

## Teenager Recalls School Lessons -- Puts Out Fire

At 4 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, Cynthia Ann Bristow was asleep in the new 70-foot mobile home her family had moved into the week before.

Suddenly she awoke. "I thought I heard something pop and I thought I smelled smoke," testified the 17 year old daughter of CSC J.E. Bristow, an employee of the Supply Department's Food Service and Retail Clothing Sales Branch.

She ran to the kitchen, where she saw flames going up the wall from a toaster. Quickly she unplugged the toaster cord, then grabbed a pan and began throwing water onto the flaming wall.

"I just kept throwing the water on the wall until the fire was out," Cynthia said. "While I was doing that, I called my sister, Alice. She grabbed a box of soda and emptied it over the toaster."

Cynthia Ann had been left in charge of the family while Mr. and Mrs. Bristow were in Tacoma, Wash. at their older daughter's wedding. In the mobile home at the time of the fire were Cynthia, Alice, and their 12 year old brother, James. Alice's friend, Linda Cheshire, was also spending the night.

When she was asked how she knew what to do, Cynthia said that she and her sister had taken a Health and Safety class at Burroughs High School where they had been taught what to do in case of fire in the home, including

## NWC Directory Changes Asked By Next Friday

A new Naval Weapons Center telephone directory will be printed and ready for distribution by Feb. 15. To meet the deadline for processing and printing of this directory, all changes must be received by the Communications Records Office, Code 8544, no later than Dec. 14.

In order to reduce paperwork and printing costs, home addresses and telephone numbers will NOT be included in the next directory.

Changes for both the personnel listing and the yellow pages must be made on Directory/Locator Cards (11ND-NWC-5400/2), which may be obtained from TELMART. Directory changes cannot be accepted by telephone.

Your cooperation in submitting cards for all future changes as they occur will assist in maintaining accurate and complete records for the telephone directory and the information operators.

## Safety Sign To Be Altered Weekly

Starting on Monday, the numbers posted on the Safety Sign, located on the Administration Building lawn, will be changed on a weekly basis each Monday morning. These numbers, indicating the days worked at the Naval Weapons Center without a disabling work injury, have been changed daily since the sign was erected. In the event of a disabling work injury, the numbers will be changed immediately.

electrical fire, with its special problems. The two girls had cool-headedly applied this knowledge.

A later inspection of the site of the fire determined that the toaster had been the cause. Fire Inspector James Piacenta of the NWC Fire Prevention group and Earl E. Burkholder of the Electrical Trades Branch of Public Works found that one of the two switch levers on the four-slice Penncrest toaster had been stuck in an "on" position. The electrical current, arcing through the toaster constantly, heated the toaster and a removable plug under the toaster to a point where the appliance caught flame.

### Inspection Made

Inspection of the walls of the mobile home by Fire Inspector Piacenta and Chief Richard Olson of the Ridgecrest Fire Department determined that the panelling of the mobile home had been treated with a fire-retardant finish. Luckily, this retardant slowed the progress of the fire sufficiently to allow Cynthia to put the flames out.

Olson stated that if the fire had burned from three to five minutes longer before detection, it might have been impossible to extinguish the blaze with pans of water.

Olson and Piacenta both stressed that appliances should not be plugged in when they are not in use. The men also commented that in cases where a householder or occupant puts out a fire, the Fire Department should still be called to make sure no smoldering embers remain to burst into later fire.

A family should have two plans of escape from any room, Olson and Piacenta agreed. They asked Cynthia Ann how she would have gotten out if the fire had enveloped the doors of the mobile home. She had the right answer—she would slide open the window, kick the screen off, and help the other young people out that way.



**CAUGHT IN THE ACT** — A tense moment from the CLOTA production, "Star-Spangled Girl," finds Norman (played by John Hanne, reflected in the mirror) reacting in shocked surprise to an embrace between his roommate, Andy (Stacy MacGregor), and his love-interest, Sophie (Shari Hamre). These three young people are bringing the uproarious Neil Simon comedy to life at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15. Tickets are available at the door for \$2.50 adult admission, and \$1.25 for children. Directed by Alan Kubik, "Star-Spangled Girl" is a bonus offering to season ticket-holders, who may gain admission free with their season ticket stubs.



**WHO NEEDS YOU?** — Jill (played by Sandee Schwarzbach) attempts to show the seated Don (Charles Jones) that she can have a fun life of her own with Broadway actor-producer Ralph Austen (Dan Foster). This scene is from "Butterflies are Free," which opens tonight at the China Lake Players Bishop Hut on McIntire St. Directed by Phelps TerHeun, the play also features Roselle Goza as Don's interfering mother. Other production dates are tomorrow evening and next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All performances are at 8:30 p.m. Because seating for each performance is limited, advance reservations are necessary. Judy Vanderbeck, 446-7023, or Toni Baker, 446-2273, will take the reservations.

## Burroughs Dramatists Set 'Mr. Scrooge' for Dec. 14

The Burroughs Storybook Players are in the mood for Christmas, and in order to put their audiences in that mood, too, they are presenting a holiday play, "Mr. Scrooge."

Performance dates for this production, starring Bruce O'Dell as Scrooge, will be Dec. 14 at 7:15 p.m., Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 21 at 7:15 p.m., and Dec. 22 at both 2:30 and 7:15 p.m. All performances will be at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Tickets, available at the door, are priced at 50 cents for children 12 and under, 75 cents for students over 12, and \$1 for adults.

The Burroughs Storybook Players are under the direction of students — the students do everything connected with the production. "Mr. Scrooge" is

directed by Mike Walker. Others involved in this festive bit of make-believe are Mary Mathes as Mary Cratchett, Bob Seeley as Bob Cratchett, Dennis Woolam as Tiny Tim, and Susan Beckett as Elsie Cratchett.

## Vents Must Be Closed By Tenants

Wherry and Hawthorne tenants are reminded that it is their responsibility to close vents located in their air-cooling registers. If these vents are not closed for the winter, a significant heat loss will occur, resulting in greater energy use to keep the house at a moderate temperature. The vents are located in the hallway of each Wherry unit, and in a bedroom of each Hawthorne. Tenants who are unable to locate these vents may call the Public Works Trouble Desk, NWC ext. 2268, for further instructions.

## Safety Calendar Available At Dept. Office

If the mailman has not delivered your family's copy of the NWC Safety Schedule, a cartoon-illustrated 1974 calendar, you are welcome to stop by the Safety Department office and pick up a copy. The office is located at the corner of Nimitz and Hussey St.

A Safety Department spokesman stated that the mailing list used for distribution of the Schedule was taken from the NWC Telephone Directory listing. Because the listing was not current at the time of mailing, a number of families did not receive their calendars.

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## SHOWBOAT

**MOVIE RATINGS**  
The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.  
(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences  
(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested  
(R) RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian  
CS - Cinemascope  
STD - Standard Movie Screen  
Regular starting time — 7:30 p.m.  
Matinee — 1 p.m.

FRI. 7 DEC.  
"HICKEY AND BOGGS" (111 Min.)

Bill Cosby, Robert Culp  
(Suspense) Los Angeles private-eyes Bill Cosby and Robert Culp think they are taking on a simple case of tracking a missing person. Very shortly they discover that they are embroiled in a sticky mess with such ingredients as murders, a fortune in stolen currency, a touch of sadism all set off by an assortment of unsavory types which include Chicano bank robbers, the Mafia, brutal cops, black militants, and a brace of swishy Hollywood boulevardiers. (PG)

SAT. 8 DEC.  
—MATINEE—  
"OLIVER" (148 Min.)

Ron Moody, Shari Wallis  
—EVENING—  
"THIS IS A HILUCK" (90 Min.)

Adam Roarke, Neville Brand  
(Drama) Adam Roarke's in debt to Art Koulias, who assigns bodyguard Neville Brand to force Roarke to pay off the loan. In order to do so, Roarke hijacks Robinson's private plane for ransom. Brand loses control, tortures the passengers and is ultimately bumped off by Roarke. (PG)

SUN. & MON. 9-10 DEC.  
"SCARECROW" (112 Min.)

Gene Hackman, Al Pacino  
(Drama) Max (Gene Hackman) and Lion (Al Pacino) meet on a deserted road in northern Calif. Max has just been released from jail on an assault rap after several years. He's on his way to Pittsburgh to open a hand-car wash after a stop in Denver to visit his sister. Lion has just returned from sea after six years. He's on his way to see the wife he ran away from. He's also hoping to see his child, now five years old, for the first time. (R)

TUES. & WED. 11-12 DEC.  
"MAURIE" (111 Min.)

Bernie Casey, Bo Svenson  
(Drama) The story is of Maurice Stokes and Jack Twyman, two men who teamed up for a fight that would be too incredible to believe if it were not true. A highly emotional dramatization of two beautiful love stories — the remarkable relationship between Maurice and his fiancée and the unshakable devotion between Jack and his wife. A story of courage, hope and love. (G)

THURS. & FRI. 13-14 DEC.  
"A CLOCKWORK ORANGE" (137 Min.)

Malcolm McDowell, Patrick Magee  
(Comedy-Fantasy) The product of an insensitive future society, Malcolm McDowell heads a gang of toughs dotting on sex and violence. He and his chums beat up tramp Paul Farrell and attack Richard Connaught's toughs and then invade the home of writer Patrick Magee. (R)

## Power Outage Due

A power outage will take place on Dec. 12 between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. while work is being performed on the south substation.

Areas affected by the outage will be the Site B Capeharts, Wherry Housing, Normac Duplexes, LeTourneau-type homes, old Duplexes on Groves St. only, and the Seabee Trailer Park.

## Annual Christmas Parade To Feature Local Floats

A colorful, fun-filled parade, focussing on the theme "A Child's Dream," is scheduled Saturday morning on No. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest.

This event, the fourth annual Indian Wells Valley Christmas parade, will get under way at 10 a.m. Participants (some 50 different entries in all) have been instructed to assemble at 8 a.m. at the corner of Drummond Dr. and No. China Lake Blvd. in order to begin forming up for the procession.

The line of march will be south on China Lake Blvd. to French Rd., where the parade will disband. A committee of five judges will look over the floats prior to the start of the parade, and then decide on the relative merit of other entries while the parade is in progress.

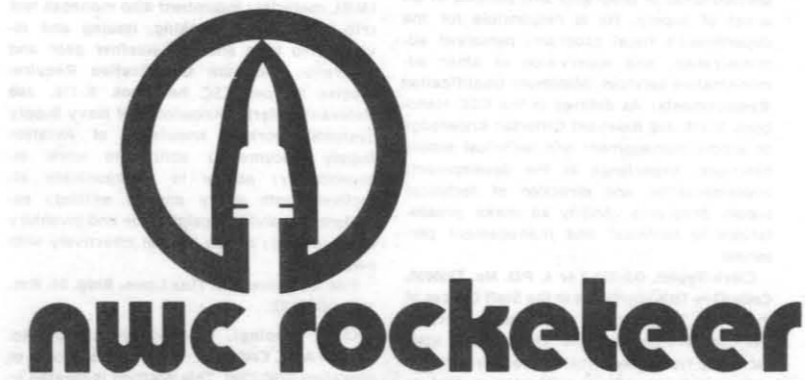
Trophies will be awarded to the best high school and elementary school bands, the top-rated marching units, drill teams, and equestrian group and individual entries. There also will be trophies for

the best floats entered in the parade by youth groups and business places, Mike Molner, parade chairman, reported.

Serving with Molner on the parade committee are Joyce Allen, Ken Armstrong, Joan Connelly, Mary Cozzucoli, Carol Kight, Warren Nash, Harry Parade, Sally Partin and Wanda Whittenbrink.

Music is assured throughout the procession, as three bands have been entered. They are the Burroughs High School band, as well as musical groups from Murray School at China Lake, and the James Monroe School in Ridgecrest.

Not to be overlooked in the parade will be a Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce float on which Santa will be riding. It will bring up the rear of the parade, and following the procession Santa will make his way to the Ridge Theatre where a free matinee will be provided for youngsters up to 12 years of age.



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**OFFICIAL OPENING** — Local dignitaries who attended Monday morning's opening of the field services division of Computer Sciences Corp. included (from left) RADM. Paul E. Pugh, NWC Commander, and D'Anne Garretson, Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake. On hand to greet them were (third from left) Clyde Anderson, vice president and general manager of the local division of CSC, and Ralph Herrick, director of Computer Sciences' NWC project. Opening ceremonies included a flag-raising ceremony and patriotic music, performed by the Murray Junior High School Band. —Daily Independent photo

## Dangers in Stockpiling Gasoline Outlined

NWC Fire Chief R. E. Rightmer has a good question for consumers:

"Is it worth risking your life, your home and your car just to avoid running out of gasoline?"

The Chief is concerned about the new practice of "stockpiling" gasoline, brought about by the present uncertainty about where a car's next gallon is coming from.

"Every consumer who stockpiles gasoline exposes his family and his possessions to the real danger of deadly explosion and fire," warned Chief Rightmer. "In the face of gasoline shortages, many householders and motorists are hoarding fuel without thinking about the tragedies they could cause," he added.

A recent memo by Chief Rightmer urges consumers to be alert to gasoline's danger signals. The odor of gasoline in a storage room or automobile trunk is good evidence of a vapor leak — immediate action is urged in this case.

To store gasoline at home, Chief Rightmer advises use of a UL-approved safety can. A glass jug, a discarded bleach bottle or any other kind of makeshift container should never be used.

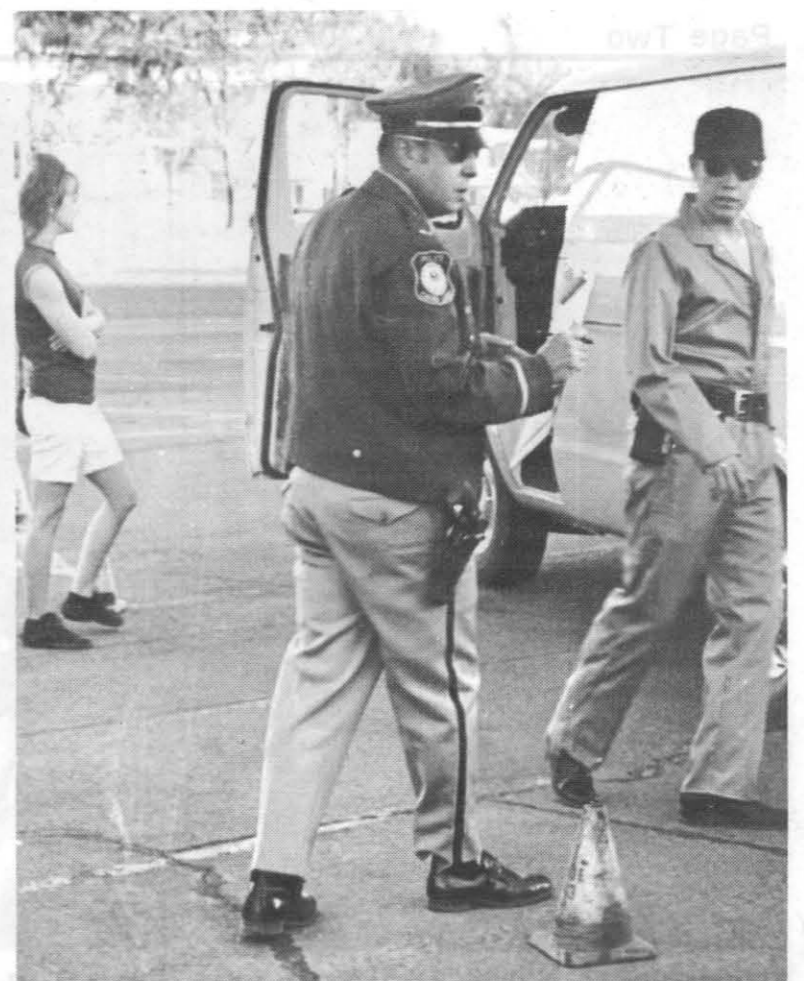
The gasoline-filled container should be kept well out of the reach of children in a well-ventilated area where it can't be tipped or damaged accidentally. It should NEVER be stored in the same room with hot water heating equipment, where a pilot light or sparking switch could set off an explosion of accumulated vapors. The Chief reminded the householder that "this means that home storage areas such as utility rooms and garages shouldn't be used for gasoline, especially if heating equipment is located there."

"Carrying extra gasoline in the trunk of the car also can create an explosive situation," he warned further. "Gasoline

vapors can filter from the trunk into the car's interior where the striking of a match or an electrical system spark can set off a powerful explosion. Gasoline leaking through the floor of the trunk onto a hot exhaust pipe can also cause a fire."

The Chief is also concerned about the type of container used to store gasoline. "If spare gasoline must be carried on the road, use a metal UL-approved can that is absolutely vapor-tight," he emphasized.

"Approved safety cans, which should be used elsewhere, are designed to vent vapors," he said, explaining that this design feature makes them unsuitable for storage of gasoline in automobiles. "Instead," he recommended, "use a container with perfect seals on both the cap of the fill opening and the pouring spout. Also, never fill the container completely — leave a little room for the gasoline to expand as it's warmed by the heat of the day and of the car."



**INSPECTIONS OF VEHICLES** — Routine vehicle searches have begun on the Center to be held at unannounced times. One such search is depicted above. According to W. E. Davis, head of the NWC Security Department, the vehicle searches are part of the department's overall crime prevention program.

## Routine Vehicle Searches Being Conducted Locally

The occasional search of private vehicles onboard a military installation is commonplace. Such actions have been taken in the past at China Lake and are presently being conducted on an unannounced basis throughout the Center. Consent to search a vehicle is an exchange for the privilege of operating a private vehicle on a military installation.

Since some inconvenience to owners or operators of vehicles will result, their indulgence is requested. Dates, times and locations of search areas will be unannounced, and are selected on a random basis using a mathematical model. The actual searching will be conducted by a team consisting of Police Division personnel.

The searching of a vehicle will include checking spaces such as the glove box, under front seats, and trunk compartment. There will be no searching of a person or personal items, such as purses, or other objects and containers of an

obvious personal nature.

These vehicle searches are to discover obvious government property. Should any individual have a question concerning these searches or the manner in which they are conducted on the scene, they are urged to contact Chief of Police Steve Daupp, or the Director of Security, Mr. W. E. Davis.

## Reappraisal To Affect Rent Rates

As announced previously, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Logistics has directed a reappraisal of the rents charged civilian occupants of public quarters at the Naval Weapons Center. This action was in response to the Center's appeal to proposed rates to be implemented on Oct. 1, 1973.

The new survey results are to be effective on April 1, 1974. In the meantime certain incremental increases were to be implemented. Accordingly, 50 per cent of the original increases were implemented on Oct. 1, 1973, with another increment scheduled for Jan. 1, 1974. The January 1974 increment was announced as an additional 25 per cent of the original increase; however, the Center has received instructions to modify that action and implement one of two alternatives in rent calculations, namely a 50 per cent increase in total rent and utility charges paid prior to Oct. 1, 1973 or the newest rental survey rate, whichever is less.

Therefore, an individual in Capehart "A", 4 bedroom Panamint who was paying \$184.80 in September 1973, would have to pay the total new rent schedule of \$261.60, since that amount is less than a 50 per cent increase in the prior September 1973 amount, i.e., \$184.80 x 1.5 equals \$277.20.

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**RESPONSIVE AUDIENCE** — Recently, Larry Zabel (standing, left), head of the Propulsion Development Department's Documentation Branch, and Lt. Col. Jack Pipa, of the Marine Corps Liaison Office, spoke to three fourth-grade classes at Murray School Annex. The two men showed films depicting a helicopter tour of the center's north ranges and showing wild horses running in time to a musical background. Zabel's and Pipa's visit was arranged by teacher Nancy Harrington. Both men were enthusiastic about the experience. "It was about the best audience we ever had," Zabel said. "They'd have kept us there all day answering questions if the teacher had let them." The children asked about a wide variety of topics, ranging from Zabel's experiences as a combat artist to wildlife programs on NWC ranges.

## Maturango Museum Sponsors Lecture By Researcher on Mountain Gorillas

Dian Fossey, protégé of the famous Dr. L. S. B. Leakey, will speak at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Her lecture, sponsored by the Maturango Museum, is entitled "My Years With the Mountain Gorilla," and is accompanied by a 75-min. film showing the gorillas in their native habitat.

Miss Fossey, an occupational therapist previous to 1967, has

spent the last six years studying the mountain gorilla along the slopes of Africa's Virunga volcanic range.

Grants from the National Geographic Society have aided Miss Fossey in her studies. She is presently completing work on her Ph.D. at Cambridge University, where she is incorporating notes from her research into meaningful commentary on the culture of these big mammals.

Tickets to the lecture, priced at \$2, are available at the Maturango Museum, at the Center Pharmacy, or from Friends of the Museum. Tickets will also be sold at the door, if they are available, on a first-come, first served basis.



### DIVINE SERVICES

**PROTESTANT**  
Sunday Worship Service 1015  
Sunday School—All Ages 0900  
Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130  
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant.  
Communion Service first Sunday of the month.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

**MASS**  
Saturday 1700 fulfills Sunday obligation  
Sunday 0700 0830 1130

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

**MASS**  
Daily except Saturday 1135  
First Friday only 1135 1700  
**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday 1545 to 1645  
Sunday 0800 to 0825

**CCD CLASSES**  
Sunday Kindergarten thru 6th grades 1015  
Wednesday Seventh and 8th grades 1900  
Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant.  
As announced Ninth thru 12th grades

"In Home" Discussion Groups  
Monthly Youth Rallies  
Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

### JEWISH SERVICES

**EAST WING—ALL FAITH CHAPEL**  
Friday 1st and 3rd ONLY 2000  
Sabbath Services  
Saturday Sabbath School 0900

### UNITARIANS

**CHAPEL ANNEX 95**  
Services 1930

## PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filled with the persons named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment Division, Code 452, Extension 2049. Current applications (SF-171) or Standard Form 1972 should be submitted bringing your work history up to date if one has not been submitted within the last 6 months. The fact that positions are advertised in this column does not preclude the use of other means to fill these positions. Part of the ranking process of those rated as basically qualified will be a supervisory appraisal form that will be sent to the employees present and most recent previous supervisor. Selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

**Supervisory General Supply Specialist, GS-20013, PD. No. 732525, Code 25** — This position is Head of the Planning Staff in the Supply Department. Incumbent provides direct and continuing involvement in the overall management of the Supply program; he conceives, plans and provides implementation of programs and policies in all areas of Supply. He is responsible for the department's fiscal program, personnel administration, and supervision of other administrative services. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in the CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of supply management and technical supply functions. Experience in the development, implementation and direction of technical supply programs. Ability to make presentations to technical and management personnel.

**Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3 or 4, PD. No. 725050, Code 33** — This position is in the Staff Offices of the Fuze Department. Incumbent provides clerical services for the Department staff including typing technical and administrative correspondence; filing; preparing routine or recurring correspondence; memos; receiving telephone calls; and timekeeping. Assures on-hand supply of office materials and operates various office machines. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in the CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Typing ability. Knowledge of Navy correspondence procedures. Ability to meet and deal with people effectively.

**File applications for the above with Claire Lewis, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2371.**  
**Electronics Technician, GS-454-4 or 7, PD. No. 7318001, 5 vacancies, Code 1842** — This position is located at the MSQ-51, Ground Control and Tracking Station of the Targets Avionics Branch. The MSQ-51 Ground Control and Tracking Station tracks target aircraft and provides plotting and down-link data to a remote control operator. Incumbent must perform operators' adjustments on track and search radar; incumbent should know radar

theory, and track radar devices; incumbent must tune UHF transmitters, and perform remote checks with various target aircraft as well as check other target control stations by monitoring a 64-channel drone receiver. Operate plotting board setting scale factors, align and modify plots, and perform accuracy checks; operate a telemetry receiving set as well as monitor down-link television. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As per CSC handbook X-118. Job relevant criteria: Knowledge of radar theory and ability to operate track and search radar; knowledge of CRT display devices, analog computers, and digital and solid state devices; ability to troubleshoot, repair and maintain electronic systems.

**Supply Technician, GS-2005-4/5 or 6, PD. No. 7318005, Code 1842** — This position is located in the tool crib, Maintenance Department of the Naval Air Facility. Incumbent is responsible for receipt, issue and inventory of all NAF (Code 18) plant account material; responsible for the Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) for the Aircraft Maintenance Department and requests IMRL changes from NAVAIRSYSCOM-PAC as aircraft inventory changes dictate; included is the requisition, receipt, issue, and inventory of IMRL material; incumbent also manages tool crib by ordering, stocking, issuing and inventorying tools and tool weather gear and coversalls. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As per CSC handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of Navy Supply Systems; working knowledge of Aviation Supply Documents; ability to work independently; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; experience involving receipt, issue and inventory of equipment; ability to deal effectively with people.

**File for above with Tina Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2723.**

**Clerk (Typing), GS-301-2 or 3, PD. No. 7384004 AMI, Code 8412** — Shift work, hours of operation 0700-2330. This position is located in the Visitors Branch of the Security Department. Incumbent has entry control of temporary, casual, official, semi-official, commercial and foreign visitors to the Naval Weapons Center. Duties include processing of paperwork for passes, maintaining records of visitors, providing information and directions and maintaining files. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to understand and follow Security procedures and regulations. Must have typing skill.

**General Engineer, GS-801-11 or 12, Logistics Management Specialist, GS-346-11 or 12, PD. No. 7355152, Code 5583** — Incumbent develops management plans using design requirements and systems analysis techniques. Assures that qualitative and quantitative support system requirements are included in appropriate project and contractual documents. Will recommend, direct and perform related ILS trade-off studies and initiate Level of Repair/Life Cycle Costing (LOR/LCC) Analyses. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in design or analysis of weapon systems, subsystems, components. Experience in management of ILS functions for weapon development. Capability to perform LOR analyses. Experience in performance of reliability and maintainability calculations and trade off is highly desirable. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118.

**File applications for above with Wilma Smith, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.**

**Plant Property Technician, GS-501-3 or 4, PD. No. 7317001, 4 vacancies, Code 1740** — The incumbent will be responsible for a wide variety of plant property duties in support of various Center departments. As part of these duties, the incumbent will review all incoming plant property documentation for correctness, input documentation to the Plant Account computer system, and maintain the fiscal integrity of his Area Account. In addition, incumbent will facilitate transfer and disposition of plant property and coordinates a triennial inventory. Incumbent is under the general supervision of the Head, Plant Property Accounting Branch and will maintain contact with Center department personnel at all levels. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to work independently; a general knowledge of accounting; general knowledge of plant property; and a general knowledge/ability to work with data processing. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118.

**File applications for above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.**

The Naval Weapons Center announces a Promotional Examination Announcement NWC-18(73), for Plant Property Foreman, WS-402-12, \$6.91 to \$8.45 p/h. The opening date for filing application is 10 December 1973. The closing date is 24 December 1973 in lieu of 17 December 1973 as previously advertised. Supplemental experience statement forms and SF-172 may be obtained in the Personnel Department, Bldg. 34, Rm. 100. For additional information, call Betty Geiser, ext. 2657.

## Insurance Rep Here

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Representative, Gordon Ellis, will be at the Community Center on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**GRANT HUTCHINGS**, Director of Sales for the Casa Royale Motor Inn, welcomes the Naval Weapons Center Bluejacket of the Month and his wife, John and Sandy King, as they "check in" at the Casa Royale for a free weekend stay in Bakersfield, courtesy of local businessmen. The Bluejacket of the Month Program is sponsored by the Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. Each month a different Bluejacket and his wife from the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake enjoy a weekend in Bakersfield where they are hosted at restaurants, shopping facilities, and visit points of interest. The program is made possible through the support of local business establishments who provide rooms, meals, and entertainment. Automobiles are also made available through local dealerships. In operation for more than ten years, the program serves as an excellent public relations builder and promotes goodwill and understanding.



## Murray Band Wins Honors in Lancaster

The Murray School marching band has done it again.

Mrs. Alberta Kline, instructor of band music at Murray, took her band to Lancaster to compete in the annual Christmas Parade, and her charges took first place in the seventh, eighth and ninth grade category.

"That's not the category we entered, but the judges said we were better than any entered in that category, so they gave us first," said Mrs. Kline.

Led by drum major Steve Faith and head majorette Jeannie Gibson, the 73 bandmen and 15

majorettes and banner girls marched to "Little Drummer Boy."

Local residents will be able to get a first-hand look at the blue ribbon winners in tomorrow's Christmas Parade in Ridgecrest. The band is entered in the junior high school category.

## Use of Mantle Lanterns Can Be Dangerous

According to information released recently by the NWC Safety Dept., the use of mantle type lamps or lanterns in a confined area may be dangerous in spite of the fact that the lamp or lantern may be "tested and approved."

A propane lamp was left burning in a pickup camper at night with windows and vents closed. This resulted in the deaths of two persons and the hospitalization of a third. When the victims were found, the wall-mounted lamp had its control full on. The mantle had a small rip or opening on one side and the ceramic and metal portion of the lamp base above the mantle was coated with soot. These clues indicate a period of incomplete combustion for some time.

A test was made to determine the carbon monoxide production by the propane lamp. At the end of an hour and a half, this production had reached 200 parts per million;

## FEDCO Curtails Gas Pump Hours

As a result of the nationwide shortage of fuel, gasoline deliveries have been cut approximately 35 per cent to the FEDCO station, on the Center.

Therefore, the daily hours of operation will be changed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition, the gasoline pumps will not be in operation on Wednesdays.

However, all other facilities—including the parts house, lube room, tire sales and service, will remain open Monday through Saturday during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

Also, as directed by the Employee Services Board, a limitation on the quantities of gasoline sold to customers will be enforced as supplies dictate.

after six and a half hours, the carbon monoxide was 800 parts per million, a level that would normally cause death with three or four hours of exposure. After 14 hours the concentration was 1600 parts per million and the propane lamp was flickering for lack of oxygen.

A different kind of lantern danger is mentioned in an article in "Science," Vol. 181, Aug. 31, 1973. The writer, Kyle Griggs, of the University of California, states that while the users of mantle type lanterns may be familiar with the fire risk, they may not be aware of another serious hazard—the emission of toxic fumes.

The mantle for this type of lantern is prepared by dipping

rayon fabric into a solution of nitrates of thorium, cerium and beryllium. The thorium is the material that becomes incandescent when the mantle is heated to a high temperature. The cerium's function is possibly to improve upon the whiteness of this incandescence and the beryllium is added to harden the delicate ashlike structure of the mantle.

The mantle of a gas lantern contains about 600 micrograms of toxic beryllium metal. When a lantern's user lights or installs mantles, he usually has his face very close to the lantern. Tests show that during this first few minutes, the user could inhale emissions well over the amount considered safe.

According to BUMEDINST. 6260.13A, beryllium presents a hazard to human health either by inhalation or contact with the skin and mucous membranes.

During use of a mantle lantern, two thirds of the beryllium, or, on the average, about 400 micrograms become volatile and were airborne during the first 15 minutes of use. The dual type lantern emitted about 50 per cent more beryllium than the single mantle lantern.

Light, fluffy residue from burning a mantle should be contained also, especially if the lantern is permanently installed in a small camper or trailer. About one-third of the beryllium is contained in this ash, so containing this ash will help prevent contamination of the area.

## Employee In The Spotlight

When Barbara Marine went to try out for a part in H.M.S. Pinafore back in 1948, she took on a role she hadn't expected—that of Mrs. Richard Marine.

"Richard and I went together for a couple of years, then we were married in 1950," she said. Following their marriage, Barbara went to work at Port Hueneme and began her Civil Service career.

Barbara was born in rural western Kansas and grew up on a farm. She was graduated from Stockton High School, Stockton, Kans., and entered Palmer Secretarial School, Manhattan, Kans. After receiving her diploma she came to California.

Barbara and Richard continued their involvement in singing and finally, in 1956, the couple gave up their Federal careers and entered into professional singing full time. They bought a citrus ranch in Santa Paula and sang in clubs and shows until Richard became ill in 1967. They sold the ranch and moved to China Lake.

Barbara was employed by the Supply Department as a clerk and rapidly moved upward. Last year she was made head of the Control Division's Accounts Payable Branch, which recently celebrated its first anniversary.

An outstanding employee, she has received numerous QSIs and



Barbara Marine

other awards in her brief career at NWC. Richard works for Central Staff in the General Accounting Branch.

Approximately four years ago, the Marines built a home on Burlando Rd., in Kernville, and have used it as a homebase for their many activities.

Barbara enjoys backpacking, painting, working with Richard in his organic garden, and giving parties. The couple still gives benefit singing performances and Barbara often accompanies Richard on the piano when he works with serious music.

Her musical background includes voice lessons with Forrest LaBarre, in North Hollywood. She has appeared over the years in concerts, musical shows, both professional and amateur, and in nightclubs with Richard.

"I have always loved music, but lately, I have begun to become more involved in painting," Barbara confessed. She is currently building a one-man show and hopes to stage one soon. She has exhibited her works in Santa Paula and is a professional artist. In addition, Barbara makes all her own clothes.

Richard is also very active. He enjoys backpacking (often accompanied by Barbara), wood-working, building and gardening, in addition to a heavy musical involvement.

The couple built their own home and are currently enclosing the decks where Barbara intends to do her sewing and painting. Richard is an ardent organic gardener and Barbara cans or freezes his home-grown products. "There's always enough left over to give to neighbors," she said.

Richard is currently building rock retaining walls for his garden. "They are really beautiful, each one a work of art," Barbara said. "Our garden is on a slope, so Richard had to make terraces, which he is now walling in."

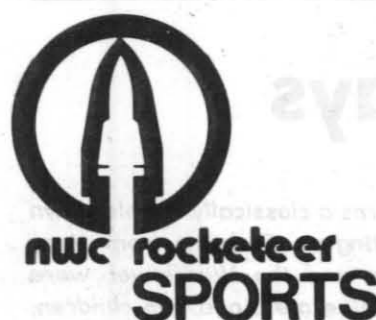
## Job Opportunities

**RECREATION FACILITY ATTENDANT (\$2.06 p.h.)** — This position is located at the Woodworking Hobby Shop, Special Services Division. The Woodworking Hobby Shop provides services for Navy personnel, civilian employees and their dependents to accomplish woodworking projects. Duties include the instruction and supervision of patrons in the use of woodworking equipment; control issuance of assigned equipment and perform limited maintenance on shop tools and equipment. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Experience in the field of woodworking and knowledge in the operation of woodworking equipment.

File applications with Tina Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2723.



**LANTERN PERILS** — The dangers of getting too close to a camp mantle lantern are reflected in the expressions of (l. to r.) Joe Dunn, Bill Brooks, and Jerry Sizemore, all photographers for the ROCKETEER. The Safety Department warns that the camper should not put his head close to the lantern and that he should not keep the lantern lit for long periods of time in an enclosed space.



By Jack Lindsey

The spectre of gas rationing, food strikes, truckers' strikes, no hamburger at the stores, milk all sold out, and no break in sight. As one gentleman so succinctly put it: "We're going to Hell in a hand-basket, and we have to do it at 50 mph."

Which brings me to my column.

While traveling to Los Angeles last weekend to visit a medico, we drove at an even 50 mph all the way. The only thing we passed during our sojourn was a kid on a bicycle and it took us 2 and one-third miles to accomplish that feat. And he cussed us out on the way past.

At home, we've cut down the heat, turned out the lights and we walk short distances. In the great big city down south I noticed very little concern for these things, but I'm sure they'll get with the program.

A man on TV said yesterday that he foresees no end to the energy problem in our lifetime. Fortunately, I noticed he was a decade or so older than I. I hope he was referring to his lifetime.

This is a real problem and it's going to take a lot of sacrifice on the part of America's citizens to accomplish the President's goals. I'm proud to be part of a community that is leading the way by conserving energy and fuel and living up to its responsibilities in a changing world.

I shall miss the star on "B" Mountain this year, but I am content in the knowledge that a gesture as small as that can possibly light the way for a million other sacrifices that might save our country and its way of life for my children and their children.

After all, the star of Christmas should be lit in your heart, and no one can put that out.

## Burros Varsity Football Awards Banquet Slated

This Sunday evening at 7, the Burroughs High School Varsity Football Awards Banquet will be held in the China Lake Community Center.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Medical Arts Pharmacy in Ridgecrest, or at the Center Pharmacy. They will also be available at the door just before the banquet. The tickets are priced at \$5 each.

Further information on the Football Awards banquet may be obtained from Ray Sinnott, 375-2818, or George Wright, 377-4825.



MARTY DENKIN (l.), NWC athletic director, and Bill Nicol, the Center's intramural director, discuss scheduling of the gymnasium in such a way that facilities can handle the many intramural, youth, women's and girl's programs during each busy week.

## Center Hub of Immense Local Sports Activities

This is the second installment of a series of articles that deal with the many sports programs available in the Indian Wells Valley.

Other youth activities which take place on the Center are the four divisions of Little League baseball, the Pony and Colt baseball leagues, the American Junior Bowling Congress organized leagues, the IWV Youth Football League, the IWV Swim Team, and youth segments of training and instruction by the China Lake Tennis Club.

### MDISL Teams

A separate group of sports competition revolves around the eight different Mojave Desert Inter-Service League teams that compete on a yearly basis with seven other military installations in basketball, football, softball, volleyball, bowling, golf, handball and tennis.

The MDISL is the only active military league in the western United States representing three military services — Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. Military installations involved in MDISL competition, in addition to NWC, are Norton Air Force Base, Nellis AFB, Edwards AFB, George AFB, the Marine Corps Supply Center at Barstow, the Marine Corps Base at 29 Palms and the Los Angeles Air Force Station.

Over a year's time, nearly 70 men compete in MDISL sports.

Ridgecrest Recreation Dept. The Ridgecrest Recreation Dept. also sponsors a slate of year-round athletic programs. Headed up by Bill Bersie, the department employs a number of men and women who are specialists in various types of athletics.

A gymnastics team, coached by Mary Ann Wilcox, meets four to six times a month at Burroughs High School. It numbers 50 participants who range in age from 7 to 18 years of age.

The gym team competes against other clubs from throughout Southern California.

Nearly 110 swimmers belong to the High Desert Swim Team coached by Bruce and Anne Auk. The age range of the team is from 10 to 18 years old.

A track club, called "The Maturango Milers," coached by Roland Veon, competes against other young persons from surrounding areas. The club meets

throughout the year at Burroughs High School. Approximately 30 persons from 5 to 14 years of age compete on the team.

Dan Galbreath heads up a judo and karate club that meets at the high school on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year. Thirty members, ranging from 7 years of age to adult, are members of the two divisions. The club competes in tournaments every other month.

### After School Programs

The Ridgecrest Recreation Dept. also sponsors a number of after school programs in football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, and Junior Olympics track.

Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders participate in the boys' flag football program. In the past year, nearly 125 boys took part in this activity.

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## Nellis AFB Wins Flag Football Title

Nellis Air Force Base won the MDISL Flag Football Tournament staged at China Lake's Schoeffel Field last Sunday. They defeated the team from 29 Palms Marine Corps Base for the title, 62-34.

NWC's hopes for winning were dashed on Saturday when Nellis crushed them, 24-12. The loss left China Lake tied for third place with Norton AFB, who had lost to 29 Palms, 40-38, in the fourth game of the tourney.

During the first half of the final game, the teams



MDISL ACTION — Nellis AFB whopped the team from 29 Palms Marine Corps Base last Sunday in the finals of the 1973-74 MDISL Flag Football Tournament, 62-34. China Lake finished in third place, garnering 11 points in the first sport of the new season.



## Femme Line

By Carol Benton

Flag football in the Mojave-Desert Inter-Service League is dead. The MDISL flag football tournament held last weekend at Schoeffel Field is the last contest of its kind.

The death is a mysterious one. The sport has always suffered from a low percentage of participation. But that participation was very much alive. The situation was complicated by the game's own myriad of rules which made officiating most difficult. And then there was the expense of injuries to players.

So, in part, flag football died a natural death. But that is not the complete report. There are signs of genocide.

The NWC Varsity flag football team couldn't play in the tournament with complete uniforms because complete uniforms were not available.

The playing field was as hard as a brickbat because it had not been kept up after the intramural season was over. There was no banquet after the tournament because no one cared enough about football to plan one.

And the local Varsity team lost the tournament in all probability because they only had time for two practice sessions and because people couldn't decide whether or not to hold the tournament. All of this cost each team a \$100 entry fee.

It takes a man to play football, preferably a young man, but at least a man in good physical condition. It is doubtful that the addition of slow pitch softball to the MDISL calendar will satisfy the desire for physical contact sport held by men who play flag football.

Simply because the whole world doesn't want to play flag football, why should the MDISL fathers drop a sport when so many healthy, able-bodied men do want to play?

## Varsity Basketball Becomes Victim Of Energy Crisis — Travel Cut

The energy crisis struck down varsity basketball this past weekend. Two games scheduled between Nellis Air Force Base, in Las Vegas, Nev., and China Lake, were cancelled due to a lack of gasoline fuel.

However, George AFB made the trip to China Lake only to be defeated, 100-95, in a contest held last Friday night.

At the moment, future travel between members of MDISL for varsity basketball games is uncertain.

seemed evenly matched. However, Nellis came out strong in the second half to pull away for the victory.

China Lake got off to a good start by eliminating Los Angeles Air Force Station with a 26-0 whitewash. Rich Lasell, Mike Machowsky, Jim Semore and Benny McCargo were the scorers for the local squad.

This will probably be the last time that the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League holds flag football competition. Next year, the sport will be replaced with slow-pitch softball.

## Dance Planned for 'Toys for Tots'

A concert, sponsored by NWC's Marine Corps Liaison Office and the local branch of the Marine Corps League, will cater to adults from 7 to 11 p.m. on Dec. 17, to be followed by a dance at the Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

The price of admission is a new (preferably) toy or a donation of \$5 per

person at the door.

Billy Armstrong, Merle Haggard and the Strangers, Billy Mize and Sandy Thomas and the Country Buddies will perform at the concert, while the Barrel House Band will headline the dance.

Toys donated for this program can be delivered to the office of the Daily Independent newspaper and the Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 4084. For pick-up of toys, call 939-3716.

During the Christmas Parade tomorrow, the Grand Marshal will be Col. E.D. Smith of the Marine Corps Liaison Office. A "Toys for Tots" float will also be entered.

Residents are urged to support the China Lake segment of "Toys for Tots," and give a toy to a needy child.

## Civil Service Annuities Rise To Meet Cost-of-Living Jump

Information from the U.S. Civil Service Commission indicates that a cost-of-living (COL) adjustment of Civil Service annuities amounting to 5.5 per cent will take effect on Jan. 1, 1974.

The Civil Service Retirement Law provides for an automatic increase of Civil Service annuities whenever the COL, nationwide, goes up by at least three per cent over the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month used as the base for three consecutive months.

The present base month is April 1973. August of 1973 was the first month that the percentage increase in the CPI equaled at least three per cent over April 1973. The percentage increase was 3.4 per cent in August, 3.7 per cent in September, and 4.5 per cent in October.

According to law, annuities are increased by the highest percentage increase in the CPI during the three-month period plus an additional one per cent authorized by law.

A new Public Law was signed in October that changed the eligibility requirements for COL annuity increases payable to retiring employees. Formerly an annuity had to begin no later than the day before a COL increase became effective in order to warrant the increase. The new law provides that an immediate annuity which begins after the effective date of a COL increase will be the greater of the following two annuity rates:

1) The amount of the actual

annuity earned as of the date of separation; or  
2) The annuity that would have been payable based on the total service and high-3 average pay that existed on the day before the last COL increase became effective, plus the percentage of that COL increase.

For example, if you retire no later than Dec. 31, 1973, the amount of your earned annuity through the date of your retirement will be compared with the annuity based on your service and average pay through June 30, 1973 plus the 6.1 per cent COL increase which was effective July 1, 1973. Your annuity will be whichever is the larger amount. For the purpose of this comparison, you will be assumed to have met the age and service requirements for retirement on June 30, 1973, even if, actually, you were not eligible to retire at that time. Employees who retire on or before Dec. 31, 1973, will also receive the 5.5 per cent COL increase effective Jan. 1, 1974.

For employees retiring after Dec. 31, 1973, your earned annuity as of the effective date of your retirement will be compared with the annuity based on your service and average high-3 pay plus the most recent COL increase. Your annuity will be whichever is the greater of these two amounts.

## Letter Bombs From Canada In the Mail

Information received from U.S. postal authorities recently has indicated the possibility of letter bombs having been mailed to government agencies and American oil companies in the continental United States.

The suspected letter bombs, which will come from Toronto, Can., are reported to be in pink and/or white envelopes, sizes 4x6 in. by 1 1/2 in. thick, and 4x11 in. and 1 1/4 in. thick. The letters will have a Switzerland postmark with one of the following return addresses:

Guy Yasat, Yose Yahr, A'Rungidu Prabanaom or Du Brabanson.

If employees should encounter a suspected letter bomb, they are to avoid handling, evacuate the immediate area and notify the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team by calling NWC Ext. 6311 during working hours, or ext. 3323 at any other time.

## Energy Crisis Talk Slated By AIAA Monday

A talk on the energy crisis will highlight the luncheon meeting Monday of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The meeting, open to all interested persons, will be from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Sun Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Miss Sandy Dahl, Consumer Service Consultant for the Southern California Edison Co., will speak on "Understanding the Energy Crunch." Slides will illustrate her talk.

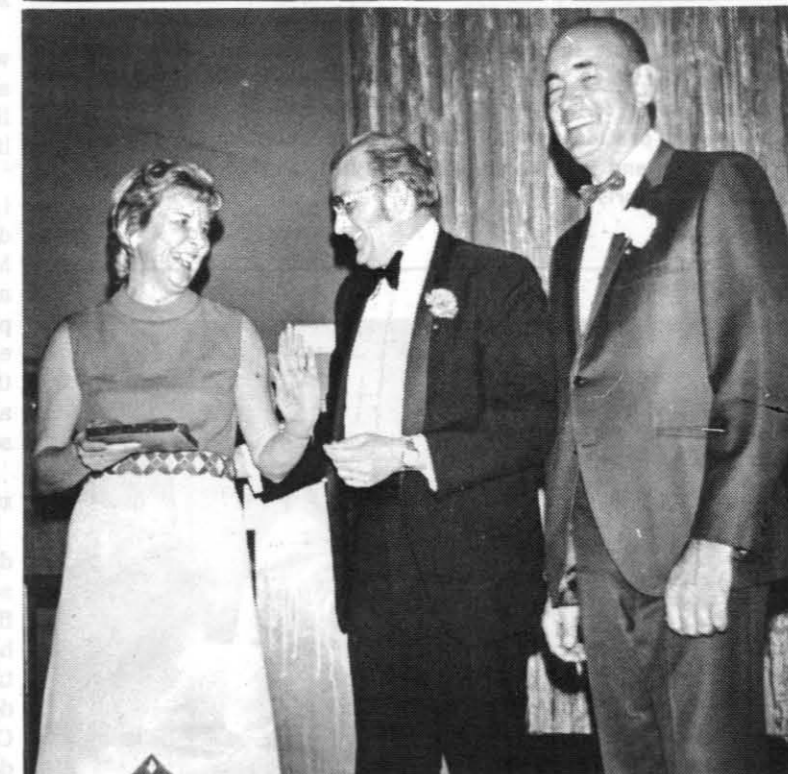
## Sea World To Stage Military Month

The fourth annual "Military Month" at Sea World, Mission Bay, San Diego, began last Saturday and will continue through Sunday, Jan. 6.

A free Shamu poster / calendar and one free ride goes to every child, 4-17, — and a special "military month" hotel is located only 5 min. from Sea World. Tell San Diego's Town & Country Hotel you're a 4th Annual Military Month guest, and they'll give you special discount rates. Call for reservations (714) 291-7131. Coupons available at the Community Center.

Two premiere shows are scheduled: "Shamu for Mayor," in which a man will take the ride of his life on the back of a two-ton killer whale, and "Lost Isle of Dolphins," featuring dolphin acrobatics.

In addition, Santa will fly his Delta kite from a terrifying 800 ft. The ancient martial skills are brought to life in Sea World's Japanese Pavilion in the all-new smashing karate show.



OUTSTANDING COUPLE — Jerry Zaharias (center), president of the Parish Council, is shown presenting the Outstanding Catholic Couple of the Year award to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forster. The presentation was a highlight of the 11th Annual Catholic Dinner-Dance, held last Friday night at the Community Center. The plaque, inscribed "Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Forster in gratitude for your exemplary generosity in the gift of yourselves to our Parish programs," honored the couple's many services over the past year. Mr. Forster is the chairman of the Parish Council's Mass Implementation Committee, chairman of the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, co-chairman of the Annual Picnic, and president of the Employee Services Board. Mrs. Forster is principal of the Elementary Religious Education Program, with thirty-nine teachers looking to her for coordination and organization of their activities.



**PLAYING THE GAME** — Mayor Ken Smith (center) of Ridgecrest was among the players of the Energy-Environment Simulator game, brought to NWC as part of the Atomic Energy "Citizens' Workshops on Energy and the Environment." Steve Lee (left) and Mont Stevens were also among the citizens concerned about the energy crisis who turned out for these workshops. Held every week-day this past week at the Training Center, the workshops educated participants on the extent of the energy problem, and also on steps that can be taken to help alleviate it. An evening workshop was also held on Wed. in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

—Photo by Bob Mann



**CHRISTMAS TREES APLENTY** — The NAF annual Christmas Party, to be held Dec. 22 at the Community Center, will be decorated brightly with table settings prepared by the members of the local branch of the Navy Wives Club, Desert Flowers No. 125. Shown preparing some of the tiny Christmas trees are: (l. to r.) Bobbie Hurley, vice-president of the Navy Wives Club, Kathy Johnson, Peggy Davis and Rita Harper. Over 50 little Christmas trees will brighten the Christmas happening.



**NAVY WIVES LEND A HAND** — Navy Wives Club members (l. to r.) Jane Holtman, Kathy Gire and Yvonne Brode, president of the local Navy Wives Club, lend a hand in the preparations for the NAF float to be seen tomorrow in the annual Christmas Parade. Among other floats entered are those by the Hi-Desert Realty, Desert Express, the First Baptist Church and the Desert Empire Fair.

## Fire Safety Important At Christmas Time

"This Christmas do not let the 'Jingle Bells' heard in your driveway be those of a fire engine!" warns NWC Fire Chief R. E. Rightmer.

Failure to pay attention to fire safety during the holiday season can lead to injury or death, a stark note of tragedy during this traditional time of joy. Chief Rightmer offers the following suggestions for keeping Christmas safe and happy.

If you purchase a live Christmas tree, make sure it is fresh-looking and firm-needed when you pick it out. Saw off the trunk of the tree an inch above the original cut, stand the tree in water, and keep it in water for as long as you use the tree.

Do not rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatment — the Chief states that this is not effective. Set the tree up away from heat and where it won't block doorways or stairs. Dispose of your tree soon after Christmas — don't wait until the tree is dead and dried-out.

If your tree is artificial, make sure it is made of slow-burning materials. Look for Underwriters Laboratories (UL) labels on trees with built-in electrical systems.

All Center activities planning Christmas decorations must get approval from the Fire Department on the locations of these decorations.

Christmas tree lights can be dangerous — check all lighting strings for frayed and cracked wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Discard all lighting strings that are not in top condition and replace them only with UL-approved sets. Try to buy American-made bulbs; imported bulbs may have dangerous hot spots. The Fire Department strongly recommends electric cord sets with built-in fuses.

When you leave the house or when you retire for the night, always turn off the Christmas tree lights and any other indoor holiday lighting.

Use noncombustible materials (metal, glass, and asbestos) for decorations as much as possible. Make sure cotton batting, flocking, and decorative paper are flame-proofed. If you use natural evergreen decorations, keep them well away from the fireplace and other heat. Discard them as soon as they start to dry out.

Dispose of all gift wrapping materials promptly and safely.

Smoking can be especially dangerous during the holiday season when so many more flammable items are around the house. Keep plenty of safe ash trays in convenient places and don't allow any smoking near the Christmas tree, or near decorations or presents.

As always, keep matches and cigarette lighters out of reach of children (again, there are lots of burnable items around at this time of year) and keep the youngsters from playing beneath or near the Christmas tree.

Finally, Fire Chief Rightmer emphasizes, it is especially important during this busy time of year not to leave children alone or without proper supervision, even for a short time; and to have a well-rehearsed escape plan for use in case of a fire emergency.

## Schedule for New Rents

TYPE	RATE
4 BDRM	
SOQ	335.10
SIERRA	296.10
PANAMINT	261.60
HAWTHORNE	185.40
JOSHUA	231.90
WHERRY NEW	192.00
3 BDRM	
COSO	280.80
SSQ SAGE	290.70
JOQ REAR	252.90
PANAMINT	252.30
JOQ FRONT	236.40
YUCCA	231.90
SSQ SARATOGA	261.30
HILL DUPLEX	222.30
TAMARISK	214.80
JUNIPER	213.90
JOQ FRONT	231.60
MOQ	224.10
WASP CIRCLE	207.90
NORMAC DUPLEX	197.70
OLD DUPLEX	185.70
SANQUIST	115.20
NORMAC	163.80
WHERRY NEW	166.80
WHERRY OLD	165.00
HAWTHORNE	141.60
2 BDRM	
JOQ REAR	195.60
JOQ FRONT	184.50
NORMAC DUPLEX	178.90
HILL DUPLEX	194.70
OLD DUPLEX	157.20
OLD DUPLEX DINING AD	171.60
WHERRY OLD	150.30
WHERRY NEW	150.30
NORMAC	142.20
LETOURNEAU	143.70
HAWTHORNE	125.10
1 BDRM	
OLD DUPLEX	125.10
NORMAC	115.80
HAWTHORNE	106.20
APT., MOTEL	
3 BDRM OLD APTS	136.80
2 BDRM CARD APTS	142.50
2 BDRM OLD APTS	114.90
1 BDRM OLD APT	94.20
1 BDRM MOTEL	105.60
1 BDRM DORM (APT)	99.00
0 BDRM OLD APT	71.40
0 BDRM MOTEL	74.40
NEW DORM, PRI BATH	76.50
NEW DORM, SEMI—PRI BATH	57.60
NEW DORM, DOUBLE, SEMI—PRI BATH	38.25
NEW DORM, DOUBLE, PRI BATH	67.20



**HOLIDAY SEASON SPECIAL** — With rehearsals now several weeks along, work also is going along at full speed now by Beth Allen and Lynn Young, (with saw) who are in charge of backdrops and properties for a ballet concert that is to be presented on Sunday, Dec. 16, starting at 2 p.m. at the NWC Theater. The performers will range from beginners to some who have studied ballet locally for as long as 12 years. In addition, the cast will include two young professional ballet artists from the local area. All money brought in by the nominal admission price of \$1 for adults, 60 cents for children (or a maximum of \$3 for all members of a single family) will go to the Indian Wells Valley Association for the Retarded. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Station Pharmacy, or at either the Daily Independent newspaper or the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest.

## Sorority Previews Splendid Holidays

**LOOKING STUNNING** in a blue off-the-shoulder pants outfit, Nancy Loundagin was one of the models at the 11th annual Beta Sigma Phi "Holiday Splendor" fashion show. The show was held at the Officers' Club last Monday and Tuesday evenings.



**STYLISH COUPLE** Dan and Emma Brown (right) would make a spectacular entry into the most elegant party with his white tuxedo and her ivory halter gown. Inez Whittington (below) models another gown of classic cut before an attentive audience. The show drew over 550 people and netted the six chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi a total of \$1,400. During the intermission to Tuesday evening's show, a check for \$145 was presented to Capt. William Sturman, Public Works Officer, for use for Navy Relief.



**GREY TUXEDO** with velvet lapels and ruffled shirt, modelled by Cdr. Robert Good, was one of the crowd-pleasers in the Beta Sigma Phi fashion show. Accompanying Cdr. Good is Patty Jacobson in a flowered caftan, seen in more detail at the bottom of the page.



**PINK CROCHET** adorns a classically simple gown worn by Inez Whittington. Fashions from Mary Sue's, Adam's Den, and the Wildflower were worn by 14 ladies, nine men, and two children, all local volunteers who modelled with professional style and poise.



**ELEGANTLY SIMPLE**, the white slip dress with chiffon caftan worn by Patty Jacobson would be perfect for a festive party.

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