375-4906.

Wally Baker, the branch's delegate to the September's National Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia, will give a report for the business session of the meeting.

### China Lake netters winners in tournament

Suzanne Haney and Brett Halpin were winners in their respective "A" divisions of the China Lake Tennis Club's Singles Tournament last month. Also last month, Nancy Webster of the CLTC took "A" singles honors in the Bishop Open.

In men's action, Rex Ribultan was second in the "A" Division while D. Lint was first and T. Higgins second in the "B" Division. Tom Markarian was second in "C" competition to Paul Guggenbuehl.

In the women's divisions, Kelly Howard was second to Haney in "A" play while C. Coughlin won and B. Aley was second in "B" Division

action. Taking "C" Division honors was Shannon Grant followed by Darcy Rindt.

Also placing in the Bishop Open were T. Higgins who won the men's "B" Division and T. Kailiwai who took women's "B" Division honors. C. Coughlin was second in the division.

Doubles play in the "B" Division found the men's team of Higgins and McBride winning, with Rowland and Rowland second. The women's team of Coughlin and Turner won as did the mixed doubles duo of Kailiwai and Hintz.

### Scorps come home

Tomorrow the Scorpion under-16 soccer team will try to get on the winning path when they host the Bakersfield Bears in a pair of games. The Scorps will meet the Bears at 10 a.m. at Murray Junior High, then again at 2 p.m. at Davidove Field.

Last weekend the young Scorps were hammered 5-1 by Bakersfield's Roughnecks and lost a 2-0 encounter with the Warriors. Both losses were in Golden Empire Soccer League play.

Their coach credited the Scorpians with good efforts against physically superior teams. Brendan Ledden led

the Scorp attack and scored the only Ridgecrest goal in the opening game, thanks to a key pass from Ted Mechtlenberg. The visitors from the Indian Wells Valley used a fast-paced offense to overcome the superior size of the Roughnecks.

Improved offense and defense made the second game a lot closer. The Warriors picked up two goals while the Scorps settled for near misses. Aaron Moore and Robin Hemmings were leaders on offense, while Nathan Nickell and Jeremy Osburn also turned in fine performances on the field.

### Women's varsity sets tourney

Eight teams will compete in the first Naval Weapons Center Women's Varsity Basketball Tournament next weekend. The games, all scheduled for the NWC Gym will be held Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

Richard Staples, NWC coach and tournament director, said teams from Edwards, Norton and Nellis Air Force Bases will join

the NWC women and teams from North Island, Miramar and Ft. Irwin in the double elimination competition.

The tourney schedule calls for the first three games to be played Friday starting at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, play is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. The final games are set for Sunday, with the champ-

ionship clash expected at about 7 p.m. Oct. 11.

Staples said spectators will be asked for a \$2 donation to attend. He stressed this is a one-time donation and is good for the entire three-day tournament. All profits from this event will support the NWC women's varsity as they travel to other tournaments this year.

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# Twenty-nine teams open soccer season

Twenty-nine teams, divided into four divisions, participated this past weekend in NWC's Youth Soccer League. Kelly McCammon, head of Youth Activities in the Recreation Division of the Recreational Services Department, said enrollment was up by 80 people this season.

son, Jamie Hemmings and Anastasia Wunderlich played a fine game, but great plays by the Coyotes' Scott Giroux, Marcus Butterfield, Rory L'Hommedieu and Willie Eichenberg ended the game without a score.

### Express 2, Apollo 0

Goals by Barrett Edwards and Andy Gates, and a good job by goalie Galen Wilson, cinched the win. Jamie Critchfield, Todd Downs, Bobby

Dawson and Robert Hoffman fought hard in the loss.

### Eagles 2, Rowdies 2

Great plays by both teams were seen in this game. Eagles' goals were kicked by Thomas Martin, with one assist by Matt Wilson. Sam Miles and Crim Piper scored for the Rowdies.

### Cobras 3, Roadrunners 1

Two goals by Chris Peters and one by Jeff Robbins, with saves by Steve Schultz, won the game. Roadrunners' Nathan Mickelsen scored on a pass from Brett Thomsen in the upset and superb plays were made by Irene Stevens and Anthony DeCarlo.

### Division 2

#### Jets 3, Cougars 0

Defensive play by Meg Frisbee and Chris Galyardt, goals by Glenn Conrad (2) and Robby Tomlinson (1) and goalie support by Billy Freund helped secure the win. Melissa Murphy, Frank Gamble and Kevin Nowicki couldn't beat the Jets.

#### Tornados 6, Diplomats 1

Hot on the field were Neil Covington and Vasken Haroutunian, notching three points each in the victory. Strong defense by Jonathan Mickelsen and Bill Nelson kept the Diplomats down, despite good plays from Danny Hartley and Mike Westman.

#### Sounders 1, Kicks 0

Intercepting a Kicks ball, Kenny Kirschenmen scored the only point. Jason Mangrum and David Peters assisted in the win. Jeremy Polich, goalie, helped hold the Sounders, as did outstanding offense by Timothy Clark and David Prince.

#### Bullets 4, Rockets 1

The Bullets shot into the lead with three goals by Scott Fuller and one goal by Shane Simpson. Chris Potten,

assisted by Dustin McCollom, booted in the only Rockets' score. Sheri Frank and Cherise Muhn played well, but couldn't deflect the Bullets.

#### White Caps 1, Roughnecks 0

In spite of the loss, the Roughnecks kept the White Caps on their toes with hard playing by Ian LeLis and Phillip Nave.

#### Stings 4, Earthquake 0

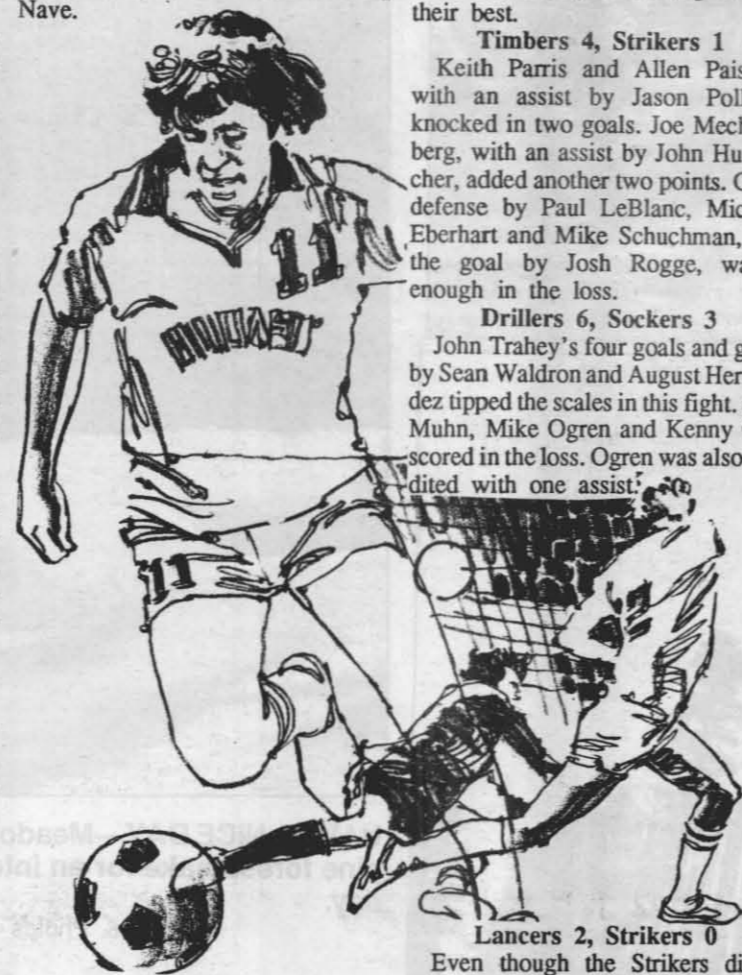
Assisted by Scott Richison, Jeff Caruso tapped one in, while Tristan Smith assisted Chad Taylor with one of his two goals and Travis Caddell insured the victory with his goal. The Earthquake team played a good game, with all the players striving to play their best.

#### Timbers 4, Strikers 1

Keith Parris and Allen Paisano, with an assist by Jason Pollock, knocked in two goals. Joe Mechtenberg, with an assist by John Hutma-cher, added another two points. Good defense by Paul LeBlanc, Michael Eberhart and Mike Schuchman, and the goal by Josh Rogge, wasn't enough in the loss.

#### Drillers 6, Sockers 3

John Trahey's four goals and goals by Sean Waldron and August Hernandez tipped the scales in this fight. Sam Muhn, Mike Ogren and Kenny Carr scored in the loss. Ogren was also credited with one assist.



Division 3

#### Lancers 2, Strikers 0

Even though the Strikers didn't score, the passing was excellent, especially by Jason Bowling and Doug Speegle.

#### Lancers 4, Aztecs 1

Despite a goal by Brian Hire and unbelievable play by Mark Castillo and Garrett Katzenstein, the Aztecs couldn't beat the Lancers.

#### Whitecaps 1, Rogues 1

Whitecaps battled it out with good goal tending by Gene Hunter, strong efforts by David Gartner and one goal by Ashley Fortune.

#### Fury 1, Whitecaps 0

The game was a defensive struggle for the Whitecaps. Good offense was shown by Scott Becker, Michael Graves and Ashley Fortune in the loss.

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# NWC Birthday brings mini triathlon change

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The triathlon consists of a 2.5-mile swim, a 6.2-mile run and a 25-mile bike ride. Participants can compete individually or as a team.

All participants will receive t-shirts. Individual awards will be given for 1st through 5th place finishers in each of the categories and

team awards will be given for first place finishers in each of the team categories.

Interested athletes are reminded the deadline for entries is October 14. Entries are limited to 125 participants this year. Anyone who has not submitted an entry form will have to pay the late registration fee of \$13 per person. Entry forms and additional information can be obtained at the NWC gym or by calling NWC ext. 2334.

## Two take swim wins

Two members of the China Lake Swim Club won races in the El Camino Masters Swim Meet at Woodland Hills last month.

Capt. P. J. Smith, (USNR, Ret.), a former record holder at the Naval Academy, was in his first competitive meet in 31 years and won the 50-meter freestyle event.

Also winning was Mike Kramer, a chemist in the Ordnance Systems Department, who took first place

honors in the 50-meter breaststroke, and was second in the 50-meter freestyle event.

The China Lake Swim Club is chartered by the Southern Pacific Master Association. The club promotes fitness and encourages members to participate in regional and sectional meets. There is no requirement to compete.

The next meeting is Oct. 19, 7 p.m., on the patio of Center's indoor pool.

## Scorps are victors

Three second-half goals powered the under-19 Scorpion soccer team to a big 3-0 win against the Bakersfield Inferno.

Second-half play begins tomorrow (Saturday) with the Scorps hosting the Bakersfield Sockers

Chris Johnson assisted on the first two goals, passing to Matt Ziegler for the first one and to Tom Caves. This got the Scorps on the move. The final tally came when Ted Armstrong scored on a solo move.

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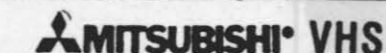


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Devils Postpile for an interesting day's trip

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While it's only about 14 miles from Mammoth Village to the monument, it is a trip of ups and downs.

To make the journey, visitors must top Minaret Summit at more than 9,000 feet, then descend a steep, narrow road to Agnew Meadows. From there the trip levels out a bit and the road widens to actually accommodate two lanes of traffic.

Towering over the nearby San Joaquin River, the 60-foot high blue-grey basaltic columns, known as the Devil's Postpile, are actually the remnants of an ancient volcanic lava flow.

As the mass of molten rock cooled, it fractured vertically, forming thousands of the three- to seven-sided columns. Many of the columns have been eroded at the base and fallen into jagged piles of rock, or have been

toppled by earthquakes. The rock piles at the base are now off limits to climbers because of the danger of collapse from above.

Glaciers have scoured and polished the top of the formation, leaving an interesting mosaic pattern that can only be viewed by those willing to climb a steep trail to the top.

Down the road a couple of miles is Reds Meadow, the jumping-off point for hikes into the John Muir and Minarets Wilderness areas and an easy day hike to Rainbow Falls.

There are some excellent fishing spots along the way as well. The San Joaquin River is good for rainbow and brown trout, while golden trout are being taken from back country lakes such as Fern and Holcomb Lakes. Also, Sotcher Lake has been giving up some large rainbows late in the season.

Rainbow Falls, on the middle fork of the San Joaquin River, is about a mile from the trail head at Reds Meadow. The river plunges 140 feet into a deep pool before flowing into the San Joaquin Valley far below. Mist from this display of power becomes a rainbow of color when struck by sunlight. Viewing of the colors and the falls is best before noon.

The road over Minaret



LOOKING UP—Columns of basaltic rock, some twisted, some cracked and some crumbled make up the Devil's Postpile National Monument just across the Sierra crest from Mammoth Mountain.



HAVE A NICE DAY—Meadows, a peaceful stream and a pine forest make for an interesting place to spend the day.

Story & Photos by Steve Boster

Summit closes with the first heavy snowfall of the year and seldom reopens before mid to late June. During the summer, access to the area by private vehicle is restricted to avoid traffic congestion. For now, however, crowds are unlikely and the weather for such visits remains excellent.

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