

BUD EYRE CHEVROLET BUICK TOYOTA FISHING SALE!



MANAGER HAS GONE FISHING
THERE'S NO ONE IN CHARGE!

- * Salesmen are making their own deals!
- * Last weekend for Rebates on Chevrolet Trucks & Buicks!
- * ALL Chevrolet S-10 E.L. Model Pickups
Dealer Cost + \$200.00
- * '88 Chevy 3/4 Ton Extended Cab-heavy duty model
(Demonstrator) Dealer Cost + \$300.00
- ALL '88 Toyota Pickups, including 4 WD model.
Dealer Cost + \$100.00
- NOVAs - Up to \$1,200 Rebate!
- All Chevy pickups - \$500 Rebate*
- * Excluding E.L. Model Pickups

SALE ENDS MONDAY EVENING 6 PM
321 N. CHINA LAKE BLVD. 375-4401

Community Events

Once more there's a post office in the Bennington Plaza area. The post office that was opened in the Old Station Restaurant last year has been moved between the Bennington Plaza Snack Bar and the Center theater. Along with a new location, there are also new hours. Service is offered from 10:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. The post office is closed on Sunday.

Flowers are blooming all over. Those who'd like to see the wildflowers in the San Joaquin Valley are invited to take advantage of the Nature Conservancy wildflower tour of Sand Ridge, Pixley and Paine preserves should plan to be at Highway 58 and Tower Line Road tomorrow (March 26) at 9 a.m. More information can be obtained by telephoning Rick Hewitt, (805) 323-4557.

Both tomorrow and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. the Bureau of Land Management rangers will lead hikes of the Eureka dunes. The hike will begin at the north-west side of the dunes, about 45 miles east of Big Pine. Visitors who'd like to attend should bring sturdy walking shoes, a hat and water. Further information can be obtained by telephoning the local office of the BLM at 375-7125.

On Sunday (March 27) the Kern River Valley Historical Society will tour Havilah and then have a picnic. Those wishing to take part should meet in the park at Lake Isabella at 10:30 a.m. for the tour. Following the picnic, the group will see the formal dedication of the Indian memorial plaque at the Rankin Ranch in Walker Basin. Bring lunch, layered clothing, chairs and walking shoes. The dedication is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

During the spring break next week, hours for the Naval Weapons Center's indoor pool are modified to accommodate the students out of school. Lap swim hours Monday through Friday are 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition, Monday, Wednesday and Friday there will be additional lap swimming from 5 to 7 p.m. Open swim hours for Monday through Friday are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Interested individuals are invited to attend a free workshop entitled "Safety & Sanitation in Food Preparation," sponsored by Community Connection for Child Care.

This workshop will be given by Lorraine Baty, a registered dietician at 139 Panamint Street (2 doors west of T.J. Frisbee's), Ridgecrest, on Tuesday, March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.

All food program participants are encouraged to attend, as this workshop meets the annual training requirement as outlined in the Child Care Food Program Agreement. Registration is required and can be made by calling CCCC at 375-3234.

While people are showing off their Easter bonnets to each other, there'll also be a show for dogs. The Kern County Kennel Club will hold the 42nd Annual All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial on Sunday, April 3, at the Kern County Fairgrounds in Bakersfield.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Further information can be obtained by telephoning (805) 392-0887 or 393-2732.

Weather Report

	Max	Min	Peak Gusts
Thurs.	71	31	14 knots
Fri.	75	29	12 knots
Sat.	83	34	09 knots
Sun.	81	34	11 knots
Mon.	82	37	32 knots
Tues.	80	39	13 knots
Wed.	82	39	07 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.



AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK
LET'S BE DIFFERENT TOGETHER

JUNE 6-10

Movies

FRI., SAT. MAR. 25, 26
"DIRTY DANCING"
Starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey (Drama, rated PG-13, 101 min.)

SUN. MAR. 27
"GREMLINS"
Starring Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates and Hoyt Axton (Fantasy, rated PG, 107 min.)

WED. MAR. 30
"THREE O'CLOCK HIGH"
Starring Casey Siemaszko and Richard Tyson (Youth/Comedy, rated PG, 90 min.)

FRI. APR. 1
"THE PICKUP ARTIST"
Starring Molly Ringwald and Robert Downey (Comedy/Drama, rated PG-13, 82 min.)

Starting Times: Matinee / 2:00 pm Evening / 7:00 pm
Box Office Opens: Matinee / 1:30 pm Evening / 6:30 pm

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

Marines open new
MAD Building—P-8

Youth soccer league
in spring play—P-12

NWC Rocketeer

Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California 93555-6001

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Navy League selects AE1 Douglas Taylor

Taking the honors as Bluejacket of the Year for the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League last Saturday night was Aviation Electrician First Class Douglas D. Taylor, Jr., from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five.

Vying also for the honor were, from NWC, PR1 Billy S. Bowers, DP1 Curtis D. Coley, and SK1 Mary Thompson. Other VX-5 nominees were AME1 Manuel Dias Duarte, AK2 Monica L. Kraft, and DM1 Crystal LeVonne Lundy.

As Capt. Harry Parode (USN, ret.), the master of ceremonies for the dinner held at the Enlisted Mess pointed out, the group of nominees represents "the finest of the fine."

He emphasized that the real strength of the Navy lies in the quality of its personnel, with the group present an example of the quality of personnel now in the Navy.

"While there are several officers qualified to be the Chief of Naval Operations," Parode said, "there can be only one CNO. In the same way, although we need to choose only one winner tonight, each of these young people is highly qualified for the honor."

He introduced each of the candidates, reading their qualifications and describing their backgrounds and their families, before the winner was (Continued on Page 6)



TOP PERFORMER — Capt. K. E. Allen, NWC's Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel, and Cdr. Bud Biery, Executive Officer of VX-5, flank AE1 Douglas Taylor and his wife, Billi Ayn. Petty Officer Taylor of VX-5 was chosen Bluejacket of the Year by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League. Photo by PHAN Brady

NWC jumpers test shuttle escape system

Ten members of the Acrosystems Department's Parachute Test Operations Branch, led by Master Chief Bob Hudson, recently completed the first live jump tests of a proposed space shuttle escape system.

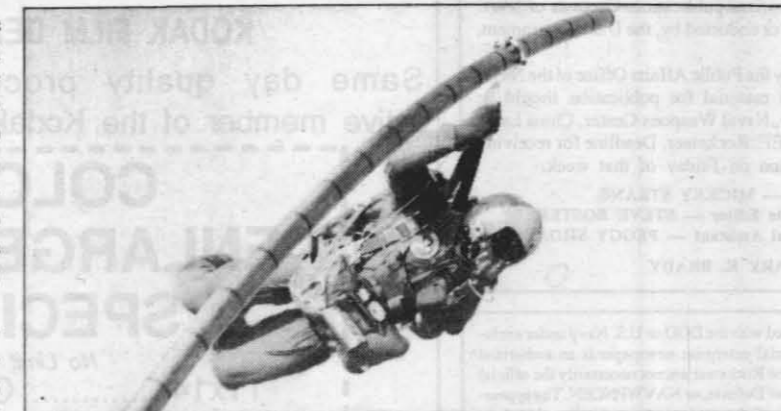
The tests, conducted over a three-week period at Edwards Air Force Base, were designed to verify the feasibility of the "telescoping pole shuttle escape system." Master Chief Hudson said the test, conducted out of a modified USAF C-141 Starlifter, were very successful.

"Even though tests were very successful, it still doesn't mean this system will be used. We won't know for sure until the data is analyzed," said the master chief. Engineers and analysts from the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are now in the process of reviewing trajectory data taken of the jumpers as they exited the aircraft up to speeds of 200 knots. The data will be used to determine if the pole will provide sufficient trajectories for the astronauts to clear the wing of the shuttle in the event an emergency bailout is necessary.

Like the tractor rocket escape system tested earlier at the Naval Weapons Center, the pole escape is designed for use with the shuttle in controlled flight, no higher than 25,000 feet at an airspeed not greater than 200 knots.

The telescoping pole is designed to fit inside the shuttle, then be extended



QUICK RIDE—PRCM Bob Hudson goes down the 12-foot pole tested as part of a space shuttle escape system. The trip, at 200 knots, lasted less than a second.

12 feet out the hatch opening after the main entrance hatch is jettisoned.

Test jumps in this series were made with a fixed pole, rather than a telescoping one. In addition, the first jumps were made using a 12-foot extension. NASA then cut three feet off the pole and tried at the 9-foot length. Master Chief Hudson said there did not appear to be any significant change in the trajectories of the test jumpers between the 12- and 9-foot-long pole. However, the shorter pole is preferred by NASA officials, if proven effective, due to space limitations and less complex installation.

Six jumpers and four support people made up the NWC team. In addition,

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