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China Lake Challengers

TEAMS in the China Lake Challenge Tug-of-War contest did their best to knock out the reigning champ, The Procurement Department. However, their efforts were of no avail. For the fourth year in a row, The Procurement Department took top honors. More than 600 people participated in this year's challenge, taking part in 27 activities, including the tug-of-war, volleyball and softball. More photos and story are on Pages 12 and 13.

NAWCWPNS, DuPont sign Cooperative R&D Agreement

By Cliff Lawson
 Technical Information Department

Household consumer products and high-performance weapon systems may seem to have little in common, but both are behind the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRDA) recently signed during ceremonies at China Lake. The CRDA, between Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division China Lake and E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Company, sets up a framework for research toward a new polymer.

The polymer—actually a synthetic metal—will have unique properties that offer a host of potential military applications: RF-radiation-reflecting windows for visible sensors, coatings for vidicon windows to bleed off static electricity and transparent electrodes for liquid-crystal displays. Possible commercial applications are equally numerous and far-ranging.

Dr. John Stenger-Smith, a chemist in China Lake's

Research Department, developed an interest in the conducting polymers while earning his doctorate from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) in the late 1980s. When Stenger-Smith came to China Lake in 1989, management here recognized the potential value of conducting polymers to the Navy. They supported his continued research with Independent Research (IR) funding from the Office of Naval Research.

Dr. Scott Sackinger was a fellow graduate student with Stenger-Smith at the University of Massachusetts. At about the time Stenger-Smith came to China Lake, Sackinger went to work for Du Pont. The two chemists stayed in touch, and conversations between them led both to realize the line of research being followed at China Lake could be beneficial to Du Pont's consumer-products line.

Stenger-Smith's interest in working with Du Pont was based on the similarity of the two organizations' research goals. At a time when IR funding was being drastically reduced, the possibility of additional support

from Du Pont for the China Lake research was attractive.

To investigate the possibility of a joint effort by the two organizations, Stenger-Smith approached Elaine Wunderlich of China Lake's Commercial Applications and Transfer Office. Wunderlich suggested a CRDA and began the process of negotiation that would, over the next two years, lead to the final agreement. The particulars of the CRDA were hammered out with the help of Harvey Gilbert in the China Lake Office of Counsel and members of Du Pont's legal staff.

The final agreement, signed by Capt. Douglas W. Cook, Vice Commander, NAWCWPNS, and Dr. Theodos Sandukas for Du Pont, is a 12-page document that addresses the rights and responsibilities of the parties.

For example, it covers any patents that might arise from the joint work. Basically, for patents developed solely by Du Pont employees, the government will be given a royalty-free license. For patents developed solely

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Local family is CFC beneficiary
 Robbie Sullivan is recipient of prosthesis from a CFC organization

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"Remembering When" column debuts
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NAWCWPNS starts bone marrow drive
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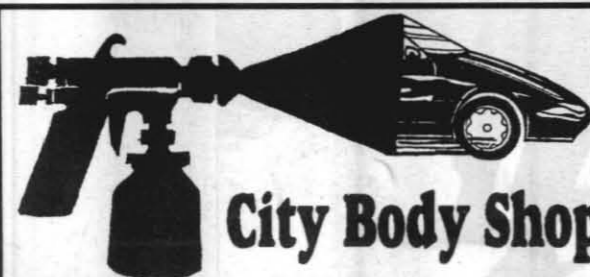
Eight-year-old Nolan Toftner surprises everyone on the 6th Hole at Golf Course

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Four bus trips to four selected Southern California arboretums, botanical gardens and water-wise demonstration areas highlight the High Desert Xeriscape program for 1992-93. The first trip, to the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, is Nov. 21, and the deadline for signing up is today, Nov. 5. Cost for the day long trip is \$20 and includes travel to and from the arboretum, general admission and a 45-minute tram tour. The bus will leave Ridgecrest at 6 a.m. and return in the evening. Participants may bring a bag lunch or eat at the coffee shop on the grounds. Pre-paid reservations must be made no later than today by contacting Teresa Lafferty at the Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District, 751 Richmond Road in Ridgecrest. For more information, contact Lafferty at 375-7454.



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Members of the Inyokern Airport Special Events Committee are announcing their first fly-in barbecue set for Nov. 7. The barbecue, the first in a monthly series of barbecues, will be held in place of the committee's monthly pancake breakfasts. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, sodas and other goodies will be served the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The price for an entire lunch is \$5, but hamburgers and hot dogs will also be sold separately. Proceeds will be used to sponsor events for area youths to interest them in aviation and aerospace.

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Members of the Ridgecrest Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold their first Fall Fiesta Barbecue at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7. For \$5 per adult and \$3 for children under 10 years of age, enjoy deep pit barbecued beef served on an open face sandwich with sauce, potato salad, Boston baked beans and tossed salad. All proceeds will go to local charities.

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November Family Planning clinics conducted by the Kern County Department of Public Health will be held at the Kern County Health Department, 250 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11 and 24. A class for clients new to the Kern County Family Planning clinics is scheduled for 8 a.m. on each day. For further information about these clinics, call 375-5157.

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NEX holds Halloween Costume Contest



MILITARY NEWS

BOO—Winners in the Navy Exchange's Halloween Costume contest held just before Trick-or-Treat Time last Saturday were Kyle Bentley, teradactyl, who took first place and a \$15 gift certificate; Loren Castro, astronaut, second and \$10; and Alexandria Galas, mummy, third and \$5. Judges Lt. James Anderson, NEX OIC, Ken McClure, retail manager, and LCdr. Paul Townsend, Supply Department Head, had a very hard time choosing winners from the 25 entrants.

RM1 Richard M. DuBois retires after 20 years

Commanding Officer, Cdr. R.L. Rodeck of Naval Communication Station Stockton was on hand to preside at the retirement of RM1 Richard M. DuBois last Thursday. DuBois was leading petty officer at the China Lake Naval Telecommunication Center (NTCC), a detachment from Stockton.

DuBois entered the Navy in 1972, serving first at the Naval Recruit Training Command in San Diego and continuing on there at the Naval Training Command for radioman "A" School.

And he even stayed in San Diego for his first duty assignment—aboard *USS Halsey*. He next went to NTCC Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines and then joined the crew of *Halsey* again, this time homeported at Long Beach. His next stop was Fleet Air Support Unit at Cubi Point, Philippines.

NTCC Patuxent River was DuBois' next duty station before heading back to NTC San Diego for radioman "C" School. He caught another deployment out of the Southern California beach city, this time on *USS Hewitt* and went directly to *USNS Spica*, homeported at Subic Bay.

He landed at NTCC China Lake in June 1989 where, in addition to his final position, he served as supply petty officer, instructor for naval message preparation, 3-M coordinator and command career counselor.

In the letter of appreciation Cdr. Rodeck wrote, in part, "During your tour of duty at the Naval Telecommunications Center, you demonstrated the highest degree of dedication and professionalism in the execution of your duties. Your thorough knowledge of virtually all areas of naval telecommunications and inspirational leadership have led to many significant and lasting improvements at the Naval Telecommunications Center."

Among other decorations are two Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Battle Efficiency Ribbons and three Good Conduct Medals.

After the ceremony, DuBois and his wife, Connie, served cake to the gathered friends and co-workers. Their children, Patrick, 5, and Rachel, 2, were also in attendance. The family has now left the Station and headed for Pine Grove, Penn.



HELPING OUT—Patrick DuBois helps his father, RM1 Richard DuBois, cut one of two farewell cakes after the retirement ceremony at the Seafarer Club.

TAR community women have new rate options

Washington (NNS)—Career opportunities for enlisted women expanded once again earlier this year with the opening of three previously closed ratings in the Training and Administration of Reserve (TAR) community. The three ratings—Boatswain's Mate (BM), Electronics Technician (ET) and Radioman (RM)—are open to women in the regular Navy, but until the recent changes have been closed to women in TAR because of limited sea duty opportunity. However, sea billets for both TAR and USN women increased recently with the redesignation and transfer to the Naval Reserve of Eight Frigates (FFTS) which were designated as training platforms and opened to women. Women began to report to the FFTS in February.

The opening of the three ratings expands opportunities for both TAR and USN women. "This is an opportunity for Female General Detail Sailors (GENDETS) in TAR to strike for ratings with the best opportunity," noted PNCS Frank Jones, TAR strength planner at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS). It is also an option for women in overmanned USN ratings to consider a transfer to TAR, he added. Of the three ratings, only the Radioman rating is currently overmanned for women in the regular Navy.

TAR is an active duty career alternative open to regular Navy members and offers "The same enlistment, pay and benefits as the regular Navy," said LCDR Mark Worrilow, TAR surface enlisted community manager at

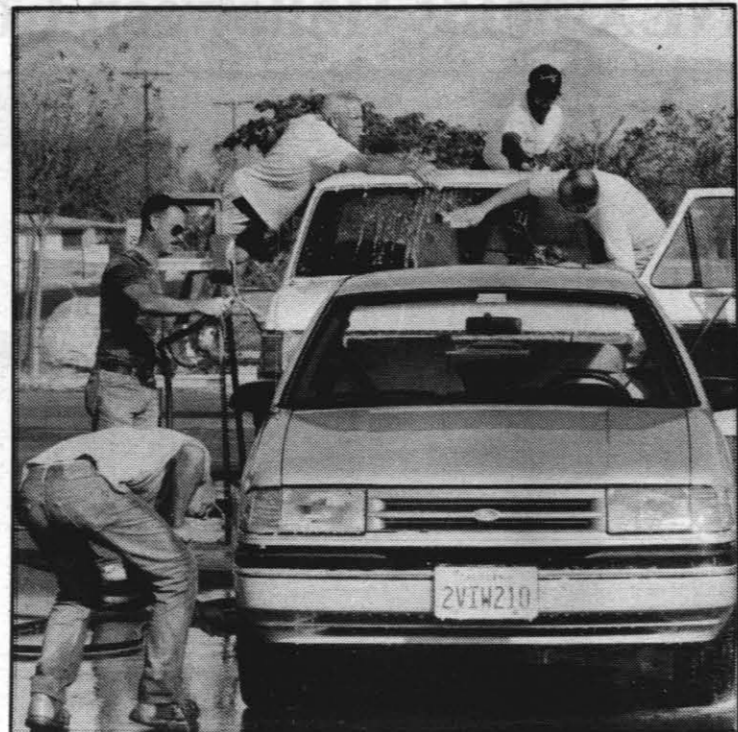
BUPERS. "You do the same job as you did for the regular Navy, but you do it with reservists."

Interest in TAR has increased recently, according to Worrilow, partly as a function of downsizing and career uncertainty. "As the regular Navy draws down, TAR opportunities are remaining fairly constant," he said. TAR officers and enlisted members compete for advancement only against other TARs in their ratings and specialties.

General information and application procedures for TAR are outlined in the enlisted transfer manual (Chapter 22). For more information on TAR ratings open to women, call YNC(AW) Ron Anderson, BUPERS (PERS 913), (703) 746-6419/DSN 286-6419.



MAD HELP—Proceeds from the recent Marine Aviation Detachment car wash (right photo) were presented by Col. R.V. Chambliss, MAD CO (right), to three local agencies. From left, 1stSgt. Roland Hatley, representing the Ridgecrest Police DARE Program, Ann Ryan of Toys for Tots and Susan Berry from the Navy/ Marine Corps Relief Society each received \$100. Photos by Terry Pascarella



Chapel Call

By Lt. Gerald L. Goodman, CHC, USNR
Assistant Command Chaplain



The Choice is Ours

He pitied them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34).

A retired couple, living in Florida, was sitting on their front porch one evening. The wife was just watching the people go by. The husband was reading a book on physiology. The wife turned to her husband and said, George, let's go inside and watch the late show. To which George replied, I'm too tired. Do you realize that today my heart beat 103,389 times? My blood travelled 168,000 miles. I breathed 23,000 times. I inhaled 483 cubic feet of air. I moved 750 major muscles. And I exercised 7 million brain cells. I'm exhausted. I'm going to bed.

All that work! Just to stay alive, in one day! And if that isn't enough to make you want to go to bed, imagine that you have been conditioned to

believe that you are only a grain of sand with little or no control over your fate; that you are exposed each day to events that drain your self-esteem; that you are inundated constantly with the negative garbage that pours out from the newspapers and the TV.

Combine that with your concern for your family's welfare, concern for your own future and add to it the fear that the world is becoming a cesspool of pollution or may blow itself up some bright summer day. How can you maintain any feeling of well-being when you must spend most of your time and effort merely trying to survive? Why should you think very highly of yourself as a member of the human condition? How can you be content with things as they are? How can you be happy? What is there to like in you? What's so great

about this life? Who called this heaven on earth? Help!

But take heart! Over-and-over again the Gospel writers remind us that the darkest night can be turned into the brightest day, that a human person is amazingly resilient, a miracle of God's creation, and capable of rescuing itself from its own living death, many times — if it is given the opportunity and shown the way.

In the Gospel of Mark, we are reminded that by the Amazing Grace of God we are given the opportunity and we are shown the way. Jesus and the disciples go off in a boat to a quiet place, to be by themselves for a while. But when they disembark they see a vast crowd waiting for Jesus. And Jesus pitied them, Mark tells us, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them at great length (Mark 6:34). Jesus the Good Shepherd, showing them the way.

I am the Good Shepherd, Jesus assures us. Follow Me! But we are not sheep. We are human beings in whom God has vested the power of choice: to accept or reject Jesus' invitation; to believe or disbelieve that we are more than a grain of sand with little or no control over our own fate; to believe or disbelieve that we are a miracle of God's

creation capable of rescuing ourselves from our own living death; to believe or disbelieve that we can transform the struggle for mere survival into the marvelous life-enriching adventure Jesus offers us. Our power of choice is real. Use it wisely:

Persevere ... rather than quit. Choose to praise ... rather than gossip. Choose to heal ... rather than wound. Choose to give ... rather than steal. Choose to act ... rather than procrastinate. Choose to grow ... rather than rot. Choose to pray ... rather than curse. Choose to live ... rather than die.

You are free to choose whether to sink into the garbage of world events and personal events that threaten to dehumanize us or, as powerful instruments of the Amazing Grace of God, to help redeem it. Follow Him — the Good Shepherd who gives you the opportunity and shows you the way to become the uniquely beautiful person God intends for you to be. The choice is yours!

If events are crowding in on you, if you are feeling like a lost sheep, flat on your back and powerless to right yourself, take heart! Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is searching for you. Jesus will come to rescue you from your fears and frustrations, and give you another chance to live!

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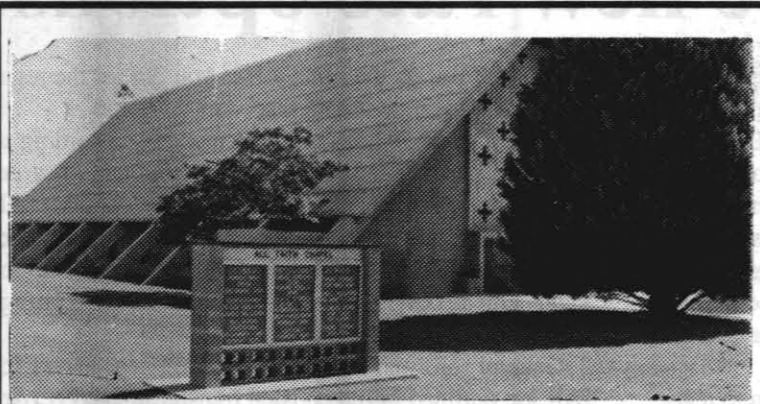
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Cindy Smith's poster is best from 42 entries stressing Security Awareness

Sixteen China Lakers participated in the recently held Security Awareness Poster Contest sponsored by the Security Education Office of the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Security Division. Cindy Smith of the Employee Labor Relations Division, Human Resources Department, won the competition with her "Catch the Wave of Security" poster.

Smith's poster will soon be distributed to all codes to stand as a security awareness reminder, noted Linda Hall, NAWA's China Lake's security education officer.

All entrants received a certificate of appreciation, a Code C84 mug and pen. In addition, Smith received \$200.

Other participants in the contest

included John Gorman, Code C2523; Carrie Quesnell, Code C25251; William Black, Code C2774; Dale Christensen, Code C2108; and Gregory Ostrom, Code C02351.

Other artistic China Lakers included Tom Stephens, Code C02358; John Stenger, Code C02358; John McGregor, Code C282; Timi Fowler, Code C651; and Betsy Chartier, Code C25254.

Also participating in the contest were Judy Sorensen, Code C6101; Gail Harrington, Code C852; Martina Camphausen, Code C6167; M. Salazar and D. Carreno, Code C2771.

"There were many good ideas submitted," Hall said. "It was difficult to choose one out of the 42 posters submitted by the 16 contestants."



Photo by Terry Pascarello

SECURITY AWARENESS — Roy Parris, head of the Safety and Security Department at the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, takes a look at the poster that won the recent Security Awareness Poster Contest, as the poster's artist, Cindy Smith, looks on.

Forrest Wysong, first American flier to take off from a warship, dies at 98

Forrest Wysong, believed to be the first American flier to take off from a warship, has died.

At his death, Wysong was one of the seven survivors of the Early Birds of Aviation Inc., originally a group of 596 men and women who flew by airplane, balloon, glider or airship before Dec. 17, 1916 — the 13th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight.

Wysong was 98 years old and the

nation's oldest, surviving naval aviator when he died Tuesday, Oct. 27, in suburban Los Angeles.

In 1916, Wysong was commissioned as an ensign in the New York Naval Militia and assigned to fly a Curtiss Model F, a primitive flying boat. He flew N-9 seaplanes when the United States entered World War I in 1917 and was sent overseas on the battleship Texas.

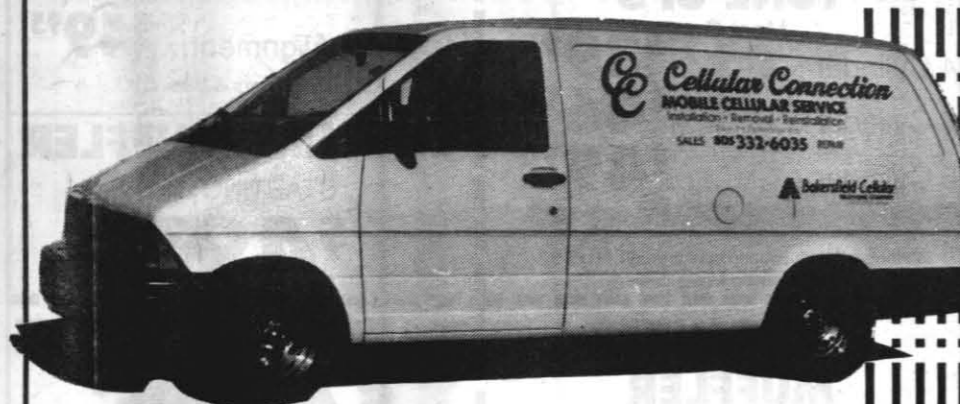
The battleship had a primitive flight deck over its giant gun turrets, and Wysong took off from it in a single-seat Sopwith Scout while the ship was cruising off Scotland. According to Wysong in a 1984 interview, the British had taken off from a ship before, but this was the first time for the U.S.

After being discharged in 1919, Wysong became a test pilot for several

large aerospace firms. He returned to aviation during World War II as a test and research engineer. In the 1930s, he worked as a designer on the Lockheed Electra, the type of plane Amelia Earhart was flying when she vanished.

He continued to fly into his 90s. "It's just like driving an automobile, only when you get a little older, you get a little rusty in your landings," he said.

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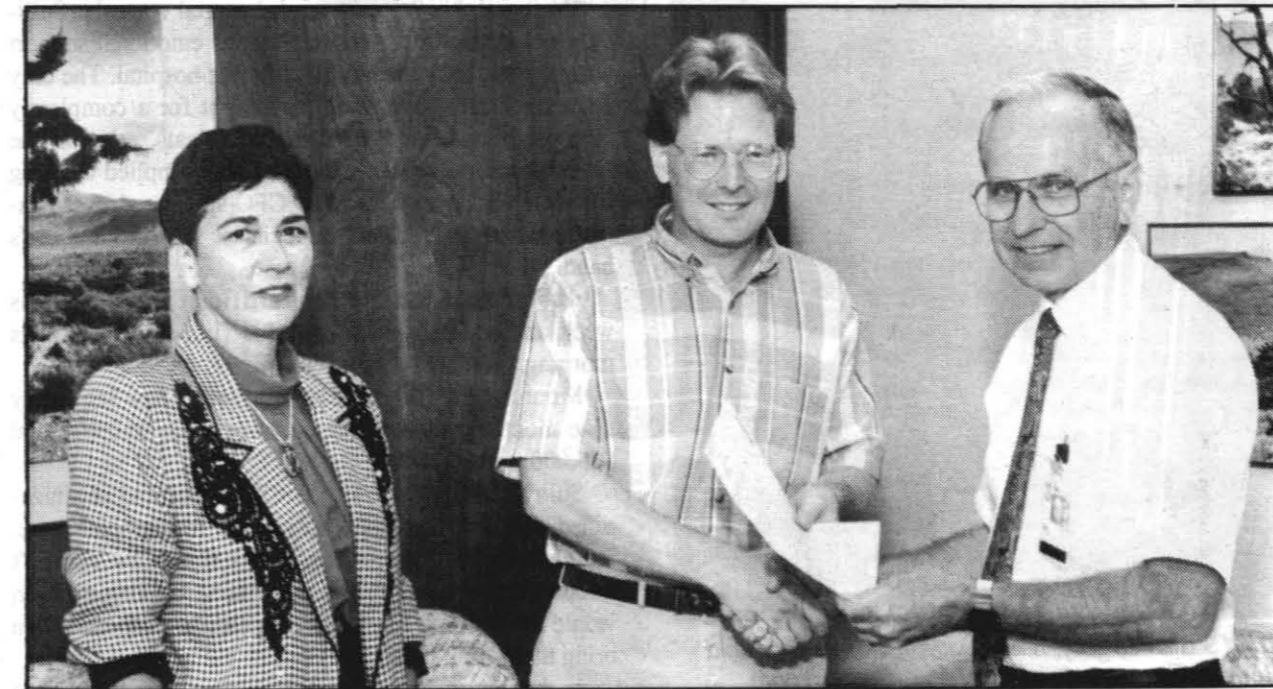
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by China Lake employees, Du Pont will receive an exclusive royalty-bearing patent license. The government and Du Pont will each have a half interest in patents jointly developed. Patents can be either for "compositions of matter" (the actual polymers) or for the processes by which those polymers are produced. The principal investigators for China Lake and Du Pont are, respectively, Stenger-Smith and Sackinger.

Stenger-Smith sees two main benefits to the CRDA. "Without this, some important research might not be done," he said. "And by providing for any patents that

might come out of this research, we're making sure that we protect the Navy's technology base."

CRDAs are becoming increasingly important in joining the capabilities of government and private industry. The intermixing of DOD and commercial research programs within this carefully crafted legal framework is generating superior products and processes and maximizing the leverage of scarce research dollars. The benefits flow not only to the government and the contractor, but also to the American taxpayer and consumer.



COOPERATION—Elaine Wunderlich of the Commercial Applications and Transfer Office looks on as Bill Portt presents John Stenger-Smith with a check from Du Pont to support cooperative research in conducting polymers.

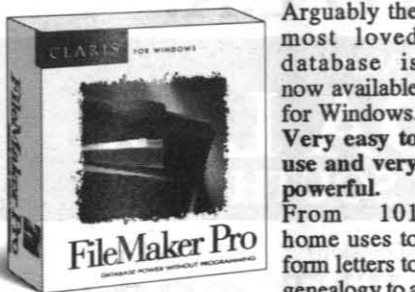
Information Systems hosts meeting detailing process for DECNet address changes

Members of the Information Systems Department at the China Lake site of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division are coordinating a new DECNet address for China Lake with the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division and the NAWC and Naval Air Systems Command headquarters. The ISD has scheduled a meeting on Nov. 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Michelson Laboratory Auditorium, Room 1000D, to discuss this change with China Lake computer system administrators of hosts using DECNet. All DECNet system administrators are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Sometime near the middle of December, all computers at China Lake using DECNet (including all terminal servers) on the corporate network will be required to change their DECNet address. While this is a relatively simple procedure for most computers, it usually requires the system to be rebooted for the change to take place. This change will not affect the name of the host machine.

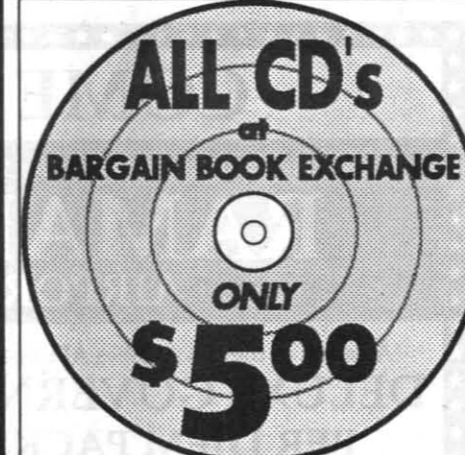
This change is necessary because during the process of establishing DECNet links to NAWCWPNS White Sands, the NAWC and NAVAIR headquarters in Crystal City and all the NAWCAD sites, it became apparent that most NAWCWPNS and NAWCAD centers have chosen Area 1 as their DECNet area address. This has created a conflict that must be resolved before a DECNet connection to the remote locations can take place. The point of contact at China Lake is Ron Smith, Network Management Center, 939-6661.

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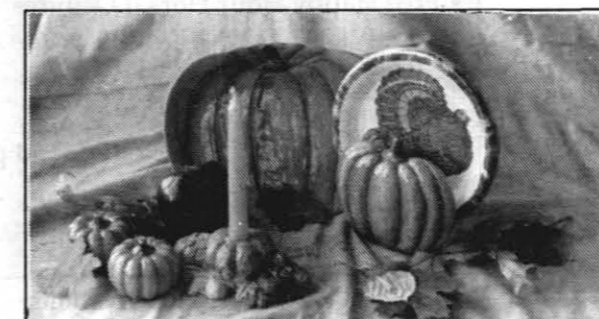


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Local family praises CFC-sponsored organization

By Peggy Shoaf
Staff Writer

Needing help, whether financial or emotional, can hit anyone at any time. Just ask Lt. Mark Sullivan and his wife, Monica, a Combined-Federal-Campaign-supported family now living onboard the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake.

Almost nine years ago, Sullivan, then an E-6 in the Navy, and his wife had a nice savings account and were eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child. There was really no need to worry as both parents were healthy and neither had any genetic problems in their families.

In November 1983, the long-awaited moment arrived and Monica gave birth to a baby boy. But instead of giving the mother the baby so they could bond, the baby was taken to the other side of the room.

Monica admitted she had been having nightmares for a couple of weeks that something would be wrong with the baby. Her nightmares were coming true.

Robbie Sullivan was born missing the main bone in his lower right leg. The other bone in the leg was malformed. The fingers on one of his hands were missing bones and were webbed.

The Navy medical service couldn't help, but gave the Sullivans a list of specialists that might be able to help Robbie. "At that time," Sullivan said, "we didn't even have a Champus supplement."

"We were really naive," Monica said. "We thought non-availability (the inability by the Navy to help) meant Champus would cover the full cost. We didn't know Champus had a ceiling on the amount they would pay."

Over the next few months, the Sullivans consulted with a number of doctors, getting a variety of conflicting advice. Their savings were gone and they were about \$8,000 to \$10,000 in debt.



DAYS after surgery, Mark Sullivan was able to hold Robbie. The surgery, hospital and follow-up care were paid for by a CFC-sponsored organization.

Then someone recommended applying to a CFC-sponsored organization for help.

After the application and screening process, and more medical tests, the Sullivans were told to go to a hospital for crippled children in Greenville, South Carolina. There, in an auditorium-type of room, the Sullivans faced a roomful of doctors and interns, who discussed the problem and the solution, amputation. Robbie was eight months old.

During Robbie's eight-week hospital stay, the Sullivans noted they received tremendous emotional support from the staff and other patients at the hospital. The only costs they had to pay was \$5 a night for a completely furnished house near the hospital. Meals, eaten at the hospital, were free. Hospital staff also supplied clothing for their young patients. The CFC-sponsored organization even flew in a hand specialist to "fix" Robbie's hand.

Robbie received his first artificial leg Christmas week and at 13 months, took his first step Christmas morning.

Monica noted Robbie is supplied a new leg every nine months and each leg costs between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Sullivan figures so far, the CFC-sponsored organization has spent more than \$5 million for Robbie's care. He also noted if there was ever a time they couldn't afford to take Robbie in for treatment, the organization would send a van from Los Angeles to L.A. and then bring them back home.

In the very near future, Robbie may have to undergo another surgery, Monica explained. But once again, the

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Officers, civilian supervisors can show appreciation to 'right hands'

Attention all military officers and civilian supervisors! Do you have a person, or people, who serves as your "right hand?" You know, the person (or group of people) without whom the job wouldn't get done? If so, maybe now is the time to show your appreciation.

On Nov. 13, the Barefoot Bar is

holding a "right-hand" appreciation dinner. Military officers and civilian supervisors, or anyone eligible to belong to the Officers' Club, are urged to treat their "right hands" special hors d'oeuvres, munchies, a no-host bar and pizza. Festivities begin at 4 p.m.

The festivities are being coordinated by MSC Timothy Schlund, 939-8658.

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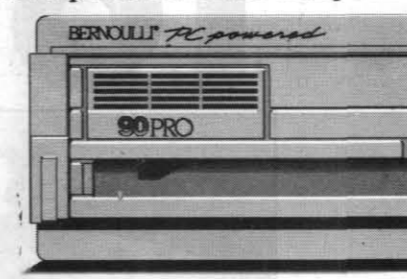
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Also during November, visitors will be able to take a close look at the half-size touring replica of Washington's Vietnam Veterans Memorial "The Moving Wall." The wall will be located in the grassy area adjacent to Knott's Independence Hall.

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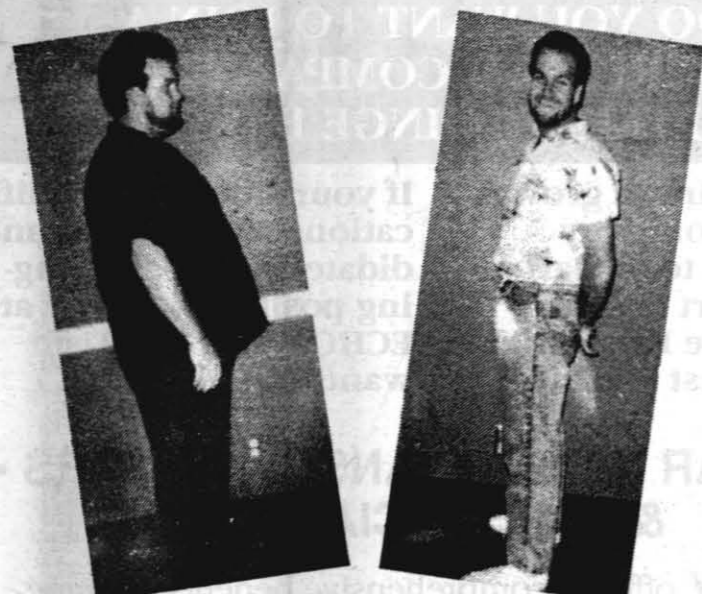


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Former command master chief helps Navy shooting team win Fleet/Olympic Club Rifle Match

Master Chief Ralph Legler, USN Retired, and former Command Master Chief of the Naval Weapons Center, recently joined forces with the United States Pacific Fleet Rifle Team and won the rifle competition in the 48th annual Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz-Olympic Club Pistol/Rifle Matches. The competition was held in San Francisco on Oct. 25.

The two Navy teams took the first two places in the rifle competition and placed second and runner up in the pistol match, Legler said.

While stationed at China Lake, Legler was very active in the NWC Rifle Team. After his retirement from

the Navy, Legler kept involved with Navy shooting competition as a retired military competitor, earning a spot on the Navy team, and an invitation to take part in Nimitz-Olympic matches.

The annual Pacific Fleet/Olympic Club of San Francisco Pistol Match was initiated in 1933, by the late Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Olympian James McCues to stimulate interest in small arms competition and to foster Navy-civilian relations. The match has been instrumental in developing a close relationship between a highly respected and influential group of civilians and a select group of Naval personnel of all ranks.

Weight Room Challenge issued

Members of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department Sports Division at the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake are challenging all military and civilian personnel to take their Holiday Weight Room Challenge!

There is no cost for military personnel to enter the challenge. Cost for DoD personnel is \$5, while the cost for the general public is \$6.

To beat the challenge, simply exercise 30 minutes (in a day) at the NAWS China Lake Gymnasium Weight Room 28 times from Nov. 16 through Jan. 4. People who beat the challenge will receive, on top of giving themselves a more healthy lifestyle, a specially designed t-shirt.

To register, or for complete details, call the gym at 939-2334.

Charity softball game set Nov. 21

National Football League veterans and members of the China Lake Police Officers Association will go head-to-head in the association's annual softball game Saturday, Nov. 21. Action starts at 5 p.m. on Knox Field, located onboard the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake.

This is the fifth time NFL veteran celebrities and local police officers have given their time and effort to raise money for local charities in the Indian Wells Valley. Two main charity recipients are the Marine Corps' Toys For Tots campaign and the High Desert Women's Shelter.

Attendees will be able to watch China Lake Police take on members from Oakland and L.A. Raiders, three-time Superbowl champions, and new players such as Charles White, a Heisman trophy winner, and Anthony Davis.

Tickets may also be purchased by calling 384-2682.

"One thing to remember," said a spokesperson for the association, "is the money raised stays right here in Ridgecrest to help benefit Ridgecrest."

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the CFC-sponsored organization will pay all the expenses. The CFC-sponsored organization will continue with Robbie's care until he is 18 years old.

Monica noted there is another Ridgecrest family who is facing what they had to face. Their baby was born with the same birth defect as Robbie. The father works on base.

Help is out there for a variety of problems, thanks to CFC-sponsored organizations. Monica said. People just have to go out and find it. "But because people don't know the help is there, they usually end up going into debt," Monica said. She should know. It's taken this long for them to pay off all of Robbie's earlier medical bills.

But the CFC-sponsored organizations might not be there if they can't get the financial support they need. As of last

Friday, only 14 percent of the China Lake population has signed up to participate in this year's CFC drive. A total of \$153,000 has been pledged.

However, noted Bob Huey, chairman of the local drive, these are still early figures and some pledges haven't been tabulated yet. "The last two weeks, historically, are when the most pledges come in," Huey said. "Meanwhile, indicators show people who are donating are being especially generous this year. We have already exceeded the number of eagle givers from last year's campaign," he said. "My expectation is that we will see there is a lot of concern for others in the community and that we will have a successful campaign."

Anyone who needs a pledge card or who has not been contacted are urged to contact their departmental CFC key

worker or to call Huey at 927-3891.

The 1992 CFC campaign ends Nov. 15. Time is running out.

(Editor's note: Due to CFC regulations, which says all CFC-sponsored organizations should have the same amount of publicity, the name of the organization that helped the Sullivans could not be mentioned.)



BARE FOOT Robbie Sullivan wrestles with his brother, Nicholas.

Can pledges be cancelled?

Q. What happens if I pledge so much per pay period and, for some reason, it creates a financial hardship for me and my family?

A. Any donation can be cancelled at any time, noted Bob Huey, chairman of the local CFC drive. If, for example, you pledge an hour of pay per pay period on the payroll deduction plan and after a few months you discover you can't afford that amount, you can reduce or cancel that amount. You will still have the satisfaction of knowing you did give something, even if it wasn't the original amount you wanted to give.

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Navy wife remembers first days at NOTS

By Virginia Pittinger

(Editor's note: This week, The Rocketeer introduces a new feature, "Remember When," written by Virginia Pittinger, the first Navy wife to live at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern. The once-a-month series marks the start of special 50th Anniversary coverage in the newspaper. The series will focus on life at NOTS in the 1940s. The wife of A. L. Pittinger, a Navy lieutenant junior grade when he arrived at NOTS in 1943, Virginia now lives near Santa Fe, New Mexico. They stayed at NOTS until 1949. While here he served as pilot plant officer and liaison officer with Cal Tech while on active duty. As a civilian, from 1946 to 1949, he was chief engineer for the Explosives Department. Virginia has written two novels, a number of short stories and a newspaper column.)

Much has already been written about the officers, enlisted men and civilian scientists in early NOTS history, about their achievements in constructing the base and the pilot plants in next to no time at all, about their stunning success in the field of advanced weaponry and the great contribution they made to the winning of WW II.

All of this, quite appropriately, told nothing of the every day difficulties, adjustments and rewards that made up the lives of their families. These columns will be an attempt to remedy this omission and tell how one family lived and grew in an environment as alien to its nature, and as full of pitfalls, as the moon.

After fifty years our story has become a tale of once-upon-a-time — a time when we were young; a time when the interruption of our lives by war was at once exciting because it expanded our world, and resented because it demanded the surrender of so much personal freedom. It was a time of anger, hate and fear; but it was also a time of loving, having children and making friends, growing, learning and, in Navy parlance, shaping up.

Remember When

For us it began in early February 1944. After an interminable drive across Texas in an old Dodge that could do no better than 45 mph, my husband, Pitt, our six-month-old daughter, Mary Jo, our sort-of-German shepherd, named Beauty-Bones, and I reached the Mojave Desert. My hope that any California desert would surely be better than the Texas variety we had just crossed had

been steadily dwindling since we left San Bernadino and headed for Inyokern.

But even with that hope at zero, the reality of the Mojave Desert was worse than anything my New York eyes could have envisioned. In the first place, there was no base where the base was supposed to be. There wasn't a single building standing between us and a horizon that vanished in more empty space. There wasn't a tree or a bit of color to break the grim monotony of sand, rock and cactus.

The only housing was at Harvey Field near Inyokern and that consisted of a handful of Quonset huts and a mess hall for the first officers and enlisted men to arrive. All wives and children, I learned, were to live somewhere else until family quarters could be built.

My "somewhere else," like that of about ten other wives, including Kay Burroughs, wife of NOTS first Commanding Officer, was Kernville, a small mountain town an hour and a half drive from where the base would be when there was one. In Kernville we lived in anything we could rent — old wooden houses mostly, with peeling paint, and appliances, if there were any, that worked on some whim of their own. There were also rooms available in neighboring Isabella where lizards scrambled up and down the walls and a big wooden sink in the kitchen was available for laundry.

It was there, in that motel, on that night of our arrival in California, that Pitt left me and our daughter alone

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Adult flag football

'Nads' blow out 'Night Attack'

By Carl J. Norlund
Sports Correspondent

Playing conditions proved to be a challenge last week in the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Adult Flag Football League. China Lake's famed "termination winds" helped some teams terminate some of the other teams, as all ten teams saw action during the week.

In this week's feature game of the week, the "Nads" blew out "Night Attack" 34-0.

The Nads opened their scoring onslaught with two touchdown passes in the first quarter. Larry Cook hit Kevin Walsh with a scoring toss, following with another to Bob Gardner. At the end of the quarter, Cook intercepted a pass and returned it to the three-yard line. Quarterback Cook then ran for a touchdown on a keeper on the first play of the second quarter, and the rout was on.

Cook added another three-yard touchdown run later in the quarter to make the score 24-0 at the half. In the third quarter, the Night Attack further contributed to their night of frustration by snapping the ball over the head of the quarterback and into the end zone for a safety, giving the Nads a 26-0 lead at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth period, the Nads capped their evening with a touchdown pass from Cook to Dave Cox and a conversion pass from Cook to Bill Brennan, bringing the score to the final 34-0 margin.

In other action, the "P.E. Bombers" streaked to a 2-0 on the season by shelling "SAAK" 34-14. "Fine Line" beat the "Desert Chickens" 14-6, while the "Vamps" knocked off the "Mad Dogs" 32-12, and the "Dirty Dawgs" defeated "ASF" 8-0.

Action continues this Friday at Schoeffel Field.

Softball teams are now being formed

Want to play softball, or know someone who likes to play? The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department Sports Division is now forming military and DoD softball leagues for men and women.

Team managers may pick up rosters at the gymnasium. Individuals interested in playing on a team can register by calling Karen Rivers, gym manager, at 939-2571. But hurry, as teams are now being formed.



Photo by Peggy Shoaf

YOUTH at play during a NAWA China Lake Youth Soccer League game.

Youth soccer league action continues

Before becoming ghosts, goblins and such, members of the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Youth Soccer League took to the fields, as each team tried to tally a win.

In Division I action, the Tigers and Owls tied 2-2, while the Wolves shut out the Express, 5-0.

The Surfs doused the Flames 4-0 in Division II action, with two goals each by Joshua Chesney and Koddie Tarpley. Matthew DeCarlo was credited with an assist in the win.

The Sockers squeaked by the Aztecs 1-0 in Division III action when Timothy Witt kicked in the game's lone goal. The victory was aided by outstanding plays from Kara Beasley and Julie Bloudek, noted the Sockers' coach. The Sockers had strong support from Kyle Owen,

Jennifer Bowman and Paul Daughtry. In other Division III action, the Drillers beat the Strickers 4-1 due to defensive moves by David Purcell and effective goal tending by Willie Powell and Collin Hickle, along with two goals by Erik Johnson and one each by Ely Roberts and Jessie Lesniak.

The Red Devils triumphed over the Blue Devils 3-2 in Division IV play. Two goals by Doug Bowman and one by Chris Maki chalked up the win. The Red Devils received strong support by Cori Stuart and Chani Christiansen, noted the team's coach. "The Red Devils finally played some serious soccer," the coach said. The Blue Devil's goals were made by Aaron Marshall. David Garcia and Kelley Gartner played a good defensive game in the loss.

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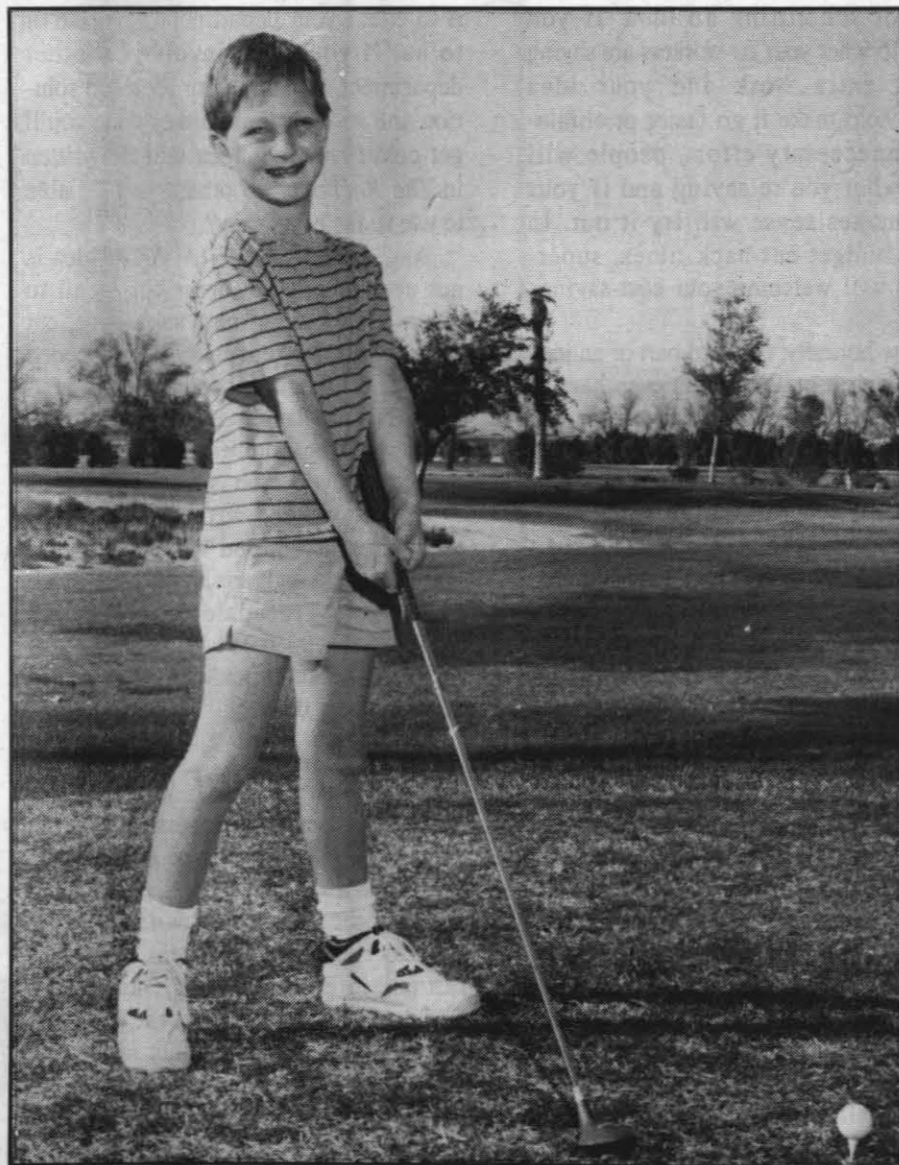
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STROKE OF LUCK — After his hole in one, Nolan Toftner enjoys a game of golf.



SPORTS

Stroke of luck — Nolan Toftner, eight years old, hits hole in one

When Chris Toftner, a member of the Ram Project Office at China Lake, began teaching his son golf three months ago, he never dreamed the eight-year old boy would do what every golfer, professional and amateur, dreams of — hitting a hole in one. But that is just what Nolan Toftner did last Sunday on the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Golf Course.

According to Chris, he and Nolan were out for a friendly game of golf. However, on the sixth hole, Nolan lined up at the ladies' tee and, using a driver, made the 110-yard shot with one stroke.

Chris, who has been golfing for the past two-and-a-half years said ruefully, "This is one of those things you dream about when you play golf." He's now going to make Nolan shoot from the men's tee.

Making the hole in one has changed Nolan's attitude about golf. Before the shot, he said golf was O.K., but he preferred basketball. Now the game of golf is right up there with basketball.

Tom Page, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department golf pro, and manager of the local pro shop, said the average golfer is lucky if they make a hole in one two or three times in a lifetime. To make one at that young of age is very unusual. "It was probably more

This is one of those things golfers dream about.

—Chris Toftner

beginner's luck than anything else," the pro said.

The hole in one was witnessed by Nolan's father and

sister, Monica, and Dale and Jane Lowe, a couple who joined the Toftners on the first tee.

Nolan's grandmother was so proud of the shot, she called the Paul Harvey show, and it was announced on the national radio show, Chris said.

THE BEGINNING, from Page 8

surrounded by an outside darkness so dense it felt like blindness. The threatening rush of the black river down below was the only sound to be heard as I paced the floor with the baby asleep in my arms and a bewildered Beauty-Bones trailing back and forth at my heels. I kept assuring Mary Jo — and myself — that we would be all right, and really we didn't want to be anywhere else, did we, when her father was here — somewhere. Finally I slept, too, with the baby beside me and the dog snoring on the floor at the foot of the bed.

Things were somewhat better when we were settled in a house in Kernville and the other wives and children began to arrive.

The trouble was that we were all young, none of us had been married very long, and most of us had married professional men — engineers, accountants, physicists, lawyers, or doctors. Being Navy wives had not been part of our life plan. We had much to learn about the Navy and what it expected of us, but we were in no mood to learn it. So we griped a lot and felt sorry for ourselves and had birthday parties for our children and occasionally got to Bakersfield where there were real stores to shop in.

What we needed was someone to set us straight, and Kay Burroughs was just the one to do it. I suppose she was not really so much older than we were, yet she was so poised and charming that we paid serious attention to everything she said. Besides, she was the CO's wife and she was in the same position that we were, except for one vital detail — she was a Navy wife by choice, and we were not.

On the warm May day of our enlightenment we had just finished a picnic on a sandy beach of the Kern River. The sky was springtime blue — the water gurgled contentedly over the rocks — the sun was warm on our backs — and we were engaged in our favorite pastime, griping. It was always the same — no husbands when we needed them; nowhere to get this, that or anything else in this poor excuse for a town; wood stoves that smoked up the houses; water pressure that died at the most critical times; movies once a week — maybe. Big deal!

Mrs. Burroughs stood it for some time. Then she said firmly, "I think that's about enough."

What she said after that amounted to, "Count your blessings. Your husbands could be at sea and at risk instead of just across Walker Pass and safe at Inyokern. This is a war, not a picnic, so stop acting like a lot of spoiled brats."

"But we're civilians," someone mumbled miserably, "not Navy wives like you."

"You are now, so you'd better shape up." And we did. At least we started to. I began by taking a good look at my surroundings — grand old cottonwoods (now mere stumps under Lake Isabella's uncertain waters); deep river pools to swim or fish in; rugged mountains outlined against a blinding blue sky — and I saw that they were beautiful.

That day marked the beginning of my transition from the civilian to the military, and perhaps it marked something even more important in my life — a big step in the process of growing up.

The reality of the Mojave Desert was worse than anything my New York eyes could have envisioned.

China Lake starts FEHBP open season with a health fair

From Nov. 9 through Dec. 14, federal employees can take advantage of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program Open Season. During this time, all eligible employees can change insurance plans or enroll in a plan, if not currently enrolled.

To help employees better understand what is being offered, a Health Benefits Fair will be held on Nov. 9 in Room 107 of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Training Center onboard the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., employees can visit representatives from a variety of the health insurance plans participating in federal program. Representatives will have on hand 1993 brochures, information on their plans and be available to answer any questions.

The National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) will not be participating in the program next year. Employees who are covered under this plan need to enroll in a new plan during this open season. Only fee-for-service plans are being offered for 1993.

To change plans, or to enroll in a plan, come to Room 100 of the Human Resources Department, located on the corner of Knox and Blandly. An assistant will pull the employee's Official Personnel Folders and direct him (or her) to the appropriate personnel assistant.

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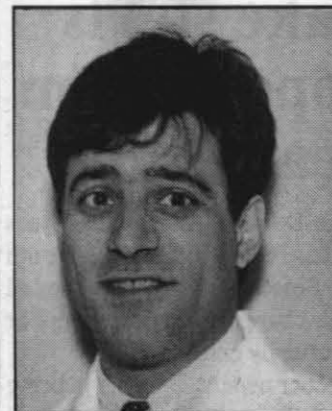
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Monday - Friday, November 9-13

5:30 p.m.: Navy News This Week

6:00 p.m.: "The Variable Angle Launcher" (1955)

6:15 p.m.: Beautiful Gardens With Less Water

6:45 p.m.: Painting in the South

7:12 p.m.: History of the United States Navy: War of Independence 1775-1783

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Ideas Column

By Melanie Truesdale
IDEAS Office

Think up Ideas and not excuses for sending them

Have you submitted your Idea(s) yet? Maybe not. Do your reasons fit in any of these categories:

It won't do any good. After all, most people don't want to make changes. They aren't taught to make changes, an idea just gets you a blank stare. Why fight it?

How about - submitting an idea is difficult. Think of the last time you had an idea. You had to write your idea down and what you wanted to change and what the benefits would be. You had to find

out where to get a form and who to send it to when you were done. That's a lot of work.

Maybe you - feel awkward or pushy. People don't want to tell others a better way to do something or a way to save money. Maybe you're uncomfortable having the light shining on you. Maybe you feel your idea is "foolish" and someone would laugh at you or that you were trying to act the "big shot."

Well, these sound like bogus reasons

Bone marrow donors sought for National Registry through Bill Young Marrow Donor Center

On Nov. 17, a representative from the Bill Young Marrow Donor Center in Bethesda, MD, will be at China Lake to give information about the Department of Defense National Marrow Donor Program. The briefing will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. in Michelson Lab, Room 1000D.

The DoD National Marrow Donor Program's goals are to increase the size of the National Registry to facilitate matches between patients requiring a marrow transplant and unrelated marrow

donors; and to improve the racial and ethnic diversity of the donor volunteer pool to ensure minority patients have an equal opportunity to find a match with an unrelated marrow donor.

Soon after this briefing, an All-Hands message from Capt. B.J. Craig, NAWS China Lake Commanding Officer, will go out, urging everyone to participate in a bone marrow drive planned for Dec. 8, noted Pat Oliver from the Wellness Program Office. The Wellness Program

Office, 939-2468, is coordinating the local event with the Bill Young Marrow Donor Center.

The bone marrow donor drive at China Lake's Branch Medical Clinic on Dec. 8 will be held in hopes of finding suitable donors for thousands of patients diagnosed each year with a fatal blood disease, such as leukemia or aplastic anemia. All active duty military personnel, their immediate family members and DoD employees are eligible to

to either your department advocate or to us. If your Idea involves another department, write up your idea and solution and send it to us. Either way, you'll get credit and your Idea will be written in *The Rocketeer* so others may be able to use it. Isn't that easy?

And on to the last - A viable idea is not a complaint. In order for us all to retain our jobs, we must streamline, cut costs, eliminate repetitious or unneeded work and generally become more efficient. No one laughs if money is saved, safer working conditions prevail or a better way to do a job is recognized.

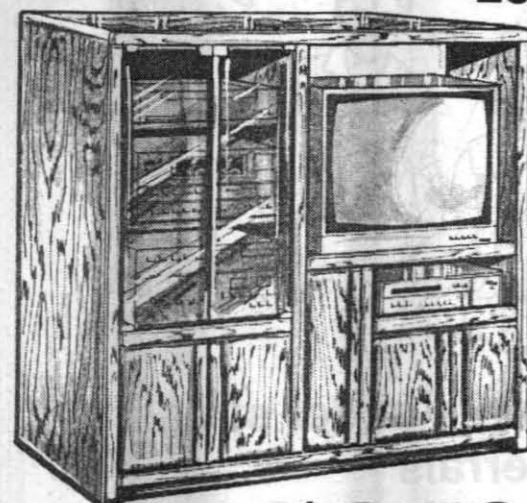
Come on, get with it! Get your thoughts together and written down. If you need help, call us: Bruce MacIntosh or Melanie Truesdale in the IDEAS office at 939-2311, E-Mail at SCF:IDEAS or QuickMail addressed to IDEAS Code_05.

donate. All potential donors must be in general good health and be between the ages of 18 and 55.

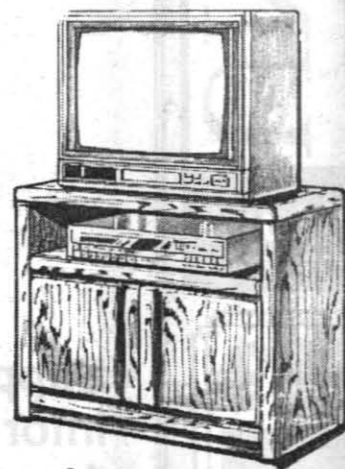
After the blood is drawn, it will be sent to the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, MD, where it will be typed and entered into the National Registry. If a potential donor is located, the donor will be asked to undergo more extensive blood tests to confirm the donor's eligibility as a compatible donor. There is no fee involved.

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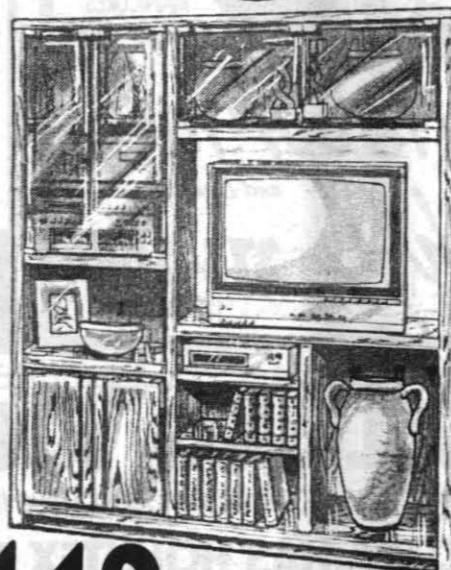
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Retirement Q & A

By: John Powers
Code C621

Q. When should I start planning for my retirement?

A. It depends. If you are independently wealthy and work here just for a lark, you probably won't need to plan ahead at all. However, most financial planners suggest that you start planning for retirement now, if not sooner—no matter how old you are.

Q. How soon will I get my money after I retire?

A. Usually you are sent an interim payment within three to four weeks after the effective date of your retirement. Interim payments are usually about 80% of what the Officer of Personnel Management (OPM) estimates your final annuity will be. The underpayment is made up when your case is finally adjudicated. If you are retired military and are waiving military retired pay, it may take a little longer.

Q. Do employees usually work after retirement?

A. Most people have enough to do around their home to keep busy for a few months. After that, there are those who travel, who do volunteer work, or take up a hobby, such as golf, bowling, ceramics, etc. Some people continue working as a rehired annuitant or work in the private sector. It depends on individuals' needs and personal preferences. If you ask retirees what they think about retirement, the majority will say it was the best thing they ever did and should have done it earlier.

Q. What happens to my health benefits when I retire?

A. If you have had federal health benefits for five continuous years prior to the date of your retirement, either in your own name or as a family member on your spouse's federal health plan, you are eligible to carry your health benefits into retirement. The cost to you is the same and you have the same options for changing your plan as you have as an employee, except you cannot terminate your coverage and reenroll at a later date.

Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle



Photo by Terry Pascarella

HALLOWEENING—TID's annual chili cook-off and costume contest included Bill Erwin (Dudley J. Do-Right), left, and other alter egos from his Graphic Arts Branch, who took the award for Most Original Team Costume. Left to right, Linda Hamlin (Fractured Fairy), Kris Roquemore (Rocket J. Squirrel), Line Scanlan (Natasha J. Fatál), and Tom Boyd (Bullwinkle J. Moose). The branch regularly functions as the gang from J. Ward's cartoon series—just ask anyone who knows them—but it's only at Halloween that they get to come fully out of the closet in costume. Department head Steve Sanders, aka Boris Badanov, standing with his wife, Nancy, behind Bullwinkle, remained incognito.

TVIS BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Monday & Thursday, Nov. 9 & 12

Programs listed below will be available for viewing on Channel 3 in all FOTS-equipped conference rooms throughout the Station. Those without access to such rooms can see the programs at Michelson Laboratory "Little D" conference room. A room will also be made available in the Training Center for each program — the room number will be posted in the lobby.

Monday - Nov. 9

- 8:30 a.m. CCI: Open Systems Security
- 9:30 a.m. CCI: 1) Distributed Computing for Open Systems, 2) Remote Procedure Calls
- 11:30 a.m. Wellness: Stress and Relaxation
- 1:00 p.m. Drugs at Work: Getting Help
- 1:30 p.m. MacAcademy: Excel 3.0 Tape 3 (4 Part Series)
- 3:30 p.m. VAdm Bows: Naval Aviation Systems Team: 1992/93 Strategic Plan

Thursday - Nov. 12

- 8:30 a.m. CCI: Directory Services
- 9:30 a.m. CCI: Client Server Development Tools, Part 1
- 11:30 a.m. Wellness: Stress & Relaxation
- 1:00 p.m. Drugs at Work: Meeting the Challenge
- 1:30 p.m. Drugs and Youth... The Challenge, hosted by Michael Gross
- 2:00 p.m. MacAcademy: Excel 3.0 Tape 4 (4 Part Series)
- 4:00 p.m. VAdm Bows: Naval Aviation Systems Team: 1992/93 Strategic Plan

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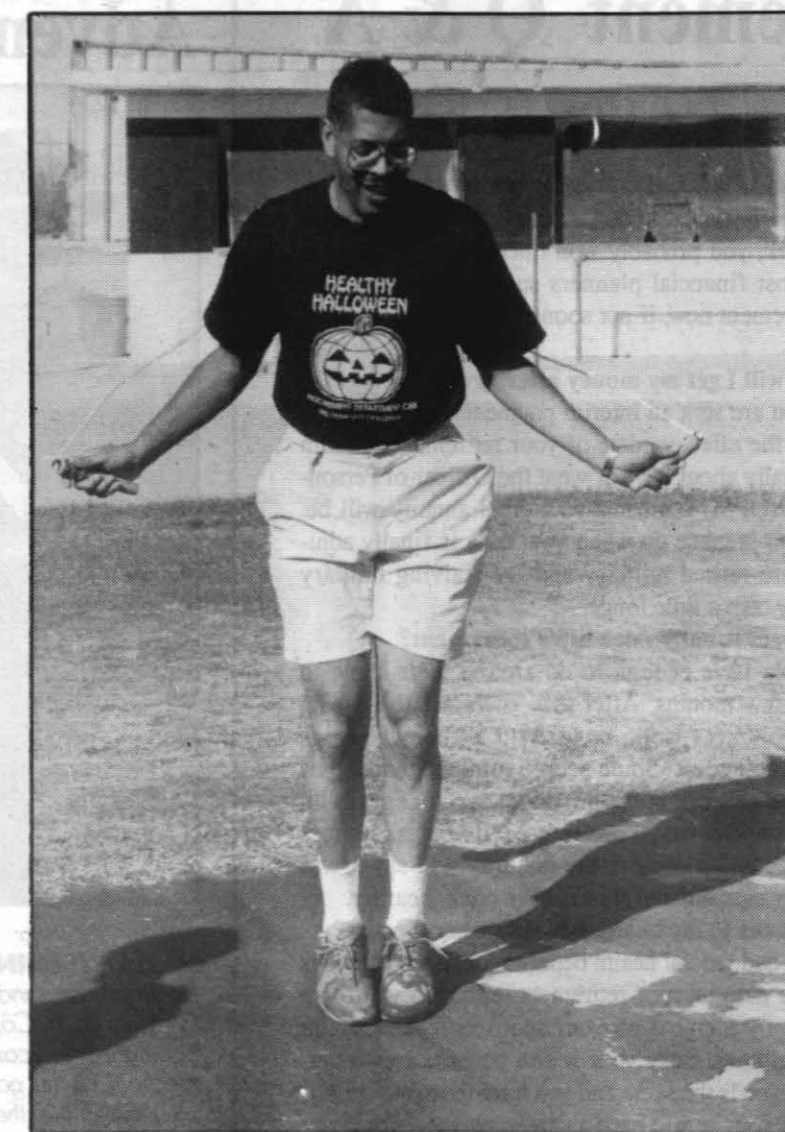
More than 600 people take part in China Lake Challenge



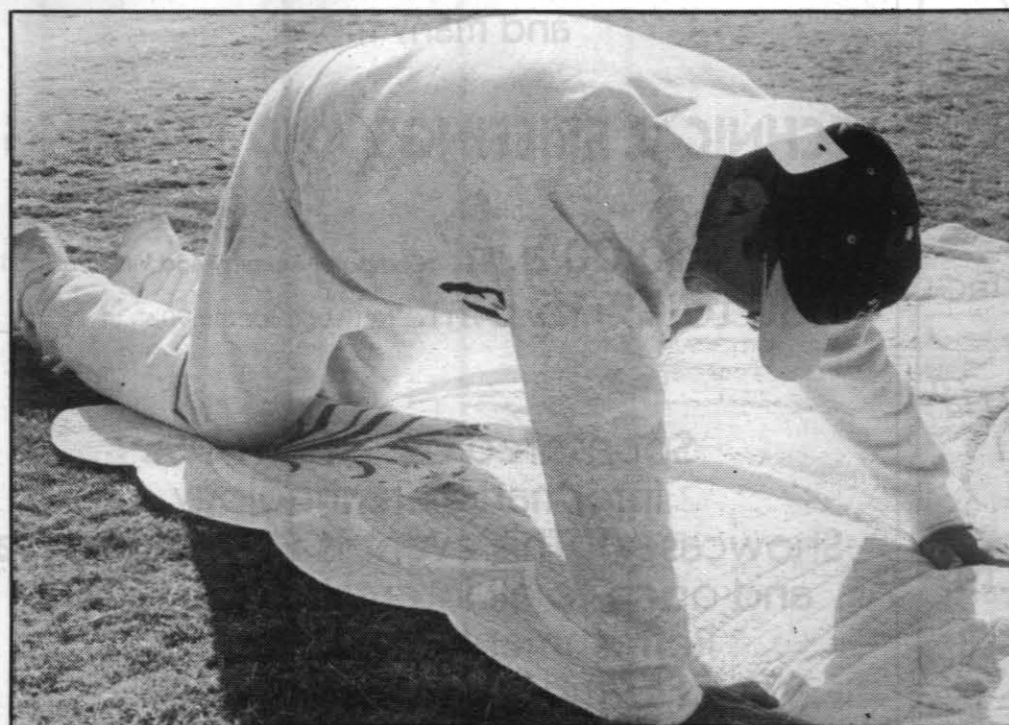
CONCENTRATION was necessary in guiding the soccer ball around the cones.



YOUNG and old took part in the China Lake Challenge one-mile run.



ONE, two, three, Cedric Knight finds out how many jumps he can do in a minute.



NOT all the events were fun. Seeing how many push ups you can do in three minutes was hard work for a lot of the participants.

Hughes and Entron win Category I, while Range Department and Electronic Combat Range Department take other two categories

More than 600 people participated in this year's China Lake Challenge, noted Betty Miller, coordinator of the event. The challenge, consisting of a total of 27 events, was completed with general events held at the Burroughs High School fields last Saturday. Each participant earned points for his or her individual code or company.

The overall winners were Hughes and Entron in Category I, companies and codes with less than 100

employees. The Electronic Combat Range Department led Category II, those with 100 to 300 employees. And the Range Department took Category III, more than 300 employees.

In individual events, VX-5 won the Softball Tournament, with the Branch Medical Clinic placing second.

A total of 12 teams participated.

The Engineering Department beat 12 other teams in the Volleyball Tournament, while VX-5 took second place.

The Procurement Department captured its fourth win in the Tug-of-War.

Unfortunately, only three teams participated this year, Miller said. In other China

Lake Challenge action, 21 people didn't let rain affect them last Friday as they thumbed their noses at the wet weather and participated in the two-mile fun walk, and 140 participants found other ways to get to work rather than being a single operator of a motor vehicle.

All in all, Miller felt the challenge was a success—a number of China Lakers learned getting exercise could be a fun family event.

Challenge is a success — China Lakers learn getting exercise can be fun for the entire family.



EVEN adults had fun trying to keep the hula hoop up around their waists.

