

Wood carving work by Dr. McEwan wins awards in Alaska

Dr. William S. McEwan, retired former head of NWC's Chemistry Division in the Research Department, won the "Best of Show" award and all three divisional championships for the carvings he entered in the Alaska Wood Carvers competition during the Fur Rendezvous held last month in Anchorage, Alaska.

"Best of Show" was awarded for McEwan's birch burl head of a woman; the same piece was also selected as the best in the realistic division of the competition. Other McEwan sculptures won the abstract and the birds divisional top awards.

In addition, McEwan won six blue ribbons, to bring his awards for the competition to 10. His work was judged against more than 100 entries by professional artists in Alaska and the lower 48 states.

While McEwan was in Alaska, he conducted two 3-hour workshops, and served as a judge screening more than 250 entries in the non-professional category.

His award-winning sculptures are on exhibit in his studio at 132 Desert Candles Drive, Ridgecrest.

Buffet dinner, art exhibit, auction set tonight by WACOM

Art lovers have a marvelous opportunity tonight, not only to see some examples of fine artwork, but also to acquire exclusive editions of original graphics, oils and watercolors at the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) art exhibition and auction.

International award-winning artists such as Hinte, Kelly, and the School of Paris artists will be featured, and Dali, Picasso, Miro and Chagall will also be represented. Each picture is framed appropriately.

The exhibition opens at 5:30 p.m. at the COM with a buffet dinner offered at 6 (for only \$5.95 per person), and a wine tasting at 6:30. The auction itself begins at 8 p.m.

Visa and Master Card are welcome, as are checks made out to WACOM.

A donation of \$1 is asked from everyone attending the auction, which is open to all interested persons.



NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT — Capt. Lahr had the pleasant duty on Monday afternoon of extending a welcome to Lisa Gail Davenport (at right), Miss California for 1982, and to Marsha Boessow, Miss Indian Wells Valley. Miss Davenport was here as a special guest at Tuesday night's Search for Talent Show in the Center theater, where she presented awards to the winners. Miss Boessow was the mistress of ceremonies for the same event, a talent contest for young people from 6 to 9 years of age that was sponsored by the Exchange Club of Ridgecrest. —Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

TV Booster group seeks help with work party at Laurel Mt.

A call for volunteers to join the Indian Wells Valley TV Booster's regular helpers during a work party at the Laurel Mountain translator facility has been issued by Gene Schneider, president of the board of directors of the IWV TV Booster, Inc.

Weather permitting, the work day tentatively is scheduled for a Saturday later this month or in early April.

According to Ms. Schneider, this will be an excellent opportunity for TV Booster members to see how their money has been spent, and also help it go a little further by aiding in efforts to clear up a backlog of scheduled improvements that have been delayed by the effects of winter weather.

Those interested in joining the work party are asked to send a post card to the TV Booster, P.O. Box 562, Ridgecrest, giving their name, address, telephone number, and the weekends they can be available. He or

she also is asked to indicate any mechanical or electronics work skills, or a willingness to lend a hand with general labor that also is needed.

Tasks planned for the work party include installing and moving antennas, attaching electronic modules, and a thorough clean-up of the buildings and the areas around them.

Not everyone knows that the TV Booster is entirely community-owned and its operation depends totally on volunteer labor and monetary donations, Ms. Schneider noted.

A lot of time and effort is spent year-round keeping track of the TV Booster's membership records and properly accounting for its funds. This also is an area in which the TV Booster needs volunteer assistance, it was added.

The TV Booster does not have a telephone number because it does not have any fulltime volunteers available to answer the phone. For this reason, anyone willing to help out with the work that is to be done, or who may have questions about the quality of television reception (or information on equipment failures to report) is asked to drop a postcard to the TV Booster, P.O. Box 562, Ridgecrest.

How time flies . . .

This week's "Remember when . . ." column personality is a native Texan, Jack Bates, who is a mechanical engineering technician in the Gun Systems Branch of the NWC Ordnance Systems Department.

Among his most recent responsibilities in the area of aircraft gun and ammunition development were the leading role he played in a test program to provide added firepower for Marine Corps AH-1J and AH-1T attack helicopters.

This involved tests to determine the adaptability of a 20mm armor-piercing round already in the Naval Sea Systems Command inventory for use against light armor targets.

Bates, who has been employed in the Gun Systems Branch of Code 32 since it was established in 1975, has received numerous letters of commendation and awards for his work.

Off the job, he is interested in airplanes, is an avid golfer, likes to follow college football and basketball on TV, and enjoys doing gardening work at his "lizard ranch" on West Ridgecrest Boulevard. He and his wife, Midge, are looking forward to celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary this year.

MOVIES

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

Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

FRI., MON.	MARCH 18, 21
"WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP"	
Starring Robin Williams and Mary Hurt (Drama, rated R, 137 min.)	
SATURDAY	MARCH 19
"ROAD WARRIOR"	
Starring Mel Gibson and Bruce Spence (Action/Drama, rated R, 95 min.)	
SUNDAY	MARCH 20
"IF YOU COULD SEE WHAT I HEAR"	
Starring Marc Singer and R. H. Thomson (Comedy/Drama, rated PG, 103)	

Dollar-a-bag sale slated

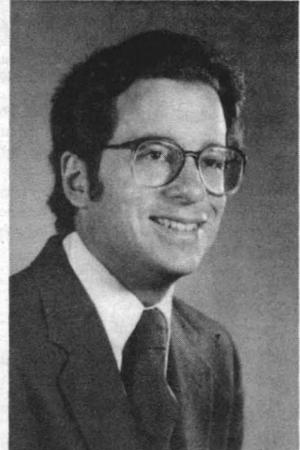
A dollar-per-bag sale is scheduled next week at the Thrift Shop, which is located on Lauritsen Road, across the street from Schoeffel Field.

The sale at this WACOM-operated facility will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. Proceeds from operation of the Thrift Shop are donated by WACOM to various local charitable activities.

Movie schedule changed

A change in next week's movie schedule at the Center theater is necessary because of rehabilitation work that is slated at the theater.

The spraying of a layer of acoustical foam material on the ceiling of the theater will make it necessary for the movie house to be closed March 23 through 25. It will be reopened for business on Saturday, March 26.



FEATURED SPEAKER — Dr. Joel Goodman, director of the Humor Project at the Sagamore Institute in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will be the guest speaker tomorrow night at the Desert Counseling Clinic's 32nd annual dinner meeting. During his talk on the subject "Laughing Matters — It Really Does," Dr. Goodman will suggest practical ways to reduce stress by bringing humor into people's lives. The DCC dinner will be held at the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge, 201 E. Church St., Ridgecrest, starting with a social hour at 6:30 p.m.

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NWC, VX-5 Bluejackets of Year honored at annual banquet held on March 12

Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Theodore A. Reed and Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Kent R. Harris are on cloud nine after having been selected as Bluejackets of the Year for the Naval Weapons Center and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, respectively.

The selection was announced at the Bluejacket of the Year dinner sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League last Saturday night when more than 220 military and civilian personnel from China Lake and its neighboring communities gathered to honor the Navy's bluejackets as represented by the six Bluejackets of the Quarter who were guests at this event.

The two winners each received \$725 in cash from the Navy League, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, three \$50 Savings Bonds, and two gift certificates that were presented by Vivian Boultinghouse, president of the IWV Council of the Navy League.

The other four nominees for this singular honor each received \$150 in cash and a \$50 Savings Bond, also presented by Mrs. Boultinghouse.

The runners-up for the Bluejacket of the Year honor were AC1 Charles D. Waugh,

PR2 Patricia E. Carey and AMS3 Susan E. Risley, all of NWC, and MA1 Douglas A. Skon, of VX-5.

The winners were announced by Capt. Lahr for NWC and by RMCM (SS) R. A. Jacobsen, Command Master Chief of VX-5, both of whom voiced appropriate expressions of pride in the calibre of personnel representing their commands, the difficulty of the selection process, and the significance of the honor that was being bestowed.

"Honoring the backbone of the Navy — the Bluejacket — speaks highly of this community. I'm totally impressed," Capt. Lahr stated, adding that this type of event is unique in his experience in the Navy.

The Skipper observed that although it's traditional for a Commanding Officer to speak highly of those in his command, it is not a meaningless ritual with him because he doesn't pass out such compliments undeservedly. With that point cleared up he stated: "We have a great bunch of sailors here at NWC, and those being honored here tonight represent the finest bluejackets in the Navy."

RMCM Jacobsen who, due to the illness of Capt. Paul F. Hollandsworth, skipper of VX-5, was standing in for his Commanding Officer, spoke from firsthand experience of the difficulty of the selection process, since he had served as chairman of the VX-5 selection committee.

"Pride and professionalism is exemplified in the candidates for the honor of VX-5's Bluejacket of the Year," Master Chief Jacobsen said as he, too, expressed gratitude for civilian backing of the Bluejacket of the Year dinner program.

The initial group of four VX-5 nominees for the Bluejacket of the Year honor included AMS1 Mark H. Higgins and AD2 Van A. Greenfield, whose transfer from duty

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Capt. Lahr submits request to retire effective June 30

Capt. Lahr announced at Monday's Commander's meeting that he has requested retirement to take effect on or about June 30, two years after he assumed command of NWC from Capt. W. B. Haff.

If the request is approved, his retirement will mark the end of a Navy career of more than 28 years that began after graduation from St. John's University in his native Minnesota.

Designated a naval aviator in 1955, Capt. Lahr's combat experience during the Vietnam war included 230 missions while with Attack Squadron 93.

He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross (four awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Air Medal (23 awards), the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "v" (three awards), and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, in addition to campaign ribbons.

Capt. Lahr was transferred to China Lake from the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, where he was serving as Commander of Training Air Wing Six.

The Naval Weapons Center is his third consecutive command and fifth overall in his Navy career.



HAPPY OCCASION — AC2 Theodore A. Reed described his feelings as "nervous, proud, and shocked," after receiving the good news that he had been singled out as NWC's Bluejacket of the Year. The presentation to AC2 Reed of this honor was made by Capt. Lahr. —Daily Independent photo by Tim Tyson

Reduction-in-force affects total of 212 full time employees

A total of 212 full time permanent employees at NWC were affected by the Commercial Activities reduction in force (RIF) that became effective last weekend.

Of the 37 who were separated from government employment, 21 accepted the contractor's offer of a job. The contractor also hired 13 of the 17 employees who retired, and four of the five who resigned from their jobs at the Center.

Eighty-eight employees were changed to a lower grade, and another 34 were reassigned to the Center. Priority placement program placements totaled 27 employees, with four more being employed through reemployment priority list selections or promotions.

Full time temporary personnel who were terminated because their competitive level was affected by the RIF totaled 53; another 21 were terminated due to lack of work caused by RIF placements.

Only full time permanent or full time temporary personnel were affected by the RIF.

LADWP seeks land adjoining Haiwee reservoirs

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing that it be permitted to buy land under and adjoining its north and south Haiwee reservoirs that it does not already own — about 1,440 acres.

This federally-owned land, under the control of the Bureau of Land Management, is entirely surrounded by land already owned by LADWP.

When the two dams were built by LADWP in 1913, establishing the reservoirs that serve as giant water treatment plants for Owens Valley water coming down the aqueduct, it did so under a right of way acquisition rather than by acquiring ownership of the land.

In 1933 (and in subsequent years), some



CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER — AD1 Kent R. Harris displays the plaque that he received for being singled out as Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five's Bluejacket of the Year. Presentation of the plaque to AD1 Harris was made by RMCM (SS) R. A. Jacobsen, Command Master Chief of VX-5. —Photo by PH1 Benita Tretreault

land was withdrawn as a Federal Agency Protective Withdrawal to protect the watershed for the City of Los Angeles. LADWP also has purchased ranches in the area.

According to LeVal Lund, a division head with LADWP, management of the resource would be simplified for the city if it owned all land around and under the reservoirs. (Such purchase would not include any land south of the southern dam, however, because this is an area of critical environmental concern according to BLM.)

Before such a purchase can take place, an environmental analysis must be made. This will be accomplished between now and July 15, and includes a mineral report, con-

sultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service since the northern reservoir is a habitat of the bald eagle, an archaeological review, and consultation with the California State Heritage Office.

Grazing users must also be notified, the area needs to be surveyed, and a fair market value for the land established.

Beginning July 15, the public will have a 30-day period to review the draft environmental analysis before any further action can be taken. If no major obstacles arise, the purchase can then be negotiated.

The two Haiwee reservoirs serve an essential function for LADWP because the water that eventually flows out of Los

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Employee service awards

The following Naval Weapons Center employees have received federal service or NWC length-of-service awards:



Harold L. Shinn 30 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3621
Weldon L. Allen 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3553
Gloria T. Lemon 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 26026
Robert L. Eddins 25 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3553



Billy J. Taylor 35 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3552
James W. Baker 20 yrs. NWC Service Code 3623
Stuart A. Iskwitz 20 yrs. Fed'l Service Code 3554
Donald R. McCorkle 20 yrs. NWC Service Code 3872

Rattlesnakes make appearance now that weather is warmer

A recent incident has prompted the writing of this article as a reminder to all employees and residents of the Center.

The onset of warm weather we enjoy so much is also appreciated by members of the reptilian family. Many persons spend a lifetime hunting, fishing, and picnicking in this area and never see a rattlesnake, but we all know they're out there, don't we? And of course we all know that they should not be handled, right? Wrong!

One Center employee can relate, with great accuracy, what can, and probably will occur if you happen upon one, and are suddenly overcome with the urge to "reach out and touch someone" or a snake in this case. You get bit. Don't be fooled by their size either because the little ones have the same potential as the big ones.

Riders sought for vans now commuting daily between Lake Isabella, Naval Weapons Ctr.

Naval Weapons Center employees who live in the Lake Isabella area, or points in between, should be interested in knowing that there are now vacancies on two 15-passenger vans that make this trip back and forth on weekdays.

This service was made available about 3½ years ago by Cal-Trans, and leased vans are used with the full cost of their operation being met by the rates that are charged.

The vans leave Lake Isabella at 5:45 a.m. and five stops are made between the starting point and the Canebrake Inn area

enroute to China Lake.

Rates vary according to the distance traveled. The daily return trip, which begins from passenger stops at Michelson Laboratory, the Administration Building, and the Public Works compound, gets those who travel the greatest distance back to their drop-off points by around 5:30 p.m.

Employees interested in taking advantage of this service are asked to make this interest known by calling Stephen Dorsett at 3411, ext. 280, or after working hours at (619) 378-2803.

Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Dept., 505 Blandy. 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. 2099. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of 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 in grade and qualifications requirements by the closing date of the ad. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

Announcement No. 26-359, Industrial Property Management Specialist, DA-1103-2, PAC No. 8226723, Code 2683 — This position is located in the Contract Management Branch, Facilities Support Contracts Division, Public Works Department. The incumbent will be responsible for administering or performing technical work in the administration of contract provisions relating to control of government property in the possession of contractors. Guides contractor in establishing property control systems; evaluates, analyzes and tests contractor's systems; evaluates lost or damaged property to determine contractor's liability. Resolves property administration questions with contractor's personnel and concerned departments. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of industrial property management programs; ability to implement policies and procedures for property control systems; ability to deal with others in a tactful and persuasive manner; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to work independently and to make sound judgments and decisions.

Announcement No. 26-360, Procurement Assistant, GS-1106-4, PD No. 8226002, Code 2683 — This position is located in the Contract Administration Branch, Facilities Support Contracts Division, Public Works Department. The incumbent maintains and updates the data base for contract status and various contractor related data. Prepares contract documents, receives invoices, verifies payments and determines non-compliance deductions. Prepares reports and assembles contract negotiation packages. Performs typing duties (qualified typist is not required). **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of Government contract and procurement regulations, policies and practices; ability to compile and summarize verbal and quantitative data from varied sources; knowledge of data processing procedures sufficient to operate selected equipment; ability to meet and deal effectively with all levels; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Announcement No. 08-009, Lead Voucher Examiner, GS-540-4, PD No. 798042N, Code 0842 — This position is located in the Office of Finance and Management, Accounting and Disbursing Division, Travel Office. The incumbent leads the Voucher Examining Section within the Travel Office. This section computes and verifies for payment, official civilian travel expense claims for mileage, per diem, dependents' travel, and other travel related expenses. Coordinates and audits travel vouchers; audits doubtful claims and prepares miscellaneous vouchers for payment. The incumbent provides on the job training to new employees and assists others with the resolution of problems as well as leading the voucher section. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of travel regulations; ability to lead a section of employees; ability to act as a team leader; ability to converse tactfully and intelligently about travel regulations with travelers; and ability to interpret official civilian orders.

Announcement No. 31-094, Computer Specialist, DP-1550-3, PAC No. 831334E39, Code 3194 — This position is located in the F/A-18 Project Branch Tactical Software Engineering Division, Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The incumbent will perform and coordinate the branch and division software technology transfer efforts. The incumbent will evaluate available Ada compilers for adequacy in embedded computer software development. Incumbent will participate on Ada language design committees, will evaluate proposals for Ada language development, and test contractor supplied software. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of computer systems, including processors, and all peripherals. Knowledge of the software development process including knowledge of MIL-STD-1679. Knowledge of tactical embedded computer systems, including applicable support environments. Ability to develop software in FORTRAN, Pascal, and assembly level languages. Knowledge of the Ada programming language, and the ability to evaluate the future Ada software development systems. Must have the ability to communicate both orally and in writing. Must have the ability to interface with Navy level software design and review committees.

Announcement No. 3610, Interdisciplinary General/Electronics Engineer or Engineering/Electronics Technician or Quality Assurance Specialist DP/DT/DS-801/853/802/856/1910-3, Code 3688 — This position is located at General Dynamics Convair Division in San Diego, California. The incumbent serves as NAVWPNCEN's technical representative for the Cruise Missile Program. The incumbent's responsibilities and duties include on-site monitoring of the fabrication, test, and acceptance of missile systems for the production contract. Will be required to provide technical input to NAVWPNCEN on proposed ECP's, deviations, and waivers. Frequent technical exchanges with contractor personnel are required relative to proposed fabrication and/or design modification. As a result of these exchanges, the incumbent will frequently make technical decisions which will assist the contractor in performing specific tests and measurements to support proposed modifications or perform failure analysis. The incumbent participates in contract negotiations and performs liaison with other civilian and Government agencies, keeping NAVWPNCEN advised on the current program status. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of production techniques, processes, and engineering design; knowledge and experience with contracts; knowledge of quality assurance and reliability requirements relative to production contracts; and demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Previous experience working on a major missile program is preferred but not mandatory.

Announcement No. C-61-01, Interdisciplinary, Supervisory, Mechanical/General/Electronics/Aerospace Engineer DP-830/861/855/861-3/3, Engineering/Electronics Technician, DP-802/856-3/4, Logistics Specialist, DP-346-3/4, PAC No. 831581E, Code 61-01 — This position is located in the Aerial Target Division of the Aircraft Department, Test And Evaluation Directorate. The primary functions of the Division are (1) central point of contact for coordination of the production and logistics support to the Full Scale Target (FSAT) programs assigned, (2) provide engineering and technical services in support of aircraft modifications and instrumentation, (3) overall planning and administration of the Integrated Target Control System (ITCS), (4) coordination, management and technical support to various codes in response to beacon and transponder project requirements. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of program/project management including systems acquisition policies; knowledge of air weapons systems and requirement for test and support; knowledge of production management and support; knowledge of reliability and safety requirements; knowledge of configuration management; and ability to deal effectively with all levels of Command.

Announcement No. C-62-06, Electronics Technician, DT-854-3/3, PAC No. 8225579N, Code 62118 — This position is located in the Instrumentation Support Section, Ballistics Test Branch, Ordnance Test & Evaluation Division of the Range Department. The Instrumentation Support Section is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Skytop Static Propulsion Test Facility Data Acquisition Instrumentation System. Section personnel are responsible for layout, interconnection, and conditioning of transducers in the test bay as well as sub-system interfacing and real-time data recording in the control room. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of experimental test procedures and electronic troubleshooting techniques; familiarity with a wide variety of transducer designs; experience in electronics design and modification and ability to use electronic test equipment and hardware. Experience with analog and digital data recording is preferred. Ability to coordinate efforts with NWC and contractor personnel is desired.

Announcement No. 3409, Electronics Technician, DT-856-2, PAC No. 833456N18, Code 3422 — This position is located in the Systems Electronics Branch, Systems Engineering Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent provides technical support in the areas of field test support, guidance test and repair, and electronic circuit design and development. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of electronic theory and practice; ability to design and fabricate electronic devices used in missile systems; ability to work as a member of a team; and familiarity with operation principles of solid state electronic devices. Promotion potential to DT-3.

Announcement No. 31-082, Interdisciplinary, Computer Scientist, Physicist, Electronics Engineer, Mathematician, Mech. Engineer, General Engineer, Aerospace Engineer, Engineering Technician, Electronics Technician, Computer Specialist, DP-1550/1310/855/1520/830/801/861-3, DS-314-3, DT-802/856-3, PAC No. 8221458, Code 3112 — This position is located in the A-6 Facility branch, Avionic Facilities Division of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The A-6 Facility Branch provides the validation/integration work stations for the development, test, validation, verification and modification of operational flight programs exercised in the tactical computers of the A-6 aircraft. The incumbent will be the A-6 Facility Project Engineer responsible for the technical planning and coordination of specifications and implementations for the A-6 aircraft and development of new capabilities for the A-6 laboratories. Based on functional requirements provided by the Branch Head, the incumbent will develop and document System Specifications, software Program Performance Specifications, Hardware Specifications, and Test Plans and then implement those requirements using facility support personnel. Emphasis is placed on real-time simulation software (A-6 system modeling, hardware interface drivers, etc.) and hardware (digital interfaces, avionics, etc.). It will be required of the incumbent to identify tasks and milestones done by others under his technical supervision. The incumbent will be expected to become familiar with the A-6 navigation and weapons delivery systems. The incumbent will be under the supervision of the Code 3112 Branch Head who will set broad technical guidelines for system development. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to provide leadership to a multi-disciplined group of engineers, technicians and computer scientists, ability to communicate well, both orally and in writing; ability to plan a project from concept to completion; familiarity with structured digital system design practices and software development; familiarity with MIL-STD-1679.

Announcement No. 32-063, Industrial Equipment Mechanic Foreman, WS-5352-9, JD 455-34E, Code 2252 — This position is located in the Process Support Branch, Process Systems Division, Ordnance Systems Department. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of production techniques, processes, and engineering design; knowledge and experience with contracts; knowledge of quality assurance and reliability requirements relative to production contracts; and demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Previous experience working on a major missile program is preferred but not mandatory.

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DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT
Sunday Worship Service 1000
Sunday School 0830

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday Masses 0830 & 1130
Daily Mass (except Saturday) 1135
Sunday Religious Education Classes 1000

JEWISH
Friday in the East Wing 1930

UNITARIAN
Sunday, Annex 95, as announced 1930

Burros lose two league tilts . . .

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Burroughs, and once again, Blecha, the third baseman, was called on to finish the game as the BHS pitcher.

Blecha got off to an unsteady start in the top of the third, when a combination of three walks and two hits — one of them a 3-run home run by Stinson, the Rebels' left fielder, boosted the Quartz Hill lead to 12-0.

The visitors' final run of the game was tallied in the top of the seventh on a single, a stolen base and an error.

The first bright spot in the game for Burroughs was a home run in the bottom of the third inning by Dan Allen, catcher for the Ridgecrest team. The score remained 12-1 in favor of Quartz Hill until the last half of the sixth inning, when Curtis Cooper singled and advanced to third base on a throwing error by the Rebels. Cooper then scored on an infield ground out by Blecha.

Run number 3 for the Burros was tallied by Tim Lewis, who was safe at first on an error, moved to third on another miscue, and then scored on an error.

The visitors from Quartz Hill tallied 13 runs on 13 hits. In 36 times at the plate, there was only one strikeout by a batter for the Rebels. The BHS totals were 3 runs on 6 hits.

Over-Hill Track Club's 15 km. run set Saturday

The Over-The-Hill-Track Club (OTHTC) will hold a 15 kilometer (9.3 miles) cross country run on Saturday.

The run will begin at the east end of Cerro Coso College parking lot, go up over the ridge south of the college, loop around to the west and finish at the college.

There is no entry fee and no awards will be presented. The run is open to everyone.

Those not members of the OTHTC can sign an insurance waiver in order to participate. Signups begin at 8 a.m. with the run starting a 9 o'clock.

For further information contact race director Bill McBride by calling 375-7085.

Aqua aerobics class

Registration is now open for an aqua aerobics class to be taught each Monday and Wednesday throughout the month of April. The class, which will be conducted by Joan Renner, will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the indoor swimming pool, starting April 4.

Those who wish to register may do so by stopping at the Community Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and paying the registration fee of \$24.



HARBINGER OF SPRING — Michael Leeper, a 9-year-old, poses to go after a ground ball during Ridgecrest Little League baseball tryouts held last Saturday. In the background is Steve Vie, manager of the Dodgers, a Major Division team.

Quartz Hill was led at the plate by Dave Pastor, center fielder, who had 4 hits in 5 times at bat, including one double. Cooper, with 2 singles in 3 times at bat, was the leading batter for the BHS varsity.

Sue Bates win Women's Golf Club charity tourney

The charity tournament, staged annually by the China Lake Women's Golf Club, was held last Saturday at the China Lake golf course.

Normally a 36-hole event, it was shortened to 27 holes due to the strong winds on Sunday afternoon.

Sue Bates was the winner with a net score of 64 for 18 holes. The charity she selected to receive \$100 of donated entry fees was the College Heights Presbyterian Church.



Trout fishing good in southern Owens Valley despite wind

Despite wind and what the Department of Fish and Game warden called "87 drops of rain throughout Inyo County," lots of anglers headed into the southern Owens Valley last weekend to wet their lines.

Most of them caught trout.

Those who fished the creeks in the afternoons did very well. The water in the creeks from Independence south warms about six or seven degrees between the early morning hours and lunch time, and trout tend to bite better when the water is closer to 47 degrees than 40 degrees. The creeks were planted again this week with catchable trout, so there are plenty waiting to be caught.

While the Owens River is not affected by the same temperature fluctuation, trout fishermen have also been doing better in the Owens River later in the day.

Fishing from Stuart Lane north has resulted in good catches of wild trout (those not freshly planted). These fish run from 12 to 17 inches, and provide a very good meal for a hungry angler.

Best fishing has been with a Panther Martin lure, for those who like lures, and with salmon eggs, for those who prefer using bait.

Since the fishing spots vary in excellence, the DFG warden suggests that anyone who hasn't caught a fish after an hour or so might do well to move to another spot.

Dance exercise class

For anyone keeping an eye on calories or interested in getting into good shape, a dance exercise class will be taught in the gymnasium exercise room Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. starting April 5 and lasting through April 25.

The instructor for the class is Joan Renner, and cost of the class is \$24. Registration is now being taken at the gym.



RACQUETBALL SINGLES TOURNAMENT WINNERS — Capt. Scotty Vaught (at left), Chief Staff Officer, presents plaques to the first and second place winners in the singles racquetball tournament held on a recent weekend. The trophy winners are (l.-r.) Dan Lapka, 1st in the Open Division, and Luis Zurita, 2nd. Zurita's wife accepted the plaque for him. Others are Jim Ricks, 1st, and Mike Dugnan, 2nd, in the Intermediate/Novice Division. There were 12 entrants in the tournament, which was sponsored by the NWC Recreation Services Department. —Photo by PHAN Rebecca Gill

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YOUTH SOCCER TRYOUTS HELD—Final tryouts for approximately 300 young people who will be involved in the Youth Soccer League's spring season of play were held last Saturday morning at Davidove Field. One of the proficiency tests being run by Todd Blecha calls for dribbling the ball between markers set at 5- and 10-yd. intervals down and back for a distance of 35 yds. each way. Ross Heimdahl (in background) used a stopwatch to record Blecha's time. —Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan



Signups, tryouts set tomorrow for Colt League baseball

Registration and tryouts for young people interested in playing this season on Indian Wells Valley Colt League baseball teams will be held tomorrow and again on Saturday, March 26 and April 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Kerr-McGee baseball field on South Downs Street in Ridgecrest.

Participation in Colt League baseball is open to boys and girls 15 and 16 years of age. Birth certificates must be presented as proof of age at the time of registration.

There is a fee of \$35 for one player or \$54 for two players from the same family. This sum is payable at the time of registration.

Selection of players for the various teams in the league is scheduled on April 4, and practice sessions will be held prior to the start of Colt Baseball League play on May 9.

All games will be played on the Colt League diamond at the Kerr-McGee field in Ridgecrest.

Class scheduled in SCUBA diving; enrollment now open

Spring is the best time to prepare for summer SCUBA diving fun, and local residents who are interested in learning how to dive will have the opportunity to do so during the month of April.

Leon Breeden, who is certified by the National Association of Underwater Instructors, will teach a class each Monday and Wednesday from 5 until 9 p.m. at the indoor pool, starting April 4 and running throughout the month. There will also be two trips to the coast and one boat trip to practice diving techniques.

Students will need some personal equipment: a mask, snorkel, fins, booties and gloves. The remainder of needed equipment can be rented.

Cost of the course is \$180 per student, plus equipment rental and a boat fee. Anyone interested in signing up for the course, or who wishes additional information should contact Richard Hensley by calling 375-8795 evenings or at NWC ext. 3766 during the working day.

Burros varsity nine clobbered in first two league contests

Any expectations that 1983 might be a better than usual season for the Burroughs High School varsity baseball team suffered a blow this past week when the Burros lost their Golden League season opener 14-4 at Palmdale last Friday and were bombed at home 13-3 by the Quartz Hill Rebels on Tuesday afternoon.

Hoping to get off on a winning note in the first league contest, Coach Bill Sizemore sent Steve Vie, a right hander with a 3-0 record in pre-season play, against the Falcons last Friday.

The Palmdale team also had the idea that winning the first league game would be a fine way to get things rolling in 1983, and wasted little time in insuring that this happened.

Vie lasted only two-thirds of the first inning before he was relieved after giving up four hits and issuing three walks that resulted in a total of 5 runs.

Dave Vigneault, the other half of the Burros' top pitching duo, was rushed into the fray. Before the dust had settled in the bottom of the first inning, however, Vigneault was tagged for two hits that drove in runs which increased Falcons' lead to 7-0 before the side was retired.

Buoyed up by their success in their first time at bat, the Palmdale squad continued to pound the ball hard and picked up five runs in the second inning off Vigneault as they built up a lead of 12-0.

With the team's two best pitchers knocked out of the box, Coach Sizemore brought in Kevin Blecha from third base to the mound, and Blecha, who kept the ball down low in the strike zone (something neither Vie or Vigneault had been able to accomplish) gave up just 2 runs in the remaining four innings of play.

MUCH-IMPROVED TEAM

According to Coach Sizemore, the Falcons are a much-improved team compared to last year's squad. This applies particularly to Nick Andrews, a left-handed hurler, who went the distance against Burroughs and gave up just five hits while striking out 13 batters.

The load on offense for the Burros was carried by Tim Lewis, shortstop, and Mark Kaupp, first baseman, both of whom had two hits in three times at bat, as well as one RBI apiece.

This, however, was far from enough to keep pace with the 16-hit attack by the Falcons, who were led at the plate by their catcher, Clint Lorack, who hammered out four hits (two of them doubles) in four trips to the plate.

NEXT GAME THIS AFTERNOON

Next action for the Burros' varsity nine will be a home game at 3:30 today against the Antelope Valley High School team from Lancaster, and another league game on Tuesday at Canyon High School that also will get underway at 3:30 p.m.

Following Tuesday afternoon's loss to Quartz Hill, and because a review of the team's scorebook for the season lists 30 fielding errors, several changes in both fielding positions and the batting lineup will be made in preparation for this afternoon's game with the Antelopes.

The Burros vs. Quartz Hill contest was close to being a carbon copy of BHS varsity's earlier loss to Palmdale. On Tuesday, the visitors scored 5 unearned runs in their first time at bat.

Vigneault, starting pitcher for Burroughs, was tagged for two singles and issued two walks, while his teammates committed three errors in the first inning.

Thirsty for more, the Rebels from Quartz Hill got what they wanted in the second inning, when they pounded Vigneault for two doubles, two singles and a solo home run that netted four more runs and a lead of 9-0.

Vigneault was relieved as the pitcher for

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room at the pool will remain open so that those who plan to swim in the indoor pool will be able to take their mandatory shower before entering the pool.

ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE

Registration is now underway and will continue through next Friday, March 25, of players interested in competing in an adult soccer league.

After the signups (which are open to those in the 10th grade in high school and above) are over, teams will be formed and league play will begin on March 29. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays, starting at 5 p.m., until mid-June.

The once-per-year registration fee for playing soccer is \$10 for DoD civilians or their dependents, and \$12 for non-DoD civilians. There is no charge for military personnel (active duty or retired) or their dependents.

Registration for the adult soccer league is being handled at the Center gym office on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

RACQUETBALL CLASS

A beginners' racquetball class for persons 16 years of age and over will begin on March 22 and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Center gym through April 28.

Dave Feldman is the instructor, and there are two sessions of this class — one from 7 to 8, and the other from 8 to 9 p.m.

The enrollment fee is \$18 per person, which is payable at the Center gym office on or before the first class session.



KICKING SKILL TESTED—In a test of both accuracy and distance kicking a soccer ball, Patrick Doud sends the ball flying. Waiting to record the results of Doud's efforts is Dave Mechtenberg, one of the adult volunteers who assisted with the Youth Soccer League tryouts. —Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

Recreation roundup

Record high 705 series rolled by woman bowler at China Lake

Women bowlers in the Indian Wells Valley have a new mark to shoot at following last Friday night's competition in the Mixed Foursome League at Hall Memorial Lanes.

Pat Brightwell, a member of the Pinafore Shop team in this league, rolled the first 700 series to be recorded by a woman bowler in the Indian Wells Valley.

Her record-setting series score was 705.

Another outstanding bowling score posted over the past weekend at China Lake was the 827 series rolled by John Gould during the team event of the Ridgecrest-China Lake Men's City Tournament.

Gould, a professional bowler who is competing here briefly as a member of Bob's Team, built his 827 series on single game scores of 266, 295 and 266.

The singles and doubles events of the Men's City Tournament are coming up this weekend in Ridgecrest.

MEN'S LOCKER ROOM CLOSED

The men's locker room complex at the Center gymnasium will shut down today at 1:30 p.m. and will remain closed tomorrow and Sunday to enable painters to complete their work. It will reopen on Monday.

Next weekend, the same schedule will apply to the women's locker room complex. It will close at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25, and will remain closed Saturday and Sunday so that painting there also can be completed.

During the time that the locker room complexes are closed, the gym floor, indoor pool, weight room, and racquetball courts will be open. The shower in the lifeguard

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. 2772 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

Military — My question is concerning contractor's employees for PAXIM digging up the yards and ditches installing lighting around the base. They have dug up my yard, front and back, and torn up my sprinkler system. They have been told two or three times to replace it but have not yet done so.

I understand a lot more people have had the same problem with people tearing up a sprinkler system and not replacing it. The contractor employees told my wife that they had replaced it. They stuck two or three sprinklers in the ground without hooking them up to the system. They just stuck them in the ground and left.

A lot of us people have worked very hard to keep our sprinkler system in good condition and these people just come around and tear them up, without replacing them. I think something should be done about talking to these people. I have been to Public Works Housing Division three times trying to get these people to replace it. They have yet to do anything.

I believe it is the concern of all the people on base. Are these people going to replace the sprinkler system or anything else they have torn up? They not only have torn up my sprinkler system, they have also torn up my back fence and left holes under it. I'm very concerned about this PAXIM contractor replacing our stuff they have torn up. Thank you sir.

ANSWER

The appropriate paragraph in the contract with PAXIM Electric Inc. reads as follows: "The work includes removing all shrubs, brush, roots, trees and other vegetation that are obstructions to construction as shown on the drawings or as directed by the Contracting Officer. All other landscaping shall be protected from damage. Trenching through grassed areas shall be accomplished to permit restoration of surface. Sod shall be replanted over compacted trench backfill to create a restored surface as close as possible to the original grade and condition. Damaged sprinkler systems shall be repaired by contractor at contractor expense."

It was impossible to indicate all occupant-installed sprinkler systems and fences on the contract drawings, but the contractor was directed to replace the fences and sprinkler systems he disturbs. The contractor will not be paid until this is satisfactorily accomplished.

Contractors take their direction from the Officer-in-Charge-of-Construction. The Public Works Housing Division is acting as the customer on this contract and working with the O-in-CC to ensure that all contract requirements are met.

The Housing Office has reported many sprinkler system problems, and the contractor has already repaired many of the systems that were damaged by him. As this contract nears completion, the contractor has hired extra personnel to work on sprinkler system and fence repair.

The Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction will make a house-by-house inspection of all effected sprinkler systems prior to pay off.

QUESTION

Civilian employee — I am a GS-9. I'm calling in regard to policies on the civilian membership for the CPO Club and the Officers' Club. My membership is in the CPO Club. We have numerous people coming in there who are not members, some of whom are GS-12, GS-13, GS-14. We also have an associate department head who is a GS-14 who is a constant visitor at the CPO Club.

A lot of the Chiefs are also starting to complain about it and I would like to know specifically who is eligible for membership in what clubs, and if there is going to be any policy of enforcing this? Like I say, it's not only Chiefs in the Chief Petty Officers' Club, but now the civilians also are getting little bit irate about this. Who is eligible for membership in the CPO Club, and who else may use its facilities?

ANSWER

NWC Instruction 1746.8E deals with this question and I'm going to quote the info therein in trying to answer this question. However, first it must be understood that, unlike the Officers' Club, the CPO Club does not have dues, so the term "member" becomes somewhat less definitive by comparison.

With that in mind, the instruction states that civilians of the grades GS-5 through GS-8 (the instruction was written before the Demonstration Project) are eligible to become members of the CPO Club. Additionally, GS-9s and 10s have the option of either being members of the CPO Club or the Officers' Club — their choice.

Now that's the official policy! I have no intention of requiring strict enforcement as a result of this inquiry. If that becomes the will of the members, the manager, and the Chief Staff Officer, who is responsible for all clubs on Center, that's a different matter. The situation described above could be addressed by the CPO Advisory Board or by the club manager on an exceptional basis.

My personal advice, which I realize you have not solicited, is as follows: don't go to the CPO Club unless you are a member or are invited by one. That's my rule and I believe it should be everyone's.

QUESTION

Military — I know that it is against the law for unauthorized personnel to wear the military uniform. Why then are there so many people on this base wearing partial uniforms, or different articles of clothing?

If it is against the law, why can't something be done about the civilian personnel and military members wearing these articles of clothing? I have also contacted several people who have agreed with me that it was against the law, but their comment to me was, "What can we do about it?" I would like to know, "What can we do about it, Sir?"

ANSWER

You asked three questions and here are three answers:

(1) I am not aware that "so many people" on this base wear partial uniforms and I look constantly, but I do know the reason there are any at all, and that's because "they think they can get away with it."

(2) Something can be done!

(3) You can square the guilty person away on the spot, or you can find out who he is and report him so someone else can square him away. In other words, you can get involved! When enough people care enough to get involved, problems just evaporate.



YIPPEE-KI-YO—John Peek, local representative of the Fund for Animals, encourages a group of burros to head up the chute leading into a truck in which they will be transported to areas from which they can be adopted. —Photo by Mickey Strang

Burro removal 90 percent done; rest will be collected by June

Removal of burros from Naval Weapons Center lands is now 90 percent complete, according to Dr. Tom McGill of the Environmental Branch in the Public Works Department.

The same weather that caused problems throughout the state actually helped with the burro roundups because the snow and rain at the higher elevations forced the animals into areas where they could more readily be captured by Bureau of Land Management wranglers. Since January of this year, 1,112 have been gathered and turned over to the animal protection groups that are handling adoption.

So far, 3,553 burros have been collected under the long term program, which began in February 1982.

Between March 1980 and the beginning of the long term program, a total of 1,513 were removed from the emergency area. (The emergency area comprises 275-square-miles of the inner ranges where the burros pose a threat to aviators using Armitage Airfield runways and to drivers on Center roads.) Of these, 864 were captured by BLM wranglers and 649 were shot.

Dr. McGill believes that the remaining 300 to 500 burros will be removed from Center lands by the end of May, more than three months ahead of schedule.

Removal of burros from Death Valley National Monument will then begin in October; Fort Irwin hopes to begin its removal program at about the same time. Both of these programs are patterned on NWC's operation, and all the burros will be brought to the holding facility located at the intersection of the Randsburg Wash Road and Highway 178 to be turned over to animal protection groups for adoption.

Questionnaire sent to supvrs. of Demo Project personnel

Since the role of a manager or supervisor is vital in the Civil Service Reform Act Demonstration Project, all supervisors and managers of personnel covered by the Demonstration Project at NWC and the Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego will have an opportunity to express their views about its use.

They will receive shortly (or have already received, in some cases), a questionnaire asking for specific information about how long some tasks took before the Demonstration Project was put into effect and about how long these same tasks take now.

They will also be asked to evaluate whether PACs or position descriptions (PDs) have proven to be of more use, and will be asked their opinions about how well the Demonstration Project meets their needs.

In order for the information to be processed in a timely fashion (even though all responses will be on answer sheets that can be optically scanned), questionnaires must be returned to the Personnel Department by Friday, April 1. The information gathered will be used for internal review of the effectiveness of the Demonstration Project.

Both LADWP and the County of Inyo point out that the dam will have to conform to the same standards whether the land purchase is approved or not.

Gerry Budlong, Associate Inyo County Planning Director, says that the county is concerned that the public may not have access to a potential recreation area if the purchase is made by LADWP.

Lund says that acquisition of this land by LADWP will not change current land use, and that future recreational use has not yet been decided.

Los Angeles owns Crowley Lake and allows limited and seasonal use of that body of water; the same might be considered for the Haiwee reservoirs at some future time.



Pan Am reps talk at meeting of tenants in family housing

On Monday evening at the regular monthly meeting of residents in family housing on the Center, contractor personnel explained how they planned to handle housing maintenance for which they are now responsible.

Speaking were Jim Cummings, a long-time Pan American employee, who came to China Lake from a Pan American operation at Bangor, Wash.; Tex Lancaster, a Pan American employee who spent 37 years in housing maintenance at NWC before his retirement from Civil Service; John Choate, a C. Martin Co. employee, who retired from Civil Service after years in NWC's housing maintenance operation; and Frank McElfish, a C. Martin Co. employee, who also is a retired Civil Servant from China Lake.

Cummings told tenants present that as soon as the backlog of 250 repair chits is eliminated, the goal of Pan American is to respond to regular work requests within three days, and someone from Pan American will respond to an emergency call within 30 minutes.

All maintenance personnel are bonded. They will enter a house only if they have permission to enter, and will not enter if anyone is home unless the person home is a responsible adult.

The work force hired by the contractor is almost entirely local, Cummings told the group. A number of Pan American and C. Martin employees are persons who were laid off by Kerr McGee Corporation at Trona, and others are former China Lake personnel. An on-going training program is planned for all contractor personnel.

"If we don't respond like you think we should, please give me a call," Cummings told those present at the tenants' meeting.

The same phone numbers will be used for service calls that were used formerly: NWC ext. 2380 for service calls in family housing, and 446-4583 for pest control.

At the present time animal control is on an emergency basis only, but the Housing Division plans to take over this function as soon as possible. An announcement will be made in the Rocketeer when this occurs.

Carroll Lambton, who heads the tenants' Community Council, announced that by-laws for the group will be voted on in April at the regular meeting held the second Monday of each month.

She also asked that anyone who had any particular topic of interest that he or she would like to have covered during a tenants' Community Council meeting, to let either her or Bill Hatfield, head of the housing Division, know about it.



BIG DAY FOR DAD — Surrounded by his family, Capt. V. F. Jackson, Jr., smiles after a frocking ceremony during which he was promoted from the rank of commander to captain. Capt. Jackson, Executive Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, is a naval aviator and veteran of more than 21 years of active duty in the Navy. He was serving as Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 86 at the time he was transferred to VX-5 as the squadron's Executive Officer in February 1981. With him are his wife, Tessie, and their three sons Virgil, James and Curtis. Frocking is implemented when an officer has been selected for promotion, but has to wait for a promotion date. He or she must be filling a billet normally held by the next highest rank.



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CNM VISITS CHINA LAKE — A busy morning was spent here last Monday by Admiral John G. Williams, Jr., Chief of Naval Material. In this camera's eye view the briefings that were presented, the CNM is listening to Dr. Donald Decker (top photo, at left) as he describes diamond turning optics work as it relates to the Sidewinder AIM-9M. Accompanying Admiral Williams in this photo, as well as the one next to it is G. R. Schiefer, Laboratory Director at NWC. George Teate (in top right photo) points to monitor that is displaying

an infrared image. The infrared imager, in the right foreground, has potential for use in missile seekers and for surveillance work. In photo at lower left, Admiral Williams is in animated discussion with a group of 15 Navy enlisted men and women (ranging from seaman to chiefs) with whom he met briefly in one of the conference rooms at Michelson Lab. At lower right, Tom LaJeunesse describes how the Weapons Department's anechoic chamber is used in support of the Advanced Common Intercept Missile Demonstration.

Bluejackets of Year picked . . .

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here eliminated them from consideration, Master Chief Jacobsen explained.

The NWC Division of the Sea Cadets formed an honor guard at the entrance of the dining room of the Enlisted Mess as the guests entered. In addition, a color guard from the Sea Cadets, a unit sponsored by the IWV Council of the Navy League, also presented and retired the colors at the beginning and end of the evening's program.

AC2 Reed's background includes a four-year hitch in the Army as a nuclear weapons specialist. When civilian job opportunities that he had expected to materialize didn't develop, he enlisted in the Navy nearly three years ago and selected the Air Traffic Controller rating because of the challenging

type of work it involves. He was assigned to the Naval Weapons Center directly from "A" School in January 1981, and has proved himself to be highly proficient as an air traffic controlman.

AC2 Reed, who is a member of the Professional Evaluation Board for Air Traffic Control, is qualified as an air traffic control watch supervisor. He was nominated for the Bluejacket of the Year honor by his supervisor, ACC Harold J. Tavare, head of the Air Traffic Control Branch.

Chief Tavare wrote about AC2 Reed: "His ability to provide for the safe, orderly and expeditious flow of traffic is unsurpassed. He is able to foresee problems and conflicts between arriving and departing air traffic and quickly formulate workable solutions without sacrificing the safety of air crews."

AC2 Reed, whose goal is to be a career Navy man, is currently looking into programs like BOOST (Broader Opportunities for Officer Selection Training) in the hope that he can become an officer in the Navy.

AD1 Harris is a career Navy man with nearly 11 years of active duty in the Navy. He was transferred to VX-5 in June 1981 from duty with Fighter Squadron 151 on the board the aircraft carrier USS Midway, homeported at Yokosuka, Japan.

The VX-5 Bluejacket of the Year is his squadron's day check supervisor in the Power Plants Shop, and takes particular pleasure in working on the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft. His nomination for the honor he has just received was based on his exceptional performance as a petty officer in the Line Division, where his superior leadership and supervisory abilities reportedly have been instrumental in the outstanding achievements of that division.

Energy conservation tip

You can avoid wasting hot water by repairing all leaky faucets promptly. A small leak can waste as much as 60 gallons of hot water a week, and the energy it takes to heat that much water.

Take showers rather than tub baths, but limit your showering time and check the water flow if you want to save energy. You can save about 5 gallons of hot water every time you substitute a shower for a bath.

Police reports . . .

A burglary at a vacant residence located at 1310 Saratoga Ave. was reported on Thursday of last week to China Lake police.

Contractor employees notified police of the burglary, during which a refrigerator valued at an estimated \$550 was taken. There was no sign of forced entry into the home.

SCHOOL BURGLARIZED

A burglary at the Pierce Elementary School that occurred sometime during the previous weekend was reported on Monday morning to China Lake police.

Unknown persons gained entry into Room 10 through an open window and removed nearly \$80 worth of gift items used as incentive awards by the teachers.

VANDALISM REPORTED

A person or persons unknown broke the sun roof of a vehicle parked in the vicinity of the NRCM branch medical clinic during the working day on Thursday, March 10. This vandalism resulted in damage estimated at \$100.

TWO CARS COLLIDE

Two drivers met on East Inyokern Road about 249 feet east of China Lake Boulevard; unfortunately, they were both in their vehicles at the time. One vehicle was making a left turn near the pass desk parking lot when the second driver came onto Inyokern Road and the cars collided, resulting in damage to the right rear panel on one of the vehicles.

UTILITY POLE BATTERED

A driver operating a ready mix concrete truck struck the guy wire of a utility pole located in a dirt alley between Blue Ridge and Bogue Circle south of Ticonderoga Avenue. The pole broke about 20 feet above the ground, and some minor damage was sustained by the top right rear corner of the vehicle.

WINDOW BROKEN IN HOME

Persons unknown broke the glass in a picture window of a residence on Young Circle on Sunday at about noon. Estimated damage is \$25.

POWER OUTAGE CAUSED

A tractor-trailer going under a power line at the intersection of King Street and Harpoon Avenue at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday did not have sufficient clearance. Result: a broken line and a power outage in several buildings in the main site area.

Workshops on subject of drug, alcohol abuse planned by EAP

Any civilian or military man or woman on the Center concerned that a teenager or other family member may be abusing either drugs or alcohol is invited to enroll in either of two workshops scheduled on Saturday, March 26, by the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Dependents are also welcome to attend these workshops so that they will be able to

make informed choices about the use of alcohol or drugs.

One workshop will be held from 9 a.m. until noon; the second one is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. Both will be held in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel.

The workshops will be limited to 75 persons in each, so pre-enrollment is required. Employees are asked to use an NWC Training Request form, but a supervisor's signature will not be required nor will training credit be given.

Names of other family members who plan to attend should also be listed, and the age of any children who are going to attend. (The workshop is not recommended for children under the age of 10).

The workshops will include an assessment questionnaire to determine if there is a likely drug or alcohol abuse problem in the household; these questionnaires are for personal use only.

Numerous handouts will be provided about the specific psychological and physiological effects of drugs and alcohol. Adults and teenagers who had had a drug or alcohol problem will join in discussion groups to share their experiences.



WORKING TOGETHER — Mike Bias from the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) accepts a stack of topographic maps for this area from Corinna Peterson of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group. The California and Nevada Wings of the CAP are organizing an Eastern Sierra task force area that will cover the region from Lancaster to Bishop and points east. —Photo by PHAN Rebecca Gill

China Lakers' views on Demo Project to be sought in survey

The Civil Service Reform Act Demonstration Project underway at NWC is getting government-wide interest because an optional performance-based compensation system is being considered for Department

of Defense personnel. The Office of Personnel Management will probably be conducting an evaluation later this year for which some preliminary data on the adequacy of the PAC and the performance appraisal process is now being sought by NWC's Personnel Department.

Every eighth person listed on NWC's Demonstration Project roster will be contacted to accomplish this internal review. This 12 percent sample will cut across departments and all career paths represented in the Demonstration Project.

Personnel Management Advisors will survey the personnel selected to determine trackability and adequacy of each career path's classification and performance appraisal documentation.

Information resulting from the survey will be available to Center managers to alert them as to the status of the personnel classification and appraisal program.

New sporting goods store

A new sporting goods store has been opened by the Navy Exchange to provide a choice of exercise equipment, sports equipment, toys and camping gear for the athletically inclined.

The sporting goods can be found in the auto accessory store building next to the NEX gas station. Hours of service are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Eyeglass frames on sale

The NEX optical shop is offering a special sale on boys and children's frames throughout the month of March. All such frames will be sold at 20 percent off the already low regular price.

Happenings around NWC

A dinner open to all interested persons, but particularly to those involved in the Supply Department's Quality Circles Program, will be held next Thursday, March 24, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A social hour starting at 6:30 will precede a spaghetti dinner at 7, and the program for the evening will follow.

The guest speaker, who will be introduced by Capt. G. L. Lee, NWC Director of Supply, will be LCDr. Joe Dyer, ARM Project Officer in the Electronic Warfare Department.

Also on the evening's agenda is the showing of a Kerr-McGee Corp. film entitled "People and Productivity."

Tickets for the dinner, priced at \$3.50 per person, can be obtained no later than Tuesday by calling Vicky Boltz, at NWC ext. 2171.

ASQC TO MEET TUESDAY

"A Technical Volunteer Service in the Indian Wells Valley" will be discussed by George Linsteadt at an open dinner meeting of the Sierra Sands Section of the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) on Tuesday evening at the Hideaway, 313 N. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest.

Linsteadt, who is head of the NWC IR&D/Technology Utilization Office, will talk about the feasibility of a possible outreach of the NWC technology program to coor-

dinate active and retired volunteers to help Ridgecrest and Kern County meet varied needs.

A social hour precedes the dinner, which begins at 7 p.m. Dinner selections will be from the menu, but reservations are requested to ensure adequate seating. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mort Kurotori, NWC ext. 3395; Tony Miller, 446-2589; or Bud Stiehl, 446-5528.

TALK ON EARTHQUAKES SET

Members and guests of the China Lake Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) will get their feet on some not very stable ground on Tuesday, March 29, during an open meeting, when earthquakes will be the topic of discussion.

Guest speaker for this program, which will take place in the Chart Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess at 11:30 a.m., will be Dr. Pierre St.-Amand, who will discuss "The Seismic Situation in South California."

Reservations are required, and must be made by 4 p.m. on March 28. They may be made by telephoning Stephen Carter, NWC ext. 2627; Dennis Sorges, NWC ext. 6401; Kenneth Katsumoto, NWC ext. 7233; George Menard, NWC ext. 2943; or George Stiehl, 446-5528, ext. 223.

Chandler picked as Sailor of Month by VX-5

Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Terry D. Chandler has been singled out for recognition as Sailor of the Month for February by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5).

AMS1 Chandler, a veteran of nearly 8½ years of active duty in the Navy, is the night check shift supervisor in the VX-5 Airframes Shop. He works on and directs others in aircraft maintenance involving airframes, sheet metal work, hydraulics, landing gear and flight controls.

VX-5 has seven different types of aircraft, including the F/A-18 Hornet (the Navy's newest attack-bomber), which AMS1 Chandler takes particular pride and delight in working on.

For seven months last summer, AMS1 Chandler and other VX-5 personnel participated in the operational evaluation of the Hornet during tests conducted at Yuma, Ariz.; at the Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu; at the Naval Air Stations at Fallon, Nev., and Lemoore, Calif., as well as during carrier qualifications aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation.

In a letter of commendation from Capt. Paul F. Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of VX-5, that accompanied the Sailor of

the Month award, it was noted that "whether chairing the Enlisted Safety Council, building the accident investigation tool box, or researching material for a safety flier, AMS1 Chandler has firmly established himself as a man who gets the



AMS1 Terry D. Chandler

job done." He was recommended for the Sailor of the Month award by his department head in recognition of his numerous contributions to the VX-5 safety program.

This is the third time that AMS1 Chandler has been selected as VX-5's Sailor of the Month since he joined the squadron in January 1979. He was transferred here from the Naval Air Station at Whidbey Island in Oak Harbor, Wash., where, as a member of Attack Squadron 165, he also worked in the Airframes Shop.

AMS1 Chandler's home town is Vale, Ore., but he joined the Navy by enlisting at the nearest Navy Recruiting Office in Boise, Idaho. "I'm definitely a career Navy man. I like what I do," VX-5's Sailor of the Month replied when asked about his future plans.

When he is not busy at the airfield, he enjoys riding dirt bikes and doing mechanical work on motorcycles.

For having been selected as VX-5's Sailor of the Month, AMS1 Chandler received a letter of commendation, a VX-5 plaque with his name inscribed on it, a 72-hour weekend pass and one month free of duty, as well as a reserved parking space at Hangar 1 for a month.