

Empty road for street sweeper

Residents in the housing areas are reminded not to park their vehicles on the streets on scheduled street-sweeping days. These schedules are posted throughout the housing areas. The Hill area and Site A Capehart housing area is swept Tuesday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and the Site B Capehart housing area is swept Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Funds to provide this service are being used inefficiently if the contractor is unable to fulfill his commitment because vehicles are parked on the streets on street-sweeping days.

Vehicles unable to be moved under their own power are not to be parked on residential streets. Recreational vehicles including camping trailers, motor homes, campers and boats can be stored in the RV storage area by making arrangements with the Auto Hobby Shop located in Building 02602, NWC ext. 3107, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekends.

The cooperation of residents in helping the Housing Office keep the streets properly cleaned is appreciated.



INTERESTED LISTENERS — Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, briefs California Congressman Bill Thomas (R-20th District) and Bill Lowery (R-41st District) during their recent visit to the Naval Weapons Center. Here they were being shown a photo montage of the roundup of feral horses on Center lands. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore

Movies

FRIDAY AUGUST 22
 "APRIL FOOL'S DAY"
 Starring Griffin O'Neal and Deborah Foreman (Horror-Drama, rated R, 89 min.)
SATURDAY, MONDAY AUGUST 23, 25
 "TRANSYLVANIA 6-5000"
 Starring Ed Begley Jr. and Jeff Goldblum (Comedy, rated PG, 94 min.)
SUNDAY AUGUST 24
 "ESCAPE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN"
 Starring Eddie Albert and Ray Milland (Fantasy Comedy, rated G, 98 min.)
TUESDAY AUGUST 26
MATINEE
 "JUNGLE BOOK"
 (Animated, rated G, 78 min.)
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27
"HOT TARGET"
 Starring Steve Marachuk and Simone Griffeth (Drama, rated R, 92 min.)
THURSDAY AUGUST 28
MATINEE
 "WAR GAMES"
 Starring Matthew Broderick and Dabney Coleman (Suspense-Drama, rated PG, 113 min.)
FRIDAY AUGUST 29
"MURPHY'S LAW"
 Starring Charles Bronson and Carrie Snodgrass (Action-Drama, rated R, 100 min.)
 Starting Times: Matinee / 2 pm Evening / 7 pm

PG ALL AGES ADMITTED
 General Audiences
 PG-13 ALL AGES ADMITTED
 Parental Guidance Suggested
 (R) RESTRICTED
 Under 17 Requires Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Phoenix work brings honor to Dragovich, Barr

As he presented the Technical Director's Awards to Jack Dragovich and Ruth Barr, Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director, noted that their achievement represented the principles China Lake exemplifies. "China Lake has the tenacity to do that which others feel can't be done, he said. "China Lakers meld as a team and go forward with their team efforts. Here Jack and Ruth had an extremely short time to do the impossible — and they accomplished it."

The two received the award for their outstanding contributions to the development of the Reproachment Data Package (RDP) for the Phoenix Second Source Program.

To ensure that the Hughes data package on which the RDP is to be based had adequate design disclosure information, NWC proposed that both Ford and Raytheon go through the Hughes package and identify all missing or incorrect design disclosure information. The revised package, the Certified Technical Baseline (CTB), forms the basis for the Phase II proposals and had to be completed prior to proposal submittal in February 1986. The Naval Air Systems Command Project Manager established



OUTSTANDING EFFORT REWARDED — Jack Dragovich and Ruth Barr hold the Technical Director's Awards that they just received from Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director. They are joined by M.K. Pladsen, acting head of the Engineering Department and Center Commander, Capt. John Burt.

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Now is time to register for new school year

September 2 is the first day of school and all new pupils are required to provide immunization and health information and verification of grade placement (i.e., report cards) at the time of registration.

New pupils, kindergarten (must be five years old on or before Dec. 1) through sixth grade, who have not registered earlier this year and have not attended Sierra Sands Unified School District prior to school closing last year, need to register now. Fallor, Groves and Pierce will register new pupils from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily, and Inyokern from 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 2 p.m. daily. Registration will take place at Las Flores from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. daily, while Richmond will register new students from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. daily. Rand will register new students

from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on August 25 only. Vieweg Basics School registration has been completed and a waiting list established. Parents interested in having their children attend Vieweg should call the principal at 446-2569.

Parents registering junior high school students are requested to present the pupil's standardized test scores, if available; most recent report card; and immunization record at the time of registration.

James Monroe Jr. High will register new pupils from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. daily. Registration for Murray Junior High will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. daily.

High school students new to the district may complete preliminary enrollment

procedures at the Burroughs High School counseling center 11 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3:15 p.m. August 26, 27 and 29.

Registration for other high school students will be August 28 in the multi-use room of Burroughs High School. Mailed instructions for the registration process must be carefully read and followed, as a computerized system will be used. Senior registration will be between 8 and 10 a.m. and juniors and sophomores are requested to register in accordance with the alphabetical schedule being sent by mail. If specific registration information is not received, students should call Burroughs High School.

Kern County Regional Occupational Program classes, which prepare one for occupational placement, will be offered. To enter a KCROP class, a student must be at

least 16 years old and have an interest in the vocational field. Two Cooperative classes are also available, one in Distributive Education (retail sales) and one in Office Occupations. Students in Cooperative classes learn on-the-job skills by being placed in job locations throughout the community. All ROP courses are available without tuition to interested adults as well as high school students on a space-available basis.

Registration for pupils assigned to Mesquite High School will be at 8 a.m. on Sept. 2, the first day of instruction. Pupils 16 years of age or older who are not presently enrolled but wishing to attend Mesquite High School should submit a request to Dr. William Sansom, Assistant Principal, Burroughs High School or Dr. Kenneth Biba, Principal, Mesquite High School.

NEX News

This weekend is the time to enjoy a pre-Labor Day sale at the Navy Exchange; it ends Sunday.

A fashion forecast sale with those beautiful fall clothes will start next Friday and there'll be a special one-day sale honoring Labor Day on September 2.

Dirt bikers sought

Dirt bike riders at the Naval Weapons Center have an opportunity to become charter members of the first dirt bike club at NWC.

For additional information on becoming a plankowner in the club call Petty Officer Mark Engle at NWC ext. 5576 or 446-5401.

Health tip

Every year, disease and lost productivity due to smoking costs the United States \$65 million.

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Modern police work essential for CLPD tasks

Law enforcement and crime prevention capabilities of the China Lake Police Division are at least as good as those of any equivalent-sized police force in California, says Jim Brown, China Lake Chief of Police — and far better than most.

His force all either have police academy training or its equivalent and continually strive to upgrade their skills with additional classes. "Learning the most modern police techniques is essential if we're going to do our job to protect the Center and its personnel and residents," Brown adds.

They are asked to carry out all functions normally under police jurisdiction. With Center lands covering more than 1,700 square miles in the counties of Inyo, Kern and San Bernardino, that can be quite a task.

The range patrol group, for instance, has

to patrol not only with four-wheel drive vehicles, but also on horseback because the terrain in parts of the north range is too rugged for any vehicles.

Heavy emphasis is given by the Police Division to both crime prevention and drug suppression. "We feel that the low incidence of serious crime on board is an indication that we are doing both well," Chief Brown adds.

Since the best way to protect children is to make them aware of potential threats to their health and safety, be these through crime or through drug abuse, the police carry on an active youth program with youngsters from nursery school up.

The anti-drug programs are aimed primarily at older youngsters, while their new "Safety Pup" program is designed mainly for pre-school and primary grades.

Safety Pup is a puppet that helps teach children that they can say "no" to being touched, to being taken in a stranger's car, as well as other ways to protect themselves from anyone trying to harm them. For the little ones, Safety Pup also teaches other safety rules, such as walking on the correct side of the road.

Safety Pup (and Officer Chick Fugate, in the role of a clown) are available to make presentations to any group that makes a request.

Safety for school children also includes the finger-printing program. Each year, NWC police officers visit China Lake schools to take fingerprints of youngsters that are then given to their parents to be used in case the children ever are missing (the police do not keep a copy of the fingerprints). Any child new to the com-

munity or who for any reason did not have fingerprints taken when CLPD officers visited the schools this spring can have the prints made at the China Lake police station Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Safety is also stressed at the bicycle rodeos sponsored by CLPD. These are co-sponsored frequently by other groups and are held both at schools and at places like Schoeffel Field. The bike rodeo permits officers to test riding skills of the youngsters (giving them "driver's licenses" if they are sufficiently skilled) and allows police to check the safety of the individual bikes. Bicycles are also registered at that time, making it easier for police to get any stolen or lost bike back to its owner. Anyone (adult or child) can also have a bike regis-

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DOD's surplus auction includes horse

Among 248 items to be offered at public Local Auction IFB 41-6582 on Tuesday, Sept. 16, will be a horse, "Tuffy," a 15-year-old red sorrel gelding.

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at China Lake says the sale will start at 9:30 a.m. in Building 1073, Warehouse 41 and the public is encouraged to bid.

Other items to be offered include photographic equipment including a Graflex camera, power supplies, oscilloscopes, voltmeters, microfiche viewers, IBM Selectric typewriters, drafting machines, welding equipment, computer terminals, card filing cabinets, map files, piano, microfilm processor, cameras, generator sets, work benches, shelving, storage lockers, house trailer, quonset hut, wood pallets, environmental chambers, over 40 vehicles including 4x4 pickup trucks and the horse.

The items will be on display for inspection beginning Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily except weekends. A complete list as well as sale terms and conditions may be seen at Building 1073, Warehouse 41. Those who wish to see the horse will need to make arrangements with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office by telephoning NWC ext. 2502 or 2538, or by going to Building 1073.

Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. Bidders must be present and registered to bid. Mailed bids cannot be

accepted. Items purchased may be removed on the sale date provided full payment is made. Payment must be in cash or guaranteed instrument (money orders, cashier's check, travelers check, etc.). Purchasers will have until Sept. 23 to pay for and remove items before storage charges are applied.

Because Building 1073 is located within the Center's interior security fence line, prospective bidders must stop at the Main Gate and obtain a pass before coming aboard.



Weekend Roundup

Friends, families and co-workers are invited to swim, dance and enjoy the food available at the Junior Professional party being held from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess tomorrow. Tickets are just \$3 if purchased in advance from department JP coordinators or JP recreation committee representatives and \$4 if purchased at the door.

Enjoy a prime rib dinner at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess tonight. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Tonight is Membership Night at the Commissioned Officers' Mess from 6 p.m. until midnight. Dinner will be Steamboat Round of Beef with all the trimmings and music will be provided by the "Roadrunners." Reservations are required.

Disco to the music of "Digital Display" on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is just \$1 for authorized patrons and guests.



	Max	Min	Peak Gust	Precip
Fri.	105	70	22 knots	-
Sat.	105	61	19 knots	-
Sun.	106	64	15 knots	-
Mon.	83	69	14 knots	0.18
Tues.	103	67	11 knots	-
Wed.	105	80	15 knots	-
Thurs.	106	75	18 knots	-

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.



CONFERENCE — Rawhide (also known as Buck) seems to be listening to Officer J.W. Griffiths and Chief of Police Jim Brown discuss range patrol operations. Rawhide and the other CLPD horses are needed for such patrol work because many of the north range areas are too rugged for any type of motor vehicle.

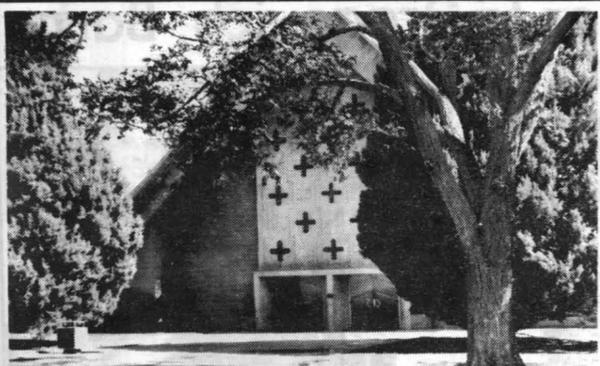
Front gate detours in effect

Motorists entering the Naval Weapons Center will continue to use three detours while the main gate stays closed for flood control work the next two weeks.

Visor cards for visitors will be available only at the Sandquist Road gate during the time when detours are in place. Visitors needing visor cards who attempt to enter any other gate will be directed to the Sandquist Road gate by Pan American security personnel. This is also the only gate that will be open 24 hours a day during this period.

The detours are expected to remain in place until at least Sept. 8.

These temporary routes are needed to allow construction of a major flood control project eliminating the potential for flooding such as occurred in August 1984 at Michelson Laboratory.



Divine Services

PROTESTANT
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Annexes 1, 2, 4, and the East Wing) 9 a.m.
BIBLE STUDY (East Wing)

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Sept. through June
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Officer's Christian Fellowship
 Christian Military Fellowship
ROMAN CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASS 9:00 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (Sunday) 8:15-8:45 a.m.
COMMUNION SERVICE (Monday) 11:35 a.m.
DAILY MASS (Tuesday through Friday) 11:35 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (Friday) 4:30-5:00 p.m.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (Sunday) Sept. to May 10:30 a.m.
JEWISH
WEEKLY SERVICES (Friday, East Wing) 7:30 p.m.
ADULT EDUCATION (Saturday, Annex 4) 9 a.m.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (Sunday, Annex 4) 1 p.m.

Chaplain J. Milton Collins, Capt., CHC, USN
 Chaplain A. J. Smith, Cdr., CHC, USN
 Hearing impaired equipment available. Nursery available.
 Phone NWC ext. 3506, 2773

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from appointable Department of Navy employees within the area of consideration and from eligible employees of attached activities who are permanently assigned to NWC unless otherwise specified in the ad. Appointable means career or career conditional employees, temporary employees with reinstatement or VRA eligibility and employees serving under Veterans Readjustment Appointments (VRAs). Alternative recruitment sources may also be used in filling these positions; vacancies are subject to restrictions imposed by the DOD Priority Placement Program. Applicants must meet all legal and regulatory requirements including minimum qualification requirements by the closing date. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of experience, education, training, performance ratings and awards as indicated in the SF-171 along with any tests, medical examinations, performance evaluations, supplemental qualification statements and/or interview that may be necessary. Career ladder promotions are subject to satisfactory performance and cannot be guaranteed. **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Candidates must submit a current SF-171, along with a supplemental qualification statement (if required), and should submit a copy of their latest Annual Performance Evaluation if relevant to the vacancy. If a supplemental statement is not required, candidates are encouraged to submit additional information which then addresses the specific Knowledge/Skills/Abilities (KSAs) cited in the ad. Write the position title/series/level and announcement number on the SF-171 and all attachments. Be sure that your forms are complete and accurate since you cannot be rated on missing data nor will you be contacted for additional information. Be certain the SF-171 and supplement are dated and have original signatures in ink. All applications will be retained in the vacancy announcement file; they will not be returned or filed in official personnel folders. Applications and supplements are accepted at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy. Ads close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, one week after the announcement, unless otherwise specified. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

ASF-NHLB-346-86, Pharmacist, GS-668-9/11, Code 222 - Temporary NTE One Year - Located at the Branch Medical Clinic, NWC. Incumbent functions as the pharmacist in the Pharmacy Department and is responsible for planning and supervising the pharmaceutical activities of the Clinic. Duties include but may not be limited to: compounding and dispensing prescriptions; advising staff on characteristics, dosages, indications, contraindications and availability of drugs. Elements: Professional knowledge of drugs, knowledge of proper administration of drugs; ability to communicate orally; ability to train pharmacy and clinic staff personnel in pharmacy related area. Send a current SF-171 to Civilian Personnel Branch Office, Naval Hospital (Code 96), 7500 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, CA 90823-119 by 9:29:46. For further information call Sharon Smith at 939-2911 ext. 214. This announcement is posted in Room 100 of the Personnel Building.

No. 00-023, Director of Catholic Religious Education, Director of Protestant Religious Education, Director of Jewish Religious Education, Director of Protestant Music Program, Director of Catholic Music Program, Code 821 (5 vacancies) - Not Civil Service positions and not subject to Merit Promotion Procedures. These positions are on a contractual basis. Qualifications for all of the above, with exception of Director of Jewish Religious Education, is five years experience in respective fields. Director of Jewish Religious Education: Rabbinical student with one year's residency in Palestine. These positions are located in the Chaplain's Office, Code 021. All interested persons should contact Kay Pickett, Code

2522, Supply Department, (619) 939-3647, before the close of business on 8/29/86.

No. 22-882, Recreation Specialist, UA-4188-5, Code 226 - Incumbent is responsible for supervision of Center swimming pools, programming year-round aquatic activities to include budget and personnel requirements. Incumbent will also assist in the planning and operation of the intramural/intermural sports programs, bowling operation and day-to-day activities of the sports branch. Qualification Requirements: Applicants must have completed a full 4-year course in an accredited college or university with major study in one or more of the appropriate fields of recreation or have a least three years of experience in recreation related work, one year being in a supervisory position. Must also have, or be able to obtain, a WSI certification within six months. This is not a Civil Service position.

No. 22-863, Publicity Specialist, AS-0303-4/5, Regular Full-time, \$5.16-45.52 per hour, Code 22023 - Incumbent will be responsible for publicity function, including preparation of monthly Recreational Service bulletin, fliers, brochures, etc. Qualification Requirements: Ability to speak in public and have strong oral and written communication skills. Experience in typesetting, paste-up and layout, shooting and stripping negatives and other print shop skills desirable. This is not a Civil Service position.

No. 24-017, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, Code 24322 - This position is located in the Information Security Branch of the Security Division Safety and Security Department. Manufactures badges/passes for contractors to NAVWPNCEN by civilians, military members, members and dependents. Maintains all records and files and prepares input for computerized badge listing. Must be able to assist with training of new employees. Incumbent required to greet customers in tactful, diplomatic and courteous manner. Elements: Knowledge of NAVWPNCEN badge/pass and appropriate regulations, instructions for the Salt Wells and China Lake Laboratories. Responsible for layout, fabrication, selection of procedures and specific techniques for installing, maintaining and repairing various piping systems and related equipment items used in the areas for processing hazardous materials. Elements: Knowledge of technical practices and theories; of materials and their use relevant to piping systems and equipment; ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision; to read and interpret blueprints, instructions, specifications and use appropriate tests on piping systems and equipment. Supplemental required. Promotion potential to GS-4.

No. 24-018, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, Code 2400 - Position is located in the department office of Safety and Security Department. Incumbent performs a variety of clerical duties which include typing official correspondence, forms, filing, answering telephones, opening and sorting mail, greeting visitors, ordering supplies. KSAs: Ability to type; ability to organize and perform a variety of duties. Part-time schedule 24-32 hours a week. Promotion potential to GS-4.

No. 24-019, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, Code 2432 - Position is located in the Information Security Branch of the Safety and Security Department. Incumbent performs clerical duties which include typing official correspondence from rough drafts, typing forms, maintaining files, answering telephones, opening and sorting mail, greeting visitors, ordering supplies. KSAs: Ability to use IBM PC and Wordstar is desirable. Promotion potential to GS-4.

No. 25-021, Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, Code 253 - Incumbent is responsible for providing clerical support in the form of typing, filing, compiling data, maintaining logs and performing follow-up action on a wide variety of items. Position requires frequent personal and telephone contact with individuals at all levels of Navy. Elements: Ability to work well under pressure and adjust easily to organizational, program and procedural changes; and ability to work independently; ability to use and apply a variety of written manuals and instructions. Promotion potential to Shipment Clerk, GS-2134-5.

No. 26-053, Planner and Estimator (Air Conditioning Equipment), WD-5306-8, Code 2613 - The incumbent provides detailed manpower/material estimates and inspection of identified maintenance requirements. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to facilitate production; knowledge of technical practices; ability to interpret instructions, specifications, etc.; knowledge of pertinent materials; knowledge of pertinent tools and equipment. Supplemental required.

No. 26-054, Planner and Estimator (Carpentry), WD-4674-4, Code 2613 - The incumbent provides detailed manpower, material estimates and inspection of buildings and structures as assigned. Job Elements: Ability to facilitate production; technical practices; ability to interpret instructions and specifications; knowledge of pertinent materials; knowledge of pertinent tools and equipment. Supplemental required.

No. 26-055, Planner and Estimator (Plumbing), WD-4206-8, Code 2613 - The incumbent provides detailed manpower/material estimates and inspection for identified maintenance requirements. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to facilitate production; knowledge of technical practices; ability to interpret instructions specifications; etc.; knowledge of pertinent materials; knowledge of pertinent tools and equipment. Supplemental required.

No. 26-056, Mail/File Clerk, GS-306-4, Code 26025 - Incumbent controls all incoming and outgoing mail, provides internal records management, maintains the Department instruction program and serves as the Department Forms Representative. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of the Public Works organization and its functions; ability to route and distribute messages and instructions; knowledge of the Navy filing system; knowledge of mail handling systems; ability to operate office copy equipment.

No. 26-218, Electrician, WG-2905-10, Code 22536 - The duties of the position are performed in the China Lake and Salt Wells Laboratories where 90 percent of the machinery and process equipment is used in the research and development of propellants, explosives, pyrotechnics and related materials. The incumbent works directly with process employees and is responsible for the layouts, plans, construction, selection of procedures and specific techniques for installing, maintaining and repairing of various electrical and industrial components and equipment used in the development and testing of hazardous materials. Elements: Ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision; technical practices, trade theory and troubleshooting; ability to comprehend circuit design and read drawings, blueprints and specifications; must be able to perform layout of jobs and complete as required by building safety codes for regular and hazardous areas; ability to use metal working machines such as shears, grinders, etc. Supplemental re-

REASSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This column is used to fill positions through reassignment only. For this reason, the Reassignment Opportunity Announcements are separate from the Promotion Opportunities column in the Rocketeer. Applications will be accepted until the date stated in the announcement. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date are encouraged to file an SF-171 or 172. All applicants must meet minimum qualification requirements established by the Office of Personnel Management. Information concerning the recruitment and placement program and the evaluation methods used in these reassignment opportunities may be obtained from Personnel Management Advisors (Code 096 or 097). Applications should be filed with the person whose name is listed in the announcement. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

No. 825-011, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-1/2/3, Code 8255, Two vacancies - This position is in the Advanced Systems Branch of the Data Systems Division of the Range Department. The branch is responsible for the development of advanced range instrumentation systems. The incumbent will participate in the analysis, design and development of electronic components associated with range weapons test support instrumentation, including optical, radar and laser tracking systems. Promotion potential to DP-3. Send SF-171's to R.A. Harriman, Code 6255.

SECRETARIAL OPPORTUNITIES

This column is used to announce secretarial positions for which the duties and job relevant criteria are generally similar. Secretaries serve as the principal clerical and administrative support in the designated organization by coordinating and carrying out such activities. Secretaries perform numerous tasks which may be dissimilar. Positions at lower grades consist primarily of clerical and procedural duties and, as positions increase in grades, administrative functions become predominant. At the higher levels, secretaries apply a considerable knowledge of the organization, its objectives and lines of communication. Depending on grade level, typical secretarial duties are implied by the job relevant criteria indicated below.

Applicants will be rated against 4 or more of the following job relevant criteria: (1) ability to perform receptionist and telephone duties; (2) ability to review, track, screen and distribute incoming mail; (3) ability to review outgoing correspondence; (4) ability to compose correspondence and/or prepare non-technical reports; (5) knowledge of filing systems and files management; (6) ability to meet the administrative needs of the office; (7) ability to train clerical personnel and organize workload of clerical staff processes; (8) ability to plan and coordinate travel arrangements; (9) ability to maintain and coordinate supervisor's calendar and to arrange conferences.

Unless otherwise indicated, applicants for Branch Secretary will be rated on elements 1/2/3/5/8, Division Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/7/8/9, Program Office Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/5/8/9, and Department Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 4/7/8/9. A SUPPLEMENTAL FORM IS REQUIRED AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 100 OF THE PERSONNEL BUILDING.

No. 32-221, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, Code 3242 - Provides secretarial support to the Thermal Structures Branch. Promotion potential to GS-5.

No. 35-046, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-7/8, Code 39 - Provides secretarial support to the Weapons Department. Promotion potential to GS-4.

Discover this uncrowded national park

Lassen Volcanic National Park may not be California's undiscovered national park, but it is the next best thing — one of the state's least known and least visited national parks.

Located about 500 miles north of China Lake via U.S. 395 and State Route 44 through Susanville and Chester, Lassen is celebrating the 70th anniversary of its establishment as a national park.

For travelers with a geologic bent, Lassen can be a unique opportunity to experience a wide range of environments from climbing the slopes of an inactive volcano to a short hike into Bumpass Hell, the park's most spectacular and diversified hydrothermal area. Lassen offers a variety not found anywhere else in the state.

Lassen Peak, one of the southern-most volcanos in the Cascade Mountain range, is the focal point of Lassen Volcanic National Park. The peak erupted in 1914 and 1915, bringing nation-wide publicity that helped create public sentiment for a national park bill in Congress.

The park now includes more than 106,000 acres, 80,000 of which have been formally made a wilderness area to be preserved and protected in its natural state. Visitors from China Lake would most easily reach the Sulphur Works Entrance and the hydrothermal area less than a mile inside the park. This is the most accessible hot springs area. Gurgling and bubbling hot mud pots, steaming fumaroles and spitting hot springs can be seen from a paved and boardwalk half mile trail.

Continuing on the trans-park highway, motorists get a view of Diamond Peak, once a portion of Mount Tehama's volcanic core. Mount Tehama, a pre-historic volcano that once towered more than 1,000 higher than Lassen Peak, was destroyed in the last ice age by the eruption of Lassen and other peaks to the north.

Lassen Peak itself is easily conquered by taking a 2.2 mile long trail from the parking area at 8,500 feet to the top at 10,457 feet.

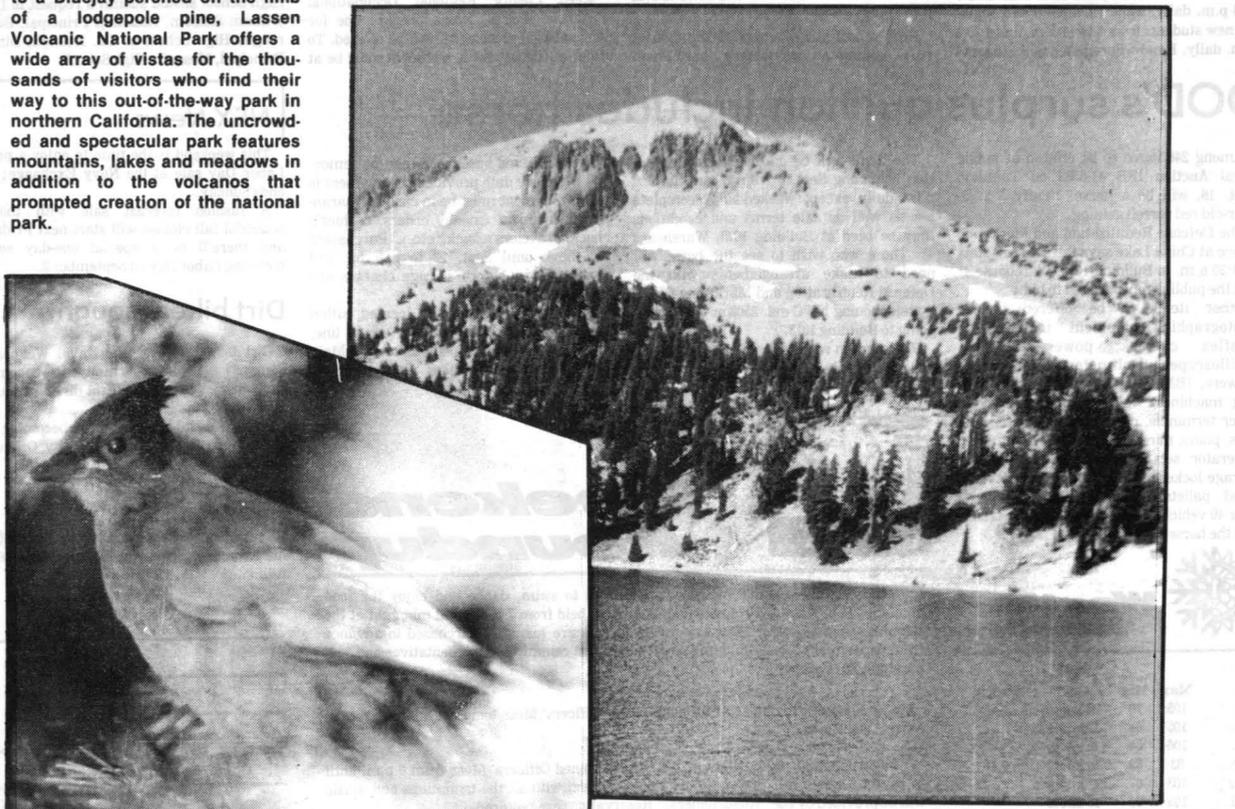
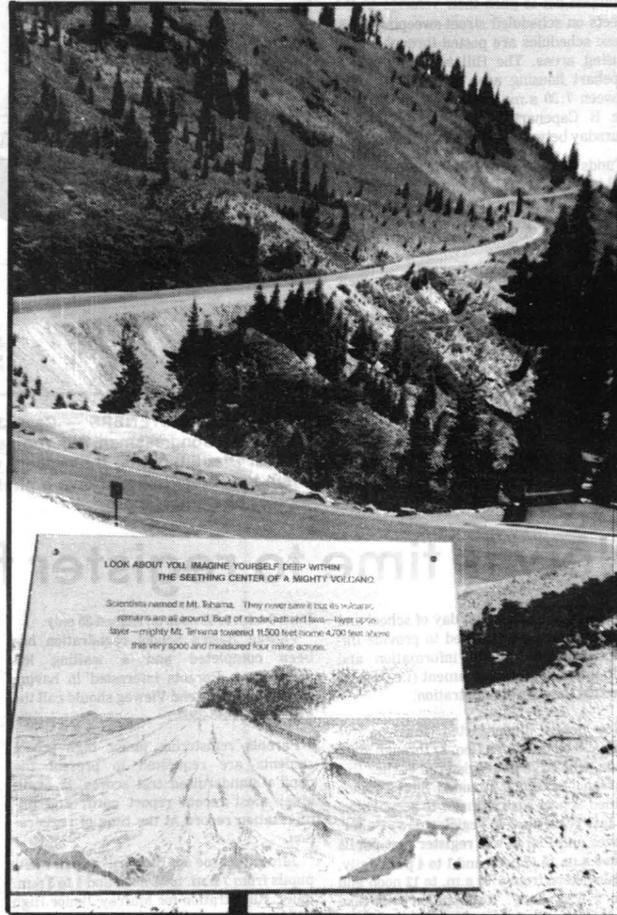
Tiny Hat Lake at 6,450 feet was formed when a 1915 mudflow blocked Hat Creek. Over the past 70 years debris carried by Hat Creek has been slowly filling in the lake and it will on its way to becoming a new meadow.

The 1914 to 1915 eruptions of Lassen Peak left a huge devastated area that the road passes through. After 70 years, much of the three-mile long mudflow path and devastated area is recovering, but the marks of destruction remain.

At the far side of the park is Manzanita Lake, it now sits on the edge of an avalanche hazard area. The hazard results from rock debris in the Chaos Crags area. Some scientists think there is potential for a massive rock slide to overrun the hazard area, including the lake and adjacent campground with millions of tons of rock at an estimated speed of 80 miles per hour.

Lassen is one of the least commercialized national parks. There are only three areas of commercial development, all very limited. There are several campgrounds and picnic areas operated by the National Park Service. There is fishing in several streams and lakes and Manzanita Lake is managed as a native trout fishery and anglers are limited to two trout with a maximum size of 10 inches and on artificial lures with barbless hooks only. Elsewhere in the park, normal California limits and regulations apply.

SCENIC VIEWS - From the remains of ancient Mt. Tehama (top) to a Bluejay perched on the limb of a lodgepole pine, Lassen Volcanic National Park offers a wide array of vistas for the thousands of visitors who find their way to this out-of-the-way park in northern California. The uncrowded and spectacular park features mountains, lakes and meadows that prompted creation of the national park.



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'From-The-Hip' captures softball championship

Rolling past all competition, "From-The-Hip" captured the 1986 China Lake Intramural Softball League Championship last week.

Since the season opened in May, 14 teams have been in pursuit of the league championship. After three full rounds of loop action, the championship tournament took the top three teams in each division for a final round of play.

"From-The-Hip" ended the season with a perfect 21-0 record, using their 11-3 rout of

the "Aints" in the championship contest to cap the perfect season.

The double elimination tournament finals

ended up pitting two teams from the Gold Division against each other. The finalists finished 1-2 in regular season play for the

division and entered tourney play against teams from the Blue Division, headed by VX-5.

Craig Ulrich, head of the Sports Branch, said all those involved in the league are to be congratulated for outstanding competition in the 1986 season.

Ulrich also noted the Sports Branch is now making plans for its fall's flag football intramural program and encouraged anyone interested in taking part to call the Sports Branch office at NWC ext. 2334.



Sports

Bowling loop has meeting

Bowlers interested in joining the Men's Premier League have a final opportunity to sign up for the fall competition at a preseason meeting on Monday at NWC's Hall Memorial Lanes at 6 p.m.

League officials say new signups have been encouraging thus far and hope for additional teams this year.

All teams entered last season are asked to send a representative to this meeting.

Deer, bear bow season

Archery deer and bear season opened last weekend, but Department of Fish and Game wardens had a hard time finding any bow hunters. Those who do go bow hunting (especially for bear) are reminded that any bow hunter is not permitted to carry a firearm of any sort and are also not permitted to use hounds.

Hunters who prefer to use guns are now in the midst of cottontail and jackrabbit season.



CLOSE RACE — A tournament softball game between the Cobras and Helpless was full of a lot of exciting moments before Helpless won, 26-23 in first round tourney competition.

High-country anglers enjoying summer weather

Fishing in the back country of the Sierra Nevada has been called excellent by anglers from Lone Pine to the Nevada border. Golden, rainbow and brook trout can be caught in both roadside waters of the eastern Sierra region and in the hundreds of lakes accessible only by foot or horseback.

Roadside fishing attracts thousands of visitors each weekend and has been very good in many areas. Anglers seeking pan-size, planted rainbow trout have excellent hopes of landing a meal's worth of fish from many lakes and streams in the area.

Brook trout in streams such as Lone Pine, Big Pine and Taboose Creeks are being caught on flies, worms and crickets.

Baits are best when seeking planted rainbows in Lake Sabrina and Bishop Creek. South Lake and Intake Two have given up limits of trout to anglers using the bubble-fly combo fishing early mornings or evenings. Pleasant Valley Reservoir is not as popular as it was before the earthquake last month, but anglers can do well with salmon eggs, marshmallows or worms.

Crowley Lake anglers are in the midst of their second season, a trophy trout season

that allows fishing only with artificial lures and 18-inch minimum keeper size for rainbow trout. Elk hair caddis and mosquito pattern flies have been bringing good results.

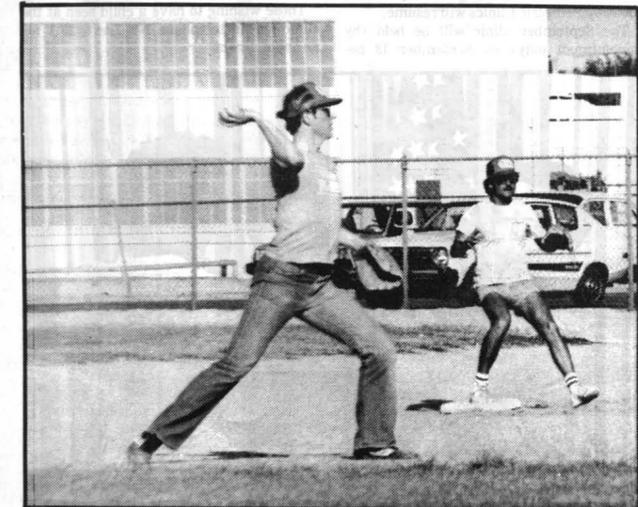
Trollers with Dave Davis and Needlefish are working Convict Lake, while the Mammoth Lakes basin waters are giving up large numbers of planted rainbow trout to anglers using a wide variety of baits.

June, Gull and Silver Lakes continue to be popular with anglers visiting the June Lake Loop. Trollers have had fair results on Grant Lake.

Rush Creek is a very popular stream for those fishing with flies, as is Hot Creek near Mammoth. Mosquito and olive mataka patterns are good for these waters according to busy anglers.

Fishing the high country is a good way to beat the heat of the desert. From a short drive to the Whitney Portal pond to a week-long excursion to Virginia and Twin Lakes in the Bridgeport areas, anglers can escape the heat and find some excellent fishing spots.

Pressure on the popular fishing holes is expected to ease in the first week of September when school resumes



FINAL GAME — "From-The-Hip" squared off against the "Aints" in the championship game of NWC's Intramural Softball League season. "From-The-Hip" won the game, 11-3, and ended their perfect 21-0 season. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore

Fishing at Lake Isabella no way to make a living

Anglers at Lake Isabella are still catching more sun than fish. A few bluegill are being taken near Rocky Point, Tilly Creek and towards Wofford Heights. A few catfish are being caught in the south fork regions.

Good sized trout are still being planted in the Kern River but this was the last week for planting in the Kennedy Meadows area. The main Kern River will continue to be planted into the fall.

Lots of people are fishing in the Monache area — but relatively few are fishing the small streams. Those that do are catching some good-sized trout.

In the lower Kern, below Lake Isabella, some anglers are catching small catfish and smallmouth bass (size limit on bass is a minimum of 12 inches). The main catch, of course, is trout. Planted trout are running as big as 15 inches.

Golf lessons available

China Lakers who want to improve their golfing skills can take advantage of golf lessons at the China Lake Golf course starting Sept. 5. Twice a week for a month, aspiring golfers can take lessons from Richard Newton as part of a month-long class to sharpen golfing skills.

For additional information on the class

call the Golf Course Pro Shop at NWC ext. 2990.

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Kathy Kraft takes over as Center DEEO Officer

On August 25, Kathy Kraft will become the Center's new Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer. EEO Officer for the Center is NWC Commander Capt. John Burt.

Mrs. Kraft replaces Beth Perrine, who will be supervising special projects for the Personnel Department for the next several months.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," says Mrs. Kraft, "because I enjoy interacting with people. That's what I've enjoyed about being a Personnel Management Advisor since I've been at NWC."

She brings with her a good background for the new job. Both while she worked as a supervisory staffing specialist at the Naval Supply Center in Oakland and for the 172nd Infantry Brigade near Anchorage, Alaska, her job included serving as "special emphasis program coordinator." She held responsibilities for managing the handicap employment program, veteran's employment, upward mobility and the Federal EEO recruitment programs.

In this latter role, she notes that she's worked with groups as varied as the Alaska

Native Associations and the Urban League and has always enjoyed working with such community-based organizations.

"I'm also looking forward to learning aspects of the job that are new to me," she says.

She feels that her background as the daughter of a career Army man has enabled her to learn a lot about a variety of cultures because she has lived in a wide range of places throughout the world.

This moving has continued since she and her husband, Danny, a logistics management specialist in the Integrated Logistics Support Branch of the Engineering Department, have been married. They've moved several times, coming to China Lake last year because "We wanted to try something different."

One factor in their moving from the Bay Area was that they wanted to find a community that would be a good place to raise their young son, also named Danny.

She holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in business with an emphasis in organizational development.



CHALLENGE AHEAD — Kathy Kraft is excited about becoming the Center's new Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer. EEO Officer is Capt. J.A. Burt, Center Commander. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore

JTPA students finish summer jobs on board

"You'll be missed tomorrow at your work sites," Beth Perrine, the Center's Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer told students who completed the nine-week Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program at a graduation ceremony last week.

The 30 students from 13 high schools and colleges in the Bakersfield area were the eighth group to work at NWC during a summer under the Affirmative Action Employment Program for disadvantaged youths. Each summer they have been bused over from their homes to spend four days a week living and working at China Lake. Aim of the program is to expose qualified and ambitious students to a technical federal laboratory work environment.

The students are paid a minimum wage for their work and are encouraged to learn new skills. That the program is a success, says Dick Froelich, Kern High School District Program Administrator, is best

exemplified by more NWC supervisors requesting students than can be brought over and housed. The four counselors who stayed with the students throughout the summer felt that the number of students aged from 16 and 20 that were brought were the maximum number they could adequately supervise and guide (one of the four, Ben McCoy, has taken part of all eight summers of the operation and a second, Jeannie Flores, has taken part for four years).

Froelich noted that much of the success of the program was due to the efforts of the Center's EEO staff and Luz Lambert in particular.

"The quality of the program improves each year," Froelich added. "You students are the cream of the crop in our district and you have the opportunity to work with the very finest supervisors." He also especially commended the site supervisors — many of whom attended the ceremony — because "It takes a very special kind of supervisor to work with young people."

Representing NWC, Bill Porter, Laboratory Director, offered the Center's appreciation to the parents and guardians of the young people for having the trust and confidence to allow their children to come and work and live on the Center.

Porter also thanked the Kern High School District, its counselors and the site supervisors before commending the young participants for "The enthusiasm you displayed in your work and for your conduct while here at the Center. You were the integral part of this program. Without your willingness to work and without your exemplary conduct, this program would not have been a success."

Eight of the 30 students who completed the program this year were especially outstanding in that they also took part last year. Listed as the most outstanding female in the program by the counselors was Rebecca Perez, while Dwayne Seward took that honor for male students. Two supervisors also presented certificates of appreciation; certificates went to Anton

Delgadillo from Code 1422 and Neomi Guzman from Code 094.

Agencies involved this year included the Regional Occupational Program, NWC, Kern High School District, Employees Training Resource/JTPA and MESA (Mathematics-Engineering-Science-Achievement Program).

Completing the program were, from JTPA: John Alexander, Louie Campos, Suzanne Clayton, Anton Delgadillo, Rosa Ana Espinosa, Gina Arias Espudo, Misael Garcia, Angie Gonzalez, Irma Gonzalez, Neomi Guzman, Lisa A. Haines, Kevin Hall, Elena Herrera, Darin Maiden, Cristina M. Perez, Patricia Perez, Rebecca Perez, Alicia Prado, Dwayne Seward, Troy Sloss, Erriell Swain, Mary Ann Terrazas, Lorenzo P. Torres and Joey Lopez.

MESA participants were Elias M. Joven, Richard C. Harris, Natividad Vasquez Jr., Wendy R. Sierra and Martha Martinez-Ramirez.

Blue Cross rep at NWC Tuesday

Kathleen Keller, an accounts representative with the Blue Cross Health benefits plan, will be at NWC on Tuesday, August 26 to meet with interested employees who may be having difficulties with their health benefits coverage or any who just wish to hear about any changes.

Kathleen Keller will be at the Personnel Building, Conference Room, 505 Blandy. You do not need an appointment; just come in any time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For further information contact Sandra Tofson or Amy Toy at NWC ext. 2018 or 2592.

Time cards due early

Because of the Labor Day holiday, all timecards are due in the payroll office by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for the week ending Aug. 30. Anyone who has any questions can consult the schedule for early submission of timecards or can contact the Payroll Branch at NWC ext. 2121.

FRA sponsors essay contest for students

All students in grades seven through twelve are eligible to enter the Fleet Reserve Association's Americanism Essay contest. Theme of the essay is "What the Constitution of the United States Means to Me" and the essay must be 350 words or less, typed or legibly written in black ink on one side of the paper.

Each student can submit only one essay. Along with the essay, the student should submit, on a separate sheet of paper, a listing of name, address, zip code, telephone number, school grade and social security number (or the social security number of a parent or guardian if the student doesn't have a number). The statement should also be added that this essay is sponsored by China Lake Branch 95 of the FRA.

Entries must be submitted to A.C. Skip Bennett, Americanism Chairman, 1406 Ticonderoga, Ridgecrest, CA 93555 no later than Feb. 1, 1987. More information can be obtained from him by telephoning 446-2197 or by telephoning co-chairman Bob Schwaiger, 375-6839. Prizes will be given at branch, regional and national levels.

Guilty pleas bring jail for two child molesters

Representatives of the Naval Security and Investigative Command (NSIC) at China Lake reported that two local military members pleaded guilty to child molestation and one count of making obscene/annoying phone calls to a minor.

In the first instance, the plea came following an NSIC investigation of alleged child molestation earlier this year. The investigation led to a warrant for the arrest of the enlisted member. He entered guilty pleas at a preliminary hearing in East Kern Municipal Court.

The individual was a registered sex offender and was out on bail pending a rape trial when these acts occurred. He also pleaded guilty to the rape charge.

The charges could bring a sentence of up to one year in the county jail. The rape charge could bring up to six years in state prison. In addition, he will be processed out of the Navy.

In the other instance, on April 6 NSIC was advised by the father of a 12-year-old girl that she had been molested by a family friend. The "friend" turned out to be a

military member attached to the Naval Weapons Center. Upon interrogation, the suspect denied the allegation and requested a lawyer.

The suspect later asked Command for permission to take a polygraph examination in order to prove his innocence. Command forwarded the request to NSIC and a polygraph examination was administered on May 19. The suspect admitted to molesting the girl and, in addition, to two other molestations that occurred in 1978 and 1983.

On Aug. 15, the suspect plead guilty during his court-martial and was sentenced to 60 days confinement at hard labor and a Bad Conduct Discharge (BCD).

The Commander of the Naval Weapons Center stresses that child molestation will not be tolerated and individuals responsible will be prosecuted to the full extent allowed by law.

Anyone who suspects or knows of a child that is or has been a victim of child molestation is urged to contact the China Lake Police Department immediately.

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Targets enhance weapons system development

The development of improved air-to-air weapons and weapons systems make it necessary to provide increasingly more maneuverable targets to test these new weapons in simulated aerial combat.

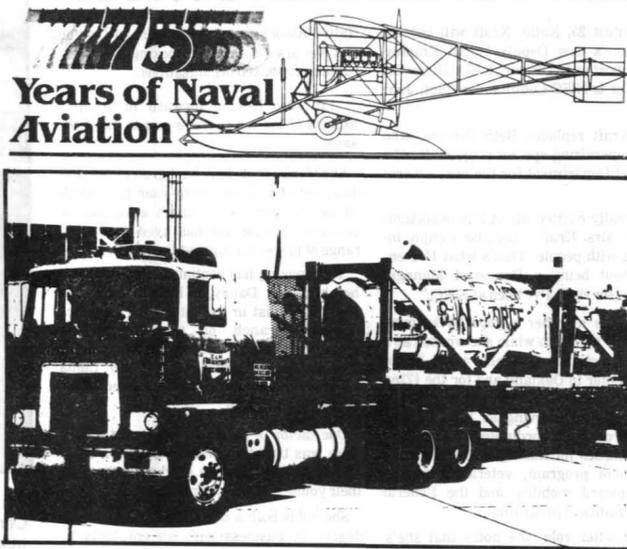
In early 1976, another China Lake milestone was reached by a team comprised of NWC civilian and military personnel and a northern California contractor. The last one of a group of 29 Air Force Sabrejet airframes which were successfully converted into subsonic target drones (called QF-86H) were delivered to the Naval Air Facility Targets Department, completing the production phase of the QF-86H target drone.

Before the development of the QF-86H drone, targets were limited to turns at a maximum stress of 4 Gs. In contrast, the new QF-86H drones could be put through rolls and loops, as well as turns that ranged between 6 and 7 Gs in stress.

The production phase of the program began in January of 1974 with the awarding of the contract to the Aacom Division of System-Donner, Inc. in Concord, Calif. The joint effort resulted in a production cost of only \$130,000 per drone, including all engineering and documentation.

Aacom employees carried out the aircraft conversion, program management and engineering was under the cognizance of the Systems Branch of the Weapons Department's Weapons Division, while the now-defunct Naval Air Facility was responsible for maintenance work, remote control flights and providing safety pilots to man the drones during testing. These tests were conducted to ensure each of the drones could be successfully flown by remote control.

Even though preparation of these aircraft as target drones was a considerable job, the project was accomplished without any flight accidents.



Phoenix work honor . . .

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Dec. 31, 1985 as the completion date for the CTB.

The Hughes data package contains over 2,500 drawings and both Ford and Raytheon submitted complete packages.

Dragovich, as Data Package Development Manager, and Ruth Barr, as Configuration Manager, were largely responsible for the successful completion of this work on Dec. 20, through the many hours spent here and at Hughes in Canoga Park in preparation for and participation in the

Naval/Contractor coordination meetings.

The letter of nomination for their award, signed by Gary Castor, head of the Phoenix Program Office, noted that their work increases the likelihood that having competition in fiscal year 1989 will be achieved.

Dragovich, a mechanical engineer, is a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona. He has been on board since July 1967. Mrs. Barr, a supervisory engineering management specialist, has worked at China Lake since September 1967.

Modern police work . . .

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tered at the police station any weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The police station is located on East Inyokern Road, between the galley and Fire Station One.

CLPD officers sponsor the neighborhood watch program as part of their crime prevention activities and will assist any neighborhood interested in taking part in this operation that brings neighbors together to help protect each other.

In addition, CLPD officers not only take part in the indoctrination for new employees to help them become aware of how to protect themselves but also carry on

an active crime prevention program with various codes in the workplace. Anyone can request their help in inspecting offices, buildings or homes on Center to make these more crime-resistant.

Relatively new in the CLPD operations are the military working dog drug inspections of work areas and a program advising what can be done about spouse and family abuse.

"We're here to serve the community," says Chief Brown. "If you've got a problem of any sort, we may have the answers. Give us a try. All it takes is a phone call."



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM — Officer Matt Holford watches as China Lake police field training officer Allan King demonstrates how to dust for prints on a vehicle. All China Lake police receive a 12- to 14-week indoctrination and training with another officer before they go out on their own. — Photo by Mickey Strang



China Lake Police Reports

Last Friday morning police were called to Hangar 2 when personnel in the building discovered a snake. By the time the CLPD officers arrived, Fire Division personnel had already found and removed the snake.

Unknown vandals threw a rock through the sliding glass door of a residence on Stroop Avenue.

At the west end of Hangar 3, a 1982 Dodge Ram truck struck a floor dry box. The vehicle suffered moderate damages, but no one was injured.

A juvenile found a watch in the baseball field south of the bowling alley and turned it in to the police station.

At 2:30 a.m. last Saturday a disagreement between a husband and wife escalated to both a verbal and a physical altercation. Police were called to keep the peace.

Loud music disturbed neighbors enough so police were summoned to Sellars Circle Saturday; the next day there was another complaint of loud music on Sellars Circle and the individual responsible was warned and advised.

Two juvenile females reported a suspect annoyed and molested them as they tried to swim at the indoor pool. The suspect has been identified and the case is under investigation.

A resident of a house on Withington reported vandals broke a window.

During a routine traffic stop at Decatur and Knox, police discovered the driver was unlicensed.

The Fuse and Sensors Department reported a vibration test set was missing from the electronic laboratory.

Four Sony Walkmen have been reported stolen from the Navy Exchange retail store during the past three weeks. In one instance, the Walkman had been removed from its box and a cheaper stereo put into the box in its place.

A party on Vieweg had gotten so noisy by 5 p.m. on a weekday that neighbors complained; police responded and quieted the party.

One of the lifeguards at the indoor pool reported his wallet was stolen.

A trace amplifier has been taken from the metallurgy building. Because of the value of the equipment, this is considered to be a grand theft.

Following a vehicle burglary at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, the victim reported two stereo speakers were removed from his locked car.

A civilian, not from the Ridgecrest area, was picked up at Knox and Monterey for driving under the influence of alcohol at 2 a.m. He spent the next several hours in the police station sobering up before being cited and released.

Last Saturday police filed a report of improper disposal of government property when they found a magnetic computer tape in a box of trash at Randsburg Wash.

Unknown persons damaged the right driver's side window on a vehicle on Sellars Circle.

Someone using the weight room at the gym reported money taken from a wallet Sunday afternoon.

A driver stopped at Saratoga and Inyokern Road was found to be driving while under the influence. He was arrested, taken to the police station for five hours to sober up, then cited and released.

In the parking lot of the Navy Exchange, a driver made an unsafe backing maneuver and hit another car.

At 4:25 p.m. Monday one vehicle hit the rear of another as both were westbound at the traffic circle. The driver of the front vehicle sustained a head injury.

Several juveniles causing a disturbance in the street on Ashworth Monday were warned and advised.

Sailors seeking special skills in new program

To recognize outstanding sailors who have achieved specific skills, knowledge and experience, the Chief of Naval Operations established the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Speciality (EAWS) rate in 1980. Designation as an AWS signifies the attainment of superior professional ability and experience in Naval aviation.

Qualification as an EAWS may be earned while assigned to an aviation billet in aviation squadrons, aviation ships, aviation-capable ships, aviation staffs afloat and ashore and fleet support units.

Master Chief Petty Officer John P. Bozony is directing a course at NWC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1500 to 1630 for sailors interested in earning their EAWS rating and silver wings.

The course is open to any sailor who wants to attend and it may be joined at any time.

A joint effort on the part of every sailor

involved, EAWS candidates are assigned sections from the Personnel Qualifications Standards (PQS) booklet. When possible, assignments are made to capitalize on the skills and experience of each participant. For example, based on previous work experience, AMS2 Mitch Gibson has been assigned the portion of the PQS booklet that covers corrosion control.

He will provide a lecture that addresses each of the questions in the section for which he is responsible. An acknowledged expert on the subject being discussed will

attend the lecture; the expert is authorized to sign off the applicable section of each sailor's booklet if the presentation is accurate and complete.

This program brings together the skills, knowledge and diversified experience of each sailor in the program. Through the exchange of information and ideas, each participant gains cross-rate knowledge and professional growth.

Earning EAWS wings is a wise move for sailors making a career of the Navy. Achieving this goal has counted as high as

30 percent in the advancement selection process. In addition, it has been the determining factor in selecting one of two candidates who were otherwise weighted equally in the selection process.

Participation is not limited to the aviation ratings. Any billet within the Naval establishment, if nominated by the commanding officer and approved by the DCNO (air warfare) that contributes directly to the accomplishment of the air warfare mission, is eligible.

General requirements, listed in OP-NAVINST 1412.5A, include being a petty officer, serving 24 months in an eligible billet and serving six months at the command authorizing the EAWS qualification.

For more information about earning the aviation warfare specialist rating, contact AVCM(AW) Bozony at NWC ext. 5619 or 5621.



Military News

Cupid makes house calls for military members too

When Cupid fires his arrow of love, it sometimes lands squarely in the hearts of two active duty military members. In many cases, marriage follows.

But Cupid usually doesn't stop to think of the unique problems inherent in military marriages, one of which can be a joint assignment.

It's not always easy, but the services have track records they can be proud of when it comes to collocating same-service married military members. When service members marry outside their service, the task of getting them assigned together is even more difficult—but not impossible.

Discussions with service personnel specialists who work with joint domicile assignments reveal many of the same requirements.

Richard K. Hile, with the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, sums up an Army policy that is reflected in each service: "The Army will do all it can to support joint domicile, but the needs of the Army come first." Currently, 85 percent of Army military couples are assigned together.

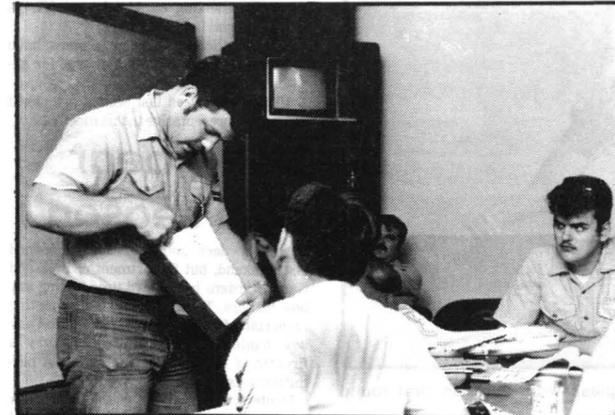
But there are no guarantees in any service. None will create positions solely for

the purpose of assigning military couples together.

"And even if we are able to find billets, they may not be the most career-enhancing billets there are," pointed out Lt. Kathy Buscher, policy directives coordinator with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Buscher added that if billets cannot be found, the couple will have to be separated. Still, the Navy reports that 97 percent of its military couples are stationed together.

The important thing for married service members is to become involved in the assignment process. Master Sgt. Dave Vasquez of the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center said, "Military couples have to share the responsibility to lighten their chances of becoming assigned together. They need to be fully aware of the rules and procedures." Vasquez, who reports an 86 percent success rate with the Air Force, said getting military couples assigned together takes a lot of hard work.

A Marine Corps spokesman agreed. "A lot of times Marines get married while they are in school and fail to tell the Marine Corps. When their orders come through assigning them to different parts of the world, they become frustrated."



CLASS ROOM — Sailors learn about corrosion control as part of the EAWS training program recently begun at the Naval Weapons Center.

'CHAMPUS too complex'

The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services is too costly and too complex for both those it serves and the Department of Defense, Dr. William Mayer, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, recently told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"CHAMPUS expenditures have been rising faster than private sector health care costs and its administrative complexities and costs to our beneficiaries continue to be the source of most complaints we receive about our system," Mayer said, presenting DOD's proposed reform of the CHAMPUS system.

A key feature of DOD's CHAMPUS Reform Initiative is to award three fixed-price, "at-risk" contracts, covering the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. The "at-risk" feature means that the contractor would lose money if unable to provide the necessary care at an agreed price. These contractors will assume financial responsibility for virtually all health care services provided under CHAMPUS, as well as administrative processing and paperwork.

A voluntary enrollment program, called "CHAMPUS Prime," will be offered to beneficiaries. Under this program, medical care will be provided without the normal CHAMPUS deductibles (\$50 per person and \$100 per family) and co-payments (20 to 25 percent of the medical bill), although the providers of health care may be allowed to charge a nominal per-visit fee.

The current CHAMPUS system will still be available for those who do not want to enroll in the Prime system and beneficiaries may continue to use military hospitals on a space-available basis.

The first step in implementing the reform is already under way. A "draft request for proposals" went out June 20, asking health

care contractors for comments on the preliminary design of the new system. The responses will be used to fashion the formal requests for proposals, expected to go out this fall. DOD plans to award contracts next spring and have the system begin its first phases of operation in the fall of 1987.

The draft proposal request sent to potential contractors outlines five principal objectives of the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative:

1. Better coordination between the military and civilian components of the Military Health Services System to correct system inefficiencies and assist beneficiaries in obtaining appropriate care;
2. Improved access to services, particularly primary and preventive care, by establishing an affordable alternative to overcrowded military treatment facilities;
3. Contained costs for CHAMPUS, now too expensive for both beneficiaries and the government;
4. Assured quality under CHAMPUS, which now has little quality monitoring of the care provided by thousands of civilian physicians and other health care providers; and
5. Simplified procedures under CHAMPUS, which now has complex paperwork and long delays in paying claims.

Mayer said the new system, in addition to reducing costs and providing better care, "will establish a vital partnership between the military and civilian components of the military health services system to ensure that we can meet wartime readiness and improve peacetime health care services."

By Hal Haskins
American Forces Information Service

Pediatric clinic planned

The Branch Medical Clinic would like to announce that beginning in September, monthly Pediatric Clinics will resume.

The September clinic will be held (by appointment only) on September 18 be-

tween 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on September 19 from 8 to 11 a.m.

Those wishing to have a child seen at the clinic should telephone NWC ext. 2911 for an appointment.



FROCKING CEREMONY — Col. Roy Edwards, NWC Marine Corps Liaison Officer, is joined by Bobbie Lueking in pinning the gold oak leaves of a major on her husband, Maj. Richard Lueking recently when he was frocked as a major. — Photo by PH2 Rick Moore