

Valentine dinner set

Fathers and daughters of all ages are invited to join in celebrating Valentine's day at the "Spaghetti Dinner for Two" sponsored by Youth Activi-

ties. Along with the dinner (which includes dessert and salad), each young lady will receive a carnation and the couple will get a picture to capture this special moment in their lives.

The dinner will be held on Friday, Feb. 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Enlisted Mess.

Tickets are \$15 for a military couple, \$16 for DOD civilians, and \$17 for private citizens. Those lucky persons who either have two Dads or two daughters can purchase additional tickets at \$6 each. These can be purchased at The Youth Center Office Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets may be available at the door for an additional \$1 per couple.

Weather Report

	Max	Min	Peak Gusts	Precp
Thurs.	68	36	07 knots	
Fri.	68	33	27 knots	
Sat.	66	30	12 knots	
Sun.	58	28	16 knots	
Mon.	59	29	20 knots	
Tues.	52	33	13 knots	tr
Wed.	56	23	13 knots	

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

Community Events

Artist of the month at the Sylvia Winslow Exhibit Gallery of the Maturango Museum will be Mary Miears Cutzinger, who will be honored at a reception on Sunday (Feb. 7) from 2 to 4 p.m.

Admission to the museum (including gallery) is \$1, and 50 cents for children. Museum members are admitted free, of course.

BOSS (Black Original Social Society) invites everyone to its annual Valentine/Sweetheart Dance to be held on Friday, Feb. 12 at the Heritage Inn. A donation of only \$5 is asked for an evening of dancing to music provided by a DJ from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. No minors are permitted.

Chess buffs are invited to play chess each Saturday at the Kern County Library's Ridgecrest branch, 131 E. Las Flores Street. Play begins at 5 p.m. More information can be obtained by telephoning Jack Cowles at 446-3067.

Military members, civilian employees, dependents and the entire China Lake community will join in celebrating American Heritage Week June 6-10 according to Pat Baczkiewicz and Kim Noh, co-chairpersons for the 1988 observance. The theme this year is, "Let's be different together."

The planning committee met for the first time last week to begin organizing the base-wide celebration.

Movies

FRI.	"NADINE" Starring Kim Basinger and Jeff Bridges (Comedy, rated PG, 83 min.)	FEB. 5
SAT.	"HOUSE II" Starring Arye Gross and Jonathan Stark (Horror, rated PG-13, 88 min.)	FEB. 6
SUN.	"STAR TREK IV—THE VOYAGE HOME" Starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (Science Fiction, rated PG, 119 min.)	FEB. 7
WED.	"THE PRINCIPAL" Starring James Belushi and Lou Gossett Jr. (Action Drama, rated R, 110 min.)	FEB. 10
FRI.	"LIKE FATHER LIKE SON" Starring Dudley Moore and Kirk Cameron (Youth Comedy, rated PG-13, 99 min.)	FEB. 12

IF ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Admission
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Drill team salutes two retirees at special ceremony—P-8

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NWC Rocketeer

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Seven capture honors for accomplishments

Last Friday seven men joined the ranks of those military and civilian men and women who have received the distinguished Michelson Laboratories Award. This award is complementary to the L. T. E. Thompson Award, the Center's highest, and honors distinguished individual accomplishment that are either technical or managerial.

Honored were William F. Ball, head of the Information Systems Group; Kenneth Banks, who heads the AIM-9R Technology Program; William C. Bonner, Associate Department Head for Planning and Engineering in the Public Works Department; Richard A. Fowler, Electronic Warfare Department; Magnus Pladson, Associate Department Head of the Engineering Department; Dr. James Standford, head of the

Research Department's Physics Division; and Norman Woodall, Weapons Department.

Capt. John Burt, Center Commander, greeted all those present at last Friday's luncheon when the awards were to be presented, and recounted the history of the award since it began in 1966. He noted some of the distinguished former Center personnel receiving the award have moved to high level Washington assignments such as Dr. James Colvard, recently retired as deputy head of the Office of Personnel Management, and others are still on board such as Gerry Schiefer, Center Technical Director.

The first woman receiving the award, he said, was Barbara Stott, a chemist, who was honored in 1969. The first military officer so honored was Cdr. D. D. Brown in 1971.

Schiefer noted each year choosing the winners becomes more difficult because of the high overall quality of Center personnel. "As a result, the number of awardees each year seems to keep increasing," he added.

Each surprised awardee was then called up in turn and presented a certificate signed by the Commander and Technical Director and "key" desk plaque engraved with the name of recipient and year of presentation of the Michelson Laboratories Award.

As each received his award, his accomplishments leading to the presentation were read.

Ball was honored for his outstanding leadership and management achievements in forging the Center's Information Systems programs and capabilities into a foundation for accomplishing the RDT&E mission.

His work with members of the Sidewinder family - most specifically, AIM-9M and AIM-9R, resulted in Banks being recognized for his achievements and professional excellence as a technical manager. His knowledge of many disciplines is credited with permitting a strong systems approach of his Sidewinder work.

Bonner's expertise in facilities planning, programming and acquisition has resulted in successful execution of a large number of technical programs.

Fowler won the accolade for his engineering accomplishments and leadership as systems engineer for the HARM Low Cost Seeker and for five other major electronic warfare programs.

Pladson's work, first as an engineer, and then as a manager have

furthered the mission of NWC in meeting requirements of the fleet for effective and reliable weapons.

Dr. Stanford was honored for both his own individual scientific efforts and for his contribution as a manager in making NWC the preeminent center for coatings technology development and evaluation in the United States government.

Woodall's contributions began with Sidewinder and have proceeded through other programs such as IR Maverick, the Advanced Common Intercept Missile Demonstration program, and the Advanced Air-to-Air/Outer-Air Battle Missile.

(Winners of the Michelson Laboratories Award are pictured on Page 4 of this issue.)

West Katzenstein earns TD Award

Honor recognizes accomplishments and success with RF Fire Control



CONGRATULATIONS—Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director (left) congratulates West Katzenstein for winning the Technical Director's Award while Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, looks on. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

West Katzenstein was selected for the Technical Director's Award for his technical vision and leadership and his success in establishing an Airborne RF Fire Control thrust at the Naval Weapons Center. He was also praised by Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director, for his work to transition this thrust into the Air Launched Weaponry Block as a critical technology for the Center.

Schiefer, in presenting the TD Award to Katzenstein, said it was "in recognition of some great work." Schiefer added that he wanted to extend his congratulations for the work done to all who had worked on it, noting that all awards are really the result of efforts by a team and this was no different.

It was a very surprised Katzenstein who walked into Lauritsen Lab's Conference Room One to give a presentation only to find out he was getting one instead. Following congratulations by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, and Schiefer, Katzenstein said this really was, "a team effort. Without the team and the support from management this wouldn't have happened."

Carl Schaniel, head, Fuze and Sensors Department, in his letter of nomination for Katzenstein, said, "West was appointed as the technical manager of Airborne RF Fire Control in FY 1984 and assigned the difficult task of defining, establishing and coordinating the RF Fire Control technology efforts across the technical departments at the Center. . . He has demonstrated a special talent for recognizing, promoting and establishing the critical technological thrusts in Airborne RF Fire Control at the Center."

The letter from Schaniel added, "He (West) has made the Center the place where industry is coming to find out what is going on in advanced RF Fire Control Technology in the Navy. . . We are now recognized as the Navy's technical leaders in x-band active array technology. . . The Center is now recognized as a leader of the Navy's advanced tactical aircraft weapons fire control systems."

Katzenstein, noted Schiefer, was a leader in the Center's efforts to take the technology and make it into a system, a system that can be understood at NWC and can be produced by industry.

Bill Long feted for efforts

Accolades from his associates, supervisors, and the Naval Sea Systems Command preceded the awarding last Friday evening of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Bill Long at his retirement dinner. Long, whose most recent assignment was head of the NATO Anti-Air

Warfare Project Office, was especially noted for his work as the Center's Technical Manager for the Multi-Mode Guidance program that was structured to demonstrate guidance packages employing multiple modes (ARH/HOJ/Active RF/IR).

He was also responsible for in-

depth evaluations of millimeter wave (Ka band) active RF seeker in fly-over test series where evaluation tools were established to evaluate future millimeter wave systems. His technical expertise with multiple guidance modes has resulted in valuable (Continued on Page 4)

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OUTSTANDING GROUP - Capt. John Burt and Technical Director Gerry Schiefer flank winners of the Michelson Laboratories Award, presented Friday. These are, left to right, Bill Ball, Keneth Banks, Dr. Jim Stanford, Richard Fowler, Norman Woodall, Bill Bonner, and Magnus Pladson.

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taxpayer and the taxpayer's unmarried child (who may either be a dependent or not) or a married child who must be the taxpayer's dependent. Other qualifying relatives, such as an uncle, sister, niece or son-in-law, must be the taxpayer's dependents and actually live with the taxpayer the entire year. The taxpayer's dependent parents, however, may qualify even though they do not live with the taxpayer. But to qualify as head of household, the taxpayer must have paid more than half the cost of keeping up their home.

To be considered unmarried, the IRS says, one must be single, legally separated, divorced, married but living apart for at least the last six months of the tax year or widowed. Without a child or qualifying dependent, the IRS stresses, unmarried taxpayers are not eligible to file as head of the household. And if they do not qualify as surviving widow or widower with a dependent child, they must file under the single status. As a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, a taxpayer claiming a dependent who is at least 5 years old must include that dependent's taxpayer identification number on the taxpayer's return. For most individuals, this number is their Social Security number. This new law is effective beginning with 1987 tax returns.

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Dr. Arnold Roe of Cal-State University Northridge (CSUN) will be on-Center on Mondays during the Spring semester to advise current and prospective students in the master's degree program in applied mechanics offered by the school.
 Those who wish to see Dr. Roe are asked to make an appointment by telephoning Cyndi Jones at NWC ext. 2648.
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JP guidance testing to start February 25

Providing new professionals with information about themselves that will help them plan their careers at NWC is the purpose of the Junior Professional (JP) Career Guidance and Counseling Program.
 The JP Career Guidance and Counseling Program includes eight hours of tests and a feedback session with a professional counselor. Some questions to be answered during this program are:
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 The next testing will be held February 25 and 26, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Training Center. Counseling sessions will be held at a later date. Anyone wishing to be included in the February testing should contact Cyndi Jones, NWC ext. 2648.
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NWC motorcyclists benefit from MIPI approval ruling

Motorcycle riders on board the Naval Weapons Center do not have to wear long sleeved shirts or jackets while operating their motorcycles, thanks to a Model Installation Program Initiative (MIPI) approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Shipbuilding and Logistics).
 NWC had requested a waiver of Navy instructions requiring motorcyclists to wear approved helmets with full faceshield and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket at all times. The MIPI sought to substitute adequate eye protection for full faceshields because of summer heat in the desert and allow short-sleeved shirts because lightweight long-sleeved shirts would provide no real protection.
 Because statistics from past motorcycle accidents did not support a waiver of the faceshield requirement that portion of the MIPI was denied.
 An approved MIPI granting "Me Too" authority to the Naval Weapons Center allows the Commander to determine if refresher training on hearing conservation is required and establish the frequency of the training.
 This MIPI is expected to save more than \$19,000 year by not requiring selected employees to take a one-hour refresher in hearing conservation.
 The proposal for a waiver noted these employees are already required to take a hearing test and the briefing at this test is more relevant and job specific that the separate training that had been required.
 The old policy had not only required a hearing test and a hearing conservation training session, but mandated records on the training be retained for five years and each employee's individual personnel record reflect this training.



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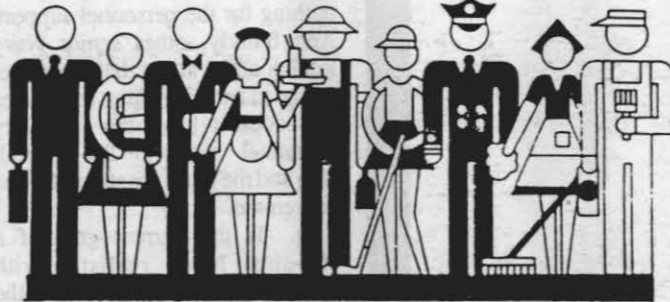
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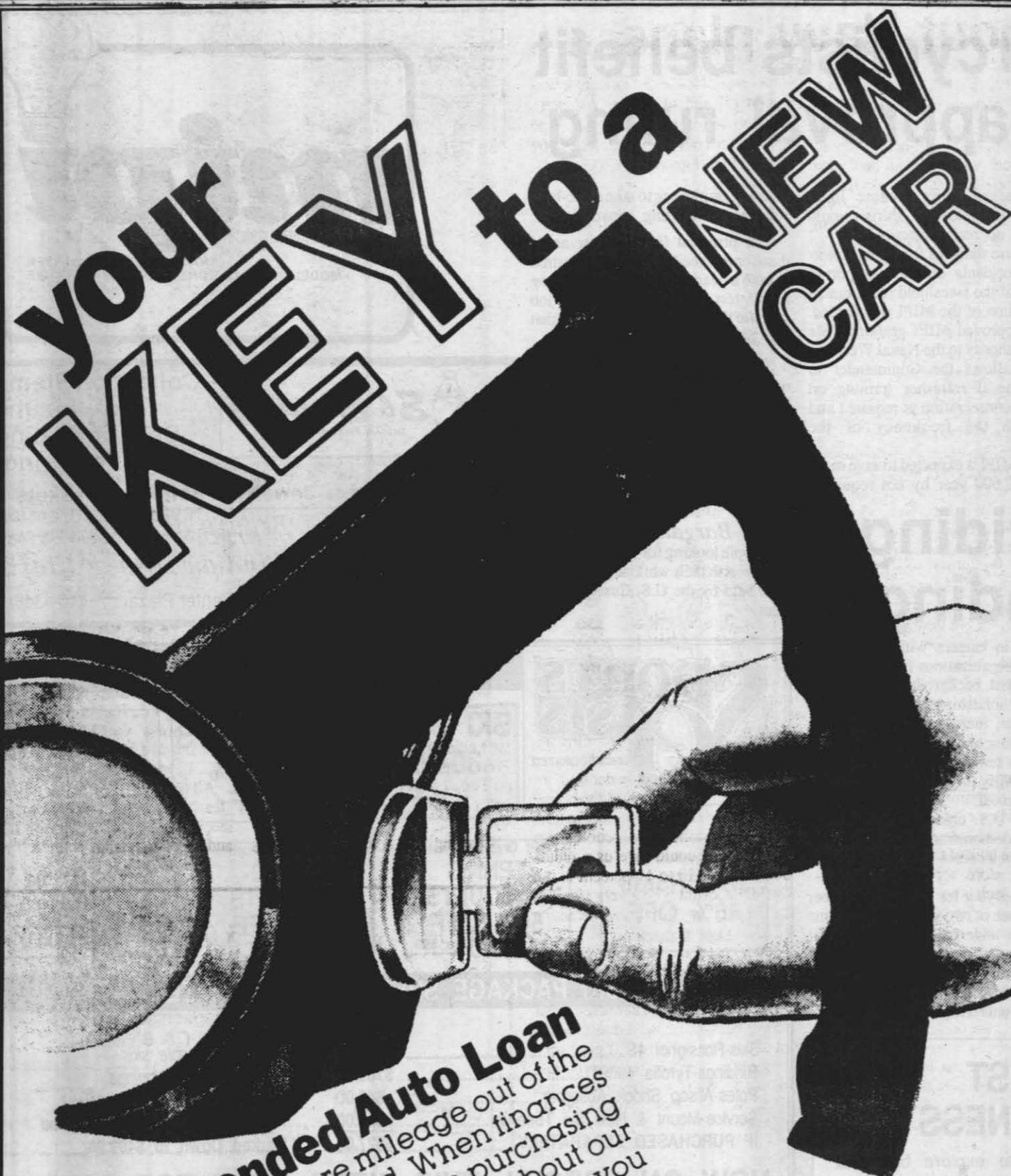
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CNO has interview on plans

(This is the final installment of a four-part interview with the CNO.)

Q. Has there been consideration of forward basing any more carriers?

Adm. Trost: Not really. Several years ago there was a move to look at the experience with MIDWAY forward based in Yokosuka and the fact that in peacetime it sort of has a multiplying effect on carrier availability. Some of the people serving on the MIDWAY would say it has a multiplying effect on the possibility of back-to-back deployments on occasions, also. But there was a proposal to base a carrier in northern Europe. The problem was finding a place where we had the port; a co-located air station to provide the support; and weather which would provide adequate training when the carrier was in port for maintenance and upkeep.

Also, there was a proposal at one point and time, as you may recall, to homeport a carrier in Greece. Well, Greece is talking about throwing us out of their bases totally right now. So fortunately, we didn't do that. I don't expect any move in that direction in the near term.

Q. Is the strategic homeporting concept still on track? And are we still going to utilize the homeports in the Gulf of Mexico, that is Corpus Christi and Pensacola?

Adm. Trost: The concept is still on track. But we have run into a couple of problems. Congress has for the last several years provided considerably less funding than we requested for our new homeports. Right now, for example, the funding for New York, which was the first of the requests, provides for the pier and some physical support facilities for the battle group but nothing for the personnel support. And frankly, other senior Navy leaders and I agree that we're not going to transfer ships to an area that doesn't have the necessary personnel support. The overall plan and the goals are still valid and do remain.

Q. Is the current goal of a 600-ship Navy realistic with respect to parts and supplies for the ship inventory that we have now?

Adm. Trost: I think the 600-ship Navy goal is totally realistic. It is affordable. As a matter of fact, all the ships that would comprise the first level of 600 are paid for. They're not all built. But we've got them. We can afford them. The country could afford to maintain them. Our level of expenditure on the Navy, if it is measured in terms of percent of gross national product or percent of the

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Wells Fargo Bank chosen

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. of California has been selected to manage the Common Stock Index Investment Fund (C Fund) and the Fixed Income Investment Fund (F Fund) announced the Thrift Investment Board (TIB).

The C Fund is a Common Stock Fund designed to replicate the performance of the Shearson Lehman Government/Corporate Bond Index and consists of treasury, Federal agency and investment grade corporate bonds. A commingled fund arrangement will be utilized to help ensure that participants' investments will be diversified and that the funds will track the performance of the indexes from the outset.

The TIB evaluated investment managers for the C and F Funds on the basis of the investment manage-

ment personnel and experience, tracking and trading performance, custody service, fiduciary record and fees.

Wells Fargo is the oldest and largest manager of index funds with over \$54.8 billion in tax exempt assets under management. Included in that total is a commingled S&P 500 index fund with \$10.1 billion in assets, as well as a commingled Shearson Lehman Government/Corporate Index Fund with \$1.0 billion in assets, both the largest of their kind.

Employees needing more information about the Thrift Savings Plan or the Thrift Investment Board should contact their PMA or Virginia Spille at NWC ext. 2574.

Soldering classes planned

Four 40-hour high-reliability soldering courses will be held from February 8 through February 12 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at 543 Graaf Street and Building 00459, Dorm 10.

This course is for government personnel needing certification to

WS-6536 as inspectors and operators. The requirements for the course are (1) previous soldering experience and (2) a current eye examination.

To be scheduled into class, contact the Soldering Technology Training, Code 36814, 446-5571.

Chico advisor here Feb. 25

Dr. Orlando Madrigal of Cal-State University Chico will be on-Center February 25 to advise current and prospective students in the external degree programs offered by the school.

Cal-State University Chico has

external degree programs in computer science which lead to bachelor's and master's degrees. Those who

wish to see Dr. Madrigal are asked to make an appointment by telephoning Cyndi Jones, NWC ext. 2648.

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assigned to a computer. Presentation methods: Hands-on workshop.

Deadline: March 1. dBASE III+ (18 hours) March 14-25; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 1230-1620; Sierra Lanes Plaza #1. By C. Withrow, Cerro Coso Community College.

Prerequisite: Computer fundamentals (Continued on Page 16)

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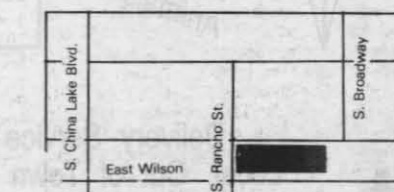
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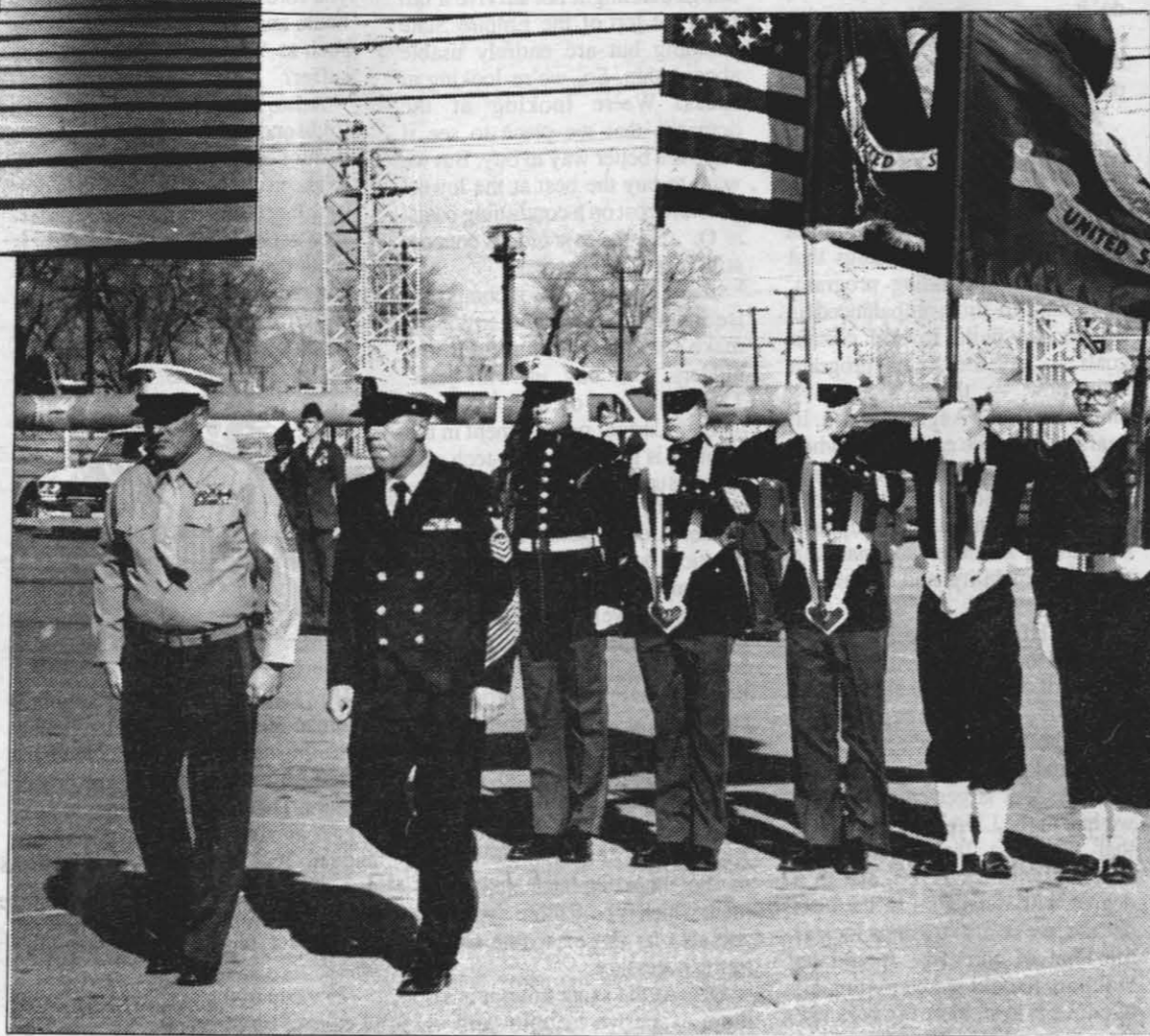
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Retirement time is a special day

CAREERS END—Marine Master Sergeant John F. Roloff (left) and Aviation Ordnanceman Master Chief Joseph Pierczynski end long military careers with retirement last Friday. Master Chief Pierczynski had completed more than 27 years of active duty while MSgt. Roloff had more than 23 years service with the Marine Corps. Taking part in the special retirement ceremony was the University of Utah's Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) drill team. The NROTC team also performed at area schools as part of their visit to the Naval Weapons Center.

Photo by PHAN Cary Brady



Slip, slide and crash

Conditioning needed

Cruising a mogul field with ease on new, brightly colored epoxy or graphite skis is a dream many of us entertain when the snow starts falling. For some, the dream becomes reality; for others, it ends in a sickening thud as they bounce, slide and bump into the snow and ice. Each year, thousands of people are hurt by skiing accidents. Since 1984, more than 150 Navy people have been hurt in mishaps on the slopes. One of these mishaps resulted in a fatality when a skier lost control in icy conditions and crashed into a tree. Another person suffered a possible permanent disability when he fractured a vertebrae in his lower back. Fortunately, most injuries are less severe, with broken legs and knee injuries commonly reported. In the accident reports the most common causal factor is inexperience. Beginners are easily hurt when they try to transition too soon from a begin-

ner's slope to advanced or expert slopes. More experienced skiers are hurt by tackling slopes that are too steep or icy. They build up too much speed and lose control. Sometimes, the fall is only the beginning of the skier's troubles. Improperly adjusted ski bindings that fail to release can turn a minor tumble into a major accident. A sound physical conditioning program, coupled with progressive practice and regular equipment checks, is a must for carefree skiing. —By Safetyline

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League meets
With the 1988 Intramural Volleyball League season set for a mid-March opening, the Recreational Services Department has set an organizational meeting for Wednesday, Feb. 10.
The meeting, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in the Center Gym, will be used to establish league rules and roster requirements.

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The reason UNICOR can operate so differently from most government contractors is that it's owned by the government, bases its factories in federal prisons and employs federal inmates. UNICOR is the trade name of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc.

Today's prisoners are doing a lot more than stamping out license plates. They're training in many trades so they're ready to enter the job market

with solid, marketable skills after release from prison.

In addition to preparing inmates for their release, the program has immediate payoffs, explained Gerald Farkas, UNICOR's associate commissioner. Channeling inmates' energies into worthwhile work reduces idleness, a big factor in prison security.

Prisoners say they like the program because it makes their incarceration pass faster. Some spend their earnings in the prison commissary. Others send it to their families or save it. Others use it to help pay off fines and court costs.

As a side benefit, UNICOR offers government agencies electronics equipment, plastic, optics, textiles, metal, wood and leather products, all at competitive prices.

The Defense Department is UNICOR's largest customer. Al Finch, special purchase program manager for the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia, says DOD buys about \$50 million a year in clothing, textiles

and medical items from the company. The biggest items, he said, are pajamas, blankets, men's underwear and bath towels.

But UNICOR products can be found throughout DOD. Soldiers and Marines wear its Kevlar helmets and battledress uniforms. DOD civilians and military people alike work at its office furniture. Cadets at the U.S. Military and Air Force academies sleep and study on its loft-style dormitory units.

UNICOR receives no federal appropriations. To continue, let alone expand, its operations, it needs to turn a profit.

Helping drive this effort is a law that encourages all federal agencies to buy from UNICOR whenever possible before going to another contractor.

In addition, agencies are not required to go out on competitive bid for the products UNICOR can provide. This cuts down considerably on the often lengthy federal acquisition process.

Stan Wexler, director of corporate marketing, said the requirement that agencies buy from UNICOR is one the company has chosen not to police.

"We want people to use us because they want to, not because they have to," he said. "The best way for us to attract customers is to run our business like any other company in the private sector. That means offering quality products at competitive prices."

At first glance, UNICOR does appear to be much like any other company. Its products are show-cased in glossy four-color catalogs. Its marketing staff advertises the company at trade shows and conventions.

Workers get into the UNICOR program just as they'd get a job with any other company — they apply. Applicants must have at least an eighth-grade education to be selected. If they don't meet that requirement, UNICOR pays for general educational development or vocational-technical training until they do.

For Finch, who said DOD looks to UNICOR as a reliable, responsive source of quality products, that's likely to mean a continuation of UNICOR's 50-plus year tradition.

"It shortens the administrative lead time associated with the acquisition process considerably," Finch said. "When we (Defense Personnel Support Center) buy from UNICOR, we know the products will be out in the field where they're needed as quickly as possible."

By Donna Miles
American Forces Information Service

Memorial dedicated

Dedication of a Blue Star By-way Memorial Marker, sponsored by the Desert Empire District of California Garden Clubs, Inc., and Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley, will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8, at the Maturango Museum.

The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., adopted the memorial marker as a tribute to the men and women who have served or will serve in the nation's armed forces.

Invitations have been sent to government officials and members of veterans' groups and service clubs to attend the dedication, to which the public is also invited.

Prior to the dedication, the winter board meeting of the Desert Empire District will be held at the museum. At this meeting Aldin Sievers, Director of the Bureau of Land Management office in Barstow will talk about the Desert Protection Act.

Further information about the Blue Star By-way Marker dedication or the district meeting can be obtained by telephoning either Mrs. Thomas Ray at 377-5230 or Mrs. V. E. Thomas, 377-4525.



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NRS visiting nurse never finds work boring

One job isn't enough for Jennifer Taylor, the new visiting nurse for the Navy Relief Society at the Naval Weapons Center. Not only does she hold a part-time job under Care Vision as a home health nurse, she also works part-time at Beverly Manor.

Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, Taylor received her degree in nursing from Loma Linda University. As a registered nurse, she has been a public health nurse in Riverside County, a nurse consultant for Actna Health Insurance, and a visiting nurse for Navy Relief in Long Beach. Arriving in Ridgecrest just a few months ago, Taylor said "I was very impressed with the area. We came from the Los Angeles area and thought this would be a little hick town, full of cactus; instead it was very green. The longer we stay here, the more we like it."

The professional aspect of the visiting nurse is under the general supervision of the Officer-in-Charge at NWC's Branch Medical Clinic with specific direction of the attending physician. Amanda Woodside, Navy Relief Publicity Chairman, feels having a visiting nurse onboard will really benefit NWC. It will help by taking some of the load off the clinic and ease the minds of some of the people who don't really need to see a doc-

tor, but need to have some medical questions answered. Woodside said. "It has been a very long time since we have had a visiting nurse," she added.

One of Taylor's jobs is visiting homes of newborns. There she will show the parents the proper way to handle the baby; answer any questions regarding care, feeding and nutrition; explain physical and emotional aspects of the post partum period; offer birth control information; and weigh premature and high-risk babies at the request of the physician.

As the visiting nurse, Taylor will also visit the elderly. During these visits she will check on the health and comfort of her patients, any medical treatment requested by the attending physician; show what to do to help with patients' rehabilitation; offer special diet counseling; deliver supplies and prescribed medications to chronically ill patients when necessary; and provide referrals when appropriate.

Checking the environment and well being of children as referred by health care personnel is also routine for Taylor. She can also offer advice to mothers on care of ill children and can give nutrition and parenting instructions, when deemed necessary, to parents.

In addition, Taylor said she will visit local Navy widows offering

them support and what assistance she can when needed.

Visiting patients in the hospital is another way Taylor will help local military personnel and their dependents.

Taylor said many people get confused when they are issued medicine and they forget when they should take it, or what it is for. She often makes charts for her patients showing them what medicine is needed and when it should be taken. "Often elderly people have so much medicine to take, they forget what should be taken when," Taylor explained. "The charts help them remember what medicine they should take at a particular time," she added.

Blood pressure checks, diabetic teaching, answering medical questions, and referring patients to their doctors for treatment are other aspects of Taylor's work.

While many of her cases come to her attention as referrals, Taylor wants people to know that they can refer themselves if needed. As the visiting nurse, Taylor will be in the local Navy Relief Office on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to receive messages and to do office work. People wishing to set up an appointment should call the Navy Relief Society, 446-4746, Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While talking about her job, Taylor said, "It's fun, this is something I love doing."

Taylor and her husband, Lt.

Greg Taylor, a physician at the clinic, are currently residing on base. "We will be here at least through next year," said Taylor, "hopefully longer."



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VX-5 Photo

Reserves a tax advantage?

If your normal workweek is Monday through Friday and you attend a meeting of an armed forces Reserve unit that meets one weekend a month in the general area of your tax home on Saturday night, the cost of transportation from your home to the Reserve meetings is a commuting expense. You may not deduct it.

If the meetings are held outside the general area of your tax home, you

may deduct the cost of your transportation to attend them. If the Reserve meetings are held after work on a normal workday, even if your regular employment is with a defense activity, you may deduct the expense of getting from one place to the other. However, if for some personal reason you do not go directly from one location to the other, you may deduct only the amount it would have cost you to

go directly from the first location to the second.

Also for reservists: You may deduct the unreimbursed cost of your uniform if military regulations restrict you from wearing it except while on duty as a reservist. In figuring the deduction, you must reduce the cost by any non-taxable allowance you receive for these expenses.

NEX's Super Sale Sunday

Camera of the month at the Navy Exchange retail store is a Kodak VR35 camera outfit/K80R. The outfit includes two AA-size Kodak Supra-life alkaline batteries, one roll of Kodacolor VR-G 200 film and an instruction manual.

Appliance of the month is the Rival under-cabinet can opener with a rebate of \$2.

Those who enjoy shopping sales have a real choice at the NEX. There'll be a Super Sunday Sale this Sunday (Feb. 7), the Super February Sale next week (Feb. 9-15), and the Washington's Birthday Sale on Feb. 15.

Lots of Valentine's day candy and cards are now at the mini mart, so shop early and have the best

selection.

For gardeners, spring plants are also available now at the mini mart. These include asparagus, artichoke, sweet wine rhubarb, Thompson seedless grapes, flame seedless grapes, concord grapes, perlette grapes, raspberry, and blackberry plants.

Wine of the week through the NEX is Chateau La Salle's La Peach.

Ski gear available at NWC Gym

Personnel in the Recreation Services Department's Sports Branch are still renting ski packages to military and civilian personnel and their dependents. Cross country and downhill packages of skis, boots and poles are available to rent by the day, weekend or week.

Skiers are asked to make an advance appointment for fitting of

skis and boots before renting. Call NWC ext. 2334 for an appointment or more information.

Fresh snow at most ski resorts early this week is expected to make for excellent conditions tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday at Sierra resorts. This is the last weekend for skiers to hit the slopes before holiday hordes swamp the ski area

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New Youth Center establishes hours

Now that the Naval Weapons Center's new Youth Center is officially open for patrons, a wide assortment of activities and new hours have been established.

Personnel from the Recreational Services Department note the Youth Center is open to military personnel and their dependents along with DOD employees and their dependents.

New hours have basketball time from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, while skating is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Also available are pool, air hockey and watching wide screen television.

There is free admission for all Youth Club members. Non-member military dependents pay \$1 and all other \$1.25 for admission.

For additional information please call the Youth Center at NWC ext. 3097.



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HOOP PLAY—Saturday's games of the NWC Youth Basketball League marked the end of the fourth week of action for twenty six teams. Loop play will continue another four weeks. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Young hoopsters have fun on floor

Youngsters continued their learning experiences in the NWC Youth Basketball League last weekend as a full schedule was underway for the 26 teams.

Instructional Division
Lakers 32, Stars 20
Behind Chris Bransan's 19 points and seven from Lenny Winterly the Lakers were easy winners. David Rollington and Pete Greedy also scored. Kevin was tops for the Stars with nine points. Kate, Jay, Jennifer and Mark also scored.

Jets 32, Bulls 12
Eighteen points from Patrick Ross and eight from Behrang Goodarziard led the Jets. Mike Wessman and Jimmy Hutmacher also scored. The Bulls got six markers from Sam Miles, while Justin Marint, Lisa O'Neil and Daniel Peoples had two each. (Continued on Page 11)



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Twenty-six basketball teams remain busy in NWC youth loop play. . .

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Runners 26, Suns 18

The Runners were led by the play of Jodi Sieg, Kevin Moffitt and Nathan Mickelsen. The Suns' William Raymond had eight points while Brian Armstrong hit six. Michael Bachman and Seth Combs had two each.

Nets 29, Warriors 8

With William Cubit hitting 14 points and Matthew Girardot 11, the Nets were easy winners. Daryl Blackman added four while O. Bucca and Angela Edwards had strong games. The Warrior did not turn in a score sheet.

Intermediate Division Flames 28, Spurs 26

This was described as a fast-paced, exciting game that went down to the wire. Chris Williams and Keith Parris

had nine each in the win, while picking up help from Jonathan Moffitt, Scott Fuller and Daniel Rhodes. Jeff Brown's 11 points paced the Spurs' effort and Tony Domingues added eight. Lacey Cordell, Tim Clark and Joel Haynes also scored.

Pistons 16, Celtics ??

Louis Moore had eight points and Greg LaPointe added seven. Brian Dodder had the final tally. There was no Celtics' score sheet.

Huskies 34, Rockets 26

Thanks to a 14-point tear by Jerome Davis and 12 more from Ryan Lilly, the Huskies were easy winners. Daniel Kelling added six and Will Squire two to the tally. No Rockets' score sheet

Cliffs 24, Nuggets ??

Good rebounding keyed the Cliffs is a hard fought game. Joe Mechtenberg's 11 points paced the Cliffs while Aaron Plugge hit six. Bree Lewis,

Roger Karoll and Jonathan Mickelsen also scored. No score sheet from the Nuggets.

Junior Division Pacers 39, Lions 21

Will Irvin's 12 point effort keyed the Pacers who also got eight from Mark Russel. Joining in scoring were Eric Strickland, Herb Morton, Tom Haleman and Andre Staples also scored. Chad Taylor and Greg Greedy had six each for the Lions. Quannah Driver, Kristine Kopesch, Jason Duff, Miles Ross and Tom Foisey also scored.

Hawks 45, Clippers 21

Good rebounding from Wendy Stuart and 18 points from Scott Ross keyed the Hawks' win. Brina Hire and Dennis Saratt had 10 points each, while Chris Drinnon, James May, David Brenner, and Wesley Mouw joined in the scoring. There was no Clippers' score sheet.

Senior Division Bullets 88, Kings 19

Chris Armstrong ripped the nets for 32 points while Lamonte Dawson, Ron Schiller and Clint Parish added 10 tallies each. Joining in the winning effort were Russ Fowler, Greg Parish, Rusty Ricker, Anthony Cottingham, Chris Stuart, Mathew Bullock and Jimmy Pearl. Danny Wilson's 10 points topped the Kings. Steve Jamie (4), Mike Addison (2) and Amir Saleem (1) also scored.

Mavericks 64, Clippers 30

Kelsey Newman's 16 points led the Mavericks in the win. Bart Hine added 12 and Stephen Brown 11. Also scoring were Larry Staples, Danny Miller, Kris Wagner, Colby Cram and Carl Brown. Five field goals from Brian Perez paced the Clippers. Cory Moorehead added eight points. Eric Hillewert, Alex Bletran and Bobby Pucicett also scored for the Clippers.

Fishing slow for anglers

Although the weather in the Owens Valley was totally beautiful last weekend - sunshine, pleasant temperatures and just a gentle breeze, very few people tried their luck fishing.

Those who did drop their lines in the water at Diaz Lake have been catching trout. Best fishing is with "junk" bait. (The trout aren't proud, just hungry.)



Fishing at Pleasant Valley reservoir is also good on an intermittent basis. Try the deep channel for best results.

The Owens River below Pleasant Valley is also open, but few anglers have been seen trying their luck.

Sport fish guide now available

California anglers can buy a new sport fish guide from the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG). This is a handy (tackle-box-size) guide to sport fish most commonly caught off the California coast.

The 164-page guide contains color photos and information on 81 marine fish species.

Designed specifically to help sport anglers identify their catch, the booklet will allow anglers to tell the difference between bass and croakers, rockfish and surfperch and more.

DFG officials hope the identification guide will make it easier for anglers to observe rules and regulations set for specific fisheries.

The Marine Sportfish Identification booklet is available through DFG's Long Beach Office, 245 West Broadway, Suite 350, Long Beach, 90802, for \$4 per copy, including postage.

Center sets low-impact aerobics

Throughout the month of February anyone interested can take part in the lunch hour low-impact aerobics program. The class will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, except holidays, in the NWC Gym Annex.

The course fee is \$18.20 for active duty military personnel, \$24 for DOD employees and \$26 for others. The daily drop-in fee for occasional visits is \$2.75.

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