

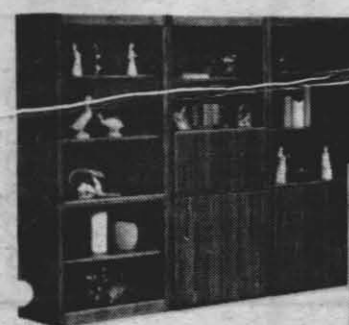
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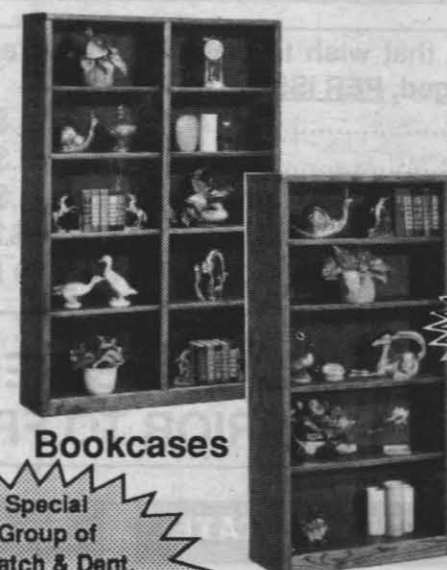
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NSAP:

Pat Yates takes his technical expertise and laboratory connections to the fleet in Bahrain

"Moving to a Muslim country is definitely a culture shock," said Pat Yates, a Naval Weapons Center employee who is taking part in the Navy Science Assistance Program (NSAP).

Approximately 18 months ago, Yates was transferred to Bahrain, a little island off of Saudi Arabia, to become technical advisor to the Joint Task Force, Middle East. He arrived at 10 o'clock at night, with the temperature at 110 degrees and the humidity at 95 percent. The task force, which patrols the Persian Gulf and surrounding areas, has about 15,000 people under its command.

Yates' main function is to observe all aspects of the fleet, identify and solve potential technical problems, and act as liaison between the fleet and the Navy labs. "Many times, the command doesn't even know there is a better way to handle a problem or difficult situation," Yates said. "As a science advisor, I can observe the operation from a technical viewpoint, often seeing problems the commanders have not yet identified."

One such problem Yates has worked on was the fact sailors could only work 30 to 45 minutes at a time due to the heat and humidity. "The environment in the Persian Gulf is remarkable," he said. "It can sap the strength and alertness of the sailors within minutes. I suggested using ice vests (vest which have pockets for packs of blue ice), for jobs that must be performed in the heat, especially for those working in the engineering spaces of the ships. With these vests, sailors can continue working comfortably for about four hours. Now, jobs

that used to take days to finish because of limitations on stay time are sometimes done in hours."

Yates noted that this idea has been thoroughly investigated by the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego. "For the past two summers, I've hosted them in the gulf where they've been gathering data, both physical and psychological, about the sailors -- those who use the vests and those who don't. A report on the findings should be written soon."

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Safety concerns bring Skaar Award win to Mikal O. Gray

Safe and effective ordnance firing operations on the Naval Weapons Center were recognized at the Seventh Annual Firing Officers Awards ceremony held December 13. The Kit Skaar Award for Firing Officer of the Year went to Mikal O. Gray of the Weapons Survivability Lab, Code 3182.

Firing officers are trained, experienced ordnance personnel selected and certified by their department to be responsible for the safe and effective conduct of firing operations in the test areas to which they are assigned.

Under the leadership of Kit Skaar, a former NWC Safety department head, the Firing Officers Program was established by a committee of experienced Center personnel after a history of severe accidents culminated in the death of two people in 1972. In the fifteen years of the Firing Officers Program's existence not one serious accident or fatality has resulted from ordnance operations on Center.

The function of the program is to define the duties, responsibilities and selection criteria for firing officers; develop requirements for safe firing facilities and provide personnel training. NWC's Safety and Security Department continues to administrate the program under the leadership of Roy Parris, department head.

As the program has gained national recognition, more than 475 personnel from NWC and other DoD

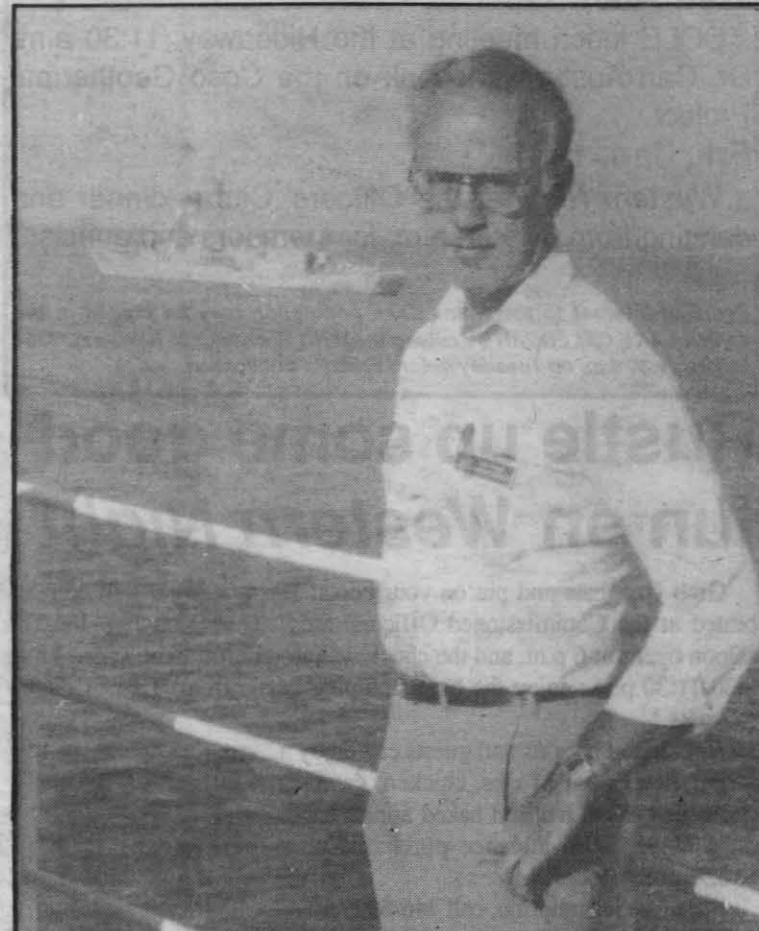
activities have attended the program's safety training classes. Half of those attendees became firing officers.

To recognize outstanding performance, the Kit Skaar Award is presented annually by the NWC Commander. Additionally certificates of commendation are awarded to firing officers for each five years of safe operations.

This year the Kit Skaar Award was presented by Capt. Douglas Cook to Mikal O. Gray who came onboard the Center as an electronics technician in the early seventies. During his career he has worked as an explosives operator and explosives test operations leader. "Your excellent safety record speaks to the good job you've done," said Capt. Cook. "Don't let up and don't compromise one bit."

"I'm shocked...I really didn't expect this," expressed Gray as he accepted the award. He thanked his supervisor, Dennis Sorges, for supporting his work "in so many ways," and fellow explosives operators for help in getting the job done.

Ron Clodt (Code 3269) was runner-up for the award. He was also the recipient of a ten-year certificate of commendation. Other firing officers recognized for continuous safe performance were: Harold Parsons (Code 3295), John Burmeister (Code 3626), Darryl Baxter (Code 3626) and Ken (Continued on Page 8)



UNDERWAY--Pat Yates stands on deck of a ship in the Joint Task Force, Middle East, while another U.S. ship passes in the background. Yates is in Bahrain on an NSAP tour.

Disneyland beckons for American Heritage Week theme writer

June 5-9 American Heritage Week will celebrate its fifth anniversary at the Naval Weapons Center. To make this the best celebration yet, the organizing committee is offering an all-American award for the best theme submitted by January 23. The prize is two adult tickets to

Disneyland provided by the NWC Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division. Two nights lodging in the Disneyland area is the generous donation of SATO Leisure. In addition the winner will be recognized at the annual EEO awards ceremony the week of the celebration.

The American Heritage Week Celebration incorporates all special interest groups on Center. With the start of a new decade, and looking forward to the year 2000, some great theme ideas should come to mind. The week's activities will reflect the theme and include: an

EEO awards ceremony, food booths, training events, a fun run and special entertainment. Theme ideas will be accepted from all DoD employees working at China Lake with the exception of committee members and their immediate families. On January 25 the organizing

committee will judge the entries. The winner will be announced in the *Rocketeer* early in February. Submit original entries with name, code and phone extension to Randy Kirkendoll (Code 2604) by January 23. May the best theme win!

China Lake Calendar

Today, Jan. 5
 ...Theme contest for American Heritage Week runs through Jan. 23 - Disneyland Prize!
 ...Matinee - *Land Before Time*, NWC Theatre, 2 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 9
 ...WACOM luncheon, Officers' Club, 11 a.m.
 ...FMA installation dinner, White Star Dining Club, 6:30 p.m.
 ...IWW Concert Association presents concert pianist, Lincoln Mayorga; NWC Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 11
 ...Earthquake Preparedness Seminar, NWC Safety Training Room (corner of Nimitz and Hussey), 7-9 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 13
 ...NEX Red Tag Sale runs through Jan. 18
 ...Matinee - *Harry and the Hendersons*, NWC Theatre, 2 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 17
 ...SOLE lunch meeting at the Hideaway, 11:30 a.m.
 Dr. Carl Austin will speak on the Coso Geothermal Project.
Fri., Jan. 19
 ...*Western Night* at the Officers' Club - dinner and dancing from 6-11:30 p.m. for members and guests.

Items of interest to the China Lake population may be placed in the CHINA LAKE CALENDAR by calling the NWC Rocketeer at NWC ext. 3354 before 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday before Friday's publication.

Rustle up some good fun on Western Night

Grab your hats and put on your boots! *Western Night* will be celebrated at the Commissioned Officers' Mess (COM) on Jan. 19. The saloon opens at 6 p.m. and the chuck wagon will roll in at 7 p.m. From 8:30-11:30 p.m., enjoy the boot-stomping music from "Lazer Country & Boots."

Authorized patrons and guests can enjoy a scrumptious meal of ribs, chicken, campfire beans, salad bar and baked apples for only \$8.95 (with advance purchase) or \$10.95 at the door.

For more information, call 446-6929.



Soda prices rise with redemption value

Buying soft drinks will cost China Lake employees a bit more, not only in the stores but also from vending machines located throughout the Center. Instead of 50 cents, China Lakers will now have to pay 60 cents for a can of their favorite soda.

According to Mary Spurlock, manager, Navy Exchange, the higher price is due to the California Redemption costs and higher prices charged by the supplier. "This is the first time in approximately three years prices have

been raised," she said. The last time the prices were raised, soda costs went from 45 cents a can to 50 cents.

Soda buyers can, however, recoup some of their expenses. According to a spokesman from Cate Recycling & Redemption Centers in Ridgecrest, recycling/redemption centers are paying the redemption value of the cans, plus a little extra. The spokesman said his company is currently paying 75 cents a pound for California Redemption cans.

Wellness Corner

The caffeine controversy--what every consumer should know

Like most American adults, chances are you begin your day with a cup of "wake-up" brew. But maybe you should ask yourself: Do you really need that coffee "kick" in the morning: By mid-morning, are you tightly wired?

Caffeine, a drug substance consumed by virtually all age groups in one form or another, has recently been the subject of scrutiny. In 1980, the Food and Drug Administration issued a warning to pregnant women advising them to be cautious about their caffeine intake. Like most drugs, it enters the bloodstream and crosses the placental barrier, reaching the unborn child.

You may be surprised to discover how many products can give you a dose of caffeine; they can add up over the course of a day. When you have a headache, you probably reach for a pain reliever. Chocolate helps many women through PMS blues. Kids are more likely to grab a soda than a glass of water when they're thirsty. Baked goods, frozen dairy products, gelatins and puddings may contain caffeine as well. While caffeine poses no problems for many people, others find it causes anxiety, insomnia, headaches, stomach pains and heartbeat irregularities -- hardly minor annoyances.

If you are caffeine sensitive, it may be wise to reduce daily intake. Studies of highly stressed students have indicated that heavy caffeine does heighten normal stress responses. If you are an active, exercising adult, you should know that caffeine is dehydrating, causing that heart to pump faster and leading to possible heat stress.

Caffeine is an ingredient in more than 1,000 non-prescription drug products, according to the FDA, as well as numerous prescription drugs. It is normally listed on the label.

The less food you have in your stomach, the

more susceptible you are to caffeine's effects -- good and bad. Caffeine increase metabolism slightly, so you actually burn a few more calories. Unfortunately, it also triggers an insulin release, causing blood sugar to drop. The effects of caffeine are usually felt shortly after consumption and generally last from three to seven hours. Once it begins to wear off, you may note a drop in alertness and an increase in appetite.

Are you hooked? Try totally decaffeinating yourself for a few days. If you develop headaches, or feel nervous or exhausted, you may be caffeine dependent.

Because everyone reacts differently to caffeine, no absolutely safe limit has been established. As a result, health officials suggest keeping caffeine intake moderate -- under 200 mg per day.

How does your daily caffeine total tally up? Check the chart below for some countdown surprises. To learn more about stress, coping methods and drugs in general, sign up with your command Drug and Alcohol Program advisor for the next Navy Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program class. It's a real eye-opener.

Item	Caffeine
Brewed Coffee (5 oz.)	60-180
Brewed Tea (5 oz.)	20-90
Iced Tea (12 oz.)	67-76
Mountain Dew (12 oz.)	54
Cola (12 oz.)	42
Cocoa beverage (5 oz.)	2-20
Excedrin (1 tablet)	65
Anacin (1 tablet)	32
Nodoz (1 tablet)	100
Vivarin	200
Dextrim weight-control aid	200



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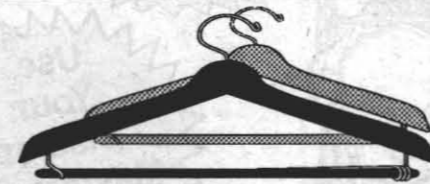
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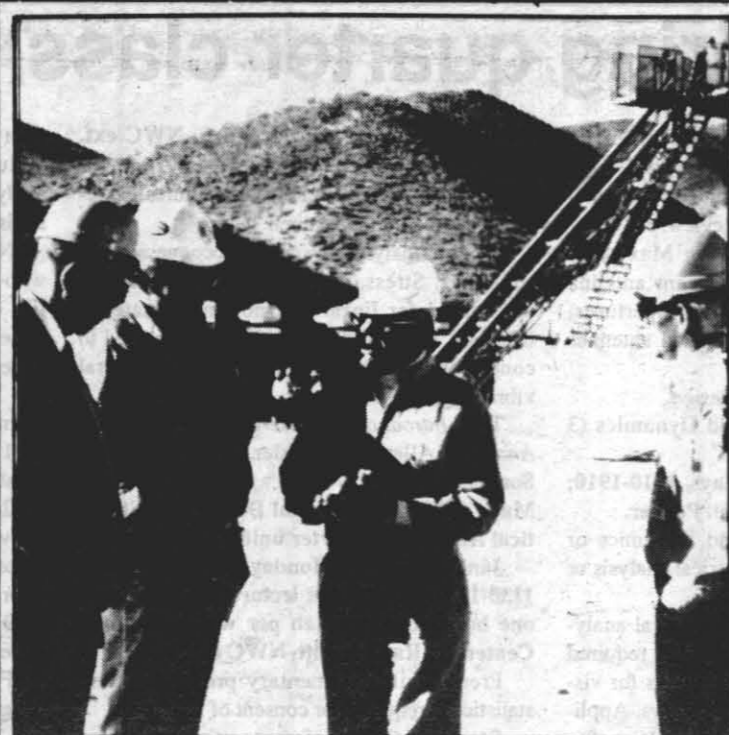
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FMA installs 1990 officers on Tuesday

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, the China Lake Chapter of Federal Managers Association will install its officers for 1990 at a dinner being held at the White Star Dining Club. A social gathering will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 and the installation ceremony at 8.

Reservations need to be made no later than Monday, Jan. 8. If an answering machine answers, please leave your name, phone number, number of people attending and each person's choice of prime rib (\$12.95), chicken Marco Polo (\$8.95) or halibut (\$9.95).

The 1990 officers include Joe Hibbs, president; Ralph Cox and Loren Chadwick, vice presidents; Katie Gumz, secretary and membership chairman; Harvey Johnson, treasurer and Jacque Clawson, sergeant at arms



BLM VISITOR--Ed Hastie, California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management (left) visited the Coso Geothermal project last month for an update on the work. He was welcomed by Dr. Carl Austin, head of NWC's Geothermal Program Office, representatives of California Energy and the local BLM Office.

Concert pianist welcomes new decade of IWVCA entertainment

Lincoln Mayorga, a concert pianist, will begin the new decade for the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association with a lively and entertaining concert on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Naval Weapons Center Theatre. The event begins at 7:30 p.m.

Mayorga enjoys a unique reputation for excellence in the classical, popular and jazz fields. He has toured Europe twice and has performed with such artists and ensembles at Michael Tilson Thomas, Gerald Schwarz, The Guarneri String Quartet's first violinist Arnold Steinhardt, Richard Stoltzman, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

In March of 1988, he performed Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue and I Got Rhythm Variations with the Moscow Philharmonic in a Soviet first -- a concert of all American pop.

This concert is the third in a series of six presented by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association. This engagement is



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Navy shelters active duty members in new budget

WASHINGTON (NNS)--Sailors and Marines have been sheltered from Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act reductions to the defense budget according to Navy manpower and budget officials. This is expected to include military members at research, development test and evaluation centers such as China Lake.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs announced Dec. 14 that sequestration actions forced the Department of Defense to reduce the FY-90 defense budget by \$1.7 billion, of which \$900 million would be cut from military departments' personnel accounts.

According to Chief of Naval Personnel VAdm. Mike Boorda, there will be no significant impact on

Naval personnel. "CNO and SECNAV have been taking steps since sequestration went into effect to ensure that the impact to our people would be minimal."

VAdm. Boorda said. "They are working hard to protect our sailors from being impacted by the cuts, and we are all satisfied with the results."

Navy budget officials said the Navy will move to absorb its share of the military personnel account reduction by shifting money from other non-personnel accounts to the manpower account.

"The message I would like to share with our Navy family is that we have good people in Navy leadership who care about you and who are trying to make things come out right," Boorda stated.

Housing Says: Best decorated homes were holiday showplaces at NWC

HOUSING SAYS . . . Naval Weapons Center command and the Housing Office staff wish to congratulate the winners of the "Best Decorated Houses" of the recent holiday season.

The winners are: Ms. Diane Standage, 1920-A Dibb, Bachelor Area; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Laisure, 435 Hubbard, Site B Capehart Area; and Cdr. and Mrs. Gilbert Baron, 1513 Lexington, Hill Area. Honorable mention goes to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mireless of 413 Hayward, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cody, Jr. of 441 Hubbard.

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SPIRIT OF GIVING--Capt. Douglas Cook, NWC commander, had the privilege of presenting Apr.-Nov. profits from WACOM's Thrift Shop. Fran Rugg (center) and Kris Hoppock (right) accepted checks for CFC and Navy Relief respectively at the WACOM December luncheon.

WACOM gives to community

On December 12 the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) held their Christmas luncheon at the Officers' club. In keeping with the spirit of the season, Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, was invited to distribute more than \$10,000 taken in by the organization's thrift shop since April 1.

After returning the traditional ten percent to the WACOM treasury, remaining funds were donated to two local charitable organizations--the Navy Relief Society (NRS) and the Combined

Federal Campaign (CFC). The NWC skipper presented a \$4,537 check to Kris Hoppock, chairman of volunteers for NRS, and the same amount to Fran Rugg, chairman of the local CFC coordinating committee.

Impressed by the amount of money produced by local volunteers' efforts, Capt. Cook commended the support functions and local groups which lend a hand to those in need. "The work you do is appreciated, and will be even more important in the years ahead," he said.

Manned by volunteers, the

WACOM Thrift Shop is open to the community at large. Twice a year the organization returns its profits to the community in the form of donations. Any beneficial organization wishing to be considered for a donation in May should contact Fran Fletcher, thrift shop supervisor, at 375-1749; or phone the shop at 446-6667 Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday from 6:30-9 p.m.; or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Visit the WACOM Thrift Shop on Lauritsen Rd., just south of Blandly Ave.



The Skipper Sez...

QUESTION

I would like to have an answer on the poor quality of the W-2 Forms we receive each year. You can read the top copy, but the other copies are all bleared. Thank you.

ANSWER

Last year, a few instances of smudged W-2 Form copies were reported to the Payroll Office. The Payroll Office issued duplicate forms to replace the smudged ones.

The two most likely causes of smudging are faulty forms and the printer being out of adjustment while the forms are being printed by a local contractor. The Internal Revenue Service, where NWC gets its forms, says no problems of faulty W-2 Forms have come to their attention. That leaves printing as the main problem cause we can address. The contractor has agreed to make more frequent checks to be sure the printer is in adjustment while printing the W-2s this year.

The bottom line is, however, if any NWC employee receives an unreadable W-2, bring it to the Payroll Office, Room 103A, Building 1 (Headquarters Building). A readable duplicate will be issued to replace it.

QUESTION

My question is about a petition that was being circulated by a division head in a department here at the Naval Weapons Center. The petition concerned the nomination of a person to be on the Board of Directors for the Naval Weapons Center Federal Credit Union, stating that persons in the department who belonged to the Credit Union could sign it to support the nomination. This petition was passed around the department and several people signed it. What are the ethical considerations involved here? Is this action proper under the Standards of Conduct rules?

ANSWER

SECNAVINST 5370.2J, the Standards of Conduct, Paragraph 901, states that Navy personnel shall not use an official DON position to influence or provide private benefit to himself or any other person. An employee confronted with a petition being passed around by a supervisor may feel that he/she must sign the petition, regardless of whether he/she supports the nomination.

QUESTION

I am concerned about a DoD civilian employee who is handicapped. Since the new building at the north end of Michelson Lab went in, various parking places have vanished, especially the handicapped parking spaces. Those places, which would have been in the north end for the handicapped people no longer exist. I know various spaces have been marked off for department heads, etc., and no attempt was made to put handicapped parking close to the north end for people in the Engineering Building and those in the north end of Michelson Lab. I don't see any prospect of this being done. I wonder why this situation exists.

ANSWER

Thank you for your concern about handicapped parking. The parking at the North Lot of Michelson Laboratory has been impacted adversely by the construction of the new Technical Library Facility. Confusing the situation have been changes in parking policy from reserved spaces, to reserved zones, to no reserved in a period of a few months.

In response to your specific question, the handicapped spaces haven't disappeared, but were temporarily eliminated during construction and planned to be relocated closer to the entrance gate when the construction was complete (spaces were marked 12/1/89). The rationale for not marking temporary handicapped spaces during construction was the hazard for handicapped employees while the surface areas are cut for utilities, etc.

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. Douglas Cook. 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 their name and phone number for a direct contact, but otherwise, this is not required.

Community Events

Begin the new year by taking an interesting journey with Dave Kunst--Earthwalker. The Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) will host the remarkable traveler at their January luncheon, this Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the COM.

WACOM members are requested to make reservations for themselves and guests by calling Peggy Grossbier at 375-4974 or Elaine Jenne at 377-5229.

Mountains-Fremont Valley Management Plan on Monday at the Ridgecrest BLM Office, 112 E. Dolphin Ave. The 7 p.m. session offers the public and interested groups the chance to comment on the draft management plan. The management area in question is about 25 miles southwest of Ridgecrest. Copies of the draft plan are available in the Ridgecrest BLM Office.

Officers of the Indian Wells Valley TV Booster Board of Directors for 1990 will be installed at a dinner scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 11 at Two Sisters Restaurant in Inyokern. Reservations need to be made no later than Monday, Jan. 8. They can be made by calling Gene Schneider, 446-4470. If an answering machine answers, please leave your name, phone number and the number of people attending.

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Want to work with wood, but don't quite know how to go about it? Jay Noel, resident woodworking expert, will be available at Craftech's Woodworking Center from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials will host a public meeting on the Rand

Hinman earns coveted TD Award



WELL DONE--Daryl Hinman receives the Technical Director's Award for his work on AIM-9R from Bill Porter, NWC Technical Director.

His ability to develop unique solutions to image processing problems in the AIM-9R Sidewinder helped earn the Technical Director's Award for Daryl Hinman in the Intercept Weapons Department's Air-to-Air Guidance Branch.

Bill Porter, NWC technical director, made the presentation to a surprised Hinman shortly before Christmas. Porter said the award was in recognition of his significant contributions to the AIM-9R program. He added that Hinman was joining a team of individuals who have been awarded the Technical Director's Award for their efforts on behalf of this program. Several of his co-workers and supervisors looked on and offered their congratulations to Hinman following the ceremony.

In nominating Hinman for the award, Dillard Bullard, former head of the Intercept Weapons Department, said, "his efforts on the algorithm development for the AIM-9R will substantially contribute to the effectiveness of the weapon by facilitating the use of a new sensing device for target acquisition and tracking."

Bullard noted the AIM-9R was the first weapons system which used software and software algorithms to solve the Sidewinder air-to-air encounter problem. It is also one of the first imaging systems, meaning Hinman had to substantially tailor traditional processing algorithms to fit in the Sidewinder environment. This required a creative approach since "traditional image processing uses mainframe and array processing computers while the AIM-9R was restricted to microprocessors."

It was his success, as evidenced by successful firings of the newest member of the Sidewinder family, that earned the special recognition of the TD Award.

Porter, in his letter congratulating Hinman, said:



"Laying firm foundations..."

If "word-association" games can be relied upon to indicate predictable patterns of thinking and recollection, the words "New Year's" might yield responses like "party," "eve," "day," "parade," "game," and, ultimately, "resolutions," seeing as to how each of these occurs with more than usual observance on or about January 1 of each year.

Our own personal association with this year's first day might also include the painful memory of the physical conditions in which we found ourselves on the "morning after the night before," which, in turn, may have given rise to the first of our New Year's list of things to attend to, namely, to take celebrations a bit more realistically and, perhaps, more calmly in the remaining 364 days.

Resolutions are good things in themselves. They indicate that we realize the need to alter some part of our behavior that does not quite measure up to what it should be; to introduce into our daily routine something new, challenging and growth-producing; or, to delete totally from our attitude and activity something that is inhibiting to the development of our character.

"Resolution" is an interesting word. Coming to us from the Latin "resolvere," to resolve, and also "to loosen" or "to dissolve," it conveys in its present form (i.e., resolution) a solid and firm decision or determination to do something in a positive manner. Perhaps, the old Romans looked upon the making of a decision as a process by which one "unloosed oneself" from an unwanted state, or "dissolved the bonds" of undesirable habit. Whatever the explanation, resolutions call for serious, critical self-appraisal and the humility to right the wrongs which we perceive in our lives.

Resolutions, however, can be stumbling blocks to our overall morale, if we make them unrealistically or if we set our goals too high for ourselves, given our circumstances and our abilities. Thus, many a New Year's resolution is quickly set aside or forgotten in light of its untenable quality. "To make a million dollars in the New Year" is certainly an idealistic (if not laughable) resolution, in light of the possibility of resolving to effect in ourselves the minor changes on which all progress in self-development depends. And, this is not done in a frivolous manner. Our Roman forebearers offered an apparently wiser course of action in planning for future changes when they counseled: "Festinate lente," or "Make haste slowly." It is, after all, the house firmly set in foundations of stone that endures, and it takes time to lay such foundations.

In effect, our New Year's resolutions should reflect a desire to do something about the things over which we have a fair degree of power and control. Otherwise, if and when we fail in our efforts, we are left sheepishly excusing our good, if not unrealistic, intentions. The Lord says: "If one of you decides to build a tower, will he not first sit down and calculate the outlay to see if he has enough money to complete the project? He will do that for fear of laying the foundations and then not being able to complete the work; for all who saw it would jeer at him, saying, 'That man began to build what he could not finish.'" (Luke 14:28-30).

By LCdr. S. A. Casimano, CHC, USN
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CSUN announces spring quarter class schedule

Following are classes being offered this spring for the Cal-State University, Northridge (CSUN) Engineering Program (master's degree). To enroll in these classes, submit an on-Center Training Request and Authorization Form (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) via department channels to Code 224. Registration will be held at the first class meeting. *Deadline for enrolling is 10 calendar days before the start date of the class.*

EE 422N: Design of Digital Computers (3 units)

Feb. 2-May 25; Fridays, 1530-1830; Training Center. By Professor Bob Wong, CSUN, (818) 885-2190.

Prerequisite: Course on switching circuits and Boolean algebra or consent of instructor.

Scope: The structure and operation of a stored-program general-purpose digital computer. Design of computer hardware modules; arithmetic-logic units, control units, input-output units, memories. Basic organizations of digital computers. Fault diagnosis and fault tolerant design of digital systems.

Text: *Computer System Architecture*. Morris Mano. Prentice-Hall, second edition.

EE 542N: RF Electronics Design (3 units)

Jan. 30-May 22; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1610-1740; Training Center. By Dr. Wade Swinford, NWC ext. 2878.

Prerequisite: Knowledge of circuit theory or consent of instructor.

Scope: The design of RF amplifiers and tuners is emphasized, covered are AM/FM IF amplifiers, AM/FM tuners, AM/FM detectors. Radar applications are considered: TV circuits including UHF/VHF tuners, video amplifiers, sync, vertical and horizontal circuits. Automatic control circuits are also covered. Phase lock loop techniques are introduced with emphasis on RF applications including frequency synthesis techniques using digital techniques.

Text: *Solid State Radio Engineering*. Krauss, Bostian, and Raab. John Wiley and Sons, 1980.

EE 574N: Antenna Engineering (3 units)

Jan. 29-May 21; Mondays and Wednesdays, 1610-1740; Training Center. By John Johnson, 446-5561.

Prerequisite: A course on electromagnetic fields and waves or consent of instructor.

Scope: A first course in the theoretical analysis and design of antennas. Review of fundamental concepts beginning with Maxwell's Equations, discussion of significant antenna parameters, elementary antennas, apertures, arrays, traveling-wave antennas, and antennas based upon geometrical optics.

Text: *Antenna Theory and Design*.

ME 592: Computational Fluid Dynamics (3 units)

Jan. 31-May 23; Wednesdays, 1610-1910; Training Center. By Dr. Darrell Pepper.

Prerequisite: ME 490: Fluid Dynamics or equivalent and a course in numerical analysis or consent of instructor.

Scope: Introduction to the numerical analysis of fluid flows. Special techniques required for solution of the governing equations for viscous, inviscid and boundary layer flows. Applications to convective heat and mass transfer. Turbulence modeling and other submodels for complex engineering applications.

Text: *Computational Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer*. Anderson, Tannahill, and Pletcher. McGraw-Hill, 1984.

IE 412: Process Design and Manufacturing Engineering (3 units)

Jan. 30-May 22; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1610-1740; Training Center. By Dr. George Hayes, NWC ext. 1038.

Scope: A study of metals, plastics and electronics manufacturing, including material removal, material forming, casting and molding, welding processes, crystal growing, photo-etching, finishing and coating, numerically-controlled machining, assembly methods, inspection, tool engineering, tolerances, allowances and surface roughness, etc. Capabilities, limitations and economics of the different methods. A project in process design will be required.

Text: *Materials and Processes In Manufacturing*. DeGarmo, Black and Kohser. Macmillan Publishing Co., seventh edition, 1988.

Note: This is a core course in the master's degree program in systems engineering.

****AM 521: Aerostructures II (3 units)--note corrected course number**

Jan. 29-May 21; Mondays, 1610-1910;

Training Center. By Dave Singh, NWC ext. 1066.

Prerequisite: AM 421: Aerostructures is recommended, but not required.

Scope: Analysis of semimonocoque aircraft structures. Stress, deflection and stability are considered for linear and nonlinear material behavior. Finite element methods are applied to continuous systems. Discussion of structural vibration loads and flutter.

Text: *Introduction To Aerospace Structural Analysis*. Allen and Haisler. John Wiley and Sons, 1985.

Math 477: Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis (5 quarter units)

Jan. 8-Mar. 16; Monday through Friday, 1130-1230, four hours lecture per week and one hour computer lab per week; Training Center. By Ran Merritt, NWC ext. 4652.

Prerequisite: Elementary probability and statistics is required; or consent of instructor.

Scope: Statistical inference using fixed, ran-

dom mixed and split-plot models. Other topics include multiple and polynomial regression, analysis of covariance and use of computers in statistical analysis.

Note: CSUN systems engineering students who have not had IE 501: Engineering Statistics or equivalent and who have not had an upper division course in probability or statistics are encouraged to take this course.

General Comments

1. Textbooks are available at bookstores locally.

2. Job-related courses other than those listed above or those offered under contract with Cal-State Chico, Bakersfield or Northridge must be approved on an off-Center Training Request (DD Form 1556) before registration if NWC is expected to pay for the training.

For more information about any of these programs or classes, contact Cecil Webb, NWC ext. 2648.

Deadline is Jan. 12

NSTEP position available

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members of the ODASD (Installations) and ODDRE (R&AT) staff specialists and maintain liaison with officials in the military departments, other components of OUSD (A), other governmental agencies, and academic institutions. Will also include preparation or review of defense studies, mission area analyses, decision coordinating papers and program decision memorandums, various documents in the DOD Planning, Programming and Budgeting System (PPBS), and statements and testimony to the Congress and Congressional Committee staffers.

framework, be a self-starter and highly motivated, experienced in Congressional operations and interfacing with Congressional staffers, developing legislative proposals and recommending changes in regulatory controls, and have managerial advancement potential. Incumbent should also possess a broad understanding of the missions of DoD laboratories and their command relationships, and of government owned - contractor operated (GOCO) activities, federally funded research and development centers (FFRDCs), non-profit and not-for-profit corporations and university and national laboratories. Incumbent must have a secret clearance or have a current background investigation. Incumbent must also be willing to travel, if required.

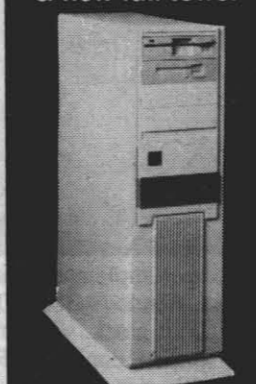
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Navy Science Assistance Program has openings

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Science Advisor positions will be available in the summer of 1991 at the following staffs/locations:

- Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, Norfolk, VA
- Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA
- Commander, Second Fleet, Norfolk, VA
- Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, Norfolk, VA
- Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific, San Diego, CA
- Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific, San Diego, CA
- Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, HI
- Commander, Third Fleet, Pearl Harbor, HI
- Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Camp Smith, HI
- Commander, Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan.

Incumbent will participate in Fleet activities and exercises as

required. Broad technical engineering and management background and experience with acquisition programs is considered essential to carry out the assignment. Ability to work in one or more of the following areas is needed: Mine, ASW, ASUW, AAW, Special and/or Electronic Warfare, C3, Surveillance or Ocean Technologies. The Science Advisor will be the primary interface between the Fleet Command, NWC and other Naval Labs/Centers on NSAP and Commander RDT&E matters. The candidate nominated by the Center will be competing with nominees from other Navy Labs and Centers. The NSAP office, White Oak, makes the final selections for all NSAP positions in March 1990.

Factors considered for candidate selections include:

1. Communication abilities which allow meaningful exchanges with many Navy and

technical community skill levels and disciplines.

2. Ability to deal effectively with high-ranking civilian and military personnel in situations requiring a high degree of tact, diplomacy and sound judgement.

3. Ability to make sound technical recommendations and accept responsibility for decisions.

4. Technical competence in Mine, ASW, ASUW, AAW, Special and/or EQ warfare, C3, Surveillance or Ocean technologies.

5. Familiarity with SYSCOMS and other Navy Lab communities. A SECRET security clearance is required. Applicants must pass the required physical examination.

Science Advisor positions are lateral reassignments for current DP-4s. If a senior DP-3 is selected, employee will be given a temporary promotion for the duration of the assignment. Duration of

these assignments are normally two years. Interested applicants should file a SF-171 with Saundra or Jacqui (Code 22). Questions concerning these positions should be directed to the NWC NSAP coordinator, Bob Byrne (Code 03B1) at NWC ext. 1485. Deadline for filing is Jan. 12 for both the 1990 and/or 1991 vacancies. Previous applicants are requested to reapply.

Service in an NSAP assignment is a significant distinction and considered career enhancing. For further information about the specific tours from a "participant's viewpoint," it is suggested that

anyone interested contact any of the following people who have been on NSAP tours in the past:

- Bob Byrne -- NSAP Coordinator
- Mel Foremaster -- FA-18 Program Office
- Jack Russell -- T & E Directorate Head
- John Webb -- Weapons Planning
- Mick Rindt -- Head, Avionics Integration Branch
- Ray Miller -- Head, Propulsion Systems Division
- Doug Savage -- Tomohawk Program Office
- John Prescott -- AIWS Office, Program Manager.

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The following NSTEP position is available to DP-3s and DP-4s with a minimum of three to five years in the following occupational groups: S&E, administrative, specialist or technician. To apply, submit a current SF-171 to Code 22 (Jacqui or Saundra), Room 202, 505 Blandly, by Jan. 12.

Staff Assistant: Research and Laboratory Management (Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) (OUSD (A)): Incumbent will perform a variety of duties as a staff assistant in the Base Closure and Utilization Directorate in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics) and for the Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (Research and Advanced Technology) in order to gain a broader perspective on the management and operations of Department of Defense (DoD) labora-

tories and their research programs, and the planning and management of DoD resources.

Incumbent will have responsibilities for studies and evaluations related to DoD laboratory structures and realignments, their research programs, and the planning, allocation and management of DoD resources.

Normal day-to-day duties will include the conduct of studies and evaluations of recommendations and strategies on DoD laboratory structures, realignments, consolidations and/or closures; review, oversight and assessment of administrative and management initiatives, university research programs, land and air space legislative and policy development; and the planning, programming and budgeting of 6.1 funds. Incumbent will work with various

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WEPTAC work brings Peterson TD Award

Dr. Dan Peterson of the Weapons and Tactical Analysis Center (WEPTAC) received the Naval Weapons Center's Technical Director's Award on December 15 for his role in defining the future of Navy tactics and systems requirements.

As project leader for the Air Superiority-2000 study, Peterson headed up a team which integrated the efforts and insights from fleet participants with the capabilities represented by current and future technologies and systems.

The study, sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), covered a two year period. Phase I was a comprehensive evaluation of the Outer Air Battle of

the 21st Century. Phase II examined the strike and air superiority mission in the complex land attack environment of the future.

Phil Arnold, head of the Weapons Planning Group noted in his letter of recommendation, "To complete this critical study for the Navy, Dr. Peterson dedicated many extra hours and put forth an extraordinary effort required to meet the extremely tight schedule of the sponsor."

NWC technical director Bill Porter proudly presented the award to Peterson before a roomful of Code 30 coworkers.

Accepting the award for himself and his WEPTAC team, Dr. Peterson saw the

award not only as a personal honor, but also as recognition of the project's success. "Everyone involved worked to their fullest ability and made personal sacrifices to make this happen," he said. "I hope they realize that if one person had not done his or her part, the whole thing wouldn't have come together."

Fleet pilots from VX-4, VX-5, SFWS (Strike U), NFWS (Topgun), CAEWWS, and MAWTS ONE contributed working insight as they participated in WEPTAC exercises and meetings on-Center. Peterson noted "their involvement lent credibility to what we did."

After working with the pilots the WEP-

TAC team was faced with what Peterson called the "dog work"--analyzing the results of the exercises and pulling out significant findings. Peterson praised team members Keith Wheeler, Ruth Haines, Chris Heard, Debbie Breitenstein, Donna Johnson and Brian Hodgins for their top-level skills and long hours of work which kept the project on schedule.

The importance of the project was stated in the words of the OPNAV sponsor, "This work will guide Navy Tactical Air decisions for years to come. Additionally, the results will provide conceptual tactics for most advanced platforms and weapons currently under development."



TEAMWORK--got the job done and earned the leader of the Air Superiority-2000 Study a TD Award. Dr. Dan Peterson (center) is surrounded by some of the supporting cast from WEPTAC. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

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RETIREMENT TIME--Steelworker First Class Al Zideck ended an 18-year association with the reserve Seabee unit at China Lake when he retired late last year. Petty Office Zideck, right, and his wife, Nancy, look on as MSC Bob Voigt shows off photos in the retirement album. SW1 Zideck spent 22 years in the reserves, the last 17 with Detachment 0217 of Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17. Photo by CM1 Paul Jones USNR-R

Yates brings lab background to fleet

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Another problem Yates noted is American naval combat systems are engineered for large-scale combat in blue-water oceans, and not smaller bodies like the gulf. "One of my jobs is to find ways to use technology to make these ships more effective in tight places, and for that, I use the Navy labs."

Yates noted the hours are long. "Our fleets are working 24 hours a day and there is no telling when a problem will crop up. When one does, the commander needs an immediate answer. Part of my function is to tailor the information the fleet gives me for the Navy labs so they can meet the needs. This is where experience -- being able to translate an operational need into a technical-requirement document the labs can work with."

To aid him in finding answers as quickly as possible, Yates uses the electronic communication system. "With this system, I have access to all our Navy labs and can often get the needed information within a couple of hours," he said.

Yates has also made time for some sight-seeing. One of his favorite spots to visit is the UAE (United Arab Emirates), which consists of seven tiny political subdivisions each ruled by an emir. Some of these emirates are smaller than Inyokern. Whereas Bahrain is mostly flatland, UAE has gorgeous scenery, sea shores and mountains. Due to the political unrest, there are times when he must take extra precautions and stay close to the base, he notes most people have been friendly. "They are so courteous," Yates said, "you can spend a lot of time trying to persuade an

Arab to go through a doorway before you."

The science advisor notes his biggest problem in the foreign country isn't the culture, the people or the climate. "It's the food," he said. "I have developed a fondness for Indian food and have put on 15 pounds."

Yates has been an NWC employee for almost 15 years, 13 years of which were in the Fuze and Sensors Department (now the Ordnance Systems Department). His last two years at NWC were spent with the Insensitive Munitions Program.

"I have really enjoyed my advisory role with the Joint Task Force," Yates said. "The ex-NSAPers I have spoken to have said, without exception, that their NSAP tours were the highlights of their careers. I'm not near to retiring yet, but I must say, any (Continued on Page 7)

Non-appropriated funds

The following vacancies are not Civil Service positions. These positions are paid for from non-appropriated funds and are administered in accordance with policies established by the Department of Defense. Persons selected for these positions have no Civil Service status and are not eligible for appointment to positions in the Civil Service. Persons interested in applying for these positions should fill out a standard application form (SF-171). Applicants need not be presently employed in a Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI) position, nor must they be employed at the Naval Weapons Center. The SF-171 should clearly be marked "NAFI" on the top and should have the appropriate announcement number listed in Block 1 on the form. Completed applications can be delivered to Room 100 in the Personnel Building or can be mailed to: Naval Weapons Center, Personnel Dept. (Code 226), ATTN: NAFI Service Team, China Lake, CA 93555-6001.

No. 22-9001, Offset Press Operator, NA-4417-7, \$6.58 - \$7.68, Code 22913, Intermittent Scheduled. This position is located in the Publicity Branch of the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Division. Incumbent prepares presses for operation. Sets up, adjusts, and coordinates the operation of feeder and delivery mechanisms. Inspects plate for imperfections, cleans, mounts, adjusts, and backs it up. Observes conditions of blanket and rolls for wear or imperfections. Replaces worn or broken parts, maintains quality on all production runs. Responsible for ordering and stocking supplies. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience with offset printing utilizing a Multi-1360 Offset Press.

No. 22-9002, Recreation Aid (Gym), PS-0189-2, \$4.72 - \$5.51, Code 2294, Intermittent Unscheduled. This position is located in the Sports Branch of the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Division. Incumbent checks identification of

patrons to ensure that they are authorized to use the athletic facilities; disseminates information to patrons, in person and via telephone, about the facilities, etc.; collects fees for the use of the facilities; prepares Daily Activity Report (DAR) at the end of the shift and deposits money; issues athletic equipment/supplies to patrons and keeps records; enforces established operational procedures and policies at the facilities; washes, dries, folds, and stows towels and sleeping bags; performs periodic inspections of the weight room to ensure safety by replacing weights to their proper racks and cautioning patrons as needed on safety rules; performs minor cleaning tasks as needed; prepares facilities for various sporting events; performs other duties as required. Job Relevant Criteria: Incumbent must have the ability to handle money and operate a cash register, follow written and oral instructions and deal effectively with the public.

NSAP posts attainable

Naval Science Advisors, Interdisciplinary, DP-801, 855, 861, 1310, 1520, 1550/3 or 4. The Navy Science Assistance Program (NSAP) provides quick reaction scientific and technical services to the major Navy and Marine Corps operational commands in direct support of efforts intended to improve Fleet combat readiness. One of the goals of NSAP is to improve the dialogue between the Navy's RDT&E Labs/Centers and its operational forces, and the responsiveness of the Lab/Center community in achieving timely solutions to specific technical problems significantly impacting operational readiness.

This announcement identifies Science Advisor vacancies that will be filled in the summer of 1990,

and vacancies that will be filled in the summer of 1991. All Center nominees for both periods will be interviewed and selections made in March 1990. Center candidates are encouraged to apply for more than one position/location and you may apply for either or both periods. However, selections will only be for one position.

Science Advisor positions will be available in the summer of 1990 at the following staffs/locations:

- Commander, Sixth Fleet, Naples, Italy
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Personnel News & Notes

Promotional opportunities

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Eligible spouses (of military sponsors) with competitive employment status may apply for employment preference. Those enrolled in this program will automatically receive consideration for employment on vacancies for which they applied. For initial employment information, career counseling and enrollment, call 939-3317 for an appointment.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following: a current application, SF-171 or other Human Resources Department pre-approved form; 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); and a completed Background Survey Questionnaire. A supplemental narrative which relates your qualifications to each knowledge, skill or ability (KSAs) 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 12335/2, 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 a signature on the last page completes the application. Civilian Spousal Program Eligibles with competitive employment status must submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders with each application in order to be considered for Merit Promotion vacancies which do not state that status eligibles may apply.

Application materials are accepted, and blank forms are available, at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Human Resources 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. Copies of Applications may be submitted since applications are kept 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. 28-001, Supervisory Accounting Technician, DG-525-2/3/4, Code 28622. This position is located in the Cost Accounting Branch of the Accounting Division of the Office of the Comptroller. Incumbent serves as a supervisor in the control and maintenance of Cost Accounting records and subsidiary ledger for the Major Contracts Section. The incumbent supervises nine (9) accounting technicians (DG-525-1/2/3); provides on-the-job training and reviews the work of the employees; maintains a current knowledge of and answers questions concerning procedures, policies, and directives used in the section; reconciles subsidiary ledger accounts to general ledger accounts; prepares and reviews time and attendance records; reviews and updates desk procedures; validates cost and accounting records; and researches aged financial transactions to clear accounts. **Job relevant criteria:** Knowledge of the Integrat-

ed Disbursing and Accounting System; knowledge of the Document Entry System; knowledge of NAVCOMPT regulations; knowledge of NWC Personnel Policies and Procedures; knowledge of and a willingness to implement NWC EEO program goals and objectives. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to meet financial deadlines; ability to interpret and apply a body of regulations and procedures under varying conditions; and ability to deal effectively with a wide range of people. Selectee must serve a one-year supervisory probationary period if not previously completed. Promotion potential to DG-4.

No. 62-001, Instrument Mechanic, WG-3359-11, Code 62131. This position is located in the Calibration and Maintenance Section, Instrumentation Branch Ordnance Test & Evaluation Division, Range Department. Incumbent is responsible for the maintenance, repair, calibra-

tion and troubleshooting of pneumatic, mechanical and electronic process control systems; also of associated sensors process consisting of analog/digital recorders, pneumatic and electronic valves, transmitters, controllers, thermocouples, thermistors and pressure transducers, located in the Ordnance Systems Department process area and Ordnance T&E Divisions test areas. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of pneumatic, electronic and mechanical equipment assembly, installation and repair; knowledge of theory and instruments; knowledge of trade practices; the ability to interpret instructions and specifications; the ability to use and maintain tools and equipment of the trade; and the ability to troubleshoot.

No. 62-076, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General/Mechanical/Electrical/Electronics Engineer/Physicist/Mathematician), DP-801/830/850/855/1310/1520-3, Code 6223. This position is Head of the Ground Operations Branch located in the Range Operations Division of the Range Department. The incumbent will supervise and manage the resources of the branch involved with preparations, conduct data collection for missile, rocket and gun tests performed on the NAVWPNCEN ground ranges. The incumbent will review Test Plans and Operation Procedures to assure safety of the operation. The incumbent supervises the handling of ordnance items in all phases of storage, modification, assembly and firing. The items range from 20MM to 5-inch gun rounds as well as rockets and missiles ranging from 2.75 inches to VLA. The incumbent is responsible for maintenance and security of the facilities and equipment used by the branch. The branch head is a member of the Range Safety Committee and serves as a consultant and advisor to project engineers and program sponsors conducting tests on the ground ranges. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of ordnance handling safety procedures; knowledge of range operating procedures; ability to perform as a first-line supervisor; ability to communicate both orally and in writing; ability to influence and motivate others; knowledge of and willingness to support NAVWPNCEN's EEO policies. A one year supervisory probationary period may be required. Status eligibles may reapply. Previous applicants need not apply. Promotion potential to DP-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 64-002, Computer Specialist, DS-334-1/2/3, Code 64304. This position is located in the REWS Technical Management Office, Radar and Threat Technology Division, Aerosystems Department. The incumbent will participate as a team member to provide analysis of software trouble reports, design and develop engineering change proposals, and code, install and test software modifications and update the associated documentation. Must be able to obtain and maintain a secret clearance. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of higher level computer languages such as FORTRAN and Pascal; the ability to deal with a variety of on and off center managers; the ability to communicate orally; and the ability to communicate in writing. Status eligibles may apply. Promotion potential to DP-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 64-003, Computer Scientist, DP-1550-1/2/3, Code 64304. This position is located in the REWS Technical Management Office, Radar and Threat Technology Division, Aerosystems Department. The incumbent will participate as a team

member to provide analysis of software trouble reports, design and develop engineering change proposals, and code, install and test software modifications and update the associated documentation. Some travel is required. Must be able to obtain and maintain a secret clearance. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of

higher level computer languages such as FORTRAN and Pascal; the ability to deal with a variety of on and off center managers; the ability to communicate orally; and the ability to communicate in writing. Status eligibles may apply. Promotion potential to DP-3, but not guaranteed.

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 applications 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. 64-001, Interdisciplinary General/Computer/Electronic/Electrical/Mechanical Engineer/Physicist/Mathematician/Computer Scientist, DP-801/830/850/854/855/1310/1520/1550-3, Code 64303. This position is located in the Tactical Air Ranges Integrator Facility (TARIF) of the Radar Threat and Technology Division. The TARIF provides support for prototype development, system integration, and testing of improvements to the Navy aircrew combat and electronic warfare training ranges. In addition, the TARIF is the Software Support Activity (SSA) for the Navy Tactical Aircrew Combat Training System (TACTS). To fulfill the SSA function, the TARIF Software Support Facility (SSF) consists of the essential elements of a TACTS range. Thus, the TARIF has sufficient tracking, display, and computing capability to process data, real time, and perform computations necessary to track up to 36 aircraft and 50 missile and unguided weapon/gun

simulations simultaneously. This position, TARIF System Engineer, will be responsible for the system design/interface of the TARIF TACTS range subsystems. He/she will also be responsible for the overall technical integrity of the software enhancements and testing effort. The system engineer will translate new TACTS requirements into feasible approaches and will study alternate system configurations to meet changing needs. The system engineer will be the Navy's technical expert on the TACTS range software and its subsystems. Experience in systems engineering of computer controlled range instrumentation, structured software development methodologies, FORTRAN, and DOD-STD-2167/2167A is desirable. A willingness and capability to master the technical concepts of a TACTS range and its supporting software are essential. To apply send an updated SF-171 to John M. Smith, Code 64303, NWC ext. 2951

Secretarial opportunities

This column is used to announce secretary positions for which the duties and job relevant criteria are generally similar. Secretaries serve as the 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 secretary 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 applications 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. 20-001, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 20. The incumbent will provide secretarial and administrative support to the Quality Review Group (soon to be the Quality and Productivity Improvement Directorate, Code 05). Knowledge and working skill on the Macintosh PC is desirable. Promotion potential to DG-3. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 62-002, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 62. This position is located in the Range Department office. The incumbent will provide secretarial and administrative support to the department secretary. Knowledge and experience on the Macintosh Computer is desirable but not required. Promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed.

Pat Yates likes NSAP challenges

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any new assignment will definitely have to go some to beat this one. It's a great feeling knowing that I, as a science advisor,

can have such an impact on operations and the life of the sailors each and every day I'm in NSAP."

The NSAP program at NWC

is managed by Bob Byrne, Code 03B1, NWC ext. 1485, who would be pleased to answer any questions regarding NSAP or Pat Yates' position at COMIDEASTFOR.

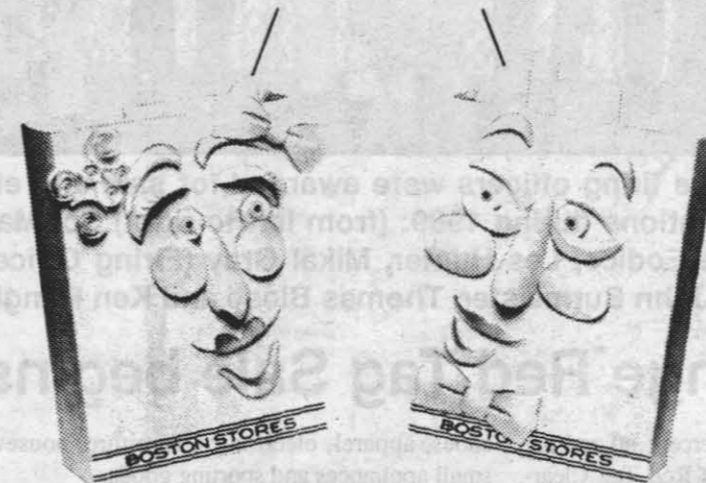
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Entire stock of regular price foundations from Playtex, Olga, WOW and Exquisite Form. Sale 25% off.
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Selected handbags. Sale 33-50% off.
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January 7th -
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January 8th -
•Lunch at Seafarer Club- Spaghetti

January 9th
•Lunch at Seafarer Club- Liver & Onions/Pork Chops
•Dinner at Seafarer Club- Steak Night
•Well Animal Clinic-10 a.m. -1 p.m.-CRAFTECH

January 10th
Seafarer Lunch-Chicken Steak/Sweet & Sour Chicken
Seafarer Dinner-Baked Chicken

January 11th -
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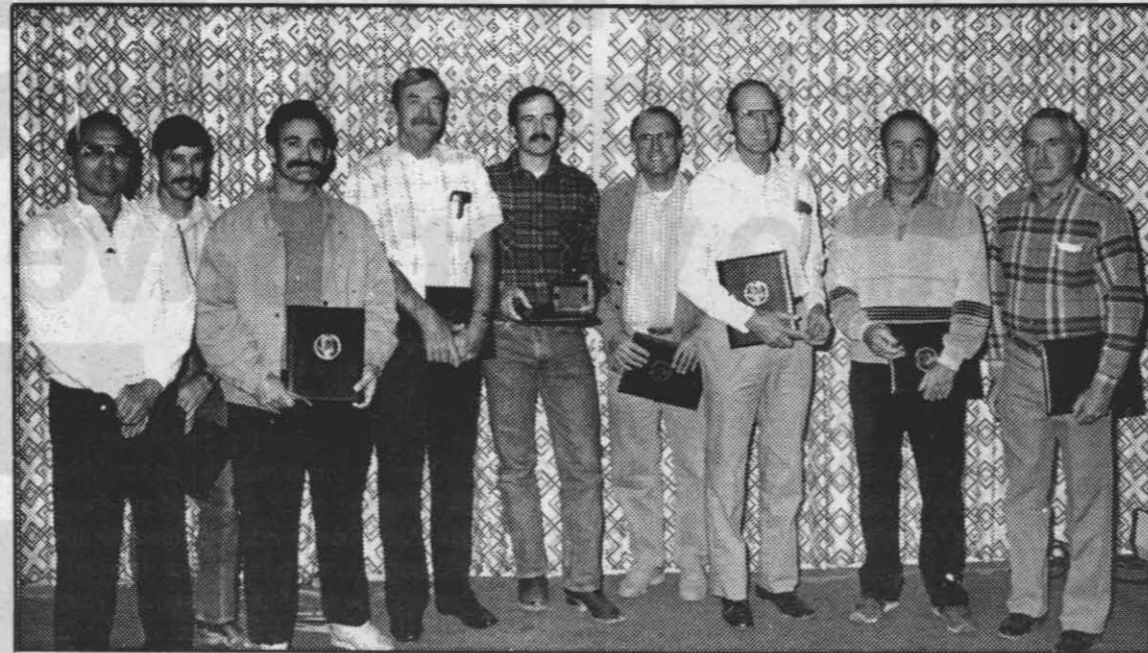
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Pringle (Code 3894) for fifteen years; Leslie Hunter (Code 3212), Sol Martin (Code 3266), and Thomas Blose (Code 6214) for ten years; and Donald Dunn (Code 3266) and Charles Eodice (Code 6222) for five years.

Capt. Cook addressed the assembled audience of firing officers, their friends, families and co-workers, commenting on the

evolution and success of the Center's program. "Safety is paramount," was the familiar creed he expressed. "No matter how good you are, you have to reestablish your credibility with each firing." Likening ordnance safety to carrier aviation, he analogized, "You're only as good as your last trap."

NWC technical director, Bill Porter, expressed appreciation on

behalf of the technical population at China Lake for the outstanding safety record in the program's history. "As the accident-free years go by, I grow concerned that people may become complacent—turning ordnance firing into a routine business where we fail to follow checklists. Don't become complacent, keep up the good record and remember 'safety is not an accident.'"



IT'S NO ACCIDENT--These firing officers were awarded for safe and effective ordnance firing operations during 1989: (from left to right) Sol Martin, Harold Parsons, Charles Eodice, Les Hunter, Mikal Gray (Firing Officer of the Year), Darryl Baxter, John Burmeister, Thomas Blose and Ken Pringle.

Navy Exchange Red Tag Sale begins

Don't miss it! Save 25 to 50 percent off red tag items during the Navy Exchange's Red Tag Clearance Sale. From Jan. 13-18 look for savings on shoes, apparel, electronics, furniture, housewares, small appliances and sporting goods. Mark your calendars today!

Engineering Department code seeks return of borrowed items

Members of Code 3602, Engineering Department, would appreciate the person or persons who borrowed the code's small box of letters (used for name boards) returning them to Room 1055 (Engineering Building) as soon as possible. Also, Code 3602 staff are looking for the person or persons who borrowed the keys to 616 Ellis. The keys need to be returned to Room 1055.

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Action begins this weekend for players in the Youth Basketball League. The Instructional Division begins play tonight and the Intermediate, Junior and Senior divisions get their start tomorrow. All games will be held at the Youth Center.

Starting at 5:15 tonight, The Bulls will take on the Suns and the Mavericks will try to upset the Supersonics starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings will go head-to-head with the Cavaliers on Saturday, starting at 9:15 a.m. The Bullets will try to out distance the Spurs beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the Hawks will attempt to triumph over the Jazz starting at 11:45 a.m.

After a lunch break, the Rockets will battle it out with the Timberwolves starting at 1 p.m., followed by the Clippers against the Hornets at 2:15 p.m. The Lakers will take on the Celtics at 3:30 p.m.

Action will be fast and furious later that night when the Pistons take on the Pacers at 8 p.m.

League play will continue on Fridays and Saturdays through March 10. Be sure to come out and cheer these players on as they learn more about the game of basketball, sportsmanship and teamwork.

First drag race of season scheduled for January 7

On Sunday, Jan. 7, the Inyokern Drags, sponsored by the Dust Devils Auto Club, will open their 1990 Firestone Points Series at the Inyokern Airport. The 1990 season will be 1/8-mile racing and should be just as much fun and exciting as before.

The gates open at 9 a.m., with eliminations at 1 p.m. Prior to the race, a pancake breakfast will be held starting at 7 a.m. in the Big Hangar at the airport. Enjoy a hearty breakfast for only \$3 per person.

The public is invited to come out to Inyokern to enjoy a Sunday afternoon watching drag racing at its best! For more information, call 375-8832, 375-8833 or 377-3177.

Dryland ski school offered

Members of the China Lake Ski Club and the City of Ridgecrest Recreation Department are sponsoring a free dryland ski school on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 230 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. (old County Building). The school will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

During the dryland ski school, new or beginning skiers will learn the basics of downhill and cross-country skiing. This will include technique tips, equipment information, dressing for cold weather and getting cars ready for trips into the cold, snowy mountain country.

For more information, please call Milt Mollick at 375-9319.

Mandatory baseball clinic set

It's baseball time again! To ensure the youth of valley learn the correct rules of baseball, the Indian Wells Valley Umpire Association and Indian Wells Valley Youth Baseball organization are sponsoring a baseball rules clinic on Saturday, Jan. 13. This clinic is mandatory for all prospective and returning umpires, managers and coaches for the 1990 baseball season.

The clinic, being held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fossil Falls Room, Kerr McGee Center, will extensively cover all the baseball rules. "It's amazing that people can be so involved in baseball and not know all of the rules," one baseball official said. "Last year, a coach argued with the umpire about what constituted a strike zone. This year, we want to make sure our managers, coaches, as well as the umpires, know the rules so the children can be taught correctly, preventing them from starting off on the wrong foot."

Umpires are in demand! Anyone willing to learn the rules and who would like to help the youth of the valley should call Rick Booth at 375-3309 or Peggy Shoaf at 446-4807. According to Booth, each umpire will be paid \$7.50 per game. For those who do not want to be paid, the money can be redonated. Besides the clinic on Jan. 13, all umpires will also be expected to attend a mechanics class, to be scheduled at a later date.

For more information about the clinic or how to become an umpire, manager or coach, call the above mentioned numbers.

Self, Manley take title at golf tourney

Todd Self and Kirk Manley were declared champs recently at the China Lake Golf Course when they tore up the links with nine birdies. The two competed in the Men's Club's Holiday Two-Man Scramble Tournament held at the China Lake Golf Course prior to the Christmas vacation. Tim Binns and Ted Zissos won the low gross part of the event.

According to the golf course's manager, Keith

Holden, the local course is in tip-top shape for this time of year due to excellent weather and the hard work of the maintenance crew. Due to frozen greens, play has been delayed to about 10 a.m. on the weekends. Holden noted shotgun starts are normal for the weekends and advises golfers to call the Pro Shop (NWC ext. 2990) at 7 a.m. on the Thursday before the weekend to schedule tee times.

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Sierra Desert Gun Club offers variety of services to Indian Wells Valley residents

Beginner Rifle Marksmanship School set to begin Jan. 28

Starting Sunday, Jan. 28, the next Beginner Rifle Marksmanship School will be held by the Sierra Desert Gun Club. Classes will meet at the clubhouse (located on-Center) each Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. for nine weekly sessions. If there is no rescheduling due to bad weather or other problems, the school will be completed before the start of Easter vacation.

During the course, approximately 400 rounds of ammunition will be fired by each student during supervised firing range activities. All instructional materials and needed equipment for the class will be provided by the gun club, including targets, ammunition and .22 caliber target rifles.

The school is open to all Indian Wells Valley residents 12 years of age or older. Pre-registration will be necessary, as the class is limited to 31 students. Registration will be held in the front lobby of the Kern County Sheriff Station (across the street from the Ridgecrest Post Office) on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. A class fee of \$35 for each student will be collected at the time of registration.

This course is an excellent opportunity for wives, daughters or sons to learn the proper and safe way to handle and shoot a rifle. For further information, call 375-3989 or 446-7475.

Juniors can practice their aim on Tuesday evenings

Every Tuesday evening, the Sierra Desert Gun Club holds Junior Division smallbore rifle practice. The range is open at 6:30 p.m. and the first relay begins shooting at 7 p.m. The second relay begins shooting when the first has finished (about 7:30 p.m.). Squading is on the first come, first to fire basis.

The club provides .22 caliber ammo to junior club members. Standard ammo and range fees are: Ammo -- 75 cents, range -- 25 cents for club members and 50 cents for non-members.

The Junior Division is open to all residents of the Indian Wells Valley who are between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age. Junior members receive one-to-one instruction in the proper shooting procedures. The club provides all necessary equipment and materials, including target quality .22 caliber rifles.

The following Junior Division marksmen have earned

National Rifle Association qualification awards: Patrick Copeland and Galen Hollins -- Sharpshooter; Rudy Estrada, Kyle Gentry and Chris Lingenfelter -- Sharpshooter Bar #1; Ian Lelis -- Pro-Marksmen; Jeff Rongish -- Sharpshooter Bar #5; and Mike Suhr -- Sharpshooter Bar #3 & 4.

For more information about the Junior Division, call Cecil Daley at 375-3989 after normal working hours.

Silhouette scopes available

Recently the Sierra Desert Gun Club purchased two Simmons silhouette scopes suitable for small bore rifle silhouette shooting. They have been mounted on two of the club's Remington 513 target rifles which are now available for club members' use at the club house. People who have been wanting to try the silhouette game, but didn't have the hardware, now have the opportunity.

Small bore rifle silhouette shooters meet on the third Sunday morning of each month at 8 a.m.

The club has also equipped two of the club's Remington 40X heavy barrel target rifles for scope sights. These are also available at the club house for members' use on the range for long range small bore rifle shooting.

For more information about small bore shooting, call Phil Nelson at 375-2263.

Ski Club scouts for new members

All skiers are invited to attend the final China Lake Ski Club membership drive open meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Hitters' Restaurant. The informational session is set from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Tammy at 371-3003.

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Hinman award . . .


(Continued from Page 4) technical challenge and he was very happy to see the positive results of the team's efforts. Bullard added in his letter of nomination, "The AIM-9R software will become the standard by which other systems will be compared and serve as the foundation for future systems. He also noted he expected these algorithms developed by Hinman would be of use in many new and demonstration missile systems.

Responding to the surprise presentation, Hinman said he was pleased to get the award and noted he had enjoyed working on the project and with the AIM-9R team. He said the effort was a

Recognize signs of illegal drug labs

Not only are clandestine labs (places where illegal drugs are made) dangerous because of the illegal drugs they produce; they are also hazardous to everyone who comes in contact with them and people who live near them, noted Detective Gary Zvirblis, one of the many guest speakers during the Safety Program Office's Safety Standdown '90. During his talk on "Drugs in the Workplace," Zvirblis warned his audience to be aware of the warning signs of a chem lab. Some of the warning signs include strong, unusual odors; fortifications around the premises (bars on windows, high fences, etc.); unusual traffic (people arriving and leaving at all hours); large cans/drums that can house chemi-

cals; and people who pay rent only in cash. "Many of the chem labs are booby trapped," Zvirblis said. "Untrained civilians could accidentally set off one of these traps and become seriously injured, if not killed. Most police forces have a unit trained in raiding clandestine labs; that is their job." Most clandestine labs are operated out of rented buildings, he said. The owner of that rented building can be responsible for any damage caused by the illegal lab, he stressed. Drugs in the Workplace was one of the five topics stressed in this year's safety standdown. Other topics were Hazard Communication Training, Stress Management, Earthquake and Laser Safety.




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