



ASSEMBLAGE OF TALENT — The sculptures, stained glass and ceramicware of four local artists will be featured at the Sylvia Winslow Exhibit Gallery of the Maturango Museum from July 8 to Aug. 23. The artists are (l. to r.) Mary Adler, Vera Schadow, Tom Paulsen, and Virginia Askerman. —Photo by Maurice Curtis

'Earth Potpourri Exhibit' opens at museum gallery on July 8

Four local artists will be represented in the Sylvia Winslow Exhibit Gallery of the Maturango Museum beginning July 8 and continuing through Aug. 23.

The "Earth Potpourri Exhibit" will showcase sculptures by both Mary Adler and Virginia Askerman, as well as ceramicware of Vera Schadow and stained glass by Thomas Paulsen.

Mrs. Adler, a resident of the area since 1944, does much of her sculpturing in cold metal. "I can do the cold work from beginning to end and don't need to depend upon a foundry," she stated. The cold sculpture process gives her the ability to combine metals such as brass, aluminum, copper and bronze.

Paulsen is known in the local area for designing leaded or stained glass to "frame" depression-era glass plates and was the first in the Indian Wells Valley to do so. He uses lead even on tiny, intricate pieces that are generally associated with foil work.

Paulsen, a toll technician employee of the Continental Telephone Co., has taught classes and has prepared a color slide program outlining the many steps involved in designing and assembling a stained-glass project.

When sculptress Virginia Askerman moved to the Indian Wells Valley in 1968, she became interested in rocks and gemstones, joined the Gem and Mineral Society, and became involved in jewelry making. Using mostly local stones — dolomite and steatite

— she sculpts small figures and abstract forms.

Born and raised in Germany, Mrs. Schadow came to the U.S. in 1970 and took a pottery class at Cerro Coso Community College that aroused her interest in making pottery. She mixes her own glazes and fires them in her electric kiln. Her pottery is sold at several stores in the local area.

The Maturango Museum is open daily to the public between 1 to 5 p.m. and on weekends from 2 to 5 p.m. A reception honoring the artists will be held in the gallery on Sunday, July 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Free immunizations offered Tuesday by County Health Dept.

Parents who would like to get the mandatory immunizations out of the way for their children before school starts will have the opportunity to do so when the Kern County Health Department holds its regular immunization clinic on Tuesday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Health Department Office, 250 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest.

Shots for DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough) polio, measles, German measles and mumps are given at no charge for children aged 2 months through 17 years. A parent or legal guardian must accompany any child in order to sign the required consent form.

Anyone who has any questions about the immunizations may telephone the Health Department Office, 375-5157, for further information.

Reunion slated by Ridgecrest Improvement Committee Saturday

A reunion of the Ridgecrest Improvement Committee — an organization that put Ridgecrest on the map with yearly communitywide cleanup campaigns that drew statewide attention — will be held on Saturday at 6 p.m., at the Ridgecrest golf center located just east of the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

Ground was broken in May 1972 for the golf center, which was a follow-on activity of the RIC, after first developing community support for its cleanup efforts.

Master of ceremonies tomorrow night will be Ted Edwards, a former city councilman and perennial chairman of the RIC.

Edwards credits self-help efforts by the local Seabee Reserve unit with an important part in getting the ball rolling on the golf center, coupled with a lot of other volunteer effort and contributions from the community that helped to make this recreation facility a reality.

Funds were raised by radiothons, dinners, private donations and funds approved by the Ridgecrest City Council to purchase materials. Labor was provided mainly by members of the Ridgecrest Improvement Committee, local tradespeople and

Roadrunners to play western music for dance at CPO Club

Country and western music by Wayne Paisano's Roadrunners, a local band, has been scheduled tonight, starting at 9 o'clock, at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

CPO Club members and guests are invited to dine out at their club, where the special entrees on tonight's menu will be prime rib of beef or Islandic cod. Dinners will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock.

businessmen and city employees.

Two years after the ground breaking, the golf center was opened and turned over to the City of Ridgecrest to operate. There is an 18-hole miniature golf course, a lighted golf driving range, and a clubhouse with snack bar.

The snack bar will be open during tomorrow evening's reunion of the RIC, offering soft drinks and hot dogs.

Edwards extends an invitation to former members of the Ridgecrest Improvement Committee to attend the reunion, look over the large scrapbooks filled with publicity extolling the efforts of the group, and see for themselves a good example of what volunteer effort, backed by strong community support, can accomplish without direct government assistance.

Talk on elements of good presentation set at FEW meeting

Miriam Cartwright, past president of Toastmasters, will be the guest speaker at a regular meeting of Federally Employed Women (FEW) that is scheduled in Michelson Lab conference room B/C on Thursday, July 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Cartwright, who leads technical presentation workshops at NWC, will discuss "The Gift of a Good Presentation." In it, she will speak about the fun and satisfaction of giving and hearing good presentations.

Self-Help office closed

The Self-Help office for tenants in base housing will be closed tomorrow and Monday because of the holiday.



Fireworks show set at fairgrounds

A 45-minute fireworks show at 9 p.m. will climax this year's Fourth of July celebration at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest. All Indian Wells Valley residents and their guests are invited to attend.

The festivities begin on Sunday with a flag raising ceremony at 1 p.m., followed by contests and games throughout the afternoon.

A dunk tank will be set up at 1:30. Other outdoor activities to follow include a watermelon-eating contest at 2 p.m.; a root beer chug-a-lug at 3 p.m.; and a pie-eating contest at 4 p.m.

Air-conditioned Joshua Hall will be open

starting at 1:30 for indoor bingo, where anyone wishing to escape from the afternoon heat can seek refuge in the exhibit building.

Late afternoon will feature two challenging events — a greased pole climbing contest at 5 p.m. and tug-of-war at 6 p.m.

Live entertainment begins at 6 p.m. Scheduled to perform this year are the barbershoppers and the Sunlight Band.

Food and beverages will be sold by local clubs throughout the day starting at 1 p.m. In addition, a barbecue will be started at 4 p.m. for people who wish to grill their own food.

The Fireworks Fund Drive is still short of paying for this year's pyrotechnic display. Donations are needed and may be sent to the IMV Council of Organizations, P.O. Box 771, Ridgecrest, or may be placed in any of the firecracker-shaped canisters that have been set up at various businesses around the community.

People are cautioned not to bring fireworks to the fairgrounds because individual use of fireworks there is not allowed.

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NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER
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Blue Angels thrill Armed Forces Day air show spectators

Special events draw crowd of 15,000 persons

A crowd estimated at 15,000 persons last Sunday thrilled with pride at the professionalism of the Navy personnel who dropped from the sky or roared through the air during the air show at the Center's Armed Forces Day celebration.

Numerous early birds who appeared at the Center's gates shortly after 7 a.m. had to be politely asked to return when the airfield officially opened at 8:30. Those struggling with traffic unusual for this area felt that their efforts were well worth while — both for the air show and for the static displays



TRAILING SMOKE, the Blue Angels bring their formation flying and precision maneuvers almost down to the "deck" for easier viewing by air show spectators.



THE AIR SHOW at Armitage Field opened with a parachute drop by PR1 Marshal Hager, who descended to earth with an American flag waving briskly in the breeze.

that were set up to interest the crowds before the show began with a "flag drop," by a Navy parachutist from the Parachute Systems Department.

Drawing special attention were both the old and the new in aviation. A major attraction was a sleek F/A-18 Hornet belonging to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 5. Lt. Larry Muczynski, who shot down one of the Libyan planes last year,

thousands also flocked through Hangar 3 to see the exhibits of China Lake's weaponry on display by both local program offices and by contractors. NASA, search and rescue groups, the Parachute Systems Department and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group One joined in displaying their wares.

After struggling with China Lake's own version of the Harbor Freeway at rush hours, more than 2,000 visitors and Centerites gathered at the picnic area in front of the headquarters building to join in relaxing on the lawn while listening to the music of



EVEN TAKE-OFFS are made in close formation as the Blue Angels begin their demonstration of precision flying techniques.

Local residents and out-of-towners alike found the performance of the Blues as exciting as it was billed. Locals, in fact, got an extra treat, because the Blues also flew a very spectacular arrival show when they came to the Indian Wells Valley late Saturday afternoon. Most people enjoyed it from back porch, yard, or any other convenient viewing spot.

Both before and after the air show, 250 jobs at stake

Nod goes to Navy in carrying on various support activities

The Naval Weapons Center announced on Tuesday that preliminary results of a Commercial Activity cost comparison showed that approximately 250 jobs on the Naval Weapons Center under study since December 1980 can be performed more economically by Navy civilian personnel than if they were performed by a contractor and, therefore, will remain in-house.

This comparison was made to meet legislative, Department of Defense and Navy requirements to determine the most economical way to perform supply warehousing and operations, family housing maintenance, and vehicle operations and maintenance functions.

An appeal of any of the issues concerning the cost comparison process may be made by any directly affected party — federal employees and their representatives, contractors and potential contractors, and contract employees and their representatives.

Written appeals must be filed within 10 working days from June 30 (no later than July 15), and must be adjudicated within 30 working days from the date of filing. Appeals must be filed with the Commander, Naval Weapons Center.

The cost comparison study results and supporting documentation are available at

the Navy band, Nautilus, from the San Francisco Bay area, to watch the more energetic join in tug-of-war or mud volleyball, to munch on goodies purchased from any of the many food booths, and to meet the Blues when they had finished their debriefing.

Another crowd-pleaser was the dunk tank where, for a mere 25 cents, those with a good throwing arm got three chances to dunk Center celebrities who had volunteered to be good-natured targets. (A bonus to them was

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the Commercial Activities Program Office (Code 007) on the second floor of Building 35 on Blandly Avenue.



GOOD NEWS — Capt Lahr signs off on the preliminary result of the cost comparison study between a contractor and NWC for the performance of about 250 jobs on the Center showing NWC as low bidder.

MOVIES advertisement listing showtimes and titles for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Time of remembrance

Pres. Reagan proclaims July 9 as P.O.W.-MIA Recognition Day

(Editor's note: The Congress of the United States has, by joint resolution, designated next Friday, July 9, as "National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day." President Ronald Reagan has issued the following proclamation that calls on all America to join in honoring those who made the uncommon sacrifice of being held captive in war, and to remember also their loved ones.)

Since the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington complained of the treatment accorded to captured soldiers of the Continental Army, the United States has recognized the uncommon hardships experienced by our soldiers held prisoner during times of war. Called upon to defend American ideals while undergoing extreme adversity in violation of fundamental moral standards and the international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war, our soldiers have fulfilled their duty to their services and country.

Similarly, our country has recognized the acute suffering experienced by the families of our soldiers held captive or missing in action. The uncertainty these service families live with day-to-day surely touches the heart of every American.

The Congress has by joint resolution designated July 9, 1982, as National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, and on this day we should recognize the special debt owed to our fellow citizens who gave up their freedom and their families in the service of our country. We must also remember our still-missing servicemen, whose families, relatives and friends continue to endure the anguish and bitterness of war.

Our nation must not forget and will continue to seek answers to their fates.

Now, therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate July 9, 1982, as National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, to those still missing, and to their families.

EEO staff to relocate offices within Personnel Bldg. in Aug.

The first week of August will be moving day for the personnel who are involved with the Center's Equal Employment Opportunity Office, according to Naomi Mulhern, the Center's Deputy EEO Officer.

They will move into adjoining offices on the second floor of the Personnel Building at 505 Blandly, except for Dan Banks, the Handicapped Employment Coordinator, who will remain on the ground floor in Room 100A. The move will improve service to the community because the various program managers will be easier to find, and it will also enhance communication between the groups served.

Ms. Mulhern will move to Rm. 204. Belle Hervey, Federal Women's Program Manager, who is also responsible for EEO training, will move to Rm. 207.

Nancy Lee Hinman, Hispanic Program manager, and Tina Rockdale, staffing specialist, will share Rm. 206. Ms. Rockdale is joining the EEO staff, and will be responsible for the Youth Employment Programs (including summer employment), the Upward Mobility Program, and the EEO portion of the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP). Ms. Rockdale will work in close coordination with Karen Altieri, the

professional recruitment coordinator, on the FEORP Program. Ms. Rockdale will also be the Handicapped Program manager.

Cathy Rogers, the EEO assistant, will share Rm. 205 with Debbie Daniel, clerk-typist for the group.

Once the move is completed, all the EEO staff can be contacted by phoning NWC ext. 2738, 2348, and one additional number that has not yet been assigned.

UCSB prof. to give lecture about heat transfer on July 8

Professor Ephraim Gutmark will present a lecture entitled "Heat Transfer for Electrical Engineers" on Thursday, July 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Rm. 42 of Murray Junior High School.

This is one of the University of California at Santa Barbara lecture series presentations. Training requests are not required, but those who plan to attend are asked to telephone NWC ext. 2648 to reserve a seat.

Professor Gutmark will discuss convection; convection and radiation heat transfer; electrical analogs; boundary layers; and heat exchangers, among other topics.

Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Dept., 505 Blandly. Unless otherwise specified in an ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current permanent 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. Advertisement in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternative 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 and date 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. 24-558, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-5 PD No. 8224007N, Code 2403 — This position is located in the Safety and Security Department. Incumbent will provide secretarial support to the associate director for security and the head of staff and act as backup to the department secretary. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to perform receptionist and telephone duties; ability to review, control, screen and distribute incoming mail; ability to review outgoing correspondence; ability to compose correspondence and/or to prepare non-technical reports; knowledge of filing systems and files management; ability to meet the administrative needs of the office; ability to train clerical personnel and organize workload of clerical staff or processes; ability to plan and coordinate travel arrangements; ability to maintain and coordinate supervisor's calendar and to arrange conferences. Supplemental Qualifications Statement is required along with SF-171 and may be picked up at the Personnel Department, Room 100.

Announcement No. 31-640, Logistics Management Specialist, DA-346-3, PAC No. 8231602, Code 3109 — Position is located in the Versatile Computing Systems (VCS) Program Office. The program office personnel develop advanced, automated, mini/microcomputer (software and hardware) based training systems; design digital/analog training devices and components; and conduct requirements, feasibility and training systems analyses required for the design, development and implementation of advanced distributed data processing network in support of various DoD agencies. The incumbent will be a member of a team; and will be responsible for program documentation management and establishment of documentation baselines and controls with on-line computer equipment. The incumbent performs logistics support analyses, provisioning, processing, maintenance planning/engineering training and other ILS functions. Incumbent provides assistance in the preparation of data elements of contracts, assistance in the preparation of such contracts, and assistance in writing and/or editing documentation elements for reports, specifications and statements of work. Job Relevant Criteria: Demonstrated proficiency in systems analyses; demonstrated ability to coordinate and negotiate with DoD agencies, Naval activities, other NWC organizations, and contractors for the purpose of defining objectives and controlling progress of activities. Ability to communicate clearly, both orally and in writing. Ability to work as a member of a team and to work effectively with all levels of personnel and sponsors. Ability to work under pressure.

Announcement No. 3649, Secretary (Typing) GS-318-4, PD No. 7926318N, Code 3687 — Incumbent provides clerical support to the System Safety Branch, Product Assurance Division, Safety Department. The incumbent's duties include maintaining the branch head's calendar, receiving and directing visitors and phone calls; reviewing correspondence; receiving and distributing incoming mail; maintaining files; preparing and handling time cards, travel orders and itineraries and purchase orders for materials, supplies and equipment; typing memoranda, letters and technical reports from rough drafts. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to perform receptionist and telephone duties; ability to review, control, screen and distribute incoming mail; ability to review outgoing correspondence; ability to compose correspondence and/or prepare non-technical reports; knowledge of filing systems and files management; ability to plan and coordinate travel arrangements; ability to maintain and coordinate supervisor's calendar and arrange conferences. Supplemental Qualifications Statement required along with SF-171.

Announcement No. 08-029, Payroll Clerk, GS-544-3, PD No. 6917042N; GS-544-4, PD No. 711704N; and GS-544-5, PD No. 6917043N, Code 0840 — This position is located in the Office of Finance and Management, accounting and Disbursing Division, Payroll Branch. At the GS-3 level the incumbent is a payroll clerk (trainee). The tasks selected are preselected by a journeyman clerk and are of a limited nature but progressively increase as the incumbent develops his/her skill. At the GS-4 level, the incumbent is a payroll clerk and provides payroll and leave accounting system services to all departments of NWC. The incumbent acts as the information source to employees on timekeeping, payroll, leave, retirement, and other related accounting system procedures and policies. The incumbent must have knowledge of the three major pay systems at NWC, General Schedule, Wage Board, and Demonstration Project pay systems. Job Relevant Criteria: Reliability and dependability; ability to meet deadlines under pressure; ability to get along well with others; ability to work rapidly and accurately with numbers, names codes, and symbols; possession of analytical ability (troubleshooting ability); ability to perform payroll operations; and ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision.

Announcement No. 09-009, Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor, all series/grades, (collateral duty), Code 0908, (3 vacancies) — Incumbents are assigned to the Deputy Equal Employment Officer (DEEOO) Civilian Personnel Department, on a collateral basis. Duties consist of providing counseling to employees and/or applicants who believe they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or physical/mental handicap and preparing a written report to the DEEOO containing findings and recommendations for disposition. Incumbents should expect to devote no more than 25 percent of their time to these tasks. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of the particular employment problems of minority groups and women; ability to meet and deal effectively with persons from all backgrounds; ability to establish effective working relationships with managers, personnelists, employees,

and community groups; ability to acquire knowledge of the Federal personnel system, agency procedures, and employment needs at NWC; analytical ability; and ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing.

Announcement No. 33-029, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-5, PD No. 8023803N, Code 33 — Incumbent provides clerical support to the associate department head and head of staff of the Fuze and Sensors Department. The incumbent's duties include administrative support; maintaining calendar; receiving and directing visitors and phone calls; reviews correspondence; receives and distributes incoming mail; maintains files; prepares and handles time cards, travel orders and itineraries; purchase orders for materials, supplies and equipment; types from rough, handwritten drafts or machine dictated. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to perform receptionist and telephone duties; ability to review, control, screen, and distribute incoming mail; ability to review outgoing correspondence; ability to compose correspondence and/or to prepare non-technical reports; knowledge of filing systems and files management; ability to meet the administrative needs of the office; ability to train clerical personnel and organize workload of clerical staff or process; ability to plan and coordinate travel arrangements; ability to maintain and coordinate supervisor's calendar and to arrange conferences. Supplemental Qualifications Statement is required along with SF-171. Supplemental available in the Personnel Bldg., Rm 113, from Suse Cross. Previous Applicants need not reapply.

Announcement No. 26-334, Clerk, GS-303-3, PD No. 8124042N, Code 2625 — Position is located in the Facilities Management Branch, Family Housing Division, Public Works Department. Promotion potential to GS-4. Incumbent receives and processes emergency/service requests from housing occupants. Maintains files of work in progress as well as facility history files. Performs other clerical duties related to the position. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of Navy and Command family housing policies and other pertinent instructions and procedures relative to maintenance procedures; knowledge of the responsibilities associated with the maintenance of family housing, self-help program and management/occupant responsibilities; knowledge of family housing maintenance contracts and a thorough knowledge of job order assignments for all areas within the Facilities Management Division; knowledge of housing construction/maintenance terms to clearly identify required work and complete work authorizations; skill in typing and other clerical duties.

Announcement No. 26-335, Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic, WG-536-11, JD No. 493, Code 2640Q — The position is in the HVAC Shop, Maintenance/Utilities Range Branch, Maintenance-Utilities Division, Public Works Department. Status eligibles may apply. The incumbent installs, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs a variety of the most complex A/C systems such as multi-stage compression systems, fractional H.P., cascade type systems, etc. The incumbent must also be familiar with a wide range of commercial/industrial type systems found at the Center. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision; ability to read and interpret blueprints, sketches, etc.; ability to troubleshoot pertinent equipment; ability to use tools and measuring instruments; ability to install, repair or maintain pertinent equipment. Note: Supplemental Qualifications Statement is required and may be picked up in Room 100 of the Personnel Building.

Announcement No. 26-332, Maintenance Scheduler, WD-4791-7, JD No. 1029N, Code 26403 — This is a temporary promotion not to exceed 1 year. May be made permanent at a later date without further competition. This position is located in the Work Scheduling Branch, Maintenance-Utilities Division, Public Works Department. Incumbent reviews job orders and accompanying plans, material lists to determine the operations required and which work centers will be affected. Based on information regarding manpower, machines, tools, equipment, material availability and current work load, the incumbent schedules a starting and completion date for each specified work operation to be performed by the various work centers in the division. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to facilitate production; technical practices; ability to interpret instructions, specifications, etc.; knowledge of pertinent materials; knowledge of pertinent tools and equipment. Supplemental is required and may be picked up at the reception desk of the Personnel Building.

Announcement No. 26-332, Wood Craftsman Foreman, (Continued on Page 7)



REPEAT WINNERS — Hoping that his troops will make it habit-forming, Capt. Paul F. Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of VX-5, flashes a big smile as he shows off the Commander's Cup athletic trophy that the Vampires won recently for the second year in a row. With the VX-5 skipper are four enlisted personnel whose participation in Commander's Cup competition helped make possible the Vampires' successful repeat win of the trophy. They are (l.-r.) AM53 Jim French, YN3 Linda West, L12 Frank Lambert, and AD1 Kent Harris. L12 Lambert represents VX-5 on the Military Athletic Committee.

Slow pitch softball results . . .

(Continued from Page 7) the third inning to put the game on ice. Cheryl Madrid and Val Butler of Ridgecrest Electric both had 4 hits in 4 times at bat.

High Desert Home Center may have set some kind of a 2-game scoring record by shutting out the Mixed Nuts 25-0, and trouncing Smith Concrete Construction 43-8 on consecutive nights. Both were 5-inning games.

The Mixed Nuts were held to 3 hits by Bonnie Lake, HDHC pitcher, while her teammates roared to a 25-0 win. The onslaught ended after HDHC tallied 11 runs in the top of the fifth inning.

In HDHC's lopsided win over Smith Concrete Construction, the winners outscored the opposing teams 19-3 in the first inning enroute to a 43-run total.

The M&M's started strong (4 runs in the first inning) and held on to edge JD's 8-7 in their 6-inning game.

In another close one, JD's broke up an 11-1 tie by scoring a run in its last turn at bat to defeat Bill Wright Painting 12-11. The game's leading hitters were Dawn Bateman and Tracey Wilson, both of Bill Wright Painting, who had a triple and three doubles, respectively.

High Desert Import Center had 10 hits, but lost by a shutout, 10-0, to PRC-Ridgecrest Engineering. Two triples by Jenny Wutze paced the 15-hit attack of PRC Ridgecrest Engineering.

The Circle K team last week extended its lead in the Military Division of the Slow Pitch Softball League by clubbing the wireless Sick Bay Commandos 13-5.

Also last week, the VX-5 Mavericks outscored the Ragtags 22-12, and the Ragtags then turned around and knocked off the NWC O's 17-7.

Circle K got off to a 8-0 lead over the Sick Bay team, which staged a 4-run rally in the fourth inning, but couldn't overcome its early deficit. Bill Collum, Circle K pitcher, paced his team at bat with 4 hits (all singles) in four times at bat.

The VX-5 Mavericks fell behind 10-0 in their game with the Ragtags, but came on strong after that to tally 22 runs and win the game 22-12. A 9-run fifth inning gave the Mavericks a lead they never relinquished.

DFG biologists predict excellent albacore fishing

An excellent albacore season is shaping up, according to biologists from the California Department of Fish and Game and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Sport fishermen who have headed out on albacore boats from San Diego, as well as commercial vessels heading farther out, report that the albacore caught are in the 14- to 20-lb. range, indicating that these are migrating fish, not just small, local ones.

Catches have been exceptional for this early in the season.

High Sierra lakes, streams now yielding good catches of trout

Fishermen (and women) who aren't deterred by the thoughts of the unusual weather in the high country to the north have been bringing back good catches of trout from Sierra streams and lakes.

The Forest Service still advises strongly that anyone going into the back country check first to be sure that trails are open; this week's storms have brought enough snow to close some passes that were previously passable.

At Lake Sabrina above Bishop, still fishing is producing the best results, especially for those who drop a worm on a line near the inlet. North Lake is very productive also for those who are using worms — the fish are biting madly at the wrigglers.

Creek and feeder streams to these lakes are also full of fish eager to be caught. These fish seem to prefer salmon eggs and worms at the moment.

At Rock Creek Lake, the fish like Super Duck and Panther Martin lures, although they will take worms and eggs also. Cheese is what the trout that swim down Rock Creek like best.

Shore fishing at Convict Lake is better than trolling. Night crawlers and marshmallows seem to be working best there. At Crowley Lake a bubble with a night crawler is also producing good catches.

Two happy little boys — one 9 and one 5 — each caught 2½-pound brown trout at Crowley last week, using a flasher and a night crawler. Perch fishing is still good at Crowley also.

The Owens River is still high and fast, but those who fish between Benton Crossing and the lake using night crawlers without much weight so that the water carries the worms under the banks are bringing back good catches.

Floating weeds are discouraging the anglers who like to use flies at Hot Creek. Wet flies are still proving tempting to the trout there.

In the Mammoth area, the Twin Lakes fishing is best at the falls; worms, eggs, and a fly with a bubble seem most productive. Fishing at Lake Mary and Lake Mamie is best from shore with worms and salmon eggs.

Anglers who like fishing in the evening should try Grant Lake on the June Lake loop. A fly with a bubble is the way to go for that kind of fishing. Eggs, cheese, garlic marshmallows, night crawlers, and Dave Davis lures are all resulting in limits. One lucky angler at June Lake caught an 11-lb., 8-oz. brown trolling with a Dave Davis lure.

At Bridgeport, Upper Twin Lake anglers are still bringing back limits of kokanee, mainly by trolling with Dave Davis lures, worms, or night crawlers. Shore fishing is also good. Lower Twin Lake also has lots of kokanee that like Dave Davis lures and worms. At Lower Twin, trolling is best; shore fishing is slow.

Still fishermen at the Bridgeport Reservoir are having excellent luck with red eggs and cheese.

NWC Fire Division issues warning about danger of fireworks

The Fourth of July holiday weekend is once again here. The NWC Fire Division would like to remind all individuals who work and reside on the Naval Weapons Center of the dangers involved with fireworks. Fire danger is extremely high in the dry, windy Indian Wells Valley.

Fireworks are highly flammable and dangerous materials. Nationwide each year at least 12 people are killed, 8,000 injured and thousands of dollars of property damage occurs because of careless use of fireworks.

In accordance with NAVWPENENINST 11320.4 all individuals are reminded that the use of all fireworks is strictly forbidden, with the exception of "sparklers," which are to be used only with the supervision of an adult.

The NWC Fire Division encourages everyone to be cautious and exercise common sense in order to have a safe and happy Fourth of July weekend.

Opportunities . . .

(Continued from Page 7) WS-4605-10, JD No. 7170032E, Code 26414 — This is a temporary promotion not to exceed 1 year. May be made permanent at a later date without further competition. This position is in the Carpenter and Joiner Shop, Construction Branch, Public Works Department. The function of this section is the maintenance, upkeep and repair to all buildings and public quarters on Center. The work supervised is predominantly the fabrication of cabinets, structures, doors, and windows, furniture repair, lock layout, floor repair and glass replacement. The incumbent plans sequence of operations and work steps of employees supervised, assigns work and resolves working problems. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to supervise; technical practices; ability to interpret instructions, specifications, etc.; knowledge of materials; knowledge of pertinent tools and equipment; interest in and potential to manage people problems (EEO). Supplemental Qualifications is required and can be picked up from the receptionist in Room 100 at the Personnel Department Building to be received no later than July 9.

Announcement No. C-6249, Mechanical Engineering Technician, DT-8022, PAC No. 8162659N, Code 62412 — This position is located in the Engineering Support Section, Telemetry Systems Branch, Telemetry Division, Range Department. The incumbent will be responsible for the mechanical packaging on newly developed telemetry systems. This will involve making efficient use of space allocated for the telemetry system, as well as generating the mechanical drawing required for machine shop fabrication of the necessary mechanical parts. The incumbent will also be responsible for insuring that all branch documents also requirements are satisfied for telemetry systems and their appropriate test boxes/configurations. The incumbent will be required to fabricate some electrical breadboard units which will require soldering in accordance with WS5536. A combination of electrical and mechanical packaging experience is desirable. The incumbent must be able to organize his/her work and records. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to establish fabrication and materials requirements; knowledge of electro-mechanical packaging techniques; and knowledge of printed circuit board layout techniques.

Wide area of NWC operations covered by food catering truck

Everyone at the Naval Weapons Center has to eat, even if they work as far away from a food establishment as the test ranges.

That's why the catering truck operated by the Employee Services Board has been around for 30 years: to ensure that the civilian employees working in the remote areas of the NWC are provided with lunch.

Since November of 1981, the Employee Services Board has contracted with Sandwiches and Things to operate its own catering truck and furnish the main food items.

The truck driver is Rose Smiler, who makes daily stops at the Public Works compound, at Armatage Airfield, and at various locations on the test ranges. She also serves customers in the main aisle area of the Naval Weapons Center.

Because the catering truck is operated on such a tight schedule, she really appreciates customers who make their choices rapidly, Ms. Smiler said.



A MATTER OF DEGREES — Health Officer Jim Easton "feels" the temperature of a carton of milk on the Sandwiches and Things catering truck at the Branch Medical Clinic. For accuracy, Easton checks the temperatures of certain food items with a thermometer. — Photo by Don Cornelius

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Fishing slow as wind keeps boats off Lake Isabella

Fishing at Lake Isabella is still slow (mainly due to wind keeping boats off the lake,) but it is beginning to pick up a bit. Catfish lovers are bringing home catches of their favorite dish, with the fish weighing 6 pounds or more. The catfish like anchovies, clams, worms, and mackerel. Best place to catch them is at the south end of lake east of Rabbit Island, and also back of the dog pond.

Lots of little bass are being caught. Department of Fish and Game personnel remind fishermen that there is a limit of five bass of any size, regardless how small.

Crappie are now starting to bite in the flats, so they can again be caught from shore. Bluegill are also being caught all around the lake, as well as from boats.

Trout fishing in the lake is slow, but anglers who know what they are doing are bringing home limits from the Kern River. Others are still finding that the river is too high and fast for them to catch any fish.

DFG personnel are also finding that many anglers don't realize that there are areas limited to fly fishing only in Rockhouse Basin and some have been cited for using lures or bait in that area, or for not remembering that there is a definite limit to the number of trout that can legally be caught.

One angler, for instance, is going to have to explain to the judge why he had 20 trout over the limit.

Local youth 2nd in handicap event of state trap tourney

A Ridgecrest youth, 17-year-old John Gomez, placed second in the handicap event of the California State Amateur Trap Tournament held June 24 through 27 at Kingsburg, Calif.

The young marksman, whose father Reuben Gomez is a retired Navy chief, hit 94 out of a possible 100 clay pigeons in a shoot-off held to determine the winner of the handicap event.

The local youth, who will be a senior at Burroughs High School in the fall, won a handcarved leather ammunition-carrying case for his skill with a 12 gauge shotgun. He is a member of the China Lake Skeet and Trap Club and also the Amateur Trap Association.

A regular competitor in trap shooting meets, Gomez is preparing now for the next major event that is scheduled during September in Las Vegas.

Anglers doing well off central California coast

The waters off the central California coast are enticing increasing numbers of anglers who enjoy bringing back good catches from the one-day party boat trips.

Those who headed to sea from San Simeon last week came back with an average catch of 13 fish per angler; from Morro Bay, 14 each.

The biggest fish of the week was a cow cod weighing 32 pounds. Lingcod weighing in excess of 28 pounds were also brought in, and red rock cod up to 12 pounds each were common.

Most of the fish caught were assorted bass, rock cod, red snapper, and red rock cod. Halibut fishing is still good also.

Energy conservation tip

Regularly defrost manual-defrost refrigerators and freezers. Frost buildup increases the amount of energy needed to keep the engine running.

Blackhawks, Sports of All Sorts lead league

The Sports of All Sorts/Ridgecrest Animal Hospital team and JD's Blackhawks continue to set the pace among teams competing in the Men's Division of the Ridgecrest Recreation Department's Slow Pitch Softball League.

The Sportsmen last week fattened their record to 11 wins in 12 games by knocking off the NWC Varsity and ARCS by scores of 21-5 and 15-1, respectively, while the Blackhawks clubbed ERA/Best Realty 16-6.

Sports of All Sorts led 7-3 over the NWC Varsity before breaking loose for 8 runs in the fifth inning to turn the game into a rout. Del Kellogg led the winners at the plate with two triples and a single in 5 times at bat.

The Sportsmen gave up a single run to ARCS in the first inning of their game, but countered with 6 runs of their own and went on to win, going away, by a final tally of 15-1. Kellogg was 4 for 4 at bat with a double and 3 singles for the winners.

The Blackhawks overcame a 3-2 first-inning lead by ERA/Best Realty with a 9-

run burst in the fourth inning, and went on from there to roll up a 16-6 win. Ralph Stalnaker had a double and 3 singles in 4 trips to the plate.

Scores of other games in the Men's Division were: ARCS 5, Clancey's 3; Renegades 16, Vaughn's 3; Vaughn's 14, NWC Varsity 13; Renegades 15, Homestead 5; Knights 19, CSC 16; and Clancey's 13, Mikel's Home Furniture 3.

A 4-run rally in the third inning was enough to give the ARCS team a 5-3 edge in the final scoring over Clancey's in the 7-inning tilt between these two teams.

The Renegades, leading 9-3, wrapped an easy win over Vaughn's by scoring 7 more runs in their final turn at bat. Scott Shacklett and John Hamlin were the game's leading hitters. Both had a double and 3 singles in five times at bat.

A comeback during the last half of the game by the NWC Varsity fell a run short of overhauling the Vaughn's team, which squeaked by with a 14-13 win. Vaughn's led

13-0 after 3½ innings of play. Randy Sturgeon hit a double and 3 singles in 4 at bats for Vaughn's.

The Renegades trailed 5-4 before coming up with a 10-run fifth inning that turned the tide in their favor and led to an eventual 15-5 win over the Homestead. Bennie Williams hit a home run for the 'gades, to go along with 2 singles in his four times at bat.

In a high-scoring game between the Knights and CSC, the Knights overcame a 15-12 deficit by scoring 7 runs in the top half of the seventh to win by a final tally of 19-16. Homerun hitters for the Knights were Dwayne Misner and Mike Sanford, both of whom had 4 hits in 5 trips to the plate.

The Mikel's Home Furniture team suffered its 11th loss last week, being defeated 13-3 by Clancey's. Ron Mulki was the game's leading hitter for Clancey's with a homerun, a triple and a single in 4 times at bat. Big Inning for Clancey's was a 6-run burst in the fourth that made the score 11-1.

CSC nudged into first place last week in the Women's Division of the Slow Pitch Softball League, thanks (in part) to a win by the High Desert Temporaries over Ridgecrest Electric.

CSC edged the High Desert Import Center 5-3, while the High Desert Temporaries handed the second loss of the season to Ridgecrest Electric by a score of 15-10. The "Temporaries" also came through with 16-15 win over the Mixed Nuts during last week's play.

CSC had a 14-7 advantage in hits over the Import Center team, but was held to a 3-3 tie until the sixth inning, when the division leaders tallied 2 more runs to win the game. Longest hit of the contest was a double by Pat Brightwell for CSC.

The High Desert Temporaries broke on top in their tilt with Ridgecrest Electric — getting off to an 11-1 lead in the first two innings of play — and that early lead (combined with another 4 runs in the fourth inning) was enough to wrap up the victory.

The Mixed Nuts came close to pulling off the upset of the season by scoring 9 runs in their last turn at bat, but still lost 16-15 to the High Desert Temporaries. The Mixed Nuts, who have lost 11 of 12 games, led 10-0 before the Temporaries got rolling with 6 runs in the 4th and 9 more in the 6th and final inning. Kris Sorge was 4 for 4 at bat, including a double and 3 singles for HDT.

Scores of other Women's Division games were: Ridgecrest Electric 20, M&M's 1; High Desert Home Center 43, Smith Concrete Construction 8; High Desert Home Center 25, Mixed Nuts 3; M&M's 8, JD's 7; JD's 12, Bill Wright Painting 11; and PRC Ridgecrest Engineering 10, High Desert Import Center 0.

Ridgecrest Electric made up for its loss to the High Desert Temporaries by pounding the M&M's 20-1. The outcome was settled in the first inning when the Electricians built up a 6-1 lead, and then tallied 8 more runs in

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| Ridgecrest Recreation Slow Pitch Softball League | | | |
|--|-----|------|------|
| Standings as of June 25: | | | |
| Team | Won | Lost | Tied |
| National Men's Div. | | | |
| Blackhawks | 10 | 1 | |
| Homestead | 7 | 4 | |
| Vaughn's | 7 | 4 | |
| ARCS | 5 | 6 | |
| Knights | 4 | 7 | |
| Mikel's Home Furniture | 0 | 11 | |
| American Men's Div. | | | |
| Sports of All Sorts/RC Animal Hospital | 11 | 1 | |
| ERA/Best Realty | 9 | 3 | |
| Renegades | 8 | 4 | |
| NWC Varsity | 3 | 9 | |
| Clancey's | 2 | 9 | |
| CSC | 2 | 9 | |
| Women's Div. | | | |
| CSC | 10 | 1 | |
| High Desert Temporaries | 11 | 2 | |
| Ridgecrest Electric | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| High Desert Home Ctr | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| High Desert Import Ctr | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Bill Wright Painting | 4 | 8 | |
| M&M's | 5 | 7 | |
| Smith Concrete Construction | 3 | 9 | |
| JD's | 3 | 10 | |
| Mixed Nuts | 1 | 11 | |
| Military Div. | | | |
| Circle K | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| VX-5 Mavericks | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| NWC O's | 5 | 4 | |
| Ragtags | 3 | 6 | |
| Sick Bay Commandos | 0 | 9 | |



OUTSTANDING ATHLETE — Lt. Ken Dorrell picked up another armload of trophies for winning the Southern Pacific Regional Decathlon (for Navy and Marine Corps personnel) that was held June 23 in San Diego. This is the third year in a row that Lt. Dorrell has won this event. He holds the record of 965 out of possible 1,000 points that was set in 1980.

— Photo by PHAA Rebecca Carpenter

For 3rd year in row Lt. Dorrell wins Navy decathlon competition

Lt. Ken Dorrell, who is assigned to the Contracts Division of the Public Works Department, last week became a three-time winner of the annual Southern Pacific Regional Decathlon (for Navy and Marine Corps personnel) that was held at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

Lt. Dorrell chalked up 965 out of a possible 1,000 points. This was a comfortable margin over his nearest rival, whose score was 932. All events took place in less than 8 hours.

In 1980, then Ens. Dorrell not only won this same event but set a record of 965 points that still stands. He also won last year with a total of 963 points.

Competing against more than 30 entrants, the NWC officer placed first in five events and second in another on June 23.

Understandably, he did better in those events staged in the afternoon, since it was after midnight when he reached San Diego due to a late start made necessary by participation in a softball game here on the night before the decathlon was staged.

Although he was well under the previous record of 45 sec. in the obstacle course (the first event in the afternoon) Lt. Dorrell, whose time was 41.8 sec., had to settle for a second place.

After that, however, he warmed up to the task at hand by winning the next three events, which were softball hitting for distance, and football punting and passing for distance and accuracy.

A blow that carried 281 ft. won the softball hitting contest for Lt. Dorrell, who had a 50-yd. mark for both punting and passing the football.

In what he calls his "favorite" event, Lt. Dorrell won the shot put with a toss of 41-ft., 8 in. It's technique — coordinated use of legs and shoulders — not necessarily brawn that achieves the best results in the shot put, the NWC officer observed.

He also garnered a first place in basketball free throw shooting by hitting 17 out of 20 hoops.

The obstacle course is set up over a distance of 110 yards. Entrants in this event get a good workout vaulting over a series of 6-, 7-, and 8-ft. walls, and also must make their way over inclined parallel bars, and up and over horizontal bars set at 7- and 9-ft. in height.

Lt. Dorrell elected not to take part in the 100-meter swim, but did compete in the 100 meter dash, mile run and long jump, as well as the events previously mentioned.

Salton Sea is place for hot weather fishing

Anglers who like hot weather fishing are advised to head to the Salton Sea for corvina. The hotter the weather, the better the corvina fishing is reputed to be.

The best place to catch corvina is the Navy target area on the southwestern side of the sea. Corvina are being taken there ranging from 10 to 20 pounds; the best method for fishing in the 35-ft. water is jigging with a Hopkins spoon.

In shallower water on the southeastern end of the sea, corvina are most apt to be taken on live bait such as mudsuckers and small croakers.

The Skipper sez



All China Lakers, including military personnel, civilian employees, and their dependents are invited to submit questions to this column. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. Answers to these questions are directly from Capt. Lahr. Please call NWC ext. 2777 with your question and state whether you are a military member, civilian employee or dependent. No other identification is necessary. Since only three or four questions can be answered in the Rocketeer each week, anyone who would like to ensure getting an answer to a question may leave name and address for a direct contact, but this is not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.

QUESTIONS

Civilian employee — I have been at NWC for about 15 years and I was wondering why the lawn areas along Blandy and in front of the Chapel are in such bad condition. This is the worst condition I've ever seen them in. Thank you.

Civilian — I've wanted to call for some time and say how proud I am of the face-lifting the Base is doing on Center. Let's keep up the good work. I'm very happy with the results of the landscaping on Base and let's continue to show how much pride we have in NWC by maintaining the Base appearance. It looks super. Thank you.

Civilian dependent — I really don't have a complaint, and I really think the Base looks great especially since you have encouraged everyone to keep up their yards. But I think for a Naval Station that the back gate really needs to have the weeds pulled out from around it, kind of sharpen it up.

ANSWER

The condition of the lawn areas along Blandy and, particularly, in front of the Chapel has been caused by two factors, the aged and deteriorated sprinkler system, and failure by the current contractor to properly water these areas. This condition has not gone unnoticed, and corrective action has been taken. A contract has been awarded to make necessary repairs to the sprinkler systems along Blandy, and the planned repairs are presently being accomplished. A change of grounds maintenance contractors is scheduled to take place with PanAm World Services, Inc., assuming the responsibility for this effort. It is anticipated that, as a result of the change in contractors, a significant improvement in the condition of the lawn areas will result.

Well, two out of three ain't bad! I will look into the back gate condition!

QUESTION

Civilian living on Base — I am interested in finding out if a rumor is true or not. The rumor is that Public Works is going to be contracted out. If so, how are the people living on Base going to be affected?

ANSWER

First of all, all of Public Works will not be contracted out. Under Public Law, portions of the Public Works function and of the Supply function have been studied to determine if it is more cost effective to perform them in-house or to contract them out. This process is a requirement of the Commercial Activities program which was established by OMB Circular A-76. The cost comparisons were completed recently.

This week we learned that these functions will be retained in house instead of being contracted out. Because both the government and the contractor bids are based upon providing the same level of support, in theory, there should be no difference in the quality or timeliness of the work.

QUESTION

Military — For two consecutive Sundays I've gone swimming in the swimming pool. They clean the surroundings of the swimming pool with Pinesol. It does eventually get in the water. I was wondering if this is the right system for cleaning the swimming pool, or if it should be done at other times — not when the pool is open for swimming.

ANSWER

There is no safety problem with the disinfectant currently used on the deck at the indoor pool. It is highly diluted prior to application and even if, on occasion, it was to mix with the pool water, there is no danger. The indoor pool contains about 157,000 gallons of water; this would further dilute the disinfectant to an insignificant level.

Capt. Greene awarded medal for outstanding service on carrier

Capt. William H. Greene, Jr., a highly decorated veteran of Naval Air Warfare in Vietnam, was presented with the Legion of Merit for outstanding service as Commanding Officer on the USS Lexington (AVT 16) from June 1980 to December 1981.

The award was presented by Capt. Lahr following a recent NWC personnel inspection held in Hangar 3 at Armitage Airfield.

The citation noted his positive leadership and dedication as Skipper of the USS Lexington, the Navy's training carrier during the completion of 17,700 carrier landings and the qualification or refresher of 2,380 pilots. Additionally under his guidance the citation specified that the Lexington participated in a conventional aircraft carrier role in the major Fleet exercise Ocean Venture.

Capt. Greene entered the Navy through the Naval Cadet Program in 1956. Since then, he has been Commanding Officer on board the aircraft carriers USS Saratoga and USS Charleston, in addition to performing several other distinguished duties for the Navy before assuming his command on board the USS Lexington.

Capt. Greene is presently head of the

NWC Aircraft Department and Deputy Test and Evaluation Director for the Center, having succeeded Capt. James E. Doolittle in January of this year.



Capt. William H. Greene



FINAL FLIGHT — The Center's last C-117 Skytrain takes off from China Lake runways en route to the Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, Fla. — Photo by Tony Garcia

Last Navy C-117 Skytrain aircraft leaves for museum in Pensacola

A chapter of China Lake and Navy history closed at 7:30 a.m. last Tuesday when aircraft No. 050821 taxied to the end of the runway and took off en route to its final home at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla.

That aircraft was the last C-117 Skytrain still flying in the Navy — the final survivor of a proud breed that began with civilian aviation's Douglas DC-3 in the early 1930s, and then became the ubiquitous C-47 for the Army and the R4-D for the Navy.

The other three C-117 Skytrains that were still flyable prior to this week were based with the Marines in Japan. They have also closed out their service life and the one that made the last flight will be shipped by surface transportation to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va.

The particular aircraft that flew from China Lake Tuesday making the last C-117 flight in the Navy began life as an R4-D6 on Feb. 28, 1944, was overhauled to become an R4-D8 in 1953, and then was converted to the C-117 Skytrain configuration in 1965.

Under one designation or another, "Old Shakey" rattled through 21,402.2 air hours before it headed east on its last trip under the skilled piloting of Lt. Col. Scott Smith, USMC, and his crew. Still left at China Lake

Blue Angels . . .

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that they were probably the coolest people present.)

The list of dunkees included B. W. Hays, Technical Director; Capt. P. F. Hollandsworth, VX-5 Commanding Officer; Capt. John Patterson, Chief Staff Officer; Matt Anderson, head of the Fuze and Sensors Department; Dick Boyd, head of the Range Department; Lt. Col. J. R. Gibbons, Air Force Liaison Officer; and Col. J. T. Tyler, Marine Corps Liaison Officer. The Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess ran the booth and raised \$58 for the Navy Relief Society.

Considerable attention was attracted by a car show that was arranged by Dick Mahan and the Dust Devils Auto Club. Among its features were a combat dune buggy and motorcycles from the 20th Century Fox motion picture "Mega Force." The dune buggy came equipped with noise-making machine guns and a small cannon. The latter left those standing nearby with ringing ears whenever it was fired.

The warm, relatively windless day was ideal for an outdoor event. Even the heat proved not to be excessive — NRMC branch clinic personnel who manned the first aid stations reported that they saw 10 people at the airfield who had minor heat problems, but no major problems were encountered.

are two "basket cases," C-117s brought to the Center to be cannibalized for parts to keep the last flyable aircraft in the air.

Old timers at the Center paused to watch and wave farewell to a tradition as aircraft No. 050821 headed into the sky.

Since its earliest days at Inyokern, during World War II, the Center has always had at least one of the big birds aboard to handle the routine and not-so-routine tasks of hauling passengers and freight.

Many of the flights in the early days were to haul essential cargo by air rather than having to wait while it was trucked up desert roads not as well built (and seemingly twice as long) as those today.

PASSENGER LIST VARIED — VIPs carried ranged from Hollywood celebrities flown up for Christmas parties and other celebrations to enhance morale of the persons living at what was then "the far edge of beyond" to, in more recent years, military dependents taking the regular Wednesday flight down to Balboa Naval Hospital for medical care not available in the local area.

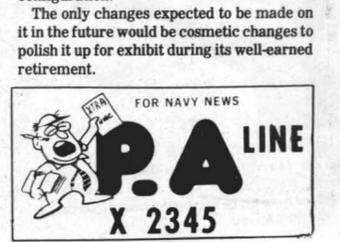
The Center's Skytrains also got involved with project work. One of them was a test bed for flare studies. Literally hundreds of flares were dropped by this aircraft during the development phase of a particular flare. Another was modified for use by the Research Department for "Foggy Cloud," an experimental method of clearing fog from aircraft runways.

BROUGHT HERE FROM EL CENTRO — The Skytrain that flew off to the Naval Aviation Museum this week had been brought to the Center from El Centro when the National Parachute Test Range was transferred here to become the Parachute Systems Department.

That particular aircraft had been based in Naples, Italy, in Rota, Spain, and at El Centro before coming to NWC. During its service life, its power plants were changed to Wright 1820-80s, the size of its wings was increased, its fuselage was lengthened and it got a new tail assembly as it went through the conversions from R4-D6 to its present configuration.

The only changes expected to be made on it in the future would be cosmetic changes to polish it up for exhibit during its well-earned retirement.

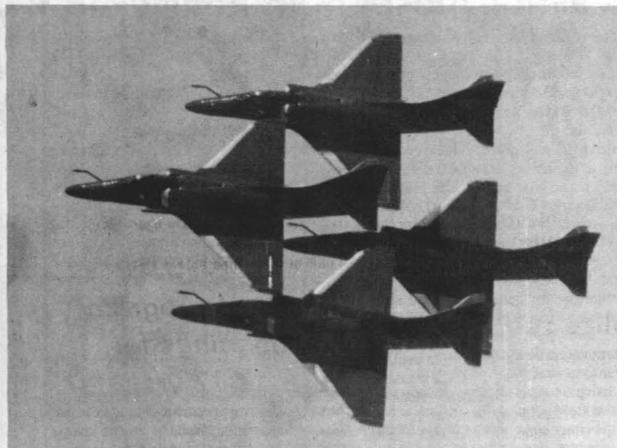
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Camera's-eye view of activities on Armed Forces Day



"FAT ALBERT," the Lockheed KC-130 Hercules transport aircraft that is flown in support of the Blue Angels, looms in the background of this air show crowd photo.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT for the Blue Angels, who flash overhead in a tight diamond formation that illustrates through teamwork and practice what can be achieved by total concentration and a high degree of flying skill.



AN NWC PLAQUE, as a memento of his return to China Lake, is presented by Capt. Lahr to former astronaut Wally Schirra — a former project pilot for the Sidewinder missile when stationed here on active duty in the Navy. Schirra was a special guest on the Armed Forces Day weekend.

Photos by Tony Garcia, Don Yockey, Mickey Strang, PHAA Rebecca Carpenter



TIMES HAVE CHANGED since Roman Warren (above), was a military pilot in World War I. The Lone Pine resident traveled here to see the flight demonstration by the Blue Angels.



AMONG THE historic aircraft on display at Armitage Airfield was this World War II F-4U Corsair, known as the Blue Max.



CAPT. LAHR obliged photographers by frying out for size one of the "combat" motorcycles from the motion picture "Mega Force" that was a part of the Armed Forces Day car show.



TUG-OF-WAR contests between pickup teams of youngsters enlivened the afternoon's activities on the lawn in front of the Administration Building.



MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT on the afternoon of Armed Forces Day was provided by Nautilus, a talented group of Navy musicians from Treasure Island in the San Francisco Bay area.



MORE MUD than volleyball was the rule in the mud volleyball area, where it was no problem to keep cool on a warm afternoon.



ALMOST TOO REALISTIC were the loud noises that emanated from this combat dune buggy — a machine featured in the motion picture "Mega Force" that was included as a part of the Armed Forces Day car show.

Fire Division to conduct annual courtesy inspection of housing

Naval Weapons Center Fire Division personnel will be conducting door-to-door courtesy fire inspections of all Center housing units from July 6 through 16.

All China Lake residents are urged to participate in this effort that is aimed at making Center housing units a fire safe place to reside. Fire inspectors will point out possible fire and safety hazards in and around the home and will inspect and test smoke detectors upon request. The inspection team will require that a responsible adult family member be present.

Tenants are encouraged to ask questions and to point out possible hazards to the inspectors. Fire inspectors will make recommendations in regard to correcting the hazards observed at each housing unit.

Tenants not at home during the above time frame may schedule an appointment to have their quarters inspected during the evening hours or on a later date by calling NWC ext. 2146.

The Fire Chief calls upon all Centerites to practice fire prevention and cooperate in having the homes inspected. Fires in residences have been on the decrease at Naval and Marine Corps activities. During the calendar year 1981 no fire deaths were reported, thanks in part to the installation of early warning smoke detectors.

Residences on the Naval Weapons Center are inspected annually in accordance with NAVWPNCENINST 11320.4 (NWC Fire Regulations).

Kern Chapter of Red Cross picks local men on board of directors

Five local men were elected to the board of directors of the Kern Chapter of the American National Red Cross at the annual meeting of that organization held recently in Bakersfield.

Selected were Dr. Carl Heller, who is first aid chairman for the IWV branch of the Kern County Red Cross chapter and is nationally recognized for his expertise in first aid; and Rowland McNeill, RLee Peters, Lawrence Sires, and Phelps

Terheun, who have completed Red Cross disaster training courses and will form the nucleus of a disaster unit for the local branch of the Red Cross.

Peters and Terheun will serve jointly as disaster director. Each of the men will also utilize specialized skills in building a well-rounded disaster services committee.

Dr. Heller announced that seven instructors representing the Ridgecrest Police Department, China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, and the NRMC branch clinic at China Lake, have just completed training.

The IWV branch of the Red Cross now has 22 first aid instructors; its aim is to encourage all local residents to become knowledgeable about first aid because those who live in a remote area or who have to spend much time on roads traveling to get to and from here have a special need for such skills.

Energy conservation tip

Make sure oven and surface burners are shut off when not in use.

Use the oven to cook a complete meal — or to cook enough food for another meal that can be frozen for later service.

Thaw frozen meats almost to room temperature; they take about 33 percent less cooking time if defrosted.

Police reports . . .

An afternoon swim at the indoor pool in the Center gym proved costly for a woman, who left her purse and other possessions in an unlocked storage bin while taking a dip.

To her consternation, she discovered that the purse which contained both reading glasses and sun glasses, as well as a blouse, was missing from the storage bin when she finished her swim.

Estimated loss as a result of the theft was set at \$114.50. The incident occurred on the afternoon of June 24.

Suggestions offered on how to survive 3-day holiday traffic

Independence Day is a holiday generally celebrated with increased emphasis on recreation and celebration; a time for family gatherings; a time when people will be on the highways in record numbers.

Sadly, however, the traffic toll mounts higher each time the nation celebrates a holiday — and the three-day weekend is the deadliest of all.

The Safety and Security Department suggests to those whose plans must include an automobile trip that they will increase their chances of enjoying a safe and happy journey if they always drive defensively, not competitively, while being especially alert for the few drivers who raise the toll of holiday statistics.

A driver who is courteous to other drivers also might find the results gratifying.

Drivers should avoid getting out on the road when tired, emotionally upset, or when under medication and particularly should not drive while under the influence of alcohol. That's the time to take a taxi, ride with a sober friend, or not go at all.

Drivers need to be sure that their vehicles are mechanically safe. And also, they need to remember that seat belts are for wearing, not for sitting on.

Devil Pup program has openings for boys 14-17 yrs. old

The Devil Pup program has five more openings for Indian Wells Valley boys ages 14-17 who are interested in living as Marines at Camp Pendleton from July 22 through July 31.

The ten day youth citizenship development program emphasizes the boys' participation in and observation of Marine Corps activities.

Participation includes conditioning exercises, unarmed self-defense tactics, first aid, sanitation, compass marching, organized recreation, swimming and close order drill.

The Devil Pups observe military exercises that the Marines are involved in at the time. These include the firing of weapons, tank-infantry tactics, field fortifications, disarming booby traps and the viewing of combat training films.

Devil Pups comply with Marine Corps hours and regulations; they make their own beds and police their own barracks. They receive physical examinations upon arrival at and departure from Camp Pendleton.

Naval corpsmen are present at all times, and the boys are insured against costs of any accident while at Camp Pendleton. The camp ends with a graduation ceremony.

Interested boys should contact Molly McKinney by calling 375-7857.

Medical clinic to show film about allergies

Centerites who are wheezing and sneezing because of allergies have another opportunity to see a topnotch film about allergies on Thursday, July 8, at both 1 and 3 p.m. in the lobby of the NRMC branch clinic building.

Informational handouts about allergies will also be available. Anyone on board the Center is welcome to attend these showing of the film.