



**NO TOUCH, NO SUCH!** — David Clemons (Jon Bell), who fears being touched, is taunted by Lisa Brandt (Monica Moore) in this scene from the China Lake Player's presentation of "David and Lisa." The play will run Aug. 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$3.50 for general admission, and \$2.50 for children and students under 21, enlisted personnel, and senior citizens. For reservations, telephone 446-2954, 446-4274, or 375-5413. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

## Premium books available for Desert Empire Fair exhibitors

Now is the time for potential exhibitors to start planning what they will want to enter in competition at the 33rd annual Desert Empire Fair that will be held in Ridgecrest from Sept. 21 through 25.

Premium books are available listing the categories of arts, crafts, photography, baked goods and canned goods that can be entered into competition.

In addition, other advance planning involves the issuance of advance ride ticket books used by many local organizations as fundraisers.

Advance ride tickets will sell for \$2 for a strip of five tickets that are good on all rides except for the three spectaculars (bumper cars, zipper, and super glass house), which will take two tickets each.

Advance ride tickets offer a great saving

## Wildlife enthusiasts have opportunity to photograph tule elk

Wildlife photographers and those who are interested in wildlife will be able to get acquainted with tule elk at 8 a.m. tomorrow at the Wildlife Viewpoint in the Owens Valley about eight miles south of Big Pine. (The road to the viewpoint is clearly marked on Highway 395 just south of the Tinemaha Reservoir.)

From the viewpoint location atop a high hill, Department of Fish and Game biologist Tom Blankinship will point out the elk and talk about their history and habits. He guarantees there will be plenty of elk visible since they are there already.

The tule elk, also known as the dwarf or valley elk, are native to the central valley of California, but nearly became extinct as that valley was settled and the land used for farming. In 1933 and 1934, a remnant of the herd was introduced to the Owens Valley where they formed the base for the largest and most viable elk herd remaining.

The Owens Valley, according to DFG biologists, can support a heard of 490 animals. Whenever the herd exceeds that number, the excess animals are trapped and moved to other suitable locations so there are now herds in 12 other locations besides the Owens Valley.

Following a viewing of the herd, those who are interested can proceed to Bishop where Dave Babb, a range and wildlife biologist for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will present a film slide show about the elk.

Photographers need to come equipped with telephoto lenses for the best pictures.

## Floating down Owens, barbecue highlight Huck Finn fete Sun.

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than floating down a river?

With this in mind, the Bishop Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Huck Finn River Festival on the Owens River on Sunday and all inner tubers, rubber rafters, canoers, and kayakers are invited to enter.

The inner tube decoration contest will begin the day's activities at 10:30 a.m. at the inner tube/rubber raft starting line, located about 2.4 miles east of the Pleasant Valley Campground just north of Bishop.

Starting line for the canoes and kayaks will be near the bridge just to the east of the campground. Finish line for all entrants will be 4.1 miles east of the campground.

A western pit barbecue will be held at the finish line, with awards being presented either during or shortly before the barbecue begins.

For added safety, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will reduce the flow of the Owens River on that day to about 400 to 450 cubic feet per second from its current flow in excess of 1,200 cubic feet per second.

Spectators are encouraged to line the riverbanks and cheer the entrants as they float (or paddle) past.

Entry forms and further information can be obtained from the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, 690 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514, or by telephoning (619) 873-8405.

## Special price set at Victorville fair for Military Day Wed.

County Fair buffs will have the chance to take advantage of Military Day Wednesday, at the San Bernardino County Fair, which is held in Victorville.

All service personnel and their families (with proper identification), will be admitted to the fair for \$1 each; this includes admission to the grandstand show that evening featuring the rock group "Papa Do Run Run."

The fair opens on Tuesday, Aug. 16, and will run through next weekend. Sharing the spotlight with the livestock, commercial and feature exhibits, are a rodeo, a demolition derby, and grandstand shows with groups like Papa Do Run Run and entertainers like Rick Nelson and Johnny Lee.

Also on hand are lots of food booths and a safe, clean carnival.



The Chief Petty Officers' Club will host the "Roadrunners," a local country-western band, tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight. The dining room will feature prime rib and Icelandic cod this evening from 6 to 9 o'clock, and shrimp scampi and top sirloin steak tomorrow evening, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

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The Enlisted Mess will be open for dining and dancing this evening. A lobster special will be available, as well as items from the regular menu, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Entertainment will begin at 9 o'clock with music provided by a live band, in addition to recorded disco music in the Flight Deck by Glenn Polk, from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

On Saturday, diners may enjoy a special top sirloin dinner and other selections, from 6 to 9 o'clock.

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Discount tickets for a variety of Southland attractions are available to DoD civilian and military personnel through Recreation Services.

Some of the special prices offered are: Universal Studios, \$8.25 for adults and \$5.25 for children 3 to 11 years old; Magic Mountain, \$10 for adults and \$5.95 for children; Knott's Berry Farm, \$8.25 per person; Sea World, \$8.25 for adults and \$6.25 for children 3 to 11 year old; and Marineland, \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children. In many cases, these prices represent a savings of over \$3 per person.

Purchase may be made Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. For more information, call 939-2010.

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Tonight is the night of Summer Challenge II at the lanai and pool area of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The fun begins at 7 p.m., and volleyball, dancing, water polo, and listening to music will continue until midnight.

Everyone is invited to attend this party sponsored by summer employees and Junior Professional employees.

The \$4 admission charge at the door covers all activities and all the soda pop, beer, and munchies that anyone can possibly consume.

### MOVIES

(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences  
(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested  
(R) RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying  
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Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

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## 20th Tehachapi Mt. Festival slated to begin on Wednesday

Interested in beating the summer heat? Try the cool, clean air of the Tehachapi Mountain Festival. This 20th annual celebration will offer entertainment for the whole family from Wednesday, Aug. 17 through Sunday, Aug. 21.

The atmosphere of frontier days will be recreated with events such as the open rodeo at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Attractions on Saturday include the Festival parade at 10 a.m., a deep-pit barbecue in the city park from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., a fiddling contest at 5 p.m., and a country-western dance at 9 p.m.

Also, festival goers can visit the Tehachapi Art Faire, featuring handicrafts from all over the state, a quilt exhibit, and a Civil War artifacts display.

A schedule of events, maps, and further information is available from the Greater Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce, (805) 822-4180.

## Maturango Museum members to hike in Sierras Aug. 20, 21

Janet Westbrook will lead the Sierra Natural History Trip for Maturango Museum members on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20 and 21.

On leaving the museum at 7 a.m. Saturday, the group will either visit Cottonwood Acres of the Golden Trout Wilderness or Black Rock Road, with the destination chosen depending on weather.

The trip will include either an overnight hike or two one-day hikes, depending on the preference of the hikers.

### Sale at Thrift Shop

The WACOM Thrift Shop, located on Lauritsen Road across from Schoeffel Field, is having a special half-price sale Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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## Capt. R. P. Flower becomes Commanding Officer of VX-5 in ceremony at Hangar One

The drama and dignity of the colorful Change of Command ceremony took place once more last week in Hangar One as Capt. R. P. Flower became the Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five.

During the traditional ceremony, he relieved Capt. P. F. Hollandsworth, whose next assignment is on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic.

The honored guest speaker for the event was Vice Admiral T. J. Walker, USN (Ret.), who placed VX-5 into commission 32 years ago at Moffat Field, California.

VAdm. Walker said that when he first reported to what was to become one of the Navy's premier squadrons, only his executive officer and a hospital corpsman were already aboard — and he was not sure which of the two he would need most.

The squadron was tasked at that time to develop tactics for dropping light atom bombs from carrier-based aircraft such as the A-1 Skyraider and the F-2 Banshee. VAdm. Walker said that the majority of the work was accomplished at China Lake, with each aviator trying more than 60 drops per day leading to the toss, loft, and over-the-shoulder techniques that became Fleet standards.

He noted that the Navy had come a long way since then, mentioning, for example, the A-6 Intruder and the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft flanking the formation of VX-5 personnel during the ceremony.

"The computers on that F-18," he com-

mented, "can do quickly what we used to have to spend weeks trying to do — to reduce the test data."

After more than 10 years in the aerospace industry, VAdm. Walker said that the suspicion that he used to have that the military might be second class citizens was totally unwarranted. The organization of the Navy is better than private industry, he said, and Navy families are a source of pride.

"It's an honor to be with you," said VAdm. Walker, "and to return to the squadron whose command I so enjoyed."

While many things have changed during the 32 years since VX-5 was commissioned, Capt. Hollandsworth told the assembled personnel and guests, three things have not changed.

"What has not changed is your integrity, your reputation, and your credibility — and without these, we are nothing."

He noted that this places a large burden on junior personnel, on the young officers and enlisted, because "Everyone is looking at you because you are the best."

He added that during the 28 months that he commanded the squadron, the workload was the heaviest in VX-5 history. Despite that, the personnel have not only met goals and standards set, but have exceeded these. Projects on which VX-5 has been engaged will be with the Fleet until after the turn of the century, Capt. Hollandsworth noted.

After the reading of orders and formal exchange of salutes marking the change of



**HAPPY OCCASION** — Capt. P. F. Hollandsworth (r.), former Skipper of VX-5, helps the new Commanding Officer of that squadron, Capt. R. P. Flower, cut the cake served at the Change of Command ceremony held on Aug. 4. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

command, Capt. Flower noted the pleasure with which he assumed command of the squadron.

He continued that he enjoyed his previous job in Washington as Head of Aviation Enlisted personnel because he believes that people are the country's and the Navy's greatest assets.

"The Navy is people — sailors, wives, kids, — you, me! People keep the peace; people fight the wars; people win; people lose; people live; people die."

Capt. Flower went on to say that the test and evaluation mission of the squadron is accomplished by people, and that which was tested was important because "They are the tools that our shipmates will use to train and fight with. They will win or lose, live or die, dependent in a large measure on how professional a job you and I do."

He concluded his remarks and the ceremony with "We owe our shipmates, we owe the Navy, and most of all, we owe our country our best effort. I intend to see that they get it."

## Floating At-Sea Target now undergoing Fleet evaluation

Pilots of carrier-based Navy aircraft and gunner's mates aboard Navy ships in the Seventh Fleet are now conducting open ocean evaluations on the NWC-developed Floating At-Sea Targets (FAST).

Developed under the direction of the Naval Air Systems Command (AIR-640), this target resulted from a request made by the Seventh Fleet in October 1976 through the Navy Science Assistance Program.

The following month, NWC substantiated feasibility of a concept and prepared a

proposal for development of a target and a practice bomb scoring system. The target has also been developed by the Center.

FAST consists of a floating icosahedron (20-sided polygon) that exhibits a radar reflective characteristic simulating the size of a destroyer or frigate although it is only 6 feet in diameter and weighs a mere 175 pounds. This unique concept is NWC-patented, and was developed by L. F. Van Buskirk, now retired from the Center.

Fifteen of the 20 equilateral triangles are

radar reflective, with nine integral corner reflectors on each 40-inch panel. The bottom panel holds the ballast and deceleration plate, the top panel has the retrieval rope and buoy, and three side panels have drains.

All panels are made of vacuum-formed one-eighth inch ABS plastic, and are painted with a conductive copper paint for radar reflectivity. The panels have negative buoyancy so they will pose no navigation hazard if FAST has to be left at sea.

As well as the radar-reflective feature of FAST, the target is also painted with fluorescent paint so that it can readily be seen from a distance of at least 3.5 nautical miles on the open ocean or from a distance of 4.5 nautical miles from the air. Fleet evaluation tests to date have extended this range to 6.5 miles on the surface and to 8 miles from the air.

Target acquisition by radar has exceeded all design requirements. Each of the panels produces a cross-section measurement of approximately 2,000 square meters at 16 to 18 gigahertz. Radars have picked up FAST in excess of 30 nautical miles, and fire control radar has spotted FAST in excess of 21 miles from the air and 14 miles by a shipboard gunfire control system.

Not only is FAST easily deployed from any type of Navy vessel, it is equally as easy to retrieve. FAST can be reused up to 10 times, and can be readily stored on board ship because it comes unassembled in a crate. The reflective panels are interchangeable; the whole target can be put together without any tools in half an hour or less and can then be disassembled just as easily when target practice is over.

MK 76 and MK 106 practice bombs with MK 4 spotting charges are used against FAST by Fleet aviators. When the scoring

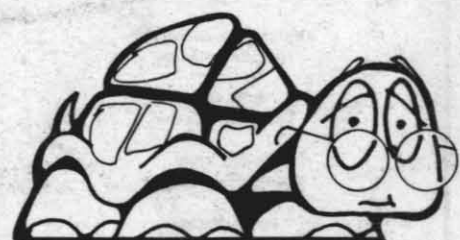
system is included, they will be able to readily evaluate the accuracy of their bomb drops. One FAST is now on the USS New Jersey, whose gunners will also try out the accuracy of that battleship's 16-inch guns against a new target.

FAST can be deployed and retrieved in sea state 3/4 (a moderate sea with winds up to 27 knots) and can be used in sea state 5 (heaped up waves with spindrift and winds up to 40 knots).

Tom Stogsdill, FAST program manager, Chuck Maples, Steve Ball, and Phil Roper, along with other personnel of the Weapons Control Branch in the Weapons Department, have been working on FAST since 1976.

FAST prototypes got their first dunking in the pool at the NWC Enlisted Mess and at the indoor pool before being taken to the Pacific Missile Test Center at Point Mugu for first ocean testing. Both the Sixth and Seventh Fleets have already done preliminary evaluations on FAST before the

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**WELL PROTECTED** — The tortoise carries his own protection during an earthquake, but everyone else needs to ensure that home and family are ready when the ground trembles. Suggestions on how to prepare for temblors can be found on Page 4.









## Registration opens for fall season of youth soccer games

It's time once more for young soccer players to register for the eight-game fall youth soccer season. Registration opens today and continues until Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Community Center, which will be open Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

All boys and girls in grades 1 through 6 are eligible to register. At the time of registration, the young person needs to provide name, address, phone number, and current school grade.

In order to take part in any youth sports program offered by the Recreation Services Department, a once-per-year fee is collected. For those who need new cards the fee is, for military dependents, \$8 for the first child, \$11 for two children, and \$14 for three or more; DoD dependents, \$12 for one child, \$17 for two, and \$22 for three or more; and for private citizens, \$14 for one child, \$20 for two, and \$24 for three or more in a family.

In addition to the youth sports activity card fee, a separate fee of \$2.50 is assessed each player to cover the use of soccer balls, nets, fields and field maintenance, corner flags and goalie shirts.

Anyone who does not already have a blue and gold reversible nylon mesh jersey uniform shirt will need to purchase one of these; cost is \$8.50 each.

All new players (those who did not play in the spring season) will also need to attend an evaluation session in early September.

Games are played on Saturdays, beginning Oct. 1 and ending Nov. 19. Practices are held one evening each week, and last no more than 90 minutes.

Anyone seeking more information or wishing to volunteer to coach or referee should phone the Community Center at NWC ext. 2010 or 2081.

## Jr. tennis tourney set at CL courts on Aug. 26-28 weekend

Young tennis players will have a chance to pit their skills against each other in a non-sanctioned junior tennis tournament at the China Lake courts on the weekend of Aug. 26 through 28.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18. Entry forms, which can be picked up at the King St. courts, must be mailed to China Lake Tennis Club, P. O. Box 1530, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Entry fees are \$5 for singles, and \$8 per team for doubles. Checks should be made payable to the China Lake Tennis Club. Players are limited to two events, but no more than one doubles match.

Entries will be by age groups — 19 and under, 16 and under, etc. Matches will follow USTA age guidelines.

A 12-point tiebreaker system will be used, and a 15-minute default time will be enforced.

Awards will be presented to all finalists.

## Football signups end

The last day to sign up for the Indian Wells Valley Youth Football League is tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon at Kelly Field, Murray Junior High School. The first practice will be Monday evening at Kelly Field.

Children between the ages of 8 years and 14 years, seven months are encouraged to sign up.

Cost for the season is \$30 for one child, and \$20 for each additional member of the family.

Cheerleader signups are also being taken tomorrow, with cost being \$10 per child.



**GOOD NEWS FOR THE BEARS** — The Bad News Bears softball team display individual trophies presented by Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander (standing at right). The Bears swept to first place in the 1983 season of the NWC Military Softball League with an impressive 14-2 win-loss record. Team members are: (standing l.-r.)

Rick Salerno, Dave Reimers, James French, Tim Bryant, Bill Martin, Bill Collum, Bob Rigney, and Capt. Dickerson, and (kneeling l.-r.) Dean Jones, Dwayne Powell, Bob Pulcare, Tom Quinn, Chuck Waugh, Roger Heiser, and Stu Caldwell, assistant coach. Not present were coach Joe Liquori, Mark Chambers, and Troy Simmons.

## Applications now being taken

## Annual chukar hunt set for two Oct. weekends

Portions of the extensive northern range lands of the Naval Weapons Center will once again be open to chukar hunters for two weekends of hunting this fall. A maximum of 750 hunters will be allowed on board on Oct. 22 and 23, and again the following Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29 and 30.

To ensure that all those who wish to hunt will have an equal opportunity to receive one of the limited number of hunting permits, a drawing will be held on or about Sept. 6.

Those who wish to obtain a permit should

## Rec. Services class in dance exercise to start next week

A dance exercise class is being offered this month by the Recreation Services Department.

Joan Renner, of Joan's Classy Chassis, is teaching the class which will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Aug. 16-25) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the gymnasium annex.

Different dance exercise routines (western, jazz, disco) will be performed to music to focus exercises on different parts of the body.

This class also concentrates on the cardiovascular system. There will be aerobic exercises to increase the heart rate. If participants in the class are aware of their limit and that point is reached during the class time, they will be urged to keep moving (walking in circles will be fine) to keep up the heart rate. This helps to increase one's fitness.

This class is open to everyone, regardless of age, and the charge is \$12 per person. The fee is payable at the gymnasium office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Anglers have to get up early to catch catfish, bass at lake

Even the fish in Lake Isabella are relaxing during these hot and lazy August days — the only anglers who have been catching anything are the ones who get to the water at daybreak or are there at dark.

These are taking a lot of bullheads (yellow catfish) in the south fork area and on the south shores of the lake. Bass are also being caught (but not very big ones), and a few bluegill.

Trout fishing has virtually stopped at Isabella because of the heat. The streams are productive for anglers; the fish being taken are mainly panfish.

Campers are warned that the water level of the lake is once more rising — they should be careful not to camp too close to the water's edge or they might find themselves sleeping in a soggy bed.

fill out a standard-sized postcard listing name, address and telephone number. No more than four permits will be issued to any one requestor; duplicate requests will void both requests. All hunters' names must be listed on the card.

Postcards should be addressed to Chukar Hunt, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, Calif. 93555.

The earliest postcards drawn will be for the first weekend unless the requestor specifies the weekend of Oct. 29 and 30. Once the first weekend permits are drawn, all undrawn requests will apply to the second weekend.

Requestors will have two weeks to send in the \$10 fee for each permit from the time they are notified of their selection. Requestors will be notified only if their names are drawn. A second lottery will be held around Sept. 22 to issue unclaimed permits. No refunds will be made.

All persons entering the restricted lands of the Center for the chukar hunt must have a valid California hunting license. No off-road two- or three-wheel vehicles will be

allowed and all four-wheel drive vehicles must remain on roads. No gasoline will be available on the Center.

Entry will be through the main site of the Center at Ridgecrest. Gates to the ranges will be opened at 6 o'clock on both Friday evenings, and will close at 5 p.m. both Sundays. Gates will be open only for emergencies between 8 p.m. Saturdays and 4 a.m. Sundays.

Only shotguns will be permitted; neither rifles nor handguns will be allowed on board.

Overnight camping will be permitted only in the two established campgrounds. Both are dry; hunters need to bring their own water. Toilet facilities are available at both campgrounds. Those who wish to build a campfire will have to supply their own firewood since none is available on Center lands. Fires are restricted to available fire rings at the Campgrounds.

While the hunts will not be cancelled for inclement weather, they are subject to cancellation due to Navy mission requirements.

## Trout in waters north of Bishop apparently eager to be caught

What better way to spend a hot August weekend than fishing?

Anglers heading up to the back country lakes earlier in the season reported superb fishing (and had the fish to prove their statements). For the past couple of weeks, the fish have not been biting in these same lakes. Department of Fish and Game personnel suggest that each angler come to his own decision about why.

Fishing on the Owens River south of the Pleasant Valley Reservoir is slow due to both the high stream flow and the hot weather.

Fishing further north, however, is good. At Lake Sabrina anglers on the shore and anglers in boats are both limiting. Fishing at South Lake is far better for those who are trolling rather than fishing from the bank. Trollers should try worms on a Dave Davis or a Bolo flasher blade.

Fishing at Rock Creek Lake and Rock Creek are both excellent. Any of the standard lures or baits are doing well on the lake, and fly fishing has been excellent on the creek. Best bait bets on the creek include marshmallows and garlic cheese.

Convict Lake is also producing limits, especially with either nightcrawlers or worms. Salmon eggs are recommended for the creek. Crowley is very slow. Perch are the only legal catch there now, and even these aren't biting.

At Benton's Crossing on the Owens River the trout like eggs or worms, and fly fishermen on the upper Owens are doing beautifully with any grasshopper-like fly in

the evening. Other fly fishermen head for Hot Creek and limit using a light Cahill fly.

All the lakes at Mammoth are productive, but no big trout are being caught there. Lake Mary and Lake George seem to have the hungriest trout; these like the fly-and-bubble combination. (Since mosquitoes are the recommended fly, anglers should take heed; the pesky critters are out in force.)

While all the lakes on June Lake loop are full of hungry fish, those in Grant Lake have been the most eager to get caught. Worms or marshmallows seem to be the most attractive for trout near enough to the shore for a cast; trollers should try a Needlefish.

Rush Creek (still living up to its name) is producing some good catches on worms and lures.

Biggest trout caught last week was a healthy 6-lb. 4-oz. brown taken from Ronson Creek above Upper Twin Lake at Bridgeport on salmon eggs. (The Walker River also has a lot of trout in the 4-6 pound range that are willing to bite on Maribou Streamers or on Muddlers; usually trout that size can only be found in the various lakes.)

While a lot of rainbows and kokanee are being taken from Lower Twin, no browns are being caught there currently. The rainbows like worms, marshmallows, or dark colored flies.

Fishing in Buckeye Bay in the Bridgeport Reservoir is excellent. The fish are virtually lining up to get caught, especially by anglers using any of the various kinds of bait.

## 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. K. A. Dickerson. 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

**Military Reserve** — One of the stop signs at the corner of Water Road and Pole Line Road has been removed, making Water Road a through street. It seems to me that Pole Line Road should become the through street, since there is more traffic on that street, which often backs up at the stop sign.

### ANSWER

Although the traffic on Pole Line Road is heavier in the mornings when people are coming to work, the majority of traffic during the rest of the day is on Water Road. After the Engineering Division, Public Works Department, conducted a traffic survey, the decision to remove the stop signs on Water Road was made to facilitate the even flow of traffic from the Airfield and the Range Control Center to the Instrument Operations Building and other range operations. This should not adversely affect people coming to work in the mornings since it is prior to the buildup of traffic on Water Road.

This change was discussed and approved by the Center Traffic Safety Council before implementation.

### QUESTION

**Civilian** — Timecards for employees who have left the Center often keep appearing at their last place of work one to two months after they are gone. I'm wondering why?

### ANSWER

The Payroll Office takes an employee off the rolls after we receive a personnel action for termination from our Personnel Office. Only after a person is off the rolls are timecards no longer generated.

Terminations are usually processed in the pay period following the last day of work. Transfers cannot be processed until our Personnel Office receives a personnel action from the gaining activity. This may take several months.

While it may be a nuisance for the timekeeper, it is necessary that a timecard reflecting 40 hours of non-duty and the word "terminated" written across the face of the card be submitted to the Payroll Office as long as it is received by the code. Failure to provide this timecard could result in an overpayment to the terminated employee.

In short, it is one of those necessary paperwork processing checks that are annoying but keep us out of trouble.

### QUESTION

**Civilian** — Is there a curfew on this base?

### ANSWER

The Naval Weapons Center has adopted Ridgecrest City Ordinances 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 relating to curfew. Curfew for those folks 15 years of age and under is 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., seven days a week. Curfew for folks 16-17 years is 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. except Friday and Saturday, which is midnight to 5 a.m. Minors under parental supervision or enroute from organized functions (school activity, sports activity, etc.) are exempt.

NOTE: Kern County Ordinance 5590 states a curfew of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for all folks under the age of 18 years.

## FWP day features seminar, lunch, workshops

Only one week remains to make reservations for the Federal Women's Day/Equality Day luncheon sponsored by the Federal Women's Program set for 11:30 a.m. Aug. 24 at the Enlisted Mess.

Cecilia Burciaga, Assistant Provost of Faculty Affairs at Stanford University, will be the featured speaker.

In her talk, entitled "A Review of the Women's Movement — How Far Have We Come?", Ms. Burciaga will focus on the socioeconomic and legal gains that women



Cecilia Burciaga

have made, as well as address areas that are lacking in equality.

Ms. Burciaga, who holds a bachelor's degree from California State University at Fullerton, and a master's degree in Sociology Policy Studies from the University of California at Riverside, is extremely active in several organizations at

Stanford. These include the Project on the Status and Education of Women, and the Center for Research on Women at Stanford. She has worked as a social science research analyst for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington D.C., and as an instructor in the School of Education at U.C. Riverside.

In 1975, she served on the National Commission for the Observance of International Women's Year, and Ms. Burciaga also received a presidential appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Women in 1978. She is currently a member of the National Research Council Committee on Women's Employment.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$4.50 each. Menu choices are tuna or chicken salad with fresh vegetables and assorted muffins. Tickets may be purchased from Barbara DeWitt NWC ext. 2943, Electa Huston ext. 5540, Young-Ja Lee ext. 2911, Jo-Ellen Ming ext. 2880, Naomi Mulhern ext. 2738, Leah Reusche ext. 3118, Lee Ann Riddick ext. 3643, Jennifer Seffel ext. 3733, Benita Treault ext. 2796, Gwen Williamson ext. 2747, Nell Woolever ext. 5644, and Mary Kilpatrick ext. 3129.

From 9 to 11 a.m. on Aug. 24, Ms. Burciaga will present an Equal Employment Opportunity seminar entitled "Beyond Sex Role Stereotyping." The two-hour workshop will include an overview of women in society and the workforce, along with covering topics such as career advancement and strategies. It will be held in the Training Center.

Anyone wishing to attend the workshop conducted by Ms. Burciaga must submit a training request via the proper departmental channels so it will reach Code 094 by



**INTERESTING DISCUSSION** — Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, talks about Center operations with Nellavan Leckey, Vice President of the Ridgecrest Chamber of commerce. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

## Capt. Dickerson speaks at local Chamber of Commerce luncheon

The relationship between the Center and Ridgecrest is at an all-time high, Capt. K. A. Dickerson told members of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday in his first public appearance since becoming Commander of the Naval Weapons Center.

He added, "Nothing could please me more than the acceptance by area residents of the Center's mission and how we execute that mission."

He went on to say that he had learned during his first tour of duty at China Lake (in the late 1960s) that local residents are not reluctant to express views and concerns about what the Navy is or is not doing or how it's doing its business, but that he believes that this is healthy, and that the tolerance of most area residents is refreshing.

Capt. Dickerson said that most of the persons employed in the valley directly or indirectly are involved in support of the Center's mission, almost all benefit from the nearly \$500 million budget of NWC.

close of business on Aug. 19.

In addition to the luncheon and the seminar, two workshops are going to be presented in the afternoon.

Leah Reusche and Karen Altieri will discuss the topics, "How to prepare your 171," and "How to have a successful interview," at 1 and 2:30 p.m. respectively.

The workshops will be held in the Michelson Laboratory Auditorium (Rm. 1000D).

## All contributions to Red Cross drive due today from personnel

Today is the final day for the emergency fundraising drive for the American Red Cross being conducted on the Center, and all those who have not yet contributed are urged to contact their key person to make their donations.

The special fund drive was authorized by the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Defense when these learned that all Red Cross disaster funds for the year had been wiped out.

The Red Cross so far this year has aided more than one million Americans who have suffered losses through floods, landslides, storms, and the Coalinga earthquake. The \$34 million expended took all the budgeted disaster funds, a reserve fund, and money raised in a special earlier fundraising drive.

The Center's special fund drive is chaired by Cdr. G. F. Herbst, head of the Military Administration Department, aided by Lt. Dave Feldman. They both urge that all key persons turn in the money that they have collected promptly so that it can be forwarded to the Red Cross.

He summarized what he is tasked to do in increasing the product and productivity of the Naval Weapons Center as "an awfully broad statement," but says "It simply means that my hope is to provide the climate and support where we can all prosper."

The Skipper then made the first public announcement of the plans for celebrating the 40th anniversary of China Lake as the leading air weapons research, development, test and evaluation laboratory.

"China Lake is a treasured national asset, and it is fitting and proper that we should set aside some time to honor our past and rededicate ourselves to the future," he noted.

Plans include an air show featuring everything from a flight demonstration of the Northrop F-20 Tigershark to aerobatics by a tiny Pitt Special.

Also included in the airshow will be a flight demonstration by the F/A-18 Hornet now based at China Lake, and flights by old aircraft such as the Seafury, and both Corsairs. One of the B-29s that was refurbished on board by the Confederate Air Force is tentatively slated to fly back for the show.

In the afternoon, both Lauritsen and Michelson Laboratories will be open to show off the spectacular capabilities of the Center's personnel and facilities.

Capt. Dickerson invited the Chamber of Commerce and local residents to become involved in the celebration.

"I certainly believe in the team concept and I believe that you are a significant and viable part of the team, so please join us both in spirit and effort for this historic occasion November 4," he said.

## Second phase of fall registration begins at Cerro Coso Wed.

Anyone who has not yet registered for fall semester classes at Cerro Coso can do so by going to the Office of Admissions and Records Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 17 and 18, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Enrollment will be accepted for all classes that are not already filled to capacity. Classes begin on Monday, Aug. 22.

All residents of the Kern Community College District are eligible to enroll if they are high school graduates, non-graduates 18 years of age or over, or high school juniors or seniors with the written approval of their high school principal.

No tuition is charged local residents, and military dependents may be eligible for a tuition waiver.

A \$9 general instructional materials fee will be required at the time of registration to help defray costs of duplication, film rental and other such needs.



## Be prepared — motto for people living in quake country

The recent earthquake in Coalinga reaffirms that everyone in the State of California should be prepared for the ground to shake at any time. While there's no way to diminish the shaking, the amount of damage that a quake can do and the potential for injury to people can be drastically reduced by preparing in advance for a quake.

(Available for use at Safety meetings is a 13-minute multimedia presentation showing the immediate aftereffects of the Coalinga quake. Rollie McNeill, who was at Coalinga with an American Red Cross team, is available to show these slides and to answer questions that anyone may have; he can be reached at NWC ext. 7524.)

Many of the following suggestions for earthquake preparations come from a three-hour class offered by the American Red Cross on safety and survival in an earthquake; others come from Page A15 of the East Kern County telephone book.

Of prime importance in preparation for an earthquake (or any other disaster that can strike this area) is having essential supplies on hand at all times.

Topping any such list is having water stored since any disaster is apt to disrupt electricity — and that shuts down the water pumps. A minimum of five to ten gallons per person is essential; water also needs to be stored to meet the needs of farm animals or pets.

Food that does not need either refrigeration or extensive preparation should also be stored for all family members and for pets.

A first aid kit sufficient to meet household needs is also in order. (Equally important is for someone in the household to be trained in first aid. Classes are offered frequently by the American Red Cross.) Family immunizations need to be kept up to date.

Other equipment that should be on hand includes a fire extinguisher suitable for all types of household fires, crescent or other wrenches to be used if utilities need to be turned off, a battery-powered radio (with extra batteries), and a flashlight in every bedroom (again, with extra batteries).

Since the majority of injuries in earthquakes come from falling objects and breaking glass, quake-proofing a house and yard will cut the number of potential injuries.

First, all flammables should be stored outside, preferably in a metal locker that is adequately ventilated. Fire is a major

danger.

High furniture such as shelves or bookcases should be fastened to studs with either angle irons or heavy metal screws, and heavy objects should be stored on low, rather than high shelves.

Hot water heaters should be fastened to the studs so they will not tear loose and tip;

following the Sylmar earthquake, and the Coalinga quake is apt to have the same result for California building codes as more information is gathered about the effects of quakes on various types of construction.

Older houses that are raised off the ground need to be anchor-bolted to a concrete foundation with a maximum spacing

resistant foundation is available for mobile homes; this costs about \$2,500 for a double wide.

When a quake actually occurs, individuals should try to protect themselves from falling objects. If inside, they should dive under a table or head for a doorway — anything sturdy enough to protect heads and bodies from falling debris. If outside, watch out for falling walls or power lines.

Those who are home should check on safety of family members, and then check on neighbors. Also look for fires because fires can most readily be extinguished while they are small and the firefighting equipment will probably be needed to meet major industrial conflagrations rather than being able to head for homes.

Telephone lines need to be kept clear for emergency calls only.

Turn on battery powered radios and listen for emergency instructions on the radio.

Check utilities to see if there are any gas leaks. If so, turn off the gas at the major house cutoff. Don't drink any tap water until assured that there are no broken lines, and don't flush toilets repeatedly until sure that sewer lines aren't broken.

If a quake happens during school hours, follow the instructions about picking up children that have been issued to all parents by the Sierra Sands Unified School District.

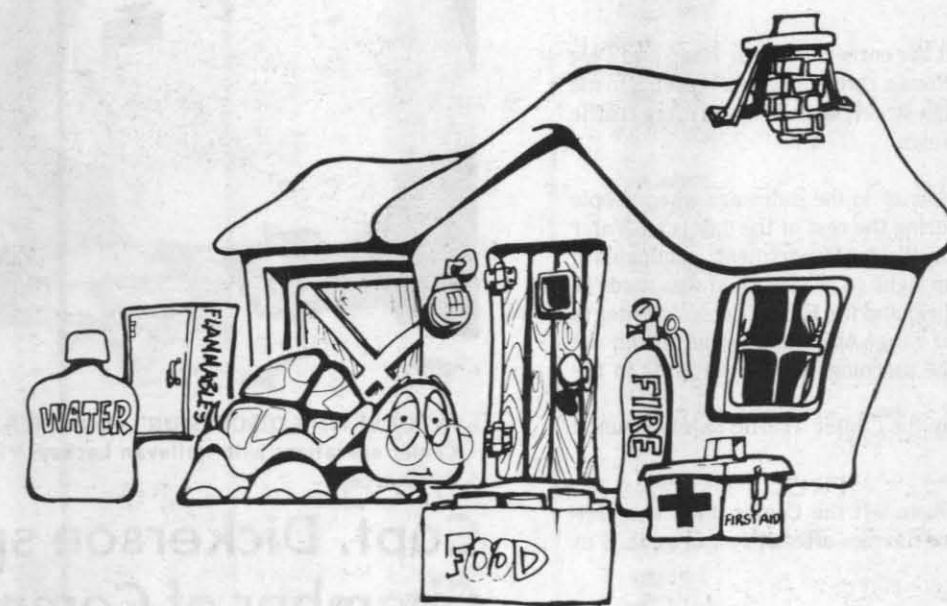
Don't go sightseeing. Streets need to be kept clear for emergency vehicles. (Also, aftershocks will happen, and some buildings that withstood the initial shake may succumb to the aftershocks.)

If driving when a quake happens, be careful of overpasses, underpasses and bridges. Also watch out for falling power lines. A quake severe enough to be felt by a motorist in a moving vehicle is strong enough to be damaging, so pull off to the side of the road and stop. Proceed afterward with caution.

If driving on a mountain road (or if hiking or backpacking in the mountains) during a quake, watch out for bounding boulders and rolling rocks.

In snow country or where hillslides have been weakened by a lot of rain, beware of mudslides or avalanches triggered by quakes.

Above all, don't panic. Sensible precautions taken in advance plus the exercise of good sense during the emergency will go a long way toward protecting an individual or family from harm.



ALL SET — There's no need for this tortoise to look worried — he's all set in case of a quake. Emergency supplies are ready if needed, his chimney is braced, and all flammables are stored outside in a metal locker.

—Drawing by Bill Erwin

these also provide an additional source of drinking water.

Heavy objects hanging over a bed or sitting area need to be removed. If a bed is located by a window, either venetian blinds or heavy drapes can help keep glass shards off a sleeping family member.

Hanging lamps and hanging potted plants need to be attached firmly to studs.

Any heavy, unstable object needs to be kept clear from exit paths. Even though it is essential not to run outside during a quake, the way out needs to be clear when the earth stops shaking.

Loose limbs on trees or trees whose root systems are rotting need to be taken out. These are a danger in both quakes and wind storms.

Home owners need to check their houses to ensure that they meet all building code standards with regard to earthquakes.

Seismic safety standards were raised

of bolts not to exceed six feet apart. (Concrete slab houses are already bolted to their foundations.) Anchor bolts can be retrofitted to houses.

If wood studs are used under a house (cripple construction), the studs need to be cross-braced. Cross-bracing can be installed after a house is built.

Roof tile should be nailed to a well-braced roof so it will not slide down during a quake.

New fireplaces are required to have reinforcing steel to the top of the chimney. Older fireplaces that are not reinforced that high can be tied to roofs. (Additional protection can also be added to roofs or ceilings to ensure that bricks tumbling off an unreinforced chimney will not come crashing into the house.)

Mobile homes need to be very securely fastened to their piles — or the wheels should be left under them so they will not slip from their foundations. An earthquake

## Inspection, repair of Center heating units currently in process

With fall and winter approaching, heating units on Center are in the process of being inspected and repaired so that they will be in tip-top shape for the upcoming cold weather.

Skip Bennett, assistant head of the Housing Division of the Public Works Department says that every house will be checked by C. Martin Co., the subcontractor that Pan Am World Services has hired to do the work.

Appointments are not necessary, and completion date has been set for Oct. 15. If any problems arise, the number to telephone is NWC ext. 3071, which is the "trouble desk" for C. Martin Co.

The natural gas and propane gas fire heaters in the commercial buildings on Center are serviced by the Maintenance Utilities Division of Public works. Appointments are not necessary for services in these buildings either, and the work is in progress.

The Kern County Health Department will offer free pregnancy screening tests to women who are at least two weeks late for their menstrual period.

The screening is being offered to reduce the high number of low-birth-weight babies in the county. Low birth weight can be prevented in many cases if the mother gets prenatal care early in pregnancy.

Free pregnancy screening clinics will be held in the County Building at 250 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. in Ridgecrest from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 16, and Wednesday, Aug. 24.



Looking For Equipment?

Call the Equipment Locator Service (Code 02A22) at ext. 2101. We're here to satisfy your equipment needs!

## Wild weather, terrain hinder rescue of climbers on Mt. Sill

Ice chutes, freezing rain, strong winds and thunderstorms combined to add to the difficulties encountered by the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group and the Center's Search and Rescue helicopter crew when they rescued an injured climber and her climbing partner from the 13,000-ft. level of Mt. Sill on Monday.

Gloria Ryan, 40, of Menlo Park, and her climbing partner, Roger Bourke, 40, of La Canada, Calif., had climbed Mt. Sill (west of Big Pine) on the weekend and were on their way down when she lost her footing and fell between 200 and 300 feet down an ice chute, breaking her ankle.

Ron Thiesen, another climber on the mountain, heard their voices calling for help and notified the Inyo County Sheriff's office when he reached the foot of the mountain Sunday evening.

At that time a park ranger, Robert Schreiber, headed up the mountain to take sleeping bags and supplies to the two stranded climbers. (All the China Laker personnel praised both his skill and his courage in making that climb by himself to bring aid — both physical and psychological — to the two persons stranded on the mountain.)

CLMRG team members received the call from the sheriff's office at 9 p.m. Sunday, and shortly thereafter began their drive north, with Bob Huey as team leader. Joining him were Corinna Peterson, Bart Hine, Chris Ostermann, Howard Derrickson, Andy Mitchell, and Linda Finco.

When they reached Big Pine at about 1 a.m., they decided to head straight up the mountain because weather reports indicated the inclement weather would last through Tuesday so even a few hours head start would help in getting the injured woman out and to medical assistance.

At 7:15 a.m. Monday the Center's SAR helo took off headed north with Al Green and Rod Willer, two more CLMRG members, joining the helicopter crew. Piloting the helo was Lt. Greg Friedrichsen, with AD2 Mike Mainoris, AMS2 Mike Clenney, and HM3 M. J. Bucklew serving as crew.

A short break in the storm enabled the helicopter to drop Green and Willer off at Palisade Glacier at about 10:15 a.m. near the victims before the helo had to head to Bishop to await further weather clearing.

Green and Willer then climbed up the ice chute to the bergschrund (where the glacier pulls away from the rock, forming a crevasse), climbed the rock on the side of

the crevasse, climbed back into the chute, and reached Ms. Ryan, Bourke, and the ranger.

They splinted the injured woman's leg with an ice axe, put a climbing harness on her, and lowered her down the chute and across the bergschrund to where the other CLMRG members had by then carried a stretcher.

Once the woman was in the stretcher, they then lowered her more than 300 feet down the glacier and carried her about a fourth of a mile to an area where the helicopter could land.

The helicopter made one flight up the mountain to pick up the injured woman but had to turn back because of weather. More than an hour later the weather cleared briefly, allowing the helo to fly in, pick up the climbers and take them to the Northern Inyo Hospital at Bishop and then return to airlift the very wet, cold and tired CLMRG team members to their cars for the long drive home.

## Government surplus auction at Edwards slated for Aug. 23

Surplus government property will be sold at auction at Edwards Air Force Base on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Those who wish to bid on any of the 216 items offered for sale must be present and must register between 8 and 9 a.m. on the day of the sale. The auction begins at 9 a.m. at the Oasis Recreation Center, Bldg. 2500, Popson Avenue, at Edwards.

Items will be on display from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily, starting Monday.

A complete list, as well as sale terms and conditions, is available at the Defense Property Disposal Office, Bldg. 4900, Forbes Ave., Edwards AFB.

Property will be paid for and picked up at the Defense Property Disposal Office. Successful bidders will have five days in which to pay and pick up the property free of storage charges.

## Enrollment open for Children's Cntr. fall enrichment program

The fall enrichment program for 3- to 5-year-old children begins at the Recreational Services Department's Children's Center on Tuesday, Sept. 6, for 3 year-olds, and the next day for those who are 4 and 5.

The program offers experiences that develop pre-reading and pre-math skills. Children are given science and music experiences, as well as being told stories; this helps develop language skills and also aids perceptual motor development.

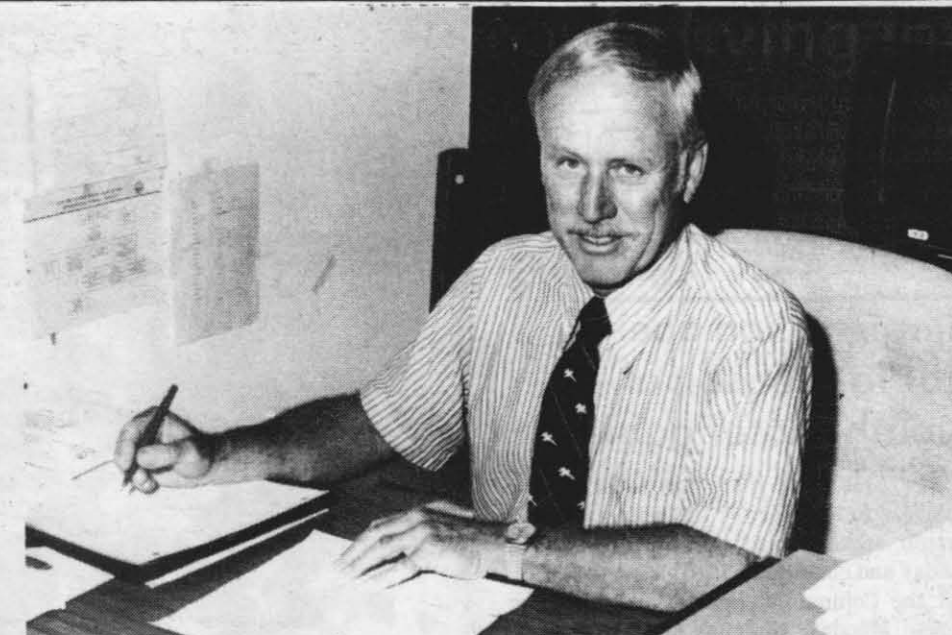
Enrollment is now open. Since these classes fill quickly, interested parents should telephone Cynthia Garvey at NWC ext. 2926 for more information about enrollment.

Residents are urged to cooperate in this effort to make Center housing fire safe. Inspectors will identify potential fire and other safety hazards in and around the home and make recommendations for correcting problems.

Tenants are encouraged to ask questions and point out possible hazards during the inspection. Inspection teams will also test home smoke detectors.

Several fires have occurred in family housing where smoke detectors were inoperable because batteries were removed. Recently, two fatalities resulted from one such fire at another facility. Tenants are not authorized to disconnect or tamper with smoke detectors and should call the Fire Division at NWC ext. 2146 if a unit is not operating properly.

The Fire Division team will inspect residences only when a responsible adult family member is present. Tenants not home when the team calls may schedule an appointment to have their quarters inspected during the evening hours, or at a later date, by calling NWC ext. 2146.



TAKES ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES — Nicholas J. Schneider, an employee at China Lake for the past 25 years, will become the new associate head of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department on Aug. 15. Most recently, he has headed the F/A-18 Weapons Support Activity Office for nearly two years. —Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

## Associate department head post in Code 31 goes to Scheider

Another move up the career ladder is looming on the horizon for Nicholas J. Schneider, who has been appointed associate head of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department.

Schneider, head of the F/A-18 Program Office (Code 3107), will take over his new duties on Aug. 15, replacing William F. Ball, who will be participating in Stanford University's Graduate School of Business Sloan Fellowship program during the 1983-84 academic year.

Schneider can look back on 25 years as an employee at China Lake, beginning in June 1958 when he came here to enter the Junior Professional program following his graduation with a BS degree in electrical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

At the conclusion of his JP tour, he and others in the group to which he was assigned were involved in work on the first inertial guidance system to be developed in a government laboratory.

Recalling one of the unique programs he has been associated with, Schneider mentioned his role as the project engineer on the strap-down autopilot for the Guided Flight Vehicle. It was one of the components of a thrust-vector-controlled solid propellant rocket intended for use in shooting down a malfunctioning U.S. satellite.

## TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATED

One shot was made from San Nicholas Island to demonstrate the technology of this unique guidance system, Schneider said, even though the problem caused by a satellite that had failed to shut itself off no longer existed.

Development of ring laser gyro sensors and navigation systems for strategic and tactical weapons, as well as aircraft

navigation, were areas in which Schneider contributed to and gained valuable experience as a branch head in the former Systems Development Department. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he became project manager for ring laser gyro development and the Advanced Tactical Interl Guidance System (ATIGS) program. It was about this time (1973) that he was the recipient of the Michelson Laboratories Award.

Schneider also was involved in early work on the Advanced Aircraft Armament Systems program and the Versatile Training System (now called the Versatile Computing System), in addition to keeping up with on-going work on ATIGS and ring laser gyro development programs while performing in the position of associate head and later head of the Avionics Division in the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department.

In April 1982, Schneider, who has held his present position as head of the F/A-18 Weapons Support Activity Office for nearly two years, was the recipient of the Commander's Award for Excellence in Mission Support.

Schneider and Cdr. Jack P. Connell, deputy program manager for the F/A-18 aircraft, were commended for leading the Naval Weapons Center's efforts in justifying the F/A-18 weapons system integration and software engineering approach, and in ensuring NWC a strong role on the F/A-18 team.

## Police reports...

Vandals broke a lot of windows at Groves School some time between the last day of school on June 10 and Aug. 4. The estimated damage is about \$500.

## SUSPECT ARRESTED

China Lake police officers assisted Ridgecrest officers in arresting a known suspect at the Chief Petty Officers' Club. The subject was booked for investigation of grand theft.

## BURGLAR CAUGHT

At 2:55 p.m. on Sunday, China Lake police officers answered a call from a good neighbor who spotted someone breaking into a residence at 411 Hayward on the Center.

Investigating officers found a 15-year-old white male juvenile with a Ridgecrest address, who had broken a window to enter the residence occupied by someone on a vacation. On searching the juvenile, they discovered a straight blade knife. Result: juvenile was transported to Kern County Juvenile Hall in Bakersfield on charges of burglary and a concealed weapon.

## DRIVER CITED

A driver stopped for a failure to drive on the right side of the road at 2:10 a.m. Sunday probably will have cause to regret his misguided motoring. He was found to be in possession of an altered driver's license. The motorist was cited on both offenses.

## Red Cross teaches courses in quake survival, first aid

The American Red Cross offers a course on safety and survival in an earthquake, in addition to the first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses that have been taught for many years.

The three-hour earthquake preparedness course is suitable for persons of all ages from children through senior citizens. The only cost of the class is \$2 for the textbook which then serves as a reference that the student can take home and keep.

Anyone interested in signing up for the earthquake preparedness class can do so by telephoning the local office of the Red Cross at NWC ext. 3208 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between noon and 4 p.m. and leaving name and telephone number.

First aid classes are offered regularly by Cerro Coso Community College, and are also taught to various groups around the community on request. Chairman of the First Aid Committee for the Red Cross is Dr. Carl Heller. Anyone interested in signing up for a first aid class can also telephone the Red Cross office for further information.



## Happenings around NWC

The Indian Wells Valley Emergency Services Volunteer Council will meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 200 Drummond Drive in Ridgecrest.

The meeting will be moderated by Dr. Glenn Roquemore, a geologist, who will discuss the Coalinga earthquake. Response to the quake by volunteer organizations will also be discussed and slides of quake damage will be shown.

City, county and federal officials are expected to be present, as well as representatives of volunteer organizations dealing with disaster preparedness. The meeting is open, however, to all interested persons.

## HOURS CHANGE

Starting Friday, Aug. 26, the Internal Security Branch (Code 2431), Badge/Pass Issue (Code 24312), and Personnel Security Office (Code 24311), will have new hours of operation.

They will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m. They will all be closed on Friday afternoons.

The Official Travel Clearance Office (Code 24313) will remain open Friday afternoons.

All persons who send visit request messages are reminded that these must be in by 3:30 p.m. every day to ensure that the

clearance message will go out the same day.

Naval Weapons Center employees who are terminating are urged to check out before 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

## SHOEMOBILE VISITS

The Shoemobile will visit NWC on Wednesday, August 17 and again on September 14, with a wide selection of colors, styles and sizes in footwear, work gloves and socks. Styles of shoes available include men's and women's leather dress shoes, Western boots, sport shoes, work shoes, and rubber overshoes and hip boots. Many sizes are carried in widths ranging from EEE to AAAA.

Those interested may visit the Shoemobile at the Safety Issue office, located at the corner of Nimitz Avenue and Hussey Road, between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

## SCREENING OFFERED

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