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**PREPARING FOR FASHION SHOW** — Betty Blackmon (at left) and Jan Lahr model Thrift Shop clothing that will be featured during a fashion show. This event will be a highlight of a luncheon meeting of WACOM that will be held on Tuesday at the COM. Seated are Liz Marquez (at left), who will display her talent as a pianist during the show, and Sharon Zabel, director of the program, who also will be one of the models.

## Gem, mineral show slated this weekend at Community Center

The Community Center will be the setting tomorrow and Sunday for the annual gem and mineral show sponsored by the Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society.

Among the principal attractions at this year's show, which will be open to the public free of charge on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be an array of nearly 50 cases of gems, minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts, and specialized lapidary work.

Field trips that always are a popular part of the annual gem and mineral show are scheduled again this year, and will get underway at 10:30 a.m. each day from the Community Center parking lot.

The destination on Saturday will be Honey Hill, where travertine onyx may be found, and on Sunday there will be a visit to Rainbow Ledge to look for colorful jasp

## Navy League plans birthday dinner in honor of Marines

The Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League will honor the birthday of the Marine Corps with a dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 17, to which all interested persons are invited. The dinner will be held at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30, to be followed by a roast beef dinner at 7:30 o'clock.

Honored guest speaker for the evening will be Col. John Tyler, the U.S. Marine Corps Liaison Officer at the Center.

The cost of the dinner is \$5.50 per person. Reservations must be made by Sunday, Nov. 14. They may be made by telephoning 446-7244, 446-5488, or 375-4272.

## How time flies . . .

This week's "Remember When . . ." personality is Win Johnson, who is now the branch head at the Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT).

Since returning to China Lake in 1961, he has often said he can't imagine working or living anywhere else. (The desert has claimed another victim!)

Win is the father of three children, Lori Wilson and Lisa Johnson, both of Concord, Calif., and Stuart, a junior at Cal-State University in Fullerton. Lori is the first of his children to present him with a grandchild, Daniel Frank, 9 months old.

Win and his wife, Joan, the Sparrow Program office secretary, share many interests, including raising thoroughbred horses and bowling, as well as Win's special love, flying.

## Clothing from Thrift Shop to be featured at fashion show Tues.

A fashion show featuring clothing from the Thrift Shop that is operated by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) will be held at noon Tuesday at the COM.

A social hour starting at 11 a.m. will precede lunch, and the program will follow. A luncheon of beef tips with noodles, broccoli with cheese sauce, tossed salad and dessert will be served at a price of \$4 per person.

The fashion show is a "take-off" on the new season of television programs. This show is directed by Sharon Zabel, and the commentators (Ivy Meyer and Eleanor Lottee) will be following script prepared by Tina Kneymeyer.

Piano accompaniment will be provided by Liz Marquez, and there will be vocal solos by Madeline Dienhart.

WACOM members who have volunteered their time to model the clothing from the Thrift Shop are Betty Blackmon, Pat Bonner, Charlotte Carroll, Wilma Gartrell, Terri Jacks, Tess Jackson, Jan Lahr, LaNeta Peters, Maureen Toftner, Chris Young, Mrs. Dienhart and Mrs. Zabel.

Those who attend this WACOM luncheon meeting will be eligible to win door prizes that will consist of items donated to the Thrift Shop.

## Talk on earthquakes, volcanoes slated at next AAUW meeting

"Volcanoes and Earthquakes" will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Glenn Roquemore of the Detonation Physics Division in the Center's Research Department at a dinner meeting for members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and their guests on Tuesday at Bar-B-Q Bill's Restaurant in Ridgecrest.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.; it will be followed by a brief meeting before the program begins.

Dr. Roquemore will show film slides as he discusses volcanic activity from the Mount St. Helens eruption southward to the Long Valley area. He will provide some of the latest information on recent happenings.

Women interested in joining the AAUW who would like to attend the meeting are asked to contact Mary LeBlanc, membership chairman, by calling 375-9452.

## Be on lookout for signs of tampering with drugs

With recent instances of cyanide being found in bottles of Tylenol and hydrochloric acid being found in Vaseline A.C. eyedrops, the Food and Drug Administration is advising caution on the part of consumers.

The FDA advises all consumers to be alert to signs of tampering with any drug products such as broken seals, different colors, smells, tastes or textures.

Consumers should show suspected tamperings to the pharmacist, physician, or retailer. Until tamper-resistant packaging barriers are commonplace, being alert and observant is the best self-protection.

## Western band will play at CPO Club this evening

The Powell Family Band will perform country-western music this evening at the Chief Petty Officer's Club starting at 8:30. CPO Club members and their guests are invited to dine out tonight — selecting their choice of entree from a menu that will include prime rib of beef or Icelandic cod as specials of the evening. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 p.m.

## NEX seeks bids on car

The Navy Exchange is accepting closed bids for a 1971 Chevrolet station wagon.

Anyone who would like to bid or who needs additional information should contact Lt. Jg. L.J. Goettl promptly by calling 446-2586.

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(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED Parental Guidance Suggested	
(R) RESTRICTED Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian	
REGULAR STARTING TIME 7:00 P.M. FRI, MON. NOVEMBER 5 "VICTOR/VICTORIA" Starring Julie Andrews and James Garner (Musical/comedy, rated PG, 134 min.)	
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6 "ENDLESS LOVE" Starring Brooke Shields and Martin Hewitt (Romantic/drama, rated R, 116 min.)	
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 "OLIVER" Starring Ron Moody and Oliver Reed (Musical, rated G, 146 min.)	
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10 "PARADISE" Starring Willie Aames and Phoebe Cates (Romantic/adventure, rated R, 196 min.)	
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12 "I'M DANCING AS FAST AS I CAN" Starring Jill Clayburgh and Nicol Williamson (Drama, rated R, 115 min.)	

## Entries welcome for art work exhibit at Maturango Museum

All local painters are invited to exhibit in a non-juried exhibition to be sponsored by the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum from Dec. 1 through Jan. 3.

Paintings in all mediums will be accepted, but each artist may enter only one framed work. The deadline for submitting entry blanks to the museum is Nov. 20, and paintings must be hand-delivered to the museum office by 5 p.m. Nov. 30.

Entries will be accepted on a first-application-received basis, with a total of 70 being accepted.

Entries may be offered for sale with the proceeds going to the artist or may be for exhibit only. The frame size may be no less than 9 by 12 inches and no larger than 24 by 24 inches. An entry fee of \$3.50 will be collected when the painting is delivered to the museum.

Entry forms are available at the Maturango Museum, Desert Art League, Home Decorating Center in Ridgecrest, and at Cerro Coso Community College painting classes.

A reception honoring the artists will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the museum gallery. The public is invited to attend.

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## Rec. facilities open on Nov. 11

The following hours of operation will be observed by business and recreational facilities at the Naval Weapons Center during the Veterans Day holiday next Thursday, Nov. 11.

Facility	Hours
Bowling Alley	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Bowling Alley Snack Bar	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Gymnasium	11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Golf Course	7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Golf Course Snack Bar	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Skeet and Trap Range	By appointment only
Indoor Pool	12 noon to 1 p.m. (lap swim) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Navy Exchange Mini-Mart	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Camping Issue Room	11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Facilities not listed above will be closed all day Thursday.

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## Tests conducted to add to knowledge about fighting aircraft carrier fires

Knowledge gained from more than 50 fires set and extinguished at the Mini-Deck area of the Naval Weapons Center during October will protect the lives of naval aviators and flight deck personnel throughout the Fleet.

Aim of the test series is to fill some gaps in knowledge about fighting aircraft carrier deck conflagrations. Specifically, one of the most important questions to be answered is the best method of keeping missiles and weapons from "cooking off" and creating additional havoc. Cook-offs have been major sources of casualties in fires such as those on the USS Forrestal and the USS Nimitz.

The current fire tests simulate the fire on the flight deck of the USS Nimitz on the night of May 26, 1981. This fire raised some questions about the capability and performance of current flight deck conflagration control systems.

The tests were mandated by the CV Fire Fighting Flag Level Steering Committee, headed by RAdm. James H. Webber, Vice Commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command. This committee meets monthly to provide top level management and direction to on-going efforts to improve fire fighting capability on aircraft carriers.

The Naval Weapons Center was chosen as

the site for tests because of the fire-fighting

expertise on board and because of its Mini-Deck facility. Fire Chief Lee O'Laughlin is the project coordinator for the Center, and Deputy Fire Chief Darryl Johnson coordinated the fire fighting efforts at the Mini-Deck.

Added expertise was brought to the test

series by personnel of the Naval Material Command, Naval Air Command, Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Research Laboratory, Stanford Research Institute, and Hughes Associates.

Test director was Edwin (Jake) Jablonski of the Naval Research Laboratory. He was joined by Robert Darwin of the Naval Material Command, who is Coordinator and Director of Fire Protection Programs for the Navy.

Over the past dozen years many of the Navy's tests of new fire equipment and methods have taken place at NWC's Mini-Deck. This facility simulates the deck of an aircraft carrier to the extent of even having the same sprinkler systems built in to carry AFFF (aqueous film forming foam) and water to extinguish fires set using JP-5 or aviation gasoline. The sprinklers can be controlled for any type of test conditions.

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CONCENTRATED EFFORT — Three NWC firefighters use a hose line in fighting a fire set during tests on the Mini-Deck.

## Retirement ceremony ends 29-yr. career for USAF Liaison Officer

A 29-year career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force came to a close at a retirement ceremony held on Oct. 28 for Lt. Col. James R. Gibbons who, for the last eight years has served as the Air Force Liaison Officer at the Naval Weapons Center.

The Meritorious Service Medal was in recognition of Lt. Col. Gibbons outstanding effort during the period from May 1974 to September 1982 that he served as the USAF Liaison Officer at NWC.

During this finale of nearly three decades of service to the nation and the Air Force, officers and enlisted personnel of the Naval Weapons Center were turned out for an inspection in honor of Lt. Col. Gibbons; highlights of his extensive career were summarized by Capt. Lahr, and the honoree was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal and commendation that accompanied it were presented by Col. John Ostrominski, Assistant Deputy Commander

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Lt. Col. Gibbons' wife Thirza, was in-

cluded in the ceremony.

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FAREWELL SALUTE — Framed by sideboys and a Navy chief blowing a bugle, Lt. Col. James R. Gibbons, USAF, renders a final salute as he is "piped over the side" at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony.



**Homer heads Electronic Warfare Dept.**

At the Commander's meeting on Monday morning, Capt. Lahr announced that Paul Homer has been selected as head of the Electronic Warfare Department.

The Skipper commented that it had been a difficult decision because of the excellence of the candidates for the position, but added that "It's a good day for the Center. You," he said to Homer, "have the confidence of the people who run this place that you can do a bang-up job."

Homer, who has been head of the Weapons Synthesis Division in the Weapons Department for the past five years, will take over his duties as head of Code 35 before the end of this month.

Commenting on his selection, Homer notes that he is pleased because "They are all good people over there (in Code 35)." He says that he has worked with many of the personnel in that department at one time or another during the 20 years since he came aboard the Center as a Junior Professional employee. His first job after completing his JP tour was even with the old Shrike Division.

Much of his time on the Center was spent in what was then Code 40 under Frank Kneymeyer and Dr. Peggy Rogers working on the major programs which developed into what is now a large part of the Center's technical organization.

"Without a doubt," Homer says, "for the type of work that is done, NWC is the best

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## Commander's Cup rifle-pistol matches won by NWC Blue

Commander's Cup pistol and rifle marksmanship competition ended last week, with top honors overall going to the team representing NWC Blue.

NWC Blue marksmen compiled a total score of 2,885 that included 930 points in the pistol match and 1,955 in the rifle competition. That compares with 2,697 for VX-5 (910 in pistol and 1,787 in rifle), and 2,489 for NWC Gold (609 in pistol and 1,880 in rifle).

The win by NWC Blue in the pistol and rifle marksmanship event moved the Aircraft Department team into second place in the Commander's Cup athletic standings with a total of 12 points. VX-5 continues to retain the lead with 14 points, and NWC Gold is trailing with 10 points.

During the pistol match fired on Oct. 20, the NWC Blue team was led by Bruce Large, who racked up a 258 total out of a possible 300. Other members of the Blue pistol team and their scores, were James Houston (239), Daniel Busse (230), and Daniel Kubik (203).

Leading scores for the other two pistol teams were Tim Rieb (234) and Bob Matney (232), of VX-5; and Edward Torrence (212) and Bernard Steward (209), of NWC Gold.

Military M-14 rifles were employed in the rifle match. Entrants fired from the 200 yd. line in prone, sitting and standing positions.

Since this was a modified Class B rifle course, individuals whose scores topped the 300 mark received marksmanship ribbons, and sharpshooter ribbons were awarded to those with scores above 330. Two of the entrants received expert ribbons for their scores of more than 350 out of a possible 400.

The NWC Blue rifle team's top scorer was James Houston, who fired a 373. Others on the 6-man NWC rifle team, and their scores, were Bruce Large (353), Robert Cummings (343), Donald Kopnic (337), Raymond Laskoski (310), and Daniel Kubik (239).

Scores of 310 and 308 by Bob Matney and Philip Trujillo, respectively, were the best VX-5 riflemen could do, while the NWC Gold rifle team was led by John Tipton (342) and Jim Hamilton (316).

## Lopsided wins mark Youth Soccer League play

Breaking the pattern of close-scoring games that has prevailed so far this season, there was just one hotly-contested tilt last Saturday in the 5th-6th grade division of the Youth Soccer League.

With the exception of the Kicks' 3-2 win over the Surf, final results of other games had a tendency to be lopsided, as follows: Sounders 5, Hurricane 2; Sting and Roughnecks 4-0 over the Rogues and Whitecaps, respectively, and Diplomats 7, Tornadoes 0.

The cold, windy weather was no detriment to an exciting, well-played game between the Kicks and Surf. Matt Mechtenberg's 2 goals, on assists by Marc Frisbee and Dean Waldron, combined with a solo tally by Dean Waldron enabled the Kicks to edge the Surf.

Armando Valdivia scored both goals for the Surf, including one that was tallied on a penalty kick.

The Hurricanes, who played a good first half in the rain, couldn't keep up the pace in the later stages of the game and succumbed 5-2 to the Sounders. Dan Flores tallied 3 goals for the visitors to go along with 1 each by Richard Flores and Tony Garboni. Hurricane scoring included 1 goal apiece by Kevin Collie and Gregory Janson.

The Stings combined a good offense with a stingy defense to shut out the Rogues 4-0. Two goals by Tim Matson, who assisted on a

## After losing to AV, Burros face Canyon tonight

In a wrap-up of the 1982 home grid season for the Burroughs High School varsity football team, the Burros will tangle tonight on their home field with their counterparts from Canyon High School. Kickoff time is 8 p.m. for the varsity tilt, which will be preceded by a sophomore game at 5 o'clock.

With the added incentive of performing before what will be a Homecoming crowd, the Burros hope to make it rough on the visiting Cowboys from Canyon Country.

In order to do so, however, the Burros will have come up with their best-yet effort of the season, since the Cowboys have to their credit a 17-7 win over the same Antelope Valley team that made the efforts of the Ridgecrest squad look so futile last Friday night in Lancaster.

Jim Dewberry, placement kicker for AV, added the first of seven successful PATs, and the Lancaster team had a 7-0 jump on the Burros with less than a minute gone in the first quarter of play.

A BHS fumble set up the next tally by AV, which came at around the 8 min. mark in the first period. It took the 'lopes just five plays



**WEATHER KO'S YOUTH FOOTBALL** -- Part way through the third quarter of this Tri-Valley Youth Football League game between the Indian Wells Valley Dolphins and their Sophomore Division counterparts in Kern Valley, a downpour of rain washed out this contest, and the Junior and Senior Division tilts that were scheduled to follow. At this point in the Dolphins vs. Kern Valley tilt, the Dolphins held a commanding lead of 20-0. The 4-game series at Kern Valley opened with a Freshman Division game during which the IWV Chargers came out on the short end of an 18-0 final score. The games that were canceled due to rain will be rescheduled.

— Photo by PH1 Benita Teteault

goal by Jim Carroll, paced the Stings' attack.

The windy weather was a factor in the Roughnecks' 4-0 win over the Whitecaps. The visitors tallied 3 goals with the wind at their back, and 1 while going against the wind. Players who shared in the scoring were Don Duniphin (2), Matt Duncan and Steve Savage (1 each).

The Diplomats scored early and often as they built up a 6-0 halftime lead over the Tornadoes, whom they defeated by a final score of 7-0. Matt Ziegler led the Diplomats on offense with 3 goals.

Good work by Steve Mills as goalie helped preserve a 3-0 win for the Blizzard over the Atoms. Goal scoring in this contest was handled by Brian Bonbright, Chad Baass and Lance Kilpatrick for the Blizzard.

Two goals each by Brendan Ledden and

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READY TO GO -- Joe Schneeweiss, a 160-lb. middleweight, is one of two Navy boxers from China Lake who will be boxing for the Ridgecrest Athletic Association during tomorrow night's fights at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. Billy McNabb is the other Navy boxer who will join local fighters in taking on opponents from Bakersfield, Porterville, and the Naval Air Station at Lemoore. The doors open at 6 p.m., and a total of 15 matches have been scheduled starting at 7 o'clock. Ringside seats are \$10 and general admission is \$5.

The first weekend of chukar hunting on the Center's upper ranges brought out 384 hunters who braved the chilly and stormy weather on Saturday (and benefited from the sunshine Sunday).

The bag for the weekend indicated that some of the nimrods went home with blisters — and not much else. A total of 370 birds were shot, along with two jackrabbits and one cottontail.

FOR NAVY NEWS

**NWC range area bird hunt results reported**

Of the birds, 155 were chukar, 215 were mountain quail, and 13 were valley quail that had strayed higher than it was wise for them to have been.

Birdhunters will have tomorrow and Sunday to bag what chukar and quail they can find in that part of the range area open to hunting, provided that they have gotten permits to join in the second hunt. A total of 300 hunters is expected.

to hit paydirt again on a dive into the end zone by Johnson, who carried the ball on 4 out of 5 running plays in this series that included one gain of 14 yds. by the all CIF running back.

Fumbleitis struck the BHS team again on their next possession of the ball, and an AV player popped up with the turnover at the Burros' 25. When three passing plays by quarter Sean Baron failed to move the ball, the Antelopes broke their stellar running back, Marco Johnson, loose on a 69-yd. gallop for a touchdown.

**BHS PASS PICKED OFF**

Returning the ensuing kickoff to their own 20, the Burros tried to advance the ball on passes by quarterback Dan Means, but a pass interception by AV on a third play once again gave the Antelopes possession in good field position.

A penalty for holding stymied a run to the 5-yd. line by Johnson, but a few plays later Baron passed for a first down at the BHS 9. From there it took the AV team two plays to score as fullback Rick Scott powered to the 3 and Baron then passed to Joe Monarez, tight end, for a touchdown. This tally boosted the AV lead to 24-0 in the first quarter.

Johnson scored his third and final touchdown of the game in the second period of play on a 11-yd. run that capped off a 54-yd. drive by the 'lopes. Key plays were a slant through the right side of the line for 13 by Johnson and a 22-yd. gain on a draw play by Johnson that moved the ball to the BHS 21. This gain came right after the Burros had dropped quarterback Baron for a loss that momentarily stalled the AV attack.

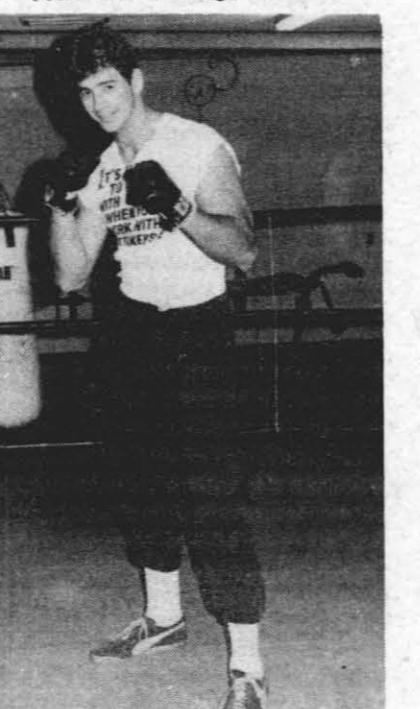
**PASS INTERFERENCE CALL HURTS**

A pass interference call against a BHS defender set the stage for the final dash to paydirt by Johnson, and Dewberry then added to the PAT that gave the Lancaster team a 31-0 lead.

The damage wasn't over yet, for another pass interception by the 'lopes turned the ball over to the Lancaster team inside the Burros' 30 yd. line and, a few plays later, fullback Rick Scott ripped through the middle of the line for 11 yds. to score. PAT No. 5 by Dewberry boosted his team's lead to 38-0 with nearly 3½ min. remaining to play in the first half.

The Burros soon had their best field position of the game as a result of

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## The Skipper sez



All China Lakers, including military personnel, civilian employees, and their dependents are invited to submit questions to this column. Such questions 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. 2727 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.

QUESTION

Civilian employee — My question borders on the waste, fraud and abuse issue. I was just instructed to fill out my timecard. This is Tuesday morning, and it seems to me that NWC is giving the impression that it's in favor of a rather mild waste, fraud and abuse by instructing its employees to fill out their timecards 3½ work days before the weekend.

In a certain sense, we're claiming that we're charging against a J.O. before we've done the work. Of course as you know, some of us have our plans changed very quickly. I was just wondering what you say about this. Thank you.

ANSWER

Observance of holidays which occur within the payroll processing schedule result in the necessity for early submission of timecards. Without the early submission, it would be impossible to generate and process a payroll and related reports within the established timeframe. Even though timecards are requested early from time to time, thereby requiring the projection of labor, departments can amend projections if they are found to be incorrect by submitting corrections to the Payroll Office. By following timecard correction procedures, the possibility of any "waste, fraud and abuse" is precluded.

QUESTION

Military dependent — I wonder why the base theater has so many "R" rated movies on this month. There are a total of 15 "R" movies out of 20 movies scheduled. I also wonder if it would be possible to have at least one movie that's rated "G" or "PG" on the weekends for the younger kids. Thank you.

ANSWER

I really do share your concern but I'm afraid that the majority of movies offered to us by the Navy Motion Picture Service are "R" rated. I'm sure that reflects the production of the motion picture industry in general. I only stepped in and forbade the showing of a movie on base once, that being one of the drug culture Cheech and Chong series. We do schedule "G" movies regularly with matinees during school vacation.

I hope it doesn't sound like a cop out, but the moral responsibility for the community issue is one I don't want to get too involved in. In this area I believe we must let our individual consciences be our guides.

QUESTION

Civilian — I've worked here for 27 years. The base looks bad enough without having equipment stored behind the pass office. If it's contractor equipment, let's get the contractors to do something like moving it and putting it down behind Public Works in one of the vacant areas there.

When you enter the base, it looks sloppy. Let's try to keep the base as neat as possible.

ANSWER

First of all, I should thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. It was indeed street repair contractor's equipment, and while we haven't staged it as you suggested, I believe it's more tolerable now.

As to the rest of your comments which are very negative, I can only say that they disturb me. We are really working on improving the appearance of the base. I think we are making great strides. Don't you agree?

QUESTION

Civilian — Tuesday, Sept. 14, 8:55 a.m. How come there is low flying airplane traffic over the housing area? This has markedly increased since you've come to China Lake. What's wrong with the flight path to the east or to the west?

ANSWER

Flying in general has markedly increased since I arrived and that's by design. I insist on well qualified flight crews.

As to it affecting housing, I really don't see the problem and, remember, I live here, too.

Both VX-5 and NWC flight crews are sensitive to holding down overflights, but, after all, this is a Naval air installation and we really do have a lot of imperative test and evaluation flying to accomplish. That's our mission.

ANSWER

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Speaking to the Navy officers and enlisted personnel present, he urged them to "wear your uniform proudly, and never forget that yours is the noblest of professions."

"Thank you for this morning, this moment. It's a real honor to be counted among you," Lt. Col. Gibbons concluded.

The retirement ceremony closed with the benediction by Cdr. Richard Beck, Catholic chaplain at the All Faith Chapel.

ROCKETEER

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LOOKING GOOD — NWC military personnel assembled for an inspection get a quick once-over from Lt. Col. Gibbons, USAF, during the retirement ceremony that ended his 29-year career in the Air Force.

## USAF Liaison Officer retires . . .

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clued in her husband's retirement ceremony by the presentation to her of a certificate of appreciation from the Navy in recognition of her valuable, supportive role throughout her husband's long period of military service.

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## Military advised to make holiday travel reservations early

Christmas and the holidays are just around the corner. With the holiday season comes the accompanying rush and congestion at air, bus and rail terminals.

Therefore, military personnel are encouraged to carefully plan their trips and make reservations as early as possible for leave travel over the Christmas holiday.

The main reason for doing this is, of course, to take advantage of the discount fares that are available to military personnel traveling at their own expense.

All airlines offer reserved-seat discounts to military personnel. Discounts range from 25 percent to more than 50 percent off. All active duty Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel are eligible for the discounts.

Additionally, service academy cadets and personnel traveling within seven days after date of discharge are eligible. All personnel must be traveling at their own expense on authorized leave, pass or liberty or must be a discharger. Military personnel are not required to travel in uniform, but must be prepared to show an identification card or separation papers to buy tickets.

As of this writing, carriers have not imposed any blackout periods on discount leave fares. Travelers should check with their local Scheduled Air Line Traffic Office (SATO), travel agent, or airline to make sure they are getting the best price available.

Since many promotional fares are offered to the general public, they may be even lower than a military discount. Shopping around is the key to saving travel dollars.

The trial bus discount leave program expires on Nov. 15. However, leave fare discounts to selected points in the eastern states are available. Fares apply to both one-way and round trip travel with no restrictions as to the time travel can be taken.

For rail travel, 25 percent discounts are available on both one-way and round trip coach tickets and apply year round.

### MANY SERVICES AVAILABLE

Many services are available to military personnel transiting airports around the country. The United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO) has 18 centers in the United States, as well as five overseas lounges. Most airlines also have lounges at major airports and military personnel should contact airline agents at terminals for specific information.

Military personnel who run into problems on scheduling local transportation, shortage of funds, or expiration of leave time can get help at the Military Information Desks located in major U.S. air terminals. They also can obtain assistance from the nearest military installation, regardless of branch of service.

The American Red Cross, Traveler's Aid, and the various USO centers, listed in telephone directories, also are available to assist military travelers.

Military personnel are urged to report excellent service or any travel deficiencies to the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), Washington, D.C., 20313, or DD Form 1341 (Report of Commercial Passenger Service).

MTMC uses these reports to insure that military personnel continue to receive nothing less than high quality service. The report forms can be obtained at military installation transportation offices, and military personnel are encouraged to use them.

### WACOM plans bazaar

Planning is in high gear for the annual Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM). The Holiday Bazaar will be held in the Community Center from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20.



**YOUNG ARTISTS** — Winners of the Energy Awareness Week poster contest were (front row, left to right) Kelly Greedy, 3rd grade; Aleksander Kutchma, 4th grade; Jerry Green, 2nd grade; and Wendy Davis, 1st grade. In the back row with Capt. Lahr and Peggy Murphy from the Center's Energy Program Office are Julie Seitel, 5th grade, and Andrea Braddy, 6th grade.

—Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter

## Rememberfest celebration set by All Faith Chapel congregations

This weekend, attention will be focused on significant events and the people involved in them during the past 25 years in the history of the four congregations that make up the NWC All Faith Chapel.

Catholics, Protestants, Hebrews and members of the Unitarian Fellowship will join forces for a Rememberfest celebration calling attention to the quarter-century that has passed since the All Faith Chapel was established in its present, permanent location.

A half dozen or more former Protestant and Catholic Chaplains will be here for this special anniversary. They will be joined by a number of early timers at China Lake, whose lives (like those involved today) were enriched by their participation in religious services and programs at the All Faith Chapel.

The Rememberfest celebration will be continued on Sunday during the regular worship services of the religious groups that are a part of the All Faith Chapel.

### AFGE to meet Mon. night

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1781, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday at 520 E. Inyokern Road, China Lake, beginning at 7 p.m.

Local 1781 is the exclusive representative of a unit composed of those non-supervisory civilian employees of the Police Division, Safety and Security Department, who are located at China Lake.

Activities begin Saturday afternoon with an organ concert in the main sanctuary of the chapel and an open house in the East Wing of the Chapel. Both events are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m.

The organist will be David Christensen, a faculty member at Crafton Hills College who plays the organ for the First United Methodist Church in Riverside.

Christensen, who is a former dean of the Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will play selections ranging from Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" to "Londonberry Air," arranged by Richard Ellasser, as well as three Sousa marches, concluding with "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The organ concert is open to the public free of charge, as is the open house in the East Wing of the Chapel where there will be a display of memorabilia covering the past 25 years in the history of the four religious groups that are a part of the All Faith Chapel.

An ecumenical service is planned at 5 p.m. during which the All Faith Chapel's four religious groups will share their beliefs and appreciation of the scriptures. Readings and prayers by Cdr. Richard Beck, Catholic chaplain, and LCDR. Douglas Heitschmidt, Protestant chaplain, plus the singing of hymns, will be a part of this service.

The Rememberfest celebration is to be topped off by a dinner, starting at 6 p.m., at

## Winners announced in Energy Awareness Week poster contest

The six young winners of this year's Energy Awareness Week poster contest received their awards this week from Capt. Lahr at a ceremony held in the conference room of the Administration Building.

Children from throughout the Sierra Sands Unified School District entered posters after they had heard a presentation on energy and the need for conservation made by Peggy Murphy from the Center's Energy Program Office.

More than 1,000 posters were submitted, and a massive and very difficult judging of the posters was then begun.

"So many of the posters were outstanding that picking the winners was very difficult," said Ms. Murphy.

The initial judging was done by the Center's Department Energy Council representatives, and final selections were made by the personnel of the Energy Program Office.

When the judging was complete, the winners chosen were Wendy Davis, 1st grade; Jerry Green, 2nd grade; Kelly Greedy, 3rd grade; Aleksander Kutchma, 4th grade; Julie Seitel, 5th grade, and Andrea Braddy, 6th grade.

—Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter

## Fire tests... .

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Wind across a carrier deck is simulated by using engines of a stationary, overage Air Force C-97 transport; one to four of its engines can be turned on to create the exact amount of wind desired for any test. The current series, for instance, required some tests to be conducted in a 15-knot wind, which used one engine, and some in a 30-knot wind, for which two engines were turned on. Support for operation of the C-97 aircraft was provided by Dennis Sorge and Al Warner of the Weapons Survivability Laboratory, Fuze and Sensors Department.

### SAFETY MEASURES TAKEN

Despite the carefully controlled conditions of any test at the Mini-Deck, the NWC Fire Division team stand by to ensure the safety of other NWC firefighters involved in the tests. The firefighting teams were led by Assistant Fire Chief Richard Rivers and Captain Larry Rizzardini.

Measurements of the amount of radiation at varying distances from the fires were made by Dr. Raymond Alger of Stanford Research Institute. Determining the actual heat of a fire and distance to which such heat extends can have a direct bearing on cook-off of weapons.

Both a Shrike motor and a Sidewinder motor, which had been rendered inert and instrumented inside and outside to relate effectiveness of fire equipment versus cook-off time, were used in the tests. This operation was supervised by Jack M. Pakulak, who is a supervisory chemist in the Thermal Research Section of NWC's Ordnance Systems Department.

### NO NEW MATERIALS TESTED

No new equipment or chemical fire suppressants were tried during this current test series. Aim of the tests was to determine what the best use of equipment already in the Fleet would have been in fighting the fire on the USS Nimitz. The evening will begin with a social hour, followed by dinner and a program of musical selections on the theme "...but a woman's work is never done."

Tickets for the evening including dinner are \$8.25 per person and may be purchased from members of the Federal Women's Program Committee. Reservations may be made by telephoning Eloise Burkland at NWC ext. 2634, and she will have a member of the FWP committee arrange to sell the ticket to the person making the reservation.

Those who have been nominated as a Woman of the Year and their codes are Eva Bien, Code 09; Miriam Cartwright, Code 12; Eleanor Cohen, Code 021; Polly Ferraro, Code 225; Nancy Fuller, Code 2522; Bonnie Goss, Code 003; Jane Grant, Code 0903; Alice Harball, Code 081; Eleanor Johnson, Code 08; Loretta King, Code 003A, and Carroll Lambton, Code 25243.

Also nominated are Linda Minshaw, Code 2642; Terry Mitchell, Code 094; Vicki Munro, Code 094; Estela Paine, Code 247; Mavis Royer, Code 02A2; Mickey Strang, Code 0033; Rebecca Von Elm, Code 2511; Barbara Von Nordheim, Code 02; and Brandi Williams, Code 26303.

Supervisor of the Year nominations were received for Gerald Austin, Code 2649; Jo Cherry, Code 0801; Steven Fowler, Code 3353; Jane Grant, Code 0903; Carl Halsey, Code 2663; Earl LaFon, Code 343; Jack Latimer, Code 121; Capt. Gerald Lee, Code 25; Elaine Mikkelsen, Code 224; John Morrow, Code 338; and Sybil Stockdale, Code 38702.

Departments nominated include the Office of Finance and Management, Code 08; Personnel Department, Code 09; Safety and Security Department, Code 24; Supply Department, Code 25; Aircraft Weapons Integration Department, Code 31; and Engineering Department, Code 36.

## Spouse, child abuse problem increasing

(Editor's note: Child and spouse abuse is a problem of increasing concern in society today. Recognizing this, the following article was prepared for the Rocketeer to outline resources that are available locally and what cooperative efforts currently exist to cope with it.)

"We are basically talking about stopping a pattern," stated CWO3 Dale Day, physician's assistant and new head of the Navy's Family Advocacy Program locally, "and about reorienting the parent to the fact that we don't hit people."

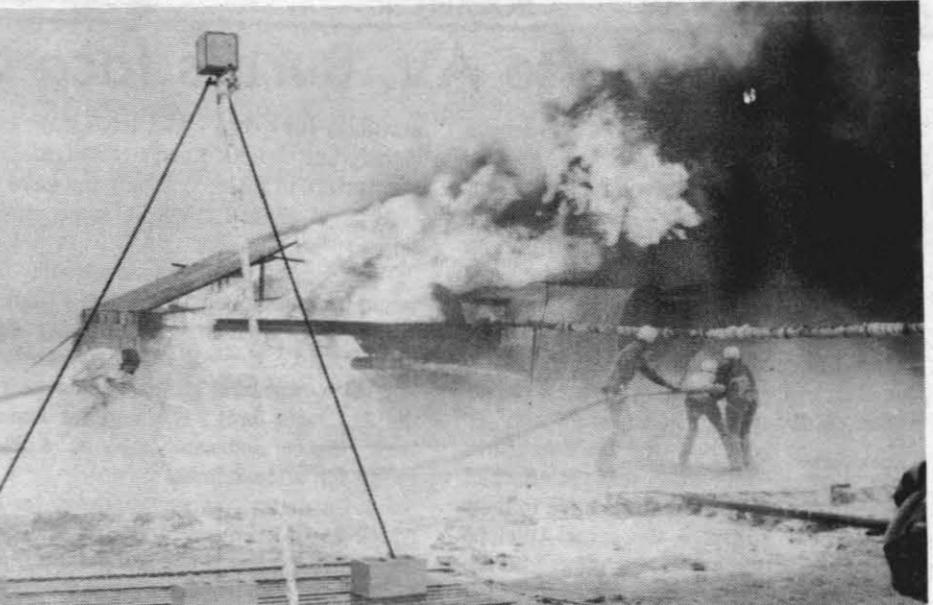
In agreement were Cecilia Trieu, a social worker for Kern County's Child Protective Services agency, and Sgt. Thomas McDermott, juvenile officer with the China Lake Police Division, when the three of them met recently to discuss the problems of child abuse, spouse abuse, and other family violence.

They have discovered that in many of the cases encountered here, the parents themselves were victims of child abuse.

More work needs to be done in coping with this problem, but with the cooperative efforts of all the local agencies help can be provided, Mrs. Trieu stated.

Of the 16 cases of spouse abuse, 15 victims were females and 1 was male, and of the 9 cases of child abuse 6 were females and 3 were males. Significantly, the ages of the male children were 8, 9, and 10, while abuse of the females started as young as 6 months.

Counseling is stressed in cases of spouse and child abuse. Unless child endangerment is involved, the child will not be removed from the home, Mrs. Trieu pointed out. Moreover, if a child is removed a relative or friend is usually called upon to take care of the child if he can.



**FIRE TEST** — A radiometer (on tripod) measures the intensity of the fire as firefighters use a hand line to help extinguish a blaze on the Mini-Deck. The simulated aircraft on the replica of an aircraft carrier flight deck provide a realistic environment for fire and fire fighting equipment and agent research and tests.

## Registration open for GED test to be given at college next week

Non high school graduates can take the General Education Development Test (GED) on Nov. 9 and 10 at Cerro Coso Community College. Participants must be 18 years of age or older to take the test, which covers English, social studies, natural sciences, literature and mathematics.

Examinees must pay an advance fee of \$10 when they register. The College Counseling Center, 375-5001, ext. 219, will provide additional information about the tests at the time of registration.

The test battery takes two days to complete, with testing scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. both days.

### Police reports ...

A burglary at the Community Center that resulted in the theft of \$95 worth of Disneyland tickets was reported Tuesday to China Lake police.

The tickets were taken from an unlocked file cabinet at a time when the Community Center was open for business.

**9 DUI ARRESTS MADE** During the month of October, China Lake police made nine arrests of motorists who were charged with driving under the influence (DUI) on the Naval Weapons Center.

### Remember when . . .



This week's "Remember When . . ." personality arrived at China Lake with the Marines in 1955. Like so many of the servicemen who were assigned here over the years, he couldn't wait to leave this "godforsaken land" and get back to "God's country."

So, in 1957, he left China Lake for Missouri and Oklahoma, only to return in four years—and he's been here ever since.

He went to work at Skytop when the Polaris program was going hot and heavy. Although there were periods of 60-hour work weeks, he continued his education by attending night school working toward an engineering degree.

When Agile looked like a going program, he joined the team only to watch it slowly fade. At this point, NWC awarded him a Fellowship to continue his studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Shortly after returning to NWC with a brand new bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, he went back to Skytop to work on the Trident program.

If you haven't recognized this 21-year NWC employee, turn to page 4.

**Editor's note:** Readers' contributions of old photos for the "Remember When..." column can be made by delivering them to the Public Affairs Office, Code 003, attention Beth Holtermans, phone NWC ext. 3511. Please include a telephone number at work so that information to accompany the photo can be obtained.