



SHADES OF DRACULA— This pretty little dalmatian puppy (Ruth Howard) sits unsuspectingly doing her medical receptionist duties when all the while HM1 Sherwin Edwards (in the guise of Dracula) is sneaking a bite of her ear. This scene and others was part of a fun-filled Halloween that took place here last Friday at the NRMCA Branch Medical Clinic. Employees in Halloween costumes were seen in many work areas around the Center on Oct. 31.

'See How They Run' opens six run performance this evening

The China Lake Players' production of "See How They Run" opens a six-performance run tonight at 8:15. The Philip King farce will also be seen at the same time tomorrow night and on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15, and 21 and 22.

This is the last show that the Players' will be able to put on in their hut at 405 McIntire St., since the building is one of several scheduled for demolition shortly because of its age and condition.

Featured in the play are Maureen Williamson, Pat White, James Goss, Martine Baker, Gerry Baker, and Glen Banister. Also appearing in the cast of characters are Tom Summers, Art Owens, and Brian Detting, with Kathy Huey serving as director of the production.

Tickets are \$3 for general admission, and \$1.50 for senior citizens, enlisted military personnel and students under 21. Reser-

Holiday Bazaar to open doors next Friday at 10 a.m.

Bargain hunters will have the opportunity to get their Christmas shopping done early, buy unique and hand-crafted items, and contribute to worthy and philanthropic causes at the same time when the annual Holiday Bazaar opens its doors with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Community Center.

The Holiday Bazaar, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM), will be open on Friday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 o'clock.

Santa Claus will be present both days to greet the youngsters (and get his picture taken with them). Shoppers will also be able to refresh themselves with homemade pies, cakes and sandwiches at the Tea Room run by WACOM.

For sale at brightly decorated booths will be a variety of items ranging from homemade foods to novelty items such as Christmas decorations, candles, children's toys, stuffed animals, aprons, "white elephants," and handbags.

This year 21 local organizations are participating in this fund-raising event. The profits that the organizations realize are used for a range of purposes from supporting foreign missions to providing scholarships.

The bazaar began 11 years ago when Sue Byrd, who has served as its chairman each year, originated the idea of a community bazaar to raise money for various worthwhile causes.

vations are necessary because of limited seating capacity; they may be made by telephoning 375-5636 or 375-9056.

With a move to other quarters upcoming, the China Lake Players have been reviewing their history in the Indian Wells Valley. Incorporated in 1947 as a non-profit organization, they have raised funds for many local organizations such as the All Faith Chapel, Navy Relief, Cancer Fund, and the Maturango Museum.

They moved into their present location in 1960 after years of presenting plays at various school auditoriums and at the Center theater. Losing their existing hut will not, however, stop the China Lake Players from continuing to have an active role in the cultural life of the community.

As well as the three productions of plays or musicals that they put on each year, they also sponsor a summer production by the Young China Lake Players. Dinner-theater productions at both the Commissioned Officers' Mess and the Enlisted Mess have delighted local audiences, and will continue to do so.

Marine officer to be guest speaker at Navy League dinner

A dinner meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League will be held next Thursday evening, Nov. 13, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A social hour will precede dinner at 7:30 p.m., and a program will follow. Since Monday marks the 205th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps, the speaker will be Col. E. D. Smith, U.S. Marine Corps Liaison Officer at NWC.

Main entree at the Navy League dinner meeting will be breast of chicken served with rice pilaf at a cost of \$7.50 per person.

Reservations, which are due no later than Monday, can be made by calling Tom Andrews, Jr., Navy League president, at 446-5763 or 446-5914. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Rummage, bake sale to be held at Medical Clinic

Personnel of the NRMCA Branch Medical and Dental Clinics are planning a rummage sale and bake sale tomorrow and Sunday outside the front entrance of the clinic building on Blandy Ave.

On Saturday the rummage sale will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. For Sunday's sale (at the same location and during the same hours) baked goodies will be added to rummage sale items.

Membership of 1,000 sought by COM by end of calendar yr.

A recently launched drive aimed at increasing membership in the Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open) is being continued through the month of November.

Giving added impetus to the degree of success already achieved in boosting COMO membership will be the mailing of 100 invitations to the monthly Membership Night dinner and dance that will be held on Nov. 22.

These invitations will be sent to 100 persons who, although they are eligible to join the COMO, are not now members.

At the present time, the COMO has nearly 800 members. Goal of the current membership drive is 1,000 by the end of the 1980 calendar year.

The three-phase effort to encourage those eligible to join the COMO includes crediting present members with one month's dues if someone they sponsor follows through and joins the COMO.

In addition, a direct appeal is being made to all those who are eligible to join to visit the COMO for lunch and/or dinner. The COMO management is confident that those who do will enjoy the experience and be impressed by the service and quality of foods.

For those who may be in doubt about their eligibility for membership in the COMO, this information may be obtained by calling the Recreational Services Department, phone NWC ext. 3387.

Harvest Dance on Nov. 15 to feature Big Band era music

Devotees of the Big Band sound will be able to have fun and contribute to a good cause at the same time by attending the Ridgecrest Lions Club Harvest Dance on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

The dance begins at 9 p.m., and will last until 1 a.m. Music will be furnished by visiting professional side-men from prominent bands of the Big Band era, augmented by local talent.

Mike Garrett, former Burroughs High School stage band director and currently principal of Mesquite High School, will organize and direct the music as well as perform on the drums. Other local performers will be Paul Riley, Don Wilkenson, Bill Lutgens and selected Burroughs High School students.

Tickets, at \$5 per person, are available from Lions Club members, Burroughs band members, and at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The Harvest dance is substituting for other Lions Club fund raising activities. All proceeds will be used to support Lions Club charities.

Ceramics Show set this weekend at Community Center

A holiday ceramics show sponsored by the Recreational Services Department will be held in the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8 and 9. Everyone in the local area is welcome to participate, either as an entrant or as a spectator.

The doors will be open for the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. until 2 o'clock Sunday. Entries will be taken at the east entrance of the Community Center on Friday, Nov. 7, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.; entry fee is 50 cents per piece, and any piece that has been completed after Oct. 1 of last year may be shown provided that it was not entered in the May show.

First through third place ribbons will be awarded in four categories: novice, hobbyist, advanced hobbyist, and professional. A prize will go to the best entry in each category, and there will also be a best of show award.

Additional information can be obtained by calling NWC ext. 3252.

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.

FRIDAY NOV. 7
"MAGIC"
Starring
Ann Margaret and Anthony Hopkins
(Suspense drama, rated R, 107 min.)

SATURDAY NOV. 8
"BOULEVARD NIGHTS"
Starring
Richard Yunquez and Danny DeLaPaz
(Action drama, rated R, 102 min.)

SUNDAY NOV. 9
"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING ODDBALL"
Starring
Dennis Dugan and Jim Dale
(Comedy-fantasy, rated G, 93 min.)

MONDAY NOV. 10
"THE NUDE BOMB"
Starring
Don Adams and Sylvia Kristel
(Comedy, rated PG, 91 min.)

WEDNESDAY NOV. 12
"WHEN TIME RAN OUT"
Starring
Paul Newman and William Holden
(Disaster, rated PG, 109 min.)

THURS., FRI., SAT., SUN. NOV. 13, 14, 15, 16
"THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK"
Starring
Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford
(Science fiction, rated PG, 125 min.)

In addition to regular hours, there will be a special showing of "The Empire Strikes Back" on Thursday evening at 7, and on Sunday afternoon at 4, for military personnel only. The theater box office will be open 15 min. earlier than usual (at 6:15) for evening showings.

Special dinners set at COM during coming week

There will be three special dinner nights featured at the Commissioned Officers' Mess during the coming week.

Tonight the COM chef will prepare his famous variety of seafood dishes, and Saturday evening, prime ribs of beef will be the main item on the COM menu.

Dinner on both nights will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock.

A Far East menu featuring such choices as Pradash chicken or beef curry is slated on Thursday, Nov. 13, between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m.

Tuesday the COM will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday.

BHS orchestra to sell candy as fund raiser

Local residents are invited to aid in sending members of the Burroughs High School Orchestra to the Southwest Orchestra Festival in San Diego next spring.

Orchestra members are raising funds for their trip by selling Kathryn Beich chocolate candies, both candy bars and boxes of individual candies.

Almond chocolate, crunch chocolate, and caramel chocolate bars are on sale for \$1 each; candies include regulars, Katydid, Imps, and Truffles, at \$2 per box.

Chocolates can be purchased from orchestra members or by leaving a message for Deanna Rolph, orchestra director, at 375-4476.

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Construction, repair work contracts hit \$6 million total

The advent of Fiscal Year 1981 has brought with it the awarding of contracts totaling more than \$6 million for new construction, alteration and repair work on the Naval Weapons Center.

Also well underway as a carry-over from last year is work on the Center's industrial domestic sewer system that will cost \$4.5 million when completed. Included in this contract is the construction of a hazardous waste transfer station that is expected to be finished next February.

The administration and inspection of this work is being accomplished by the Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Bruno, Calif., through its field office at China Lake.

This field office is headed by Capt. Jon R. Ives, CEC, USN, who, as the Center's Public

Works Officer, administers all contract construction and maintenance/facilities service work at China Lake.

According to LCDr. Sam Saltoun, CEC, USN, head of the Public Works Department's Construction Division, work on the industrial domestic sewer system is being handled under a contract awarded to the Tyler-Engelke Corp. of Healdsburg, Calif. The remaining portion of this work calls for the installation of pumps to transport domestic and industrial waste from Michelson Laboratory, Armitage Airfield and the Public Works compound to new treatment ponds located at the intersection of Knox and Lauritsen Roads. Also included is the construction of various sewage treatment facilities in the Salt Wells area.

Scheduled for completion next summer is work on a \$900,000 contract awarded to

Burns Integrated Control Systems, of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Involved in this project is the installation of a centralized computer that will monitor and regulate a major part of the Center's utility systems. The mechanical system in Michelson Laboratory, the central boiler systems at NWC, and the Center's water systems all will be linked to the computer in order to enable the maximum possible energy conservation and overall system efficiency to be realized.

Repairs to the NWC water system will be carried out under a contract in the amount of \$830,000 that was awarded to Robert McMullan & Son of San Diego. Completion date of this work, which includes the installation of new equipment at various water pumping stations as well as the drilling of a new water well in the Rands-

burg Wash area, is next December.

Soon to begin at Armitage Airfield will be the work of installing an asphalt concrete overlay to runway 3-21. The contract for this project totals \$740,000 and was awarded to Desert Construction of Victorville, Calif. The job calls for preparation of the existing runway surface to accept the two inch overlay, as well as some leveling work where the airfield runways intersect.

The C. Martin Co., Inc., of Ridgecrest was awarded two contracts totalling \$512,000 for constructing additions and making alterations and repairs to a number of buildings in the NWC range areas and at Salt Wells. The construction of a small microwave facility is a part of these contracts, as is the conversion of Bldg. 13040 at Salt Wells to office space.

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OUTSTANDING EFFORT RECOGNIZED— Joseph A. DiPasquale (center) holds the award and a certificate he received in recognition of his contributions to Navy and Marine Corps Operational Forces while serving as a Laboratory Representative for the Navy Science Assistance Program (NSAP). The presentation was made last Friday on behalf of Dr. James H. Probus, Director of Navy Laboratories, by Barry Pifer (at right), director of NSAP. Looking on at left is B. W. Hays, NWC Deputy Technical Director. DiPasquale served for nearly 15 months as a Laboratory Representative for NSAP to the Commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet Battle Force in the Mediterranean Sea, where he was involved in test and evaluation of new research and development concepts and hardware. The award recipient is now the Deputy Program Manager for Research and Development in the Sidewinder Program Office of the NWC Engineering Department.

CFC is big success; record sum of \$135,572 contributed

As of press time, a total of \$135,572.85 has been pledged or donated to the Combined Federal Campaign by 54.85 percent of the total number of military and civilian personnel located at the Naval Weapons Center and by personnel of the Post Office and Bureau of Land Management located in Ridgecrest.

Pledge cards and donations may still be turned in at Rm. 2020 in the NWC Administration Building, according to LCDr. Bob Strath, CFC coordinator, who adds that the total amount is expected to increase because several codes have not yet turned in their pledge cards for payroll deductions.

"The outstanding success of this year's campaign has been due to the conscientious work done by key personnel in the various codes who have been able to explain the variety of human services offered by agencies included in this once-for-all campaign," he said.

"I'd especially like to commend PNC B. T. Perez, Len Lesniak, Nancy Haegaard, Donna Gonder, Bob Hastings, MSI Ernesto Barbon, and Dr. Pierre St.-Amand, and those who worked with them for their contribution to making the campaign a success," LCDr. Strath added.

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Trouble seen in 15 years if steps aren't taken to replenish water supply

No water crisis exists now in the Indian Wells Valley, Dr. Pierre-St. Amand told members of Sigma Xi, national science honorary, at their semi-annual meeting on Oct. 29, but, he added, unless some drastic steps are taken now, the crisis will occur within 15 years and probably within the decade.

Dr. St.-Amand, a registered geologist who is head of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Division of the Research Department, said that anticipated 1980 usage of water in the IWV is nearly double the annual recharge.

During the past 50 years the water table in parts of the valley has dropped as much as 60 feet, and the boron content of water in some of the peripheral wells has increased by a factor of 100, indicating that saline water is seeping or being forced into the usable aquifer.

WELLS NOT IN BEST PLACE

Adding to potential water problems in the IWV is that wells in operation are not spotted in the best locations to make proper use of existing water. The biggest recharge of the valley's water is from the Sierra (roughly a line from Walker Pass to about Nine Mile Canyon), and a line of wells from Sandquist Spa north to the sawmill would tap the recharge water better and capture it before it is lost by evaporation around the edge of China Lake playa.

The currently used wells have resulted in an uneven draw-down of the water table, which varies in any case because of fracturing and faulting of soil and clay.

ADDITIONAL PROBLEM NOTED

Hydrostatic pressure of seepage into the ground near the edge of the playa of China Lake — low point in the valley — also increases the danger of contaminating the potable aquifer with brackish water.

Dr. St.-Amand suggested that the sewage water, when treated, could better be sent to Trona for industrial utilization by the chemical plants. He has discussed such water use with plant officials, and they agree that such water would meet their industrial needs.

Approximately 2,000 acre-feet of water would then no longer need to be pumped for

industrial use in Trona. Searles Valley would still need about 1,000 to 2,000 acre-feet of fresh water for domestic use. Removal of the treated sewage water to Trona would better protect the aquifer.

(An acre-foot of water is the amount that it takes to cover one acre of ground to a depth of one foot. IWV usage this year is estimated to be over 20,000 acre-feet; the recharge, according to Dr. St.-Amand, is about 10,000 usable acre-feet.)

Current water in the IWV could support indefinitely a population of nearly 90,000 residents if the water use was restricted to 100 gallons per person per day. With heavy industrial or agricultural uses — and Dr. St.-Amand notes that the Navy uses relatively little water industrially — other water sources must be sought to meet current as well as future needs.

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Flier from VX-5 safely ejects from aircraft Wednesday

An aircraft pilot from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) safely ejected Wednesday morning from his plane — a Vought A-7 Corsair II — just before it crashed while on a routine training mission.

The pilot, Lt. George R. (Bob) Darwin, 32, a native of Blair, Okla., went down approximately seven miles north of the Naval Weapons Center boundary in the Panamint Springs area of Panamint Valley.

From the ground, Lt. Darwin gave a "thumbs up" signal indicating he was all right to the pilot of another aircraft flying in the same area who witnessed the crash.

The VX-5 flier was then picked up by an Edwards Air Force Base helicopter that also was in the vicinity and flown to the Ridgecrest Community Hospital heliport. Transported across the street to the local medical facility, Lt. Blair was examined for any possible injuries.

He was reported to have suffered lacerations on the face and ankle, possibly two broken ribs, and was in a mild state of shock when he entered the hospital where he was kept overnight for observation.



BUY NOW — Beto Bernal, Deputy EEO Officer for the Center, buys his ticket for the Federal Women's Program award banquet on Nov. 19 from Betsy Eggleston, a committee member. Only 200 tickets can be sold, so those planning to attend are urged to get tickets promptly. The last day to purchase a ticket is next Wednesday, and a sell-out is expected. —Photo by PH2 Tony Garcia

Dr. Peggy Rogers will be guest speaker at FWP banquet Nov. 19

The theme of Career Horizons will be expressed in a variety of ways at the Federal Women's Program banquet, scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the NWC Community Center. Not only will Dr. Peggy Rogers, recently retired as head of Code 31 (now the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department) be the main speaker, but also there will be a 10-min. multi-image slide presentation showing 19 women at work at NWC in nontraditional jobs.

Non-traditional jobs for women depicted range from Sign Painter (Linda Minshew), Journeyman Machinist (Sherri Miller), Research Chemist (Lisa Freeman) to Security Specialist (Estela Paine). Non-traditional military specialties held by local women include Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR2 Anne Mooney) and Primary Care Physician's Assistant (CW03 Apama Childs).

The multi-image presentation uses three rear screens and six projectors, with a music and narration track to add a dimension to the presentation. It is being produced and directed by Elena Vitale, an audio-visual production specialist in the Technical Information Department.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Federal Women's Program Awards for the 1980 Woman of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, and Department that has contributed consistently to the practice of Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

The banquet, which is preceded at 6 p.m. by a social hour, will start at 7, featuring a buffet of turkey and beef and all the trimmings. Tickets, at \$7 per person, may be purchased from members of the Federal Women's Program Committee.

Members of the FWPC and the Codes at which they may be reached are as follows:

- Gerry Auger, Code 3541; Joan Chartier, Code 3544; Wanda Clark, Code 3631; Rebecca Conner, Code 25902; Jack Crawford, Code 395; June Deatherage, Code 3441; Betsy Eggleston, Code 3193; Lisa Freeman, Code 3244; SN Karen Ghera, Code 21; AZ3 Carol Greblin, Code 612; LCDr. Nancy Harris, Code 942; Pat Hedrick, Code 61211; Hope Lewis, Code 33501; Vern Michau, Code 3644; Judy Puterbaugh, Code 2522; Judy Royster, Code 32501; Gene Schneider, Code 6224; and Rud Stone, Code 25213.

Tickets must be purchased by close of business Nov. 12.

Rec. facilities open Tuesday

The following hours of operation will be observed by business and recreational facilities at the Naval Weapons Center during the Veterans Day holiday on Tuesday.

Table with 2 columns: Facility and Hours. Includes Bowling Alley and Snack Bar (1 p.m. to 9 p.m.), Navy Exchange Mini Mart (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Golf Course (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Indoor Pool (11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.), Center Gymnasium (11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.), Youth Center (1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.), Skee/Trap range (8 a.m. to noon).

Facilities not listed above will be closed all day Tuesday.

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Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box located at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Department, Bldg. 34. Unless otherwise specified in an ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current appointable (i.e., career/career conditional and VRA) NWC employees only. All others desiring employment at NWC may contact the Employment-Wage & 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. Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. The filling of these positions through Merit Promotion is subject to the requirements of the DOD Program for the Stability of Civilian Employment. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions and positions subject to the Demonstration Project are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118; those for all wage system positions are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118C. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of experience, training, education, and awards as indicated in a written record consisting of a SF-171, at least one supervisory appraisal if it can be obtained, and any tests, medical examinations, interviews, and supplemental qualifications requirements that may be necessary. For managerial/supervisory positions, consideration will be given to applicant's support of the Equal Employment Opportunity programs and objectives. Applicants must meet time in grade and qualifications requirements by the closing date of the ad. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

- Announcement No. 09-15KLC, Laborer, WG-3593-2, Code 442 — The purpose of this advertisement is to establish a register to fill temporary (not to exceed one year) laborer positions. This register will be used to fill vacancies as they occur during the next several months. Maximum time in appointment of this type will be 12 months in any 24 month period. NWC will accept applications from reinstatement eligibles, individuals currently on Civil Service registers, and individuals not on registers who have skills necessary to qualify for this position. The position is located in the Test Engineering Division of the Parachute Systems Department. The incumbent may perform manual labor incidental to the maintenance of buildings and grounds; loading and unloading of supplies and furniture, operation of power mowers, ditch digging, use of jackhammers, trash removal, providing assistance to journeymen, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Reliability and dependability as a laborer; ability to follow directions; knowledge of related lines of work, equipment and tools; dexterity and safety; ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision. Supplemental qualifications requirements may be picked up from the receptionist's desk at the Personnel Department, Bldg. 34.
Announcement No. 01-005, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4, PD No. 8000043N, Code 01 — This position provides secretarial support to the Office of the Technical Director and the Assistant to the Executive Committee. Duties include: maintaining calendar; setting up regular and special conferences and meetings; receives and directs visitors and phone calls; reviews and prepares correspondence; receives and screens incoming mail; maintains files; prepares travel orders and itineraries, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to comprehend technical terminology; knowledge of grammar and punctuation; knowledge of Navy and business style correspondence; ability to deal effectively with top management personnel. Promotion potential to GS-5.
Announcement No. 24018, Police Officer, GS-083-3, PD No. 7824034N, Code 2413 — The purpose of this advertisement is to establish a register to fill temporary (not to exceed one year) police officer vacancies. Maximum time in an appointment of this type will be 12 months in any 24 month period. NWC will accept applications from reinstatement eligibles, individuals currently on Civil Service registers, and individuals not on registers who have skills necessary to qualify for this position. This position is located in the Patrol Branch of the Police Division, Safety and Security Department. The incumbent will perform basic law enforcement duties under the direction of a field training officer or a police supervisor. Routine cases include: traffic citations, investigations of NWC administrative violations which may be handled independently. The incumbent must be available to work any one of three shifts.
Announcement No. 24019, Police Officer, GS-083-4, PD No. 7824033N, Code 2413 — The purpose of this advertisement is to establish a register to fill temporary (not to exceed one year) police officer vacancies. Maximum time in an appointment of this type will be 12 months in any 24 month period. NWC will accept applications from reinstatement eligibles, individuals currently on Civil Service registers, and individuals not on registers who have skills necessary to qualify for this position. This position is located in the Patrol Branch of the Police Division, Safety and Security Department. The incumbent will perform duties of a uniformed police officer on one of three shifts. This will include patrol duties, enforcement of regulations and laws, preliminary investigations, arrest of offenders, preparation of written reports, etc.
Announcement No. 25-016, Supply Clerk, GS-2005-3/4/5, PD No. 8025006, Code 2575 — This position is located in the Receipt Control Branch, Control Division, Supply Department. The incumbent screens all incoming documents and files for accuracy and category to determine proper disposition. The incumbent is responsible for matching receipt documents against "Purchase/Contract" open order file. The incumbent also establishes the technical inspection follow-up file and follows up with technical inspection as required. The incumbent is required to prepare computer input for receipts, prepare and maintain all statistical data for the branch, and prepare all outgoing correspondence. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of supply functions and procedures; ability to interpret a variety of instructions; ability to gather, assemble, and verify information; ability to deal effectively with a variety of personnel.
Announcement No. 25-015, Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-7, PD No. 8025021, 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 solicitation qualify as 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.
Announcement No. 33-009, Administrative Officer, GS-341-7/9, PD No. 8023057, Code 325 — (This is a temporary position NTE 1 year.) Status eligibles may apply. The position is located in the Process Systems Division, Ordnance Systems Department. Duties include budget preparation, personnel, and carrying out and reporting facilities studies. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of NWC budgetary functions; knowledge of personnel policies and procedures; ability to conduct systematic and detailed studies; ability to write clearly.
Announcement No. 33-008, 2 vacancies, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-2/3, PAC No. 8033680 and Mechanical Engineer, DP-830-2/3, PAC No. 8033679, Code 33061 — These positions are located in the Applications Group of the Interactive Graphics Program Office, Fuse and Sensors Department. This office provides support for the procurement, integration and continued support of interactive graphic systems at all NAVMAT R&D Laboratories. The Applications Group will be primarily involved with developing documentary configuration management of the software and training people in the use of application packages. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of mechanical or electrical applications of...

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Triangle Mobile Homes squad hangs onto league lead

The Triangle Mobile Homes keglers are continuing to cling to a 2-game lead in the Premier (scratch) League, following Monday night's action at Hall Memorial Lanes.

The Buggy Bath squad picked up a game on the league leaders by winning all three of its games with the Elks Lodge, while Triangle Mobile Homes had to settle for a 2-1 split with Partlow Construction.

High team game for the night was the 1,011 rolled by Clancey's Claim Co., and the Buggy Bath bowlers came through with a total score of 2,887 that was good for high team series honors.

Individual standout for the night was Chuck Cutsinger, who had a triple 200 series score of 657 built on games of 235, 202, and 220.

Other Premier League bowlers who equalled or exceeded the 600 series mark were Warren Turnbaugh (636), Ray Freasher (631), Ken Dalpiaz (623), Mark La Fon (622), Jim Bowen (620), Roy Canfield (613), and Ed Donahue (600).

High scoring single game totals (those over 220) were rolled by Turnbaugh (254), Canfield (233), La Fon (230), Bowen (226), Vic Black (224), Kim Duckett, Bob Vorwerk, and Freasher (223), and Mike Dowd and Allen Smith (222).

Burros varsity gridders lose 17-16 squeaker to Jordan High . . .

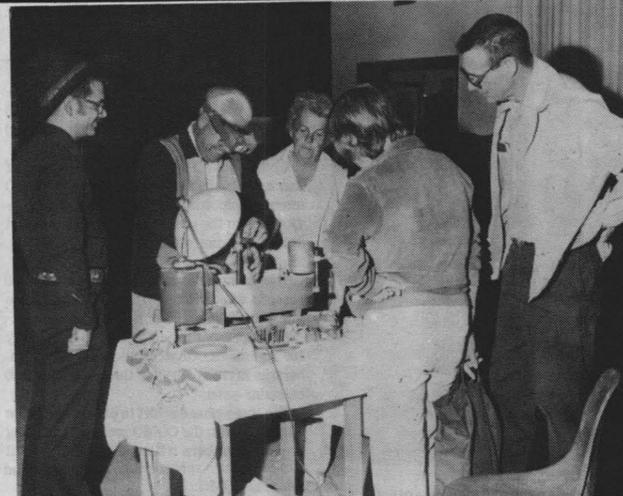
(Continued from Page 6) consumed most of the remaining time in third period of play. Key play in this series on offensive included a gain of 16 by Pinchem that produced a first down at the Burroughs High 46.

The Burros' offensive linemen continued to get their jump on their opponents, and opened up a hole for Danny Drake, who ripped off 18 yds. to the Jordan 33. Pinchem then hit the middle, cut right and was hauled 30 yds. later on the 3rd yd. line of the Bulldogs.

The stubborn Jordan defense asserted itself only to have a pass interference penalty called that gave the Burros a first down at the 1. It still took three cracks at the line for Burroughs to score, with quarterback Brown going over for the tally.

The Burros then went for 2 points and clicked on a pass from Brown to Curtis Edmondson in the end zone to tie the score at 14-14 with 3 1/2 min. left to play in the third quarter.

The Burros put this time to good use by stopping the Bulldogs' offense cold, and picking up a safety and 2 points when a fourth down center snap sailed over the head of Darin Perkins, who was back to kick. Perkins, forced to run back for the ball, was nailed in the Jordan end zone and



GEM, MINERAL SHOW DRAWS CROWD — The Community Center was the setting last weekend for the Indian Wells Valley Gem and Mineral Society's 24th annual show that drew an attendance estimated at around 2,100 persons. Field trips to the Lava Mountains, to Sheep Springs and to Honey Hill attracted a good number of those interested in going after their own gemstone material, but most were happy to have the opportunity to look over exhibits contained in more than 60 display cases at the Community Center that featured the work of both novice and expert collectors. Most popular of the demonstrations presented during the Gem and Mineral Show was that staged by Ed Albright, who went through the various steps involved in polishing gemstones—in this case an amethyst. Watching Albright are Craig Rae (at left), IWV Gem and Mineral Society treasurer; Virginia Boyd, past president, and two visitors at the show.

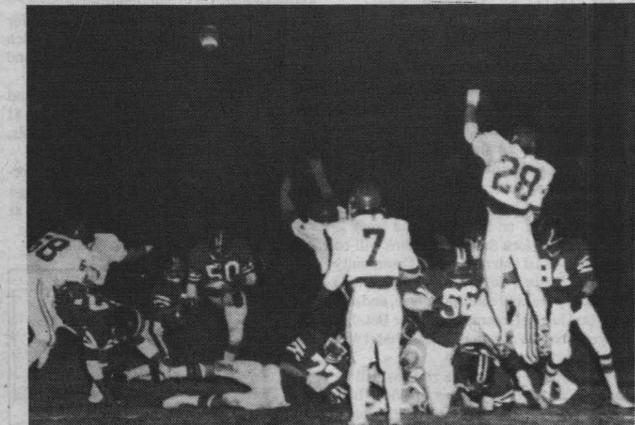
a safety that gave Burroughs 2 points and a 16-14 lead shortly before the start of the fourth quarter.

The free kick by Jordan from its own 20 was rammed back to the Bulldogs' 30 on the return by Pinchem. The third quarter ended with Bruce Roberts calling signals at quarterback in place of Brown, and the Burros 2 yds. short of a first down at the Jordan 20.

BULLDOGS STUBBORN The Bulldogs lived up to their name by refusing to give up a first down and took over at their own 22. The fired-up Burros' defense returned to action and two plays later the Bulldogs were back at their own 10 yd. line after David Pipkin sacked Chris Shugars, the Jordan quarterback.

The Burros had good field position at the Bulldogs' 40 following a punt by Jordan, and Roberts engineered a drive down to the Bulldogs 5 yd. line — hitting Edmondson on a pass over the middle that gained 31 yds. A pass interception on the next play denied Burroughs another good scoring opportunity.

Again the BHS defense held and the offense got the ball back (after a punt) at the Jordan 41. Two punts followed the line by Danny Drake and Steve Lewis gained 30 yds. and a first down at the 11, but the



FIELD GOAL TRY FAILS — The foot got back into football last Friday night in the varsity game between Burroughs and Jordan High School of Los Angeles. On this first quarter field goal try by Burroughs, the boot by Jon Wheeler missed the mark. In the last 35 sec. of play in this thrill-packed game, however, Saul Ochoa of the Bulldogs hit a 38-yd. effort that provided the visitors with a 17-16 margin of victory. —Photo by PH2 Tony Garcia

Ceramics classes to offer instruction in holiday gift making

Those who are beginning to prepare for the coming holiday season still have the opportunity to enroll in ceramics classes (offered by the Recreational Services Craft Center) that will be helpful in teaching students how to make decorations or gifts.

Registration fees for all classes are \$10 for military personnel and \$12 for civilians, with fees being due before the class begins. The fee can be paid at either the Recreation Coordination Office or at the Ceramics shop. Students must purchase their own supplies.

Beginning ceramics classes will be held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. After the first class session on Wednesday, Nov. 12, students may select either a Tuesday or a Wednesday class. Classes will run for five consecutive weeks, and will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

A noon-hour class begins on Thursday, Nov. 13, and will run from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 o'clock for six Thursdays, excluding Thanksgiving Day.

A class in china painting will meet on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The first session of this class is scheduled on Friday, Nov. 14, and the class will last for six weeks.

A lace draping class begins Monday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m., and will last until 7 p.m.; the class will meet for five consecutive Mondays.

moving, and then connected with Perkins, who was in the open but slipped and fell at the BHS 32. After a run by Divinity ate up most of the ground needed for a first down, Shugars kept the ball and got it to the BHS 20 on a game-saving fourth down play.

The Jordan drive stalled at that point, but Ochoa's field goal with 35 sec. showing on the game clock provided Jordan with its 1-point margin of victory.

Promotional Opportunities

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- Announcement No. 34-028, Planner and Estimator (A/C Equip Mech), WD-5304-4, JD No. 379N, Code 261 — Position is located in the Maintenance Control Division, Public Works Department. Incumbent will provide detailed manpower/material estimates in support of facility maintenance for the Center. This includes job write up, alteration, repair and maintenance. Incumbent inspects refrigeration and air conditioning systems, evaporator cooling systems, steam and compressed air systems, and allied equipment. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to facilitate production; technical practices; ability to interpret instructions and specifications; knowledge of pertinent materials; knowledge of pertinent tools and equipment. Note: Supplemental qualifications statement is required and may be picked up in the Personnel Building 34, reception area or Rm. 210 from Linda Lone.
Announcement No. 24-029, Machinist, WG-3414-11, JD No. 722N, Code 24241 — Position is located in the Machine Shop of the Maintenance and Utilities Division, Public Works Department. Incumbent will perform all types of general machine work involving machine tool operations on castings, forgings, welding, and bar stock, as well as assembly, installation, and bench work required in the construction, repair, and overhaul of mechanical parts and assemblies. Fabricates tools and fixtures to hold or machine complicated parts. Works from blueprints, sample sketches, and verbal instructions. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision; knowledge of machinist theory and related mathematics; ability to set up, lay out work, and operate machines and their accessories; ability to interpret blueprints, specifications, and technical data; knowledge of material used in the machinist trade. Note: Supplemental qualifications statement is required and may be picked up in Building 34, Reception area or Rm. 210 from Linda Lone.
Announcement No. 34-014, Visual Information Assistant, GS-1001-4/7, PD No. 8034012-1, Code 3462 — This position is located in the Field Branch, Field Services Division. Incumbent develops motion picture films, panoramas, individual pages for manuscripts, viewgraphs, pamphlets, slides, etc. Arranges charts, art tables, and printed texts; crops and sizes photos; marks reproduction copy with instructions to printers; operates composing machine; proofreads copy; and schedules work. NOTE: Previous experience must be thoroughly documented. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to compose, lay-out, or prepare visual materials; knowledge of proofreading techniques, basic grammar, spelling, and correct abbreviations; knowledge of marking repro copy with printer's instructions and the sizing and cropping of photographs and illustrations.
Announcement No. 34-015, Computer Systems Analyst, GS-344-9/11 or 12, PD No. 8034027, Code 34 — Position is located in the Technical Information Department Office. Incumbent develops computer systems as well as maintaining current systems. Provides interface with ADP service contractors. Serves as TID's Computer Systems Security Officer. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to apply state-of-the-art computer assistance techniques and data management principles to technical information functions; ability to identify and apply software and hardware to TID requirements; knowledge of TID functions, programs, etc.; knowledge of computer acquisition; knowledge of computer systems security.
Announcement No. 26-027, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 8026054N, Code 26026 — Position is located in the Administrative Services Center of the Public Works Department. Incumbent will provide typing, transcribing, text-editing, records design, and word processing services for the department. Operates word processing equipment including information processors and high speed printers. Uses transcription equipment, applying knowledge of engineering terminology and formatting procedures for presentation of complex statistical and financial data. Job Relevant Criteria: Skill in operating word processing equipment and typewriter; knowledge of grammar, punctuation, and formatting of typewritten material; ability to meet deadlines; ability to work well with others. Note: If filled at GS-3 level, position has promotion potential to GS-4; however, promotion is not guaranteed.

Training classes

To enroll in the following classes students should submit NWC Training Request and Authorization Form 12410 73, via department channels, to reach code 094 before the deadline listed. If handicapped indicate need for first floor room location on training request.

53000D — Interpersonal Skills for Supervisors only; Nov. 20-21, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (15 hours). Instructors: George Lehner and Lynn Lacey.

46000E — Creativity Using Incentives; Nov. 25, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., (4 hours). Instructors: Lynn Lacey and Stuart Fields.



Blue team leads Commander's Cup marksmanship event

A five-man team representing NWC Blue boosted the Blue team into the lead in the Commander's Cup marksmanship competition last week by winning both the trap and skeet shooting events.

With 5 points being awarded for each marksmanship event, the win in skeet and trap shooting was worth 10 points for NWC Blue. This total, coupled with 3 points for a second place finish in the Commander's Cup pistol match, gave NWC Blue a total of 13 prior to this week's final event — a rifle match that was concluded yesterday.

VX-5 marksmen, who won the pistol match, nabbed 6 more points for a total of 13 as they placed second in the skeet and trap shoot finals, while NWC Gold had just 3 points to show for its efforts — three 3rd place finishes in pistol, skeet and trap shooting.

Reuben Gomez led the NWC Blue marksmen in both the skeet and trap shoot competition. He hit 22 clay pigeons in the skeet shoot and 23 in the trap shoot.

Other skeet shooters for NWC Blue, and their totals were, Ronald Rattler (18), Russell Hall (16), and Steven Sykes and Stanley Bright (14 each).

In the trap shoot, NWC Blue's top marksmen, in addition to Gomez, were Bright (19), Hall (16), James Houston (11), and Sykes 10.

Total scores for NWC Blue were 84 in skeet shooting, and 81 in trap shooting, while VX-5 tallied 82 and 68 points in skeet and trap, respectively, and NWC Gold had 70 and 55 points in these two events.

With NWC Blue and VX-5 separated by just 2 points prior to this week, the finals of the rifle marksmanship event held yesterday determined the winner of the Commander's Cup marksmanship competition.

Recreation Roundup Meeting to discuss intramural basketball season plans slated

A meeting to discuss plans for the intramural basketball season will be held next Wednesday, Nov. 12, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Citizens' Building located in the 100 block of S. Warner Street in Ridgecrest.

All interested persons are invited and urged to attend in order that plans can be finalized for the intramural basketball season that is slated to get underway on Nov. 24.

TURKEY SHOOT SLATED

Men and women golfers are invited to enter a 4-player scramble tourney on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the China Lake golf course.

The entry fee of \$6 per golfer will cover the cost of a buffet luncheon that will be served following the tourney, when turkeys to be offered as prizes will be awarded to each of the players on at least four of the teams entered in this event.

There also will be a turkey awarded to the golfer whose shot off the tee on the eighth hole stops closest to the pin.

Golfers' November handicaps will be used in determining the scores of individuals entered in this 18-hole event, which will get underway at 8:30 a.m.

The deadline for entries in the turkey shoot is 12 noon next Thursday, Nov. 13. Entry fees can be paid at the golf course pro shop.

Burros lose 17-16 thriller to Jordan Bulldogs

Faithful followers of the Burroughs High School varsity football team were treated to a great game last Friday night at the BHS stadium, where the Burros lost 17-16 in the last 35 sec. of play to the Jordan High School Bulldogs, defending Class 2A champion from Los Angeles.

The Bulldogs, who are undefeated (one tie marks their record) this season, pulled it out with a 38 yd. field goal by Saul Ochoa. The 3-pointer climaxed a drive that started from the Jordan 1 yd. line, where the Burros missed by inches getting a first down that could well have set the stage for a game-winning touchdown.

As it was, however, the Burros had to settle for their fourth loss in a row and their seventh of the 1980 season.

Tonight, it's back to Golden League action at the Burros' home field. The opposition will be provided by the Hart High School Indians from Saugus. A sophomore game at 5:15 will precede the varsity clash that is scheduled to get underway at 8 o'clock.

The BHS varsity squad wasted little time letting the visitors from Los Angeles know

they would have a battle on their hand as they put together a 64-yd. scoring drive after receiving the game-opening kickoff.

Albert Pinchem returned the kickoff to the BHS 36; three plays later the Burros were knocking at the door with a first down on the Jordan 25. A pass from quarterback Billy Brown to tight end Gary Thatcher gained 17 yds., and the Burros offensive line opened up a hole for Joey Adams, who ripped off a gain of 25 yds. on the next play.

Pinchem then hit the middle for 7 and swept around end for a first down at the 9. Four plays later Adams bucked it over from the 2 and the Burros led 6-0. The try for the PAT on a kick by Jon Wheeler missed the mark.

A minute later, however, Darrell Divinity, Jordan's classy running back, tied the score on a touchdown run from the Bulldogs' 35. Ochoa also was wide with his try for the PAT on a kick. On his 65-yd. jaunt to paydirt, Divinity ran to the right and then cut back cross field to elude the BHS secondary defenders.

Excitement continued at a fever pitch on

Pinchem's return of the ensuing kickoff, as the stellar BHS running back and defensive lineman ran some 65 yds. before being overhauled and downed at the Jordan 15 yd. line. Three plays gained 5 yds., and a fourth down field goal try by Wheeler missed from the 24 yd. line.

The first quarter ended in a 6-6 tie, although a long run by Divinity was nullified by a clipping penalty, and the same thing happened in the second quarter when Darrell Cain, running back for the Bulldogs, had a 47 yd. gain to the BHS 3 wiped out by clipping.

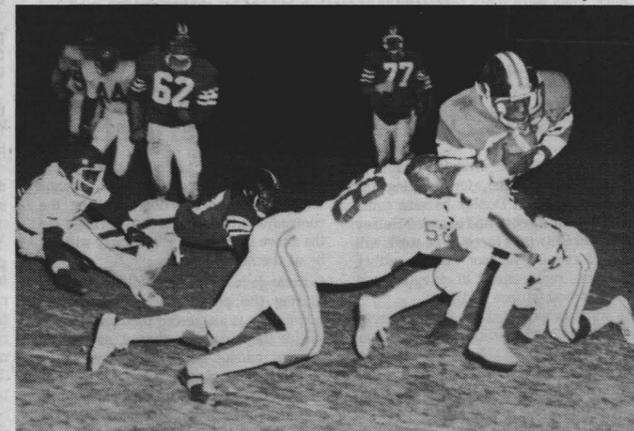
The stage was set for the second Jordan touchdown of the night on a pass interception by Divinity that gave the Bulldogs the ball on the Burros' 26 yd. line. The visitors dipped into their bag of tricks on the next play. Chris Shugars, the quarterback, lateraled the ball back to Kevin Davis, and the later tossed a left-handed pass to Darin Perkins for a touchdown.

Shugars then plowed through the line for 2 points after the touchdown to give Jordan a 14-6 lead that held up for the remainder of the first half.

A scoring threat by the Bulldogs, who took the second half kickoff and moved from their own 40 to the BHS 22 ended in a missed field goal try by Ochoa.

Taking over on their own 20, the Burros put together an 80-yd. scoring drive that

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BUSTIN' THROUGH — Albert Pinchem, stellar running back for the Burroughs High School varsity football team, leaves a trail of would-be tacklers in his wake as he picks up a good gain during the Burroughs vs. Jordan High tilt. Kevin Pointer, linebacker for the Jordan Bulldogs, makes contact with Pinchem as this photo was snapped. The visitors from Los Angeles edged the Burros 17-16 in an exciting game. —Photo by PH2 Tony Garcia

Tigers retain slim lead in slow pitch softball league

The Tigers ended up last week's play in the Military Slow Pitch Softball Winter League still clinging to a slim lead over the Outlaws.

In a hard-fought game against the last place Longshots, the Tigers had to pull out all the stops to post a come-from-behind 12-10 victory by scoring two runs in the top of the seventh and final inning of play.

The league leaders were coasting along with a 10-1 lead after four innings of play, but suddenly found themselves in a battle as the result of giving up 7 runs to the Longshots in the fifth inning.

The Longshots then tied the score at 10-10 in the sixth frame, only to have their second victory of the season denied when the Tigers tallied two more runs during their turn at bat in the seventh.

Desi Latorrie, of the Tigers, was the leading hitter in this game with two doubles and two singles in five times at bat.

Other heavy hitters for the Tigers were Roy Kirk and Randy Hendrix, who were 3 for 4. Kirk hit two doubles and a triple, while Hendrix had a double and two singles.

Players for the Longshots who batted .750 in this game were Reuben Gomez, with a triple and two singles, and Jon French, who had three singles.

The second place Outlaws had an easy time of it last week as they battered Oly's 22-7 in a 5-inning game, and outscored the Longshots 13-5.

In their hit parade against Oly's, the Outlaws tallied 22 runs on 24 hits that included four home runs, a triple, five doubles, and a dozen singles. Fischer was the Outlaws' top hitter with a home run, a

double and a single in four times at bat. A teammate, Greg Such, also was 4 for 4 with two doubles and two singles.

Tops in the hitting department for Oly's was David Easton, whose 2 for 2 effort included a home run and a three-base blow.

Eight runs in the fifth inning clinched a win for the Outlaws in their game with the Longshots. Up until that time, the score had been 3-2 with the Outlaws on top. The final was 13-5 in favor of the Outlaws, as they were outscored 3-2 in the sixth and final inning of the game.

Dale Parzkowsky batted 1.000 for the Outlaws, getting four singles in as many times at bat. Dave Mitchell, Rusty Rivet and Such all were 3 for 4 for the Outlaws. Long ball hitting honors for the Longshots went to Rivet, who had a home run, a double and a single to his credit.

In the only other game played last week, the NWC O's pounded out a 19-7 win over Oly's in a game that was cut short to five innings. After four innings of play, the NWC O's held a lead of 19-5. They tallied 6 runs each in the second and third innings and 7 in the fourth.

Oly's picked up 2 more runs in its last time at bat in the fifth frame before the game was ended.

Three players were 2 for 3 at bat in this game. They were Dave Janiec of the NWC O's, and Jim Easton and Simon Locke, who both play for Oly's.

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-----------|-----|------|
| Tigers | 8 | 1 |
| Outlaws | 7 | 3 |
| NWC O's | 6 | 3 |
| Oly's | 2 | 8 |
| Longshots | 1 | 9 |

Raiders win Youth Football League Senior Div. title

Championship of the Senior Division in the Tri Valley Youth Football League for 1980 was won last Saturday by the Indian Wells Valley Raiders.

The Raiders, who have given up just 2 points all season long, trampled their counterparts from Boron by a score of 44-0 in a game played at Kelly Field on the Murray Junior High School campus.

This was the seventh win in a row for the Raiders (including one forfeit by Mojave). The Raiders learned this week that they will be handed another forfeit victory tomorrow by the Indian Wells Valley Giants in what would have been the season finale.

Mike Stanley, running back and linebacker for the Raiders, got his team off and rolling with a 15-yd. touchdown run in the first quarter. The Raiders then tacked on another score in the second period of play and left the field at halftime with a comfortable margin of 14-0.

The second quarter tally was the result of a pass from Tim Lewis, quarterback, to Robert Ortiz, end, on a play that gained 55 yds. Stanley then carried the ball over for 2 extra points after the touchdown.

The Raiders continued to dominate both on offense and defense in the third quarter. Keeping the ball on the ground, they tallied three times on runs of 27 yds., 25 yds., and 9 yds. by Chad Carrasco, Stanley, and Don Reed, respectively.

Following two of their touchdowns in the third period of play, the Raiders added 2 extra points each on runs by Reed and Carrasco.

Out in front by a score of 36-0, the Raiders tacked on one more touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was the result of a pass thrown by Lewis, the quarterback, to Ortiz on a play that gained 60 yds. Reed once again ran the ball over for 2 points after the touchdown to make the final tally 44-0 in favor of the undefeated Raiders.

In their lopsided win over the team from Boron, the Raiders amassed 318 yards running the ball and added another 144 yards on passes.

Singled out for their stellar effort on defense for the Raiders were linebackers Michael Lea and Mike Stanley, and John Merrick, a tackle.

Blockers who cleared the way for the ball carriers in outstanding fashion were Ted Hopkins, Thomas Devore, and Chad Carrasco.

Veterans Day program planned Tues. at VFW Hall in Ridgecrest

A patriotic program in observance of Veterans Day will be held on Tuesday, starting at 11 a.m., at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 117 Alvord St., Ridgecrest.

Two members of a combined veterans' group color guard will open the program by raising the American flag from its position at half-mast (where it is flown on this patriotic holiday in honor of veterans who have died) to the top of the flagpole in the courtyard outside the entrance to the local VFW Hall.

Posting of the colors will be handled by the Desert Suns, an all-girl color guard sponsored by the American Legion, while Cdr. Richard Beck, NWC Catholic chaplain, will deliver the opening invocation and will close the program with a benediction.

The guest speaker will be Harold Hockett, Mayor of the City of Ridgecrest, who is a long-time local area businessman and was an employee of the Naval Weapons Center from 1951 to 1973. Hockett retired from NWC as head of what was then the Free Fall Weapons Branch in the Engineering Department.

He served for three years on active duty as a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and is now on the Air Force

retired retention list with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Larry Woeller, president of the Fleet Reserve Association, will be master of ceremonies for the Veterans Day program. He invites all veterans' groups, fraternal and service organizations in the local area to participate by sending color bearers with their organizational banner and an American flag.

Two vocal music selections, "America the Beautiful" and "This Is My Country" will be sung by Amy Korth.

The Veterans Day observance will be concluded by a volley of rifle fire and the playing of "Taps." A firing squad composed of men from various local veterans' groups will be led by Herb Hect during this part of the program.

A potluck luncheon will be held in the VFW Hall following the Veterans Day observance that is being arranged by the Indian Wells Valley Veterans Coordinating Council. John Powers is chairman of the day's events.

Water supply . . .

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Wells drilled at the mouths of Mountain Springs Canyon and other canyons in the hills surrounding the lower range areas could also capture water that is now being lost to evapotranspiration and could be used; a pipeline could move this water into the main system without pumping.

Dr. St.-Amand said that the best source of additional water for the local area would be from the Kern River. About one year in three far more water flows down the Kern River than Bakersfield either needs or can use; a reservoir established in Rock House Basin could catch this water.

An aqueduct would bring such water to the local area down Nine Mile Canyon. Rock House Basin is about 500 feet lower than the ridge over which the water would have to be pumped to get it into Nine Mile Canyon; electricity for this pumping could be generated by the water itself by installing a hydroelectric plant in the canyon so that the water, in its fall of 3,000 feet, would generate electricity.

Speed in securing the use of water from Rock House Basin is essential, according to Dr. St.-Amand. He believes that the City of Los Angeles will also try to secure that water for its use.

By either storing this water or permitting it to recharge the local water table, about 40,000 acre-feet of water could be added to the Indian Wells Valley's potential water supply each three years.

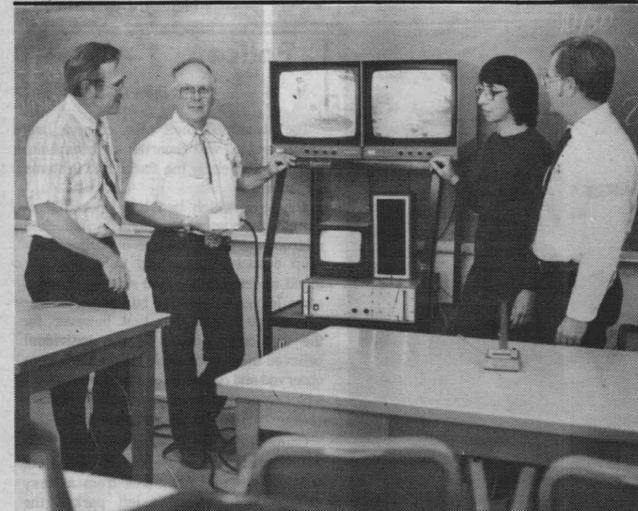
Adm. Hayward hails Surface Missile System anniversary

A message calling attention to the silver anniversary of Surface Missile Systems was received this week from Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, Chief of Naval Operations.

The CNO wrote: "The entry of tactical missiles in the U.S. Navy was marked 25 years ago with the commissioning of the USS Boston (CAG-1) on Nov. 1, 1955. From the '3-T' core and the deployment of the 'G' ships in the 1950s and 1960s, missilery now forms the heart of our Surface Force offense and defense capabilities.

"Our missile ships have proven themselves in combat, in deference in all oceans, and today in the Persian Gulf.

"Such demonstrated readiness is dependent entirely on those who maintain, operate and support our missile systems. On this occasion, I wish to pass my personal well done to the missileers, past and present, of the U.S. Navy and my confidence that they will continue to provide ready combat capabilities wherever required."



NEW TEACHING TOOL — Dr. William Lane (second from left) is the teacher of a California State University at Chico computer science program course that will be taught here by means of the video transmitter-receiver seen above. Being briefed on the slow scan video system are Bob Hillyer (at left), NWC Technical Director, and (at right) Clara Erickson and Bernie Connolly. First use of this equipment that was purchased by the Technical Information Department (headed by Connolly) will be in the Training Center, where Ms. Erickson is in charge as head of the Personnel Department's Personnel and Organization Development Division.

Class taught here from miles away by TV system

A slow scan video system that permits the instructor of a class to remain on his campus hundreds of miles away and (in this case) teach an elective course offered by the California State University at Chico computer science program is now in use here at the Training Center.

The first video session of this class, called Project Planning and Development, is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Rm. 107 of the Training Center.

In preparation for this initial class session, the instructor, Dr. William Lane, who is a former head of the Applied Sciences Department at Chico State University, was here last Friday to inspect the equipment and check out its operations.

It also was looked over by Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director; Bernie Connolly, head of the Technical Information Department, buyer of the equipment; and by Clara Erickson, who is in charge of the Personnel and Organization Development

Division in the NWC Personnel Department.

By use of telephone lines (one for audio and one for video) connected directly to a similar video transmitter-receiver at Chico State University, Dr. Lane demonstrated how he will be able to teach this class here while remaining in Chico. He was here to conduct the first two class sessions in person on Saturday and Sunday.

Included in the equipment that is available is a small television camera, in addition to the video transmitter-receiver, in order that diagrams about which there may be questions can be transmitted from this end to the instructor in Chico so that he can see a diagram or other object and respond to questions about them from the students.

The slow scan video system equipment has been acquired by Larry Zabel, head of TID's Video Projects Office, and will be maintained by Alan Maschoff, a visual

instructor specialist who works for Zabel. During the first few classroom sessions, Maschoff will attend to operate the video camera, but eventually the students will handle this task themselves.

The slow scan video system is portable and can be moved to other buildings and plugged into telephone lines ready for use.

Training Center personnel are enthused over the potential for much greater use of slow scan video equipment, which is seen as the first step in televised conferences between locations that are long distances apart.

After working the "bugs" out of this system for teaching by television, future developments could lead to tele-conferences between project people and their sponsors in Washington, D.C., that could save time and money now spent for travel to and from the nation's capital, Zabel said.

The 14 students who are enrolled in Dr. Lane's class in Project Planning and Development will decide Tuesday night on the starting time for future 3-hour sessions that will be held on Tuesdays from now through January.

VX-5 selects AO3 Szatko for Bluejacket of Quarter honor

Aviation Ordnanceman Third Class John D. Szatko has been selected as Bluejacket of the Quarter for May through July by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five.

Originally selected as a Sailor of the Month, his continued outstanding performance, selfless devotion to duty and the enthusiastic manner in which he pursues all activities led to his being chosen as Bluejacket.

"You have distinguished yourself on several squadron detachments in support of the Harpoon missile project in which you detected several problem areas, which, had they gone undetected, could have seriously degraded the performance of the missile," a letter from Capt. P. D. Stephenson, Commanding Officer of VX-5, to AO3 Szatko states.

"Your professionalism, cheerful 'can-do' attitude and exemplary devotion to duty have made you a definite asset to this squadron and to the Naval service," the letter continues. "I extend my congratulations and a hearty 'well done.'"

AO3 Szatko now becomes eligible for the Bluejacket of the Year competition held under the sponsorship of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League.

He will be appropriately honored and recognized by the Military Affairs Committee of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, joining the local chamber as a guest for either a breakfast or lunch

meeting. He will also have the use of a rental car from Hucek's Travel Service for the weekend of his choice, plus a \$25 gasoline allowance from the Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he will receive a gift certificate worth at least \$25 from the CoF.



HONORED BY VX-5 — AO3 John D. Szatko was selected by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five as Bluejacket of the Quarter. He is assigned to the Ordnance Shop, where he has been working with the Harpoon missile.

Fire Division gives suggestions about safe fireplace use

Due to the sudden change in local weather conditions notably the quick drop in temperatures—many residents in the Indian Wells Valley will be stoking the old fireplace or installing a new one to fight off the high cost of fuel during the winter season.

For this reason, the China Lake Fire Division would like to pass along these helpful hints or reminders.

It is estimated that every year more than 6,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with the use of fireplaces. These range from the cuts and bruises sustained from chainsaws or other equipment to the handling of wood. The most serious of all these injuries, however, are burns. In most cases the victims are children.

The typical accident patterns found connected with fireplaces include:

1. Clothing ignition from the open flames.
2. Sparks from the fire landing on nearby flammable materials.
3. Using flammable liquids to kindle or rekindle a fire.
4. Carbon monoxide poisoning caused by inadequate ventilation.

The following suggestions should be followed for safer fireplace operation and use:

Keep children away from the fire because their clothing can ignite easily. Warn the entire family about this hazard.

Always use a screen that completely covers the opening around a fireplace to keep sparks from flying out. Don't put combustible materials, such as carpets or furniture, near a fireplace.

Don't treat artificial logs (made of sawdust and wax) the same way you treat real wood logs. They can produce too much heat for some fireplaces to withstand.

Check fireplaces regularly (at least once a year) to determine that all vents and chimneys are clean and operating properly.

Don't use your fireplace to get rid of trash; it is designed only to burn wood.

Always keep the damper open while the fire is going to provide efficient burning.

Never use flammable liquids around a fire, since vapors can travel the length of a room and explode.

Happenings around NWC

Members of Federally Employed Women (FEW) and others who are interested will hear what happens when told "So You're Going on Travel" at the regular meeting of FEW to be held on Thursday, Nov. 13. The meeting will be at the Training Center Annex—a change in meeting place—at 11:30 a.m.

Gene Schneider, who has had to travel extensively professionally and has enjoyed personal trips as well, will make suggestions about how to handle official travel paperwork, how to make reservations for motel and plane and car, what constitutes practical luggage and how to pack it, and what makes up a good travel wardrobe.

EXTENDED CARE MEETING

The next meeting of an Action Committee for Extended Care, a group of local residents interested in seeking ways and means to bring a convalescent care facility to the Indian Wells Valley, will be held on Monday, starting at 7:30 p.m., in the conference room of the Kern County Library in Ridgecrest.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Additional information can be obtained by calling Rose Varga at 446-3939.

AFGE TO MEET MONDAY

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1781, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, at 7 p.m. at 65-B Halsey Ave., China Lake.



WORTHWHILE INSTRUCTION — HMI George LaMora of the Parachute Systems Department demonstrates resuscitation techniques on the "CPR" Baby" dummy during a recent Survival and Flight Equipment (SAFE) Symposium held in San Diego. HMI LaMora, who was co-author of a research paper presented at the symposium, and HMI Tim Brown from the Pacific Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, taught three successive courses in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation during the course of the conference.

Construction contracts . . .

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Due to be completed in May is a Missile Guidance Simulation Laboratory in the Computer Wing of Michelson Lab. This work is being done by Kunert Electric of Loma Linda, Calif., at a cost of \$409,000. This facility will house a new anechoic chamber, and will be used in the Harpoon Missile Program.

The never-ending task of street and parking lot maintenance and repairs is currently being handled under a contract totaling \$440,000 that was awarded to the Asphalt Construction Co. of Lancaster, Calif.

This work includes patching, and applying a slurry seal and a rejuvenating agent to street surfaces and some parking lot areas throughout the Center.

Under the heading of building and home maintenance, two contracts have been awarded. One (in the amount of \$248,000) went to Homer L. Dunn Decorating of Los Angeles. It calls for both interior and exterior painting of buildings in the range area, at Salt Wells, and in the administrative areas. In addition, the A.B.N. Corp. of Gilbert, Ariz., is ready to begin painting work on the exteriors of 340 family housing units in the old Duplex area. Due to be completed next April, this work will cost \$141,000.

In the Salt Wells area, work is underway on a contract awarded to E.C. Morris and Son, of Lancaster, Calif., that calls for replacement of old, corroded water cooling lines at a cost of \$276,000. When this job is finished in February, other work by the same company will be in progress in the Salt Wells area, where a large boiler at Boiler Plant No. 4 is to be replaced at a cost of \$257,000. This latter project is part of a continuing Public Works Department program of steam plant overhaul and renovation.

Other contracts awarded, the work involved, its cost, and the names of the successful bidders, are as follows:

Re-roofing of three buildings in the Michelson Laboratory and Thompson Laboratory areas, \$189,000, Pioneer Roof Co. of Hawaiian Gardens, Calif.

Alterations to three rooms in Hangar 3 at Armitage Airfield, \$155,000, Construction Management, Inc., of Las Vegas, Nev.

Replace/reglaze windows and install solar reflective film on windows of Michelson Laboratory and other areas, \$124,000, Fabcraft, Inc., of Los Angeles.

Install automated fuel control and data acquisition system, \$128,000, E.C. Morris

and Son of Lancaster. This contract calls for tying in all government gasoline stations at NWC to a central computer in order that fuel can be dispensed to government vehicles by use of a credit card-type arrangement.

Installation of a propellant grinder facility in the Salt Wells area, \$156,000, Robert McMullin of San Diego.

Renovation of Bldg. 20018 at Armitage Airfield, \$99,000, Desert Construction of Rosamond, Calif. This work will necessitate the relocation of the sick bay at the airfield.

Construction of a 30 by 60 ft. swimming pool and bathhouse adjacent to the Enlisted Mess, \$89,000, Kunert Electric of Loma Linda, Calif.

Replace control systems for bridge cranes in the Michelson Laboratory machine shop, \$76,000, ACCO Industries, Inc., of Downey, Calif.

Installation of security fencing in the FH area, \$75,000, C&W Fence Co. of Ventura, Calif. This contract ties in closely with plans for relocation of the Center's southern perimeter fence, giving the public free access through gates to NWC during daytime and early evening hours.

Install cable tray and grounding system in the new Range Control Center, \$62,000, Robeck Electrical Maintenance of Vista, Calif.

Demolition of various structures, including BOQ-C, an old Navy Exchange warehouse building, and the CT-4 equipment storage building, \$60,000 Pratt Equipment Corp. of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Alterations to buildings in the magazine area, and the installation of a photovoltaic system to provide security lights, \$59,000, Stevens Co. of Lancaster, Calif.

Weatherproofing the roof of the All Faith Chapel, \$25,000, John Rosas Roof Repair of Ridgecrest.

Star party planned at Sandquist Spa tonight

A free public star party, sponsored by the China Lake Astronomical Society, will be held 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 star clusters and gaseous nebulae within the Milky Way and the great spiral galaxy in the constellation Andromeda.

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.

Police reports . . .

The attempted theft of a camera lens valued at \$450 was reported to China Lake police last week by the Parachute Systems Department.

The lens, which had been stored temporarily in an unused section of an unlocked restroom at what was the old Dispensary (now occupied in part by Code 64), was found where the thief had stashed it under some leaves outside the building.

It got no further than that, however, for the suspicious actions of the individual believed to be responsible for the theft were observed and reported to China Lake police, who recovered the missing camera lens.

EQUIPMENT STOLEN

China Lake police were called last Saturday morning to investigate the theft of a saber saw and a jig saw from a Navy vehicle that had been left parked the preceding night outside the Parachute Systems Department's test shop.

The stolen equipment, which had been left in an unlocked vehicle, is valued at \$250.

THEFT OF SHOTGUN

A hunter from the Los Angeles area, who was here over the past weekend to take part in the upland game hunt in the NWC northern range area, filed a report with China Lake police shortly after 12 noon on Saturday regarding the theft of a 20 gauge shotgun.

The gun, valued at \$220, had been left leaning against a tree in one of the campsites in the hunting area.

VANDALISM REPORTED

Two incidents of vandalism, both over the past weekend, were reported to China Lake police. In one case, a tire was slashed on a vehicle left parked by a teacher at the Pierce Elementary School. In the other, the occupant of a residence in the Capehart B housing area called police after he found that two windows on his car were broken sometime Sunday night.

BURGLARIES INVESTIGATED

Two burglaries were reported on Thursday of last week and are being investigated by China Lake police.

A prowler took advantage of an unlocked door at a residence in the Capehart B housing area to walk in and help himself to a television set, and a tape cassette player. Value of the stolen items was estimated at \$255.

The burglary is believed to have taken place sometime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. In the second burglary incident, a tool box and tools, valued at \$163, were taken from a locked vehicle left parked at the Auto Hobby Shop.

NARCOTICS FOUND

During a Command-authorized vehicle search, conducted on Sandquist Road at around the end of the working day on Wednesday, Oct. 29, two sailors were picked up by China Lake Police for possession of narcotics.

The matter has been turned over to the VX-5 Command for further inquiry and whatever action is deemed appropriate.

PLAQUE MISSING

A large plaque featuring the replica of a pair of aircraft wings was stolen sometime Monday night from the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

According to a report on file with China Lake police, the plaque is valued at \$200.

Aetna Insurance rep. to help claimants Nov. 18

Mrs. Carmen Ziegler, an Aetna Insurance representative, will pay a visit to the Naval Weapons Center on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 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 at the Community Center between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Appointments to see the Aetna Insurance representative can be made by calling Eileen Baird at NWC ext. 2592 or 2018.

Military personnel can now be referred to DCC for help

Referral to the Desert Counseling Clinic (DCC) in Ridgecrest of active duty military men and women assigned to the Naval Weapons Center who are in need of psychiatric/psychological assistance is now possible.

A memorandum of understanding on this subject was signed in mid-October by Capt. Quentin E. Crews, Jr., Commanding Officer of the Naval Regional Medical Center in Long Beach (NRMC), and Ron Dettling, president of the DCC board of directors.

This, it was emphasized by LCdr. Greg Waddington, officer-in-charge of the China Lake Branch Medical Clinic, applies only to active duty military (not their dependents). Military personnel must first go through a regular medical work up at the Branch Medical Clinic before an appointment to see a DCC psychologist or psychiatrist can be made.

The procedure to follow begins when the military man or woman reports for sick call or makes an appointment to see a doctor at the Branch Medical Clinic here.

If during the examination that follows, the Navy doctor determines there is a need for the patient to see a specialist who is available at the DCC in Ridgecrest, the proper forms are made out — either by the Navy doctor or a physicians' assistant.

The first appointment for assistance at the DCC will be made by the Branch Medical Clinic's medical appointment clerk.

Referring selected patients to the DCC for treatment eliminates a long trip to and from the medical center in Long Beach — a period of travel that was, in many cases, detrimental to the patient's depressed mental condition.

If in-patient psychiatric/psychological assistance is needed, the military man or woman will, however, be sent to Long Beach.

This agreement between the Navy and DCC usually does not cover marital problems, LCdr. Waddington added, noting that coverage of such problems is provided under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS).

The patient must be dressed in the uniform of the day when he or she visits the Desert Counseling Clinic. Wearing the uniform is necessary in order to avoid any misunderstandings about how the billing is to be handled.

Advanced first aid class to emphasize outdoor emergencies

An American Red Cross advanced first aid course emphasizing common emergencies occurring in the outdoor environment will begin Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. in Classroom A of the Driver Education Building at the corner of Nimitz Avenue and Hussey Road.

The class will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at the same time, with a final session scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 20. The last class meeting will be a daytime simulated rescue effort at a local mine, held with the assistance of members of the Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue Team.

Participants in the class must be at least 15 years of age and should be in good physical condition.

Included in the training program will be lectures by local rescue and medical specialists; a two-evening course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation complementing the lifesaving techniques of the first aid course will also be scheduled.

No prior first aid training is required. Fee for the class is \$5, which includes the cost of the textbook. Participants can register at the first class meeting.

Anyone seeking further information about the course should call the instructor, Fred Camphausen, at NWC ext. 3276 during working hours or 446-5643 in the evening.



SUCCESSFUL HUNT — Cliff Degraw and Al Lewis found game plentiful in NWC's upper ranges where they participated with 705 other hunters in last weekend's hunt. They were more successful than most: a total of 349 chukar and 239 quail were taken, as well as 15 cottontail rabbits and 19 jackrabbits. The bunnies are there, but hunters concentrated on birds. —Photo by Griff Davies

Contract awarded to paint Old Duplexes; work to start shortly

A contract has been awarded to A.B.N. Corp. of Gilbert, Ariz., for painting the exteriors of the Old Duplex housing units north of Blandy Avenue and between Halsey Avenue and Entwistle Street. The work will consist of repairs to roof fascias, utility room doors, replacement of shingles, and painting of both stucco and trim.

The work is expected to start in early November on Entwistle Street and continue through April 1981. Each tenant is to be notified seven days in advance of the anticipated date that work is to commence on a particular unit. All work is scheduled to be completed in about two weeks from the time it is started on any one duplex unit.

Upon receipt of notice of the specific date that work is to commence at their address, tenants are requested to cooperate with the contractor in the following ways:

- (1) All door screens and window screens should be left unlatched during the two week period. If windows are stuck and screens cannot be unlatched from the exterior, the Public Works Trouble Desk (939-2268) should be called for assistance.
- (2) All personal property should be moved away from the building a distance of at least 4 ft. to provide for the contractor's access and to prevent damage from paint overspray.
- (3) During specific days, as directed by the contractor, it will be necessary for all windows and doors to be left unlocked to allow for painting of window and door edges. If no one can be home on the date requested by the contractor, tenants are asked to make arrangements with a

friend or neighbor to unlock the house to facilitate the contractor's work. Please leave a note on the door advising the contractor who to contact to arrange for the above if the responsible party will not be at the house.

(4) Arrange for control of children and pets during the period the house is being painted. It is suggested that pets be kept inside the house or tethered, as the contractor cannot be held responsible for keeping gates closed.

(5) It will be necessary for the contractor to remove all vines attached to the buildings. To minimize damage to the plants, the contractor has been requested to carefully remove the vines and lay them on the ground. The contractor is not responsible for reattaching these vines. Tenants are requested to do so upon completion of the work if they so desire. A certain amount of trimming of trees and shrubs that are rubbing on the painted surfaces will be accomplished by the contractor.

It will be necessary for the contractor to dig a trench approximately 6 in. wide by 6 in. deep around the building to paint the stucco below the surface. Tenants are advised that if they have any "prized" plants with 12 in. of the building, they should take measures (such as transplanting them) to avoid damage to these plants.

(6) Tenants are requested to contact the Housing Division (939-3411, ext. 327) if any questions or problems arise during the course of the contractors' work.

Missile navigates aircraft from off-shore carrier to China Lake

Armitage Airfield at the Naval Weapons Center was the destination of a captive flight test of a Tomahawk II Medium Range Air-to-Surface Missile (MRASM) that was landed here shortly before 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30.

This was the first such test flight to be initiated from the deck of an aircraft carrier.

The missile, securely attached to the wing of a Navy A-6 Intruder, successfully navigated its way over southern California terrain enroute to China Lake, after the aircraft was catapulted from the deck of the USS Kitty Hawk while the aircraft carrier was cruising off the California coast.

LT. Dave Leedy, A-6 Project Officer, was the pilot of the missile's "mother" aircraft, and flew the aircraft utilizing heading information supplied by the missile's guidance system. Transfer alignment from the aircraft to the missile, and monitoring of the Cruise missile's performance during the

captive flight was done by Lt. Don Watkins, Weapons Branch Officer in the NWC Aircraft Department.

This captive flight was part of a series of tests in which the Joint Cruise Missile Project is confirming, early on in the Tomahawk II's development, the missile's suitability, compatibility, and mission effectiveness of the MRASM when employed by carrier-based aircraft. All major flight test objectives were accomplished during last week's test.

The Tomahawk II is one of the family of Cruise missiles being developed for the Navy and Air Force by General Dynamics, and will be adapted to satisfy the Joint Services' operations requirements for this missile.

Tomahawk II will provide Navy and Air Force tactical air units with a standoff capability to attack high value, heavily defended land targets with a variety of non-nuclear payloads.

Option to enroll or change health care plans opens Nov. 10

Open season for enrolling or changing enrollment in plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program will begin on Nov. 10 and run through Dec. 5.

For 1981, there are changes in benefits for some plans and rate changes for all plans, plus sweeping changes in the material to be distributed.

For the first time since the FEHB Program began, employees will not receive brochures of plans available to them. Instead, they will get newly developed benefit summaries and rate sheets for all available plans. These summaries offer one-page, general descriptions of the benefits provided by the plans, and explain them in a manner more easily understood than do the brochures.

BROCHURES DUE AFTER DEC. 5

Employees will receive a brochure of the plan in which they have enrolled after Dec. 5, the date on which the FEHB open season will conclude.

During open season, copies of the brochures will be available in Rm. 119 of the Personnel Building, where those interested in seeing them should ask for Eileen Baird.

The brochures contain a complete description of plan benefits. Anyone considering a change in plans should review them before making a choice.

The six plans which determine the government contribution for an enrollment in the FEHB Program have increased their rates for 1981. The increases, which range from 10 to 22 percent depending on the plan, reflect the continued rise in the cost of medical care. Based on the increases in these six plans, the government contribution for 1981 will increase by 16.8 percent over that for 1980.

CONTACT CODE 09 CLERK

NWC employees who want to enroll or make some other permissible change in coverage should contact their Code 09 personnel clerk. New enrollments and changes in current enrollments made during the open season will become effective the first pay period in January 1981.

Plans that Naval Weapons Center employees are eligible to join are:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, American Federation of Government Employees, Alliance Health Benefits Plan, American Postal Workers Union Plan, Government Employees Hospital Association, and Mail Handlers Benefit Association.

Others are: National Association of Government Employees, National Association of Letter Carriers Health Benefit Plan, National Federation of Federal Employees, National Treasury Employees Union, and the Postmasters Benefit Plan.

Farewell party for Capt. Aldana will be held on Nov. 20

Preparations are now being made for a farewell party honoring Capt. Louis P. Aldana, NWC Vice Commander, who will be leaving China Lake on Friday, Nov. 21.

Capt. Aldana reported to NWC 15 months ago, and will be leaving here to return to Washington, D.C., where he will serve as head of the Mine Warfare Branch in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

The farewell fete for Capt. Aldana will take place at the Commissioned Officers' Mess on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 20. A social hour at 6 will be followed by presentations at 7 p.m., with Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, handling the duties of master of ceremonies.

Centerites who wish to attend the farewell party for Capt. Aldana are asked to call Eloise Burkland at NWC ext. 2634. She also will make reservations for those who wish to remain for dinner following the party.