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## Community Events

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Everyone is invited to enjoy superb catfish and trout with members of the group.

A sandwich, including chips, is \$3, with dinner, consisting of fish, French fries, coleslaw and bread, being only \$5.

Fun in a good cause is the emphasis of the Military Officers' Wives Club creative auction at the Commissioned Officers' Mess on Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. A \$1 donation is asked at the door, and those attending are also asked to bring a creative item or service along to be auctioned off.

Preceding the auction will be a "Shrimp-a-Peel," at 6 p.m., with all-you-can-eat shrimp at \$13 per person. Reservations are required for the dinner and can be made by telephoning 446-2549.

The creative auction raises scholarship funds for eligible military spouses and children.

Palm Sunday weekend (March 25-27 this year) is the time for the annual hullabaloo at Calico Ghost Town, located 10 miles north of Interstate 15 near Barstow.

There'll be a three-day horseshoe pitching tournament from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday Stew Cook-off at 11 a.m.; Sunday Flapjack Race, 3 p.m.; Coors' Strong Arm Championships, Sunday noon; and Beechnut's World Tobacco Spitting Championships, preliminaries Saturday noon, finals Sunday 1 p.m.

There'll also be more traditional events such as egg tossing, greased-pole climbing, balloon busting, and searching for nickels in a haystack. Bluegrass, clogging and country music will be played in addition to a starlight concert on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Camping is available at \$7 per night. Daily admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for juniors, with children under 5 admitted free.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning (619) 254-2122.

Tomorrow's Saturday Adventure at the Maturango Museum will be "Ethnic Drums and Rhythms," presented by Dan and Robin Peterson from 3 to 4 p.m.

Along with demonstrations of the variety of instruments used throughout the world, there'll be an opportunity for those attending to try their hands at the instruments as well.

Saturday Adventures are free with admission to the Maturango Museum. Admission, for non-members, is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children aged 6 through 17.

Both the Craft/Hobby and Woodshop Centers will be closed on Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 for inventory. Normal hours of operation will resume on Saturday, April 2.

"Two Russias" is the topic of a slide-illustrated lecture to be presented by Janet Westbrook at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum. The focus of this presentation will be on Central Asia and the Russian Orthodox Church influence.

Members and guests of the Elks Lodge can partake of a pig barbecue, followed by dancing to "Crossfire," on Saturday, starting at 6 p.m. The \$10 per person donation is earmarked for the lodge's major project on behalf of crippled children.

## Weather Report

	Max	Min	Peak Gusts
Thurs.	61	33	16 knots
Fri.	58	33	20 knots
Sat.	61	31	20 knots
Sun.	65	23	13 knots
Mon.	71	24	11 knots
Tues.	74	30	46 knots
Wed.	70	36	12 knots

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## Movies

FRI, SAT.	"SUSPECT"	MAR. 18, 19
	Starring Cher and Dennis Quaid (Suspense, rated R, 122 min.)	
SUN.	"SURRENDER"	MAR. 20
	Starring Michael Caine and Sally Field (Romantic Comedy, rated PG, 95 min.)	
WED.	"NORTH SHORE"	MAR. 23
	Starring Gregory Harrison and Nia Peeples (Adventure, rated PG, 96 min.)	
FRI.	"DIRTY DANCING"	MAR. 25
	Starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey (Drama, rated PG-13, 101 min.)	

Starting Times: Matinee / 2:00 pm Evening / 7:00 pm  
Box Office Open: Matinee / 1:30 pm Evening / 6:30 pm

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**Navy Relief gears up  
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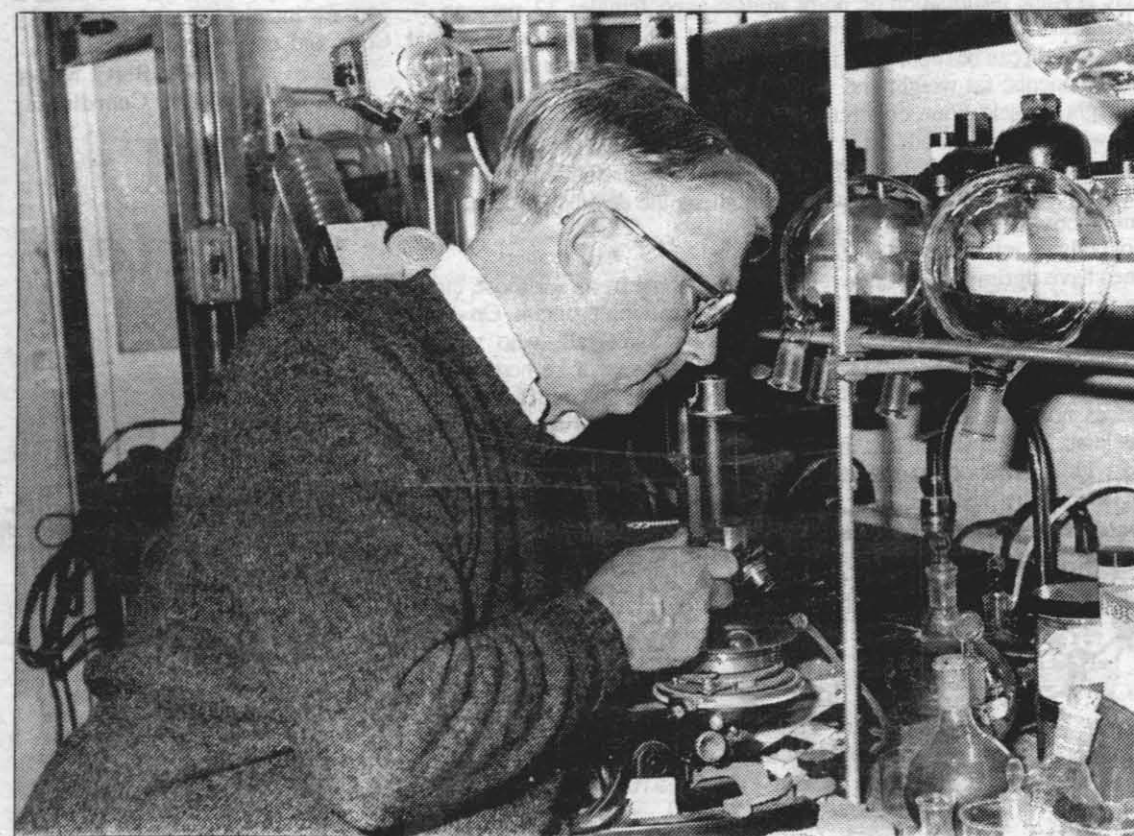
**Top Bluejacket award  
tomorrow night—P-7**

# NWC Rocketeer

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## Arnold Nielson cops his second TD Award



**DOUBLE WINNER** — Dr. Arnold Nielsen won two Technical Director's Awards continues to spend much of his time in his laboratory, although he's already for his work with developing energetic materials.

### Energetic materials work brings honors

Dr. Arnold T. Nielsen, Senior Research Scientist in the Chemistry Division of the Research Department, won his second Technical Director's Award recently for his work with organic chemistry.

His most recent work is in synthesizing CL-20, the first of a new family of energetic materials, caged nitramine explosives, that promise improved performance and reduced hazards for explosives and propellants.

(Dr. Nielsen's first TD award came for his contributions with two other chemists in synthesizing a unique and elusive explosive, HNB.)

Gerry Schiefer, Center Technical Director, told Dr. Nielsen at the award presentation that "This new substance looks better all the time." He added the new material has already transitioned to exploratory development with NWC Independent

Exploratory Development funding and with both DARPA and Explosive Block 6.2 funding.

"We really appreciate what you've done," Schiefer added. He continued, "The work that you've been doing in basic research here directly applies to real Navy requirements."

According to the letter of nomination written by Dr. Ron Derr, head of the Research Department, Dr. Nielsen has helped create a unique capability that is highly significant and of critical importance to the development of a new generation of energetic propellants and explosives required to defeat future threats while still meeting new safety requirements.

The new class of energetic compounds clearly exceeds state-of-the-art materials such as HMX and RDX. As part of an Office of Navy Research Accelerated Research Initiative, Dr. Nielsen has been working with this group of compounds since 1980.

## Goettig's career ended with honor

Alan Goettig, an Operations Research Analyst serving as Senior Associate in the Weapons Planning Group, capped his 32-year federal career by receiving the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award at his retirement held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess March 4.

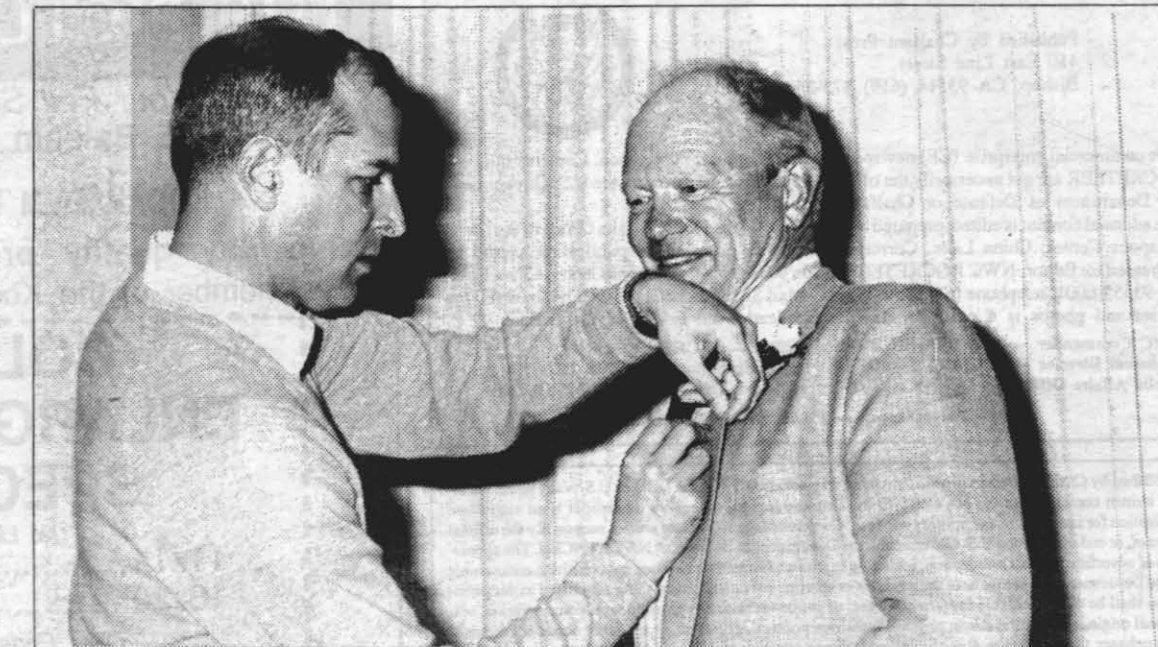
Captain John Burt, NWC Commander, noted that it gave him great pleasure to present Goettig with the highest award that the Center Commander can make.

The award consists of a letter, a commendation certificate and a medal. The Skipper read the letter to summarize the accomplishments in Goettig's distinguished career.

"The warfare analyses done by you and under your direction has contributed significantly to the quality of decisions made at the highest levels of the Navy and the Department of Defense."

The letter continues, "Your informed, innovative and timely efforts have had a significant impact on the capability of our Fleet to carry out its mission. The reputation for technical excellence you have helped set for Code 12 enjoys the highest respect among all levels of DOD and industry."

Capt. Burt concluded, "I present this award and express my sincere (Continued on Page 3)



**CAREER CAPSTONE** — Capt. John Service Medal on Al Goettig, who recently retired.





### Divine Services

**Protestant**

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School (September thru June) 9:00 a.m.  
 Bible Study (East Wing)  
 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. (September thru June)  
 Thursday 6:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 7:00 p.m. Officers' Christian Fellowship  
 Christian Military Fellowship

**Islamic**

Jumaa Prayer (Friday in Annex 4) 12:00 p.m.

**Roman Catholic**

Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.  
 Communion Service (Monday) 11:35 a.m.  
 Daily Mass (Tuesday thru Friday) 11:35 a.m.  
 Confession (Friday) 4:30-5:00 p.m.  
 Confession (Sunday) 8:15-8:45 a.m.  
 Religious Education Classes (Sunday) 10:30 a.m. (September thru May)

**Jewish**

Weekly Services (Friday - East Wing) 7:30 p.m.  
 Adult Hebrew Lessons (Saturday in Annex 4) 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
 Sabbath School (Annex 4) 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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## NWC's Wellness Corner

March 23 will be the last briefing for the Wellness Program. The briefing will be held at 2 p.m. in Conference Room B/C of Michelson Laboratory, and will provide the last opportunity to sign up to take part in the current events.

The fitness assessments are going very well. However, there have been quite a few no-shows. Center management is providing a tremendous opportunity for you to get knowledge about your own health and well-being at no cost to you. The health assessment does represent a cost to the government, so are encouraged to keep the appointments you have made for your blood draw and health assessment.

Here is some information on body composition.

Body weight can be subdivided into two components: fat weight and fat-free weight (muscle, bone, connective tissue, water). Percent body fat is the preferred index used to evaluate a person's body composition. Men have optimal body fat levels when the percent of body fat is less than 15 percent. Women have optimal body fat levels when the percent of body fat is less than 22 percent.

Being overweight does not necessarily mean that one is overfat. Being thin does not necessarily mean that one is lean. It is fatness that is associated with the risk of heart disease. Thus, fat must be measured to obtain

the correct measure of a person's health.

According to *The Sports Medicine Fitness Course* by Nieman, percentage of body fat classification is as follows:

Males are lean with less than 8 percent body fat; healthy, 9 to 15 percent; plump, 16 to 19 percent; fat, 20 to 24 percent; and obese, above 24 percent. The average college male has 15 percent and the average middle-aged American male, 23 percent.

Women are considered lean with less than 15 percent body fat; healthy, 15 to 22 percent; plump, 23 to 27 percent; fat, 28 to 33 percent; and obese, above 33 percent. The average American college female has 25 percent body fat, and the average American middle-aged female, 32 percent.

Pounds of fat equals the total weight in pounds times the body fat percentage. Lean body weight is the total weight in pounds minus pounds of fat. The ideal weight is the present lean body weight divided by 100 percent minus the desired percentage of fat.

Here's some news for those interested in a walking program. On April 19, Robert Sweetgall, who walked across America, will be here to present two lectures and train some walking leaders. Rob will speak in Room 1000D of Michelson Laboratory at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The focus will be on the benefits of

walking, walking off weight, cardiovascular risk, and walking for stress management.

He will train walking leaders from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The walking leaders training workshop is aimed at developing strong walk leaders who would serve as resource people for organizing and coordinating the walking program. If you are interested in becoming a walking leader, please send your name, Code, and extension to Code 02A3.

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 "It's Your Choice" is a medical self-care and education program. The Wellness Program is looking for people who would be interested in becoming facilitators for the class that teaches people how to use the book. If you are interested, send your name, Code and extension to Code 02A3.  
 By Betty Miller  
 Wellness Coordinator

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**489 Trucks and Vans**

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**The Skipper Sez...**

**QUESTION**

Military — We are greatly concerned about the waste of water on this Center. Examples of this waste are neighbors who leave their sprinklers on twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Yes, we have called Public Works and Public Works called these neighbors, but there have been no changes in their watering schedule. Another great example is the desert corner of Saratoga and Enterprise. Not only is the desert sand and cactus watered, but a special driveway has been poured to accommodate the hose access. I always thought that would be a great playground area for the children who live in this area. Another example are vacated quarters. In the one next to us, Public Works turns the sprinklers on and leave them on for all afternoon. The common areas between the officers' quarters are watered daily! That is not necessary. The best example is my yard. It is watered every other day for twenty minutes. It is green, beautiful and it grows. It would seem logical that if the City of Ridgecrest has become interested enough to conserve water and fine offenders, then the Center should at least open its eyes to the daily waste of water. Water that is becoming more and more precious, dwindling resource here in the Indian Wells Valley. Are you aware of this waste? Are you working on a water conservation program? Newsletters from the housing office are good, but they are only good if they are read. We are anxious to know if you are as concerned about this as we are. Thank you very much.

**ANSWER**

I share your concern about the waste of water aboard the Center. I'm confident that with the cooperation of the new contractor, United Airlines, Inc., the flooding problems you have cited are being corrected. United is in the process of setting back the time on all automatic watering clocks. They have also initiated a new plan to water Blandly Parkway in smaller sections to help alleviate the flooding problem. The common areas are now being watered every other day instead of daily.

The Service Contract for the Grounds Maintenance states that the water shall not be permitted to puddle on lawns or cause erosion of soil. It also states runoff shall be minimized. If the contractor fails to meet these requirements, a Contract Discrepancy Report will be filed and the contractor will be liable for monetary deductions for non performance.

We can appreciate that the City of Ridgecrest has an incentive program to stop residents from wasting water. We also have a Water Conservation Program. I have appointed a Ground Water Management Committee that is looking into strengthening the Ground Water Conservation Program on the base as well as investigating other ground water issues. Public Works has a long term landscaping program which is in the process of switching from high water demanding vegetation to a desert landscape which requires much less water.

The Family Housing Office briefs all residents on base of the need for water conservation awareness. People should be aware of their own water usage and take responsibility and pride in their contribution to water conservation.

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.

**Month of Young Child brings new program**

During April (the Month of the Young Child), children attending the Naval Weapons Center's Preschool Children's Centers will be participating in a Children's Self Help Project, a sexual abuse prevention program especially geared for pre-school and kindergarten children. This program will be sponsored by NWC's Recreational Services Department and is an inter-agency project coordinated by the Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic. It is endorsed by The Kern Child Abuse Prevention Council.

Parental permission will be required for children to participate in this project. Parents are urged to attend a preview of this project being held at the Youth Center on March 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During this preview, parents will be able to see what the project teaches and to have their questions and concerns answered by the program's coordinators.

**Al Goettig award.**

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appreciation and congratulations for a job well done."

Prior to the presentation, Phil Arnold, head of the Weapons Planning Group summarized the high points and accomplishments of Goettig since he first came on board at China Lake as a Junior Professional employee in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering

from the University of Illinois.

Much of his early time at China Lake was spent in working with Side-winder, an activity that continued while he served two years of active duty time as an Air Force officer from 1956-58 at Holloman Air force Base in New Mexico.

Goettig transferred to Code 12 in 1961 and began his work with weapons effectiveness studies, Air Strike

Warfare, and Ad Hoc Center support.

In recent years he has worked closely with the head of the Weapons Planning Group in planning, coordinating, and reviewing the technical and fiscal activities of the group.

Goettig and his wife, Donnie, also a Center employee, plan to remain in the Indian Wells Valley.

**NRS pre-flights big drive**

On April 16 the China Lake Chapter, Navy Relief Society, will launch its annual fund drive. The effort will last four weeks and end with a drawing for several prizes for those who donate to this drive.

Money raised in this annual push

goes to assist Navy and Marine Corps members and their dependents in times of need. Loans, grants, good and services can be provided to members of the Navy and Marine Corps family in need of assistance through the NRS.

Leading the list of items available in the drawing is a Unisys personal computer, recently donated by Unisys Corp.

Businesses or individuals interested in donating items for the drawing can call Lt. Brian Lewis, fund drive coordinator at NWC ext. 5687



**DONATION**—The China Lake Navy Relief Society (NRS) chapter received a Unisys personal computer for use in their annual fund raising drive. Lyle J. Franklin, Unisys representative in Ridgecrest (right), presents the letter announcing the donation to Mrs. Prisci-

la Dropp, NRS volunteer chairperson. Looking on is Lt. Brian Lewis, NRS fund drive coordinator. Unisys donated their top of the line personal computer with color display and printer as one of the items in the drive-ending drawing.

**Library joins in celebration**

During March the Naval Weapons Center library joins in celebrating National Women's History Month. The passage of Public Law 100-9 officially set aside March as a time to draw the nation's attention to women's forgotten heritage.

National Women's Heritage month celebrates women whose

important contributions have, for too long, been left out of our history textbooks. We also celebrate the lives of common women from all walks of life, women whose everyday struggles for survival in a growing nation made possible the lives we live today.

Readers are encouraged to visit the Center library and browse through the

display of books pertaining to women: their literature, art, music, history, work, politics, psychology, education, and biographies.

The Center library is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, and is closed Saturday.

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Separate, concurrent product demonstrations will be given on both telemetry and avionics products. At 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Telemetry Products (ADS 100, d/pad, and System 500) will be demonstrated. At the same time, the avionics demonstrations will be SBA 100, SSA 100, and

System 300 will also be demonstrated.

Loral will present a complimentary MIL-STD-1553 Tutorial at 1 p.m. for all interested persons. Because of space limitation, potential tutorial attendees are asked to make a reservation by telephoning the Loral Sales Department at (619) 560-5888.

For further information, please telephone Jack Brown at NWC ext. 6012.



## Ballet here on Tuesday for IWVCA

Ballet buffs will especially enjoy the concert presented by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association at the Center theater on Tuesday (March 22) — performing will be the Theatre Ballet of Canada.

The dancers of this highly acclaimed troupe will perform five ballets: two classical and three by contemporary choreographers. Classical ballets include *Collage Anime* and *Tribute*. Other featured dances are *Angular Momentum*, *Inching*, and *Liberated*.

Single event tickets for the Theatre Ballet of Canada can be bought at The Music Man, Maturango Museum, and the Art Buffet in Ridgecrest. Tickets are \$7, with admission being \$5 for those over 65, under 21, and full-time enlisted military personnel.

Some seats will also be available at the theater box office after 4:45 p.m. on the afternoon of the concert if tickets are not sold out. Season ticket holders who do not plan to attend are encouraged to release their seats for resale by telephoning 375-5600.

A student program, financed by contributions to the Student Education Fund, will be presented by the Theatre Ballet of Canada on the same day as the evening concert. Third and fourth graders from Sierra Sands schools, plus other selected student groups from both public and private schools in the area, have been invited to attend the 10:15 a.m. program.

Limited free seating at the theater will be available for the general public after the student groups have been seated.

## P.O. moves

Within the next two to three weeks the post office currently located in the old restaurant building (Building 00033) will move to the Bennington Plaza area.

They will be next door to the Bennington Plaza snack bar when the move is completed.

## NEX wants applicants

Applications for cashiers, stockers and food service workers are now being accepted by the Navy Exchange.

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Is a friend or loved one's drinking or drug use affecting your life? Making you crazy? Call **AL-ANON**. 375-3251.

**TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** - is having a membership drive. Thursday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Quanset Hut at 200 Moyer or call Lynne. 375-7593.

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First, interested employees should submit their SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment), a copy of their last SF-50 (Notification of Personnel Action), and a copy of their latest performance assessment directly to the overseas activity of their choice and request consideration for vacancies filled through that activity's Voluntary Applicant File. Addresses of Civilian Personnel Offices at overseas locations are available in the Personnel Department, 505 Blandly, Room

100. Second, interested employees may apply to announcements issued by overseas activities. These are published in the Overseas Vacancy Listing (OVL) issued monthly by the Department of Navy. Announcements are also published in the Federal Times, and miscellaneous announcements are received by the Personnel Department on a periodic basis. Interested individuals may review the OVL or miscellaneous announcements in Room 100 of the Personnel Department during normal work hours. People interested in such assignments must apply directly to these announcements; the Personnel Department does not submit applications for overseas assignments.

Third, interested employees may register in the Overseas Employment Program (OEP), a computerized database which may be used by all Department of Defense overseas

activities when filling vacancies. The OEP only accepts for specified occupations in certain countries; which occupations and countries are published in an Acceptance List and updated annually. These occupations are chosen by input from the countries based on anticipated need in the next year. This list is available for perusal in Room 100 of the Personnel Department. Registration into the program is the responsibility of Code 092. For additional information, or a registration appointment, contact the OEP Coordinator, Code 092, NWC ext. 3317.

Fourth, interested employees may utilize all of the above options simultaneously. This is the most expeditious manner in obtaining an overseas assignment.

Additionally, information on overseas employment opportunities is available from the Overseas Employment Coordinator, Code 092, NWC ext. 3317.

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Note: Optional lab time and instruction will be available in the afternoon of the first four class days.

Presentation Methods: Hands-on Workshop.  
Deadline: April 11.

## CCCC offers more classes

Cerro Coso Community College will offer a variety of short-term classes during the spring semester. Courses being offered include art, drama and journalism.


John Dunker will instruct an art course entitled "Darkroom Techniques." This one-unit course is an introduction to darkroom materials and techniques of black and white photography. Students must have access to a camera. Beginning April 9, the class will meet on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 170. The course ends April 30.

Elaine Vitale will instruct the drama course entitled "Original Play Production Workshop." This one-unit course is designed for student participation in the development of scenes and movement sequences for an original play based on the Franz Kafka movie, "The Trial." From March 22 until May 26, the class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursday from 6:40 to 9:30 p.m.

Linda Lou Crosby will instruct the journalism course "More Selling What You Write." This one-unit course is a continuation of "How to Sell What You Write." The class is from April 5 until May 10 and meets at Burroughs High School on Tuesdays, from 6:40 to 9:30 p.m.

To learn more about the short-term schedule of classes being offered this spring by Cerro Coso Community College, call the college at 375-5001. Students can enroll in short-term classes on Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Students can register up to and including the first class session.

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## Initiative preserves millions for Center

Thanks to a Model Installation Program Initiative submitted by Dr. Richard E. Kistler in 1986, the Naval Weapons Center avoided the loss of nearly \$4 million in applied overhead in the past two years.

MIPI 011-86 requested the Commander, Naval Weapons Center, be authorized expanded use of Commanding Officer's Order. The MIPI proposed increase the dollar limit from \$250,000 to \$1 million and the time threshold from 30 days to 60 days. It also sought approval to use "overcoming administrative lead time" as an acceptable reason for a Commanding Officer's Order.

While the Chief of Naval Operations did not approve expanded use of CO's Orders, he did allow the Naval Weapons Center to use a "Letter of Intent," written notice from responsible customer official that funds are legally available to the customer and that a formal fund document will follow within 60 days.

The waiver obtained notes the Letter of Intent need not contain an accounting classification and is limited to 60 days and \$1 million. Funding for costs incurred as a result of all letters continues to be

the responsibility of the ordering activity.

During the last fiscal year, 21 programs encumbered about \$8 million against expanded letters of intent. Thus far in the current fiscal year, 21 programs have requested a total of \$10 million and \$3 million has been encumbered. Funds have arrived for all but one of the programs and those funds are expected to arrive this month.

The expanded Letter of Intent made possible by the MIPI permitted many programs to continue work in the early part of new fiscal years, preventing program slippage, downtime, reassignment of personnel and costly delays.

This MIPI grew out of requirements that NWC reduce or eliminate the unbilled carry over funds historically available for financing operations at the start of a new fiscal year. Ordering activities were asked to provide reimbursable orders by Oct. 1 of the new year, but inevitably some will be late due to administrative delays.

Since NWC cannot eliminate the problem, the expanded Letter of Intent bridges the gap in cases where a reimbursable order is actually being prepared by the ordering activity.

## Well animal clinic offered

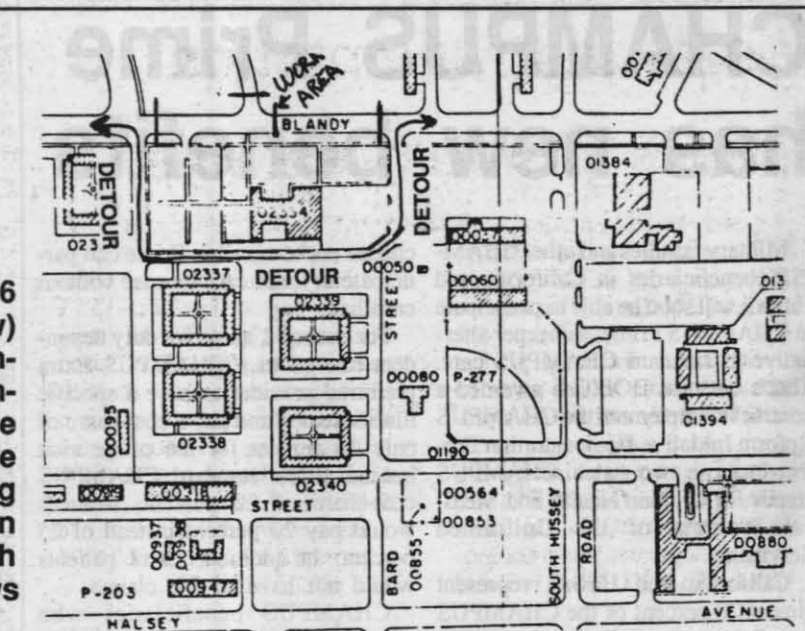
Active duty and retired military personnel can bring their animals to the special well animal clinic to be held on Tuesday, April 5, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Appointments are mandatory. To make an appointment, telephone the Craft/Hobby Shop at NWC ext. 3252.

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## Computer group has session

All interested Center personnel are welcome to attend the March 24 meeting of the China Lake Chapter of the IEEE Computer Society when Randy Chestnut will talk about the Global Positioning System used by Edwards Air Force Base Advanced Range Data System. Chestnut is the program manager for ARDS.

The meeting will be held in the Drydock Room for the Enlisted Mess, starting at 11:30 a.m. No advance reservations are required; the menu will be either the daily lunch special or guests can order from the menu.

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# CHAMPUS Prime has new benefits

Military families and other CHAMPUS beneficiaries in California and Hawaii will soon be able to participate in CHAMPUS Prime, a cheaper alternative to standard CHAMPUS care. That's because DOD has awarded a contract to implement the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative Demonstration Project in those two states. CHAMPUS stands for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services.

California and Hawaii represent almost 20 percent of the CHAMPUS beneficiary population in the United States. DOD will operate the test for at least one year before making any decision on expanding the program to other states.

The contract became effective on Feb. 1. Beneficiary services will be phased in over a six-month period beginning Aug. 1.

CHAMPUS provides care on a cost-share basis for active duty dependents, retirees and survivors of deceased members of the armed forces when care in military medical facilities is unavailable.

CHAMPUS Prime is a voluntary enrollment program. Enrollees will receive enhanced preventive-care benefits, such as physical exams, that are not covered under the existing CHAMPUS program. Beneficiaries will pay only a nominal \$5-per-visit fee for most doctors office visits. For a family whose sponsor is grade E-4 or below, most visits are free.

Hospital benefits under Prime will also be better. Under the standard version, retirees and their dependents pay 25 percent of the allowable bill. Prime will cap the costs retirees and their dependents must pay at \$75 per day, up to \$750 per admission.

In addition to Prime, the CHAMPUS reform project offers beneficiaries another alternative system — CHAMPUS Extra. Beneficiaries who

choose not to enroll in Prime can participate in Extra case by case without enrolling.

For example, an active duty dependent can go to a CHAMPUS Extra preferred provider to have a specific illness treated and pay a cost-share of only 15 percent for the office visit instead of the standard CHAMPUS cost-share of 20 percent. Retirees would pay 20 percent instead of 25 percent. In addition, Extra patients would not have to file claims.

CHAMPUS beneficiaries who choose to continue with the standard program can do so. Benefits and cost-share rules will remain the same as before the demonstration, subject to routine changes.

A "health-care finder is another important part of the demonstration project. The finder will help patients determine where to go for treatment for a specific problem — a military facility or a civilian source.

Designing the new health-care plan was difficult, since DOD insisted that the bulk of health care be provided by military facilities, that beneficiaries continue to have freedom to choose where to get care and that there be no mandatory enrollment. The award, made to a consortium of prominent health-care companies and not-for-profit hospitals, will provide for complete case management of CHAMPUS beneficiaries' health care under a fixed-price contract.

In short, the CHAMPUS reform initiative should benefit military families by giving them increased access to appropriate care. DOD officials also expect it to help contain the cost of providing quality care.

Additional information can be obtained, as it becomes available, from Lyn Wilson, the Health Benefits Advisor at the NWC Branch Medical Clinic or from the office of Cdr. Dean Hermann, Officer-in-Charge.



**CAKE CUTTING**—Rear Admiral Thomas S. Maddock, USNR (Ret.) cuts the cake at the annual China Lake Seabee Ball. The oldest and youngest Seabees present got the first pieces of cake. The oldest, SW1 Al Zidek, is served his piece of cake while BU2 Dave Shields, the youngest, looks on. The Seabee Ball is an annual event for China Lake Detachment 0217 of Reserve Naval Mobil Construction Battalion 17. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

# Seabees fete E01 Hinojosa as unit's outstanding man

Equipment Operator First Class Mart F. Hinojosa was honored as Seabee of the Year by Detachment 0217, Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17. The China Lake Seabee was selected for demonstrating a superior quality of leadership and professional competence.

In the letter of commendation from the unit's officer in charge, Cdr. Gary

J. Goodmote, Petty Officer Hinojosa was credited with distinguishing himself through outstanding service at Detachment 0217 Operations Officer, "D" Company Range Master and as Regiment Transportation Leading Petty Officer during the 1987 active duty tour at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The letter notes that "each month

you put in many, many hours in a non-drill status at the detachment level... and you have missed only one weekend drill in 24 years of Reserve service."

At Camp Shelby, Petty Officer Hinojosa was responsible for scheduling all transportation for 600 men on a daily basis.

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# NWC participating in long-term off-Center assignment Applications being accepted for the Technical Mentor Program

The Center is participating in a long-term off-Center assignment at the Naval Air Systems Command (APC-201) in Washington, D. C. Starting dates for this assignment will be November 1988 to November 1989. If you are a DP-3 or DP-4 and are interested in applying, contact Nedra Duysen at NWC ext. 2434 for administrative questions or contact Larry Brauer (Code 3209) for technical information. The following is a brief summary of the position:

APC-201 has the program management responsibility for several NWC efforts including the FMU-139/B, the FMU-140/B, the DSU-30/B, Advanced Interdiction Weapons System (AIWS), Advanced Bomb Family, MK-80 Series PBXN-109 IHE, BSU-85/B, Inertially Aided Munition (IAM), Laser Guided Training Round (LGTR), CBU-88/B Smokeye, and AGM-123/B Skipper.

The Center has project manage-

ment responsibilities for the development, production engineering support, and product improvement responsibilities for the general purpose bomb efforts assigned to the Center. In establishing formal program support to the Conventional Air Launched Ordnance and Ammunition Air Program Coordinator (NAVAIR-SYSCOM APC-201), the Center established a Bomb Systems Program Office to coordinate all General Purpose Bomb efforts. The technical director assigned to this office from the Center will assist in the preparation of budgets, assist in the monitoring of program schedules, progress, and expenditures, assist NAVAIR (APC-201) at and below the SYSCOM level, serve as liaison between NAVAIR and NAVWEPNEN, and assist NAVAIR (APC-201) as needed. For information on this assignment, contact Larry Brauer (Code 3209), who was a previous incumbent in this position.

## CSUN advisor to be on-Center

Professor Hriber of Cal-State University Northridge (CSUN) will be on-Center March 28 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. CSUN also has an external degree program in electrical engineering which 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.

## CSUC to advise students at NWC

Dr. Orlando Madrigal of Cal-State University Chico will be on-Center March 29 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 at NWC ext. 2648.

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Applications will be accepted for the Naval Weapons Center's (NWC's) Technical Mentor Work Experience Program beginning March 28 through May 2. Students who are interested and who qualify for the program should fill out a resume and a SF-171 which can be obtained from the high school they are now attending. Students should currently be sophomores so that they will be juniors when they enter into the two-year program.

Students who were selected last fall for the program have been working at NWC under the guidance of technical personnel on a variety of challenging projects to prepare them for eventual employment at NWC as technicians, scientists or engineers.

Although most students of the program are from Burroughs and Trona High Schools, pupils from Mesquite, Immanuel Christian and Calvary Chapel High Schools are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The purpose of the Technical Mentor Program is to provide students interested in science and engineering an opportunity to gain work experience under the guidance of a professional employee. This work experience will give students a first hand understanding of scientific methods and a chance to work in a professional atmosphere in order that they may develop and nurture their personal

interests. These assignments could include routine operation of laboratory equipment, scientific measurements and data reduction, instrument maintenance, computer operations, or field surveys.

To qualify, a student must demonstrate mathematical or scientific aptitude or interest. Minority, disadvantage and female high school students are especially encouraged to apply. Sons and daughters of NWC employees may be appointed to the program only if there are no other eligible and available candidates.

While details of the training are flexible, junior students could expect to spend four to six hours per week in unpaid work experience during their first semester in the program and eight to 10 hours per week during their second semester. The summer between

the junior and senior year will be spent in full or part-time paid employment at NWC. During the senior year, students will work 10 hours per week and receive both pay and work experience credit for that time. Upon graduation, students may continue working throughout their college years under the same appointing authority, or they may be eligible for NWC's two or four-year cooperative education training programs. The ultimate goal of the program is placement of qualified individuals in scientific, engineering or technician positions at NWC.

This program is administered by the Personnel Department. Heading the program is Judi Farmer of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office. Students who are interested in the program should notify their school's student advisor.

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# Personnel News & Notes

## Promotional opportunities

Applications for positions listed below are being accepted from Department of Navy employees currently working at NWC and from eligible employees of attached activities who are permanently assigned to NWC. This group includes employees with career or career conditional appointments; employees with permanent Veterans Readjustment Act (VRA) appointments; temporary employees with reinstatement eligibility; and handicapped employees with Sch. (A) continuing appointments (who may be referred separately when they apply). Also included are spouses, with competitive status, of civilian sponsors hired by a DOD activity within NWC's commuting area. Applications from other groups will be accepted when specified in an advertisement. Vacancies are subject to restrictions imposed by the DOD Priority Placement Program. Applicants must meet all legal and regulatory requirements including minimum qualifications requirements by the closing date of the advertisement. Evaluation of applicant's qualifications will involve using at least two assessment measures (e.g., work experience, annual performance assessment rating and narrative, education, training, performance assessment and awards). Spouses of military sponsors apply at Room 231, same address as shown below.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Submit the following: a current application, SF-171 or other Personnel Department pre-approved form; and a copy of your most recent annual performance assessment narrative (note: a copy of your performance plan should be attached if the annual performance narrative description does not clearly state the tasks/duties performed). A supplemental narrative which relates your qualifications to each knowledge, skill or ability (KSA's) as cited in the advertisement is always desirable and may be required if stated in the vacancy announcement. Write the title, series, level (grade), and announcement number on all application materials. Not submitting the annual performance narrative may adversely affect your evaluation scores. Prior to submitting your application, complete Cover Sheet Form 12334/2, available at the reception desk. Make sure your address, phone number, etc. are current, correct and that all forms are complete and accurate. If information is missing, your qualifications may not be fully and completely rated. Additional information cannot be submitted after the closing date of the announcement. A current date and an original signature in ink on the last page completes the application. Civilian Spousal Program Eligibles must submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders with each application.

Application materials are accepted, and blank forms are available, at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy. Announcements close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, one week after the opening date of the announcement, unless otherwise specified. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. Applications are retained in an announcement file and cannot be returned or filed in personnel folders. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any non-merit reason.

**No. 08-013, Administrative Officer, DA-341-3, Code 08501** - This position is the administrative officer for the Customer Services Division, Central Staff. The incumbent provides administrative services for the Head, Customer Services Division, and for the branches in the division, including the areas of budget, resource and organizational analyses, personnel management, and assisting with policy research and decisions. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of financial terminology and procedures; knowledge of personnel management; knowledge of facilities management; ability to communicate orally and in writing; ability to collect and analyze data. Promotion potential to DA-3.

**No. 33-004, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (Electronics/Electrical/Mechanical/General Engineer/Physicist), DP-855/850/801/830/1310-3/4, Code 3336** - This position is that of Head, Airborne Fuze Systems Branch, Fuze Systems Division, Fuze and Sensors Department. The incumbent is responsible to the Head, Fuze Systems Division for technical expertise in Target Detecting Devices (TDD) in support of Phoenix and other center programs. The branch is responsible for electronics design and analysis to accomplish product improvement, circuit analysis, TDD system design and engineering support. The branch provides production support to the Phoenix DSU-28/B TDD and

engineering support to various other fuzing programs. Detailed technical planning is required for program tasks including budget and time estimates as well as identifying design problems and improvements in current Phoenix TDD production lines. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of requirements and procedures in electronic design, analysis, and production support; knowledge of and willingness to support NWC EEO program goals and objectives; ability to supervise a small branch of engineers and technicians; ability to provide production support to a fuze system on a major missile system. The incumbent may be required to serve a one-year supervisory probationary period. If filled at the DP-3 level, has promotion potential to the DP-4 level but not guaranteed.

## Academic instructors needed! Resumes to be submitted by May 2

California State University, Bakersfield (CSB) is looking for instructors to teach courses offered through the CSB external degree programs on-Center. Individuals who would like to be considered to fill possible instructor needs in one of the following academic course areas, and have at least a master's

degree in a relevant field of study, should forward their resumes to Cecil Webb, Code 094, by May 2. Academic course areas that need instructors are:

- Management;
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- Personnel;

- Management Information Systems;
- Public Administration;
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- Humanities; and
- Contract Administration.

For further information contact Webb at NWC ext. 2648.

## Reassignment opportunities

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

**No. 31-013, Interdisciplinary (General Engineer/Electronics Engineer / Mechanical Engineer/Computer Scientist/Physicist), DP-801/855/830/1550/1310-2/3, Code 31123** - This position is located in the A-6F Facility Section, A-6/A-7 Facility Branch, Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The A-6F Facility Section is responsible for design, developing, operating, maintaining, and modifying the new A-6 Digital Aircraft Weapons System Support Facility (WSSF). This WSSF is currently in the design stage of development. The development is a joint effort of in-house and contractual tasks. This opportunity is for an individual interested in the operation, stimulation, and simulation of the latest avionic subsystems. Incumbent will serve as the Systems Engineer and a project leader responsible for the design, development, and integration of real time avionic subsystem (e.g. radar, display processor, stores management, etc.) test facilities. Incumbent will apply knowledge of avionic subsystems, electronic interfaces, software and hardware engineering principles, and real time FORTRAN and ADA programming. To apply, please send a current SF-171 to V. Eyre, Code 31102, NWC ext. 5651.

**35-004, Interdisciplinary, Electronics Engineer / Computer Scientist/ Physicist), DP - 855/1550/1310-1/2/3, Code 3563** - This position is located in the Harm Systems

Software Branch, Thompson Lab. Incumbent will perform Software Engineering for the High Speed anti-radiation Missile (HARM). HARM is a missile system scheduled for several major changes over the next five years. The incumbent will analyze the HARM system, devise corrections for deficiencies, prepare improvements, develop tactical software, integrate and test it IN THE HARM SSA laboratory. HARM missile software includes both the missile guidance and the radar signal processing functions. The incumbent will have the opportunity to participate in the development of a new HARM missile laboratory workstation. Candidates need to show a strong background or interest in realtime tactical processing, radar, and electronic warfare. To apply send an updated SF-171 to R. W. Going, Code 3563, NWC ext. 2951.

**35-005, Interdisciplinary, (Electronics Engineer / Computer Scientist / Physicist), DP - 855/1550/1310-1/2/3, Code 3563** - This position is in the HARM Systems Software Branch, Thompson Lab. Incumbent will perform Software engineering for the HARM command launch computer (CLC). HARM is an anti-radar missiles system scheduled for several major changes for the next five years. The incumbent will analyze the HARM system, devise corrections for deficiencies, propose improvements, develop tactical software, and integrate and test it in the HARM SSA laboratory. The

incumbent will also participate in the development of a new CLC laboratory workstation. Candidates with advance capabilities will be eligible to participate in the design of a new HARM CLC for future HARM systems. Candidates need to show a strong interest or background in real-time interrupt driven tactical processing, radar, and electronic warfare. To apply send an updated SF-171 to R. W. Going, Code 3563, NWC ext. 2951.

## 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.

**No. 00-001, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 01** - This position is located in the Technical Director's Office. Incumbent will provide secretarial support to the Technical Director's Secretary, the Technical Director, and the Technology Base Director. Knowledge of the Macintosh word processing system desirable. Promotion potential to the DG-2.



AK2 Monica Kraft

## Bluejacket: Top China Lake sailor named tomorrow

Tomorrow (Saturday) night one sailor will be selected as the Navy League Bluejacket of the Year. This sailor will be chosen from seven highly skilled and very professional sailors who earned Sailor or Supervisor of the Quarter honors for the Naval Weapons Center or Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) during 1987.

The annual Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League of the United States Bluejacket Dinner is set for 7 p.m. tomorrow in the NWC Enlisted Mess ballroom.

All seven sailors competing for this special honor will receive cash awards thanks to Navy League members and the Indian Wells Valley business community. The Bluejacket of the Year will receive additional special prizes.

This is the last in a series of four articles profiling the competitors. AK2 MONICA KRAFT, VX-5 Petty Officer KRAFT, a native of Ohio, enlisted in the regular Navy in August, 1980. She has been with

VX-5 since February, 1984 after a three-year tour of duty at Naval Air Station Bermuda.

In the letter of nomination, her Commanding Officer, Capt. Eric Vanderpoel, II, said she had "maintained a superb record of superior performance... Her duties required extensive involvement in the processing of open purchase requests and DOD system buys. Petty Officer Kraft's desire and ability to

excel in all facets of her chosen career field served the squadron well when she was tasked as the leading aviation storkeeper for non-aviation procurement during a five month period when no Supply Officer was assigned to VX-5."

The letter also notes her level of performance since entering the Navy has been nothing short of remarkable. "In addition to her sus- (Continued on Page 9)

## Children and bears at picnic

Children and their teddy bears are invited to the "Teddy Bears' Picnic" sponsored by the Ridgecrest Branch Library on Tuesday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Each youngster is asked to bring a teddy and a sack lunch. Friends of the Ridgecrest Library will provide punch, and children's librarian Kristi West will present bear stories and activities for the enjoyment of teddy bears and their friends.

The Ridgecrest Branch Library is located at 131 E. Las Flores in Ridgecrest. Further information can be obtained by telephoning 375-7666.

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## DOD expects medal for military's POWs

### Excludes terrorist actions

The Department of Defense is expected to announce soon when the military services will issue a medal for honorable service while a prisoner of war. The purpose of the medal is to recognize "the suffering and anguish they (prisoners of war) endured while they were incarcerated."

The medal, which will have precedence over the Good Conduct Medal, was authorized by the 1986 Defense Appropriations Bill.

It will be awarded to ex-prisoners of war or their next of kin.

The award covers the period from April 5, 1917, to the present. Only POWs in America's armed conflicts — World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam — will receive it. That excludes, for example, those held prisoner by terrorists.

According to defense officials, there have been about 142,000 prisoners of war since April 1917 — mostly from the World War II era. Almost 17,000 American prisoners of war died while in captivity. Defense officials have no good way of finding out how many ex-prisoners of war are still alive; however, Veterans Administration officials estimate around 85,000.

The medal-design process moved fast, said defense officials. Medal designs were solicited from the military and the general public, who submitted more than 300 ideas. A joint-service committee considered all the designs and chose one by Jay C. Morris, an Army civilian employee.

The design was turned over to the Army Institute of Heraldry, which came up with specifications for the medal.

The services are working out ver-

ification and presentation procedures and are not ready to start receiving requests for the award yet. "The majority of prisoners of war came from the Army, and they will have the biggest load on issuing the medal," said a defense official. "Plans are to allow those who think they qualify for the medal to write in with the pertinent information."

This will include name, service, service number (or Social Security number), the time and place of imprisonment and any documents to support the claim. DOD is working on a form that will make it easier for former POWs to file for their medals. In addition, a toll-free 800 phone number will be available for people to request an application form and more information.

Procedures will permit veterans organizations, former POW associations, public officials and others to receive requests for the medal from former POWs or their next of kin and forward them to the appropriate service records center. Such organizations and individuals would agree to receive the medals from the service records centers and then present or forward them to the requestor.

Ex-prisoners of war from World War II and Korea may experience some delays in receiving their medals. A fire at the records center in St. Louis destroyed many records from that era. "These men and women may be asked to provide more information so we can substantiate their claims," said the official.

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Information Service

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resentatives on the road, so costs are even lower than for other merchandise offered. The NEX refund or adjustment policy covers all budget merchandise as well as other merchandise sold.

Upcoming at the NEX are two sales: the March home sale from March 24 through 30, and the Easter sale from March 30 through April 2. The Easter bunny dropped off a lot of Easter baskets at the mini mart; they are currently on sale and going fast, as is the special Easter candy.

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Many people still have the idea that Red Cross volunteers are active only in wartime or during disasters. Actually, volunteers work in — and in fact

make possible — the entire spectrum of Red Cross services.

Today Red Cross Month is still recognized nation-wide as the appropriate time to focus on services provided by volunteers, which include first aid stations throughout our community, hundreds of Health and Safety courses provided; disaster assistance to numerous people in devastating situations; aid to military, veterans and their families; helping youth to appreciate the value of volunteerism; making blood readily available for those in need; and responding to community needs that encourage or provide for better life styles for our people.

Today, as in the past, the goal of Red Cross Month still remains to

increase volunteer support — to invite the community to join and participate in the programs and services of Red Cross and to support the humanitarian efforts through financial contributions. Volunteers are the strength of the Red Cross. Without them, the Red Cross could not do the job it does.

Residents who wish to help the Red Cross serve their community should telephone NWC ext. 3208 to offer their services.

Until there is no loneliness, no destitution, no sickness, no war, only then will there be no need for the Red Cross.

**Fran Stewart**  
Executive Director  
Antelope Valley Chapter

## Hatch Act requirements in effect now

# Political activities are restricted

Throughout 1988, Americans will receive encouragement to get involved in the political process of electing a president.

But federal workers are limited in how involved they can get in politics.

The Civil Service Act of 1883 and the Hatch Act of 1939 place limits on the political activities of federal employees. These limits are specific, and both acts can be used to punish federal employees who break the laws.

The working premise of both

acts is that a federal employee cannot use an official position to influence the results of an election. Further, an employee cannot take an active role in the political management of partisan political campaigns.

Federal employees cannot:

- Be candidates for national or state office;
- Be partisan candidates for any office — they can run for non-partisan offices such as school boards;
- Campaign for or against a political party or candidate in a partisan election;
- Be officers in political parties or candidates for those positions;
- Participate in organizing or reorganizing a political party or club;
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- Sell tickets or otherwise promote such events as political dinners;

ical party or candidate in a partisan election;

• Actively manage a political campaign for public office or for a candidate to a party position;

- Work at the polls in a partisan position;
- Distribute partisan campaign literature;
- Serve in any capacity at political party conventions;
- Address gatherings in support of a political or partisan candidate;
- Endorse or oppose a candidate in a partisan election through a political advertisement, broadcast, campaign literature or similar material;
- Use private cars to drive voters to the polls in support of a partisan candidate or issue.

The restriction on political activity by federal employees grew out of 19th century abuses. Then, federal employees were tied to a political party. In many cases, they were expected to campaign for, donate part of their salary to, and canvass areas to bring out the vote for their party. If the party was not re-elected, the winners replaced the federal workers.

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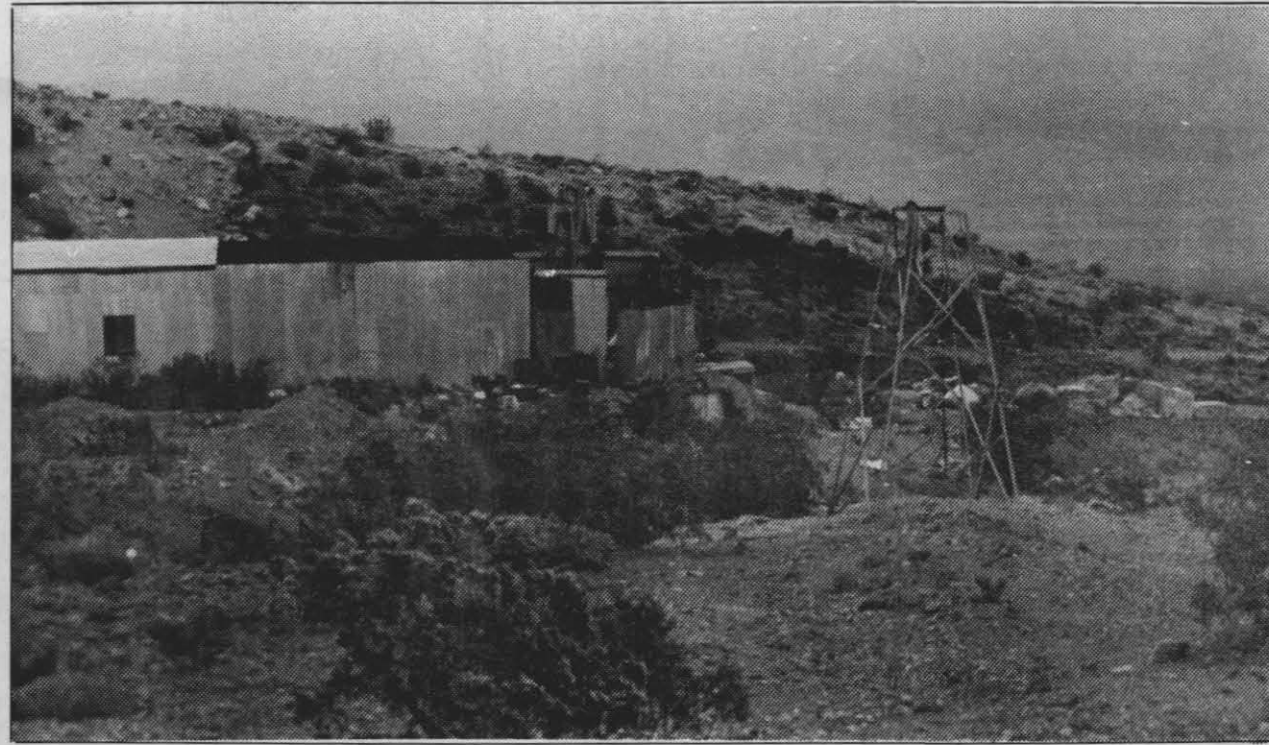
the land," according to him, from her father, a Cherokee geologist. Later she moved to Hollywood to become an actress, agent, and prominent figure in the movie world. Eager to return to the desert, she worked the mine weekends and vacations intermittently for years.

While in Hollywood, she met Tweed, whose stage career (as John Fletcher) spanned some 40 years. He became interested in her mining operation and suggested that he move to the desert to help her establish the mining as working operation. Three years later they decided their partnership had worked so well they married. Although Delia Tweed died several years ago, Tweed still spends his time running the operation they both loved.

To reach the mine, visitors go 18 miles north of Trona on the Death Valley Road, then turn onto Nadeau Road. Not quite three miles further, a sign points out a three-mile long dirt road to the west that leads to the mine.

Next to a hill of onyx is a big metal shed housing a giant chain saw, polishers and a showroom. Visitors park beside the building, where they are greeted by Tweed or another of the working crew with an offer of a guided tour of the operation.

The onyx is broken loose from the ground in slabs and chunks by air hammers (blasting is not possible



**ISOLATED AREA** — The giant saw pokes its head from the back of the mine buildings, perched on a remote hillside on the east side of the Panamint Valley. Despite the dusty appearance of the mine, the saw uses only a fraction of the 60,000 gallons of water available each day from springs in the mountains close by.

because the glass-like onyx would shatter). The chunks then are taken to the work building, where small chunks are joined into a long slab with plaster of paris so the chain saw can move through a large strip. The 422-foot-chain moves at a rate of 180 miles an hour, sawing through the rock by using carborundum and silica sands hosed on the surface. The very biggest chunk of onyx can be cut in this way in less than 8 minutes. Particles cut are flushed off

with clean water.

An adequate water supply exists in the Argus Mountains at a spring 3 1/2 miles off; although the Panamint Valley is true desert, these springs in the mountains can produce more than 60,000 gallons of water a day for use at the mine.

To ensure that the slabs will have the elaborate swirled patterns seen in fine table tops and other surfaces, the stone is angled at about 15 degrees while being cut. Slabs are then pol-

ished and trimmed before being shipped to buyers throughout the country.

Smaller chunks of onyx are used to make vases, goblets and other decorative items. The smallest pieces are used to make jewelry items.

The mine is open during daylight hours seven days a week. Approximately 3,000 visitors a month detour on their way to Death Valley to visit.

## Bluejacket of the Year banquet. . .

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tained 4.0 evaluation ratings, Petty Officer Kraft has accumulated an impressive number of personal

awards and decorations, including the Navy Achievement Medal presented by the Commander, Light Attack Wing, Pacific Fleet. She

was also the squadron's Supervisor of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1987.

Capt. Vanderpoel summed up

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The event is sponsored jointly by Radio Station KLOA, the *Daily Independent*, and the American Society for Public Administration.

The meeting will close with questions being sought from the audience.

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**ANOTHER FOUR—**Yeoman Third Class Yolanda Payne takes the oath of enlistment for a second hitch in the Navy. Assigned to the Personnel Support Activity Detachment at China Lake, she has been on board since June of 1984. A native of Tennessee, she is married to Torrey Payne and lives in Ridgecrest with her husband. Next month Petty Office Payne will depart for duty at Naval Air Station Agana, Guam. Photo by PH1 W. T. Howe

## VA loan program growing

Under sweeping changes in its guarantee program, the Veterans Administration has increased the amount it guarantees for a home loan from \$27,500 to \$36,000, which means that qualified veterans can buy a home worth \$144,000 with no down payment. Before the change, the ceiling was \$110,000.

Under the new law, the Va will guarantee up to 50 percent of loans of \$45,000 or less and 40 percent of loans above \$45,000, up to a maximum of \$36,000.

The change applies to any loan closed on or after Feb. 1, 1988. The new law also reinstates the one percent funding fee on VA-backed home loans, which will be effective through Sept. 30, 1989.

To be eligible for a VA home loan, veterans who enlisted on or after Sept. 7, 1980, must serve at least 24 months on active duty. Those who served before that date must have served 181 consecutive days to be eligible for the program.

"Members of the National Guard and Reserves oftentimes don't qualify for a VA home loan," said Jim Hricik, a loan specialist at VA headquarters in Washington, D.C. "So we give them an FHA (Federal Housing Administration) certificate of veterans status, which gets them a 25 percent deduction on the first \$25,000 of their loan. This amounts to about \$500 savings on the down payment.

"The problem is that Nation Guardsmen and reservists are not usually on active duty status," said Hricik. "They're on active duty for training. But if they're assigned to active duty status for two years or more, they can meet the requirement for a home loan."

Veterans who purchase conventional homes don't have to make a down payment, but those who buy mobile homes do — five percent. "That's because the incident of default is much higher with mobile homes than with conventional homes," Hricik explained. This rule applies to manufactured home loans closed on or after Feb. 1, 1988.

Other changes in the revamped Veterans Home Loan Program Improvements and Property Rehabilitation Act include:

•**Refinancing** — The 100-percent guarantee of the appraised value of property when veterans refinance their home loans has been dropped to 90 percent.

As an example, "A veteran who bought a \$70,000 house a few years ago that's now worth \$100,000 used to be able to get a loan for \$100,000, pay off the \$70,000, end up with \$30,000 profit, and have a \$100,000 loan to repay," said Hricik. "Now you can get a loan of only \$90,000, which leaves you with about \$20,000 in cash and a \$100,000 loan to repay."

This rule took effect on Feb. 20, 1988.

•**Loan Assumption** — "There are some real nitty, gritty changes to assuming a VA loan," said Vonnie Moeser, an associate broker in the Washington, D.C., area. "The loans are not going to be as easily assumable as before. The buyers must qualify as if applying for a new loan. They'll also have to pay for a credit check, plus an assumption fee of one-half percent of the unpaid loan balance, and a processing fee to the lender."

Hricik said, "If the assumption is approved, the original veteran is released from future liability to VA."

Previously, the veteran had to apply for release from liability.

Before the change, the loan was freely assumable without VA approval, he noted.

•**Occupancy** — Veterans no longer have to live in a home to get a new loan or to refinance one. "If the spouse of an active duty service member lives in a house while the sponsor serves overseas, that's now considered occupancy," said Hricik. "In the case of an interest-rate-reduction refinancing loan, it's only necessary to establish previous occupancy."

These changes apply to loans made on or after Jan. 21, 1988.

•**Assistance to Homeless Veterans** — The new law allows the VA to see property it acquires through foreclosures to certain groups or individuals, to help homeless veterans or to rehabilitate the property using veterans enrolled in job training programs.

Hricik explained: "We can enter into an agreement to sell property to non-profit organizations, such as a veterans organization experienced in helping homeless veterans. But they must agree to use any equity solely for homeless veterans, and they must comply with zoning laws."

"We can also turn property over to people who will enter an agreement with the VA administrator of veterans of affairs to use veterans in the job training program to renovate those residence," said Hricik. "They would also have to give veterans priority in any resale of the property. We can't sell the property to them for less than 75 percent of the market value. That's effective through Oct. 1, 1990."

By Sgt. Maj. Rudi Williams, USA American Forces Information Service

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Five mountains of the varicolored gemstone have been located there. Onyx, which is calcium carbonate, is colored by the minerals present when it was formed. Onyx from the Argus Mountain location is sedimentary rock that had been formed in fresh cold water deep in the earth that was brought to the surface by volcanic action. (Other onyx is formed by springs or formed as stalactites in caves. Both of these kinds of onyx are softer and apt to be full of holes.)

Originally found by an H. C. Denger in 1925, the claims and land for this mine were bought in 1958 by the woman who became the wife of the present owner, Fletcher Tweed.

She had learned as a child to "read

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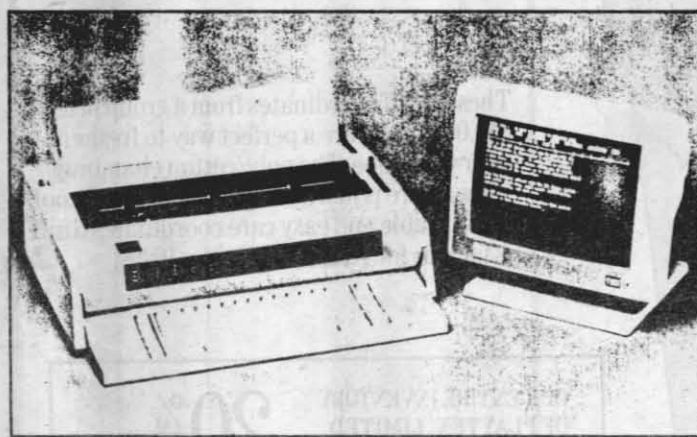


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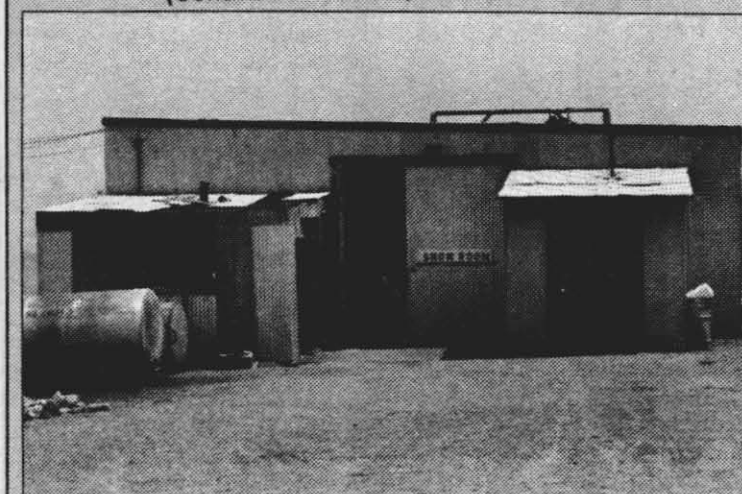
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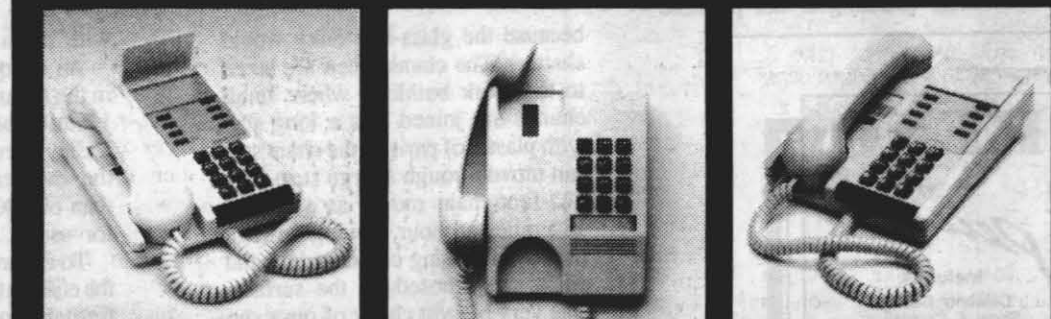
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Members of the Naval Weapons Center Marine Aviation Detachment are joining several Indian Wells Valley businesses to sponsor the Mirror Lake Five Mile Fitness Challenge on April 23.

The challenge, a five-mile run starting at the intersection of N. Richmond Road and Inyokern Road, is the first of what the Marine Aviation Detachment hopes will become a regular, annual event at the Naval Weapons Center.

The race starts at 7 a.m. sharp. Trophies will be awarded to the top three runners in three divisions. All participants will receive a Marine Corps baseball cap.

In addition, all entrants are eligible for more than \$300 in prizes donated by area businesses. Prizes will be distributed based on a random drawing, not by placement in the race or times.

The entry fee is \$6 before April 17 and \$7 starting April 17. For additional information call 1Sgt. Vigil at NWC ext. 6601 or 2830.

## Abuse: It isn't always just physical

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me."

Most of us probably used or heard that old rhyme when we were children. It might have made us feel a little better, but we didn't really believe it.

Because words do hurt. And cruel words from a parent or teacher can hurt a child as much as or more than teasing from another child.

Most people think of children being beaten or sexually molested when they hear the words "child abuse." But emotional abuse and neglect are forms of child abuse, too.

In 1984, according to the American Humane Association, 1,726,649 children were officially reported as being abused. Most of these cases — 55 percent — involved neglect (failure to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, supervision, hygiene or medical care); physical abuse, 25 percent; and sexual abuse, 13 percent. (The figures add up to more than 100 percent because some reports involved more than one kind of abuse.)

But while only 11 percent of the reported abuse cases were classified as emotional abuse, experts believe it is present at least as often as physical abuse.

According to a glossary published by the federal government's National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, psychological or emotional abuse is "child abuse which results in impaired psychological growth or development." It frequently occurs as verbal abuse or expecting too much from a child and then ridiculing him when he can't meet the demands. It results in a negative self-image and disturbed behavior.

According to a spokeswoman for DOD's Military Family Resource Center, examples of emotional child abuse include:

Rejection. Telling a child "You're no good," or "I wish you'd never been born." Rejection sets the child up for failure and belittles him when he can't accomplish a difficult task. Rejection also includes routinely telling a child he's clumsy or stupid for making normal childhood mistakes, such as spilling milk.

Ignoring. Failure to talk to a child, praise his accomplishments and give him affection and encouragement.

Terrorizing. Threatening a child, telling her the world outside is out to get her or attacking the child's beloved possessions or pets are examples of terrorizing.

Isolating. Not allowing the child to go out or make friends outside the home or in general trying to destroy the child's friendships.

Corrupting. Teaching or encouraging a child to steal, be aggressive or sexually precocious, use drugs or alcohol or take part in other socially unacceptable behavior or praising a child who engages in such behaviors.

## You can never trust a rattlesnake

After lecturing students about the dangers of creepy, crawly creatures in the bushes, Army Sgt. 1st Class Eric Timaeus skinned, cleaned and cut up a few four- to six-foot rattlesnakes and threw the morsels onto a barbecue grill.

If their stomachs could take it, Timaeus wanted to show the students that some venomous creatures are also flavorful, sweet-tasting, chicken-like delicacies. In some part of Asia, snakes are considered a choice delicacy, even an aphrodisiac.

But he warned: "If you fool around with a poisonous snake, it might 'juice you up.' Bothering a poisonous snake is stupid, particularly if you don't know what you're doing. All it takes is once."

Timaeus, who used to teach medical zoology to American military and foreign students at the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston (San Antonio), Texas, knows what he's talking about. He has been handling snakes since he was about 6 years old.

Snakes, the most distasteful reptile to man, are found everywhere except New Zealand, Ireland, some oceanic islands and at the North and South Poles. There are more than 3,000 known species.

There is a jungle axiom: "When troops move in, snakes move out." But troops on maneuvers in the woods can cause snakes to return by leaving food waste lying around; it attracts rodents and rodents attract

snakes.

"About 30 percent of the people bitten are not venomized," said Timaeus, who recently traveled from Panama to San Antonio to deliver snakes and other tropical creatures to the zoo and the academy. "They receive 'dry bites.' Snakes can control the amount of venom they release. They know, for example, how much it takes to kill a mouse."

"Getting bitten by a snake is a pretty drastic thing," said Timaeus, who hopes to return to a teaching job at the academy after finishing his assignment in Panama. "It's very painful and produces a lot of trauma, swelling and tissue and muscle damage. People have lost feet, legs, fingers, hands and arms as a result of snake bites."

Service members on training exercises or vacation should remember that snakes have almost unlimited hiding places: nests, tree holes, crevices, briar patches and gopher tunnels, among others. But generally, snakes won't bother you if you don't bother them.

"Don't reach into a hole out in the woods if you don't know what's in it; there may be a poisonous snake in there," advised a spokeswoman for the National Zoo in Washington,

D.C. "Don't reach over the edge of a cliff, a snake might be lying there basking in the sun."

"When someone is bitten by a snake, it's usually on the foot and ankle or the hand and wrist," she said. "Of course, some people have sat on a snake . . ."

"But most bites are causes from stepping on the, poking at them with a stick, trying to kill them or picking them up," she continued. "Snakes try to get out of the way of travelers in the bush, except when they're food-laden or pregnant and can't move very fast."

She advised that if you come across a snake, get out of its way. "You can walk faster than the fastest snake in the world can crawl," she said. "But their striking speed is fast."

The Panamanian fer-de-lance, perhaps the world's largest poisonous snake, strikes so fast the eye can hardly follow it. "It's said that the mongoose, which invariably masters the cobra, has only a 50-50 chance with the fer-de-lance," said Dr. Norman W. Elton, chief of the board of health laboratory at Gorgas Hospital.

Timaeus said no matter what some people might think, "Never trust a rattlesnake."

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## New rules protect vet with loan

If a veteran lets a buyer assume his Veterans Administration-backed home loan and the purchaser rents the property, collects the rent, pockets the money and doesn't make mortgage payments, the veteran can be held liable. That's if the veteran didn't get a release from liability from VA when the property was sold.

That's the way it was under the old system because veterans could sell their homes without getting VA approval, said a VA spokesman. But provisions in the revised Veterans Home Loan Program Improvements and Property Rehabilitation Act protect veterans from this practice — called "equity skimming" — on loan assumptions made on or after March 1, 1988.

Under the new law, the first thing a seller should do is notify the lender, since the lender is responsible for obtaining credit and income information on the buyer. If the purchaser is a bad credit risk, the veteran should cancel the deal. But if the buyer is acceptable, then the veteran will be released from liability to VA.

Veterans must ensure that payments are made in accordance with the agreement signed with the lender. But many of them don't realize that they are liable for losses incurred by VA as a result of a defaulted loan, even if the property has been sold, the spokesman noted.

VA advises veterans who intend to sell their property to read their contracts carefully or have them reviewed by a lawyer to prevent problems.

"The homeowner who falls victim to equity skimming is the one who allows a buyer to assume the loan without assuming personal liability for payment of the loan obligation," said a VA loan specialist. "The buyer places tenants in the home and collects rental income without making mortgage payments."

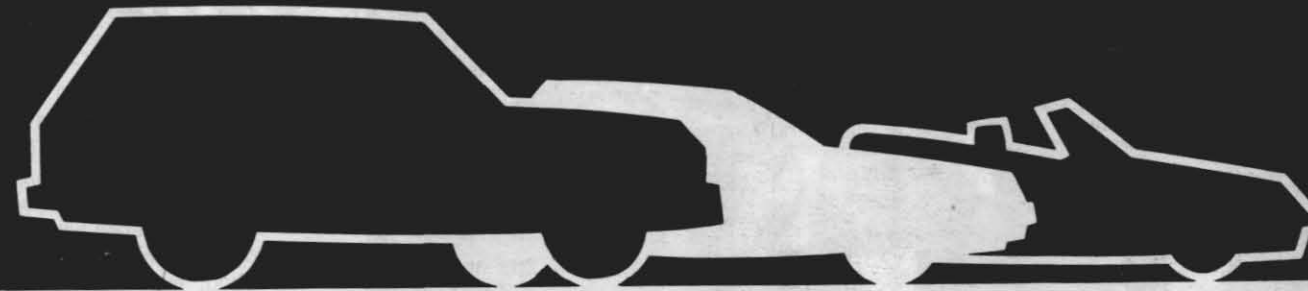
"But veterans can protect themselves by requesting a release from liability from VA when they sell their homes," he explained. "This will ensure that a credit review is performed on the prospective purchasers. (The revised law may help prevent equity skimming in the future, but it's not retroactive. Existing VA loans are still assumable without VA approval.)"

"For GI loans closed after March 1, 1988, you could get into a pretty messy situation if you try to transfer a title without approval," he warned. "The lender could accelerate the loan and start foreclosure proceedings."

"To alert veterans and third parties who might be involved with a sales transaction, the new law requires that a warning notice — in large letters — be placed on the first page of the mortgage or deed of trust," said the spokesman.

The warning should read: "This loan is not assumable without the approval of the Veterans Administration or its authorized agent."

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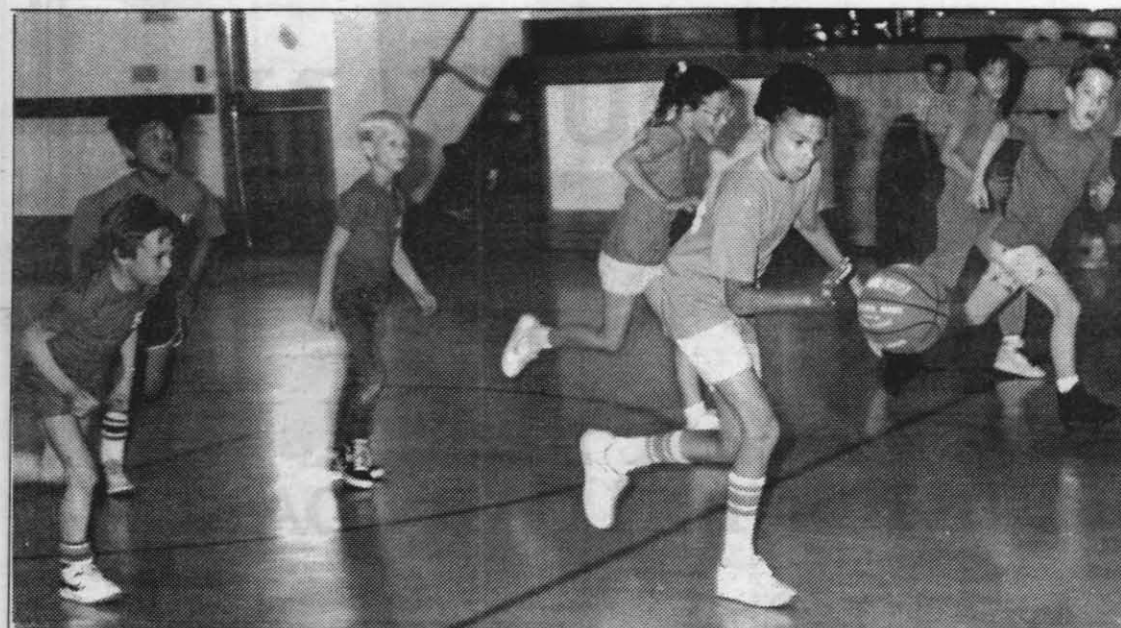
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Basketball play ended in early March.

## Final hoop loop contest scores

Because results from the final weekend of play in the Naval Weapons Center's Youth Basketball League were not turned in until long after the deadline last week, the scores are reproduced here in a very abbreviated form. Only games in which both teams turned in score sheets are reported this week.

Mavericks 71, Kings 24  
 Danny Miller had 18 for the Mavericks and Danny Wilson hit 10 for the Kings.  
 Stars 29, Runners 29  
 Kate George hit 14 for the Stars and Andy Dubois had 12 for the Runners.  
 Rockets 36, Pistons 24  
 Jean-Paul Escellier had 15 for the

Rockets and David Young led the Pistons with 9 points.  
 Nets 26, Bulls 13  
 Matthew Girardot had 14 markers to lead the Nets and Sam Miles hit five for the Bulls.  
 Flames 44, Nuggets 35  
 Keith Parris had 14 points in leading the Flames. The Nuggets were paced by an 11-point effort by Eddie Guerra.  
 Suns 18, Jets 15  
 William Reymond's 11 paced the Suns' win. Patrick Ross had all 15 for the Jets.  
 Bullets 55, Clippers 37  
 Schiller and C. Parrish had 15 each to lead the Bullets. The Clippers picked up 11 each from Cory Morehead and Brian Perez.



**Sports**

## Hikers, bikers meet

Everyone who likes hiking, backpacking, rock climbing and mountain biking is invited to meet with the Eastern Sierra Mountaineers. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month.

Anyone wishing to meet with the group or further information about the group should telephone either Toby, NWC ext. 5207, or Kathy, 375-6852.

## Sports Branch plans racquetball tourney

Anyone interested in competing in a Racquetball Elimination Tournament should call the Recreational Services Department's Sports Branch at NWC ext. 2334.

Mike Slobodnick, Athletic Director, said the tournament is open to

military personnel and DOD civilian employees.

Two men and two women will qualify to compete in the Mojave Desert Inter Services League (MDISL) Tournament.

The deadline for sign ups is March 24.

## Scorps split in tourney

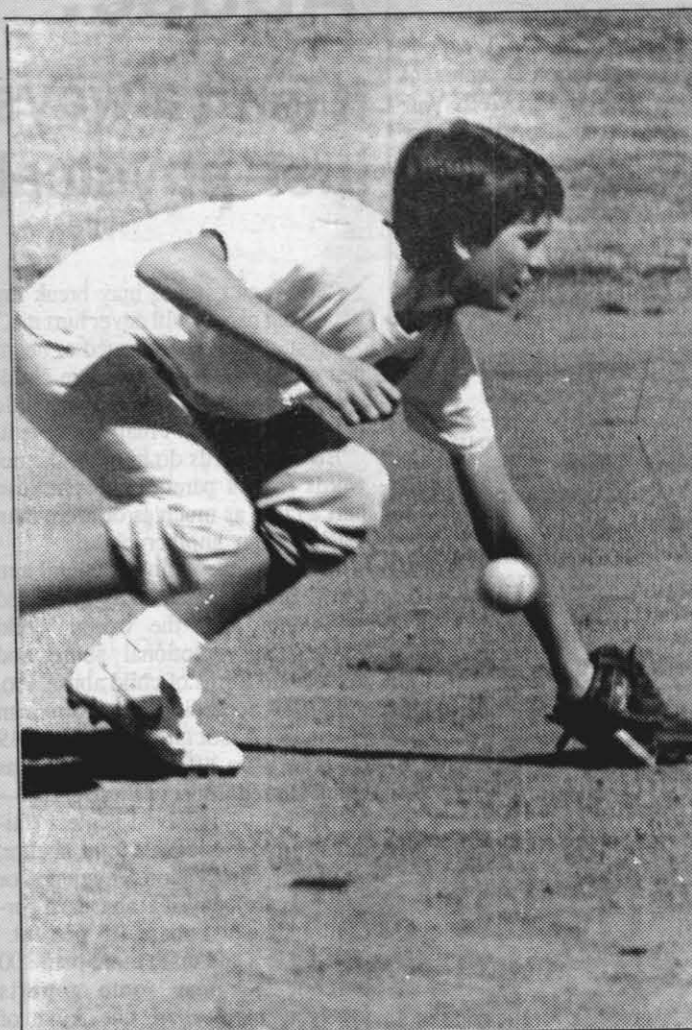
Scorpion's spring soccer season opened up last weekend when the under-16 team took part in the President's Cup Tournament in Bakersfield.

The Scorps won their second game, beating F.C. America of Las Vegas in a 1-0 thriller. The Indian Wells Valley squad had dropped their tourney opener, 2-1, to the California Kicks of Chino.

In their third game, the local kickers were booted out of play by a 2-0 loss as the hands of the Coarsegold Express.

Members of the under-16 team are: Mike Bowen, Richard Byers, David Caraker, Eric Haan, Robin Hemmings, Jeff Jones, Mike Kinne, Brendan Ledden, Ted Mechtenberg, Steve Mills, Aaron Moore, Nathan Nickell, Jeremy Osburn, Steve Savage and Brent Seybold.

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POP-UP—Despite a hard swing, this batter got only a piece of the baseball during Indian Wells Valley Baseball's tryouts for the 1988 season. Photos by PHAN

Cary Brady

OOPS!—Mistakes will happen, even for the best of players. During tryouts for the Indian Wells Valley Baseball's 1988 teams, this youngster missed his chance at a hard-hit ground ball.

## Special fair in park

## Children's event planned for April

Loads of activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 23 for the annual Children's Fair being held at Solar Park. This special fair promotes the "Month of the Young Child."

All fair activities are free of charge and there will be free balloons for kids of all ages.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:30 until 10 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, milk and coffee will be served for only \$2.50 per adult and \$2 per child. Tickets can be purchased at any of the Children's Centers.

Organizations participating in the event are: NWC Children's Center, Heritage Montessori, China Lake Police Department, Cerro Coso's Child Development Lab, Norma Square Pre-School, Ridgecrest Christian Nursery School, High Desert Child Abuse Prevention Council, China Lake Fire Department, Ridgecrest Police Department, Rainbow Ridge, IWVARC Infant Development Department, Immanuel Christian School and the local Girl Scouts of America.

## Kart Trax next week

Beginning March 21 through April 3 "Kart Trax" Go-Carts will be in the parking lot behind the Bank of America (next to the "Lemon Lot," across from the Youth Center). The times of operation will be announced at a later date.

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