

## IWV Concert Ass'n to conduct annual meeting Mon. night

The Indian Wells Valley Concert Association's 28th annual business meeting and election of directors to serve two-year terms will be held on Monday, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Clancey's Claim Co. restaurant in Ridgecrest.

During the meeting, reports will be presented summarizing the association's activities during the past year and outlining what is planned for the 1980-81 concert season.

Dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling the association's telephone number (375-5600) no later than Sunday. Those interested in attending only the business portion of the meeting can do so, but should plan to arrive at 7:30.

Carl Helmick, president of the IWV Concert Association's board of directors, will review the past season and report on the outlook for 1980-81, and a financial report is to be given by the treasurer. There also will be a report by the association's Audit Committee.

Ballots that have been mailed to IWV Concert Association members for the purpose of selecting five members to the association's board of directors can still be marked and returned, and will be counted if received no later than 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The candidates for election to the board are Lou Ava Seybold and Beaujourn Shull, incumbents, and Phil Arnold, Clara Erickson, Pamela Marker, Robert Nelson, Michael Stringham, and Barbara Wicker.

Results of the vote tally will be announced prior to the close of the annual meeting.

Those elected will be joining the following holdover members of the board: Anna Marie Bergens, Helmick, Billie Hise, Carl Morley, and Gene Younklin.

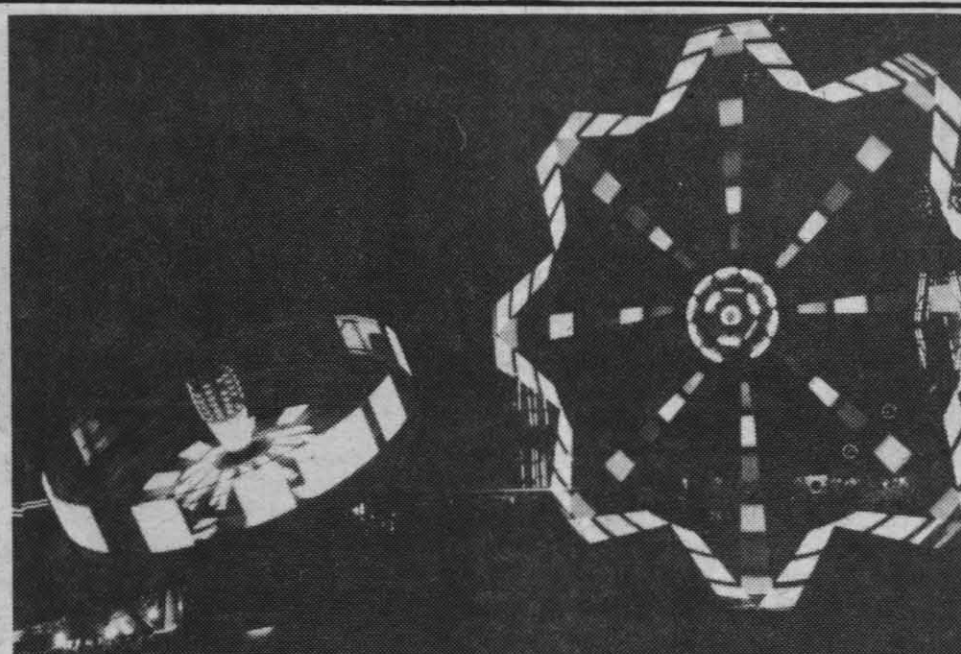
## Children's Center offers training for volunteers Monday

A training class for parents or other persons interested in helping out as volunteers at the Recreation Services Children's Center will be held on Monday, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Rm. 101 of the Training Center.

Polly Ferraro, director of the Children's Center, will be the instructor of this 2-hour session for volunteers who wish to learn how they can earn credit that will be applied to their child care bill when they wish to use the facility at a later date.

During the time that the training class is in session on Monday, free child care will be provided at Children's Center Annex 1.

Those who wish to take advantage of this free child care service while they are attending the training class for volunteer helpers at the Children's Center are asked to make reservations for their child by calling NWC ext. 3171.



**COLORFUL EVENT** — Bright lights from rides on the midway at the Spring Festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will light up the sky above the Desert Empire Fairgrounds starting next Wednesday, May 21, and each evening through Sunday, May 25. The gates will be open to permit everyone in the area to enjoy fun, food, exhibits and entertainment associated with this annual event starting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 21-23, and at noon both Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25. General admission is 50 cents, with 25 cents being charged children between 6 and 12, enlisted military personnel and senior citizens.

## KofC-sponsored Spring Festival to open May 21 at fairgrounds

Carnival rides, a midway, entertainment, a Motocross, exhibitions, and a variety of foods plus much more is promised at the annual Spring Festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The Spring Festival is scheduled at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest from Wednesday through Sunday, May 21-25. Fairground gates will open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and at noon on both Saturday and Sunday. Closing time will be around 10 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday, at 11 on Thursday, and midnight Friday and Saturday.

Admission to all the fun is 50 cents for anyone over 12. This is reduced to 25 cents for children between 6 and 12, enlisted military personnel, and senior citizens upon presentation of I.D. cards.

Those who are handicapped are admitted free, and will also be provided free parking in the west parking lot; all others will be charged \$1 for parking in the west lot. Parking in the north parking lot is free.

### THREE MAJOR RIDES

Three major rides—the Yo-Yo, the Scramble, and the Flying Bobs—are featured by the SJM Fiesta Shows, which will also have a ferris wheel, the loop-a-plane, the big slide, the hurricane ride and the zipper. Kiddie rides will also be available for tiny tots.

Local groups who will man booths at which food and refreshments will be offered for sale, in addition to the KofC sponsors, are Ridgecrest Kiwanis Club, pizza pie and soft drinks; Eagles Lodge, chili and tacos; Fleet Reserve Association, ice cream; Moose Lodge, hamburgers; IWV Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, fried chicken; Indian Wells Valley Lions Club, corn on the cob; American Legion, hot dogs; Eagles Auxiliary, soft drinks; Sunshine House, sundry items; Exchange Club,

## Sandquist Spa to be scene of free star party tonight at 8

A free public star party, sponsored by the China Lake Astronomical Society will begin tonight at 8 o'clock at the Sandquist Spa recreational area.

Weather permitting, telescopes will be set up for visitors to view such celestial objects as the planets Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, star clusters in the Milky Way, and external galaxies.

The turn-off to Sandquist Spa is located on Inyokern Road five miles west of the main gate of the Naval Weapons Center. A two-mile road north connects the Spa to the highway.



### Commissioned Officers' Mess

On Tuesday evening, the Commissioned Officers' Mess will hold its first steak cookout of the summer.

T-bone steak, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, and hot biscuits and honey will be the main entrees on the menu; and the steaks will be cooked to order, because everyone cooks his own.

Members and guests are reminded to make their reservations early for the upcoming Membership Night on Friday, May 23.

This gala event will feature "The Marauders," who will play for the listening and dancing pleasure of all in attendance.

There will be a buffet dinner (served from 6:30 to 9 o'clock), consisting of baron of beef, green salad, vegetables, and baked potatoes.

Price for this evening of dining and dancing is \$4 for members and their spouses, and \$5 for guests. Reservations can be made by calling the COM office at 446-2549.

Reservations are now available at the Commissioned Officers' Mess for the upcoming Festival Theatre dinner-show on Tuesday, May 27, at the COM.

Once again the Alpha-Omega Players will be performing for members and guests of the COM in Mark Twain's "The Diary of Adam and Eve," a musical comedy about the war between the sexes.

A dinner menu of salad, grand marnier Cornish game hen, rice pilaf, baked potato, and vegetables is scheduled from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and showtime is at 8 o'clock.

A price of \$7 per person includes dinner and the show. Due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend, reservations must be made no later than next Friday, May 23.

### Chief Petty Officers' Club

George (Barney) Barnard, manager of the Chief Petty Officers' Club, announced this week the booking of an exciting new contemporary-rock music group that will be appearing at the CPO Club this evening.

This 5-piece combo hails from Las Vegas, and features a female singer. The group will be providing musical entertainment for CPO Club members and guests from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

For those who plan to have dinner at the CPO Club this evening, the menu will feature a choice of prime rib of beef or Icelandic cod. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock.

### Enlisted Mess

The Enlisted Mess chefs will be preparing a seafood plate with lobster this evening. Diners who wish to partake of this oceanic delight can do so between the hours of 6 and 8:30 o'clock.

Also on the agenda tonight will be music by "Wanted," a rock group from the Los Angeles area, who will be performing for the listening and dancing pleasure of EM patrons from 9 until 1 a.m.



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AZ1 John E. McElwain

## 1st Bluejackets of quarter are selected here

First to receive joint honors as Bluejacket of the Quarter are Aviation Maintenance Administrationman First Class John E. McElwain of the Naval Weapons Center and Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class Norman R. Estes of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5).

The two Bluejackets were selected from those who were previously chosen as either Bluejacket of the Month or Sailor of the Month from the two organizations during the first quarter of the year; they now become eligible for the Bluejacket of the Year competition held under the sponsorship of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League.

AZ1 McElwain is assigned to Maintenance Control in the NWC Aircraft Department's Aircraft Support Division as the senior maintenance administrationman. His duties include control, update, and verification of aircraft discrepancy books, flight schedules, and visual information display system boards.

He has also held, as collateral duty, an assignment as Division Career Counselor, and has served as president of the NWC First Class Ways and Means Committee, captain of the NWC Blue skeet and trap team, and has extensive home and community involvements.

ADJ3 Estes is a member of the VX-5 Power Plants Branch, where he serves as jet mechanic for several types of aircraft, dealing especially with high and low power turnup on the engine and related systems of a group of aircraft.

AZ1 McElwain is now in his 16th year of military service and ADJ3 Estes in his 4th.

Both men will be appropriately honored and recognized by the Military Affairs Committee of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce. They will have use of a rental car and gasoline for the weekend of their choice, courtesy of Hucek's Travel Service, meals at Clancey's Claim Co., and gift certificates from local merchants. They will also be guests of the local Chamber of Commerce at either a breakfast or a lunch meeting.



ADJ3 Norman R. Estes

# nwc rocketeer

## Armed Forces Day air show attracts throng of 25,000 to Armitage Airfield

While weather conditions weren't ideal for last Saturday's Armed Forces Day air show and demonstrations at the Naval Weapons Center, a crowd estimated at 25,000 visited Armitage Airfield to witness a major portion of the scheduled program that could be staged despite cold winds that hit peak gusts of 35 knots in mid-morning.

The throng that braved the cold wind was well rewarded by the topnotch performance of the Blue Angels, the Navy's precision flight demonstration team; a mock air raid by World War II vintage aircraft, and bombing and fire power demonstrations by jet aircraft currently in use by U.S. and allied forces.

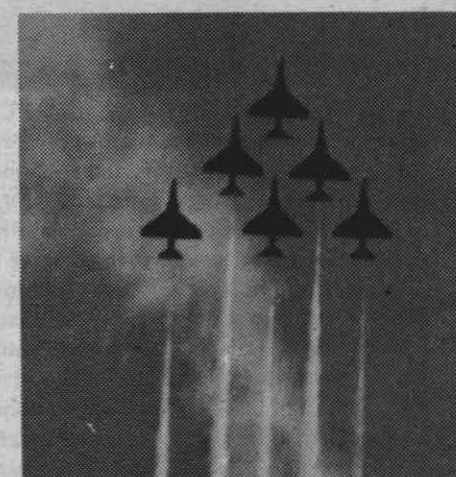
For every aircraft that was in the air last Saturday afternoon, there were an equal

number on static display outside the Armitage Airfield hangars. Before and after the air show, visitors had the opportunity for close-up examination of these aircraft, which ranged in age and type from a World War I German Fokker to modern-day jets such as the F-14 Tomcat and F-15 Eagle.

Other static displays inside Hangar 3 included exhibits that featured such NWC weapons programs as Sidewinder, Sparrow, HARM, and Walleye. In addition, lifelike dummies that are used to test parachute equipment developed by the Parachute Systems Department were on display along with other life saving and safety gear used by the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group.

Because of strong winds, which were still gusting at 33 knots at around 1:30 p.m. when the air show was scheduled to begin, a parachute drop by jumpers from the NWC Parachute Systems Department carrying an American flag and the Navy pennant, had to be called off.

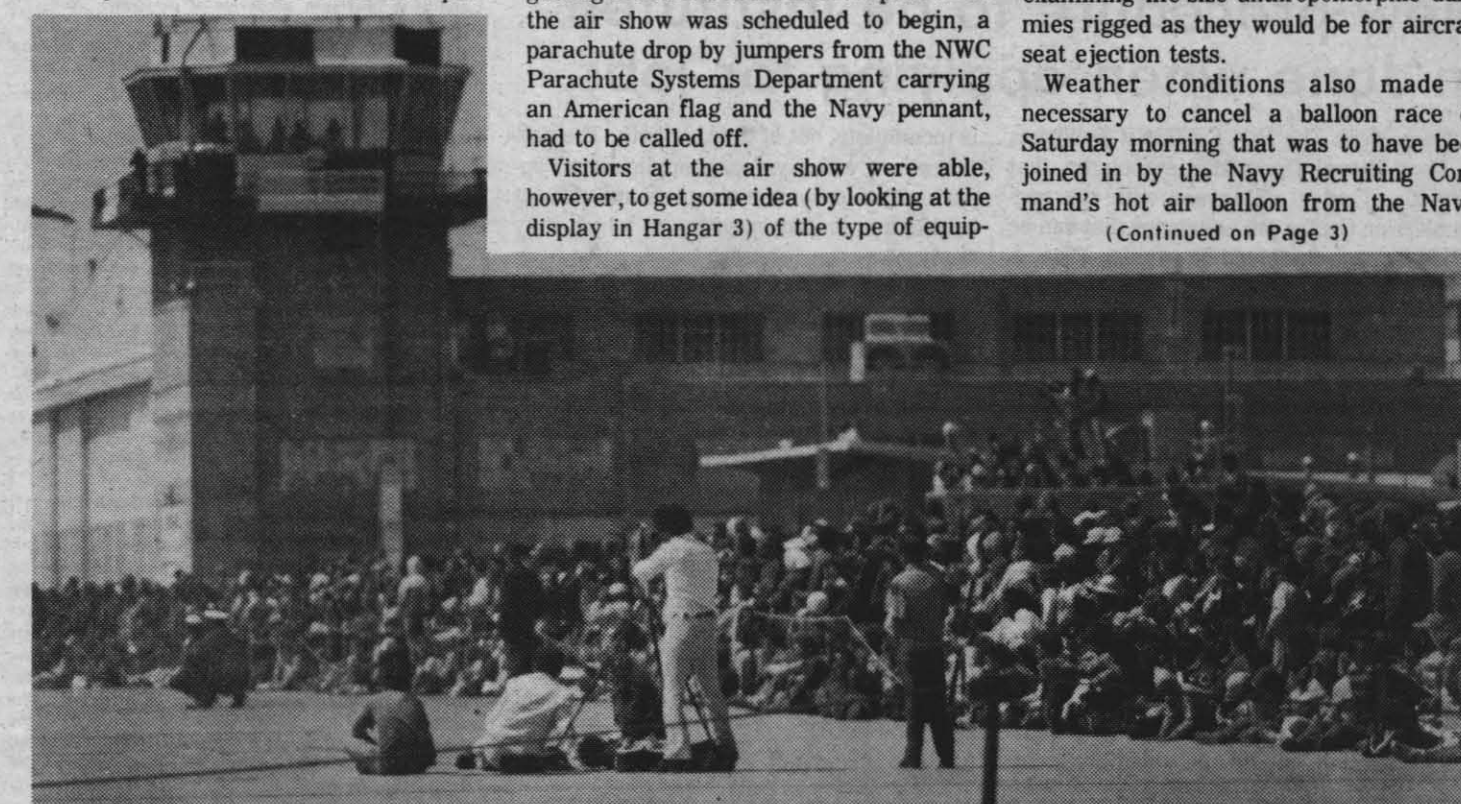
Visitors at the air show were able, however, to get some idea (by looking at the display in Hangar 3) of the type of equip-



ment used in test parachute work by examining life-size anthropomorphic dummies rigged as they would be for aircraft seat ejection tests.

Weather conditions also made it necessary to cancel a balloon race on Saturday morning that was to have been joined in by the Navy Recruiting Command's hot air balloon from the Naval

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**ARMED FORCES DAY FETE DRAWS CROWD** — Highlight of the Armed Forces Day celebration held last Saturday at the Naval Weapons Center was an air show and fire power demonstration that was topped off by an hour-long performance by the Blue Angels, Navy flight demonstration team. Cold winds for this

time of year failed to cut into the number (estimated at 25,000) or dampen the enthusiasm of those gathered for this special event. Clear blue skies with some clouds provided a vivid backdrop for the aerial maneuvers of the "Blues," who can be seen (in upper photo) zooming upward in their six-plane delta formation.

### Salute to NWC

## Joshua Hall packed on Navy Appreciation Night

An enthusiastic crowd that filled to capacity the tables set up in Joshua Hall, main exhibit building at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds, testified to the fact that "America Is Alive and Well in Ridgecrest, U.S.A.," during a gala Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Navy Appreciation Night program last Friday.

Icing on the cake for this special salute to the Naval Weapons Center by the neighboring community of Ridgecrest was the presence of the Blue Angels, the Navy's precision flight demonstration team whose officers and enlisted maintenance crew were among the many honored guests of the evening. Other special guests were the men and women of the U.S. Navy stationed at China Lake.

All hands were welcomed by Harry Parode, master of ceremonies, who is a retired Navy officer and former department head at NWC. Parode is now employed by Computer Sciences Corp. in Ridgecrest.

Following presentation of the flag by a color guard from VFW Post 4084, the pledge

of allegiance and the singing of the national anthem, the evening's program (which consisted of a series of presentations to NWC) began following the invocation delivered by Fr. John Patterson, rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Ridgecrest.

"Armed Forces Day is a day when the members of the Armed Forces share themselves with the nation, but tonight it is our turn to tell the nation's military personnel how wonderful we think they are," Parode commented in setting the stage for the activity that was to follow.

The emcee called Cdr. Denny Wisely, flight leader of the Blue Angels, to the microphone to introduce the officers and enlisted men of the Navy flight demonstration team. While doing so, Cdr. Wisely, who was here with the Blue Angels for their 14th air show of the 1980 season, pointed out that the Blue Angels have the rare privilege of taking naval aviation throughout the country. No place they have visited so far this season has matched the enthusiasm he and his fellow team members have found in

the China Lake-Ridgecrest area, Cdr. Wisely said.

On behalf of the Naval Weapons Center, Capt. Haff, NWC Commander, was on the receiving end of the many Navy Appreciation Night presentations that were made.

Those at NWC are on the "cutting edge" of today's technology which the free world is dependent upon for its security, Congressman William H. Thomas, 18th Congressional District representative, stated as he led off the parade of those making presentations.

Congressman Thomas had framed copies of remarks that he entered recently into the Congressional Record about the special relationship that exists between NWC and Ridgecrest which he presented to Capt. Haff and to Harold Hockett, Mayor of the City of Ridgecrest.

From State Assemblyman Phil Wyman the NWC Commander received a resolution from the State Assembly in recognition of the Navy Appreciation Night fete.

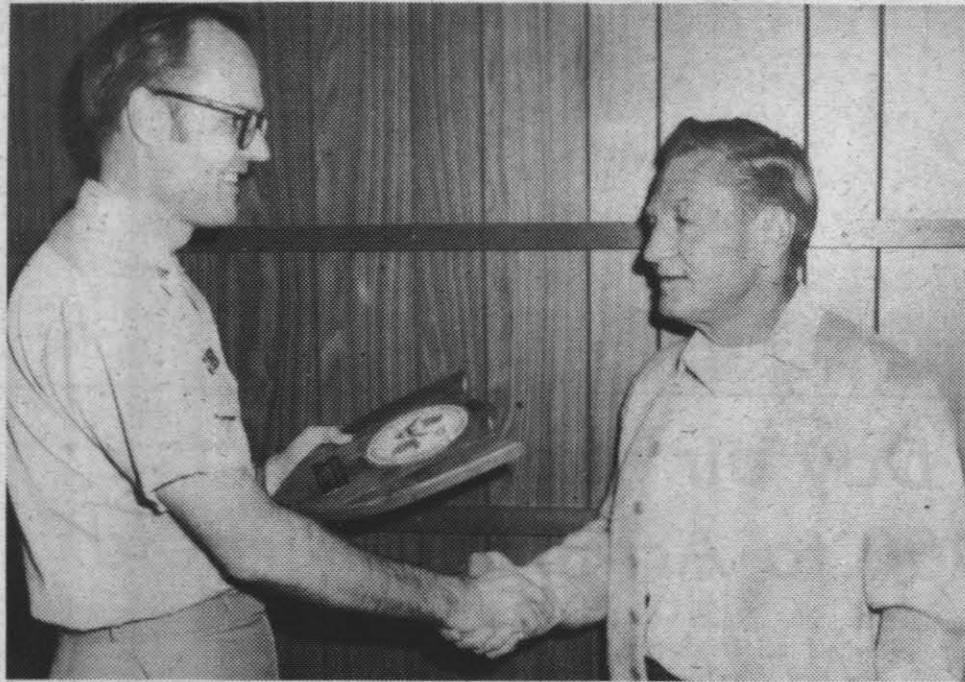
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## MOVIES

(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences  
(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested  
(R) RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying  
Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time—7 p.m.  
FRI., SAT., MON. MAY 16, 17, 19  
"...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"  
Starring  
Al Pacino and Jack Warden  
(Melodrama, rated R, 119 min.)  
SUNDAY MAY 18  
"EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE"  
Starring  
Clint Eastwood and Geoffrey Lewis  
(Action-drama, rated PG, 122 min.)  
WEDNESDAY MAY 21  
"BLACK STALLION"  
Starring  
Kelly Reno and Mickey Rooney  
(Drama, rated G, 117 min.)





**LENGTHY FED'L SERVICE CAREER ENDS** — At the time of his recent retirement, William A. Williams received the congratulations of Capt. Jon R. Ives, NWC Public Works Officer, and a plaque from the Western Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC). Williams, who was employed here as a NAVFAC construction representative, compiled a total of 39 years of federal service, including service in the Marine Corps during World War II and in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Williams joined the workforce at China Lake in September 1946, a month after his discharge from the Marine Corps, and was employed as an electrician in the Public Works Department Electric Shop until August 1950, when he enlisted in the Army. He returned here 14 months later and remained at China Lake until his retirement. Since October 1951, he has worked as an electrical inspector, a general inspector, and during his final years on the job as a construction representative—for either the Southwestern Division or the Western Division of NAVFAC.

## New procedure to be instituted in June when applying for jobs

Each week The ROCKETEER publishes a Promotional Opportunities column that provides Center employees with the particulars on Center job vacancies that can be filled through the Merit Promotion Plan. A change in the method of applying for these jobs will occur soon.

Beginning with Promotional Opportunities printed in the Center newspaper published on Friday, June 13, employees wishing to be considered for vacancies must submit a Personal Qualifications Statement (Standard Form 171). A separate SF 171 must be submitted for each vacancy for which an employee wishes to receive consideration.

Copies of SF 171 are available at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Department (Bldg. 34) and in each department office. A drop box in the area of the Reception Desk in the Personnel Department building will be provided for completed SF 171s.

The changes are in response to problems inherent in the current system. Since Official Personnel Folders (OPFs) are used for purposes other than rating and ranking, they contain many documents that are not relevant to the Merit Promotion process. Each document, however, must be reviewed by the rater, which unnecessarily increases the time it takes to complete the process.

Most employees do not regularly update their OPFs. This causes employees in some instances to be rated ineligible or not among the best qualified, based on information that

is incomplete, out of date, or both. The new procedure will give each applicant an opportunity to provide a complete and current application for any position to which they apply.

The new system has the advantage of requiring less processing time in the Personnel Department. This means that supervisors will be able to fill vacancies more quickly. Employees will know the results of the Merit Promotion process in less time than is now the case. Another advantage is that errors in rating and ranking will be reduced. All in all, the changes promise a substantial improvement in merit promotion processing.

Any questions regarding the new procedures or requests for assistance in filling out copies of SF 171 should be referred to the Personnel Management Advisor (PMA).

### Visit slated on May 20 by Aetna Insurance rep

Mrs. Carmen Ziegler, an Aetna Insurance representative, will pay a visit to the Naval Weapons Center next Tuesday, May 20, for the purpose of meeting with Aetna health insurance enrollees who have questions or problems regarding the submittal of claims.

Mrs. Ziegler will be available in the Yucca Room of the Community Center between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Appointments to see the Aetna Insurance representative can be made by calling Eileen Baird at NWC ext. 2018 or 2595.

## Promotional opportunities

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 092, Ext. 2069. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 or 172 in their personnel folder. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor (Code 096 or 097). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

**Supervisory Police Officer, GS-083-6/7, PD No. 7184012N, Code 2413** — This is a temporary position not to exceed one year. This position is within the NWC Police Division, Safety and Security Department. The primary function is that of first line supervisor in the Patrol Branch responsible for one of three watches (shifts). Incumbent will primarily perform duties in the field, supervising the actions and performance of the patrolmen; will insure that all investigations handled by patrol units are properly conducted. Incumbent will, while on patrol, act as a patrol unit and will be alert to law violators, evidence of the occurrence of a crime or conditions which would adversely affect the welfare of the Center. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of all aspects of police work, particularly patrol procedures and criminal investigations; knowledge of state and federal criminal law; experience as a supervisor or in a supervisory capacity; ability to communicate with others effectively; ability to prepare clear and concise reports; willingness to support Federal EEO policies and goals.

**Secretary, GS-318-3/4, PD No. 8035011N, Code 3502 (3 vacancies)** — Part-time, 39 hours per week. Incumbents perform secretarial duties for personnel within the Electronic Warfare Department in the absence of regular secretaries and provide support for all of the secretaries in the department. Incumbents may be assigned to various areas for unspecified periods of time. Duties include: typing, filing, routing mail, receiving and screening office and telephone callers, maintaining division/branch heads' calendars, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type accurately and efficiently; knowledge of correspondence format and procedures; ability to use fact and judgment; ability to deal with all levels of personnel; ability to communicate both oral and in writing.

File applications for the above with Janet Thomas, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2318.

**Contract Specialist, GS-1102-5/7/9, PD No. 8025028N, Code 2521** — This position is located in the Contracts Management Branch, Contracts Division, Supply Department. At the lower levels, this is a trainee position. Assignments will include analyzing contractual actions as to adequacy, validity, clarity and conformance with current regulations, providing pre-contractual and post-contractual liaison between technical personnel and appropriate contracting offices, developing data concerning funding, priorities, technical specifications, estimates of manhours, materials, security requirements, and the like. Contracts include: FFP, CPFF, CPIF, and CPAF. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge and ability to use regulations including Defense Acquisition Regulation; knowledge of government procurement and contractual policies; ability to deal effectively with a wide variety of people; and ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Position has promotion potential to GS-9, however, promotion is not guaranteed.

File applications for the above with Marge Stanton, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.

**Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-7, PD No. 8025021N, Code 2522** — (Purchase Services) This position is located in the Purchase Branch, Contracts Division, Supply Department. The incumbent is responsible for the purchase of various services. These services range from relatively simple repairs to complex requests requiring a high level of scientific and engineering capabilities. Purchase requests are reviewed for adequacy of documentation, purchase description, funding and approvals. Selection of the appropriate purchasing method as well as selection of the method of soliciting quotations is the responsibility of the incumbent. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of small purchase procedures; ability to work without close supervision; ability to deal effectively with others; ability to work under pressure.

**Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-7, PD No. 8025021N, Code 2522** — (Purchase commodities) This position is located in the Purchase Branch, Contracts Division, Supply Department. The incumbent is responsible for the purchase of highly technical commodities. Items are standard technical items requiring modification or items manufactured to detailed specifications. Purchase requests are reviewed for adequacy of documentation, purchase description, funding and approvals. Selection of the appropriate purchasing method as well as selection of the method of soliciting quotations is the responsibility of the incumbent. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of small purchase procedure; ability to work without close supervision; ability to deal effectively with others; ability to work under pressure.

File applications for the above with Linda Bego, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2736.

**Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3, PD No. 8032028, Code 3273** — (Part-time position 39 hours per week.) This position is located in the Systems Technology Branch, Propulsion Systems Division, Ordnance Systems Department. Incumbent provides clerical support for a guided projectile, 8 in. anti radiation projectile and laser guided bomb programs. Duties will consist of typing, filing, answering the telephone, operating a telecopier and other related clerical duties. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type quickly and efficiently; ability to communicate effectively; knowledge of standard Navy filing systems.

File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2292.

**Perfecting Offset Press Operator (11" x 17"), WP-4417, 12, JD No. 669, Code 3443** — (Pending job grading action by OP 141D) This position is located in the Printing and Reproduction Branch, Graphic Arts Division, Technical Information Department. Incumbent operates and maintains an offset total copy system (11" x 17 in.) which includes the master images, tandem press, and spirit/collator. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to do the work without more than normal supervision; technical practices; knowledge of materials; ability to use and maintain tools and equipment; ability to follow directions, instructions, and specifications; use of measuring instruments.

File applications for the above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2514.

**Mechanical Engineering Technician, GS-802-7, PD No. 8036033N, Code 3462** — This position is located in the Engineering Support Branch, Fleet Engineering Division.

Engineering Department. The incumbent assists in mechanical design, design modification, repair and/or assembly of hardware, test equipment, and related tasks. Incumbent assists in evaluating and judging production quality of components from test results and inspection information. Gathers and correlates information, documents and prepares reports, utilizing such data for project engineers or senior personnel, monitors, coordinates, and expedites tasks as assigned. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of dimensioning, tolerancing, documentation format; production methods, shop practices and materials; ability to perform drafting; ability to read mechanical drawings and schematics; ability to work well with others. In addition, must possess or be capable of obtaining certification in the handling of ordnance and an explosive driver's license. Promotion potential to GS-11.

**Interdisciplinary position, Mathematician/General Engineer/Physicist, GS-1520/801/1310-11/12, PD No. 7736030E, Code 3487** — Position is that of a system safety engineer in the System Safety Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department. Incumbent formulates system safety management procedures and schedules which are acceptable to the related program manager for the identification and resolution of potential hazards. Incumbent selects and performs detailed, systematic, hazard analyses, and directs others in the performance of such activities. Incumbent establishes and conducts periodic system safety working group meetings, acquiring the support of both government and contractor program and design personnel in their performance. The incumbent reviews specifications and technical manuals for inclusion of appropriate system safety design and test requirements, as well as reviews accident/incident data on similar weapon systems for related potential hazards. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in working with ordnance related weapon systems in a scientific or technical capacity; Product assurance experience with ordnance or missile systems.

**Engineering Technician, GS-802-9/10/11, PD No. 7934172/173/183N, Code 3487** — This position is located in the System Safety Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent interprets system and design requirements as described in government directives, and provides engineering and management assistance in performing related activities on NWC development programs; this includes reviews of specifications, documentation procedures, and explosive handling procedures; liaison with government and testing engineers; evaluation of program safety activities, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: GS-9—Ability to evaluate designs and make recommendations for changes to improve system safety; ability to work with all levels of personnel to resolve design and related problems. GS-10—11—Knowledge of quality assurance; knowledge of system safety and system engineering. Promotion potential to GS-11.

File applications for the above with Marge Stanton, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.

**Secretary (Typing), GS-318-3/4, PD No. 8039043N, Code 3952** — This position is in the RF Sensors Branch, RF Division, Weapons Department. Incumbent acts as receptionist, screening visitors and incoming telephone calls for the branch; provides clerical and typing duties for the branch.

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## DIVINE SERVICES

**PROTESTANT**  
Sunday Worship Service 1000  
Sunday School—All Ages 0830  
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the former Center Restaurant.  
Communion Service first Sunday of the Month.

**ECUMENICAL**  
Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130  
Thursday Men's Prayer Breakfast 0630

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**  
**MASS**  
Sunday 0830 1130  
Nursery, Chapel Annex 1 0815 1245  
Daily except Saturday, 1135, Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**CONFESSIONS**  
Daily 1115 to 1130  
Sunday 0800 to 0825

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**  
Sunday Pre-school thru 11th grade 1000  
Above classes are held in the Chapel Annexes across from the former Center Restaurant.  
Sunday after-noon 12th grade 1630  
As announced "In Home" Discussion Groups and Youth Rallies  
Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

**JEWISH SERVICES**  
**EASTWING—ALL FAITH CHAPEL**  
Sabbath Services every Friday 1930  
**UNITARIANS**  
**CHAPEL ANNEX 95**  
Services (Sept. May) 1930

## Swim team competes in first meet of season at Bakersfield

The Indian Wells Valley Swim Team (co-sponsored by the NWC Special Services Division) had its first meet of the season in chilly water at the Park-Stockdale pool in Bakersfield last Saturday.

Despite the cold weather local youngsters garnered a goodly number of ribbons that were awarded to first, second and third place winners.

In the youngest age group — 6 years of age and under — Dawn Fussner scored a first in backstroke, a second in freestyle, and was part of the youngest group's girls' relay team that took a second place. Other members of the relay team were D'Anne Fussner, Adrienne Webb, and Krissy West. Krissy West, in the 7-8 year old group, also garnered a second place in freestyle and a

### Softball scores. . .

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Highlight of the games played in the Men's Slow Pitch Division was the 4-hitter pitched by Art Donaldson of the Mather's Dairy Service team. The final score of this lopsided contest between Mather's and the Bird Olds squad was 23-0 in favor of the Dairymen. The game was ended after 4½ innings of play.

Heavy hitters for the Mather's Dairy Service team were Dale Evans, whose 4 hits in 4 times at bat included a home run, a double and 2 singles; Ritchie Clodt, who had a triple and 2 singles in 4 at bats; Al Chieze, 3 doubles in 4 trips to the plate; and Randy Klassen, who hit 2 doubles and a single in 4 times at bat.

Scores of other games in the Men's Slow Pitch Division were: Burger King 14, ARCS 4; Swap Sheet 18, Knights 10; Pizza Villa 15, NWC Navy Varsity 9; SCOE Astros 15, CSC 9; and High Desert Saloon 10, Time Out 9. The High Desert Saloon team trailed 8-5 after 5½ innings of play, but scored 5 runs in its last two turns at bat to win the game. Steve Mendenhall led the victors at the plate with 2 hits in 3 times at bat, including a home run and a single.

Victories by lopsided margins marked the first week of play this season in the Women's Slow Pitch Division.

The Rowdies took over the division lead with a 19-1 win over CSC, and then defeated Kelly's Girls by a score of 16-9. Scores of other games in this division were: Bamboo Babes 15, Desert Imports 1; Castillo's Welding 13, NWC Stingers 2; Pizza Villa 27, Independent Fillies 9; and Desert Imports 24, NWC Stingers 10.

## Youth Soccer League results reported. . .

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Jacob Jones and Peter Martinez for the Fury, and Robbie Capps and Richard Burditt for the Sockers.

Helped by the wind, the Earthquakes got the jump on the Sunshine squad and then continued to dominate the contest between these two teams. The Earthquakes' 7-goal barrage include 4 by Jeremy Osburn. In addition, Matt Mann tallied a pair of goals and Jacob Albers hit another for the victors. The loan goal scored by Sunshine was hit by Ernesto Tatunay.

Two goals by Dave Shumway and one each by Brett Nelson and Chad Bass led the Express to a 4-1 win over the Cobras. In what was a fast-paced game, the more experienced players for the Express held the upper hand on both offense and defense — giving up just one goal that was tallied for the Cobras by Seth LaBorde.

Closing out last Saturday's Youth Soccer League action were the shutout wins posted by the Rowdies and Chiefs over the Apollos and Eagles, respectively.

Chris Mills chalked up 2 goals and Will Freeman added another for the Rowdies in their win over the Apollos. Both teams performed well in despite of gusty winds that hampered play. Top defender for the Rowdies was Jeff Jones, the goalie.

Both going into the wind and against it, the Chiefs were more than a match for the Eagles. Two goals each by Tim Matson and

third in butterfly.

Karen Archuleta, in the girls' 9-10 year old group, brought home four second place ribbons: freestyle, individual medley, butterfly, and one for taking part in the relay event. Another relay team member, Jean Chan, took a third in backstroke. Other members of the relay team were Gail Fawkes and Annabelle Winkler.

Completing the list of local girls who won ribbons for their efforts was Karrie Raglin, who competed in the 11-12 year old age group. She garnered a second place in the breaststroke race, a third in individual medley, and a third in the 200-yd. freestyle event.

Stuart Young, Nathan Walters, Bryce Richards, and Kevin Featherston combined their efforts to take a second place in the boys' 11-12 year group freestyle relays. Young Featherston also brought home three first place ribbons: freestyle, back stroke, and 200-yd. freestyle.

The boy's 13-14 year age group from the Indian Wells Valley Team scored the most wins for the locals.

Individual winners included: Jade Featherston, first in backstroke, second in breaststroke, and first in 200-yd. freestyle; Eric Young, first in breaststroke, second in butterfly, and first in individual medley; Mickey West, third in freestyle; Tim Towson, first in free style, second in backstroke, and third in butterfly; and Scott Swinford, second in individual medley.

The team of Jade Featherston, Scott Swinford, Tim Towson and Eric Young won first place in the freestyle relay, pursued hotly by the team of David Fettkether, Dan Towson, Shelly Asher, and Terry Alspaw, who nabbed second place.

The next meet for the Indian Wells Valley team will be held tomorrow at the Pinney Pool in Ridgecrest.

### Little League teams still have places for players

A few places are still open on China Lake Little League teams for boys and girls who would like to play baseball this spring and summer.

Most needed are players between the ages of 9 and 12, although some younger players may be eligible.

Anyone who is interested or wishes further information may telephone Chief Bob Rodriguez at 446-7459, or Dan Vander Werf at 446-3641, after working hours.

Matt Pohl paced the Chiefs on offense, and the winners also got one goal apiece from David D'Angle and Matt Goss. On defense, David Gaska and Mike Matson of the Chiefs were successful in keeping the ball away from their end of the field.

The schedule of tomorrow's final games of spring season is as follows:

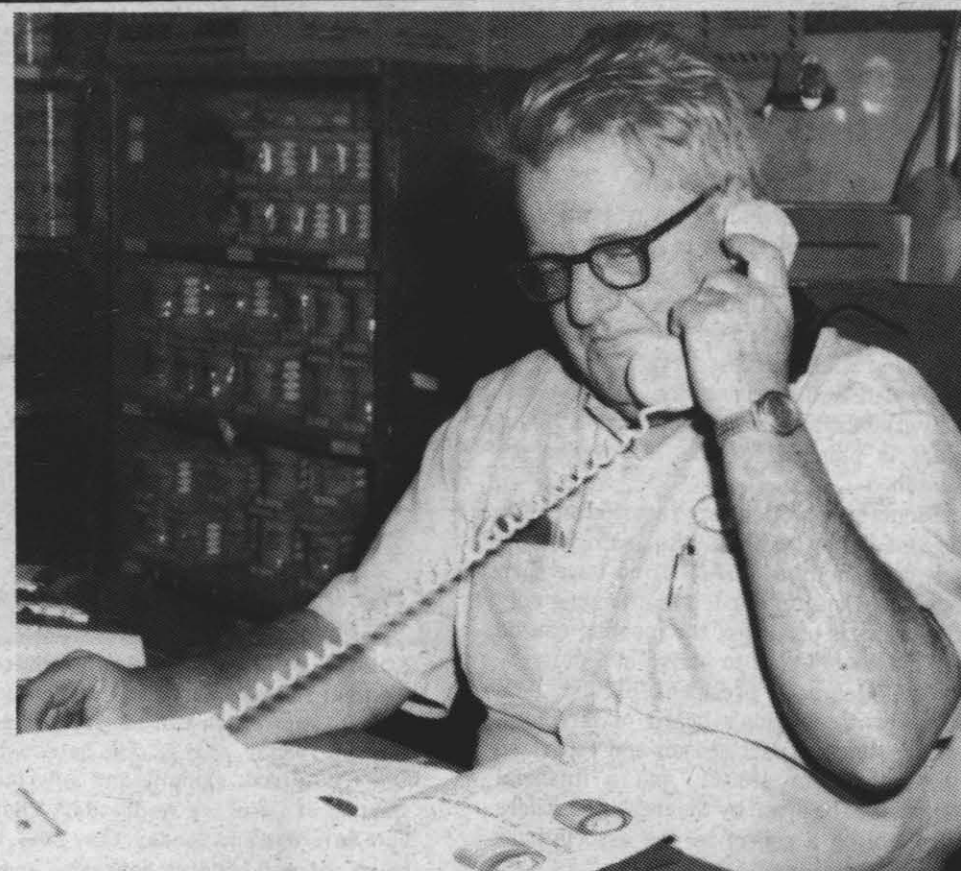
Pacific Div. (1st & 2nd graders)  
8:30 a.m. — Sunshine vs. Express  
9:30 a.m. — Sockers vs. Earthquakes  
10:30 a.m. — Apollos vs. Chiefs  
11:30 a.m. — Eagles vs. Fury  
12:30 p.m. — Cobras vs. Rowdies

American Div. (3rd & 4th graders)  
8 a.m. — Sting vs. Hurricane  
9 a.m. — Timbers vs. Drillers  
10 a.m. — Cosmos vs. Blizzard  
11 a.m. — Lancers vs. Rogues  
12 noon — Aztecs vs. Strikers  
1 p.m. — Surf vs. Tornado  
2:15 p.m. — Roughnecks vs. Whitecaps  
3:30 p.m. — Kicks vs. Sounders

International Div. (7th-9th graders)  
8:30 a.m. — Red Devils vs. Wolves  
**FREE DAY OF GOLF**

The NWC Special Service Division will offer a free day of golf at the China Lake golf course on Saturday, May 17, as a way of introducing prospective members to the local course.

Anyone who does not have a current membership entitling him or her to use of the course may play free of charge on May 17.



— Photo by PHAN Doug Matthews

**ANSWERING QUESTIONS** — Lending his expertise with car engines to military personnel using the Auto Hobby Shop is Ike Issinger, new manager of the shop.

## Ike Issinger appointed manager of Auto Hobby Shop on Center

Military personnel who like to work on their cars — or motorcycles — can not only get space to work on them, but also excellent advice on how to handle the repairs or "weaking" needed at the Special Services Auto Hobby Shop. Ike Issinger, new head of the Auto Hobby Shop has spent most of his military and civilian careers working with engines of various sorts.

The Auto Hobby Shop can only be used by military personnel because of limited space; only about 30 individuals can work on cars or motorcycles at a time.

Issinger set up the auto hobby shop at Edwards Air Force Base while he was still in the Air Force, and spent three years of the 24 years of his military time running that shop. He also taught technical school for ground support equipment for five years, and spent much of the rest of his time in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers, and United States Air Force working with heavy equipment or ground support equipment.

### JOINED CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Issinger, who is a native of New Jersey, started his career in the RCAF because he is blind in one eye, and the United States military forces would not take him. After a year of service with the Canadian forces he was able to transfer into the U.S. Army.

It was during his service career that he first came to the local area in 1953. He says, laughing, that "I was heading to Las Vegas from Edwards, and I made a wrong turn." That wrong turn proved to be very important.

The resale store in the hobby shop also will order parts that are needed, and try to get them at the best possible prices for their military customers. Due to the remoteness of the area, prices are somewhat higher than at many military bases, but they are still better than can be found elsewhere locally. Much of this is due to cooperation by local dealers who are willing to special order parts for Issinger to pick up for his customers.

The Auto Hobby Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 5. Most work can be completed within a day, but if it is necessary for someone to leave a car overnight, this can be arranged for a small storage fee.

### Student musicians'

### string extravaganza

### set Tuesday night

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A musical program, featuring stringed instrumental groups in grades 4 through 12 in the Sierra Sands Unified Schools District, will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Burroughs High School lecture center.

This program, directed by Deanna Rolph, a music instructor who specializes in stringed instruments, will be open to the public free of charge.

The five groups of students that will be participating in this stringed music extravaganza are the Elementary Orchestra, Advanced Elementary Orchestra, Valley Chamber Orchestra, Burroughs High School Chamber Orchestra, and the Burroughs Symphonic Orchestra.

Several soloists are scheduled to perform with the different musical groups, but their names and the instruments they will be playing were not known at press time for this issue of The ROCKETEER.

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## Summer season of intramural softball play gets underway

Men's fast pitch teams entered in the China Lake Intramural Softball League have been playing a practice round in preparation for the start of regular season play next Wednesday, May 21.

It was off and running, however, during the week of May 5-9 for slow pitch teams competing in the various divisions of the league.

In a series of high-scoring contests, the NWC O's got the jump on other entries in the Military Slow Pitch Division by winning their first two games.

The NWC O's trailed 9-5 after two innings of play in their game against the Marauders, but then turned things around by scoring 10 unanswered runs and going on to win by a final score of 19-11.

The NWC O's also hung a 17-7 defeat on the Techs 'n Rangers during the first week of play in the Military Slow Pitch Division. Other scores were: Tide Riders 27, Dispensary 7; Marauders 19, Tide Riders 11; and, in a pair of more evenly played games, Long Shot edged the Techs 'n Rangers, 14-13; and the Dispensary out-scored Long Shot, 10-8.

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## Youth soccer games well played on windy day

In spite of strong, chilly winds, some excellent soccer was turned in last Saturday by teams competing in the China Lake Youth Soccer League's eighth weekend of play in the current season.

Spring season competition in the Youth Soccer League will wind up tomorrow with a full schedule of 14 games at Davidove, Schoeffel and Kelly Fields.

With one exception — the Timbers' 4-0 defeat of the Rogues — there was close competition in the American Division (for 3rd and 4th grade players). The Sting and the Aztecs edged the Drillers and Hurricane, respectively, by identical scores of 2-1, while the Lancers and Blizzard battled to a 3-3 draw. In addition, the Cosmos slipped past the Strikers 1-0.

The tie between the Blizzard and Lancers was one of the most exciting games of the spring season of Youth Soccer League competition. Matt Mechtenberg was "Mr. Offense" for the Lancers as he scored all 3 goals for his team.

The Lancers led by 2 goals at the midway point in last Saturday's game, but then found themselves in a second half battle with their opponents. Goal No. 3 by

## 3-mile run planned tomorrow as finale of National Hospital Week observance

A 3-mile run, conducted with the assistance of officers and members of the Over-the-Hill Track Club (OTHTC), will be held tomorrow morning starting at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital.

Registration for this event, one of the final activities in the local observance of National Hospital Week, will get underway at 8 a.m. and the race itself is to start at 9 o'clock.

There is an entry fee of \$2 per person, and there will be divisions for men and women, who will compete in various groups based on their age. Prizes of gift certificates from local merchants will be awarded to the winners in each age group, and refreshments will be served after the race.

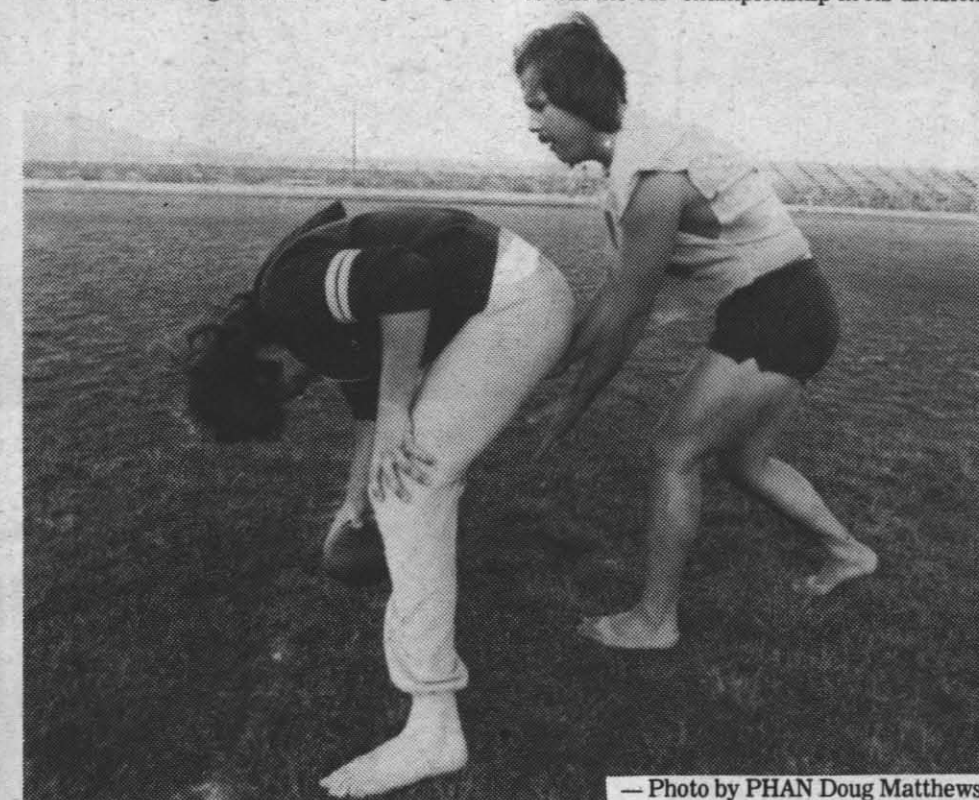
While the race is underway, the general public is invited to participate in

## Burros alumni hoopsters, gridders to compete

Burroughs High School athletic fans will have the opportunity to get a look at sports performers of previous years during competition planned tonight and tomorrow afternoon between alumni basketball and football teams.

This BHS alumni sports weekend has been organized by the Indian Wells Valley Century Football Association for the purpose of raising funds that will be used to help pay for improvements at the Burroughs High stadium.

Two basketball games are on tap tonight.



**ALUMNI GRID TILT SLATED** — Rudy Muro prepares for a role as backup quarterback in tomorrow evening's Burroughs High School alumni football game that will get underway at 5 p.m. at the local high school athletic stadium. The center as this photo was snapped is Jon French. Both are players on a team composed of BHS graduates of odd-numbered years.

The first, starting at 6 o'clock, will match opposing teams of players who were graduated prior to 1974. Scheduled to compete in the nightcap (tip-off time is 8 p.m.) are two squads of hoopsters who have been graduated during the years from 1975 through '79.

Among those who will be back to play in tonight's opening game at the BHS gym are Dennis Henden and Gary Koehler, 1958 graduates of the local high school, who were members of the only BHS basketball team to win the CIF championship in its division.

Players who were graduated during even-numbered years will play against those who received their diplomas in odd-numbered years. Coaching duties during this evening's basketball games will be shared by Larry Bird, varsity basketball coach; John Martin, and Scott Shacklett, who will be a player-coach for one of the teams.

### OPPOSING QUARTERBACKS

Two brothers, who were BHS graduates in 1977 and '78, respectively, Ricky and Randy Jaramillo, will be opposing one another at the quarterback position during the alumni football game that is slated to start at 5 p.m. tomorrow at the BHS stadium.

Ricky Jaramillo, signal caller for the odd-numbered year team, will be part of a backfield composed of Steve Cordle, Rudy Muro, Jon French, and Frank Meyer.

Linemen and defensive linebackers on this squad will include Bob Rockwell, Craig Hughes, Richard Leon, Mark Waldron, Roger Clapp, John Lowe, Jerry Evans, Ed Vanderpool, Alan Robertson, Gary Sharp, Pat Lilly, Bob Peters, Roger Rockwell, and Jim French.

The even-number year graduates, quarterbacked by Randy Jaramillo, will include in its backfield Gary Charlon, Tony Cozzucoli, Robert Francis, and Les Bazemore.

### OTHERS ON TEAM

Linemen and defensive linebackers expected to see action are Gary Koehler, Don Pearson, Jim Quinton, Mike Cobb, John Broyles, Brian Yingst, Bob Beecroft, Mike Stoner, Gary Ford, Eddie Brett, Dan Rivers, Greg Hill, Mike Biddlingmeier, Steve McMurtrie, Randy Porter, Phil Quinton, Pete Spargo, and Mike Hicks.

Gary Charlon and Dave Rivera, alumni coaches of the even-numbered year team, will be joined by Verl Lillywhite, BHS football coach, while Jim Vandevender, another alumni griddler, will get together with varsity coaches John Higdon and David Bens to plot strategy for the team composed of odd-numbered year graduates.

Ticket stubs from either the basketball games tonight, or tomorrow afternoon's football game, will be good for admission to a dance that will be held tomorrow night, starting at 8:30, at Joshua Hall, main exhibit building at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

## Upset wins posted by Tigers, Yankees in Little League play

Two upsets marked last week's play between teams competing in the Major Division of the China Lake Little League.

Biggest surprise of the week (May 5-9) was the first win of the season for the Tigers, who knocked off the division leading Wildcats, 8-5. The Wildcats bounced back, however, to post a 13-7 victory over the Red Sox and remained a game in front of their nearest rivals, the Dodgers, who have a record of 4 wins and 2 losses.

The Dodgers also were upset victims as they lost to the Yankees by a score of 10-2. Scott Roby, who pitched the entire game for the Yanks, gave up just 3 hits, struck out 9 batters, and issued 3 walks.

Scores of other games played in the Major Division of the China Lake Little League were Red Sox 11, Yankees 5; and Dodgers 11, Tigers 2.

In Minor Division games, the Cardinals hold the lead with a record of 3 wins and 1 loss, after picking up a pair of victories last week over the White Sox and Royals by scores of 12-10 and 22-2, respectively. In other Minor Division tilts, the Pirates edged the White Sox 16-14, and the Royals scuttled the Pirates 14-12.

Just two games were played between Farm Division teams. One ended in a 16-16 tie between the Padres and Reds. In the other, the Cubs defeated the Angels 16-9.

Results of games played in the T-ball Division were: Astros 18, Twins 16; Braves 23, Expos 12; Rangers 11, Indians 10; Rangers 15, Braves 6; and Twins 23, Expos 11.

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**ENJOYABLE EVENING** — Cdr. Denny Wisely (standing at microphone), flight leader of the Blue Angels, introduces the officers and enlisted men of the Navy flight demonstration team during the Navy Appreciation Night program sponsored by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce. Those shown at the head table are (l.-r.) Don Padgett, president of the Ridgecrest CoC; Harry Parode, emcee for the evening; and Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander.

## Navy Appreciation Night draws crowd...

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Similar action taken by the Kern County Board of Supervisors paved the way for the presentation that was made to Capt. Haff by Gene Tackett, 1st District Supervisor, while Mayor Hockett read from two proclamations adopted by the Ridgecrest City Council that focused attention on NWC's valuable contributions to national defense and also to the quality of life enjoyed by residents of the local area.

Through arrangements made by the Ridgecrest Exchange Club, headed by Don DeWitt, as president, a Freedom Shrine (duplicates of important U.S. historical documents) was presented last Friday night to NWC. DeWitt called on Judge Charles Porter, of the East Kern Municipal Court, to dedicate the Freedom Shrine and describe some of its contents.

Thanks to NWC for donation of the ground that was used for building a heliport on Navy land opposite the entrance to the Ridgecrest Community Hospital was expressed by Dr. Cloyce Odom, administrator of the local medical facility. Dr. Odom

## Federal Managers' Ass'n to hear talk on pay, retirement

All NWC personnel who are interested in the proposed legislation affecting comparability pay for Federal employees and retired Federal employees — and what can be done about it — are invited to attend a special lunch meeting of the Federal Managers' Association on Tuesday at 11:30 at the Enlisted Mess.

Reservations are requested; they may be made by calling Debbie Byerman at 446-6929. Menu selections are broasted chicken, swiss steak, or sandwiches.

Heart of the meeting will be a taped talk made by Representative Ron McCluskey, staff director of the House Compensation and Employee Benefits Subcommittee, to the recent Federal Managers' Association Convention.

He discusses pay reform, universal Social Security (the proposed merger of Social Security and the Federal retirement system), and merit pay proposals, and emphasizes that the proposed merger of the two retirement systems will reach the floor of Congress during the next session.

Rep. McCluskey also talks about how the 2.3 million government employees and 1.6 million retired government employees can become a political force to be heard by members of Congress, and the likelihood of adverse effects on pay comparability of such employees if they themselves do not take action.

presented Capt. Haff with a plaque in appreciation for the help given those sick or injured hospital patients whose condition requires immediate transportation by air to another hospital.

The Navy has, on occasion, provided a helicopter for such emergency flights, and stands by with police and fire equipment whenever a helicopter is landing or taking off on an errand of mercy, the hospital administrator said.

A plaque and a scroll for years of assistance and support provided by NWC to the Maturango Museum were presented by Dr. Bob Berry, president of the museum's board of directors, and Dr. Frank Cartwright, museum vice-president.

The evening's presentations were concluded by Don Padgett, president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, hosts for the occasion, who took the opportunity to give NWC 25-year medallions as mementos to the 12 officers of the Blue Angels.

In addition, Padgett commended Gerry Hucek, chairman of the Navy Appreciation Night fete, for his efforts and gave him a certificate of appreciation, as well as a rare Albert A. Michelson medallion.

On behalf of NWC, Capt. Haff responded to the tribute to the Navy. "I extend to all a sincere and humble thank you. This is overwhelming. I submit to you that America is alive and well in the entire Indian Wells Valley," the Center Commander

## Armed Forces Day...

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Weapons Evaluation Facility at Albuquerque, N.M. Other hot air balloons from a club based in Oakland, Calif., also were grounded by the windy weather.

In addition, the wind made it necessary to abort plans for demonstrations by the Valley Vultures, local model airplane club, of flights by scale model radio-controlled aircraft.

Sound effects of gunfire and an air raid siren marked the start of the air show portion of the Armed Forces Day program, which began with J. D. Davis, narrator, describing a bombing mission by a World War II B-25 against a Japanese-held island in the South Pacific.

Even though a modified AT-6 painted to look like a Japanese Zero gets the best of the bomber in this scenario, the "loss" of the bomber is partially rectified when Robert Guilford appears on the scene in his Blue Max (F-4U Corsair) and "knocks" the Zero out of the skies.

This set the stage for multiple runs over a target area visible to the crowd of A-7 Corsairs, A-6 Intruders and A-4 Skyhawks piloted by naval aviators from the Naval Weapons Center and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), who

dropped or fired 500 lb. bombs, 2.75 in. and Zuni rockets.

In the finale to this portion of the air show, a strafing run over the target was made by three A-7 Corsairs from VX-5, as well as by an AH-1 helicopter.

The air show was climaxed by a breath-taking performance by the Blue Angels, who held the rapt attention of the crowd as they presented a faultless display of aerial artistry that was narrated by Lt. Randy Clark.

Teamwork, precision, and discipline, trademarks of the "Blues," were evident in the orderly procedure that was followed by enlisted crewmen who started up the engines of the A-4 Skyhawk II aircraft, and the careful checkout procedures that preceded takeoff.

In the air, all was total concentration on the part of these premier naval aviators as, in unison and with wingtips separated by only a few feet, they went through climbing rolls, turns and banks, and then swept down low over the crowd in 4- or 6-plane delta formation, or in near-miss solo passes by two aircraft.

The Blue Angels (six in number) responded as one to the directions of Cdr. Denny Wisely, flight leader.

Among the most spectacular of the aerial maneuvers was a tight formation, 6-plane vertical dive from which the individual aircraft broke on command and headed in all directions of the compass — trailing smoke that left a pattern in the sky.

Lt. Jim Ross and LCDr. Jack Ekl, the two solo pilots, amazed the crowd by their narrow misses as they flew inverted or upright, or passed one another while in a 90 degree bank or in a slow roll.

## Housing Office asks that tenants again certify eligibility

Recertification of Eligibility forms were sent on March 20 to all tenants of China Lake housing asking that they report certain data related to individuals residing in their quarters.

Periodic certification of eligibility for housing is necessary in order to verify occupancy records and insure compliance with the intent of Navy and Department of Defense housing regulations.

Up until this past Wednesday, responses had been received from only 56 percent of the occupants of Navy housing.

It is necessary that all tenants respond to this request. Additional copies of the Recertification of Eligibility forms can be obtained by calling the Housing Office (939-3411, ext. 327).

Personal contact will be made with those who do not respond by June 1, 1980.

## Sale of Blue Angels souvenirs garners \$628.75 for museum

The Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, Fla., is \$628.75 richer today than it was. That's the amount of profit turned by the sale of Blue Angel souvenirs at the Armed Forces Day celebration on May 10.

Capt. Bill Barrow (and his lovely wife) travel to many of the flight demonstrations made by the Blue Angels precision flight demonstration team to sell T-shirts, books, models, hats and other items featuring the Blues. Profits from these sales are turned over to the facility that is hosting the flight demonstration; the host facility then makes a donation to the Naval Aviation Museum.

The modern museum, established formally on April 13, 1975, now has 110,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space in which historic naval aircraft are on display. Pride of the collection is a Navy NC-4 that was the first airplane to fly across the Atlantic Ocean.

## ATCS Jerry T. Cook will be NWC's next CPOC

Aviation Electronics Technician Senior Chief Jerry Cook, a veteran of 20 years of service in the Navy, on June 1 will assume the duties of the Naval Weapons Center's Senior Chief Petty Officer of the Command (CPOC).

ATCS Cook will replace Senior Chief Operations Specialist Gary L. Gillen, who will be retiring from the Navy on May 30.

OSCS Gillen, who has been the Center's CPOC for the past year, plans to remain in the local area and will be going to work for Ridgecrest Engineering in a job that will make use of his Navy training in electronics and computer programming.

ATCS Cook is the maintenance control chief in the Aircraft Maintenance Division at Armitage Airfield. He was assigned to duty with the NWC Aircraft Department in July 1978 — being transferred here from the Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Wash., where he was the quality assurance chief with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 136.

The Center's next CPOC has just been notified that he has been selected for promotion to master chief. His new duties

will include counseling enlisted personnel at NWC regarding career opportunities and special programs in the Navy. ATCS Cook also will be alert to educational programs of value to enlisted personnel desirous of

achieving specific career goals.

ATCS Cook joined the Navy in 1959 in Little Rock, Ark., and after boot training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, attended "A" School at Memphis, Tenn., in preparation for further training in aviation electronics.

His two decades of active duty in the Navy have included eight cruises to the Western Pacific and one in the Mediterranean while assigned to duty with squadrons sent to sea aboard aircraft carriers. In addition, he put in two tours as an instructor of electronics — one each as NAS Whidbey Island and NAS Alameda.

ATCS Cook held the rate of electronics technician prior to being promoted to chief petty officer in May 1975 while serving with VAQ 136 on board the USS Kitty Hawk. Two years later — still with VAQ 136 but on board the aircraft carrier USS Independence — he was promoted to senior chief.

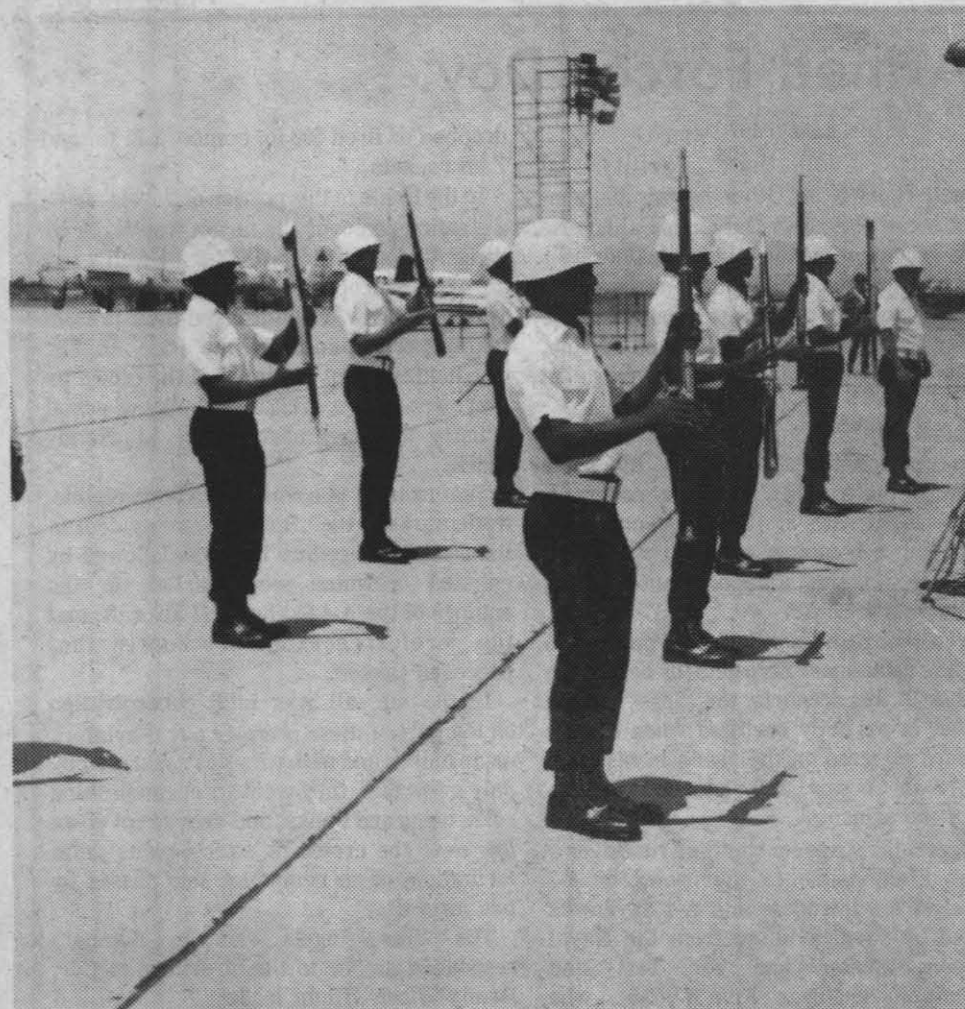
The Center's next CPOC lives here with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters, Lisa, who is 15, and Laura, who is 10 years of age.



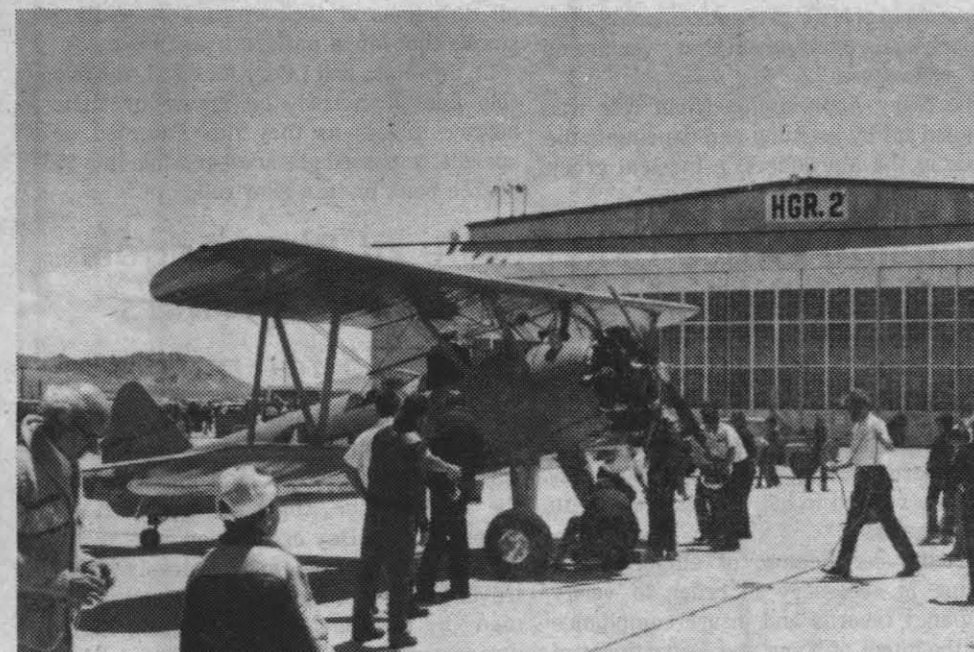
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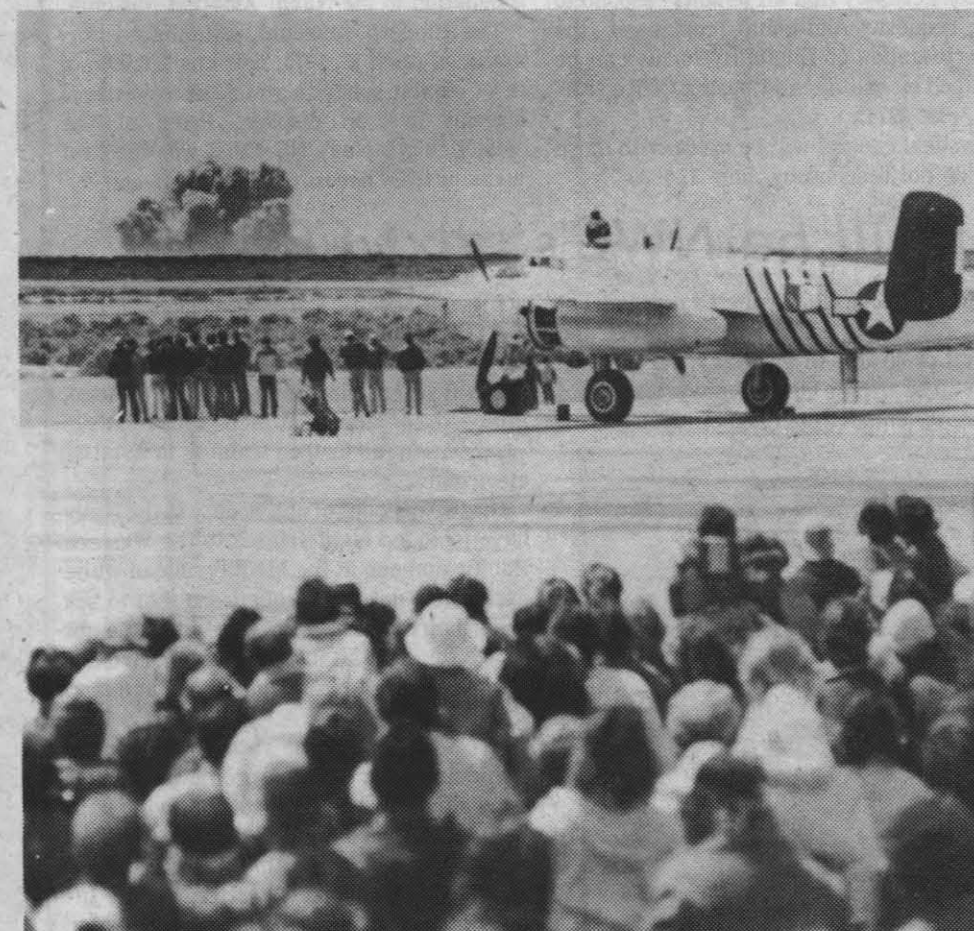
# Camera's-eye view of Armed Forces Day activities at NWC



NWC SIDEWINDER drill team goes through its paces.



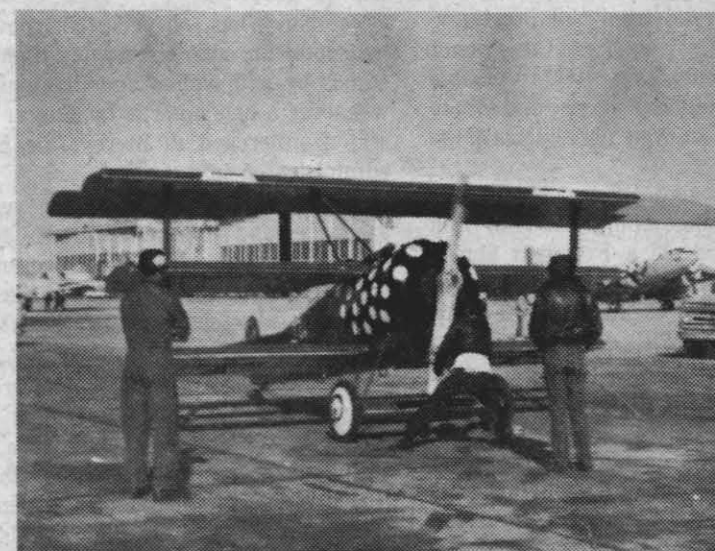
AN OLD NAVY TRAINER, a Stearman of pre-World War II vintage, was one of the many and varied types of aircraft on static display.



DUST CLOUD in distance marks location of bomb drop during firepower demonstration. One viewer (seated atop B-25 aircraft) had elevated view of the action.



A SLOW PASS with landing gear dropped gave air show visitors a good look at Blue Angels in flight.



SHADES OF the Red Baron, it's a World War I German Fokker.

Photos by PH2 Tony Garcia, PHAN Doug Matthews, Ron Allen, Joe Dunn, Mickey Strang, Jon Parton



BEFORE THE PROGRAM got underway on Saturday at Armitage Airfield, this aerial photo was snapped of the Blue Angels' aircraft lined up on the apron between Hangars 1 and 2.



SEATED ON THE MUZZLE END of a tank cannon, this youngster has a bird's-eye view of the crowd circulating in Hangar 3 to see the many exhibits and displays.



BLUE ANGEL flight leader, Cdr. Denny Wisely, receives NWC plaque from Capt. Hoff.



THE CLOCK WAS TURNED back to Revolutionary War days by the Desert Empire Fair's decorated table prepared for Navy Appreciation Night at Joshua Hall. Shown seated is a local resident posing as Besty Ross.



DESERT ERUPTS following multiple hits of Mk 82 500-lb. bombs in target area clearly visible to spectators at air show.



AIRCRAFT EJECTION seat with dummy occupant examined.



A PROMISE made by Capt. Hoff to the Blue Angels to present them with a burro if the weather was less than ideal was kept, as this photo shows.